

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

(i) Task Force 77.1	: 6 <u>CVE</u> : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"		
	8 <u>DE</u> : "R.S.BULL" "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENIS" "J.C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"		
Task Force 77.2	: 2 <u>CA</u> : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"		
	3 <u>CL</u> : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"		
	10 <u>DD</u> : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE" "BACHE" "DALY" "AENER READ" "BUSH"		
Task Force 77.3	: 1 <u>ACG</u> : "WASATCH"		
	12 <u>DD</u> : "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "McKEE" "STEVENS" "RUSSELL" "FLETCHER" "STACK" "TAYLOR" "JENKINS" "LA VALLETTE"		
	5 <u>APS</u> : "KILTY" "CROSBY" "HERBERT" "WARD" "SCHLEY"		
	2 <u>APA</u> : "MANOCRA" "KANIMBLA"		
	1 <u>LSD</u> : "CARTER HALL"		
	36 <u>LCI</u> :	12 <u>LST</u>	12 <u>LCT</u>
Task Force 77.3.1	: 2 <u>PC</u> : 1119, 1134	2 <u>LCI(G)</u>	2 <u>LCI(R)</u>
	1 <u>AT</u> : "SONOMA"	1 <u>LCI(D)</u>	
Task Force 77.3.2	: 4 <u>PC</u> : 1120, 1133, 476, 1122		4 <u>LCI(G)</u>
	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 47, 51, 334	2 <u>LCI(R)</u>	1 <u>LCI(F)</u>
Task Group 77.4	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"		
	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO"	2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393	1 <u>HDML</u> : 1074
	12 <u>LST</u> (including 1 <u>LCT</u> (Rad))		18 <u>LCI</u>
	1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAW"		5 <u>AK</u>
Task Group 77.5	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"		
	12 <u>LST</u>		
Task Group 77.6	: 3 <u>DD</u> : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"		
	2 <u>PF</u> : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"		6 <u>LST</u>
Task Group 77.7	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "SAN PEDRO" "LONG BEACH"		2 <u>YFD</u>
	2 <u>AFD</u>	2 <u>YO</u>	3 <u>AT</u>
	2 <u>YPD</u>	7 <u>YB</u>	2 <u>LCM</u>
	2 <u>YCG</u>	4 <u>AT</u>	
Task Force 77 (Misc)	: 2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"		30 <u>PT</u>
	2 <u>PF</u> : "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"		

- (2) "HIGOX" (DD) proceeding Hollandia due 17 Sept.
- (3) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.
- (4) "PCE(R).850" departed Milne Bay 0959/14 for Hollandia ETA 2200/16.
- (5) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Biak Is. 1800/14 for Madang ETA 0800/22.
- (6) "THOMASON" (DE) departed Humboldt Bay 1800/12 for S.P.A. via Finschhafen and Milne Bay, whence ETD 1600/16 for Purvis Bay.
- (7) "CASTOR" (AKS) proceeding S.P.A. to Finschhafen ETA 17 Sept., thence Manus.
- (8) "SC.736" escorting "REMUS" (ARL) towing 1 AFD was to depart Madang 0900/14 for Woendi ETA 0900/19.
- (9) "ML.431" departed Port Moresby 1800/14 for Daru ETA 1000/15: to investigate wreckage, possibly of "MATAFELE" (AGS).

- (10) "KURUMBA" (AO) proceeding Milne Bay from Thursday Is. ETA 1700/16.
 (11) 9 submarines on patrol: 1 submarine on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 4 : 2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
 1 AT: "CHETCO"
 1 AO: "SALAMONIE"

Biak Is-Woendie:

Combat Units 71 PT
 Escorts- 13 : 3 PF: "HUTCHINSON" "BELFAST" "ORANGE"
 5 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "KAFUNDA" "COWRA" "TOWNSVILLE"
 3 ML: 428, 817, 818 1 PC: 1123 1 YMS: 9
 Auxiliaries 28 : "TANGIER" (AV) "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ORION" (AS) "VARUNA"
 "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "KOORA" (AGP)
 "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHIPPEWA" "HIDATSA" "WATO" (AT)
 "VIREO" (ATF) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "SILVERBELL"
 "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" "MINK" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPORWILL" (AM)
 "CABLE" (ARS) 1 ATR 2 YP: 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 698
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt Bay:

Combat Units 1 CMS: "ARIADNE"
 Escorts 22 : 5 PF: "BISBEE" "GALLUP" "EL PASO" "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN"
 9 AMS: "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
 "GYMPIE" "DELORAINIE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN"
 1 PC: 477
 7 SC: 637, 732, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 25 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN" "SEEKONK"
 "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "PYRO" "POYANG" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DERRICK"
 (YO) "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "GANYMEDE" "MURZIM" (AK) "POLLUX" (AKS)
 "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" "PANDA" (IX)
 3 YP: 240, 291, 292 1 ARD

Titape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 2 : 1 SC: 745 1 PF: "MUSKOGEE"
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ORESTES" (AGP) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "SHAWNEE" (AT) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 4 CVE: "CASABLANCA" "RUDYERD BAY" "NASSAU" "STEAMER BAY"
 3 DD: "RADFORD" "EVANS" "CAPPS"
 3 SS: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 25 : 14 DE: "BANGUST" "WATERMAN" "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY"
 "WITTER" "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "MANNING"
 "OSTERHAUS" "BARON" "PARKS" "LAMONS" "RIDDLE"
 2 PC: 1132, 1139 4 SC: 741, 746, 747m 982
 1 ML: 827 4 YMS: 49, 52, 70, 97
 Auxiliaries 16 : "NICBRAR" "KASKASKIA" "PONGAGANSET" "MASCOMA" "CHIKASKAI"
 "ESCAMBIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE"
 (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR) "HERON" (AVP) "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ALABASTER"
 (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "BOOTE"
 "CARIBOU" "ABARENDA" "ARETHUSA" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX)
 "CALAMRES" (AF) "GEN. R.L.HOWZE" (AP) "CEBU" (ARG) "TAWABA"
 "TERN" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "OCEANUS"
 (ARB) "MAUNA LOA" (AE) "MONONGAHELA" "PATUXENT" "NEOSHO" "PLATTE"
 "CIMARRON" "SABINE"
 1 ARD 3 YP: 280, 288, 585
 2 YRQ 1 ABSD

Saidor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Combat Units 1 DD: "HOWORTH"
 Escorts 13 : 1 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" 2 SC: 703, 742
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 1 YMS: 10

Alexishafen-Madang: (Cont)
 Auxiliaries 10 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS)
 2 YRD 1 ARD
 1 AFD 1 YF : 504

Langemak:
 Combat Units 1 CVE: "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS"
 4 PT
 Escorts 16 : 2 FF : "ROCKFORD" "HAWKESBURY"
 3 AMS: "LITHGOW" "KAIMA" "STRAHAN"
 1 PS : "SWAN" 2 FC : 585, 1121
 3 SC : 659, 734, 738 3 YMS: 335, 336, 71
 1 ML : 802 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 10 : "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP) "SANGAY" (AE) "MASE MAERSK" (AG)
 "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "PHOBOS" (AK) "CLYDE" (IX)
 "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "MINDANAO" (ARG)

Lae:
 Escorts 1 : 1 FC : 1131

Cape Gloucester:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "MESQUITE", (CGC)

Oro Bay:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "ROCHAMBEAU" (AP)

Morobe:
 Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD

Milne Bay:
 Combat Units 4 PT
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE"
 2 AMS: "STAWELL" "GEELONG"
 1 FC : 479 1 SC : 750

Auxiliaries 19 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "MERKUR" (AF) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 "TITANIL" (AKS) "SATINLEAF" (YN) "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA"
 (PG)
 1 ARD 3 YFD
 4 AFD 3 YF : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLCOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "FC.1128" escorting "AGAWAM" (AOG) departed Emirau 1700/13 for Tulagi ETA 1800/16.
 (2) "FC.606" escorting "ALDERAMIN" (AK) was to depart Lunga 1000/15 for Treasury Is. ETA 1600/16. "JUAN CABRILLO" joins convoy en route.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
 Escorts 3 : 1 DE : "WINTLE"
 1 FC : 589
 1 SC : 620

Green Is:
 Combat Units 12 PT
 Escorts 8 : 2 DE : "FOREMAN" "BOWERS" 1 FC : 596
 3 SC : 677, 518, 1275 2 YMS: 95, 259

Auxiliaries 2 : "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) "STRATFORD" (AGP)

Torona:
 Escorts 4 : 2 DE : "WILLMARTH" "OSMUS"
 2 FC : 723, 1029 3 SC : 1274, 1188, 1590

Auxiliaries 1 : "GALE" (AM)

Treasury Is:
 Combat Units 34 PT
 4 PGM
 Escorts 6 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "WHITEHURST" 1 YMS: "KIWI"
 1 SC : 722 2 FC : 605, 1229

Auxiliaries 6 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
 "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "PATAESCO" (AOG)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 FC : 1591
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG) "TAGANAK" (AO)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "BINGERA" (AG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
 (2) "FC.584" departed Tulagi 1200/11 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 6 : 6 AMS: "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" "BALLARAT" "BUNBURY" "FIRIE"
 "PARKES"

Auxiliaries

2 : "VIGILANT" "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS: "KALGOORLIE"

3 SC: 699, 737, 748

4 YMS: 73, 313, 314, 315

Auxiliaries

6 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "BUTTORWOOD" (CCC)
 1 ARD 1 YP: 283

Townsville:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "LATROBE" "KATOOMBA"

Auxiliaries

3 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS) ("MIZAR" (AF))

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 4 SS: "PERMIT" "SEAWOLF" "POLLACK" "PLUNGER"

Escorts 13 : 1 FF: "OGDEN" 1 AMS: "WHYALLA"

2 FCE: 848, 849 1 FC: 1124

8 ML: 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821

Auxiliaries

8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)
 "WRIGHT" (AV) "VENALLIA" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "FONTUS" (AGP)
 1 YP: 421

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL: "HOBART" (refitting)

3 DD: "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETТА"

2 SS: "K.9" "K.12"

Escorts

8 : 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "warmambool"

3 ML: 810, 822, 823 1 FC: 1130

Auxiliaries

8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD: "NAPIER"

Escorts 2 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA"

Auxiliaries

2 : "FLATYFUS" (AR) "GENERAL BUTNER" (AF)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "IFSWICH" "BUNDABERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORESBY"
 4 AMS: "HOPSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAIN"
 (2) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting Convoy DT 82 ("KATOOMBA") departed Darwin 0920/16 for Thursday
 Is. ETA 1500/17, whence "BARCOO" proceeds independently to Sydney.
 (3) 13 submarines on patrol: 10 submarines on passage.

(b) In HarbourDarwin:

Combat Units 1 SS: "NAUTILUS"

Escorts 5 : 5 ML: 429, 807, 809, 813, 814

Auxiliaries

1 : "CCUCAL" (ASR)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/16:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) was to depart Fremantle 0830/13 for Wellington ETA 0800/23.
 (2) "LAUNCESTON" "BATHURST" (AMS) escorting "EUROPE" proceeding from Addu Atoll to Fremantle ETA 17 Sept.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
 1 ML: 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 22 SS : "ANGLER" "ASPRO" "BLUEGILL" "BREAM" "CABRILLA" "CLYDE" "COD"
 "HAMMERHEAD" "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "HOE" "PORPOISE" "RATON" "RAY"
 "SANILACE" "SEA ROVER" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL" "TELEMACHUS"
 "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15"

Escorts 9 : 1 FF: "CORFUS CHRISTI"
 1 FS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 3 AMS: "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA"
 1 SC: 729
 1 ML: 824
 2 YMS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD
 1 YF: 286

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Bougainville - Night 13-14 Sept. Kahili was bombed by 1 Mitchell patrolling S. Bougainville. On 14 Sept. Fauro Is. was bombed by 7 Corsairs. Night 14-15 Sept. Kahili was again bombed by 1 patrol Corsair.
Night 13-14 and 14-15 Sept. Kieta airstrip was shelled by PT boats.
3 small groups of enemy were observed 14 Sept by ground patrols in the upper Laruma River area.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 13-14 Sept. Kimidan (Central NE. coast) was shelled by PT. boats.
On 14 Sept. huts and a bridge along SW coast New Ireland were attacked by Corsairs which dropped 2 tons bombs.
- (3) Gazelle Peninsula - The bivouac areas at Waitavalo (on E. shores of wide bay), Keravat (on Ataliklikun Bay) and Pondo were again the main objectives of Norsols aircraft on 14 Sept. Pondo was attacked by 18 Dauntless 28 Corsairs, Keravat by 24 Dauntless 8 Mitchells and Waitavalo by 31 Dauntless and 35 Corsairs. In addition patrols were conducted over Gazelle Peninsula during 14 Sept. by another 45 Corsairs.
Night 14-15 Sept. Rugan Harbor on E. coast was shelled by PT boats.

2. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Wewak Area - At 1920/14 Sept. radar contact was made with a probable submarine 6 miles NE. of Kairiru Is.
At dawn 15 Sept. Wewak strip was bombed by 9 Beauforts and PM. 15 Sept. by 1 Beaufort while another Beaufort bombed stores in Wirui plantation.
No enemy contacts were made by our patrols operating in the coastal sector E. of Aitape 14 Sept.
- (2) Maffin Bay - No enemy contacts were made by our patrols operating in the Maffin Bay area 14 Sept.
- (3) Geelvink Bay - Active patrolling continues on Biak and Noemfoor where small parties of enemy are still being encountered and eliminated.
- (4) Manokwari - During 14 Sept. AA positions at Moemi and buildings in Manokwari town were attacked by 10 Kittyhawks. Pilots report that Manokwari, Moemi and Ransiki strips are all cratered and unserviceable.
PM 14 Sept. 9 barges or small craft were strafed by 4 Kittyhawks conducting a sweep around the Manokwari coast.
- (5) Sansapor - Patrols and ambush parties continue to eliminate small groups Japs encountered in the area.
- (6) Sorong - AM 15 Sept. Samate strip was bombed by 10 Kittyhawks: the strip appeared definitely unserviceable with no attempt to repair it. The same time the waterfront at Sorong was bombed by 2 Kittyhawks.
- (7) Babo - AM 14 Sept. Babo strip was bombed by 25 Bostons 3 Mitchells.

3. EAST INDIES

- (1) Kai Islands - At 1145/15 Sept Langgoer strip was bombed by 8 Mitchells: 1 Mitchell was shot down by AA.
At noon 15 Sept. small craft around the shore of Kai Is. were strafed by 7 Kittyhawks.
- (2) Tanimbar Islands - On 15 Sept. AA positions at Saumlaki were bombed by 2 Mitchells.
- (3) Aroe Islands - At 1100/15 Sept. a camp area near Koka Barat was strafed by 2 Mitchells.
- (4) Ceram Area - AM 15 Sept Boela strip was bombed by 5 Bostons and 5 Beaufighters. In addition a lugger was strafed by the Bostons off SE. coast Ceram and 4 barges 3 prauws were sunk or destroyed 9 barges damaged by strafing by the Beaufighters around the SE coast Ceram. Another barge and 2 luggers were strafed by the Beaufighters in Banda Islands.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

(4) Boeroe Is. - Photos 12 Sept. show only 2 serviceable medium bombers on Old Namlea drome: 3 of the 4 runways were unserviceable, the fourth only partially serviceable.

(5) Morotai - Further details concerning the Allied landings near Pitoe airdrome show that the first landings were made at 0830/15 Sept. in perfect weather. The Naval bombardment of the beachhead prior to the landing was excellent and the supporting fire by gunboats was most effective.

Out troop waded ashore from 50 yards out in waist-deep water. The first phase line had been reached by 0930/15 and troops on the S. beachhead pushed directly across the peninsula. By 1330/15 the peninsula S. of Pitoe was reported cleared and the Pitoe airfield in our hands.

Natives report that some 200 Japs fled to the hills when our forces arrived off Morotai.

Out low flying aircraft searched the coast of Morotai without finding anything of interest and carrier-borne fighters swept the 4 N. Halmahera airfields but results are not yet known.

During the preliminary bombardments a barge was destroyed in Pitoe bay by destroyer gunfire and a barge-load of Japs was captured by light cruiser force off Galela.

(6) Halmahera - Photos 12 Sept. showed no serviceable aircraft on Galela, Miti or Kau airfields and only 2 serviceable fighters 1 serviceable bomber on Lolobata.

On 14 Sept. Lolobata airdrome was bombed by 6 Squadrons Liberators and Hatotabako by 2 Squadrons Liberators. Aircraft reported sighting 3 freighters off Lolobata.

(7) N. Celebes - At 0200/14 Sept. a small-medium freighter transport was attacked and damaged by a Catalina in Manado Bay. About the same time Amoenang town was bombed by 3 Liberators: these aircraft reported fires still blazing in Manado town.

At 1015-1200/14 Sept. Mapanget strip was bombed by 56 Liberators which dropped 196 tons bombs rendering the runway definitely unserviceable: there was no opposition either in the form of interception or AA. Sightings included 1 small-medium freighter transport, 2 or 3 sea trucks and a few luggers in Lembah Straits and some 15 barges in Manado Bay.

At 0100/15 Sept aircraft sighted one merchant ship 25 miles N. Manado Bay on course 220°, and at 0915/15, 1 sea truck in Manado Bay. At 0900/15 Sept. 1 merchant ship was observed by aircraft in Lembah Straits.

(8) Molucca Sea - Further detail concerning the ships observed 105 miles SE of Kendari on course 330° at 1340/13 Sept. show that 1 escort vessel was reported with 4 tanker type vessels thought possibly to be 7-10,000 ton tankers.

4. PHILIPPINES

(1) Luzon - At 1340/15 Sept., 4 destroyers were sighted by U. S. submarine 180 miles WSW of Cape Bojeador (NW tip) on course 30°.

(2) South China Sea - Night 12-13 Sept. a U. S. submarine sank 1 large transport and 1 medium cargo vessel in Northern South China Sea.

(3) S. Mindanao - At 1755/15 Sept. a ship described as Katori class light cruiser was sunk by U. S. submarine while at anchor off Sarangan Bay.

B. CENTRAL PACIFICCAROLINES

(1) Palau - Details concerning the landing on Palau at dawn 15 Sept. show that Marines were involved: strong opposition was encountered at the landing beaches and several amphibious vehicles were lost. Our forces ashore however have advanced to the base of the high ground on the Northern limits of Peleiu airfields and also across the Southern part of the airfield. Strong opposition is being encountered and the beaches were under intermittent mortar and artillery fire throughout 15 Sept. At 1645/15 an enemy counter attack involving some 20 tanks was launched against our positions but the attack was repulsed. A second counter attack was launched and repulsed at 1745/15.

(1) Palau (Contd.) - Strong naval and air support was given our forces throughout the day without our ships suffering damage in any way. 2 of our aircraft were brought down by enemy AA fire. Late reports show that Ngesebus and Leleiu airdromes were bombed early AM 14 Sept. by 2 Liberators. Details concerning the carrier-borne aircraft attacks on 14 Sept. show that 262 sorties were flown against Angaur Is. Peleiu and Babelthasp using 87 tons bombs and 272 rockets; no opposition was reported.

(2) Eniwetok - A possible enemy submarine was sighted by aircraft 90 miles WSW of Eniwetok on 12 Sept.

2. NAMPO SHOTO - A late report shows that Iwo Jima airfield was attacked 11 Sept. by 15 Cenpac Liberators: all runways were heavily hit and of 4 intercepting fighters 1 was shot down.

On 13 Sept. Iwo Jima airfields and installations were again attacked involving 28 Liberators. Several enemy planes were observed on the ground but no interception was affected.

At 1220/15 Sept. aircraft observed 2 destroyers 1 possible tanker 1 sea truck 22 miles N. of Nishimo Jima on course 130°. At 1350/15 Sept. aircraft reported 2 enemy landing craft 50 miles WSW of Kita Iwo Jima course 50°. An enemy fighter encountered over the ships was shot down.

NORTH PACIFIC

(1) Kuriles - On 11 Sept. shipping and the waterfront at Paramushiro were attacked by aircraft and 2 medium cargo ships were bombed and strafed.

On 12 Sept. shipping at Shimushu were attacked by Mitchells: 1 medium cargo vessel and 4 small freighters were sunk and 2 other small freighters were damaged. 7 enemy fighters ineffectively attempted to intercept.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Lack of enemy opposition to Blue landings on Morotai.
- (2) Satisfactory progress on Palau against stiff opposition.
- (3) Lack of enemy naval or air reaction to Blue operations in Western Carolines and SWPA.
- (4) Neutralization of enemy airfields in Eastern East Indies.
- (5) Further successes U.S. submarines.
- (6) Repeated Liberator strikes on Iwo Jima in Nampo Shoto.
- (7) Blue air attacks in Kuriles.

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ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>% South West Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>BB</u>	(1) NEW JERSEY		
<u>CVE</u>	(8) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS	SANGAMON	(5) MATANIKAU -
	CHENANGO	SANTER	CAPE ESPERANCE
	MIDWAY	SARGENT BAY	LONG ISLAND
	CASABLANCA	FANSHAW BAY	ROI
			MUNDA
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE	PHOENIX	-
	NASHVILLE	HOBART	@LEANDER
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
<u>AV/ACVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON	HERON	-
	SAN PABLO	CHINCOTEAGUE	-
	SAN CARLOS	ORCA	-
<u>DD</u>	(38) ARUNTA	JINKINS	5
	WARRAMUNGA	JOHN RODGERS	-
	NAPIER	LANG	-
	NEPAL	LA VALLETTE	-
	ABNER READ	McKEE	-
	AMMEN	MORRIS	-
	ANDERSON	MULLANY	-
	BACHE	MURRAY	-
	B'ALE	MUSTIN	-
	DALY	O'BANNON	-
	DASHIELL	RINGGOLD	-
	EVANS	NICHOLAS	-
	FLETCHER	SCHROEDER	-
	HALL	RUSSELL	-
	HARRISON	STACK	-
	HOPEWELL	STEVEN S	-
	HOWORTH	TAYLOR	-
	HUGHES	HUNT	-
	HUTCHINS	HICKON	-
	BUSH		-
<u>AD</u>	WHITNEY		10
<u>SS</u>	(9) BASHAW	FLYING FISH)	
	DACE	MINGO)	
	DARTER	STINGRAY)	
	GUAVINA	TARFON) on patrol	
	FLOUNDER)	
	CERO	) on passage	
	(3) S.42	S.47)	
	S.45	) at Seeadler	
	(4) PERMIT	PLUNGER)	
	POLLACK	SEAWOLF) at Brisbane	
	(2) K.9	K.12) At Sydney	

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd).

	Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. mandates)
			South Pacific	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u>	(10) H. T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA TITANIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(11) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) CULEBRA ISLAND (ARC) OGIALA REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHER PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALPHIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>D</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. CENTRA PACIFIC

@ ALLIED FORCES

Philippines-E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES

Empire

<u>BB</u>	(17)	IOWA SOUTH DAKOTA INDIANNNA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA	(3)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5)	YAMATO MUSASHI £ KONGO ISE) HYUGA) (convt. to carry a/c)
<u>CV</u>	(10)	SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP				(5)	UNRYU TAI HO ZUIKAKO HAYATAKA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANCLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY				(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO £ RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(28)	GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	WINDHAM BAY PETROF BAY SITKOH BAY RUDYERD BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES GRETON SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHENTA BAY	CORAL SEA CORREGIRO STEAMER BAY LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND WHITE PLAINS		JINYO		KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WITCHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PEN SACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		(11)	AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI	£	MAYA
<u>OCA</u>								6
<u>CL</u>	(17)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI	(6)	SEKAWA OYODO NAGARA ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	CURTISS POCOMOKE Approx. 180	CHANDELEUR BALLARD					KASHII KASHIMA (2)AKITSUSHIMA ENOTORO 20(several repairing) Approx. 45
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 30				25-30		10
<u>SS</u>								?
<u>AS</u>								?
								2(1 repair- ing)

@ Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

£ Non-effective.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>South West Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>		<u>EASTERN FLEET AREA</u>		<u>Malay-</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(5)	HOWE QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6)	BATTLE ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMBEER	(2) OTAKA UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3)	CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADLAIDE NIGERIA	(6)	KINYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-		Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(13)	BLUFFISH HADDO CREVALLE HAKE FLASHER HARDER GUNNEL JACK LAPON	PADDLE) approx. 16 FARGO) MUSKELLUNGE) REDFIN)	10 (poss. all German)
	(10)	ASPRO 0.19 HAMMERHEAD P.318 NARWHAL STORM	PORPOISE) SANDLANCE) SIRDAR) STOIC) on passage	
		NAUTILUS	) at Darwin	
	(20)	ANGLER COD BATFISH GUITARO BLUEGILL GURNARD BREAM HOE CABRILLA RATON CLYDE RAY K.14 K.15	SEA ROVER) SPITEFUL) STURDY) STURDY) at Fremantle TANTIVY) TELMACHUS) ZWAARDFISCH)	
<u>AS</u>	(3)	MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u> <u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	3	114	436	39
S/E Bombers	-	-	54	168	10
T/E Bombers	--	-	115	167	15
Flying Boats	-	-	6	13	-
Float Planes	10	-	60	30	20
Obsn. A/C	-	2	19	22	10
Total	10	5	368	847	94

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) Task Unit 70.2 : 2 PF : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"
1 FC : 1123
- Task Force 77.1 : 6 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"
"MIDWAY"
8 DE : "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "J.C.BUTLER"
"RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"
- Task Force 77.2 : 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
10 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS"
"BEALE" "BACHE" "DALY" "AENER" "READ" "BUSH"
- Task Force 77.3 : 1 ACG: "WASATCH"
12 DD : "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MORRIS" "MUSTIN" "McKEE" "STEVENS"
"RUSSELL" "FLETCHER" "STACK" "TAYLOR" "JENKINS"
"LA VALLETTE"
3 APD: "KILTY" "WARD" "SCHLEY"
2 APA: "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA"
36 LCI : 12 LST : 12 LCT
- Task Force 77.3.1: 2 FC : 1119, 1134 : 2 LCI(G) : 2 LCI(R)
1 AT : "SONOMA" : 1 LCI(D)
- Task Force 77.3.2: 4 FC : 1120, 1133, 476, 1122 : 4 LCI(G)
4 YMS: 8, 47, 41, 334 : 2 LCI(R) : 1 LCI(F)
- Task Group 77.4 : 4 DD : "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"
1 ES : "WARREGO" : 2 YMS: 316, 393 : 1 HDML: 1074
12 LST: (including 1 LCT (Rad)) : 18 LCI
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" : 5 AK
- Task Group 77.5 : 4 DD : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"
12 LST
- Task Group 77.6 : 3 DD : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"
2 PF : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO" : 9 LST
2 AFD : 2 YO : 2 YFD
2 YPD : 7 YB : 3 AT
2 YCG : 4 AT
- Task Force 77 (Misc) : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK" : 30 PT
2 PF : "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"
- (2) "HOWORTH" (DD) escorting "REMUS" (ARL) towing 1 AFD departed Madang 15 Sept for Woendi ETA 0900/19, via Humboldt Bay ETA 1500/17.
- (3) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart ^{at}anus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.
- (4) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Biak Is. 1800/14 for Madang ETA 0800/22.
- (5) "GALLUP" (PF) escorting 2 LST departed Humboldt 1800/16 for Woendi ETA 0600/18.
- (6) "ROCHAMBEAU" (AP) departed Oro Bay 1520/14 for U.S.A.
- (7) "GEN. JOHN POPE" (AP) departed Langemak 1220/15 for U.S.A.
- (8) "ML.431" departed Port Moresby 1800/14 for Daru ETA 1000/15: to investigate wreckage possibly of "MATAFELE" (AGS).

- (9) "RADFORD" (DD) departed Manus Is. 1100/14 for Pearl.
 (10) "POLLUX" (AKS) departed Langemak 1040/16 for U.S.A.
 (11) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Langemak 0645/15 for Humboldt Bay ETA 2000/18.
 (12) 9 submarines on patrol: 1 submarine on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 FT :
 Escorts 1 : 1 PF : "ORANGE"
 Auxiliaries 4 : 2 AVP : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
 1 AT : "CHETCO"
 1 AO : "SALAMONIE"

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 71 PT
 Escorts 9 : 5 AMS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "KAPUNDA" "COWRA" "TOWNSVILLE"
 3 ML : 428, 817, 818
 1 YMS : 9
 Auxiliaries 32 : "TANGIER" (AV) "ORCA" "SAN PABLO" (AVP) "ORION" (AS)
 "VARUNA" "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CROSBY" "HERBERT" (APD)
 "HILO" "FORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE" "KOORA" (AGF)
 "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHIPPEWA" "HIDATSA" "WATO" (AT)
 "VIREO" (ATF) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)
 "SILVERBELL" "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" "MINK" (IX) "LARK"
 "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS) "FOYANG" (AE)
 1 ATR 2 YP : 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 11 : 1 SC : 698
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 1 DD : "HICKOX"
 Escorts 24 : 6 PF : "BISBEE" "EL PASO" "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE"
 "MUSKOGEE"
 9 AMS : "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
 "GYMFIE" "DELORAINIE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN"
 1 PC : 477 1 PCE(R) : 850
 7 SC : 637, 732, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 20 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN" "SEEKONK"
 "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "DERRICK"
 (YO) "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "GANYMEDE" "MURZIM" (AK) "PANDA"
 "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 FT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 3 : "ORESTES" (AGF) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 4 CVE : "CASABLANCA" "RUDYERD BAY" "NASSAU" "STEAMER BAY"
 2 DD : "EVANS" "CAPIS"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 27 : 15 DE : "BANGUST" "WATERMAN" "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY"
 "WITTER" "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "MANNING"
 "OSTERHAUS" "BARON" "PARKS" "LAMONS" "RIDDLE"
 "SNYDER"
 2 PC : 1132, 1139 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 1 ML : 827 4 YMS : 49, 52, 70, 97
 Auxiliaries 44 : "CIMARRON" "SABINE" "NIOBRARA" "KASKASKIA" "PONGAGANSET"
 "MASCORA" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO)
 "PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" (AR) "HERON" (AVP)
 "BOUNTIFUL" (AH) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "BOOTES" "CARIBOU" "ABARENDA"
 "ARETHUSA" "LEOFARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "GEN. R.L.HOWZE" (AP)
 "CEBU" (AFG) "TAWABA" "TERN" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY"
 "SIERRA" (AD) "MONONGAHELA" "PATUXENT" "NEOSHO" "PLATTE" (AO)
 "TANGAY" (AE)
 1 ARD 3 YP : 280, 288, 585
 2 YRD 1 ABSD

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRETSaidor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 16 : 2 AMS: "ROCKHAMPTON" "STRALIAN" 3 SC: 703, 736, 742
 8 ML: 426, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
 1 PF: "BURDEKIN" 2 YMS: 10, 48

Auxiliaries 10 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS)
 2 YRD 1 ARD
 1 AFD 1 YF: 504

Langemak:

Combat Units 1 CVE: "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS"
 4 PT

Escorts 14 : 2 PF: "ROCKFORD" "HAWKESBURY"
 1 AMS: "KIAMA"
 1 FS: "SWAN" 2 FC: 585, 1121
 3 SC: 659, 734, 738 3 YMS: 335, 336, 71
 1 ML: 802 1 FGM

Auxiliaries 8 : "AASE MAERSK" (AG) "FACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "PHOBOS"
 (AK) "CLYDE" (IX) "CASTOR" (AKS) "PROMETHEUS" (AB)
 "MINDANAO" (ARG)

Lae:

Escorts 1 : 1 FC: 1131

Cape Gloucester:

Auxiliaries 1 : "MESQUITE" (CGC)

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 4 PT

Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE"
 1 AMS: "STANWELL"
 1 FC: 479 1 SC: 750

Auxiliaries 20 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "MERKUR" (AF) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 "TITANIA" (AKS) "SATINLEAF" (YN) "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT)
 "TULSA" (PG) "KURUMBA" (AO)
 1 ARD 3 YFD
 4 AFD 3 YF: 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOMOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WINBLE" (DE) departed Emirau 1900/15 for Tulagi ETA 0600/19.
- (2) "BOWERS" (DE) escorting "STRATFORD" (AGP) departed Green Is. 1800/16 for Emirau ETA dawn 18 Sept.
- (3) "FC.596" escorting "WHIRSTOCK" (YO) departed Green Is. 1700/16 for Tulagi ETA 3:00/19.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 2 : 1 FC: 589
 1 SC: 620

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT

Escorts 6 : 1 DE: "FOREMAN"
 3 SC: 677, 518, 1275 2 YMS: 95, 259

Torokina:

Escorts 6 : 2 DE: "WILLMARPH" "OSMUS"
 2 FC: 723, 1029 2 SC: 1188, 1590

Auxiliaries 1 : "GALE" (AM)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 PT
 4 FGM

Escorts 6 : 2 DE: "ENGLAND" "HITEHURST" 1 YMS: "KIWI"
 1 SC: 722 3 FC: 605, 606, 1229

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRETTreasury Is: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 7 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
"JAMESTOWN" (AGF) "FATAFSCO" (AOG) "ALDERAMIN" (AK)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 FC : 1591
Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG) "TAGANAK" (AO)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0722/15 for Langemak ETA 1100/19.
- (2) "HDML.1323" departed Merauke 0930/15 for Howbeeke Is. to assist "CAMBRIA", reported in distress.
- (3) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Thursday Is., 1704/16 for Townsville ETA 0500/20.
- (4) "LITHGO" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 1530/15 for Cairns ETA 1500/17.
- (5) "BINGERA" (AG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
- (6) "GEELONG" (AMS) proceeding Brisbane ETA 1100/18.
- (7) "FC.584" departed Tulagi 1200/11 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.
- (8) "GEN. BUTNER" (AF) departed Fort Melbourne 1200/16 for U.S.A.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS : "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 5 : 5 AMS : "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" "BUNBURY" "FIRIE" "PARKES"
Auxiliaries 1 : "VIGILANT" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 8 : 1 AMS : "KALGOORLIE"
3 SC : 699, 737, 748
4 YMS : 73, 313, 314, 315
Auxiliaries 6 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX) "BUTTORWOOD" (CCC)
1 ARD 1 YF : 283

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS : "KATOOMBA"
Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS) "MIZAR" (AF)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HERC" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 4 SS : "PERMIT" "SEAWOLF" "POLLACK" "PLUNGER"
Escorts 13 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 1 AMS : "WHYALLA"
2 PCE : 848, 849 1 FC : 1124
3 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)
"WRIGHT" (AV) "VENALIA" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "FONTUS" (AGF)
1 YF : 421

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 8 : 3 A/S : "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANIRA" 1 AMS : "WARRNAMBOOL"
3 ML : 810, 822, 823 1 FC : 1130
Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
"RESERVE" "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
Escorts 2 : 2 A/S : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA"
Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYFUS" (AR)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS : "IFSWICH" "BUNDBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA:(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS : "MORESBY"
4 AMS : "HORSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (2) "BARCOO" (PF) escorting Convoy DT 82 ("KATOOMBA") departed Darwin 0920/16 for Thursday Is. ETA 1500/17, whence "BARCOO" proceeds independently to

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

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- (3) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) was to depart Townsville 0800/16 for Darwin ETA 1300/19.
- (4) "ML.809" escorting "LORINNA" departed Darwin 0432/16 for Millingimbi ETA 1600/17.
- (5) 13 submarines on patrol: 10 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Combat Units	1 SS	:	"NAUTILUS"
Escorts	4	:	4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries	1	:	"COUCAL" (ASR)

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) was to depart Fremantle 0830/13 for Wellington ETA 0800/23.
- (2) "LAUNCESTON" "BATHURST" (AMS) escorting "EUROPE" proceeding from Addu Atoll to Fremantle ETA 17 Sept.

(b) In Harbor:

Onslow:

Escorts	2	:	1 AMS : "BOWEN"
			1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units	2 CL	:	"NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
	22 SS	:	"ANGLER" "ASPRO" "BLUEGILL" "BREAM" "CABRILLA" "CLYDE"
			"COD" "HAMMERHEAD" "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "HOE" "PORPOISE"
			"RATON" "RAY" "SANDLACE" "SEA ROVER" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL"
			"TELEMACHUS" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15"
Escorts	9	:	1 PF : "CORFUS CHRISTI"
			1 FS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
			3 AMS : "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA"
			1 SC : 729
			1 ML : 824
			2 YMS : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	7	:	"GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (FY)
			"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
			1 ARD
			1 YF : 286

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. PHILIPPINES - A delayed report states that a U. S. submarine sank a large cargo vessel off NW Mindanao on 7 Sept. and, in conjunction with aircraft, sank a small tanker off Cagayan in the same vicinity on 9 Sept.

EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Consolidation of our positions and extension of our defense perimeter progress 16 Sept. A patrol E. of Gotolalmo (N. coast Pitoe Bay) encountered 15 Japs.
- (2) Halmahera - At approx. noon 15 Sept. Lolobata and Hatetabako strips were bombed respectively by 6 Squadrons and 2 Squadrons of Liberators. At the same time Kau airdrome was attacked by 14 Liberators, 31 Bostons and 52 Thunderbolts. Hits were scored on all runways rendering them unserviceable and in addition a probable ammunition dump at Kau was exploded and fires were started in the personnel areas also at Kau. All shipping noticed in Kau Bay were reported to be aground or hulks.
- (3) N. Celebes - At 0100/15 Sept. Manado town was raided by 2 Liberators dropping 500 pound incendiaries which started large fires. During daylight reconnaissance 15 Sept., 1 small ship was observed by aircraft in Kwandang Bay. At 0230/16 Sept. a merchant ship (2-4500 tons) was bombed and sunk by Catalina near the E. entrance to Bangka Strait.
- (4) SE. Celebes - At approx. noon 16 Sept. aircraft sighted 1 cargo vessel (5-7500 tons) in Kendari Bay and a warship described as Yubari class light cruiser but more probably an escort vessel under way possibly heading out of Kendari Bay.
- (5) Socla Is. - PM 15 Sept. a lugger and a small steel transport were attacked by a Liberator in Vesuvius Bay on Mangole Is.: the lugger destroyed and the transport beached having suffered severe damage.
- (6) Ceram - Kai Is. - Photos taken during the Mitchell strike 15 Sept. show that Langgoer runway still has unfilled bomb craters but Faan runway is serviceable; there are no aircraft present. At 2345/15 Sept. a merchant vessel (1,000-1,500 tons) was hit by a bomb from a Catalina and driven aground near the SW. extremity of Ceram Is. During 16 Sept. sweeps were conducted along SE. Ceram and over the Island groups down to Kai Is. involving 2 Beaufighters and 4 flights each of 4 Kittyhawks: a number of small craft were destroyed or damaged.
- (7) Aru Is. - At noon 15 Sept. a coastal sweep conducted by 8 Kittyhawks strafed 3 small craft off Taberfane and another off Oedjir. Again at noon 16 Sept. a similar sweep was made by 4 Kittyhawks: 3 small craft were hit off the W. coast and a bridge was hit and partially demolished.
- (8) Timor - At 1055/16 Sept. a river bridge and road targets near Manatuto were bombed by a Liberator: the bridge was partially demolished.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Sorong - PM 16 Sept. Samate strip was bombed by 8 Kittyhawks in 2 flights.
- (2) MacCluer Gulf - Throughout 16 Sept. coastal sweeps were conducted along S. coast MacCluer Gulf and down to Kaimana involving 2 Beaufighters, 20 Kittyhawks: small craft offshore, motor vehicles and camp areas were amongst targets attacked.
- (3) Manokwari - On 15 Sept. Manokwari strip was bombed by 8 Aircobras and AA positions at Moemi by 6 Kittyhawks.
- (4) Wewak - Further reports state that Wewak and Boram strips were bombed 15 Sept. by an additional 11 Beauforts. On 16 Sept. Wewak strip, stores in the vicinity of Wewak and Boram were bombed by 10 Beauforts and in addition Boiken bridge was unsuccessfully attacked by 9 Beauforts. 1 crew member over Wewak 16 Sept. reported sighting a possible submarine off Suain.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

4. SOLOMONS - BISMARCKS

- (1) Gazelle Peninsula - On 15 Sept. huts at Lemingi and Wusing (inland on trails running to the E. coast) were bombed by 24 Corsairs and on the same day warehouses and buildings in and around Rabaul were bombed by 20 Corsairs.

Night 15-16 Sept. Rabaul Area was harrassed by 2 Mitchells.

Photos 16 Sept. show Vunakanau, Lakunai and Tobera runways all still to be serviceable: the twin engine aircraft which disappeared from Vunakanau 12 Sept. reappeared again 13 Sept. and was being camouflaged on 16 Sept. indicating that Vunakanau at least is still being used occasionally for operations, probably transportation at night.

- (2) Bougainville - On 15 Sept. suspected supply area in the jungle near Buka Passage was bombed by 32 Dauntless 40 Corsairs. Night 15-16 Sept. the Buin Area was bombed by 1 harrassing Mitchell.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - Our ground forces on Palau were subjected to several enemy counter attacks between 0300/16 Sept. and dawn but all were repulsed.

Following preliminary naval bombardment and air attack our forces began to advance on Peleliu at 0800/16 Sept. and quickly captured the airfield. Our casualties up to evening 15 Sept. were reported to be 27 killed and 422 wounded.

2. MARSHALLS - On 13 and 14 Sept. Mille bivouac area were heavily bombed by Corsairs and Dauntless. On 14 Sept. gun positions and personnel shelters were attacked by corsairs.
3. MARIANAS - On 14 Sept. Pagan and Rota Is. were attacked by fighter bombers.
4. NAMPO SHOTO - The raid on Iwo Jima by 28 Liberators reported in yesterday's summary number 962 as taking place on 13 Sept. was conducted in fact on 14 Sept.
5. FORMOSA - Photos 12 Sept. show 33 cargo vessels and 13 tankers in Takao Harbor.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Lack of enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Morotai.
 (2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
 (3) Lack of enemy naval or air reaction to Blue operations in Western Carolines and SWPA.
 (4) Neutralization of enemy airfields in Eastern East Indies.
 (5) Further successes U. S. submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>% South west pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>			<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>BB</u>	(1)	SOUTH DAKOTA			
<u>CVE</u>	(11)	ADMIRALTY ISLANDS CHENANGO MIDWAY CASABLANCA NASSAU	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY FANSHAW BAY STEAMER BAY	(5)	MATANIKAU CAPE ESPERANCE LONG ISLAND ROI MUNDA
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE	PHOENIX HOBART	@	LEANDER
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2)	TANGIER	WRIGHT	-	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS	HERON CHINCOTEAGUE ORCA	-	-
<u>DD</u>	(41)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ ARFEN ANDERSON BACLE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HICKOX HOPEWELL HOWORTH HUGHES HUTCHINS BUSH	KENKINS JOHN RODGERS LANG LA VALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLAHY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVENS TAYLOR HUNT UHLMANN WOODWORTH	5	-
<u>AD</u>		WHITNEY			10
<u>SS</u>	(9)	BASHAW DACE DARTER GUAVINA FLOUNDER CERO	FLYING FISH MINGO STINGRAY TARPON	) ) ) ) ) )	on patrol
				)	on passage
	(3)	S.42 S.45	S.47	)	at Seeadler
	(4)	PERMIT POLLACK	PLUNGER SEAWOLF	) )	at Brisbane
	(2)	K.9	K.12		at Sydney

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. mandates)
			<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H. T. ALLEN (APA) KAI IMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY WILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Philippines - E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES
Empire

<u>BB</u>	(16)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA	(3)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5)	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO ISE) HYUGA) (convt. to carry A/C)
<u>CV</u>	(10)	SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP				(5)	UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKO HAYATAKA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY				(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(26)	GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY DALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY	WINDHAM BAY PETROF BAY SITKOH BAY ALTAMAHA BARNES GRETON SHAIROCK BAY COPAHEE NEBENTA BAY	CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND WHITE PLAINS	(2)	JINYO OTAKA		
	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WITCHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		(11)	AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI		£ MAYA
<u>OCA</u>								6
<u>CT</u>	(17)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HOLOLULU ST. LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGANI	(6)	SEKAWA OYODO NAGARA ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD			KASHII	KASHIMA (2)	AKITSUS- HIMA £ NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 180				25-30	20	(several repairing)
<u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>		Approx. 30	?			10 ?	?	Approx. 45 2(1 repair- ing)

@ Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.
£ Non-effective.

5. EAST INDIAS - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES
Malay-
Indian Ocean

South West Pacific
(Western Section)

EASTERN FLEET AREA

<u>BB</u>	-	(6)	HOWE	RENOWN			HARUNA
			QUEEN ELIZABETH				
			VALIANT				
			RICHELIEU				
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	VICTORIOUS				
			ILLUSTRIOUS				
			INDOMITABLE				
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6)	BATTLE	ATHELING			UNYO
			UNICORN	BEGUM			
			SHAH	AMBER			
<u>CA</u>	-	(3)	CUMBERLAND				-
			LONDON				
			SUFFOLK				
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6)	KENYA	NEWCASTLE			-
			CEYLON	TROMP			
			GAMBIA	PHOEBE			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS				-
<u>AGL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON				-
			CHITRAL				
<u>DD</u>			Approx. 27				5
<u>SS</u>	(13)	BLUFISH	HADDO	PADDLE	)	approx. 16	10 (poss. all German)
		CREVALLE	HAKE	FARGO)		
		FLASHER	HARDER	MUSKELLUNGE)		
		GUNNEL	JACK	REDFIN)		
		LAPON					
	(10)	ASPRO	O.19	PORPOISE)		
		HAMMERHEAD	P.318	SANDLANCE)		
		NARWHAL		SIRDAR)		
		STORM		STOIC	)	on passage	
		NAUTILUS			)	at Darwin	
	(20)	ANGLER	COD	SEA ROVER)		
		BATFISH	GUITAR	SPITEFUL)		
		BLURGILL	GURNARD	STURDY)		
		BREAM	HOE	STURDY	)	at Fremantle	
		CAERILLA	RATON	TANTIVY)		
		CLYDE	RAY	TELMACHUS)		
		K.14	K.15	ZWAARDFISCH)		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	MAIDSTONE					
		GRIFFIN					
		EURYALE					

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>				
Fighters	-	3	114	237	26
S/E Bombers	-	-	54	112	7
T/E Bombers	--	-	112	110	12
Flying Boats	-	-	6	8	-
Float Planes	10	-	60	21	14
Obsn. A/C	-	2	21	18	7
Total	10	5	366	506	66

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

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 18 September 1944

PART I(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) Task Unit 70.2 : 2 PF : BELFAST "HUTCHINSON"
1 PC : 1123
Task Force 77.1 : 6 CVE : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"
"MIDWAY"
8 DE : "R.S. BULL" "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "J.C. BUTLER"
"RAYMOND" "EDMOND" "SHELTON"
Task Group 77.2.3 : 2 AVF : "SAN CARLOS" "HALF MOON"
2 AVR
Task Force 77.3 : 1 ACG : "WASATCH"
8 DD : "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "McKEE" "FLETCHER" "STACK"
"TAYLOR" "LA VALLETTE"
5 APD : "KILTY" "WARD" "SCHLEY" "CROSBY" "HERBERT"
1 LSD : "CARTER HALL" 32 LCI
5 LST 12 LCT
Task Force 77.3.1 : 2 PC : 1119, 1134 2 LCI(G)
1 AT : "CONOMA" 1 LCI(D)
2 LCI(R)
Task Force 77.3.2 : 3 PC : 1120, 1133, 1122 4 YMS : 8, 47, 41, 334
2 LCI(R) 1 LCI(F)
Task Group 77.4 : 4 DD : "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"
1 PS : "WARREGO" 1 PF : "EL PASO"
2 YMS : 316, 393 1 HDML : 1074
1 ATF : "QUAPAW" 5 AK
Task Group 77.5 : 4 DD : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"
12 LST
Task Group 77.6 : 3 DD : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"
2 PF : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
9 LST 3 MV
Task Group 77.7 : 2 AFD 1 PF : "LONG BEACH"
2 YO 2 YFD
2 YPD 7 YB
2 AT 2 YOG
4 AT 2 LCM
Task Force 77(Misc) 2 AGP : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK" 30 PT
2 PF : "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"
- (2) "CASABLANCA" (CVE) departed Manus Is. 1000/16 for U.S.A. via Vitiaz Strait.
(3) "HICKOX" (DD) departed Humboldt 1100/17 for Manus ETA 1800/18.
(4) "BISBEE" (PF) departed Humboldt 17 Sept. proceeding to Manus Is.
(5) "ROCKFORD" (PF) escorting 7 LCI departed Humboldt 17 Sept. for Biak ETA 0600/19.
(6) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Milne Bay 1130/16 for Madang ETA 1030/18.
(7) "HOWORTH" (DD) escorting "REMUS" (ARL) towing 1 AFD departed Madang 0800/15 for Woendi ETA 0900/20, via Humboldt Bay ETA 1500/17.

