

DAILY APPRECIATION PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY FOR C.N.S.

C.N.S. has requested that this Daily Appreciation is to include all significant Naval information set out in as simple and brief form as possible and should be confined each day to one page.

The information is to be confined merely to Naval Intelligence which is significant only in the highest plane (i.e. C. & S. and War Cabinet). This will include significant operational information and intelligence under the heading of British and Allied Forces and Enemy Forces for each area.

The following is to be observed: -

- (a) A complete draft is to be available by 0830L each morning.
- (b) The draft will be examined by the Supervising Officer and operational information checked with D.O.D. where possible before finally typing.
- (c) Five copies are to be typed and the original submitted to D. and I. so as to be in D.O.P.'s hands not later than 0915L each day.
- (d) The Duty Officer in N.I.D. will prepare a list of Naval Intelligence for the period under review for inclusion in the typed draft that is to be complete by 0830L each morning.
- (e) All times are to be quoted as local time.
- (f) Every item is to read simply and straight-forward and not merely a repetition of signals. Where there are several signals bearing on a particular subject the intelligence should be collated and set out in as brief and simple a form as possible.
- (g) Each item must be complete in the sense that if a Convoy is reported in a particular position and on a particular course which suggests its destination the approximate E.T.A. should include any other significant facts that may be considered necessary to complete the picture.
- (h) Only significant material from the Naval point of view is to be included whether this be the movement of a Convoy or any significant warship movement or an attack which is sufficiently significant to warrant inclusion.
- (i) Appreciation is to be set out under the headings: -
 - (1) A.B.D.A. Area.
 - (2) Anzac Area.
 - (3) Mandated Islands.
 - (4) Mid-Pacific and East Pacific.
 - (5) Naval Intelligence.
 - (6) Enemies probable next move.
 - (7) Suggested counter-moves. Each section will be numbered. 1,2,3 and 4 will be sub-divided where necessary under the headings -
 - (a) British and Allied Forces.
 - (b) Enemy forces.

The sections are to be typed in red and the sub-divisions clearly underlined.

- (j) Particular care is to be taken to ensure that significant operational information is complete and accurate. All positions must be indicated as so many miles from the nearest well known point.
- (k) Operational information must be complete each day, that is - where a Convoy, Squadron, or significant Warship is moving reference is to be made to its progress each day until the movement is complete.

- (1) The C.O.I.C. Naval Duty Officer at night is to prepare the operational information in conjunction with the Duty Commander to ensure that all significant items are complete and accurately expressed.
- (m) In preparing this appreciation the main thought to be kept in mind is that it is to be confined to material significant in the highest plane and must only, therefore, include really significant intelligence which is likely to be of interest to the War Cabinet.

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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

WEDNESDAY 28/1

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A.B.D.A. Area.

A. British and Allied Forces - Convoy MS2 (Ex "Aquitania") arrived Singapore January 24th from Australia without incident.

B. Enemy Forces -

- (i) General movement from South China Sea to Southern Philippines Northern N.E.I. waters.
- (ii) Total enemy strength Celebes Sea - Makassar Strait - Halmahera area includes 2 aircraft carriers and approximately 10 Cruisers, including possibly 4-8".
- (iii) One aircraft carrier operating in Flores Sea consider responsible for raids on Timor 26/1

NORTH-WEST PACIFIC

Combined Fleet probably in Bonins.

ANZAC AREA

A. British and Allied Forces -

- (i) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" with convoy three ships was due to rendezvous with "ACHILLES" yesterday 27/1 south of Suva. "ACHILLES" to escort one ship to Suva. "PHOENIX" to proceed Melbourne due February 1 with other 2 ships. "ADELAIDE" will join escort en route Melbourne.
- (ii) Convoy MS1 with "HOBART" due Singapore 30/1.

B. Enemy Forces -

- (i) Bismarck Archipelago - "KAGA" and "AKAGI" (27,000 tons) are 2 carriers operating in area. "ZUIKAKU" and "SHOKAKU" (15,000 tons) also operating south of Truk.
- (ii) At least one military transport at Rabaul. Suggest consolidation and possible future large scale operations.
- (iii) Two enemy submarines off Anir Island 26/1 (off Eastern tip New Ireland).

MANDATED ISLANDS

Naval concentration including additional transports in Truk area.

MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

Enemy Enemy submarines operating off Hawaiian Islands.

British and Allied Forces - "WARSPITE" was due to sail from Esquimaux on January 20th after working up practice.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

1. MALAYA - EAST COAST - ENDAU

A.M. 26/1 following force sighted: 2 "KAKO" class cruisers (8")
12 destroyers or gunboats
2 10,000 ton motor vessels
small craft

Twice attacked by our aircraft.

1st Attack - 2 hits on 1st transport; 1 on 2nd transport;
1 on cruiser

2nd Attack - 8 hits on 1 transport, damage to barges etc, wreckage around transports. Two transports, 1 cruiser, 2 destroyers all stationary and high out of water.

2. N.W. of ANAMBAS ISLANDS (Between Malaya and Borneo)

A.M. 26/1 - 1 "NATORI" class (5.5") and 2 "NACHI" class (8") cruisers and 2 destroyers being shadowed by our aircraft.

3. MAKASSAR STRAIT

Dutch submarine K.18 reports successful attack on a cruiser and destroyer. Submarine damaged but proceeding to base.

4. RABAU

Night attack by 5 Catalinas 26/27.

In addition to two merchant ships reported burning furiously in Rabaul Harbour it is also reported that one possible hit was scored on a large ship (like a Carrier) approx 10 miles N.E. of Tawui (N.W. tip Gazelle Peninsula).

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Consolidation of position in New Britain, New Ireland as prelude to attack on Port Moresby, with view to control Torres Strait.
- (ii) Possible move from Truk to New Caledonia.
- (iii) Consolidation of position in Kendari (S.E. Celebes) and Halmahera (Ternate) as prelude to an attack on Amboina and possibly Timor with view to cutting Australia - Java air route.

4. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES

Appendix attached "Detailed Dispositions Allied and Enemy Naval Forces".

DAILY APPRECIATION-PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY-WEDNESDAY 28/1/42.

DISPOSITION ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A.B.D.A. AREA.

A. BRITISH and ALLIED FORCES.

1 - 8" cruiser)	Escorting convoys into SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters
8 - 6" cruisers)	
31 destroyers)	
35 submarines ?)	
Auxiliaries)	

B. ENEMY FORCES.

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA.

4 Aircraft Carriers)	As estimated. Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines.
4 - 8" cruisers)	
3 possibly 4 - 6.1" (Mogamis))	
Several 5.6" cruisers)	
Several destroyer flotillas)	
3 submarine Squadrons (16))	
(C.in C. Southern Expeditionary Force).)	

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - NORTH EAST N.E.I. WATERS.

2 aircraft carriers)
10 cruisers (approx.) (including possibly the Mogamis and some 8" cruisers.)
14 destroyers (at least))
Several seaplane tenders)
(C.in C. Third Fleet))

(iii) JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

6 to 8 submarines.

NORTH WEST PACIFIC.

ENEMY FORCES.

JAPAN - FORMOSA - BONINS AREA.

Combined Fleet)	Including probably 7 effective battleships believed North of Mandates, probably in BONINS, as a support to both the forces operating in South China Sea - Southern Philippines - N.E.I. area and Southern Mandates area.
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ANZAC AREA.

A. BRITISH and ALLIED FORCES.

2 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 6" Cruisers
3 - A.M.C.S.
2 destroyers (refitting)

B. ENEMY FORCES.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA.

2 aircraft carriers (at least))
1 converted carrier)
2 - 8" cruisers)
2 - 6" cruisers)
Several destroyers)
10 to 15 transports)

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SOLOMON ISLANDS.

1 aircraft carrier)	Possibly one of these reported as operating in BISMARCK Archipelago.
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MANDATED ISLANDS.

ENEMY FORCES.

(i) PALAU - SAIPAN AREA.

1 battle cruiser (believed damaged))
various other units (unknown, but include submarines).)

(ii) TRUK AREA.

2 aircraft carriers)
2 seaplane carriers (at least))
2 (possibly 5) 8" cruisers)
Several 5.5" cruisers)
14 destroyers (at least))
35 (approx.) chartered merchant ships)
1 Naval flying boat Squadron)
C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
C. in C. First Air Fleet)

(iii) JALUIT AREA.

1 possibly 2 seaplane carriers)
Several submarines (including Commander submarine Force))
1 naval Air Unit (shore based) comprising Fighters, Torpedo Bombers and reconnaissance Aircraft)
20 Chartered Merchant Ships)

WEST-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC.

A. BRITISH and ALLIED FORCES.

6 ~~battleships~~ effective battleships (7 by 1/2)

5 effective battleships)
4 aircraft carriers)
12 - 8" cruisers)
7 8 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 4 old))
51 destroyers)
22 submarines)

*1 provided Honolulu 5 West Coast.
2 Pearl Har 2 Samoa Area
5 Pearl Harbor 5 Samoa Area 2 ^{Sam}
1 Samoa area, 3 West Coast 1 Pearl H 2 Panama*

B. ENEMY FORCES.

5 submarines (at least))
2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly))

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

THURSDAY 29/1/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A.B.D.A. AREA.

Enemy Forces -

- (1) Southern Expeditionary Force moving south and is probably covering present operations off South-East coast Malaya. Force includes possibly four Aircraft Carriers.
- (ii) Two destroyers 15 other vessels Balik-Papan Harbour 27/1.
- (iii) Two aircraft carriers operating in Celebes area.

ANZAC AREA.

British & Allied Forces.

- (1) R.A.C.A.S. with Squadron proceeding East to cover 'Phoenix' convoy en route Melbourne.
- (ii) "Ormiston" due to arrive Thursday Is. to-day 29/1 to take off civilian evacuees.

Enemy Forces -

- (1) Air & Naval units from the 4th (Mandates) Fleet are at Rabaul. (C. in C. 4th Fleet at Truk).
- (ii) Enemy ship in Buka Passage (Solomons) 28/1.

MANDATED ISLANDS.

Seaplane Carrier Kamoi in the Marshalls and is possibly operating with Submarines.

MID-PACIFIC & EAST-PACIFIC.

Two enemy submarines operating in Midway Island, 2 in Honolulu area, and at least ^{one} in Canton Is. area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

1. SOUTH EAST COAST MALAYA.

P.M. 26/1 H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" and H.M.S. "Thanet" engaged a Japanese force of 1 cruiser and 3 destroyers. 1 Japanese Destroyer sunk, 1 damaged. H.M.S. "THANET" sunk, "VAMPIRE" suffered no casualties or damage.

2. BALIK-PAPAN. 27/1.

1 large transport left sinking, 1 on fire and a cruiser was straddled by bombs during an attack on enemy shipping at Balik-Papan by U.S. heavy aircraft.

3. ROSSEL ISLAND (Louislade Archipelago) - 28/1.

Japanese destroyer reported to have landed troops on the island yesterday morning - 28/1.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

4. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES.

DAILY APPRECIATION -- PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

30/1/42

1. DISPOSITION ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

1) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Convoy MS1 with "HOBART" due to arrive Singapore today 30/1.
- (ii) ABDACOM reports all Hurricane aircraft from "INDOMITABLE" have arrived safely.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" at Tjilatjap for repairs; may later proceed to Sydney for docking.
- (iv) U.S. Submarine S.36, operating in N.E.I. is reported grounded and lost.
- (v) Dutch submarine K.18, damaged in Makassar Strait action, reached Sourabaya safely.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Two A/C Carriers off Kendari (S.E. Celebes) p.m. 28/1 and one 70 miles further north on night of 27/1.
- (ii) A convoy of 22 enemy vessels (probably 1 heavy cruiser, 3 light cruisers, 5 destroyers and 13 transports, including 2 transports of 20,000 tons), sighted 240 miles NNW from Namlea (N.W. of Ambon) at 0630Z/29. Course 156° - 10 knots. E.T.A. Ambon at this speed would be 1230Z/30.

2) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ACHILLES" escorting U.S. "President Monroe" arrived Suva 0530Z/28.
- (ii) "CANBERRA" arrived Fremantle from Sunda Strait 0015Z/29, and will leave 30/1 escorting tanker convoy (MS3) to R.V. with "HOBART" 4/2.
- (iii) "AUSTRALIA" "PERTH" and "LEANDER" will be in vicinity of U.S. convoy escorted by "ADELAIDE" and "PHOENIX", passing through a position 225 miles E.S.E. of Sydney at 1000Z/30. Squadron's E.T.A. Sydney 2000Z/30. Convoy's E.T.A. Melbourne 1/2.
- (iv) "WESTRALIA" arrived Sydney yesterday having escorted troop convoy to Capricorn Channel. Remainder of convoy proceeding to Darwin. "WESTRALIA" to refit.

3) MANDATED ISLANDS

Enemy Forces

4 A/C Carriers still considered operating in TRUK-BISMARCK-SOLOMONS area

4) MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Battleship "MISSISSIPPI" (12-14") is proceeding with convoy from West coast to Honolulu.
- (ii) A further battleship, "IDAHO" (12-14") is en route to San Francisco from the Atlantic to join Pacific Fleet.
- (iii) Battleship "COLORADO" (8-16") was due to complete refit at Seattle 1/2, which will make total of 7 effective U.S. battleships in Pacific.

5) NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) RABAU 28/1 - At least 12 ships were sighted in Rabaul Harbour, and one larger vessel adjacent, p.m. on 28/1. Bombing attacks resulted in two probable hits, or one probable hit and a near miss, on two of the ships in the harbour.

ROSSEL ISLAND (Louisade Archipelago) 28/1

Air reconnaissance 28/1 brought no sighting of the Japanese destroyer which (a.m. 28th) was reported to have landed troops at Rossel Island. Port Moresby suggests the landing may have been at Anir Island (east of New Britain).

6. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

The movement of the enemy convoy described above (Para.1) suggests an attack on Amboina probably as a prelude to an attack against Java.

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DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES1. A.B.D.A. AREA *Red*Enemy Forces

- (i) Convoy of 3 cruisers, 4 destroyers, 4 transports sighted 90 miles North of Namlea course 156° speed 9 knots at 2248Z/29.
At 0430Z/30 two convoys reported approaching Ambon area.
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| (a) 6 cruisers, | (b) 5 destroyers |
| 5 destroyers, | 5 transports |
| 5 transports | |

2. ANZAC AREA *Red*British and Allied Forces

- (i) "CANDERRA" escorting Convoy MS.3 departed Fremantle 0505Z/30 to R.V. with "HOBART" 4/2.
- (ii) R.A.C.A.S. with Squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "PERTH" and "LEANDER" due to arrive Sydney this morning 2215Z/30.
- (iii) U.S. Naval auxiliary "HAMMONDS PORT" en route San Francisco to Melbourne to be joined by "ACHILLES" in a position 500 miles N.W. of Auckland on 2/2. She is to be escorted en route to Melbourne by "ACHILLES" until relieved by R.A.C.A.S. on 3/2.
- (iv) Troop convoy (ZK6) departed Bowen 0900Z/29 to R.V. off Cape Grafton with "Townsville" and "Warrnambool" before proceeding to Darwin.
- (v) "ORMISTON" with evacuees from Thursday Island due to arrive Cairns 1900Z/30.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Rabaul - 4 cruisers, 13 transports, 5 Flying Boats and 4 small craft in Rabaul Harbour 30/1. One transport off Wotam Island (approx 6 miles N.W. Rabaul).
- (ii) A Japanese Admiral is at Rabaul.
- (iii) Enemy submarine possibly operating 150 miles N.E. of Fiji.

3. MANDATED ISLANDSEnemy Forces

Japanese 8th Cruiser Squadron "TONE" and "TIKUMA" (8-8) is in the Mandates and probably engaged in Truk - Rabaul operations.

4. MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

The present U.S. Pacific Fleet now reported to include 3 battleships immediately effective with four others to be ready by 21/2. AI Aircraft Carriers include 3 effective instead of 4 as previously reported.

5. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Balikpapan - 4 U.S. aircraft attacked Japanese shipping 30/1 no hits observed.
- (ii) MIDWAY IS. shelled without damage by one or two submarines on 25/1.
- (iii) Japanese submarine of I-68 class (1,400 tons) reported sunk 220 miles west of Midway Is. 26/1.
- (iv) U.S. Transport sunk by submarine 30 miles N. of Hawaii 28/1.
- (v) British ship "EVAGORIS" overdue Durban from Fremantle since 19/1.
- (vi) Japanese landed Butong Is. (S.E. Celebes) at 1200Z/29.
- (vii) Japanese shipping S.E. Celebes area attacked by one U.S. aircraft without result on 29/1.
- (viii) Padang - (W. Sumatra) - Heavy enemy air attack seriously damaged ships and port facilities 28/1.

6. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Attack on Ambon

7. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES

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DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A.B.D.A. AREA

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several seaplane tenders)
(C in C Third Fleet))

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NORTH WEST PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

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ANZAC AREA

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

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B. ENEMY FORCES

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

2 aircraft carriers (at least)
1 converted carrier
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2 - 6" cruisers
several destroyers (8 destroyers)
10 to 15 transports

SOLOMON ISLANDS

1 aircraft carrier

) Possibly one of those reported
) as operating in BISMARCK
) ARCHIPELAGO

MANDATED ISLANDS

ENEMY FORCES

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include submarines)

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several 5.5" cruisers)
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35 (approx) chartered merchant)
ships)
1 Naval flying boat Squadron)
C in C Mandates Fleet)
C in C First Air Fleet)

(iii) JALUIT AREA

1 possibly 2 seaplane carriers)
several submarines (including)
Commander submarine force))
1 Naval Air Unit (shore based))
comprising fighters, Torpedo)
bombers and reconnaissance)
aircraft)
20 chartered merchant ships)

MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

3 effective battleships (7 by 21/2)
3 effective aircraft carriers
12-8" cruisers (all modern)
7 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 4 old)
51 destroyers
22 submarines

) 1 proceeding Honolulu 5 W.Coast
) 1 Pearl Harbour, 2 Samoa (cisco
) 5 Pearl Harb., 5 Samoa, 2 S.Fran-
) 1 Samoa, 3 W.Coast, 1 Pearl H.,
2 Panama

Battleships

MISSISSIPPI (12-14") en route Honolu
NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast (lu
IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
MARYLAND (8-16))
TENNESSEE (12-14))Ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14))
COLORADO (8-16") ready by 1/2

Aircraft Carriers

LEXINGTON - Pearl Harbour
ENTERPRISE - Samoan area
YORKTOWN - " "

B. ENEMY FORCES

5 submarines (atleast))
2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly))

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY - MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY, 19421. DISPOSITION ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A. A.S.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces - See AppendixEnemy Forces - See AppendixB. ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces -

- (i) "ACHILLES" R. V. with U. S. Naval auxiliary "HAMMONDS PORT" (carrying aircraft and stores) at 0800/1, South of SUVA; both proceeding to R.V. with "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "PERTH" and "LEANDER" at 0700/3, 840 miles E.S.E. of BRISBANE.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" with U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRES. COOLIDGE" carrying 3,000 troops, aircraft and stores, arrived Melbourne 1500/1. "PHOENIX" is to report for duty as relief for U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" (now at Tjilatjap, Java for repairs).
- (iii) "CANBERRA" with tanker convoy (M33) en route from Fremantle to R.V. with "HOBART" south of Sunda Strait at 0500/6.
- (iv) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "WESTRALIA" are at Sydney. *Convoy.*
- (v) "MONOWAI" at sea with convoy east of Auckland, to return Auckland p.m. 6/2.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" E.T.A. Fremantle 0900/2. After refuelling will proceed to Sydney for refit.
- (vii) Convoy ZK6 ("ZEALANDIA" with 800 troops) escorted by ships "TOWNSVILLE" and "WARRHAMBOOL" arrived at Thursday Island 2056/1. "ZEALANDIA" and "WARRHAMBOOL" proceeded to Darwin at 2300/1 E.T.A. Darwin 1300/4.
- (viii) R.T. "ORION" at Auckland. R.T. "AQUITANIA" at Sydney.
- (ix) Hospital ship "WANGANELLA" departed Fremantle 0020/1 direct to Melbourne E.T.A. 2100/5.
- (x) Hospital ship "ORANJE" arrived Fremantle at 1554/1.
- (xi) "MACDHUI" with evacuees from Port Moresby, arrived Cairns at 1200/1.
- (xii) "MORINDA" departed Sydney at 2255/31 Jan. for Tulagi to embark evacuees. Vessel to return to Brisbane.

Enemy Forces -- No change. See Appendix.C. MANDATED ISLANDSEnemy Forces - See AppendixD. MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces - See Appendix.Enemy Forces -- See Appendix.2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) AMBON - No further information since advice that enemy had effected landing dawn 31/1 at two, probably three, points on island.
- (ii) MALAYA - During 5 nights beginning 26/27 January, the Royal Navy successfully evacuated nearly 2,000 all ranks of 53 Infantry Brigade and 15 Indian Infantry Brigade, cut off on the West Coast.
- (iii) SEMAOE STRAIT (TIMOR) - The Dutch cargo steamer "BANTAN" unsuccessfully bombed by 8 aircraft in the vicinity of Koepang on 1/2.
- (iv) TIMOR SEA - Enemy submarine reported 200 miles west by south of Darwin 30/1.

3. ENEMY PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Air attacks on Timor and Sumbawa as prelude to occupation, to establish bases for direct attack on Java and possibly Darwin.
- (ii) Attack on Salamaua as prelude to attack against Port Moresby.

4. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY - SUNDAY - 1st. FEB. 1942.1. DISPOSITION ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.A. A.B. AREA.British and Allied Forces - see Appendix.Enemy Forces - see Appendix.

Enemy convoy Ambon (see Infra.)

B. ANZAC AREA.British and Allied Forces.

- (i) H.A.C.A.S. with squadron "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "PERTH" and "LEANDER" departed Sydney at 1600/31 to R.V. approx. 840 miles East of Brisbane at 0700 3rd. Feb., with "ACHILLES" and the U.S. Naval Auxiliary "HAMMONDS PORT", carrying aircraft and stores.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" departed Suva at 1645/30 to R.V. with "HAMMONDS PORT" South of Suva at 0800/1st. Feb.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" with U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" carrying 3,000 troops, aircraft and stores, due Melbourne 1500/1st. Feb. "ADELAIDE" to dock in Melbourne Tuesday, 3rd. February.
- (iv) "MONOWAI" departed Auckland a.m. 31/1 escorting a Convoy eastward; to return Auckland p.m. 6th. February.
- (v) "CANBERRA" escorting Tanker Convoy (M.S.3) departed Fremantle 1405/30/1 en route to R.V. with "HOBART" south of Sunda Strait on 5th. February.
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "WESTRALIA" are at Sydney. The latter is to refit.
- (vii) 800 troops are in "ZEALANDIA" on passage from Sydney to Thursday Island where they should arrive today. "ZEALANDIA" will proceed to Darwin.
- (viii) "MACDHUI" with evacuees from Port Moresby, on passage to Cairns via N.E. Passage is due today.
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" expected to arrive Fremantle 0900/2nd. Feb. Will proceed after re-fuelling to Sydney for refit.
- (x) H.T. "ORION" arrived Auckland 1704/30 from Melbourne.
- (xi) H.T. "AQUITANIA" arrived Sydney 1645 yesterday.
- (xii) Hospital ship "WANGARELLA" arrived Fremantle 1005/31 from SUEZ.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) 4 Cruisers, 6 Destroyers, 4 small craft, 5 Flying boats, at least 13 Transports including possibly 1 Seaplane or Aircraft carrier in Rabaul Harbour 30/1.

C. MANDATED ISLANDS.Enemy Forces - see AppendixD. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces - see AppendixEnemy Forces - see Appendix.2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Ambon. 3 Cruisers, 6 destroyers, 4 Transports off islands a.m. 30/1 and after preliminary air attack landings were commenced. Convoy reported on 29/1 to include 13 Transports and probably carries at least 1 Division.
- (ii) Tabar Island. (North of New Ireland, Bismarcks) raided by Japanese Warships on 28/1.
- (iii) Rabaul. Shipping in Rabaul Harbour attacked by Catalinas Friday night 30/1. At least 1 direct hit scored. Heavy A/A fire and blinding searchlights encountered.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.4. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

3/2/42

1. DISTRIBUTIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCESa) A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces - See Appendix

"SWAN" and "WARREGO" departed Darwin 2/2 with American Fleet auxiliaries which are proceeding Tjilatjap. "SWAN" and "WARREGO" will be detached in a position 60 miles south of Lombok Island (N.E.I.).

Enemy Forces - See Appendixb) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "ACHILLES" to hand over "HAMMONDS PORT" (carrying aircraft and stores) to "LEANDER" in position 940 miles E.S.E. from Brisbane at 0700 hrs. today 3/2. "LEANDER" and "HAMMONDS PORT" to proceed to Brisbane. "ACHILLES" to proceed to Auckland E.T.A. 1200/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) proceeding to Wellington E.T.A. p.m. today 3/2.
- (iii) "PERTH" proceeding to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. today at earliest.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" and U.S. "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. "PHOENIX" to proceed to ABDA area in about 3 days time.
- (v) "CANBERRA" with tanker convoy (MS3) en route from Fremantle to R.V. with "HOBART" south of Sunda Strait at daylight 6/2.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" off Cape Leeuwin proceeding to Melbourne.
- (vii) Minelayer "BUNGAREE" departed Melbourne for Brisbane a.m. today 3/2. She will then proceed to Noumea escorted by "LEANDER" and will subsequently return to Sydney unescorted.
- (viii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "WESTRALIA" at Sydney.
- (ix) ZK6 ("ZEALANDIA" with 800 troops) escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" (A.M.S) is proceeding from Thursday Island to Darwin E.T.A. 1300 hrs 4/22.
- (x) "MORINDA" departed Sydney 2255/31 for Tulagi to embark evacuees. Vessel to return to Brisbane after embarkation.

Enemy Forces

Coral Sea - One large and two small vessels were sighted by passengers of civil aircraft in position 225 miles North by East of Cairns at 0800 hours this morning 3/2. The observers are not considered reliable but in view of recent intelligence from Washington indicating the possibility of aircraft carriers operating off the N.E. Australian coast, aircraft have been despatched from Townsville and Moresby to search the area.

New Hebrides -- One large and two small warships reported off the South Coast of Efate (Vila is on this island) travelling east to west at dusk on 2/2. The report emanates from a Catholic Mission.

c) MANDATED ISLANDSEnemy Forces

- (i) Battle Cruiser "KIRISHIMA" (8-14.2"), two heavy cruisers and one Destroyer Squadron (Light Cruiser (Flag), 16 destroyers) are believed proceeding from the Bonins to the Marshalls following the successful attack on Japanese bases a.m. 1/2 by U.S. Naval Units.
- (ii) U.S. Intelligence reports a further aircraft carrier proceeding to Truk area.

d) MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces -- See AppendixEnemy Forces -- See Appendix2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

AMBON -- Following the sighting of a convoy at 1640/29/1 80 miles S.E. of KEMA (N.E. Celebes) on a southerly course, two smaller convoys were reported approaching Ambon at 1530/30/1. The W/T Stations were demolished at Namlea and Laha and landings by Japanese were reported at two, possibly three points on the island of Ambon in the early morning of 31/1.

ABDACOM reported that Ambon advised being attacked on all sides with heavy bombardments by naval guns and bombing by aircraft.

The total strength of the force off Ambon at 1530/30/1 comprised -

- 6 cruisers
- 10 destroyers
- 10 transports

An aircraft from Malang (Java) reconnoitred Ambon between 0205/3 and 0325/3 and observed -

- one large warship
- one possible aircraft carrier; and
- a number of smaller craft
- 3 large fires burning in Ambon City

Full details set out in Appendix attached.

- (ii) MALAYA - The main naval base on Singapore Island was attacked by 27 enemy aircraft a.m. 1/2. No damage was caused.
- (iii) MARSHALLS & GILBERTS - A number of U.S. warships including 2 aircraft carriers and several 8" gun cruisers made a successful surprise attack on five Japanese bases in the Marshalls and Gilberts on the morning of February 1st. No Japanese combat vessels were present but many enemy fleet auxiliaries were sunk, beached, or damaged, and wide-spread damage was done to shore positions. Attacking vessels suffered only minor damage; 11 U.S. aircraft failed to return but total personnel losses were very light.
- A large, number, not specified, of enemy aircraft were destroyed in the air and on the ground.
- The islands attacked were Jaluit, (capital and main base in Marshalls), Wotje, Kwajalein, and Makin (Gilberts).

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE ✓

- (i) Occupation of Salamaua and Lae as a prelude to attack on Port Moresby.
- (ii) Air attacks on Timor and Soembawa as prelude to occupation with a view to establishing bases for direct attack on Java and possibly Darwin.

4. SUGGESTED COUNTER MOVES ✓

APPENDIX "B"INCIDENTS LEADING TO THE JAPANESE LANDINGS IN AMBON

- (a) 4 Cruisers, 3 Destroyers, 3 Transports sighted 50 miles S.E. of Kema (N.E. tip of Celebes) at 1340L/29/1 on a course of 156°.
- (b) 22 ships in convoy sighted at 1640L/29/1 80 miles S.E. of Kema on a course of 156 degrees, speed 10 knots, composition believed to be -
- 1 Heavy Cruiser
 - 3 Cruisers
 - 5 Destroyers
 - 13 Transports (including 2 of 20,000 tons each)
- (c) 3 Cruisers, 4 Destroyers, 4 Transports sighted about 240 miles S.E. of Kema and 125 miles N.W. of Ambon at 0948L/30/1 on a course of 156 degrees.
- (d) 2 Convoys reported approaching Ambon area at 1530L/30/1.
Composition -
- (i) 6 Cruisers
 - 5 Destroyers
 - 5 Transports
 - (ii) 5 Destroyers
 - 5 Transports
- (e) NAMLEA signalled at 1517L/30/1 that W/T Station was being demolished.
- (f) LAHA signalled at 0640L/31/1 that W/T Station would be immobilised at noon.
- (g) North Western Area assumed landings at both Namlea and Laha at 1536L/31/1.
- (h) Laha reported at 2245L/31/1 that demolition was complete and cypher burnt. Japanese had landed at Leahari and Hoekoerila (about 3 Miles apart on east coast of Ambon) and had also reached Laha from Overland.
- (i) ABDACOM states that the O.C. at Ambon reported attack on all sides, with heavy bombardment by naval guns and bombing by aircraft.
- (j) AMBON - Aircraft from Malang reconnoitred Ambon from 1735Z/2 to 1855Z/2. The following were observed -
- (i) 1 large ship (possibly aircraft carrier) and 12 smaller ships along the northern side of the island.
 - (ii) 3 small ships in Baguala Bay.
 - (iii) 1 large warship and 6 small ships off south coast (no vessels in Bay of Amboina).
 - (iv) 3 large fires burning in Ambon City.
- There was no A.A. fire or enemy pursuit.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

4/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AREA XBritish and Allied Forces - See Appendix

"SWAN" and "WARREGO" which departed Darwin 2/2 with American Fleet auxiliaries which are proceeding Tjilatjap, should detach today 60 miles South of Lombok Island (N.E.I.). Subsequent movements as ordered by Abdafloat.

Enemy Forces - See Appendix.

4 cruisers, 17 transports and 8 Flying Boats sighted Balikpapan area during 2/2.

B. ANZAC AREA XBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "ACHILLES" was to hand over "Hammonds Port" (carrying aircraft and stores) 940 miles E.S.E. of Brisbane to "LEANDER" yesterday (3/2) at 0700. "LEANDER" and convoy are due Brisbane 5/2. "ACHILLES" proceeded Auckland E.T.A. 1200/4.
- (ii) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) arrived Wellington 1230 yesterday (3/2). "PERTH" arrived Port Phillip early a.m. today.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" and U.S. "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. "PHOENIX" to proceed to A.B.D.A. area in about 2 days time. *South*
- (iv) "CANBERRA" with tanker convoy M33 on passage from Fremantle to R.V. with "HOBART" south of Sunda Strait at daylight 6/2.
- (v) "KANIMBLA" passed Cape Leeuwin on passage to Melbourne from Fremantle.
- (vi) "BUNGAREE" (minelayer) on passage Melbourne to Brisbane - thence Noumea escorted by "LEANDER" and return to Sydney unescorted.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "WESTRALIA" at Sydney.
- (viii) ZK6 ("ZEALANDIA" with 800 troops) escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" (A.M.S) on passage Thursday Island to Darwin E.T.A. 1300 today (4/2).
- (ix) "MORINDA" on passage Sydney to Tulagi due tomorrow 5/1 to embark evacuees, and return Brisbane.
- (x) "MONOWAI" on escort duty east of Auckland. Due to return Auckland p.m. 6/2.

Enemy Forces

RABAUL - 11 transports, 2 light cruisers, 2 large vessels considered to be military landing craft, 5 destroyers sighted vicinity Rabaul by reconnaissance aircraft.

NEW HEBRIDES - Efate (Vila). Further to the sighting of one large and two small warships off the south of the island at dusk on 2/2 it is reported that an aircraft was observed flying off the large warship. The report is graded B.3.

A further report is to hand of one identified warship being sighted by natives, patrolling off Malekula Island (120 miles N.W. of Vila) at 1400/2. This report is graded C.4 but may be significant in relation to the report by Missionaries off Vila.

C. MANDATED ISLANDS XEnemy Forces - See AppendixD. MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC XBritish and Allied Forces - See AppendixEnemy Forces - See Appendix2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) BALIKPAPAN - On night 1/2 targets at Balikpapan were attacked by 3 U.S. aircraft. One medium sized transport sunk, large fires caused ashore.
On 2/2 7 U.S. aircraft sank one transport and probably another. Four cruisers, 17 transports and 8 Flying Boats were seen in area.
- (ii) SOURABAYA - Advice has been received from U.S. AIR Attache that Sourabaya was attacked yesterday 3/2. No official details have been received but press reports indicate that attack was made by approx 20 Heavy Bombers supported by Fighters and that several Flying Boats were damaged. Also that Malang, the air base at present being used by U.S. was also attacked.

