

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

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

No. **611**                      Date: **1 October 1943**

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "BENALLA" dep. Milne Bay 1100/30 en route Cairns.
- (2) "YMS.52" escorting LCT's 166, 359, 393 dep. Cairns 1359/29 en route Milne Bay ETA 1400/2.
- (3) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" and "KAPUNDA" from Cairns and "SC.737" from Townsville are to RV off Fitzroy Island Light and escort Convoy TN.162. "SWAN" and "KAPUNDA" to convoy portion "A" ("MAETSUYCKER" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SHIKELAMY" and another) to Port Moresby ETA 1400/3. "KATOOMBA" and "SC.737" to convoy portion "B" ("JOHN ALDEN" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/3.
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- (5) "SC.981" escorting "Y.13" dep. Port Moresby 0600/28 en route Buna ETA 1630/30.
- (6) "GLADSTONE" "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy NP.55 ("HOWELL COBB" "TAROONA" were to depart Port Moresby 1730/29 ETA Grafton Passage 0830/1 where "HOWELL COBB" detaches. ETA "TAROONA" Cairns 1500/1, ETA "HOWELL COBB" Townsville 2330/1.
- (7) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "SC.750" "SC.747" dep. Milne Bay 1220/28 for escort duty with Convoy FT.29 ("SEA SNIPE" "PENNANT") from Oro Bay ETA Townsville 1300/2.
- (8) "TULSA" en route Brisbane ETA 2200/3 Oct.
- (9) "YMS.8" en route Cairns to Bramble Cay ETA 1600/2 Oct.
- (10) "MANUNDA" dep. Townsville 1843/30 en route Port Moresby ETA 1200/2.
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- X (12) "U.S.S. COPAHEE" was to depart Brisbane 1100/1 en route San Diego.
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Woodlark Is.  
Goodenough Is.  
Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11"
- : "MAIWARA"
- Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
"MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER"  
"LAMSON" "REID" "BRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)  
"SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)  
SC.537 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703  
SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.738  
SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.748 SC.749  
SS.982 YMS.49 YMS.52 YMS.50 YMS.70  
YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 PC.1119  
PC.1121 ML.427 33 PTs "POYANG" "YUNNAN"  
(ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO"  
(AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO)  
"SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (AT) "SHEPPAR-  
TON" (Survey Ship) "COLAC" "WAGGA" "PIRIE"  
(AMS) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "JOHN S. SARGENT"  
"ALCOA PENNANT" "CAPE CONSTANCE" "LYMAN J.  
GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER"  
"JOHN W. MACKAY" "CANNONBAR" "KWATO"  
"BOPPLEY" "KARSIK" "JAMES J. KELLY" "JAMES  
B. MACPHERSON" "NORLAGO" "MARCUS DALY"  
"SIBIGO" "S. HALL YOUNG" "JOHN H. ROSSITER"  
"ADONIRAM JUDSON" "THEDENS" "TAMBAR" "EDNA"  
"RACHEL JACKSON" "SIMON BENSON"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - "PC.479" YMS335 Y.14 YP.236  
ML.425 ML.804

Merchant Vessels: "CLARENCE KING" "BARBARA"  
"BURADA" "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE"  
"WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "VAN HEUTSZ" "STEPHEN  
CRANE" "CHARON" "WICHITA FALLS"

Thursday Is.  
Cairns

- Warships & Aux. -
- Warships & Aux. - YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 APC.9  
APC.20 YMS.53 ML.425 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "GLADSTONE"  
(AMS) PC.1119 ML.425 ML.428 "HERON" (AVP)  
YP.283

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GEELONG"  
"ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1120  
PC.1124 SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429  
ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.741  
SC.746 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.171  
LST.471 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "KURUMBA"  
(AO) "FULTON" (AS) "TRINITY" (AD) "POLLUX"  
(AKS) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF  
MOON" (AV) U.S.S. "PORTUNUS" U.S.S. "GOUCAL"

(Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" "GEELONG" PC.476" "SC.746" escorting Convoy QL.17 are to depart Caloundra 1600/2. After arrival Bustard Head "WARREGO" and "SC.746" are to bring down Convoy LQ.17 making RV at Lady Elliot Is. at 0700/5.
- (2) "PC.476" leaves Convoy QL.17 so as to meet "ETONN" in position 24°33' S, 156°01' E. at 1000/4 and escort to Lady Elliot Is

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vella Lavella Is. - On 27 Sept. 300 Japanese were surrounded on Umomo Is. and adjoining mainland. Some attempted escape but were intercepted and suffered heavy casualties. A.M. 28th our troops, with artillery support, again attacked these positions encountering stiffened enemy resistance.

- (2) Buka Passage Area - At 1135/30, aircraft report three small vessels six miles W. of northern Buka Island on course 320°. At 1330/30, a wooden vessel similar to a small sea truck was attacked by aircraft 42 miles W. by S. of Buka Passage course 290°. The vessel was left smoking after strafing. At 2310/30, four destroyers were reported by aircraft 41 miles W. by N. of Buka Passage. No course was given in the preliminary intercept report.
- (3) Kavieng Area - Photos 1010/30 show one freighter of 3500 tons and six luggers at Kavieng wharf and five floatplanes in the Harbour. On Kavieng airdrome 13 aircraft are visible including 11 fighters, one medium and one light bomber. The runway of new airfield at Panapei is unserviceable and no aircraft are visible.
- (4) Cape Hoskins - Photos 1050/30 show that the runway is apparently serviceable and work is proceeding.
- X (5) Gasmata Area - A fragmentary report indicates that enemy troops were being landed at Gasmata from submarine at 2000/30.
- X (6) Dampier Strait - At 2050/30, aircraft reported barge activity between Rooke Island and Cape Busching.
- (7) Cape Gloucester - Photos 1130/30 show two bombers (one medium and one light) on No. 2 runway at Cape Gloucester. This runway is serviceable but apparently not so No. 1 runway. Ground activity around defence positions appears extremely heavy.
- (8) Witu Island - At 2320/29 a small cargo vessel (500 tons) was attacked by a Catalina in Peter Harbour, Garove Island.
- (9) Wewak - Photos 1040/30 show 45 possibly serviceable aircraft on Dagua and But airdromes including 25 fighters, 16 light bombers and four medium bombers. In addition 4 fighters were airborne.
- (10) Finschhafen - By 29 Sept. our forces advancing on Finschhafen from the west had occupied enemy positions 700 yards from Finschhafen. At 0645/30 enemy aircraft bombed and strafed our positions in the Sattelberg area without effect.
- (11) Ramu-Markham Valleys - On 29 Sept. a small party ambushed 100 Japs west of Kesawai, approximately 11 miles west of Dumpu on north bank of Ramu River and ~~killed 45~~ killed 45 wounding many more. Our forces continue to move to the north west and have reached the headwaters of the Ramu River.

## 2. NORTHWESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "CARDROSS" dep. Darwin 0508/28 en route Thursday Island ETA 2400/1 Oct.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.33 (2 MV) dep. Thursday Is. 0300/29 en route Darwin ETA 1230/3.
- (3) 9 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Melville Bay - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS)  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"  
Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ceram - A.m. 30 Sept. 3 groups of barges were observed by aircraft in Waroe Bay in addition apparently to 3 barges at Waroe. At Boela a small sea truck was observed.
- (2) North West New Guinea - Reconnaissance between 1030 and noon 30 Sept. reported.
- (a) 3 possible sea trucks and numerous small craft and barges were sighted at Sorong.
- (b) 2 sea trucks, 1 patrol craft and 3 or 4 barges were observed at Kokas.

- (c) 1 freighter (5-8000 tons) at mouth of Sigara River (northern shore entrance Macclennan Gulf) also 2 small unidentified type vessels in addition to several power barges in the river.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

##### (b) In Harbour:

Premantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
 "TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS)  
 "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (GM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
 "LARK" (AR) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS"  
 (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "E.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
 Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288"

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/1:

- (1) H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" en route Sydney ETA 0830/2.
- (2) "WILCANNIA" "CASTLEMAINE" "ABRAHAM" "CRUIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.69 (9 MV) dep. Caloundra 1405/28.
- (3) "CONWAY" and "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" were to depart Sydney 1700/1 en route Brisbane.
- (4) "DELORAINIE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy G.P.70 (4 MV) dep. Sydney 0800/29 for Newcastle and Brisbane.
- (5) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy CO.130 (11 ships incl. "CARADALE" "AASE MAERSK")

##### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)  
 "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" (DD) "ERCOOME" "BENDIGO"  
 "WARRNAMBOOL" "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE"  
 "MILDURA" (AMS) "BIEGERA" "KYERA" "YANDRA"  
 (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.813" "MIZAR" (A/F)  
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
 (On Reserve) - "KANIMELA" (APA)  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
 (Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS)

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" are to depart Port Stephens at 0700/2 enroute Sydney.

### C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

#### ENEMY FORCES

Espiritu Santo - At 1300/30, a surfaced submarine was reported by aircraft 200 miles W. of Espiritu Santo.

#### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.

- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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MOST SECRET  
1 October 1943

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II  
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	OTAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>YF)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VERDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNDHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20
		* Non-effective		

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GROUPEE ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) PETO ) WASHER ) SCAMP ) STINGRAY )	Om Patrol	20	20
	COD ) MARWHALE )	On Passage		
	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) CROWLER ) SILVERSIDES ) S.31 )	At Brisbane		
	K. 9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	BERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XOVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOCRA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)	226
Light & M/Bombers	273
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	59
Transport & Obsn. A/c	20

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA KYUHO HAYATAKA	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI	
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	5 * CHIYODA ) * CHITOSE	Under conversion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx. 12 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI	
<u>QL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA	
<u>QL</u>	-	3	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1	
<u>DD</u>	22	4	
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4	

\*- Non-effective



5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	SHROPSHIRE	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HERMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN CALEN TJENK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONEFISH ) BOWFIN ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) TUNA )	On Patrol	
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1

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- (5) "YMS.335" escorting "BARBARA C." towing a barge was to depart Port Moresby 1015/1 en route Milne Bay ETA 1515/3.
- (6) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" and "KAPUNDA" from Cairns and "SC.737" from Townsville are to RV off Fitzroy Island Light and escort Convoy TN.162. "SWAN" and "KAPUNDA" to convoy portion "A" ("MAETSOYCKER" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SHIKELAMY" and "SKAGERAK") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/3. "KATOOMBA" and "SC.737" to convoy portion "B" ("JOHN ALDEN" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/3.
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  - "MAIWARA"
  - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637
- |        |        |         |         |        |
|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| SC.648 | SC.698 | SC.699  | SC.703  | SC.731 |
| SC.732 | SC.734 | SC.736  | SC.738  | SC.742 |
| SC.743 | SC.744 | SC.748  | SC.749  | SC.982 |
| YMS.49 | YMS.52 | YMS.50  | YMS.70  | YMS.71 |
| YP.278 | YP.280 | PC.1119 | PC.1121 | ML.427 |
- 33 Pts "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA"  
"BISHOPDALE" (ABO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)  
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- Thursday Island
- Warships & Aux. - "FRESHANTLE" "REARSTAR" ~~"REARSTAR"~~
- Cairns
- Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "BUNBURY" (AMS) YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 APC.9 APC.20 YMS.53 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Townsville
- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) PC.1119 ML.428 "HERON" (AVP) YP.283
- Brisbane
- Warships & Auxiliaries - "LITHGOW" "GEE LONG" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.476 PC.477 PC.1120 PC.1124 SC.735 YP.233 YP.291 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.741 SC.746 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.171 LST.471 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "KURUMBA" (AO) "FULTON" (AS) "TRINITY" (AD) "POLLUX" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) "HALF MOON" (AVP) USS. "PORTUNUS" "COUGAL"
- (Repairing, Trials etc.) "WARREGO" (DE) "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "WARREGO" "GEE LONG" "PC.476" "SC.746" escorting Convoy QL.17 are to depart Caloundra 1600/2. After arrival Bustard Head "WARREGO" and "SC.746" are to bring down Convoy LQ.17 making RV at Lady Elliot Is. at 0700/5.
- (2) "PC.476" leaves Convoy QL.17 so as to meet "ETOHN" in position 24°33'S, 156°01'E. at 1000/4 and escort to Lady Elliot Is.
- (3) "SWAN" and "KAPUNDA" escorting "MURADA" (for Cairns) and "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" (for Townsville) are to depart Port Moresby 3 Oct.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Choiseul-Kolombangara - a.m. 29 Sept. 3 barges were encountered by our patrol craft off N.E. Kolombangara: one was left smouldering and two were badly damaged.  
At 0915/29 the barge depot at Kakasa (central S.W. coast) was attacked by 17 Dauntless and 12 Avengers.  
At 1730/29 one large and one small barge were strafed off N.W. Choiseul by 12 Corsairs.  
At 1358/30 Kakasa was again attacked by six Mitchells leaving only three buildings standing.  
At 2324/29, 6-9 barges heading for Kolombangara from Choiseul were intercepted in Vella Gulf by our destroyers and turned back: one large and possibly other small barges were believed destroyed. Many enemy planes, probably floatplanes, dropped flares at the time of the action and one aircraft was shot down by the destroyers.  
During the night 30 Sept-1 Oct, 12 small barges were encountered by our destroyers 15 miles north of Kolombangara. Six barges were sunk.  
The continued barge activity between Choiseul and Kolombangara suggests that the evacuation of Kolombangara is probably still in progress. The destroyer mission probably from Rabaul on 28-29 Sept. probably picked up evacuees on or near Choiseul Is. and the mission last night (see subsequent paragraph) 1-2 Oct, would appear to have been for the same purpose.
- X (2) N.W. Vella Lavella - Enemy planes bombed the Mundi Mundi area on 29 Sept. and again at 0400/30, bombs were dropped in the Warambari area.  
At 1740/30, three barges were seen entering Soha Soha Inlet, 4½ miles N.E. of Umomo where, it is recalled, some 300 Japs were surrounded on 27 Sept.
- X (3) Bougainville-Central Solomons. Apparently the enemy made another destroyer sortie to Central Solomons last night 1-2 October.  
At 1830/1, four destroyers were reported by aircraft 20 miles N. of Kieta course 150°, covered by 5 Zeros. The destroyer force was shadowed until 1950/1 when 28 miles S.E. of Kieta course 180°.  
At 2200/1 another aircraft reported two forces, of four and three destroyers respectively, both approx. 10-12 miles S. of West Cape (N.W. Choiseul). The four ship group was on course 135° and the three ship group on course 240°. Further reports are fragmentary but apparently both forces proceeded to the area 15-25 miles N.W. to N.E. of Vella Lavella.  
It is not however yet clear whether the enemy force was comprised of 4 or 7 or more vessels nor what their precise destination was.
- (4) Buka Passage - Further detail on the report of 4 destroyers 41 miles W. by N. Buka Passage at 2310/30 indicates that the convoy comprised one destroyer and three cargo vessels on course 310°.  
Various intercept reports have been received concerning shipping in the vicinity of northern Buka Island 2250/1-0050/2. Four aircraft each report attacking a single ship possibly all the same vessel. The fifth aircraft reported five small ships.
- (5) New Hanover - Reconnaissance a.m. 1 Oct. reported the wreck off Cape Matanalem still in approximately the same position.
- (6) Mussau Island Area - At 0830/1 a single enemy floatplane, apparently on the water, off southern Mussau Island was bombed, strafed and damaged by a Liberator. At this time two floatplanes intercepted and one was damaged. At 1248/1 the same aircraft was attacked by three enemy floatplanes near Mussau Island without effect.  
At about the same time a small freighter was observed off south coast Mussau Island course 330°; probably the same vessel was seen by another aircraft at 1340/1 in approximately the same position.
- (7) Kimbe Bay - At 0145/2 approx. aircraft reported three vessels located by radar in Kimbe Bay on course 70°.

- (8) Finschhafen - Enemy defence positions at Salankau were attacked 1030-1100/1 by eight Bostons and 1100-1200/1 by ten Vengeance.

On 30 Sept. the enemy was dug in along Iebe Creek running S.W. to N.E. west of Finschhafen. Machine gun fire in this area is impeding our advance while enemy light artillery is shelling our positions on the Bumi River.

On the south coast our advanced forces were within a mile of Kasanga (5 1/2 miles S.W. Cape Cretin) on 30 Sept.

- (9) Ramu Valley - By 2000/30 Sept. our forces advancing down the upper reaches of the Ramu River. A patrol encountered sixty Japanese at Atemble, approx. 60 miles west of Madang.
- (10) Goodenough Is. - Two enemy aircraft were North of Goodenough Island at 1419/1.
- (11) Woodlark Is. - A submarine was reported 95 miles N.N.E. of Woodlark Island at 1000/1.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Milville Bay 1230/1 en route Darwin. ETA 1300/3.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy TD.33 (2 MV) dep. Thursday Is. 0300/29 en route Darwin ETA 1230/3.
- (3) 9 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815".

### (11) ENEMY FORCES

Nil.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle

- Warships & Aux/ - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDUS" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) YP.286

Exmouth Gulf

- Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.283

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "HMAS. SHROPSHIRE" en route Sydney ETA 0830/2.
- (2) "HEEM" departed Sydney 1534/1 en route Melbourne.
- (3) "CONWAY" and "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" departed Sydney 1706/1 en route Noumea.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy OC.130 (6 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2200/1.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy CO.131 (10 MV) were to depart Sydney 1600/2 for Melbourne.

- (6) "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" and ML.821 escorting Convoy GP.71 (2 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/2 en route Brisbane. ML.821 detaches at 0600/3 and proceeds Coffs Harbour.
- (7) "DEBORAH" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy PG.70 (6 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/2 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (8) "MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA" were to depart Port Stephens 0700/2 en route Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens	- Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA)
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL" (AMS) "BINGERA" "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S vessels) ML.817 ML.813 "MIZAR" (AF) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
	(Repairing, Refitting) "HOBERT" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)
	(On Reserve) "KANIMELA" (APA)
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO" (AMS)
	"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)
(Refitting)	"NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)

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SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Nauru - At 1130/30 nine Zeros intercepted one of our reconnaissance aircraft. One Zero was shot down.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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ADDENDA

Buin Base - Photos 0945-1040/1 show:-

Shipping (at Buin-Kahili Anchorage and Shortlands)

6 small craft up to 100 feet  
34 barges

<u>Aircraft</u>	Kahili	35 F.	7 D/B
	Shortlands	11 F/P	
	Kara	Nil	
	Ballale	Not reported	

Buka Passage - Photos 1050/1 show:-

Shipping 1 small freighter  
9 barges and small craft

Aircraft 27 F. 5 M/B 19 D/B

Rabaul - Photos 0950/1 show:-

Shipping - complete coverage

1 heavy cruiser - "MOGAMI" Class  
1 light cruiser - "JINTSU" Class  
10 destroyers  
1 converted destroyer tender  
5 submarines (2 large 3 small)  
1 sub-tender  
3 sub-chasers  
3 tankers (2 of 10,000 tons and 1 of 8,000 tons)  
22 merchant vessels totalling approx. 90,000 tons.

47 ships

These figures compare with 46 ships present on 20 Sept. with 23 warships including 1 heavy and 1 light cruiser and 9 destroyers 23 merchant vessels totalling approx. 12,000 tons including one tanker.

<u>Aircraft</u> -	Vunakanau	37 M/B	3 L/B	14 F.
	Lakunai	10 M/B	17 L/B or t/e	21 F.
				F.
	Rapopo	39 M/B	17 L/B	12 F/
	Keravat	Nil		
	Tobera	1 M/B		12 F. visible

Total 183 aircraft whereof 87 M/B 37 L/B or T/e F. 59 F.

Aerodromes - Keravat runway appears serviceable although no aircraft are present. Work progresses slowly.

Tobera airfield is being rapidly developed. Runway extending 5200 x 300 feet is surfaced also the dispersal lanes. At least 62 fighter revetments are completed and others are under construction. Ground activity is extremely heavy over a wide area around the airfield.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO WEST VIRGINIA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	OTAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA NOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN FERKINS REID SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20
		* Non-effective		



	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	DRUM GROUPE GUARDFISH GATO PETO RASHER STINGRAY	} On Patrol	20	20
	COD MARWHAL		} On Passage	
	SCAMP ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH GROWLER SILVERSIDES S.31	} At Brisbane		
	K. 9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BALLARD	- NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.P. ALLEN MA NOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS 1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)	228
Light & M/Bombers	259
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	20

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) One Unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORK TOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHIO
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	5 * CHIYODA ) Under conver- * CHITOSE ) sion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx. 12 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u> <u>CA</u>	TENNESSEE LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	- NACHI
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u>	- - -	3 AKITSUSHIMA 1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippin <sup>es</sup>
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	/φ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	SIREPSHIRE	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN CALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONEFISH ) BOWFIN ) On Patrol CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) TUNA )		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	K.12 At Fremantle PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113	
	Light or M/Bombers	102	
	SE/Bombers	12	
	Diving Boats	12	
	Floatplanes	56	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	44	

φ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective

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

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

No. 613

Date: 3 October 1943

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

- (1) "ML.427" dep. Milne Bay 1110/1 for Buna via Goodenough Is. ETA Goodenough Is. 1800/1.
- X (2) "COLAC" "WAGGA" "PC.1119" escorting Convoy FO.10 ("SIMON BENSON" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "RACHEL JACKSON") passed Milne Bay 0930/1 en route Oro Bay ETA 0700/2.
- (3) "CAPE CONSTANCE" escorted by "SC.982" dep. Oro Bay 1507/1 en route Townsville; "SC.982" detaching at East Cape. "CAPE CONSTANCE" ETA Townsville 0800/4.
- (4) "BAGLEY" dep. Milne Bay 2 Oct. en route Townsville.
- (5) "APC.9" "APC.20" dep. Cairns 100/1 en route Milne Bay ETA 1800/3.
- (6) "YMS.335" escorting "BARBARA C." towing a barge was to depart Port Moresby 1015/1 enroute Milne Bay ETA 1950/3.
- (7) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" "KAPUNDA" from Cairns and "SC.737" from Townsville are to RV off Fitzroy Island Light and escort Convoy TN.162. "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" to convoy Portion "A" ("MAETSUYCKER" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SHIKELLAMY" "SKAGERAK") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/3. "KATOOMBA" "SC.737" to convoy Portion "B" ("JOHN ALDEN" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/3.
- (8) "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" "PC.476" "SC.746" with "ML.805" in tow escorting Convoy QL.17 ("HENRY L.ABBOT" "JOHN J.ASTOR" "THOMAS C. POWER" "KING LARDNER" & LST .66) dep. Brisbane 1514/2 ETA Bustard Head 2200/3. "PC.476" detaches at Lady Elliott Is. for escort duty, returning there to join QL.17.
- (9) "GEELONG" escorting "KURUMBA" was to depart Brisbane 0900/3 en route Palm Is. After arrival Lady Elliott Is., "GEELONG" returns to Brisbane.
- X (10) "HALF MOON" (AVP) escorting C.9486 (ARS) departed Brisbane 1318/2 en route Palm Island.
- (11) "YP.291" was to depart Brisbane 1300/3 en route Palm Is., Townsville and Thursday Island ETA Palm Island 0700/6.
- (12) "VENDETTA" escorting "BOSCHPONTEIN" to position 27°05'S 159°01'E dep. Brisbane 0900/3. On arrival position 27°30'S 159°15'E "VENDETTA" is to RV with "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK" at 1100/4 and escort to Brisbane.
- (13) "TULSA" en route Brisbane ETA 2200/3.
- (14) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville.
- (15) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Buna

- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.981" "YMS.51" "HILO (PG)"  
"Y.13" "Y.14" "Y.15"  
Merchant Vessels: "THEOPANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"  
"WILL H.POINT" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "ML.424"  
 Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS EPPERSON" "ELIZABETH  
 BLACKWELL" "HOKI TIKI" "JULIEN DUBUQUE"  
 "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11"  
 Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "MAIWARA"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON"  
 "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SAHDS" "BROOKS" "BUMPHREYS"  
 "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699  
 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.738  
 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.748 SC.749 SC.982  
 YMS.49 YMS.52 YMS.50 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278  
 YP.280 PC.1121 33 FT's "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
 "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)  
 "RESERVE" (AT) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
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Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "PIRIE" "BENALLA"  
 "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY" (AMS) YMS.46 YMS.47  
 YMS.48 ARESIR ARESY YP.236 YMS.53 1 FT  
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "GLADSTONE" (AMS)  
 PC.1119 ML.428 LST 171 "HERON" (AVP) YP.283

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" (DD) "GYMPIE"  
 "BOWEN" "ABRAT" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1120  
 PC.1122 PC.1123 PC.1124 SC.735 YP.233 ML.429  
 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.741 SC.747  
 SC.750 SC.650 YMS.354 LST.22 LST.68 LST.471  
 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS)  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Rabaul-Central Solomons - At 0940/2, aircraft reported 6 destroyers  
 35 miles ESE of Cape St. George on course 95° at high speed. No  
 further report of this force has been received but an intercept  
 report of an aircraft attack on a destroyer 28 miles N. by W. of  
 Kieta prior to 2207/2 suggests that the force was probably bound  
 for S. Bougainville or Central Solomons. This view is further  
 substantiated by a contact possibly with 2 enemy destroyers  
 reported by our surface units in the Choiseul-Kolembangara area  
 at about midnight.
- X (2) St. Georges Channel-Buka Area - There have been continued reports  
 of enemy shipping in this area:-  
 (a) At 0001/2, 3 vessels including 1 destroyer 50 miles WNW of  
 Cape Henpan (N. Buka Is.) course 360° (see Naval Incidents)  
 (b) At 0245/2 another aircraft reported 3 large merchant vessels  
 34 miles SW of Cape Henpan course 170°. (Note: These  
 were the vessels reported in yesterday's Summary No. 612  
 from the original intercept report as in Kimbe Bay).

- (c) At 0930/2, 1 destroyer and 1 small freighter probably 10-20 miles ESE Cape Orford course 290°. The two ships were some miles apart.
- (d) 0940/2, 6 destroyers as reported in previous paragraph considered as probably bound for Central Solomons.
- (e) At 0940/2, 10 probable small merchant vessels approx 15 miles distant from the 6 destroyers, which were 35 miles ESE Cape St. George, on course 90°. Two enemy planes, probably fighters, were seen in the area at this time and ASV indicated more.
- (f) At 2225/2 radar contact with 5 vessels 33 miles SE of Cape St. George.

A summary of the various sightings made during the previous night in the area W. or N.W. of Buka Is. indicates two sizeable ships of which one was a possible destroyer, both probably eastbound and a small craft or barge convoy of 3 or 4 vessels with one ship escorting probably westbound. Aircraft were reported covering the possible destroyer.

- (3) Cape Orford - At 0842/2 a northbound submarine passed Cape Orford.
- (4) Cape Hoskins - Photos 1000/1 show that the runway is apparently serviceable and work progressing slowly though no aircraft are present.

A lugger is off-shore near the aerodrome.

- (5) Cape Gloucester - Photos 0920/1 show 1 medium bomber on No. 2 Runway. Only this strip is serviceable.
- (6) Dampier-Vitiaz Strait - At 0755/1, 2 of 3 barges seen near Itni River Mouth (S.W. New Britain) were strafed by 6 Beaufighters.

At 0630/2, aircraft reported heavy barge activity off S.W. coast Rooke Island. This probably concerns a report from a Liberator that 6 large 100 ft. barges mounting a probable heavy machine gun on bow were seen off S.W. coast Rooke Island course north. The report may also be connected with a later message at 0915/2 of 14 barges 16 miles north of Finschhafen on course 245°.

The evacuation of personnel from the Finschhafen area to New Britain would at first seem a likelihood but the presence ~~at~~ now reported of Marines in the area may account for this.

- (7) Sio-Kiari - During the night 30 September - 1 October, 3 Jap barges were destroyed at Vincke Point by PT boats (see Naval Incidents).
- (8) Finschhafen - The township was captured at 1130/2 and mopping up is in progress on Nugidu Peninsula.

During an attack on Kakakog, which was strongly resisted by Japanese marines, 100 enemy were killed and many weapons captured. Resistance is still being offered on a spur north of Kakakog but a large part of Salaukua Plantation has been vacated.

- (9) Markham-Ramu Valleys - Evidence suggests that the enemy has withdrawn from the Markham Valley and also from the upper Ramu Valley.
- (10) Man dates-Rabaul - At 1840/1 a five-ship convoy was reported 520 miles ESE Palau probably bound for Rabaul.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Melville Bay 1230/1 en route Darwin ETA 1300/3.
- (2) "IA TROHE" escorting Convoy TD.33 (2 MV) dep. Thursday Is. 0300/29 en route Darwin ETA 1230/3.
- (3) "OGOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" dep. Thursday Is. 1400/1 en route Darwin ETA 1730/4.
- (4) 9 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - At 1100/2, Ambon was bombed by 12 Liberators starting large fires.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJENK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS)  
"ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (GM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AF) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "SC.739" "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/3:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" en route Sydney ETA 1900/3.
- (2) "HELM" departed Sydney 1534/1 en route Melbourne.
- (3) "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Sydney 1706/1 for Noumea.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy OC.130 (3 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2200/1 ETA Port Kembla 0100/5, Sydney 0600/5, Newcastle 1500/5.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy CO.131 (10 MV) were to depart Sydney 1600/2 for Melbourne.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" "ML.821" escorting Convoy GP.71 (2 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/2 enroute Brisbane. "ML.821" detaches at 0600/3 and proceeds Coff's Harbour ETA Brisbane 1800/4.
- (7) "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy PG.70 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane 1218/2 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Sydney 2200/4.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CASTLEMAINE"  
"WARRNAMBOOL" "BROOME" (AMS) "BINGERA" "KYBRA"  
"YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.430"  
"ML.513" "MIZAR" (AF) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO" (AMS)  
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE"  
"MAERSK" (AO)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

New Hebrides - At 1930/2 an enemy submarine was sighted 25 miles west of Efate.

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C. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

ENEMY FORCES

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Bay of Bengal - An enemy submarine was reported approximately 1910/2 off Madras.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Vincke Point - During the night 30 September - 1st October 2 patrol craft engaged 3 enemy barges and over 100 Japanese ashore from within 50 yards. 2 barges were sunk and a third destroyed on the shore. Many Japs were killed on the shore and five large fires started. One of the patrol craft ran aground and had to be destroyed but all personnel were picked up. The Japs apparently mistook our patrol craft for friendly barges.
- (2) St. Georges Channel-Buka Area - At 0001/2, a Liberator bombed one of three vessels sighted 50 miles WNW of Cape Henpan. The vessel believed to be a destroyer was probably hit by the third of six bombs dropped in a train resulting in a large explosion. The target disappeared from the radar screen when the plane was 15 miles away.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	3	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	COPAHEE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GROUPEL ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) PETO ) RASHER ) STINGRAY )	20	20
	COD ) MARWHALE )	On Passage	
	SCAMP ) ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) CROWLER ) SILBERSIDES ) S. 31 )	At Brisbane	
	K. 9	At Sydney	
<u>AV/CBS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 19 twin-eng.)	228
Light & M/Bombers	259
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	20

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA HYUHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO
<u>OQA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	5 * CHIYODA ) Under conversion * CHITOSE ) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx. 12 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u>	- - -	3 AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u> <u>SS</u>	22 10	1 4
	* Non-effective	Approx 4

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	SHROPSHIRE	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONEFISH ) BOWFIN ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER )Q TUNA )	On Patrol	6
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	1
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 3 twin-eng.)	113	
	Light or M/Bombers	102	
	SE/Bombers	12	
	Flying Boats	12	
	Floatplanes	56	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	44	
	⚡ No recent intelligence Present location uncertain * Non-effective		

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

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

No. 614

Date: 4 October 1943

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

- (1) "WAGGA" "PC.1119" departed Milne Bay 1455/3 ETA Townsville 1700/5.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting "S.HALL YOUNG" was to depart Milne Bay 4 Oct. for Cairns.
- (3) "CAPE CONSTANCE" escorted by "SC.982" dep. Oro Bay 1507/1 en route Townsville; "SC.982" detaching at East Cape. "CAPE CONSTANCE" ETA Townsville 0800/4.
- (4) "BAGLEY" dep. Milne Bay 2 Oct. en route Townsville ETA 1700/4.
- (5) "SC.748" "APC.19" escorting Convoy FT.30 ("NORLAGO" "MAIWARA") were to depart Milne Bay 0600/2 ETA Townsville 1500/7. On arrival Townsville "SC.748" to proceed to Cairns; "APC.19" to be onward routed from Townsville to Brisbane.
- (6) "PC.479" "ML.425" escorting Convoy MB.12 ("VAN HEUTSZ" "CLARENCE KIM") were to depart Port Moresby 1200/3 en route Milne Bay.
- (7) Convoy NT.56 ("MURADA") dep. Port Moresby 2203/3 enroute Cairns.
- (8) "WARREGO" "LITHGOW" "PC.476" "SC.746" with "ML.805" in tow escorting Convoy QL.17 ("HENRY L.ABBOT" "JOHN J.ASTOR" "THOMAS C. POWER" "KING LARDNER" & LST.66) dep. Brisbane 1514/2 ETA Bustard Head 2200/3. "PC.476" detaches at Lady Elliott Is. for escort duty, returning there to join QL.17.
- (9) "SWAN" "KAPUNDA" escorting 1 MV were to depart Port Moresby 4 Oct. for Townsville.
- (10) "YP.236" dep. Cairns 1345/3 en route Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (11) "GEELONG" escorting "KURUMBA" was to depart Brisbane 0900/3 en route Palm Is. After arrival Lady Elliott Is. "GEELONG" returns Brisbane.
- (12) "HALF MOON" (AVP) escorting C.9486 (ARS) departed Brisbane 1318/2 en route Palm Island.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Brisbane 1300/3 en route Palm Is., Townsville and Thursday Island ETA Palm Island 0700/6.
- (14) "VENDETTA" to RV with "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK" at 1100/4 in position 27°30'S 159°15'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (15) "STUART" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" to position 27°05'S 159°01'E dep. Brisbane 0900/4.
- (16) "BUNGAREE" in vicinity of Cape Melville.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Morobe  
Buna

- Merchant Vessels: "JANE MOREHEAD" "HILDA NORLING"  
- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.981" "YMS.51" "HILO" "P  
"Y.13" "Y.14" "Y.15" "ML.427"  
Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"  
"WILL. H.POINT" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"  
"NAIAD"

- Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "ML.424" "BINGERA"  
 Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" "HOKI TIKI" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "ADONIRAM JUDSON" "SIMON BENSON" "RACHEL JACKSON" "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE" "MOA MOA"
- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"  
 Merchant Vessels: "LUXOR"
- Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "HENLEY" "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "HUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.737 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.750 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 PC.1121 33 PT's APC.9 APC.20 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA" "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "JOHN S. SARGENT" "ALGOA FENNANT" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" "EULIMBA" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY" "CANNONBAR" "KWATO" "BOPPLEY" "KARSIK" "JAMES J. KELLY" "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "SIBIGO" "EX" "JOHN H. ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "THEDENS" "TAMBAR" "EDNA" "JOHN ALDEN" "JANSSENS" "JAPARA"
- Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.14" "ML.804" "LCI.29" "LCI.224" "LCI.357" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "STEPHEN CRANE" "CHARON" "WISHTA FALLS" "MAETSUYCKER" "BAE HONG LIONG" "SKAGERAK"
- Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "PIRIE" "BENAILA" "SHEPPARTON" "BUNBURY" (AMS) "YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YMS.53 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "GLADSTONE" (AMS) ML.428 LST.171 YP.283 "HERON" (AVP)
- Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "GYMPIE" "BOWEN" "ARARAT" "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123 PC.1124 YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.735 SC.741 SC.747 SC.750 SC.650 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.471 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF) "PORTUNUS" (ASP) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GYMPIE" escorting Portion (a) of Convoy<sup>TN--</sup> (2 MV ex Brisbane) and "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "GLADSTONE" escorting Portion (b) of Convoy (6 MV) are to depart Fitzroy Is. 1900/4. Convoy splits at 11°18'S 148°48'E, Portion (a) proceeding Moresby ETA 1400/7; Portion (b) proceeding Milne Bay 1400/7.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Munda - Between 1939-2046/1 Oct. 4 enemy aircraft ineffectually bombed the Munda area.
- (2) Kolombangara - Vila was bombed 1449/30 Sept. by one Liberator. At 0837/1 Oct. the bivouac area north of Vila airfield was again bombed by 24 unescorted Liberators starting one fire. No anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

During the nights 1-2 October and 2-3 Oct. barges, possibly motor torpedo boats and 3 destroyers were encountered by our destroyers off the N. coast and at least 40 barges were sunk, destroyed or badly damaged. Enemy planes and a submarine were also involved (see Naval Incidents).

Local sources report that there were no Japs at Vovohs Cove (3½ miles W. of Vila River Mouth) on 3 Oct.

- (3) N.W. Vella Lavella - Cdr. 3rd Fleet reports that a series of prepared positions are known to exist in the Timbala Bay - Marquana Bay area and estimated on 3 Oct. that 500 well armed Japs are in this area. Local sources, however, report that on 2 Oct. there were no Japs at Timbala Bay or Warambari Bay (few miles to N.E.) indicating that the whole Jap party is in the Timbala Bay area, including Umomo Is. where our forces reported having surrounded 300 Japs on 27 Sept.

- (4) Southern Vella Lavella - At 0930/1 Oct. enemy aircraft attacked our shipping off Kuravai and burned 2 LST causing some casualties.

The same target was attacked again at 1430/1 by 8 dive bombers and 5 fighters. Our fighter cover and A.A. fire from screening destroyers shot down 5 planes.

Again at 0735-0823/2, 25 enemy planes including dive bombers and fighters were over the central and western part of the island, apparently looking for shipping, but retired without dropping bombs.

- (5) Choiseul - At 1500/1 the barge staging base at Kakasa was attacked by 6 Mitchells, 19 Dauntless, 12 Avengers with 8 Lightnings covering.

Local sources report an enemy party patrolling at Moli, (12 miles S. of Choiseul Bay) 1-2 October. The same source also reports a large number of Japs combing the bush, and looting gardens in the Sambi Head area S.E. from Kakasa.

- (6) Buin Base - At 1518/30 the camp and dump areas north of Kahili were attacked by 15 Liberators with 27 fighters covering, with unobserved results. 30-40 enemy fighters attacked our formations after bombing run and 4 Zeros were shot down. One Lightning is missing.

- (7) St. Georges Channel-Buka Area - Further to the five vessels contacted at 2225/2 33 miles S.E. of Cape St. George, detailed reports indicate that the ships were large and on course 160°, also that contact was made with another 6 ships in the vicinity.

A summary of the shipping in this area apparently plying between Rabaul and Buka-Bougainville area shows -

1 destroyer, 1 small freighter westbound

6 destroyers probably on mission to C. Solomons, and at least 13 ships mainly small probably, eastbound

At 1200/3 a preliminary report indicates 9 destroyers 11 miles S.E. of Cape St. George on course 200°. If the course were 300° the report could well indicate destroyers returning from the mission to Central Solomons night 2-3 October.

- (8) Kavieng - Second phase interpretation of photos of Kavieng airfield 30 September indicates 1 M/B, 11 D/B, 1 F. Total is unchanged but 10 aircraft previously classified as fighters are now shown as D/B's.
- (9) Rabaul - Second phase interpretation of photographs 2 October shows an increase of 11 aircraft on Vunakanau making the total on the four airfields 194 planes whereof 96 M/B, 39 L/B, 59 F.
- (10) Cape Hoskins - At 0945/2, the airfield area was attacked by 9 Marauders. 14 Lightnings accompanied the Marauders and shot down one enemy recon plane in the area.
- (11) Cape Gloucester - Between 1040 and 1200/3 a barge sweep around the western New Britain coasts was conducted by 9 Mitchells. Only 2 serviceable barges were located near Cape Gloucester and one was destroyed.
- (12) Witu Islands - At approx 0030/4, 2 small merchant vessels were reported by aircraft off S.W. Garove Is.
- (13) Finschhafen Area - 4 enemy planes bombed and strafed Heldsbach Plantation and the beach-head with unreported results.

Some enemy are apparently still in the Sattelberg area and another patrol clash took place 2 October approximately one mile north of Song River.

- (14) Woodlark Is. - A probable enemy recon plane was over the Woodlark Island area 0935/2.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" dep. Thursday Is. 1400/1 en route Darwin ETA 1730/4.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" "LATROBE" "INVERELL" (AMS)  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Wissel Lakes - A.M. 3 October the Wissel Lakes area was attacked by 2 Mitchells.
- (2) Tanimbar Is. - 2 possible night fighters were observed taking off Selaru Strip when a Catalina bombed the area at 0235/3.
- X (3) Ambon - Photos 1108/2 show 3 medium freighters, 3 small freighters or large sea-trucks, 13 small sea-trucks, 19 small craft or barges in addition to another 3 on slipways. The only naval craft visible is one possible patrol craft although the visual report included one possible destroyer.  
At Laha 3 fighters and 5 medium bombers are visible.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (OL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO" (AMS)  
"ISABEL" (PY) "APREUS" (OM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "HORSHAM" (AMS) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739"  
"YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "BINGERA" departed Sydney 0950/3 enroute Westernport ETA 14 00/5.
- (2) "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane 0800/4 en route Melbourne ETA 1300/6.
- (3) "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Sydney 1706/1 for Noumea.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy OC.130 (8 MV) dep. Port Phillip 2200/1 ETA Port Kembla 0100/5, Sydney 0600/5, Newcastle 1500/5.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "TOWNSVILLE" "MELDURA" escorting Convoy CO.131 (10 MV) were to depart Sydney 1600/2 for Melbourne.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "ML.821" escorting Convoy GP.71 (2 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/2 en route Brisbane. "ML.821" detaches at 0600/3 and proceeds Coff's Harbour ETA Brisbane 1800/4.
- (7) "DELORAI NE" "BOHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy EG.70 (5 MV) dep. Brisbane 1218/2 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Sydney 1000/4.



(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD)  
"CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BROOME" (AMS)  
"KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.430"  
"ML.818" "ML.813" "MIZAR" (AF) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (A KA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "HELM" (DD) "BENDIGO"  
(AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE  
MAERSK" (AO)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

X Central Solomons - During the night 1-2 October our destroyers operating in the area north of Kolombangara met 5 groups of enemy barges, each group consisting of 4-8 barges and totalling some 35 in all. Of these, 20 were sunk or badly damaged. Enemy planes participated dropping flares and bombs and scored 3 near misses on one destroyer wounding 18 men. Another destroyer claims to have sunk or surfaced submarine in the area.

The next night 2-3 October our destroyers again engaged many barges in the same area, including 20 large and innumerable small barges, in addition to 7 gunboats or more probably motor torpedo boats. All 20 large barges and some of the small ones were believed sunk and one of the probable MTBs was sunk by gunfire while many hits were scored on others. Three Jap destroyers were seen to approach from the N.W. but retired hurriedly apparently on seeing the disastrous results of the action.

These barges engaged in these actions are undoubtedly connected with the destroyer sorties from Rabaul both on 1-2 Oct. and 2-3 Oct. It is recalled that at 1830/1, 4 destroyers were reported 20 miles N. of Kieta on course 150° and at 2200/1, two groups each of 3 destroyers were observed west of northern Choiseul. Again next ~~next~~ day, 6 destroyers were observed at 0940/2 E. of Cape St. George course 95° and at 1742/2, 4 destroyers were seen 18 miles north of Kieta. Apart from the 3 destroyers reported above as approaching the scene of the action N. of Kolombangara night 2-3 Oct. there is no conclusive evidence that the Jap destroyers have proceeded further south than Bougainville Strait.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSA SHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SEOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	COPAHHE	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRA LIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA HOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	WOSHIRO OYCDO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM HENLEY MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LANSON MAHAN PERKINS REID SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	DRUM ) GROUPEL ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) HETO ) RABBER ) SPINGRAY. )	On Patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) COD ) GROWLER ) NARWHA ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES ) S.31 )	At Brisbane		
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BAILARD	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	3	Approx 30.	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	2 or more
<u>AR</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	218
Light & M/Bombers	<del>244</del> 244
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

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ENEMY FORCES

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN IE KINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
<u>CV(E)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBIARI * NATORI	
<u>CL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	5 * CHIYODA ) * CHITOSE )	Under conversion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 9 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	3
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

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Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	SHROPSHIRE	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTIE SS * CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK MIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONFISH ) BOWFIN ) CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) TUNA )	On Patrol	6

K.12 At Fremantle

AS or XAS PELIAS ? 1

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light or M/Bombers	102
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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

No. 615

Date: 5 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(i) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "WAGGA" "PC.1119" departed Milne Bay 1455/3 ETA Townsville 1700/5.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT.31 ("S.HALL YOUNG" "SIBIGO") dep. Milne Bay 1400/4. "S.HALL YOUNG" detaches at Grafton Passage and proceeds Cairns ETA 1200/7. "SIBIGO" proceeds Townsville ETA 2300/7.
- (3) "SC.744" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Milne Bay 0400/4 en route Goodenough Is., thence Buna. ETA Goodenough Is. 1900/4.
- (4) "SC.732" "SC.455" "SC.892" escorting "Y.13" dep. Milne Bay 1000/4 en route Buna ETA 1300/5.
- (5) "SHEPPARTON" en route Brisbane ETA 1700/7.
- (6) "SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1831/4 en route Cairns ETA 1300/6.
- (7) "BUNGAREE" in vicinity of Cape Melville.
- (8) "GYMPIE" escorting Portion (a) of Convoy TN.163 (2 MV ex Brisbane) and "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "GLADSTONE" escorting Portion (b) of convoy (6 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. 1900/4. Convoy splits at 11°18'S 148°48'E. Portion (a) proceeding Port Moresby ETA 1400/7; Portion (b) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1400/7.
- (9) "YP.236" dep. Cairns 1345/3 en route Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (10) "SC.650" escorting "CALEDON" was to depart Caloundra 1400/5 for a point north of Lady Elliott Island.
- (11) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NT.56 ("MURADA") dep. Port Moresby 0630/4 ETA Cairns 2330/6.
- (12) "HALF MOON" (AVP) escorting C.9486 (ARS) departed Brisbane 1318/2 en route Palm Island.
- (13) "YP.291" was to depart Brisbane 1300/3 en route Palm Is., Townsville and Thursday Island ETA Palm Island 0700/6.
- (14) "VENDETTA" to RV with "WILLARD A.HOLBROOK" at 1100/4 in position 27°30'S 159°15'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (15) "SC.748" "APC.19" escorting Convoy FT.30 ("NORLAGO" "MAIWARA") were to depart Milne Bay 0600/2 ETA Townsville 1500/7. On arrival Townsville "SC.748" to proceed Cairns; "APC.19" to be onward routed from Townsville to Brisbane.
- (16) "GOULBURN" "PC.476" escorting Convoy IQ.17 (1 MV) dep. Gladstone 1800/4 en route Brisbane ETA 0600/6.
- (17) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Trobriands	- Warships & Aux. - "IC.1121"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Morebe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.424"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANE MOREHEAD" "HILDA NORLING"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.981" "YMS.51" "HILO" (PG)
	"Y.14" "Y.15" "ML.427"

Buna - Merchant Vessels: "THEOFANO LIVANOS" "ROBERT STUART"  
 "WILL H. POINT" "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT"  
 "NAIAD"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - XM  
 Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "ELIZABETH  
 BLACKWELL" "HOKI TIKI" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "ADONIRAM  
 JUDSON" "SIMON BENSON" "RACHEL JACKSON" "JOHN  
 ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE" "MCA MOA" "BINGERA"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11"  
 Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72"  
 Merchant Vessels: "LUXOR"

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON"  
 "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "SANES" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"  
 "GILMER" (APD) SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699  
 SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.736 SC.737 SC.738  
 SC.742 SC.743 SC.750 SC.749 SC.982 YMS.49  
 Y MS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.335  
 YP.278 YP.280 ML.425 PC.479 33 PT's APC.9  
 APC.20 Y.15 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL (AR)  
 "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "VICTORIA"  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG  
 "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "JOHN S. SARGENT" "ALCOA  
 PENNANT" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BARLOW"  
 "BULLMEA" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY"  
 "CANNONBAR" "KWATO" "BOPPLEY" "JAMES J. KELLY"  
 "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H.  
 ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "THEDENS" "TAMBAR" "EDNA"  
 "JOHN ALDEN" "JAPARA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "CLARENCE  
 KING"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.14" "ML.804" "LCI.29" "LCI.224  
 "LCI.357" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "MANUEDA" (AH)  
 Merchant Vessels: "FREMONT OLDER" "RIVER CLARENCE"  
 "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "STEPHEN CRANE" "CHARON"  
 "WICHITA FALLS" "MAETSUYCKER" "BAN HONG LIANG"  
 "SKAGERAK"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "BENALLA" (AMS) "YMS.46  
 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 1 PT "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)  
 "ML.428" LST.171 YP.235 "HERON" (AVP)  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" (AMS)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "GEELONG" "ARARAT"  
 "ECHUCA" (AMS) PC.477 PC.1120 PC.1123 XM  
 PC.1123 PC.1124 YP.233 ML.429 ML.816  
 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.735 SC.741 SC.747  
 SC.750 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.471  
 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS)  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "COLAC" (ASR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PIRIE" "WARREGO" "COLAC" "WAGGA" "BAGLEY" escorting Convoy  
 TN.164 (9 MV ex PV.2) are to depart Townsville 1900/5  
 en route Milne Bay ETA 1200/8. "PIRIE" "COLAC" "WAGGA"  
 to RV off Fitzroy Is. Light at 1000/6.
- (2) "GEELONG" "SC.741" "PC.1123" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.18  
 (6 MV incl. "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "POLLUX" (AKS) are to  
 depart Brisbane 2000/5 en route Gladstone. After  
 dispersal at Bustard Head "POLLUX" proceeds independent-  
 ly to Townsville for onward routing and escort to  
 Milne Bay.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) New Georgia - At 1917-2026/2, 2 or 3 enemy planes ineffectually raided Segi Point (S.E. extremity New Georgia Is. proper). The same night single enemy plane dropped bombs in the Munda airfield area without causing damage or casualties.
- (2) S.Kolombangara - At 1620/2 Hamberi Cove (S.W.coast) barge hideout was bombed and strafed by 12 Avengers and 25 Dauntless followed at 1655-1702/2 by 6 Mitchells.
- (3) N.Kolombangara - At 1145/3, 2 barges off N. and N.W. coast were strafed by 4 Corsairs. A preliminary report conveys that during the night of 3 Oct. U.S. destroyers sank 2 barges 5 miles off N.coast. The barges burned furiously before sinking.
- (4) N.W.Vella Lavella - Our forces were still in contact with the enemy in the Umomo Is. or Timbala Bay area 2 Sept.  
At 0745-0800/2 enemy dive bombers and fighters heavily attacked our positions in this area. These aircraft could be the 25 mixed dive bombers and fighters which were reported in yesterday's Summary No.614 as being over central and western Vella Lavella and as having retired when failing to locate shipping.
- (5) S.E.Vella Lavella - At 2330/2, 3 enemy aircraft ineffectually raided Barakoma Strip.  
At 0806/3, 40-50 Zeros were encountered over Kunderumbangara Point by 7 Corsairs. Six Zeros were destroyed and one Corsair was lost but the pilot is safe.
- (6) Choiseul-Vella Lavella - An enemy submarine was reported approx midway between N.E. Vella Lavella and Choiseul at 1620/4.
- (7) Buin Base - Three sets of photos 4 Oct. of Kahili indicate that some fighter sweep or operation was probably in progress:-  
1050/4 - 33 fighters present  
1240/4 - 3 " 1 dive-bomber  
1312/4 - 21 "  
At Ballale 1315/4 there were 8 fighters, 1 medium bomber present and at Faisi 1100/4, 13 floatplanes with 75% coverage.  
Coverage of the anchorages Jakohina, Shortlands, Tonolei and Ballale 1100-1320/4 show:-  
7 small freighters, prob. sea-truck type  
2 auxiliary oilers  
22 small craft  
37 barges
- (8) Buka - At 0130/4 2 large sea-trucks were reported 15 miles west of Cape Henpan.  
At 0140/4, a cargo vessel 17 miles ENW Buka Passage was unsuccessfully attacked by a Liberator.  
Photos 1050/4 show 12 fighters, 6 medium and 4 dive-bombers on Buka Passage airfield. A notable point is the reduction or absence of dive bombers of which there were 19 on 1st October.  
Coverage of the anchorages shows one freighter of 280 ft. in Matchin Bay also 6 small craft and 10 barges or boats in the Passage area.
- (9) Mussau-Manus Area - Shipping sighted 4 October in this area was:-  
(a) 0750/4 - 1 light cruiser, 2 destroyers, 1 transport, 2 large merchantmen 79 miles W. by W. of Mussau Is. course 180°. It is suggested that the escorts were more probably 1 destroyer and 2 subchasers.  
(b) 1145/4 - 1 light cruiser 34 miles SE of Mussau Is. course 115°.   
(c) 1545/4 - 4-ship convoy shown by photos as 1 freighter (5500 tons), 1 large sea-truck, 1 minesweeper, 1 escort vessel 24 miles E. by N. of Lorengau course 100°.
- (10) Manus Is. - Photos 1550/4 show construction continues on the Los Negros airfield but no aircraft are visible.
- (11) Witu Islands - At 1415-1455/4 barges and shipping at Garove Is. were attacked by 6 Mitchells. A launch off Petu Harbour was destroyed and 4 or 5 barges in John Albert Harbour were strafed. It is recalled that at 0130/4 2 small vessels were reported off S.E. Garove Island. These were attacked and the smaller ran aground and the larger made off.
- (12) Cape Hoskins - At 0645/4 dumps and camp area at Cape Hoskins were attacked by 9 Beauforts.