- (8) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.
- (9) "TRIANGULUM" (AK) departed Woendi 0800/17 for Hollandia ETA 1200/18.
- (10) "MANNING" (DE) escorting "MONMOUTH" departed Manus 0900/16 for Langemak ETA 0800/19, whence "MANNING" proceeds Purvis Bay.
- (11) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) departed Langemak 0645/15 for Humboldt Bay ETA 2000/18.
- (12) "ML.431" departed Port Moresby 1800/14 for Daru ETA 1000/15: to investigate wreckage possibly of "MATAFELE" (AGS)
- 8 submarines on patrol: 2 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 2 DD : "MORRIS" "JENKINS"
17 PT

Auxiliaries 3 : 2 AVP: "ORCA" "SAN PABLO"
1 AT : "CHETCO"

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
11 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE"
"BACHE" "DALY" "ARNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN"

47 PT

Escorts 10 : 2 PF : "ORANGE" "GALLUP"
4 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "KAPUNDA" "COWRA"
3 ML : 428, 817, 818 1 YMS: 9

Auxiliaries 26 : "TANGIER" (AV) "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY"
"WACHAPREAGUE" "KOOPA" (AGP) "TRINITY" "VICTORIA"
"SALAMONIE" (AO) "CHIPPEWA" "HIDATSA" "WATO" (AT) "VIREO"
(ATF) "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "SILVERBELL" "TELBERRY" (YN)
"ARAYAT" "MINK" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "CABLE"
(ARS) "POYANG" (AE)

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 698 1 PC : 477

Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
2 DD : "RUSSELL" "STEVENS"

Escorts 23 : 4 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "MUSKOGEE"
10 AMS: "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
"GYMPIE" "DELOIRINE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
1 PC : 476 1 PCE(R): 850
7 SC : 637, 732, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981

Auxiliaries 22 : "BLUE RIDGE" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN" "SEEKONK"
"SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "PYRO" (AE)
"DOBBIN" (AD) "DERRICK" (YO) "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "GANYMEDÉ"
"MURZIM" (AK) "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX)
"CALAMARES" (AF) "LAURABADA" (AG)
3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 PT

Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745

Auxiliaries 3 : "ORESTES" (AGP) "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BB : "SOUTH DAKOTA"
3 CVE : "RUDYERD BAY" "NASSAU" "STEAMER BAY"
4 DD : "EVANS" "CAPPS" "WOODWORTH" "UHLMANN"
3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"

Escorts 26 : 14 DE : "BANUGST" "WATERMAN" "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY"
"WITTER" "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "BARON"
"OSTERHAUS" "PARKS" "LAMONS" "RIDDLE" "SNYDER"
2 FC : 1132, 1139 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
1 ML : 827 4 YMS: 49, 52, 70, 97

Auxiliaries 45 : "MONONGAHELA" "PATUXENT" "HECSHO" "PLATTE" "CIMARRON"
"SABINE" "NIBRARA" "KASKASKIA" "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA"
"CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO)
"PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" "PROMETHEUS" (AR)
"HERON" (AVP) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "CINNAMON"
"TORCHWOOD" (AN) "PHOENOS" "BOOTES" (AK) "CARIBOU" (IX)

Admiralties: (Cont)Auxiliaries (Cont)

: "ABARENDA" "ARETHUSA" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX)
 "GEN. R.L.HOWZE" (AP) "CEBU" (ARG) "TAWABA" "TERN" (AT)
 "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY" (AE)
 1 ARD 3 YP : 280, 288, 585
 2 YRD 1 ABSD

Saidor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 16 : 1 PF : "BURDEKIN" 2 AMS : "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"
 3 SC : 703, 736, 742 2 YMS : 10, 48
 8 ML : 426, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 925
 Auxiliaries 10 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS)
 2 YRD 1 ARD
 1 AFD 1 YF : 504

Langemak:

Combat Units 1 CVE : "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS"
 4 PT

Escorts 12 : 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY" 1 AMS : "KLAMA"
 2 PC : 585, 1121 3 SC : 659, 734, 738, 750
 3 YMS : 335, 336, 71 1 ML : 802
 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 8 : "AASE MAERSK" (AG) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "CLYDE"
 (IX) "CASTOR" (AKS) "MINDANAO" (ARG) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV)
 "OCTANS" (AF)

Lae:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1131

Cape Gloucester:

Auxiliaries 1 : "MESQUITE" (CGC)

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 APD

Milne Bay

Combat Units 4 PT

Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 1 PS : "SWAN"
 1 AMS : "STAVELL" 1 PC : 479
 Auxiliaries 19 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "MERKUR" (AF) "TITANIA" (AKS)
 "SATINEEAF" (YN) "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA" (PG)
 "KURUMBA" (AO)
 1 ARD 3 YFD
 4 AFD 3 YF : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:

Escorts 1 : 1 YMS : "RINDJANI"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "GAMBLE" (DM) escorting "DIXIE" (AD) was to depart Santo 1600/17 for Finschhafen
 ETA 0600/21. "GAMBLE" detaches on arrival and returns Purvis;
 "DIXIE" to be on routed to Manus.
- (2) "FCS.1402" escorting "VEGA" (AK) departed Russells 0600/17 for Manus ETA 20 Sept.,
 whence "FCS.1402" returns to Russells.
- (3) "FC.606" escorting "JAUN CABRILLO" proceeding Russells to Emirau ETA 0700/19.
- (4) "WINTLE" (DE) escorting "MORTON McCARVER" proceeding Green Is to Manus ETA 0300/20.
- (5) "FC.596" escorting "WHIPSTOCK" (YO) departed Green Is. 1700/16 for Tulagi ETA 1100/19
- (6) "SC.1275" departed Green Is 0830/17 for Tulagi ETA 0600/19.
- (7) "GALE" (AM) escorting "W.R.GIBSON" proceeding Torokina to Lunga ETA 0700/19.
- (8) "FC.1591" escorting "VOLANS" departed Munda 1600/17 for Espiritu Santo ETA 0800/21.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 3 : 1 DE : "BOWERS"
 1 PC : 589
 1 SC : 620

Auxiliaries 1 : "STRATFORD" (AGP)

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 FT
 Escorts 6 : 1 DE : "FOREMAN"
 2 SC : 677, 518 2 YMS: 95, 259

Torokina:

Escorts 8 : 3 DE : "WILLMARTH" "OSMUS" "STATDFELD"
 3 PC : 723, 1029, 1592 2 SC: 1188, 1590

Auxiliaries 1 : "TAGANAK" (AO)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 IT
 4 FGM
 Escorts 6 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "WHITEHURST"
 1 YMS: "KIWI" 1 SC : 722 2 PC : 605, 1221
 Auxiliaries 7 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLANDIA" (AL)
 "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "PATAFSCO" (AOG) "ALDERAMIN" (AK)

Munda:

Escorts 4 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/17:

- (1) "BINGERA" (AG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
- (2) "LATROBE" (AMS) departed Townsville 0722/15 for Langemak ETA 1100/19.
- (3) "HDM.1323" departed Meruake 0930/15 for Howbeeke Is. to assist "CAMBRIA" reported in distress.
- (4) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) was to depart Cairns 0800/17 for Thursday Is. ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island light en route.
- (5) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Thursday Is., 1704/16 for Townsville ETA 0500/20.
- (6) "RESERVE" (AT) was to depart Sydney PM 16 Sept. for Brisbane.
- (7) "FC.584" departed Tulagi 1200/11 for Sydney ETA 1200/19.

(b) In Harbour:Meruake:

Escorts 3 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERBARBOE"
 1 PF : "BARCOO"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "INVERELL" "FREMANTLE" "BUNBURY" "PIRIE" "PARKES"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "VIGILANT" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGO" 3 SC : 699, 737, 748
 4 YMS: 73, 313, 314, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
 1 ARD 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "KATOOMBA"
 Auxiliaries 3 : "STELLA" "POLARIS" (AGS) "MIZAR" (AF)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEFOS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 4SS : "PERMIT" "SEAWOLF" "POLLACK" "FLUNGER"
 Escorts 14 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEELONG"
 2 FCE: 848, 849 1 PC : 1124
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 8 : "EPOLIN" (AK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)
 "WRIGHT" (AV) "VENALIA" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "PONTUS" (AGL)
 1 YP : 421

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 8 : 3 A/S: KYBRA "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA" 1 AMS: "WARRENAMBOOL"
 3 ML : 810, 822, 823 1 PC : 1130
 Auxiliaries 7 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 2 : 2 A/S: ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN "DOOMBA"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "FLATYFUS" (ASR)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "IFSWICH" "BUNDBERG"

NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORESBY"
 4 AMS: "HORSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
 (2) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS) was to depart Townsville 0800/16 for Darwin ETA 1300/19.
 (3) "11 submarines on patrol: 12 submarines on passage."

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Combat Units 2 SS : "NAUTILUS" "BONEFISH"
 Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 1 : "COUCAL" (ASR)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/18:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) was to depart Fremantle 0830/13 for Wellington ETA 0800/23.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 19 SS : "ANGLER" "BLUEGILL" "BREAM" "CLYDE" "COD" "BATFISH"
 "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "HOE" "RATON" "RAY" "SANDLACE"
 "SEA ROVER" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL" "TELEMACHUS" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 "K.14" "K.15"
 Escorts 9 : 1 PF: "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS: "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AMS: "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON" "BATHURST"
 1 SC: 729
 1 ML: 824
 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MADSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD
 1 YP: 286

A. SCOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S.E. Mindanao - At 1210/16 Sept 3 enemy medium bombers were encountered by Cenpac patrol plane 240 miles NE. of Santa Cruz: 1 enemy bomber was shot down.
- (2) Zamboango - At 1152/15 Sept. photographic Liberators observed a ship burning fiercely on a reef at Marasingang (NE. shore of Sibuguey Bay). Photos show this vessel to be a 300 ft. minelayer.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Little further detail is available concerning our forces on Morotai but consolidation, extension and active patrolling continues. Night 15-16 Sept. our perimeter was subjected to sniper fire but otherwise enemy interference has been negligible.
- X Evening 16 Sept., 2 enemy single-engined planes attacked shipping off the Pitoe beaches without success and a few bombs were also dropped on the shore end of the Pitoe strip without causing damage or casualties. 2 more single-engined planes attacked shipping off Pitoe early AM. 17 Sept. without success but 1 raider was shot down by ships fire.
- (2) Halmahera - Photos 14 Sept. show the runways at Djailolo, Kau and Galola all well cratered and unserviceable: Miti runway was rough but serviceable. There were no serviceable aircraft visible on any of these fields.
- Photos 15 Sept. show 3 small cargo ships 7 luggers and 15 barges in Kau Bay. It is recalled that all ships observed in Kau Bay on 15 Sept. were thought to be derelict.
- During 16 Sept. aircraft carrier based fighters involving Hellcats and Corsairs flew 169 sorties against varied targets at Miti, Galola, Wasile Bay and Lolobata: 2 aircraft on the ground were destroyed and 1 was shot down in combat: 1-50 ft. barge and 10-12 landing craft near Kau were destroyed: ammunition and fuel dumps, warehouses, barracks, buildings, installations and AA positions were amongst targets attacked. 4 Hellcats 2 Corsairs were lost presumably to Ack Ack.
- (3) N. Celebes - Night 15-16 Sept. Manado town was bombed by 2 liberators dropping 500 pound incendiaries which started large fires.
- On 16 Sept. stores concentrations in warehouses at Gorontalo (Central S. coast Manado District) were attacked by 13 Mitchells: a large warehouse was destroyed and fires started. Neither interception nor AA was encountered.
- Night 16-17 Sept. Catalinas over Lembeh Strait sighted 2 small merchant ships in the Strait and 1 possible ship 15 miles East of Lembeh Strait: Photos 15 Sept. however show only 9 luggers and 3 barges in Lembeh Strait.
- Photos Manado airdromes 14 Sept. show craters on the runway at Sidate being filled in but craters caused on Magpaget by strike 12 Sept. have not been filled: 1 medium bomber was visible on Sidate.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - At noon 16 Sept. personnel area supplies and installations near Kendari drome were bombed by 54 Biak based Liberators: two-thirds of the buildings in the area are believed destroyed or damaged. Possibly 10 enemy fighters intercepted our bombers and 2 were shot down: all our planes returned although some were damaged.
- At 1810/16 Sept Ambesia airdrome (S. of Kendari) was bombed by 21 Darwin based Liberators. The strip was cratered and at least 1 parked plane received a direct hit.
- Shipping off Kendari observed by the Liberators over the area midday include probably 1 large cargo vessel or tanker, 1 small merchant ship and several small craft including luggers and barges.
- Night 16-17 Sept. a Catalina over Kendari area attacked a merchant ship (7-9,000 tons) in Starling Bay setting the ship blazing. Another small unidentified ship was attacked with unobserved results in Wowoni Strait
- At 0240/17 Sept another plane observed 3 unidentified ships 35 miles N.E. of Kendari.

- (5) Timor - Afternoon 16 Sept. Fuiloto airdrome was bombed by 1 Liberator.
At 2020/16 Sept. Lautem airdrome was bombed by a Liberator.
At 0805/17 Sept. Dilli was attacked by 8 Mitchells with good coverage of AA positions and at 1347/17 Sept. Cape Chater airdrome was bombed by 1 Liberator.
- (6) Ambon - Early A.M. 16 Sept. Ambon town and the wharf area were bombed by 2 Liberators.
At 1340/16 Sept., 1 transport and 1 destroyer or light cruiser were observed by a Liberator in Ambon Bay.
- (7) Boeroe - At approx. midday 16 Sept. Old Namlea airfield was attacked by 12 Mitchells which encountered moderate AA.
- (8) Ceram - A.M. 16 Sept. buildings S.E. of Boela were attacked by 6 Bostons as alternative to Boela airdrome.
- (9) Tanimbar - Aru Is. - Midday 17 Sept. Targets on Selaroc and Trangan Is. were bombed by 2 reconnaissance Mitchells.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf - During a fighter sweep P.M. 16 Sept. involving 4 Kittyhawks, a barge in the vicinity of Cape Vanderbosch was strafed.
- (2) Sorong - A.M. 17 Sept. Samate strip was bombed by 22 Kittyhawks.
- (3) Sansapor - Night 15/16 Sept. an enemy aircraft probably approached Sansapor Area but no raid developed.
Active patrolling continues in this sector.
- (4) Coast Vogelkop - Night 15-16 Sept a barge in the Manokwari Area was destroyed by PT boats.
A.M. 16 Sept. AA positions at Moemi were attacked by 6 Kittyhawks and Manokwari was attacked by 8 Aircobras.
Natives report 16 Sept. that Japs along N.E. coast Vogelkop are disorganized and starving, in fact some have already starved to death. Other groups are moving back to Manokwari.
- (5) Geelvink Bay - Active patrolling continues on Biak and Noemfoor Is.:
on 16 Sept. 25 Jap dead were found in a cave on Biak and on the same day 2 Japs and 14 Formosans gave themselves up on Noemfoor with surrender leaflets. Other minor contacts were made on both Islands.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS

- (1) Gazelle Peninsula - Night 15-16 Sept. Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells and on 16 Sept. huts were destroyed during patrols by 20 Corsairs.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 15-16 Sept. Kavieng was raided by 2 Mitchells. On 16 Sept. huts and road targets were attacked by 18 Dauntless 42 Corsairs.
Night 16-17 Sept., 3 barges heading S. off Dunup plantation (S.W. coast) were intercepted by PT boats: 2 barges were destroyed but the third escaped. On the same night plantation targets along N.W. coast were strafed by PT boats.
- (3) Bougainville - On 16 Sept. bivouac areas along Matelin Bay shores (Buka Passage) were attacked by 37 Dauntless 1 Avenger 3 Venturas and 44 Corsairs. On the same day Kahili Area including gun positions and bivouacs were attacked by 18 Dauntless and 9 Mitchells.
Night 16-17- Sept. Kieta airfield was shelled by PT boats.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - Further advances are reported by the U. S. Marines on Peleliu and enemy troops on Peleliu are being forced into the Northern portion of the Island. At 0830/16 Sept. our forces landed on the N.E. coast of Angaur Is. against light opposition.
Mines have been satisfactorily swept from Kossol Passage.
- (2) Truk - On 15 Sept. Dublon and Moen were bombed by 29 Conpac Liberators using 72½ tons bombs: 5 enemy fighters were airborne and 1 was probably damaged: 1 Liberator also was damaged.
- (3) Ponape - On 15 Sept., Langar Is. was bombed by Mitchells which dropped 6 tons bombs.

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
% South West Pacific (Eastern Section)		<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>BB</u>	(1) SOUTH DAKOTA		
<u>CVE</u>	(11) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS CHENANGO MIDWAY CASABLANCA NASSAU	RUDYERD BAY SAN CAMON SANTEE SARGENT BAY FAN SHAW BAY STEAMER BAY	(5) MATANIKAU CAPE ESPERANCE LING ISLAND ROI MUNDA
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE	PHOENIX HOBART	@ LEANDER
AV/CVS	(2) TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
XAV/ACVS	(6) HALF MOON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS	HERON CHINCOTEAGUE ORCA	-
<u>DD</u>	(42) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HICKOX HOPEWELL HOWORTH HUGHES HUTCHINS	JENKINS JOHN RODGERS LANG LA VALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVANS TAYLOR HUNT UHLMANN WOODWORTH BUSH	5
<u>AD</u>	WHITNEY		10
<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW DACE DARTER GUAVINA FLOUNDER	FLYING FISH MINGO TARPON	) ) ) on patrol)
	(2) CERO	STINGRAY	) on passage
	(3) S.42 S.45	S.47	) ) at Seeadler
	(4) PERMIT POLLACK	PLUNGER SEAWOLF	) ) at Brisbane
	(2) K 9	K.12	) At Sydney

% Including Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. mandates)		
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Eastern Section</u>)	<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?	
<u>APA</u>	(8) H. T. ALLEN (APA) KAI IMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-	
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-	
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-	
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-	
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (.RE) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-	
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-	

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>CA</u>	-		(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND			ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9		5	
<u>SS</u>	10			Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON		-	
<u>DD</u>	9		-	

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
Philippines - E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES
Empire

<u>BB</u>	(16)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO CALIFORNIA PENNSYLVANIA	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND OKLAHOMA	(3)	MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5)	YAMATO MUSASHI KONGO ISE HYUGA (convt. to carry A/C)
<u>CV</u>	(10)	SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP				(5)	UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKU HAYATAKA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY				(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(26)	GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY DALININ BAY KITKUN BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY ORMANEY BAY	WINDHAM BAY PETROF BAY SITKOH BAY ALTAHAMA BARNES GRETCH SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHEMTA BAY	CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND WHITE PLAINS	(2)	JINYO OTAKA		
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WITCHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		(11)	AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI		£ MAYA
<u>OCA</u>			-					6
<u>CL</u>	(17)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HOLOLULU ST. LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4)	YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI	(6)	SEKAWA OYODO MAGARA ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	CURTISS POCONOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD			KASHII	KASHIMA (2) AKITSUSU HIMA	£ NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 180				25-30	20 (several repairing)	
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30				10	Approx. 45	
<u>AS</u>			?			?	2 (1 repairing)	

@ Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.
£ Non-effective.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>South West Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>Malay-</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6) BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMBEER	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(11)	CREVALLE HADDO PADDLE) FLASHER HARDER PARGO) GUNNEL JACK REDFIN) HAKE LAPON .)	approx. 16 10 (poss. all German)
	(12)	ASPRO 0.19 PORPOISE) CABRILLO P.318 SANDLANCE) HAMMERHEAD SIRDAR) MUSKELLUNGE STOIC) NARWHAL STORM) on passage	
	(2)	BONEFISH NAUTILUS) at Darwin	
	(19)	ANGLER COD SEA ROVER) BATFISH GUITARO SPIEETFUL) BLUEGILL GURNARD STURDY) at Fremantle BREAM HOE TANTIVY) CLYDE RATON TELEMACHUS) K.14 RAY ZWAARDFISCH) K.15	
<u>AS</u>	(3)	MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE	

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u> <u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	3	111	237	16
S/T Bombers	-	-	54	112	-
T/E Bombers	-	-	108	110	10
Flying Boats	-	-	6	8	-
Float Planes	10	-	57	21	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	18	4
	10	3	352	506	36

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

(1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
30 PT
Task Unit 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"
1 PC: 1123
Task Force 73 : 1 AV: "TANGIER"
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
2 AVR
Task Force 77.1 : 6 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SUWANNE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"
"MIDWAY"
8 DE: "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "J.C.BUTLER"
"RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"
Task Force 77.3 : 5 DD: "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "MUSTIN" "FLETCHER" "STACK"
2 PF: "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"
2 APD: "CROSBY" "HERBERT"
1 LSD: "CARTER HALL" 5 LST
12 LCT
Task Force 77.3.1 : 2 PC: 1119, 1134 2 LCI(G)
1 AT: "SONOMA" 1 LCI(D)
2 LCI(R)
Task Force 77.3.2 : 3 PC: 1120, 1133, 1122 4 YMS: 8, 41, 47, 334
2 LCI(R) 1 LCI(F)
Task Group 77.4 : 4 DD: "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"
1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PF: "EL PASO"
2 YMS: 316, 393 1 HMML 1074
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" 5 AK
8 LCT 1 LCT (Radar)
Task Group 77.5 : 4 DD: "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"
12 LST
Task Group 77.6 : 3 DD: "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"
2 PF: "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
9 LST 3 MV
Task Group 77.7 : 2 AFD 1 PF: "LONG BEACH"
2 YO 2 YFD
2 YFD 7 YB
2 AT 2 YOG
4 AT 2 LCM

(2) "HOWORTH" (DD) escorting "REMUS" (ARL) towing 1 AFD departed Madang 0800/15 for Woendi ETA 0900/20.

(3) "ORESTES" (AGP) departed Humboldt Bay 17 Sept. for Milne Bay due 19 Sept.

(4) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.

(5) 8 submarines on patrol: 4 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Sansapor
 Combat Units 2 DD : "MORRIS" "JENKINS"
 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 AVP: "ORCA" "SAN PABLO"
 1 AT : "CHETCO"

Biak-Woendi:
 Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHEONIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 13 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE"
 "BACHE" "DALY" "ABNDER READ" "PUSH" "KILLEN" "LA VALLETTE"
 "TAYLOR"
 47 PT
 Escorts 10 : 3 PF : "ORANGE" "GALLUP" "ROCKFORD"
 3 AMS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 3 ML : 428, 817, 818 1 YMS: 9
 Auxiliaries 26 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPRELAQUE"
 "KOORA" (AGP) "CHIFFEWA" "HIDATSA" "WATO" (AT) "VIROE" (ATF)
 "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG) "SILVERBELL" "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT"
 "MINK" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS)
 "POYANG" (AE)

Maffin Bay:
 Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 698 1 PC : 477
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:
 Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 3 DD : "RUSSELL" "STEVENS" "McKEE"
 Escorts 23 : 4 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "MUSKOGEE"
 10 AMS : "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
 "GYMPIE" "DELOPAINE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 1 PC : 476 1 PCE(R): 850
 7 SC : 637, 732, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 29 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "WARD" (APF)
 "MANCOBA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TEAK"
 (AN) "DERRICK" (YO) "INDUS" "GANYMED" "MURZIM" "TRIANGULUM"
 (AK) "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "CALAMARES" (AF)
 "LAURABADA" (AG) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH)
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD

Aitape:
 Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:
 Combat Units 3 CVE : "RUDYERD BAY" "NASSAU" "STEAMER BAY"
 3 DD : "EVANS" "CAPPS" "HICKOX"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 26 : 13 DE : "BANGUST" "WATERMAN" "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY"
 "WITTER" "BICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "BARON"
 "OSTERHAUS" "PARKS" "LAMONS" "RIDDLE"
 1 PC : 1132, 1139 1 PF : "BISBEE"
 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 1 ML : 827 4 YMS: 49, 52, 70, 97
 Auxiliaries 45 : "MONONGAHELA" "PATUXENT" "NEOSHO" "PLATTE" "CIMARRON"
 "SABINE" "NIBRARA" "KASKASKIA" "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA"
 "CALIENTIE" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBRIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL"
 (AO) "PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "MEDUSA" "PROMETHEUS"
 (AR) "HERON" (AVP) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AG S)
 "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" (AK)
 "CARIBOU" "ADAPENDA" "ARETHUSA" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX)
 "GEN.R.L.HOWZE" (AP) "CEBU" (ARG) "TAWABA" "TERN" (AE)
 "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY" (AE)
 1 ARD 3 YP : 280, 288, 585
 2 YRD 1 ABSD

Saidor:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TAVRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 17 : 1 PF : "BURDEKIN"
 3 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"
 3 SC : 703, 736, 742 2 YMS: 10, 48
 8 ML : 426, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 925
 Auxiliaries 11 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 2 YRD 1 ARD
 1 AFD 1 YP : 504

Langemak:

Combat Units 1 CVE : "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS"
 4 PT

Escorts 13 : 1 DE : "MANNING" 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY"
 2 AMS: "KLAMA" "LATROBE" 2 FC : 585, 1121
 3 SC : 659, 734, 738, 750 3 YMS: 335, 336, 71
 1 ML : 802 1 FGM
 Auxiliaries 8 : "AASE MAERSK" (AG) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "CLYDE" (IX)
 "CASTOR" (AKS) "MINDANAO" (ARG) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV)
 "OCTANS" (AF)

Lae:

Escorts 1 : 1 FC : 1131

Cape Gloucester:

Auxiliaries 1 : "MESQUITE" (CGC)

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 AFD

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 4 PT

Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 1 FS : "SWAN"
 1 AMS: "STAWELL" 1 FC : 479
 Auxiliaries 19 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "MERKUR" (AF) "TITANIA" (AKS)
 "SATINLEAF" (YN) "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA" (FG)
 "KURUMBA" (AO)
 1 ARD 3 YFD
 4 AFD 3 YP : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML : 431

Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "ALTAMAHA" "BRETON" "WINDHAM BAY" (CVE) escorted by "GENDREAS" PAUL G. BAKER
 "FIEBERLING" (DE) departed Emirau 0700/19 for Manus ETA 1700/19.
- (2) "GAMBLE" (DM) escorting "DIXIE" (AD) was to depart Santo 1600/17 for Finschhafen
 ETA 2200/20. "GAMBLE" detaches on arrival and returns Furvis;
 "DIXIE" to be on-routed to Vrendi.
- (3) "FCS.1402" escorting "VEGA" (AK) departed Russells 0600/17 for Manus ETA 20 Sept.,
 whence "FCS.1402" returns to Russells.
- (4) "WINTLE" (DE) escorting "MORTON McCARVER" proceeding Green Is to Manus ETA 1700/19.
- (5) "BOWERS" (DE) escorting "STRAFFORD" (AGP) departed Emirau 2200/18 for Manus ETA
 1500/19.
- (6) "FC.1120" was to depart Manus 18 Sept. for Torokina.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 3 : 2 FC : 589, 606
 1 SC : 620

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT
 Escorts 4 : 1 DE : "FOREMAN"
 2 SC : 677, 518
 1 YMS: 95

Torokina:

Escorts 9 : 3 E : "WILLMARTH" "CSMUS" "STATDFELD"
 3 FC : 723, 1029, 1592 2 SC : 1188, 1590
 1 YMS: 259
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TANANAK" (AO)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 FT
 4 FGM
 Escorts 6 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "WHITEHURST" 2 FC : 605, 1229
 1 YMS : "KIWI" 1 SC : 722
 Auxiliaries 7 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
 "JAMESTOWN" (AGF) "PATAFSCO" (AOG) "ALDERAMIN" (AK)

Munda:

Escorts 4 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "BINGERA" (AG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
- (2) "HDML.1323" departed Merauke 0930/15 for Howbeeke Is. to assist "CAMBERIA" reported in distress.
- (3) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Thursday Is. 1400/17 for Sydney ETA 22 Sept.
- (4) "BALLARAT" (AMS) departed Thursday Is., 1704/16 for Townsville ETA 0500/20.
- (5) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.
- (6) "STELLA" (AGS) departed Townsville 1051/13 for Thursday Is. ETA 1300/20.
- (7) "RESERVE" (AT) was to depart Sydney PM 16 Sept. for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS : "SMERQE" "MERBARBOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 6 : 5 AMS : "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" "BUNBURY" "FIRIE" "PARKES"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "VIGILANT" (AGS)

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 2 AMS : "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW" 3 SC : 699, 737, 748
 4 YMS : 73, 313, 314, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
 1 ARD 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS : "KATCOMBA"
 Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "MIZAR" (AF)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 2 SS : "POLLACK" "PLUNGER"
 Escorts 14 : 1 FF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS : "WHYALLA" "GEELONG"
 2 FCE : 848, 849 1 FC : 1124
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)
 "WRIGHT" (AV) "VENALLA" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) "FONTUS" (AGF)
 1 YP : 421

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 9 : 3 A/S : "KYERA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
 1 AMS : "WAFFNAMBOOL"
 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
 2 FC : 584, 1130
 Auxiliaries 7 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 2 : 2 A/S : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS : "IPSWICH" "BUNDABERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORESBY"
 4 AMS: "HORSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
 (2) 9 submarines on patrol: 16 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Combat Units 2 SS : "NAUTILUS" "ASPRO"
 Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/19:

- (1) "WANGANELLA" (AH) was to depart Fremantle 0830/13 for Wellington ETA 0800/23.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 UL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 13 SS : "ANGLIER" "BLUEGILL" "BREAM" "CLYDE" "COD" "BATFISH"
 "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "HOE" "RATON" "RAY" "SEA ROVER"
 "STURDY" "SITTEFUL" "TANTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15"
 Escorts 9 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 FS : "SAVORGNIAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AMS: "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON" "BATHURST"
 1 SC : 729
 1 ML : 824
 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABLE" (FY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD
 1 YF : 286

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Davao Gulf - A delayed report indicates a sighting at 1000/16 Sept. of 6 sea trucks and 6 luggers in Davao Harbor.
A preliminary inflight report from aircraft states that 2 armed trawlers and a tug were observed at 0935/18 Sept. near the entrance of Davao Gulf probably close to the W. shores.
- (2) Sulu Archipelago - At 0700/18 Sept. 5 cargo vessels were observed off S.W. coast Jolo Is.
- (3) Visayan Sea - At 0810/18 Sept. a large destroyer was sighted heading S. through Visayan Sea.
- (4) Palawan - At 1500/18 Sept., 3 medium cargo vessels, 6 small merchant ships and 3 destroyers were seen off S.W. tip Palawan on course N.E.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - On 17 Sept. fresh unopposed landings were made by our troops on 3 islands off S.W. Morotai and also at Wajaboela (18 miles NNW. Pitoe). Known enemy dead through 17 Sept. number 36: 12 Japs have been captured.
Additional reports of light enemy air reaction to our landings are to the effect that at about dawn 16 Sept. several enemy planes, probably fighter-bombers, attacked our surface craft off Pitoe without effect: AA and naval fighters engaged and 3 planes were seen to crash in the water but official results of combat have not yet been received. Also that at dawn 18 Sept., 1 or 2 enemy planes were over S. Morotai and that 1 was shot down by AA. These reports are additional, apparently, to the 2 light raids night 16-17 Sept. Previously reported.
- (2) N. Celebes - Night 16-17 Sept. Tembaga in Lembah Strait was bombed by 1 Liberator and Gorontalo Bay was bombed by 2 Liberators. Fires started by the Mitchell raid 16 Sept. on Gorontalo were still burning.
At 1000/17 Sept. Langoan drome was bombed by 45 Liberators dropping 135 tons bombs and cratering the runway besides scoring a direct hit on 1 grounded bomber: coordinated with this strike 21 Mitchells bombed and strafed Langoan drome from Minimum altitude. Escorting Lightnings strafed the drome destroying 2 planes and probably destroying a third. No AA nor interception was encountered but 1 Lightning was lost to light ground fire.
Photos 15 Sept. show Sidate and Mapanget runways unserviceable and Langoan only partially serviceable. In total 6 fighters and 6 bombers were visible on the 3 dromes.
- (3) S.W. Celebes - At 0018/17 Sept. Catalinas over Makassar sighted 3-4 medium sized ships and several smaller vessels at Makassar.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - Night 16-17 Sept. Kendari airdrome was bombed by 2 Liberators dropping 24 x 500 pound incendiaries.
Photos 16 Sept. show the runway at Ambesia serviceable with 1 fighter and 18 bombers present: dispersal facilities have been increased. Witicola runway is serviceable although no aircraft are present.
- (5) Borneo - Late report from Catalinas over Balikpapan night 14-15 Sept. state that 1 medium sized vessel and 3 smaller ships were observed off Cape Pemantjangan (120 miles SSW. of Balikpapan).
- (6) Timor - During 17 Sept. a harassing raid was conducted over E. Timor by 11 Beaufighters: buildings and AA at Fuiloro were damaged and motor vehicles near Cape Lore were destroyed.
- (7) Ambon Area - P.M. 16 Sept., Laha airdrome was bombed by 1 Squadron Liberators and Liang airdrome by 2 Squadrons Liberators as alternative targets to Haroekoe.
On 17 Sept. Haroekoe airdrome was bombed by 1 group of Liberators which encountered neither AA nor interception. Coordinated with this strike Kairatoe airdrome was bombed by 39 Lightnings and Nolot (N.E. tip of Saparoea) was bombed by 14 Lightnings causing a severe explosion in an ammunition dump.
- (8) S.E. Ceram - Kai Is. - On 17 Sept. a small sea truck off N. tip Groot Kai was attacked and probably damaged by 2 flights each of 2 Mitchells

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (8) S.E. Ceram (Contd.) - During 18 Sept. small craft amongst the Islands S.E. Ceram to Kai group including Banda Is. were attacked by flights of 4 Kittyhawks involving a total of 32 aircraft in aggregate about 7 small craft and 20 canoes were attacked all being damaged or destroyed.
- (9) Tenimbar Is. - At noon 17 Sept. Saumlaki was bombed by 2 Mitchells and at 1700/18 Sept. Saumlaki was again bombed by 2 Mitchells.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf - Late report states that Seran was bombed by 14 Thunderbolts on 16 Sept.
P.M. 17 Sept. a barge at Kaimana was destroyed during a sweep of the area by 4 Kittyhawks.
During 18 Sept. small craft and villages in the Kaimana Area were attacked by 4 Kittyhawks, Kokas sawmill and targets nearby were attacked by 28 Kittyhawks, small craft off Kokas were attacked by 4 Kittyhawks and Babo waterfront was attacked by another 4 Kittyhawks.
- (2) Sorong - Further reports show that Samate drome was attacked 17 Sept. by 32 Thunderbolts in addition to the 22 Kittyhawks previously reported.
- (3) Sansapor - During 18 Sept. there was no enemy air, ground or sea activity observed in the Sansapor area.
- (4) Geelvink Bay - Patrolling continues and further small parties of enemy are being eliminated on Noemfoor and Biak.
- (5) Wewak - Photos 15 Sept. show that Wewak airdrome was unserviceable and that no further attempt had been made to repair same. However on 17 Sept. the Wewak strip and targets in the area including stores on Kairiru were bombed by 14 Beauforts and on 18 Sept. Wewak strip, Boram and Boiken bridge were attacked by 17 Beauforts.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS

- (1) Gazelle Peninsula - During 17 Sept. huts in the general Rabaul area were attacked by 44 Corsairs on patrol.
- (2) New Ireland - Night 16-17 Sept. Kavieng was harassed by 1 Mitchell. On 17 Sept. huts, buildings and bridges along Central S.W. coast were effectively attacked by 36 Dauntless 3 Venturas and 50 Corsairs.
- (3) Bougainville - On both nights 16-17 and 17-18 Sept. Kahili was bombed by 1 Mitchell. On 17 Sept. personnel on Shortlands were attacked by 10 Corsairs and gardens in the Empress Augusta Bay area by another 10 Corsairs.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - Marines on Peleliu have made further advances and have captured a strategic hill position overlooking the airfield which is already in our hands. On Angaur our forces from the 2 beachheads have joined up and consolidation continues.
On 18 Sept. carrier-borne aircraft flew 60 sorties involving 19 tons bombs and 105 rockets in support of ground forces on Peleliu and Angaur.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Insignificant enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Morotai.
(2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
(3) Lack of enemy naval or air reaction to Blue operations in Western Carolines and SWPA.
(4) Neutralization of enemy airfields in Eastern East Indies.

Distribution:

C in C SWPA	(1)	Cdr. Seventh Fleet (2)	G.J. CONNOR
G-2 (Navy)	(1)	7th Fleet - Rear Ech. (1)	Lt. Cdr. (SP) RANVR
G-3 (Navy)	(2)	ACWB (3)	S.O. (I) NAVY

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
	<u>% Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>		<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>BB</u>	(1) SOUTH DAKOTA		(1) CALIFORNIA
<u>CVE</u>	(11) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS CHENANGO MIDWAY NASSAU ALTAMAHA BRETON	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE FAN SHAW BAY STEAMER RAY WRIGHT	-
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE	PHOENIX HOBART	@ LEANDER -
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS	HERON CHINCOTEADUE ORCA	-
<u>DD</u>	(42) ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HICKOX HOPEWELL HOWORTH HUGHES HUTCHINS	JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LANG LA VELIETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVANS TAYLOR HUNT UHLMANN WOODWORTH BUSH	5 -
<u>AD</u>	WHITNEY		10
<u>SS</u>	(8) BASHAW DACE DARTER GUAVINA FLOUNDER	FLYING FISH MINGO TARPON	) ) ) ) on patrol
	(4) CERO PERMIT	STINGRAY SEA WOLF	) ) on passage
	(3) S. 42 S. 45	S. 47	) ) at Seeadler
	(2) PCLLACK	PLUNGER	) at Brisbane
	(2) K. 9	K. 12	) at Sydney

% Including Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. mandates)
	Southwest pacific (Eastern Section)			
		Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H.T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HEBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA ABUKUMA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		
	9		5
	10		Approx. 5

3. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>		TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9		-

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

Philippines - E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES

EMPIRE

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	<u>EMPIRE</u>
<u>BB</u>	(15) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANNA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA &	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND & OKLAHOMA
			(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO
			(5) YAMATO MUSASHI & KONGO ISE) HYUGA) (convt. to carry A/C)
<u>CV</u>	(11) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP	(5) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKO HAYATAKA ANAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO & RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(28) GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MANILA BAY NATOMA BAY ANIMANEY BAY KITKUN BAY	PETROF BAY SITKOH BAY BARNES SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHENTA BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA ROI	MINDA LONG ISLAND CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND SALAMAU PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND WHITE PLAINS
			(2) JINYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WITCHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND	(11) AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
<u>OCA</u>			& MAYA
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI
		BILOXI OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(6) SEKAWA OYODO NAGARA ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD	KASHII (2) AKITSUSHIMA & NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 180		25-30 20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>	Approx. 30	?	10 Approx. 45 ? 2 (1 repairing)

@ Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.
& Noneffective.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Western section</u>)	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>Malay-</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BE</u>	-	(5)	HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6)	BATTLE R ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAG AMBEER	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3)	CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6)	KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1)	ALBATROSS	-
<u>ZCL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-		Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(9)	FLA SHER HARDER PADDLE) HAKE JACK PARGO) HADDO REDFIN)	Approx. 16	10 (poss. all German)
	(16)	BONEFISH MUSKELLUNGE SANDLACE) CABRILLO NARWHAL SIRDAR) CREVALLE O.19 STOIC) GUNNELL P.318 STORM) HOE PORPOISE TELEMACHUS) on passage HAMMERHEAD		
(	(2)	ASPRO	NAUTILUS) at Darwin	
	(18)	ANGLER COD SEA ROVER) BATFISH GUITARO SPITEFUL) BLUEGILL GURNARD STURDY) at Fremantle BREAM HOE TANTIVY) CLYDE RATON ZWARDFISCH) K.14 RAY K.15)		
<u>AS</u>	(3)	MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u> <u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	-	111	237	14
S/E Bombers	-	-	54	112	2
T/E Bombers	-	-	108	110	6
Flying Boats	-	-	6	8	-
Float Plane	10	-	57	21	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	18	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>352</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>32</u>

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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Date 20 September 1944

PART I(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

(1) Task Force 70.1	: 2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"	
	30 PT	
Task Units 70.2	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"	
	1 <u>PC</u> : 1123	
Task Force 73	: 1 <u>AV</u> : "TANGIER"	1 <u>PF</u> : "GALLUP"
	2 <u>AVP</u> : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"	2 <u>AVR</u>
Task Force 77.1	: 6 <u>CVE</u> : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"	
	"MIDWAY"	
	8 <u>DE</u> : "R.S.BULL" "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "LENNIS" "J.C. BUTLER"	
	"RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"	
Task Force 77.3	: 6 <u>DD</u> : "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "MCKEE" "STEVENS"	
	2 <u>APD</u> : "CROSBY" "HERBERT"	1 <u>LSD</u> : "CARTER HALL"
	12 <u>LCT</u>	5 <u>LST</u>
Task Force 77.3.1	: 2 <u>PC</u> : 1119, 1134	2 <u>LCI</u> (G)
	1 <u>AT</u> : "SONOMA"	1 <u>LCI</u> (D)
		2 <u>LCI</u> (R)
Task Force 77.3.2	: 3 <u>PC</u> : 1120, 1133, 1122	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 41, 47, 334
	2 <u>LCI</u> (R)	1 <u>LCI</u> (F)
Task Group 77.4	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"	
	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO"	1 <u>PF</u> : "EL PASO"
	2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393	1 <u>HDML</u> 1074
	1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAN"	5 <u>AK</u>
	8 <u>LCT</u>	1 <u>LCT</u> (Radar)
Task Group 77.5	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"	
	12 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.6	: 3 <u>DD</u> : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"	
	2 <u>PF</u> : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"	
	9 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.7	: 2 <u>AFD</u>	3 <u>MV</u>
	2 <u>YO</u>	1 <u>PF</u> : "LONG BEACH"
	2 <u>YPD</u>	2 <u>YFD</u>
	2 <u>AT</u>	7 <u>YB</u>
	2 <u>YOG</u>	4 <u>AT</u>
		2 <u>LCM</u>

(2) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.

(3) 8 submarines on patrol; 4 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT

Auxiliaries 3 : 2 AVP: "ORCA" "SAN PABLO"1 AT: "CHETCO"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRETBiak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHEONIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 14 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BEAL"
 "BACHE" "DALY" "BENDER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN" "LA VALLETTE"
 "TAYLOR" "HOWORTH"
 47 PT
 Escorts 8 : 2 PF : "ORANGE" "ROCKFORD"
 3 MS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML : 817, 818 1 YMS : 9
 Auxiliaries 22 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPRE"
 "KOOPA" (JGP) "CHIPPEWA" "HIDATSA" "WATO" (AT) "VIREO"
 (ATF) "SILVERBELL" "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" "MINK" (IX)
 "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "CABLE" (ARS) "POYANG" (AE)
 "REMUS" (ARL) 1 ATR 2 YP : 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 698 1 PC : 477
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (JOG) "CHEPACHET" (JO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 4 DD : "RUSSELL" "ANDERSON" "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN"
 Escorts 23 : 5 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "MUSKOGEE"
 "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"
 10 MS : "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
 "GYMPIE" "DELORMINE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 1 PC : 476 1 PCE(R) : 850
 6 SC : 637, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 31 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (JGC) "BISHOPDALE" (JO) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" "SUSQUEHANNA" (JOG) "SCHLEY"
 "KILTY" "WARD" (JPD) "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" (JPA) "PYRO"
 (AE) "LOBBIN" (JD) "TEAK" (JN) "DERRICK" (YO) "INDUS"
 "GANYMEDE" "MURZI" "TRIANGULUM" (JK) "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS"
 "OCTARA" (IX) "CALAMARES" (JF) "LAMARABADA" (JG)
 "MAETSUYCKER" (JH) "MESQUITE" (JCG)
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (JPA) "COMFORT" (JH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 5 CVE : "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "ALTAMAH" "BRETON" "WINDHAM BAY"
 3 DD : "HICKOX" "THATCHER" "DAVID W. TAYLOR"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 30 : 17 DE : "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON"
 "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENDREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "ACREE" "PAUL G. BAKER" "BOWERS"
 "WEAVER" "WINTLE" "FIEBERLING" "HILBERT"
 "SWEARER"
 4 PC : 606, 1121, 1132, 1139 1 PF : "BISBEE"
 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 1 ML : 827 4 YMS : 49, 52, 70, 97
 Auxiliaries 47 : "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA" "LACKAWANNA" "SAUGATUCK" "CACHE"
 "GUADALUPE" "NECHES" "PECOS" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA"
 "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (JO) "PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE"
 (JOG) "STRATFORD" (JGP) "JASON" (JRH) "CONTROL" (JAM)
 "MEDUSA" "PROMETHEUS" (JR) "HERON" (JVP) "ALBASTER" (JY)
 "PATHFINDER" (JGS) "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (JN) "PHOBOS"
 "BOOTES" "VEGA" (JK) "CARIBOU" "BERENDA" "ARETHUSA"
 "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "GEN. R. L. HOWZE" (JP) "CEBU"
 (JRG) "TANAB" "TERN" (JE) "ARGONNE" (JG) "WHITNEY"
 "SIERRA" (JD) "SANGAY" (JE)
 1 ARD 2 YRD
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 1 ABSD

Saidor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 18 : 1 PF : "BURDEKIN"
 3 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"
 2 SC : 703, 742 2 YMS: 10, 48
 9 ML : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
 Auxiliaries 11 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS) "GUNGAREE" (AM)
 2 YRD 1 ARD
 1 AFD 1 YP : 504

Langemak:

Combat Units 1 CVE : "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS"
 4 PT
 Escorts 13 : 1 DE : "MANNING" 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY"
 2 AMS: "KIAMA" "LATROBE" 1 PC : 585
 3 SC : 659, 734, 738, 750 3 YMS: 335, 336, 71
 1 ML : 802 1 PGM
 Auxiliaries 8 : "AMSE MAERSK" (AG) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "OLYDE"
 (IX) "CASTOR" (AKS) "MINDANAO" (ARG) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV)
 "OCTANS" (AF)

Lae:

Escorts 1 : 1 PC : 1131

Morobe:

Auxiliaries 1 : 1 APD

Milne Bay:

Combat Units 4 PT

Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 1 PC : 479
 1 AMS: "STAMWELL" 2 SC : 732, 736
 Auxiliaries 20 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "MERKUR" (AF) "TITANIA" (AKS)
 "SATINLEAF" (YN) "RAIL SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA" (PG)
 "KURUMBAN" (AO) "ORESTES" (AGP)
 1 ARD 3 YFD
 4 AFD 3 YP : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML : 431
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "GAMBLE" (DM) escorting "DIXIE" (AD) was to depart Santo 1600/17 for Finschhafen
 ETA 2200/20. "GAMBLE" detaches on arrival and returns Purvis;
 "DIXIE" to be on-routed to Woendi.
 (2) "PC.1120" was to depart Manus 18 Sept. for Torokina.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 2 : 1 PC : 589
 1 SC : 620

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT
 Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 518
 1 YMS: 95

Torokina:

Escorts 8 : 2 DE : "OSMUS" "STATDFELDT"
 3 PC : 723, 1029, 1592 2 SC : 1188, 1590
 1 YMS: 259
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TAGANAK" (AO)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 PT
 E 6 PGM
 Escorts 9 : 3 DE : "TOREMAN" "WILLMARTH" "WHITEHURST"
 3 PC : 598, 605, 1229 2 SC : 677, 722
 1 YMS: 47
 Auxiliaries 6 : "TURULT" "VELOCITY" (AMS) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AK)
 "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "ALDERMIN" (AK)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 PC : 1120
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) "SWAN" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0800/19 for Sydney ETA 0800/25.
 (2) "BINGERA" (AG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
 (3) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Thursday Is 1400/17 for Sydney ETA 22 Sept.
 (4) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.
 (5) "STELLA" (JGS) departed Townsville 1051/13 for Thursday Is ETA 1300/20.
 (6) "RESERVE" (AT) was to depart Sydney PM 16 Sept. for Brisbane.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:Escorts 2 : 2 YIS: "SMEROE" "MERABOE"Thursday Is:Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" "BUMBRY" "PIRIE" "PARKES"
Auxiliaries 1 : 1 JGS: "VIGILANT"Gairns:Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW" 3 SC : 699, 737, 748
4 YMS: 73, 313, 314, 315Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (LX)
1 ARD 1 YP : 283Townsville:Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KATCOOMB" "BALLARAT"

Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (JGS) "MIZAR" (AF)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AF)

Brisbane:Combat Units 2 SS : "POLLACK" "PLUNGER"Escorts 14 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEELONG"2 PCE : 848, 849 1 PC : 11248 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821

Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)

"WRIGHT" (AV) "VENALIA" "CAPE LEEUWIN" (JGS) "FONTUS" (LX)
1 YP : 421Sydney:Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"Escorts 9 : 3 A/S: "KYBERA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"3 ML : 810, 822, 8232 PC : 584, 1130

Auxiliaries 7 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (JGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"

"POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"Escorts 2 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMB" "

Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AR)

AdelaideEscorts 2 : 2 AMS: "IPSWICH" "BUNDABERG"4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 JGS: "MORESBY"
4 AMS: "HOLSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMALN"
 (2) 9 submarines on patrol: 13 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:Combat Units 1 SS : "NAUTILUS"Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814

Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (JGS)

Millingimbi:Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 8095. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/20:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow

Combat Units 2 SS : "HOE" "STOIC"
 Escorts 2 : 1 AMS : "BOWEN"
 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 20 SS : "ANGLER" "BLUEGILL" "BREAM" "CLYDE" "COD" "BATFISH"
 "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "ROE" "RATON" "RAY" "SEA ROVER"
 "USIRDAR" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL" "TANTIVY" "ZWARDFISCH" "K.15"
 "K.19"
 Escorts 9 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AMS : "DUBEO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON" "BATHURST"
 1 SC : 729
 1 ML : 824
 2 YMS : 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD
 1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Davao Area - On 18 Sept. barracks and AA positions at Padada (central W. shores Davao Gulf) were attacked by 33 Liberators: several buildings were either destroyed or set on fire.