AMBOH - No further information. 2 -

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Occupation of Salamaua as prelude to attack on Port Moresby.
- (ii) Air attacks on islands south of Flores Sea including Timor, Flores, Sumba, Soembawa as prelude to occupation with view to establishing bases for attack on Java. Also continued air attacks on Java from bases in S.E. Borneo and Southern Celebes.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

4/2/42

DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A.B.D.A. AREA

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

- 1 - 8" cruiser
- 9 - 6" cruisers
- 29 destroyers
- 35 submarines ?
- Auxiliaries

} Escorting convoys into SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters.

B. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SOUTH CHINA SEA

- 1 Battleship
- 2 aircraft carriers
- 2 seaplane carriers
- 4 - 8" cruisers
- 4 - 6.1" cruisers (Mogamis)
- Several 5.5" cruisers
- Several destroyer flotillas
- 3 Submarine Squadrons (16)
- (C in C Southern Expeditionary Force).

} As estimated. Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines.

(11) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - NORTH EAST N.E.I. WATERS

- 2 possibly 3 carriers
- 10 cruisers (approx) including some 8" Cruisers
- Several destroyer flotillas
- Several seaplane tenders
- (C in C Third Fleet)

(111) JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

- 10 Submarines

NORTH WEST PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES.

JAPAN - FORMOSA - BONINS AREA

COMBINED FLEET

} Including probably 6 effective battleships believed North of Mandates, probably in BONINS, as a support to both the forces operating in South China Sea - Southern Philippines - N.E.I. area and Southern Mandates area.

ANZAC AREA

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

- 2 - 8" cruisers
- 6 - 6" cruisers
- 3 - A.M.C.'s
- 2 Destroyers (refitting)

B. ENEMY FORCES

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

- 2 aircraft carriers
- 1 converted cruiser
- 2 - 8" cruisers

2 - 6" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 10 to 15 Transports

MANDATED ISLANDS

ENEMY FORCES

(I) PALAU - SAIPAN AREA.

1 Battle cruiser (Believed damaged)
 Various other units (unknown, but)
 include submarines)

(II) TRUK AREA

2 (possibly 3) aircraft carriers)
 2 seaplane carriers (at least))
 2 (possibly 5) 8" cruisers)
 Several 5.5" cruisers)
 14 Destroyers (at least))
 35 (approx) chartered merchant)
 ships)
 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
 C. in C. First Fleet)

(III) JALUIT AREA

1 Battle Cruiser)
 2 - 8" cruisers)
 1 - 5.5" cruiser)
 16 Destroyers)

En route to Marshalls
 from Bonins

Several submarines (including)
 Commander Submarine Force)
 1 Naval Unit (Air) (shore based))
 comprising fighters, torpedo)
 bombers and reconnaissance)
 aircraft)
 Several chartered merchant/ships)

MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

4 effective battleships (7 by 21/2))
 3 effective aircraft carriers)

12 - 8" cruisers (all modern))

7 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 4 old))

51 Destroyers
 22 Submarines

1 Proceeding Honolulu 5
 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour
 2 Samoa
 5 Pearl Harb. 5 Samoa, 2 San
 Francisco
 1 Samoa, 3 W.Coast, 1 Pearl
 Harbour, 2 Panama

BATTLESHIPS

MISSISSIPPI (12-14") en route Honolulu
 NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
 IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
 COLORADO (8-16")
 MARYLAND (8-16") Ready by 21/2
 TENNESSEE (12-14") Ready by 21/2
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") Ready by 21/2

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

LEXINGTON - Pearl Harbour
 ENTERPRISE - Samoan Area
 YORKTOWN - Samoan area

B. ENEMY FORCES

5 Submarines (at least)
 2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

5/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "Canberra" with tanker convoy MS3 (ex Fremantle) to R.V. with "Hobart" (ex Singapore) 200 miles south of Sunda Strait at daylight 6/2.
- (ii) "SWAN" and "WARREGO" are south of N.E.I. under orders of Abdafloat.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed Darwin 0950/3 for Alor (Ombay Island, north of Timor).
- (iv) U.S. Submarine "PERCH" departed northward from Darwin, on patrol, at 0827/3.

Enemy Forces - See Appendix

Ambon - Air reconnaissance 3/2 revealed a line of warships lying at the entrance to the harbour with transports 4 miles inside the line. One cruiser and 6 merchant ships were seen N.W. of Ceram steering 300 degrees. ✓

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" at Wellington. ✓
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" "PERTH" U.S. "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. "PHOENIX" is soon to proceed to A.B.D.A. Area, after repairs to engines. ✓
- (iii) "ACHILLES" was due to arrive at Auckland 1200/4. ✓
- (iv) "LEANDER" escorting "HAMMOND'S PORT" (carrying aircraft and stores) to Brisbane, was 150 miles east by south of Brisbane at 0700 today E.T.A. 0300/6. ✓
- (v) "KANIMBLA" on passage Fremantle to Sydney was diverted to Melbourne to escort troopship/ from Melbourne to Cape Moreton (probably sailing 7/2); then returns to Sydney. ✓
- (vi) "BUNGAREE" (minelayer) on passage Melbourne to Brisbane, thence Noumea escorted by "LEANDER" and return to Sydney unescorted. due 7/2
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "WESTRALIA" at Sydney.
- (viii) Convoy ZK6 ("ZEALANDIA" with 800 troops) escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" was due to arrive Darwin at 1300/4 but has not yet been reported.
- (ix) "MORINDA" on passage to Sydney to Tulagi to embark evacuees, due today; returning to Brisbane.
- (x) "MONOWAI" on escort duty east of Auckland. Due to return Auckland p.m. 6/2. ✓

Enemy Forces - See Appendix

- (i) The 8th Cruiser Division ("TONE" "TIKUMA" - 8-8") & 6 destroyers of the 6th Squadron were included among units at Rabaul on 1/2.
- (ii) The aircraft carriers "AKAGI" and "KAGA" are still believed to be in Bismarck - Solomons area, "ZUIKAKU" is in Truk area and a further carrier "KORYU" is en route to Truk probably from Bonins. ✓

C) MANDATED ISLANDS - See Appendix

Seaplane Carrier "KAMOI" which is believed Flagship of shore-based naval air units in area is near Nukuoro (between Truk and Greenwich Island).

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC - See Appendix2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

RABAU - On night 3/2, 5 Catalinas attacked enemy vessels at Rabaul. One probable hit, on large vessel, one near miss.

BALIKPAPAN - 9 U.S. aircraft attacked enemy shipping at Balikpapan on 3/2. Clouds prevented observation of result of bombing.

SOURABAYA - There is not sufficient detail yet available concerning the raid on Sourabaya and Malang and Madicoen aerodromes by enemy bombers and fighters 3/2 to indicate as to whether these aircraft were shore-based or ship-borne.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Continued air attacks on Allied air bases in Java.
- (ii) Occupation of Timor and other islands south of Flores Sea to establish bases for further attacks on Java and Darwin
- (iii) Air attacks on Port Moresby and early occupation of Salamaua.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

6 5/2/42.

DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A.B.D.A. AREA

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 - 8" cruisers)	Escorting convoys into SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters.
9 - 6" cruisers)	
29 destroyers)	
35 submarines ?)	
Auxiliaries)	

B. ENEMY FORCES

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA

1 Battleship)	As estimated. Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines.
2 aircraft carriers)	
2 seaplane carriers)	
4 - 8" cruisers)	
4 - 6.1" cruisers (Mogamis))	
Several 5.5" cruisers)	
Several destroyer flotillas)	
3 Submarine Squadrons (16) (C in C Southern Expedition- ary Force).)	

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - NORTH EAST N.E.I. WATERS

2 aircraft carriers)
10 cruisers (approx) includ- ing some 8" cruisers)
Several destroyer flotillas)
Several seaplane tenders)
(C in C Third Fleet))
At least 1 submarine squadron)

(iii) JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

10 submarines

NORTH WEST PACIFIC

ENEMY FORCES

JAPAN - FORMOSA - BONINS AREA

COMBINED FLEET)	Including probably 6 effective battleships believed North of Mandates, probably in BONINS, as a support to both the forces operating in South China Sea - Southern Philippines - N.E.I. area and Southern Mandates area.
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ANZAC AREA

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 - 8" cruisers
6 - 6" cruisers
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2 aircraft carriers
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10 to 15 Transports

MANDATED ISLANDS

ENEMY FORCES

(1) PALAU - SAIPAN AREA

1 Battle cruiser (believed damaged)
Various other units (unknown, but
include submarines & probably battleships from
the Combined Fleet
1 aircraft carrier

(11) TRUK AREA

1 Battle cruiser ("Kirishima")
2 aircraft carriers, with a 3rd possibly proceeding to the area.
2 seaplane carriers (at least)
2 (possibly 5) 8" cruisers
Several 5.5" cruisers
14 destroyers (at least)
35 (approx) chartered merchant
ships
1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
C. in C. Mandates Fleet
C. in C. First Fleet
Special Landing Party force (marines)

(111) JALUIT AREA

1 battle cruiser) En route to Marshalls
2 - 8" cruisers) from Bonins
1 - 5.5" cruiser)
16 destroyers)

Several submarines (including
Commander Submarine Force)
1 Naval Unit (Air) (shore based)
Comprising fighters, torpedo
bombers and reconnaissance air-
craft
Several chartered merchant ships

MID-PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2)	X	)	1 Proceeding Honolulu
3 effective aircraft carriers	III	)	5 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour 2 Samoa
12 - 8" cruisers (all modern)		)	5 Pearl Harb. 5 Samoa, 2 San Francisco
7 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 4 old)		)	1 Samoa, 3 W. Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour, 2 Panama
51 Destroyers			
22 Submarines			

X BATTLESHIPS

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	on route Honolulu
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO	(12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO	(8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND	(8-16")	X Ready by 21/2
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	X Ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	X Ready by 21/2 - West Coast
WARSPITE	(8-15")	Was scheduled to sail Esquimalt 20/1.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

LEXINGTON	-	Pearl Harbour
ENTERPRISE	-	Samoa Area
YORKTOWN	-	Samoa area

B. ENEMY FORCES

5 submarines (at least)
2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY 6/2/42

DISPOSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AreaBritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "CANBERRA" with tanker convoy MS3 (ex Fremantle) to R.V. with "HOBART" (ex Singapore) 200 miles south of Sunda Strait at dawn today.
- (ii) Abdafloat has ordered "SWAN" and "WARREGO" to return to Darwin and remain in that area.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed Darwin 0950/3 for Alor (Ombay Island, North of Timor).
- (iv) U.S. Submarine "PERCH" departed northward from Darwin, on patrol at 0827/3.
- (v) "ZEALANDIA" escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" and carrying 800 troops is due at Darwin 0800/6.
- (vi) U.S. Submarine "PIKE" departed northward from Darwin, on patrol, at 1843/3.

Enemy Forces

There are indications of ^{growing} a concentration of heavy units in the Palao area including probably battleships from the Combined Fleet.

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" at Wellington.
- (ii) "PERTH" departed Melbourne p.m. yesterday for Fremantle.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" and U.S. "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. The latter is to proceed to A.B.D.A. Area, after effecting repairs to engines.
- (iv) "ACHILLES" arrived Auckland 4/2.
- (v) "LEANDER" escorting "HAMMOND'S PORT" carrying aircraft and stores, arrived at Brisbane 2100 yesterday.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" on passage Fremantle to Sydney, will escort troopship "MARIPOSA" from Melbourne to Cape Moreton. Her E.T.A. at Melbourne is 1630/7. From Brisbane she will return to Sydney.
- (vii) "BUNGAREE" (minelayer) on passage Melbourne to Brisbane due 7/2, thence Noumea escorted by "LEANDER" and return to Sydney unescorted.
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- (ix) "MORINDA" due at Tulagi yesterday to embark evacuees, thence Brisbane.
- (x) "MONOWAI" due Auckland p.m. today from the East after escort duty.

Enemy Forces

There are indications that the special striking force which is considered to include 4 aircraft carriers, is still in the Truk-Rabaul area, and that possibly two other carriers are proceeding to this area from the north.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC - See Appendix.2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

COLOMBO - British tanker "SPONDILUS" was torpedoed on 3/2 in a position 40 miles from Colombo but made harbour safely. Vessel claims two hits on submarine silencing her gunfire.

BASS STRAIT - Master of "TAROONA" reports ^{the} sighting ^{of} an object considered to be a submarine by the Officer on watch at 0310 yesterday 5/2, 35 miles south of Port Phillip Heads. The alleged submarine was on the surface, visibility was good at the time and the "TAROONA" altered course to bring her rear gun to bear but as the object remained stationary no action was taken.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (1) Possible direct attack on Java in view of presence of heavy concentration in Palao area.

- (11) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor);
- (111) Move south from Rabaul to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route., involving probable attack on Port Moresby.

APPENDIX
DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

6/2/42.

DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA.B.D.A. AREAA. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

1 effective
8 effective

2 - 8" cruisers	) Escorting convoys in SINGAPORE
9 - 6" cruisers	) and patrolling N.E.I. waters.
29 destroyers)
35 submarines ?)
Auxiliaries)

B. ENEMY FORCES(1) SOUTH CHINA SEA

1 battleship	) As estimated. Present strength
2 aircraft carriers	) uncertain. A number of units
2 seaplane carriers	) are known to have proceeded to
4 - 8" cruisers	) the Southern Philippines. - Borneo
4 - 6.1" cruisers "Mogamis)	) Northern N.E. waters.
Several 5.5" cruisers)
Several destroyer flotillas))
3 submarine Squadrons (16))
(C. in C Southern Expedit-)
ionary Force))

(11) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - NORTH EAST N.E.I. WATERS.

2 aircraft carriers)
10 cruisers (approx.) includ-)
ing some 8" cruisers)
Several destroyer flotillas))
Several seaplane tenders)
(C in C Third Fleet))
At least 1 submarine squadron))

PALAU AREA

) Units of the Combined Fleet
) including probably battleships
) and at least one aircraft carrier.

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

10 Submarines.

ANZAC AREAA. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 - 8" Cruisers
6 - 6" Cruisers
3 - A.M.C's.
2 destroyers (refitting)

B. ENEMY FORCESBISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

2 aircraft carriers
1 converted carrier
2 - 8" cruisers
2 - 6" cruisers
8 destroyers
10 to 15 transports

MANDATED ISLANDS.ENEMY FORCES(1) TRUK AREA.

1 battle cruiser ("Kirishima"))
 probably en route)
 2 aircraft carriers with indica-)
 tions of possibly two others)
 proceeding to the area)
 2 seaplane carriers (at least))
 2 8" cruisers (at least))
 Several 5.5" cruisers)
 Approximately 30 destroyers)
 25 (approx.) chartered mer-)
 chant ships)
 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
 C. in C. First Air Fleet)
 Special landing party force)
 (Marines))

(11) JALUIT AREA

Several submarines (including)
 Commander Submarine Force))
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore based))
 comprising fighters, torpedo)
 bombers and reconnaissance air-)
 craft)
 Several chartered merchant ships)

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES) 1 proceeding Honolulu
 5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2)) 5 West Coast, 1 Pearl
 3 effective aircraft carriers) Harbour, 2 Samoa
) 5 Pearl Harbour, 5 Samoa
 12 - 8" cruisers (all modern)) 2 San Francisco
) 1 Samoa, 3 West Coast, 1
 8 7 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 4 old)) Pearl Harbour, 2 Panama.
 51 destroyers
 22 submarines.

BATTLESHIPS

MISSISSIPPI (12-14") en route Honolulu
 NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
 IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
 COLORADO (8-15") West Coast
 MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast Ready by 21/2
 TENNESSEE (12-14") Ready by 21/2
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") Ready by 21/2
 WARSPITE (8-15") Was schedules to sail Esquimalt 20/1.)

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

LEXINGTON - Pearl Harbour
 ENTERPRISE - Samoan Area
 YORKTOWN - Samoan Area.

B. ENEMY FORCES

5 Submarines (at least)
 2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY - 8/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS OF ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA:

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "HOBART" is escorting tanker convoy (M.S.3.) ex Fremantle through Sunda Strait to Palembang, due today; thence Singapore.
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" in Darwin - Ombai area.
- (iii) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol Northward of Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" (6") proceeding to Colombo from Tjilatjap.
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" are to sail for Fremantle as soon as ready. "LANGLEY" to transport land planes from Australia to A.B.D.A. Area; "HENRY" to fuel ships at Fremantle.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

The following enemy vessels were located 6/2 at Matak, Anambas Islands - 1 Cruiser, 2 Destroyers, 2 vessels probably Destroyers, 4 Merchant Ships.