(13) Wewak - Photos 1000/4 show -

Serviceable Aircraft

But - 6 F, 7 L/B -  
Dagua - 4 F, 3 L/B, 1 M/B  
Boram - 18 F, 2 L/B, 1 M/B  
Wewak - 4 F, 2 L/B

Total 48 a/c whereof 32 F, 14 L/B, 2 M/B

Shipping -

1 lugger off-shore at But  
14 barges (approx) and 2 luggers Wewak Harbour

(14) Hansa Bay - Photos 1030/4 show 18 barges in harbour and 2 serviceable aircraft on the airfield. The runway is serviceable and further construction appears to be in progress.

(15) Remu Valley - Overcoming slight opposition before coming to their objective our forward elements occupied Kaigulan (approx 7 miles S.E. of Dumpu), during night 2-3 Oct. Further progress was made 3 Oct. and contact made with enemy 3½ miles N.E. of Kaigulan.

(16) Huon Peninsula - An unopposed landing was made on Tami Island (off S.E. coast) a.m. 3 Oct.

(17) Morobe - An enemy submarine attacked shipping off Morobe 1715/3 (see Naval Incidents).

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" dep. Thursday Is. 1400/1 en route Darwin ETA 1730/4.  
(2) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815" "LATROBE" "INVERELL" (AMS)  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kaukenau - Photos of Timoeka airfield 3 Oct. show that further progress has been made in grading the runway, A.A. positions and construction of inserts and revetments.  
No aircraft were present.  
One landing craft was visible in-shore.  
(2) Flores Sea - At 0955/4, a probable sea-truck with an escort vessel was reported by aircraft 80 miles N. of Alor Strait.  
(3) Arafura Sea - A probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located over the sea north of Cape van Dieman a.m. 4 Oct.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/5:

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(b) In Harbour:

Premantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN CALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "ELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

###### (a) At Sea to 1200/5:

- (1) "BINGERA" departed Sydney 0950/3 en route Westernport ETA 1400/5.
- (2) "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane 0800/4 en route Melbourne ETA 1400/6.
- (3) "CONWAY" "WILSON" escorting "DIXIE" dep. Sydney 1706/1 for Noumea.
- (4) "BUNDAERG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.131 (5 MV) dep. Melbourne 2321/4 ETA Sydney 0500/8, Newcastle 1400/8
- (5) "TULSA" en route Sydney ETA 1700/6.
- (6) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" comprising Convoy PG.71 dep. Brisbane 0750/4 en route Sydney ETA 1800/6.
- (7) "STUART" en route Melbourne ETA 1700/7.

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

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD)  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" "DELORAINÉ"  
"ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL"  
(AMS) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817"  
"ML.818" "ML.813" "ML.430" "MIZAR" (AF)  
"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRI OMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "HELM" (DD)  
"BENDIGO" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessels)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) "AASE  
MAERSK" (AO)

###### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "HELM" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PV.3 ("DONALD MCLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") are to depart Melbourne 0953/4 en route Townsville p.m. 11 Oct (ETA). "BENDIGO" detaches at Sydney and "WARRAMUNGA" joins at 0900/6.

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##### NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Morobe - U.S.S. "HENLEY" (Destroyer - 1500 tons - 1938) was sunk by torpedo presumably from a Jap submarine at 1715/3 off Morobe Harbour. Another destroyer considered that the submarine had been sunk as a result of counter-attack.

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##### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA MARYLAND COLORADO SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>(E)</u>	COPAHEE	ALTAMANA FRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGANI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>DD</u>	-	-	-	1
	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CO NYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN BERKINS REID SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks  
Solomons

Carolines  
Marshalls

<u>SS</u>	BALAO DRUM GROWLER GUARDFISH CATO PETO RASHER	) ) ) ) ) ) )	On Patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD NAHWHAL SCAMP SILVERSIDES S.31	) ) ) ) ) ) )	At Brisbane		
	CREVALLE K.9		On Passage At Sydney		
<u>/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BALLARD	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1	2
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS or KAS</u>	FULTON OTUS			1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE			1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS	1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	214
Light & M/Bombers	251
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE , ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAUWOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA KINU YUBARI NATORI	
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	6 * CHIYODA ) * CHITOSE )	Under conversion to ACVs
<u>W/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 9 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISE KISO ABUKUMA 2 AKITSUSHIMA 1 4 Approx 4
<u>L</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	-	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	
<u>DD</u>	22	
<u>SS</u>	10	

\* Non-effective

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5 October 1944

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	SHROPSHIRE	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	A SHIGARA
<u>OL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES D AUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>OL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HILDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BONFISH ) BOWFIN ) CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) TUMA )	On Patrol	6
	K.12 At Fremantle		
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FELIAS	?	-
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113
	Light or M/Bombers		102
	SE/Bombers		12
	Flying Boats		12
	Coastplanes		56
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		44

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present disposition uncertain.

■ Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 616

Date: 6 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/6:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" dep. Milne Bay 1500/4 en route Brisbane.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT.31 ("S.HALL YOUNG" "SI RIGO") dep. Milne Bay 1400/4. "S.HALL YOUNG" detaches at Grafton Passage and proceeds Cairns ETA 1200/7. "SIBIGO" proceeds Townsville ETA 2300/7.
- (3) "PIRIE" "WARREGO" "COLAC" "WAGGA" "BAGLEY" escorting Convoy TN.164 (9 MV ex PV.2 - "BOTH" "CHAS.H.WYNDHAM" "JOHN WHITTAKER" "JAMES W.GRIMES" "GEO.H.FLANDERS" "Wm.E.CHANNING" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "B.F.SHAW" "GEO.S.BOOTWELL") dep. Townsville 1900/5 en route Milne Bay ETA 1200/8. "PIRIE" "COLAC" "WAGGA" to RV off Fitzroy Is. Light at 1000/6. After arrival Milne Bay "BAGLEY" is to rejoin Task Force at Palm Island.
- (4) "SC.744" escorting "KARSIK" dep. Milne Bay 0400/4 en route Goodenough Is., thence Buna.
- (5) "SC.732" "SC.455" "SC.892" escorting "Y.13" dep. Milne Bay 1000/4 en route Buna ETA 1300/5.
- (6) "GEELONG" "SC.741" "SC.735" "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.18 (6 MV incl. "PORTUNUS" (AGP) "POLLUX" (AKS) dep. Brisbane 2000/5 en route Gladstone. After dispersal at Bustard Head "POLLUX" proceeds independently to Townsville for onward routing and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "MANUNDA" en route Brisbane.
- (8) "PC.477" departed Brisbane 1125/5 en route Townsville ETA 1200/7.
- (9) "SHEPPARTON" en route Brisbane ETA 1700/7.
- (10) "SWAN" dep. Port Moresby 1831/4 en route Cairns ETA 1300/6.
- (11) "BUNGAREE" in vicinity of Cape Melville.
- (12) "GYMPIE" escorting Portion (a) of Convoy TN.163 (2 MV ex Brisbane) and "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" "GLADSTONE" escorting Portion (b) of convoy (6 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. 1900/4. Convoy splits at 11°18'S 148°48'E. Portion (a) proceeding Port Moresby ETA 1400/7; Portion (b) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1400/7. Owing to boiler room defects "GYMPIE" detached and returning to Cairns.
- (13) "YP.236" dep. Cairns 1345/3 en route Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (14) "SC.650" escorting "CALEDON" dep. Caloundra 1400/5 for a point north of Lady Elliott Island.
- (15) "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy NT.56 (MURADA) dep. Port Moresby 0630/4 ETA Cairns 2330/6 ETA Townsville 1130/7.
- (16) "SC.748" "APC.19" escorting Convoy FT.30 ("NORLAGO" "MAIWARA") were to depart Milne Bay 0600/2 ETA Townsville 1500/7. On arrival Townsville "SC.748" to proceed Cairns; "APC.19" to be onward routed from Townsville to Brisbane.
- (17) "GOULBURN" "PC.476" escorting Convoy LQ.17 (1 MV) dep. Gladstone 1800/4 en route Brisbane ETA 0600/6.
- (18) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Trobriands - Warships & Aux. - "PC.1121"  
Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"  
Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "ML.424"  
"HILO" (FG)  
Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H. POINT"  
"JAMES M. GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT" "EDNA"  
Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. -  
Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JULIEN DUBOUC"  
"ADONIRAM JUDSON" "SIMON BENSON" "RACHEL JACKSON"  
"JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LAHE" "TANBAR"  
Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.744"  
Merchant Vessels: "KARSIK"  
Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11" "SC.745" "SC.749"  
Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "APC.5" "APC.22"  
"VICTORIA" (AO)  
Merchant Vessels: ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
"MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LANSON" "REID" "DRAYTON"  
"SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)  
SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731  
SC.734 SC.736 SC.737 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743  
SC.750 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70  
YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 ML.425 PC.479  
APC's 1,2,4,6,9,15,16,17,18,20,21 35 PT's  
Y.15 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)  
"OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"  
"SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE"  
(AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "LYMAN  
J. GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER"  
"JOHN W. MACKAY" "JAMES J. KELLY" "JAMES D.  
McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H. ROSSITER"  
"BARBARA C." "JOHN ALDEN" "JAPARA" "VAN HEUTSZ"  
"CLARENCE KING" "LUXOR"  
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.14" "ML.804" "YMS.8"  
"SHIKELLAMY" (AO)  
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON"  
"STEPHEN CRANE" "MAETSUYCKER" "BAN HONG LIONG"  
"SKAGERAK" "THEOPANO LIVANOS"  
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PREMANTLE" (AMS) ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (AMS) PC.1119 YMS.46  
YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT  
"PLATYPUS" (AR)  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "ML.428"  
"LST.66" "LST.171" "YP.283" "HERON" (AVP)  
"SC.746"  
Palm Is. - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP) "YP.291"  
Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LITGOW" (AMS)  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "ARARAT" "ECHUCA"  
(AMS) PC.477 PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.112  
YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820  
SC.747 SC.750 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.47  
LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS)  
"TRINITY" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYLA" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Kolombangara

X (a) Our patrols report the Japanese had evacuated villages on the S.W. coast as far as Hunda (10 miles W. of Vila) on Sept. 27th. Also the road from Vila to ~~Kun~~ Hamberi (west coast 7 miles N.W. Hunda) showed evidence of heavy foot travel up to Sept. 26th and many rifles and helmets had been abandoned along the trail.



Comment - This suggests troops from Vila proceeded overland to the west coast possibly to Hamberi Cove whence they may have embarked in barges to RV with the Tokyo Express Destroyers.

(b) P.M. Oct. 3rd our aircraft reported signs of heavy traffic on the east coast road between Surumoni and Bamberi. No A.A. or activity observed at Bamberi.

X (2) Choiseul - Oct. 4, 4 Kittyhawks attacked large barge at Redman Is. (N.W. Coast) causing large explosion. 2 Corsairs also strafed another small vessel off north central coast.

300 Japanese were reliably reported on Oct. 4th to have arrived in the Bambatana area (mid west coast) from the S.E. and then moved to the N.W. Many Japanese reported proceeding northwest along west coast past few days.

Comment - Suggests troops evacuating to the N.W. tip of this island.

(3) Mussau Is. - At 0900/5 recce Liberator reported an enemy convoy 90 miles west by north of Mussau Is. described as -

2 probable heavy cruisers  
2 large transports (9000/12,000 tons)  
2 small merchantmen (2000/4500 tons)

on course 340° with one fighter floatplane covering.

Comment - The position and course suggest convoy en route ~~from~~ Palau to Rabaul.

(4) Gasmata - At 0200/5 a Navy Catalina reported observing an enemy seaplane taking off near Gurim Island (9 miles east Gasmata).

At 1730/4, 21 Kittyhawks attacked dump area south of Anwek River.

(5) Witu Islands - Navy Catalina bombed waterfront Garove Island night Oct. 4/5 burning jetty.

Early hours 5th Oct. one medium AK was reported 30 miles N.E. Unea Island.

(6) Bogadjim Area - 3 Liberators and 5 Fortresses attacked bridges, jetties, warehouses and installations this area a.m. 5 Oct.

(7) North Coast Huon Peninsula - Forenoon Oct. 5th 11 Mitchells made barge sweep coastal area between Fortification Point and Gogel River, destroying or damaging several barges observed and attacking huts, buildings and one bridge. Two Mitchells lost.

(8) Sio - At 2230/5 enemy submarine reported 8 miles N.W. by N. of Sio course 10°.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA:

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

(1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1000/6 en route Melville Bay ETA 1030/7. On completion of unloading both vessels return Darwin.

(2) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814"  
"ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOCLOO"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Manokwari - One sea-truck sighted October 5th. Two small vessels reported night Oct. 4-5 during attack by single Catalina.

(2) Sorong - Oct. 5th 2 sea-trucks sighted at Efman Island (9 miles WSW Sorong).

(3) Kokas - Oct. 5th 6 sea-trucks reported in Sekar Bay (east of Kokas) and 3 small u/i vessels at Kokas Jetty.

This area was attacked by 3 Liberators same day.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDIES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- ~~(1)~~ "HELM" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy PV.3 ("DONALD McLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") dep. Melbourne 0953/4 en route Townsville ETA p.m. 11th Oct. "BENDIGO" detaches at Sydney and "WARRAMUNGA" joins convoy at 0900/6.  
(2) "ARUNTA" was to RV with "U.S.S. HERITAGE" at 1300/6 and escort her to position 38°57'S 151°38'E. "ARUNTA" then returns Melbourne.  
(3) "DELORAINE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy CO.132 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 1200/6 en route Melbourne.  
(4) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.131 (5 MV) dep. Melbourne 2321/4 ETA Sydney 0500/8, Newcastle 1400/8  
(5) "TULSA" en route Sydney ETA 1700/6.  
(6) "WILCANNIA" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" comprising Convoy PG.71 dep. Brisbane 0750/4 en route Sydney ETA 1900/6.  
(7) "STUART" en route Melbourne ETA 1700/7.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ROCKHAMPTON"  
"MORESBY" "GLENELG" "CASTLEMAINE" "FARRNAMBOOL"  
(AMS) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817"  
"ML.818" "ML.813" "ML.430" "MIZAR" (AF)  
"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIUMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE"  
"MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- ~~(1)~~ U.S.S. "CLEVELAND" and U.S.S. "STERETT" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 0900/8.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer ~~missions~~ transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NARATO } Poss. MUTSU } Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	ALTAMAHA PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHEE	-	-
<u>CA</u>	X AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP	* LEANDER COLUMBIA CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO CYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID SMITH * LE TRIOMPHANT O'BANNON * CONWAY * WILSON	Approx 40	15	20

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO DRUM GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVERSIDES	20	20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD NARWHAL SCAMP S.31		
	GREVALLE On Passage K.9 At Sydney		
<u>/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	2 or more
<u>AD</u>	* DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AK</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS 1	1

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	214
Light & M/Bombers	251
SE/Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI	
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	6 * CHIYODA ) * CHITOSE )	Under conversion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 9 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI	
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA	
<u>XCL</u>	-	2	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1	
<u>DD</u>	22	4	
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4	

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN  
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL HANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILFISH BONFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER RASHER TUNA  K.12 BLUEFISH	On Patrol          At Fremantle	6
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	-
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)			113
Light or M/Bombers			102
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			56
Transport & Obsn. A/C			44

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 617

Date: 7 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" dep. Milne Bay 1500/4 en route Brisbane.
- (2) "SC.748" "APC.19" escorting Convoy FT.30 ("NOR LAGO" "MAIWARA") were to depart Milne Bay 0600/2 ETA Townsville 1500/7. On arrival Townsville "SC.748" to proceed Cairns; "APC.19" to be onward routed from Townsville to Brisbane.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" escorting Convoy FT.31 ("S.HALL YOUNG" "SIBIGO") dep. Milne Bay 1400/4. "S.HALL YOUNG" detaches at Grafton Passage and proceeds Cairns ETA 1200/7. "SIBIGO" proceeds Townsville ETA 2300/7.
- (4) "GLADSTONE" escorting Portion (a) of Convoy TN.163 (2 MV ex Brisbane and "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" escorting Portion (b) of convoy (6 MV) dep. Fitzroy Is. 1900/4. Convoy splits at 11°18'S 148°48'E Portion (a) proceeding Port Moresby ETA 1400/7; Portion (b) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 1400/7.
- (5) "PIRIE" "WARREGO" "COLAC" "WAGGA" "BAGLEY" escorting Convoy TN.164 (9 MV ex PV.2 - "BOTH" "CHAS.H.WYREMM" "JOHN WHITTAKER" "JAMES W.GRIMES" "GEO.H.FLANDERS" "WM.E.CHANNING" "ANDREW D.WHITE" "B.F.SHAW" "GEO.S.BOOTWELL") en route Milne Bay ETA 1200/8. After arrival Milne Bay "BAGLEY" is to rejoin Task Force at Palm Island.
- (6) "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.18 (6 MV incl. "PORTUNUS" (AGP) & "POLLUX" (AKS) en route Gladstone. After dispersed at Bustard Head "POLLUX" proceeds independently to Townsville for onward routing and escort to Milne Bay.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy PV.3 ("DONALD McLEAY" "JAMES S.HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") en route Townsville ETA p.m. 11 Oct.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" in vicinity of Cape Melville.
- (9) "PC.477" departed Brisbane 1125/5 en route Townsville ETA 1200/7.
- (10) "SHEPPARTON" en route Brisbane ETA 1700/7.
- (11) "YP.236" dep. Mackay 0800/6 en route Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (12) "YP.283" en route Brisbane ETA 1400/11.
- (13) "SC.741" escorting "MATACO" towing AFD.7 was to depart Caloundra 2000/7 for Cairns. On arrival Bustard Head to proceed Gladstone for escort duty with Convoy LQ.19.
- (14) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In H arbour:

Trobrinds	- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1121"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Morebe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SC.637" "SC.732" "SC.744"
	"YMS.51" "ML.424" "HILO" (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H.POINT"
	"JAMES M.GOODHUE" "SWARTENHONDT" "EDNA" "KARSIK"



Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE" "TAMBAR"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11" "SC.745" "SC.749"  
 Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD)  
 SC.637 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731  
 SC.734 SC.736 SC.737 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743  
 SC.750 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70  
 YMS.71 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 ML.425 PC.479  
 APC's 1,2,4,6,9,15,16,17,18,20,21 33 PT's  
 Y.15 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "NIGEL" (AR)  
 "OTUS" (AS) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE"  
 (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "LYMAN J.GAGE" "SAMUEL K.BARLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W.MACKAY" "JAMES J.KELLY" "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H.ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "JOHN ALDEN" "JAPARA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "CLARENCE KING" "LUXOR"  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.14" "ML.804" "YMS.8" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "WILLIAM B.ALLISON" "STEPHEN CRANE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SKAGERAK" "THEOFANO LIVANOS"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PREMANTLE" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" "SWAN" "GYMPIE" "BENAILA" (AMS) PC.1119 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426 ML.428 1 PT SC.746 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "LST.66" "LST.171" "HERON" (AVP)  
 Palm Island - Warships & Aux. - "HALF MOON" (AVP) "YP.291"  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "LITHGOW" (AMS)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "ECHUCA" "GEE LONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.477 PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1124 YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819 ML.820 SC.650 SC.735 SC.746 SC.747 SC.750 YMS.334 LST.22 LST.68 LST.471 LST.473 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO) "MERKUR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GYMPIE" "YMS.8" escorting U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" & "STEPHEN CRANE" for Townsville and "THEOFANO LIVANOS" for Cairns are to depart Port Moresby 8th October.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kolombangara - Vila and Stanmore Plantation areas were found completely evacuated at 2125/5 by a coastwatcher patrol, although a reconnaissance Liberator encountered intense light ack-ack from Parapatu Point (S.E.coast) on 5 October.  
 (2) N.W.Vella Lavella - Some enemy machine gun nests in the N.W. sector, probably Timbala Bay area, have been ~~six~~ cleared by our advancing troops. It is estimated that 2 platoons, probably 50 men, were evacuated from this area by sea during the night 2-3 October., - the night of the 3rd "Express" run.

- (3) Choiseul - P.M. 3 October 4-6 barges apparently previously damaged were again strafed by 8 Aircobras on S.W. coast. During the night 3-4 October an apparently abandoned 165 ton gunboat was located by our destroyers 15 miles off Sumbi Head and sunk. This could be one of the 7 vessels described as gunboats or motor torpedo boats encountered in this area during the action the previous night when one was sunk and several hit.
- On 4 October, 16 barges located dispersed along S.W. coast were all destroyed by strafing by 4 Corsairs, 4 Aircobras. Probably next morning 2 more barges in the same area were sunk by 4 Corsairs.

- On 5 Oct. 6 Zeros attacked a Liberator over Central Choiseul. One Zero was destroyed and another probably damaged.
- (4) Buin Base - At 1330/4 Kahili was attacked by 23 Liberators escorted by 15 Lightnings, 6 Corsairs. A number of aircraft are believed to have been destroyed on the ground and 9 fighters definitely shot down in aerial combat out of 20-30 which intercepted during and after the bombing run.

It is recalled that at 1315/4 photos showed 21 fighters on Kahili airfield as reported in Summary 615.

Photos 0845-0900/5 disclose:-

Aircraft: Kahili - 36 F, 1 D/B  
 Ballale - 2 F, 1 D/B, 1 M/B  
 Kara - Nil visible  
 Shortland - 11 floatplanes

Total 52 A/C whereof 38 F, 2 D/B, 1 M/B, 11 F/P

Shipping: excluding Tonolei Harbour - 16 boats & barges.

- (5) Kieta - Photos 0930/5 show 2 barges at Kieta. At 2350/3 aircraft reported a number of barges 25 miles NNW of Kieta.
- (6) Empress Augusta Bay - At 0200/7 aircraft reported contact with 5 vessels 35 miles S.W. of Cape Mutupina and at 0320/7 8 vessels believed heading for Empress Augusta Bay.
- (7) Buka Passage - Photos 0850/5 show 5 fighters, 5 medium bombers and 4 dive bombers on the Buka Passage aerodrome. The photos disclose no shipping in the Passage but one cargo vessel (280 ft) and 4 barges at Tailena in Matchin Bay.
- (8) Buka-St. Georges Channel - At 0016/7, aircraft reported contact with 2 destroyers, 1 transport probably 36 miles S.S.E. of Cape St. George on course 80°. The position given is actually corrupt and could be north of Talasea but the position as given above is considered more likely to be correct.

- X (9) Rabaul - Photos 1045/6 show:-

Shipping: 1 "MOGAMI" class cruiser  
 1 "JINTSU" class cruiser  
 8 destroyers  
 1 converted destroyer tender  
 4 submarines  
 1 sub-tender  
 5 sub-chasers  
 2 tankers of 10,000 & 8,000 tons respectively  
 25 merchant ships totalling approx 112,000 tons  
 48

This shows a slight increase on shipping shown by photos 1 Oct. when 47 ships were present whereof 22 were warships including 10 destroyers otherwise little difference, 3 tankers (28,000 tons) and 22 merchant ships totalling 90,000 tons.

Aircraft:

Lakunai - 25 F, 16 L/B or T.E/F, 7 M/B - 90% covered  
 Vunakanau - 3 F, 4 L/B 24 M/B - 75% "

Little change is indicated from the total of 194 land-based planes shown to be present on the four fields 1 Oct. when 194 a/c including 59 F, 39 L/B, 96 M/B were present.

In photos 6 Oct. 2 flying boats, 5 floatplanes are visible.

- (10) Mandates-Rabaul - At 1015/6 a small sea-truck was attacked with some success by a Liberator 300 miles WNW of Kapingamarangi. The ship was apparently stationary.

At 1045/6 another Liberator reported a 4-ship convoy described as 2 destroyers, 2 large merchant ships 75 miles N.E. of Mussau Island course 20°. A floatplane was apparently covering the convoy.

- (11) Ubill Area - A small launch and 4 barges off S.E. coast Lolabau Is. were strafed a.m. 6 Oct. by 2 Beaufighters.
- (12) N.W. New Britain - 3 Mitchells on a sweep along N. coast of western New Britain a.m. 6 Oct. strafed an unserviceable patrol craft on a reef near Rudigu Point (Eleanora Bay), also a small craft similar to a crash boat on W. shore of Rein Bay and another patrol craft in a Bay near Cape Raoult. In addition, 4 barges on N.E. shore of Rottock Bay were attacked and 50 Japs swimming in a river nearby were also strafed.
- (13) Madang Area - At 1845/5 an enemy reconnaissance plane over Astrolabe Bay was shot down by a patrol of 8 Kittyhawks.
- (14) Sio Area - 3 well-camouflaged barges were strafed in Schlangen Harbour (between Sio and Kiari) at 0745/6.
- (15) Ramu Valley - On 5 October a small party of Jap stragglers was captured in the foot-hills one mile NNW of Dumpu. The trails leading north from Dumpu have been occupied by our troops to a distance of about 3 miles.  
Kesawai (N. shore Ramu River approximately 11 miles N.W. of Dumpu) is reported clear of enemy.
- (16) Kiriwina - At 1930-2000/5 6 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the airfield area on Kiriwina causing some casualties.
- (17) Goodenough - At 1945/5 3 bombs were dropped on Goodenough Is.
- (18) Milne Bay - At 2040/5 enemy aircraft were reported over Milne Bay.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1000/6 en route Melville Bay ETA 1030/7. On completion of unloading both vessels return Darwin.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AM S)  
"ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOOLOO"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N.W. New Guinea - Photos p.m. 5 October confirm to some degree the visual sighting of various locations reported in Summary No. 616 as follows:-  
Manokwari - 2 small sea-trucks, 7 barges, 6 lighters  
Oewi - (37 miles SSE Manokwari) - 1 small sea-truck, 1 barge  
Kokas - 8 barges, 1 house-boat  
Bira (NW shore entrance McCluer Gulf) - 3 landing craft.  
Sorong - 1 sea-truck, 9 barges, 2 praus, also 1 patrol craft off-shore.
- (2) Celebes - At approximately 2300/5 1 small sea-truck was seen 3 miles off-shore from Pomelaa.
- (3) Broome Area - At 0920/6 probable enemy aircraft were heard in the Broome - Derby area and again at 1030.
- (4) Cape Wessel Area - A probable enemy recon plane was located to the N.W. of Cape Wessel at 1030/6.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/7:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HUIDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHEPPOORWIL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/7:

- (1) "U.S.S. "CLEVELAND" and U.S.S. "STERETT" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 0900/8.
- (2) "ARUNTA" was to RV with U.S.S. "HEM ITAGE" at 1300/6 and escort her to position 38°57'S 151°38'E. "ARUNTA" then returns Melbourne ETA 7th October.
- (3) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 1300/7 to RV with "WEST POINT" in position 30°06'S 160°28'E at 1700/8 and escort to Sydney.
- (4) "BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy OC.131 (5 MV) dep. Melbourne 2321/4 ETA Sydney 0500/8, Newcastle 1400/8.
- (5) "DELORAINIE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOONLIE" escorting Convoy CO.132 (7 MV) en route Melbourne ETA 1300/9.
- (6) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy GP.72 (3 MV) dep. Sydney 0753/8 en route Caloundra ETA 2053/8.
- (7) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 0800/7 en route Brisbane.
- (8) "STUART" en route Melbourne ETA 1200/7.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "BENDIGO"  
"CASTLEMAINE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BROOME" "WIKKAWIKKI"  
(AMS) "WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" "KYBRA"  
"YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"ML.813" "ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE"  
"MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Gook Is. - An enemy submarine was reported 650 miles S.W. of Raratonga at 1825/5.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks  
Solomons

Carolines  
Marshalls

BB

WASHINGTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
MARYLAND  
COLORADO

YAMATO  
MUSASHI  
NAGATO) Poss.  
MUTSU ) Empire  
KONGO  
HARUNA  
FUSO  
YAMASHIRO

CV

SARATOGA

ZUIKAKU  
SHOKAKU

CV(L)

CV(E)

PRINCE WILLIAM  
BRETON  
COPAHEE

ZUIEO

CA

AUSTRALIA  
SHROPSHIRE

CHOKAI  
SUZUYA

ATAGO  
TAKAO  
MAYA  
MYOKO  
HAGURO  
TONE  
CHIKUMA  
MOGAMI

CL

\* HOBART  
TROMP

\* LEANDER  
COLUMBIA  
CLEVELAND  
MONTPELLIER  
DENVER  
SAN DIEGO  
SAN JUAN

NAGARA  
SENDAI

NOSHIRO  
OYDDO  
AGANO  
NAKA  
ISUZU

(T)

XCL

DD

ARUNTA  
WARRAMUNGA  
STUART  
VENDETTA

Approx. 40

15

20

\* NIZAM  
BAGLEY  
HELM  
MUGFORD  
CONYNGHAM  
DRAYTON  
FLUSSER  
LAMSON  
MAHAN  
PERKINS  
REID  
SMITH  
\* LE TRIOMPHANT

KASHIMA  
KATORI

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\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO DHUM GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVERSIDES	20	20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD NARWHAL SCAMP S. 31	At Brisbane	
	CREVALLE K. 9	On Passage At Sydney	
<u>AV/GVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx. 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOCRA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	2 or more
	DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	214
Light and Medium bombers	251
Single-engined bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/c	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD

2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-		HOSHIO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA	UNYO CHUYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI	
<u>CVS</u>	- ?	6 * CHIYODA ) * CHITOSE )	Under conversion to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 35	30-35 (approx. 9 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 50	Approx. 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4

\* Non-effective



5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

(Southwest Pacific) (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Phillippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHICARA
<u>CL</u>	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARADOC EMERALD ADELAIDE	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx. 27	11
	BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPOM PUFFER RASHER TUNA	On Patrol	6
	K.12 BLUEFISH	At Fremantle	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	-

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light or M/Bombers	102
B.E./Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/c	44

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 618 Date: 8th October, 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" dep. Milne Bay 1500/4 en route Brisbane.
- (2) "PIRIE" "WARREGO" "WAGGA" "BAGLEY" escorting Convoy TN.164 (9 MV ex PV2) - "BOTH" "CHAS.H.WYNDHAM" "JOHN WHITTAKER" (for Oro Bay) "JAMES W. CRIMES" "GEO.H.FLANDERS" "WM.E.CHANNING" "ANDREW D.WHITE (for Milne Bay) "B.F.SHAW" "GEO.S. BOOTWELL" (for Goodenough Is.) en route Milne Bay ETA 1200/8. After arrival Milne Bay "BAGLEY" is to rejoin Task Force at Palm Island.
- (3) "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" (ex Cairns) and PC.477 (ex Townsville) escorting Convoy TN.165 (7MV and 3 PTs in tow) departed 1600/7. PC.477 and 2 MV ETA Port Moresby 1800/10. "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" "SC.746" and 5 MV ETAMilne Bay 1800/10.
- (4) "GLADSTONE" "YMS.8" escorting Convoy NT.57 (U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" for Townsville and "THEOPANO LIVANOS" for Cairns) were to depart Port Moresby 8th Oct.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy PV.3 ("DONALD MCLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") en route Townsville ETA p.m. 11 Oct.
- (6) "SC.738" escorting "RACHEL JACKSON" en route Milne Bay to Townsville ETA 2400/8.
- (7) "LITHGOW" and PC.1123 escorting Convoy LQ.18 (3 MV) departed Gladstone 2200/7 en route Brisbane ETA 0815/9.
- (8) "BOWEN" and "BUNBURY" escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" departed Milne Bay 1630/7 en route Townsville ETA 0330/10.
- (9) Y.14 departed Port Moresby 1600/7 en route Buna ETA 1200/10.
- (10) "BENALLA" en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1200/9.
- (11) "BUNGAREE" in vicinity of Cape Melville.
- (12) "YP.236" dep. Mackay 0800/6 en route Brisbane ETA 1200/8.
- (13) "YP.283" en route Brisbane ETA 1400/11.
- (14) "SC.741" escorting "MATACO" towing ARD.7 was to depart Caloundra 2000/7 for Cairns. On arrival Bustard Head to proceed Gladstone for escort duty with Convoy LQ.19.
- (15) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Trobriands	- Warships & Aux. - "PC.1121"
	Merchant Vessels: "JANSSENS"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SC.637" "SC.744" "YMS.51"
	"HILO" (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H.POINT"
	"JAMES M.GOODHUE" "EDNA" "KARSIK"

- Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels; "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JULIEN DUBUQUE" "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LAMB" "TAMBAR"
- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11" "SC.745" "SC.749"
- Perlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)
- Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" "GILMER" (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.705 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.737 SC.743 SC.743 SC.747 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YMS.335 YP.280 ML.424 ML.425 PC.479 APC's 1,2,4,6,9,15,16,17,18,20,21 33 Pts Y.15 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALM MOON" "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONS MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels; "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENWANT" "LYMAN J. GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BAPLOW" "NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY" "JAMES J. KELLY" "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H. ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "JOHN ALDEN" "JAPARA" "VAN HEUTSZ" "CLARENCE KING" "LUXOR" "SWARTENHONDT"
- Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804"  
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAM A" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON" "STEPHEN CRANE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SKAGERAK" "WICHITA FALLS" "MERNOO"
- Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PREMANTLE" (AMS)  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" (AMS)  
PC.1119 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53  
ML.426 ML.428 NE 1 PT SC.748 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "KAPUNDA" (AMS)  
YP.291 ML.805 APC.19 LST.171 "HERON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS)
- Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1124  
YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819  
SC.650 SC.735 APCs 8,10,11,14 YMS.334  
EST.22 LST.68 LST.471 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
"FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO)  
"MERKUR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PC.1122" and "PC.476" are to depart Caloundra 1200/10 to RV with "SEA WITCH" in position 24°40'S, 159°14'E at 1500/11 and escort her to Lady Elliot Island.
- (2) "GEELONG" "STAWELL" SC.650 and SC.735 are to escort Convoy QL.19 (8 MV) ETD Caloundra 1600/9.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- 1) Central Solomons - Another "express" was apparently run to the Central Solomons probably from Rabaul during the night 6-7 October. At 2255/6 one possible light cruiser and four destroyers were contacted by U.S. destroyers 15 miles N.W. Vella Lavella. Another group of four destroyers in addition to many small craft possibly including motor torpedo boats were also contacted in the same area (see Naval Incidents).  
It is thought likely that this mission may have been to evacuate the remaining personnel on N.W. Vella Lavella,

recently estimated at 500, in addition to remnants from Kolombangara and Central Choiseul.

- (2) Choiseul - At 1050/6 twelve camouflaged barges and loose store dumps on S.W. coast Choiseul were strafed by a Liberator.

Local sources report 7 Oct. that the greater part of south eastern Choiseul particularly Rob Roy Island and Taura area is clear of Japanese.

- (3) East Coast Bougainville - At 2250/6, five barges 15 miles off Numa Numa were attacked by a Soupac aircraft.
- (4) St. George's Channel-Buka Area - At 1023/7 a six ship convoy described as one freighter (2-4,500 tons) and one freighter (1500 tons), 2 small sea trucks and two small gunboats, was sighted 50 miles W. of north Buka Island on course 345°. The ships appeared to be well-laden, indicating transportation from the Buka-Bougainville area or further south to Rabaul.

At 0040/8, an auxiliary vessel 35 miles W. of northern Buka Island on course 270° was attacked by aircraft.

- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1225/7 a 6-ship convoy described as 3 destroyers, 3 large merchant vessels, were observed and unsuccessfully attacked by a Liberator 12 miles E.S.E. of Emirau Island (S.E. St. Matthias Group). The convoy was on course 30° apparently heading towards Truk probably from Rabaul. Six Zeros and three floatplanes were covering the convoy.
- (6) Wide Bay Area - Shortly after 0700/7, the plantations along the shore near Brown Island were attacked by 4 Beauforts.
- (7) Western New Britain - A coastal sweep from Cape Busching to Borgen Bay also Garove and Unea Islands in Witu Group was conducted on 6 Oct. by 6 Mitchells. Three possible barges were seen at Itni River mouth and another three at Borgen Bay but no significant concentration was located.

Photos of Cape Gloucester airfield 1100/7 show only No. 2 strip to be serviceable and no aircraft present.

- (8) Lorengau - Photos 5 Oct. show no change on the existing Lorengau airfield. No aircraft are visible and the runway is rough but probably serviceable.
- (9) Madang-Alexishafen Area - Photos 1145/7 show 30 aircraft on the two Alexishafen fields with only 50% coverage of one field. This is the first time any such concentration has been noted here. Aircraft were first noted at Alexishafen on 16 July 1943 and since then there have usually been a few aircraft present on No. 1 strip with a maximum of six seen previously. No aircraft have previously been seen on No. 2 field. Details of the 30 aircraft 7 Oct. were:-

No. 1 strip (50% coverage)	5 fighters
No. 2 "	4 fighters, 21 light bombers

At 1200/7, six Zeros were seen by a Lightning climbing over Madang.

- (10) Finschhafen Area - Slight enemy opposition was recently encountered about one mile N. of Song River but by 5 Oct. the Jap party had been forced to withdraw leaving some dead.

In the Sattelberg area another small party has been encountered but during the night 5-6 Oct. were forced to retire westwards abandoning much equipment and many dead.

The coastal area S. of Langemak was reported 6 Oct. clear of enemy except for stragglers.

Enemy aircraft are intermittently raiding our position mainly in small numbers possibly single aircraft On 5 Oct. positions at Finschhafen were attacked; at 2000/6 Heldsbach was raided and at 1100/7 the Song River beachhead was bombed. Only in the last mentioned raid were any casualties suffered. In addition during the night 6-7 Oct. planes ineffectively bombed U.S. patrol

craft on anti-sub patrol off Finschhafen.

- (11) Morebe - Throughout the night 6-7 Oct. enemy planes intermittently bombed Morebe.
- (12) Louisades Area - An enemy submarine was located by D/F at 2036/7 within 250 miles of Deboyne Island.

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### NORTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1000/6 en route Melville Bay ETA 1030/7. On completion of unloading both vessels return Darwin.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
"ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOOLOO"

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - At 2325-2359/6, barracks and the waterfront were raided by 4 Catalinas. One medium vessel and two possible smaller vessels were seen off-shore in the Bay.
- (2) Arafura Sea - At 1032/7 a probable enemy recon plane was located 35 miles N. of Cape Wessel indicating continued reconnaissance of the shipping lanes N. of Darwin.

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### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/8:

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
(OL) "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" (DD)  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
"ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR)  
"PELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B."  
"PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

##### (a) At Sea to 1200/8:

- X (1) "U.S.S. CLEVELAND" and U.S.S. "STERETT" en route Espiritu Santo to Sydney ETA 0900/8.
- (2) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 1300/7 to RV with "WEST POINT" in position 30°06'S 160°28'E at 2000/8 and escort to Sydney. ETA Sydney 1000/10.
- (3) "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy GO.132 (7 MV) en route Melbourne ETA 1300/9.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy GP.72 (3 MV) dep. Sydney 0753/8 en route Caloundra ETA 2053/8. "MORESBY" and "GLENELG" and ML.821 detached in vicinity of Port Macquarie hunting for submarines.
- (5) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 0800/7 en route Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TULSA"  
(PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE (CA) "BENDIGO"  
"BUNDABERG" "MILDURA" "TOWNSVILLE"  
"CASTLEMAINE" "WARRHAMBOOL" "BROOME" (AMS)  
"WILCANNIA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "KYRA"  
"YANDARA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"ML.813" "ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ARUNTA" (DD)  
"TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
"AASE MAERSEK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- X (1) Port Macquarie - A probable enemy submarine was reported at 1152/7  
25 miles N.E. of Port Macquarie (or approx. 170 miles  
N.E. of Sydney). (See Naval Incidents).

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SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Samoa - At 1505/6 a submarine was contacted three miles N. of  
Tutuila.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

- X (1) CENTRAL SOLOMONS - At 2255/6, three U.S. destroyers engaged an  
enemy force of one possible "YUBARI" class light cruiser and  
four destroyers 15 miles N.W. of Vella Lavella. Preliminary  
reports indicate that the "YUBARI" class warship and one  
destroyer blew up, another destroyer was sunk by torpedoes  
and two other destroyers were damaged by gunfire. U.S.S.  
"CHEVALIER" was hit by torpedo and later sank but 12 of the  
14 officers aboard and 85% crew were saved. U.S.S. "SELFRIEDGE"  
was hit by torpedo but was able to retire under her own power.  
U.S.S. "O'BANNON" was also damaged by collision with  
"CHEVALIER" after the latter had been hit.

The second group of four enemy destroyers and the  
third group consisting of many small craft, possibly including  
motor torpedo boats, were not engaged. Both these groups  
retired to N.W. at high speed.

- (2) PORT MACQUARIE - At 1152/7, when in position 31°13'S, 153°21'E  
(approx. 25 miles N.E. of Port Macquarie), escorts of convoy  
GP.72 (3 MV escorted by "ROCKHAMPTON" "GLENELG" "MORESEY"),  
reported sighting a torpedo at the end of its run, breaking  
surface and running erratically. The object was reported  
definitely to be a torpedo.

At 1200/7 "GLENELG" attacked on possible submarine  
contacts with depth charges but without observed results.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and south West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI HAGATO } Poss. MUTSU } Empire KONGO HAKUNA FUSO YAWASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHEE	-	UNYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOSAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>YCL</u>	-	-	-	1
	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	20

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Caroline Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVERSIDES		20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD DRUM NARWHAL SCALP S.31	On Patrol	20
	CREVALLE CAPELIN	At Brisbane	
	K.9	On Passage	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANCORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGCRAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROCKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1 2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1 1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	
<u>AIRCRAFT (W.E. Area Only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	208	
	Light & M/Bombers	251	
	S/E Bombers	30	
	Flying Boats	6	
	Floatplanes	56	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	16	
<u>2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC</u>			
<u>DL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON		
<u>DD</u>	3		

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC  
ALLIED FORCES

MOST SECRET  
 8 October 1943  
ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA	ISE } HYUGA }	One unit being modernised
	* CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA		
	* NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA		

<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-	
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<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
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<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA	
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<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA	* CHUYO	
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<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO ATAGO	
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<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI	
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<u>CL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	6 * CHIYODA } * CHITOSE } Under conversion to ACVs	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 9 repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30	
<u>AS/XAS</u>	?	3 or more	

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NAGHI	

<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA	
<u>XCL</u>	-	2	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA	
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1	
<u>DD</u>	22	4	
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4	

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN  
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>A</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE GERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA W ROCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDERS	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN CAMBRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPON PUPPER RASHER TUNA  K.12 BLUEFISH	On Patrol  At Fremantle	6
<u>AS or XAS</u>	PELIAS	?	-
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)			113
Light or M/Bombers			102
SE/Bombers			12
Flying Boats			12
Floatplanes			56
Transport & Obsn. A/C			44

∅ No recent intelligence.  
Present location uncertain.