On the same day, the fuel storage area at the Sassa (or Davao) drome were attacked by 23 Liberators causing fires and explosions. There was no AA over Padada and only slight AA over Sassa: no interception was encountered on either mission.

Photos 16 Sept. of Davao Area airdromes showed:-

Sassa	: 4 F	1 MB	both runways serviceable.
Matina	: 3 F	7 MB	both runways serviceable.
Likanan	: 7 F	-	runways serviceable.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Consolidation and extension with vigorous patrolling continue on S. Morotai against negligible ground opposition, although an enemy party of unknown strength was reported just North of C. Wajaboela, on Central W. coast, on 17 Sept. and natives report other parties elsewhere on the Island.

Night 18-19 Sept. there were 2 air raid alerts: no raid materialized during the first alert but one high flying aircraft dropped a bomb near Wawama (in Pitoe Bay) during the second alert at 0600/19 Sept. without causing damage or casualties.

P.T. boats operating off S. W. Coast Morotai night 17 Sept. intercepted and destroyed a barge heading S. off Aroe: contents of the barge were undetermined.

- (2) N. Celebes - Night 17-18 Sept. Manado was bombed by 2 Liberators and Lembeh Strait were bombed by another 2 Liberators. 2 unidentified vessels were observed by aircraft that night near N.E. tip of Celebes.

During daylight 18 Sept. Langoan airdrome was bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 22 Mitchells which destroyed an estimated 4 grounded planes. At the same time personnel area at Langoan was bombed by a group of Mitchells and the personnel at Kakas (2 miles N.E. of Langoan) were attacked by 12 Mitchells. Escorting lightnings met no enemy aircraft air-borne and came down to strafe the dispersal areas at Langoan.

Reconnaissance during 18 Sept. observed one merchant ship, probably unserviceable in Lembeh Strait and 4 luggers in Amocrang Bay.

- (3) S.E. Celebes - Photos Kendari area 16 Sept. show 24 fighters, 6 medium bombers, 1 transport all serviceable on Kendari airdrome: no aircraft are visible on Boroboro. Taken in conjunction with photos of the same date of Ambesia drome (reported in Summary no. 965) there were a total of 24 bombers 25 fighters 1 transport shown on the 2 airfields (Kendari and Ambesia) besides some 10 fighters air-borne.

At 1115/17 Sept. aircraft over this area saw a cruiser preceded by a small escort vessel steaming out of Kolono Bay (25 miles S. Kendari).

- (4) S. E. Borneo - At approx. 1700/17 Sept. Catalinas observed 1 large vessel and 3 - 2500 ton vessels off S.E. coast Laeet Is.
 (5) Timor - At 1440/18 Sept. a sea truck was observed stationary off Cape Chater.
 (6) Ambon Area - Noon 17 Sept. a barge off Kairatoc and a schooner off Nolot were attacked and at least damaged by 14 Lightnings sweeping the area.

On 18 Sept. Haroekoe and Laha airdromes were attacked by a group of Liberators: there was neither AA nor interception encountered.

- (7) S.E. Ceram - Kai Is. - A small sea truck beached on Tioor Is. was bombed by a Likerator on 18 Sept.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Kaimana - Photos 16 Sept. show Utarom runways unserviceable and no serviceable aircraft present.
 - (2) Sorong - On 18 Sept. Samate strip was bombed by 12 Mitchells.
 - (3) Sansapor - Elimination of small groups of enemy in the Sansapor Area continued 18 Sept. bringing the total known enemy dead in the area up to 591: 80 Japs have been captured in addition to 160 Formosans/Koreans.
 - (4) Manokwari - On 17 Sept. Manokwari was bombed by 7 Aircobras and the Moemi-Ransiki strips by 8 Aircobras. A.M. 18 Sept. Manokwari airdrome and surrounding AA positions were attacked by 16 Aircobras while AA positions at Moemi were bombed and strafed by 6 Kittyhawks.
 - (5) Geelvink Bay - Active patrolling and elimination continues on Noemfoor and Biak.
 - (6) Wewak Area - Night 17-18 Sept. Victoria Bay on Kairiru Is. was shelled and rocketted by P.T. boats.
Suain village (approx. 21 miles E. of Driniumore River) was in occupation by our patrols 18 Sept. Several minor enemy contacts were reported by patrols on 18 Sept. in the Suain, Babiang and Yakamul areas. On 19 Sept. stores on S. coast Kairiru Is. were bombed by 1 Beaufighter.
4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - Reports received to date cover only 1 air strike on 18 Sept., namely, a successful attack on 2 bridges near Namatanai by 17 Dauntless.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - Reports of ground activities on 16 Sept. reveal that some 15-20 enemy tanks were destroyed during operations that day. During the succeeding days our forces continued to advance supported by aerial and surface forces, and artillery. Strong opposition was encountered on all fronts on Peleliu Is. and several severe counter attacks by the enemy had to be repulsed before our advance could be continued. By 1800/18 Sept. Asias town (approx. 1000 yards N. of Peleliu airfield) was captured and the whole of Peleliu Is. S. of Asias was in our hands.
On Angaur Is. opposition was reported on 17 and 18 Sept. as light, although several counterattacks were launched by the enemy. By 1800/18 Sept. the whole of the N. half of Angaura Is. was in our control.
At 1920/18 Sept. 2 enemy planes bombed our positions on Peleliu without effect.
Enemy casualties to 1800/18 Sept. total 5495 killed on Peleliu and 48 killed on Angaur: prisoners taken total 3. our combat casualties to the same time on both Islands numbered 353 killed 2351 wounded and 275 missing.
 - (2) Pulusuk Is. - (approx. 200 miles W.S.W. Truk) A.M. 18 Sept. 2 small armed trawlers and 1 tug, with a fighter covering, were sighted by a Ventura 25 miles E. of Pulusuk on course 270°. These are the vessels erroneously reported in yesterday's Summary No. 965 as at the entrance of Davao Gulf.
 - (3) Wotje - On 17 Sept. Wotje was raided by Dauntless which dropped 26½ tons bombs on a motor pool, and by 37 Corsairs. One Dauntless was lost to AA but the crew were rescued.
2. MARIANAS - On 16 Sept. the runway and gun positions on Rota Is. were bombed and strafed by 32 Kittyhawks. Rota and Pagan Is. are being subjected daily to light fighter-bomber sweeps.
 3. NAMPO SHOTO - On 15 Sept. 2 large landing craft were strafed by Cenpac aircraft off Iwo Jima: 2 enemy fighters intercepted and 1 was shot down.
Night 15-16 Sept. Iwo Jima was bombed by a Liberator and on 16 Sept. Iwo Jima airdrome was bombed by 15 Liberators: 4 enemy fighters attempted interception without effect.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

Addendum:

CENTRAL PHILIPPINES - Further shippings sightings this area Sept. 18 and 19 include:

- 1600/18 Sept. 2 loaded merchantment at anchor in Guimaras Strait.
- 0940/19 Sept. 3 transports W. of Leyte on Southerly course.
- 0630/19 Sept. 15 loaded naval landing craft in Bohol Strait heading S.
- 0730/19 Sept. Convoy 3 merchantmen one U/I vessel 2 naval landing craft and 1 escort described as a light cruiser in Bohol Strait heading S.
- 1100/19 Sept. The convoy appeared to be loaded. Two small coasters and 2 escorts were observed near Cebu.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Insignificant enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Morotai.
- (2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
- (3) Lack of enemy naval or air reaction to Blue operations in Western Carolines and SWPA.
- (4) Neutralization of enemy airfields in Eastern East Indies.
- (5) Repetition of Blue air strikes on Nampo Shoto.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		ALLIED FORCES	ENEMY FORCES	
		% Southwest Pacific) (Eastern Section)	South Pacific	
<u>BB</u>		-	(1) CALIFORNIA	
<u>CVE</u>	(12)	ADMIRALTY ISLANDS CHENANGO MIDWAY NASSAU BRETON	RUDYERD BAY SANGAMON SANTEE FANSHAW BAY WINDHAM BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE	PHOENIX @ HOBART	@ LEANDER
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2)	TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS	HERON CHINCOTEAGUE ORCAS	-
<u>DD</u>	(41)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ AMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HICKOX HOPEWELL HOWORTH HUGHES HUTCHINS	JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LANG LA VALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVANS TAYLOR HUNT BUSH	5
<u>AD</u>	(2)	WHITNEY	DIXIE	10
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW DACE DARTER GUAVINA	FLOUNDER FLYING FISH MINGO TARPON	) ) ) ) on patrol
	(4)	CERO PERMIT	STINGRAY SEA WOLF	) ) on passage
	(3)	S.42 S.45	S.47	) ) at Seeadler
	(2)	POLLACK	PLUNGER	) at Brisbane
	(2)	K.9	K.12	) at Sydney

% Including Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES (incl. mandates)</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H.T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HEBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND CRICK		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) FLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA ABUKUMA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTHEASTERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. GENERAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines - E. Indies

EMPIRE

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	<u>EMPIRE</u>	
<u>BB</u>	(16) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA &	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND & OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO MUSASHI & KOJIGO ISE) HYUGA) (convt. to carry A/C)
<u>CV</u>	(11) SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP		(5) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKAKO HAYATAKA AMAGI	
<u>CVL</u>	(9) CABOT COMPENS BATAAN BELLE WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY		(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO & RYUHO (poss. sunk)	
<u>CVE</u>	(28) GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MANILA BAY MITOHA BAY MULANEY BAY KITKUN BAY	PETROF BAY SITKOH BAY BARNES SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE HELEWEL BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA RCI	HONDA LONG ISLAND CORAL SEA CORRECIDOR LUNGA POINT MARCUS ISLAND SALAMUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND WHITE PLAINS	(2) JINYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WICHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND		(11) AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGANI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI	& MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(17) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELLIER HONOLULU ST. LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	BILOXI OAKLAND REMO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI	(6) SEKAWA OYODO HAGARA ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCONOKE	CHANDLER BALLARD		KASHII -	(2) AKITSUSHIMA & NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 180			25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u> <u>AS</u>	Approx. 30	?		10 ?	Approx. 45 2 (1 repairing)

© Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.
& Noneffective.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	ENEMY FORCES Malay- Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTOR S ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6) BATTLE ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMIR	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(9) FLASHER HARDER PADDLE HAKE JACK PARGO HADDO REDFIN	) Approx. 16	10 (poss. all German)
	(13) ASPRO HAMMERHEAD PORPOISE BONEFISH MUSKELLUNGE SANDLACE CABRILLA NARWHAL STORM CREVALLE P.318 TELEMACHUS GUNNELL	) on passage) at Darwin) at Exmouth Gulf	
	(2) HOE	NAUTILUS STOIC	
	(20) ANGLER COD SEA ROVER BATFISH GUITARO SIRDAR BLUEGILL GURNARD SPITEFUL BREAM HOE STURDY CLUDE O.19 TANTIVY K.14 RATON ZWARDFISCH RAY K.15	) at Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(3) MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS BISMARCKS	NEW GUINEA	EAST INDIES	PHILIPPINES	MANDATES
Fighters	-	-	111	237	14
S/E Bombers	-	-	54	112	2
T/E Bombers	-	-	117	110	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	8	-
Float Plane	10	-	57	21	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	18	4
TOTAL	10	-	361	506	29

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(1) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

(1) Task Force 70.1	: 2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"	
	30 <u>PT</u>	
Task Units 70.2	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"	
	1 <u>PC</u> : 1123	
Task Force 73	: 1 <u>AV</u> : "TANGIER"	1 <u>PF</u> : "GALLUP"
	2 <u>AVP</u> : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"	2 <u>AVR</u>
Task Force 77.1	: 6 <u>CVE</u> : "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"	
	"MIDWAY"	
	8 <u>DE</u> : "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS"	
	"J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"	
Task Force 77.3	: 6 <u>DD</u> : "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "McKEE" "STEVENS"	
	2 <u>AFD</u> : "CROSBY" "HERBERT"	1 <u>LSD</u> : "CARTER HALL"
	12 <u>LCT</u>	5 <u>LST</u>
Task Force 77.3.1	: 2 <u>PC</u> : 1119, 1134	2 <u>LCI</u> (G)
	1 <u>AT</u> : "SONOMA"	1 <u>LCI</u> (D)
		2 <u>LCI</u> (R)
Task Force 77.3.2	: 3 <u>PC</u> : 1120, 1122, 1133	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 41, 47, 334
	2 <u>LCI</u> (R)	2 <u>LCI</u> (F)
Task Group 77.4	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "HOEPWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"	
	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO"	1 <u>PF</u> : "EL PASO"
	2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393	1 <u>HDML</u> 1074
	1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAW"	5 <u>AK</u>
	8 <u>LCT</u>	1 <u>LCT</u> (Radar)
Task Group 77.5	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"	
	12 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.6	: 3 <u>DD</u> : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"	
	2 <u>PF</u> : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"	
	9 <u>LST</u>	3 <u>MV</u>
Task Group 77.7	: 2 <u>AFD</u>	1 <u>PF</u> : "LONG BEACH"
	2 <u>YO</u>	2 <u>YFD</u>
	2 <u>YPD</u>	7 <u>YB</u>
	2 <u>AT</u>	4 <u>AT</u>
	2 <u>YOG</u>	2 <u>LGM</u>

(2) "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS" (CVE) departed Langemak 1730/19 for U.S.A.

(3) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.

(4) "GANYMEDE" (AK) proceeding Hollandia to Manus ETA 0900/22.

(5) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19, tending navigational aids along North coast to Morobe, thence returning to Milne Bay.

(6) 8 submarines on patrol: 2 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AVP: "SAN PABLO"
 1 AF: "CHETCO"

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 14 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BE.LLE"
 "BACHE" "DALY" "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN" "TAYLOR"
 "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH"

Escorts 47 PT
 8 : 2 PF : "ORANGE" "ROCKFORD"
 3 MS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML : 817, 818 1 YMS: 9
 Auxiliaries 27 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE"
 "KOOPA" (JGP) "CALAMARES" (AF) "SUSQUEHANNA" (JOC)
 "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "CHIPPEWA" "WATO"
 "HIDATSA" (AF) "VIREO" (ATF) "SILVERBELL" "TEABERRY" (YN)
 "RAYAT" "MINK" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "CABLE"
 (ARS) "POYANG" (AE) "REMUS" (ARL)
 1 ATR 2 YP : 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 698
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 4 DD : "RUSSELL" "ANDERSON" "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN"
 Escorts 24 : 5 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "MUSKOGEE"
 "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"
 10 MS : "BENDIGO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GLADSTONE"
 "GYMPIE" "DELORAINIE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 2 PC : 476m 477 1 PCE(R): 350
 6 SC : 637, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 30 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (JGC) "BISHOPDALE" (A) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (JOC) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "WARD"
 (APD) "MANCORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "PYRO" (AF) "DOBBIN"
 (AD) "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "MURZIM" "TRIANGULUM" (JK)
 "PANDA" "VILLALOBOS" "OCTRA" (IX) "LAURABADA" (JG)
 "MERKUR" (AF) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD: 7
 2 AFD: 11, 25

Titape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 5 CVE : "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "ALTAMHA" "BRETON" "WINDHAM BAY"
 3 DD : "HICKOX" "THATCHER" "DAVID W. TAYLOR"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 33 : 17 DE : "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON"
 "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENDREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "ACREE" "PAUL G. BAKER" "BOWERS"
 "WEAVER" "WINTLE" "FIEBELING" "HILLBERT"
 "SWEARER"
 5 PC : 606, 1121, 1131, 1132, 1139
 1 PF : "BISBEE"
 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 1 ML : 827
 4 YMS : 49, 52, 70, 97
 Auxiliaries 54 : "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA" "LACKAWANNA" "SAUGATUCK" "CACHE"
 "GUADALUPE" "NECHES" "PECOS" "CHIKASKIA" "ESCAMBIA"
 "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" "RIO GRANDE"
 (AOG) "STRATFORD" (JGP) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM)
 "MEDUSA" "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "HERON" (AVP) "ALBASTER" (PYC)
 "PATHFINDER" (JGS) "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "PHOBOS"
 "BOOTES" "VEGA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CARIBOU" "BEREND"
 "ARETHUSA" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "GEN. R. L. HOWZE" (AP)
 "KITTYHAWK" (AKV) "CEBU" (JRG) "TAWABAN" "TERAN" (AE)

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRETAdmiralties: (Cont)

<u>Auxiliaries</u>		:	"ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY" (AE)
			2 <u>ARD</u> : 19, 20 1 <u>AFD</u> : 8
			4 <u>YRD</u> 1 <u>ABSD</u>
			3 <u>YP</u> : 280, 288, 585
<u>Saidor:</u>			
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"TANCRED" (AT)
<u>Alexishafen-Madang:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	17	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "BURDEKIN"
			3 <u>AMS</u> : "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"
			2 <u>SC</u> : 703, 743 2 <u>YMS</u> : 10, 48
			9 <u>ML</u> : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	13	:	"ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
			"OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS) "PUNG AREE" (AM) "DERRICK" (YO)
			2 <u>YRD</u> 1 <u>ARD</u> : 12
			2 <u>AFD</u> : 16, 24 1 <u>YP</u> : 504
<u>Langemak:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	4	<u>PT</u>	
<u>Escorts</u>	13	:	1 <u>DE</u> : "MANNING" 1 <u>PF</u> : "HAWKESBURY"
			2 <u>AMS</u> : "KIAMA" "LATROBE" 1 <u>PC</u> : 585
			3 <u>SC</u> : 659, 734, 738, 750 3 <u>YMS</u> : 335, 336, 71
			1 <u>ML</u> : 802 1 <u>PGM</u>
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	7	:	"KASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT) "CLADE"
			(IX) "DIXIE" (AD) "MINLANAO" (ARG)
			1 <u>AFD</u> : 10
<u>Milne Bay:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	4	<u>PT</u>	
<u>Escorts</u>	5	:	1 <u>DE</u> : "LOVELACE" 1 <u>PC</u> : 479
			1 <u>AMS</u> : "STAWELL" 2 <u>SC</u> : 732, 736
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	16	:	"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIC" (AKS) "SATINLEAF" (YN)
			"GEN. M.L. HERSHEY" (AP) "RAIL" "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA"
			(PG) "KURUMBA" (AO) "ORESTES" (AGP) "OCTANS" (AF)
			1 <u>ARD</u> : 9 2 <u>AFD</u> : 5, 12
			3 <u>YP</u> : 233, 237, 449
<u>Port Moresby:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>YMS</u> : "RINDJANI"
			1 <u>ML</u> : 421
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "GAMBLE" (DM) was to return from Finschhafen to Port Purvis after arriving Finschhafen 2200/20 with "DIXIE" (AD).
- (2) "PC.1589" escorting "CAPE SAINT ELIAS" departed Guadalcanal 1600/19 for Finschhafen.
- (3) "PC.1120" was to depart Manus 18 Sept. for Torokina.

(b) In Harbour:

<u>Emirau:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>PC</u> : 598 1 <u>SC</u> : 620
<u>Green Is:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	12	<u>PT</u>	
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>SC</u> : 518 1 <u>YMS</u> : 95
<u>Torokina:</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	8	:	2 <u>DE</u> : "OSMUS" "STADTFELDT"
			3 <u>PC</u> : 598, 605, 1229 2 <u>SC</u> : 1188, 1590
			1 <u>YMS</u> : 259
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"TAGANAK" (AO)
<u>Treasury Is:</u>			
<u>Combat Units</u>	34	<u>PT</u>	
	6	<u>PGM</u>	
<u>Escorts</u>	9	:	3 <u>DE</u> : "FOREMAN" "WILLMARTH" "WHITEHURST"
			3 <u>PC</u> : 598, 605, 1229
			1 <u>YMS</u> : 47 2 <u>SC</u> : 677, 722
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	6	:	"TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AMS) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND"
			"JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "ALDER AMIN" (AK)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 PC : 1120
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (IG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) "GOLDSTAR" (IG) proceeding Milne Bay to Brisbane ETA 0700/22.
- (2) "SWAN" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0800/19 for Sydney ETA 0800/25.
- (3) "ORCA" (AVP) departed Biak Is 1700/14 for Sydney was due 0600/21.
- (4) "BINGERA" (IG) departed Sydney 1400/12 for Madang ETA 1500/21.
- (5) "BARCOO" (PF) departed Thursday Is 1400/17 for Sydney ETA 22 Sept.
- (6) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwich, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.
- (7) "RESERVE" (AT) was to depart Sydney PM 16 Sept. for Brisbane.
- (8) "MIZAN" (AF) departed Caloundra 0200/20 for Port Phillip ETA 0500/22.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERABOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 6 : 5 AMS: "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" "BUNBURY" "PIRIE" "PARKES"
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 IGS: "VICILANT" "STELLA"

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW"
 3 SC : 699, 737, 748 4 YMS: 73, 313, 314, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORRIS" (IX)
 1 AFD: 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KATOOMBIA" "BALLARAT"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (IGS)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (IRS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 3 SS : "POLLACK" "PLUNGER" "SEA WOLF"
 Escorts 14 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEELONG"
 2 PCE: 848, 849 1 PC : 1124
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (IK) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) "CARONDOLET" (IX)
 "WRIGHT" (AV) "BENALLA" (IGS) "PONTUS" (IGP)
 1 YP : 421

Sydney :

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DE : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 9 : 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
 1 AMS: "TARENAMBOOL"
 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
 2 PC : 584, 1130
 Auxiliaries 7 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (IGS) "VENUS" (IK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DE : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 2 : 2 A/S: "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "IPSWICH" "BUNDBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 IGS: "MORESBY"
 4 AMS: "HORSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (2) 8 submarines on patrol: 15 submarines on passage.

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

TOP SECRET

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Combat Units 2 SS : "NAUTILUS" "CERO"
Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ISR) "SHEPPARTON" (JGS)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/21:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Onslow

Combat Units 3 SS : "HOE" "CUNNEL" "TELEMACHUS"
Escorts 2 : 1 AMS : "BOWEN"
1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
17 SS : "BREAM" "CLYDE" "BATFISH" "GUITARO" "GUNNARD" "ROE"
"RATON" "RAY" "SEA ROVER" "SIRDAR" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL"
"TANTIVY" "ZWARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15" "O.19"
Escorts 9 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
5 JGS : "LUBBO" "TAWORTH" "MILLURA" "LAUNCESTON" "
"BATHURST"
1 SC : 729
1 ML : 824
2 YMS : 11, 72
Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
"CHANTICLEER" (ISR)
1 ARD : 10
1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST-PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- X (1) Palawan - At 1630/19 Sept., 8 merchant ships were observed off S.E. coast Palawan near S.V. end of the Island course S.
- (2) Panay - Cebu Area - A.M. 20 Sept. an escort vessel was observed heading N. in Bohol Passage apparently having left Cebu and another escort vessel was observed heading N. out of Guimaras Strait.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Consolidation and extension proceeds with practically no enemy interference: patrolling is being carried out reporting contacts with small enemy groups only.
- Night 18-19 Sept. 1 sea truck carrying fully equipped troops and loaded with fuel, ammunition and stores was destroyed by PT boats near Gorango Pt. (N.E. coast Morotai) whilst heading N. a collapsable barge and another small boat which were aiding personnel off the sea truck to escape were also sunk. The same night 2 enemy barges were probably sunk by PT. boats whilst heading E. off Petak Pt. (N.E. Halmahera).
- Enemy aircraft in small groups, possibly singly, were over our Southern Morotai positions 3 times during the night 19-20 Sept.: no damage or casualties were suffered from bombs dropped.
- (2) Halmahera - On 18 Sept. airdromes in N. Halmahera, namely Galela, Miti and Lolobata, were attacked by carrier-borne aircraft which flew 108 sorties dropping 27½ tons bombs and firing 31 rockets. Claims include 5 aircraft destroyed, 1 probably destroyed and 16 damaged all on the ground: many of these aircraft were previously damaged. Two tankers which had also been previously damaged were attacked and further damaged.
- (3) N. Celebes - A late report states that aircraft from a Cenpac aircraft carrier task group attacked Langoan airdrome on 15 Sept. firing 179 rockets in 36 sorties: 1 enemy medium bomber was destroyed in the air.
- Night 18-19 Sept. Sidate airdrome was bombed by 2 Liberators and Manado town bombed by another 2 Liberators.
- A.M. 19 Sept. stores and warehouses in Amorang were bombed by 31 Liberators dropping nearly 70 tons bombs: 25 escorting Lightnings met no enemy aircraft air-borne so came down and strafed the target. At the same time Mapanget airdrome was bombed from minimum altitude by 22 Mitchells and the airdrome area at Langoan including personnel areas at Kakas were bombed by 22 Mitchells: 31 escorting Lightnings saw no enemy aircraft air-borne so strafed and set on fire 1 small coaster 2 barges and 2 other small craft in the Manado-Lembah Strait area. Coordinated with the above attacks the airdrome and personnel area at Sidate were attacked by 20 Mitchells. In addition to the above a camp site a Lembah Strait was bombed by 4 Liberators and a fuel dump at Manado was bombed by 5 Liberators causing a heavy explosion in the latter target followed by a fire extending through half the target.
- Liberators over N. Celebes 19 Sept. sighted 2 small ships beached W. of Bolaangoeki Bay and 1 large sea truck heading W. along N. coast Manado 45 miles from Toli Toli Bay.
- (4) E. Celebes - At 1210/19 Sept. a lugger carrying 30 personnel was strafed by a Liberator and destroyed 4 miles N. of Banggai Bay: some of the personnel were killed. Another lugger and a few small craft were also observed in the area.
- (5) S.W. Celebes - Night 17-18 Sept. a Catalina observed 3 medium sized vessels, 1 small vessel and numerous small craft in Makassar Harbor: 2 of the larger vessels were alongside the Quay.
- (6) S. Celebes Sea - Late reports state that a U. S. submarine sank 1 cargo vessel and 1 merchant ship on 25 August and 1 minelayer 1 large cargo vessel laden with ammunition all in S. Celebes Sea.
- (7) Ambon Area - In addition to the attack on Haroekoe and Laha airdromes on 18 Sept. Amahai was bombed by 3 Liberators. The group which attacked the 2 first named dromes involved 17 Liberators
- At 1130/19 Sept. Amahai drome was bombed by 24 Liberators.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (7) Ambon Area (Contd.) - At 1000/19 Sept. a 75 ton sea truck was strafed by a Liberator and left sinking 50 miles SSW of Ambon: the ship was originally on course 180°.
- (8) Ceram - At 0925/20 Sept. Boela strip was bombed by 5 Bostons.
- (9) Bandar Sea - A.M. 20 Sept. fighter sweeps were conducted over S.E. Ceram Is., Danda Is. and the Island groups running from S. E. Ceram down to and including Kai Islands involving 2 Beaufighters and over 20 Kittyhawks: in all over 30 small craft of various types were strafed and many destroyed.
At 1415/20 Sept. Larat village on Greater Kai Is. was bombed by 2 Mitchells
- (10) Babar Is. - At 1410/20 Sept. Tapa village was bombed by a recce Liberator.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Kaimana Area - A.M. 20 Sept. 3 barges probably already unserviceable were strafed and further damaged by 3 Kittyhawks in Raaf Bay.
- (2) Babo - Aircraft over Babo A.M. 20 Sept. reported that No. 1 runway showed signs of recent repairs, craters having been filled in.
- (3) Wewak - Night 18-19 Sept. Wewak strip was bombed by 5 Beauforts.
A.M. 19 Sept. dumps at Wewak and at But were bombed by 8 Beauforts:
P.M. 19 Sept. huts on Kairiru Is. and the coastal road from Wewak to Boram were attacked by 9 Beauforts. A.M. 20 Sept. Kairiru village was attacked by 6 Beauforts.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS

- (1) Garelle Peninsula - Night 17-18 Sept. Rabaul was harassed by 5 Mitchells which dropped bombs near Vulcan Crater.
At 0745/18 Sept. Raluana Pt. was bombed by 35 Dauntless 30 Corsairs. Also during 18 Sept. targets in the Rabaul Area were bombed by 20 Corsairs on patrol.
At 1130/19 Sept. the barge hideout at Sulphur Creek was bombed by 9 Mitchells.
- (2) New Ireland - On 18 Sept. coastal targets on N.E. coast near Kavieng were bombed by 18 Corsairs.
At midday 19 Sept. bridges and buildings throughout New Ireland were attacked by 18 Dauntless 8 Corsairs and Kavieng town was bombed by 6 Corsairs. In addition at dawn 19 Sept. a barge containing 12 Jap troops was attacked by 4 Corsairs near Cape St. George: the barge was sunk and the Japs killed.
- (3) Bougainville - A.M. 18 Sept. the supply area at the head of Tonolei Harbor was bombed by 8 Mitchells. Also during 18 Sept. personnel near Kieta and Buka Passage was strafed by Corsairs.
At 0715/19 Sept. the camp site at Porton near Buak Passage was attacked by 22 Dauntless, 1 Avenger, 3 Ventura and 32 Corsairs.
At dusk 19 Sept. Kahili was bombed by a Mitchell.

A. CENTRAL PACIFIC1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - No further information is available concerning operations on Palau.
- (2) Puluwat Area - At 1800/18 Sept. 2 tugs and a trawler were attacked off Puluwat Is. by 10 Norsols Mitchells: 1 tug was left dead in the water after receiving a possible hit and the other 2 ships were possibly damaged by near misses. These are probably the 3 vessels described in yesterday's Summary No. 966, as 2 trawlers and a tug approaching Pulusul from the E. A.M. 18 Sept.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Insignificant enemy opposition to Blue consolidation on Morotai.
- (2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
- (3) Lack of enemy naval or air reaction to Blue operations in Western Carolines and SWPA.
- (4) Heavy Blue strikes on Manado bases.
- (5) Further U. S. submarine successes.

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DAILY GENERAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
		<u>% Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Eastern Section)</u>	<u>South Pacific (incl. Mandat</u>	
<u>BB</u>			(1) CALIFORNIA	-
<u>CVE</u>	(14)	ADMIRALTY ISLANDS CHENANGO MIDWAY MASSAU BRETON BARNES	RUDYERD BAY SANGMON SAPPEE FAN SHAW BAY WINDHAM BAY SITKOH BAY	-
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	-
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE NASHVILLE	PHOENIX @HOBART	@ LEANDER -
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2)	TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6)	HALF MOON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS	HERON CHINCOTEAGUE ORCAS	-
<u>DD</u>	(43)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ AMMEN ANDERSON LACHE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHEILI EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HICKOX HOPEWELL HOWORTH HUGHES FUTCHINS DAVID W. TAYLOR	JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KIILEN LANG LA VALLETTE McKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY JUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVENS TAYLOR HUNT BUSH THATCHER	5 -
<u>AD</u>	(2)	WHITNEY	DIXIE	10
<u>SS</u>	(8)	BASHAW DACE DARTER QUAVINA	FLOUNDER) FLYING FISH) MINGO) TARPON)on patrol	
	(2)	PERMIT	STINGRAY	)on passage
	(3)	S.42 S.45	S.44) S.45)at Seeadler	
	(3)	POLLACK SEA WOLF	FLUNGER) FLUNGER)at Brisbane FLUNGER)	
	(2)	K.9	K.12	)at Sydney

% Including Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Cont)

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCE (incl. mandates)</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H. T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (APS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

TOP SECRET
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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES
Philippines - E. Indies

ENEMY FORCES
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Category	Count	Allied Forces	Enemy Forces
<u>BB</u>	(16)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANNA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA £ OKLAHOMA
			TENNESSEE (3) MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND
			MUSASHI (5) NAGATO FUSO YAMAGUCHI MUSASHI EKONGO ISE HYUGA (conv to ca ry a/
<u>CV</u>	(11)	SARATOGA ENTERPRISE YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	FRANKLIN INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP
			(5) UNRYU TAIHO ZUIKO HAYATA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATEAN BELLEAU WOOD INDEPENDENCE	LANCLEY PRINCETON SAN JACINTO MONTEREY
			(5) CHITOSE CHITOSE HOSHINO ZUIHO ERYUHO (poss sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(26)	GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY MANILA BAY MATOMA BAY AMMANEY BAY KITKUN BAY	PETROF BAY WHITE PLAINS SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHENTA BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA ROI
			MUNDA (2) LONG ISLAND CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA WITCHITA NEW ORLEANS LOUDEVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY PORTLAND
			(11) AOBA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI
<u>OCA</u>		-	- 6
<u>CL</u>	(17)	COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI
			(4) YAHAGI (6) NOSHIRO KINU KITAGAMI KASHII KASHIM
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	CURTISS POCOMOKE	CHANDELEUR BALLARD
<u>DD</u>		Approx 180	25-30 20 (several pairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx 30	10 Approx 45
<u>AS</u>		?	? 2 (1 repai

£ Non-effective.

@ Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

5. EAST INDIES-INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Malay- Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>		(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>		(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>		(6) BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMBEER	UNYO
<u>CA</u>		(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
	(2) ADELAIDE NICOTIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>		(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>		(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(8) FLASHER HARDER PADDLE) HAFNI NARWHAL PARGO) HARDO REDFIN)	Approx. 16 on patrol	10 (Poss. all German)
	(15) ANGLER CREVALLE PORPOISE) ASPRO COD SANDLACE) BLUEFISH HAMMERHEAD STORM) BONFISH JACK STOIC) CARRILLA P. 318 MUSKELLUNGE)	on passage	
	(2) CERO NAUTILUS) (3) HCS GUNNEL TELEMACHUS)	at Darwin at Exmouth Gulf	
	(17) BATTLESHIP GUSTARO SEA ROVER) BREAM GUNNARD SIRDAR) ORDE HCS SPITEFUL) K. 14 O. 39 STUR) K. 15 TANTIVY) RAV ZWAARDFISCH)	at Fremantle	
<u>AS</u>	(3) MANDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYLE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED AIR STRENGTH

SOURCE	NEW GUINEA	EAST INDIES	PHILIPPINES	MANDATES
Fighters	-	111	247	14
S/E Bombers	-	54	98	2
T/E Bombers	-	117	109	3
Flying Boats	-	6	11	-
Float Plane	30	54	27	6
Obsn. A/C	-	16	28	4
TOTAL	30	358	520	29

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. 968

Date 22 September 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WESTERN PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) Task Force 70.1	: 2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"	
	30 <u>PT</u>	
Task Units 70.2	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"	
	1 <u>PC</u> : 1123	
Task Force 73	: 1 <u>AV</u> : "TANGIER"	1 <u>PF</u> : "GALLUP"
	2 <u>AVP</u> : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"	
	2 <u>AVR</u>	
Task Force 77.1	: 6 <u>CVE</u> : "SAGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"	
	"MIDWAY"	
	8 <u>DE</u> : "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"	
	"J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "SHELTON"	
Task Force 77.3	: 6 <u>DD</u> : "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "McKEE" "STEVENS"	
	2 <u>APD</u> : "CROSBY" "HERBERT"	1 <u>LSD</u> : "CARTER HALL"
	12 <u>LCT</u>	
Task Force 77.3.1	: 2 <u>PC</u> : 1119, 1134	2 <u>LCI(G)</u>
	1 <u>AT</u> : "SONOMA"	1 <u>LCI(D)</u>
		2 <u>LCI(R)</u>
Task Force 77.3.2	: 3 <u>PC</u> : 1120, 1122, 1133	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 47, 51, 334
	2 <u>LCI(R)</u>	4 <u>LCI(G)</u>
	1 <u>LCI(F)</u>	
Task Group 77.4	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "HOPEWELL" "LANG" "NICHOLAS" "O'BANNON"	
	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO"	2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393
	1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAW"	1 <u>HDML</u> 1074
	5 <u>AK</u>	1 <u>LCT</u> (Radar)
	8 <u>LCT</u>	
Task Group 77.5	: 4 <u>DD</u> : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"	
	12 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.6	: 3 <u>DD</u> : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"	
	2 <u>PF</u> : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"	
	9 <u>LST</u>	3 <u>MV</u>
Task Group 77.7	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "LONG BEACH" "SAN PEDRO"	
	2 <u>AFD</u>	2 <u>YFD</u>
	2 <u>YO</u>	2 <u>YPD</u>
	7 <u>YB</u>	2 <u>AT</u>
	4 <u>AT</u>	2 <u>YOG</u>
	2 <u>LCM</u>	

(2) "YMS.53, 71" were to depart Hollandia so as to arrive Manus 24 Sept.

(3) "GANYMEDE" (AK) proceeding Hollandia to Manus ETA 0600/23.

(4) "SATINLEAF" (YN) towing "YF.611" was to depart Milne Bay 18 Sept. for Manus, returning to Milne Bay upon completion.

(5) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRET

(6) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19, tending navigational lights aids along North coast to Morobe, thence returning to Milne Bay.

(7) 7 submarines on patrol: 4 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Ansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AVP: "SAN PABLO" 1 AT: "CHETCO"

Noenfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SRHOPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 14 DD : "ARUNT" "WARRAMUNG" "A MEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BACHE"
 "BEALE" "DALY" "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN" "TAYLOR"
 "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH"

Escorts 47 PT
 8 : 2 PF: "ORANGE" "ROCKFORD"
 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML: 817, 818 1 YMS: 9

Auxiliaries 25 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WICHAPREAGUE"
 "KOOBA" (AGP) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "CHIPPEWA" "WATO" "HIDATSA" (AT) "VIREO" (ATP) "SILVERBELL"
 "TEBERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" "MINK" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
 (AM) "CALBE" (ARS) "POYANG" (JE) "REMUS" (ARL)
 1 ATR 2 YP: 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "EL PASO" 1 SC: 698
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 4 DD : "RUSSELL" "ANDERSON" "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN"
 Escorts 25 : 5 PF: "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASCOYNE" "MUSKOGEE"
 "BURLINGTON" "CARSON CITY"

10 AMS: "BENGIDO" "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA" "GYMPIE"
 "GLADSTONE" "DELORAINIE" "BROOME" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 2 PC: 476, 477 1 PCE(R): 850
 6 SC: 637, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 1 YMS: 10
 Auxiliaries 32 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WATCH" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "WARD"
 (APD) "MANCORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD)
 "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "MURZIM" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA"
 "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "LAURABIDA" (AG)
 "CALAMARES" "MERKUR" (AF) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 3 YP: 240, 291, 292 1 ARD: 7
 2 AFD: 11, 25

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BB : "CALIFORNIA"
 2 CV : "FRANKLIN" "ENTERPRISE"
 2 CVL : "BELLEAU WOOD" "SAN JACINTO"
 5 CVE : "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "ALTAMIRA" "BLETON" "WINDHAM BAY"
 1 CA : "NEW ORLEANS"
 1 CL : "BILOXI"
 15 DD : "BAGLEY" "CRAVEN" "GRIDLEY" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALLE"
 "MUGFORD" "NICHOLSON" "PATTERSON" "RAEPH" "TALBOT" "WILKES"
 "SWANSON" "HICKOX" "THATCHER" "DAVID W. TAYLOR"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 33 : 18 DE : "PIEDMONT" "LASSEN" "DELAHANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON"
 "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENDREAU" "ACREE"
 "MITCHELL" "PAUL C. BAKER" "BOWERS" "WEAVER"
 "FIEBERLING" "HILLBERT" "SWEARER" "HARMON"
 "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"

Escorts (Cont) : 4 PC : 606, 1121, 1132, 1139
 1 PF : "BISBEE"
 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 1 ML : 827 4 YMS: 49, 52, 70, 97

Auxiliaries 55 : "PAMANSET" "WASCOM" "LACKAWANNA" "SAUGATUCK" "CACHE"
 "KASKASKIA" "GUADALUPE" "MECHES" "PECOS" "CHIKASKIA"
 "ESCAMBIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO) "PASQUOTANK"
 "RIO GRANDE" (AG) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM) "MEDUSA"
 "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "ALBASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "VEGA"
 "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CANIBOU" "ARENDI" "ARETHUSA"
 "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" (IX) "STRATFORD" "GEN.R.L.HOWZE" (AP)
 "ARCTIC" (AF) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV) "CEBU" (AG) "TANABAI"
 "TELAN" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD)
 "SANGAY" (AE) 2 ARD: 19, 20
 1 AFD: 8 4 YRD
 3 YP : 289, 288, 585 1 ABSD

Saidor:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 16 : 1 PF : "BURDEKIN"
 3 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE"
 2 SC : 703, 743 1 YMS: 48
 9 ML : 426, 428, 801, 803, 8106, 812, 816, 819, 825

Auxiliaries 13 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARB) "QUEBRA ISLAND" (AG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "BINGERA" (AG) "PING WO" (ALIS) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 2 ARD 1 ARD : 12
 2 AFD : 16, 24 1 YP : 504

Langemak:
 Combat Units 4 PT
 Escorts 14 : 1 DE : "MANNING" 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY"
 2 AMS: "KIAMA" "LATROBE" 2 PC : 585, 1131
 3 SC : 659, 734, 739, 750 3 YMS: 46, 335, 336
 1 ML : 802 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 9 : "AASE MAERSK" "KUCUMBA" (AO) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT)
 "CLYDE" (IX) "DIXIE" (AD) "MINDANAO" (AG) "MOUNT HOOD" (AE)
 1 AFD: 10

Milne Bay:
 Combat Units 4 PT
 Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 1 PC : 479
 1 AMS: "STAWELL" 2 SC : 732,
 2 YMS: 314, 336

Auxiliaries 13 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "GEN.M.L.HENSHEY"
 (AP) "RAIL" "S-RIGHTLY" (AT) "TULSA" (PG) "ORESTES" (AGP)
 1 ARD: 9 2 AFD: 5, 12
 3 YP : 233, 237, 449

At Moresby:
 Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML : 421
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "HERON" (AVP) departed Green Is 1500/21 ETA Manus 1600/23.
- (2) "WINTLE" (DE) was to depart Seeadler 21 Sept. for Tulagi.
- (3) "GEN.O.H.ERNST" (AP) was to depart Guadalcanal about 1800/19 for Finschhafen ETA 1400/21: for onward routing to Manus IS.
- (4) "DABY" (DE) escorting "BRIAREUS" (AR) was to depart Santo 0600/22 for Manus ETA was to PM 26 Sept.
- (5) "PCS.1402" was to depart Manus 21 Sept. and proceed to Treasury Is to escort "HENRY R. SCHOOLCRAFT".
- (6) "GAMBLE" (DM) was to return from Finschhafen to Port Purvis after arriving Finschhafen 2200/20 with "DIXIE" (AD).
- (7) "PC.1589" escorting "CAPE SAINT ELIAS" departed Guadalcanal 1600/19 for Finschhafen.
- (8) "PC.588" escorting "PATRUSCO" (AOG) was to depart Tulagi 1800/21 for Emirau ETA AM 25 Sept.
- (9) "C.42" escorting "TIGANAK" (AO) proceeding Torokina to Lunga ETA 1300/22.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 620Green Is:Combat Units 12 PTEscorts 2 : 1 SC : 518 1 YMS: 95Torokina:Escorts 8 : 2 DE : "OSMUS" "STATFELDT"
3 PC : 598, 605, 1129 2 SC : 1188, 1590
1 YMS: 259Treasury Is:Combat Units 34 PT
6 PGMEscorts 9 : 2 DE : "FOREMAN" "WILLMARTH"
4 PC : 598, 605, 620, 1229
1 YMS: 47 2 SC : 677, 722Auxiliaries 6 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AMS) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND"
"JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "ALDERAMIN" (AK)Munda:Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 PC : 1120

Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

- (1) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) was to depart Brisbane about 22 Sept for Milne Bay, for onward routing to Hollandia, arriving by 30 Sept.
- (2) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Milne Bay about 20 Sep and proceed to Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
- (3) "SC.736" departed Milne Bay 1400/20 for Cairns ETA 0900/23.
- (4) "SWAN" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0800/19 for Sydney ETA 0800/25.
- (5) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.