B. ANZAC AREA: British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" at Wellington; "ACHILLES" at Auckland.
- (ii) "CANBERRA" on passage from rendezvous with Hobart (200 miles South of Sunda Strait) to Fremantle.
- (iii) "PERTH" on passage Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1115 today.
- (iv) "ADELAIDE" and "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. Latter to proceed to A.B.D.A. area after repairs.
- (v) "LEANDER" to R.V. about 60 miles East of Brisbane at 1900 today, with "BUNGAREE" (ex Melbourne) and "FALKEFJELL" (Tanker); thence Noumea, approximate E.T.A. daylight 12/2.
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" on passage Sydney to Auckland E.T.A. 1030 today.
- (vii) "KANIMBLA" R.V. with "MARIPOSA" (Troop Ship) 25 miles South of Port Phillip Heads at 1800 yesterday. Escorting to CAPE MORETON; then returning to Sydney. "MARIPOSA" for Brisbane.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" refitting at Sydney; "MONOWAI" at Auckland.
- (ix) "MORINDA" due at Tulagi 7/2 to embark evacuees; thence Brisbane.
- (x) Free French Sloop "CHEVREUIL" departed Raratonga for Suva 6/2 E.T.A. 1500/10.
- (xi) "WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) left Port Phillip for Sydney 2027/6. E.T.A. Sydney 1400 today.
- (xii) H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Sydney at 1135/6 for Auckland. To R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOPFETT" in the Marquesas Islands 0800/15.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix).

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" (8") which is to join Anzac Force, departed Pearl Harbour 2/2.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS:

- (i) C4452/7 "VAN CLOON" (Dutch) gunned and chased by submarine, 90 miles N.W. of Sourabaya (cargo and passenger vessel, 4,500 tons).
- (ii) "YANDRA" on A/S patrol reported investigating contact three-quarters of a mile off Sydney Heads at 1215L/7. Contact doubtful; 1 D/C dropped, negative result. No further contact obtained; "BINGERA" and "MILDURA" dispatched to carry out further search.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Strait areas.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
- (iii) Move South from Rabaul to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, involving probable attack on Port Moresby. *air raids against Townsville.*

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DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A.B.D.A. AREA.

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

1 effective 8" cruiser) Escorting convoys in SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters.
8 " 6" cruisers	
29 destroyers	
35 submarines ?	
Auxiliaries	

B. ENEMY FORCES.

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA

1 Battleship) Estimated . Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E. waters.
2 aircraft carriers	
2 seaplane carriers	
4 - 8" cruisers	
4 - 6.1" cruisers "Mogamis"	
Several 5.5" cruisers	
Several destroyer flot- illas)	
3 submarine squadrons (16)	
(C. in C.Southern Exped- itionary Force)	

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - NORTH EAST N.E.I. WATERS.

2 aircraft carriers))
10 cruisers (approx.) in- cluding some 8" cruisers.	
Several destroyer flot- illas)	
Several seaplane tenders	
(C. in C.Third fleet)	
At least 1 Submarine	
Squadron	

PALAU AREA.

) Units of the Combined Fleet
) including probably battleships
) and at least one aircraft carrier.

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

10 submarines.

ANZAC AREA.

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES.

2- 8" cruisers
6- 6" cruisers
3 - A.M.C's
2 destroyers (refitting)

B. ENEMY FORCES.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA.

2 aircraft carriers
1 converted carrier
2 - 8" cruisers
2 - 6" cruisers
8 destroyers
10 to 15 transports.

MANDATED ISLANDS

ENEMY FORCES.

- (i) TRUK AREA.
 - 1 battle cruiser ("Kirishima"))
 - probably en route)
 - 2 aircraft carriers with indications of possibly two others proceeding to the area)
 - 2 seaplane carriers (at least))
 - 2 8" cruisers (at least))
 - Several 5.5" cruisers)
 - Approximately 30 destroyers)
 - 25 (approx) chartered merchant ships)
 - 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
 - C.in C. Mandates Fleet)
 - C.in C. First Air Fleet)
 - Special Landing Party force (Marines))

- (ii) JALUIT AREA.
 - Several submarines (including Commander Submarine Force))
 - 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore based) comprising fighters, torpedo bombers and reconnaissance aircraft)
 - Several chartered merchant ships)

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

- A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES.
 - 5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2)) 1 proceeding San.Francisco)
 - 3 effective aircraft carriers) 6 west coast.)
 - 12 - 8" cruisers (all modern) (10 fully effective)) 2 Pearl Harbour)
 - 8 - 6" cruisers 3 modern 5 old)) 6 Pearl Harbour, 1 Samoa,)
 - 51 destroyers) 2 San Francisco, 1 proceeding)
 - 22 submarines.) ing ANZAC area.)
 -) 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl)
 -) Harbour, 3 Panama, 1)
 -) proceeding Honolulu)

BATTLESHIPS.

MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	en route San Francisco
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO	(12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO	(8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND	(8-16")	West Coast Ready by 21/2
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	Ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	Ready by 21/2
WARSPITE	(8-15")	Was scheduled to sail Esquimalt 20/1

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

LEXINGTON	)	Left Pearl Harbour 31/1
ENTERPRISE	)	Pearl Harbour
YORKTOWN	)	Pearl Harbour

B. ENEMY FORCES.

- 5 Submarines (at least)
- 2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY 7/2/42.

(Times are Local Time)

DISPOSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "CANNBERRA" was to hand over Tanker Convoy MS3 (ex Fremantle) to "HOBART" (ex Singapore) 200 miles South of Sunda Strait at dawn yesterday, and should now be returning to Fremantle. "HOBART" is escorting convoy to Palembang E.T.A. 8/2, then (Singapore)
- (ii) "SWAN" and "WARREGO" remain in Darwin area.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane tender "W.B. PRESTON" in Darwin - Ombai area.
- (iv) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (v) "ZEALANDIA" carrying 800 troops and escorted by "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Darwin 1010 yesterday.
- (vi) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" (6") proceeding to Colombo from Tjilatjap.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Enemy convoy (composition unknown) was ordered to R.V. near Anambas Is. (N.E. of Singapore) for 5/2.
- (ii) Enemy convoy still reported to be in Balikpapan area.
- (iii) One aircraft carrier believed in Java Sea on 4/2.
- (iv) Evidence large concentration enemy army transports being formed at Palau.

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" at Wellington.
- (ii) "PERTH" on passage Melbourne to Fremantle E.T.A. 1115/8.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" and U.S. "PHOENIX" at Melbourne. Latter to proceed A.B.D.A. area after repairs.
- (iv) "ACHILLES" at Auckland.
- (v) "LEANDER" to R.V. about 60 miles east of Brisbane at 1900/8 with "BUNGAREE" (ex Melbourne) and "FALKEFJELL" (tanker) thence Noumea approx E.T.A. daylight 12/2.
- (vi) "KANIMBLA" on passage from Fremantle to escort troopship "MARIPOSA" from Melbourne to Cape Moreton, E.T.A. Melbourne 1630 today. From Brisbane she will return to Sydney.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 5/2 for Auckland E.T.A. 1030/8.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" at Sydney.
- (ix) "MORINDA" on passage to Tulagi E.T.A. p.m. 7/2 to embark evacuees. Thence Brisbane.
- (x) "MONOWAI" should have returned Auckland p.m. 6/2 from escort duty.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

RABAU AREA - Air reconnaissance 6/2 showed possibly one cruiser, 4 destroyers, 10 transports and 2 military landing craft in harbour. No sign aircraft carriers.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Task Force which was responsible for the recent successful raid on the Marshall Islands is returning to Pearl Harbour from Samoa area with the exception of one 8" cruiser. This force included 2 aircraft carriers, 5-8" cruisers, 1-6" cruiser and destroyers.
- (ii) 8" Cruiser "CHICAGO" which is to join Anzac Force departed Pearl Harbour 2/2.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) SOURABAYA - The naval base at Sourabaya reported considerably damaged in enemy air raid 5/2.
- (ii) MADOERA (off Sourabaya) - U.S. cruisers "HOUSTON" (8") and "MARBLEHEAD" (6") were considerably damaged by air attack east of Madoera Island 4/2 and are proceeding to Harbour. There were some casualties.
- (iii) BANKA STRAIT (off Sumatra) - H.M.A.S. "HOBART" took off most of the crew of "NORAH MOLLER" (Br.), on fire in Banka Strait 3/2. The British ships "CITY OF DUNKIRK" and "LOCH RANZA" were on fire in Berkala Strait on the same date, and the two first-named were beached. All the fires are believed to have been caused by enemy air action. Cargo lost included 18 anti-aircraft guns and other equipment for Palembang and Pakenbaroe.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Strait areas.

- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, involving probable attack on Port Moresby.

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DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A.B.D.A. AREA

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 Auxiliaries)

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(1) SOUTH CHINA SEA

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 2 seaplane carriers) uncertain. A number of units
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 Several 5.5" cruisers) Northern N.E. waters.
 Several destroyer flot-)
 illas))
 3 Submarine squadrons (16))
 (C.in C. Southern Exped-)
 itionary Force))

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 illas))
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 (C.in C. Third Fleet))
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 Squadron)

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2 - 8" cruisers
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- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
- C.in C. Mandates Fleet)
- C.in C. First Air Fleet)
- Special landing party force (Marines))

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- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore based) comprising fighters, torpedo bombers and reconnaissance aircraft)
- Several chartered merchant ships)

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

- 5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2)) 1 proceeding ^{San Francisco} Honolulu, 6 West Coast, 1 ~~Pearl Harbour~~)
 - 3 effective aircraft carriers) 2 ~~Samoa~~ 2 ^{Pearl Harbour})
 - 12 - 8" cruisers (all modern)) 6 Pearl Harbour, 6/ Samoa, 2 San Francisco, 1 proceeding ^{Angie area})
 - (10 fully effective))
 - 8 - 6" cruisers (3 modern 5 old)) 1 ~~Samoa~~, 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour, 2 Panama, 1 proceeding)
 - 51 destroyers)
 - 22 submarines)
- Honolulu*

BATTLESHIPS

- MISSISSIPPI (12-14") en route ^{San Francisco} Honolulu
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast Ready by 21/2
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- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") Ready by 21/2
- WARSPITE (8-15") Was scheduled to sail Esquimalt 20/1.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

- LEXINGTON - Pearl Harbour ^{left Pearl Harbour 31/1}
- ENTERPRISE - ~~Samoa Area~~ Pearl Harbour
- YORKTOWN - ~~Samoa Area~~ Pearl Harbour

B. ENEMY FORCES

- 5 Submarines (at least)
- 2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

9/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "HOBART" escorting MS3 (tanker convoy) ex Fremantle was due Palembang yesterday. MS3 to proceed thence to Singapore. For HOBART's movements see B(xii). *order to Fremantle was orders*
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" U.S. aircraft tender "HERON" ^{Soc?} at Darwin. *Planned*
- (iii) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" (6") Colombo. *x out*
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" are to sail from Darwin for Fremantle as soon as ready. "LANGLEY" to transport land planes from Australia to A.B.D.A. area. "HENRY" to fuel ships at Fremantle.
- (vi) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "NEPTUNA" left Thursday Island 0852/7 for Darwin. ³⁵ ETA 1001/12

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" to leave Wellington 1100 today to R.V. with "ACHILLES" (from Auckland) at 1700 tomorrow in position 120 miles north of North Cape. *left 1100/9*
- (ii) "LEANDER" proceeding at best speed to Suva arriving a.m. 12/2. (Note: Not escorting "FALKEFJELL" with "BUNGAREE" as previously arranged.)
- (iii) "FALKEFJELL" proceeding Suva at 10 knots from Brisbane. *on passage*
- (iv) "BUNGAREE" proceeding Noumea at 10 knots from off Moreton Bay. *on passage*
- (v) U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" (8") with U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" due Suva 1000/12 from Pearl Harbour. *many of natives*
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "MONOWAI" at Auckland. *left for Suva thence with Sydney 11/12*
- (vii) "MORINDA" (evacuee ship) arrived Tulagi at 1030 yesterday from Sydney and will proceed to Brisbane. *see 5*
- (viii) "QUEEN ELIZABETH" left Sydney 1135/6 for Auckland thence to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" at 0400/16 in Marquises Islands area. *arr Auckland*
- (ix) "KANIMBLA" escorting "MARIPOSA" (troopship) departed Melbourne 1600/7 for Brisbane. "KANIMBLA" will return to Sydney. *on passage*
- (x) F.P. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" left Raratonga for Suva 6/8; E.T.A. 1500 tomorrow.
- (xi) "WESTRALIA" refitting at Sydney. *partly refitted*
- (xii) "ADELAIDE" is to escort tanker convoy (MS4) from Melbourne today to R.V. off Fremantle with "HOBART" about 17/2. "ADELAIDE" to proceed to Fremantle for refuelling. "HOBART" to escort MS4 to R.V. with further units of convoy (ex Fremantle) and "ADELAIDE" before proceeding to Sunda Strait. E.T.A. 26/2. *order to*
- (xiii) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" (6") at Melbourne will proceed to A.B.D.A. area after repairs. *She will escort a troop convoy to Tulagi*
- (xiv) "PERTH" was due Fremantle 1415 yesterday from Melbourne; intends departing at 1230 today for Batavia. E.T.A. 2000/13. *order to*
- (xv) "CANBERRA" from South of Sunda Strait on 6/2 to Fremantle. *see*

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)C) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)Enemy Forces (See Appendix)2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) PERSIAN GULF - P.M. 6/2 British "JALAYAMUNA" (5,000 tons) attacked by a submarine at entrance to Persian Gulf and later abandoned.
- (ii) TULAGI (Samoan Solomon Is.) - 8/2 British Evacuee ship "MORINDA" bombed by one aircraft at Tulagi. No casualties or damage.
- (iii) TIMOR SEA - Fleet tanker "BRITISH SAILOR" en route Darwin to Thursday Island reported being attacked by aircraft at 1220 yesterday in a position 75 miles west bearing north from Darwin. An explosion near "BRITISH SAILOR" at 1245 in a position 70 miles west bearing north from the air attack was considered by her escort H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE"

have been caused by a mine. At 1450 "DEBORAI NE" reported that no further attack had developed. An air search from Darwin failed to locate either vessel. It is presumed both vessels are safe.

(iv) AMBON - ABatavia communique given to press yesterday 8/2 announces that an enemy cruiser was reported sunk near Ambon and another enemy cruiser and submarine hit. No official signal has yet been received.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

There are indications of a broad co-ordinated southward offensive involving

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas;
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Keepang (Timor);
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement, involving probable attack on Port Moresby and air raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville;
- (iv) Raids on key islands in Mid-Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.

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MOST SECRET

DISTRIBUTIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A.B.D.A. AREA (Red)

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1 effective 8" cruiser)
8 " 6" cruisers) Escorting convoys in SINGAPORE and
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35 submarines ?)
Auxiliaries)

Exeter

*Hoibard ✓
Enterprise ✓
Danae ✓
St. Raphael ✓
Troup ✓
Java ✓
Sumatra ✓
Durban ✓
Dragon ✓*

B. ENEMY FORCES

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3 submarine squadrons (16)
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At least 1 submarine)
squadron)

PALAU AREA

Units of the Combined Fleet)
including probably battle-)
ships and at least one air-)
craft carrier)

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

10 submarines

ANZAC AREA (Red)

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 - 8" cruisers)
6 - 6" cruisers)
3 A.M.C's)
2 destroyers (refitting))

*{ Canberra ✓
Australia ✓ }*

*Perth ✓
Adelaide ✓
Leander ✓
Achilles ✓
Le Triumphant ✓
Phoenix ✓*

B. ENEMY FORCES

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

2 aircraft carriers)
1 converted carrier)
2 - 8" cruisers)
2 - 6" cruisers)
8 destroyers)
10 to 15 transports.)

*{ Monowai ✓
Kamoharangi ✓
Westralia ✓ }*

MANDATED ISLANDS

ENEMY FORCES

(1) TRUK AREA

- 1 battle cruiser ("Kirishima")
- probably en route
- 2 aircraft carriers with indications
- of possibly two others proceeding
- to the area
- 2 seaplane carriers (at least)
- 2 8" cruisers (at least)
- Several 5.5" cruisers
- Approximately 30 destroyers
- 25 (approx) chartered merchant ships
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
- C in C Mandates Fleet
- C in C First Air Fleet
- Special landing party force
- (Marines)

(11) JALUIT AREA

- Several submarines (including
- Commander Submarine Force)
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based)
- comprising fighters, torpedo
- bombers and reconnaissance air-
- craft
- Several chartered merchant ships

MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

A. BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

- 5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2))
 - 3 effective aircraft carriers
 - 12-8" cruisers (all modern)
 - (10 fully effective)
 - 8-6" cruisers 3 modern 5 old
 - 51 destroyers
 - 22 submarines
- 7 West Coast*
- 1 ~~proceeding San Francisco~~ *Coast*
 - 2 Pearl Harbour
 - 6 Pearl Harbour, 1 Samoa, 2 San Francisco, 1 proceeding Anzac area
 - 3 W.Coast, 2 Pearl Harbour, 3 Panama, 1 ~~proceeding Honolulu~~

BATTLESHIPS

- MISSISSIPPI (12-14") ~~en route~~ San Francisco
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast - ready by 21/2
- TENNESSEE (12-14") ready by 21/2
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") ready by 21/2
- WARSPITE (8-15") was scheduled to sail Esquimalt 20/1

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

- LEXINGTON) Left Pearl Harbour 31/1
- ENTERPRISE)) Pearl Harbour
- YORKTOWN) Pearl Harbour

B. ENEMY FORCES

- 5 submarines (at least)
- 2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

10/2/42

1. POSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED & ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "HOBART" escorting MS3 (tanker convoy) ex Fremantle was due Palembang 8/2. Batavia portion of convoy arrived 1701/8.
- (ii) "HOBART" is to remain in A.B.D.A. area.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tenders "W.B. PRESTON" and "NERON" at Darwin.
- (iiii) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" to sail from Darwin for Fremantle when ready. "LANGLEY" to ferry aircraft from Australia to A.B.D.A. area. "HENRY" to fuel ships at Fremantle.
- (v) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "NEPTUNA" on passage Thursday Island to Darwin. E.T.A. 1001/12.
- (vi) "DELORAIN" escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" on passage Thursday Island E.T.A. 1700/11.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

One Japanese aircraft carrier and 4 heavy cruisers sighted by a reconnaissance aircraft 60 miles off the Java coast, south of Sourabaya at 0630/9.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

Two 8" Cruisers ("AUSTRALIA" & "CHICAGO"), two 6" cruisers ("ACHILLES" & "LEANDER") and two destroyers ("LAMSON" & "PERKINS") have been ordered to assemble Suva 12/2 under F.O.C.A.S. They will then operate about 300 miles from Suva on the Noumea - Suva Line.