\* Non-effective

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity  
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 619

Date: 9th October 1943

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- (3) "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy NT.57 (U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" for Townsville ETA 1400/10; "THEOPHANO LIVANOS" for Cairns ETA 0100/10) dep. Port Moresby 8 October.
- (4) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV.3 ("DONALD MCLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") en route Townsville ETA p.m. 11 Oct. Final destination of all vessels Goodenough Is.
- (5) "BOWEN" "BUNBURY" escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" dep. Milne Bay 1630/7 en route Townsville ETA 0330/10.
- (6) "Y.14" departed Port Moresby 1600/7 en route Buna ETA 1200/10.
- (7) "BENALLA" en route Cairns to Milne Bay ETA 1200/9.
- (8) "YP.283" en route Brisbane ETA 1400/11.
- (9) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA p.m. 13 October.
- (10) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.750"  
 Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SC.637" "SC.731" "SC.737"  
 "YMS.51" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "WILL H. POINT"  
 "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "EDNA" "ANHUI"  
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux.  
 Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JULIEN DUBUQUE"  
 "J. ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE"  
 "TAMBAR"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11" "SC.745" "SC.749"  
 Porlock Hrb. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "MUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS"  
 "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "WAGGA" "WARREGO"  
 "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703  
 SC.732 SC.734 SC.736 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747  
 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70  
 YMS.71 YMS.72 YMS.335 YP.280 ML.424 PC.479  
 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,9,15,16,17,18,20,21 33 PTs  
 "Y.15" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)

Milne Bay (Contd.) "OTUS (AS) "HALF MOON" "SAN PABLO" (AVP)  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE (YDG)  
 "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBEIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT"  
 "LYMAN J. GAGE" "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" "NATHANIEL  
 CURRIER" "JOHN W. MACKAY" "JAMES J. KELLY"  
 "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H.  
 ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "VAN HEUTSZ"  
 "CLARENCE KING" "LUXOR" "JANSSENS" "BOTH"  
 "CHAS. H. WYNDHAM" "JOHN WHITTAKER" "JAMES W.  
 GRIMES" "GEO. H. FLANDERS" "Wm. CHANNING" "ANDREW  
 D. WHITE" "B. P. SHAW" "G. S. BOOTWELL"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 804" "YMS. 8"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "WILLIAM B. ALLISON"  
 "STEPHEN CRANE" "BAN HONG LIONG" "SKAGERAK"  
 "WICHITA FALLS" "MERNOO"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "COLAC" (AMS) PC. 1119  
 YMS. 46 YMS. 47 YMS. 48 YMS. 53 YP. 291 ML. 426  
 ML. 428 ML. 805 1 PT SC. 548 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "KAPUNDA" (AMS)  
 "SC. 738" "LST. 171" "HERON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 "POLLUK" (AKS)

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP) APC. 19 SC. 741  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)  
 "ARARAT" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC. 476  
 PC. 1120 PC. 1122 PC. 1123 PC. 1124 YP. 233  
 ML. 429 ML. 816 ML. 818 ML. 819 SC. 650 SC. 735  
 APC's 8, 10, 11, 14 YMS. 334 YP. 236 LST. 22  
 LST. 26 LST. 68 LST. 471 "H. T. ALLEN" (APA)  
 "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "MERKUR" (AF) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "WIZAR" (AF)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "STAWELL" "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "PC. 1122" "PC. 476" are to depart Caloundra 1200/10 to NV with  
 "SEA WITCH" in position 24°40'S 159°14'E at 1500/11 and  
 escort her to Lady Elliott Island.
- (2) "GEELONG" "STAWELL" "SC. 650" "SC. 735" are to escort Convoy QL. 19  
 (8 MV) ETD Caloundra 1600/9.
- (3) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" is to depart Thursday Is.  
 1000/10 en route Darwin ETA 1930/13.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Vella Lavella Area - At 0730/7, 12 to 15 Zeros were encountered  
 north of Vella Lavella by 4 Lightnings, 3 Corsairs which were  
 searching the area for possible shipping. One Zero was shot  
 down: one Lightning crash landed at Munda after sustaining  
 damage in combat.
- (2) Buin - At 1847/6 Kahili was rdded from tree-top height by 24  
 Liberators covered by 14 Lightnings. Damage to grounded  
 aircraft could not be accurately assessed but is believed to  
 be heavy resulting from bombing and strafing. No fighter  
 opposition is reported but, probably as a result of ack-ack,  
 2 Liberators are missing and another emergency-landed at Munda:  
 1 Lightning was also lost.

En route to the target, our aircraft encountered anti-  
 aircraft fire from 4 light cruisers or destroyers (probably  
 the latter) east of Torau Bay. In this connection, it is  
 recalled that probably 9 Jap destroyers were contacted N.W.  
 of Vella Lavella at 2255/16 (refer yesterday's Summary No. 618).

Photos 1015-1025/7 show:-

Aircraft: Kahili - 27 fighters  
Kara - 24 "  
Ballale - 6 "  
Total 57 fighters

Shipping: Buin & Kahili Anchorages - 7 small craft and 30 barges.

In addition a destroyer leading 8 large barges was observed heading for Kahili from the direction of Ballale.

- (3) W.Coast Bougainville - Between 0900 and 0930/8, 2 Beauforts on patrol each reported 6 enemy fighters, the first report 32 miles south of Cape Moltke and the second 23 minutes later 80 miles N.W. of Cape Moltke.
- (4) St.Georges Channel-Buka - Shortly after midnight 8-9 Oct. a single ship was reported by aircraft 16 miles WNW of Buka Passage course 150°.
- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0855/8 a substantial northbound six-ship convoy described as 3 transports (all 7-12,000 tons) with 3 destroyers was reported by aircraft 260 miles WNW of Kapingamarangi on course 350° speed 15 knots. Blurred photos confirm the presence of 5-ships and other photos indicate that one of the transports was of the "AIKOKU MARU" class (armed merchant cruiser of 10,500 tons).  
The position and course of the convoy suggest that it is en route Truk from Rabaul.
- (6) Cape Hoskins - Photos taken 2 Oct. show one fighter in a revetment on Hoskins airfield. This is the first time aircraft have been noted in photographs of this airfield. 29 fighter revetments on the field.
- (7) Finschhafen Area - Stiff enemy resistance is being offered to our troops 500 yards west of Ziewewaning Village (approx 2 miles S.E. of Sattelberg).  
At 2005/7, 11 enemy bombers with 18 fighters attacked the Song River beach-head and gun positions apparently without effect.
- (8) D'Entrecasteaux Area - Goodenough Is., Kiriwina and Woodlark Is. were all alerted between 2030 and 2300/8. No actual raids have been reported but one or possibly 3 more unidentified aircraft were over Kiriwina at 2150/8.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1000/6 en route Melville Bay ETA 1030/7. On completion of unloading both vessels return Darwin.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.34 ("BURWAH" "SCHWEDAGON") was to depart Darwin 0544/8 en route Thursday Is. ETA 0130/12.
- (3) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOOLOO"

### (1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N.W.New Guinea - Approx 2200/7, one unidentified type ship (probably 5000 tons) and 3 probable barges were observed by aircraft at or near Babo.
- (2) S.E.Celebes - Night 7 Oct., 3 sea-trucks and 4 luggers were sighted near Bace Bace (cr Boetoeng) on S.W.coast Boetoeng Is.

### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDUS" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (R) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

#### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

Perth - At 1428/8, a possible submarine was sighted by surface vessels 210 miles W.S.W. of Perth.

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### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.72 (6 MV) for Newcastle and Sydney were to depart Brisbane 1200/9.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ML.801" "ML.826" "ML.822" escorting Convoy GP.73 (6 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/9 en route Brisbane. "ML.822" detaches at Coffs Harbour.
- (3) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 1300/7 to RV with "WEST POINT" in position 30°06'S 160°28'E at 2000/8 and escort to Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (4) "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy CO.132 (7 MV) en route Melbourne ETA 1300/9.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy CO.133 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0630/9 for Melbourne.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE" en route Noumea was to depart Sydney 0900/8. "WILCANNIA" to return Sydney after arrival position 30°30'S 159°E.
- (7) "ML.821" continuing hunt for enemy submarine reported to be in vicinity of Port Macquarie.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warship & Aux. - "SHERPESHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL)  
"RENSHAW" "STERRET" (DD) "BENDIGO" "MILDURA" (AMS)  
"KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"ML.813" "ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
(On Reserve) - "KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ARUNTA" (DD) "TROMP" (CL)  
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE"  
"MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- X (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("LIERROLI" "F.G. ROWLANDS" "F.B. STEINMETZ") are to depart Melbourne 0900/11 for Townsville.

- (2) "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" are to proceed Fort Stephens at 0930/11.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshall Is
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAHBE	-	UNYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI SUZUYA	TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	NAGARA SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	1 20

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVER SIDES  ALEACORE BLACKFISH COD DRUM MARWHAL SCAMP S.31  GREVALLE) CAPELIN )	20	20
	) On patrol		
	) At Brisbane		
	) On Passage		
	)		
	N.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALBORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS or XAS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1
			2 or more
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	

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2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES.

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEK YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	
<u>CV(T)</u>	.	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(B)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA	* CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AQBA * KUMANO ATAGO
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	6 TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	- ?	6 * CHIYODA ) Under conversion * CEITOSE ) to ACVs
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3
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<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	.
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	-	2 AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	4
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4

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5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

(Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

		RAMILLIES	
<u>CV</u>		ILLUSTRIOUS	
<u>CA</u>		SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN DANAÉ CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>			KASHII
<u>XCL</u>		CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W. B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>		?	1
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	11
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN CABRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER RASHER MUNA K.12 BLUEFISH	On Patrol           At Fremantle	6
<u>AS or KAS</u>	PELIAS	?	

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- (4) "PIRIE" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy FT.32 ("L. J. G. AGE" "CLARENCE KING" "VAN HEUTSZ") dep. Milne Bay 1430/8 ETA Townsville 0030/11.
- (5) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy FV.3 ("DONALD MCLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") en route Milne Bay via Townsville ETA Townsville p.m. 10 Oct. Final destination of all vessels Goodenough Is.
- (6) "BUNBURY" escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" dep. Milne Bay 1630/7 en route Townsville ETA 0330/10.
- (7) "GEELONG" "STAWELL" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.19 (8 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/9 ETA Bustard Head 0330/11.
- (8) "MIZAR" was to depart Brisbane 2230/9 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (9) "KAPUNDA" dep. Townsville 1814/9 en route Sydney ETA 1200/13.
- (10) "PC.476" "PC.1122" were to depart Caloundra 1200/10 to RV with "SEA WITCH" in position 24°40'S 159°14'E at 1500/11 and escort her to Lady Elliott Island.
- (11) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" was to depart Thursday Is. 1000/10 en route Darwin ETA 1930/13.
- (12) "YP.283" en route Brisbane ETA 1400/11.
- (13) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA p.m. 13 October.
- (14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750"
	Merchant Vessels: "JOHN W. MACKAY" "B.F. SHAW" "
	"G.S. BOOTWELL"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "Y.14" "SC.637" "SC.731" "SC.737"
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 YMS.71 YMS.72 YMS.335 YP.280 ML.424 PC.479  
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 33 PT's "Y.13" "Y.15" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" "SAN  
 PABLO" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (XDG) "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
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Merchant Vessels; "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT"  
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 KELLY" "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN  
 H. ROSSITER" "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "LUXOR"  
 "JANSSENS" "JAMES W. GRIMES" "GEO. H. FLANDERS"  
 "WM. CHANNING" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "KARSIK" "HENRY  
 SIBLEY" "DUNTROON" "HANYANG" "BONTEKOE"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "STEPHEN CRANE" "BAN  
 HONG LIONG" "SKAGERAK" "WICHITA FALLS" "MERNOO"  
 "OZARK" "MANGOLA"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - BOWEN "GLADSTONE" "GYMPIE"  
 "COLAC" (AMS) PC.1119 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 YP.291 ML.426 ML.428 ML.805 1 PT  
 SC.748 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "TASMAN" (AH) "SC.738" "LST.171" "HERON" (AVP)  
 "KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "APC.19" "SC.741"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "LITHGOW"  
 "ARARAT" "GOULBURN" (AMS) PC.1120 PC.1123  
 PC.1124 YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819  
 APC's 8,10,11,14 YMS.334 YP.236 LST.22  
 LST.26 LST.68 LST.471 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
 "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - An enemy medium bomber, probably reconnaissance, was shot down 8 Oct. 96 miles SW of Cape Hunter by 2 Lightnings.
- (2) New Georgia Is. - On 6 Oct. 20 Japs were contacted by an allied patrol near Linguta Entrance (central N.E. coast). 5 were killed, 1 captured and remainder escaped into jungle. The party may be remnants of the garrison at Viru Harbour which was taken early in July.  
 At 2111-2205/7, 2 enemy planes ineffectively bombed our positions at Munda.
- (3) S. Kolombangara - Our patrols fanning out from Vila have made no enemy contact as far as Surumoni Cove (7 miles N.E. of Vila River mouth) and Hunda (8 miles N.W. of Vila River mouth) by 8 Oct., except for one prisoner taken. Much abandoned equipment, artillery pieces, A.A. guns and ammunition in addition to 8 to 10 demolished aircraft at Vila has been found.  
 Local sources report 9 Oct. that U.S. patrols landed at various points including all the former main enemy positions and found no signs of enemy.
- (4) N. Kolombangara - Night 8 Oct. 20 Japs attempting to evacuate from Kolombangara, presumably by barge, were intercepted by our patrol craft.
- (5) Gizo - Natives report 9 Oct. that N.E. and N.W. coasts of Gizo Island are clear of enemy but show signs of recent habitation.
- (6) S.E. Vella Lavella - At 0240-0355/7 a single enemy plane bombed our positions in southern Vella Lavella without effect.

(7) N.W.Vella Lavella - A preliminary report, 9 Oct., indicates that the remaining Japanese elements on northern Vella Lavella have been completely eliminated by New Zealand forces.

Previously, our forces apparently having moved northwards, pushed the enemy party from their former position in Timbala Bay-Huome to a position north of Marquana Bay. A prisoner indicated that approx 500 Japs were in this new position.

Evidence indicates that some enemy escapes from the Marquana Bay area on the night 5-6 Oct. but none the following night 6-7 Oct. when our destroyers engaged the enemy force off N.W.Vella Lavella.

(8) Choiseul - Local sources report 9 Oct. that many Japs are stranded south of Kolombangara River, (4 miles N.W. of Bambatana Mission on central S.W.coast) owing to floods.

(9) Ontong Java - At 1350/8 an enemy bomber, probably on recce, was forced into the sea and then set on fire by a Liberator 40 miles ENE of Ontong Java.

(10) Buin Base - Photos 8 and 9 Oct. show:-  
 Aircraft: ~~XXXXXX~~ a.m. 8 Oct. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a.m. 9 Oct.  
           Kahili 35 F, 1 M/B 1 F, 2 M/B (90% coverage)  
           Kara 3 F Nil  
           Ballale Not covered 5 F

It is recalled that photos 7 Oct. showed 57 fighters disposed Kahili 27, Kara 24 and Ballale 6.

Shipping: a.m. 8 Oct. - 6 small freighters, 2 small oilers, 60 small craft and barges.  
 All the freighters and oilers and 13 small craft and barges seen in Tonolei Harbour.  
 a.m. 9 Oct. - 1 small freighter, 25 small craft and barges excluding Tonolei Harbour.

(11) Buka Passage - Photos 8 & 9 Oct. show:-  
 Aircraft: a.m. 8 Oct. a.m. 9 Oct.  
           2 F, 7 M/B, 14 D/B 2 F, 5 M/B, 14 D/B  
 Shipping: a.m. 8 Oct. - 3 barges.  
           a.m. 9 Oct. - 28 barges including 20 at ~~XXXXXX~~ Tailena (Matchin Bay)

(12) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0925/9, a hospital ship was sighted 170 miles N.E. of Mussau Is. course 195° probably heading for Rabaul and Truk.

At 1505/9, a force described as 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser and 2 destroyers was sighted 210 miles west of Kapingamarangi on course 360°.

The fact that the "MOGAMI" class heavy cruiser, which has been in all recent photos of Rabaul, was absent yesterday 9 Oct. tends to confirm the above report of a heavy cruiser probably heading for Truk from Rabaul.

(13) Rabaul - Photos 0950/9 show -  
 Shipping: 1 "JINTSU" class cruiser  
           7 destroyers  
           5 submarines (3 large, 2 small)  
           1 converted destroyer tender  
           1 submarine tender  
           1 minesweeper  
           2 sub-chasers  
           20 merchant ships including 2 tankers and totalling approx 99,000 tons  
           38 Total

Coverage was complete except for a small portion of the harbour near Matupi.

Noticeable is the absence of the "MOGAMI" class cruiser which has been present in all complete photos since 2 Aug. and a decrease of some 40,000 tons merchant shipping tonnage involving some 7 ships, since 6 Oct.

Aircraft:  
 Yunakansu - 15 F, 33 M/B  
 Rapopo (50%) - 8 F, 18 M/B, 1 L/B  
 Tobera - 17 F, 1 M/B, 1 L/B  
 Keravat - nil  
 Harbour - 1 F/B, 9 F/P  
 Total 104 a/c whereof - 40 F, 52 M/B, 2 L/B, 1 F/B, 9 F/P

Lakunai was not covered.

The above coverage indicates little change from 2 Oct. when complete coverage showed 194 aircraft including 21 F, 17 L/B, 10 M/B on Lakunai and 12 F, 17 L/B, 39 M/B on Rapopo.

Second phase interpretation of photos of Rabaul shipping on 6 Oct. reveals an additional 2 submarines making 6 in all and the presence of a seaplane tender of the "KAMIKAWA MARU" class. Assessment of merchant tonnage is slightly raised from 130,000 tons to 136,000 involving the same total of 27 ships although the seaplane tender was probably classified as merchant ship in the first interpretation. An item of interest is the presence of one "AIKOKU MARU" class ship which is classified as a converted light cruiser or armed merchant cruiser and also one "HEIAN MARU" class classified as converted submarine tender. Ships of both these classes are known, however, to have been used for troop transportation.

- (14) Dampier Strait - A destroyer is reported to have attacked one of our patrol craft operating north of Sakar Island at 0215/9.
- (15) Madang - Photos 0845/9 show Madang airfield to be rough but probably serviceable. 20 barges can be seen in the harbour.
- (16) Finschhafen Area - Our patrols had reached Bonga (approx 3 miles north of Song River mouth) by p.m. 8 Oct. without contact. At 1155-1240/9, enemy positions at Sattelberg were attacked by 11 Vengeances and 9 Bostons in support of our ground forces.
- (17) D'Entrecasteaux-Woodlark - Further to the report of enemy aircraft over this area p.m. 8 Oct., 6 bombers ineffectively raided Woodlark Is. at 2134/8 and at 2154/8, 6 to 8 bombs were dropped near Goodenough airfield causing slight damage only to aircraft and destroying one fuel truck. A.A. at Woodlark probably shot down one bomber.

6-9 enemy planes were seen over Kiriwina area 2020-2030/9 but no report of any raid has been received.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin 1000/6 en route Melville Bay ETA 1030/7. On completion of unloading both vessels return Darwin.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting Convoy DT.54 ("BURWAH" "SCHWEDAGON") was to depart Darwin 0544/8 en route Thursday Is. ETA 0130/12.
- (3) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "GOOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOOLOO"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Arafura Sea - An enemy floatplane was engaged without success by 2 Vengeance on patrol 15 miles S.E. of Cape Valsch at 1110-1145/9.
- (2) Tanimbar Group - A harassing raid on Tanimbar was conducted 0855-1020/9 by 6 Beaufighters. Bombs were dropped on Selaru Strip and other targets of opportunity. 2 twin-engined fighters and one medium bomber were encountered during the sweep and were all destroyed. One Beaufighter emergency-landed and another crash-landed near base.



### 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

##### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (GM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "IARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SG.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.238"

### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

#### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENEIG" escorting Convoy PG.72 (6 MV) for Newcastle and Sydney were to depart Brisbane 1200/9 EPA Sydney 2350/11.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.822" escorting Convoy GP.73 (6 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/9 en route Brisbane. "ML.822" detaches at Coffs Harbour ETA Caloundra 1101/12.
- (3) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 1300/7 to RV with "WEST POINT" in position 30°06'S 160°23'E at 2000/8 and escort to Sydney ETA 1000/10.
- (4) "DEBORAH" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.132 (11 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA 1400/12.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy CO.133 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0712/9 for Melbourne.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE" en route Noumea was to depart Sydney 0800/9. "WILCANNIA" to return Sydney after arrival position 30°30'S 159°E.
- (7) "ML.821" continuing hunt for enemy submarine reported to be in vicinity of Port Macquarie.

##### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TULSA" (FG)  
"KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL)  
"RENSHAW" "SPERRET" (DD) "BENDIGO" "MILDURA" (AMS)  
"KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"ML.813" "ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ARUNTA" (DD) "TROMP" (CL)  
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERS"  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) (AO)

##### (c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("LEHROLI" "F.G. ROWLANDS" "F.B. STEINMETZ") are to depart Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "ALGORAB" is to depart Port Stephens early a.m. 12th Oct. en route Brisbane ETA a.m. October 15 th.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO GROWLER GUARDFISH GATS FETO SILVERSIDES)	On Patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD DRUM MAR WHAL SCAMP S.31	At Brisbane		
	CREVALLE CAPELIN	On Passage		
	K. 9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BAILLARD	NOTORO
<u>KAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx 30	2-3
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMELA ALBORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	?
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>D</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	208
Light & M/Bombers	250
S/E Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsr. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

10 October 1943

ALLIED FORCES

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	ALABAMA INDIANA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	* HITAKA RYUHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA	* CHUYO UNYO CHITOSE
<u>GA</u>	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * WICHITA	* AOBA * KUMANO ATAGO
<u>OCA</u>	-	3
<u>OL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RICHMOND * RALEIGH * DETROIT	TATSUTA * KINU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	?	* CHIYODA (Under conversion to ACV)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	30-35 (approx 8 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?	1

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>BB</u>	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND	NACHI
	-	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

\* Non-effective

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BILLFISH BONFISH BOWFIN CAERILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER RASHER TUNA  K.12 BLUEFISH ) PELIAS )	On Patrol	6
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	At Fremantle	-
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113	
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∅ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain

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

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Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 621

Date: 11th October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" escorting Convoy PV.3 ("DONALD MOLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") en route Milne Bay via Townsville. Arrived Townsville 1116/10. Final destination of all vessels Goodenough Is.
- (2) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.33 ("LUXOR" "KARSIK" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1330/10 en route Townsville. ETA 1830/13.
- (3) "BUNBURY" escorting Portion A (3 MV) and "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE" and "WAGGA" escorting Portion B (10 MV's and LST.170) of Convoy TN.166 were to depart Fitzroy Island at 1700/11. Portion A ("BRITISH PRINCESS" "THADEUS E. LOWE" "CANBERRA") proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/14. Portion B ("PRESIDENT JOHNSON" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAN SWOLL" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG" "H.V. ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "JOHN JACOB" "CAPE SANDY" "POLGANBAA") proceeds Milne Bay. ETA 1200/14.
- (4) PC.477 escorting Convoy NT.58 departed Port Moresby 1830/10 en route Cairns and Townsville. "BAN HONG LIONG" and PC.477 ETA Cairns 0100/13. "OZARK" and "WICHITA" "FALLS" ETA Townsville 1600/13.
- (5) "SWAN" and "KATOOMBA" departed Milne Bay 2030/10 en route Townsville. ETA 1500/12.
- (6) "MIZAR" was to depart Brisbane 2230/9 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (7) "KAPUNDA" dep. Townsville 1814/9 en route Sydney ETA 1200/13.
- (8) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETA p.m. 13 October.
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"NATHANIEL CURRIER" "JAMES J. KELLY" "WEST  
CUGETTA" "S. TURMAN" "NORMA CLARK" "JAMES D.  
McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H. ROSSITER"  
"BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "LUXOR" "JANSSSENS"  
"JAMES W. GRIMES" "GEO. H. FLANDERS" "WM.  
CHANNING" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "KARSIK" "HENRY  
SIBLEY" "DUNTROON" "BONTEKOE"

Port Moresby

- Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" Y.15 YMS.335  
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "STEPHEN CRANE"  
"SKAGERAK" "MERNOO" "MANGOLA" "WILLIAM HUME"  
"J. STIRLING MORTON"

Cairns

- Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "PIRIE" "COLAC" (AMS)  
PC.1119 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YP.291  
ML.426 ML.428 ML.805 1 PT SC.748 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville

- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "MERKUR" (AF)  
"TASMAN" (AH) "LST.171" "HERON" (AVP)  
"KURUMBA" (AO) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS)

Mackay

- Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

Gladstone

- Warships & Aux. - "STAWELL" (AMS) "APC.19" "SC.741"

Brisbane

- Warships & Aux. - "BAGLEY" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)  
"LITGOW" "GEELONG" "ARARAT" "GOULBURN" (AMS)  
"SC.735" "PC.475" PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123  
PC.1124 YP.233 ML.429 ML.816 ML.818 ML.819  
APC's 8,10,11,14 YMS.334 YP.236 YP.283  
LST.22 LST.26 LST.68 LST.471 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
"FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO)  
"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
(Survey Vessel)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" PC.1123 and SC.735 escorting Convoy QL.20 are to depart Brisbane 1600/12. On arrival Bustard Head "ARARAT" proceeds independently to Townsville. On arrival Lady Elliot Is. SC.735 returns to Brisbane. "GOULBURN" and PC.1123 are detailed as escorts for QL.20.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.E. New Georgia Is. - At 2013-2056/8 at least 2 enemy planes made two runs over Segi without dropping bombs, followed by a run by one plane which dropped 4 bombs in the sea.
- (2) W. New Georgia Is. - Between 1948 and 2133/8, approximately 18 enemy aircraft were over Munda but only two dropped bombs. Again at 0336-0423/9, 4 enemy planes were over the area and dropped bombs on Ondongo Is. (western side Diamond Narrows) and at Bairoko Harbour. No damage was caused in either raid.
- (3) S.E. Vella Lavella - Probably between 2030 and 2100/8 enemy aircraft, in unknown strength but believed medium bombers, dropped 4 strings of 6 bombs in the Barakema Airfield area followed by more bombs in the same area shortly afterwards. No damage or casualties were suffered in either raid.



(4) St. Georges Chanel-Buka Area - At 1038/10, a Beaufort reported a four-ship convoy described as 3 small to medium freighters with one patrol craft 60 miles W.N.W. of Buka Passage on course 100° speed 10-12 knots.

At 1440/10, a Liberator attacked probably the same four-ship convoy now described as 2 medium freighters, 1 small freighter, 1 small gunboat 20 miles S.W. of Buka Passage (or 50 miles S.E. of the earlier sighting) on course 90°. Bombs dropped scored a near miss on 1 ship and photos show a freighter of approx. 6,000 tons apparently on fire.

X (5) Rabaul - Photos 1130/10 show little change from the previous day thus:-

Shipping: (figures in first parenthesis indicate interpretation of photos 9 Oct. and in second parenthesis 6 Oct.)

-	-	(2)	Heavy Cruiser "MOGAMI" Class
1	(1)	(1)	Light Cruiser "JINTSU" Class
10	(7)	(10)	Destroyers
1	(1)	(1)	Destroyer Tender (YAMABIKO Maru Class)
5	(5)	(6)	Submarines
1	(1)	(1)	Sub-tender (CHOGETI MARU Class)
-	-	(1)	Seaplane tender (KAMIKAWA MARU Class)
2	(3)	(5)	Minesweepers or Sub-chasers
20	(20)	(27)	Merchant Vessels totalling 110,000 tons including 2 Tankers (9 Oct. 99,000 tons including 2 tankers) (6 Oct. 140,000 tons including 2 large tankers and 2 small auxiliary oilers, also including 1 AMC/XCL 1 XAS and 1 APV).

40	38	58
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Air craft: Coverage of Lakunai (75% - 19 F, 16 L/B, 1 M/B) Rapopo (75% - 10 F, 12 L/B, 40 B) and Tobera (80% - 8 F, 21 L/B, 1 M/B) shows a total of 128 aircraft including 37 F, 49 L/B 42 M/B. This excludes Yunakanau where coverage 9 Oct. showed 15 F, and 33 M/B and indicates little change from the full coverage on 1 Oct. when 194 aircraft were present including 59 F, 39 L/B, 96 M/B. 14 Floatplanes and 1 Flying boat are shown in the harbour in photos 10 Oct., but no aircraft are yet visible on Keravat field. Constructional activity, particularly surfacing of the runway and dispersal areas, is continuing at Tobera.

(6) Cape Orford - At 0335/10, a surfaced and stationary enemy submarine was sighted by a Catalina 25 miles S. of Cape Orford.

(7) Lolobau Is. (off Ubili) - Apparently two strikes, probably by Beaufighters, were made on barges at Lolobau Is. 9 Oct. although no actual reports have yet been received. Photos of the missions show at least 6, probably 7 and possibly more barges destroyed at Lolobau Island. Dense black smoke indicates that the barges were laden with fuel.

(8) Gasmata - Photos 9 Oct. show that 2,400 ft. of the strip has been surfaced and craters filled in. There are signs of much recent use of the road from Gasmata to Ring Ring. It is believed that a float-plane base has been established at Ring Ring or Lindenhaven.

(9) Cape Gloucester - 75% photographic coverage 1215/10 Oct. showed no aircraft on either strip and only No. 2 strip is serviceable.

(10) Dampier Strait - Further details of the report of an enemy destroyer north of Sakar Is. 0215/9 (refer Summary 520) show that 2 possible destroyers ambushed 2 of our PT boats in the vicinity of Sag Sag (12 miles S.S.W. of Cape Gloucester) at 0220/8 (not 9 Oct.) but the PT boats escaped with slight damage. They report indication of considerable shipping at Sag Sag, possibly barges or small craft.

(11) Wakde Is. (295 miles W.N.W. of Wewak) - Photos 0955/10 show 13 medium bombers in dispersal areas, also 1 freighter of 2,500 tons off-shore, although the pilot's visual report stated 2 possible sea trucks. The photos show the entire island to be well developed and active.



(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
(CL) "TJERK HIDDIES" "VAN GALEN" (DD)  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
"ATREUS" (CM) "WEIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR)  
"FELIAS" (AS) "CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B.  
PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" YP.286"  
Esomouth Gulf - War ships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/11:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy PG.72 (6 MV) for Newcastle and Sydney were to depart Brisbane 1200/9 ETA Sydney 2350/11.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" "ML.801" "ML.806" "ML.822" escorting Convoy GP.73 (6 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/9 en route Brisbane. "ML.822" detaches at Coffs Harbour ETA Caloundra 1101/12.
- (3) "DELOIRINE" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy OC.132 (11 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA 1400/12.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy CO.133 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0712/9 for Melbourne.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE" en route Noumea was to depart Sydney 0800/9. "WILCANNIA" to return Sydney after arrival position 30°30'S 159°E.
- (6) "ML.821" continuing hunt for enemy submarine reported to be in vicinity of Port Macquarie.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "ALGORAB" (AKA) "TULSA" (PG)  
"KANIMBLA" (APA)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND"  
(CL) "VENDETTA" "RENSHAW" "STERRET" (DD)  
"BENDIGO" "MILDURA" (AMS) "KYBRA" "YANDRA"  
(A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.813"  
"ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (AKA)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" "ARUNTA" (DD)  
"TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK"  
(AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("LERROLI" "F.G.ROWLANDS" "T.B.STEINMETZ") are to depart Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "ALGORAB" is to depart Port Stephens early a.m. 12th Oct. en route Brisbane. ETA a.m. October 15th.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Central Solomons - Preliminary interrogations from survivors of the destroyer "YUGUMO" (ASASHIO Class - 1,500 tons - 1942) which was sunk during the action off N.W. Vella Lavella on the night 6 Oct. indicates that 6 to 9 destroyers participated. Three ships were serving as the transportation unit for the evacuation of Vella Lavella and some carried barges.

The prisoners disclaim any knowledge that other ships were sunk and insist that there was no light cruiser present.

It is interesting to note that Tokyo radio has announced the evacuation of Kolombangara and Vella Lavella "almost without enemy interference".

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA SOUTH DAKOTA MARYLAND COLORADO	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO (Poss MUTSU (Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>		SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>		-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON COPAFEE		OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI	TAKAO MAYA MYOKO HAGURO TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CA(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>DD</u>	-	-	-	2
	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUFFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx. 40	5-10	25-30

\* Non-effective.

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) On patrol GATO ) PETO ) SILVERSIDES )		20	20
	ALBACORE ) BLACKFISH ) COD ) At Brisbane. DRUM ) MARWHALE ) SCAMP ) S.31. )			
	CREVALLE ) CAPELIN ) On Passage RATON ) K.9 at Sydney.			
<u>CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD	-	NOTORO
<u>KAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALBORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 21 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters (Incl. 15 twin-eng.)	208
Light & M/Bombers	248
S/E Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn.A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

11 October 1943.

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

ALABAMA  
INDIANA  
# CALIFORNIA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
# NEW MEXICO  
# IDAHO  
WEST VIRGINIA

ISE ) One unit being  
HYUGA ) modernised.

GV

ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS

GV(T)

-

HOSHO

GV(L)

INDEPENDENCE  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

X

HITAKA  
RYUHO  
HAYATAKA

GV(E)

SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
LONG ISLAND  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA

# CHUYO  
UNYO  
CHITOSE

GA

NEW ORLEANS  
PENSACOLA  
# INDIANAPOLIS  
# SALT LAKE CITY  
# MINNEAPOLIS  
# ST. LOUIS  
# WICHITA

# AOBA  
# KUMANO  
ATAGO

OCA

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CL

MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
# HONOLULO  
# NASHVILLE  
# RICHMOND  
# RALEIGH  
# DETROIT

TATSUTA  
# KINU  
# YUBARI  
# NATORI

XCL

AV/CVS

-

4  
# CHIYODA (Under conversion  
to AV)

XAV/XCVS

-

2

DD

Approx. 35

30-35 (approx. 8 repairing)

SS

Approx. 50

Approx. 30

AS

?

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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB

TENNESSEE

-

GA

LOUISVILLE  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PORTLAND

NACHI

CL

-

TAMA  
KISO  
ABUKUMA

XCL

-

2

XAV/XCVS

-

1

AV/CVS

-

AKITSUSHIMA

DD

22

5

SS

10

Approx. 4

AS

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# Non effective

1

EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♯ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHI
<u>XOL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx. 27	10
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPON PUFFER RASHER TUNA	} On Patrol	
	K.12 BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWFIN		} At Fremantle
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. area only)</u>			
	Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113	
	Light or M/Bombers	103	
	SE/Bombers	12	
	Flying Boats	12	
	Loatplanes	56	
	transport & Obsn. A/C	44	

♯ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain

≠ Non effective.



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

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

No. 622

Date: 12th October 1943

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

- X (1) "AUSTRALIA" was to depart Palm Is. a.m. 12 Oct. en route Cid Harbour. ETA 13 Oct. "BAGLEY" joins "AUSTRALIA" at Cid Harbour and both vessels depart for Palm Is. a.m. 15 Oct. carrying out exercises on passage.
- X (2) "BAGLEY" was to depart Brisbane 1300/11 for Palm Is. and Cid Harbour. ETA Palm Is. 1900/12.
- (3) "YMS.335" escorting "Y.15" departed Port Moresby 12 Oct. en route Buna. ETA Buna 15 Oct.
- (4) "SC.736" departed Milne Bay 0400/12 en route Brisbane.
- (5) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.33 ("LUXOR" "KARSIK" "JANSENS") departed Milne Bay 1330/10 en route Townsville. ETA 1830/13.
- (6) "BUNBURY" escorting Portion A (3 MV) and "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE" and "WAGGA" escorting Portion B (10 MV's and LST.170) of Convoy TN.166 were to depart Fitzroy Island at 1700/11. Portion A ("BRITISH PRINCESS" "ETOLIN" "CANBERRA") proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/14. Portion B ("PRESIDENT JOHNSON" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAN SWOLL" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG" "H.V. ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "JOHN JACOB" "CAPE SANDY" "PULCANBAR") proceeds Milne Bay. ETA 1200/14.
- X (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "PIRIE" and "HELM" escorting Convoy TN.167 (3 MV. ex PV.3 - "DONALD" "MCLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") were to depart Townsville 1900/12 en route Milne Bay. ETA 1200/15. "PIRIE" is to R.V. with convoy at 1000/13 off Fitzroy Is. Light.
- (8) "STAWELL" "SC.650" and "SC.741" escorting Convoy LQ.19 (4 MV) were to depart Gladstone 2200/11 en route Caloundra. ETA 0645/13.
- (9) "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "PC.1123" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy QL.20 (8 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/12. "USS. TRINITY" to proceed independently to Townsville after convoy arrives Eustard Head. "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "PC.1123" and "PC.1124" detailed as escorts for LQ.20.
- (10) "PC.477" escorting Convoy MT.58 departed Port Moresby 1830/10 en route Cairns and Townsville. "BAN HONG LIONG" and PC.477 ETA Cairns 0100/13. "OZARK" and "WICHITA FALLS" ETA Townsville 1600/13.
- (11) "SWAN" and "KATOOMBA" departed Milne Bay 2030/10 en route Townsville ETA 1500/12.
- (12) "MIZAR" departed Brisbane 2311/9 for Milne Bay ETA 0800/13.
- (13) "YP.291" en route Thursday Is. from Cairns. ETA 1700/13.
- (14) "GEELONG" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" was to depart Caloundra 0600/12. "PRESIDENT GRANT" en route San Francisco. "GEELONG" escorts until 1930/12 and then returns Brisbane.
- (15) "KOOPA" with ML's 819 and 816 in tow departed Brisbane 1000/12 en route Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.

- (16) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney EPA p.m. 13 October.  
 (17) 6 Submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

- Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. -  
 Merchant Vessels: "JOHN W. MACKAY" "G.S. BOOTWELL"  
 Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - Y.14" "SC.637" "SC.744" "PC.479"  
 "YMS.51" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "WILL E. POINT"  
 "JAMES M. GOODHUE" "ANHUI" "HAWYANG" "J. STIRLING  
 MORTON"  
 Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "JULIEN  
 DUBUQUE" "J. ALDEN" "NANCY HAWKS" "JOHN ROSS"  
 "JOSEPH LAKE" "TANBAR" "EDNA" "BOOTH" "CHAS. WYNDHAM"  
 "J. WHITTAKER"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.11" "SC.745" "SC.749"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "WUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAWSON" "REID" "DRAYTON (DD)" "SANDS"  
 "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "BENALLA" (AMS) SC.648  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.732 SC.734 SC.738  
 SC.743 SC.746 SC.747 SC.750 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.49  
 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.280 ML.424  
 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,9,15,16,17,18,20,21  
 36 PT's "Y.13" "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)  
 "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (XDG) "RESERVE"  
 (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "TAROONA"  
 "HOWARD STANSBURY" "NATHANIEL CURRIE" "JAMES J.  
 KELLY" "WEST CUSSETTA" "S. TURMAN" "NORMA CLARK"  
 "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "JOHN H.  
 ROSEITER" "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "JANSSENS" "JAMES  
 W. GRIMES" "GEO. H. FLANDERS" "WM. CHANNING"  
 "ANDREW D. WHITE" "KARSIK" "HENRY SIBLEY" "DUNTROON"  
 "BONTEKOE" "B.F. SHAW"  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804 Y.15 YMS.335 SC.737 SC.982  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "STEPHEN CRANE" "S.K.  
 BARLOW" "SKAGERAK" "MERNOO" "MANGOLA" "WILLIAM  
 HUME"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOJEN" "PIRIE" "COLAC" (AMS)  
 PC.1119 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 YP.291 ML.426  
 ML.428 ML.805 1 PT SC.748 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "MERKUR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH) "LST.171"  
 "HERON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" (AG) "SHIKELLANY" (AO)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS)  
 Mackay - Warships & Aux. - "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
 Ghistone - Warships & Aux. - "APC.19"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
 "LITHGOW" "SC.735" PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122 YP.233  
 ML.429 ML.801 ML.806 ML.818 APC's 8,10,11,14  
 YMS.334 YP.236 YP.283 LST.22 LST.26 LST.68 LST.471  
 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANURDA" (AH)  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "COUGAL" (ASR)  
 "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials Etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MERKUR" is to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Gizo Is. - Local sources report 11 Oct. that Gizo Anchorage is  
 clear of enemy.  
 (2) Choiseul - During 9 Oct. barge concentrations along S.W. coast  
 and others in the vicinity of Choiseul Bay were strafed by  
 fighter and Mitchell sweeps.

- (3) Buin Base - At 1000/9 shore installations on Poporang Is. (off S.E. coast Shortland Is.) were effectively strafed by 8 Airacobras escorted by 16 Corsairs.

Photos of the airfields 1110-1125/10 show a maximum of 15 aircraft but these are inconclusive as an undetermined number were airborne at the time.

Coverage of the anchorages at Kahili, Ballale and Tonolei Hr. at the same time show 1 freighter, 1 oiler, 34 barges and small craft indicating a fair comparative reduction both in the small freighter and small craft classes.

- (4) St. Georges Channel - At 0910/11, a reconnaissance Beaufort reported a seven-ship convoy described as all sea trucks, one large and the rest small, 50 miles S.E. of Cape St. George on course 270°. Two floatplanes were over the convoy and ineffectively attempted interception. The largest ship was bombed and strafed and one direct hit plus one near miss were scored. The vessel was left listing 50° and smoking. Four Beauforts were despatched to strike the shipping and at 1215/11 torpedo and bomb attacks were made. The convoy was then at the southern entrance to St. Georges Channel heading north, and was reported to comprise 3 small to medium freighters, 1 small sea truck and 1 small unidentified ship. The attacks were unsuccessful.
- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1400/11 a hospital ship was seen 24 miles W. by N. of Mussau Island, course 360°.
- (6) Rabaul - Photographs 0915/11 show the greatest number of land-based aircraft ever photographed at one time on Rabaul Airfields and probably represents the <sup>maximum</sup> concentration of aircraft yet assembled at Rabaul. 273 planes are visible thus:-

Lakunai	68 F.	19 L/B.	10 M/B.
Vunakanau (90%)	16 F.	2 L/B.	37 M/B.
Rapopo (90%)	14 F.	20 L/B.	36 M/B.
Tobera	47 F.	3 L/B.	1 M/B.
Keravat	<u>Nil</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Total 273 A/c where-

of 145 F. 44 L/B. 84 M/B.

At Keravat activity appears normal and the runway is serviceable.

Coverage of the harbour 0915/11 shows little change in shipping present:-

1 Light Cruiser "SENDAI" Class  
 10 Destroyers  
 1 Destroyer Tender (YAMABIKO Maru Class)  
 6 Submarines (3-I Class and 3 - RO 100 Class)  
 1 Sub-Tender (CHOGEI Class)  
 3 Sub-Chasers  
 1 Minesweeper  
 1 Seaplane Tender (KAMIKAWA Maru Class)  
 2 Tankers (one SHIRETOKO Class and 1 GENYO Maru Class)  
 20 Merchant Vessels totalling a little over 100,000 tons including 1 GOSKU MARU Class (APV)

46 Total

The only differences from the previous day are the identification of the seaplane tender which was probably included in merchant vessels in 10 Oct. photos., an additional 3 sub-chasers or minesweepers and the apparent increase of 2 or 3 merchant ships although the total tonnage is only increased by about 10,000 tons.

Further examination of photos of 10 Oct. reveal the absence of two notable ships - AIKOKU MARU Class and HEIAN MARU Class. A ship of each of this class was present 6 Oct.

- (7) Alexishafen - Photos 1100/11 show aircraft on both Nos. 1 and 2 Strips detailed:-

5 Fighters and 5 Light Bombers

4 Luggers are shown in the vicinity.

- (8) Wewak - 12 Enemy bombers and 32 fighters were encountered at 1050/11 off Richthofen Pt. (12 miles E.S.E. of Wewak) by 4 Thunderbolts on a fighter sweep. 7 of the enemy fighters were shot down plus another 2 probably. In addition, another fighter was shot down off Wewak. All our planes returned.
- (9) Ramu Valley - Our patrols are active in this area and report that the enemy is apparently preparing positions in the hilly country north of Dumpu.
- (10) Satelberg - At 1145-1220/10, enemy positions near Satelberg were attacked by 11 Vengeance and 9 Bostons in support of our ground troops.
- (11) Lae - Three light raids were conducted on Lae mainly in the vicinity of Heaths Plantation at 2100/10, 2240/10 and 0115/11 by 3, 1 and 1 enemy planes respectively. Slight casualties resulted but damage was negligible.
- (12) Kiriwina - An enemy submarine was reported at 1800/11 off N.W. Kiriwina Is.
- (13) Coral Sea - At 2230/10, a possible submarine was sighted approx. 75 miles N.E. of Cairns. The report is graded B.3.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Melville Bay 1200/10 en route Darwin. ETA 1300/12.
- (2) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" departed Darwin 0830/10 en route Thursday Is. ETA 0931/13.
- (3) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" dep. Thursday Is. 1000/10 en route Darwin. ETA 1930/13.
- (4) 10 Submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ULOOLOO"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Kai Islands - Langgoer Airfield Area was attacked by 4 Hudsons at 2120-2140/10.
- (2) Ambon - At 2220-2355/10 Ambon waterfront was attacked by 4 Catalinas causing explosions and starting fires. 2 probable night fighters were seen in the area and another taking off Laha.
- (3) Timor - After dark 11 Oct. Cape Chater and Lautem were attacked by 4 Hudsons.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

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#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALLEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"HIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.286"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/12:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("LERROLI" "F.G.ROWLANDS" "T.B. STEINMETZ") departed Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville. ETA 18th October. "KANIMBLA"
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" and "ALGORAB" departed Port Stephens 0700/12 en route Brisbane. ETA a.m. 15 October.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" ABRAHAM CRIGNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.73 (2 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/12 en route Sydney.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy CO.133 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0712/9 for Melbourne.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE" en route Noumea was to depart Sydney 0800/9. "WILCANNIA" to return Sydney after arrival position 30°30' S. 159°E.
- (6) "KAPUNDA" dep. Townsville 1814/9 en route Sydney. ETA 1200/13.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens	- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "GLENELG" "DELORAIN" "ECHUCA" "KALGOORLIE" "RENSHAW" "STERRET" (DD) "BENDIGO" "MILDURA" (AMS) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.813" "ML.821" "ML.430" "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
	(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)
(Refitting)	- "NIZAM" (DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)
Western Port	- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(c) Proposed Movements:

Nil

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea Areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
 (Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks  
 Solomons

Carolines  
 Marshalls

BB

WASHINGTON  
 MASSACHUSETTS  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 SOUTH DAKOTA  
 MARYLAND  
 COLORADO

YAMATO  
 MUSASHI  
 NAGATO (Poss  
 MITSU (Empire  
 KONGO  
 HARUNA  
 FUSO  
 YAMASHIRO

CV

SARATOGA

ZUIKAKU  
 SHOKAKU

CV(L)

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ZUIHO

CV(E)

PRINCE WILLIAM  
 BRETON  
 COPAHSE

OTAKA

CA

AUSTRALIA  
 SHROPSHIRE

CHOKAI

TAKAO  
 MAYA  
 MYOKO  
 HAGURO  
 TONE  
 CHIKUMA  
 HOGAMI  
 SUZUYA

CL

\* HOBART  
 TROMP  
 \* CLEVELAND

\* LEANDER  
 COLUMBIA  
 MONTPELLIER  
 DENVER  
 SAN DIEGO  
 SAN JUAN

SENDAI

NOSHIRO  
 OYODO  
 AGANO  
 NAKA  
 ISUZU  
 NAGARA

CL(T)

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KASHIMA  
 KATORI

xcL  
~~xcL~~ DD

ARUNTA  
 WARRAMUNGA  
 STUART  
 VENDETTA

Approx. 40

5-10

25-30

\* NIZAM  
 BAGLEY  
 HELM  
 MUGFORD  
 CONYNGHAM  
 DRAYTON  
 FLUSSER  
 LAMSON  
 MAHAN  
 PERKINS  
 REID  
 RENSHAW  
 SMITH  
 STERRETT  
 \* LE TRIOMPHANT

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks  
Solomons

Carolines  
Marshalls

<u>SS</u>	BALAO GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO FETO SILVERSIDES	) ) ) ) ) )	On patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE BLACKFISH COD CREVALLE DRUM MARWHAL SCAMP S.31.	) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	At Brisbane		
	CAPELIN RATON K.9 at Sydney	) ) )	On Passage		
<u>CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BAILARD	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx. 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALBORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS			1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE			1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	208
Light and M/Bombers	247
S/E Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

C CONCORD  
 TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

BB ALABAMA  
INDIANA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO  
WEST VIRGINIA

CV ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS

CV (T) -

CV (L) INDEPENDENCE  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

CV (E) SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
LONG ISLAND  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA

CA NEW ORLEANS  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* WICHITA

OCA -

CL MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* NASHVILLE  
\* RICHMOND  
\* RALEIGH  
\* DETROIT

XCL -  
AV/CVS ?

XAV/XCVS -  
DD Approx. 35  
SS Approx. 50  
AS ?

ENEMY FORCES

ISE ) One unit being  
HYUGA) modernised.