(b) IN Harbour:Merauke:Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SNEROE" "MERABOE"Thursday Is:Escorts 5 : 5 AMS: "FREMANTLE" "INVERELL" "BUNBURY" "PIRIE" "PARKES"Auxiliaries 2 : 2 IGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA"Cairns:Escorts 8 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW"
3 SC : 699, 737, 748 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
1 AFD : 3 1 YP : 283Townsville:Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KATOOMBA" "BALLARAT"

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Downen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (AMS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:Combat Units 3 SS : "POLLACK" "PLUNGER" "SEA WOLF"Escorts 14 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEE LONG"8 PCE: 848, 849 1 PC : 11248 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821

Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONOLET" (IX) "RESERVE" (AT) "WRIGHT" (AG)

"BENALLA" (AGS) "PONTUS" (AGP) "GOLDSTAR" (AG)

1 YP : 421Sydney:Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"Escorts 10 : 1 PF : "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"3 AGS: "KEERA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"3 ML : 810, 822, 823 2 PC : 584, 1130

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRET

Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (JR) "CHALLENGER" (JGS) "VENUS" (JK) "YUNNAN" (JL)
"POINT LOMA" (JT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (JH) "ORCA" (JWP)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
Escorts 2 : 2 MS: "ABRAHAM CRIJNNSEN" "DOOMBA"
Auxiliaries 4 : "PLATEUS" (JR) "MIZAR" (JF) "GEN. G. M. RANDALL"
"GEN. WILLIAM MITCHELL" (JF)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 MS: "IPSWICH" "DUNDEBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

(1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 JGS: "MORESBY"
4 AMS: "HORSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
(2) 7 submarines on patrol: 16 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Combat Units 2 SS : "NATUPILUS" "MUSKELLUNGE"
Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (JSR) "SHEPPATON" (JGS)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/22:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Combat Units 2 SS : "HOE" "TELEMACHUS"
Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN"
1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
17 SS : "DREAM" "CLYDE" "BATTLESHIP" "GUITAR" "GURMATE" "ROE"
"RANTON" "RAY" "SEA ROVER" "SARDAR" "STURLY" "SPITEFUL"
"TANTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15" "K.19"
Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
5 AMS: "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILLURAH" "LAUNCESTON"
"ATHURST"
1 SC : 729
1 ML : 824
2 YMS: 11, 72
Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MILLSTONE" (JL) "ISADEL" (PY)
"CHANTICLEER" (JSR)
1 ARD: 10
1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Leyte - Cebu - At 1220/19 Sept aircraft observed 2 large sea trucks and 4-6 small sea trucks in Surigao Harbor.
 X Night 19-20 Sept. a tanker and a sea truck off S. coast Bohol Is. were attacked by a Catalina: the smaller vessel was damaged.
- (2) Davao Area - At 0030/21 Sept. a Catalina attacked and sank a sea truck at the entrance to Davao Gulf and shortly afterwards sighted 1 or 2 ships near Davao including 1 burning ship.
 X At 1300/21 Sept. a group of 12 small ships (sea truck type) were attacked by a Liberator 15 miles E. of San Augustin: several of these ships were forced to beach.
- (3) Zamboanga Area - Night 19-20 Sept. a merchant ship (2-4500 tons) was attacked by a Catalina approx. 15 miles W.N.W. Zamboanga and damaged.
 X At 1130/21 Sept. a merchant ship was bombed and damaged by a Liberator 115 miles N.E. of Zamboanga whilst heading westwards.
- (4) W. Coast Mindanao - At 1600/17 Sept. a U. S. submarine scored 2 torpedo hits in a tanker and 2 hits in a cargo vessel off Sindangan Point.
- (5) Luzon - At 1200/20 Sept. a U. S. submarine sank a Kamikaze class destroyer off W. coast Luzon.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - An amphibious patrol to Cape Midjioe (near N. tip Morotai) met no enemy although recently occupied prepared positions were found: equipment and supplies captured indicated that an enemy party was in the vicinity or had been there recently.
- (2) Halmahera - Enemy airfields in central and N. Halmahera were attacked 19, 20 and 21 Sept. by carrier based aircraft: on the three days respectively 104, 23 and 16 sorties were flown. A number of aircraft were found on the ground particularly at Galela, although photos show that all probably had been damaged by previous raids. Of these damaged aircraft 11 were destroyed and 4 probably destroyed during the 3 days.
 In addition to the above, Djailolo was attacked 20 Sept. by 3 Lightnings. On the same day Kau strip was bombed by 12 Thunderbolts and personnel and stores areas at Kau were bombed and strafed by 10 Bostons. Observations by these planes included 20-30 barges of undetermined serviceability along the S. shore Wasili Bay.
- (3) N. Celebes - Night 19-20 Sept. Manada town was bombed by 2 Liberators: fires started from previous raids were still burning.
 On 20 Sept. Mapanget drome was bombed by 14 Liberators, Sidate drome was bombed by 10 Liberators, the Amoerang-Sidate road was bombed by 2 Liberators, stores on Lembeh Is. were bombed by 6 Liberators and the personnel areas at Tondano were strafed by 13 Lightnings.
 Photos 17 Sept. show that although 4500 feet of the Langoan runway was serviceable prior to the attack that day it was unserviceable over the entire length after the raid. 42 aircraft were visible on the ground but of these 30 were unserviceable leaving 5 fighters and 7 bombers serviceable.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - Photos 17 Sept. show the runways at Kendari, Boroboro and Witicola all serviceable but no aircraft were present except on Kendari where there were 10 serviceable fighters. It is recalled that photos 16 Sept. showed 24 fighters 2 bombers and 1 transport at Kendari plus a number of fighters airborne.
- (5) Timor - At 1310/20 Sept. Lautem was bombed by 6 Liberators as alternative target to Laha.
 At 1555/21 Sept. Lautem was again bombed by a recon Liberator silencing it.
- (6) Babar Is. - At 1300/20 Sept. Tapa village was bombed by 4 Liberators as alternative target to Laha: the entire village was left in flames. At 1700/20 Sept. Tapa village was again bombed by a recon Liberator: the crew reported the village almost completely destroyed. At 1410/21 Sept. Tapa village was once again bombed by a recon Liberator.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (7) Ambon Area - The airfields in this area were again hit 20 Sept. by aircraft from Darwin and from N.W. New Guinea bases. Old Namlea drome was attacked by 12 Lightnings 10 Mitchells which destroyed 1 parked plane, Namlea Township airdrome was attacked by 12 Mitchells. Laha drome together with Ambon town was attacked by 12 Liberators. Liang and Amohai drome were attacked jointly by 1 group of Liberators. Opposition was limited to AA fire over same targets only and the intensity was nowhere more than slight. In addition reconnaissance aircraft over the Ambon area 20 Sept. strafed and set on fire a sea truck near Laha: observations included 7 luggers along N. coast Bocroe Is. and some shipping including 1 possible light cruiser or destroyer in Ambon Bay.
- (8) Coram - A.M. 20 Sept. 5 small craft in Piroc Bay were strafed during a sweep of the area by 2 Beaufighters.
A.M. 21 Sept. Boela drome was bombed by 4 Beaufighters.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf Area - A.M. 21 Sept. Uтарom and the Kokas area were bombed and strafed by 8 Kittyhawks in 2 flights.
- (2) Manokwari - On 20 Sept. trucks near Ransiki were attacked by 2 Kittyhawks.
- (3) Geelvink Bay - On 20 Sept. 32 Japs were killed by our patrols on Soepiori Is. in addition to Japs found dead and captured in various other areas on Biak. Total known Jap dead on Biak to 20 Sept. number 5817: 443 Japs have been captured in addition to 294 Formosans.
- (4) Wewak Area - Patrols encountered enemy in some strength in the Danmap River Area on 19 Sept.: no further details available.
A.M. 21 Sept. stores in the general Wewak area were bombed by 6 Beauforts.

4. BISMARCKS SOLOMONS

- (1) Gazelle Peninsula - A.M. 20 Sept. huts and bridges in the area S.E. of Rabaul were attacked by 32 Dauntless while other targets throughout Gazelle Peninsula were attacked by 30 Corsairs on patrol.
- (2) New Ireland - On 20 Sept. huts and bridges in the Namatanai-East Cape area were attacked by 3 Dauntless and 8 Corsairs.
- (3) Bougainville - A.M. 20 Sept. huts in the Buka Passage area were attacked by 8 Corsairs.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - At 0930/21 Sept. a hospital ship was observed by aircraft 50 miles E.S.E. of Palau course 90°.
On 19 Sept. our forces on shore at Peleliu continued to make steady advances against stubborn opposition. 117 aircraft mainly in badly damaged condition were found on Peleliu drome.
On the same day our advances on Angaur progressed and approximately two-thirds of the Is. was in our hands.
2. MARSHALLS - On 17-18 Sept. Jaluit and Wotje were attacked by moderate formations of Cenpac aircraft.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Insignificant enemy opposition to blue consolidation on Morotai.
(2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
(3) Heavy Blue strikes on Manado and Ambon bases.
(4) Further U. S. submarine successes.
(5) Blue reconnaissance aircraft now over Central Philippines

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES	
% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific (incl. Mandates)	
<u>BF</u>	(1) CALIFORNIA	-	-
<u>CV</u>	(2) FRANKLIN ENTERPRISE	-	-
<u>CVL</u>	(2) BELLEAU WOOD SAN JACINTO	-	-
<u>CVE</u>	(11) CHENANGO SANGMON	(1) ADMIRALTY ISLANDS	-
	MIDWAY SANTEE		
	NASSAU FANSHAW BAY		
	BRETON WINDHAM BAY		
	BARNES SITKOH BAY		
	RUDYERD BAY		
<u>CA</u>	(3) AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE NEW ORLEANS	-	-
<u>CL</u>	(5) BOISE BILOXI @ HOBART	@ LEANDER	-
	NASHVILLE PHOENIX		
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER WRIGHT	-	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON HERON	-	-
	SAN PABLO CHINCOTEAGUE		
	SAN CARLOS ORCAS		
<u>DD</u>	(55) ARUNTA HUGHES	STACK 5	-
	WARRANMUNGA HUTCHINS	STEVENS	
	NAPIER DAVID W. TAYLOR	TAYLOR	
	NEPAL JENKINS	HUNT	
	ABNER READ JOHN RODGERS	BUSH	
	ANMEN KILLEN	THATCHER	
	ANDERSON LANG	MAURY	
	BACHE LA VALLETTE	CRAVEN	
	BEALE MCKEE	GRIDLEY	
	DALY MORRIS	HELM	
	CAPPS MULLANY	MCCALL	
	DASHIELL MURRAY	MUGFORD	
	EVANS MUSTIN	RALF TALBOT	
	FLETCHER O'BANNON	PATTERSON	
	HALL RINGGOLD	BAGLY	
	HARRISON NICHOLAS	WILKS	
	HICKOX SCHROEDER	NICHOLSON	
	HOPEWELL RUSSELL	SWANSON	
	HOWORTH		
<u>AD</u>	(2) WHITNEY	DIXIE	- 10
<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW FLOUNDER)	
	DACE FLYING FISH)	
	DARTER MINGO)	
		) on patrol	
	(4) CERO GUAVINA)	
	PERMIT STINGRAY	) on passage	
	(3) S.42 S.47)	
		) at Seeadler	
	(3) POLLACK PLUNGER)	
	SEA WOLF	) at Brisbane	
	(2) K.9 K.12	) at Sydney	

% including Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Cont)

	<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES (incl. mandates)</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H. I. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY		3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH		-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION		-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MIFDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (APS) CAMEL		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES
Philippines Empire
- E. Indies

<u>BB</u>	(17) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO MUSASHI * KONGO ISE HYUGA (conv to carry 4)
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP			(5) UNRUY TAIHO ZUIKAKU HAYATAKA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(7) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY			(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO * RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CV</u>	(26) GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY KITKUN BAY	PETROF BAY WHITE PLAINS SHAROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHEMIA BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA ROI	MUMBA LONG ISLAND CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND	(2) JINYO OTAKA	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(12) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND		(11) AOBAMA KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI	* MAYA
<u>OC</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(16) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITGAMI	(6) SAKAWA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCONOKE	- CHANDELEUR BALLARD		KASHII -	KASHII * ASKITSUSHIMA * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 170			25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30			10	Approx. 45
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) Task Force 70.1	:	2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"	
		4 <u>PT</u>	
Task Units 70.2	:	2 <u>PF</u> : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"	
		1 <u>PC</u> : 1123	
Task Force 73	:	1 <u>AV</u> : "TANGIER"	1 <u>PF</u> : "GALLUP"
		2 <u>AVP</u> : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"	
		2 <u>AVR</u>	
Task Force 77.1	:	6 <u>CVE</u> : "SAGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY"	
		"MIDWAY"	
		8 <u>DE</u> : "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"	
		"J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "SHELTON"	
Task Force 77.3	:	7 <u>DD</u> : "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "McKEE" "RUSSELL"	
		"STEVENS"	
		2 <u>APD</u> : "CROSBY" "HERBERT"	1 <u>ISD</u> : "CARTER HALL"
		12 <u>LCT</u>	
Task Force 77.3.1	:	2 <u>PC</u> : 1119, 1134	2 <u>LCI</u> (G)
		1 <u>AT</u> : "SONOMA"	1 <u>LCI</u> (D)
			2 <u>LCI</u> (R)
Task Force 77.3.2	:	3 <u>PC</u> : 1120, 1122, 1133	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 47, 51, 334
		2 <u>LCI</u> (R)	4 <u>LCI</u> (G)
		1 <u>LCI</u> (F)	
Task Group 77.4	:	2 <u>DD</u> : "LANG" "O'BANNON"	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO"
		1 <u>PF</u> : "EL PASO"	2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393
		1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAW"	1 <u>HDML</u> 1074
		5 <u>AK</u>	1 <u>LCT</u> (Radar)
		8 <u>LCT</u>	
Task Group 77.5	:	4 <u>DD</u> : "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"	
		12 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.6	:	3 <u>DD</u> : "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" "MURRAY"	
		2 <u>PF</u> : "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"	
		9 <u>LST</u>	3 <u>MV</u>
Task Group 77.7	:	2 <u>PF</u> : "LONG BEACH" "SAN PABLO"	
		2 <u>AFD</u>	2 <u>YFD</u>
		2 <u>YO</u>	2 <u>YPD</u>
		7 <u>YB</u>	2 <u>AT</u>
		4 <u>AT</u>	2 <u>YOG</u>
		2 <u>LCM</u>	

- (2) "ALTAMAHAN" (CVE) departed Manus 1400/20 for U.S.A. via Vitiaz Strait.
 (3) "RAIL" (AT) towing 2 YFD 1 YD was to depart Milne Bay 17 Sept. for Weendi.
 (4) "YMS. 53, 71" were to depart Hollandia so as to arrive Manus 24 Sept.
 (5) "SATINLEAF" (YN) towing "YF.611" was to depart Milne Bay 18 Sept. for Manus, returning to Milne Bay upon completion.

- (6) "CRUX" (AK) was to depart Manus about 16 Sept. for Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Brisbane.
- (7) "CALAMARES" (AF) proceeding Humboldt Bay to Madang ETA 1300/23.
- (8) "DIXIE" (AD) proceeding Langemak to Woendi ETA not known.
- (9) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19, tending navigational lights aids along North coast to Morobe, thence returning to Milne Bay.
- (10) 8 submarines on patrol: 5 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Manusapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (JOG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 14 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNG" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "DACHE"
 "BEALE" "DALY" "ABNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN" "TAYLOR"
 "LA VALLETTE" "HOWORTH"

Escorts

34 PT
 8 : 2 PF : "ORANGE" "MUSKOGEE"
 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML : 817, 818 1 YMS: 9

Auxiliaries

24 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WICHAPICAGUE"
 "KOOPA" (JGF) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
 "CHIPPEWA" "WATO" "HILMATA" (AT) "VIREO" (ATF) "SILVERBELL"
 "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" (IX) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM)
 "CABLE" (ARS) "POYANG" (JE) "REMUS" (AGL)
 1 ATR 2 YP : 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 698
 Auxiliaries 2 : "SHIKELLAMY" (JOG) "CHEPACHET" (AO)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 5 DD : "ANDERSON" "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN" "HOPEWELL" "NICHOLAS"
 Escorts 24 : 6 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON"
 "CARSON CITY" "ROCKFORD"

8 AMS: "COLAC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WIGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE"
 "DELORAINIE" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 2 PC : 476, 477 1 PCE(R): 850
 6 SC : 637, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 1 YMS: 10

Auxiliaries

32 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (JOG) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" (JOG) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" "WARD" (APD)
 "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "PYRO" (AE) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TEAK"
 (AN) "INDUS" "MURZIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA" "MINK"
 "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "LEGRICK" (YO) "LAUREL" (JG)
 "MERRUR" (AF) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD: 7
 2 AFD: 11, 25

Atape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BB : "CALIFORNIA"
 2 CV : "FRANKLIN" "ENTERPRISE"
 2 CVL : "BELLEAU WOOD" "SAN JACINTO"
 4 CVE : "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "BRETON" "WINDHAM BAY"
 1 CA : "NEW ORLEANS"
 1 CL : "BILOXI"
 15 DD : "BAGLEY" "CRAVEN" "GRIDLEY" "HELM" "MAURY" "McCALL"
 "MUGFORD" "NICHOLSON" "PATTERSON" "RALPH TALBOT" "WILKES"
 "SWANSON" "HICKOX" "THATCHER" "DAVID W. TAYLOR"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: Cont)

Escorts 32 : 16 DE : "PIEDMONT" "DELANANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON" "ACREE"
 "RICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENEALD"
 "MITCHELL" "PAUL C. BAKER" "DOWERS" "WEAVER" "HARMON"
 "FIEDERLING" "HILDEBERT" "SWEARER"
 "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"

4 PC : 606, 1121, 1132, 1139 1 PF : "BISBEE"
 1 ML : 827 5 YMS : 48, 49, 52, 70, 97
 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274

Auxiliaries 56 : "PAMUNSET" "MASCOTA" "LACKAWANNA" "SAUGATUCK" "CACHE"
 "KASKASKIA" "GUADALUPE" "NECHES" "PICOS" "CHIKASKIA"
 "ESCAMBIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO) "PASQUOTANK"
 "PIC GRANDE" (AOG) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM) "HEUSA"
 "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "ILBASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS)
 "CINNAMON" "CORCHUOE" (AN) "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "VEGA"
 "GANYMEDE" "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CARIDOU" "LEOPARD"
 "DAREIDA" "ARETHUSA" "PROCUPIE" (IX) "STRATFORD"
 "GEN. R. L. HOWZE" (AP) "ARTIC" (AF) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV) "CEBU"
 (ARG) "TAMIDA" "TERN" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIENKA"
 (AE) "SANGAY" (AE) 2 AFD : 19, 20
 1 AFD : 8 4 YRD
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 1 ASD

Saidor:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TANGREL" (AT)

Finschhafen-Madang:
 Escorts 17 : 1 PF : "DURLEKIN"
 5 YMS : "KAPUNA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "BROOME"
 "BENEDIGO" 2 SC : 703, 743
 9 ML : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825

Auxiliaries 13 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "HEIAS" (AB) "CULERA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "BINGERA" (AG) "PING WO" (ASIS) "BUNGAREE" (GM)
 2 AFD 1 AFD : 12
 2 AFD : 16, 24 1 YP : 504

Langemak:
 Combat Units 4 PT
 Escorts 14 : 1 DE : "HANNING" 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY"
 2 YMS : "KIAMA" "LATROBE" 2 PC : 585, 1131
 3 SC : 659, 734, 739, 750 3 YMS : 46, 336, 335
 1 ML : 802 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 10 : "KASE MEERSK" "KURUBA" (AO) "RACE POINT" "SHAWNEE" (AT)
 "CLYDE" (IX) "GEN. C. H. ERNST" (AP) "TULSA" (PG) "MINDANAO"
 (ARG) "MOUNT HOOL" (AE) 1 AFD : 10

Milne Bay:
 Combat Units 4 PT
 Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "LOVELACE" 1 PC : 479
 1 YMS : "STAWELL" 2 YMS : 314, 336

Auxiliaries 11 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (AS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "GEN. M. L. HERSHEY"
 (AP) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "ORESTES" (AGP)
 1 AFD : 9 2 AFD : 5, 12
 3 YP : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 2 : 1 YMS : "KINDJANI" 1 ML : 421
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "HERON" (AVP) departed Green Is 1500/21 ETA Manus 1600/23.
- (2) "DAMEY" (DE) escorting "DRIAREUS" (AR) was to depart Santo 0600/22 for Manus ET...
PM 26 Sept.
- (3) "PCS. 1402" was to depart Manus 21 Sept. and proceed to Treasury Is to escort
"HENRY R. SCHOOLCRAFT".
- (4) "GAMBLE" (DN) departed Finschhafen 0700/21 for Purvis ETA 0600/23.
- (5) "PC. 1589" escorting "CAPE SAINT ELIAS" departed Guadalcanal 1600/19 for Finschhafen.
- (6) "PC. 588" escorting "PATARSCO" (AOG) was to depart Tulagi 1800/21 for Emirau ETA
AM 25 Sept.

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)TOP SECRET

- (7) "PC.620" escorting "ALDERMIN" (AK) departed Treasury 1630/21: escort detaches and proceeds Guadalcanal; consort proceeds Noumea ETA 1300/26.
 (8) "SC.1047" escorting "EDMUND G. ROSS" proceeding Lunga to Finschhafen ETA 1200/23.

(b) In Harbour:Enirau:Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 620Green Is:Combat Units 12 PTEscorts 2 : 1 SC : 518 1 YMS: 95Torokina:Escorts 9 : 3 DE: "CSMUS" "STATFELT" "WILLMARTH"
3 PC: 598, 605, 1129 2 SC : 1188, 1590
1 YMS: 259Treasury IsCombat Units 34 PT
6 PGMEscorts 7 : 1 DE : "FOREMAN" 3 PC : 598, 605, 1229
1 YMS: 47 2 SC : 677, 722Auxiliaries 5 : "TUNULT" "VELOCITY" (AMS) "DUTELNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND"
"JAMESTOWN" (JGP)Munda:Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 PC : 1120

Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (JG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA:(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

- (1) "SC.732" departed Milne Bay 1530/21 for Cairns ETA 1500/23.
 (2) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APL) was to depart Brisbane about 22 Sept for Milne Bay, for on-ward routing to Hollandia, arriving by 30 Sept.
 (3) "OCTANS" (AF) was to depart Milne Bay about 20 Sept and proceed to Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
 (4) "SWAN" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0800/19 for Sydney ETA 0800/25.
 (5) "DUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SHEROE" "MERADOE"Thursday Is:Escorts 5 : 5 AMS: "FRENCHMAN" "INVERELL" "DUNBURY" "PIRIE" "PARKES"Auxiliaries 2 : 2 AGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA"Cairns:Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LIGHTOW"
4 SC : 699, 736, 737, 748 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
1 AFD: 3 1 YP : 283Townsville:Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KATOONDIA" "DALLARA"

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"Escorts 14 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEEBONG"2 PCE: 848, 849 1 PC : 11248 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821

Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONOLET" (IX) "RESERVE" (AT) "WRIGHT"

"DENALLA" (AGS) "PONTUS" (JGP) "GOLDSTAR" (JG)

1 YP: 42Sydney:Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)3 DE : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

TOP SECRET

Sydney: (Cont)

Escorts	10	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "BARCOO"	1 <u>MS</u> : "WARRIMUOL"
			3 <u>MS</u> : "KERR" "MILCANNIA" "YANLON"	
			3 <u>ML</u> : 810, 822, 823	2 <u>PC</u> : 584, 1130
Auxiliaries	8	:	"RIGEL" (AS) "CHALLENGER" (AS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"	
			"POINT LON" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ORCA" (AVP)	

Melbourne:

Combat Units	1 <u>DD</u>	:	"NAIFER"	
Escorts	2	:	"ATRENTA OLIJNSEN" "BOONDA" (A/S)	
Auxiliaries	4	:	"PLATYPUS" (AR) "MIZAN" (AF) "GEN. G. M. R. ANDALL"	
			"GEN. WILLIAM MITCHELL" (AF)	

Adelaide:

Escorts	2	:	2 <u>MS</u> : "IPSWICH" "DUNDEBERG"
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4. NORTHWESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

(1) Task Unit 70.5.3	:	1 <u>MS</u> : "HORESDY"
		4 <u>MS</u> : "HONSHAM" "ECHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
(2) 8 submarines on patrol:	:	11 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Combat Units	1 <u>SS</u>	:	"NAUTILUS"
Escorts	4	:	4 <u>ML</u> : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries	2	:	"COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARDTON" (MS)

Milingimbi:

Escorts	1	:	1 <u>ML</u> : 809
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5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/23:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Onslow:

Combat Units	7 <u>SS</u>	:	"ANGLER" "CREVALLE" "GUNNEL" "BLUEGILL" "HOE" "TELEMACHUS"
			"MUSKELLUNGE"
Escorts	2	:	1 <u>MS</u> : "DOWEN"
			1 <u>ML</u> : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units	2 <u>CL</u>	:	"NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
	18 <u>SS</u>	:	"DREAM" "BATFISH" "CLYDE" "GUITARO" "GURNARD" "RCE" "RAY"
			"RATON" "SEA ROVER" "SIRCAR" "STURDY" "SPITEFUL" "STOIC"
			"TANTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH" "K.14" "K.15" "O.19"
Escorts	11	:	1 <u>PF</u> : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
			5 <u>MS</u> : "DULBO" "TANWORTH" "MILBURA" "LAUNCESTON"
			"DATHURST"
			1 <u>SC</u> : 729
			1 <u>ML</u> : 824
			2 <u>YS</u> : 11, 72
Auxiliaries	7	:	"GRIFFIN" "BURYALE" "HALLSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
			"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
			1 <u>AD</u> : 10
			1 <u>YP</u> : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Manila Area - A preliminary report of strikes 21 Sept. by a strong Cenpac aircraft task force on shipping and airdromes in the vicinity of Manila indicate that very successful results were obtained. The airfields attacked were Clark Field and Nichols Field: shipping in Manila Bay and in Subic Bay was attacked also convoys located during sweeps N. and S. of Manila: Cavite Naval Base was also attacked.

During the morning strike, air opposition was encountered but during the afternoon attacks there was virtually no aerial interference. During the day 110 enemy aircraft were shot down and 95 destroyed on the ground. Shipping sunk totalled 11 vessels including 1 large destroyer 4 large tankers 1 small tanker and 5 cargo ships (2 large 1 medium 2 small): shipping damaged including some probably sunk, comprised 1 destroyer 2 large tankers 1 large transport 22 large and medium cargo ships in addition to a floating dry dock hit and damaged and some luggers. The destroyer reported sunk in yesterdays Summary No. 968 by U. S. submarine off W. coast Luzon at 1200/20 Sept. was additional to claims by the task force.

Our losses amounted to 15 aircraft, but some pilots were recovered. Up to nightfall 21 Sept. there had been no damage to our surface forces engaged in the strikes.

S. Luzon targets were attacked again 22 Sept. but no details are yet available.

- (2) Leyte - Mindanao - Photos of airfields 17-19 Sept. show:-

Tacloban : runways serviceable, 2 F present.
 Buri : runway serviceable, no aircraft.
 Burag : runway serviceable, no aircraft in 10% coverage.
 San Pablo : runway serviceable, no aircraft.
 Mabini : runway partially serviceable after strike 19 Sept.,
 (near Surigao) no aircraft.
 Matina : runway serviceable, 2 F 2 MB, 19 Sept.
 Daliao : runway serviceable, no aircraft.
 Libby : runway partially serviceable, no aircraft.
 Darong : runway unserviceable, 11A/C present, now believed to
 be dummies.
 Padada : runways serviceable, 21 A/C present believed to be
 dummies
 Sessa : runways serviceable, 3 F 2 MB serviceable.
 Likanan : runwayw serviceable, 5 F 7 MB on 19 Sept. showing in-
 crease of 7 A/C since 18 Sept.

- (3) Visayas - On 21 Sept. 1 tanker and 3 merchant ships were seen approaching Guimaras Strait from N.E. and on 22 Sept. 1 large transport 2 freighters in one group also 1 large escorted in another group were seen also approaching Guimaras Strait from N.E.

At 1300/22 Sept. 3 transports were seen in Camotes Sea heading S.

- (4) Leyte Is. - Night 20-21 Sept. a small merchant ship possibly aground of San Isidro, on N.W. Leyte Is., was hit by 2-100 pound bombs and strafed by a Navy Catalina.
 (5) Davao Gulf - Night 20-21 Sept. a large sea truck type ship entering Malalag Bay and a small sea truck hove to in Malalag Bay were sunk by a Navy Catalina by bombing and strafing.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Our perimeter was further extended 20 Sept. and now runs from Pilow River Mouth (4 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles N.N.W. Pitoe strip) Eastwards to Sabatai River then S.E. along W. bank Sabatai River to its mouth (approx. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles E.S.E. of Morotai strip. There has been no significant opposition to the extension of our perimeter and only very minor contacts reported by patrols. Up to 21 Sept. 50 had been killed and 12 captured.

Night 21-22 Sept. PT boats sank 5 barges laden with oil and supplies off Kapakapa (4 miles S.S.W. of northernmost tip of Halma-hera) the barges were heading northwards.

- (2) Socla Is. On 21 Sept. a reconnaissance Liberator strafed and damaged a tub or motor launch in Vesuvius Bay on Mangole Is. and also attacked without success an escort vessel, shown by photographs to be a Chidori class torpedo boat, 70 odd miles N.W. of Western Taliaboo Is.
- (3) N. Celebes - Night 20-21 Sept. Mahado town and Sidate airdrome were each attacked by 3 Liberators.
On 21 Sept. Maganget airdrome was attacked by 11 Lightnings of which 1 was lost to AA, Kakas rest camp was bombed by 2 Mitchells and Tomohon personnel area was bombed by 12 Lightnings.
Photos 18-20 Sept. show:-
Mapanget 19 Sept. : runway partially serviceable with repairs in progress; 2 F present.
Sidate 20 Sept. : runway serviceable: 5 F 5 MB present.
Langoan 18 Sept. : runway unserviceable with no attempt to repair since 16 Sept. 6 F 1 MB all probably serviceable.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - Night 21-22 Sept. a small destroyer escort off Kendari was unsuccessfully attacked by a Navy Catalina.
- (5) N.E. Borneo - Night 20-21 Sept. a convoy of 5 sea trucks with 1 escort were located by a Navy Catalina near Bum Bum Is. in Darvel Bay: 1 sea truck was sunk by a 500 pound bomb hit.
- (6) Timor - A.M. 22 Sept. Vemasse and Manatuto were attacked by 4 Mitchells: 1 Mitchell was lost.
- (7) Babar Is. - On 22 Sept. Tapa village was twice bombed by individual reconnaissance Liberators
- (8) Ambon Area - At 1150/21 Sept. Namlea Township airdrome was bombed by 9 Mitchells and Kairatoo airdrome by 11 Mitchells.
Photos 20 Sept. show 9 serviceable aircraft on Laha airdrome.
- (9) Ceram - At 1900/21 Sept. Boela was bombed by 4 Bostons in addition to the 4 Beaufighters previously reported.
- (10) Kai - Aru Is. - P.M. 21 Sept. Dobo and Doka were attacked by 2 Mitchells. A.M. 22 Sept. small craft in the Kai Is. were strafed by 4 Kittyhawks.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Kaimana - A.M. 22 Sept., AA and huts at Kaimana were bombed and strafed by 4 Kittyhawks.
- (2) Geelvink Bay - On 21 Sept. and 22 Sept. fighter sweeps were repeated around S.W. coast Geelvink Bay strafing motor transport, AA positions and huts.
Elimination of enemy parties scattered over Biak and Noemfoor Is. continues and enemy casualties to 21 Sept. total:-

	<u>Noemfoor</u>	<u>Biak</u>
Known dead	1917	5888
Jap prisoners	240	448
Formosan/Korean prisoners	618	299

- (3) Wewak - After a minor clash with the enemy reported E. of Danmap River 20 Sept. our patrols withdrew.
On 21 Sept. stores in the Dagua area were attacked by an additional 7 Beauforts. On 22 Sept. enemy concentrations E. of Danmap River were attacked by 18 Beauforts and stores near Boramstrip were attacked by 3 Bostons.
4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - On 21 Sept. the usual fighter patrol sweeps were conducted over New Ireland, Gazelle Peninsula, Buka Passage Area and Central Bougainville. The only concentrated strike was against huts along the shore and small craft at Raluana Pt. (Rabaul) by 30 Dauntless and 29 Corsairs.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - A.M. 20 Sept. Angaur Is. was completely overrun by our forces and remaining enemy isolated pockets are being eliminated. On Peleliu enemy resistance is still stiff aided by difficult terrain including deep ravines, precipitous streams and caves which impeded out advance up the W. of the Island: the entire E. coast however is in our hands.

(1) Palau (Contd.) - Enemy casualties to 1800/21 Sept. were:-

	<u>Peleliu</u>	<u>Angaur</u>
Known dead	6792	850
Japs captured	2	2

Our casualties to the same date totalled 557 killed, 340 missing and 3466 wounded.

Night 19-20 Sept. an enemy plane dropped 2 bombs in Kossol Passage without effect and at 1845/20 Sept. 1 enemy floatplane approached Peleliu but made no attack.

During 20 Sept. the seaplane base at Arakabesan and the airdrome and radio installations at Babelthuap were attacked by our fighter-bombers of which 1 was shot down by AA.

(2) Truk - On 19 Sept. Moen was bombed by 28 Liberators. Some interception was encountered and 3 Liberators damaged.

2. MARSHALLS - The reduction of Wotje was continued 20 Sept. by Corsairs and Dauntless.

C. NORTH PACIFIC - On 18 Sept. Shimushu and Paramushiro were attacked by Venturas: enemy fighters intercepted and 1 was shot down. 1 warship, possibly a destroyer, and a small loaded ship were strafed off Paramushiro.

D. INDIAN OCEAN - Japanese sources announce that N. Sumatra objectives were attacked by 40 carrier-borne aircraft on 19 Sept. No further details are yet available.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Very successful Cenpac Task Force strike on S. Luzon.
- (2) Satisfactory progress on Palau.
- (3) Further Navy Catalina successes.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
		%Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		South Pacific (incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(1)	CALIFORNIA		-	-
<u>CV</u>	(2)	FRANKLIN ENTERPRISE		-	-
<u>CVL</u>	(2)	BELLEAU WOOD SAN JACINTO		-	-
<u>CVE</u>	(11)	CHENANGO SANGAMON	(1)	ADMIRALTY ISLANDS	-
		MIDWAY SANTEE			
		NASSAU FANSHAW BAY			
		BRETON WINDHAM BAY			
		BARNES SITKOH BAY			
		RUDYERD BAY			
<u>CA</u>	(3)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		NEW ORLEANS	-
<u>CL</u>	(5)	POISE BILOXI	@HOBART	@LEANDER	-
		NASHVILLE PHOENIX			
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2)	TANGIER WRIGHT			-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6)	HALF MOON HERON		SAN PABLO	-
		SAN CARLOS ORCAS		CHINCOTEAGUE	-
<u>DD</u>	(55)	TRUMPA HUGHES		STACK	5
		WARANMUNGA HUTCHINS		STEVENS	
		NAPIER DAVID W. TAYLOR		HUNT	
		NEPAL JENKINS		TAYLOR	
		ADNER READ JOHN RODGERS		BUSH	
		AMMEN KILLEN		THATCHER	
		ANDERSON LANG		MAURY	
		BACHE LA VALETTE		CRAVEN	
		DEALE MCKEE		GRIDLEY	
		DALY MORRIS		HELM	
		CAPPS MULLANY		MCCALL	
		DASHIELL MURRAY		MUGFORD	
		EVANS MUSTIN		RALF TALBOT	
		FLETCHER O'DANNON		PATTERSON	
		HALL KINGGOLD		BAGLEY	
		HARRISON NICHOLAS		WILKS	
		HICKOX SCHROEDER		NICHOLSON	
		HONORTH RUSSELL		SWANSON	
		HOPEWELL			
<u>AD</u>	(2)	WHITNEY DIXIE			-
<u>SS</u>	(8)	DASHAW FLOUNDER			10
		DACE FLYING FISH)		
		CARTER MINGO	)	on patrol	
		PERMIT TARPON)		
	(5)	CERO GULVINA)		
		PLUNGER SEA WOLF	)	on passage	
		STINGRAY)		
	(3)	S.42 S.47)		
		S.45	)	at Seeadler	
	(1)	POLLACK	)	at Brisbane	
	(2)	K.9 K.12	)	at Sydney	

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Cont)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. mandates)
		<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Eastern Section</u>)	<u>South Pacific</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APA</u>	(8) H. T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY	3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE WASATCH	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS HOLLAND ORION	-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN	-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MELUSA MIDAS (AR) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (AR) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (AR) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (AR) CABLE		
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ADUKUMA
<u>DL</u>	9		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON		-
<u>DL</u>	9		-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
 # ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines Empire
 - E. Indies

<u>BB</u>	(17) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO MUSASHI * KONGO ISE HYUGA (convtd to carry 4/G)
<u>GV</u>	(9) SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP			(5) UNRUY TAIHO ZUIKAKU HAYATAKA AMAGI
<u>CVL</u>	(7) CABOT COWPENS BATAAN INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY			(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO * RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(26) GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY NATOMA BAY OMMANEY BAY KITKUN BAY	PETROF BAY WHITE PLAINS SHAMROCK BAY COPAHEE NEHENTLA BAY CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA ROI	MUNIA LONG ISLAND CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR LUNGA POINT SALAMAUA PRINCE WILLIAM SAVO ISLAND	(2) JINYO OTAKA	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(12) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO PORTLAND		(11) AOB KUMANO TONE SUZUYA CHIKUMA MYOKO HAGURO MOGAMI ATAGO TAKAO CHOKAI	* MAYA
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(16) COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER MONTPELIER HONOLULU ST LOUIS	BIRMINGHAM SANTA FE SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN MOBILE MIAMI	OAKLAND RENO VINCENNES HOUSTON	(4) YAHAGI NOSHIRO KINU KITGAMI	(6) SAKAWA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u> <u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) CURTISS POCONOKE	- CHANDELEUR BALLARD		KASHII -	KASHII * ASKITSUSHIMA * NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 170			25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30			10	Approx. 45
<u>AS</u>		?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>			<u>Malay-</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>
<u>DD</u>	-	(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVR</u>	-	(6) BATTLE ATHELING UNICORN DEGUM SHAH AMEER	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(8) FLASHER HARDER PADDLE HADDO NARWHAL PARGO RUFIN PORPOISE	) ) Approx. 16) on patrol	10 (poss. all German)
	(11) ASPRO COD P.318 BONEFISH HAKE SANDLACE CABRILLA JACK HAMMERHEAD STORM	) ) ) on passage)	
	(1) NAUTILUS	) at Darwin	
	(8) ANGLER GUNNEL TELEMACHUS CREVALLE BLUEGILL MUSKELLUNGE HOE	) ) at Exmouth Gulf	
	(18) BATTLEFISH GUITARO SEA ROVER DREAM GURNARD SIRDAR CLYDE HOE SPITEFUL K.14 O.19 STOIC K.15 RATON STURDY TANTIVY RAY ZWEIFISCH	) ) ) ) at Fremantle)	
<u>AS</u>	(3) MAILSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u> <u>BISMARCKS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	-	108	248	14
S/E Bombers	-	-	54	98	2
T/E Bombers	-	-	117	109	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	--
Float Planes	10	-	57	27	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	28	4
	10	-	358	521	29

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOB JACK"
4 PT
Task Units 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" 1 PC: 1123
Task Force 73 : 1 AV: "TANGIER" 1 PF: "GALLUP"
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAR CARLOS" 2 AVR
Task Force 77.1.1: 4 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE"
8 DE: "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"
"J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "SHELTON"
Task Force 77.1.2: 2 CVE: "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"
2 DD: "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON"
Task Force 77.3 : 12 DD: "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "McKEE" "ANDERSON"
"RUSSELL" "STEVENS" "MUSTIN" "FLETCHER" "TAYLOR"
"LA VALLETTE"
2 APD: "CROSBY" "HERBERT" 1 LSD: "CARTER HALL"
5 AT: "VIREO" "SONOMA" "HIDATSA" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
12 LCT
Task Force 77.3.1: 2 PC: 1119, 1134 2 LCI(G)
1 LCI(D) 2 LCI(R)
Task Force 77.3.2: 3 PC: 1120, 1122, 1133 4 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 334
2 LCI(R) 4 LCI(G)
1 LCI(F)
Task Group 77.4 : 2 DD: "LANG" "O'BANNON" 1 PS: "WARREGO"
1 PF: "EL PASO" 2 YMS: 316, 393
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" 1 HDML 1074
5 AK 1 LCT (Radar)
8 LCT
Task Group 77.5 : 4 DD: "RINGGOLD" "SCHROEDER" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"
12 LST
Task Group 77.6 : 1 DD: "MURRAY" 2 PF: "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
9 LST: 3 MV
Task Group 77.7 : 2 FF: "LONG BEACH" "SAN PABLO" 2 YO
2 AFD 2 YFD 2 AT
2 YPD 7 YB 2 AT
4 AT 2 YOG 2 LCM
- (2) "YMS.10" departed Humboldt Bay 1400/22 for Manus was due 1100/24.
(3) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Biak about 24 Sept for Humboldt Bay.
(4) "YMS.314, 336" departed Milne Bay 1300/22 for Langemak ETA 0700/24, thence Manus.
(5) "RAIL" (AT) towing 2 YFD 1 YD was to depart Milne Bay 17 Sept. for Woendi.
(6) "YMS.53, 71" were to depart Hollandia so as to arrive Manus 24 Sept.
(7) "SATINLEAF" (YN) departed Manus 2300/21 for Milne Bay ETA 25 Sept.
(8) "TANCRED" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0030/22 for Dart Reef ETA 0800/23, to assist "SUVA"

- (9) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19, tending navigation light aids along North coast to Moroba, thence returning to Milne Bay.
- (10) 7 submarines on patrol: 5 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sensapor

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 11 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNG" "AMEN" "MULLANY" "MUTCHINS" "BACHE"
 "BEALE" "DALY" "BNER REID" "BUSH" "KILLEN"

Escorts 34 PT
 7 : 1 PF: "ORANGE"
 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML: 817, 818 1 YMS: 9
 Auxiliaries 21 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE"
 KOOPA" (AGP) "DIXIE" (AD) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA"
 (AO) "RIO GRANDE" (AOG) "CHIPPEWA" "WATO" (AT) "SILVERBELL"
 "TEABERRY" (YN) "ARAYAT" (IX) "CABLE" (JRS) "POYANG" (AE)
 "REMUS" (ARL) 2 YP: 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 693

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS: "ARIADNE"
 3 DD: "HOPEWELL" "NICHOLAS" "HOWORTH"
 Escorts 23 : 6 PF: "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON"
 "CARSON CITY" "MUSKOGEE"
 8 AMS: "COLIC" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WIGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE"
 "DELORAINIE" "GOUTBURN" "STRAHAN"
 2 PC: 476, 477 1 PCE(R): 850
 6 SC: 627, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 32 : "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "ELKHORN"
 "SEEKONK" "SAKATONCHEE" "SHIKELAMY" (AOG) "SCHLEY" "KILTY"
 "WARD" (APD) "MANOORA" "KANIMBLA" (APA) "LOBBIN" (AD)
 "TEAK" (AF) "INDUS" "MURZIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA"
 "MINK" "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "LAUREADA"
 (AG) "MERCUR" (AF) "MAETSUYCKER" (AH) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 2 YP: 240, 291, 292 1 ARD: 7
 2 AFD: 11, 25

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 RT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 745
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BB: "CALIFORNIA"
 6 COVE: "BARNES" "CITROH BAY" "BRETON" "WINDHAM BAY" "COPAHEE"
 "SARGENT BAY"
 2 DD: "THATCHER" "PAUL HAMILTON"
 3 SS: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 32 : 18 DE: "PIELMONT" "DELAHANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON" "ACREE"
 "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENDREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER" "HARMON" "FIEBERLING"
 "HILLBERT" "SWEARER" "MCCONNELL" "WILLIAM C. COLE"
 "J. DOUGLAS BLACKWOOD"
 4 PC: 1121, 1132, 1139 1 PF: "BISBEE"
 1 ML: 827 5 YMS: 48, 49, 52, 70, 97
 5 SC: 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 Auxiliaries 56 : "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA" "TAPPAHANOCK" "SEDEC" "SAUGATUCK"
 "CACHE" "KASKASKIA" "GUADALUPE" "MECHES" "PECOS" "ESCALIA"
 "CHIKASKIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO) PASQUOTANK" (AOG)
 "HERON" (AVP) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM) "MEULSA"
 "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "FAYETTE" "LEELSTOWN" "ORMSBY" "WINDSOR"
 (APA) "ALDABASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ARCTIC" (AF)

Admiralties: (Cont)

Auxiliaries : "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (IN) "PHOENIX" "BOOTES" "VEGA"
 "GANYMEDE" "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CALIBOU"
 "LEOPARD" "ABACUS" "ARETHUSA" "POLCUPINE (IX)
 "STRATFORD" "GEN.R.L.HOWZE" (AP) "CEBU" (ARG) "TANZANIA"
 "TERRA" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD)
 "SANGAY" (AE) "SOUTHARD" "HAMILTON" "LONG" (DMP "TROY"
 "PINKNEY" (APH) 2 AD: 19, 20
 1 AFD: 8 4 YFD
 3 YP: 280, 288, 585 1 ABSD

Alexishafen-Madang:
Escorts 18 : 2 PF: "DURLEKIN" "ROCKFORD"
 5 AMS: "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "DROOME"
 "DENDIGO" 2 SC: 703, 743
 9 ML: 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
Auxiliaries 15 : "ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (AFB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "CALAMARES" (AF) "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (.SIS) "TULSA"
 (PG) "BINGERA" (AG) "BUNGAREE" (CM)
 2 AD: 1 AD: 12
 2 AFD: 16, 24 1 YP: 504

Langemak:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 14 : 1 DE: "MANNING" 1 PF: "HAWKESBURY"
 2 AMS: "KIAMA" "LATROBE" 2 PC: 585, 1131
 3 SC: 659, 734, 739, 750 3 YMS: 46, 335, 336
 1 ML: 802 1 PGM
Auxiliaries 10 : "CLYDE" (IX) "LASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" "CHEPACHET" (AO)
 "RACE POINT" (AT) "GALLE" (DM) "GEN.O.H.ERNST" (AP)
 "MINDANAO" (ARG) "MOUNT HOOD" (AE)
 1 AFD: 10

Milne Bay:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 3 : 1 DE: "LOVELACE" 1 PC: 479
 1 AMS: "STAWELL"
Auxiliaries 13 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "SPRIGHTLY"
 (AT) "GEN.M.L.HERSHEY" (AP) "SHAWNEE" (AP) "ORESTES"
 (AGP) "CRUX" (AK) 1 AD: 9
 2 AFD: 5, 12 3 YP: 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:
Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RINDJANI" 1 ML: 421
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/23

- (1) "PAUL G. BAKER" (DE) was to depart Manus 23 Sept. for Purvis Bay.
- (2) "KITTYHAWK" (AKV) departed Manus 0800/22 for Guadalcanal due 0810/23.
- (3) "LEMPSEY" "EMERY" "STATTFELD" (DE) departed Port Purvis 1700/22 for Seeadler ETA 1000/25.
- (4) "PC.1591" escorting "ACONCAGUA" departed Russells 0600/22 for Finschhafen ETA 1200/26.
- (5) "PC.1229" escorting "MAULAK" proceeding Russells to Torokina ETA dawn 25 Sept.
- (6) "KIWI" (YMS) "PC.1128" "YMS.99" escorting 7 LCI departed Kukum 0600/24 for Green Island ETA 1000/26.
- (7) "SC.1065" escorting "FRANK J. SPRAGUE" was to depart Lunga 1044/23 for Torokina ETA 1700/24.
- (8) "PC.606" departed Emirau 0730/22 for Lunga ETA 1500/24.
- (9) "SC.1269" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" proceeding Emirau to Munda ETA 1800/25.
- (10) "DARBY" (DE) escorting "DRIAREUS" (AR) was to depart Santo 0600/22 for Manus ETA PM 26 Sept.
- (11) "PCS.1402" was to depart Manus 21 Sept. and proceed to Treasury Is to escort "HENRY R. SCHOOLCRAFT".
- (12) "PC.588" escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOG) was to depart Tulagi 1800/21 for Emirau ETA AM Sept. 25.
- (13) "PC.620" escorting "ALDERAMIN" (AK) departed Treasury 1630/21: escort detaches and proceeds Guadalcanal; consort proceeds Noumea ETA 1300/26.
- (14) "SC.1047" escorting "EDMUND G. ROSS" proceeding Lunga to Finschhafen was due 1200/23.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 620

Green Is:
Combat Units 12 PT
Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 518 1 YMS: 95

Torokina:
Escorts 5 : 1 DE : "OSMUS" 2 PC : 598, 1129
2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 YMS: 259

Treasury Is:
Combat Units 34 PT
6 PGM
Escorts 7 : 2 DE : "FOREMAN" "WILLMARTH"
2 PC : 598, 605 1 YMS: 47
2 SC : 677, 722

Auxiliaries 5 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AMS) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND"
"JAMESTOWN" (AGP)

Munda:
Escorts 5 : 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267 1 PC : 1120
Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) was to depart Brisbane about 22 Sept for Milne Bay, for onward routing to Hollandia, arriving by 30 Sept.
- (2) "OGDEN" (PF) departed Caloundra 1200/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/28, thence Hollandia
- (3) "PCE.(R) 848, 849" were to depart Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/30.
- (4) "OCTANS" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0555/22 for Townsville ETA 1700/24.
- (5) "SWAN" (PS) departed Milne Bay 0800/19 for Sydney ETA 0800/25.
- (6) "LUTTONWOOD" (CGC) departed Cairns 1155/17 for Thursday Is ETA PM 23 Sept., servicing Waterwitch, Double Island and Coconut Island lights en route.