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) with U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" departed Wellington yesterday for Suva E.T.A. 0430/13.
- (ii) "ACHILLES" departed Auckland yesterday to R.V. with Flag at 1800 today approx 450 miles N.N.W. of Auckland.
- (iii) "LEANDER" on passage Brisbane to Suva E.T.A. a.m. 12/2.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" (8") with U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" on passage from Pearl Harbour to Suva. E.T.A. 1400/12.
- (v) "FALKNER" (unescorted) on passage Brisbane to Suva (10 knots) E.T.A. 14/2.
- (vi) "BUNGAREE" on passage from off Moreton Bay to Noumea (10 knots). E.T.A. 12/2.
- (vii) "LE TRIDPHANT" at Auckland.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" escorting convoy Z38 on passage Auckland to Suva E.T.A. 12/2. To pick up U.S. naval personnel from U.S. "CHICAGO" thence Melbourne and Sydney.
- (ix) "MORINDA" (evacuee ship) departed Tulagi 2130/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 14/2
- (x) H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Auckland 1875/8. Thence to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOPPETT" at 0400/16 in Marquesas Is. area.
- (xi) "KANIMBLA" escorting "MARIPOSA" (troopship) on passage Brisbane. To return to Sydney E.T.A. 0600/12. "MARIPOSA" E.T.A. 2130 today.
- (xii) P.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" on passage Raratonga to Suva E.T.A. 1500 today.
- (xiii) "AUSTRALIA" refitting at Sydney.
- (xiv) "ADELAIDE" escorting tanker convoy MS4 departed Melbourne 1721/9 to R.V. off Fremantle with "PERTH" (not "HOBART" as previously arranged). "ADELAIDE" proceeds to Fremantle to refuel.
- (xv) "PERTH" arrived Fremantle from Melbourne and departed 1030/9 for Batavia but has been ordered to return to Fremantle to escort MS4.
- (xvi) "CANBERRA" escorting "WARWICK CASTLE" on passage from S. Sunda Strait to Fremantle. E.T.A. 0600 today.
- (xvii) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" (6") at Melbourne - to proceed A.B.D.A. area escorting troop convoy to Tjilatjap after repairs.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix) X

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Enemy air and submarine W/T traffic in the Marshall Islands area has increased 400% over the past few days

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

There are indications of a broad co-ordinated southward offensive involving -

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, involving probable attack on Port Moresby and air raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (iv) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.

APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

10/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA.

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES.

1 effective 8" cruiser - ^{CORNWALL} EXETER)
 8 effective 6" cruisers - HOBART)
~~ENTERPRISE~~)
 DANAE)
 DE RUYTER)
 TROMP)
 JAVA)
~~SUMATRA~~)
 DURBAN)
 DRAGON)
 29 destroyers)
 35 submarines ?)
 Auxiliaries)

Escorting convoys in ^{TO} SINGAPORE
 and patrolling N.E.I. waters.

ENEMY FORCES.

(1) SOUTH CHINA SEA.

1 battleship)
 2 aircraft carriers)
 2 seaplane carriers)
 4 - 8" cruisers)
 4 - 6.1" cruisers "Mogamis")
 Several 5.5" cruisers)
 Several destroyer flotillas)
 3 submarine squadrons (16))
 (C in C Southern Expeditionary)
 Force))

Present strength uncertain.
 A number of units are known
 to have proceeded to the
 Southern Philippines - Borneo
 Northern N.E.I. waters.

(11) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - ~~NOR~~ N.E.I. WATERS.

2 aircraft carriers)
 10 cruisers (approx) including)
 some 8" cruisers)
 Several destroyer flotillas)
 Several Seaplane Tenders)
 (C in C Third Fleet))
 At least 1 submarine squadron)

PALAU AREA

Unit of the Combined Fleet)
 including probably battleships)
 and at least one aircraft)
 carrier)

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

10 submarines)

B. ANZAC AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 -8" cruisers - CANBERRA)
 AUSTRALIA)
 6 -6" cruisers - PERTH)
 ADELAIDE)
 LEANDER)
 ACHILLES)
 LE TRIOMPHANT)
 PHOENIX)

(vide Daily appreciation,
 para 1 (B))

A C AREA (Continued)

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES (Continued)

- 3 A.M.C.'s - MONOWAI)
- KANIMBLA)
- WESTRALIA)
- 2 destroyers (refitting))

ENEMY FORCES. *# U.S. Destroyers Lancer*

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA.

- 2 aircraft carriers)
- 1 converted carrier)
- 2 - 8" cruisers)
- 2 - 6" cruisers)
- 8 destroyers)
- 10 to 15 transports)

MANDATED ISLANDS.

TRUK AREA.

- 1 battle cruiser ("Kirishima"))
- probably en route)
- 2 aircraft carriers with indications)
- of possibly two others proceeding)
- to the area)
- 2 seaplane carriers (at least))
- 2 8" cruisers (at least))
- Several 5.5" cruisers)
- Approximately 30 destroyers)
- 25 (approx) chartered merchant ships)
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
- C in C Mandates Fleet)
- C in C First Air Fleet)
- Special landing party force (Marines))

JALUIT AREA.

- Several submarines (including)
- Commander Submarine Force))
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based) com-)
- prising fighters, torpedo bombers)
- and reconnaissance aircraft)
- Several chartered merchant ships)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES.

- 5 effective battleships (8 by 21/2))
 - 3 effective aircraft carriers)
 - 12 - 8" cruisers (all modern) (10 fully)
 - ~~effective~~))
 - 8 - 6" cruisers 3 modern 5 old)
 - 51 destroyers)
 - 22 submarines)
- SW Pacific*
- 7 West Coast, 2 Pearl Harbour)
 - 6 Pearl Harbour, 1 Samoa, 2)
 - San Francisco, 1 proceeding)
 - Suva, 3 West Coast, 2 Pearl)
 - Harbour, 3 Panama.)
- SW Pacific*

- BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14") San Francisco
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast - ready by 21/2
- TENNESSEE (12-14") ready by 21/2
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") ready by 21/2
- WARSPITE (8-15") was scheduled to sail Esquimaux

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS. -

- LEXINGTON) *SW Pacific* Left Pearl Harbour 31/1 ✓
 - ENTERPRISE) Pearl Harbour
 - YORKTOWN) Pearl Harbour
- Society 20*

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (Continued)

ENEMY FORCES

5 submarines (at least)
2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

11/2/42/

1. DISPOSITIONS BRITISH AND ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "HOBART" is to remain in A.B.D.A. area.
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tenders "W.B. PRESTON" and "HERON" at Darwin.
- (iii) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" to sail from Darwin for Fremantle when ready. "LANGLEY" to ferry aircraft from Australia to A.B.D.A. area. "HENRY" to fuel ships at Fremantle.
- (v) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "NEPTUNA" on passage Thursday Island to Darwin. E.T.A. 1001/12.
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" on passage Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1700 to-day.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) Intelligence re enemy aircraft carrier south of Java is now cancelled.
- (ii) Abdacom considers that the attack by 3 Japanese fighters on a bomber en route Darwin - Malang, 9/2, may indicate the presence of an aircraft carrier based on Ambon and operating in the Banda Sea or North Timor Sea.

B) AFZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- Two 8" Cruisers ("AUSTRALIA" and "CHICAGO"), two 6" cruisers ("ACHILLES" and "LEANDER") and two destroyers ("LAMSON" and "PERKINS") and tanker "FALKEPJELL" have been ordered to assemble Suva 12/2 under F.O.C.A.S. They will then operate about 300 miles from Suva on the Noumea - Suva Line.
- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) with "ACHILLES" and U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" on passage New Zealand to Suva E.T.A. 0400/13.
 - (ii) "CANBERRA" escorting "WARWICK CASTLE" from Sunda Strait arrived Fremantle 0730/10.
 - (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" (6") at Melbourne - to proceed A.B.D.A. area escorting troop convoy to Tjilatjap after repairs, ETD 12/2
 - (iv) U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" (8") with U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" on passage from Pearl Harbour to Suva. E.T.A. 1100/12.
 - (v) "LEANDER" on passage Brisbane to Suva E.T.A. a.m. 12/2.
 - (vi) "ADELAIDE" escorting tanker convoy MS4 to R.V. off Fremantle with "PERTH" 17/2 (not "HOBART" as previously arranged). "ADELAIDE" proceeds to Fremantle to refuel.
 - (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Auckland.
 - (viii) F.P. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" due at Suva from Raratonga 1500/10.
 - (ix) "MONOWAI" escorting convoy ZS8 on passage Auckland to Suva E.T.A. 12/2. To pick up U.S. Naval personnel from U.S. "CHICAGO" thence Melbourne and Sydney.
 - (x) "KANIMBLA" escorting "MARIPOSA" to Brisbane and returning to Sydney. E.T.A. 0600/12.
 - (xi) "AUSTRALIA" refitting at Sydney.
 - (xii) "MORINDA" (evacuee ship) departed Tulagi 2130/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 14/2.
 - (xiii) H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Auckland 1875/8. Thence to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" at 0400/16 in Marquesas Is. area.
 - (xiv) "AQUITANIA" left Sydney 1716/10 for Honolulu E.T.A. a.m. 23/12
 - (xv) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital ship) departed Colombo 6/2 for Fremantle E.T.A. 16/2.

* See Footnote

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

The following vessels were sighted off Gasmata (New Britain) 10/1 -

5 Destroyers. 1 Submarine. 2 Transports.
2 Tankers. Possibly 2 Cruisers.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC (See Appendix)2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Gasmata (New Britain). No hits were observed during air attacks on enemy shipping in the Gasmata area, 10/2.
- (ii) Macassar. One transport in a convoy south of Macassar was sunk by a U.S. Submarine 8/2. Bad weather prevented an aircraft attack on this convoy.

- (ii) Sourabaya. The dock at Sourabaya was attacked by 18 bombers 8/2. There were some civilian casualties.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

There are indications of a broad co-ordinated southward offensive involving -

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits area.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepong (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, involving probable attack on Port Moresby and air raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (iv) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.

- * Commander Task Force 11 is proceeding towards Anzac area to co-operate with Comanzac.

Comment - Task Force 11 is believed to comprise the aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" (33,000 tons - 76 a/c) and the 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" and "MINNEAPOLIS". These units departed Pearl Harbour 31/1.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

12/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Rear Admiral Helfrich, C in C N.E.I. Navy, has been appointed acting Commander in Chief of the Allied Naval Forces in the A.B.D.A. area, in place of Admiral Hart.
- (ii) Rear Admiral W.G. Tennant R.N. has been appointed Flag Officer Commanding China Force in succession to Commodore J.A. Collins RAN, Rear Admiral Tennant will depart U.K. 15/2 flying his Flag in H.M.S. "NEWCASTLE".
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tenders "W.B. PRESTON" and "HERON" at Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" to sail from Darwin for Fremantle when ready. "LANGLEY" to ferry aircraft from Australia to A.B.D.A. area. "HENRY" to fuel ships at Fremantle.
- (vi) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "NEPTUNA" on passage Thursday Island to Darwin E.T.A. 1001/12.
- (vii) "DELORAIN" escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" was due at Thursday Island 1700 yesterday. No arrival signal has yet been received.
- (viii) H.M.S. "CORNWALL" is to return from A.B.D.A. area to Ceylon.

Enemy Forces - See Appendix.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) with "ACHILLES" and U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" on passage New Zealand to Suva E.T.A. a.m. today. Thence to operate about 300 miles from Suva on the Noumea - Suva Line.
- (ii) "LEANDER" on passage Brisbane to Suva E.T.A. a.m. today - thence to operate with F.O.C.A.S.
- (iii) "FALKEFJELL" (tanker) on passage Brisbane to Suva due a.m. 14/2 will operate under F.O.C.A.S.
- (iv) U.S. 8" cruiser "CHICAGO" with U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" on passage from Pearl Harbour to Suva E.T.A. 1100 today - thence to operate under F.O.C.A.S.
- (v) Commander of U.S. Task Force 11 which is believed to comprise the aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" (33,000 tons - 76 a/c), four 8" cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" and "MINNEAPOLIS" and eleven destroyers, is due Suva noon today to co-operate with Comanzac.
- (vi) "WARSPITE" en route Sydney from Esquimalt E.T.A. Sydney 20/2.
- (vii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS" (24 aircraft) and U.S. Destroyer "WORDEN" due Suva 15/2.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" escorting convoy Z38 due Suva today from Auckland. Will pick up U.S. Naval personnel from U.S. "CHICAGO" for Melbourne and Sydney.
- (ix) F.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" was due Suva from Raratonga 1500/10.
- (x) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Auckland. Returning to Sydney E.T.A. 14/2.
- (xi) "AQUITANIA" left Sydney 1716/10 for Honolulu E.T.A. a.m. 23/2.
- (xii) "QUEEN ELIZABETH" en route from Auckland to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" at 0500/16 in Marquesas Is. area.
- (xiii) "BUNGAREE" to Noumea E.T.A. dawn today.
- (xiv) "KANIMBLA" due Sydney 0600 today from Brisbane.
- (xv) "WESTRALIA" refitting at Sydney.
- (xvi) "MORINDA" (evacuee ship) is due Brisbane 14/2 from Tulagi.
- (xvii) "ADELAIDE" escorting tanker convoy MS4 will R.V. off Fremantle with "PERTH" on 17/2, and after refuelling at Fremantle will rejoin convoy. E.T.A. convoy at Sunda Strait 26/2.
- (xviii) U.S. 6" Cruiser "PHOENIX" will pass Pt. Lonsdale 1830 today for Fremantle and N.E.I., escorting troop convoy.
- (xix) "CANBERRA" proceeding Sydney from Fremantle.
- (xx) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) departed Colombo 6/2 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 16/2.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

Two U.S. convoys, one of 4 ships escorted by 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU", and the other of 8 ships believed escorted by 6" Cruisers "TRENTON" and "RICHMOND" are to R.V. at Bora Bora (Society Is.) 13/2.

The convoy of 12 ships will then proceed direct to Melbourne escorted by "HONOLULU".