HOSHO

HITAKA  
HAYATAKA  
~~RYUNO~~

\* CHUYO  
UNYO  
~~CHITOSE~~

\* AOBA  
\* KUMANO  
ATAGO

6

TATSUTA  
\* KINU  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI

4  
\* CHIYODA (Under conversion  
to ACV)

2  
30-35 (approx. 8 repairing)  
Approx. 30  
1

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB TENNESSEE  
CA LOUISVILLE  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PORTLAND

NACHI

TAMA  
KISO  
ABUKUMA

XCL -  
XAV/XCVS -  
AV/CVS -  
DD 22  
SS 10  
AS -

2  
1  
AKITSUSHIMA  
5  
Approx. 4  
1

\* Non-effective



EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CWL</u>	-	-	RYUHO ) En route from CHITOSE ) Empire Japan
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	ASHIGARA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN DANAE GARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARPAGE CHITRAL RAN PURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	A. BATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDIES	Approx. 27	10
<u>SS</u>	GABRILLA CISCO KINGFISH POMPOM PUFFER RASHER TUNA BONEFISH K.12 BILLFISH BLUEFISH BOWPIN	On Patrol       At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	PELLIAS	?	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light or M/Bombers	102
S/E Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Patplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

⚡ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain

⚡ Non-effective

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

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

No. 623 Date: 13th October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" was to depart Palm Is. a.m. 12 Oct. en route Cid Harbour ETA 13 Oct. "BAGLEY" joins "AUSTRALIA" at Cid Harbour and both vessels depart for Palm Is. a.m. 15 Oct. carrying out exercises on passage.
- (2) "SC.736" escorting "JULIEN DUBUQUE" dep. Milne Bay 0430/12 en route Townsville. ETA 0430/15. "SC.736" to proceed to Cairns on arrival Townsville.
- (3) "YMS.335" escorting "Y.15" departed Port Moresby 12 Oct. en route Buna. ETA Buna 1630/14.
- (4) "ML.804" escorting "MERNCO" dep. Port Moresby 0730/12 for cable laying operations of Hall Sound, thence to Thursday Island. ETA approx 17 Oct.
- (5) "SC.737" and "SC.982" escorting "S.K.BARLOW" departed Port Moresby 0823/12 en route Brisbane.
- (6) "WARREGO" escorting Convoy FT.33 ("LUXOR" "KARSIK" "JANSSENS") departed Milne Bay 1330/10 en route Townsville ETA 1830/13.
- (7) "BUNBURY" escorting Portion A (3 MV) and "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE" and "WAGGA" escorting Portion B (10 MV's and LST.170) of Convoy TN.166 were to depart Fitzroy Island at 1700/11. Portion A ("BRITISH PRINCESS" "ETOLIN" "CANBERRA") with SC.737 proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/14. Portion B ("PRESIDENT JOHNSON" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAN SWOLL" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG" "H.V.ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "JOHN JACOB" "CAPE SANDY" "PULCANBAR") proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1200/14.
- (8) "WARRAMUNGA" "PIRIE" and "HELM" escorting Convoy TN.167 (3 MV. ex PV.3 - "DONALD McLEAY" "JAMES S.HOGG" "WILLIAM BRAUMONT") were to depart Townsville 1900/12 en route Milne Bay. ETA 1200/15. "PIRIE" is to RV with convoy at 1000/13 off Fitzroy Is. Light.
- (9) "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "PC.1123" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy QL.20 (8 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/12. "USS.TRINITY" and "PC.1124" to proceed independently to Townsville after convoy arrives Bustard Head ETA Townsville 1800/15. "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" and "PC.1123" detailed as escorts for LQ.20.
- (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" dep. Darwin 0830/10 en route Thursday Is. ETA 0931/13.
- (11) "YP.291" en route Thursday Is. from Cairns. ETA 1700/13.
- (12) "GEELONG" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" was to depart Caloundra 0600/12. "PRESIDENT GRANT" en route San Francisco.
- (13) "BUNGAREE" en route Townsville to Sydney ETAp.m. 13 Oct.
- (14) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - SC.732  
Merchant Vessels: "G.S.BOOTWELL"  
Morobe - Warships & Aux. - ML.427

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" "SC. 637" "YMS. 51" "ML. 425" "HILO" (PG)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M. GOODHUE"  
 "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J. STIRLING" "MORTON" "EDNA"

Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON" "J. ALDEN"  
 "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN ROSS" "VAN OUTHORN"  
 "JOSEPH LANE" "TAMBAR" "CHAS. WHYNDHAM"  
 "J. WHITTAKER"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 745" "SC. 749" "JOHN W. MACKAY"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC. 5" "APC. 22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAWSON" "REID" "DRAYTON"  
 (DL) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HYMPHREYS" (APD) SC. 648  
 SC. 698 SC. 699 SC. 703 SC. 731 SC. 734 SC. 738  
 SC. 742 SC. 743 SC. 744 SC. 746 SC. 747 SC. 750  
 SC. 981 SC. 982 YMS. 49 YMS. 11 Y. 14 YMS. 50  
 YMS. 52 YMS. 70 YMS. 71 YMS. 72 YP. 278 YP. 280  
 ML. 424 ML. 805 PC. 479 PC. 1121 APC's 2, 6,  
 7, 8, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21 36 PT's "Y. 13"  
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS"  
 (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE"  
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (XDG) "RESERVE"  
 (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MIZAR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "HOWARD STANSBURY" "JAMES J. KELLY" "J. TURMAN" "TARCOONA" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMA CLARK" "JAMES D. McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY" "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "JAMES W. GRIMES" "GEO. H. FLANDERS" "WM. CHANNING" "ANDREW D. WHITE" "HENRY SIBLEY" "BONTEKOE" "B. F. SHAW" "BOTH" "WILL H. POINT"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS. 2" Y. 15 YMS. 335 SC. 982  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "MANGOLA" "FREDENS"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "PIRIE" "COLAC" (AMS)  
 PC. 477 YMS. 46 YMS. 47 YMS. 48 YMS. 53  
 ML. 426 ML. 428 SC. 748 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 "PORTJUNUS" (AGP)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "KATCOMBA" (AMS) "MERKUR" (AF) "TASMAN" (AH) LST. 201 "HERON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" (AO) "SEIKELLAMY" (AO) "POLIUX" (AKS)

Mackay - Warships & Aux. -  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. -  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "GILMER" (APD) "STAVELL" "LITBON" (AMS) SC. 735 SC. 736  
 SC. 650 SC. 741 PC. 1120 YP. 233 ML. 429  
 ML. 801 ML. 806 ML. 818 APC's 8, 10, 11, 14  
 YMS. 334 YP. 238 YP. 283 LST. 22 LST. 26  
 LST. 28 LST. 471 "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (SURVEY VESSEL)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "MERKUR" is to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" escorting "CANBERRA" and "FREDENS" to Townsville and "MANGOLA" to Cairns is to depart Port Moresby 15 Oct.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - At 0150/11, two Japanese aircraft made a torpedo attack on shipping off Koli Pt. (see Naval Incidents).

- (2) N.E. Vella Lavella - During the early evening 10 Oct. enemy aircraft bombed our patrol craft operating north of Dovelé C ve slightly damaging one patrol craft and causing a few casualties.
- (3) N.W. Vella Lavella - Conservative estimates place the figure of Japs killed on N.W. Vella Lavella at 200. It is recalled that approximately 500 Japanese were estimated to be in the Marquana Bay area shortly before the final elimination, having concentrated in the Umomo Is-Timbala Bay-Marquana Bay area by 27 September from other areas in the N. and N.E. Vella Lavella. A party of approx. 50 were thought to have escaped by barge during the night 2-3 October and more on 5-6 October. Although there was no evidence that the evacuation mission by destroyers 6-7 October was successful it would appear likely that some measure of success was obtained as the remaining elements were eliminated by 9 Oct.
- (4) Choiseul - Barge activity along the S.W. coast continued 11-12 October, and reliable sources report 12 October that there are some 2000 Japanese spread out along the coast between Samb  Head and Choiseul Bay.
- (5) Buin Base - At 1120/10 Kahili airfield and gun positions in the area were successfully attacked by 24 Liberators, 18 Dauntless, 12 Avengers escorted by 77 fighters, including Lightnings, Corsairs, Airbobras and Kittyhawks. The airfield was heavily damaged and many fires were started along both sides of the runway. Interception after the bombing run was effected by 23 enemy fighters and 16 of them were shot down: another crashed while taking off. One Liberator was lost: another Liberator and one Avenger made forced landings.  
P.M. 10 October 11 Lightnings over Oema Island (Bougainville Strait) encountered 10 Zeros and destroyed 6 of them; one Lightning crashed.  
Photos 0945/11 show 22 fighters and one dive bomber on Kahili airfield; nil at Kara; Ballale not covered. At the same time photos show one small cargo vessel, two probable oilers, 21 small craft and 90 barges in coverage of all the main anchorages. The increase in the number of barges suggests the likelihood of some local transportation operation.
- (6) Buka - Photos 1055/11 show 14 fighters, 6 medium bombers and 15 dive bombers on the airfield, also one 300 ft. freighter, one auxiliary and eighteen barges in Matchin Bay.
- (7) St. George's Channel - Buka - At 0250/13 aircraft report five ships 30 miles W. of northern Buka Island course 90 degrees
- (8) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 0311/13 aircraft report two destroyers, two transports approximately 70 miles N.W. Rabaul on an easterly course.
- (9) Rabaul - Rabaul Harbour and airdromes were subjected to a heavy strike a.m. 12 October by medium and heavy bombers but details are not yet available.
- (10) Cape Gloucester - Photographs 0930/12 show no aircraft present and only No. 2 runway serviceable.  
Shortly before midnight 12-13 October a freighter, described as 8000 tons and on a reef 3 miles N.N.E. Cape Gloucester was attacked and hit by bombs from a Catalina. It is recalled that an enemy destroyer was left gutted on a reef in approximately this same position on 28 July, 1943.
- (11) Witu Island:- At 1345/12 a sea truck apparently aground off S.E. Garove Island was attacked by a Fortress without effect.
- (12) Dobodura - Probably three enemy aircraft ineffectively raided Dobodura 2345/11.
- (13) Kiriwina - One enemy aircraft approached Kiriwina from the north at 0325/12 but apparently dropped no bombs.
- 9(14) Port Moresby - A possible submarine sighting was reported by aircraft at 1745/12 approximately two miles south of the Moresby wreck.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDJLA" dep. Thursday Is. 1000/10 en route Darwin. ETA 1930/13.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) N.W. New Guinea - Manokwari and Bira (Northern shore entrance Macclaur Gulf) and Fak Fak were attacked midday 11 October by three Liberators. The following shipping observations were reported:-

Manokwari (Photos): 1 250 ton sea truck, 10 barges,  
2 launches.

Geelvink Bay : 3 small ships proceeding  
independently S.E. south of Japan  
Island.

Fak Fak (Photos) : 1 250 ton sea truck, 7 barges.

- (2) Kai Islands - At approximately 1448/11 one motor launch and one probable freighter (2-4000 tons) were sighted by aircraft N. to N.W. of the Kai Group proceeding towards the islands.
- (3) Arafura Sea - Early p.m. 12 October a probably enemy recce plane was located in the Cape Wessel area.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

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(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK"  
(CL) "TJERK HIBDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD)  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY)  
"ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR)  
"PELIAS" (AS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD) SC.739  
YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR).

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4. EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/13:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 "J.CARROLL" "F.C.NEWLANDS" "C.E.STEINMETZ" departed Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville. ETA 18 October.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "MAEOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMELA" and "ALGORAB" departed Port Stephens 0700/12 en route Brisbane. ETA a.m. 15 October. PC.1122 and PC.476 to meet convoy at 1430/13 and escort to Brisbane.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.73 (3 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/12 en route Sydney ETA 1900/14.

- (4) "DELORAINÉ" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy G.P.74 were to depart Sydney 0800/13 en route Brisbane.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" and "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy OC.133 (5 MV) dep. Melbourne 0124/12 en route Sydney and Newcastle. ETA Newcastle 1600/15.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" and "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.134 (8 MV) departed Sydney 0800/13 en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens	- Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)
Sydney	- Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL) "ROCKHAMPTON" "MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "RENSHAW" "STERRET" (DD) "KYBRA" "YANDRA" (A/S Vessels) ML.817 ML.818 ML.813 ML.821 ML.430 "GOLDSTAR" (AG)
(Repairing, Refitting)	- "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)
Melbourne	- Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)
(Refitting)	- "NIZAM"(DD) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)
Western Port	- Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Enemy Forces

- (1) New Caledonia - At 1500/12 a submarine was contacted 25 miles W.S.W. Noumea.
- (2) Santa Cruz - At 0800/12 a submarine was sighted by aircraft 170 miles E. of Vanikoro.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Guadalcanal - At 0150/11 shipping off Koli Point was attacked with torpedoes by two enemy aircraft. "JOHN COUCH" and "GEORGE HIMES" (both Liberty ships 7,000 tons) were hit, the former later reported settling.  
Another torpedo missed HMNZS "TUI".

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Southwest Pacific  
(Eastern Section)

South Pacific

Bismarcks  
Solomons

Carolines  
Marshalls

<u>BB</u>	-	X ALABAMA X TENNESSEE WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI MAGATO (Poss MUTSU (Empire KONGO HARUNA PUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>		SARATOGA	-	SEIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>		-	-	ZUINO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	X CHOKAI X MYOKO X HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CT</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>KCL</u>	-	-	-	2-3
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx. 40	10	25

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO ) GROWLER ) GUAREFISH ) GATO ) PETO ) SILVERSIDES )	On Patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE ) BLACKFISH ) COD ) GREVALLE ) DRUM ) MARVHAL ) SCAMP ) S.31 )	At Brisbane		
	CAPELIN ) RATON ) K.9 at Sydney )	On passage		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BAELARD CHANDELLIER	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx. 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMELA ALBORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS</u>	FULPON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL FLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	223
Light and M/Bombers	247
S/E Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
13 October, 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB INDIANA  
 X COLORADO  
 X MARYLAND  
 X NORTH CAROLINA  
 OKLAHOMA  
 \* CALIFORNIA  
 MISSISSIPPI  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 \* NEW MEXICO  
 \* IDAHO  
 WEST VIRGINIA

ISE ) One unit being  
 HYUGA) modernised.

CV ENTERPRISE  
 ESSEX  
 YORKTOWN  
 LEXINGTON  
 VICTORIOUS  
 X BUNKER HILL

CV(T) -

HOSHO

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE  
 X COWPENS  
 BELLEAU WOOD  
 PRINCETON

HITAKA  
 HAYATAKA

CV(E) SUWANNEE  
 SANGAMON  
 CHENANGO  
 LONG ISLAND  
 BARNES  
 ALTAMANA  
 COPAHEE

\* CHUYO  
 UNYO

CA NEW ORLEANS  
 X SAN FRANCISCO  
 PENSACOLA  
 \* INDIANAPOLIS  
 \* SALT LAKE CITY  
 X \* PORTLAND  
 \* MINNEAPOLIS  
 \* ST. LOUIS  
 X \* LOUISVILLE  
 \* WICHITA  
 X BALTIMORE  
 X BOSTON  
 X CHESTER

\* AQBA  
 \* KUMANO  
 ATAGO

OCA -

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CL MOBILE  
 BIRMINGHAM  
 SANTA FE  
 \* HONOLULU  
 \* NASHVILLE  
 \* RENO  
 \* CONCORD  
 \* OAKLAND

TATSUTA  
 \* KINU  
 \* YUBARI  
 \* NATORI

XCL -  
AV/CVS POGOMOKE

3-4  
 \* CHIYODA (Under conversion  
 to ACV)

XCVS -  
DD Approx. 35  
SS Approx. 50  
AS ?

2  
 30-35 (approx. 8 repairing)  
 Approx. 30  
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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

BB -  
CA LOUISVILLE

-  
 NACHI

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	TAMA KISO ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Apr ox. 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies - Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CV</u>	φ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	X RYUHO (en route X CHITOSE) from Empire Japan
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS PROBISHER MAURITIUS GAMBIA KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAKETOWN DURBAN DANAÉ CARADOC EMERALD	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILD W.B. PRESTON	KAMO I
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	10
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPOM ) PUFFER ) RASHER ) TUNA ) BONFISH ) K.12 ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BOWPIN )	6
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area only)		
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113	
Light or M/Bombers	102	
S/E Bombers	12	
Flying Boats	12	
Floatplanes	56	
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44	

φ No recent intelligence  
Present location uncertain

\* Non-effective

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

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

No. **624**                      Date: **14th October 1943**

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "AUST ALIA" and "BAGLEY" were to depart Cid Harbour 1030/14 en route Cleveland Bay. ETA 1730/14. After refuelling at Cleveland Bay both vessels proceed Milne Bay without delay.
- (2) "SC.736" escorting "JULIEN DUBUQUE" dep. Milne Bay 0430/12 en route Townsville. ETA 0430/15. "SC.736" to proceed to Cairns on arrival Townsville.
- (3) "YMS.335" escorting "Y.15" departed Port Moresby 12 Oct. en route Buna. ETA Buna 1630/14.
- (4) "ML.804" escorting "MERNOC" dep. Port Moresby 0730/12 for cable laying operations off Hall Sound, thence to Thursday Island. ETA approx 17 Oct.
- (5) "SC.737" and "SC.982" escorting "S.K.BARLOW" departed Port Moresby 0823/12 en route Brisbane.
- (6) "BUNBURY" escorting Portion A (3 MV) and "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE" and "WAGGA" escorting Portion B (10 MV's and LST.170) of Convoy TN.166 were to depart Fitzroy Island at 1700/11. Portion A ("BRITISH PRINCESS" "ETOLIN" "CANBERRA") with "SC.737" proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/14. Portion B ("PRESIDENT JOHNSON" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAN SWOLL" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG" "H.V.ALVARADO" "COLARADO" "JOHN JACOB" "CAPE SANDY" "PULGANBAR") proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1430/14.
- (7) "WARRAMUNGA" "PIRIE" and "HELM" escorting Convoy TN.167 (3 MV. ex PV.3 - "DONALD McLEAY" "JAMES S.HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") were to depart Townsville 1900/12 en route Milne Bay. ETA 1200/15. "PIRIE" is to RV with convoy at 1000/13 off Fitzroy Is.Light.
- (8) "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" "PC.1123" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy QL.20 (8 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/12. "USS.TRINITY" and "PC.1124" to proceed independently to Townsville after convoy arrives Bustart Head. ETA Townsville 1800/15. "GOULBURN" "ARARAT" and "PC.1123" detailed as escorts for LQ.20.
- (9) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" and "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (10) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 2359/14 to RV with "METEOR" in position 27°14'S, 155°14'E at 0800/15 and escort her to Brisbane.
- (11) "MERKUR" was to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay.
- (12) 6 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
Buna - Warships & Aux. - "BENAILA" "SC.637"  
"YMS.51" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)  
Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES  
M.GODDEHE" "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG"  
"J.STIRLING" "MORTON" "EDNA"  
Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "THOMAS JEFFERSON"  
"J.ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN ROSS"  
"VAN OUTHCRN" "JOSEPH LANE" "TAMBAR"  
"CHAS.WHYNDHAM" "J.WHITTAKER"  
Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.749"  
"JOHN W. MACKAY"  
Porlock Harbour - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22"  
"VICTORIA" (AO)  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITE" "PERKINS"  
"MAHAN" "MUGFORD" "PEUSSER" "LAWSON"  
"REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"  
"HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698  
SC.699 SC.703 SC.731" SC.734" SC.738  
SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747  
SC.750 SC.981 YMS.49 SC.982 YMS.11  
Y.14 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71  
YMS.72 YP.278 YP.280 YMS.52  
YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.278 YP.280  
ML.424 ML.805 PC.479 PC.1121 APC's  
2,6,7,8,12,15,16,18,20,21 36 PT's  
Y.13 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL"  
(AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
"BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)  
"SPRINGDALE" (XDG) "RESERVE" (AT)  
"DOBBIN" (AD) "MIZAR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT  
OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALGOA"  
"PENNANT" "HOWARD STANBURY" "G.S."  
"BOUTWELL" "JAMES J.KELLY" "S.TURMAN"  
"TAROCNA" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NCRMA CLARK"  
"JAMES D.McPHERSON" "MARCUS DALY"  
"BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "JAMES.W.GRIMES"  
"GEO.H.FLANDERS" "WM.CHANNING" "ANDREW  
D.WHITE" "HENRY SIBLEY" "B.F.SHAW"  
"BOTH" "WILL H.POINT"  
Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.8" Y.15 YMS.335  
Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "MANGOLA"  
"THEDENS"  
Thursday Island - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA"  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "COLAC" (AMS)  
PC.477 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53  
YP.291 ML.426 ML.428 SC.748 "PLAT-  
YPUS" (AR) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "WARREGO"  
"KATCOMBA" (AMS) "TASMAN" (AR) "LST.201"  
LST.457 "HERON" (AVP) "KURUMBA" (AO)  
"SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "PELLUX" (AKS)  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "CONYNGHAM" (DD) "GILMER"  
(APD) "LITEGOW" (AMS) SC.735" SC.736  
SC.660 SC.741 PC.478 PC.1120 PC.1122  
YP.233 ML.429 ML.801 ML.806 ML.818  
APC's 3,10,11,14,13,12 YMS.334 YP.236  
YP.283 LST.22 LST.26 LST.68  
LST.471 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS)  
"MANUNDA" (AH) "TRINITY" (AO) "SAN  
PABLO" (AVP) "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
(Survey Vessel)  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "BUNDABERG" and YMS.8 escorting "THEDENS" to Townsville and "MANGOLA  
AND "CANBERRA" to Cairns are to dep.Port Moresby 15 Oct.

- (2) "PC.477" escorting Portion A (USS. "SHIKELLAMY") and "WARREGO" "SWAN" and "KATOOMBA" escorting Portion B (7 MV., LST.201 and USS. "PORTUNUS") of Convoy TN.168 are to depart Townsville 1800/15 en route Moresby and Milne Bay. Portion A proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/18. Portion B proceeds Milne Bay. ETA 1200/18.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Santa Ysabel - Natives report that Kia area (N.E. Ysabel) was bombed by Jap planes after midnight 10-11 October.
- (2) Buin Base - At 0932/11, Kahili area was raided by 22 Liberators, 18 Avengers, 15 Dauntless covered by 72 fighters including Lightnings, Corsairs, Aircobras and Kittyhawks. Dump and camp areas around the airfield were attacked by heavy bombers and gun positions by the light bombers. Three or four guns were silenced, many fires started and a bridge connecting Kangu with Jakohima was believed destroyed. This was the second strike within 24 hours. 20-25 enemy aircraft attempted interception and 12 were destroyed, all fighters except for 1 dive bombers. Photos approx. 0845/12 show:-

Kahili	19 F.	1 D/B	
Ballale	5 F.		1 M/B
Kara	Nil.		

Total 26 aircraft whereof 24 F, 1 D/B, 1 M/B.

At 1110/12 Kahili was again covered showing 25 fighters only.

At Faisi, eight floatplanes were visible in photos 0900/12. Photographic coverage of the anchorages indicates little change except for an increase of five small freighters making six in total and one sub-chaser.

- (3) Buka - During the night 11-12 October two large cargo vessels in Matchin Bay were attacked by two Mitchells (see Naval Incidents.)

Photos 1045/12 show 11 F, 3 M/B, 6 D/B on Buka Passage airfield and 3 F/P on the beach at Bonis. One cargo vessel (300 ft.) and 31 barges are shown in the Passage-Matchin Bay area.

- (4) St. George's Channel-Buka - Shortly after 0300/13, aircraft reported three submarines all 45-50 miles W. of northern Buka Island: two were on course 60°.

Photos of the freighter attacked 1445/10 20 miles S.W. of Buka Passage (reported in Summary No. 621) show the vessel to be approx. 4000 tons and on fire. The ship was carrying four trucks and 1 MLC on forward deck. The ship was one of a four-ship convoy eastbound.

- X (5) Cape Orford - At 1820/13 a southbound submarine passed Cape Orford. This unit could be proceeding to patrolling station in western Solomon Sea or on a transportation mission to some point on south coast New Britain or in the Finschhafen area, most likely the last.

- (6) Wewak Area - At 1300/12 an enemy reconnaissance plane and five fighters were seen by four Thunderbolts on patrol over Wewak. The reconnaissance plane which was alone 200 yards off shore was shot down.

Photos approximately 1145/13 show:-

Aircraft:

But	2 F.	2 L/B	4 M/B
Wewak (75%)	4 F.	5 L/B	1 M/B
Boram	27 F.	7 L/B	2 M/B
Dagua	4 F.	2 L/B	3 M/B

Total of 63 aircraft whereof 37F, 15 L/B, 10 M/B

Shipping: 15 barges Wewak Harbour.

- (7) Alexishafen - Photos 1025/13 show No. 1 strip 4 fighters, No. 2 strip 2 fighters, 4 L/B, 2 M/B.

- (8) Madang - Photos 1025/13 show no serviceable aircraft on the field although the strip is serviceable.
- (9) Finschhafen Area - During the night 10-11 October our patrol craft shot down a medium bomber off Finschhafen.  
On 12 October six enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed the Song River area.  
The gradual elimination of isolated enemy posts in the Sattelberg area is progressing. In one encounter 1000/13 25 Jap marines were killed when one such post was overcome.
- (10) Ramu Valley - Pressure is being maintained by our forward elements on enemy positions in the hilly country north of Dumpu. A preliminary report indicates that p.m. 13 October enemy positions in this area were attacked by 12 Aircobras plus some Boomerangs supporting our ground forces.
- (11) Morobe - Between 0336-1617/13 four enemy aircraft ineffectively bombed Morobe.
- (12) Port Moresby - The sighting of a possible submarine at 1745/12 two miles S. of the Moresby wreck has now been discounted.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" "PREMANTLE" (AMS)  
ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA" "DUNDULA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Soemba - Early a.m. 13 October a 70 ft. schooner at Waingapoe was strafed by Catalinas.
- (2) Timor - Penfoei airfield area was attacked night 12 October by three Liberators and four Hudsons. A lugger at Koepang was unsuccessfully attacked by another Hudson and the Tenau area was attacked by two more Hudsons. Three probable seatrucks were seen off Tenau and a near miss was scored on one.  
At 0220/13 an 800 ton merchant vessel off Cape Laival on course 240° was attacked by a Catalina. After strafing the vessel was left smoking and heading for shore.
- (3) Dilli Area - At the same time (night 12 October) Dilli area was attacked by four Mitchells.
- (4) Banda Sea - At 1535/13 a 2-4000 ton freighter with an escort vessel was attacked 90 miles N.W. Toel on course 280°. One near miss was scored on the freighter. It is recalled that at 1448/11 a similar sized freighter and a motor launch were seen approaching the Kai Island group from the north.
- (5) Arafura Sea - At 1345/13 a probable enemy reconnaissance plane was located some 60 miles north of Millingimbi.

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## 3. SOUTHWESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEM-  
SKERK" (CL) "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN"  
(DD) "HCRSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL"  
(PY) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOGRWILL" "LARK"  
(AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)  
SC.739 YP.286

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.288  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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4. EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/14:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("J.CARROLL" "F.C.NEWLANDS"  
"C.B.STEINMETZ") departed Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville.  
ETA 18 October.
- (2) "VENDETTA" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "KANIMBLA" and "ALGORAB"  
departed Port Stephens 0700/12 en route Brisbane. ETA a.m.  
15 October. "GEELONG" and "STAWELL" to meet convoy at  
1430/13 and escort to Brisbane.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJSSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.73  
(3 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/12 en route Sydney  
ETA 1900/14.
- (4) "DELORAINNE" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy GP.74 ("CARADALE"  
and LST.463) were to depart Sydney 0800/13 en route  
Brisbane. ETA 1400/15.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" and "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy OC.133  
(5 MV) dep. Melbourne 0124/12 en route Sydney and  
Newcastle. ETA Newcastle 1600/15.
- (6) "KALGOORLIE" "WILCANNIA" and "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.134  
(8 MV) departed Sydney 0800/13 en route Melbourne.  
ETA. 1200/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)  
"CLEVELAND" (CL) "ROCKHAMPTON"  
"MORESBY" "KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "RENSHAW"  
"STERRETT" (DD) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) ML.817 ML.818 ML.813  
ML.821 ML.430 "GOLDSTAR" (AG)  
"BUNGAREE" (CM)

(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA"  
(A/S Vessel)

(Refitting) - "NIZAM" (DD) "BAILARAT" (AMS) "KASE  
MAERSK" (AO)

Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA.

ENEMY FORCES

Noumea - At 1110/13 a submarine was contacted 210 miles E.S.E.  
of Noumea.

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C. INDIAN OCEAN.

ENEMY FORCES

Cocos Island - At 1045-1115/13 an enemy aircraft reconnoitred  
Cocos Island.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS.

Buka - Two Mitchells attacked two large cargo vessels in Matchin Bay during the night 11-12 October from masthead height. Hits were scored on both vessels and both were badly damaged, believed sinking.

Another two small cargo vessels seen in the area were bombed with unobserved results.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST AND SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	ALABAMA TENNESSEE WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO (Poss. MUTSU (Empire) KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAKA ISUZU NAGARA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	2-3
<u>DB</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	25

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	BALAO ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) GATC ) PETC ) SILVERSIDES )	On Patrol	20	20
	ALBACORE ) BLACKFISH ) COD ) GREVILLE ) DRUM ) MARSHAL ) SCAMP ) S.31 ) CAPELIN )	At Brisbane		
	RATON K.9	On Passage At Sydney		
<u>Y/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDE HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	250
Light & M/Bombers	247
S/E Bombers	30
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	16

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB INDIANA  
 COLORADO  
 MARYLAND  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 OKLAHOMA  
 \* CALIFORNIA  
 MISSISSIPPI  
 PENNSYLVANIA  
 \* NEW MEXICO  
 \* IDAHO  
 WEST VIRGINIA

ISE ) One Unit  
 HYUGA ) being modernis-  
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CV ENTERPRISE  
 ESSEX  
 YORKTOWN  
 LEXINGTON  
 VICTORIOUS  
 BUNKER HILL

CV(T) -

HOSHO

CV(L) INDEPENDENCE  
 COFFENS  
 BELLEAU WOOD  
 PRINCETON

HITAKA  
 HAYATAKA

CV(E) SUGANNEE  
 SARGAMON  
 CHERANGO  
 LONG ISLAND  
 BARNES  
 ALTAMAHA  
 COPAHEE

UNYO  
 \* OTAKA

CA NEW ORLEANS  
 SAN FRANCISCO  
 PENSACOLA  
 \* INDIANAPOLIS  
 \* SALT LAKE CITY  
 \* PORTLAND  
 \* MINNEAPOLIS  
 \* ST. LOUIS  
 \* LOUISVILLE  
 \* WICHITA  
 BALTIMORE  
 BOSTON  
 CHESTER

\* AOBA  
 \* KUMANO  
 ATAGO

OCA -

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CL MOBILE  
 BIRMINGHAM  
 SANTA FE  
 \* HONOLULU  
 \* NASHVILLE  
 \* RENO  
 \* CONCORD  
 \* OAKLAND

TATSUTA  
 \* KINU  
 \* YUBARI  
 \* NATORI

XCL -

4-5

AV/CVS POCOMOKE

\* CHIYODA (Under conversion  
 to ACV)

XAV/XCVS -

2

DD Approx 35

25-30 (approx. 8 repairing)

SS Approx 50

Approx 30

AS ?

1

\* Non-effective

14 October 1943

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	TAMA) (Poss. Mandates) KISO) ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	2 1
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO (en route CHITOSE (from Empire to Japan)
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	ASHIGARA
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	
	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	GAMBIA MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPE TOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMI OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTEAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE ALBATROSS	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON		KAMOI
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) RASHER ) TUNA ) BONFISH ) K.12 ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BOWFIN ) PELIAS )	On Patrol	6
		At Fremantle	
		?	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)  
 Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.) 113  
 Light or M/Bombers 102  
 S/E Bombers 12  
 Flying Boats 12  
 Floatplanes 56  
 Transport & Obsn. A/C 44

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

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

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

No. 625

Date: 15 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA.

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" and "BAGLEY" departed Cleveland Bay 1000/14 en route Milne Bay. ETA 1300/15.
- (2) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE" escorting six MV. were to depart Milne Bay 0730/15 for Townsville.
- (3) "ML.804" escorting "MERNOC" dep. Port Moresby 0730/12 for cable laying operations off Hall Sound, thence to Thursday Island. ETA Approx. 17 Oct.
- (4) "BUNBURY" and "YMS.8" escorting "THEDENS" to Townsville and "MANGOLA" and "CANBERRA" to Cairns were to depart Port Moresby 15 Oct.
- X (5) "WARRAMUNGA" "PIRIE" and "HELM" escorting Convoy TN.167 (3 MV ex PV.3 - "DONALD McLEAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" "WILLIAM BEAUMONT") were to depart Townsville 1900/12 en route Milne Bay. ETA 1200/15. "PIRIE" is to RV with convoy at 1000/13 off Fitzroy Is. Light.
- (6) "PC.477" escorting Portion A (U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY") and "WARREGO" "SWAN" and "KATOOMBA" escorting Portion B (7 MV, LST.201 and USS."PORTUNUS") of Convoy TN.168 were to depart Townsville 1800/15 en route Moresby and Milne Bay. Portion A proceeds Moresby. ETA 1200/18. Portion B proceeds Milne Bay. ETA 1200/18.
- (7) "PC.1120" "PC.1122" and "PC.476" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" with Special Ship Class 1 "KATOOMBA" were to depart Brisbane 1130/15 en route Cairns. After arrival Bustard Head "PC.1120" and "PC.476" are to return to Brisbane and S.S."KATOOMBA" proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (8) "GOULBURN" and "PC.1123" escorting Convoy IQ.20 (3 MV) were to depart Gladstone 2200/14 en route Brisbane.
- (9) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" and "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (10) "VENDETTA" was to depart Brisbane 2359/14 to RV with "METEOR" in position 27°14'S, 155°14'E at 0800/15 and escort her to Brisbane.
- (11) "MERKUR" was to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay.
- (12) 6 submarines on patrol.



from a Beaufort. This ship would appear to be additional to the westbound convoy reported later that day.

- (2) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1145/14, two merchant ships, shown by photos to be two freighters (1 of 1000 tons and 1 of 3,800 tons) were unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft ~~proximately~~ close to Lorengau and heading thereto. The larger ship was carrying 2 MLC.

At 1540/14 aircraft reported two destroyers, 2 transports (7-9000 tons), 2 freighters (5-7000 tons) 20 miles S. of New Hanover on course 125°, no doubt bound for Rabaul.

- (3) Rabaul - Preliminary results of the heavy strike on Rabaul shipping and airfields are shown under Naval Incidents.
- (4) Cape Orford - At 1814/14 a southbound submarine passed Cape Orford, probably bound for Finschhafen. This is the second successive day of a southbound submarine passing this point.
- (5) W.Coast New Britain - The coast from Cape Gloucester to Sag Sag was covered 0830-0845/14 by 24 Mitchells. The whole area was thoroughly strafed including three beached barges  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Cape Dorf and another five near Cape Gloucester. No other concentration was noted.
- (6) Cape Hoskins - At 0003-0100/13, the dump area was bombed by four Beauforts.

At approx. midday 13 Oct. the Hoskins airfield area was bombed by about 10 Liberators as alternative target to Rabaul due to weather.

Photos 1145/14 show that bomb craters render the strip unserviceable except for 1700 feet.

- (7) Gasmata - At midday 13 October Gasmata area was bombed by 4-6 Liberators which had been recalled from their mission to Rabaul due weather.
- (8) Cape Gloucester - Shortly after noon 13 October the two strips and general airfield area were bombed by about 12 Liberators as alternative target.
- Photos C900/14 show No. 1 strip unserviceable also No. 2 strip due to bomb craters except for 2000 feet. No aircraft can be seen in the photos.
- (9) Rooke Island Area - Enemy installations and small craft were attacked during the night 12-13 October by PT boats. (see Naval Incidents).
- (10) Alexishafen - At 1058/14 dump area and personnel near No. 1 strip were attacked by 12 Mitchells. Three aircraft were seen on No. 2 strip and one on No. 1 strip. A small merchant vessel was observed two miles E. of Sek Island and another ship described as a large cargo vessel in Sek Harbour. Full details of this strike are not yet available.
- (11) Finschhafen - Another small enemy post at Tirimoro three miles west of Finschhafen was overcome a.m. 13 October.
- (12) Cape Ward Hunt - A possible submarine was contacted off Cape Ward Hunt by PT boats during the night 12-13 October.
- (13) Buna Area - At 0400/14 approximately 12 enemy aircraft made two runs over Buna without effect. Two runs were also made over Oro Bay causing slight damage and casualties.
- (14) Milne Bay - At 0744/14 a possible enemy submarine was reported by "Gympie" 35 miles south of Milne Bay.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA.

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin en route Melville Bay ETA 0900/16. On completion of unloading at Melville Bay to return Darwin.
- (2) 10 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDALÄ"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Tanimbar Islands - The general Tanimbar Group was subjected to a harassing raid 0850-0950/14 by six Beaufighters.

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3. SOUTHWESTERN AREA.

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/15:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERE HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOSWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) SC.739 YP.286  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) YP.288  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA.

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- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy FV.4 ("J. CARROLL" "F.C. NEWLANDS" C.B. STEINMETZ) departed Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville. ETA 18 October.
- (2) "YMS.334" escorting LST.471 in town of "CARLOCK" departed Brisbane 1600/14 en route Sydney.
- (3) "NIZAM" departed Melbourne afternoon 14 October en route Fremantle.
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- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "TOWNSVILLE" and "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy OC.133 (5 MV) dep. Melbourne 0124/12 en route Sydney and Newcastle. ETA Newcastle 1600/15.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" and "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.134 (8 MV) departed Sydney 1645/13 en route Melbourne. ETA 1200/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND"  
(CL) "ROCKHAMPTON" "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE"  
"BROOME" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "MORSEBY"  
"KAPUNDA" "ECHUCA" "RENSHAW" "STERRETT" (DE)  
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ML.818 ML.813 ML.821 ML.430 "GOLDSTAR"  
(AG) "BUNGAREE" (CM)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA"  
(a/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASSE MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel).

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NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) Rabaul - Shipping and the airfields at Rabaul were very successfully attacked in daylight 12 October. Eighty seven Liberators, 114 Mitchells, 12 Beauforts, 12 Beaufighters with 125 Lightnings were detailed for the strike but 15 Liberators and some Mitchells and Lightnings failed to reach the target. Beaufighters and Mitchells opened the strike at approximately 1030/12 hitting Vunakanau, Rapopo and Tobera dromes with approximately 150 tons of parachute fragmentation bombs and 250,000 rounds of ammunition from minimum altitude. All three airdromes were well worked over and apparently complete surprise was effected by the first aircraft over the target. It is estimated that 100 aircraft were destroyed on the ground plus another 51 damaged.

Shortly after noon the Liberators attacked shipping and installations in the Harbour with approximately 200 tons of 1000 lb. bombs dropped from 20-24000 feet in patterns. Preliminary estimate of the damage inflicted, as already announced, is 3 destroyers, also 3 merchant vessels of 6-7000 tons sunk or destroyed. In addition 43 small coastal freighters of 100-500 tons and 70 harbour craft were destroyed. Several hits and near misses were scored on a submarine tender and destroyer tender known to be operating in the Harbour also one submarine and one 7000 ton cargo vessel all classified as damaged. Toboi wharf was left blazing also another wharf and one warehouse.

Approximately 40 enemy aircraft attempted interception and of these twenty six were shot down by our fighters and bombers together. Five of our aircraft failed to return.

About midnight 12-13 October 12 Beauforts searched the coast outside the Harbour for dispersed shipping but although three torpedoes were loosed no success was achieved.

- (2) Rooke Island Area - During the night 12-13 October PT boats sank a small craft off the south coast of Rooke Island and also machine-gunned installations in that area. Six to eight barges on the N.W. side of Tuam Island were damaged by machine gun fire.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

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<u>CA</u> AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAFEO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUEUYA
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	RATON K.9	On Passage At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
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<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>DD</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

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Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	15

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL CONCORD  
TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
15 October 1943  
ENEMY FORCES

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND NORTE CAROLINA OKLAHOMA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENN SYLVANIA -NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	X HITAKA HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHEMANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	X UNYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	* AGBA * KUMANO ATAGO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CORCORD - OAKLAND	TATSUTA KINU * YUBARI * NATORI X KISO X TAMA X NAKA X ISUZU
<u>XCL</u>	-	7
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE	* CHIYODA (Under conversion to ACV)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx. 8 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?	1

\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>AV/AVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Western Section)	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO ) en route from
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE) Empire to Japan.
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUFFOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMI
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DUNBAN	
		DANAE	
		CARADOC	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		HANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIBDES		
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA )		
	CISCO )		
	KINGFISH )		
	POMPON )	On Patrol	6
	PUFFER )		
	RASHER )		
	TUNA )		
	BONEFISH )		
	K.12 )		
	BILLFISH )		
	BLUEFISH )	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN )		
<u>S</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)			
Fighters (Incl. 5 twd n-eng.)		113	
Light or M/Bombers		102	
S/E Bombers		12	
Flyint Boats		12	
Bloatplanes		56	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		44	

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

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 626

Date: 16 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" was to depart Caloundra 1130/16 en route Milne Bay via Cairns ETA Cairns 0700/18.
- (2) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy FT.34 (6 MV) were to depart Milne Bay 0730/15 for Townsville ETA 1700/18.
- (3) "PC.479" escorting "Y.14" dep. Port Moresby 16 Oct. en route Buna ETA 19 Oct.
- (4) "ML.804" escorting "HERNOO" dep. Port Moresby 0730/12 for cable laying operations off Hall Sound, thence to Thursday Is. ETA approx 17 Oct.
- (5) "BUNBURY" "YMS.8" escorting Convoy NT.59, "THEDENS" to Townsville and "MANGOLA" "CANBERRA" to Cairns, were to depart Port Moresby 15 Oct.
- (6) "PC.477" escorting Portion (a) ("SUVA" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMER" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "BORGFRED" "SHIKELLAMY") and "WARREGO" "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Portion (b) ("THOMAS C. POWER" "THOMAS CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "MERKUR" U.S.S. "POLLUX" "LST.457" "GEN. VERSPIJCK" "PORTUNUS" "LST.201" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TECUMSEN" "E.D. BAKER") of Convoy TN.168 were to depart Townsville 1800/15 en route Moresby and Milne Bay. Portion (a) proceeds Moresby ETA 1200/18. Portion (b) proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1200/18.
- (7) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.21 (5 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1600/16. On arrival Lady Elliott Is. "SC.650" "SC.735" "PC.1123" return to Brisbane. "GEELONG" is detailed as escort for LQ.21.
- (8) "PC.1120" "PC.1122" "PC.476" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" with Special Ship Class 1 "KATOOMBA" were to depart Brisbane 1130/15 en route Cairns. After arrival Bustard Head "PC.476" is to return to Brisbane and SS "KATOOMBA" proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (9) "YP.291" dep. Cairns 1905/15 en route Brisbane ETA 0300/21.
- (10) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" and "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (11) "MERKUR" was to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay.
- (12) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (Survey Vessel)
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE SANDY"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"
	Merchant Vessels: "DONALD MCLEAY" "J.S. HOGG"
	"WM. BEAUMONT"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.738" "YMS.51" "YMS.72"  
 "ML.425" "HILO" (PG) "YMS.735" "Y.15"  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M. GOODHUE"  
 "BOHTEKOR" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J. STIRLING MORTON"  
 "EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG"  
 Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "VAN SWOLL" "J. ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS"  
 "JOHN ROSS" "JOSEPH LANE" "TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN"  
 "SELVOR"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.750" "JOHN W. MACKAY"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
 "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" "MUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS"  
 "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.468  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.738  
 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747 SC.750  
 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52  
 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170  
 ML.424 ML.805 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,14,6,7,9,12,15,  
 16,17,18,20,21 36 PT's Y.13 "POYANG" "YUNNAN"  
 (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)  
 "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MIZAR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "HOWARD STANBURY" "JAMES J. KELLY" "S. TURMAN" "TAROONA" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMA CLARK" "JAMES DMMCPHERSON" "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "JAMES W. GRIMES" "WILLIAM CEANNING" "JOHN WHITTAKER" "H.T. ALVARADO" "COLCRADO" "J.J. ASTOR" "PRES. JOHNSON" "MARCUS DALY" "WM. HUME"  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SC.737"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "S.K. BARLOW" "BRITISH PRINCESS" "ETOLIN"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "COLAC" (AMS) SC.736  
 SC.748 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
 ML.428 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" (AMS) "TASMAN" (AR)  
 "HERON" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
 "PC.1124"  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
 "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.736  
 SC.741 ML.429 ML.801 ML.802 ML.806 ML.818  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YP.233 YP.236 YP.283  
 LST.22 LST.26 LST.68 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AR)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.W. Vella Lavella - During the night 13-14 Oct. enemy aircraft bombed our patrol craft operating off S.W. Vella Lavella slightly damaging one boat but causing no casualties.
- (2) N.W. Vella Lavella - Probably 2030-2050/11 enemy low flying aircraft made nuisance attacks on our positions on N.W. Vella Lavella dropping many bombs. No damage or casualties were suffered. At 1345/14 2 enemy medium bombers were attacked over N.W. Vella Lavella by 2 Corsairs. One bomber was destroyed and the other damaged.
- (3) Choiseul - Local sources report that 3-4000 Japs had passed Bambatana (central S.W. Coast) between 3 and 9 Oct. presumably moving to the N.W. By evening 14 Oct. villages up to Sangigai (approx midway between Choiseul Bay and Sumbi Head) had been evacuated.

(4) St. Georges Channel-Buka - Separate aircraft over this area night 15 Oct. reported shipping as follows:-

(a) 2200-2230 - probably 2 ships 35 miles SE by S. of Cape St. George. No course was given in the preliminary report.

(b) 2340/15 - one large ship 2 small ships 30 miles east of Cape St. George course 95°.

(5) Kavieng Area - At 0205/15 aircraft sighted 7 ships anchored in Kaut Bay (New Ireland coast - N. shores of Gazelle Channel). The ships apparently got under way immediately and 45 minutes later 6 ships described as probably 2 destroyers and 4 freighters (5-7000 tons) and thought to be of the original 7 ships were seen 7 miles to the S.E. heading S.E. It is recalled that at 1540/14 6 ships described as 2 destroyers and 4 freighters (5-9000 tons) were seen 20 miles south of New Hanover course 125°. The night sighting could be of the same convoy laying to for a while so as to arrive Rabaul at or shortly after dawn.

(6) Rabaul - Photos 1120/15 show ~~the~~

Shipping: 2 heavy cruisers "NACHI" class  
2 light cruisers "SENDAI" class  
9 destroyers  
1 converted destroyer tender  
7 submarines  
1 submarine tender "CHOGAI" class  
1 minesweeper

24 merchant vessels totalling approx 139,000 tons including 1 "SHIRETOKO" class tanker.

Two of the merchant vessels appear damaged and apparently two submarines are alongside the destroyer tender which does not seem to be damaged. The fact that submarines are alongside the destroyer tender may indicate that the submarine tender is damaged.

Probably in addition to the above shipping is one cruiser sighted leaving the harbour thought possibly to be a "SENDAI" class cruiser.

Aircraft:

Lakunai was the only drone fully covered showing 35 fighters, 18 L/B as against 68 fighters, 19 L/B and 10 M/B on 11 Oct. One F/B and 10 F/P were in the harbour.

(7) Cape Hoskins - 2 Lightnings over the area at 1115/15 sighted four single engined aircraft taking off from Cape Hoskins strip. There are no photographs to confirm this but photos the previous day show the runway unserviceable due bomb craters except for 1700 yards.

(8) Cape Orford - At 1523/15 a southbound submarine passed Cape Orford for the third successive evening.

(9) Garove Is. - At 0140/16 4 barges were attacked by aircraft 2 miles south of Garove Is. and heading thereto.

(10) Rooke Is. - Local sources report that enemy parties are located at various points on the west coast of Rooke Is. Probable barge activity is also reported.

(11) Long Is. - Local sources reported 11 Oct. that an enemy observation post, barge moorings and barge hideouts were on the S.W. to W. coast of Long Is. Frequent night traffic moves towards the S.W. in the direction of Saidor.

(12) Wewak - 5 small ships were reported at Muschu Is. by Thunderbolts over the Wewak area a.m. 15 Oct. Another 4 ships were reported in Nightingale Bay.

(13) Alexishafen - At 1050-1100/14 the airfield area including stores, personnel and dumps was attacked by 28 Mitchells and 10 Marauders which destroyed at least 2 fighters out of about 5 aircraft seen on the two strips. Considerable damage was also done to dumps throughout the area.