(b) In Harbour:

Merauke:
Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MERABOE"

Thursday Is:
Escorts 3 : 3 AMS: "FREMANTLE" "PIRIE" "PARKES"
Auxiliaries 2 : 2 AGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA"

Cairns:
Escorts 10 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LIGHTTOW"
5 SC : 699, 732, 736, 737, 748 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315
Auxiliaries 4 : "PIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
1 AFL: 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:
Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KATOOMBA" "E ALLARAE"
Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Bowen:
Auxiliaries 2 : "CANDRIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:
Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"
Escorts 11 : 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEELONG" 1 PC : 1124
8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONOLET" (IX) "RESERVE" (AT) "WRIGH"
"DENALLA" (AGS) "PONTUS" (AGP) "GOLDSTAR" (AG-)
1 YP : 42

Sydney:
Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 10 : 1 PF : "BARCOO" 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"
3 A/S: "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
3 ML : 810, 822, 823 2 PC : 584, 1130

Sydney: (Cont)
 Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AF) "ORCA" (AVP)

Melbourne:
 Combat Units 1 DD : "DAPLER"
 Escorts 2 : "ABRAHAM CRUJENSEN" "LOOME" (I/S)
 Auxiliaries 4 : "ELMYRUS" (AF) "MIZAN" (AF) "GEN. G.H. RANDALL"
 "GEN. WILLIAM MITCHELL" (AF)

Adelaide:
 Escorts 2 : 2 AS: "IPSWICH" "DUMBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MOLESBY"
 4 AS: "HOKSHAM" "EUCHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (2) "INVERELL" "DUNDY" (AS) departed Darwin 0530/22 for Fremantle ETA 0700/29,
 passing via Onslow where ETA 0930/26.
- (3) 15 submarines on patrol: 11 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:
 Combat Units 1 SS : "NAUTILUS"
 Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 815, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COCCAL" (AS) "SHEPHERTON" (AGS)

Millingenbi:
 Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Onslow:
 Escorts 2 : 1 AS: "DORAN" 1 ML: 815

Fremantle:
 Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIAN" "ADELAIDE"
 20 SS : "DREAM" "RAFFISH" "CLYDE" "CREVALLE" "GUNNEL" "GURNARD"
 "RAY" "HARON" "SEA ROVER" "SIRDAR" "STURLY" "STORM"
 "SPITEFUL" "STOIC" "TANTIVY" "ZWAARFISCH" "K.14"
 "K.15" "O.19"

Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "SAWONGMAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AS: "DUNO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON"
 "D. AMHURST"
 1 SC : 729
 1 ML : 824
 2 YMS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "BURYALE" "WALDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 AD: 10
 1 YF : 236

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. Luzon - At 0830/22 Sept. 13 ships including 3 transports, 2 tankers, 5 other merchant ships (2 medium 3 small) with 1 warship described as a Yubari class light cruiser and 2 small escorts were observed departing Manila Bay in the direction of Lubang Is. It is thought likely that these ships were getting clear of Manila Bay as a result of the task force attack the previous day and the possibility of another attack on 22 Sept. On 22 Sept. a U. S. submarine sank a tanker off Manila and on 17 or 18 Sept. 4 torpedo hits were scored on a troop carrying merchant ship also off Manila.
- (2) Mindoro Is. - At 1300/22 Sept. 1 large merchant ship was observed off Central W. coast heading S. and at 1800/22 Sept. 1 destroyer, 1 tanker and 7 other merchant ships were seen in the same vicinity also South bound. These ships could be part of the group seen leaving Manila Bay earlier during the day.
- (3) Sulu Archipelago - At 0800/21 Sept. 2 medium freighters were observed heading S.W. off Tawi Tawi and 2 small merchant ships in the same vicinity heading N.E.
- (4) Palawan - At noon 22 Sept. a U. S. submarine scored 3 torpedo hits in an 8-10 ship convoy Southbound off S. W. Palawan Is.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At day break 22 Sept. a party of 20 Japs attacked an out-post on our perimeter but was repulsed with casualties. Otherwise the ground position remains quiet although natives report enemy groups up to 200 strong in various locations over the Island. At 2050/20 Sept. an enemy aircraft dropped 3 bombs on S. Morotai without effect. Night 22-23 Sept. there were 2 alerts due to the approach of enemy aircraft during the first of which 1 aircraft strafed Pitoe beach without causing any damage. PT boats continued to patrol Morotai shores and night 22-23 Sept. a probable lugger was attacked with unobserved results off Cape Gorango: considerable shore fire was encountered.
- (2) N. Celebes - Night 21-22 Sept. Manado town was bombed by 2 Liberators and Sidate airdrome by 1 Liberator. At about noon 22 Sept. Mapanget airdrome was bombed by 23 Liberators and Sidate airdrome by 24 Liberators: 1 grounded aircraft was probably destroyed on Sidate. 2 enemy aircraft were airborne over Sidate and 1 of them made a weak pass. A float plane was observed taking off Amoerang Bay. A preliminary report from aircraft in flight states that 4 ships including 1 medium sized transport was seen in Amoerang Bay before dawn 23 Sept.
- (3) Java - Night 22-23 Sept. Catalinas over Sourabaya Area observed 1 sizeable ship and 1 smaller vessel off W. coast Madoera Is.
- (4) Lombok Strait - On 10 Sept. a cargo ship was sunk by U. S. submarine approx. 120 miles N. of Lombok Strait.
- (5) Timor - At 1545/23 Sept. Lautem was bombed by a Liberator.
- (6) Babar Is. - At 1445/23 Sept. Tapa village was bombed and strafed by a reconnaissance Liberator.
- (7) Ambon Area - At 1130/22 Sept. Haroekoe airdrome was bombed by 25 Mitchells: escorting Lightnings, meeting no opposition, strafed 2 small craft off Haroekoe. At 1000/22 Sept. Roeta village near Amahai was bombed and strafed by 4 Bostons.
- (8) Ceram - On 22 Sept. Boela airdrome was bombed by 5 Beaufighters which also strafed 6 small craft along coast of S. E. Ceram. At 0910/23 Sept. Boela was bombed by another 6 Beaufighters. A.M. 22 Sept. small craft around S.E. Ceram and in the Watoebela group were bombed and strafed by 2 flights each of 4 Kittyhawks: in all 9 small craft or barges and 5 luggers, some already damaged were attacked and some were destroyed. A.M. 23 Sept. sweeps of the S.E. Ceram-Watoebela Area were conducted by 3 flights each of 4 Kittyhawks. In addition 3 barges were bombed and strafed at Tioor Is. at 1115/23 Sept by 2 Mitchells: 2 barges were destroyed and the third probably destroyed.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (9) Kai - Tanimbar - Aru Is. - At noon 22 Sept. Saumlaki was bombed by 2 Mitchells. At approx. 1000/23 Sept. during a sweep of Kai Is. by 5 Bostons, 2 luggers were attacked: 1 Boston was lost. At 1130/23 Sept. Dobo town was bombed by 2 Mitchells.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) N. W. New Guinea - Neutralization of enemy held airfields continues: at 0945/22 Sept. Uтарom airdrome was bombed by 27 Bostons and A.M. 23 Sept. Babo runway was bombed by 32 Kittyhawks.
At 0400/22 Sept. a ship believed to be a 200 foot mine sweeper was hit by a torpedo from PT boats off Capo Noejew near Sorong: reconnaissance later confirmed that the ship was sunk in shallow water.
- (2) Wewak - Night 22-23 Sept. 2 barges heading S. off Valif Is. were sunk by PT boats.
During 23 Sept. piles of stores near Wewak were effectively bombed by 15 Beauforts and Kairiru village was attacked by 3 Bostons.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - Another specific target attacked 21 Sept was a plantation near Katherine Harbor on Central S.W. coast of New Ireland involving 6 Dauntless 24 Corsairs.
The aerial blockade was maintained night 21-22 Sept. by 2 Mitchell 3 Catalinas over New Ireland by 5 Mitchells over Rabaul and by 1 Mitchell over Buin. On 22 Sept. again the usual fighter sweeps were conducted over whole area in addition to specific strikes against Mokurapau plantation near Rabaul involving 32 Dauntless 30 Corsairs and against Poporang Is. off Buin by 9 Mitchells 36 Dauntless.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - Mopping up continues on Angaur Is. on 21 Sept. and regrouping was in progress on Peleliu to renew the assault against enemy positions on the W. coast.
On 22 Sept. several small craft, similar to PT boats or YMS's, were observed by aircraft in the vicinity of Malakal Harbor.
- (2) Ulithi - Following mine sweeping and beach reconnaissance on 21 and 22 Sept. Ulithi Atoll was occupied by our forces on 23 Sept. without opposition. Apparently the Japs had anticipated the Allied occupation of Ulithi and had already evacuated the Atoll.
- (3) Ponape - On 19 Sept. airfields and gun positions on Ponape were bombed by 13 Mitchells.
2. BONINS - On 19 Sept. Chichi Jima barracks and shipping offshore were attacked by 29 Liberators. Shipping sighted included 4 medium sized ships and 25-30 lighters: 1 cargo vessel was left burning and 8-10 lighters destroyed.
Also on 19 Sept. a reconnaissance plane sighted 2 large landing craft 70 miles W.N.W. Kita Iwo Jima course 130°.

C. INDIAN OCEAN

- (1) N. Sumatra - It has now been announced that the railway repair depot at Sigli (Northernmost Sumatro) was attacked 18 Sept. by aircraft from and Eastern Fleet Task Force. No interception was encountered and no attack on our surface forces was experienced. One plane was lost during the strike.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Repeated Blue task force operations in Philippines area.
- (2) Occupation Ulithi Atoll and satisfactory progress on Palau.
- (3) Further successes U. S. Submarines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES
	% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(incl. Mandates)
		South Pacific	
<u>BB</u>	(1) CALIFORNIA	-	-
<u>CV</u>	(2) FRANKLIN	ENTERPRISE	-
<u>CVL</u>	(2) BELLEAU WOOD	SAN JACINTO	-
<u>CVE</u>	(14) CHENANGO	MIDWAY	SUWANNEE -
	COPAHEE	NASSAU	SARGENT BAY
	BARNES	RUDYERD BAY	WINDHEAM BAY
	BRETON	SANGAMON	SITKOH BAY
	FANSHAW BAY	SANTEE	
<u>CA</u>	(3) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE	NEW ORLEANS -
<u>CL</u>	(5) BOISE	BILOXI	@ HOBART @ LEANDER
	NASHVILLE	PHOENIX	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER	WRIGHT	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON	HERON	SAN PABLO
	SAN CARLOS	ORCA	CHINCOTEAGUE -
<u>DD</u>	(56) ARNTA	HUGHES	STACK
	WARRANMUNGA	HUTCHINS	STEVEN S
	NAPIER	DAVID W. TAYLOR	HUNT
	NETAL	JENKINS	TAYLOR
	ARNER READ	JOHN RODGERS	BUSH
	AMMEN	KILLEN	THATCHER
	ANDERSON	LANG	MAURY
	BACHE	LAVALLETTE	GRAVEN
	BEALE	MCKEE	GRIDLEY
	DALY	MORRIS	HELM
	CAPPS	MULLANY	MCCALL
	DASHIELL	MURRAY	MUGFORD
	EVANS	MUSTIN	RALPH TALBOT
	FLETCHER	O'BANNON	PATTERSON
	HALL	RINGOLD	BAGLEY
	HARRISON	NICHOLAS	WILKES
	HICKOX	SCHROEDER	HICHOLSON
	HOWORTH	RUSSEL	SWANSON
	HOPEWELL		PAUL HAMILTON
<u>AD</u>	(2) WHITNEY	DIXIE	
<u>SS</u>	(7) BASHAW	FLOUNDER)
	DACE	GLYING FISH)
	CARTER	TARPON	) on patrol
	PERMIT		
	(5) CERO	GUAVINA)
	PLUNGER	SEA WOLF	) on passage
	STINGRAY)
	(3) S.42	S.47)
	S.45		) at Seeadler
	(1) POLLACK		) at Brisbane
	(2) K.9	K.12	) at Sydney

%Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (CONT)

<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>South Pacific</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES (incl. mandates)</u>
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
<u>APA</u> (13)	H. T. ALLEN (APA) KAMIBLA WESTRALIA WARD (APL) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY	KILTY HANCORA FAYETTE LEEDSTOWN ORMSBY WINDSOR	3 APD	-
<u>AGC</u> (2)	BLUE RIDGE	WISATCH	-	-
<u>AS</u> (3)	OTUS HOLLAND	ORION	-	-
<u>AD</u>	BOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u> (15)	MIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARL) OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (JIG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (APS) CABLE		-	*
<u>LSL</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u> (3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ADUKUMA
<u>LD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	*
<u>DL</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

# <u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>			
			Philippines East Indies	Empire		
<u>BB</u>	(17)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO MUSASHI *KONGO ISE HYUGA (convtd to carry a/c)
<u>CV</u>	(9)	SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP			(5) MAMI HAYATAKA TAIHO UNRUY ZUIKAKU
<u>CVL</u>	(7)	CABOT COMPENS BATAN INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY			(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (poss. sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(27)	CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGATT BAY LUNGA POINT LONG ISLAND	MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY NEHENTA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SALAMAUA WHITE PLAINS ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALTAIRAH KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY	(2) JINYO OTAKA	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(12)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA INDIANAPOLIS WICHITA	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY		(11) AOKI ATAGO CHOKAI CHIKUMA HAGURO KUMANO MYOKO NOGAMI TAKAO TONE SUZUYA	*MAYA
<u>OCA</u>		-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(16)	BIRMINGHAM COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER HONOLULU	HOUSTON MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OAKLAND	RENO SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(6) KISO (prob. sunk) ISUZU OYOLO SAKATA TAMA
<u>CLT</u>		-	-	-	KASHII	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTISS POCONOKE		-	ISKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 170			25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30			10	Approx. 45
<u>AS</u>		?			?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Malay- Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	HARUNA
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INVOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6) BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMEER	UNYO
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(1) ALBATROSS)
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON SHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(15) ASPRO LAPON CABRILLA) BONEFISH HARDER PADDLE) FLASHER HAMMERHEAD PARGO) on GROWLER MINGO PORPOISE) patrol HADDO NARWHAL MEDFIN)	Approx. 16	10 (Poss. all German)
	(11) ANGLER COD MUSKELLUNGE) BLUEGILL HAKE P.318) HARDHEAD JACK TELEMACHUS) on HOE TANTALUS) passage		
	(1) NAUTILUS	) at Darwin	
	(20) BATFISH K.15 SEA ROVER) BREAM TANTIVY SIRDAR) CLYDE GUITARO SPITEFUL) CREVALLE GURNARD STOIC) GUNNEL O.19 STORM) at Fremantle K.14 RATON STURDY) RAY ZWAARDFISCH)		
<u>AS</u>	(3) MAILSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u> BISMARCKS	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	-	105	248	14
S/E Bombers	-	-	51	98	2
T/E bombers	-	-	111	109	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	-
Float Planes	10	-	57	27	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	28	4
TOTAL	10	-	346	521	29

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre
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Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.
Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I(i) ALLIED FORCESSOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
4 PT
- Task Units 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" 1 PC: 1123
- Task Force 73 : 1 AV: "TANGIER"
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS" 2 AVR
- Task Force 77.1.1 : 4 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" "SANTEE"
8 DE: "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"
"J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" "SHELTON"
- Task Force 77.3 : 12 DD: "HUGHES" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STACK" "McKEE" "ANDERSON"
"RUSSELL" "STEVENS" "MUSTIN" "FLETCHER" "TAYLOR"
"LA VALLETTE"
5 AT: "VIREO" "SONOMA" "HIDATSA" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
12 LCT
- Task Force 77.3.1 : 2 PC: 1119, 1134 2 LCI(G)
1 LCI(D) 2 LCI(R)
- Task Force 77.3.2 : 2 PC: 1120, 1133 4 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 334
1 LCI(F) 4 LCI(G)
- Task Group 77.4 : 1 DD: "O'BANNON" 1 PS: "WARREGO"
1 PF: "EL PASO" 2 YMS: 316, 393
1 ATF: "QUAPAN" 1 HDML 1074
5 AK 1 LCT (Radar)
- Task Group 77.5 : 1 DD: "SCHROEDER" 12 LST
- Task Group 77.6 : 1 DD: "MURRAY" 9 LST
3 MV
- Task Group 77.7 : 2 PF: "LONG BEACH" "SAN PABLO" 2 AFD
2 YFD 2 YO
7 YB 2 YOG
2 LCM
- (2) "PC.1122" with 2 LCI(R) proceeding to Humboldt Bay ETA 0700/27.
- (3) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Biak about 24 Sept for Humboldt Bay.
- (4) "RAIL" (AT) towing 2 YFD 1 YD was to depart Milne Bay 17 Sept. for Woendi.
- (5) "YMS.53, 71" were to depart Hollandia so as to arrive Manus 24 Sept.
- (6) "TANGRED" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0030/22 for Dart Reef ETA 0800/23, to assist "SUWA"
- (7) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19, tending navigation light aids along North coast to Morobe, thence returning to Milne Bay.
- (8) 10 submarines on patrol: 4 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
Auxiliaries 2

: 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS"1 AT: "CHETCO"

Noenfoor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF : "GALLUP"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (JOG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CVE : "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"
 2 CA : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL : "PHOENIX" "DOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 13 DD : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMMEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "DACHE"
 "DEALE" "DALY" "ADNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN" "HARRISON"
 "JOHN ROLGERS"

Escorts 34 PT
 7 : 1 PF : "ORANGE"
 3 AMS : "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML : 817, 818 1 YMS : 9
 Auxiliaries 25 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PONTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WACHAPREAGUE"
 "KOOPA" (JGP) "DIXIE" (AD) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA"
 (AO) "RIO GRANDE" "SAKATONCHEE" (JOG) "CROSBY" "HERBERT"
 (JPD) "CARTER HALL" (LSD) "CHIPPEWA" "WATO" (AT) "ARAYAT"
 (IX) "SILVERBELL" "TEABERY" (YN) "CABLE" (ARS) "POYANG"
 "AE" "IEMUS" (ARL) 2 YP : 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 968

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 8 DD : "HOPEWELL" "NICHOLAS" "HOWORTH" "FULLAM" "LANG" "SIGSBEE"
 "KINGGOLD" "DASHIELL"

Escorts 29 : 3 DE : "CROWLEY" "DONALDSON" "LAKE"
 9 PF : "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON" "DISBEE"
 "CARSON CITY" "MUSKOGEE" "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
 8 ALS : "COLAC" "COOTAMUNRA" "WIGGA" "GYMPIE" "GLADSTONE"
 "BELORRAINE" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN"
 2 PC : 476, 477 1 PCE(R) : 850
 6 SC : 637, 735, 743, 744, 749, 981

Auxiliaries 33 : "CRESCENT CITY" "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WARREN" "WAYNE" (APA)
 "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "JOHN LAND" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH"
 (JGC) "BISHOPDALE" (AO) "SEEKONK" "SHIKELLY" (JOG)
 "WARD" (JPD) "MANOORA" "KANIBELA" (APA) "DOBIE" (AD)
 "TEAK" (AN) "INDUS" "MURZIM" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA"
 "MINK" "VILLALOBOS" "OCTARA" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "MERKUR"
 (AF) "LAMBADA" (AG) "MESQUITE" (CGC)
 2 YP : 240, 291, 292 1 ARD : 7
 2 AFD : 11, 25

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 4 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (JPD)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 DB : "CALIFORNIA"
 4 CVE : "DARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "COPAHEE" "SARGENT BAY"
 1 DE : "PAUL HAMILTON"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 31 : 16 DE : "FIDELITY" "DELAHANTY" "WITTER" "WESSON" "ACREE"
 "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "GENDREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER" "PIEBERLING" "SWEARER"
 "HILBERT" "McCONNELL" "WILLIAM C. COLE"

Auxiliaries 70 : 3 PC : 1121, 1132, 1139 1 ML : 827
 6 YMS : 10, 48, 49, 52, 70, 97 5 SC : 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA" "TAPPAHANOCK" "SEBEC" "CAHLEA" "CACHE"
 "SAUGATUCK" "KASKASKIA" "GUALALUPE" "NECHES" "PECOS"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" (AO)
 "ELKHORN" "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "HERON" (AVP) "JASON" (ARH)
 "CONTROL" (AM) "MEDUSA" "PROMETHEUS" (AR) "FAYETTE"
 "LELSTOWN" "ORMSBY" "WINDSOR" (APA) "ALABASTER" (PYC)
 "PATHFINDER" (AGS) "ARCTIC" "ALDEBRAN" (AF) "CINNAMON"
 "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "VEGA" "GANYMEDE"
 "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CARIBOU" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE"
 "ARENEA" "ARETHUSA" (IX) "STRATFORD" "GEN.O.H.ERNST"
 "GEN.R.L.HOWZE" (AP) "CEDU" (ARG) "TAWIBA" "TERN" (AT)
 "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY"
 "MOUNT HOOL" (AE) "SOUTHARD" "HAMILTON" "LONG" (DMS)

Admiralties: (Cont)

<u>Auxiliaries</u>		:	"TRYON" "PINKNEY" (APH)	2 <u>ARL</u> : 19, 20
			1 <u>AFD</u> : 8	4 <u>YRD</u>
			3 <u>YP</u> : 280, 288, 585	1 <u>ADSD</u> .
<u>Alexishafen-Madang:</u>				
<u>Escorts</u>	18	:	2 <u>PF</u> : "BURDEKIN" "ROCKFORD"	
			5 <u>AMS</u> : "KAPUNDA" "ROCKHAMPTON" "TOWNSVILLE" "DROOME"	
			"DENHIGO"	2 <u>SC</u> : 703, 743
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	15	:	9 <u>ML</u> : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825	
			"ACHILLES" (ARL) "MIDAS" (ARD) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)	
			"CALAPARES" (AP) "OTUS" (AS) "PING WO" (ASIS) "TULSA"	
			(PG) "BINGERA" (IG) "DUNGAREE" (CM)	
			2 <u>ARD</u>	1 <u>ARD</u> : 12
			2 <u>AFD</u> : 16, 24	1 <u>YP</u> : 504
<u>Langenak:</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>	4 <u>PT</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	15	:	1 <u>DE</u> : "MANNING"	1 <u>PF</u> : "HAWKESDURY"
			2 <u>AMS</u> : "KIAMA" "LATROBE"	2 <u>PC</u> : 585, 1131
			3 <u>SC</u> : 659, 734, 739, 750	4 <u>YMS</u> : 46, 314, 335, 336
			1 <u>ML</u> : 802	1 <u>PGM</u>
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	9	:	"CLYDE" (IX) "ANSE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" "CHEPACHET" (AO)	
			"RACE POINT" (AT) "GAMBLE" (DM) "MINDANAO" (AG)	
			"NETSUYCKER" (AH)	1 <u>AFD</u> : 10
<u>Milne Bay:</u>				
<u>Combat Units</u>	4 <u>PT</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	4	:	1 <u>DE</u> : "LOVELACE"	1 <u>PC</u> : 479
			1 <u>AMS</u> : "STAVELL"	1 <u>SC</u> : 737
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	14	:	"CALLEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT)	
			"SATINLEAF" (YN) "GEN.M.L.HERSHEY" (AP) "SHAWNEE" (AP)	
			"ORESTES" (AGP) "CRUX" (AK)	1 <u>ARD</u> : 9
			2 <u>AFD</u> : 5, 12	3 <u>YP</u> : 233, 237, 449
<u>Port Moresby:</u>				
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>YMS</u> : "RINJANI"	1 <u>ML</u> : 421
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	2	:	"WINTER" (IGS) "ST GILES" (AT)	

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "STADLER" "DEMPSEY" "EMERY" (DE) "SC.1269" "YUMA" (AT) "BOSCHFONTEIN" "POELAULAUT" (MV) assisting "SAMARITAN" (AH) off Tauu Island.
- (2) "FOREMAN" "WHITEHURST" (DE) departed Treasury 1000/24 for Sydney ETA 0700/29.
- (3) "PAUL G. BAKER" (DE) was to depart Manus 23 Sept. for Purvis Bay.
- (4) "DARDY" (DE) escorting "DRIAREUS" (AR) was to depart Santo 0600/22 for Manus ETA PM 26 Sept.
- (5) "PC.1591" escorting "CONCACUA" departed Russells 0600/22 for Finschhafen ETA 1200/26.
- (6) "KIWI" (YMS) "PC.1128" "YMS.99" escorting 7 LCI departed Kukum 0600/24 for Green Is ETA 1000/26.
- (8) "PC.620" escorting "ALDERAMIN" (AK) departed Treasury 1630/21: escort detaches and proceeds Guadalcanal; consort proceeds Noumea ETA 1300/26.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>SC</u> : 620	1 <u>PC</u> : 588
<u>Auxiliaries</u>	1	:	"PATAPSCO" (AOG)	

Green Is:

<u>Combat Units</u>	12 <u>PT</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	2	:	1 <u>SC</u> : 518	1 <u>YMS</u> : 95

Torokina:

<u>Escorts</u>	8	:	1 <u>DE</u> : "OSMUS"	3 <u>PC</u> : 598, 1129, 1229
			3 <u>SC</u> : 1065, 1188, 1590	1 <u>YMS</u> : 259

Treasury Is:

<u>Combat Units</u>	34 <u>PT</u>			
	6 <u>PGM</u>			
<u>Escorts</u>	5	:	2 <u>PC</u> : 598, 605	1 <u>YMS</u> : 47
			2 <u>SC</u> : 677, 722	

Treasury Is: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 5 : "TURBULT" "VELOCITY" (MS) "DUTTELNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND"
"JAMESTOWN" (JGP)

Manila:

Escorts 6 : 1 DE : "WILLMARTH" 1 PC : 1120
4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
Auxiliaries 1 : "CALANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) "PCE.(R) 348, 849" were to depart Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt ETA 0600/30.
 (2) "OGDEN" (PF) departed Caloundra 1200/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/28, thence Hollandia.
 (3) "HENRY. T. ALLEN" (MPA) was to depart Brisbane about 22 Sept for Milne Bay, for onward routing to Hollandia, arriving by 30 Sept.
 (4) "RESERVE" (AT) towing 2 YB was to depart Brisbane about 24 Sept for Cairns, to take "ETAMIN" (AK) as additional tow to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with barges to Manus.
 (5) "GEN. G.M. RANDALL" "GEN. W.M. MITCHELL" (AP) were to depart Melbourne 24 Sept West-bound.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MENABOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AGS: "PIRE" "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 3 : 2 AGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA" 1 CGC: "DUTTONWOOD"

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 2 AGS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW"
4 SC : 699, 732, 736, 748 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315
Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
1 AFD: 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Escorts 2 : 2 AGS: "KATOOMBIA" "DALLARAT"
Auxiliaries 2 : "POLARIS" (AGS) "OCTANS" (AF)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" (MS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"
Escorts 11 : 2 AGS: "WHYALLA" "GEEBONG" 1 PC : 1124
8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONDOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" "DENALLA" (AGS)
"PONTUS" (JGP) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) 1 YP : 42

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HCBART" (refitting)
3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENLETTA"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "BARCOO" 1 PS : "SWAN"
1 AGS: "WARRINABOOL" 2 PC : 584, 1130
3 A/S: "KYDRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
3 ML : 810, 822, 823
Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"
"POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ORCA" (AVP)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPEIR"
Escorts 2 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MIZAR" (AF)

Adelaide:

Escorts 2 : 2 AGS: "IPSWICH" "DUNDEBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/25:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORESBY"
4 AGS: "HORSHAM" "EUCHUGA" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

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- (2) "INVERELL" "LUNDURY" (AMS) departed Darwin 0530/22 for Fremantle ETA 0700/29, passing via Onslow where ETA 0930/26.
(3) "PARKES" (AMS) departed Darwin 0740/23 for Fremantle ETA 0700/30, passing via Onslow, where ETA 0930/27.
(4) 11 submarines on patrol: 14 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries 2 : "CONCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

Milinginbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/24:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:

Onslow:

Combat Units 1 SS : "TANTALUS"
Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "DOWEN" 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
20 SS : "BREAM" "BAPFISH" "CLYDE" "CREVALLE" "GUITARRO" "GUNNEL"
"GURNAC" "RAY" "RATON" "SEA ROVER" "SINDAR" "STUDY"
"STORM" "MUSKELLUNGE" "STOIC" "TANTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH"
"K.14" "K.15." "O.19"

Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
1 ES : "SAVONIAN DE BRAEZA"
5 AMS: "DUEBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON"
"DATHURST"
1 SC : 729 1 ML : 824
2 YMS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
"CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
1 AD: 10
1 YF : 286

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Davao Gulf - Night 23-24 Sept. a Catalina attacked a ship, resembling a seaplane tender of the Chitose class prior to the conversion of that ship, apparently fuelling 2 destroyer escorts, 1 on each side. Direct hits were scored with 2-500 pound and 2-100 pound bombs on the 3 vessels resulting in the sinking of the two escort vessels within 5 minutes. The larger ship, which was also sinking, was periodically strafed during the following 2 hours after which time another hit with a 500 pound bomb was scored and the ship finally rolled over and sank.
- (2) S.W. Mindanao - At 1010/23 Sept. 5 small freighters were observed heading S.W. past Sindangan Pt. At 0245/24 Sept. a Catalina sighted possibly the same convoy described as 2 sea truck type ships, 1 other merchant ship and 4 luggers off Siocon (45 miles S.W. of Sindangan Pt.).
A.M. 23 Sept. 7 ships were observed off the Western shore of Moro Gulf heading N.E.
- (3) Visayan Sea - A.M. 24 Sept. 4 merchant ships (2 large and 2 small) were seen heading N.W. in Visayan Sea through Jintotolo Passage. At 1300/24 Sept. 4 cargo vessels were observed at anchor E. of Pan de Azurcas Is. (N.E. entrance Quimaras Strait).
- (4) Luzon - Night 21 Sept. a U. S. submarine sank an unidentified warship, thought to be a minelayer, in Subic Bay.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - Consolidation continues on Southern Morotai undisturbed while patrols supported by Naval gunfire, involving destroyers, are working over the Northern end of the Island.
- (2) Halmahera - At 1100/22 Sept. Liberators over Western Halmahera sighted 1 probable lugger off Moti Is. and 7 probable barges at Tidore Is.
Night 23-24 Sept. a barge heading S. in Galala Bay was sunk by PT boats which also started a large oil fire near Galala. Two torpedoes were fired at the PT boats from shore positions near Galala.
- (3) N. Celebes - Liberators over this area about noon 22 Sept. reported the following shipping:-
Lembah Strait : 2 small merchant ships and 4-5 barges.
Kema Bay : 1 merchant ship.
Amoerang Bay : approx. 10-15 barges.
A Liberator over Amoerang Bay 1300/23 Sept. reported 4 ships including possibly 1 medium sized vessel in the Bay and a Catalina reported at 2145/23 Sept. 1 small merchant ship on a reef in Amoerang Bay. It is not considered likely that any serviceable ships over 500 tons are in the general area.
Night 22-23 Sept. warehouses and waterfront at Manado were bombed by 3 Liberators and Sidate airdrome by 4 Liberators.
Night 23-24 Sept. a Catalina scored a direct 500 pound bomb hit on a small merchant ship off Laimpangi Bay.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - At 0015/24 Sept. Catalinas sighted 1 small ship and several barges near S.W. tip of Moena Is.
Night 23-24 Sept. a Catalina scored a direct hit on a fuel laden 10,000 ton tanker S. of Kendari: the ship exploded, burned fiercely and sank within 3 minutes.
- (5) Timor - P.M. 24 Sept. Fulloro airdrome and village were bombed by 2 individual reconnaissance Liberators.
Photos 24 Sept. showed no serviceable aircraft on any of the following airdromes in Western Timor:- Penfoei, Poeloeti, Oesaoe, Koepang Gulf Course and the new field at Oilpoea near Koepang: no recent development is noticeable on the last named airdrome and Poeloeti runway is obstructed but otherwise all airdromes operational.
- (6) Ceram Area - On 23 Sept. a Liberator attacked 3 sailing vessels off Western Boeroe Is. and another 3 near Piroe Bay: all were sunk or damaged.
During 24 Sept. sweeps around E. Ceram and the Islands to the S.E. were patrolled by 4 Beaufighters in 2 flights and 11 Kittyhawks in 3 flights: in all about 12 small craft were strafed and destroyed or damaged.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf - At midday 24 Sept. Babo airdrome was attacked by 31 Kittyhawks scoring 25 hits on No. 1 runway.
At 1345/24 Sept. small craft off Kokas were strafed by 4 Bostons.
- (2) Sorong - At 0630/23 Sept. 2 sea trucks and some 10 barges were sighted by aircraft in a cove on Batanta Is. off Sorong. The barges headed for the shore on the approach of the aircraft.
- (3) Manokwari Area - A.M. 23 Sept. AA positions at Moemi and Ransiki were bombed by 8 Kittyhawks and Manokwari airdrome and nearby AA positions were bombed by 7 Thunderbolts 8 Kittyhawks.
- (4) Wewak - No contacts were made by patrols in the general Aitape Area on 23 Sept.
At 1415/24 Sept. huts and stores at Cape Moem were bombed by 8 Beauforts.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - Night 22-23 Sept. Kavieng was harassed by 2 Mitchells and Kahili by 1 Mitchell.

At dawn 23 Sept. Baniu plantation near Buka Passage was attacked by 32 Dauntless and 32 Corsairs.
At 1140/23 Sept. barge hideout at Blacun Crater was bombed by 7 Mitchells.
Otherwise on 23 Sept. only normal patrols were conducted over the general area involving Venturas and Corsairs attacked targets of opportunity.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - No further details are available concerning the land operations on Palau but enemy casualties to 23 Sept. total 7970 of which 7020 were Peleliu and 950 on Angaur.
- (2) Yap - Fighters on a sweep over Yap P.M. 22 Sept. reported that the main airfield was well cratered still and that the new airfield was in fair shape though inactive. Some AA was experienced but no interception.
- 2. MARCUS ISLAND - Was bombed 20 and 21 Sept. by patrol Liberators. On 23 Sept. a patrol vessel off Marcus was sunk by gunfire from a U. S. submarine.
- 3. BONINS - At 1015/24 Sept. 3 ships were attacked by Cenpac aircraft without success 35 miles N.E. of Kita Owo Jima.
- 4. FORMOSA - On 19 Sept. or just prior an enemy convoy of 11 ships in Formosa Strait were attacked by 2 China based Liberators and 6 ships totaling 14,200 tons were sunk.
- 5. NANSEI SHOTO - At 0740/24 Sept. a U. S. submarine claimed 4 torpedo hits in a group of shipping described as 2 battleships (Fuso Class) and 4 destroyers which were attacked in Northern Nansei Shoto chain whilst on course 230°.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Repeated Blue task force operations in Philippines area.
 - (2) Further success U. S. Submarines.
 - (4) Continued success of night flying Catalinas.
 - (4) Evidence Japs using shore positions for firing torpedoes.
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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

TOP SECRET
25 Sept. 1944

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
	% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		(incl. Mandates)	
		<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>BB</u>		CALIFORNIA	-	-
<u>CVE</u>	(12)	CHENANGO SANGAMON COPAHEL. SANTEE BARNES SUWANNEE BRETON SARGENT BAY FAN SHAW BAY WINDHAM BAY MIDWAY SITKOH BAY	-	-
<u>CA</u>	(2)	AUSTRALIA SHROPSHIRE		
<u>CL</u>	(4)	BOISE @ HOBART NASHVILLE PHOENIX	@ LEANDER)
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2)	TANGIER WRIGHT		
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6)	HALF MOON HERON SAN PABLO SAN CARLOS ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE	-	-
<u>DD</u>	(43)	ARUNTA HUGHES STEVENS WARRAMUNGA HUTCHINS HUNT NAPIER JENKINS TAYLOR NEPAL JOHN RODGERS BUSH ABNER READ KILLEN THATCHER AMMEN LANG PAUL HAMILTON ANDERSON LA VALLETTE FULLAM BACHE MCKEE BEALE MORRIS DALY MULLANY CAPPS MURRAY DASHIELL MUSTIN EVANS O'BANNON FLETCHER RINGGOLD HALL NICHOLAS HARRISON SCHROEDER HOWORTH RUSSEL HOPEWELL STACK	-	-
<u>AD</u>	(2)	WHITNEY DIXIE		
<u>SS</u>	(10)	BASHAW FLYING FISH) CERO NARWHAL) DACE NAUTILUS) DARTER STINGRAY) on patrol FLOUNDER TARPON)		
	(4)	PERMIT GUAVINA) PLUNGER SEA WOLF) on passage		
	(3)	S.42 S.47) S.45) at Seeadler		
	(1)	POLLACK) at Brisbane		
	(2)	K.9 K.12) at Sydney		

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
A Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)	
	<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Eastern Section</u>)	<u>South Pacific</u>		
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	?
	(19) WARD (APD)	MANOORA (APA) WAYNE (APA)	3 APD	-
	SCHLEY (APD)	FAYETTE (APA) FULLER (APA)		
	HEBERT (APD)	LEEDSTOWN (APA) AQUARIUS (AKA)		
	CROSBY (APD)	ORMSBY (APA)		
	KILTY (APD)	WINDSOR (APA)		
	H.T. ALLEN (APA)	CRESENT CITY (APA)		
	KANIMBLA (APA)	WARREN (APA)		
	WESTRALIA (APA)	ELMORE (APA)		
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE	WASATCH	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS	ORION	-	-
	HOLLAND			
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGFT. (AR)		-	-
	PLATYPUS			
	PROMETHEUS			
	MEDUSA			
	MIDAS			
	OCEANUS			
	CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG)			
	OGLALA			
	MINDANAO			
	CEBU			
	REMUS (ARL)			
	ACHILLES			
	AMYCUS			
	VENT (APS)			
	CABLE			
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NA'HI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

Philippines
East Indies

Empire

	#	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES		
<u>BB</u>	(17)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA SOUTH DAKOTA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO MUSASHI *KONGO ISE HYUGA (Convtd. to carry A/C
<u>CV</u>	(11)	SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HANCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP FRANKLIN ENTERPRISE		(5) AMAGI HAYATABI TAIHO UNRYU ZUIKAKU	
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN INDEPENDENCE	LANDLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY BELLEAU WOOD SAN JACINTO		(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (poss. sunk) KAIYO	
<u>CVE</u>	(29)	CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGAT BAY LUNGA POINT LONG ISLAND	MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY NASSAU NEHEMIA BAY OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SALAMUAU WHITE PLAINS ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALTAMAH KADASHAN BAY KALININ BAY KITKUN BAY	(2) JINYO OTAKA	
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAMBERA INDIANAPOLIS	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY WICHITA		(11) A OBA ATAGO CHOKAI CHIKUMA HAGURO KIJIMANO MYOKO MOGAMI TAKAO TONE SUZUYA	*MAYA
<u>CCA</u>	(17)	BILOXI BIRMINGHAM COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER HONOLULU	HOUSTON MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OAKLAND	RENO SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(6) KISO (pr. sunk) ISUZU CYODO SAKAWA TAMA
<u>CLT</u>					KASHII	KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTIS PCCOMOKE		-	ASKITSUSHII *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 180			25-30	20 (severe repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30			10	Approx.
<u>AS</u>			?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 26 September 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
4 PT
- Task Units 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" 1 PC: 1123
1 AV: "TANGIER"
- Task Force 77.1.1 : 2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS" 2 AVR
2 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SANTEE"
6 DE: "R.S.BULL" "R.M.ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"
"SHELTON"
- Task Force 77.3 : 9 DD: "HUGHES" "STACK" "MCKEE" "ANDERSON" "RUSSELL" "MUSTIN"
"FLETCHER" "TAYLOR" "LA VALLETTE"
1 CGC: "MESQUITE" 2 APD: "HERBERT" "CROSBY"
12 LCT 1 LSD: "CARTER HALL"
- Task Force 77.3.1 : 2 PC: 1119, 1134 2 LJI(R)
1 LCI(D) 2 LCI(G)
- Task Force 77.3.2 : 2 PC: 1120, 1133 4 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 334
1 LCI(F) 4 LCI(G)
- Task Group 77.4 : 2 DD: "O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" 1 PC: "WARREGO"
1 PF: "EL PASO" 2 YMS: 316, 393
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" 1 HDML 1074
5 AK 1 LCT (Radar)
8 LCT 8 LST
- Task Group 77.5 : 1 DD: "SCHROEDER" 12 LST
- Task Group 77.6 : 1 DD: "MURRAY" 3 MV
- Task Group 77.7 : 2 PF: "LONG BEACH" "SAN PABLO" 2 AFD
2 YFD 2 YO
7 YB 2 YOG
2 LCM
- (2) "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" (CVE) "J.C.BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding Seeadler Harbor
ETA 1200/27.
- (3) "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY" (CVE) "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON" (DD) departed Woendi 0630/26
for Seeadler Harbor ETA 1830/27.
- (4) "PC.1122" with 2 LCI(R) proceeding to Humboldt Bay ETA 0700/27.
- (5) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Biak about 24 Sept. for Humboldt Bay.
- (6) "RAIL" (AT) towing 2 YFD 1 YD was to depart Milne Bay 17 Sept for Woendi.
- (7) "TANCRED" (AT) departed Milne Bay 0030/22 for Dart Reef ETA 0800/23 to assist "SUVA"
- (8) "WITTER" (DE) escorting "STRATFORD" (AP) departed Manus 1330/24 for Milne Bay ETA
1200/27.
- (9) "OCTANS" (AF) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 28 Sept.
- (10) "SHAWNEE" (AT) departed Milne Bay 1500/25 for Espiritu Santo ETA 28 Sept.
- (11) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19 tending navigation light aids along
North coast to Morobe, thence returning to Milne Bay.
- (12) 10 submarines on patrol: 4 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AVP: "CAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"
 1 AOG: "RIO GRANDE"

Noemfoor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "GALLUP"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
 3 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
 11 DD: "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "MAREN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BACHE"
 "BEALE" "DALY" "BNER READ" "BUSH" "KILLEN"

34 PT

Escorts 7 : 1 PF: "ORANGE"
 3 AMS: "ARARAT" "GLENELG" "COWRA"
 2 ML: 817, 818 1 YMS: 9
 Auxiliaries 20 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "VAMUNJA"
 "WACHAPREAGUE" (AGS) "DIXIE" (AD) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY"
 "VICTORIA" (AO) "SARATONCHEE" (AOG) "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "CABLE"
 (ARS) "ARAYAT" (IX) "SILVERBELL" "TEABERRY" (YN) "POYANG"
 (AE) "REMUS" (AML) 2 YP: 236, 278

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 698, 735
 Auxiliaries 1 : "OCTORARA" (IX)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS: "ARIADNE"
 9 DD: "HOPEWELL" "HOWORTH" "LANG" "SIGSBEE" "RINGGOLD" "DASHIELL"
 "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "STEVENS"
 Escorts 18 : 1 DE: "EICHENBERGER"
 9 PF: "EUGENE" "VAN BUREN" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON" "BISBEE"
 "CARSON CITY" "MUSKOGEE" "GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
 2 PC: 476, 477 1 PCE(R): 850
 5 SC: 637, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 39 : "CRESCENT CITY" "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WARREN" "WAYNE" (APA)
 "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "JOHN LANE" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH"
 (AGC) "BISHOPDALE" "CHEPICHET" (AO) "SSEKOMK" "ELKHORN"
 "SHIKELLANY" (AOG) "WARD" (APD) "MINOOKA" "KANIBLA" (APA)
 "LOBBIN" (AD) "TEAK" (AN) "MURZIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA"
 "MINK" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "DEBRICK" (YO) "MERCUR" (AF)
 "LAURABADA" (AG) "VIREO" "HILATSA" "SONOMA" "WATO" (AT)
 "KOOPA" (AGP) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 1 ARL: 7
 3 YP: 240, 291, 292 2 AFD: 11, 25

Aitape:

Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 1 : 1 SC: 745
 Auxiliaries 5 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (APD)
 1 ATR: 31

Admiralties:

Combat Units 1 BE: "CALIFORNIA"
 4 CVE: "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "COPAHUE" "SARGENT BAY"
 2 DD: "PAUL HAMILTON" "FULLAN"
 3 SS: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 32 : 13 DE: "PIEDMONT" "DELAHANTY" "JESSON" "ACREE" "GENDREAU"
 "JAMES E. CRAIG" "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER"
 "FIEBERLING" "SWEATER" "HILLBERT" "WILLIAM C. COLE"
 3 PC: 1121, 1132, 1139 1 ML: 827
 10 YMS: 10, 48, 49, 52, 53, 71, 70, 97, 314, 336
 5 SC: 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
 Auxiliaries 70 : "PARANSET" "MASCOMA" "TAPPANNOCK" "SEBEC" "CAHABA" "CACHE"
 "SAUGATUCK" "KASKASKIA" "GUADALUPE" "NECHES" "PECOS"
 "ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILLICOMA" "SCHUYKILL" "TOMAHAWK"
 "KENNEDIGO" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "HERON" (AVP) "JASON"
 (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM) "REBUS" (AN) "PAYETTE" "LEELSTOWN"
 "ORMSBY" "WILNSOR" (APA) "ALBASTER" (PYC) "PATHFINDER"
 (AGS) "ARCTIC" "ALDEBRAN" (AF) "CINNAMON" "TUSCHNET" (AN)
 "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "VEGA" "GANYMEDE" "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR"
 (AKS) "CARIBOU" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" "BAGERA" "ARETHUSA"
 (IX) "GEN.O.H.ERNST" "GEN.R.L.HONZE" (AG) "TULSA" (FG)

Admiralties (Cont)

Auxiliaries : "CEBU" (ARG) "TAMBA" "TEAN" (AT) "ARGONNE" (AG) "WHITNEY"
 "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY" "MOUNTHOOD" (AE) "SOUTHAC" "LONG"
 "HAMILTON" (DMS) "TRYON" "PINKNEY" (APH) 2 AD: 19, 20
 1 AFD : 8 4 YRL
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 1 ABS

Alexishafen-Madang:
Escorts 21 : 1 PF : "ROCKFORD"
 9 AMS: "DELOIRINE" "GOULBURN" "STANHAN" "LOCKHAMPTON"
 "LATROBE" "KAPUNLA" "TOWNSVILLE" "COLAC" "GYMPIE"
 2 SC : 703, 743
 9 ML : 426, 801, 428, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825, 803

Auxiliaries 14 : "ACHILLES" (AL) "MILAS" (AB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (AG) "OTUS"
 (AS) "CALAMARES" (AF) "PING NO" (ASIS) "DINGERA" (AG)
 "LUNGAREE" (CM)
 2 AFD 1 AFD: 12
 2 AFD: 16, 24 1 YP : 504

Langemak:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 18 : 1 DE : "MANNING" 2 PC : 585, 1591
 6 AMS: "GLADSTONE" "COCT. MUNDAL" "WIGGA" "BENDIGO" "BAROOLE"
 "KIAMA" 2 YMS: 46, 335
 5 SC : 659, 734, 738, 739, 750 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 8 : "CLYDE" (KX) "AASE M. E. SK" "KURUMBA" (AO) "TRACE POINT" (AT)
 "CABLE" (DM) "MILANAO" (ARG) "MAETSUYCKEN" (AH)
 "GEN. M. L. HERSHEY" (AP) 1 AFD: 10

Milne Bay:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 4 : 2 AMS: "STANWELL" "WHYALLA" 1 PC : 479
 1 SC : 737

Auxiliaries 13 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT)
 "SATINLEAF" (YN) "ORESTES" (AGF) "CHUX" "INDUS" (AK)
 1 AFD: 9 2 AFD: 5, 12
 3 YP : 233, 237, 449

Port Moresby:
Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RAHJANI" 1 ML : 421
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (JGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "STADFELD" "DIMPSEY" "EMERY" "WHITEHURST" "COOLBAUGH" "LOVELACE" (DE) "YUMA" (AT)
 "JAS. A. WILDEU" "POELAULAUT" (MV) assisting "SAMANTAN" (HI)
 off Tauu Island.
- (2) "FOREMAN" "ENGLAND" (DE) departed Treasury 1000/24 for Sydney ETA 0700/29.
- (3) "PAUL G. BAKER" (DE) was to depart Manus 23 Sept. for Purvis Bay.
- (4) "DARBY" (DE) escorting "ERINAEUS" (AR) was to depart Sento 0600/22 for Manus ETA
 PM 26 Sept.
- (5) "UFFY" (DE) departed Espiritu Santo 0600/24 for Manus ETA 1200/28.
- (6) "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) with "CAPE ORANGE" proceeding Finschhafen ETA 0700/27.
- (7) "SC.1269" escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" proceeding from Tauu Is to Munda ETA AM 27 Sept.
- (8) "PC.620" escorting "ALDERMIN" (AK) departed Treasury 1630/21: escort detaches and
 proceeds Guadalcanal; escort proceeds Noumea ETA 1300/26.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
Escorts 2 : 1 SC : 620 1 PC : 588
Auxiliaries 1 : "PATAPSCO" (LOG)

Green Is:
Combat Units 12 PT
Escorts 5 : 1 SC : 518 1 PC : 1128 3 YMS: 95, 99, "KIWI"

Torokina:
Escorts 9 : 2 DE : "WILLMARTH" "OSMUS" 3 PC : 598, 1129, 1229
 3 SC : 1065, 1188, 1590 1 YMS: 259

Treasury Is:
Combat Units 34 PT
 6 PGM

Treasury Is:
 Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 598, 605 1 PCS: 1402
 1 YNS: 47 2 SC : 677, 722
 Auxiliaries 4 : "TUNULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "EUTELNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (JGP)

Munda:
 Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1120 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
 Auxiliaries 1 : "CAMANGA" (AG)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) "HENRY T. ALLEN" (AFA) departed Brisbane 1230/23 for Milne Bay ETA 2000/26; for onward routing to Hollandia.
- (2) "PCE.(R)848,849" were to depart Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt ETA 0600/30.
- (3) "OGDEN" (PF) departed Caloundra 1200/22 for Milne Bay ETA 0700/28 thence Hollandia.
- (4) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1100/23 for Brisbane ETA 1400/27.
- (5) "RESERVE" (AT) towing 2 YB was to depart Brisbane 1900/24 for Cairns ETA 1500/30 to take "ETAMIN" (AK) as additional tow to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with barges to Manus.
- (6) "GEN. J.M. RANALL" "GEN. J.M. MITCHELL" (AP) were to depart Melbourne 24 Sept, West-bound.