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) GASMATA (New Britain) - Two enemy transports were hit one of which was left burning in an air attack on enemy shipping at Gasmata at 1630 yesterday.
- (ii) S.W. CELEBES - In an attack on enemy shipping on 10/2 one aircraft claimed hits on what was believed to be an aircraft carrier.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits area.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, involving probable attack on Port Moresby and air raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (iv) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

12/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

2 effective 8" Cruisers -	CORNWALL) Escorting convoys in to SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters
	EKETER	
7 effective 6" Cruisers -	HOBART	
	DANAE	
	DE RUYTER	
	TROMP	
	JAVA	
	DURBAN)
	DRAGON	

29 destroyers
35 submarines
Auxiliaries

ENEMY FORCES:

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA

1 battleship) Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. waters.
2 aircraft carriers	
2 seaplane carriers	
4 - 8" cruisers	
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Several 5.5" cruisers	
Several destroyer flotillas	
2 submarine squadrons (16)	
(C IN C Southern Expeditionary Force)	

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - N.E.I. WATERS

2 aircraft carriers
10 cruisers (approx) including some 8" cruisers
Several destroyer flotillas
Several seaplane tenders
(C in C Third Fleet)
At least 1 submarine squadron

PALAU AREA.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably battleships and at least one aircraft carrier

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

10 submarines

B) ANZAC AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

Battleship -	WARSPITE) (vide Daily Appreciation para 1 (B))
A/C Carrier -	LEXINGTON	
A/C Tender -	CURTISS	
5 - 8" Cruisers -	CANDERRA	
	AUSTRALIA	
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
	CHICAGO	
6 - 6" cruisers -	PERTH	
	ADELAIDE	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
	LE TRICHPHANT	
	PHOENIX	

ANZAC AREA (Cont)

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES (Cont)

3 A.M.C.'s	-	MONOWAI)	
		KANIMBLA)	
		WESTRALIA	)	(vide Daily Appreciation
Sloop	-	CHEVREUIL	)	para 1 (B))
4 Destroyers	-	STUART)	
		VOYAGER)	
		XXXXXX	)	refitting
		LANSON)	
		PERKINS)	

ENEMY FORCES

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

2 aircraft carriers)
1 converted carrier)
2 - 8" cruisers)
2 - 6" cruisers)
8 destroyers)
10 to 15 transports)
1 Sub Depot Ship)

MANDATED ISLANDS

TRUE AREA

1 battle cruiser ("KIRISHIMA"))
probably enroute)
2 aircraft carriers)
2 seaplane carriers (at least))
2 - 8" cruisers (at least))
Several 5.5" cruisers)
Approximately 30 destroyers)
25 (approx) chartered merchant ships)
1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
C in C Mandates Fleet)
C in C First Air Fleet)
Special landing party force (Marines))

JALUIT AREA

Several submarines (including Commander Submarine Force))
2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based) comprising fighters, torpedo bombers and reconnaissance aircraft)
Several merchant ships)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

5 effective battleships (7 by 21/2)	)	West Coast
2 effective A/C carriers	)	Pearl Harbour
9 - 8" cruisers (all modern)	)	4 Pearl Harbour, 1 Samoa
	)	2 San Francisco, 2 S.W. Pacific
9 - 6" cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)	)	3 West Coast, 2 Pearl
	)	Harbour, 3 Panama, 1 S.W. Pacific
51 destroyers)	
22 submarines)	

<u>BATTLESHIPS</u> - MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO	(12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO	(8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND	(8-16")	West Coast - ready at 21/2
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	ready by 21/2

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

AT RICHIE	)	Pearl Harbour
YORKTOWN	)	Pearl Harbour

ENEMY FORCES:

2 - 5.5" cruisers (possibly)
4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
13/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Darwin
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" departed Darwin for Tjilatjap 1722/10.
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- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" departed Darwin 1719/11, escorted to 170 miles north of Broome by U.S. Destroyer "PEARY" E.T.A. Fremantle 21/2.
- (v) "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "NEPTUNA" from Thursday Island to Darwin was due to arrive yesterday.
- (vi) "BRITISH SAILOR" escorted by "Deloraine" arrived Thursday Island 1105/12. "DELORAINE" will escort "Admiral Halstead" from Thursday Island to Darwin.
- (vii) Damaged U.S. Cruisers "HOUSTON" and "MARBLEHEAD" at Tjilatjap.

Neutral Forces

Portuguese Sloop "JOAO DA LISBOA" has been ordered to proceed from Macao to Timor between 15/2 and 20/2.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) The squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES", "LEANDER", U.S. 8" Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" was due to assemble Suva yesterday. The squadron which will operate under F.O.C.A.S. about 300 miles from Suva on the Noumea - Suva line.
- (ii) "PALKEFJELL" (Tanker) on passage Brisbane to Suva due a.m. tomorrow. Will operate under F.O.C.A.S. TODAY
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- (xx) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (crated aircraft transporter) departed Batavia 1530/10 for Fremantle and Melbourne.
- (xxi) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" expects to arrive Fiji 20/2.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

Two U.S. Convoys one of four ships and the other of eight ships have joined up near Bora Bora (Society Islands). They are proceeding to

Australia escorted by U.S. 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU". E.T.A. Melbourne
24th Feb.

- (ii) U.S. 8" Cruiser "PENSACOLA" en route Samoa from Pearl Harbour.
- (iii) U.S. 6" Cruisers "RICHMOND" "MILWAUKEE" and "TRENTON" in Bora Bora
(Society Islands) area.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) AMBON - Although no signal has been received it is reported as
officially announced by Batavia that three enemy cruisers, one
destroyer and probably one submarine were sunk off Ambon Is.
Two cruisers and the submarine were mined and one cruiser and
the destroyer shelled and sunk by a shore battery.
- (ii) SINGAPORE - 10/2 -- Several troop carrying barges were sunk
in Johore Strait and one large enemy landing craft was sunk
by a battery at Labrador (South Coast).
N.O I.C. Malaya destroyed all cyphers on 12/2.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar
Straits area.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably
Koe pang (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait
reinforcement route, including probable attack against
Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases
including Townsville.
- (iv) Raids on key islands in Mid-Pacific including Midway,
Canton and Hawaii.

APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

13/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

1 effective 8" Cruiser -	EXETER)	
7 effective 6" Cruisers-	HOBART)	Escorting convoys into SINGAPORE and patrolling N.E.I. waters.
	DANAE)	
	DE RUYTER)	
	TROMP)	
	JAVA)	
	DURBAN)	
	DRAGON)	

29 destroyers
35 submarines
Auxiliaries

ENEMY FORCES:

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA

1 battleship	)	Present strength uncertain.
2 aircraft carriers	)	A number of units are known
2 seaplane carriers	)	to have proceeded to the
4 - 8" cruisers	)	Southern Philippines -
Several 5.5" cruisers	)	Borneo Northern N.E.I.
Several destroyer flotillas	)	waters.
2 Submarine squadrons (16))	
(C in C Southern Expeditionary)	
Force))	

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - N.E.I. Waters

2 aircraft carriers)
10 cruisers (approx) including)
some 8" cruisers)
Several destroyer flotillas)
Several seaplane tenders)
(C in C Third Fleet))
At least 1 submarine squadron)

PALAU AREA

Units of the Combined Fleet)
including probably battleships))
and at least one aircraft)
carrier)

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

10 submarines.

B) ANZAC AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

Battleship - WARSPITE)	(vide Daily Appreciation para.1(B))
A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON)	
A/C Tender - CURTISS)	
7 - 8" Cruisers - CANBERRA)	
AUSTRALIA)	
MINNEAPOLIS)	
INDIANAPOLIS)	
CHICAGO)	
SAN FRANCISCO)	
PENSACOLA)	
6 - 6" cruisers - PERTH)	
ADELAIDE)	
LEANDER)	
ACHILLES)	
LE TRIOMPHANT)	
PHOENIX)	

ANZAC AREA (Cont)

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES (Contd)

- 3 A.M.C.'s - MONOWAI)
- KANIMBLA)
- WESTRALIA)
- Destroyers - STUART)
- VOYAGER) Refitting
- LAMSON)
- PERKINS)
- 11 OTHER U.S.)

(vide Daily Appreciation para.1. (B))

ENEMY FORCES

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

- 2 aircraft carriers)
- 1 converted carrier)
- 2 - 8" cruisers)
- 2 - 6" cruisers)
- 8 destroyers)
- 10 to 15 transports)
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship)
- Some Submarines)

MANDATED ISLANDS

TRUK AREA

- 1 battle cruiser ("KIRISHIMA"))
- probably en route)
- 2 aircraft carriers)
- 2 seaplane carriers (at least))
- 2 - 8" cruisers (at least))
- Several 5.5" cruisers)
- Approximately 30 destroyers)
- 25 (approx) chartered merchant)
- ships)
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
- C in C Mandates Fleet)
- C in C First Air Fleet)
- Special landing party force)
- (Marines))

JALUIT AREA

- Several submarines (including)
- Commander Submarine Force))
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based))
- comprising fighters, torpedo)
- bombers and reconnaissance)
- aircraft)
- Several merchant ships)
- 1 Seaplane Carrier)

C) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

- 5 effective battleships (7 by 21/2)) West Coast
- 2 effective A/C Carriers) Pearl Harbour
- 7 - 8" cruisers (all modern)) 4 Pearl Harbour, 1 Samoa
-) 2 San Francisco, 2 S.W. Pacific
- 9 - 6" cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)) 3 West Coast, 2 Pearl
-) Harbour, 3 Panama, 4 S.W.
- Pacific
- 51 destroyers
- 22 submarines

BATTLESHIPS

- MISSISSIPPI (12-14") San Francisco
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAHO: (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast -ready at 21/2
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- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") ready by 21/2

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- YORKTOWN) Pearl Harbour

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Notes

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- (vi) "DELORAIN" will escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" from Thursday Is. so as to arrive Darwin not later than Monday, 16/2.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Anambas Is. - 14 warships and 30 small boats.

B) ANZAC AREA *Red*British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" is on passage Esquimalt to Sydney E.T.A. 20/2.
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- (ix) "MONOWAI" left Suva 0835 yesterday for Melbourne E.T.A. 0700/19, carrying U.S. Naval personnel transferred from U.S. "CHICAGO", to Melbourne and Sydney.
- (x) P.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" was due at Bulari Passage (New Caledonia) at 1800 yesterday on passage to Noumea.
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- (xiii) "BUNGAREE" is operating in New Caledonian waters.
- (xiv) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (transporting crated aircraft) departed Batavia 10/2 for Fremantle and Melbourne.
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- (i) U.S. Convoy of 12 ships escorted by U.S. 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU" is en route from Bora Bora (Society Islands) to Melbourne. E.T.A. 24/2.
- (ii) U.S. 8" Cruiser "PENSACOLA" with two destroyers was due to arrive Samoa yesterday 13th, from Pearl Harbour. These forces will operate with Task Force 11.
- (iii) U.S. Cruisers (6") "RICHMOND" "MILWAUKEE" and "TRENTON" in Bora Bora (Society Islands) area.

Enemy Forces

A considerable submarine force is believed operating from Jaluit

(Marshalls) to the north and the east.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(1) Attacks on shipping have been made as follows -

- (a) 11/2 and 12/2 Japanese attacked escorted convoys from Singapore in Banka Area. Some ships were hit.
- (b) 21 Hudsons and Elenheims attacked enemy shipping (14 warships and 30 small boats) at Anambas Is. No hits were observed.
- (c) 12/2: 12 B.17's attacked shipping at Macassar. One ship was hit and another large fire was seen on the water.

(ii) "GWYDIR" (1929 tons, 1911 - Newcastle) reported at 0305L/14 that she was sinking 5 miles off Norah Head (40 miles north of Port Jackson) after being rammed by another ship. Later signals suggest that the vessel will be saved.

(iii) The Naval Authority Pearl Harbour is reported to have announced details of the raid on the Marshall Islands 1/2 as follows -

Enemy shipping losses included -

- (a) 5 warships (converted aircraft carrier ✓
modern cruiser ✓
one destroyer ✓
two submarines) ✓
- (b) 11 auxiliaries ✓
- (c) Other vessels including - one 17,000 ton liner (Yawata class)
3 10,000 ton tankers
5 5,000 ton cargo vessels
- (d) Estimated total enemy naval and merchant shipping sunk exceeds 100,000 tons while an additional 60,000 tons was damaged.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java, from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits area *and Palembang (Sumatra)*
 - (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
 - (iii) Occupation Banka and Billiton Islands (between Sumatra and Borneo).
 - (iv) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
 - (v) Raids on key islands in Mid-Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.
- and attack on Palembang and Sumatra*

APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

14/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

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- 1 effective 8" Cruiser - EXETER)
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- DE RUYTER) N.E.I. Waters.
- TROMP)
- JAVA)
- DURBAN)
- DRAGON)

29 Destroyers
35 Submarines
Auxiliaries

ENEMY FORCES:

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA

- 1 battleship) *possibly 8* Present strength uncertain.
- 2 Aircraft Carriers) A number of units are known
- 2 Seaplane Carriers) to have proceeded to the
- 4 - 8" cruisers) Southern Philippines -
- Several 5.5" Cruisers) Borneo Northern N.E.I. waters
- Several Destroyer Flotillas)
- 2 Submarine Squadrons (16))
- (C in C Southern Expeditionary)
- Force))

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - N.E.I. Waters

- 2 Aircraft Carriers)
- 10 Cruisers (approx) including)
- some 8" Cruisers)
- Several Destroyer Flotillas)
- Several Seaplane Tenders)
- (C in C Third Fleet))
- At least 1 Submarine Squadron)

PALAU AREA

- Units of the Combined Fleet)
- including probably battleships)
- and at least one aircraft)
- carrier 2 AIRCRAFT Carriers)

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA

- 10 Submarines (*including 3 in Penang area*))

B) ANZAC AREA

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

- Battleship - WARSPITE)
- A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON) (vide Daily Appreciation
- A/C Tender - CURTISS) para.1(B)).
- 7 - 8" Cruisers - CANBERRA)
- AUSTRALIA)
- MINNEAPOLIS)
- INDIANAPOLIS)
- CHICAGO)
- SAN FRANCISCO)
- PENSACOLA)
- 6 - 6" Cruisers - PERTH)
- ADELAIDE)
- LEANDER)
- ACHILLES)
- LE TRIOMPHANT)
- PHOENIX)

ANZAC AREA (CONTD).

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

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 11 OTHER U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation
 para.1. (B))

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 Ships

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C in C Mandates Fleet

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Special landing party force
 (Marines)

Probably

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JALUIT AREA

Several submarines (including
 Commander Submarine Force)

2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-bases)
 comprising Fighters, Torpedo
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ANZAC AREA (Continued)

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Enemy Forces.

A considerable submarine force is believed operating from Jaluit (Marshalls) to the north and the east.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) Bangka Area: Blenheims were detailed, 14/2 to attack the force of at least five enemy convoys reported approaching Bangka and Billiton; no details have yet been received. The convoys consisted of about 50 ships made up of: 6 cruisers, 14 destroyers, 22 transports (with perhaps an aircraft carrier) and several unidentified vessels.
- (ii) Gasmata (New Britain): Three Hudsons attempted an attack on enemy shipping at Gasmata, 13/2, but the target was obscured.
- (iii) Port Kembla (N.S.W.): R.D.F. echo at Port Kembla 2020-2110/14/2 indicated the possibility of a submarine or other unidentified vessel operating off the port. H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" was ordered to maintain A/S patrol off the port until dawn to-day (15/2) and this will be followed by an air search.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Occupation Bangka and Billiton Islands (between Sumatra and Borneo).
- (ii) Concerted attack on Java and Palembang (Sumatra) from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits area.
- (iii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor)
- (iv) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid-Pacific including Midway, Canton and Hawaii.

B) AFAC AREA (Contd.).

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES (Contd.)

- M.C.'s. - HONOWAI
- KANIMBLA
- WESTRALIA
- Destroyers - STUART) Refitting
- VOYAGER)
- LAMSON)
- PERRINS)
- WORDEN)
- 11 OTHER U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation para. 1 (B))

ENEMY FORCES:

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AREA

- 2 Aircraft Carriers
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 1 Converted Carrier
- 2 - 8" Cruisers
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- 8 Destroyers
- 10 to 15 Transports
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship
- Some Submarines

MANDATED ISLANDS

TRUE AREA

- 1 Battle Cruiser ("KIRISHIMA") probably en route
- probably 2 Aircraft Carriers
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- Approximately 30 Destroyers
- 25 (approx.) Chartered Merchant Ships)
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
- C in C Mandates Fleet
- C in C First Air Fleet
- Special landing party force (Marines)

JALUIT AREA

- Several submarines (including Commander Submarine Force)
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-bases) comprising Fighters, Torpedo Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft
- Several merchant ships
- 1 Seaplane Carrier

C) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

- 5 effective battleships (7 by 21/2)
- 2 effective A/C Carriers
- 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
- 9 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)

West Coast
 Pearl Harbour
 3 Pearl Harbour
 2 San Francisco
 3 West Coast, 2 Pearl Harbour
 4 S.W. Pacific.

51 Destroyers

22 Submarines.

- BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14") San Francisco
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAHO (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast - ready at 21/2
- TENNESSEE (12-14") Ready by 21/2
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") Ready by 21/2

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS -

- ENTERPRISE) Pearl Harbour
- YORKTOWN) Pearl Harbour

C) PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (Contd.)

ENEMY FORCES:

- 2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

AMENDMENTS TO REPORT OF 16/2/42 - For C.N.S.DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA) A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces

"HOUSTON" convoy has been ordered by Abdacom to return to Darwin.
(See "Naval Incidents" below for air attack 16/2).

Enemy Forces

Indications increased naval concentration Southern Celebes area. Four aircraft carriers now operating N.E.I. Waters, two of which are in Southern Celebes with Flagship of Second Fleet.

Two, probably four other carriers are in Palao making total of eight in and around N.E.I. Waters.

Also indications increased submarine strength in Palao - N.E.I. Waters.

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) General Brett has instructed "PHOENIX" Convoy (E.T.A. Fremantle 1800/18) not to proceed from Fremantle until further orders.
- (ii) "PERTH" escorting reconstituted convoy MS4 (3 merchant ships) is on passage to N.E.I. Will be rejoined by "ADELAIDE" ex-Fremantle after refuelling. The tankers ex-Melbourne are awaiting orders in Fremantle.
- (iii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0400 today 17/2 for Port Sandwich (New Hebrides).
- (iv) "CAP DES PALMES" is on passage Sydney to Noumea. To transfer Japanese internees to Australia.
- (v) "MALAITA" departed Port Moresby yesterday 16/2 for Cairns with evacuees. E.T.A. 1400/18/2.