Photos taken 1210/15 show one fighter on No.1 Strip, 3 fighters, 6 light and 1 medium bomber on No.2 Strip. One barge and 3 luggers are also shown in Sek Harbour area.

(14) Madang - Photos 1205/15 show no serviceable aircraft on the airfield. 8 luggers and 2 barges are shown in the harbour area.

(15) Ramu Valley Area - Increased pressure is being exerted on enemy positions in the hilly country north of Dumpu. In support of ground troops 8 Aircobras with some Boomerangs bombed and strafed enemy positions 1115/15.



Over 400 Jap dead have been counted in this area since 19 September.

- (16) Saidor-Sio - At 1015-1130/15 the coastal strip from Sio to Saidor was worked over by 32 Mitchells. During the night 13-14 October an enemy aircraft off Sio was probably shot down by our PT boats which machine-gunned Sio.
- (17) Finschhafen Area - At 0540/15 one enemy aircraft dropped 2 bombs harmlessly in Langemak Bay.
- (18) Lae - At 1943/14 enemy aircraft raided Lae. No details are yet available. At 1108/15 an enemy recon plane was over Lae. No bombs were dropped.
- (19) Dobodura - Enemy aircraft were over Dobodura at approximately 2200/14. Details are not yet available.
- (20) Oro Bay - At 2220/14 3 or more enemy aircraft raided Oro Bay and Port Harvey without inflicting damage. At 0815/15 enemy aircraft again raided Oro Bay. No serious damage and no casualties were suffered.
- (21) Milne Bay - At 1108/15 enemy aircraft were over Milne Bay but departed to the north apparently without dropping bombs.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin en route Melville Bay ETA 0900/16. On completion of unloading at Melville Bay to return Darwin.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) ML.814 ML.815  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Is. - At 1225/15 2 floatplanes were seen taking off from Taberlane when 3 Liberators bombed the area. In addition, 7 floatplanes and one fighter weakly intercepted over this area and one floatplane was shot down.
- (2) Kai Is. - At 2130-2300/14 Langgoer airfield and Kolseer were attacked by 4 Hudsons and one Mitchell.
- (3) Ceram - A 500-1000 ton merchant vessel S.E. of Geser Is. (S.E. tip Ceram) on a N.W. course was unsuccessfully attacked at 0835/15 by 3 Liberators.  
At 0915/15 Boela was bombed by the same 3 aircraft. Two small harbour craft were seen in the area.
- (4) Fak Fak - At 1000/15 five 100 ton craft were observed at Fak Fak.
- (5) Tanimbar Is. - Photos 14 Oct. of the Lingat strip on Selaru Is. show no damage since the last coverage on 9 Sept.
- (6) Timor - Between 2025 and 2120/14 Hansisi (opposite Koepang) was attacked by 2 Hudsons. Dilli was attacked by 3 Mitchells and Lautem by 2 Mitchells.  
At 1740/15 Manatute was bombed by 2 Hudsons.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDUS" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("J.CARROLL" "F.C.NEWLANDS" "C.B.STEINMETZ") dep. Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville ETA 18 Oct.
- (2) "YMS.334" escorting LST.471 in tow of "CARLOCK" departed Brisbane 1600/14 en route Sydney.
- (3) "NIZAM" dep. Melbourne afternoon 14 Oct. en route Fremantle.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESEBY" with "ME.803" "ML.820" "ML.431" escorting Convoy GP.75 (3 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/16 en route Brisbane.
- (5) "DELORAIN" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG.74 (4 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/16 en route Sydney.
- (6) "WILCANNIA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.134 (11 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle were to depart Melbourne 2400/15.
- (7) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CO.135 (9 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/16 en route Melbourne.
- (8) "WILCANNIA" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CO.134 (8 MV) dep. Sydney 1645/15 en route Melbourne ETA 1200/16.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHEROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL)  
"ROCKHAMPTON" "KALGOORLIE" "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX"  
"ECHUCA" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (A/S Vessel)  
"RENSHAW" "STERRETT" (DD) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) "ML.813 ML.817 ML.818 ML.821 ML.430  
"GOLDSTAR" (AG) "BUNGAREE" (CM)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOGUBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BAILARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

C. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Espiritu Santo - One enemy bomber was over Espiritu Santo 2229/14 and dropped a flare but no bombs.
- (2) Noumea - At 1130/14 a possible submarine was reported 45 miles E. of Noumea. This is the fourth submarine report in the New Caledonia area 12-14 Oct. involving 2 reports to the east of the island and 2 to the west, one of which was close to Noumea.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific Areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	ALABAMA TENNESSEE WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA) en UNYO ) route ferrying
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA KISO ) en route TAMA )
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	25

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVERSIDES  BLACKFISH COD GREVALLE DRUM MARWHALE SCAMP S.31 CAPELIN	On Patrol    At Brisbane	20	20
	RATON K. 9	On Passage At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	-	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA * KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 15 twd n-eng.)	269		
	Light & M/Bombers	247		
	S/E Bombers	29		
	Flying Boats	6		
	Floatplanes	56		
	Transport & Obsn. A/C	15		
<u>2. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC</u>				
<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON			
<u>DD</u>	2			

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA * CALIFORNIA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO WEST VIRGINIA	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised.
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	* OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER	* AOBA * KUMANO ATAGO
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	TATSUTA KINU * YUBARI * NATORI NAKA ISUZU
<u>XCL</u>	-	6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE	* CHIYODA (Under conversion to ACV)
<u>AS/XCVS</u>	-	2
<u>SD</u>	Approx 35	25-30 (approx 8 repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>AS</u>	?	1

\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)      Eastern Fleet Area      East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<del>XXXX</del> <u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUFFOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		DANAE	
		CARADOC	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTER SHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>SS</u>	CAERILLA	)	
	CISCO	)	
	KINGFISH	) On	
	POMPON	) Patrol	6
	PUFFER	)	
	RASHER	)	
	BOWFISH	)	
	K.12	)	
	BILLFISH	) At Fremantle	
	BLUEFISH	)	
	BOWFIN	)	
	TUNA	)	
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
<u>Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)</u>		113	
<u>Light cr M/Bombers</u>		102	
<u>S/E Bombers</u>		12	
<u>Flying Boats</u>		12	∅ No recent intelligence
<u>Floatplanes</u>		56	Present location uncertain
<u>Transport &amp; Obsn. A/C</u>		44	* Non-effective

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 627

Date: 17 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "CONYNGHAM" was to depart Caloundra 1130/16 en route Milne Bay via Cairns ETA Cairns 0700/18.
- (2) "GYMPIE" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy FT.34 (6 MV) were to depart Milne Bay 0730/15 for Townsville ETA 1700/18.
- (3) "PC.479" escorting "Y.14" dep. Port Moresby 16 Oct. en route Buna ETA 19 Oct.
- (4) "ML.804" escorting "BERNOO" dep. Port Moresby 0730/12 for cable laying operations off Hall Sound, thence to Thursday Is. ETA approx 17 Oct.
- (5) "BUNBURY" "YMS.8" escorting Convoy FT.59, "THEDENS" to Townsville and "MANGOLA" "CANBERRA" to Cairns, were to depart Port Moresby 15 Oct.
- (6) "PC.477" escorting Portion (a) ("SUVA" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMER" "VAN SPIELBERGEN" "BORGFRED" "SHIKELLAMY") and "WARREGO" "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA" escorting Portion (b) ("THOMAS C. POWER" "THOMAS CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "MERKUR" U.S.S. "POLLUX" "LST.457" "GEN. VERSPIJCK" "PORTUNUS" "LST.201" "ANSON BURLINGHAME" "TECUMSEH" "E.D. BAKER") of Convoy TN.168 were to depart Townsville 1800/15 en route Moresby and Milne Bay. Portion (a) proceeds Moresby ETA 1200/18. Portion (b) proceeds Milne Bay ETA 1200/18.
- (7) "ARUNTA" "STUART" escorting Convoy PV.4 ("J. CARROLL" "F.C. NEWLANDS") "C.B. STEINMETZ") dep. Melbourne 1000/11 for Townsville ETA 18 Oct.
- (8) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" "PC.1123" escorting Convoy QL.21 (5 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1600/16 ETA Bustard Head 0200/18. On arrival Lady Elliott Is. "SC.650" "SC.735" "PC.1123" return to Brisbane. "GEELONG" is detailed as escort for LQ.21.
- (9) "PC.1120" "PC.1122" "PC.476" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" with Special Ship Class 1 "KATOOMBA" were to depart Brisbane 1130/15 en route Cairns. After arrival Bustard Head "PC.476" is to return to Brisbane and S.S. "KATOOMBA" proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (10) "YR.291" dep. Cairns 1905/15 en route Brisbane ETA 0300/21.
- (11) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" and "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (12) "MERKUR" was to depart Townsville 14 Oct. for Milne Bay,
- (13) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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- Warships & Aux. - "BENAILA" (Survey Vessel)  
Merchant Vessels: "CAPE SANDY"



Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
 Merchant Vessels: "DONALD MCLEAY" "J.S.HOGG"  
 "WM.BEAUMONT"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.738" "YMS.51" "YMS.72"  
 "ML.425" "HILO" (FG)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M.GOODHUE"  
 "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J.STIRLING MORTON"  
 "EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG"

Oro Bay - Merchant Vessels: "J.ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN  
 ROSS" "TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745" "SC.750" "JOHN W.MACKAY"  
 Forlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
 "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" "MUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "BRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS"  
 "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.468  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.738  
 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747 SC.750  
 SC.981 SC.982 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52  
 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280  
 LST.170 ML.424 ML.805 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,  
 7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 36 Pts "POYANG"  
 "YUNWAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF  
 MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AC)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBS" (AD)  
 "MIZAR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MAGTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "HOWARD  
 STANSBURY" "JAMES J.KELLY" "S.TURMAN" "TAROONA"  
 "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMA CLARK" "JAMES D.McPHERSON"  
 "BARBARA C." "JAPARA" "JAMES W.GRIMES" "WILLIAM  
 CHANNING" "JOHN WHITTAKER" "H.T.ALVARADO"  
 "COLORADO" "J.J.ASTOR" "PRES.JOHNSON" "MARDUS  
 DALY" "WM.HUMB" "VAN SWOLL"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" "Y.13" "Y.15"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "S.K.BARLOW" "BRITISH  
 PRINCESS" "ETOLIN"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "COLAC" (AMS) SC.736  
 SC.748 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
 ML.428 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" (AMS) "TASMAN" (AR)  
 "HERON" (AVP) "TRINITY" (AC) "PC.1124"  
 "KURUMBA" (AO)

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
 "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.736  
 SC.741 ML.429 ML.801 ML.802 ML.806 ML.813  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YP.233 YP.236 YP.283  
 LST.22 LST.26 LST.68 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AR)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALCGRAB" (AKA)  
 "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buin Base - Photos approx 1110/15 show 20 fighters on Kahili and  
 one fighter on Kara. Ballab was not covered. 2 cargo ships and  
 a number of small craft and barges are shown in the area.  
 At 1205/15, Kahili area was attacked by 21 Liberators  
 covered by 16 Corsairs, 12 Lightnings. 10-15 Zeros were airborne  
 but none got past the fighter escort which shot down 6 Zeros.  
 No aircraft are visible in photos of Kahili field at about the  
 time of the strike.

- (2) Buka - Photos 1050/15 show 6 fighters, 5 medium bombers, 1 dive bomber on Buka Passage airfield, none on Bonis, 4 floatplanes on the water. 2 cargo ships and 15 barges at Buka Passage and Matchin Bay together.  
At 2212/15, Buka Passage airfield was attacked by five Mitchells causing a large explosion and fires.
- (3) St. Georges Channel-Buka Area - Further details of the reports of shipping in this area night 15-16 Oct. are:-  
(a) 2136/15 by 2 Beauforts - 1 destroyer, 2 freighters (one of 1000 tons and one of 4-5000 tons) 12 miles S. of Cape St. George course 110°. One 40 ft. bomb miss was scored on the larger freighter.  
(b) 2230/15 by a Sopac Liberator - 1 small corvette and 2 100 ft. barges, 26 miles W. by S. of Buka Passage. No course reported. Bombs were dropped but missed.  
(c) 2330/15 by a U.S. Navy Catalina - 1 cargo vessel, 2 escorts 30 miles E. of Cape St. George course 95°. Allowing for some discrepancy in positions and compositions reported, it is possible that all three reports concern the one convoy.
- (4) Rabaul - Incomplete photos 1350/16 add little to those of the previous day but show that the 2 "KACHI" class heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser ("SENDAI" class) were still present, also 5 destroyers with only half the usual destroyer anchorage covered. Tobera airfield was fully covered and showed 31 fighters present: Lakunai (85%) had 46 fighters, 14 light and 8 medium bombers.
- (5) Cape Hoskins - At midnight 15-16 Oct. Hoskins airfield was bombed by 4 Beauforts.
- (6) Cape Gloucester Area - Night 15-16 Oct. 5 barges were attacked by a Catalina in the Cape Gloucester area. One barge was sunk, 2 left dead in water and 2 on a reef.
- (7) Long Island - At 0845/16, a Liberator sighted from some distance a convoy described as 1 destroyer, 3 possible freighter transports of 2-4000 tons 10 miles N. of Long Island course 250°, speed 8-10 knots. The Liberator was intercepted by 9 Zeros and although damaged, shot down 2.
- (8) Wewak and Alexishafen-aerodromes in these localities were heavily attacked a.m. 16 Oct. by escorted Mitchells but reports are as yet incomplete. A number of enemy aircraft were destroyed.
- (9) Saidor-Sio - The final report of the attack on this coastal belt 1015-1330/15 indicates that 64 Mitchells and 6 Marauders participated from minimum to 7500 ft.
- (10) Finschhafen - At 1730/15, 12-15 Jap medium bombers escorted by 10-12 fighters were intercepted 15 miles east of Finschhafen by 4 Thunderbolts. Preliminary reports indicate 5 bombers destroyed and 1 fighter probably destroyed. Our losses nil. No report of any raid eventuating at this time has yet been received.
- (11) Oro Bay - Further to the reported raid on Oro Bay 0815/15, concerning which N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported nil serious damage and nil naval casualties, the enemy formations were intercepted by at least 59 Lightnings and 8 Kittyhawks. Enemy formations included at least 20 dive bombers and possibly as many as 95 fighters. Our fighters claim to date to have shot down 44 enemy aircraft plus 11 probably including the majority of the dive bombers. In addition, 2 Zeros apparently returning towards Gasmata from the direction of Buna were seen by 8 Lightnings and both were shot down. Approximately 2 hours before the raid some 30 aircraft were reported heading south over Ubili and 2 hours after the raid an aircraft sighted about 12 aircraft mostly single-engined, on Cape Gloucester field.
- (12) Milne Bay - At 0050/16 a strong submarine contact was made by R.A.N. escort vessels 110 miles S.S.W. of Milne Bay.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" dep. Darwin en route Melville Bay ETA 0900/16. On completion of unloading at Melville Bay to return Darwin.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDOLA"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/17:

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.7392" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "YMS.334" escorting "LST.471" in tow of "CARLOCK" departed Brisbane 1600/14 en route Sydney.
- (2) "NIZAM" was to depart Melbourne afternoon 14 Oct. enroute Fremantle.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESEY" with "ML.803" "ML.820" "ML.431" escorting Convoy GP.75 (3 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/16 en route Brisbane ETA 0100/19.
- (4) "DELOIRINE" "CLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG.74 (4 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/16 en route Sydney ETA 1800/18.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" "KALGOORLIE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy OC.134 (10 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle were to depart Melbourne 2400/15 ETA Sydney 0500/19.
- (6) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "TOWNSVILLE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CO.135 (9 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/16 en route Melbourne.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL)  
"KENSLOW" "STERRETT" (DD) "ROCKHAMPTON" "KALGOORLIE"  
"ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" (AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
"WILCANNIA" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)  
"ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.821" "ML.430"  
"BUNGARER" (CM)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	AIA BAMA TENNESSEE WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA ) en route ferrying
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	UNYO CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* HOBART TROMP * CLEVELAND	* LEANDER COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN	SENDAI	NOSHIRO ) 1 or more OYODO ) possibly AGANO ) Bismarcks NAGARA ) KISO ) TAMA ) en route
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SMITH STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	25

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO COD GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO PETO SILVERSIDES	On Patrol	20	20
	BLACKFISH GREVALLE DRUM MARWHALE RATON SCAMP S.31 CAPELIN		At Brisbane	
	K.9	At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	- NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1 2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB BILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	269
Light & M/Bombers	247
S/E Bombers	29
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	56
Transport & Obsn. A/C	15

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>CL</u>	CONCORD TRENTON
<u>DD</u>	2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB INDIANA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
NORTH CAROLINA  
OKLAHOMA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO  
WEST VIRGINIA

ISE ) One unit being  
HYUGA ) modernised.

CV ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS  
BUNKER HILL

CV (T) -  
CV (L) INDEPENDENCE  
COWPENS  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

HOSHO  
HITAKA

CV (E) SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
LONG ISLAND  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

\* OTAKA

CA NEW ORLEANS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* PORTLAND  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* LOUISVILLE  
\* WICHITA  
BALTIMORE  
BOSTON  
CHESTER

\* AOBA  
\* KUMANO  
ATAGO

OCA -  
CL MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* NASHVILLE  
\* REMO  
\* CONCORD  
\* OAKLAND

6  
TATSUTA  
KINU  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI  
NAKA  
ISUZU

XCL -  
AV/CVS  
XAS/XCVS  
DD  
SS  
AS

POCOMOKE  
-  
Approx 35  
Approx 50  
?

6  
\* CHIYODA (Under conversion to  
2 ACV)  
25-30 (approx 8 repairing)  
Approx 30  
1

\* Non-effective

17 October, 1943

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUFFOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		DANAE	
		CARADCC	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>SS</u>	GABRILLA	On Patrol	6
	CISCO		
	KINGFISH		
	POMPON		
	PUFFER		
	RASHER		
	BONEFISH		
	K.12	At Fremantle	
	BILLFISH		
	BLUEFISH		
	BOWFIN		
	TUNA		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	

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- (1) "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy FT.34 (6 MV) departed Milne Bay 0730/15 for Townsville ETA 1700/18.
- (2) "PC.479" escorting "Y.14" dep. Port Moresby 16 Oct. en route Buna ETA 19 Oct.
- (3) "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) and "SWAN" "COLAC" "ML.428" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.169 were to depart position at 2000/18. "COLAC" escorts Portion (a) ("MONTORO") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "SWAN" "ARARAT" "ML.428" escorting Portion (b) ("SEA WITCH" "DUNTROON" U.S.S. "TRINITY") to Milne Bay ETA 1400/20.
- (4) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.21 (5 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1600/16 ETA Bustard Head 0200/18. On arrival Lady Elliott Is. "SC.650" "SC.735" return to Brisbane. "GEELONG" is detailed as escort for LQ.21.
- (5) "PC.1120" "PC.1122" "PC.476" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" with Special Ship Class 1 "KATOOMBA" were to depart Brisbane 1130/15 en route Cairns. After arrival Bustard Head "PC.476" is to return Brisbane and S.S. "KATOOMBA" proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (6) "YP.291" dep. Cairns 1905/15 en route Brisbane ETA 0300/21.
- (7) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" and "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (8) "YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 2000/17 en route Palm Is. ETA 1800/21. After discharging cargo proceeds to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (9) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "BENALLA" (Survey Vessel) "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE SANDY" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"
	Merchant Vessels: "DONALD MCLEAY" "J.S.HOGB" "JOHN MACKAY" "WM.BEAUMONT"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.731" "YMS.51" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)
	Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M.GOODHUE" "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J.STIRLING MORTON" "EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE GREIG"
Oro Bay	- Merchant Vessels: "J.ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN ROSS" "TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAN SWOLL"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
Porlock Hbr.	- Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)

~~Orax Bay~~  
Milne Bay

- ~~Warships~~  
- Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
"MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" "MUGFORD"  
"FISHER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS"  
"BROOKS" "HUMPEREYS" (APD) "WARREGO" "BOWEN"  
"KATOOMBA" (AMS) SC.468 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703  
SC.734 SC.737 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744  
SC.746 SC.747 SC.750 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49  
YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YMS.72 YMS.335  
YP.278 YP.280 LST.170 LST.201 LST.457  
ML.424 ML.805 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,  
15,16,17,18,20,21 36 PTs "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
"RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
"BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)  
"RESERVE" (AT) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AO)  
"POLLUX" (AKS) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES J.  
KELLY" "S.TURMAN" "WEST CUSETTA" "MORMACLARK"  
"JAMES D. McPHERSON" "JAPARA" "H.T. ALVARADO"  
"MULIAMA" "COLORADO" "J.J. ASTOR" "PRES. JOHNSON"  
"MARCUS DALY" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS C. POWER" "THOMAS  
CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "GEN. VERSPIJCK" "A. BURLINGHAME"  
"TECUMSEH" "E.D. BAKER"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) "Y.13" YP.15 "PC.477"  
"MERKUR" "MIZAR" (AF) "SHIKELLAMY"  
(AO)

Merchant Vessels: "S.K. BARLOW" "BRITISH PRINCESS"  
"ETOLIN" "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
"BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" "LATROBE" "COOTAMUNDRA"  
(AMS)

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" (AMS)  
SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
YMS.53 ML.426 ML.428 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)  
"ARARAT" (AMS) "TASMAN" (AR) "HERON" (AVP)  
"KURUMBA" (AO) "PC.1124"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
"GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.736  
SC.741 ML.429 ML.801 ML.802 ML.806 ML.818  
APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YP.233 YP.236 LST.22  
LST.26 LST.68 LST.463 LST.473 PC.1123  
"H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
"SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
"COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

#### (11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Central Solomons - Enemy floatplanes continue offensive night patrols over this area as indicated by an attack by a floatplane on a U.S. destroyer off S.E. Tetipari (or Montgomery) Is. at 2313/15 and four attacks on patrol craft off S.W. coast Choiseul during the same night.
- (2) Buin Base - At 0440/16 Ballale airfield was attacked from tree-top height by 6 Mitchells.  
At 0937/16 Kara field was struck by 8 Liberators escorted by 15 Lightnings and 8 Corsairs.  
At Midday 16 Oct. a 50 ft. barge carrying 25-30 Japs was strafed and sunk in Tonolei Harbour by a single raiding Corsair. A large tug and another barge in the same area were ~~also~~ strafed and a 50 ft. junk was also set on fire by strafing.
- (3) St. Georges Chanel-Buka - At 0235/47 a Sopac aircraft reported 1 cargo vessel, 4 barges 48 miles ESE of Cape St. George. No course yet reported.

- (4) Mandates-Bismarcks - Two convoys were reported by aircraft in the Mussau Is. area a.m. 17 October:-  
 1050/17 - 1 destroyer, 1 small merchant vessel, 1 transport 50 miles N.E. Mussau Is. course 150°. A preliminary report indicates that a direct bomb hit set the transport on fire.  
 1114/17 - 2 escort vessels, 2 freighters (5-9000 tons), 1 freighter (2-5000 tons), 1 large sea-truck 40 miles N.W. of Mussau course 300°. Near misses were scored on one of the largest vessels bringing it to a standstill.
- (5) Rabaul Area - At 1600/16, 2 similar type craft, one of which is shown by photographs to be a 175 ft. launch, were seen 17 miles N.W. of Rabaul off Talili Bay (see Naval Incidents).  
 A Lightning on photographic miss on p.m. 17 October reported unusual cargo ship activity in Simpson's Harbour. No report on photographs has yet been received.
- (6) Gasmata Area - At 1240/17 an unidentified type vessel, probably small craft of some type, was sighted 15 miles off Aleborn Harbour (20 miles E. of Gasmata) on course 70° speed 8 knots.
- (7) Wewak - The strike on Wewak aerodromes approximately 1100/16 was concentrated on Wewak and Boram fields by 35 Mitchells escorted by 15 Lightnings and 2 Thunderbolts. 25 planes were destroyed on the ground and at least another 22 damaged. Approximately 30 enemy fighters intercepted and of these 20 were shot down by our bombers and fighters combined plus another 3 probably shot down. A probable lugger in Muschu Strait was first strafed and damaged and probably the same unit later received a direct bomb hit.
- (8) Alexishafen - Between 1000 and 1100/16 Alexishafen airfields were attacked by 25 Mitchells escorted by 25 Thunderbolts. At the same time Sio and targets between Alexishafen and Sio were attacked by another 12 Mitchells. Two aircraft on Alexishafen were caught by machine gun fire on the ground and considerable damage was done to buildings and dumps throughout the area. Approximately 30 enemy fighters intercepted our formations which shot down 15 for certain and another 6 probably.
- X (9) Madang Area - The convoy of 4 ships described as one destroyer, 3 possible freighter transports of 2-4000 tons each sighted at 0845/16 10 miles N. of Long Island on course 250° was not located by ~~th~~ a Mitchell strike despatched in the afternoon. 2 Zeros were encountered by the cover of 30 Lightnings: one was destroyed and the other probably.  
 The disappearance of this convoy between 0845 and 1300/16 would indicate that the composition was probably small ships and that after being observed they had hidden at Long Island.
- (10) Finschhafen Area - Probably 16 October enemy aircraft bombed the beach south of Song River.  
 At 1500-1530/17 enemy positions in the Satelberg area were attacked by 9 Mitchells and 9 Bostons.  
 Probably a small enemy party apparently made a push from the Satelberg area towards the coast south of the Song River 16-17 October. At this coastal point 3 enemy barges landed at 0415/17. 2 barges were disabled by shore fire and 37 Japs killed. The remainder ~~probably~~ numbering approximately 30 attempted to get away to the north.
- (11) Hanisch Harbour - Natives report 14 October that some 200 Japs were approximately 6 miles up the Mongi River moving south.
- (12) Oro Bay - Enemy aircraft raided Oro Bay 1000-1100/17. All bombs fell outside the harbour area.  
 The enemy aircraft formations were intercepted by our fighters including 3 Kittyhawks and 34 Lightnings and out of a total of about 35 enemy fighters encountered, 24 were shot down and another 6 probably. One Kittyhawk and 2 Lightnings were lost but one pilot was saved.
- X (13) Solomon Sea - Fixes 16 October indicate possibly 6 submarines operating in the western Solomon Sea.

- (14) Cape Gloucester - At 1036/16 No.2 Strip was attacked by 8 Bostons. Seven aircraft seen on the ground were all probably damaged by bomb bursts and strafing. 4 barges were seen off-shore near the airfield.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "PREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.814"  
"ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA"  
Melville Bay - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS)  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Ambon - Between 2320/16 and midnight Ambon waterfront was attacked by 3 Catalinas which caused a large explosion and some fires.

Two possible small vessels were seen in the Bay and one large and one medium vessel were sighted in Haroekoe Strait (off E. Ambon Island).

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJEK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W. B. PRESTON" (AV) "SC.739" "YP.286"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.288"  
"CHANTICIE ER" (ASR)

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "RENSHAW" dep. Sydney 1639/17 en route Noumea ETA Bulari 0700/19.  
(2) "YMS.334" escorting "LST.471" in tow of "CARLOCK" dep. Brisbane 1600/14 en route Sydney.  
(3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESEY" with "ML.803" "ML.820" "ML.431" escorting Convoy GP.75 (3 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/16 en route Brisbane ETA 0100/19.  
(4) "DELOIRINE" "GLENELG" "MILDURA" escorting Convoy PG.74 (4 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/16 en route Sydney ETA 1800/18.  
(5) "WILCANNIA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" escorting Convoy CG.134 (10 MV) en route Sydney and Newcastle were to depart Melbourne 2400/15 ETA Sydney 0500/19.  
(6) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "KAPUNDA" escorting Convoy CO.135 (9 MV) were to depart Sydney 1000/16 en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "CLEVELAND" (CL)  
"STERRETT" (DD) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "BENDIGO"  
(AMS) "ABRAHAM CRIJESSEN" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.821"  
"ML.430" "BUNGAREE" (CM)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)  
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
Western Pat - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Rabal Area - 1600/16 a Fortress attacked a small vessel believed to be a submarine chaser 15 miles off Talili Bay. 2 direct bomb hits were scored and another 2 skipped into the vessel which was described as completely demolished. Photos show the vessel to be a 175 ft. launch and to have been sunk.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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MOST SECRET  
18 October 1943

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	ALABAMA TENNESSEE WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA ) enroute ) ferry- ) ing
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	UNYO CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	* TROMP * HOBART * CLEVELAND	COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI	NOSHIRO ) 1 or OYODO ) more AGANO ) poss. NAGARA ) Bismarck KISO ) TAMA ) enroute
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WAHRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW STERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	25

\* Non-effective



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-	
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO	
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COPPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA	
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO LONG ISLAND BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	* OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	ATAGO * KUMANO * AOKI	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * KENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	6 TATSUTA KINU NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI	
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u> <u>AS</u> <u>AS</u>	- POCONOKE - Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	6 * CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 25-30 (approx 8 repairing) Approx 30 1	AGV)

\* Non-effective



4. ALLIED FORCES

NORTHERN PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

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<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALPHIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>T</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	Eastern Fleet Area	East Indies-Philippines
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(B)</u>	-	-	GHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUFFOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		FRO BISHOP	
<u>C</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	
		CERES	
		DAUNTIE SS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		DANAE	
		CARADOC	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	GHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
	W. B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>D</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDUS		
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA )		6
	CISCO )		
	BONEFISH )	On Patrol	
	KINGFISH )		
	POMPON )		
	PUFFER )		
	HASHER )		
	K.12 )		
	BILFISH )	At Fremantle	
	BLUEFISH )		
	BOWFIN )		
	PELXIA )		
	TUNA )		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>A/CRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113	
Light or M/Bombers		102	
SE/Bombers		12	
Flying Boats		12	
Floatplanes		54	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		44	

\* Non-effective  
# No recent intelligence.  
Present disposition uncertain

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 629

Date: 19 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA:

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Milne Bay 1605/18 en route Sydney ETA 2200/20. On arrival "WARRAMUNGA" carries out overhaul and is to be ready to depart Sydney with "SHROPSHIRE" on 29 Oct.
- (2) "HELM" was to depart Milne Bay 0600/19 en route Brisbane ETA 0400/21.
- (3) "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) and "SWAN" "COLAC" "ML.428" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.169 were to depart RV position at 2000/18. "COLAC" escorts Portion (a) ("MONFORO") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "SWAN" "ARARAT" "ML.428" escorting Portion (b) ("SEA WITCH" "DUNTROON" USS "TRINITY") & 4 PT boats) to Milne Bay ETA 1400/20.
- (4) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (5) "GEELONG" "PC.1122" "PC.1120" "PC.476" escorting Convoy LQ.21 (6 MV) were to depart Gladstone 2200/18 en route Brisbane.
- (6) "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.22 (9 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/19. On arrival Lady Elliott Island "PC.1123" to return to Brisbane and "GOULBURN" to exercise with submarine. "STAWELL" "SC.741" were detailed as escorts for LQ.22.
- (7) "MIZAR" dep. Port Moresby 1421/18 enroute Sydney ETA 1900/22.
- (8) "WARREGO" dep. Milne Bay 1430/18 enroute Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0500/20.
- (9) "PIRIE" escorting 3 MV was to depart Port Moresby 19 Oct. for Townsville.
- (10) "YP.291" dep. Cairns 1905/15 en route Brisbane ETA 0300/21.
- (11) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" & "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
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(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.738" "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "RESERVE" (AT)
	Merchant Vessels: "DONALD MCLEAY" "J.S.HOGG" "JOHN MACKAY" "WM.BEAUMONT"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "SC.747" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "H.SIBLEY" "J.B.MacPHERSON"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

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 "EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN" "CAPE SANDY"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "J.ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN  
 ROSS" "TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "BANTAM"  
 "GEN.VERSPIJCK" "TECUMSEH"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbra - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (GA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
 "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"  
 "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS  
 (APD) "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698  
 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744  
 SC.746 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52  
 YMS.70 YMS.335 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170 LST.201  
 LST.457 ML.424 ML.805 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,  
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 "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF  
 MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

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 WILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES  
 J.KELLY" "S.TURMAN" "WEST CUSSETTA" "MORMACLARK"  
 "JAPARA" "H.T.ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "J.J.ASTOR"  
 "PRES.JOHNSON" "WM.HUME" "THOMAS C.POWER"  
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "J.EVANS" "A.BURLINGHAME"  
 "E.D.BAKER"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) "Y.13" "Y.15"  
 "PC.477" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)  
 Merchant Vessels: "S.K.BARLOW" "BRITISH PRINCESS"  
 "ETOLIN" "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
 "BORGERRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "VAQUERO"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" (AMS)  
 SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MANOORA"  
 "WESTRALIA" (APA)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" (DD)  
 "GLADSTONE" "ARARAT" (AMS) "HERON" (AVP)  
 "KURUMBA" (AO) "PC.1124"

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
 "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429  
 ML.431 ML.801 ML.802 ML.803 ML.806 ML.818  
 ML.820 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YP.233 YP.236  
 LST.22 LST.26 LST.68 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "TASMAN" (AR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - At 1016/18 40 barges were sighted by air recce off  
 Choiseul Bay (N.W. tip Choiseul).  
 It was reliably reported on Oct. 18th that a considerable  
 number of Japs were still at Kakasa (S.W.coast). Previous  
 reports have indicated that the enemy had abandoned this area  
 and proceeded north.
- (2) Bougainville - A Sopac aircraft bombed and strafed 3 enemy barges  
 15 miles south of Empress Augusta Bay afternoon 17th causing  
 two to be beached.

- (3) Buka - At 0335/17 a Sopac Liberator attacked a cargo vessel and 6 barges between Buka and Cape St. George while a Catalina attacked 6 barges in the same area 30 miles S.W. of Buka at 2210/17. The latter were believed heading Rabaul but no course is given for the former sighting. No hits were scored in either attack.
- (4) Cape St. George - At 0920/18 a Beaufort claimed a near miss on an enemy submarine off Cape St. George. ~~The submarine was apparently heading Rabaul from the eastward~~  
At 0950/18 5 vessels were reported off Cape St. George apparently heading Rabaul.
- (5) Mandates-Bismarcks -  
(a) Further details of the southbound convoy described as one destroyer, one small merchantman and one transport which was attacked by a Sopac Liberator 90 miles N.E. Mussau Is. 1050/17 indicates that the transport which was hit was large and crowded with troops. It was left smoking heavily and settling ~~down~~ by the bow after the attack.  
(b) At 1510/18 one destroyer, one sea-truck were observed 25 miles N. by W. New Hanover on course 210°. The vessels were covered by one fighter.  
(c) At 1520/18 2 sea-trucks covered by one fighter were observed off the western tip of New Hanover by a recce Liberator. The vessels were thoroughly strafed from low altitude. The covering fighter was shot down.
- X (6) Rabaul - Photos Rabaul Harbour shortly after noon October 17 reveal 2 heavy cruisers, 1 light cruiser, 9 destroyers, 24 merchant vessels indicating little change from the previous recce. The cruisers are probably the same units reported on 16 Oct. namely 2 "Nachi" class CA (probably "HAGURO" "MYOKO") and one "Sendai" class CL (probably "SENDAI").  
Coverage of the airfields excluding Tobera revealed a total of 145 aircraft including 50 fighters, 45 light bombers, 32 medium bombers and 3 flying boats, 15 floatplanes in harbour.
- (7) Cape Orford - At 0735/18 a northbound enemy submarine was observed.
- (8) New Britain - One Beaufort attacked the dump area Cape Hoskins shortly after midnight 17th while 5 Beauforts attacked the same area before dawn 18th starting several fires.
- (9) Finschhafen - At 1105/17, 6 enemy bombers escorted by 12 fighters attacked Finschhafen without effect. Our intercepting fighters shot down 3 enemy aircraft.  
Further to the attack on the Japanese party landed from 3 barges a.m. 17th, remnants of the enemy force have been mopped up and a further 37 Japs killed.
- (10) Morobe - At 0830/18 a single enemy recce aircraft was over this area.
- (11) Port Moresby - At 0110/19 an allied light surface craft reported attacking a submerged enemy submarine 117 miles WNW Port Moresby.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" was to depart Thursday Is. 0800/19 en route Darwin ETA 1200/23.
- (2) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Melville Bay 1800/18 en route Darwin.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "DUNDULA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Wissel Lakes - One Mitchell attacked villages Wissel Lakes area 0625/18.
- (2) Ambon - One Catalina unsuccessfully attacked with torpedo a 2,000 ton vessel in Ambon Harbour at 0317/18.
- (3) Halmahera - At 1550/17 8 Liberators attacked town and waterfront at Ternate causing fires.  
Serviceable air strips were sighted at:-  
Kau (E.coast of N.W.leg Halmahera)  
Galela (off E.coast N.tip)  
nr.Waisile Bay (In Kau Bay)  
Miti Is. (near entrance Kau Bay)

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUEBO" (AMS) "ISABEL" (PY) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.E.PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- X (1) "MONTPELLIER" "FARENHOLT" are reported as en route Noumea to Sydney.
- X (2) "STERRETT" escorting "CLEVELAND" departed Sydney 1739/18 en route Espiritu Santo ETA 0700/22.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.135 (7 MV) dep. Melbourne 2400/18 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Newcastle 1400/22.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy RG.75 (2 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/19 en route Newcastle and Sydney.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "ROCKHAMPTON"  
"ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "DELORAINE" "MILDURA"  
"GLENELG" "WILCANNIA" "TOWNSVILLE" "BENDIGO" (AMS)  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels)  
"ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.821" "ML.430"  
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471 YMS.334"  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIUMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)  
"KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES

Submarines - Reports indicate enemy submarines in the following positions:-

- 1130/18 - 1 SS 265 miles N. Ontong Java course 300°
- 1847/18 - 1 SS vicinity Nanumea (Ellice Is.)
- 1312/18 - 1 SS vicinity Kusaie Is. (E.Carolines).

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA ) enroute ) ferryin
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO CHUYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART * CLEVELAND MONTPELLIER	COLUMBIA MONTPELLIER DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI	NOSHIRO ) 1 or OYODO ) more AGANO ) poss. NAGARA ) Bismarcks KISO ) TAMA ) enroute
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID RENSHAW SPERRETT * LE TRIOMPHANT FARENHOLT	Approx 40	15	25
	* Non-effective			





3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL		
<u>EV (T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		HITAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	* OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* ATAGO (prob. enroute Truk) * KUMANO * AOBA	
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND		6 TATSUTA (prob.enroute Truk) KINU (prob.enroute Malaya) NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u> <u>DD</u> <u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>	- POCOMOKE - Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		6 * CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 ACV) 25-30 (approx 8 repairing) Approx 30 1

\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
19 October 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS<sup>1</sup></u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELA IDE VAN HEEMSKERK	GAMBIA MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDUS	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BONEFISH ) CABRILIA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) On Patrol POMPON ) PUFFER ) RASHER ) K.12 ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) At Fremantle BOWFISH ) TUNA ) PELIAS )	?	6

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.k)	113
Light or M/Bombers	102
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

# Non-effective  
/ No recent intelligence.  
Present disposition uncertain

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

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

No. **630**                      Date: **20 October 1943**

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTHEASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" dep. Milne Bay 1605/18 en route Sydney ETA 2200/20. On arrival "WARRAMUNGA" carries out overhaul and is to ready to depart Sydney with "SHROPSHIRE" on 29 October.
- (2) "HELM" was to depart Milne Bay 0600/19 en route Brisbane ETA 0400/21.
- (3) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (4) "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) and "SWAN" "COLAC" "ML.428" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.169 were to depart RV position at 2000/18. "COLAC" escorts Portion (a) ("MONTORO") to Port Moresby ETA 1400/20. "SWAN" "ARARAT" "ML.428" escorting Portion (b) ("SEA WITCH" "DUNTRON" USS "TRI NITY" & 4 PT boats) to Milne Bay ETA 1400/20.
- (5) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy NF.60 (2 MV) was to depart Port Moresby 1500/19 en route Cairns and Townsville.
- (6) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" "PC.1124" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" and 3 MV were to depart Townsville 1900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1200/23.
- (7) "GEELONG" "PC.1122" "PC.1120" "PC.476" escorting Convoy LQ.21 (6 MV) were to depart Gladstone 2200/18 en route Brisbane.
- (8) "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.22 (9 ships incl. LST's 68, 171 & 465) were to depart Caloundra 1600/19. On arrival Lady Elliott Island "PC.1123" to return to Brisbane and "GOULBURN" to exercise with submarine. "STAWELL" "SC.741" were detailed as escorts for LQ.22.
- (9) "BOWEN" "KATOOMBA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Milne Bay 1405/18 en route Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0300/21.
- (10) "PC.477" escorting "ETOLIN" dep. Port Moresby 1145/19 en route Cairns ETA 2230/20.
- (11) "WARREGO" dep. Milne Bay 1430/18 en route Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 0500/20.
- (12) "MIZAR" dep. Port Moresby 1421/18 en route Sydney ETA 1900/22.
- (13) "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 0945/19 en route Gladstone and Brisbane ETA Gladstone 0300/21.
- (14) "TANCRED" towing a crane barge with "ML.801" and "ML.806" attached departed Brisbane 1650/19 en route Townsville.
- (15) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" & "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville.
- (16) "YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 2000/17 en route Palm Is. ETA 1000/21. After discharging cargo proceeds to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (17) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae                      - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.982"  
Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "RESERVE" (AT)  
 Merchant Vessels: "J.S.HOGG" "JOHN MACKAY"  
 "WM.BEAUMONT"

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "SC.747" "SC.749" "YMS.71"  
 Merchant Vessels: "H.SIBLEY" "J.B.MacPHERSON"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.537" "PC.479" "Y.14" "Y.15"  
 "YMS.51" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M.GOODHUE"  
 "BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J.STIRLING MORTON"  
 "EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN"

Oro Bay - ~~Warships & Aux.~~ - "J.ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN  
 ROSS" "TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "BANTAM"  
 "GEN.VERSPIJCK" "TECUMSEH" "E.D.BAKER" "WOMBAT"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
 "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"  
 "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS  
 (APD) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734  
 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746 SC.981  
 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.335  
 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170 LST.201 LST.457  
 ML.424 ML.805 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,  
 15,16,17,18,20,21 36 PT's "POYANG" "YUNNAN"  
 (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "GTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG)  
 "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)  
 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES  
 J.KELLY" "S.TURMAN" "WEST CUSETTA" "NORMACLARK"  
 "JAPARA" "H.T.ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "J.J.ASTOR"  
 "PRES.JOHNSON" "WM.HUME" "THOMAS C.POWER"  
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "J.EVANS" "A.BURLINGHAME"  
 "CAPE SANDY" "NUGINCO"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)  
 Merchant Vessels: "WERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
 "BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "VAQUERO"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "WAGGA" "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" (AMS)  
 "SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "GLADSTONE" "ARAX" (AMS)  
 "HERON" (AVP)

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER" (APD)  
 "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429  
 ML.431 ML.801 ML.802 ML.803 ML.806 ML.818  
 ML.820 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YP.233 YP.236  
 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON  
 (Survey Vessel) "TASMAN" (AR)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

(1) "GILMER" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy QL.22A (4 MV) are to depart  
 Caloundra 1430/21.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) South Bougainville

(a) Photos Buin-Shortlands area 1025/18 revealed -

Aircraft: Kahili - 24 fighters  
 Balide - 4 fighters  
 Faisi - 9 flying beats

Shipping: 1 sub.chaser  
 5 small craft  
 41 barges  
 2 corvettes

Three new jetties are shown at Tonolei/

- (b) At 0900/17 24 Corsairs on fighter sweep to Kahili encountered 30-40 fighters and dive bombers over Ballale of which 13 fighters and one dive bomber were destroyed and one fighter and dive bomber damaged without loss to our aircraft.
- (c) At 1000/18 28 Liberators, 32 Dauntless, 12 Avengers escorted by 56 fighters attacked Ballale. Ineffective interception by 10-15 fighters resulted in three being destroyed.
- (d) At 0100/19 indications 3 small craft probably barges proceeding towards Buin from N.W. tip of Choiseul.
- (2) Cape Saint George - At 2300/18 a Sopac Liberator attacked 4 small craft 35 miles east of Cape Saint George.  
 At 1500/19 3 small sea-trucks were observed stationary off Cape St. George and at 1530/19 2 small sea-trucks in the same area on a southeasterly course.
- (3) Rabaul - Our bombers again carried out a heavy strike on Rabaul October 18th. 78 heavy bombers destined to attack Rabaul were unable to reach their target owing to particularly bad weather and some of these units attacked other targets as set out below before returning to their base. 51 Mitchells, however, succeeded in reaching their target by proceeding under the low cloud formation and attacked Rapopo and Tobera aerodromes together with shipping in harbour. Latest reports indicate that a total of 44 grounded aircraft were destroyed, 6 others probably destroyed and 8 heavily damaged in addition to fuel dumps being set on fire, A.A. positions silenced, control towers and several gas trucks destroyed at Rapopo and Tobera and a radio station damaged.

Of the shipping in harbour the following results were obtained:

Sunk	-	1 destroyer 1 5-7000 ton merchantman 1 corvette
Prob. Sunk	-	1 corvette which was set afire by 2 direct hits
Damaged	-	1 5-8000 ton merchantman 1 small vessel

Our Mitchells were intercepted by 40-60 enemy fighters and dive bombers over Cape Gazelle of which a total of 29 were destroyed and 6 others probably destroyed. 3 Mitchells failed to return.

Photos Rabaul Harbour 1035/19 reveal much the same shipping concentration as previous recce -

2 "NACHI" class heavy cruisers  
 9 destroyers  
 1 gunboat  
 1 sub-chaser  
 6 submarines  
 1 destroyer tender  
 1 tanker

23 merchantmen totalling approx 124,000 tons.

The airfields revealed 116 fighters, 23 light and 72 medium bombers in addition to 10 floatplanes and one flying boat in harbour.

- (4) Cape Hoskins - 11 Liberators failing to reach Rabaul bombed Cape Hoskins area afternoon. Large fires were started, one grounded aircraft and one barge destroyed.
- (5) Cape Gloucester - Three other Liberators returning from Rabaul strike bombed Cape Gloucester aerodrome.
- (6) Wide Bay - Night October 18-19 a Navy Catalina bombed and strafed one large, 4 smaller barges and installations around jetty on east side of Henry Reid Bay.
- (7) Cape Orford - At 1417/18 submarine sighted northbound.
- (8) Arawe - At 1343/18 aircraft report sighting 20 probable barges stationary in harbour 7 miles WNW Arawe airfield.

- (9) Vitiaz Strait - Possible submarine sightings this area night 18 Oct. and at 2222/19 Oct.
- (10) Wewak - At 1030/19 2 small freighters and several small harbour craft in Victoria Bay. Our three recce Lightnings encountered 9 dive bombers 15 miles south of Wewak one of which was probably destroyed.
- (11) Hansa Bay - At 1100/19 Barge activity only.
- (12) Sie - 6 Liberators ex R&Aul strike bombed this area at 1252/18. One Liberator also bombed the area at 1400/19.
- (13) Ramu Valley - Our patrols remain active in the upper Faria River area. N.G.F. report Japanese killed in this advanced area since the fall of Kaiapit now total 479.
- (14) Finschhafen - An enemy attack in the Song River area on night October 17th forced our troops to withdraw to Katika. From dawn to noon the following day an allied force attacked west from Katika and fighting continued in the neighbourhood of the beach during the afternoon. Fighting continues in this area with the enemy endeavouring to infiltrate north and south towards the coast. In the two days ended 0900/19 200 Japanese dead had been counted.  
Between 0200-0600/19, 14 enemy bombers ineffectively attacked the Bumi River area.
- (15) Hanisch Harbour - Our patrols report no enemy troops contacted at the mouth of the Mongi River 1800/18.

2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "PREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" dep. Darwin for Thursday Is. ETA 2400/22.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" was to depart Thursday Is. 0800/19 en route Darwin ETA 1200/23.
- (3) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Melville Bay 1800/18 en route Darwin ETA 1700/20.
- (4) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "ML.814" "ML.815"

(1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Is. - 5 Beaufighters strafed and destroyed a large enemy barge containing 15 Japs Serwatoe Bay October 19th. Also bombed and strafed Trangan Strip.
- (2) Timor - 6 Mitchells and 3 Hudsons attacked Fullero aerodrome early hours 19th Oct.