(b) Harbour:

Merauko:
 Escorts 2 : 2 YNS: "SEROE" "MENBOE"

Thursday Is:
 Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "FAEMANTLE" "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 3 : 2 AGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA" 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD"

Cairns:
 Escorts 9 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW"
 4 SC : 699, 732, 736, 748 3 YNS: 73, 313, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DONIA" (IX)
 1 AFD: 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:
 Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "DALLARA"
 Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Brisbane:
 Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"
 Escorts 11 : 2 AMS: "WHYALLA" "GEELONG" 1 PC : 1124
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CAKONLOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" "LENALLA" (AGS)
 "PONTUS" (JGP) "COLLSTAR" (AG) 1 YP : 42

Bowen:
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CABRIAN SALVOR" (AS) "HELOS" (AT)

Sydney:
 Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "BARCOO" 1 PS : "SWAN"
 1 AMS: "WIRRNABOOL" 2 PC : 584, 1130
 3 A/S: "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANLRA"
 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
 Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (JH) "ORCA" (AVP)

Melbourne:
 Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 2 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMB" (A/S)
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "MIZAR" (AF)

Adelaide:
 Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "IPSWICH" "BUNDABERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORESBY"
 4 AMS: "HORSHAM" "EUCHG" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"

- (2) "INVERELL" "BUNDURY" (AMS) departed Darwin 0530/22 for Fremantle ETA 0700/29, passing via Onslow where ETA 0930/26.
- (3) "PARKES" (AMS) departed Darwin 0740/23 for Fremantle ETA 0700/30, passing via Onslow, where ETA 0930/27.
- (4) 11 submarines on patrol; 13 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/26:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Combat Units 1 SS : "TANTALUS"
 Escorts 2 ; 1 AMS: "DOWEN" 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 21 SS : "BREAM" "BAFFISH" "CLYDE" "CREVALLE" "GUITARO" "GUNNEL"
 "GURNARD" "JACK" "RAY" "RATON" "SEA ROVER" "SIRIAR" "STORM"
 "STURDY" "MUSKELLUNGE" "STOIC" "TANTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 "K.14" "K.15" "O.19"
 Escorts 11 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "SALVORGAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AS: "DUBBO" "TAMWORTH" "MILDURA" "LAUFCESTON"
 "BATHURST" 1 ML : 824
 1 SC : 729
 2 YMS: 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MILSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD: 10
 1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) S. Luzon - Preliminary details of the results of the aircraft carrier task force strikes on the Manila Area for 21 and 22 Sept. combined show that a total of 169 aircraft were shot down in the air, 188 aircraft were destroyed on the ground in addition to 45 more aircraft damaged on the ground and 3 aircraft damaged by ships gunfire. In all 86 ships, which will later be classified, were sunk probably sunk or damaged: of these 40 were sunk, 11 including 1 submarine were probably sunk and 35 also including 1 submarine were damaged. Details of the classification will be provided at a later date. In addition 6 small craft were sunk and 11 damaged in addition to 2 floating docks one of which contained a naval vessel of 465 ft. length being damaged. The 2 submarines hit were in dock.

It is recalled that the preliminary report of the strike 21 Sept. indicated 110 aircraft shot down and 95 destroyed on the ground: 11 ships including 1 large destroyer 5 tankers (4 large 1 small) and 5 cargo ships were claimed sunk in addition to 26 ships damaged. This indicates that on 22 Sept. 59 aircraft were shot down and 93 destroyed on the ground and that 29 more ships were sunk or destroyed in addition to a further 20 probably sunk or damaged.

Our losses during the 2 days operations amounted to 11 planes in combat and 8 operational: 17 air crew in total were lost. There was no damage to our surface forces.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - No enemy activity was reported by our forces on Morotai 25 Sept. On 23 Sept. an enemy party numbering probably 30 strong occupying well prepared positions behind Cape Wajaboela (W. coast) was attacked by an allied assault party supported by naval gunfire but no details of the action have yet been received.
- (2) Halmahera - On 23 Sept. Kau strip was bombed by 16 Thunderbolts.
- (3) Soela Is. - Aerial reconnaissance 23 Sept. reported considerable boat building activity at Oemaga on E. coast Sanana Is.
- (4) N. Celebes - At approx. 1000/23 Sept. personnel areas and installations at Sidate airdrome were bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 19 Mitchells: 1 probable fighter taking off the strip was destroyed. At 1100/23 Sept. the runway at Sidate was bombed by 15 Liberators which placed 106-500 lb. bombs on the runway: 2 or 3 fighters ineffectively attempted interception. Also at approx. 1100/23 Sept. airdrome and personnel area at Mapanget were bombed and strafed from minimum altitude by 20 Mitchells. Night 23-24 Sept. Manado town was bombed by 3 Liberators dropping 500 lb. incendiaries and starting fresh fires. Photos 23 Sept. of shipping along N. coast Manado show 1-150 ton freighter and 29 barges/luggers in Lembek Strait, 2-150 ton freighters and several small craft at Manado and 1 large lugger 26 barges at Amocrang. These photos tend to confirm the opinion that there are no serviceable ships of any size left in general Manado area.
- (5) Celebes Sea - In addition to the Catalina successes reported in yesterday's Summary No. 971 during night 23-24 Sept., a small freighter was bombed and damaged by a Catalina approx. midway between Manado Bay and Tawi Tawi. Possibly the same vessel was seen by a Liberator at 1230/24 Sept. in the same general area, dead in the water and surrounded by an oil slick.
- (6) S.E. Celebes - At 0150/24 Sept. Kondari airdrome was bombed by 1 Liberator: a large oil fire was started.
- X Flores Sea - At 1405/25 Sept. a warship described as a destroyer was sighted by a Liberator 40 miles S.E. of Binongko Is. (off S.E. Celebes) on course 90°, speed 20 knots. The ship was last seen on course 180° possibly returning towards Kupang.
- (8) Timor - At 1630/24 Sept. Lautem town and defenses were bombed by 11 Liberators as secondary target to Ambon airfields. At 1440/25 Sept. Fuilore was bombed by a reconnaissance Liberator.

- (9) Ambon Area - At 1100/22 Sept. Liang airdrome was bombed by 23 Liberators and Amahai town was bombed by 1 other Liberator.
At approx. midday 24 Sept. Haroekoe was bombed by 5 Liberators, Amahai was attacked by 27 Mitchells and Old Namlea drome was attacked by 12 Mitchells: opposition experienced was limited to slight-moderate AA fire.
- (10) Ceram - On 24 Sept. 4 sailing craft were attacked by a reconnaissance Mitchell off N.W. coast Ceram.
The usual sweeps involving Kittyhawks and Beaufighters were conducted 25 Sept. over S.E. Ceram and Islands running to S.E.: several small craft were strafed and destroyed or damaged.
- (11) Aru Is. - A.M. 25 Sept. a motor launch and 2 luggers were strafed and damaged during a sweep by 4 Bostons around the Shores of Aru Is.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) Kaimana - At 0900/24 Sept. Utarom airdrome was attacked by 20 Kittyhawks: both strips are probably unserviceable.
A.M. 25 Sept. 2 beached barges near Bitsjaroo plantation were strafed and damaged by 2 Beaufighters.
- (2) MacCluer Gulf - P.M. 24 Sept. small craft in MacCluer Gulf were attacked by 4 Bostons: in all some 10 prauws were strafed.
At 1000/25 Sept. Babo No. 1 strip was effectively bombed by 8 Kittyhawks.
- (3) Manokwari - At 1100/24 Sept. Manokwari strip was bombed by 11 Thunderbolts.
- (4) S.W. Geelvink Bay - Night 23-24 Sept. 2 barges were destroyed by PT boats in Wandamen Bay: the barges each contained about 50 Japs probably attempting to escape from the Manokwari area by barge to Windehsi thence overland to MacCluer Gulf.
- (5) Biak - Noenfoor - Isolated enemy contacts were reported 23-24 Sept. on both Biak and Noenfoor Is. and a number of Japs were found dead in addition to some being killed by patrols.
- (6) Wewak - No enemy activity was reported from the general Aitape front on 25 Sept.
At 1400/25 Sept. stores at Cape Moom were bombed by 9 Beauforts

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - A.M. 24 Sept. personnel areas around Kieta were bombed and strafed by 33 Dauntless and 32 Corsairs. Also A.M. 24 Sept. a camp site at Tarlena (Buka Passage) was bombed by 12 Venturas.

Other air activity in the area was confined to attacks during patrols over New Ireland, Gazelle Peninsula and Bougainville involving 12 Dauntless 48 Corsairs 1 Avenger. In addition PT boats patrolled St. Georges Channel and Kieta Area night 24-25 Sept. with negative results.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES

- (1) Palau - At dawn 23 Sept. 10-13 barges carrying, according to prisoners, some 700 Japs attempted to land on Peleliu from Koror Is. 1 barge was sunk when PT boats intercepted before the barges reached Peleliu and the remainder were dispersed and subsequently destroyed ashore, 10 wrecked barges being found after daybreak on reefs N.E. of Peleliu. Jap troops who reached the beaches were eliminated or dispersed and in any case were without equipment.

Otherwise the advance on Peleliu progresses slowly against stubborn resistance and mopping up continues on Anguar.

- (2) Truk - On 24 Sept. reconnaissance aircraft observed some 10 ships at Truk with unusual and extensive small craft activity. A strike was ordered but no details are yet available.

2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 22 Sept. shipping at Chichi Jima and the waterfront were attacked by 15 Liberators: 1 barge was sunk, 1 cargo vessel received near misses and explosions occurred all around the harbor.

3. MARIANAS - MARSHALLS - On 22 Sept. the usual strikes by small flight of aircraft were conducted against enemy held Islands.

(ii) ENEMY FORCE (Contd.)

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Details Blue task force operations in Philippines Area.
- (2) Further success of night flying Catalinas.
- (3) Minor Jap counter landing on Peleliu thwarted.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

TOP SECRET
26 Sept. 1944

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> %Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)
		<u>South Pacific</u>	
	CALIFORNIA	-	-
<u>CVE</u>	(10) CHENANGO COPAHEL BARNES FAN SHAW BAY MIDWAY	SAN GABON SANTEE SUWANNE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY	(1) WINDHAM BAY -
<u>CA</u>	(2) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE -	-
<u>CL</u>	(4) BOISE NASHVILLE	@ HOBART PHOENIX	@ LEANDER -
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(2) TANGIER	WRIGHT -	-
<u>XAV/ACVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON SAN CARLOS	HERON SAN PABLO ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE	-
<u>DD</u>	(42) ARUNTA WARRANMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL ABNER READ AMMEN ANDERSON BACKE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL EVANS FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HOWORTH HOPEWELL	HUGHES HUTCHINS JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LAND LA VALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK	STEVENS - HUNT TAYLOR BUSH PAUL HAMILTON PULLAM
<u>AD</u>	(2) WHITNEY	DIXIE	
<u>SS</u>	(10) BASHAW CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER	FLYING FISH) NARWHAL) NAUTILUS) STINGRAY) on patrol TARPON)	
	(4) PERMIT PLUNGER	GUAVINA) SEA WOLF) on passage	
	(3) S.42 S.45	S.47)) at Scedler	
	(1) POLLACK	) at Brisbane	
	(2) K.9	K.12) at Sydney	

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea.
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)	
<u>Southwest Pacific</u> (<u>Eastern Section</u>)		<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175	-	?
<u>APD</u> <u>A</u> <u>AKA</u>	(19) WARD (APD) SCHLEY HEBERT CROSBY KILTY H.T.ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA	MANOORA (APA) FAYETTE LEEDSTOWN ORMSBY WINDSOR CRESENT CITY WARREN ELMORE	WAYNE (APA) FULLER AQUARIU (AKA)
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE	WASATCH	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS	HOLLAND ORION	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS PROMETHEUS MEDUSA MIDAS OCEANUS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU REMUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>CA</u>	-	(2)	NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9		5
<u>SS</u>	10		Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON		-
<u>DD</u>	9		-

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC
ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

				Philippines East Indies	Empire	
<u>BB</u>	(17)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI NAGATO FUSO	(5) YAMATO *KONGO YAMASHIRO ISE) HYUGA) (Corvtd. to carry A/C)
<u>CV</u>	(11)	SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HUNCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP FRANKLIN ENTERPRISE		(5) AMAGI HAYATAKA TAIHO UNRYU ZUIKAKU	
<u>CVL</u>	(9)	CABOT COWPENS BATAAN INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY BELLEAU WOOD SAN JACINTO		(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (poss. sunk)	
<u>CVE</u>	(31)	ATTU BOUGAINVILLE CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGAT BAY LUNGA POINT LAND ISLAND	BRETON MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND MATOMA BAY NASSAU REHENTA BAY OMMANUY BAY PETROP BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SAVO ISLAND SHARROCK BAY SALAMAUA WHITE PLAINS ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALTAMAHA KADASHAN BAY KADASHAN BAY KITKUN BAY	(2) JINYO OTAKA	KAIYO
<u>CA</u>	(13)	BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CANBERRA INDIANAPOLIS	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY WICHITA		(11) AOKI ATAGO CHOKAI CHIKUMA HAGURO KUBANO MYOKO MOGAMI TAKAO TONE SUZUYA	*MAYA
<u>CA</u>	(17)	BILOZI BIRMINGHAM COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER HONOLULU	HOUSTON MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OAKLAND	RENO SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(6) SAKAWA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO (prob. sunk)
<u>CLT</u>						KASHII
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTIS POCOMOKE			ASKITSUSHI *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 180			25-30	20 (several repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30			10	approx. 45
<u>AS</u>			?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
4 PT
Task Units 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" 1 PC: 1123
1 AV: "TANGLE" 2 AVR
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
Task Force 77.1 : 4 CVE: "SANGAMON" "SANTEE" "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"
2 DD: "JOHN RODGERS" "HARRISON"
6 DE: "R.S.BULL" "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "DENNIS" "EDMONDS"
"SHELTON"
Task Force 77.3 : 9 DD: "STACK" "MCKEE" "RUSSELL" "MUSTIN" "FLETCHER" "TAYLOR"
"LA VALLETTE" "STEVENS"
1 CGC: "MESQUITE" 2 APD: "HERBERT" "CROSBY"
12 LCT 1 LSD: "CARTER HALL"
Task Force 77.3.1 : 2 PC: 1119, 1134 2 LCI(R)
1 LCI(D) 2 LCI(G)
Task Force 77.3.2 : 2 PC: 1120, 1133 4 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 334
1 LCI(F) 4 LCI(G)
Task Group 77.4 : 4 DD: "O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "HOWORTH"
1 PS: "WARREGO" 1 PF: "EL PASO"
2 YMS: 316, 393 1 ATF: "QUAPAW"
1 HDML 1074 5 AK
8 LCT 1 LCT(Radar)
8 LST
Task Group 77.5 : 3 DD: "SCHROEDER" "RINGGOLD" "SIGSBEE" 12 LST
Task Group 77.6 : 1 DD: "MURRAY" 3 MV
Task Group 77.7 : 2 APD 2 YFD
2 YO 7 YB
2 YOG 2 LCM
- (2) "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" (CVE) "J.C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding Seeadler Harbor
ETA 1200/27.
- (3) "HERON" (AVP) departed Manus 1800/26 for Biak ETA 1500/29.
- (4) "GEN. R.L. HOWZE" departed Manus 0400/25 for U.S.A.
- (5) "PCE(h) 848, 849" departed Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/30.
- (6) "YMS. 9" departed Humboldt Bay 1200/25 for Manus ETA 0900/27.
- (7) "WATO" (AT) towing "KOOPE" (AGP) departed Humboldt 1700/25 for Madang ETA AM 28 Sept
- (8) "RAIL" (AT) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Milne Bay ETA 2 Oct, routed via Hollandia.
- (9) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Biak about 24 Sept for Humboldt Bay.
- (10) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Madang 1010/25 for Milne Bay ETA 1010/27.
- (11) "OCTANS" (AF) proceeding Milne Bay ETA 28 Sept.
- (12) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) depart Milne Bay 0200/19 tending navigation light aids along
North coast to Morobe, thence returning Milne Bay.
- (13) 6 submarines on patrol; 8 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:

Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"
1 LOG: "RIO GRANDE"

Noemfoor:

Escorts 1 : 1 PF: "CALLUP"
Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (LOG)

Bisk-Woendi:

Combat Units 2 CA: "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"
3 CL: "PHOENIX" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE"
11 DD: "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNG" "AOPEN" "MULLANY" "HUTCHINS" "BEALE"
"BACHE" "D.J.V." "BENNER REED" "BUSH" "KILLEN"

Escorts 34 PT
7 : 1 PF: "ORANGE" 2 HL: 817, 818
4 MS: "ARARAT" "GREENBELG" "COWRA" "LANTROBE"
Auxiliaries 22 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "VARUNA"
"WACHAPREAGUE" (AGS) "DIXIE" (AD) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY"
"VICTORIA" (AO) "SARATONCHISE" (AOG) "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "CABLE"
(ARS) "ARAYA" (IX) "TEABERRY" (YN) "PCYANG" (AE)
"REMUS" (ARL) 2 YP: 236, 278
2 YFD 1 YD

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 698, 735
Auxiliaries 1 : "OCTORARA" (IX)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS: "ARIADNE"
6 DD: "HOPEWELL" "DASHIELL" "JENKINS" "MORRIS" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES"

Escorts 21 : 1 DE: "EICHENBERGER"
11 PF: "EUGENE" "ROCKFORD" "GASCOINE" "BURLINGTON" "BISBEE"
"LONG BEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "CARSON CITY" "MUSKOGEE"
"GLENDALE" "CORONADO"
3 PC: 476, 477, 1122 1 PCE(R): 850
5 SC: 637, 743, 744, 749, 981
Auxiliaries 36 : "CRESCENT CITY" "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WARREN" "WAYNE" (APA)
"AQUARIUS" (AKA) "JOHN LAND" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WATCH" (AGC)
"BISHOPDALE" "CHEPAGNET" (AO) "SEEKONK" "ELKHORN" "SHIKELLAMY"
(AOG) "WARD" (APD) "MANOORA" (APA) "DOBBS" (LD) "TEAK" (AN)
"MURZIN" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PARADISE" "MIRIN" "VILLALOBOS" (IX)
"MERRICK" (YO) "WENKUN" (AP) "L. J. R. B. A. J." (AG) "VIRGO" "SONOMA"
"HIDATSU" (AP) "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) 1 ARL: 7
3 YP: 240, 291, 292 2 AND: 11, 25

Atape:

Combat Units 18 PT
Escorts 2 : 1 SC: 745 1 AS: "TOWNSVILLE"
Auxiliaries 5 : "AUSTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AM) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (APD)
1 ATR: 31

Amiralities:

Combat Units 1 BE: "CALIFORNIA"
4 CVE: "BARNES" "STIKON BAY" "COPAHNE" "SARGENT BAY"
2 DE: "PAUL HAMILTON" "FULLER"
3 SC: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
Escorts 34 : 13 DE: "PIEDMONT" "DELAHANTY" "WESSON" "MORSE" "GENDREAU"
"JAMES E. GALLIG" "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER" "DARBY"
"SWERLEN" "HILFERT" "WILLIAM C. COLE"
2 PF: "HAKESBURY" "BURDEKIN" 1 AL: 827
3 PC: 1121, 1132, 1139 5 SC: 741, 746, 747, 982, 1274
Auxiliaries 70 : 10 YIS: 10, 48, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 97, 314, 336
"PITTSFORD" "MASCORA" "TAPPANNOCK" "SEBEC" "CAMELIA" "CACHLE"
"SAGHUUCK" "KASKASKIA" "GUADALUPE" "NECHES" "PECOS"
"ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILLCOMA" "SCHUYKILL" "TOMAHAWK"
"KENNEDY" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" (AOG) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL"
(AM) "BRIAREUS" "MELUSA" (AR) "FAYETTE" "LEELSTOWN" "ORMSBY"
"WINDSON" (APA) "ALABASTIA" (PYC) "PAMPINDER" (AGS) "ARCTIC"
"JEDDURAN" (AP) "CINERON" "TORCHWOOD" (AM) "PHOBOS" "BOOTES"
"VEGA" "CANYELLE" "SHAULA" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CARIBOU"
"LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" "HEBENDA" "ARETHUSA" (IX) "TULSA" (PG)
"GEN. O. H. BRIST" (AP) "CEBU" (AG) "TANDEM" "TERA" (AM)

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

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Admiralties: (Cont)
Auxiliaries : "ACORN" (IG) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (IE) "SANGAY" "MOUNTHOOD" (IE) "SOUTHAC" "LONG" "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SILVERBELL" (UN) "TAYLOR" "PINKNEY" (APH) 2 AFD: 19, 20
 1 AFD: 8 4 YFD
 3 YP: 280, 288, 585 1 AFSD

Aloxishafon-Madang:
Escorts 18 : 1 PF: "VAN BUREN" 2 SC: 703, 743
 6 AS: "DELOMINE" "GOULBURN" "STRAHIN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "COLAC" "GYMPLE"
 9 ML: 426, 801, 428, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
Auxiliaries 10 : "ACHILLES" (AL) "MIDAS" (AD) "CELEBRA ISLAND" (AG) "OTUS" (AS) "KAMISLA" (APL) "PING WO" (ASIS) "BINGERA" (IG)
 1 AF: 12 1 YP: 504 2 AFD: 16, 24

Lengemak:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 18 : 1 DE: "HAWKING" 2 PC: 585, 1591
 6 AS: "GLADSTONE" "COOTAMUNDA" "WIGGA" "BENLIGO" "BROOME" "KILMA" 2 YIS: 46, 335
 6 SC: 659, 734, 737, 738, 739, 750 1 PGM

Auxiliaries 11 : "CLYDE" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" "KURUMBA" (IO) "RACE POINT" (AT) "GALLE" (DH) "MINDANAO" (JRC) "MAETSUYCKEN" (AH) "JURESTON" (AGP) "CALAMINES" (IF) "GEN.M.L.HERSHEL" (AP)
 1 AF: 10

Age:
Escorts 1 : "KUPUNDA" (AS)

Dilne Bay:
Combat Units 4 PT
Escorts 4 : 1 DE: "WINTER" 1 PC: 479
 2 AS: "STAFFELL" "WHYALLA"

Auxiliaries 16 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "TITANIA" (AKS) "SPRIGHLI" "THORRED" (AT) "STRATFORD" (AP) "SATINLEAF" (YN) "ORQUESTES" (AGP) "CRUX" "INDUS" (AK) 3 YP: 233, 237, 449
 1 AD: 9 2 AFD: 5, 12

Port Moresby:
Escorts 2 : 1 YAS: "KINDJINI" 1 ML: 421
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS:

(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "WHITEHORST" "COOLBAUGH" "LOVELACE" (DE) "YUMA" (AF) "JAS.E.WILLEM" (MV) assisting "SMIRITAN" (AH) off Tauu Island.
- (2) "STAFFELL" "DEMPSEY" "EMERY" (LE) proceeding Tauu Is to Manus.
- (3) "PAUL G. BAKER" "PLEMERLIN" (DE) departed Manus 0500/24 for Purvis Bay due 0600/27.
- (4) "FOREMAN" "ENGLAND" (DE) departed Treasury 1000/24 for Sydney ETA 0700/29.
- (5) "DUFFY" (DE) departed Espiritu Santo 0600/24 for Manus ETA 1200/28.
- (6) "YP.348, 515" departed Russells 1800/25 for Green Is ETA 1800/27. "SC.1065" departs Torokina so as to RV with YP's at 1600/27 as escort.

(b) In Harbour:

Emirau:
Escorts 2 : 1 SC: 620 1 PC: 588
Auxiliaries 1 : "PIMPSON" (AGC)

Green Is:
Combat Units 12 PT
Escorts 5 : 1 SC: 518 1 PC: 1128 3 YMS: 95, 99, "KIMI"

Torokina:
Escorts 7 : 1 DE: "IL MATHI" 3 PC: 598, 1129, 1229
 2 SC: 1188, 1590 1 YIS: 259

Treasury Is:
Combat Units 34 PT
 6 PGM
Escorts 6 : 2 PC: 598, 605 1 YMS: 47
 3 SC: 677, 722, 1047

Treasury Is: (Cont)

Auxiliaries 5 : "TURBILT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
"HIPSTOCK" (YO)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1120 5 SC : 514,702,999,1267,1269
Auxiliaries 1 : "CUNNING" (AF)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) "CGDEM" (PF) departed Caloundra 1200/22 for Milne ETA 0700/28 thence Hollandia.
- (2) "PC.1131" departed Milne Bay 1100/23 for Brisbane ETA 1400/27.
- (3) "RESERVE" (AF) towing 2 YE was to depart Brisbane 1900/24 for Cairns ETA 1500/30 to take "ETRAIN" (AK) as additional tow to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with barges to Manus.
- (4) "MIZAN" (AF) departed Melbourne 2100/25 for Caloundra ETA 0900/28.
- (5) GEN.G.M.RANDALL "GEN.W.M.MITCHELL" (AF) departed Melbourne 1509/24 for Bomba ETA 7 Oct.

(b) In Harbour:Morauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YIS: "SMEROE" "MERABOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 MS: "MENNAPLE" "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 3 : 2 CGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA" 1 CGC: "BUTTONWOOD"

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 3 MS: "KALCOOLIE" "LITHGOW" "KATOOMBIA"
4 SC : 699,732,736,748 3 YIS: 73, 313, 315
Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AF) "ANDREW BORLA" (IX)
1 MS: 3 1 YP: 283

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CANTERBURY SALVOR" (ARS) "HEROS" (AF)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 1 SS : "FOLLICK"
Escorts 10 : 1 MS: "CHELONG" 1 PC : 1124
6 ML : 424, 425, 804, 05, 811, 820, 820
Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" (AV) "BENALLA"
(AGS) "PONTUS" (AGP) "GOLSTAR" (AG) 1 YP: 42

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
3 LD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 12 : 1 MS : "BARCOO" 1 RS : "SHAN"
2 MS: "WERNERHOL" "BALLHAT" 2 PC : 584, 1130
3 MS: "KYBERA" "WILCANNIA" "YATWA"
3 ML : 810, 822, 823
Auxiliaries 8 : "WIGEL" (AK) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"
"POINT LOMA" (AF) "MANUELA" "TASMAN" (AM) "ORCA" (AVF)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 LD : "WYPIEN"
Escorts 2 : "ABRAHAM CRUJNSEN" "DOOM" (A/S)
Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AK)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 MS: "DUNBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MCRESBY"
4 MS: "HORSHAM" "EUCHAM" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (2) "INVERELL" "BUNDURY" (AMS) departed Darwin 0530/22 for Fremantle ETA 0700/29, passing via Onslow where ETA 0930/26.

- (3) "PARKES" (AS) departed Darwin 0740/73 for Fremantle ETA 0700/30, passing via Onslow, where ETA 0930/27.
 (4) 11 submarines on patrol; 13 submarines on passage.

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 4 HL : 429, 807, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COUGAL" (ASR) "SHEP. ANTON" (AS)

Willingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 HL : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREAS(a) At Sea to 1200/27:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Combat Units 1 SS : "TANTALUS"
 Escorts 2 : 1 AS: "DOWEN" 1 HL : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 2 CL : "NIGERIA" "ADELAIDE"
 21 SS : "DREAM" "LUFFISH" "OLYBE" "GREVILLE" "GUITARO" "GUNNEL"
 "GUMFRO" "JACK" "PAY" "RUDON" "SEA ROVER" "SIRDA" "STORM"
 "STACY" "MUSEBALLER" "STIC" "TENTIVY" "ZWAARDFISCH"
 "K.14" "K.15" "C.19"

Escorts 12 : 1 PP : "CICERUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "S. MORGAN DE BRAZZA"
 5 AS: "LABRO" "FAMOUTH" "MILLAR" "LANCASTON" "ATHURST"
 "IPSWICH"
 1 SC : 729 1 HL : 824

Auxiliaries 7 : 2 YS: 11, 72
 "GRINTIN" "ENTREPRE" "WALSTONE" (AS) "ISABLE" (PY)
 "CHARTOULEL" (AS)
 1 AD: 10
 1 YT : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Luzon - At about noon 26 Sept. 2 battleships were reported by submarine heading S. approx. 190 miles N.W. of Luzon. These are probably the same 2 units which were reported in company with 4 destroyers A.M. 24 Sept. in Northern Mansel Shoto on course 230° when 4 torpedo hits were claimed on 1 of the battleships. If the latest report in fact concerns the units attacked 24 Sept., damage inflicted (if any) would appear to have been light.
- (2) Davao Gulf - Night 24-25 Sept. a Catalina located 10 barges at Samal Is. (off Davao), an additional number of barges and luggers heavily laden at Davao jetties and 1 medium cargo vessel also off Davao: in all 5 of the barges or luggers were set on fire by strafing.
- (3) Zamboanga - Night 24-25 Sept. 2 barges at Zamboanga were attacked by a Catalina.
Reconnaissance midday 25 Sept. reported much small shipping in Zamboanga Harbor and along the coast nearby.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - On 24 Sept. the perimeter defenses on S.W. Morotai were advanced up the W. coast approx. 1½ miles, to the village of Dowongi Kokotoe: no interference from the enemy was reported in connection with this extension.
At approx. 1800/25 Sept. 1 enemy plane dropped bombs near our positions on S. Morotai causing no damage. 2 other planes were over the area later that night but no attack ensued.
- (2) Halmahera - Night 24-25 Sept. 2 barges and 1 collapsible boat were sunk by PT boats off Viti and a lugger was damaged off N.W. coast Halmahera.
A.M. 25 Sept. stores and personnel along W. coast Kau Bay were attacked by 32 Bostons and at the same time 3 sea trucks in Dodinga Bay were sunk or destroyed during a sweep by 15 Lightnings.
- (3) N. Celebes - At 1100/25 Sept. Langoan airfield was bombed by 16 Mitchells escorted by 11 Lightnings: the runway was satisfactorily hit.
Aircraft over N. Celebes A.M. 25 Sept. reported a few small ships in the area including 2 sea trucks tied together in Belang Bay (S. of Lembeh Straits), 2 merchant ships (2-4500 tons) in Bolaangoeki Bay and 2 troop laden barges off Bilang Bay. There is no confirmation as to the size, type and serviceability of shipping reported in this area, but it is not thought that there are any newly arrived or serviceable ships of any size present.
Night 24-25 Sept. a small merchant ship off Cape Soemalata (Central N. coast) was attacked and destroyed by a Catalina. The ship was believed to be carrying petrol as fires raged from stem to stern visible 60 miles away.
- (4) S.E. Celebes - Night 24-25 Sept. Kendari airdrome was bombed by 1 Liberator. Again the following night, 25-26 Sept. Kendari was bombed by 2 Liberators.
At about noon 25 Sept. Kendari airdrome and personnel area were bombed by 20 Liberators destroying an estimated 2 medium bombers in revetments. 4 or 5 enemy fighters ineffectively attempted to intercept the Liberators and 1 was probably shot down: possibly another 4 or 5 fighters were engaged by the Lightning escort and 2 were shot down: 1 Lightning was lost.
At the same time shipping off Kendari was bombed by another Liberator and 1 small merchant ship was sunk by direct hits.
Night 25-26 Sept. a small freighter in Wowoni Straits (off Kendari) was attacked and sunk by a Navy Liberator.
- (5) N.E. Borneo - Night 24-25 Sept. a merchant ship (2-4500 tons) was sunk and another smaller ship damaged in Darvel Bay by a Catalina.
- (6) W. Java - Reconnaissance aircraft (probably Mosquitoes) over West Java shortly after dawn 24 Sept. reported 10-15 aircraft on KemaJoran airdrome (Batavia) and 3 dummy fighters on Semplak airdrome near Buitenzorg. 1 fighter was seen airborne over Bandoeng but no attack was made. During the flight the Governor General's Palace at Buitenzorg was strafed.

- (7) E. Java - Catalinas over the Sourabaya area night 24-25 Sept. sighted some 15 small ships besides several luggers and barges off-shore along S. coast Moadoera Straits.
- (8) Lombok Strait - At 2130/24 Sept. 1 small ship was observed by Catalina in Lombok Strait.
- (9) Flores Is. - At 0950/26 Sept. 1 medium merchant ship was reported by aircraft near Macemere.
- (10) Ambon Area - At about midday 25 Sept. Old Namlea airdrome was bombed by 18 Liberators and Kairatoe airdrome was bombed by 16 Lightnings. At 1035/26 Sept. Liang airdrome was bombed by 6 Mitchells the runway was reported unserviceable. 3 or 4 sizeable ships were reported in Bagoeala Bay on S.E. coast Ambon Is.
- (11) Ceram - At 1015/25 Sept. Boela oil storage tanks and jetties were bombed by 17 Mitchells.
Fighter sweeps against small craft off the shores of Ceram and the Island groups off S.E. Ceram were repeated 26 Sept.: 7 small craft were attacked along the S. coast of Ceram by 4 Beaufighters in 2 flights and 11 small craft were attacked by 9 Kittyhawks in 3 flights amongst the Island groups.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf Area - Neutralization of enemy held airfields is being kept up:- A.M. 25 Sept. Utarom runway was bombed by 25 Bostons and Kaimani township by 19 Kittyhawks. At the same time Sagan airdrome was bombed by 24 Mitchells and installations in that vicinity were attacked by another 6 Mitchells.
A.M. 26 Sept. Babo airdrome was again attacked by a small number of Kittyhawks.
- (2) N. Coast Vogelkop - A.M. 25 Sept. reconnaissance aircraft observed some 200 Japs mainly walking Westwards along the beach about 35 miles W.N.W. of Manokwari.
There were no contacts with the enemy in the Sansapor area on 25 Sept.
- (3) Wewak - Reports indicate a party of Japs possibly 100 strong recently moving Eastwards inland from the general Aitape perimeter. There was no enemy activity reported by patrols 25 Sept.
On 25 Sept. enemy positions and stores at Cape Moem were attacked by an aggregate of 25 Bostons including the 9 reported in yesterday's Summary. On 26 Sept. attacks on stores and personnel in the Wewak Area were repeated involving about 12 Beaufighters.

- 4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - A.M. 25 Sept. specified targets in the Kavien vicinity were attacked by 12 Dauntless 24 Corsairs. Also A.M. 25 Sept. the camp site at Tarlena was bombed by 27 Dauntless. Other attacks throughout the area on 25 Sept. were limited to patrols by fighter-bomber and light bombers.
Occasional contacts with the enemy in the Torokina perimeter area are still reported but such contacts are of little significance.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

- 1. CAROLINES - On Palau, our forces have made substantial progress. On Peleliu our forces have by-passed enemy strong points on the W. coast and reached a point less than 1 mile from the N. tip of the Island on 25 Sept.
Mopping up continues on Anguar.
Night 24-25 Sept. an enemy barge attempted to run the blockade to N.W. Peleliu was sunk by Naval gunfire.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Movement Southward of some Jap Naval units.
- (2) Further success of night flying Catalinas.
- (3) Lack of enemy shipping in East Indies, E. of Borneo and S. of Philippines.
- Reconnaissance of W. Java by SWPA aircraft, unmolested.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> % Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates) <u>South Pacific.</u>
<u>BB</u> (1) CALIFORNIA	- -
<u>C</u> (10) CHENANGO COPAHEE BARNES FANSHAW BAY MIDWAY	SANGAMON (1) WINDHAM BAY SANTEE SUWANNEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY
<u>CA</u> (2) AUSTRALIA	SHROPSHIRE - -
<u>CL</u> (4) BOISE NASHVILLE	@ HOBART @ LEANDER PHOENIX
<u>AV/CVS</u> (6) HALF MOON SAN CARLOS	HERON SAN PABLO - ORCA CHINCOTEAGUE -
<u>DD</u> (46) ARUNTA WARRANMUNGA WAPIER WEPAL ABNER READ AMSEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE DALY CAPPS DASHIELL FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HOWORTH HOPEWELL	HUGHES STEVENS - HUTCHINS HUNT - JENKINS TAYLOR JOHN RODGERS BUSH KILLEN PAUL HAMILTON LANG FULLAM LA VALLETTE REMEY MCKEE MCGOVAN MORRIS MERTZ MULLANY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK
<u>AD</u> (2) WHITNEY	DIXIE
<u>SS</u> (6) CERO FLYING FISH NARWHAL	NAUTILUS) STICRAY) on patrol TARPON)
(8) BASHAW DACE DARTER FLOUNDER	GUAVINA) PERMIT) BLUNGER) on passage SEA WOLF)
(3) S.42 S.45	S.47)) at Seeadler
(1) POLLACK	) at Brisbane
(2) K.9	K.12) at Sydney

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea. swpa
@ Non-effective.

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)	
	<u>South West Pacific</u> (Eastern Section)		<u>South Pacific</u>	
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175		-	-
<u>APD</u> <u>AKA</u>	(25) WARD (APD) SCHLEY HEBERT CROSBY KILTY H.T. ALLEN (APA) KAMINBLA WESTRALIA	NANOORA (APA) FAYETTE LEEDSTOWN CRISBY WINDSOR CRESENT CITY WARREN ELMORE	CALLAWAY (APA) - LEON SUMTER PIERCE JAMES O'HARA WAYNE FULLER AQUARIUS (AKA) ELECTRA	-
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE	WATCH	-	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS	MOLLAND ORION	-	-
<u>AD</u>	DOBBIN		-	-
<u>AR</u>	(13) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS MEDUSA MIDAS CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG) OGLELA MINDANAO CEBU REIUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-	-
<u>LSD</u>	CARTER HALL		-	-

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

	<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	TRENTON	-
<u>DD</u>	9	-

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

	# ALLIED FORGES		Philippines East Indies	Empire	
<u>BB</u>	(17) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO PENNSYLVANIA NEW MEXICO	TENNESSEE MISSISSIPPI IDAHO MARYLAND *OKLAHOMA	(3) MUSASHI MAGATO H. RUNA	(4) YAMATO *KONGO FUSO YAMASHIRO (1.0 reptd. dmgd.)
<u>B/CV</u>	-	-	-	(2) ISE HUUGA	
<u>CV</u>	(11) SARATOGO YORKTOWN LEXINGTON HUNCOCK HORNET	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL WASP FRANKLIN	ENTERPRISE	(5) AMAGI TAIHO UNRYU ZUIKAKU HAYATAKI	
<u>CVL</u>	(9) CABOT COWPENS BATMAN INDEPENDENCE	LANGLEY PRINCETON MONTEREY BELLEAU WOOD	SAN JACINTO	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *FYUHO (1.0 sunk)	
<u>CVE</u>	(31) ATTU BOUGAINVILLE CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR GAMBIER BAY HOLLANDIA HOGGAT BAY LUNGA POINT LAND ISLAND	BRETON MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND MITOMA BAY NASSAU NEHENTA BAY ORANNEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SANO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SALAMAU WHITE PALMS ADMIRALTY ISLANDS UTAMAMA KADASHA BAY KITKUN BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	KATYU OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(13) BALTIMORE BOSTON CHESTER CAMBERLA INDIANAPOLIS	LOUISVILLE MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SAN FRANCISCO SALT LAKE CITY WICHITA		(11) AOB I AFAGO CHOKAI CHIKUMA HAGURO KUMANO MYOKO MOGAMI TAKAO TONE SUZUYA	MIYA
<u>CCA</u>	(17) BILOXI BIRMINGHAM COLUMBIA CLEVELAND DENVER HONOLULU	HOUSTON MIAMI MOBILE MONTEPELIER OAKLAND	RENO SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITAGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(6) SAKAWA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO NIGARA (prob. sunk) KASHII
<u>CLT</u>	-	-	-	ASKITSUSHI *NOTORO	
<u>AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	CURTIS POCOMOKE			
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 180		25-30	20 (several repairing)	
<u>SS</u>	Approx. 30		10	Approx. 45	
	?		?	2 (1 repair- ing)	

* Non-effective

Some of these units operating temporarily in SWPA.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

ALLIED FORCES (Southwest Pacific (Western Section)		Eastern Fleet Area	ENEMY FORCES Malaya- Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u>	-	(5) HOWE RENOVN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6) BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMEER	1
<u>CA</u>	-	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	1
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(11) ASPRO LAPON) BONEFISH MINGO) CABRILLA FARGO) FLASHER PORPOISE) on HADDO REDFIN) patrol HAMMERHEAD) (13) ANGLER HARDHEAD PADOLE) BLUEGILL HARDER P.318) COD HOE TELE MACHUS) on passage GROWLER TANTALUS) HAKE SPITEFUL) TANTALUS) at Exmouth Gulf	Approx. 16	10 (poss all Ger- man)
	(21) BATFISH K.15 SEA ROVER) BREAM TANTIVY SIRDAR) CLYDE GUITARO STOIC) CREVALLE GURNARD STORM) GUNNEL 0.19 STURDY) JACK RATON ZWAARDFISCH) K.14 MUSKELLUNGE RAY) AS (3) MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE		at Fremantle

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED STRENGTH

	SOLOMONS BISMARCKS	NEW GUINEA	EAST INDIES	PHILIPPINES	MANDATES
Fighters	-	-	116	200	-
S/E Bombers	-	-	53	36	-
T/E Bombers	-	-	117	98	-
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	-
Float Planes	10	-	57	27	-
osn. A/C	-	-	16	25	-
TOTAL	10	-	365	397	-

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) Task Force 70.1	: 2 <u>AGP</u> : "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"	
	40 <u>PT</u>	
Task Unit 70.2	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON"	1 <u>PC</u> : 1123
	1 <u>AV</u> : "TANGIER"	2 <u>AVR</u>
	2 <u>AVP</u> : "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"	
Task Force 72		
On patrol	: 6 <u>SS</u> : "CERO" "FLYING FISH" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "STINGRAY"	
	"STARPON"	
On passage	: 8 <u>SS</u> : "BASHA" "DACE" "DARTER" "FLOUNDER" "GUAVINA" "PERMIT"	
	"PLUNGER" "SEA WOLF"	
Task Force 74	: 2 <u>CA</u> : "AUSTRALIA" "SHROPSHIRE"	
	4 <u>DD</u> : "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA" "AMEN" "MULLANY"	
Task Force 75	: 3 <u>CL</u> : "PHOENIX" "NASHVILLE" "BOISE"	
	6 <u>DD</u> : "ABNER READ" "BACHE" "BUSH" "DALY" "HUTCHINS" "KELLEN"	
Task Force 77.1	: 2 <u>CVE</u> : "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"	
	4 <u>DE</u> : "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "EDMONDS" "SHEPHERD"	
Task Force 77.3	: 11 <u>DD</u> : "STACK" "MCKEE" "RUSSELL" "MUSTIN" "FLETCHER" "TAYLOR"	
	"JENKINS" "LA VALETTE" "STEVENS" "JOHN RODGERS"	
	"HARRISON"	
	1 <u>CGC</u> : "MESQUITE"	2 <u>APD</u> : "HERBERT" "CROSBY"
	12 <u>LCT</u>	1 <u>LSD</u> : "CARTER HALL"
Task Force 77.3.1	: 1 <u>PC</u> : 1119	1 <u>LCI(D)</u>
Task Force 77.3.2	: 1 <u>PC</u> : 1120	4 <u>YMS</u> : 8, 47, 51, 334
	1 <u>LCI(F)</u>	3 <u>LCI(G)</u>
Task Group 77.4	: 5 <u>DE</u> : "O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" "LANG" "HOWORTH" "HOPEWELL"	
	1 <u>PS</u> : "WARREGO" 1 <u>PF</u> : "EL PASO" 2 <u>YMS</u> : 316, 393	
	1 <u>ATF</u> : "QUAPAW" 1 <u>HMN</u> 1074 5 <u>AK</u>	
	8 <u>LCT</u> 1 <u>LCT</u> (Radar) 8 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.5	: 3 <u>DD</u> : "SCHROEDER" "RINCOLL" "SIGSBEE" 12 <u>LST</u>	
Task Group 77.6	: 1 <u>LL</u> : "MURRAY" 3 <u>MV</u>	
Task Group 77.7	: 2 <u>ARD</u> 2 <u>YFD</u> 2 <u>YO</u>	
	7 <u>YB</u> 2 <u>YOG</u> 2 <u>LCM</u>	

- (2) "SANGAMON" "SANTREE" (CVE) "DENNIS" "R.M. ROWELL" (DE) proceeding Manus ETA 0600/1.
- (3) "SUWANNEE" "CHENANGO" (CVE) "J.C. BUTLER" "RAYMOND" (DE) proceeding Manus ETA 1200/29
- (4) "HERON" (AVP) departed Manus 1800/26 for Biak ETA 1500/29.
- (5) "PCE(R)848, 849" departed Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/30.
- (6) "CORONADO" (PF) proceeding Finschhafen to escort "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) and "TITANIA" (AKA) to Humboldt Bay.
- (7) "RAIL" (AT) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Milne Bay ETA 2 Oct, routed via Hollandia.
- (8) "PYRO" (AE) was to depart Biak about 24 Sept for Humboldt Bay.
- (9) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19 tending navigation light aids along North coast to Morobe, then returning to Milne Bay.
- (10) "PC.1133,1134" escorting 3 LCI(G) proceeding Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/29.