Enemy Forces

Continued indications C in C Fourth (Mandates) Fleet in Rabaul area. Indications increased air strength at both Rabaul and Truk.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

- (i) U.S. Convoy (BT.200) of 11 ships escorted by U.S. Cruiser "HONOLULU" is en route from Bora Bora (Society Islands) to Australia. Seven ships will proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. 24/2 and four to Brisbane.
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) TIMOR SEA - The "HOUSTON" Convoy was attacked again yesterday 16/2 by 35 Heavy Bombers and 9 Flying Boats. More than half the attacks were made on "HOUSTON". No hits were registered but there was slight damage to one ship and two of the personnel were injured.
- (ii) SUMATRA - BANKA - Landings were effected during morning of 15/2 along the Moesi River (entrance to Palembang). Palembang and one of its aerodromes now in enemy hands. Enemy landings were continually harassed by fighters and medium bombers with considerable destruction to enemy barges and personnel. Three hits claimed on enemy cruiser.
An Allied naval striking force went through Gasbar Straits (between Banka and Billiton) in an attempt to intercept the enemy convoys but failed to make contact. Our forces heavily bombed without effect. Dutch Destroyer "VAN GHENT" hit a reef and was abandoned.
- (iii) Unidentified ships reported sighted hull down by coastwatcher off Santa Anna Islands (Solomons) a.m. 16/2, course easterly. Air search by one aircraft later in day with negative results.
- (iv) W/T indications that an unknown Japanese naval unit associated with air and with landing party force embarked was in Northern Choiseul Waters (Solomons) on 16/2.

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AMENDMENTS TO APPENDIX

A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

Include "HOUSTON", making two effective 8" Cruisers.

Enemy Forces

- (i) South China Sea Area.
Delete 2 aircraft carriers.
- (ii) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters
Add 2 aircraft carriers, making four.
At least two submarine squadrons.
- (iii) Palao Area
Add 2 aircraft carriers, making 4.

ANZAC AREA

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago.

Change 2 aircraft carriers to read one aircraft carrier.

MANDATED ISLANDS

Truk Area

Change probably 2 Aircraft Carriers to read possibly 2 Aircraft Carrier
Delete C in C First Air Fleet.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

17 16/2/42

1. POSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Cruiser "HOUSTON" arrived Darwin at 1005/14 and departed for Koepang 0231/15 in company with "WARREGO" and "SWAN" and U.S. Destroyer "PEARY", escorting a convoy of 3 U.S. ships and 1 British ship carrying defence and military stores.
- (ii) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" departed Darwin for Tjilatjap 10/2.
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" departed Darwin 11/2 for Fremantle (E.T.A. 21/2).
- (vi) "DELOIRINE" escorting "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" should arrive Darwin today.
- (vii) "LITHGOW" escorting 2 M.V. departed Darwin for Thursday Island 0949/14.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Banka Is. - Enemy convoy at dusk 14/2 consisting of 26 transports 2 cruisers, 7 destroyers, 2 submarines concentrated on Coast N.W. of Banka. (Abdacom)
- (ii) Kendari - (S.E. Celebes) - Early 14/2 enemy convoy consisting of 7 transports, 7 destroyers, 3 cruisers at anchor near Kendari. (Abdacom)

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" is on passage Esquimalt to Sydney E.T.A. 20/2. *To form part of British Fleet*
- (ii) Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S. 8" Cruiser "CHICAGO" U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LANSON" departed Suva p.m. 14/2 under F.O.C.A.S. to operate about 300 miles from Suva on the Suva - Noumea line.
- (iii) Task Force 11 which is believed to comprise aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON", 2-8" cruisers including "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" and "SAN FRANCISCO" and 9 destroyers is in the Suva area to co-operate with Anzac Forces. *This force is to be joined by 2 destroyers (S) with destroyers today*
- (iv) "CANBERRA" on passage Fremantle to Sydney E.T.A. 0300/17.
- (v) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy MS5 (4 ships with troops and supplies) departed Melbourne 12/2 E.T.A. Fremantle 1800/18 to pick up a further ship, then proceed N.E.I.
- (vi) "ADELAIDE" escorting convoy MS4 (tankers) was to R.V. S.E. of Albany with "PERTH" at 1500 yesterday and then proceed Fremantle to refuel. *The tankers are to go to Fremantle thence Iran. From Fremantle the convoy will consist of 3 other ships - "S. JACOB", "KARSIK" and "SWARTENHONDT".*
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" at Sydney for boiler repairs. *Will depart as soon as trials p.m. today before proceeding to Port Sandwich, (New Hebrides)*
- (viii) "KANIMBLA" and "WESTRALIA" at Sydney refitting.
- (ix) "MONOWAI" left Suva 13/2 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0700/19, carrying U.S. Naval personnel (transferred from U.S. "CHICAGO") to Melbourne and Sydney.
- (x) F.P. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" was due at Bulari Passage (New Caledonia) at 1800/13 on passage to Noumea.
- (xi) U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS" and U.S. Destroyer "WORDEN" were due Suva yesterday 15/2.
- (xii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" should arrive Fiji 20/2.
- (xiii) "BUNGAREE" is operating in New Caledonian waters.
- (xiv) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (for transporting crated aircraft) departed Batavia 10/2 for Fremantle and Melbourne)
- (xv) U.S. Fleet Auxiliary "CHAMMONT" (transport) arrived Sydney yesterday a.m. 15/2 from Brisbane.
- (xvi) H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" on passage from Auckland was to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" at 0800 yesterday in Marquesas Is. area.
- (xvii) H.T. "AQUITANIA" departed Sydney 10/2 for Honolulu E.T.A. a.m. 23/2.
- (xviii) "MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) is due Fremantle today from Colombo.
- (xix) "FALKEFJELL" (tanker) should have arrived Suva yesterday 15/2 to operate under F.O.C.A.S.
- (xx) "MORINDA" arrived Brisbane 14/2 from Tulagi with evacuees and left later same day for Sydney.
- (xxi) "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Melbourne from Fremantle 0235 yesterday 15/2.
- (xxii) "WESTRALIA" refitting at Sydney.

T.F.F. "Cap des Palmes" is on passage Sydney to Noumea via Port Sandwich to transfer to transfer

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) SINGAPORE - Our forces in Singapore Island capitulated unconditionally at 2200 last night 15/2.
- (ii) TIMOR SEA - The "HOUSTON" convoy (See Para. A(i)) en route Darwin to Koepang was subjected to a ir attack when 117 miles west of Darwin p.m. 15/2. Attack beaten off by gunfire. No details of damage to convoy or escorts.
U.S. Destroyer "PEARLY" had been unsuccessfully bombed by an enemy flying boat on 14/2 prior to joining the convoy.
- (iii) In addition to the enemy convoy reported off Banka Island (see Para. A) an enemy parachute attack was made on Palembang early 14/2 by 110 aircraft. Believed some enemy still on outskirts of aerodrome and oil refinery.
- (iv) The Japanese C in C Combined Fleet transferred his Flag to "YAMATO" at 0100Z/12.

Comment - C.O.S. Colombo reports having no record of "YAMATO" but advises this may be a new Japanese Battleship.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVES

- (i) ~~Occupation of Banka and attack on Palembang, as prelude to concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas.~~
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepang (Timor).
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
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APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

16/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A) A.B.D.A. AREA.

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES.

1 effective 8" Cruiser - EXETER)
 7 effective 5" Cruisers - HOBART) Escorting convoys ~~into~~
 DANAE) ~~and~~ and patrolling
 DE ROUYTER) N.E.I. waters.
 TROMP)
 JAVA)
 DURBAN)
 DRAGON)

29 Destroyers
 35 Submarines ?
 Auxiliaries

ENEMY FORCES.

(i) SOUTH CHINA SEA.

possibly 1 battleship) Present strength uncertain.
~~2~~ Aircraft Carriers) A number of units are
 2 Seaplane Carriers) known to have proceeded
 4 (possibly 8) 8" Cruisers) to the Southern
 Several 5.5" Cruisers) Philippines - Borneo
 Several Destroyer Flotillas) Northern N.E.I. waters.
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary
 Force)

(ii) SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES - N.E.I. WATERS.

4 2 Aircraft Carriers)
 10 Cruisers (approx) including)
 some 8" Cruisers)
 Several Destroyer Flotillas)
 Several Seaplane Tenders)
 (C. in C. Third Fleet))
 At least 1 Submarine Squadron)

PALAU AREA.

Units of the Combined Fleet)
 including probably battleships)
 4 2 Aircraft Carriers)

JAVA, DARWIN, INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

10 Submarines (including 3 in
 Penang area)

B. ANZAC AREA.

BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES

Battleship - WARSPITE)
 A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON)
 A/C Tender - CURTISS)
 7 - 8" Cruisers - CANBERRA)
 AUSTRALIA)
 MINNEAPOLIS)
 INDIANAPOLIS)
 CHICAGO)
 SAN FRANCISCO)
 PENSACOLA)
 6 - 8" Cruisers - PERTH)
 ADELAIDE)
 LEANDER)
 ACHILLES)
 LE TRIOMPHANT)
 PHOENIX)

(vide Daily appreciation
 para. 1 (B)).

MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (contd)

ENEMY FORCES:

- 2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
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DAILY APPRECIATION -- PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

17/2/42

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Enemy Forces

There are now four aircraft carriers operating in N.E.I. waters, two of which are in the Southern Celebes with the Flagship of the 2nd Fleet. Two, probably four other aircraft carriers are in the Palau area making a total of eight carriers in and around N.E.I. Waters. There are also indications of at least two Submarine Squadrons (18 submarines) operating in this area.

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFICBritish and Allied Forces

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Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

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- (ii) Landings were effected during the morning of 15/2 along the Moesi River (Sumatra - entrance to Palembang). Palembang and one of its aerodromes are now in enemy hands. The landings were continually harassed by fighters and medium bombers and considerable destruction of enemy barges and personnel is reported. Three hits were claimed on an enemy cruiser.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas.
- (ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koe pang (Timor) and Sumbawa.
- (iii) Move south from Rabaul - Truk area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route, including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
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- (ii) SUMATRA - It is now reported that during the Allied air attacks on the Japanese convoys landing in Sumatra on 15/2, hits were registered on two transports as well as one cruiser.
- (iii) KOEPANG - Following the air raids on the "HOUSTON" convoy on 15th and 16th, 27 heavy bombers were over Koepang yesterday 17/2 attacking fixed defences and dropping leaflets. It is probable that their main objective was to again attack the convoy.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

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18/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

2 effective 8" cruisers	- HOUSTON) Escorting Convoys and patrolling N.E.I. Waters.
	EXETER	
27 effective 6" cruisers	- HOBART	
	DANAE	
	DE RUYTER	
	TROMP	
	JAVA	
	DURBAN	
	DRAGON	
	SUMATRA	
Damaged or refitting	- MARBLEHEAD	
29 Destroyers		
35 submarines ?		
Auxiliaries		

Enemy Forces.

(i) South China Sea.

1 battleship) Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.
possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers	
2 Seaplane Carriers	
4 (possibly 8) 8" cruisers	
Several 5.5" cruisers	
Several Destroyer Flotillas	
2 Submarine Squadrons (16)	
(C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force).	

(ii) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters.

4 Aircraft Carriers)
10 Cruisers (approx.) including some 8" cruisers	
Several Destroyer Flotillas	
Several Seaplane Tenders	
(C. in C. Third Fleet)	
(C. in C. Second Fleet)	
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons	

Palau Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including probably battleships)
4 Aircraft Carriers	

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area.

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang area).)
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B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleship	- WARSPITE) (Vide Daily appreciation Para. 1 (B)).
A/C Carrier	- LEXINGTON	
A/C Tender	- CURTISS	
7 - 8" Cruisers	- CANBERRA	
	AUSTRALIA	
	MINNEAPOLIS	
	INDIANAPOLIS	
	CHICAGO	
	SAN FRANCISCO	
	PENSACOLA	
6 - 6" Cruisers	PERTH)
	ADELAIDE	
	LEANDER	
	ACHILLES	
	LE TRIOMPHANT	
	PHOENIX	

B. ANZAC AREA (Continued)
British and Allied Forces. (Continued)

3 A.M.C.'s	- MONOWAI)	(Vide Daily appreciation Para 1 (B)).
	KANIMBLA)	
	WESTRALIA	) Refitting
Destroyers	- STUART)	
	VOYAGER)	
	13 U.S.)	

Enemy Forces.

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
1 Converted Carrbr)
2 - 8" Cruisers)
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
8 Destroyers)
10 to 15 Transports)
1 Sub. Depot Ship)
Some Submarines)

Mandated Islands

Truk Area.

1 Battle Cruiser ("KIRISHIMA"))
probably en route)
Possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers)
2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
Approximately 30 Destroyers)
25 (approx.) Chartered Merchant)
Ships.)
1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
Special Landing party force)
(Marines))

Jaluit Area.

Strong Submarine Force (including)
Commander Submarine Force))
2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based))
comprising Fighters, Torpedo)
Bombers and Reconnaissance)
aircraft.)
Several Merchant ships)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

4 effective Battleships (7 by 21/2)	)	West Coast
2 effective A/C Carriers	)	Pearl Harbour
7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)	)	5 Pearl Harbour, 2 San Francisco <i>NE Pacific</i>
9 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)	)	3 West Coast, 2 Pearl Harbour
51 Destroyers	)	4 S.W. Pacific
22 Submarines)	
<u>BATTLESHIPS</u>	-	
MISSISSIPPI	(12-14")	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO	(12-14")	West Coast
IDAHO	(12-14")	West Coast
COLORADO	(8-16")	West Coast
MARYLAND	(8-16")	West Coast - ready at 21/2
TENNESSEE	(12-14")	Ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA	(12-14")	Ready by 21/2
<u>AIRCRAFT CARRIERS</u>		
ENTERPRISE	)	Pearl Harbour
YORKTOWN	)	Pearl Harbour

Enemy Forces.

2 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
19/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.E.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) U.S. 8" Cruiser "HOUSTON" departed Darwin 1637/18 to join striking force in vicinity of East Java. U.S. Destroyer "PEARY" in company bound for Tjilatjap.
- (ii) U.S. submarines "PIKE" and "PERCE" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" at Darwin.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" departed Darwin 11/2 for Fremantle (E.T.A. 21/2).

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

An enemy convoy consisting of 2 Cruisers, 2 Destroyers and 3 other vessels, probably transports was sighted 50 miles S.W. of Ambon at 1030/17, course 260 degrees, speed 10 knots.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" is on passage Esquimaux to Sydney E.T.A. 20/2 to form part of Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron (consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S. 8" Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS") with U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" departed Suva 1820 yesterday 18/2.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including Aircraft Carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" and 9 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Forces. This force is to be joined by "PENSACOLA" (8") and 2 destroyers.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy M.S.5 (4 ships with troops and supplies) was due to reach Fremantle yesterday 1800. General Brett has ordered convoy not to proceed until further orders.
- (v) "PERTH" is escorting reconstituted convoy M.S.4 (3 merchant ships) to N.E.I. "ADELAIDE" has returned to Fremantle to refuel and will sail to meet a South bound convoy - S.J.3 (2) from Batavia, about Latitude 19 degrees South on 22/2.
- (vi) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 17/2 for Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) E.T.A. 1400/21.
- (viii) "WESTRALIA" will leave Sydney at 1330 today for convoy duties.
- (ix) "MONOWAI" left Suva 13/2 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0700 today. Will disembark U.S. Naval personnel (transferred from U.S. "CHICAGO") and will proceed to Sydney.
- (x) U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "EDSALL" arrived Koepang 18/2, escorting "HONG LEONE" (auxiliary) carrying A/A guns and ammunition and 180 English personnel.
- (xi) U.S. destroyer "LAMSON" escorting "PALKEPJELL" departed Suva 0946 yesterday 18/2.
- (xii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" should arrive Fiji tomorrow 20/2.
- (xiii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (for transporting crated aircraft) arrived at Fremantle 1500/16 en route to Melbourne from Batavia.
- (xiv) U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS", U.S. Destroyer "WORDEN" and U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" arrived Suva 1330/18. "PLATTE" later departed (see ii above).
- (xv) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (840 tons) proceeding to Suva for mining operations.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

Rabaul - 6 transports, but no warships, were observed by reconnaissance aircraft in Rabaul Harbour yesterday 18/2. 3 transports were seen in Gasmata Harbour.

C) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces (See Appendix)

- (i) U.S. convoy (BT 200), 11 ships escorted by U.S. 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU" is en route from Bora Bora (Society Islands) to Australia. 7 ships will proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. 24/2 and 4 to Brisbane. "WESTRALIA" escorts Brisbane portion after convoy splits.
- (ii) A U.S. convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast. Approx. E.T.A. 5/3.

C) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC (Contd.)

- (iii) A U.S. convoy (18 knots) of 3 merchant ships escorted by U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" is en route from U.S. West Coast to Friendly Islands approx R.T.A. 1/3.

D) MANDATES

Enemy Forces

- (i) A comparatively large number of enemy merchant ships is at sea again, at least 24 in the Marshalls and 12 in Truk area.
(ii) Meteorological reporting ships appear to be busy again south of Truk and in the Palao operations area.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

(i) Darwin Area -

- (a) An enemy submarine was sighted by a Hudson aircraft approximately 100 miles W.N.W. of Darwin at 1822L/18/2, but dived when attacked by gunfire. A subsequent search of the area by two aircraft was negative.
(b) The U.S. merchant ship "DON ISIDRO" en route to the Philippines reported being attacked by enemy aircraft 125 miles N.W. of Wessel Island at 1430/18/2. No further details have been received.