3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Fremantle 2205/19 en route Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739"

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288"  
"CHANTICIEER" (ASR)

#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "STERRETT" escorting "CIEVELAND" dep. Sydney 1739/18 en route Espiritu Santo ETA 0700/22.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.135 (6 MV) dep. Melbourne 2400/18 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Newcastle 1400/22.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy CO.136 (10 MV) were to depart Newcastle 1300/20 for Port Phillip.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy R.75 (2 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/19 en route Newcastle and Sydney ETA Sydney 2300/21.
- (5) "WILCANNIA" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML.822" escorting Convoy GP.76 (5 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/20 for Brisbane. "ML.822" detaches at Coffs Harbour a.m. 23 Oct.

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

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTPELLIER" (CL)  
"FARENHOLT" (DD) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" "GLENELG"  
(AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430"  
"ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.821" "BUNGAREE" (CM)  
"LST.471" "YMS.334"  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)  
"KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS) "AASE MAERSK" (AO)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

##### NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) Coral Sea - At 1135/19 an enemy submarine is believed to have fired 2 torpedoes at an allied submarine in a position 395 miles ENE Gladstone.
- (2) E. Carolines - At 1312/18 a Sopac recon aircraft attacked an enemy submarine 125 miles east by south Kusaie Island scoring a near miss. One member of the submarine's crew was observed to be washed overboard.
- (3) Nauru - At 1105/18 another aircraft attacked a surfaced enemy submarine 142 miles S.W. of Nauru without visible results.

##### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAK U SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUINO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO (enroute) TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART MONTPELLIER	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI KISO ) enroute TAMA )	NOSHIRO ) 1 or OYODO ) more AGANO ) poss. NAGARA ) Bismarcks TATSUTA (en route)
<u>(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID FARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) COD ) CROWLER ) GUARD FISH ) CATO ) PETO ) SILVERSIDES )	20	20
	BLACKFISH ) CAPELIN ) DRUM ) GREVILLE ) MARWHALE ) RATON ) SCAMP ) S.31 )		
	On Patrol		
	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
	DOBBIN DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.)		163	
Light & M/Bombers		189	
SE/Bombers		3	
Flying Boats		6	
Floatplanes		56	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		17	

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) HYUGA )	One unit being modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL		
<u>CV (T)</u>	-		HOSHO
<u>(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON		HITAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE		CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA		* KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-		6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANIA FE * HONOLULU * NASEVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND		NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-		6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POGOMOKE		* CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35 Approx 50 ?		20-35 (a few repairing) Approx 30 1

\* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES 20 October 1943

<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XOL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

## 5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

## Eastern Fleet Area

## East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUFFOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		DANAE	
		CARADOC	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XOL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>BS</u>	BONFISH )		6
	CABRILLA )		
	CISCO )		
	KINGFISH )	On Patrol	
	POMPON )		
	PUFFER )		
	RASHER )		
	K.12 )		
	BILLFISH )		
	BLUEFISH )	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN )		
	TUNA )		
<u>AS</u>	PELLIAS	?	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

\* Non-effective  
 # No recent intelligence.  
 Present dispositions uncertain

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

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

No. 631

Date: 21 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (2) "SC.750" escorting "JOHN W. MACKAY" "JAMES S. HOGG" dep. Goodenough Is. 1000/20 en route Townsville ETA Trafton Passage 0700/22. "SC.750" to detach at East Cape and proceed Milne Bay.
- (3) "PIRIE" escorting Convoy NT.6 0 (2 MV) was to depart Port Moresby 1500/19 en route Cairns and Townsville ETA Grafton Passage 1730/21.
- (4) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy TN.170 ("MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "J. CARROLL" "F. C. NEWLANDS" "C. B. STEINMETZ") were to depart Townsville 1900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/23.
- (5) "GOULBURN" "STAWELL" "PC.1123" "SC.741" escorting Convoy QL.22 (9 ships incl. LST's 68,171 & 465) were to depart Caloundra 1600/19. On arrival Lady Elliott Island "PC.1123" and "GOULBURN" to exercise with submarine thence Brisbane ETA 2000/23. "STAWELL" "SC.741" were detailed as escorts for LQ.22.
- (6) "TANCRED" towing a crane barge with "ML.801" and "ML.806" attached departed Brisbane 1650/19 en route Townsville.
- (7) "KOOPA" towing "ML.816" & "ML.819" dep. Caloundra 1206/13 en route Townsville ETA 1000/21.
- (8) "YP.283" was to depart Caloundra 2000/17 en route Palm Is. ETA 1000/21. After discharging cargo proceeds to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- (9) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.750" "RESERVE" (AT)
	Merchant Vessels: "J. S. HOGG" "JOHN MACKAY"
	"WM. BEAUMONT"
Kiriwina	-- Warships & Aux. - "SC.747" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "J. B. MacPHERSON"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.738" "PC.479" "Y.14"
	"Y.15" "YMS.51" "YMS.335" "ML.425" "SC.737"
	"HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "JAMES M. GOODHUE"
	"BONTEKOE" "ANHUI" "HANYANG" "J. STIRLING MORTON"
	"EDNA" "BALIKPAPAN" "DUNTROON"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"
	Merchant Vessels: "J. ALDEN" "NANCY HANKS" "JOHN ROSS"
	"TAMBAR" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "BANTAM" "SIBLEY"
	"GEN. VERSPIJCK" "TECUMSEH" "E. D. BAKER" "WOMBAT"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "SMITH" "PERKINS"  
 "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON"  
 "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS"  
 (APD) "ARARAT" "SWAN" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698  
 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.738 SC.742 SC.743  
 SC.744 SC.746 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 EST.170 LST.201  
 LST.457 ML.424 ML.428 ML.805 PC.1121  
 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 40 PT's  
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "TRINITY" (AO)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES J. KELLY" "S. TURMAN" "WEST CUSETTA" "MORMAC LARK"  
 "JAPARA" "H.T. ALVARADO" "COLORADO" "J.J. ASTOR"  
 "PRES. JOHNSON" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS C. POWER"  
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "A. BURLINGHAME"  
 "CAPE SANDY" "MUGINCO" "SEA WITCH"  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)  
 "COLAC" (AMS)  
 Merchant Vessels: "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SEVA"  
 "BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS" "MONTORO"  
 "VAQUERO"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN" "WAGGA" "GYMPIE"  
 "BUNBURY" (AMS) "PC.477" "SC.736" "SC.748" YMS.8  
 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" "WARREGO"  
 (AMS) "HERON" (AVP)  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER"  
 (APD) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735  
 SC.736 ML.429 ML.431 ML.801 ML.802 ML.803  
 ML.806 ML.818 ML.820 PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YMS.336 YP.233 YP.236  
 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA) "RULFON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMELA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "GOUCAL" (ASH) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "TASMAN" (AR)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYAILA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GILMER" "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy QL.22A (4 MV) are to depart Caloundra 1430/21.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Choiseul -

(a) Reliably reported a.m. 20th at least 5000 Japs still dispersed at points on the N.W. coast Choiseul between Sangigai and Choiseul Bay (N.W. tip) a distance of about 25 miles. These troops are short of rations and looting the area for food. There are indications of impending movement which links up with other intelligence suggesting some of these troops are moving to the N.W. tip prior to evacuation to Buin. Others may be picked up by barges along the N.W. coast at night.

(b) All Japs are reported to have left the islands in the Manning Strait area.

(c) At 1810/18, 18 Dauntless, 11 Hellcats and 14 Aircobras bombed and strafed bivouac area Kakasa (mid west coast) while a single Liberator attacked the same target the following morning. A considerable number of Japs were

- reported to be still in this area on Oct. 18th.
- (d) Night 18/19 Oct. our PT boats failed to locate any barges in Choiseul Bay and were bombed by enemy aircraft.
- (2) South Bougainville
- (a) 1650/18 - 19 Corsairs on fighter sweep over Kahili encountered 15-20 Zeros destroying 8 and damaging 2. One Corsair also strafed tents and buildings east coast Shortland Is.
- (b) Photos Buin Shortlands base October 19th reveal -
- Shipping: 2 small AK  
23 barges  
1 small craft
- Aircraft: 3 fighters Kahili  
nil a/c Kara  
4 fighters Ballale  
5 floatplanes Faisi
- Ballale strip was reported to be inoperative and under repair. A 2000 ft. clearing west of Kara Strip is believed to be a runway under construction.
- (3) Buka - Photos a.m. 19th show one AK and 19 barges in Matchin Bay; 9 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 5 dive bombers, 2 floatplanes.
- (4) Cape St. George - At 2310/19 a Sopac Liberator attacked a possible enemy destroyer 38 miles S.W. Cape St. George on easterly course. Four bombs exploded above water causing a large cloud of smoke or steam above target which disappeared from sight shortly after attack and was believed sunk.
- Another vessel described as a possible destroyer was unsuccessfully attacked by the same aircraft 30 miles south by west of Cape St. George at 2205/19.
- (5) New Hanover - At 1935/20 a convoy described as 6 large vessels was observed 85 miles S.W. New Hanover on easterly course, with fighter cover. Our Liberator experienced heavy interception and destroyed one Zero and damaged another.
- Comment - The position, if accurate, suggests a convoy proceeding from Palau to Rabaul direct and the course would appear to be much further south than the majority of convoys which have been observed proceeding into Rabaul recently via W. coast New Hanover.
- At 1500/20 the same Liberator reported another convoy 65 miles N.W. New Hanover course unstated.
- (6) New Ireland - At 0240/21 one of our aircraft reported attacking a four-ship convoy 16 miles ENE of East Cape, New Ireland. The composition and course of the force has not yet been reported.
- (7) Rabaul - At 0255/21 another of our aircraft reported attacking a three-ship convoy off the Duke of York Islands but further details are not yet to hand.
- (8) New Britain - a.m. 19th 2 Bostons carried out a barge sweep of the New Britain coast attacking and probably destroying one camouflaged barge near Lolobau Is. (Ubili area) and heavily strafing plantation area Cape Beechy and dump area Gasmata. Two other Bostons also attacked Gasmata area.
- At 0245/20 an enemy submarine was sighted 6 miles off Gasmata.
- P.M. 20th one Liberator bombed a group of barges in Bergen Bay many of which were considered unserviceable. Several direct hits were scored.
- (9) Vitiaz Strait - The northern portion of Long Island is reliably reported to be clear of the enemy.
- (10) Wewak - Incomplete photographs a.m. 19th Wewak airfields reveal a total of 19 fighters, 21 light and 8 medium bombers. 12 barges are shown in harbour.
- 4 Thunderbolts conducting a fighter sweep over this area a.m. 19th destroyed 5 enemy floatplanes taking off near Kairiru Island and strafed a small freighter and village this area.
- (11) Bogadjim - 4 Mitchells attacked this area p.m. 20th scoring hits on gun positions and stores areas.
- (12) Finschhafen - A late report indicates at 1100/17 4 Aircobras engaged 6 medium bombers, 10-12 fighters over this area destroying 4 medium bombers, one fighter and probably destroying 2 other bombers.

P.M. 19th 9 Bostons and 10 Vengeance attacked village Sattelberg area.

Early hours 20th, 30 enemy aircraft are reported to have dropped bombs in the Salankaua Plantation area causing slight damage and casualties.

- (13) Coral Sea - October 20th a possible submarine sighted 55 miles north by east Cairns.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" dep. Darwin for Thursday Is. ETA 2400/22.  
(2) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" was to depart Thursday Is. 0800/19 en route Darwin ETA 1200/23.  
(3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Manokwari - 3 Liberators on reconnaissance this area Oct. 20th report 2 direct hits and one near miss on a small freighter between Manokwari and Sorong. The vessel exploded, caught fire and was reported to have been left sinking.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Carnarvon ETA 1300/21.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
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"SC.739"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286" "YP.288"  
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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy OC.135 (6 MV) dep. Melbourne 2400/18 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Newcastle 1400/22.  
(2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy CO.136 (10 MV) were to depart Newcastle 1300/20 for Port Phillip ETA 1200/23.  
(3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy PG.75 (2 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1200/19 en route Newcastle and Sydney ETA Sydney 1500/21.

- (4) "WILCANNIA" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" "ML.822" "YMS.354" escorting Convoy GP.76 (5 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/20 for Brisbane. ML.822" detaches at Coffs Harbour a.m. 23 Oct.
- (5) "MIZAR" dep. Port Moresby 1421/18 en route Sydney ETA 1900/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephen - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG)  
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTPELLIER" (CL)  
                   "WARRAMUNGA" "FARENHOLT" (DD) "DELORAINÉ"  
                   "MILDURA" "GLENELG" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
                   Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
                   "ML.821" "BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471"  
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)  
                   "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
 (Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
 Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO (enroute) TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI KISO) enroute TAMA)	NOSHIRO) 1 or OYODO ) more AGANO ) poss. NAGARA ) Bismarcks TATSUTA (enroute)
<u>L(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID PARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismar cks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) COD ) GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) HETO ) SILVERSIDES )	20	20
	On Patrol		
	BLACKFISH ) CAPELIN ) DRUM ) GREVILLE ) MARWHAL ) RATON ) SCAMP ) S.31 )		
	At Brisbane		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF NOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
<u>AS</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.)	166		
Light & M/Bombers	189		
SE/Bombers	3		
Flying Boats	6		
Floatplanes	56		
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17		

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON  
DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	ISE ) One unit being HYUGA ) modernised
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COMPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAHAMA COPAHEE	CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND * HONOLULU	NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCONOKE	* CHIYODA (under conversion to AOV)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	20-35 (a few repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
	?	1

\* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES 21 October 1943

<u>BB</u>	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>V/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEANSouthwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX SUFFOLK HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	GAMBIA MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CARETOWN DURBAN DANAE CARADOC EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>SS</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES BONEFISH ) CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) On Patrol POMPON ) PUFFER ) RASHER ) K.12 ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) At Fremantle BOWFIN ) TUNA )	Approx 27	10 6
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>CRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113	
Light & M/Bombers		54	≠ Non-effective
SE/Bombers		12	∅ No recent intelligence.
Flying Boats		12	Present disposition uncertain
Floatplanes		54	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		44	

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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

No. 632                      Date: 22 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "AUSTRALIA" with "BAGLEY" departed Milne Bay 0610/21 en route Brisbane ETA 1630/23.
- X (2) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy TN.170 ("MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "J.CARROLL" "P.C.NEWLANDS" "C.B.STEINMETZ") were to depart Townsville 1900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/23. On arrival at North Foreland, China Strait, "STUART" will take "MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA" to Oro Bay, arriving 0600/24 and then escort them back to mainland. "ARUNTA" will escort remaining vessels to Goodenough Is. and thence proceed independently to Brisbane arriving 29th October.
- (3) "WARREGO" (ex Townsville) and "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" and "WAGGA" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.171 (11 MV and 5 PTs) were to depart RV position at 1700/22. "GYMPIE" with 1 MV ETA Port Moresby 1300/25. "WARREGO" "BUNBURY" and "WAGGA" with 10 MV ETA Milne Bay 1300/25.
- (4) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (5) "STAWELL" and "SC.741" escorting Convoy LQ.22 (6 ships) was to depart Gladstone 2200/21 en route Brisbane ETA 0430/23.
- (6) "GILMER" and "LITHGOW" escorting Convoy QL.22A (3 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1604/21 ETA Bustard Head 2000/22. On arrival Lady Elliot Is. "LITHGOW" returns Brisbane.
- (7) "SWAN" escorting Convoy NT.61 was to depart Milne Bay 1430/21 en route Townsville ETA 1430/24.
- (8) "COLAC" escorting "SHIKELLAMY" dep. Port Moresby 1800/21 en route Townsville ETA 0230/24.
- (9) "TANCRED" towing a crane barge with "ML.801" and "ML.806" attached departed Brisbane 1650/19 en route Townsville.
- (10) "FREMANTLE" escorting "DUNDULA" departed Darwin for Thursday Is. ETA 2400/22.
- (11) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - -
	Merchant Vessels: -
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.747" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "J.B.MacPherson"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"

- Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.737" "SC.738"  
 "Y.14" "YMS.51" "YMS.335" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG)  
 "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
 Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "BONTEKOE"  
 "HANYANG" "J. STIRLING MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN"  
 "DUNTROON"
- Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
 Merchant Vessels: "J. ALDEN" "JOHN ROSS" "SIBLEY"  
 "GEN. VERSPIJCK" "TECUMSEH" "E. D. BAKER"
- Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (OA) "SMITH"  
 "FERKINS" "MAHAN" "BAGLEY" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER"  
 "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS"  
 "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "ARARAT" "SWAN" (AMS) SC.648  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743  
 SC.744 SC.746 SC.750 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49  
 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 LST.17  
 LST.201 LST.457 ML.424 ML.428 ML.805  
 PG. 479 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,  
 17,18,20,21 40 PT's "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIBEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (AO) "SPRINGDALE"  
 (YDG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF) "POLLUX"  
 (AKS) "TRINITY" (AO)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

- Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES  
 J. KELLY" "S. TURMAN" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMA  
 CLARK" "JAPARA" "E. T. ALVARADO" "COLORADO"  
 "J. J. ASTOR" "PRES. JOHNSON" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS  
 C. POWER" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "TAMBAR" "BANTAM"  
 "THOMAS CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "A. BURLINGHAME"  
 "EDNA" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA WITCH" "VAQUERO"  
 "MULIANA"
- Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "SHIKELLAMI" (AO) ML.804  
 "COLAC" (AMS)  
 Merchant Vessels: "MERNOC" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
 "BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "MONTORO"
- Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "ML.804" "COCTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "BOWEN" (AMS) PG.477  
 SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47  
 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)
- Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)  
 "HERON" (AVP) ML.816 ML.819 YP.283
- Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO) LST's 68,171,465  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "HELM" "VENDETTA" (DD) "GILMER"  
 (APD) "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" "LITHGOW" (AMS)  
 SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429 ML.431 ML.801  
 ML.802 ML.803 ML.806 ML.818 ML.820 PC.476  
 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,  
 19. YMS.336 YP.233 YP.236 YP.291 LST.22  
 LST22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.473  
 "H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" (AH)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "COUCAL" (AER) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "TASMAN" (AR)
- (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.23 (11 MV)  
 are to depart Caloundra 1600/23 en route Gladstone.  
 "LITHGOW" to escort as far as Lady Elliot Is. and then  
 return Brisbane. Other vessels detailed to escort LQ.23
- X (2) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV.4 is to  
 RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50' S, 158°10' E at  
 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Choiseul -

- (a) A.M. 19 October three Soupac Venturas attacked enemy positions Kakasa, while six additional Venturas attacked same area following morning. Pilots reported village area where considerable Japanese remnants were still reported recently, appeared to be devastated by recent raids.
- (b) A.M. 20 October four Soupac Venturas also bombed and strafed various islands in Choiseul Bay area scoring hits on villages, installations, supplies and three barges.
- (c) At 0300/21 four enemy barges were reliably reported off the west coast of Choiseul, one of which apparently appeared proceeding to Sangagai and the remainder continued on a south easterly course. These craft are no doubt endeavouring to evacuate some of the remaining troops still reported at Sangagai and Kakasa in the Sumbi Head area. At 1140/21 our aircraft reported also sighting two enemy submarines off Sumbi Head which may also well have been connected with the evacuation of enemy troops from this area.

(2) South Bougainville -

- (a) At 0425/19 four Soupac Venturas attacked Ballale starting fires. Although considerable A/A fire was encountered no attempt had been made to effect repairs to the unusable runway 24 hours after the attack.
- (b) Forenoon 19 October four Venturas, 12 Avengers, 20 Dauntless with Corsairs and Kittyhawks escorting were involved in attacks against Kara field. One Ventura failed to return. During the same afternoon two Corsairs strafed the runway setting five aircraft afire.
- (c) 24 Liberators covered by 14 Lightnings also attacked Kabili 19 October starting large fires, scoring direct hit on one ~~sixx~~ A/A position. During interception by 15-20 Zeros, five were shot down by the Liberators and one by the Lightnings. Two Lightnings collided in mid-air during interception and were lost.

(3) New Ireland - Further details of the attack against a four-ship convoy off East Cape at 0240/21 indicate that the force was comprised of 3-4 vessels which were proceeding on a southerly course apparently proceeding Rabaul from Truk. One direct hit was claimed on one vessel.

Approximately two hours after this attack a possible cruiser was reported 30 miles south of East Cape on course 220° and which may well have been part of the same convoy attacked earlier in the morning.

There was no convoy attacked off the Duke of York Islands as reported yesterday. The report was due to an incorrect position being given by one of the aircraft attacking the convoy off East Cape.

(4) New Hanover -

- (a) Further details of the six large ship convoy sighted in this area at 1035/20 indicate that the correct position of sighting was approximately 60 miles W. of New Hanover and not further south as earlier reported. This position places the convoy on a more normal course in relation to a force proceeding either from Truk or Palau to Rabaul. The reconnaissance Liberator was unable to make correct observation of the convoy due to heavy fighter cover and was attacked by seven Zeros while approaching the convoy and engaged for 25 minutes during which two enemy fighters were probably destroyed. The same aircraft was later engaged by another fighter patrol of fifteen Zeros of which three were definitely destroyed and three others damaged. The scale of the fighter cover given this convoy suggests the possibility of an important troop convoy proceeding into Rabaul.
- (b) During the afternoon 21 October an additional large convoy ~~xx~~ of probably eight vessels was sighted in the Bismarck Sea area apparently proceeding out from Rabaul to the

Mandates. The convoy was first sighted at 1445/21 66 miles S. by E. of New Hanover on course 330 with two enemy aircraft covering. At 1626/21 the convoy was unsuccessfully attacked by the reconnaissance Liberator in a position 30 miles S.W. by S. of New Hanover when the course was W.N.W. The convoy was then described in detail as consisting of eight vessels as follows:-

- 1 destroyer
- 1 17,000 ton whaling type AK
- 2 medium freighter transports
- 3 sea truck type vessels (15/2500 tons)
- 1 small sea truck type vessel

One report states that the convoy appeared heavily loaded and the existence of well-decks on one medium freighter transport was undetermined because of heavy deck cargo.

- (5) Kavieng - At 2240/21 a Navy Catalina reported attacking a 6000 ton vessel 30 miles S.W. by S. of Kavieng. No course was given.
- (6) Gasmata - Eighteen Kittyhawks attacked the dump area afternoon 21 October.
- (7) Hansa Bay - Ten stationary barges observed at 1130/21.
- (8) Bogadjim - Four Mitchells attacked this area forenoon 21 October destroying 24 huts and two bridges vicinity Yaula.
- (9) Finschhafen - Intermittent fighting continues vicinity Kitika where several enemy attacks were repulsed 19 October. The enemy is now reported to hold the track from Kitika to the Siki River and along the river bak to the coast.
- (10) Woodlark - Sixteen enemy aircraft were reported flying south over this area at 1011/21.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "LAUROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" was to depart Thursday Is. 0800/19 on route Darwin ETA 1200/23.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Merauke - Enemy reconnaissance aircraft over this area afternoon 21 October.
- (2) Nabire - Increased activity reported. Photos taken 20 October show nil aircraft on strip but evidence revetment construction and defences continuing.
- (3) Manokwari - Further reports of the attack by three Liberators in this area afternoon 20 October indicate that in addition to probably destroying a small freighter this aircraft bombed Manokwari barracks and shipping area where six small sea truck type freighters, three native craft were reported in harbour. Photos show 11 barges, two large launches and four praus.
- (4) Sorong - Photos taken by the same aircraft over Sorong show one small sea truck, one schooner and 16 barges in Harbour, another small 2500 ton freighter and 18 barges off Ombre Island (4 miles S. Sorong). Visual report also claimed sighting five sea trucks off Doome Island (3 miles west Sorong.)

Comment: Note considerable small shipping activity in general area between Manokwari and Sorong.



- (5) Timor - Four Hudsons attacked Hansisi area 21 October, destroying one large building. Nil shipping observed.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome. ETA Carnarvon 1000/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "GHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

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Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTEPELLIER" (CL) "WARRAMUNGA" "PARENHOET" (DD) "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "WARRNAMBOOL" "BUNDABERG" "MORESBY" "KALGOORLIE" "CASTLEMAINE" "BROOME" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.821" "BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471"  
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(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
Western Port - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Suva - There are indications of at least two enemy submarines operating in the vicinity of Suva.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Eastern Carolines - An enemy convey described as two freighters, one destroyer, was attacked by one of our submarines in the Eastern Carolines 21 October and two torpedo hits were claimed against the larger merchant ship.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
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ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO (enroute) TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI KISO TAMA	NOSHIRO ) 1 or OYODO ) more AGANO ) poss. NAGARA ) Bismarcks TATSUTA
<u>(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XGL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN HERKINS REID PARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) COD ) GREVALLE ) On Patrol GROWLER ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) SILVERSIDES )	20	20
	CAPELIN ) DRUM ) MARWHALE ) PETO ) At Brisbane RATON ) SCAMP ) S.31 )		
	K.9 At Sydney		
<u>/CVS</u>	NERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	- NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
	DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 24 twin-eng.)	208
Light & M/Bombers	203
SE/Bombers	21
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	53
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO (poss. Truk) * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * NASHVILLE * HONOLULU * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	POCOMOKE	* CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV)
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	2
<u>DD</u>	Approx 35	20-35 (a few repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
<u>MS</u>	?	1

\* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	AppBox 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

B. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)      Eastern Fleet Area      East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	♂ ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	KYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUSSEX	ASHIGARA
		SUPPOLK	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>SS</u>	BONEFISH )		6
	CABRILLA )		
	CISCO )		
	KINGFISH ) On Patrol		
	POMPON )		
	PUFFER )		
	RASHER )		
	K.12 )		
	BILLFISH )		
	BLUEFISH ) At Fremantle		
	BOWFIN )		
	TUNA )		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	

<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)	
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

♂ Non-effective  
 ♀ No recent intelligence.  
 Present disposition uncertain.

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. **633** Date: **23 October 1943**PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ARUNTA" "STUART" "CONYNGHAM" "PC.1124" escorting Convoy TN.170 ("MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" "J.CARROLL" "PC.NEWLANDS" "C.B.STEINMETZ") were to depart Townsville 1900/20 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/23. On arrival at North Foreland, China Strait, "STUART" will take "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" to Oro Bay, arriving 0600/24 and then escort them back to mainland. "ARUNTA" will escort remaining vessels to Goodenough Is. and thence proceed independently to Brisbane arriving 29 Oct.
- (2) "WARREGO" (ex Townsville) and "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.171 (11 MV and 5 PTs) were to depart RV position at 1700/22. "GYMPIE" with "KATOOMBA" ETA Port Moresby 1300/25. "WARREGO" "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" with 10 MV ("H.COBB" "I.M.SCOTT" "SWARTENHONDT" "TAROOMA" "RING LARDNER" "W.D.BURNHAM" "H.L.ABBOTT" "ISOLATOR" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "B.BONNEVILLE") ETA Milne Bay 1300/25.
- (3) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (4) "GEEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.23 (11 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/23 en route Gladstone. "LITHGOW" to escort as far as Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. Other vessels detailed to escort QL.23.
- (5) "SWAN" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy NT.61 (3 MV) were to depart Milne Bay 1430/21 en route Townsville ETA 1430/24.
- (6) "COLAC" escorting "SHIKELLAMY" dep. Port Moresby 1800/21 en route Townsville ETA 0230/24.
- (7) "TANCRED" towing a crane barge with "ML.801" & "ML.806" attached dep. Brisbane 1650/19 en route Townsville.
- (8) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux.
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.747" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "J.B.MacPHERSON"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.737" "SC.738" "Y.14"
	"YMS.51" "YMS.335" "ML.425" "HILO"(PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	Merchant Vessels: "ROBERT STUART" "BONEEKOE" "HANYANG" "J.STIRLING MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN" "DUNTROON"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "SC.750"
	Merchant Vessels: "J.ALDEN" "JOHN ROSS" "SIBLEY" "GEN.VERSPIJCK" "TECUMSEH" "E.D.BAKER" "H.T.ALVARADO"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
Porlock Hbr.	- Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)

Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648 SC.698  
 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744  
 SC.746 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52  
 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170 LST.201 LST.457  
 ML.424 ML.428 ML.805 PC.479 PC.1121  
 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 40 FT's  
 "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA"  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBBIN" (AD)  
 "MERKUR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES J. KELLY" "S. TURMAN" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMAN CLARK" "J. J. ASTOR" "Wm. HUME" "THOMAS C. POWER" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "TAMBAR" "BANTAM" "THOMAS CORWIN" "J. EVANS" "A. BURLINGHAME" "EDNA" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA WITCH" "VAQUERO" "MULIAMA"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" ML.804  
 Merchant Vessels: "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA" "BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS" "MONTORO"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" "COOTAMUNDRA" (AMS) "ML.804"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" "BOWEN" (AMS) PC.477  
 SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMBA" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)  
 "HERON" (AVP) ML.816 ML.819 YP.283

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "GILMER" (APD) "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 LST's 68, 171, 465

Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)  
 "STAWELL" "WILCANNIA" "GEELONG" "GOLDBURN"  
 "LITHGOW" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 SC.741  
 ML.429 ML.431 ML.801 ML.802 ML.803 ML.806  
 ML.818 ML.820 PC.476 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YMS.336 YMS.354 YP.233  
 YP.236 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463  
 LST.473 "H. F. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA"  
 "TASMAN" (AH) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA"  
 "ALGORAB" (AKA) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV.4 is to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Buka - At 1120/22 3 Lightnings reported sighting 6 small freighters in Matchin Bay.  
 At 0135 this morning 23 Oct. a Sopac Liberator reported attacking 4 ship convoy 36 miles WSW Buka course 300° scoring one direct hit on one vessel.
- (2) New Ireland - Further details of the enemy force attacked in the East Cape - Cape St. George area before dawn 21st indicate that 3 groups of Beauforts attacked 2 vessels described as one light cruiser and one unidentified vessel on a southerly course between East Cape and Cape St. George. These attacks took place between 0358 and 0525/21 and were therefore approximately 60-90 minutes later than the attack by Sopac aircraft against the force described as 3-4 vessels in the vicinity of East Cape. The first group of 8 Beauforts attacked with torpedoes the CL and unidentified vessel at 0358, nil hits being scored on the cruiser but the other vessel was observed stationary and afire and men were seen abandoning ship. The second group of 9



Beauforts scored four near misses on one vessel between 0455 and 0508/21.

All reports would appear to refer to an enemy force comprising probably 4 vessels including one possible CL, 2 large and one other small unidentified vessel which were apparently proceeding into Rabaul from the north via the east coast New Ireland and were first attacked by Sopac aircraft who scored one direct hit on one vessel and later the same force which had apparently split was attacked by our Beauforts. One vessel of the original convoy would appear to have been badly damaged and possibly destroyed.

- (3) Mussau Island - At 1115/22 recce Liberator reported sighting an enemy convoy described as one destroyer, one ~~merchantman~~ merchantman, 6 unidentified vessels 55 miles N.W. Mussau Is. on course 330°. Three floatplanes were covering the convoy.

This may well be the same convoy last reported S.W. New Hanover at 1626 the previous day Oct. 21 heading N.W.

- (4) New Hanover - A 7-9000 ton hospital ship was observed off western tip New Hanover heading N.W. forenoon 22nd and was again sighted during the afternoon further north on a similar course.
- (5) Kavieng - The 6000 ton freighter attacked S.W. Kavieng at 2240/21 was attacked by 2 Liberators and not a Navy Catalina as reported yesterday. 2 near misses were scored on the vessel which was reported to be on an easterly course when attacked.
- (6) Rabaul - At 1045/22 a large merchant vessel was reported 5 miles N.W. Watom Island course 310°.
- (7) Cape Orford - 3 enemy destroyers were reported to have passed this area on a northerly course at 0650/22. This suggests the possibility of a night transportation mission to some position along the New Britain coast S.W. of Cape Orford.

An enemy submarine was reported northbound off this same area forenoon 22nd and one passed southbound ~~forenoon~~ afternoon 22nd.

- (8) Cape Dampier (50 miles ENE Gasmata) - Allied PT boats sank an enemy ammunition and gas barge off Cape Dampier 0145/21. An enemy aircraft ineffectively attacked our PT's.
- (9) Borgen Bay - At 1700/21 a Liberator attacked 11 enemy barges near Natamo probably damaging several. Another Liberator attacked barges this area afternoon October 22nd.
- (10) Witu Islands - 6 canvas covered barges reported on west coast Unea Island at 1238/21.
- (11) Finschhafen Area - Our artillery, mortar and machine gun fire has been harassing enemy positions in the area from and including Katika south to the Siki River and along the north bank to the sea. 150 Japanese are estimated to be dug in along the north river bank and our attacks in this area have so far been unsuccessful. Many Japs reported dead along track west of Katika - total enemy dead since October 17th now number 267.

Forenoon 21st, 57 Liberators, 19 Mitchells involved in heavy attacks enemy positions Satelberg, Wareo and other villages completely demolishing Satelberg and few huts or buildings left standing Wareo.

Night October 19-20 approximately 60 enemy aircraft attacked allied surface vessels Langemak Bay. No details yet available. Same night at 0220/20 enemy submarine ineffectively attacked allied surface craft 5 miles east of Langemak Bay.

At 1135/20 4 enemy fighters strafed allied barges off Bumi River.

Forenoon 21st 5 enemy aircraft bombed Finschhafen area while 2 attacked Bumi area following morning without effect.

- (12) Kiriwina - One aircraft bombed aerodrome forenoon 22nd. without effect. 2 aircraft were over this area later same morning and 7 were observed during afternoon. Nil interception.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" en route Melville Bay, thence Thursday Is. ETA Melville Bay 0930/24.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Dutch New Guinea - Japero (56 miles ESE Kaukenau) was reported occupied by 50 Japanese early October. Further report indicates further infiltration impending S.E. of Kaukenau.
- (2) Drysdale Mission - At 0750/22 unknown number enemy aircraft reported in this area but no raid eventuated.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome ETA Carnarvon 1000/22.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEM SKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288"  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(i) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.136 (12 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 2400/22 for Newcastle and Sydney.
- (2) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy CO.137 (7 MV) departed Sydney 0130/23 en route Melbourne.
- (3) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.76 (9 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/23 for Sydney.
- (4) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALPOORLIE" "ML.807" escorting Convoy GP.77 (5 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/23 en route Brisbane. "ML.807" detaches at Coff's Harbour a.m. 25 Oct.
- (5) "MIZAR" dep. Port Moresby 1421/18 en route Sydney ETA 0530/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTPELLIER" (CL)  
"WARRAMUNGA" "FARENHOLT" (DD) "DELORAINÉ"  
"MILDURA" "GLENELG" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"ML.821" "BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471"  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "NIZAM" (DD)  
"KAPUNDA" (AS) "DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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B. SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

ENEMY FORCES:

New Caledonia - 1445/22 enemy submarine was sighted on surface  
250 miles W.S.W Noumea.

At 2122/22 a Sopac aircraft reported sighting 4  
possible submarines 18 miles east by west Noumea.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines,  
North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in  
Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night  
transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with  
possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and  
South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY  
PART II  
ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE  
1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO )Poss. MUTSU )Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI (Poss. MYOKO Mandates) HAGURO	ATAGO (enroute) TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI KISO TAMA	NOSHIRO )1 of OYODO )more AGANO )poss. NAGARA )Bismarcks TATSUTA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID FARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
OKLAHOMA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
WEST VIRGINIA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO

HYUGA (Being modernised)

GV

ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS  
BUNKER HILL

GV (T)

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HOSHO

GV (L)

INDEPENDENCE  
COMPENS  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

HITAKA

GV (E)

SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

CHUYO (Pills/Tank)  
\* OTAKA

CA

BALTIMORE  
BOSTON  
CHESTER  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* PORTLAND  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* LOUISVILLE  
\* WICHITA

\* KUMANO  
\* AOBA

OCA

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CL

MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* NASHVILLE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* RENO  
\* CONCORD  
\* OAKLAND

NAKA  
ISUZU  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI

XCL  
AV/CVS  
XAV/XCVS  
AD  
SS  
AS

POCOMOKE  
-  
Approx 35  
Approx 50  
?

6  
\* CHIYODA (under conversion to  
2 ACV)  
20-35 (a few repairing)  
Approx 30  
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\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET

23 October 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	-
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	•	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)      Eastern Fleet Area      East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	-	SHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK SUSSEX HAWKINS FROBISHER	ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE VAN HEEMSKERK	GAMBIA MAURITIUS KENYA NEWCASTLE CERES DAUNTLESS CAPETOWN DURBAN CARBDOC DANAE EMERALD	KUMA OI KITAGAMI KINU
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON CARTHAGE CHITRAL RANPURA WORCESTERSHIRE	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS W.B. PRESTON	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN TJERK HIDDES	Approx 27	10
<u>SS</u>	BONEFISH ) CABRILLA ) CISCO ) KINGFISH ) POMPON ) PUFFER ) RASHER )	On Patrol	6
<u>AS</u>	K.12 ) BILLFISH ) BLUEFISH ) BOWFIN ) TUNA )	At Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
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 Present disposition uncertain.

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No. 634

Date: 24 October 1943

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- (1) "ARUNTA" en route Brisbane ETA 0500/27.
- (2) "WARREGO" (ex Townsville) and "GYMPIE" "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.171 (11 MV & 5 PTs) were to depart RV position at 1700/22. "GYMPIE" with "KATOOMBA" ETA Port Moresby 1300/25. "WARREGO" "BUNBURY" "WAGGA" with 10 MV ("H. COBB" "I. M. SCOTT" "SWARTENHONDT" "TAROONA" "RING LARDNER" "W. D. BURNHAM" "H. L. ABBOTT" "ISOLATOR" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "B. BONNEVILLE") ETA Milne Bay 1300/25.
- (3) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (4) "SC.747" escorting "EDNA" dep. Milne Bay 0900/23 en route Port Moresby ETA 0600/25.
- (5) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.23 (7 MV and "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) were to depart Caloundra 1600/23 en route Gladstone. "LITHGOW" to escort as far as Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. Other vessels detailed to escort IQ.25.
- (6) "SWAN" "ARARAT" escorting Convoy NF.61 (3 MV) were to depart Milne Bay 1430/21 en route Townsville ETA 1300/24.
- (7) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is. ETA Mackay 1400/27.
- (8) "TANCRED" towing a crane barge with "ML.801" & "ML.806" attached dep. Brisbane 1650/19 en route Townsville.
- (9) 10 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.982"
	Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."
Goodenough Is.	- Merchant Vessels: "J. CARROLL" "P. C. NEWLANDS" "
	"C. B. STEINMETZ"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "J. B. MacPHERSON"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.737" "SC.738" "YMS.51"
	"YMS.335" "ML.425" "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "HANYANG" "J. STIRLING
	MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN" "DUNTROON"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.732" "SC.750" "STUART" (DD)
	"MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA)
	Merchant Vessels: "J. ALDEN" "SIBLEY" "GEN. VERSPIJCK"
	"TECUMSEH" "E. D. BAKER" "H. T. ALVARADO"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
Porlock Hbr.	- Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)



Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743  
 SC.744 SC.746 SC.981 Y.15 YMS.11 YMS.49  
 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170  
 LST.201 LST.457 ML.424 ML.428 ML.805  
 PC.479 PC.1121 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,17,  
 18,20,21 40 PT's "POYANG" "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF MOON" (AVP)  
 "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "JAMES  
 J.KELLY" "S.TURMAN" "WEST CUSETTA" "NORMA CLARK"  
 "J.J.ASTOR" "WM.HUME" "THOMAS C.POWER" "CALEDONIAN"  
 "SALVOR" "TAMBAR" "BANTAM" "THOMAS CORWIN"  
 "J.EVANS" "A.BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA  
 WITCH" "VAQUERO" "MULIAMA"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.15" "ML.804"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
 "BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE  
 CHALMERS" "MONTORO"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "PREMANTLE" "SOOTAMUNDRA" (AMS)  
 "ML.804"

Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRDE" "BOWEN" (AMS) PC.477  
 SC.736 SC.748 YMS.8 YMS.45 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "KATOOMEA" "COLAC" "GLADSTONE" (AMS)  
 "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "GILMER" (APD)  
 ML.801 ML.806 ML.815 ML.819 YP.283

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO) LST's 68, 171, 465  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)  
 "STAWELL" "GEELONG" "SCULBURN" (AMS) SC.650  
 SC.735 SC.736 SC.741 ML.429 ML.431 ML.801  
 ML.802 ML.803 ML.805 ML.818 ML.820 PC.476  
 PC.1120 PC.1122 PC.1123 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19  
 YMS.334 YMS.336 YMS.354 YP.236 YP.291 LST.22  
 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.473 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA)  
 "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "SAN  
 PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA)  
 "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV.4 is to  
 RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at  
 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - At 1700/20 17 Dauntless covered by 8 Corsairs and  
 8 Kittyhawks bombed and strafed Kakasa area (mid west coast).  
 3 Venturas also bombed this area following morning when some  
 light A.A. fire was encountered.
- b) At 2105/22 a Sopac Catalina attacked a group of 24 enemy  
 barges 14 miles N.W. Sumbi Head heading S.E. These barges were  
 strafed for 3½ hours during which the formation scattered and  
 many were driven ashore.  
 The position suggests this force is probably proceeding  
 to the Sumbi Head area possibly with a view to evacuating to  
 Buin enemy remnants recently reported to be still in the area.
- c) During early hours October 23 a Sopac Catalina attacked  
 a small enemy vessel off northern tip Choiseul. 2 barges were  
 reported near northern tip Choiseul a.m. 22nd.

- (2) South Bougainville - a.m. 20th Oct. 24 Corsairs, 24 Kittyhawks made a fighter sweep over Kahili. The Corsairs were intercepted by 20 Zeros at 1130/20 of which 3 Zeros were destroyed for the loss of one Corsair.
- (3) Buka -  
 (a) Further reports on the Liberator attack against an enemy four-ship convoy 36 miles west of Buka at 0133/23 indicate 3 direct hits were scored on the flat top deck of a vessel described as a carrier, followed by a sharp crack and terrific explosion. As the Liberator retired a bright red glow was observed on the surface of the water followed by white smoke.  
 There is no intelligence to suggest the presence of any enemy aircraft carrier in this area and it seems most unlikely that such a vessel would be in this position. The reference to a flat top suggest the possibility of the vessel being an MLC tender of the "AKITSU MARU" type which may possibly have been transporting barges between Rabaul and the northern Solomons.
- (b) Other sightings in the area to the west of Buka a.m. 23rd include 2 small sea-trucks 56 miles west Buka Passage at 0010/23 heading east and 3 freighters 15 miles west of Buka at 0916/23 heading NNW.
- (4) Rabaul - At 1325/23 6 large merchantmen with 3 destroyers were reported in Blanche Bay on course 320°.
- (5) Jacquinet Bay - At 0330/24 a Catalina attacked 2 enemy vessels described as one cruiser, one destroyer off Cape Cunningham on course 15° (see Naval Incidents). This suggests further night transportation run to this area following the report of 3 destroyers passing Cape Orford during the night Oct. 21-22.
- (6) Cape Orford - At 0737/23 a northbound submarine was reported by rescue Liberator. The submarine crash-dived on sighting the aircraft.
- (7) Rein Bay - At 0400/24 3 destroyers reported in a position approx 13 miles N.E. Rein Bay suggesting the possibility of a night transportation run to that area.
- (8) Ubili - 2 Beaufighters made a barge sweep along the north New Britain coast a.m. 23rd strafing a small 200 ton vessel and barge near Ubili and both of which were left on fire and probably destroyed.
- (9) Gasmata - 33 Kittyhawks attacked dump area Gasmata forenoon 22nd scoring direct hits on bridge near Anwek River and causing fires.
- (10) Witu Is. - A Catalina attacked 2 enemy barges near Garove Is. at 0145/24.
- (11) Wewak - 24 Mitchells covered by 17 Thunderbolts attacked the airfields and shipping forenoon 22nd. Several small freighters and barges were attacked. Full results not yet assessed.
- (12) Hansa Bay - At 1450/23 20 barges reported in harbour.
- (13) Ulingan - At 1440/23 10 barges, one possible sea-truck sighted in Ulingan Harbour.
- (14) Finschhafen - Night Oct. 21-22 our PT boats attacked 2 enemy barges off Kelana Harbour (35 miles NW Finschhafen). Our boats were driven off by two 3" gun shore batteries.  
 A.M. 22nd, 25 Mitchells attacked targets this area.  
 Night Oct. 21-22 enemy troops evacuated Katika coast positions to a position 1100 yards west of Katika. In mopping up operations a further 50 enemy dead were counted making a total of 510 killed since Oct. 17.  
 Between 0455 and 0610/23, 6 enemy aircraft bombed Finschhafen area without effect.
- (15) Bogadjim - a.m. Oct. 23rd 4 Aircobras and 2 Boomerangs strafed and badly damaged 6 camouflaged trucks north of Daumoina. 9 Mitchells attacked huts, stores areas, bridges same area forenoon 23rd.
- (16) Kiriwina - At 1940/23 an unidentified aircraft over this area.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" en route Melville Bay, thence Thursday Is. ETA Melville Bay 0930/24.
- (2) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Ambon - 3 Catalinas attacked Laha airfield night 21-22 Oct. starting fires.
- (2) Celebes - 12 Liberators attacked Pomelaa afternoon Oct. 22nd. One medium freighter, one small freighter, 1 small coaster and many small craft reported in area. Three additional small coasters observed at Binongko Is. (SE tip Celebes).

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome ETA Carnarvon 1000/22.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKE RK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

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

- (1) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.136 (11 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 2400/22 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Newcastle 1400/26.
- (2) "NIZAM" departed Port Phillip 1331/23 enroute Fremantle ETA 1000/28.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" "ML.821" escorting Convoy CO.137 (7 MV) dep. Sydney 0130/23 en route Melbourne ETA 1200/26.
- (4) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.76 (9 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/23 for Sydney ETA 0400/26. "ML.822" provides extra escort to Newcastle.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "ML.807" escorting Convoy GP.77 (5 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/23 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/26. "ML.807" detaches at Coff's Harbour a.m. 25 Oct.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTPELLIER" (CL)  
"WARRAMUNGA" "FARENHOLT" (DD) "DELORAINÉ"  
"MILDURA" "GLENELG" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471" "MIZAR" (AF)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "KAPUNDA" (AMS)  
"DOOMBA" (A/S Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

Jacquinet Bay - At 0315/24 a Catalina reported attacking an enemy force described as one cruiser, one destroyer off Cape Cunningham ~~sakin~~ claiming at least one possibly 2 direct hits on the destroyer which was reported burning.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in Solomons with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	(Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section))	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshall Is
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NATATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA		ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-		ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI (Poss. Mandates) MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO ( <del>en route</del> ) TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI KISO TAMA	NOSHIRO) 1 or OYODO ) more poss AGANO ) Bismarcks NAGARA ) TATSUTA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA * NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID PARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CAPELIN GREVILLE GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO MARWHALE SILVER SIDES	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	20	20
	DRUM PETO RATON SCAMP S.31	) ) ) ) )	On Patrol	
	RAY K.9		On Passage At Sydney	
<u>/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	.		3	1 2-3
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB FILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	.
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN n DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS	

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Light & M/Bombers	203
SE/Bombers	21
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	53
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2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

DD 2

n Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (being modernised)
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<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	
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<u>CV (T)</u>		HOSHO
<u>(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA

<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO * OTAKA
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<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* KUMANO * AOBA
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<u>OCA</u>		6
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<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANPA FE * NASHVILLE * HONOLULU * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
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<u>XCL</u>		6
<u>AV/CVS</u>	PECOOMOKE	* CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV)
<u>Y/XCVS</u>		2
<u>ES</u>	Approx 35	20-35 (a few repairing)
<u>AS</u>	Approx 50	Approx 30
	?	1

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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	-	
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
	-	1
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East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RANILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN CALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA	On Patrol	6
	CISCO		
	COD		
	KINGFISH		
	POMPON		
	PUFFER	At Fremantle	
	RASHER		
	K.12		
	BILDFISH		
	BLUEFISH		
	BONEFISH	?	
	BOWPIN		
	TUNA		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS		
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- (3) "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "BOWEN" "PC.477" escorting Convoy TN.172 (Portion (a) - "CANBERRA" "HERMIAN" "NORLAGO" "PATRAS"; Portion (b) - "JOHN MUIR" "R. P. WARNER" "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" "LST.171" "THEDENS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ROBERT J. WALKER" "AMBROSE PIERCE" "YOCHOW" "JOSUA ROYCE" "DAVID F. BARRY" "JOHN A. SARGENT" "KOOPA" "YP.283" "TANCRED" "JOSIAH EARL" "J. M. CLEMENTS" "LST.72" "LST.68" "N. J. SINNOTT") were to depart RV position at 1500/25. Portion (a) escorted by "BOWEN" "PC.477" ETA Moresby 1101/28. Portion (b) escorted by "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" ML's 801, 806, 810, 816 ETA Milne Bay 1101/28.
- (4) "BENALLA" surveying in Huon Gulf area from 18 to 25 October.
- (5) "GEELONG" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy QL.23 (7 MV and "AASE MAERSK" (AO "GOLDSTAR" (AG) were to depart Caloundra 1600/23 en route Gladstone. "LITHGOW" to escort as far as Lady Elliott Is. and then return Brisbane. Other vessels detailed to escort LQ.23.
- (6) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "PC.476" "YMS.334" escorting Convoy QL.24 were to depart Caloundra 1600/26. "YMS.334" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville. Other escorts detailed for LQ.24.
- (7) "SC.737" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Buna 1325/23 en route Townsville ETA 1030/26.
- (8) "Y.14" departed Port Moresby 0730/24 en route Buna ETA a. m. 27th.
- (9) "VENDETTA" escorting "METEOR" (en route San Francisco) was to dep. Caloundra 1730/25. At 1500/26 "VENDETTA" will RV with "SEA PIKE" in position 27°11'S 158°01'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (10) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1506/24 ETA Mackay 1400/27.
- (11) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI" was to depart Thursday Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 Nov.
- (12) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is. ETA Mackay 1400/27.
- (13) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "SC.982"  
Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."