(b) In Harbour:

Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"
1 AGG: "RIO GRANDE"

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AGG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 1 DD: "PAUL HAMILTON"
1 SS: "P. DUBLE"
22 PT

Escorts 4 : 2 ML: 817, 818 2 ARS: "LAWROBE" "AMANT"
Auxiliaries 21 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY"
"WACHAPREAGUE" (AGP) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO)
"SAMATONCHEE" (AGG) "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "CABLE" (ARS) "RUBY" (AT)
(IX) "TEABERRY" (YN) "POTANG" (AE) "LEMUS" (ARL)
2 YP: 236, 278 2 YFD 1 YL

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 696, 735
Auxiliaries 2 : "OCTORARA" (IX) "ESCALANTE" (IC)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CA: "LOUISVILLE"
1 CMS: "ARIALINE"
3 CVE: "KIRKIN BAY" "GARBIER BAY" "WHITE PLAINS"
11 DD: "MC. EMMOT" "MC. MAIR" "RATHBURN" "HIGGARD" "FRANKS" "HAILEY"
"JOHNSTON" "DASHIELL" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "BEALE"

Escorts 22 : 2 DE: "EICHENBERGER" "JAMES E. CRAIG"
11 PF: "EUGENE" "ACCOMMOD" "GASCOYNE" "BURLINGTON"
"GLENDALE" "LONG BEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "CARSON CITY"
"HUSKOGEE" "ORANGE" "GALLUP"
3 PC: 476, 477, 1122 1 PCB(R): 850
5 SC: 637, 743, 744, 749, 981,

Auxiliaries 47 : "HARRIS" "CRESCENT CITY" "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WAGNER" "WAYNE"
"WILSON" "OMSBY" "LEBESTOWN" "FAYETTE" (APA) "AQUARIUS"
(AKA) "JOHN LAND" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WISATCH" (AGC) "WARD"
"SANDS" (AFD) "BISHOPDALE" "CHEF ACHET" (AO) "SELKONK"
"ELKHORN" "SHIKELLAMY" (AGG) "HANOORA" (APA) "DOBBI" (AO)
"TEAK" (YN) "MU ZIM" "TRIANGULAR" (AK) "PANDA" "MINK"
"VILLENBOCS" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "MINKUR" (AP) "OAKHILL"
"WHITE MARSH" (LS) "LAWRENDA" (AG) "VIDEO" "SONORA"
"HIDATSA" (AT) "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" "LARK" "WHIPPOORWILL"
(AM) "PREBLE" (DM) 1 ARL: 7
3 YP: 240, 291, 292 2 ARL: 11, 25

Atitape:

Combat Units 18 PT
Escorts 3 : 1 PF: "DISBEL" 1 SC: 745 1 ARS: "TOWNSVILLE"
Auxiliaries 6 : "AUSTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AR) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (APL)
"ORESTES" (AGP) 1 ATR: 31

Admiralties:

Combat Units 7 BB: "CALIFORNIA" "IDaho" "MAYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
"SOUTH CAROLINA" "TERRA SUE"
2 CV: "WASP" "HONNET"
2 CVL: "COMPENS" "MONTELEBY"
4 CVE: "BARNES" "SITOH-BAY" "COP. JEE" "SERGEANT BAY"
4 CA: "BOSTON" "CAMBERIA" "MINNEAPOLIS" "WICHITA"
2 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER"
27 DD: "IZARD" "CRAIGUETE" "CONNER" "BELL" "FARRIS" "LOYD" "BROWN"
"CONNELL" "FRENHOLT" "McCALL" "GRAYSON" "LARK FORD"
"WOODWORTH" "UHLMANN" "CALLWELL" "HILFORD" "HULSON" "QUEST"
"BENNETT" "LEUTZE" "BRYANT" "ROGERS" "McGOWAN" "KONSSON"
"LERTZ" "REMELY" "FULLER" "ROGERS"

Escorts 38 : 3 SS: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
16 LE: "PIELMONT" "DELANANTY" "WESSON" "LOREL" "GENEALIU"
"MITCHELL" "LOWERS" "WEAVE" "DABY" "MARTIN"
"SWEAGER" "HILDEBT" "DUFFY" "ST. DUBLE" "BEMSEY"
"EMERY"

1 PF: "HANKSBURY" 1 IL: 827
5 PC: 466, 1121, 1132, 1139, 1251 4 SC: 741, 746, 747, 982
11 YAS: 9, 10, 48, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 97, 314, 336

Admiralties: (CONT)

Auxiliaries 74 : "CALLAHAN" "JAMES O'HARA" "LEON" "SUNTEL" "PIERCE" (APA)
 "PAMINSET" "MASCONE" "TAPPANNOCK" "SELEC" "CANADA" "CACHE"
 "SAUCATUCK" "KASKASKIA" "GUILDFOLDE" "NECHES" "PECCOS"
 "ESCALONIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILLCOMA" "SCHUYKILL" "TOMAHAWK"
 "KENNEBAGO" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" (AOC) "JASON" (AHH) "CONTROL"
 (AH) "BRIAREUS" "TELUSA" (AC) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "ARCTIC"
 (AF) "PATHEIMER" (AGS) "CINABON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "VEGA"
 "PHOENIX" "EOTTES" "CANYELLE" "SHARLA" "JUPITER" (AK)
 "ELECTRA" (AKA) "CASTOR" (KS) "CARLEBOU" "LEOPOLD"
 "PORCUPINE" "AURELIA" "ARETHUSA" (IX) "TULSA" (PC) "CELU"
 (ARG) "GEN.O.H.ERHST" "L.SALLE" "STORM KING" "ARGONNE" (AG)
 "GEN.M.L.HERSHEY" (AF) "TAVADA" "TERRA" (AT) "WHITNEY"
 "SIERRA" (AL) "SANGAY" "MOUNTWOOD" (AE) "SOUTHALL" "LONG"
 "HAMILTON" (DMS) "SILVERELL" (YN) "TRYON" "PINKNEY" (APH)
 2 AE: 19,20 1 AFL: 8 4 YF
 3 YF: 280, 288, 585 1 ASL

Alexishafen-Madang:

Escorts 21 : 2 PT: "VAN DUREN" "BURDEKIN" 2 SC: 703, 743
 8 AS: "LELORAIN" "GOULBURN" "STRALIN" "LOCKHAMPTON"
 "CONRA" "COLAC" "GYNTIE" "GLEWELG"
 9 ML: 426, 801, 428, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
Auxiliaries 10 : "ACHILLES" (AEL) "MIDAS" (ARE) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG)
 "OTUS" (AS) "KANIYELA" (APA) "PING WO" (ASIS) "LINGERA" (AG)
 1 AE: 12 1 YF: 504 2 AFL: 16, 24

Saidor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Langenak:

Combat Units 3 PT
Escorts 18 : 1 DE: "MANNING" 2 PC: 585, 1591
 6 AS: "GLIDSTONE" "CO TANUNDA" "WAGGA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME"
 "KIAMI" 2 YMS: 46, 335
 6 SC: 659, 734, 737, 738, 739, 750 1 PGM
Auxiliaries 11 : "CLYDE" (IX) "AISE HAERSK" "KURUMBA" (AO) "RACE POINT"
 "WATO" (AT) "GAILLE" (EM) "MINDANAO" (ARG) "MAETSUYCKEN"
 (AH) "WOOPA" "JAESTOWN" (AGP) 1 AFL: 10

Lao:

Escorts 1 : "KAPUNDA" (AS)

Milne Bay:

Escorts 5 : 1 DE: "BITTER" 1 PF: "OCDEN" 1 PC: 479
 2 AS: "WHYALLA" "STAVELL"
Auxiliaries 15 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (AS) "SERIGHTLY" (AT) "BUTTONWOOD"
 (OCC) "BUNGAREE" (CM) "CALAMARES" "OCTAIS" (AF)
 "STRATFORD" (AC) "SMITHLEAF" (YN) "INEUS" (AK)
 1 AE: 9 3 YF: 233, 237, 449 2 AFL: 5, 12

Port Moresby:

Escorts 2 : 1 YMS: "RIMJANI" 1 ML: 421
Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "WILLIAM C. COLE" (DE) was to depart Manus 27 Sept for Port Purvis.
- (2) "PC.1586" "LA GRANDEIERE" escorting "MINTAKA" "MAOS" "ARLEL" (AK) departed Tulagi 0700/26 for Manus ETA 1800/30.
- (3) "PC.588" escorting "PATAPSCO" (AOC) proceeding Emirau to Tulagi ETA 0930/29.
- (4) "SC.723" escorting "ZAMBAK" (AK) proceeding Torokina to Emirau ETA 0800/29.
- (5) "Q.402" escorting "HYPERION" (AK) proceeding Russells to Torokina ETA 1345/28.
- (6) "SC.1269" escorting "DOSCHFON EIR" proceeding Munda to Lunga due 0700/28.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 620, 1274

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT
Escorts 6 : 2 SC: 518, 1065 1 PC: 1128 3 YMS: 95, 99, "KIWI"
Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YF: 348, 515

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)

TOP SECRET

Torokina:
Escorts 7 : 1 DE : "WILLMARTH" 3 PC : 598, 1129, 1229
2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 YMS : 259

Treasury Is:
Combat Units 34 PT
6 PGM
Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 598, 605 1 YMS : 47
3 SC : 677, 722, 1047
Auxiliaries 5 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
"WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Munda:
Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1129 5 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
Auxiliaries 3 : "CAMANGA" (AG) "CYGNUS" (AF) "SAMARITAN" (AH)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

- (1) "CRUX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1345/26 for Brisbane ETA 1400/30.
(2) "DALLARAT" (AMS) departed Sydney 1822/26 for Melbourne ETA 1800/28.
(3) "RESERVE" (AT) towing 2 YB was to depart Brisbane 1900/24 for Cairns ETA 1500/30 to take "ETAMIN" (AK) as additional tow to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with berges to Manus.

(b) In Harbour:

Merauke:
Escorts 2 : 2 YMS : "SMEROE" "REMAEOE"

Thursday Is:
Escorts 2 : 2 AMS : "FRED ANGLE" "PIRIE"
Auxiliaries 2 : 2 IGS : "VIGILANT" "STELLA"

Cairns:
Escorts 9 : 3 AMS : "KALGOOLIE" "LITHGOW" "KATOOMBIA"
4 SC : 699, 732, 736, 748 3 YMS : 73, 313, 315
Auxiliaries 4 : "FIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW LORIAN" (IX)
1 AFD : 3 1 YF : 283

Townsville:
Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (IGS)

Bowen:
Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "HELOS" (AT)

Brisbane:
Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"
Escorts 10 : 1 AMS : "GEELONG" 2 PC : 1124, 1131
8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
Auxiliaries 8 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONDOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" (AV) "BENALLA"
(IGS) "MIZAR" (AF) "PONTUS" (AGP) "GOLSTART" (AG)
1 YP : 42

Sydney:
Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
Escorts 13 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" 1 PF : "BARCOO"
1 PS : "SWAN" 1 AMS : "WARRENBOOL"
2 PC : 584, 1130 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
3 A/S : "KYBRA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (IGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN"
"POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ORCA" (AVP)

Melbourne:
Combat Units 1 DL : "NAPIER"
Escorts 2 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S)
Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Adelaide:
Escorts 1 : 1 AMS : "DUNDABERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 IGS: "MORSEY"
4 IGS: "HORSHAM" "EUCHAM" "JUNBE" "CASTLEMAINE"

(2) Task Force 71 : 12 SS : "ANGLEN" "SPRO" "BLUEGILL" "COMEFISH" "CAPILLA"
On patrol : "FLASHER" "HELLO" "LAPON" "MINGO" "PARGO" "POLFOISE"
"REEFIN"

On passage : 11 SS : "CLYDE" "COD" "HAMMERHEAD" "HAGEN" "HARDHEAD"
"HOE" "P.318" "SEA ROVER" "SPIEFUL" "TANTALUS"
"TELEMACHUS"

(b) In Harbour:

Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ISR) "SHEPPERTON" (IGS)

Milingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA

(a) At Sea to 1200/28:

(1) "NIGELLA" (CL) was to depart Fremantle so as to RV at 1700/28 with "GEN. RANDALL"
"GEN. MITCHELL" (AT) and escort to Eastern Fleet area.

(2) "INVERELL" "DUNNOY" (AS) proceeding Onslow to Fremantle ETA 0700/29.

(3) "PINKES" (AS) proceeding Onslow to Fremantle ETA 0930/27.

(b) In Harbour:

Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 IGS: "DOLAN" 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "DELAIDE"
21 SS : "MILAN" "LITFISH" "CREVILLE" "CROWLER" "GUITAR" "GUNNEL"
"GURNARD" "HAKE" "JACK" "RAY" "RAGON" "SILVER" "STORM"
"STURDY" "MUSKELLUNGE" "STOIC" "TANTIVY" "ZWAUFISCH"
"R.14" "R.15" "R.19"

Escorts 12 : 1 PF : "COMFUS CHRISTI"
1 PS : "SAVORONAN DE BRAZZA"
6 IGS: "HELLO" "PAINWORTH" "MILLARA" "LANCASTON"
"DANKURST" "IPSWICH"

1 SC : 729 1 ML : 824

2 IGS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "BURYALE" "HAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABLE" (PY)
"CHAFFICLEER" (ISR)

1 AD: 10

1 YF : 206

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) N. Mindanao - At 0125/27 Sept. aircraft sighted 3 small ships in a bay approx. 35 miles S. E. of Surigao and another 3 ships 10 miles further N.
- (2) Moro Gulf - At 1050/26 Sept. 4 small freighters were observed of Malabang in Illana Bay heading S.E.
- (3) Sulu Archipelago - Night 26-27 Sept. a ship described as a large transport, heavily laden, was bombed near Jolo Is. by a Navy Catalina: direct hits were scored and the ship set on fire. When last seen the ship was down by the stern.
- (4) Zamboanga - At 1205/27 Sept. a tanker departed Zamboanga, course W.
- (5) Panay - At 1500/26 Sept. 2 merchant ships and 2 auxiliary freighters were seen anchored off N.E. Panay.
- (6) Leyte - On 26 Sept. 11 small craft were seen hiding along the shores of S.W. coast Leyte Is.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - No enemy contact was reported around the Morotai perimeter nor by patrols on 26 Sept. but a considerable quantity of supplies and equipments were captured at Sopi on Northernmost tip of Island.
- (2) Halmahera - At 0350/26 Sept. 2 enemy barges loaded with fuel, supplies and carrying some personnel were sunk by PT boats off Tobelo: light return fire was encountered from the barges and from the shore, and in addition 3 inch shore fire was encountered from Miti Is.
Night 26-27 Sept. landing craft gunboats operating in the vicinity of Ternate engaged 2 heavily armed barges which escaped after being hit: 3 inch and 20 MM fire was encountered from the Ternate shore.
P.M. 26 Sept. a reported enemy radar installation on Djoronga Is. off S.E. Celebes was bombed and strafed by a Mitchell.
- (3) Soela Is. - P.M. 26 Sept. a launch was located by a Liberator near Vesuvius Bay and attacked: the launch ran aground.
- (4) N. Celebes - At midday 27 Sept. personnel and stores areas at Manado were attacked by 18 Liberators and the runway at Mapanget airdrome was bombed by 5 Liberators. These strikes were only part of operations scheduled against N. Celebes 27 Sept. as bad weather interfered.
Photos 23 Sept. show that Sidate runway was being repaired and the 5 serviceable fighters 2 serviceable medium bombers were present.
- (5) S.E. Celebes - Night 25-26 Sept. Kendari was bombed by 2 Liberators.
- (6) S.W. Celebes - Night 25-26 Sept. Catalinas over the Makassar area reported 1 medium sized ship 6-10 small ships besides several small craft near Makassar and along the coast for 30 miles S. of Makassar.
- (7) Flores Is. - At 1745/26 Sept. Macemere waterfront and Township airdrome were bombed by 8 Mitchells. Shipping sighted in Pedang Bay (near Macemere) was described as 1 light cruiser and 1 medium merchant ship: the "light cruiser" was probably one of the new type escort vessels. The shipping reported above replaces that shown in yesterday's Summary.
- (8) Timor - P.M. 27 Sept Fuloro town was bombed individually by 3 reconnaissance Liberators.
- (9) Babar Is. - A.M. 27 Sept. 1 unidentified ship was sighted by reconnaissance Liberator off Daweloor Is.
- (10) Ambon Area - Ambon town was bombed 26 Sept. A.M. by 1 Liberator and P.M. by another Liberator. 1 of these aircraft met 6 enemy planes near Ambon Is. but no attempt was made to intercept.
At 1020/27 Sept. Haroekoe airdrome was bombed by 18 Liberators scoring hits on the runway and surroundings and probably destroying 2 parked planes. 10 fighters and 2 possible bombers were observed on the airdrome but their serviceability was not confirmed.
Also 27 Sept. Old Namlea airdrome was attacked by 6 Mitchells.
- (11) Ceram - A.M. 27 Sept. oil tanks at Boela were bombed by 17 Mitchells and in addition the Boela strip was bombed by 2 Bostons.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (12) Kai-Aru Is. - Photos 26 Sept. show no serviceable aircraft on Langgoer drome (Kai Is.) nor on Doka Timoor (Aru Is.): both runways were unserviceable. No float planes were visible at Taborfane nor was there any sign of barge activity there.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf Area - The usual sweeps for small craft along the shores of MacCluer Gulf, S. to Kaimana and across to Misool Is. were conducted 27 Sept. involving 4 Beaufighters 9 Kittyhawks: several small craft and motor vehicles were strafed.
- (2) Manokwari Area - A.M. 27 Sept. the strip at Ransiki was attacked by 8 Kittyhawks, personnel in that area by 3 Kittyhawks and personnel at Warem by 10 Kittyhawks.
- (3) Geelvink Bay - Elimination of small enemy parties continues on Biak and Noemfoor Is. On 27 Sept. an enemy barge was sunk off N.E. coast Soepiori Is. by LCM patrol: 2 Japs were taken prisoner and some fuel, food and supplies captured.
- (4) Wewak - On 26-27 Sept. patrols in the vicinity of Babiang recovered 24 Indians who state that there are another 130 Indians in the vicinity who have escaped from the Japs at But.
During 27 Sept. the usual air offensive against stores, gardens and personnel around Wewak was repeated involving 18 Beauforts and probably 3 Bostons.

4. BISMARKS - SOLOMONS - A.M. 26 Sept. plantation buildings and camps in Central New Ireland were bombed by 6 Dauntless and 2 Corsairs. At the same time a camp site near Kieta was attacked by 24 Dauntless, 30 Corsairs, another camp site on Choisoul Bay by 9 Mitchells and a bridge on Fauro Is. by 6 Dauntless.
Weather prevented air patrols at the Gazelle Peninsula 26 Sept. but New Ireland and Bougainville were subjected to the usual attacks 38 Corsairs 7 Venturas on patrol.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - On Palau our forces made further substantial progress in their advances up the W. coast of Peleliu: by 1800/25 Sept. the whole of the W. coast was in our hands except for an area of approx. 1 mile at the N.W. tip of the Is.
2. MARSHALLS - On 22-24 Sept. Maloelap, Mille and Jaluit were subjected to moderate scale raids by Dauntless and Corsairs.
3. NAMPO SHOTO - On 23 Sept. Haha Jima, Chichi Jima and Ani Jima were bombed by 10 Liberators. 3 small coastal vessels were located off Kita Iwo Jima and strafed.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Peleliu campaign nearly complete: fighter strip in operation.
(2) Further success of night flying Catalinas.
(3) Lack of enemy shipping in East Indies, E. of Borneo and S. of Philippines.

Distribution

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>				<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)				(incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(7) MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA	IDAHO CALIFORNIA	TENNESSEE	-
<u>V</u>	(3) WASP	HORNET	HANCOCK		-
<u>CVL</u>	(2) COWPENS	MONTEKEY			-
<u>CVE</u>	(13) COPAHEE CHENANGO BARNES FANSHAW BAY MIDWAY	SAN ANTON SANTBE SUWANNEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY	KITKUN BAY GAMETER BAY WHITE PLAINS		-
<u>CA</u>	(6) AUSTRALIA BOSTON	SHEROPSHIRE CARBERRIA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE		-
<u>CL</u>	(6) BOISE COLUMBIA	DENVER HOBART	NASHVILLE PHOENIX		-
<u>V/CVS</u>	(6) HALF MOON HERON	ORCA SAN CARLOS	SAN PABLO CHINCOTE LAUGE		-
<u>DD</u>	(74) ARUNTA WARRANMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL BENNER HEAD AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE CAPPS DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER HALL HARRISON HOWORTH HOPEWELL HUTCHINS	HUGHES JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LANG LA VALLETTE McKEE MORRIS MULLANY MUSTIN O'DANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL STACK STEVENS HUNT	TAYLOR BUSH PAUL HAMILTON FULLAN RENEY McGOWAN WERTZ IZARD CHARRETTE CONNER BELL BURNS BOYD BROWN COWELL FARENHOLT McCALLA GRAYSON	BRADFORD HALFORD HUDSON GUEST BENNETT LEUTZE BRYANT WOODWORTH UHLMANN CALDWELL HAGGARD FRANKS HAILEY JOHNSTON McDERMOT McNAIR RATHEBURN	-
<u>AD</u>	(2) WHITNEY	DIXIE			-
<u>SS</u>	(20) BASHAW CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER FLYING FISH GUAVINA NARWHAL NAUTILUS PERMIT	PLUNGER POLLACK SEA WOLF STINGRAY TARPON S.42 S.45 S.47 K.9 K.12			10
<u>PT</u>	Approx. 175				-

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily operating at sea in S.W.P.A.

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Cont)

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)	
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>					
<u>APD</u>	(26)	WARD (APA)	MANOOKA (APA)	CALLAWAY (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>		SCHLEY	PAYETTE	LEON	
<u>AKA</u>		HERBERT	LEEDSTOWN	SUMNER	
		CHOSBY	ONMSBY	PIERCE	
		KILTY	WINSON	JAMES O'HARA	
		H.T. ALLEN (APA)	CRESCENT CITY	WAYNE	
		KANIBLA	TADEN	FULLER	
		WESTRALIA	BLAIRE	HARRIS	
				AQUARIUS (AKA)	
				ELECTRA	
<u>AGC</u>	(2)	BLUE RIDGE	WASATCH		-
<u>AS</u>	(3)	OTUS	HOLLAND	ONION	-
<u>AD</u>		DOBBIN			-
<u>AR</u>	(13)	RIGEL (AK)			-
		PLATYPUS			
		TEDUSA			
		MIDAS			
		CULEBRA ISLAND (AGC)			
		OGLALA			
		HINDANAO			
		CEBU			
		HEMUS (AKL)			
		ACHILLES			
		AMYCUS			
		VENT (AS)			
		C.BLE			
<u>LSD</u>	(3)	CARTER HALL			-
		WHITE MARSH			
		OAKHILL			

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>		-		(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3)	DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND		BUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9			5
<u>SS</u>	10			Approx. 5

3. SOUTH AND SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

		<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	(2)	TRENTON (SPA) *LEANDER (SPA)		-
<u>DD</u>	9			-

*Non-effective.

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

	#	ALLIED FORCES		ENEMY FORCES		
				Philippines East Indies	Empire	
BB	(11)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA *OKLAHOMA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO NEW MEXICO	(5) MUSASHI NAGATO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRU	(2) YAMATO KONGO	
BB/XCV		-	-	-	(2) ISE HYUGA	
CV	(8)	SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	ENTERPRISE FRANKLIN	-	(5) AMAGI TAIHO UNRYU ZUIKOKU HAYATAKA
CVL	(7)	CACOST BATAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY PRINCETON	SAN JACINTO INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (poss. sunk)
CVE	(29)	ATTU BOUGAINVILLE CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA COLACEDON HOLLANDIA HOGAN BAY LUNGA POINT Long ISLAND	CRISTON MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND NATONA BAY NISSAU ORANNEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUEYER BAY SAVO ISLAND SHAROCK BAY SALAMATA ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALFANGA KADASSA BAY WINDHAM BAY NEHEPTA BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA
CA	(9)	BALTIMORE CHESTER INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO	MINNEAPOLIS NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SALT LAKE CITY		(12) TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI MAYA TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI HAGURO IYOKO AOBA	-
CCA						6
CL	(15)	BILOXI BIRMINGHAM CLEVELAND HONOLULU HOUSTON	MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OKLAHOMA RENO	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANTA FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITAGAMI NOSHIRO YAMAGI	(6) SARAYA YODO ISUZU TAMA KISO NIGATA (prob. sunk)
CLT						KASHII
AV/CVS	(4)	BELLARD CHAMPELLOR	CURTIS POCONO			SKITSUSHIMA *NOFOLC
		Approx. 180			25-30	20 (sev. repairing)
SS		Approx. 30			10	Approx. 45
AS			?		?	2 (1 repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>Southwest Pacific (Western Section)</u>				<u>Malaya-Indian Ocean</u>
<u>BB</u>	-	(5)	HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3)	VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVE</u>	-	(6)	BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMEER	1
<u>CA</u>	-	(3)	CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	1
<u>CL</u>	(2) ADELAIDE NIGERIA	(6)	KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON TROMP GAMBIA PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-		ALBATROSS	-
<u>ACL</u>	-	(2)	CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>DD</u>	-		Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u>	(45) ANGLER ASPRO BATFISH BLUEBILL BOIEFISH BREAM CABRILLA COD CREVALLE FLASHER GROWLER GUITARO GUNNEL GURNARD HADDO CLYDE P.318 SEA ROVER SIRDAR SPITEFUL K.14 K.15	HAKE HAMMERHEAD HARDER HARDHEAD HOE JACK LAPON MINGO MUSKELLUNGE PADDLE PARGO PORPOISE RATON RAY REDFIN STOIC STORM STURDY TELEMACHUS TANTALUS TANTIVY 0.19 ZWAARDFISCH		10 (poss. all Ger- man)
<u>AS</u>	(3) MAIDSTONE		GRIFFIN EURYALE	

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE BASED STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>				
Fighters	-	-	116	136	12
M/E Bombers	-	-	53	27	-
M/E Bombers	-	-	125	66	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	-
Float Planes	10	-	54	33	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	22	4
TOTAL	10	-	370	295	26

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA
Combined Operational Intelligence Centre

DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

Part I: Allied and Enemy Activity.

Part II: Allied and Enemy Order of Battle.

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Date 29 September 1944

PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
40 PT
- Task Unit 70.2 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCINSON" 1 PC: 1123
- Task Force 72
On patrol : 6 SS: "CERO" "FLYING FISH" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "STINGRAY"
"TARPON"
- On passage : 6 SS: "BASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "GUAVINA" "PERMIT" "PLUNGER"
"SEA WOLF"
- Task Force 73 : 1 AV: "TANGIER" 2 AVR
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
- Task Force 77 : (a) 4 DD: "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS"
1 PS: "WARREGO" 2 PC: 1119, 1120
6 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 316, 334, 393 1 HDML 1074
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" 17 MV 3 FS 11 LCT
2 LCM 7 YB 2 YFD 2 YPD
2 YO 2 YOG " 2 YPF
- (b) (i) 4 DD: "HOWORTH" "O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" "HOPEWELL"
12 LST
- (ii) 3 DD: "RINGGOLD" "LANG" "SIGSBEE"
9 LST 4 MV
- (c) 7 DD: "JOHN RODGERS" "JENKINS" "MCKEE" "LA VALLETTE"
"RUSSELL" "SCHROEDER" "HARRISON"
14 LST 9 LCT 1 LCI 1 CGC: "MESQUITE"
- Task Force 77.1 : 2 CVE: "FANSAW BAY" "MIDWAY"
4 DE: "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"
- (2) "SANG AMON" "SANTEE" (CVE) "DENNIS" "R.M. ROWELL" (DE) proceeding Manus ETA 0600/1.
- (3) "LARK" (AM) departed Hollandia 1845/27 for Manus Is ETA 1300/29.
- (4) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Brisbane ETA 5 Oct.
- (5) "HERON" (AVP) departed Manus 1800/26 for Biak ETA 1500/29.
- (6) "PCE(R)848, 849" departed Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt Bay ETA 0600/30.
- (7) "CORONADO" (PF) proceeding Finschhafen to escort "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) and "TITANI"
(AKA) to Humboldt Bay.
- (8) "RAIL" (AT) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Milne Bay ETA 2 Oct, routed via Hollandia.
- (9) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19 tending navigation light aids along
North coast to Morobe, then returning to Milne Bay.

(b) In Harbour:

Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT

Auxiliaries 3 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"
1 AGS: "RIO GRANDE"

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)SECRET

Noemfoor:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)

Biak-Woendi:
 Combat Units 3 SS : "PADDLE" "DACE" "DARTER"
 46 PT
 Escorts 4 : 2 ML : 817, 818
 3 AMS: "TOWNSVILLE" "LATROBE" "ARARAT"
 Auxiliaries 21 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY"
 "WACHAPREAGUE" (AGP) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA"
 (AO) "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "CHIPPEWAN" (AT) "CABLE" (ARS)
 "ARAYAT" (IX) "TEABERRY" (YN) "POYANG" (AE) "REMUS" (ARL)
 2 YP : 236, 278 2 YFD 1 YD

Maffin Bay:
 Escorts 2 : 2 SC : 698, 735
 Auxiliaries 2 : "OCTORARA" (IX) "ESCALANTE" (AO)

Humboldt:
 Combat Units 1 CA : "LOUISVILLE"
 1 CMS : "ARIADNE"
 3 CVE : "KITKUN BAY" "GAMBIER BAY" "WHITE PLAINS"
 12 DD : "McDERMOT" "McNAIR" "RATHBURN" "HAGGARD" "FRANKS"
 "HAILEY" "JOHNSTON" "DASHIELL" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES"
 "STACK" "MURRAY"
 Escorts 23 : 12 PF : "EUGENE" "ROCKFORD" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON"
 "GLENDALE" "LONG BEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "CARSON CITY"
 "MUSKOGEE" "ORANGE" "GALLUP" "EL PASO"
 5 PC : 476, 477, 1122, 1133, 1134 1 PCE(R): 850
 5 SC : 637, 743, 744, 749, 981
 Auxiliaries 55 : "MANOORA" "HARRIS" "FREMONT" "BARNSTABLE" "CRESCENT CITY"
 "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WARREN" "WAYNE" "WINDSOR" "ORMSBY"
 "LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" (APA) "AQUARIUS" (AKA) "JOHN LAND"
 "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WASATCH" (AGC)
 "WARD" "CROSBY" "HERBERT" "SANDS" (APD) "BISHOPDALE"
 "CHEFACNET" "KURUMB" (AO) "SEKONK" "ELKHORN"
 "SHIKELLAMY" (AOG) "DOBBIN" (AD) "TEAK" (YN) "ARNEE"
 "MURZIM" "TRIANGULUM" (AK) "PANDA" "MINK" "VILLALOBOS"
 (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "OAKHILL" "WHITE MARSH" "CARTER HALL"
 (LSD) "LAURABADA" (AG) "VIREO" "SONOMA" "HIDATSU" (AT)
 "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" "WHIPPOORWILL" (AM) "PREBL" (DM)
 "PYRO" (AE) 1 ARL : 7
 3 YP : 240, 291, 292 2 YFD : 11, 25

Aitape:
 Combat Units 18 PT
 Escorts 2 : 1 PF : "BISBEE" 1 SC : 745
 Auxiliaries 6 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (APD)
 "ORESTES" (AGP) 1 MR : 31

Admiralties:
 Combat Units 7 BB : "CALIFORNIA" "IDaho" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI"
 "PENNSYLVANIA" "SOUTH DAKOTA" "TENNESSEE"
 2 CV : "WASP" "HORNET"
 2 CVL : "COWPENS" "MONTEREY"
 6 CVE : "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "COPABEL" "SARGENT BAY" "CFANANGO"
 "SUWANNEE"
 6 CA : "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "MINNEAPOLIS" "WICHITA" "AUSTRALIA"
 "SHROPSHIRE"
 5 CL : "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"
 38 DD : "IZARD" "CHARRETTE" "CONNER" "BELL" "BURNS" "BOYD"
 "BROWN" "COWELL" "FARENOLT" "McCALLA" "GRAYSON"
 "BRADFORD" "WOODWORTH" "UHLMANN" "HALFORD" "HUDSTON"
 "GUEST" "BENNETT" "LEUTZE" "BRYANT" "McGOWAN" "MONSSEN"
 "MERTZ" "RENNY" "FULLAM" "MORRIS" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNGA"
 "ARMEN" "MULLANY" "ABNER REID" "BACHE" "BEALE" "BUSH"
 "DALY" "HUTCHINS" "KILLEN" "PAUL HAMILTON"
 3 SS : "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"
 Escorts 38 : 18 DE : "PIEDMONT" "DELAHANTY" "WESSON" "ACREE" "CENLREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER" "DARBY" "MARTIN"
 "SWEARER" "HILLBERT" "DUFFY" "STADTFELD" "DEMPSEY"
 "EMERY" "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts		: 1 <u>PF</u> : "HAWKESBURY" 1 <u>ML</u> : 827
		3 <u>PC</u> : 1121, 1132, 1139 4 <u>SC</u> : 741, 746, 747, 982
		11 <u>YMS</u> : 9, 10, 48, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 97, 314, 336
Auxiliaries	74	: "CALLAWAY" "JAMES O'HARA" "LEON" "SUMNER" "PIERCE" (APA) "ELECTRA" (AKA) "PAMANSET" "MASCOMA" "TAPPANNOCK" "SEBEC" "CAHABA" "CACHE" "S AUG ATUCK" "KASKASKIA" "GUDALUPE" " "NECHES" "PECOS" "ESCAMBIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILCOMA" "SCHUYKILL" "TOMAHAWK" "KENNIBAGO" (AO) "PESQUOTANK" (AOC) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL" (AM) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "ALABASTER" (PYC) "ARCTIC" (AF) "PATHFINDER" (JCS) "CINNAMON" "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "VEGA" "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "GANYMEDE" "SHAULA" "JUPITER" (AK) "CASTOR" (AKS) "CARIBOU" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPTINE" "ABARENDA" "ARETHUSA" (IX) "TULSA" (PG) "CEBU" (ARG) "GEN.O.H.ERNST" "LASALLE" "STORM KING" "GEN.M.L.HERSHEY" (AP) "TAWABA" "TERN" (AT) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA" (AD) "SANGAY" "MOUNT HOOD" (AE) "SOUTHARD" "LONG" (DMS) "ARGONNE" (JG) "SILVERBELL" (YN) "TRYON" "PINKNEY" (APH) 2 <u>ARD</u> : 19, 20 1 <u>ARD</u> : 8 3 <u>YP</u> : 230, 288, 585 1 <u>ABSD</u> 4 <u>YRD</u>
<u>Alexishafen-Madang:</u>		
Escorts	21	: 2 <u>PF</u> : "VAN BUREN" "BURDEKIN" 2 <u>SC</u> : 703, 743 8 <u>AS</u> : "DELORAIN" "GOULBURN" "STRAHAN" "ROCKHAMPTON" "COWRA" "COLAC" "GYMPIE" "GLENELG" 9 <u>ML</u> : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825
Auxiliaries	10	: "ACHILLES" (JRL) "HIDAS" (JRB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "OTUS" (AS) "KAMIMBLA" (APA) "PING WO" (ASIS) "BINGERA" (JG) 1 <u>ARD</u> : 12 1 <u>YP</u> : 504 2 <u>ARD</u> : 16, 24
<u>Saidor:</u>		
Auxiliaries	1	: "TANCRED" (AT)
<u>Langemak:</u>		
Combat Units	8 PT	
Escorts	22	: 1 <u>DE</u> : "MANNING" 2 <u>PC</u> : 585, 1591 3 <u>PF</u> : "ALLENTOWN" "CHARLOTTSVILLE" "SANDUSKY" 6 <u>AS</u> : "GLADSTONE" "COOTAMUNDRRA" "WAGGA" "BENDIGO" "BROOME" "KIAMA" 2 <u>YMS</u> : 46, 335 1 <u>ML</u> : 802 1 <u>PGM</u> 6 <u>SC</u> : 659, 734, 737, 738, 739, 750
Auxiliaries	14	: "CLYDE" (IX) "AASE MÆRSK" (JO) "RACE POINT" "WATO" (AT) "GABLE" (DM) "MINDAWAO" (JRG) "MAETSUYCKER" (JH) "KOOPA" "JAMESSTON" (JGP) "LOTHIAN" "GLENBURN" "EMPIRE MACE" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (APA) 1 <u>ARD</u> : 10
<u>Milne Bay:</u>		
Escorts	6	: 1 <u>DE</u> : "WITTER" 1 <u>PF</u> : "OGDEN" 1 <u>PC</u> : 479 3 <u>AS</u> : "WHYALL" "STAVELL" "KAPUNDA"
Auxiliaries	14	: "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (JRS) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "BUTTONWOOD" (CGC) "CALAMARES" "OCTANS" (JF) "STRAFORD" (JF) "SATINLEAF" (YN) "INDUS" (AK) 1 <u>ARD</u> : 9 3 <u>YP</u> : 233, 237, 449 2 <u>ARD</u> : 5, 12
<u>Port Moresby:</u>		
Escorts	2	: 1 <u>YMS</u> : "RINDJAITI" 1 <u>ML</u> : 421
Auxiliaries	2	: "WINTER" (JGS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS:(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "PC.1586" "LA GRANDIERE" escorting "MINAKA" "MIOS" "ARDED" (AK) departed Tulagi 0700/26 for Manus ETA 1800/30.
- (2) "WILLIAM C. COLE" (DE) was to depart Manus 27 Sept for Port Purvis.
- (3) "WILLMURTH" (DE) departed Treasury 2100/28 to RV with "LEW WALLACE" at 1500/29 and escort to Torokina.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts	3	: 3 <u>SC</u> : 620, 723, 1274
Auxiliaries	1	: "ZARAK" (AK)

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT
 Escorts 6 : 2 SC : 518, 1065 1 PC : 1128 3 YMS: "KIMI", 95, 99
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 348, 515

Torokina:

Escorts 6 : 3 PC : 598, 1129, 1229 2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 YMS: 259
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HYPERION" (JK)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 598, 605 1 YMS: 47 3 SC : 677, 722, 1047
 Auxiliaries 5 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
 "WHIPSTOCK" (YO)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1129 5 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMANGA" (AG) "CYGNUS" (AF)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "CRUX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1345/26 for Brisbane ETA 1400/30.
- (2) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1700/28 for Sydney ETA 1400/30.
- (3) "BUNGAREE" (CM) departed Milne Bay 1230/28 for Townsville ETA 0800/1.
- (4) "RESERVE" (AT) towing 2 YB was to depart Brisbane 1900/24 for Cairns ETA 1500/30 to take "ETAMIN" (JK) as additional tow to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with barges to Manus.

(b) In Harbour:Merauke:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS: "SMEROE" "MENABOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 AMS: "FREMANTLE" "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 AGS: "VIGILANT" "STELLA"

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 3 AMS: "KALGOORLIE" "LITHCOW" "KATOOMBA"
 4 SC : 699, 732, 736, 748 3 YMS: 73, 313, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "PIRE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
 1 AFD : 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (MS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 1 SS : "POLLACK"
 Escorts 10 : 1 AMS: "GEELONG" 2 PC : 1124, 1131
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 7 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONDOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" (AV) "BENALLA"
 (AGS) "MIZAR" (AF) "PONTUS" (AGP) 1 YP : 42

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VENDETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 13 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" 1 PF : "BARCOO"
 1 ES : "SWAN" 1 AMS: "WARRNAMBOOL"
 2 PC : 584, 1130 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
 3 A/S: "KYERA" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
 Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (JK) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNNAN" (AE)
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ORCA" (AVP)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 3 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" "DOOMBA" (A/S) "DELLARAT" (MS)
 Auxiliaries 1 : "PLATYPUS" (AR)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AMS: "BUNDABERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREAS(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS: "MORLESBY"
 4 AS: "MORSHAM" "EUCHAM" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
- (2) Task Force 71
 On Patrol : 11 SS : "ASPRO" "BLUEGILL" "BONEFISH" "CABRILLA" "FLASHER"
 "HIDLO" "LAPON" "RINGO" "PARGO" "PORPOISE" "REDFIN"
 On Passage : 12 SS : "CLYDE" "HAMMERHEAD" "HANDEN" "HARDHEAD" "ANGLER"
 "HOE" "RAY" "SEA LOVER" "SPITEFUL" "TANTALUS"
 "TELEMACHUS" "ZWARDFISCH"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Combat Units 1 SS : "COD"
 Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 807, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPATON" (AGS)

Millingimbi:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/29:

- (1) "INVERELL" "BUNBURY" (AMS) proceeding Onslow to Fremantle ETA 0700/29.
 (2) "PARKES" (AMS) proceeding Onslow to Fremantle ETA 0900/30.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS: "BOWEN" 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 CL : "DELAIDE"
 20 SS : "BREAM" "BATTISH" "ORVILLE" "GROWLER" "GUITARO" "GUNNEL"
 "GURNARD" "HAKE" "JACK" "RATON" "SIRDAU" "STORM" "STURDY"
 "P.318" "MUSKELLUNGE" "SPOIC" "TANTIVY" "K.14" "K.15"
 "O.19"

Escorts 12 : 1 PT : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "SANTORGMAN DE BRAZZA"
 6 AMS: "DUBBO" "TANMOUTH" "MILDURA" "LAUNCESTON"
 "BATHURST" "IPSWICH"
 1 SC : 729 1 ML : 824
 2 YMS: 11, 72

Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "BURYALE" "MAIDSTONE" (AS) "ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 ARD: 10
 1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCESA. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC1. PHILIPPINES

- (1) Luzon - At 0520/27Sept. 2 battleships thought to be "Fuso" and "Yamashiro" were seen by a U. S. submarine approximately 215 miles W.N. W. of Manila Bay course 195°. These are undoubtedly same 2 units that were seen 24 Sept. in Northern Nansei Shoto and again on 26 Sept. off N.W. Luzon heading S. on both occasions.

On the same day a 10 ship convoy was attacked by U. S. submarines off W. coast Luzon: 3 ships including 1 medium transport 1 large tanker and 1 large cargo vessel were sunk. The remainder of the convoy appeared to be heading for Lingayan Gulf.

- (2) Central Philippines - Preliminary details of the strike on Central Philippines mainly in the Visayan area, conducted 24 Sept. by a strong Cenpac Aircraft Carrier Task Force are set out hereunder:-

21 ships sunk including 1 destroyer, 3 destroyer escorts, 1 large transport, 3 large tankers, 13 cargo vessels (2 large 6 medium 5 small), plus 11 small craft.

43 ships damaged (18 considered probably sunk or destroyed) including 2 destroyers, 1 small transport 3 tankers (2 large 1 medium) 37 cargo vessels (1 large 15 medium 21 small) plus 10 small ships of 100 tons each and many small craft.

Of the ships attacked about 25 were found in Coron Bay (Coron Is. off Northern Palawan Is.) and the majority of these were destroyed or damaged.

Only 3 aircraft were encountered airborne over the areas attacked and these were all shot down. 29 aircraft were destroyed on the ground. Some attempt was apparently made to attack the Task Force by land based aircraft but none got within striking distance: 4 enemy planes were shot down during these attempts, all well clear of the Task force. Our losses amounted to 7 fighters 2 bombers in combat, 1 bomber operationally: 5 pilots and 3 crew were lost.

In addition to the above, installations were effectively attacked at Cebu and Mactan, Iloilo, and Bacolod.

- (3) Moro Gulf - Night 27-28 Sept. small ships in Polloc Harbor (E. coast Moro Gulf) were attacked by a Catalina: 1 sea truck 2 luggers and 2 barges were sunk; another sea truck was damaged all by bombing and strafing.
- (4) Sulu Archipelago - In addition to the large transport claimed as sunk by Catalina night 26-27 Sept. near Jolo Is. (as reported in yesterday's Summary No. 974) 1 medium merchant ship and 5 escorts were also seen in the vicinity: the merchant ship was damaged by near misses.
- (5) Davao Area - Photos 25 Sept. covering Licanan, Buayan, Sassa and Matina airdromes show only 16 serviceable aircraft in total in addition to 15 others thought probably to be dummies on Padada. No aircraft were present on Darong (Santa Cruz), Daliao, or Libby. With the exception of Darong where there has been no attempt to repair the runway, all runways are serviceable or partially serviceable and under repair.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - On 27 Sept. an enemy party of undetermined strength was contacted near the Western flank of our perimeter. Otherwise no significant ground contacts were reported.

Night 27-28 Sept. enemy aircraft were over S. Morotai 4 times: at 1810/27 Sept. 2 aircraft were over, at 2000/27 Sept. 2 more aircraft were over, another aircraft was over the area shortly after midnight and 1 more at about dawn. Bombs were dropped on each of the first 3 occasions but no damage has been reported.

- (2) Halmahera - An unconfirmed report states that there were 13 serviceable medium bombers on Galela drome P.H. 26 Sept.