Goodenough Is. - Warships & Aux.  
Merchant Vessels: "J. CARROLL" "P. C. NEWLANDS"  
"C. B. STEINMETZ"

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 749"  
Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML. 427"  
Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 637" "SC. 738" "YMS. 51"  
"YMS. 335" "ML. 425" "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
Merchant Vessels: "BONTEKOE" "J. STIRLING MORTON"  
"BALIKPAPAN"

Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 732" "STUART" (DD) "MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" (APA)  
Merchant Vessels: "J. ALDEN" "SIBLEY" "TECUMSEH"  
"E. D. BAKER" "H. T. ALVARADO"

Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC. 745"  
Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC. 5" "APC. 22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "BERKINS" "MAHAN"  
"MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)  
"SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (AFD) SC. 648  
SC. 698 SC. 699 SC. 703 SC. 734 SC. 742 SC. 743  
SC. 744 SC. 746 SC. 750 SC. 981 Y. 15 YMS. 11  
YMS. 49 YMS. 50 YMS. 52 YMS. 70 YMS. 71 YP. 258  
YP. 280 LST. 170 LST. 201 LST. 457 ML. 424  
ML. 428 ML. 805 PC. 478 PC. 1121 APC's 1, 2, 4, 6,  
7, 9, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 40 PT's "FOYANG"  
"YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)  
"HALF MOON" (AVP) "BISHOPDALE" "SUSQUEHANNA"  
"TRINITY" (AO) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBBERIN" (AD)  
"MERKUR" (AF) "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANG" "JAMES J. KELLY" "S. TURMAN" "WEST CUSSETTA" "NORMA CLARK"  
"J. J. ASTOR" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS C. POWER"  
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "TAMBAR" "BANTAN" "THOMAS CORWIN"  
"J. EVANS" "A. BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY"  
"HANYANG" "SEA WITCH" "VAQUERO" "MULIAMA"  
"J. B. McPHERSON" "GEN. VERSPIJCK"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y. 13" "SC. 747"  
Merchant Vessels: "MERNOC" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
"BORGFRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
"MONTORO" "EDNA"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML. 804"  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) SC. 736 SC. 748  
YMS. 3 YMS. 46 YMS. 47 YMS. 48 YMS. 53 ML. 426  
"PLATYPUS" (AR)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "SWAN" "ARARAT" "KATOOMBA"  
"COLAC" (AMS) "HERON" (AVP) "SHIKELLANY" (AO)  
"ML. 819"

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO) "LST's 68, 171, 465"  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "BAGLEY" (DD)  
"STAWELL" "GEELONG" "GOULBURN" (AMS) SC. 650  
SC. 735 SC. 736 SC. 741 ML. 429 ML. 431 ML. 802  
ML. 803 ML. 818 ML. 820 PC. 476 PC. 1120  
PC. 1122 PC. 1123 APC's 3, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19  
YMS. 334 YMS. 336 YMS. 354 YP. 236 YP. 291  
LST. 22 LST. 26 LST. 206 LST. 463 LST. 473  
"H. T. ALLEN" (APA) "FULTON" (AS) "MANUNDA"  
"TASMAN" (AH) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA"  
"ALGERAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
(Survey Vessel)  
(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV. 4 is to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - At 1045/22 9 Liberators covered by 12 Corsairs attacked Choiseul Bay area.  
At 1142/22 9 Liberators covered by 8 Hellcats attacked mid S.W. coast. Interception by at least 9 fighters - one shot down by Hellcats. One Hellcat missing.
- (2) South Bougainville - At 0930/22 10 Liberators covered by 23 Hellcats attacked Kahili.  
At 1200/22 12 Liberators covered by 16 Kittyhawks attacked Kahili area. Interception by 6-9 fighters, one of which was destroyed.  
At 1250/22 24 Avengers, 48 Dauntless covered by 24 Hellcats, 24 Corsairs, 20 Aircobras attacked Kahili destroying 2 medium bombers on runway and hits on control tower and several A.A. positions. 2 fighters also strafed on strip together with barge and converted yacht off area. One intercepting fighter shot down.  
At 1320/22 8 Corsairs with another 16 covering strafed Kara strip probably destroying 16 out of a total of 30 grounded aircraft observed.  
Photos show Kahili airfield unserviceable at 1615/22.
- X (3) Buka - Further to the report of the night attack against 4 ship convoy 36 miles W. Buka early a.m. October 23 a Beaufort on reconnaissance reported at 0843/22 sighting wreckage, 2 empty lifeboats and one capsized lifeboat in the same area suggesting the carrier type vessel may well have sunk.  
At 2254/24 an aircraft reported attacking 2 enemy vessels and several barges 42 miles west of Buka.
- (4) Kapingamarangi - At 1135/23 a Sopac Liberator bombed and strafed a small enemy tender unloading inside the lagoon.  
At 1225/23 another Liberator attacked a small freighter 230 miles WNW on a southerly course. The vessel was low in water with deck cargo. The vessel was thoroughly strafed and left damaged.  
At 1310/23 one destroyer was observed 240 miles west of Kapingamarangi on a southerly course.
- (5) New Ireland - Further reports concerning the enemy force attacked in the East Cape - Cape St. George area early a.m. October 21st indicate ~~probably~~ the probability that 2 light cruisers were in fact part of this force, one of which may well have been the vessel damaged.
- (6) Kavieng - At 1115/24 one destroyer with one large merchant ship was reported 83 miles SSW Kavieng apparently heading Rabaul.
- (7) Rabaul - 49 Liberators escorted by 82 Lightnings made a further heavy attack on airfields at Rabaul early afternoon October 23rd dropping 105 tons bombs. Final results not yet assessed. The warships in harbour including probably the 2 heavy cruisers and the majority of destroyers apparently took evasive action and endeavoured to steam out of Elanche Bay during the attack.
- (8) Cape Hoskins - 2 Beauforts attacked dump area forenoon Oct. 23.
- X (9) Rein Bay - Further reports of shipping activity in this area early morning Oct. 24 indicate considerable shipping activity in Rein Bay. The first Liberator over the area at 0137/24 reported sighting 3 destroyers heading out of the Bay and 5 large unidentified vessels circling in the Bay while 15 barges were also observed, some possibly unloading. Later reports indicated one of the destroyers apparently returned to Rein Bay while the other two proceed out to escort 4 barges which were attacked by 2 Liberators about 45 miles to the N.E. at 0300/24. Results of the attack were not observed owing to darkness.  
This activity together with other recent reports and the development of a possible strip in this area suggests the enemy is endeavouring to develop a forward base in this position. The destroyers may well have been transporting personnel and equipment.
- (10) Garove Is. - A gx corrupt signal reports sighting of what would appear 2 or 3 destroyers timed 1158/24 in the vicinity of Garove Is. on a S.E. course. The time and position of this sighting are uncertain but it may well refer to 3 destroyers reported in Rein Bay early that morning returning to Rabaul.  
A Navy Catalina dropped 2 depth charges on 2 large barges entering harbour. The jetty was also bombed.

- (11) Gasmata - 3 Beauforts were engaged in attacks on the dump area forenoon Oct. 23.  
At 2200/24 a submerged enemy submarine was reported in this area.
- (12) Eitel Friedrich Harbour (Ulingan) - At 1345/24 a Liberator sighted 6 barges in harbour. 10 barges and one possible sea-truck were reported in this harbour the previous day.
- (13) Saidor - A Mitchell on reconnaissance attacked and destroyed an enemy medium bomber vicinity Saidor a.m. Oct. 24.
- (14) Finschhafen - Our PT boats were attacked by 4 enemy aircraft Oct. 23 off Finschhafen. One enemy aircraft was shot down. Preliminary report indicates a strong enemy force of fighters and dive bombers attacking allied surface craft near Finschhafen 23 Oct. were intercepted by 23 allied fighters resulting in 4 enemy aircraft destroyed and six others probably.
- (15) Goodenough Is. - At 0615/23 one enemy aircraft dropped one bomb on Goodenough Is.
- (16) Kiriwina - At 0603/24 one aircraft was over this area.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) 7 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"  
Melville Bay - Warships & Aux. - "INVERELL" (AMS)  
Merchant Vessels: "WANAKA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Celebes - Further reports of the Liberator attack on Pomelaa afternoon Oct. 22 indicate at least 45 bombs fell on installations at the nickel mine where considerable damage is believed to have been inflicted on installations. Several other buildings on the waterfront area were also destroyed.

A new strip is reported under construction in the area but is not yet surfaced or serviceable.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "NIZAM" dep. Port Phillip 1331/23 en route Fremantle ETA 1000/28.  
(2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.  
(3) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDIES" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"

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#### 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

##### (1) ALLIED FORCES

###### (a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "TROMP" was to depart Port Phillip p.m. 25 Oct. en route Sydney.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy OC.136 (11 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 2400/22 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Newcastle 1400/26.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESEY" "CASTLEMAINE" "ML.821" escorting Convoy CO.137 (7 MV) dep. Sydney 0130/23 en route Melbourne ETA 1200/26.
- (4) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy PG.76 (9 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/23 for Sydney ETA 0400/26. "ML.822" provides extra escort to Newcastle.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" "ML.807" escorting Convoy GP.77 (5 MV) were to depart Sydney 0900/23 en route Brisbane ETA 1700/26. "ML.807" detaches at Coff's Harbour a.m. 25 Oct.

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

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "MONTPELLIER" (CL)  
"WARRAMUNGA" "PARENHOLT" (DD) "DELORAINÉ"  
"MILDURA" "GLEHELG" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471" "MIZAR" (AF)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S V.)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

##### NAVAL INCIDENTS

Jacquinet Bay - Further reports of the Catalina attack on a force now described as 2-3 destroyers off Cape Cunningham at 0315/24 indicate that 2 depth charges were dropped on one destroyer which was set on fire. 40 minutes later the vessel was burning from amidships to the stern, the fire apparently out of control and the vessel was considered destroyed.

##### ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Increased use of barges in addition to submarines for night transportation runs to forward positions in ~~Solomons~~ with possible destroyer transportation missions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO ) Poss. MUSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>V(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	→	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	CHEKAI (poss. Mandates) MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA NIZAM BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRA YTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN HERKINS REID FARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repair- ing)

\* Non-effective



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (Being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV (T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV (L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BEILEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO SARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OGA</u>	-	6
<u>CL</u>	MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u>	- POCOMOKE * * * Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	6 * CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 (a few repairing) AOV) Approx 30 1
<u>DD</u> <u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>		

\* Non-effective



4. NORTHER PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
25 October 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>GA</u>	LOUISVILLE		NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT		ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH		
	RICHMOND		
<u>XCL</u>	-		1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
<u>DD</u>	22		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-		1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMIILIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA )		6
	CISCO )		
	COD )		
	KINGFISH ) On Patrol		
	POMPON )		
	PUFFER )		
	HASHER )		
	K.12 )		
	BILLFISH )		
	BLUFISH ) At Fremantle		
	BONEFISH )		
	TUNA )		
<u>AS</u>	FELIAS	?	

<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)	
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

Non-effective  
No recent intelligence.  
Present disposition  
uncertain.

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

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

No. **636**                      Date: **26 October 1943**

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "ARUNTA" en route Brisbane ETA 2400/26.
- (2) "STUART" escorting "MANCOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Oro Bay 1415/25  
ETA Cairns 1830/27.
- (3) "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "BOWEN" "PC.477" escorting Convoy TN.172  
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1101/28.
- (4) "BISHOPDALE" was to depart Milne Bay 0400/26 for Cairns and Towns-  
ville ETA Cairns 1100/28.
- (5) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.23 (4 ships) were  
to depart Port Curtis 2000/25 en route Brisbane.
- (6) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "PC.476" "YMS.334" escorting Convoy QL.24 (9 MV)  
were to depart Caloundra 1600/26. "YMS.334" detaches at  
Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville.  
Other escorts detailed for LQ.24.
- (7) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Melville Bay 1200/26  
en route Thursday Is. On approx 28 Oct. "INVERELL" is to  
leave Thursday Is. and proceed Melbourne for refit.
- (8) "SWAN" escorting "JOHN ALDEN" dep. Townsville 0746/25 en route  
Brisbane ETA 2100/27.
- (9) "BAGLEY" "PC.1120" "PC.1122" escorting U.S.S. "FULTON" were to  
depart Brisbane 1700/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/29.
- (10) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "KOOLIGA" "TULAGI" was to depart Thursday  
Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 Nov.
- (11) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is. ETA  
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- (13) "VENDETTA" will RV with "SEA PIKE" at 1500/26 in position 27°11'S  
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- (14) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae                      - Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "SC.731" "BENALLA" (Survey  
Merchant Vessels: "CAPE GREIG" "BARBARA C."                      Ship)  
Goodenough Is. - Merchant Vessels: "J.CARROLL" "P.C.NEWLANDS"  
"C.B.STEINMETZ"

Kiriwina - Warships & Aux. + "SC.749"  
 Morobe - Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.738" "SC.982"  
 YMS.51 PC.1121 Y.14 YMS.335 ML.425  
 ML.428 "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
 Merchant Vessels: "J.STIRLING MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN"  
 "B.BONNEVILLE"  
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
 Merchant Vessels: "J.ALDEN" "SIBLEY" "TECUMSEH"  
 "E.D.BAKER" "H.T.ALVARADO"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AG)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DE)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "WARREGO"  
 "WAGGA" "BUNBURY" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699  
 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.746  
 SC.747 SC.750 SC.981 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YMS.52 YMS.70 YMS.71 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170  
 LST.201 LST.457 ML.424 ML.805 PC.479  
 APC's 12,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 40 PT's  
 "POYANG" "YUNMAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "OTUS" (AS)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "DOBEIN" (AD) "MERKUR" (AF)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

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 "J.J.ASTOR" "WM.HUME" "THOMAS C.POWER" "HANYANG"  
 "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "TAMBAR" "BANTAM" "THOMAS CORWIN"  
 "J.EVANS" "A.BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA WITCH"  
 "VAQUERO" "MULIAMA" "J.B.McPHERSON" "BONTEKOE"  
 "H.COBB" "I.M.SCOTT" "SWARTENHONDT" "TAROONA"  
 "RING LARDNER" "W.B.BURNHAM" "H.L.ABBOTT" "ISOLATOR"  
 "VAN DEN BOSCH"  
 Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "Y.13" "Y.15" "GYMPIE" (AMS)  
 "ML.428"  
 Merchant Vessels: "MERNOO" "VAN SPILBERGEN" "SUVA"  
 "GEN.VERSPIJCK" "BORGERRED" "JOEL PALMER" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "MONTORO" "EDNA" "KATOOMBA"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.804"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.736 SC.748  
 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" (AMS)  
 "HERON" (AVP) "ML.819" "SC.737"  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA"  
 "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) LST's 68, 171, 465  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "LITHGOW"  
 "STAWELL" (AMS) SC.6540 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429  
 ML.431 ML.802 ML.803 ML.807 ML.818 ML.820  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 YMS.336 YMS.354 YP.236  
 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.47  
 "H.T.ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "SAN PABLO"  
 (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR)  
 "SHEPPARTON" (Survey Vessel)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV.4 is to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - Dawn Oct. 23rd 11 Corsairs conducting sweep along N.W. coast strafed 11 barges leaving 4 smoking heavily.
- (2) South Bougainville - At 0948/23 11 Liberators covered by 16 Lightnings bombed Kahili and at 1132/23 another 6 Liberators with 8 Lightnings and 8 Corsairs escorting bombed the same area without encountering any interception. At 0915/23, 24 Dauntless, 18 Avengers escorted by 16 Kittyhawks, 20 Aircobras, 24 Lightnings attacked Kara runway while another 24 Dauntless and 18 Avengers escorted by 35 fighters attacked same target during afternoon. Hits scored on several A.A. positions, ammunition dump and runway. Nil interception.
- (3) Buka - At 0203/26 an aircraft reported attacking 2 destroyers 40 miles east by south of Buka Passage on course 270° scoring one direct hit.
- (4) Manus Is. - At 1710/24 a Liberator attacked one small coaster 53 miles east by south of Lorengau without observing damage. Midnight Oct. 22/23, 3 enemy merchantmen were reported 125 miles north by east of Lorengau.
- (5) Rabaul - Further reports of the heavy air strike on Rabaul October 23 show 20 enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground and 7 others probably. During an interception by 50 enemy fighters, 4 were destroyed by our bombers and 11 by our fighters. Another 13 were claimed as probables. 2 Lightnings were lost. Forenoon 24 Oct. another heavy strike was carried out by 61 Mitchells escorted by 84 fighters. These aircraft attacked Vunakanau, Rapopo and Tobera airfields destroying 45 light and medium bombers on the ground and probably another 10. A radar station was destroyed and large fires started among dumps and dispersal areas. During interception lasting an hour by 60-70 enemy fighters, our fighters shot down 35 and Mitchells 8 enemy fighters while another 15 were probably destroyed making a total of 88 aircraft destroyed and 25 probably for this day's operation. Two Mitchells were lost, one crash-landing into sea while returning. One fighter crash-landed but pilot safe. Considerable shipping was reported in the harbour during the attack on 24 Oct. and 3 cruisers were again observed proceeding out of harbour.
- (6) Jacquinet Bay - Aircraft returning from Rabaul strike Oct. 24 reported 5 loaded barges Jacquinet Bay. 8 Kittyhawks detailed to attack these barges reported destroying 1 large barge and 4 small boats afternoon 24.
- (7) Gasmata - Afternoon 24 Oct. Navy Catalina sighted submarine 10 miles south of Gasmata.
- (8) Sepik River - At 1340/25 our aircraft attacked 2 small coasters off mouth of the Sepik River probably damaging one vessel.
- (9) Huon Peninsula - Allied PT boats attacked an enemy I-class submarine 43 miles SSE Finschhafen 23 Oct. scoring 20 mm hits. These craft also destroyed 2 large barges Vitiaz Strait. 8 Mitchells attacked Alexishafen strip forenoon 24th starting fires. Reliably reported 25 Oct. enemy supply bases established at Nambariwa (50 miles NW Finschhafen) and Sialum (35 miles NNW Finschhafen). Former place is reported to be protected by two guns. Our PT boats were fired on by 3" guns in this area recently. Three heavy enemy attacks were launched on allied positions west of Katika 23 Oct. all of which were repulsed and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy. 525 Japanese dead have been counted between Oct. 17 and 25 not including many buried by the Japanese themselves. Before dawn 25 Oct. 7 enemy aircraft bombed Langemak Bay area causing some damage and casualties.
- (10) Woodlark Is. - Enemy aircraft ~~were~~ in this vicinity early hours Oct. 25.
- (11) Sandy Cape (Queensland) - At 1345/24 a floating mine was reported 25 miles E. by N. Sandy Cape.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Manokwari - At 1223/25 one small coaster observed 45 miles S. of Manokwari. At 1200/25 one small coaster, 20 praus, barges and schooners reported at Manokwari.  
Three Liberators attacked this area noon 25th.
- (2) Drysdale Mission - Indications enemy aircraft this area at 0750/22 but no attack reported.

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "NIZAM" dep. Port Phillip 1331/23 en route Fremantle ETA 1000/28.  
(2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.  
(3) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"

## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (i) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "TROMP" was to depart Port Phillip p.m. 25 Oct. en route Sydney ETA 1000/27.  
(2) "MONTPELLIER" "FAREHOLT" dep. Sydney 0814/25 for Noumea ETA dawn 27 Oct.  
(3) "BUNDABERG" "BRJOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy PG.77 (2 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/26 for Newcastle and Sydney.  
(4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC.137 (9 MV) were to depart Melbourne 2359/25 en route Sydney and Newcastle.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DI)  
"DELORAINNE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" "ROCKHAMPTON"  
"ECHUCA" "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS)  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessel)  
"ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818" "BUNGAREE"  
(CM) "LST.471" "MIZAR" (AF)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)

Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S  
Vessel)  
(Refitting) - "BALLARAT" (AMS)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Bismarcks-Mandates - One of our submarines operating north of the equator vicinity 145th meridian reported sinking a southbound freighter on 18 Oct., a small northbound tanker, one medium and one large merchantman on 24 Oct. and scored a possible hit on another on 23 Oct.

Midnight 22 Oct. another submarine reported scoring 6 hits on three merchantmen leaving one sinking approx 125 miles north by east of Lorengau.

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>V(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI (poss. Mandates) MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TFO MP MONTPELLIER * HOBART	COLUMBA CIE VELAND DENVER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KAFORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAWSON MAHAN PERKINS REID PARENHOLT * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) CAPELIN ) GREVALIE ) GHO WLER ) GUARDFISH ) GATO ) MARW HAL ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES )	20	20
	DRUM ) PETO ) RAT ON ) S.31 )		
	RAY On Passage K.9 At Sydney		
<u>V/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E.Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	176
Light & M/Bombers	163
SE/Bombers	21
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	52
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
OKLAHOMA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
WEST VIRGINIA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO

HYUGA (being modernised)

CV ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS  
BUNKER HILL

CV(T) -

HOSHO

V(L) INDEPENDENCE  
COMPENS  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

HITAKA

CV(E)

SUWANNEE  
SAN CAMON  
CHENANGO  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

\* CHUYO  
\* OTAKA

CA

BALTIMORE  
BOSTON  
CHESTER  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* PORTLAND  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* LOUISVILLE  
\* WICHITA

\* KUMANO  
\* AOBA

OCA

6

CL

MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* NASHVILLE  
\* RENO  
\* CONCORD  
\* OAKLAND

NAKA  
ISUZU  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI

XBL  
AV/CVS  
XAV/XCVS

-  
POCOMOKE

6  
\* CHIYODA (under conver-  
2 sion to ACV)  
20-35 (a few repairing)  
Approx 30

DD

Approx 35  
Approx 50  
?

1

\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
26 October 1943

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	KYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		FRO BISHOP	
	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
	NIZAM		
<u>SS</u>	CABRILLA )		6
	CISCO )		
	COD )		
	KINGFISH )	On Patrol	
	POMPON )		
	RASHER )		
	K.12 )		
	BILLFISH )		
	BLUEFISH )		
	BONEFISH )	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN )		
	PUFFER )		
	TUNA )		
<u>AS</u>	FELIAS	?	

<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>	
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

Non-effective  
No recent intelligence.  
Present disposition uncertain.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle

No. 637

Date: 27 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "ARUNTA" escorting "PRES. JOHNSON" en route Brisbane ETA 2400/26.
- (2) "STUART" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Oro Bay 1415/25  
ETA Cairns 1830/27.
- (3) "BAGLEY" "PC.1120" "PC.1122" escorting U.S.S. "FULTON" were to  
depart Brisbane 1700/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/29.
- (4) "VENDETTA" was to RV with "SEA PIKE" at 1500/26 in position  
27°11'S 158°01'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (5) "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "BOWEN" "PC.477" escorting Convoy TN.172  
(Portion (a) - "CANBERRA" "HERMIAN" "N ORLAGO" "PATRAS";  
Portion (b) - "JOHN MUIR" "R.P. WARNER" "JOSEPH A. HOLMES"  
"LST.171" "THEDENS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ROBERT J. WALKER"  
"AMBROSE PIERCE" "YOCHOW" "JOSHUA ROYCE" "DAVID F. BARRY"  
"JOHN A. SARGENT" "KOOPA" "YP.283" "TANCRED" "JOSIAH EARL"  
"J.M. CLEMENTS" "LST.72" "LST.68" "N.J. SINNOTT") were to  
depart RV position at 1500/25. Portion (a) escorted by  
"BOWEN" "PC.477" ETA Moresby 1101/28. Portion (b)  
escorted by "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "ML's 801,806,816,810  
ETA Milne Bay 1101/28.
- (6) "WARREGO" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy NT.62 ("BISHOPDALE" for Cairns,  
"BONTEKOE" for Townsville) were to depart Milne Bay 0500/26  
ETA Cairns 0300/29.
- (7) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy NT.63 ("MONTORO" "JOEL PALMER" for Cairns;  
"KATOOMBA" for Townsville) was to depart Port Moresby  
1630/26.
- (8) "BUNBURY" dep. Milne Bay 1730/25 en route Townsville ETA Grafton  
Passage 0100/28.
- (9) "GEELONG" "SC.650" "SC.735" escorting Convoy LQ.23 (4 ships) were  
to depart Port Curtis 2000/25 en route Brisbane ETA  
1130/27.
- (10) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "PC.476" "YMS.334" escorting Convoy QL.24 (9 MV)  
were to depart Caloundra 1600/26. "YMS.334" detaches at  
Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville.  
Other escorts detailed for LQ.24.
- (11) "INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" was to depart Melville Bay 1200/26  
en route Thursday Is. On approx 28 Oct. "INVERELL" is to  
leave Thursday Is. and proceed Melbourne for refit.
- (12) "SWAN" escorting "JOHN ALDEN" dep. Townsville 0746/25 en route  
Brisbane ETA 2100/27.
- (13) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is. ETA  
Mackay 1400/27.
- (14) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

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"H.L.ABBOTT" "ISOLATOR" "VAN DEN BOSCH"  
"CAPE GREIG"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - ~~Y.13~~ "Y.15"  
Merchant Vessels: "SUVA" "BORGFRED" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
"EDNA"  
Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.804"  
Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "PIRIE" (AMS) SC.736 SC.748  
YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
"PLATYPUS" (AR)  
Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "ARARAT" "KATOOMBA" "COLAC" (AMS)  
"HERON" (AVP) "ML.819" "SC.737" "PC.1124"  
"LST.465" "YMS.334"  
Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA"  
"SHIKELLAMY" (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) LST's 68,171  
Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "LITHGOW"  
"STAWELL" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429  
ML.431 ML.802 ML.803 ML.807 ML.818 ML.820  
APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 PC.2223 YMS.336 YMS.334  
YP.236 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463  
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(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - Oct. 23rd 6 Venturas bombed and strafed Kakasa (mid west coast) and Choiseul Bay area. Barges reported active Choiseul Bay area during night hours.
- (2) South Bougainville -  
1800/24 - 5 Venturas bombed south coast Treasury Island without observing enemy activity.  
1010/25 - 31 Dauntless, 18 Avengers escorted by 12 Kittyhawks 28 Corsairs attacked Ballale scoring direct hits on runway, A.A. positions and revetments. No interception encountered. Partially repaired strip again unserviceable.  
0905/24 - 19 Liberators escorted by 10 Corsairs and 4 Lightnings attacked Kahili. Nil interception.  
1108/24 - 47 Dauntless, 22 Avengers escorted by 4 Kittyhawks, 16 Aircobras, 8 Corsairs attacked Kahili scoring hits runway, A.A. positions.  
1125/24 - 36 Mitchells escorted by 28 Kittyhawks attacked Kahili. Heavy A.A. encountered but no aircraft seen.
- (3) Buka Passage - The Sopac Liberator which attacked 2 destroyers 40 miles east of Buka Passage at 0203/26 reported scoring one direct hit.  
At 0015/27 a Catalina reported receiving indications of an unidentified vessel off northern tip Buka.  
At 0943/26, 3 small merchant vessels were reported at Green Island (60 miles NNW Buka Passage). The three vessels were attacked, one left on fire, the other 2 damaged. The vessels had to be beached in the lagoon.
- (4) Kapingamarangi - Reconnaissance this area October 25 by Sopac aircraft reported no indications enemy activity.
- (5) New Ireland - At 0055/27 2 destroyers unsuccessfully attacked 17 miles S.E. of East Cape course 180°.
- (6) Kavieng - 3 Catalinas attacked Kavieng airfield early hours 26th.
- (7) New Hanover - 3 groups of shipping were sighted in this area afternoon 26 October, two apparently outbound and one proceeding into Rabaul:  
1615/26 - one escort vessel, 2 small freighters 26 miles S.S.W. New Hanover course 360°.  
1620/26 - convoy comprising 2 escort vessels, one large merchantman, 2 medium and 2 small merchantmen off W.tip New Hanover on course 275°.  
1645/26 - one escort vessel, 2 unidentified vessels off south central coast New Hanover course 95°, apparently heading Rabaul.
- (8) Rabaul - A further heavy strike was carried out against Rabaul noon October 25th by 43 Liberators escorted by Lightnings. Interception was effected by at least 70 enemy fighters but full results not yet assessed.  
A Liberator over Rabaul early hours 25th reported a complete black-out in the area.  
At 1135/26 3 Lightnings over the same area reported 4 merchantmen 10 miles N. Rabaul heading N.W. at full speed. 2 probable destroyers were also sighted leaving Blanche Bay apparently heading towards the merchant vessels. The "usual shipping" was reported in Rabaul Harbour.
- (9) Cape Orford - At 1056/26 a northbound submarine was sighted.
- (10) New Britain - At 2130/26 3 enemy destroyers were reported 35 miles west by south of Ubili. These were attacked by our aircraft who reported scoring a near miss on 2 of the vessels. The position suggests a further night transportation run to the Kimbe Bay area, possibly Cape Hoskins area. This is the fourth night transportation run to positions along the New Britain coast during the past week by groups of 3 destroyers, 2 along the south coast and 2 along the north coast.  
Photographs taken during the Boston attack in Ubili area October 25th reveal one barge burning fiercely and 2 other barges being heavily strafed.

- (11) Garove Island - One Liberator attacked A.A. positions this area and at Unea Island evening October 25th.
- (12) Wewak - One Liberator attacked this area afternoon October 25th reporting one small coaster 53 miles east of Wewak on westerly course and another 73 miles east by south of Wewak on S.E. course. Both ships were strafed from low altitude.
- (13) Alexishafen - Forenoon October 24 9 Mitchells attacked No.2 strip silencing A.A. positions and scoring hits on buildings.
- (14) Madang - Photographic recon a.m. October 25 revealed several small craft in harbour.
- (15) Finschhafen - 14 Thunderbolts patrolling this area forenoon Oct. 25th encountered 12-18 enemy fighters at 20,000 feet destroying 3 and probably destroying another 6.  
9 Kittyhawks also shot down an enemy reconnaissance aircraft this area.  
Afternoon October 24th, 9 Bostons attacked Sateberg area while following morning another 9 Bostons attacked Cape Sibida, Lakona and southern bank of Masaweng River.  
Evening October 25, our ground troops were in close contact with the enemy west of Katika. Our artillery was also effectively shelling enemy positions.

## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.34 ("KOOLIGA" "TULAGI") was to depart Thursday Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 November.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

### (1) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) S.W. Dutch New Guinea - 3 Hudsons attacked Japero (42 miles E. by S. Timika). Several new huts were observed but nil evidence enemy activity.
- (2) Manokwari - Photos taken October 25th show one sea-truck, 11 large, 6 small barges, 2 motor launches. 2 buildings destroyed, 3 buildings damaged.
- (3) Pomelaa - Preliminary report strike by 4 Liberators October 26th against this area, two of which failed to return.
- (4) Arce Is. - 6 Mitchells attacked villages this area Oct. 26th.
- (5) Darwin - Noon Oct. 26th 2 Liberators reported sighting enemy submarine 80 miles west Darwin.

## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "NIZAM" dep. Port Phillip 1331/23 en route Fremantle ETA 1000/28.
- (2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.
- (3) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "TROMP" was to depart Port Phillip p.m. 25 Oct. en route Sydney ETA 1000/27.
- (2) "BALLARAT" dep. Port Phillip Heads 1000/26 en route Sydney ETA 1200/28.
- (3) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy PG.77 (2 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/26 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Newcastle 0500/28.
- (4) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM C RIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.77 were to depart Sydney 0800/27. "ML.822" will join off Newcastle and escort until dawn 29 Oct.
- (5) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESBY" escorting Convoy OC.137 (8 MV) were to depart Melbourne 2359/25 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Newcastle 1500/29.
- (6) "DELORAINIE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy CC.138 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0900/27 en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) " SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "WARRAMUNGA" (DD)  
"BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA"  
(A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471" "MIZAR" (AF)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KA PUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMB" (A/S  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Vessel)

B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

Cocos Is. - Enemy reconnaissance aircraft reported over this area forenoon October 26th.

NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
- (4A) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HAYUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI (poss. Mandates) MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONT PELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATBUTA TAMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective



Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
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SS	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CAPELIN GREVALIE GROWLER GUARDFISH GATO MARWHA SCAMP SILVERSIDES	On Patrol	20	20
	DRUM PETO RATON S.31	At Brisbane		
	RAY K.9	On Passage At Sydney		
AV/CVS	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELLIER	-	NOTORO
XAV/XCVS	-	3	1	2-3
PT	35	Approx 30	?	?
APA/APD/AKA	H.T. ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA		
AS	FULTON OTUS		1	-
AD	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
AR	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS		

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	176
Light & M. Bombers	163
SE/Bombers	21
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	52
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL	TRENTON
DD	2

\* non-effective

27 October 1943

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC  
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
OKLAHOMA  
MISSISSIPPI  
PENNSYLVANIA  
WEST VIRGINIA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO

HYUGA (being modernized)

CV ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS  
BUNKER HILL

CV(T)

HOSHO

CV(L)

INDEPENDENCE  
COWPENS  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

HITAKA

CV(E)

SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE

KEMAKE  
CHUYO  
\* OTAKA

CA

BALTIMORE  
BOSTON  
CHESTER  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* PORTLAND  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* LOUISVILLE  
\* WICHITA

\* KUMANO  
\* AOBA

OCA  
CL

MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* NASEVILLE  
\* RENO  
\* CONCORD  
\* OAKLAND

NAKA  
ISUZU  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI

XCL  
AV/CVS  
XAV/XCVS

POCOMOKE

6  
\* CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV)

DD  
SS

Approx 35  
Approx 50  
?

20-35 (a few repaired)  
Approx 30

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\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
26 October, 1943.

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE		NAGHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT		ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH		
	RICHMOND		
<u>L</u>	-		1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
<u>DD</u>	22		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-		1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific (Western Section)      Eastern Fleet Area      East Indies - Philippines

<u>BE</u>	-	RAMILLES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	HYUNO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAFETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
		-	KASHII
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	CANTON	1
<u>XCL</u>	-	CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
		ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS		
	W/B PRESTON		
	-	?	1-2
<u>XAV/SCVS</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
<u>DD</u>	TJERK HIDDUS		
	NIZAM		
	CABRILLA		6
	CISCO		
	COD	On Patrol	
	KINGFISH		
	POMPOM		
	RASHER		
	K.12		
	BILLFISH		
	BLUEFISH		
	BONEFISH	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN		
	PUFFER		
	TUNA		
	PELLIAS	?	

<u>AS</u>		
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)		
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Light & M/Bombers	54	
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Transport & Obsn A/C	44	

≡ Non-effective  
 ⚡ No recent intelligence.  
 Present disposition uncertain.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA  
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

**DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY**

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

No. 638

Date: 28 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "ARUNTA" was to depart Caloundra about 1400/28 to RV with "GEN. JOHN POPE" in position 27°37'S 154°34'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (2) "BAGLEY" "PC.1120" "PC.1122" escorting U.S.S. "FULTON" were to depart Brisbane 1700/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/29.
- (3) "VENDETTA" was to RV with "SEA PIKE" at 1500/26 in position 27°11'S 158°01'E and escort to Brisbane.
- (4) "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "BOWEN" "PC.477" escorting Convoy TN.172 (Portion (a) - "CANBERRA" "HERMIAN" "NORLAGO" "PATRAS"; Portion (b) - "JOHN MUIR" "R.P.WARNER" "JOSEPH A.HOLMES" "LST.171" "THEDENS" "VAN HEUTSZ" "ROBERT J.WALKER" "AMBROSE PIERCE" "YOCHOW" "JOSHUA ROYCE" "DAVID F.BARRY" "JOHN A.SARGENT" "KOOPA" "YP.283" "TANCRED" "JOSIAH EARL" "J.M.CLEMENTS" "LST.72" "LST.68" "N.J.SINNOTT") were to depart RV position at 1500/25. Portion (a) escorted by "BOWEN" "PC.477" ETA Moresby 1101/28. Portion (b) escorted by "GILMER" "GLADSTONE" "ML's 801,806,816,810 ETA Milne Bay 1101/28.
- (5) "WARREGO" "WAGGA" escorting Convoy NT.62 ("BISHOPDALE" for Cairns, "BONTEKOE" for Townsville) were to depart Milne Bay 0500/26 ETA Cairns 0300/29.
- (6) "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy NT.63 ("MONTORO" "JOEL PALMER" for Cairns; "KATOOMBA" for Townsville) was to depart Port Moresby 1630/26.
- (7) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "PC.476" "YMS.334" escorting Convoy QL.24 (9 MV) were to depart Caloundra 1600/26. "YMS.334" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville. Other escorts detailed for IQ.24.
- (8) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is. ETA Mackay 1400/27.
- (9) 11 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. -	"YMS.72" "BENALLA" (Survey Ship) "PC.1121" "SC.982" "YMS.335"
	Merchant Vessels:	"BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"PC.478"
	Merchant Vessels:	"J.CARROLL" "P.C.NEWLANDS" "H.COBB" "C.B.STEINMETZ" "SWARTENHONDT"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.737" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels:	"WEST CUSETTA"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. -	"ML.427"

Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "YMS.51" "Y.13" "ML.425"  
 "ML.428" "HILO"(PG) "PORTUNUS"(AGP)  
 Merchant Vessels: "J.STIRLING MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN"  
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
 Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "TECUMSEH" "E.D.BAKER"  
 "E.T.ALVARADO"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlock Hbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN" "SHAW"  
 "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "FLUSSER" "HAMSON" "REID"  
 "DRAYTON" (DD) "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD)  
 SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.705 SC.734 SC.742  
 SC.743 SC.731 SC.738 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747  
 SC.750 SC.981 Y.15 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 LST.170 LST.201  
 LST.457 ML.424 ML.805 PC.479 APC's 1,2,4,6,  
 7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 46 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" (AS) "HALF  
 MOON" (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "MERKUR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

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 LST.68 LST.171  
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 ML.807 ML.818 ML.820 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,  
 19 PC.1123 YMS.336 YMS.354 YP.236 YP.291  
 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.473  
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 duties "STUART" to proceed Sydney for boiler cleaning.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Treasury Island - During night Oct. 26-27 allied troops landed on Treasury Island according to plan. Enemy mortar fire was directed on our shipping causing some damage and casualties but this was soon silenced (see Naval Incidents).
- (2) Choiseul - Reliably reported between 100-200 Japs near Sangigai Oct. 26th.  
Evacuation of Choiseul is reported to have began Oct. 20th Barge activity has been heard in Choiseul Bay and although many Japs have left the island many others are still reported to remain.
- (3) South Bougainville - Photos Buin-Faisi October 26th revealed:-  
Shipping: 3 small AK  
          1 PC  
          13 large barges  
          26 smaller barges  
          1 u/i vessel  
Aircraft: Kahili - 1 fighter  
          Kara - 1 damaged fighter, 1 dive bomber  
          Faisi - 11 floatplanes
- (4) Kieta - Nil aircraft observed Oct. 26 but strip being surfaced and extended.
- (5) Buka - Two Beauforts attacked strip at 2145/25. Photos a.m. 26 Oct. reveal -  
Aircraft - 2 fighters, 5 medium, 4 dive bombers, 1 floatplane  
Shipping - 5 small coasters, 11 barges
- (6) Nissan - Oct. 27th 5 sampans observed.
- (7) Cape St. George - At 0100/28 an aircraft attacked 2 enemy barges off east coast New Ireland heading southwest while at 0123/28 another aircraft reported attacking a 2-ship convoy in the same area.
- (8) Kavieng - Night 26/27 Oct. 2 Catalinas attacked the airfield.
- (9) New Hanover - Further reports of the large outward bound convoy sighted off the western tip New Hanover at 1620/26 indicates there were eight vessels in the convoy as follows:-  
2 escort vessels  
2 large transports  
1 medium merchantman  
3 small coasters  
One floatplane was covering.
- (10) Rabaul - Our heavy air strike on Rabaul October 25th resulted in 21 enemy aircraft destroyed on ground and another 23 probables. During the interception by 70 enemy fighters, 37 were destroyed in combat and another 20 probably destroyed.
- (11) New Britain - Further to the report of two Beaufighters attacking a small vessel and barge off Ubili Oct. 23rd a reliable source reports the aircraft destroyed 2 schooners laden with ammunition, oil and stores. a.m. 27th 2 Beaufighters destroyed a small launch this same area and strafed a large barge containing fuel drums.
- (12) Kimbe Bay - Further reports of the 3 enemy destroyers sighted S.W. of Ubili 2020/26, 2 Liberators report attacking these vessels scoring a direct hit on one vessel. Four other small vessels, probably barges, were also sighted in the area.
- (13) Talasea - At 0155/27 a Catalina received indications of five ships 20 miles ENE Talasea dropping bombs on the target area but nil results were observed.
- (14) Jacquinet Bay - A possible enemy submarine was sighted submerging in this area at 0624/25.
- (15) Gasmata - At 1020/25 an enemy surfaced submarine was sighted on a N.E. course.  
At 2322/26, 2 enemy vessels, one reported as large, the other as an escort vessel, were reported observed 40 miles south of Gasmata on a northerly course.  
Comment - There is no other intelligence to suggest the presence of any large enemy surface craft in this area at the time.  
  
Two Catalinas attacked Gasmata night 26-27, while four Bostons attacked same area forenoon 27th.

- (16) Garove Is. - One Liberator attacked buildings this area p.m. October 26th.
- (17) Finschhafen - Night October 25-26 our heavy mortar fire forced the enemy to withdraw west of Katika.
- (18) Oro Bay - At 0302/27 10 enemy aircraft reported over this area.
- (19) Goodenough Is. - At 0523/26 large group of enemy aircraft reported 35 miles N.E. Goodenough Island heading west.
- (20) Kiriwina - At 1135/25 one enemy aircraft was over this area while another was reported in the area at 2250/26 and at 0420/27. At 0511/26 enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the airfield area on Kiriwina Is. The radar station was destroyed and other slight damage and casualties suffered.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.34 ("KOOLIGA" "TULAGI") was to depart Thursday Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 November.
- (2) 6 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

### (ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Aroe Is. - 6 Mitchells accompanied by 6 Beaufighters attacked floatplanes, stores, aircraft and other targets of opportunity along the Serwatoe River. No floatplanes or barges were sighted but 2 luggers were strafed and damaged. Nil activity was observed on the Trangan Strip.
- (2) Darwin - The report of an enemy submarine 80 miles west of Darwin at 1200/26 has now been discounted.

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "NIZAM" dep. Port Phillip 1331/23 en route Fremantle ETA 1000/28.
- (2) "ISOBEL" escorting "KODLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.
- (3) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "HORSHAM"  
"DUEBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B.PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "BALLARAT" dep. Port Phillip Heads 1000/26 en route Sydney ETA 1200/28.
- (2) "BUNDABERG" "BROOME" "KALGOORLIE" escorting Convoy PG.77 (2 MV) were to depart Brisbane 1200/26 for Newcastle and Sydney ETA Newcastle 0500/28.
- (3) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" escorting Convoy GP.78 were to depart Sydney 0800/27. "ML.822" will join off Newcastle and escort until dawn 29 Oct.
- (4) "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE" "MORESEY" escorting Convoy OC.137 (8 MV) were to depart Melbourne 2359/25 en route Sydney and Newcastle ETA Newcastle 1500/29.
- (5) "DELORAINNE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy CO.138 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0900/27 en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "SHROPSHIRE" (CA) "TROMP" (CL)  
"WARRAMUNGA" (DD) "BENDIGO" "TOWNSVILLE" (AMS)  
"YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813"  
"ML.817" "ML.818" "BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471"  
"MIZAR" (AF)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel) Vessel)

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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Treasury Island - Preliminary report indicates during the allied landing on Treasury Island night 26/27 our LST's were fired on by enemy mortars immediately they were beached and four hits were scored on one LST killing 2 men and wounding 18. Two hits were scored on another LST wounding 12. Enemy mortar fire was then silenced.

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ENEMY 'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Eastern Section)	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks</u> <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines</u> <u>Marshalls</u>
	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO ) <i>poss.</i> MUTSU ) <i>Empire</i>
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>(E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHEROPSHIRE	-	<del>GHORAT</del> ( <i>poss. Mandates</i> ) MYOKO HAGURO &	<del>CHOKAI</del> ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE ONIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	1
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 ( <del>XXXX</del> some repairing)

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE ) BALAO ) BLACKFISH ) CAPELIN ) GREVALLE ) CROWLER ) On Patrol GUARDFISH ) GATO ) MARWHALE ) SCAMP ) SILVERSIDES )	20	20
	DRUM ) PETO ) RATON ) At Brisbane S.31 )		
	RAY On Passage K.9 At Sydney		
<u>W/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	- NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	1 2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H. T. ALLEN MAROORA WESTRALIA KANIMELA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
	DOBBIN * DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	176		
Light & M/Bombers	163		
SE/Bombers	21		
Flying Boats	6		
Floatplanes	52		
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17		

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL TRENTON

DD 2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHEWAGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHIE	CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	* KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	6 NAKA ISUZU * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u> <u>AD</u> <u>AS</u> <u>AS</u>	- POCOMOKE - Approx 35 Approx 50 ?	6 * CHIYODA (under conversion to 2 ACV) 20-35 (a few repairing) Approx 30 1

\* Non-effective

4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
28 October 1943

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XGL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>AS</u>	10	Approx 4
	-	1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	KYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	SEAFLEET	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>D</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
	NIZAM		
<u>SS</u>	GABRILLA		6
	CISCO		
	COD		
	KINGFISH	On Patrol	
	POMPON		
	RASHER		
	K.12		
	BILLFISH		
	BLUEFISH		
	BONEFISH	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN		
	PUFFER		
	TUNA		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113	Non-effective
Light & M/Bombers		54	No recent intelligence.
SE/Bombers		12	Present disposition
Flying Boats		12	uncertain.
Floatplanes		54	
Transport & Obsn. A/C		44	

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

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

No. 639

Date: 29 October 1943

PART I.