At noon 26 Sept. 11 barges were observed by aircraft on S. coast Tidore Is. (off Central W. coast). At about the same time an enemy barge carrying troops was sunk by aircraft in this same vicinity.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (3) N. Celebes - Midday 27 Sept. 1 medium merchant ship, already wrecked was further damaged when attacked by Liberator in Lembah Strait: a mine craft under repair in Lembah Strait also received a direct hit.
- Photos 25 Sept. show 2 serviceable fighters on Mapanget drome although no attempt has been made to repair the runway.
- (4) S.W. Celebes - Night 27-28 Sept. small ships in Boctoeng Passage were attacked by a Catalina: 1 sea truck was set on fire, an oil barge blew up and another barge plus 4 sailing craft were damaged.
- The same night another Catalina sighted about 10 luggers or barges in Tiworo Strait.
- (5) Flores Is. - The ships sighted in Pedang or Wodong Bay (near Macomere) P.M. 26 Sept. were attacked at about noon 27 Sept. by 6 Mitchells, at dusk 27 Sept. by 2 Mitchells and again A.M. 28 Sept. by 8 Mitchells. All attacks were unsuccessful. The probable escort vessel had apparently departed and 1 ship described as a 3000 ton freighter was the unit attacked. During the last attack 3 barges were reported along side, probably unloading, and a number of other barges in the vicinity.
- In addition to the above attacks Macomere was attacked early A.M. 28 Sept. by a Catalina.
- (6) Makassar Strait - Night 27-28 Sept. a sea truck was damaged when off Balikpapan by a Catalina searching the Makassar Straits.
- (7) Ambon Area - Aircraft over Ambon on 26 Sept. reported 15-20 small craft in Ambon Bay.
- Night 27-28 Sept. Ambon was bombed by 2 Liberators.
- (8) Ceram - P.M. 28 Sept. 1 small sea truck and 1 other small surface craft in Piroe Bay were attacked and probably damaged during a sweep involving 6 Mitchells 8 Lightnings. The latter strafing as well as providing escort. At tiour Is. P.M. 27 Sept. only 5 or 4 wrecks were seen when 2 Mitchells searched the Area.
- (9) Kai Is. - A.M. 28 Sept. Fasn strip was bombed and strafed by 6 Beau- fighters and Langgoer strip was bombed by 4 Bostons.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) MacCluer Gulf - Delayed reports relate that Kokas village was attacked P.M. 26 Sept. by 10 Kittyhawks and P.M. 27 Sept. by 3 Kittyhawks.
- (2) Wewak - Reduction of stores dumps in the Wewak area was continued 28 Sept. when 8 Beauforts 12 Mitchells conducted bombing attacks.

4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - Patrols over Bougainville represented the only air activity 27 Sept. and involved 14 Corsairs 8 Venturas which attacked various targets of opportunity.
- Ground patrols outside the Torokina perimeter reported minor enemy contacts on 26 and 27 Sept.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC1. CAROLINES

- (1) Truk - On 25 Sept. Eten airdrome and shipping in Truk Lagoon were attacked by 6 Liberators: no definite results are reported. 4-6 enemy fighters intercepted apparently without effect.
- (2) Palau - No further detail is available concerning ground position on Palau. On 24 Sept. 2 camouflaged ships in Malakal Harbor were shelled by surface forces: these ships had apparently been previously damaged by air strikes.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 24 Sept. 2 trawlers and 1 small merchant ship were sighted by reconnaissance plane 60 miles N.W.E. of Iwo Jima course 200°: attacks were unsuccessful.
3. CHINA COAST - A report from local sources (graded B.2) states that 2 destroyers, 1 aircraft carrier, 2 transports and 2 motor junks were anchored off Foochow at 1300/27 Sept. That morning 1 destroyer had bombarded the Min River mouth.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Details of successful Blue aircraft carrier task force strike Central Philippines, 24 Sept.
- (2) Further successes U. S. submarines.
- (3) Further success of night flying Catalinas.
- (4) Lack of enemy shipping in East Indies, E. of Borneo and S. of Philippines.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>					<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)					(incl. Mandates)	
<u>BB</u>	(7)	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA	IDAHO CALIFORNIA	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV</u>	(2)	WASP	HORNET			-
<u>CVL</u>	(2)	COWPENS	MONTEREY			-
<u>CVE</u>	(13)	COPAHEE CHENANGO BARNES FANSHAW BAY MIDWAY	SANGAMON SANTÉE SUWANNEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY	KITKUN BAY GAMBIER BAY WHITE PLAINS		-
<u>CA</u>	(7)	AUSTRALIA BOSTON	SHROPSHIRE CAMBERA	WICHITA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS	-
<u>CL</u>	(6)	BOISE COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOBART	NASHVILLE PHOENIX		-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	TANGIER	WRIGHT			-
<u>AVL</u>	(6)	HALF MOON HERON	ORCA SAN CARLOS	SAN PABLO CINCOTEAGUE		-
<u>DD</u>	(71)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL STUART BNER REID VENDETTA AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER HARRISON HOWORTH HOPEWELL HUTCHINS	HUGHES JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LANG LA VALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL SIGSBEE STEVENS STACK	TAYLOR PULLMAN RENEY MCCOWAN MONSSEN HERTZ IZARD CHARRETTE CONNER BELL BURNS BOYD BROWN COWELL FARENHOLT MCCALLA GRAYSON	BRADFORD HALFORD HUDSON GUEST BENNETT LEUTZE BRYANT WOODWORTH UHLMANN HAGGARD FRANKS HAILLEY JOHNSTON MCDERMOT MCNIR RATHEURNE	-
<u>SS</u>	(19)	BASHAW CERO DICE DARTER FLOUNDER FLYING FISH GUAVINA NARWHAL NAUTILUS PERMIT	POLLACK SEA WOLF STINGRAY TARPON S.42 S.45 S.47 K.9 K.12			10
<u>PT</u>		Approx. 175				-

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Contd.)

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>			<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> (incl. Mandates)
<u>Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)</u>			
<u>APD</u> <u>APA</u> <u>AKA</u>	(27) WARD (APD) SCHLEY HERBERT CROSBY KILTY SANDS H. T. ALLEN (APA) KANIMBLA WESTRALIA	MAROORA (APA) FAYETTE LEEDSTOWN ORMSBY WINDSOR CRESCENT CITY WARREN ELMORE	CALLAWA (APA) LEON SUMTER PIERCE JAMES O'HARA WAYNE FULLER HARRIS AQUARIUS (AKA) ELECTRA
<u>AGC</u>	(2) BLUE RIDGE	WASATCH	-
<u>AS</u>	(3) OTUS	HOLLAND	ORION
<u>AD</u>	(3) DOBBIN	WHITNEY	SIERRA
<u>AR</u>	(15) RIGEL (AR) PLATYPUS BRIAREUS MEDUSA MIDAS (ARB) CULEBRA ISLAND (ARC) OGLALA MINDANAO CEBU JASON (ARH) REIUS (ARL) ACHILLES AMYCUS VENT (ARS) CABLE		-
<u>LSD</u>	(3) CARTER HALL	WHITE MARSH	OAKHILL

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CA</u>	-	(2) NACHI ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u>	(3) DETROIT RALEIGH RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>LD</u>	9	5
<u>SS</u>	10	Approx. 5

3. SOUTH AND SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>
<u>CL</u>	(2) TRENTON (SEPA) @ LEANDER (SPA)	-
<u>D</u>	9	-

@ Non-effective

4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

# ALLIED FORCES				ENEMY FORCES				
				Philippines East Indies	Empire			
<u>BB</u>	(11)	IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA *OKLAHOMA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO NEW MEXICO	(6)	YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO	*KONGO		
<u>BB/XCV</u>		-	-	-	(2)	ISE HYUGA		
<u>CV</u>	(9)	SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	ENTERPRISE FRANKLIN HANCOCK	-	(5)	AMAGI TAIHO UNRUY ZUIKAKU HAYATAKA	
<u>CVL</u>	(7)	CABOT BATAAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY PRINCETON	SAN JACINTO INDEPENDENCE	-	(5)	CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (poss. sunk)	
<u>CVE</u>	(29)	ATTU BOUGAINVILLE CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR HOLLANDIA HOGGAT BAY LUNGA POINT LONG ISLAND	BRETON MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY NASSAU OMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SLALMAUA ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALTAMAHA KADASHAN BAY WINDHAM BAY NEHENTA BAY	(2)	JINYO UNYO	(2)	KAIYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(8)	BALTIMORE CHESTER INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SALT LAKE CITY		(12)	TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI MAYA TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO AOB A	-	
<u>OCA</u>		-	-		-	-	6	
<u>CL</u>	(15)	BILOXI BIRMINGHAM CLEVELAND HONOLULU HOUSTON	MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OAKLAND RENO	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SAINT PE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4)	KINU KITAGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(5)	AKAWA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO
<u>CLT AV/CVS</u>	(4)	BALLARD CHANDELEUR	- CURTIS POCONOKE			KASHII -		KASHIMA ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>		Approx. 180				25-30		20 (sev. repairing)
<u>SS</u>		Approx. 30				10		Approx. 45
<u>AS</u>			?			?		2 (1 Repairing)

* Non-effective.
Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u> Southwest Pacific (Western Section)	<u>Eastern Fleet Area</u>	<u>ENEMY FORCES</u> Malaya- Indian Ocean
<u>BB</u> -	(5) HOWE RENOWN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	-
<u>CV</u> -	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CVF</u> -	(6) BATTLER ATHELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMER	-
<u>CA</u> -	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>CL</u> (1) ADELAIDE	(7) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON NIGERIA GAMBIA TROMP PHOEBE	-
<u>AV/CVS</u> -	ALBATROSS	-
<u>XCL</u> -	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
<u>D</u> -	Approx. 27	5
<u>SS</u> (45) ANGLER HAKE ASPRO HAMMERHEAD BATFISH HARDER BLUEGILL HARDHEAD BONBFISH HOE BREAM JACK CABRILLA LAPON COD MINGO CREVALLE MUSKELLUNGE FLASHER PADDLE GROWLER PARGO GUITARO PORPOISE GUNNEL RATON GURNARD RAY HADDO REDFIN CLYDE STOIC F.318 STORM SEA ROVER STURDY SIRDAR TELEMACHUS SPITEFUL TANTALUS TANTIVY K.14 0.19 K.15 ZWAARDFISCH	Approx. 16	10 (poss. all German)

AS (3) MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
	<u>BISMARCKS</u>				
Fighters	-	-	116	142	12
S/E Bombers	-	-	53	31	-
T/E Bombers	-	-	123	70	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	-
Float Planes	10	-	57	33	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	22	4
TOTAL	10	-	371	309	25

**GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA**

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY

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

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PART I

(i) ALLIED FORCES

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

1. NEW GUINEA - BISMARCKS

(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) Task Force 70.1 : 2 AGP: "OYSTER BAY" "MOBJACK"
40 PT
- Task Force 72 :
On Patrol : 6 SS : "CERO" "FLYING FISH" "NARWHAL" "NAUTILUS" "STINGRAY"
"TARPON"
- On passage : 5 SS : "BASHAW" "FLOUNDER" "GUAVINA" "PERMIT" "SEA WOLF"
- Task Force 73 : 1 AV : "TANGIER" 2 AVR
2 AVP: "HALF MOON" "SAN CARLOS"
- Task Force 77 : (a) 8 DD : "FLETCHER" "MUSTIN" "TAYLOR" "STEVENS" "HONORTH"
"O'BANNON" "NICHOLAS" "HOPEWELL"
2 PC : 1119, 1120 11 LCT 4 YMS: 8, 47, 51, 334
1 ATF: "QUAPAW" 2 LCM 18 AP/AK
3 FS 7 YB 12 LST
2 YO 2 YOG 2 YFD
2 YPD 2 YPF 1 YN : "TEAK"
- (b) 4 DD : "RINGGOLD" "LANG" "SIGSBEE" "DASHIELL"
9 LST 4 AP/AK
- (c) (i) 7 DD : "JOHN RODGERS" "JENKINS" "McKEE" "LA VALLETTE"
"RUSSELL" "SCHROEDER" "HARRISON"
14 LST 9 LCT 1 LCI
(ii) 1 PS : "WARREGO" 1 HDML: 1074
2 YMS: 316, 393 1 CGC : "MESQUITE"
- Task Force 77.1 : 2 CVE: "FANSHAW BAY" "MIDWAY"
4 DE : "R.M. ROWELL" "EVERSOLE" "EDMONDS" "SHELTON"
- (2) "COPAHUE" (CVE) "DARBY" (DE) departed Manus 1600/27 for Cenpac area.
- (3) "SANGAMON" "SANTREE" (CVE) "DENNIS" "R.M. ROWELL" (DE) proceeding Manus ETA 0600/1.
- (4) "LEUTZE" (DD) escorting "LOUISVILLE" (CA) departed Humboldt Bay 1000/29 for Manus
ETA 1300/30.
- (5) "ZEAL" "TOKEN" (AM) "OAK HILL" "WHITE MARSH" (LSD) proceeding Hollandia to Finschhafen
ETA 0700/1, to take on 35 LCM for Manus.
- (6) "BENDIGO" "GLENELG" "BROOME" (AMS) "BINGERA" (AG) escorting "OTUS" (AS) "ACHILLES"
(ARL) "CINNAMON" (AN) "CABLE" (ARS) towing "RD.12" "AFD.16,24"
departed Madang 1200/28 for Hollandia ETA 1600/1.
- (7) "YMS.73" departed Milne Bay 0430/29 for Manus ETA 1500/1.
- (8) "ATR.31" towing "YOG.22" and 2 YFD proceeding from Aitape to Woendi ETA 0800/2.
- (9) "HIDATSA" (AT) departed Humboldt Bay 1520/28 for Milne Bay ETA 1300/10.
- (10) "MERKUR" (AF) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Brisbane ETA 5 Oct.
- (11) "PCE(R) 848, 849" departed Brisbane 1200/24 for Humboldt Bay due 0600/30.
- (12) "CORONADO" (PF) proceeding Finschhafen to escort "HENRY T. ALLEN" (APA) and "TITANIA"
(AKA) to Humboldt Bay.
- (13) "RAIL" (AT) departed Woendi 25 Sept for Milne Bay ETA 2 Oct, routed via Hollandia.

(14) "CAPE LEEUWIN" (AGS) departed Milne Bay 0200/19 tending navigation light aids along North coast to Morobe, then returning to Milne Bay.

(b) In Harbour:Sansapor:

Combat Units 17 PT
 Auxiliaries 2 : 1 AVP: "SAN CARLOS" 1 AT: "CHETCO"

Noemfoor:

Auxiliaries 1 : "SUSQUEHANNA" (AOG)

Biak-Woendi:

Combat Units 3 SS : "PADDLE" "DACE" "DARTER"

46 PT

Escorts 7 : 2 PF: "BELFAST" "HUTCHINSON" 1 PC: 1123

3 MS: "TOWNSVILLE" "LATROBE" "RARARA"

2 M: 817, 818

Auxiliaries 21 : "ORION" (AS) "HILO" "PORTUNUS" "WILLOUGHBY" "WICHAPREAGUE"
 (AGP) "SALAMONIE" "TRINITY" "VICTORIA" (AO) "HERON" (AVP)
 "RIO GRANDE" "SAKATONCHEE" (AOG) "CHIPPEWA" (AT) "ARAYAT"
 (IX) "TELBERRY" (YN) "POYANG" (AE) "REMUS" (ARL)
 2 YP: 236, 278 2 YFD 1 YD

Maffin Bay:

Escorts 2 : 2 SC: 698, 735

Auxiliaries 1 : "OCTORARA" (IX)

Humboldt:

Combat Units 1 CMS: "ARIADNE"

3 CVE: "KITKUN BAY" "GAMBIER BAY" "WHITE PLAINS"

11 DD: "McDERMOT" "McNAIR" "RATHBURN" "HIGGARD" "FRANKS" "HAILEY"
 "JOHNSTON" "ANDERSON" "HUGHES" "STACK" "MURRAY"

Escorts 38 : 11 PF: "EUGENE" "ROCKFORD" "GASGOYNE" "BURLINGTON" "ORANGE"
 "LONG BEACH" "SAN PEDRO" "CARSON CITY" "MUSKOGEE"
 "GALLU" "EL PASO"

12 PC: 476, 477, 598, 623, 1122, 1129, 1133, 1134, 1137,
 1180, 1230, 1260

1 PCE(R): 850 5 YMS: 1, 140, 238, 243, 341

8 SC: 637, 726, 743, 744, 749, 915, 981, 991

Auxiliaries 54 : "MANOORA" "HARRIS" "FRAMONT" "BARNSTABLE" "CRESCENT CITY"
 "ELMORE" "FULLER" "WARREN" "WAYNE" "WINDSOR" "ORMSBY"
 "LEEDSTOWN" "FAYETTE" "DUPAGE" (APA) "AQUARIUS" (AKA)
 "JOHN LAND" "HERALD OF THE MORN" (AP) "BLUE RIDGE" "WISATCH"
 (AGC) "WARD" "CROSBY" "HERBERT" "SANDS" (APD) "BISHOPDALE"
 "CHEPACHET" "KURUMBA" (AO) "SEEKONK" "ELKHORN" "SHIKELLAMY"
 (AOG) "DOBBIN" (AL) "ARNEB" "MURZIM" "HERCULES" (AK) "PANDA"
 "MINK" "VILLALOBOS" (IX) "DERRICK" (YO) "CARTER HALL"
 "EPPING FOREST" "GUNSTON HALL" (LSD) "LAURABADA" (AG)
 "VIREO" "SONOMA" (AT) "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" "WHIPPOORWILL"
 (AM) "PREBLE" (DM) "PYRO" (AG) 1 ARL: 7
 2 JFD: 11, 25 3 YP: 240, 291, 292

Itape:

Combat Units 18 PT

Escorts 2 : 1 PF: "BISBEE" 1 SC: 745

Auxiliaries 6 : "WESTRALIA" (APA) "COMFORT" (AH) "SCHLEY" "KILTY" (APD)
 "ORESTES" (AGP) "TRIANGULUM" (AK)

Admiralties:

Combat Units 7 BB: "CALIFORNIA" "IDAHO" "MARYLAND" "MISSISSIPPI" "PENNSYLVANIA"
 "SOUTH DAKOTA" "TENNESSEE"

2 CV: "WASP" "HORNET"

2 CVL: "COWPENS" "MONTEREY"

4 CVE: "BARNES" "SITKOH BAY" "CHENANGO" "SUWANNEE"

6 CA: "BOSTON" "CANBERRA" "MINNEAPOLIS" "WICHITA" "AUSTRALIA"
 "SHROPSHIRE"

5 CL: "COLUMBIA" "DENVER" "BOISE" "NASHVILLE" "PHOENIX"

36 DD: "ISARD" "CHARRETTE" "CONDER" "BELL" "BURNS" "BOYD" "BROWN"
 "COWELL" "FARLHOLT" "McCALL" "GRAYSON" "BRADFORD"
 "WOODWORTH" "UHLMANN" "HALFORD" "HUDSTON" "GUEST" "BENNETT"
 "DRIANT" "McGOWAN" "MOKSSEN" "MARTZ" "KEMPEY" "FULLER"
 "MORRIS" "ARUNTA" "WARRAMUNG" "AMMEN" "MULLARY" "BACHE"
 "BNER READ" "BEALE" "BUSH" "DAILY" "HUTCHINS" "KILLEN"

3 SS: "S.42" "S.45" "S.47"

Admiralties: (Cont)

Escorts 36 : 17 DE : "PIEDMONT" "DELAHANTY" "WESSON" "ACREE" "GENDREAU"
 "MITCHELL" "BOWERS" "WEAVER" "MARTIN" "SWEARER"
 "HILLBERT" "DUFFY" "STADTFELD" "DEMPSEY" "EMERY"
 "JAMES E. CRAIG" "EICHENBERGER"
 1 PF : "HAWKESBURY" 1 ML : 827
 3 PC : 1121, 1132, 1139 3 SC : 746, 747, 982
 11 YMS : 9, 10, 48, 49, 52, 53, 70, 71, 97, 314, 336

Auxiliaries 71 : "CALLAWAY" "JAMES O'HARA" "LEON" "SUNTER" "PIERCE" (APA)
 "ELECTRA" (AKA) "ESCALANTE" "PANANSET" "HABCOMA" "SEBEC"
 "TAPPANNOCK" "CAHIBA" "CACHE" "SAUGITUCK" "GUADALUPE"
 "NECHES" "PECOS" "ESCABIA" "CHIKASKIA" "MILLCOMA"
 "SCHUYKILL" (AO) "PASQUOTANK" (ADG) "JASON" (ARH) "CONTROL"
 "LARK" (AR) "BRIAREUS" "MEDUSA" (AR) "ALBASTER" (PYC)
 "ARCTIC" (AF) "PATHFINDER" (AS) "TORCHWOOD" (AN) "VEGA"
 "PHOBOS" "BOOTES" "CANYMEDE" "SHAULA" "JUPITER" (AK) "CASTOR"
 (AKS) "CARIBOU" "LEOPARD" "PORCUPINE" "BAREND" "ARETHUSA"
 (IX) "TULSA" (PG) "CEBU" (ARG) "GEN.O.H.ERNST" "LASALLE"
 "STORM KING" (AP) "TANBA" "TERN" (AT) "WHITNEY" "SIERRA"
 (AD) "SANGAY" "MOUNT HOOD" (AE) "SOUTHARD" "LONG" (DMS)
 "ARGONNE" (AG) "SILVERBELL" (YN) "TRYON" "PINKNEY" (APH)
 2 ARD : 19, 20 1 AFD : 8 4 YRD
 3 YP : 280, 288, 585 1 AFD : 8 1 AFD

Alexishafen-Madang:
 Escorts 21 : 2 PF : "VAN BUREN" "BURDEKIN" 2 SC : 703, 743
 8 AIS : "DELORAINE" "COULBURN" "STRAHAN" "ROCKHAMPTON"
 "COWRA" "COLAC" "GYMPIE" "KIAMA"
 9 ML : 426, 428, 801, 803, 806, 812, 816, 819, 825

Auxiliaries 5 : "MIDAS" (ARB) "CULEBRA ISLAND" (ARG) "KANIMBLA" (APA)
 "PING WO" (ASIS) 1 YP : 504

Aidor:
 Auxiliaries 1 : "TANCRED" (AT)

Lae:
 Escorts 1 : "KATOOMBIA" (AMS)

Langemak:
 Combat Units 8 PT :
 Escorts 19 : 1 DE : "MANNING" 2 PC : 585, 1591
 3 PF : "ALLENTOWN" CHARLOTTSVILLE" "SANDUSKY"
 3 AMS : "GLADSTONE" "COOTAMUNDRA" "WAGGA"
 2 YMS : 46, 335 1 ML : 802 1 PGM
 6 SC : 659, 734, 737, 738, 739, 750

Auxiliaries 15 : "CLYDE" (IX) "AASE MAERSK" (AO) "RACE POINT" "WATO" (AT)
 "GEN.M.L.HERSEY" (AF) "GAMBLE" (DM) "MINDANAO" (ARG)
 "MAETSUYCKE" (AH) "KOOPL" "JAMESTOWN" (AGP) "LOTHIAN"
 "GLENBARN" "EMPIRE MADE" "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (APA)
 1 AFD : 10

Milne Bay:
 Escorts 5 : 1 PF : "OGDEN" 1 PC : 479
 2 AIS : "WHYALLA" "STAVELL" 1 SC : 741

Auxiliaries 13 : "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" (ARS) "SPRIGHTLY" (AT) "BUTTONWOOD"
 (CGC) "OCTANS" (AF) "STRATFORD" (AF) "SATINLEAF" (YN)
 "INDUS" (AK)
 1 ARD : 9 3 YP : 233, 237, 449 2 AFD : 5, 12

Port Moresby:
 Escorts 2 : 1 YMS : "RINDJANI" 1 ML : 431
 Auxiliaries 2 : "WINTER" (AS) "ST GILES" (AT)

2. SOLOMONS(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "PC.1586" "LA GRANDIERE" escorting "MINTAKA" "NAOS" "AIDED" (AK) departed Tulagi 0700/26 for Manus ETA 1800/30.
- (2) "NEVENDORFF" "MANNING" (DE) escorting "ASHTABULA" "CACPON" (AO) were to depart Tulagi 29 Sept for Manus, Escorts to return Purvis on completion.
- (3) "WITTE" (DE) was to depart Milne 29 Sept for Treasury Is.
- (4) "WILLIAM C. COLE" (DE) was to depart Manus 27 Sept for Port Purvis.
- (5) "WILLMARTH" (DE) departed Treasury 2100/28 to RV with "LEW WALLACE" at 1500/29 and escort to Torokina.

(i) ALLIED FORCES (CONT)SECRET

- (6) "BULL WHELL" (YO) was to depart Guadalcanal about 0600/30 for Finschhafen ETA about 3 Oct; thence Manus.
 (7) "SC.628" escort "GETUS" proceeding Tulagi ETA Emirau 0700/1.

(b) In Harbour:Emirau:

Escorts 3 : 3 SC : 620, 723, 1274
 Auxiliaries 1 : "ZAUAK" (AK)

Green Is:

Combat Units 12 PT
 Escorts 6 : 2 SC : 518, 1065 1 PC : 1128 3 YMS : "KIWI", 95, 99
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 YP : 348, 515

Torokina:

Escorts 7 : 4 PC : 598, 1129, 1229, 1592 2 SC : 1188, 1590 1 YMS : 259
 Auxiliaries 1 : "HYPERION" (AK)

Treasury Is:

Combat Units 34 PT
 6 PGM
 Escorts 6 : 2 PC : 598, 605 1 YMS : 47 3 SC : 677, 722, 1074
 Auxiliaries 5 : "TUMULT" "VELOCITY" (AM) "BUTTERNUT" (YN) "HOLLAND" (AS)
 "HIPSTOCK" (YO)

Munda:

Escorts 5 : 1 PC : 1129 4 SC : 514, 702, 999, 1267
 Auxiliaries 2 : "CALANGA" (IG) "CYGNUS" (JF)

3. EAST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

- (1) "MIZAR" (AF) departed Brisbane 2200/29 for Finschhafen ETA 0900/3, via Milne Bay ETA 1000/2.
 (2) "KAPUNDA" (AMS) departed Milne Bay 2359/28 for Townsville ETA 0700/1.
 (3) "CALAMARES" (AF) departed Milne Bay 0600/29 for Townsville, thence Brisbane.
 (4) "CRUX" (AK) departed Milne Bay 1345/26 for Brisbane ETA 1400/30.
 (5) "BUNGAREE" (CH) departed Milne Bay 1230/28 for Townsville ETA 0800/1.
 (6) "GOLDSTAR" (AG) departed Caloundra 1700/28 for Sydney ETA 1400/30.
 (7) "RESERVE" (AT) towing 2 YB was to depart Brisbane 1900/24 for Cairns ETA 1500/30 to take "ETAMIN" (AK) as additional two to Milne Bay, and proceed thence with barges to Manus.

(b) In Harbour:Merakue:

Escorts 2 : 2 YMS : "SHEROE" "MERABOE"

Thursday Is:

Escorts 2 : 2 ASM : "FREMANTLE" "PIRIE"
 Auxiliaries 2 : 2 AGS : "VIGILANT" "STELLA"

Cairns:

Escorts 9 : 3 AMS : "KALGOORLIE" "LITHGOW" "KATOOMBA"
 4 SC : 699, 732, 736, 748 2 YMS : 313, 315
 Auxiliaries 4 : "PIKE ISLAND" (AT) "ANDREW DORIA" (IX)
 1 AFD : 3 1 YP : 283

Townsville:

Auxiliaries 1 : "POLARIS" (AGS)

Bowen:

Auxiliaries 2 : "CAMERIAN SALVOR" (AS) "HEROS" (AT)

Brisbane:

Combat Units 1 SS : "PODLACK"
 Escorts 10 : 1 AMS : "GEBELONG" 2 PC : 1124, 1131
 8 ML : 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820, 821
 Auxiliaries 6 : "ETOLIN" (AK) "CARONDOLET" (IX) "WRIGHT" (AV) "BENALLA"
 (AGS) "PONTUS" (JGP) 1 YP : 42

Sydney:

Combat Units 1 CL : "HOBART" (refitting)
 3 DD : "NEPAL" "STUART" "VERDETTA"
 2 SS : "K.9" "K.12"
 Escorts 13 : 2 DE : "ENGLAND" "FOREMAN" 1 PF : "BARCOO"
 1 PS : "SWAN" 1 AS : "WARRNAMBOOL"

Sydney: (Cont)

Escorts : 2 PC : 584, 1130 3 ML : 810, 822, 823
 3 A/S : "KYBRAN" "WILCANNIA" "YANDRA"
 Auxiliaries 8 : "RIGEL" (AR) "CHALLENGER" (AGS) "VENUS" (AK) "YUNGAN" (AE)
 "POINT LOMA" (AT) "MANUNDA" "TASMAN" (AH) "ORCA" (AWP)

Melbourne:

Combat Units 1 DD : "NAPIER"
 Escorts 3 : "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" DOORBA" (A/S) "BALLARAT" (AMS)
 Auxiliaries 2 : "PLATYPUS" (AR) "RAINIER" (AE)

Adelaide:

Escorts 1 : 1 AGS : "DUNDBERG"

4. NORTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

(1) Task Unit 70.5.3 : 1 AGS : "MORESBY"
 4 AGS : "HORSHAM" "EUCHAM" "JUNEE" "CASTLEMAINE"
 (2) Task Force 71
 On Patrol : 12 SS : "ASPRO" "BLUEGILL" "BONEFISH" "CABRILLA" "FLASHER"
 "HADDO" "HOE" "LAPON" "MINGO" "PARGO" "PORPOISE"
 "REDFIN"
 On Passage : 13 SS : "EGLER" "CLYDE" "COD" "HAMMERHEAD" "HARDER"
 "HARDHEAD" "RAY" "SEA ROVER" "SPITEFUL" "STURDY"
 "TANTALUS" "TELEMACHUS" "ZWAARDFISCH"

(b) In Harbour:Darwin:

Escorts 4 : 4 ML : 429, 507, 813, 814
 Auxiliaries 2 : "COUCAL" (ASR) "SHEPPARTON" (AGS)

Millers Point:

Escorts 1 : 1 ML : 809

5. SOUTH WESTERN AREA(a) At Sea to 1200/30:

Nil.

(b) In Harbour:Onslow:

Escorts 2 : 1 AMS : "BOWEN" 1 ML : 815

Fremantle:

Combat Units 1 OL : "ADELAIDE"
 19 SS : "EREM" "BATHFISH" "CREVALLE" "GROWLER" "GUITARO" "GUNNEL"
 "GURNARD" "HAKE" "JACK RATION" "SINDAR" "STORM" "P.318"
 "MUSKELLUNGE" "STOIC" "TAMMIVY" "K.14" "K.15" "O.19"
 Escorts 12 : 1 PF : "CORPUS CHRISTI"
 1 PS : "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"
 9 AGS : "DUBBO" "TAMMORAH" "MILDURA" "LANCASTON" "BATHURST"
 "IPSWICH" "INVERELL" "BUNBURY" "PARKES"
 1 SC : 729
 1 ML : 824
 2 YS : 11, 72
 Auxiliaries 7 : "GRIFFIN" "EURYALE" "MILDSTONE" (AS) ISABEL" (PY)
 "CHANTICLEER" (ASR)
 1 RD : 10
 1 YP : 286

(ii) ENEMY FORCES

A. SOUTH WEST PACIFIC

1. PHILIPPINES

- X (1) Moro Gulf - At 0635/27 Sept. 4 small freighters were seen off Malabang. It is recalled that at 1050/26 Sept. 4 small ships were seen in approx. the same position heading S.E.
- (2) Philippine Sea - Evidence of deep enemy reconnaissance E. of the Philippines is the report of a Jap patrol bomber sighted by aircraft 480 miles N.E. of San Bernardino Passage.

2. EAST INDIES

- (1) Morotai - At dusk 28 Sept. enemy aircraft raided our positions on S. Morotai. One source states that 6 enemy aircraft participated, another source says that 2 planes took part. No damage was caused but AA claims to have shot 1 raider down.
At 2258/28 Sept. 2 more enemy aircraft were over the area but apparently no attack eventuated.
On 28 Sept. approx. 200 Japs landed on 3 points on E. and S. E. coasts Morotai from barges but no contact has been made with these forces yet. Minor contacts were reported 28 Sept. particularly on the Western flank of the perimeter.
An enemy demolition gang apparently attempted to destroy a generator inside our perimeter 28 Sept. but the charges were discovered and the attempt failed.
- (2) Halmahera - Night 27-28 Sept. a possible enemy submarine was contacted by PT boats off Galela. The same night 3 barges were located by PT boats off Cape Djodjefa (tip of N.W. arm of Halmahera) and 2 were destroyed despite bombing by 1 enemy plane and intense return fire which caused some casualties on the PT boats.
- (3) S.E. Celebes - At 1345/28 Sept. a reconnaissance Liberator sighted a warship described as a "Terutsuki" class destroyer (but more probably one of the new type escort vessels) 80 miles N.E. of Binongke Is. course 250°. Bombs were dropped but missed.
At 0045/29 Sept. 2 tanker type vessels with 2 barges in attendance were sighted by a Catalina off S.W. coast Moena Is.
- (4) Timor - P.M. 28 Sept. Fuiloro was again the target for reconnaissance Liberators this time involving 2 aircraft.
- (5) Banda Sea - At 2225/27 Sept. a probable hospital ship was sighted by Liberator 60 miles W.S.W. Ambon course 40°.
- (6) Ambon - A.M. 29 Sept. small ships around the shores of Ambon Is. were attacked during a sweep by 2 Mitchells: 1 sailing vessel and 20 barges off the W. coast were strafed and in addition 6 small freighters (150 ft.) and a number of barges were sighted in other sectors of the coast.
Photos 27 Sept. show 1 serviceable bomber on Haroekoe but the runway was unserviceable due to bombing.
- Tanimbar-Kai-Aru Is. - At 1500/27 Sept. Saumlaki was bombed by 2 Mitchells. At 1315/28 Sept. trench positions on Trangan Is. were bombed by 2 Mitchells. At 1200/29 Sept. Faan and Langgoer strips were dive bombed by 14 Kittyhawks and at 1350/29 Sept. Langgoer strip was bombed by 8 Bostons.

3. NEW GUINEA

- (1) N.W. New Guinea Airfields - At about noon 29 Sept. Utarom airfield was bombed by 6 Kittyhawks and Simate airdrome was dive bombed by about 11 Kittyhawks.
- (2) Manokwari-Sorong - Local sources report 28 Sept. that Japs are moving W. from Manokwari in parties of up to 15 men using inland trails which bring them onto the coastal road about 50 miles S.W. of Sansapor thence to Sorong. The majority of enemy are in poor physical condition.
Villages housing possible enemy concentrations near Manokwari were dive bombed by 11 Kittyhawks P.M. 27 Sept.
Scattered enemy contacts were reported around the Sansapor area on 28 Sept.

(ii) ENEMY FORCES (Contd.)

- (3) Geelvink Bay - Night 27-28 Sept. 80 Javanese were evacuated from Roemberpon Is. by PT boats.
On 28 Sept. scattered enemy contacts were reported on Biak and Noemfoor Is. and elimination of small enemy groups continues.
- (4) Wewak - At 1010/28 Sept. Wewak airfield was bombed by 6 Liberators. The reduction of stores dumps continues: P.M. 28 Sept. another 9 Beauforts raided the area around Wewak and A.M. 29 Sept. 5 Beauforts repeated the performance.
4. BISMARCKS - SOLOMONS - In addition to the air patrols over Bougainville 27 Sept. plantation targets on N.E. coast New Ireland near Kavieng were bombed by 22 Corsairs on patrol.
The air and sea blockade was resumed night 27-28 Sept. when PT boats patrolled N.E. coast New Ireland and also the Choiseul Bay area while Rabaul was harassed by 2 Mitchells and Buin by 1 Mitchell.
On 28 Sept. the same plantation targets on N.E. New Ireland were attacked by 14 Dauntless but otherwise air activity was limited to patrols which involved 15 Venturas 1 Avenger over the Torokina area and some Corsairs over New Ireland.

B. CENTRAL PACIFIC

1. CAROLINES - Ground progress on Palau proceeds satisfactorily.
Following a heavy naval and air bombardment coordinated with artillery preparation, U.S. Marines landed on Ngesebus Is. at 0900/28 Sept. The assault was preceded by amphibious tanks and supported by medium tanks and by evening the Island was in our hands. Kangauru Is. (just off Ngesebus Is.) was also occupied 28 Sept. except for a small portion of the Northern tip.
On Pelolieu the Northern portion of the Island was cleared 28 Sept. except for 2 small areas. On Angaur Is. only 1 pocket of enemy remains on the N.W. tip where caves and pill-boxes are being used effectively.
2. NAMPO SHOTO - On 28 Sept. naval installations at Chichi Jima were attacked by 18 Liberators. Shipping sighted in the area included 1 cargo ship and many small craft at Chichi Jima, 6 cargo ships at Haha Jima and 3 small craft between Chichi Jima and Haha Jima.
At 1800/28 Sept. a small enemy merchant vessel was unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft approx. 150 miles N.E. of Chichi Jima whilst on a general Southerly course.
3. MARIANAS - On 28 Sept. buildings and installations on Pagan Is. were attacked by 22 Thunderbolts.

(iii) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS

- (1) Additional Islands at Palau occupied.
Minor Jap counter-landings on Morotai together with light scale but increased night air activity.
- (4) Continued Jap defensive preparations Philippines, Formosa area and Nansei Shoto.
- (4) Another Liberator strike Nampo Shoto.

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DAILY NAVAL SUMMARY
PART II
ALLIED AND ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES
% Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(incl. Mandates)

<u>BB</u>	(7)	MARYLAND MISSISSIPPI	PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA	IDAHO CALIFORNIA	TENNESSEE	-
<u>CV</u>	(2)	WASP	HORNET			-
<u>CVE</u>	(2)	COMPENS	MONTEREY			-
<u>CVE</u>	(13)	COPAHUE CHENANGO BARNES FANSHAW BAY MIDWAY	SANGAMON SANTEE SUWANNEE SARGENT BAY SITKOH BAY	KITKUN BAY GAMBIER BAY WHITE PLAINS		-
<u>CA</u>	(7)	AUSTRALIA BOSTON	SHROPSHIRE CAMBER A	WICHITA LOUISVILLE	MINNEAPOLIS	-
<u>CL</u>	(6)	BOISE COLUMBIA	DENVER #HOBART	NASHVILLE PHOENIX		-
<u>AV</u>	(2)	TANGIER	WRIGHT			-
<u>DD</u>	(6)	HALF MOON HEMON	ORCA SAN CARLOS	SAN PABLO CINCOTEGUE		-
<u>DD</u>	(72)	ARUNTA WARRAMUNGA NAPIER NEPAL STUART BENNER REID VENDETTA AMMEN ANDERSON BACHE BEALE BUSH DALY DASHIELL FLETCHER HARRISON HOWORTH HOPEWELL HUTCHINS	HUGHES JENKINS JOHN RODGERS KILLEN LANG LAVALLETTE MCKEE MORRIS MULLANY MURRAY MUSTIN O'BANNON RINGGOLD NICHOLAS SCHROEDER RUSSELL SIGSBEE STEVENS STACK	TAYLOR PULLIN RENEY MCCOWAN MONSSEN BERTZ IZARD CHARRETTE CONNER BELL BURNS BOYD BROWN COWELL FARENHOLT MCCALLA GRAYSON	BRADFORD HALFORD HUDSON GUEST BENNETT LEUTZE BRYANT WOODWORTH UHLMANN HAGGARD FRANKS HAILLEY JOHNSTON MCDERMOT MCNEIL RATHBURN MEEVIN	-
<u>SS</u>	(19)	BASHAW CERO DACE DARTER FLOUNDER FLYING FISH GUAVINA NARWHAL NAUTILUS PERMIT	POLLACK SEA WOLF STINGRAY TARPON S.42 S.45 S.47 K.9 K.12			10

PT approx. 175

% Excluding Cenpac forces temporarily at sea in S.W.P.A.
Non-effective.

1. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Contd)

ALLIED FORCES
Southwest Pacific (Eastern Section)

ENEMY FORCES
(incl. Mandates)

<u>APD</u> (33)	WARD (APD)	LEEDSTOWN (APA)	WAYNE (APA)	-
<u>APA</u>	SCHLEY	ORMSBY	FULLER	
<u>AKA</u>	HERBERT	WINDSOR	HARRIS	
	CROSBY	CRESCENT CITY	TREMONT	
	KILTY	WARREN	BARN STABLE	
	SANDS	ELMORE	EMPIRE SPEARHEAD	
	H.T.ALLEN (APA)	CALLAWAY	GLENHEARN	
	KANIMBLA	LEON	I THIAN	
	WESTRALIA	SUMTER	EMPIRE MACE	
	MANOORA	PIERCE	AQUARIUS (AKA)	
	PAYETTE	JAMES O'HARA	ELECTRA	
<u>AGC</u> (2)	BLUE RIDGE	WASATCH		-
<u>AS</u> (3)	OTUS	HOLLAND	ORION	-
<u>AD</u> (3)	DOBBERIN	WHITNEY	SIERRA	-
<u>AR</u> (15)	RIGEL (AR)			-
	PLATYPUS			
	BRIAREUS			
	MEDUSA			
	MIDAS (ARB)			
	CULEBRA ISLAND (ARG)			
	OGLEALA			
	MINDANAO			
	CEBU			
	JASON (ARH)			
	REMUS (ARL)			
	ACHILLES			
	AMYCUS			
	VENT (ARS)			
	CABLE			
<u>LSD</u> (5)	CARTER HALL	WHITE MARSH	CAKHILL	-
	GUNSTON HALL	EPPING FOREST		

2. NORTHERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CA</u>	-			(2) NACHI
				ASHIGARA
<u>CL</u> (3)	DETROIT	RALEIGH	RICHMOND	ABUKUMA
<u>DD</u>	9			5
<u>SS</u>	10			Approx. 5

3. SOUTH AND SOUTH EASTERN PACIFIC

ALLIED FORCES

ENEMY FORCES

<u>CL</u> (2)	TRENTON (SEPA)			-
	@LEANDER (SPA)			
<u>DD</u>	9			-

@ Non-effective

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4. CENTRAL PACIFIC

# ALLIED FORCES				ENEMY FORCES	
				Philippines East Indies	Empire
<u>BB</u>	(11) IOWA NEW JERSEY INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS ALABAMA	NORTH CAROLINA *OKLAHOMA WEST VIRGINIA WASHINGTON COLORADO NEW MEXICO		(6) YAMATO MUSASHI NAGATO HARUNA FUSO YAMASHIRO	*KONGO
<u>/XCV</u>	-	-	-	(2) ISE HYUGA	
<u>CV</u>	(9) SARATOGA YORKTOWN LEXINGTON	INTREPID ESSEX BUNKER HILL	ENTERPRISE FRANKLIN HANCOCK	-	(5) AMAGI TAIHO UNRYU ZUIKAKU HAYATAKA
<u>CVL</u>	(7) CABOT BATAN BELLEAU WOOD	LANGLEY PRINCETON	SAN JACINTO INDEPENDENCE	-	(5) CHITOSE CHIYODA HOSHO ZUIHO *RYUHO (part sunk)
<u>CVE</u>	(29) ATTU BOUGAINVILLE CAPE ESPERANCE CASABLANCA CORAL SEA CORREGIDOR HOLLANDIA HOGGAT BAY LUNGA POINT LONG ISLAND	BRETON MANILA BAY MUNDA MARCUS ISLAND NATOMA BAY NASSAU GMMANEY BAY PETROF BAY PRINCE WILLIAM ROI	RUDYERD BAY SAVO ISLAND SHAMROCK BAY SLALMAUA ADMIRALTY ISLANDS ALTAMAHA KADASHAN BAY WIDHAM BAY NEMENTA BAY	(2) JINYO UNYO	(2) KAIYO OTAKA
<u>CA</u>	(8) BALTIMORE CHESTER INDIANAPOLIS SAN FRANCISCO	NEW ORLEANS PENSACOLA PORTLAND SALT LAKE CITY		(12) TAKAO ATAGO CHOKAI MAYA TONE CHIKUMA SUZUYA KUMANO MOGAMI HAGURO MYOKO AOBAMA	-
<u>OCA</u>	-	-	-	-	6
<u>CL</u>	(15) BILOXI BIRMINGHAM CLEVELAND HONOLULU HOUSTON	MIAMI MOBILE MONTPELIER OAKLAND RENO	SAN DIEGO SAN JUAN SANT FE ST LOUIS VINCENNES	(4) KINU KITAGAMI NOSHIRO YAHAGI	(5) FAKATA OYODO ISUZU TAMA KISO
<u>CLT AV/CVS</u>	(4) BALLARD CHANDELEUR	- CURTIS POCONOKE		KASHII -	KASHIMA ASKITSUSHIMA *NOTORO
<u>DD</u>	Approx. 180			25-30	20 (sev. repairing)
<u>S</u>	Approx. 30			10	Approx. 45
<u>IS</u>		?		?	2 (1 Repairing)

* Non-effective.

Some of these units operating temporarily in S.W.P.A.

5. EAST INDIES - INDIAN OCEAN

<u>ALLIED FORCES</u>		<u>ENEMY FORCES</u>	
<u>Southwest Pacific</u> <u>(Western Section)</u>		<u>Malaya-</u> <u>Indian Ocean</u>	
<u>BB</u>	-	(5) <u>Eastern Fleet Area</u> HOWE RENOGN QUEEN ELIZABETH VALIANT RICHELIEU	-
<u>CV</u>	-	(3) VICTORIOUS ILLUSTRIOUS INDOMITABLE	-
<u>CA</u>	-	(6) BATLER ATELING UNICORN BEGUM SHAH AMER	-
<u>CL</u>	(1) ADELAIDE	(3) CUMBERLAND LONDON SUFFOLK	-
<u>AV/CVS</u>	-	(7) KENYA NEWCASTLE CEYLON NIGERIA GAMBIA TROMP PHOEBE	-
<u>XCL</u>	-	ALBATROSS	-
<u>SS</u>	(45)	(2) CANTON CHITRAL	-
		Approx. 27	5
		Approx. 16	10 (poss. all German)
	ANGLER ✓ HAKE ✓ ASPRO ✓ HAMMERHEAD ✓ BATFISH ✓ HARDER ✓ BUUEGILL ✓ HARDHEAD ✓ BONEFISH ✓ HOE ✓ BREAK ✓ JACK ✓ CABRILLA ✓ LAPON ✓ COD ✓ MINGO ✓ CREVALLE ✓ MUSKELLUNGE ✓ FLASHER ✓ PADDLE ✓ GROWLER ✓ PARGO ✓ GUITAR ✓ PORPOISE ✓ GUNNEL ✓ RATON ✓ GURNARD ✓ RAY ✓ HADDO ✓ REDFIN ✓ CLYDE F.318 SEA ROVER SIRDAR SPITEFUL K.14 K.15	STOIC STORM STURDY TELEMACHUS TANTALUS TANTIVY ZWAARDFISCH	

*Blue fish
Nautilus
Sand lance*

AS (3) MAIDSTONE GRIFFIN EURYALE

ESTIMATE OF ENEMY SHORE-BASED STRENGTH

	<u>SOLOMONS</u>	<u>NEW GUINEA</u>	<u>EAST INDIES</u>	<u>PHILIPPINES</u>	<u>MANDATES</u>
Fighters	-	-	116	187	12
S/E Bombers	-	-	53	47	-
T/E Bombers	-	-	123	47	3
Flying Boats	-	-	6	11	-
Boat Planes	10	-	57	33	6
Obsn. A/C	-	-	16	29	4
TOTAL	10	-	371	354	25