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NORTH EASTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "BAGLEY" "PC.1120" "PC.1122" escorting U.S.S. "FULTON" were to depart Brisbane 1700/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1730/29.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" and "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) and "PC.1119" "WAGGA" and "SC.748" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.173 were to RV off Fitzroy Is. at 1600/29. "PC.1119" and "ARARAT" escort Portion A (5 MV) to Port Moresby ETA 1100/1 November. "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" and "SC.748" escort Portion B (6 MV) to Milne Bay ETA 1100/1 November.
- (3) "PC.477" departed Port Moresby 1630/28 en route Cairns ETA 1600/30.
- (4) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" and "PC.47" escorting Convoy QL.24 (5 ships including "SHIKELLAMY" (AO)) were to depart Gladstone 2000/28 en route Brisbane ETA 0430/30.
- (5) "INVERELL" departed Thursday Is. 1430/28 en route Townsville ETA 0800/31.
- (6) "YP.233" was to depart Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Is.
- (7) 9 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. -	"YMS.72" "BENALLA" (Survey Ship) PC.1121 SC.982 YMS.335
	Merchant Vessels:	"BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"PC.478"
	Merchant Vessels:	"J.CARROLL" "PC.NEWLANDS" "H.COBB" "J.KELLY" "R.P.WARNER" "C.B. STEINMETZ" "SWARTENHONDT"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.737" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels	"WEST CUSETTA"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. -	"ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.637" "YMS.51" "Y.13" "ML.425" "ML.428" "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	Merchant Vessels:	"J.ROYCE" "J.EARL" "J.STIRLING MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.632"
	Merchant Vessels:	"SIBLEY" "TEGUMSEN" "E.D.BAKER" "THEDENS" "R.J.WALKER" "JOHN MUIR" "H.T.ALVARADO" "J.S.SARGEANT" "N.J.SINNOT"
Woodlark Is.	- Warships & Aux. -	"SC.745"
Porlock Hrb.	- Warships & Aux. -	"APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)

Milne Bay

• Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "SHAN" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD" "E"  
 "FLUSSER" "LANSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD)  
 "GLADSTONE" (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699  
 SC.703 SC.734 SC.742 SC.750 SC.743  
 SC.731 SC.738 SC.744 SC.746 SC.747  
 SC.981 Y.15 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283  
 LST.170 LST.171 LST.201 LST.68 LST.72  
 LST.457 ML.424 ML.801 ML.805 ML.806  
 PC.479 ML.816 ML.819 APC's 1,2,4,6,  
 7,9,12,15,16,17,18,20,21 46 PT's "YUNNAN"  
 (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS"  
 (AS) "WHALE MOON" (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA"  
 "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE"  
 (YDG) "MERKUR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT"  
 "J. HOLMES" "VAN HEUTSZ" "A. PIERCE" "YOCHOW"  
 "D.F. BARRY" "KOOPA" "TANCRED" "J.M.  
 CLEMENTS" "S. TURMAN" "J.J. ASTOR" "WM. RUME"  
 "THOMAS C. POWER" "HANYANG" "CALEDONIAN"  
 "SALVOR" "A. BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA"  
 "WATCH" "VAQUERO" "MULIAMA" "J.B. McPHERSON"  
 "BONTEKOE" "I.M. SCOTT" "TARONGA" "RING"  
 "LARDNER" "W.B. BURNHAM" "H.L. ABBOTT"  
 "ISOLATOR" "VAN DEN BOSCH"

Port Moresby - Warships & Aux. - "BOWEN"  
 Merchant Vessels: "SUVA" "BERGFRED" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "EDNA" "CANBERRA" "HERMION" "NORLAGO"  
 "PATRAS"

Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.804"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "WARREGO" "PIRIE" (AMS)  
 "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" (APA) SC.736 YMS.8  
 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48 YMS.53 ML.426  
 "PLATYPUS" (AR) "BISHOPDALE" (AO)

Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DD) "EUNBURY" "COLAC"  
 (AMS) "HERON" (AVP) "ML.819" "SC.737"  
 "PC.1124" LST.465 YMS.334 "AASE MAERSK"  
 (AO) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)

Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "VENDETTA"  
 "ARUNTA" (DD) "LITHGOW" "GEBLONG" "SWAN"  
 "STAWELL" (AMS) "SC.650" "SC.735" "SC.736"  
 ML.429 ML.431 ML.802 ML.803 ML.807  
 ML.818 ML.820 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19  
 PC.1123 YMS.336 YMS.354 YP.236 YP.291  
 LST.22 LST.26 LST.206 LST.463 LST.473  
 "E.T. ALLEN" (APA) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)  
 "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA" "ALBORAB"  
 (AKA) "COUCAL" (AER) "SHEPPAR TON" (Survey  
 Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS)

(Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" on completion of escort duties with ships of PV.4 is to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S, 158°10' E at 1300/30 and escort to Brisbane. On completion of escort duties "STUART" to proceed Sydney for boiler cleaning.

(11) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Choiseul - Local sources report 28 October that there are believed to be about 1000 Japanese still in the Kakasa area.  
 (2) Treasury Island - Reinforcements for our original landing party were landed at 0626/27. By 1540/27 perimeter defences had

been established and the situation was reported quiet. The enemy were reported withdrawing towards Malsi on the north east coast.

Prior to the original landing five unescorted Venturas bombed and strafed the south shore of Treasury Island at 1530/26.

- (3) Buin Area - Airfields in the Buin area were attacked 26 October as follows:-

0445/26 Ballale by 2 Hellcats.  
0900/26 Kahili by 36 Avengers, 49 Dauntless followed by 22 Mitchells with fighter cover of 10 Aircobras, 23 Kittyhawks and 36 Hellcats. Hits were scored on the runway, taxiway and on a beached ship. There was no interception but one Avenger was lost besides several aircraft being damaged.  
1030/26 Kahili by 27 Liberators escorted by 16 Lightnings. Hits scored on runway. No interception was encountered.  
1555/26 Kara by 18 Avengers, 30 Dauntless covered by 12 Corsairs, 15 Aircobras and 15 Kittyhawks. Anti-aircraft positions, buildings and the runway were all hit. The strip had apparently been repaired and resurfaced before the attack. One Zero was seen airborne but did not engage.

Photos show that all three airfields were unserviceable after the above attacks.

Photos of the airfields 27 October show:

Kahili	1025	1 F.	
Kara	1045	1 F.	
Ballale	1455	3 F.	
Faisi	1037		1 F/P.

Photographic coverage of the anchorages at the same times as above show two small freighters including one beached, one oiler, 45 barges and small craft.

- (4) Buka - At 1540/26 Buka Passage airfield was attacked by 6 Mitchells covered by 16 Lightnings. One bomber was destroyed on the ground and another four were strafed. The control tower was also strafed. There was no interception and all our planes returned.

Eight of the escorting Lightnings made a preliminary surprise sweep at 1445/26 and destroyed five fighters and one bomber on the ground, also one laden small craft. This sweep also covered Bonis Plantation area and it is established that strafing killed over 200 of some 2500 Japanese working on the runway.

Photos 0835/27 show one fighter, three medium and three dive bombers (last possibly inoperative) on Buka Passage airfield. Five small cargo ships and eight barges are shown in the Passage area.

- (5) Nissan Island - Reconnaissance reports no ships at Nissan Island 1005/28. It is recalled that three small cargo vessels were reported here 26 October and five sampans were sighted on 27 October.
- (6) Cape St. George - At 1045/28 one small sea truck was sighted close in shore to east coast of Cape St. George on course 235°.
- (7) Mandates - Bismarcks Area - At 1645/28 aircraft reported a warship similar to "YUBARI" Class light cruiser 33 miles N.W. of New Hanover course 350°, speed 30 knots.
- (8) Kavieng - Shortly after midnight 27-28 October Kavieng airdrome was attacked by three Catalinas. This is the third successive night that Kavieng has been subjected to light night raids.
- (9) Kimbe Bay - Further details have now been received concerning the probable destroyer transportation mission to this area night 26 October. (See Naval Incidents.)
- (10) Gasmata Area - At 0712/27 a surfaced submarine was sighted heading north in a position approximately 85 miles E. of Gasmata.

- (11) Long Island - Local sources report 27 October that the enemy appears to be in occupation only on one point on the S.W. coast of Long Island.
- (12) Finschhafen -Saidor Area- One of possibly two escorted enemy bombed formations were intercepted p.m. 27 October in this area while parachuting probable supplies to the enemy ground elements in the Satelberg neighbourhood.  
 At 1735/27, 12 to 15 medium bombers escorted by 15-20 fighters were surprised by eight Aircobras over Sarenak Bay (approx. 25 miles E.S.E. of Saidor) and five bombers one fighter were definitely shot down and another four bombers probably shot down. One Aircobra is missing.  
 At 1740-1752/27, nine possible light twin-engined bombers escorted by 31 fighters were intercepted while approaching Satelberg from N.W. over the mountains, by 8 Kittihawks. One bomber and 5 Zeros were shot down and another three fighters probably. Several of our fighters were damaged but all returned.  
 Both our fighter formations reported the enemy bombers dropping parachutes over the Satelberg area but could not be certain whether it was men or supplies being dropped.  
 A report from Long Island of a large number of aircraft flying south at the time which is corrupt but could be read as 1735/27 may indicate that enemy formations possibly proceeded from Kavieng or Rabaul.
- (13) Goodenough Is - At 0825-0900/28, an enemy recce plane was over Goodenough Is. at high altitude.
- (14) Brisbane - At 0820/28, a floating mine was reported 50 miles E.N.E. of Brisbane.

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2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convey TD.34 ("KOOLIGA" "TULAGI") was to depart Thursday Is, 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 November.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" from Darwin to Thursday Island ETA 2030/31.
- (3) 7 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
 Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(11) ENEMY FORCES

Tanimbar Islands - At 1233/28, a single small sea truck was sighted 65 miles N.W. of Selaru Island on course 300°. A small striking force was despatched and located the vessel at 1809/28 25 miles further north west. Results are not yet available.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.
- (2) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - "Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (GL)



"NIZAM" "TJERK HIDDES" "VAN CALEN" (DD)  
"HORSHAM" "DUBBO" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM)  
"WHIPPOORWILL" "LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC. 739" "YP. 288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP. 286"

4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- X (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "SHROPSHIRE" were to depart Sydney 1600/29 for Moreton Bay to join C.T.F. 74.  
(2) "ROCKHAMPTON" and "ECHUCA" escorting Convoy GP.78 were to depart Sydney 0800/27. "ML.822" will join off Newcastle and escort until dawn 29 Oct.  
(3) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting 1 MV ("PONCE") en route Caloundra.  
(4) "DELORAINNE" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy GO.138 (7 MV) were to depart Newcastle 0900/27 en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO"  
"TOWNSVILLE" "WARRNAMBOOL" "CASTLEMAINE"  
"MORESBY" "BALLARAT" "KALGOORLIE" "BUNDABERG"  
"EROME" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA" (A/S  
Vessel) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
"BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471" "MIZAR" (AP)  
(Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
"WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S  
Vessel)  
Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

NAVAL INCIDENTS

Kimbe Bay - Shipping in Kimbe Bay was attacked 1930-2145/26 by three Liberators. Each aircraft sighted two vessels in the area 25-45 miles W. to N.W. of Ubili. One aircraft sighted two destroyers and the other two aircraft each sighted one destroyer and one merchant vessel. The total shipping in the area is assessed at three, possibly four destroyers, and possibly two merchant vessels. One destroyer was seen to be on fire as a result of the attacks and two aircraft each damaged a merchant vessel one of which was claimed as sunk.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and possibly Naval counter-action against allied moved in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the south and south west Pacific Areas.

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4. NORTHERN PACIFIC

MOST SECRET  
29 October 1945

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE		NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT		ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH		
	RICHMOND		
<u>XCL</u>	-		1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-		1
<u>DD</u>	22		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-		1

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

Southwest Pacific  
(Western Section)

Eastern Fleet Area

East Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV</u>	-	ILLUSTRIOUS	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	-	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	GILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMO I
	W. B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDES		
	HIZAM		
<u>SS</u>	BLUEFISH		6
	CABRILLA		
	CISCO		
	COD	On Patrol	
	KINGFISH		
	POMPON		
	RASHER		
	K. 12		
	BILFISH		
	BONEFISH	At Fremantle	
	BOWFIN		
	PUFFER		
	TUNA		
	FELIAS	?	

AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng. A)	113
Light & M/Bombers	54
SE/Bombers	12
Flying Boats	24 12
Floatplanes	54
Transport & Obsn. A/C	44

Non-effective  
No recent intelligence  
Present disposition  
uncertain.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>Bismarcks Solomons</u>	<u>Carolines Marshalls</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO } Poss. MUTSU } Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO HAYATAKA
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON LONG ISLAND	-	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	CHOKAI (poss. Mandates) MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA ISUZU * NAKA
<u>DL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XCL</u>	-	-	-	* 4
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNCHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective

Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismareks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CAPELIN GREVALLE GUARDFISH MARWHAL SCAMP SILVERSIDES  DRUM GATO PETO RATON S.51	20	20
	On Patrol		
	At Brisbane		
	RAY On Passage K.9 At Sydney		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON	WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	NOTORO
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	3	2-3
<u>PT</u>	35	Approx 30	?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANOORA WESTRALIA KANIMBLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS	10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS	1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN DIXIE	1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS	PROMETHEUS	

AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)

Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)	176
Light & M/Bombers	163
SE/Bombers	21
Flying Boats	6
Floatplanes	52
Transport & Obsn. A/C	17

2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

CL  
TRENTON  
2

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE	CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	6 WAKAMIYA * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u> <u>DE</u> <u>ES</u> <u>IS</u>	- POCOMOKE - Approx 35 Approx 50 * ?	2 * CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV) 2 20-35 (a few repairing) Approx 30 1
	* Non-effective	

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

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

No. 640

Date: 30 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- X (1) "PIRIE" "PC.1124" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" were to depart Cairns 1130/30. "MANOORA" "PC.1124" to detach at Brumer Is. and proceed Oro Bay ETA 2000/1. "WESTRALIA" "PIRIE" to proceed Goodenough Is. ETA 1600/1.
- (2) "KATOOMBA" "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) and "PC.1119" "WAGGA" "SC.748" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.173 RV'd off Fitzroy Is. at 1600/29. "PC.1119" "ARARAT" escorting Portion (a) - ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "J.W.GRIMES" "C.KING" "GOLD STAR" "C.S.JONES") to Port Moresby ETA 1100/1 Nov. "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "SC.748" escorting Portion (b) ("THOMAS JEFFERSON" "LST.465" "CHARON" "AASE MAERSK" "J.LANE" "W.WRIGHT" "S.BENSON" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "E.N.WESTCOTT") to Milne Bay ETA 1100/1 Nov.
- (3) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy NT.64 ("CANBERRA") was to depart Port Moresby 1039/29 en route Cairns.
- (4) "PC.477" departed Port Moresby 1630/28 en route Cairns ETA 1600/30.
- (5) "GOULBURN" "SC.741" "PC.476" escorting Convoy QL.24 (5 ships incl. "SHIKELLAMY" (AO) ~~was~~ departed Gladstone 2000/28 en route Brisbane ETA 0900/30.
- (6) "INVERELL" dep. Thursday Is. 1430/28 en route Townsville.
- (7) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Island.
- (8) "TASMAN" (AH) dep. Brisbane 0520/29 en route Port Moresby ETA 0530/2 November.
- (9) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "BENALLA" (Survey Ship) PC.1121 SC.982 YMS.335
	Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
Goodenough Is.	- Warships & Aux. - "PC.478"
	Merchant Vessels: "J.CARROLL" "P.C.NEWLANDS" "H.COBB" "J.KELLY" "R.P.WARNER" "C.B.STEINMETZ" "SWARTENHON"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "WEST CUSETTA"
Morobe	- Warships & Aux. - "ML.427"
Buna	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51" "Y.13" "Y.15" "ML.425" "ML.428" "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)
	Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL" "J.STIRLING" MORTON" "BALIKPAPAN"
Oro Bay	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.632"
	Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "TECUMSEH" "E.D.BAKER" "THEDENS" "R.J.WALKER" "JOHN MUIR" "H.T.ALVARADO" "J.S.SARGEANT" "N.J.SINNOTT"
Woodlark Is.	-- Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"
Porlock Hbr.	- Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)

Milne Bay

- Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAM"  
 "BAGLEY" "SHAW" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DE)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) "GLADSTONE"  
 (AMS) SC.648 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.734  
 SC.742 SC.750 SC.743 SC.731 SC.738 SC.744  
 SC.747 SC.981 Y.14 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50  
 YMS.52 YMS.70 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283 LST.170  
 LST.171 LST.201 LST.68 LST.72 LST.457  
 ML.424 ML.801 ML.805 ML.806 ML.816 ML.819  
 PC.479 PC.1120 PC.1122 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,  
 15,16,17,18,20,21 46 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS)  
 "RIGEL" (AR) "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS)  
 "HALF MOON" (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO)  
 "POLLUX" (AKS) "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "MERCUR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALGOA PENNANT"  
 "J. HOEMES" "VAN HEUTSZ" "A. PIERCE" "YOCROW"  
 "D.F. HARRY" "KCOPA" "TANCRED" "J.M. CLEMENTS"  
 "S. TURMAN" "J.J. ASTOR" "WM. HUME" "THOMAS C.  
 POWER" "HANYANG" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" "VAQUERO"  
 "A. BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA WITCH"  
 "MULIAMA" "J.E. McPHERSON" "BONTEKOE" "I.M. SCOTT"  
 "TAROMA" "RING LARDNER" "W.B. BURNHAM"  
 "H.L. ABBOTT" "ISOLATOR" "VAN DEN BOSCH"

Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "SUVA" "BORGFRED" "CAPE CHALMERS"  
 "EDNA" "HERMION" "NORLAGO" "PATRAS"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.804"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "GYMPIE" "WARREGO" (AMS) SC.736  
 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47 YMS.48  
 YMS.53 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "STUART" (DD) "BUNBURY" "COLAC"  
 (AMS) "HERON" (AVP) ML.819 SC.736  
 LST.465 YMS.334 "BISHOPDALE" (AO)  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux. - "KURUMBA" (AO)  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" (CA) "VENDETTA"  
 "ARUNTA" (DD) "LITHGOW" "GEELOG" "SWAN"  
 "STAWELL" (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.736 ML.429  
 ML.431 ML.802 ML.803 ML.807 ML.818 ML.820  
 APC's 3,10,11,13,14,19 PC.1123 YMS.336  
 YMS.354 YP.236 YP.291 LST.22 LST.26  
 LST.206 LST.465 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
 "MANUNDA" (AR) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA"  
 "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS)  
 (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WEYALLA" (AMS)

(c) Proposed Movements:

- (1) "STUART" is to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at 0700/31 and escort to Brisbane. On completion of escort duties "STUART" to proceed Sydney for boiler cleaning.
- (2) "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy QL.25 (10 MV including "KURUMBA" towing ML.429 and lighter, "WICHITA FALLS" towing "ML.818" "ML.430") are to depart Caloundra 1600/30 for Gladstone. Final destination "KURUMBA" "ML.429" Thursday Is. "YMS.336" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Guadalcanal - 6 enemy planes were over Guadalcanal 1920-2125/27 and dropped bombs without causing damage or casualties.
- (2) Choiseul - An allied landing was made unopposed at Voza (S.W. coast approx 18 miles SSE of Choiseul Bay) early morning 28 October. The only counter action reported is by one enemy aircraft which ineffectively bombed a U.S. destroyer screening

the landing. The enemy was withdrawing N. of Warrior River (just south of Choiseul Bay) a.m. 29 Oct., having left a small party guarding the barge staging base at Sangigai - (approx 8 miles SSE of Voza).

There are still believed to be some 1000 Japs in the Kakasa area further south and these are now cut off by the allied landing. Their withdrawal to the Choiseul Bay area will probably necessitate coastal barge movements.

During the night 28-29 Oct., 11 small craft were reported by aircraft along this coast between Choiseul Bay and a point south of Voza.

- (3) Treasury Island - At 1540/27, 25 enemy dive bombers attacked our surface units 15 miles north of Treasury Island and a U.S. destroyer was hit. Our fighters including Lightnings, Kittyhawks and Aircobras intercepted and shot down 12 bombers.

That night, 27-28 Oct., enemy planes harassed our landing craft retiring from Treasury Island but did little damage. The same night our ground forces were also harassed by aircraft and in addition, encountered some mortar fire.

On 28 October, the position on Treasury Island remained relatively unchanged with the enemy still retiring to the N.E. sector of the island.

- (4) Buin Base - At 1100/27 Kara and Kahili airfields were attacked by 17 unescorted Liberators. No interception was encountered. Photos shortly before this raid showed only one fighters on each of the Kara and Kahili airfields.

At 1615/27, 70 Zeros were observed by 4 Kittyhawks over Kahili. Only 9 Zeros were engaged of which three were destroyed.

During recent days and prior to p.m. 27 October very few enemy aircraft have been noted in the S. Bougainville air bases and the report of 25 dive bombers attacking shipping near Treasury Is. p.m. 27 October and 70 Zeros over Kahili a little later indicate that additional aircraft have been flown in probably from Rabaul.

- (5) N. Bougainville - Approximately midnight 28-29 October a small cargo ship was strafed by a Catalina near Tinputz Harbour.  
(6) Nissan Island - At 0910/29 a troop laden sampan in Nissan Is. lagoon was strafed by a Liberator and left burning.  
(7) Kavieng - At 2355/28-0100/29 Kavieng aerodrome was effectively raided by 4 Catalinas. This is the fourth successive night raid on this airfield.  
(8) Rabaul - At 1300/29 a Lightning reported 9 large and 3 small vessels near Praed Point on course 360°. One of the large vessels was described as possibly a carrier or auxiliary.  
(9) Ubill - At 1930/28 2 unidentified type warships were seen entering the bay near the southern extremity of Open Bay.  
(10) Gasmata Area - At 0720/28 dumps areas at the mouth of the Anwek River were bombed by 21 Kittyhawks.  
(11) Hansa Bay - At 1300-1345/29 2 freighters 1000-1500 tons and 7 barges were reported in Hansa Bay by 2 Thunderbolts. All ships were strafed and one barge was sunk.  
(12) Alexishafen - Army sources report 10 barges in Alexishafen Harbour at 0720/28 also one camouflaged vessel probably a corvette or destroyer stationary west of Sek Island.  
(13) Finschhafen Area - At 1635/29 2 troop laden barges were sighted by an Aircobra off Blucher Point (20 miles NNW Finschhafen) heading S.E.

Ground activity in this area is limited to active patrolling.

- (14) Dobodura - At 0135/29 3 or 4 enemy bombers ineffectually raided Port Hervey and Buna.  
(15) Trobriands - At 1008/29 an enemy submarine was attacked by 2 Kittyhawks each with one bomb 40 miles north of Tuma Island (10 miles off N.W. coast Kiriwina). Near misses were scored.



2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "SOOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.34 ("KOOLIGA" "TULAGI") was to depart Thursday Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 Nov.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" from Darwin to Thursday Island ETA 2030/31.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) Tanimbar Is. - At 0920-1035/29 Selaru Strip was attacked by 3 Beaufighters with another 3 Beaufighters acting as top cover. A small sea-truck off N.W. coast Jamdena Is. was bombed and strafed by these aircraft. The same ship was attacked at 1520/29 by a Mitchell and left burning fiercely amidships.
- (2) N.W. New Guinea - At 1300/29 4 small harbour craft were reported by aircraft in Sorong Harbour.
- (3) Ceram - Shortly after noon 29 October a small probable sea-truck was sighted in Waroe Bay by 3 Liberators which attacked and scored 2 direct hits.

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3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" dep. Fremantle 2205/19 en route Broome.
- (2) "CHILDS" dep. Exmouth Gulf 1745/24.

(b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"NIZAM" "TJERK HIDDERS" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"  
"HORSHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "PELIAS" (AS) "W.B. PRESTON" (AVD)  
"SC.739" "YP.288" "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)  
Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "CHILDS" (AV) "YP.286"

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4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

(1) ALLIED FORCES

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "SHROPSHIRE" dep. Sydney 1638/29 for Moreton Bay to join C.T.F.74 ETA 1600/30.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.78 (6 ships) were to depart Brisbane 1200/30.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLEMAINE" escorting Convoy GP.79 (8 MV) were to depart Sydney 0800/30 for Caloundra.
- (4) "DELORAIN" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy OC.138 (8 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 0300/30 en route Sydney and Newcastle.

- (5) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.139 (11 MV) were to depart Newcastle 1000/30 en route Melbourne.
- (6) "MIZAR" was to depart Sydney 1300/30 en route Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO"  
                   " TOWNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" (AMS) "Y ANDRA"  
                   " KYBRA" (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813"  
                   " ML.817" "ML.818" "ML.822" "BUNGAREE" (CM)  
                   " LST.471"  
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
                                   " WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KAPUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S  
   Vessel)  
 Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessel)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Newcastle - A surfaced submarine was reported by "JOHN W. MACKAY" in position 33°S 152°52'E (60 miles E. by S. Newcastle) at approx 2255/29.

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B. INDIAN OCEAN AREA

At 1140 GMT 25 October aircraft reported an unidentified ship in position 8°20'S 94°28'E (approx 650 miles W. by S. of Sunda Strait). Cinc Eastern Fleet suggests that this may be ~~an~~ a Europe-bound blockade runner.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
- (3) Use of barges, submarines and destroyers for night transportation runs to forward positions.
- (4) Offensive submarine activity particularly in the South and South West Pacific areas.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

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

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	LONG ISLAND	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TONE CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA CHOKAI
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO ISUZU) en NAKA ) route	NOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XGL</u>	-	-	2 en route	2
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)
			* Non-effective	



3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>BB</u>	NORTH CAROLINA INDIANA COLORADO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA MISSISSIPPI PENNSYLVANIA WEST VIRGINIA * CALIFORNIA * NEW MEXICO * IDAHO	HYUGA (being modernised)
<u>CV</u>	ENTERPRISE ESSEX YORKTOWN LEXINGTON VICTORIOUS BUNKER HILL	-
<u>CV(T)</u>	-	HOSHO
<u>CV(L)</u>	INDEPENDENCE COWPENS BELLEAU WOOD PRINCETON	HITAKA HAYATAKA
<u>CV(E)</u>	SUWANNEE SANGAMON CHENANGO BARNES ALTAMAHA COPAHEE LISCOMB BAY MISSION BAY	UNYO CHUYO * OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER NEW ORLEANS SAN FRANCISCO PENSACOLA * INDIANAPOLIS * SALT LAKE CITY * PORTLAND * MINNEAPOLIS * ST. LOUIS * LOUISVILLE * WICHITA	KUMANO * AOBA
<u>OCA</u> <u>CL</u>	- MOBILE BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE * HONOLULU * NASHVILLE * RENO * CONCORD * OAKLAND	6 * YUBARI * NATORI
<u>XCL</u> <u>AV/CVS</u> <u>DD</u> <u>XAV/XCVS</u> <u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>	- POCOMOKE Approx 35 - Approx 50 ?	2 * CHIYODA (under conversion to ACV) 20-35 (a few repairing) 2 Approx 30 1

\* Non-effective

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ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES- INDIAN OCEANSouthwest Pacific  
(Western Section)Eastern Fleet AreaEast Indies-Philippines

<u>BB</u>	-	HAMILLIES	-
<u>CV (L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV (E)</u>	-	BATTLE	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		PROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	WAKAMIYA
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		DURBAN	
		CARADOC	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL (T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		GARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOI
	W.B. PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDEN		
	NIZAM		
<u>SS</u>	BLUEFISH	On Patrol	6
	CAERILLA		
	CISCO		
	COD		
	GREVALLE		
	KINGFISH		
	POMPON		
	RASHER		
	K.12	At Fremantle	
	BILLFISH		
	BONEFISH		
	BOWFIN		
	PUFFER		
	TUNA		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.W. Area Only)</u>			
<u>Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)</u>		113	
<u>Light &amp; M/Bombers</u>		54	
<u>SE/Bombers</u>		12	* Non-effective
<u>Flying Boats</u>		12	
<u>Floatplanes</u>		54	
<u>Transport &amp; Obsn/ A/C</u>		44	

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

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

No. 641

Date: 31 October 1943

PART I.A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NORTH EASTERN AREA(1) ALLIED FORCES(a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "BENALLA" carrying out survey duties in Huon Gulf and Vitiaz Strait from 30 Oct. to 12 Nov.
- (2) "PIRIE" "PC.1124" escorting "MANOORA" "WESTRALIA" dep. Cairns 1130/30. "MANOORA" "PC.1124" to detach at Brumer Is. and proceed Oro Bay ETA 2000/1. "WESTRALIA" "PIRIE" to proceed Goodenough Is. ETA 1600/1.
- (3) "KATOOMBA" "ARARAT" (ex Townsville) ad "PC.1119" "WAGGA" "SC.748" (ex Cairns) escorting Convoy TN.173 RV'd off Fitzroy Is. at 1600/29. "PC.1119" "ARARAT" escorting Portion (a) - ("ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" "J.W.GRIMES" "C.KING" "GOLD STAR" "C.S.JONES") to Port Moresby ETA 1100/1 Nov. "KATOOMBA" "WAGGA" "SC.748" escorting Portion (b) ("THOMAS JEFFERSON" "LST.465" "CHARON" "AASE MAERSK" "J.LANE" "W.WRIGHT" "S.BENSON" "W.VAN DEVENTER" "E.N.WESTCOTT") to Milne Bay ETA 1100/1 Nov.
- (4) "RALPH TALBOT" escorting "GEN.JOHN POPE" was to depart Caloundra about 1700/30 for Milne Bay. "RALPH TALBOT" returns Brisbane after arrival Lady Elliott Is.
- (5) "GLADSTONE" escorting Convoy FT.35 (3 MV) dep. Milne Bay 1000/29 en route Townsville ETA 0700/2 Nov.
- (6) "BOWEN" escorting Convoy NT.64 ("CANBERRA") dep. Port Moresby 1039/29 en route Cairns.
- (7) "YP.233" dep. Caloundra 1400/24 en route Thursday Island.
- (8) "TASMAN" (AH) dep. Brisbane 0520/29 en route Port Moresby ETA 0530/2 Nov.
- (9) "INVERELL" dep. Thursday Is. 1430/28 en route Townsville.
- (10) "STAWELL" "LITHGOW" "SC.650" "SC.735" "YMS.336" escorting Convoy QL.25 (10 MV incl. "KURUMBA" towing ML.429 and lighter, "WICHITA FALLS" towing "ML.818" "ML.430") dep. Caloundra 1719/30 ETA Bustard Head 0200/1 Nov. Final destinations "KURUMBA" for Palm Island; Lighter for Thursday Is; "ML.429" for Darwin; "ML.818" "ML.430" for Milne Bay; "YMS.336" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville.
- (11) "STUART" was to RV with "LONG ISLAND" in position 26°50'S 158°10'E at 0700/31 and escort to Brisbane. On completion of escort duties "STUART" to proceed Sydney for boiler cleaning.
- (12) 8 submarines on patrol.

(b) In Harbour:

Lae	- Warships & Aux. - "YMS.72" "PC.1121" "SC.982" "YMS.335"
	Merchant Vessels: "BARBARA C." "B.BONNEVILLE"
Goodenough Is.	- Merchant Vessels: "WEST CUSETTA" "J.KELLY" "RYRYWARREN"
	"R.P.WARNER" "SWARTENHONDT"
Kiriwina	- Warships & Aux. - "SC.737" "SC.749" "YMS.71"
	Merchant Vessels: "ISOLATOR"

Morobe - Warships & Aux. "ML.427"  
 Buna - Warships & Aux. - "SC.637" "SC.746" "YMS.51" "Y.15"  
 "ML.425" "ML.428" "HILO" (PG) "PORTUNUS" (AGP)  
 Merchant Vessels: "J.ROYCE" "J.EARL" "J.STIRLING  
 MORTON"  
 Oro Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SC.732"  
 Merchant Vessels: "SIBLEY" "THEDENS" "R.J.WALKER"  
 "JOHN MUIR" "N.J.SINNOTT"  
 Woodlark Is. - Warships & Aux. - "SC.745"  
 Porlockbr. - Warships & Aux. - "APC.5" "APC.22" "VICTORIA" (AO)  
 Milne Bay - Warships & Aux. - "SMITH" "PERKINS" "MAHAN"  
 "BAGLEY" "SHAW" "GILMER" "CONYNGHAM" "MUGFORD"  
 "FLUSSER" "LAMSON" "REID" "DRAYTON" (DD)  
 "SANDS" "BROOKS" "HUMPHREYS" (APD) SC.648  
 SC.698 SC.699 SC.703 SC.731 SC.734 SC.738  
 SC.742 SC.743 SC.744 SC.747 SC.750 SC.981  
 Y.14 YMS.11 YMS.49 YMS.50 YMS.52 YMS.70  
 YP.278 YP.280 YP.283 LST.170 LST.171  
 LST.201 LST.457 LST.68 LST.72 ML.424  
 ML.801 ML.805 ML.806 ML.816 ML.819 PC.479  
 PC.1120 PC.1122 APC's 1,2,4,6,7,9,12,15,16,  
 17,18,20,21 46 PT's "YUNNAN" (ASIS) "RIGEL" (AR)  
 "DOBBIN" (AD) "OTUS" "FULTON" (AS) "HALF MOON"  
 (AVP) "SUSQUEHANNA" "TRINITY" (AO) "POLLEX" (AKS)  
 "SPRINGDALE" (YDG) "MERKUR" (AF)

(Note: SPECIAL OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS OUT OF  
 MILNE BAY NOT SHOWN.)

Merchant Vessels: "MACTAN" "ALCOA PENNANT" "H. COBB"  
 "J. HOLMES" "VAN HEUTSZ" "A. BIERCE" "YOCHOW"  
 "D.F. BARRY" "J.M. CLEMENTS" "S. TURMAN" "WM. HUME"  
 "THOMAS C. POWER" "HANYANG" "CALEDONIAN SALVOR"  
 "VAQUERO" "A. BURLINGHAME" "CAPE SANDY" "SEA  
 WITCH" "J.B. McPHERSON" "I.M. SCOTT" "TAROONA"  
 "H.T. ALVARADO" "RING LARDNER" "W.B. BURNHAM"  
 "BORGFRED" "H.L. ABBOTT" "VAN DEN BOSCH" "J. EVANS"  
 "BALIKPAPAN"

Port Moresby - Merchant Vessels: "MULIAMA" "HERMION" "NORLAGO"  
 "PATRAS"  
 Thursday Is. - Warships & Aux. - "FREMANTLE" (AMS) "ML.804"  
 Cairns - Warships & Aux. - "BUNBURY" "COLAC" "GYMPIE"  
 "WARREGO" (AMS) SC.736 YMS.8 YMS.46 YMS.47  
 YMS.48 YMS.53 PC.477 ML.426 "PLATYPUS" (AR)  
 Townsville - Warships & Aux. - "HERON" (AVP) YP.233 YMS.334  
 "BISHOPDALE" (AO)  
 Gladstone - Warships & Aux.  
 Brisbane - Warships & Aux. - "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE" (CA)  
 "VENDETTA" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "HELM" (DD)  
 "LITHGOW" "GEELONG" "SWAN" "STAWELL" "GOULBURN"  
 (AMS) SC.650 SC.735 SC.741 ML.429 ML.430  
 ML.431 ML.803 ML.818 ML.820 APC's 3,8,10,  
 11,13,14,19 PC.476 PC.1123 YP.236 YP.291  
 YMS.9 YMS.10 YMS.313 YMS.314 YMS.336  
 LST.206 LST.465 LST.473 "H.T. ALLEN" (APA)  
 "MANUNDA" (AH) "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "KANIMBLA"  
 "ALGORAB" (AKA) "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON"  
 (Survey Vessel) "POYANG" (ASIS) "SHIKELLAMY"  
 "KURUMBA" (AO) "AMYCUS" (ARL)

A (Repairing, Trials etc.) - "WHYALLA" (AMS)

(11) ENEMY FORCES

(1) Choiseul - Our troops moving southeast 29 Oct. from the landing point at Voza encountered a strong enemy force between Voza and Vagara (approx midway between Voza and the barge base at Sangigai). The enemy force was proceeding N.W.



(2) Buin Base - The air offensive against S. Bougainville air bases was continued on 28 Oct:-

0733/28 - Kara: 29 Dauntless, 19 Avengers escorted by 15 Hellcats, 14 Aircobras, 17 Kittyhawks.

0923/28 - Kara: 19 Liberators unescorted.

1245/28 - Ballale: 38 Dauntless, 21 Avengers escorted by 16 Hellcats, 16 Aircobras, 16 Kittyhawks/

One Avenger crash landed at base.

No enemy aircraft were seen either air-borne or on the ground during these attacks. The runways and revetment areas were well covered by the attacks.

Photos approx 0830/29 showed:-

Shipping: 1 lighter

1 oiler

16 sm. craft (12 in Tonolei Hbr.)

35 barges (15 in Tonolei Hbr.)

Aircraft: 9 fighters of which 5 on Kahili, 3 on Ballale, and 1 on Kara; 4 floatplanes at Faisi.

Airfields: All 3 unserviceable although repairs on Kara almost completed.

At 1630/29 shipping in Tonolei Harbour was strafed by 16 Corsairs. 10-12 small freighters, some laden with troops, and many barges were strafed. One ship exploded and 3 others were probably burned. One barge was destroyed and 3 set on fire.

(3) Treasury Island - No Jap aircraft were encountered over Treasury Is. from dawn to dusk 28 Oct. by our standing fighter patrol.

(4) Buka - Photos 1030/29 show 2 small craft, 27 barges including 22 in Matchin Bay. 4 fighters, 4 medium bombers, 2 dive bombers are shown on Buka Passage aerodrome and 4 floatplanes in Buka Passage. No aircraft have yet been seen on Bonis airfield.

(5) Cape St. George - At 0100/29 2 cargo vessels reported by a Catalina 15 miles N.E. Cape St. George course 345°. Bombs were dropped and the vessels strafed with unobserved results.

(6) Bismarck Sea - A.A. fire was encountered by a Catalina apparently from shipping between 2255/29 and 0022/30 60-70 miles south of Kavieng.

(7) Kavieng - For the fifth night in succession Kavieng aerodrome was raided 2332/29-0118/30 by 5 Catalinas. A number of small fires were started around the runway.

(8) Mandates-Bismarcks - At 1152/30 a aircraft reported 2 destroyers and one tanker 7-10,000 tons 20 miles south of Mussau Is. course 330°.

(9) Rabaul - Shortly after noon 29 October Vunakanau airfield was attacked by 41 Liberators escorted by 75 Lightnings. At least 20 aircraft are claimed as destroyed on the ground and another 5 probably. In addition a large underground ammunition dump was blown up. \* Considerable enemy fighter opposition was encountered, one squadron reporting 50-60 Zeros over the target area. 25 enemy fighters were shot down by our Lightnings and Liberators together and another 13 probably destroyed. One Lightning is reported as lost and several crash-landed at base with some loss of pilots. All our bombers apparently returned.

Visual reports during the strike indicate the usual shipping in Simpsons Harbour and in addition several warships including probably 2 heavy cruisers and several destroyers in the vicinity of Praed Point leaving the harbour. This may account for the reconnaissance Lightning's report at 1300/29 (reported in Summary No. 640) of 9 large and 3 small vessels near Praed Point course 360° possibly including a carrier or auxiliary.

At 2015-2034/29 Tobera airfield was raided by seven Beauforts.

(10) Cape Orford - At 0700/30 a submarine passed Cape Orford heading north.

(11) Open Bay - At 1640/30 a probable destroyer was reported off the southern shores of Open Bay.

(12) Talasea Area - At 0130/30 radar indications were obtained of 2 ships 29 miles WNW Talasea.

- (13) Witu Is. - At 2258/29 a Liberator reported one light cruiser, two destroyers to the east of the Witu Group. The enemy ships were ~~sitask~~ tracked into Planet Harbour (Mundua Island) where the Liberator attacked at 0157/30 scoring 2 direct hits on one probable destroyer and a near miss on the second destroyer. Three aircraft were reported airborne over the convoy but no interception was made.

Nine Mitchells searched the Witu Group area 0900-0940/30 for the enemy shipping without success. One Mitchell was lost to intense A.A. encountered from Peter Harbour, Garove Island.

- (14) Long Island - At 1015/30 barges off the S.W. coast were attacked by an aircraft. At 1700/30 a ground observer reported the island clear of enemy.
- (15) Madang Area - At 1245/29 barges and coastal targets just south of Madang were attacked by 17 Mitchells.
- (16) Finschhafen Area - During the night 28-29 October our patrol craft encountered and probably sank a 70 ft. barges and a small escort off Blucher Point.

Enemy positions were located 29 October 2½ miles N. of Katika also 1½ miles N.W. and 1½ miles W. of Katika.

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## 2. NORTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting Convoy TD.34 ("KOOLIGA" "TULAGI") was to depart Thursday Is. 1700/26 en route Darwin ETA 1300/1 Nov.
- (2) "LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" from Darwin to Thursday Island ETA 2030/31.
- (3) 8 submarines on patrol.

#### (b) In Harbour:

Darwin - Warships & Aux. - "LATROBE" (AMS) "ML.814" "ML.815"  
Merchant Vessels: "ALDINGA"

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## 3. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

#### (b) In Harbour:

Fremantle - Warships & Aux. - "ADELAIDE" "VAN HEEMSKERK" (CL)  
"MIZAM" "TJERK HIDDEN" "VAN GALEN" (DD) "DUBBO"  
"HORSHAM" (AMS) "ATREUS" (CM) "WHIPPOORWILL"  
"LARK" (AR) "CHILDS" (AV) "PELIAS" (AS)  
"W.B. PRESTON" (AVD) "SC.739" "YP.288"  
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR) "SIX" "ISABEL" (PY)

Exmouth Gulf - Warships & Aux. - "YP.286"

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## 4. EASTERN & SOUTHERN AREA

### (1) ALLIED FORCES

#### (a) At Sea to 1200/31:

- (1) "MIZAR" dep. Sydney 1308/30 en route Brisbane.
- (2) "ROCKHAMPTON" "ECHUCA" "ABRAHAM GRIJNSSEN" escorting Convoy PG.78 (6 ships) dep. Brisbane 1219/30 ETA Sydney 1400/1.

- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" "MORESBY" "CASTLE MAINE" escorting Convoy GP.79 (8 MV) to Caloundra ETA 0500/2 Nov.
- (4) "DELORAINÉ" "MILDURA" "GLENELG" escorting Convoy OC.138 (8 MV) were to depart Port Phillip 0300/30 en route Sydney, Port Kembla and Newcastle.
- (5) "BUNDABERG" "KALGOORLIE" "BROOME" escorting Convoy CO.139 (10 MV) en route Melbourne.

(b) In Harbour:

Port Stephens - Warships & Aux. - "TULSA" (PG) "SC.982"  
 Sydney - Warships & Aux. - "TROMP" (CL) "BENDIGO"  
                   "TOUNSVILLE" "BALLARAT" (AMS) "YANDRA" "KYBRA"  
                   (A/S Vessels) "ML.430" "ML.813" "ML.817" "ML.818"  
                   "ML.822" "BUNGAREE" (CM) "LST.471"  
 (Repairing, Refitting) - "HOBART" (CL) "LE TRIOMPHANT" (DD)  
                                   "WILCANNIA" (AMS)  
 Melbourne - Warships & Aux. - "KA PUNDA" (AMS) "DOOMBA" (A/S  
   Vessel)  
 Westernport - Warships & Aux. - "BINGERA" (A/S Vessels)

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

Newcastle - The report of a submarine 60 miles east by south of Newcastle at 2255/29 has been graded C.4 by Cdr.7th Fleet.

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NAVAL INCIDENTS

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ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Consolidation of defences Gilberts, Marshalls, Carolines, North coast New Guinea, East Indies, Malaya areas.
- (2) Air and possibly naval counter-action against allied moves in Solomons and New Guinea areas.
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31 October, 1943

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

PART II

ALLIED & ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH WEST & SOUTH PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>BB</u>	-	WASHINGTON MASSACHUSETTS SOUTH DAKOTA ALABAMA TENNESSEE	-	YAMATO MURASHI KONGO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO ISE NAGATO ) Poss. MUTSU ) Empire
<u>CV</u>	-	SARATOGA	-	ZUIKAKU SHOKAKU
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	-	ZUIHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	LONG ISLAND	NASSAU PRINCE WILLIAM BRETON	-	-
<u>CA</u>	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE	-	MYOKO HAGURO	ATAGO TAKAO MAYA TOME CHIKUMA MOGAMI SUZUYA CHOKAI
<u>CL</u>	TROMP * HOBART	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN * LEANDER	SENDAI * KISO ISUZU ) en NAKA ) route	HOSHIRO OYODO AGANO NAGARA TATSUTA TAMA
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	-	KASHIMA KATORI
<u>XOL</u>	-	-	2 en route	2
<u>DD</u>	WARRAMUNGA ARUNTA STUART VENDETTA BAGLEY HELM MUGFORD CONYNGHAM DRAYTON FLUSSER LAMSON MAHAN PERKINS REID * LE TRIOMPHANT	Approx 40	15	30 (some repairing)

\* Non-effective

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	Bismarcks Solomons	Carolines Marshalls
<u>SS</u>	ALBACORE BALAO BLACKFISH CAPELIN GUARDFISH MARWHALE SCAMP SILVERSIDES	) ) ) ) ) ) ) )	20	20
	DRUM GATO PETO RATON RAY S.31	) ) ) ) ) )		
	K. 9 At Sydney			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	HERON SAN PABLO HALF MOON		WRIGHT BALLARD CHANDELIER	- NOTORO
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-		3	1 2-3
<u>PT</u>	35		Approx 30	? ?
<u>APA/APD/AKA</u>	H.T.ALLEN MANGORA WESTRALIA KANIMPLA ALGORAB GILMER SANDS HUMPHREYS BROOKS		10 APA 11 APD 6 AKA	
<u>AS</u>	FULTON OTUS		1	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN * DIXIE		1	1
<u>AR</u>	RIGEL PLATYPUS		PROMETHEUS	
<u>AIRCRAFT (N.E. Area Only)</u>				
	Fighters (incl. 15 twin-eng.)		176	
	Light & M/Bombers		163	
	SE/Bombers		21	
	Flying Boats		6	
	Floatplanes		52	
	Transport & Obsn. A/C		17	
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<u>2. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC</u>				
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON			
<u>DD</u>	2			

\* Non-effective

3. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

BB

NORTH CAROLINA  
INDIANA  
COLORADO  
MARYLAND  
OKLAHOMA  
MISSISSIPPI  
WEST VIRGINIA  
\* CALIFORNIA  
\* NEW MEXICO  
\* IDAHO

HYUGA (being modernised)

CV

ENTERPRISE  
ESSEX  
YORKTOWN  
LEXINGTON  
VICTORIOUS  
BUNKER HILL

CV(T)

-

HOSHO

CV(L)

INDEPENDENCE  
COWPENS  
BELLEAU WOOD  
PRINCETON

HITAKA  
HAYATAKA

CV(E)

SUWANNEE  
SANGAMON  
CHENANGO  
BARNES  
ALTAMAHA  
COPAHEE  
LISCOME BAY  
MISSION BAY

UNYO  
CHUYO  
\* OTAKA

CA

BALTIMORE  
BOSTON  
CHESTER  
NEW ORLEANS  
SAN FRANCISCO  
PENSACOLA  
\* INDIANAPOLIS  
\* SALT LAKE CITY  
\* PORTLAND  
\* MINNEAPOLIS  
\* ST. LOUIS  
\* LOUISVILLE  
\* WICHITA

KUMANO  
\* AOBA

OCA  
CL

-  
MOBILE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SANTA FE  
\* HONOLULU  
\* NASHVILLE  
\* RENO  
\* CONCORD  
\* OAKLAND

6  
\* YUBARI  
\* NATORI

KCL  
AV/CVS  
XAV/XCVS

-  
POCOMOKE  
-  
Approx 35  
Approx 50  
?

2  
\* CHIYODA (Under conversion to XAGV)  
2  
20-25 ( a few repairing)  
Approx 30  
1

\* Non-effective

ALLIED FORCESENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	LOUISVILLE	NACHI
<u>CL</u>	DETROIT	ABUKUMA
	RALEIGH	
	RICHMOND	
<u>XCL</u>	-	1
<u>W/CVS</u>	-	AKITSUSHIMA
<u>AV/XCVS</u>	-	1
<u>DD</u>	22	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx 4
<u>AS</u>	-	1

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (Western Section)		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>East Indies-Philippines</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	RAMILLIES	-
<u>CV(L)</u>	-	-	RYUHO
<u>CV(E)</u>	-	BATTLE	CHITOSE
<u>CA</u>	-	SUFFOLK	ASHIGARA
		SUSSEX	
		HAWKINS	
		FROBISHER	
<u>CL</u>	ADELAIDE	GAMBIA	KUMA
	VAN HEEMSKERK	MAURITIUS	OI
		KENYA	KITAGAMI
		NEWCASTLE	KINU
		CERES	WAKAMIYA
		DAUNTLESS	
		CAPETOWN	
		CARADOG	
		DANAE	
		EMERALD	
<u>CL(T)</u>	-	-	KASHII
<u>XCL</u>	-	CANTON	1
		CARTHAGE	
		CHITRAL	
		RANPURA	
		WORCESTERSHIRE	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	CHILDS	ALBATROSS	KAMOJ
	W.B.PRESTON		
<u>XAV/XCVS</u>	-	?	1-2
<u>DD</u>	VAN GALEN	Approx 27	10
	TJERK HIDDUS		
	NIZAM		
<u>SS</u>	BLUEFISH		6
	CABRILLA ✓	} On Patrol	
	CISCO		
	COD ✓		
	GREVALLE ✓		
	KINGFISH		
	POMPON	} At Fremantle	
	RASHER ✓		
	K.12		
	BILLFISH		
	BONEFISH		
	BOWFIN		
	PUFFER		
	TUNA		
<u>AS</u>	PELIAS	?	
<u>AIRCRAFT</u> (N.W. Area Only)			
Fighters (incl. 5 twin-eng.)		113	
Light & M/Bombers		54	
SE/Bombers		12	
Flying Boats		12	
Floatplanes		54	* Non-effective
Transport & Obsn. A/C		44	