- (ii) Solomon Islands - There are indications that the Japanese may have effected a landing at Alu Island in the Shortland Is. Group south of Bougainville. An air search has been ordered for today.

- (iii) From W/T Intelligence an unidentified Japanese naval unit associated with air and carrying a landing party was located on 17/2 in the Bougainville area. This unit has moved from a position north of Choiseul Island on 16/2.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo and Southern Celebes areas.
(ii) Occupation of bases in South Flores Sea including probably Koepong (Timor).
(iii) Move south from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
(iv) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

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1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces.

- 2 effective 8" cruisers - HOUSTON
- EXETER
- 8 effective 6" cruisers - HOBART
- DANAE *> 10000*
- DE RUYTER
- TROMP
- JAVA
- DURBAN
- DRAGON
- PHOENIX
- Damaged or refitting - SUMATRA
- MARBLEHEAD

) Escorting Convoys and
) patrolling N.E.I. Waters

28 Destroyers
35 Submarines ?
Auxiliaries

Enemy Forces.

(i) South China Sea.

- 1 battleship
- possibly 2 aircraft carriers
- 2 seaplane carriers
- 4 (possibly 8) 8" cruisers
- several 5.5" cruisers
- several destroyer flotillas
- 2 submarine squadrons (16)
- (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force).

) Present strength uncertain.
) A number of units are known
) to have proceeded to the
) Southern Philippines -
) Borneo Northern N.E.I.
) Waters.

(ii) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters

- 4 aircraft carriers
- 10 cruisers (approx.) including some
8" cruisers
- several destroyers flotillas
- several seaplane tenders
(C. in C. Third Fleet)
(C. in C. Second Fleet)
- at least 2 submarine squadrons

Palau Area.

- Units of the Combined Fleet including
probably battleships
- 4 aircraft carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area.

- 10 submarines (including 3 in Penang
area).

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- Battleship - WARSPITE
- A/C carrier - LEXINGTON
- A/C tender - CURTISS
- 7 - 8" cruisers - CANBERRA
- AUSTRALIA
- MINNEAPOLIS
- INDIANAPOLIS
- CHICAGO
- SAN FRANCISCO
- PENSACOLA
- 5 - 6" cruisers - ~~LEANDER~~
- ADELAIDE
- LEANDER
- ACHILLES
- LE TRIOM-
PHANT

) (Vide Daily appreciation
) Para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (continued)

British and Allied Forces. (continued)

3 A.M.C.'s	- MONGWAI)	(Vide Daily appreciation Para.1 (B)).
	KAMIMBLA)	
	WESTRALIA	) Refitting
Destroyers	- STUART)	
	VOYAGER)	
	13 U.S.)	

Enemy Forces.

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 Aircraft Carrier)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
1 Converted Carrier)
2 - 8" Cruisers)
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
8 Destroyers)
10 to 15 Transports)
1 Sub. Depot Ship)
Some Submarines)

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area.

1 Battle Cruiser ("KIRISHIMA"))
possibly en route)
1 Possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers)
2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
Approximately 30 Destroyers)
25 (approx.) Chartered Merchant)
Ships)
1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
Special Landing Party Force)
(Marines))

Jaluit Area.

Strong Submarine Force (including)
Commander Submarine Force))
2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based))
comprising Fighters, Torpedo)
Bombers and Reconnaissance)
aircraft)
Several Merchant Ships)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
Air Tenders and Minesweepers)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

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NEW MEXICO (12-14")) West Coast
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COLORADO (8-16")) West Coast
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PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")) Ready by 21/2
<u>AIRCRAFT CARRIERS</u>	
ENTERPRISE) Pearl Harbour
YORKTOWN) Pearl Harbour

Enemy Forces.

2 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise 1 aircraft carrier, 2 or 3 8" Cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers is proceeding from Pearl Harbour to operate in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
- (ii) U.S. Convoy (BT.200), 11 ships escorted by U.S. 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU" is en route from Bora Bora (Society Islands) to Australia. 7 ships will proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. 24/2 and 4 to Brisbane. "AUSTRALIA" escorts Brisbane portion after convoy splits.
- (iii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast. Approx E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iv) A U.S. convoy (18 knots) of 3 merchant ships escorted by U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" is en route from U.S. West Coast to Friendly Islands approx E.T.A. 1/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) DARWIN - Darwin was raided twice yesterday by enemy aircraft. First raid took place at 1015/19 and lasted half an hour, the attacking force consisting of 27 twin engined bombers escorted by an unknown number (possibly 2 squadrons) of zero type fighters and was directed on the water front and shipping. The second raid occurred at 1215/19 and was directed against the R.A.A.F. Station by 21 twin engined bombers which departed in the direction of Batchelor at 1240/19.

Damage so far reported consists of

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Minor damage, A/S gear out of action, 3 killed, 14 seriously injured.

"PLATYPUS" "GUNBAR" "COONGOOLA" - minor damage

Boom working vessel - 6 injured

Sunk - U.S. Destroyer "PEARY"

Merchant Ships "ZEALANDIA" "BREITEN MOTORIST" "MAUNA LOA"
"HEPTUNA" "MEIGS" and "NAVIE"

Extensively - "PORTMAN" and "BAROSSA"
damaged

Minor damage - Hospital Ship "MANUNDA"

Coonawarra R/T Station minor damage, efficiency unimpaired. Oil fuel installation No.5 Tank containing only small quantity oil seriously damaged, No.6 Tank holed 6 ft. from top. Stock fresh and dry provisions victualling yards sufficient for 7 days only, normal rations. Damage main jetty precludes use by ships and fuelling and watering can be carried on by lighter only. No.12 and 13 Squadron Hangar totally destroyed, Station shore extensively damaged, 5 Hudsons totally destroyed, Officers and airmens Mess, some airmens quarters, workshops and transport shed damaged, southern wing hospital destroyed, casualties not completely assessed. Damage to runway (a) North west 3 bombs unexploded - serviceable (b) North South Reserve 7 craters - unserviceable 12 hours. No information from Batchelor. Four enemy aircraft reported as being shot down.

Comment - It would appear that probably 2 aircraft carriers are operating off Darwin in conjunction with heavy bombers from Ambon and/or Kendari.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo and Southern Celebes areas.
- (ii) Occupation of ^{bases} ~~bases~~ in South Flores Sea including probably ~~Keppang (Tigor)~~.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

ANZAC AREA (Contd)

British and Allied Forces (continued)

- ~~A.S.L.Vs~~ - ~~HUMWAI~~
- ~~Destroyers~~ - ~~KANIBELA~~ } Refitting
- ~~AUSTRALIA~~ }
- ~~STUART~~ }
- ~~VOYAGER~~ }
- 13 U.S. }

(Vide Daily appreciation Para.1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago area

- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 1 Converted Carrier *Seaplane tenders.*
- 6 ~~2~~ - 8" Cruisers
- 5 ~~Several~~ 8.5" Cruisers
- 3 Destroyers
- 10 to 15 Transports
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship
- some Submarines
- Portion of air squadron
- Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 1 Battle Cruiser (~~"Seydlitz"~~)
- possibly on route
- 1 Possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
- Several 8.5" Cruisers
- approximately 25 Destroyers
- 2 (approx) Chartered Merchant Ships
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

at least 10

submarine force at least

Jaluit Area.

- Strong Submarine Force (including Commander Submarine Force)
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based comprising Fighters, Torpedo Bombers and Reconnaissance aircraft)
- Several Merchant Ships
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers

G. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- 4 effective Battleships (7 by 21/2)
- 2 effective A/C Carriers
- 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
- 8 ~~3~~ - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)
- 31 Destroyers
- 22 Submarines

West Coast
 At sea ex Pearl Harbour
 1 Pearl Harbour, 4 at sea ex Pearl Harbour, 2 ~~at sea~~ Pacific
 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour
 2 S. Pacific

BATTLESHIPS

- MISSISSIPPI (12-14") San Francisco
- NEW MEXICO (12-14") West Coast
- IDAGO (12-14") West Coast
- COLORADO (8-16") West Coast
- MARYLAND (8-16") West Coast - ready at 21/2
- TENNESSEE (12-14") Ready by 21/2
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14") Ready by 21/2

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

- ENTERPRISE } At sea ex Pearl Harbour
- YORKTOWN }

Enemy Forces

- 2 5.5" Cruisers (Possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
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Today

at sea ex P.H.

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21/2/42

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A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. 8" Cruiser "BOUSTON" is with a striking force in vicinity of East Java.
- (ii) "PERTH" is escorting convoy MS4 (3 merchant ships) to N.E.I.
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 1315/19 to meet a southbound convoy - SJ32 (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") from Batavia about lat. 19°S on 22/2.
- (iv) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" arrived Fremantle 1453/19.
- (vi) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" is on passage Derby E.T.A. 21/2.
- (vii) Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) sailed by D.N.C. N.T. 2250/20 for Fremantle to avoid danger of further damage by bombing.
- (viii) Convoy SMI consisting of Dutch "BOISSEVAIN" containing evacuees and a large quantity of bullion escorted by H.M.S. "TENELOS" left Batavia 1300/18 for Fremantle. "TENELOS" returned after dark 19/2.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Convoy of 4 transports, 2 cruisers, 4 or 5 destroyers at Bali night of 18/2. (See Naval Incidents).
- (ii) Convoy of 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer and 4 transports sighted 116 miles SSE. of Koepangat 0730/20. (See Naval Incidents).

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" arrived Sydney 1300/20 en route to join Eastern Fleet.
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- (vii) "WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 19/2 to N.V. with "HONOLULU" convoy and to escort 4 ships to Brisbane. Then return Sydney.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" departed Melbourne 1200 yesterday for Sydney with U.S. ammunition. E.T.A. 1200/22.
- (ix) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANQUIER" was due Fiji 20/2.
- (x) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (for transporting crated aircraft) arrived at Fremantle 16/2 en route to Melbourne from Batavia.
- (xi) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (840 tons) on passage Suva from Samoa for mining operations.
- (xii) Victualling Store Issue Ship "TAIPING" departed Melbourne 19/2 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0400/26.
- (xiii) F.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" to depart Noumea for Sydney about 21/2 for refitting and fitting as S/S.

* For "HONOLULU" Convoy - see Mid Pacific area below.

Enemy Forces

- (i) There are indications of an additional cruiser squadron believed to consist of four "KAKO" Class Cruisers (7,100 tons -6-8") operating in the New Britain - New Ireland area.
- (ii) A new converted aircraft carrier ("NITTA MARU" - 17,000 tons) may be operating with the aircraft carrier "HOSHO" which is at present in the New Britain area.
- (iii) One large transport and two destroyers were sighted at Gasmata (New Britain) yesterday 20/2 by air reconnaissance.

C) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise one aircraft carrier, 2 or 3

- 8" Cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers is proceeding from Pearl Harbour to operate in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (1) DARWIN AREA
- (a) A merchant ship considered to be U.S. "DON ISIDRO" (which was attacked by enemy aircraft off Wessel Is. 18/2) was sighted on fire near Cape Poureroy at 1845/19. ~~Four~~ ^{Five} lifeboats were seen on the water.
- (b) An unidentified vessel was sighted sinking 10 miles N.W. of Cape Van Diemen (northern point of Melville Is.) at 1900/19. Two lifeboats were instructed by aircraft to proceed towards Drysdale Mission Station.
- (c) "KOOLAMA" (4,000 tons) was attacked by aircraft at 1312/20 and again bombed severely at 1520/20 25 miles N.E. of Cape Londonderry. She was later beached and the crew landed.
- (ii) BALI - An enemy convoy consisting of 4 transports, 2 cruisers, 4 or 5 destroyers reached S.E. of Bali on the night of 18/2. Convoy was attacked 19/2 and hits claimed on cruisers and one transport. Landings were made 19/2 N.E. and south of Denaspar (2 points on South Coast). The Bali aerodrome was later seized.
- (iii) TIMOR - An enemy convoy consisting of one cruiser, 1 destroyer and 4 transports was sighted 16 miles off Keepang at 0730/20 by a Hudson aircraft. One transport was also sighted close in shore. Japanese Imperial N.Q. claim landings were made in the vicinity of Dilli and Keepang at dawn 20/2.
- (iv) JAVA - Abdafloat has informed Admiralty that the amount of furnace oil in N.E.I. is dangerously insufficient if present rate of expenditure continues. Every effort is being made to sail empty tankers for Colombo and Persian Gulf.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (1) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo and Southern Celebes areas and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both ~~shore~~ ^{air}-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
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DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC OCEAN ACTIVITY22 ~~20~~ 2/421. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. A S I A AREA *Red*British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers

10 effective 6" Cruisers

Damaged or refitting

28 Destroyers

33 Submarines

Auxiliaries

- HAWKES)
 - HAYTER)
 - BRISBANE)
 - PERTH)
 - DANAE)
 - DE RUYTER)
 - TRUMP)
 - JAVA)
 - DURBAN)
 - DRAGON)
 - PHOENIX)
 - ADELAIDE)
 - SUMATRA)
 - MARBLEHEAD)

Escorting convoys and
patrolling S.E.I. watersEnemy Forces(i) South China Sea

2 Battleships)
 possibly 2 aircraft carriers)
 2 Seaplane carriers)
 4 - 8" Cruisers)
 Several 5.5" cruisers)
 Several Destroyer flotillas)
 2 Submarine squadrons (10)
 (C. In C. Southern Expeditionary)
 Force))

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 Several seaplane tenders)
 (C. In C. Third Fleet))
 (C. In C. Second Fleet))
 At least 2 submarine squadrons)

Palau Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including)
 2 Battleships)
 4 Aircraft Carriers)

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang)
 area))

B. ANZAC AREA *Red*British and Allied Forces.

Battleship - WARSPITE)
 A/C Carrier - IRKINGTON)
 A/C tender - CURTISS)
 7 - 8" cruisers - CANBERRA)
 AUSTRALIA)
 MINNEAPOLIS)
 INDIANA CLIS)
 CHICAGO)
 SAN FRANCISCO)
 BRISBANE)

(Vide Daily appreciation
 Para. 1 (B)).

ANZAC AREA (Ctd)

British and Allied Forces (continued)

4 - Cruisers	LEANDER) ACHILLES) DE TRINSHANT) HONOLULU )	)(Vide Daily appreciation Para. 1 (B)).
3 A.M.C.'s	HONOWAI) WESTALIA)	
Destroyers	KAMIMBLA) (Re- STUART) fitt- Voyager) ing) 13 U.S.)	

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago area

1 A/C carrier)
1 seaplane carrier)
4 converted seaplane tenders)
3 - 8" Cruisers)
5 - 5.5" Cruisers)
8 Destroyers)
Approx. 10 Transports)
1 Sub. Depot ship)
Some Submarines)
Portion 2 Air Squadrons)

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 possibly 2 Aircraft Carriers)
2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
Several 5.5" Cruisers)
Unknown number of Destroyers)
At least 14 Chartered Merchant Ships)
1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
C. In C. Mandates Fleet)
Special Landing Party Force (Marines))

Jaluit Area

1 converted A/C Carrier)
Strong Submarine Force (Including Commander Submarine Force))
2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based comprising fighters, torpedo bombers and reconnaissance aircraft))
Several Merchant Ships)
1 Seaplane Carrier)
Air Tenders and minesweepers)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

4 effective Battleships (7 by today 21/2)	)	West Coast
2 effective A/C Carriers	)	At sea ex Pearl Harbour
7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)	)	1 Pearl Harbour, 4 at sea ex Pearl Harbour, 2 Central Pacific
8 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)	)	3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour 1 Panama 2 S. Pacific, 1 at Sea Ex Pearl Harbour
51 Destroyers)	
22 Submarines)	
<u>BATTLESHIPS</u> - MISSISSIPPI I (12-14")	)	San Francisco
NEW MEXICO (12-14")	)	West Coast
IBAGO (12-14")	)	West Coast
COLORADO (8-16")	)	West Coast
MARYLAND (8-16")	)	West Coast - ready at 21/2
TENNESSEE (12-14")	)	Ready by 21/2
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")	)	Ready by 21/2
<u>AIRCRAFT CARRIERS</u>)	
ENTERPRISE	)	At sea ex Pearl Harbour
YORKTOWN)	

Enemy Forces

2 S.S. Cruisers (possibly)

4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver

4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
22/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

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A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) U.S.S. "HOUSTON" is with a striking force in vicinity of EAST JAVA.
- (ii) "PERTH" ~~escorting~~ *departed the convoy MS4* has been ordered to return to Fremantle. *was due to RV Perth to be pulled to Batavia with 4 ships*
- (iii) "ADELAIDE" ~~departed Fremantle 1315/19~~ *at 1200 Z on 22/2* to meet a southbound convoy - SJ3Z (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") from Batavia about latitude 19° S on 22/2.
- (iv) U.S. Submarines "PIKE" and "PERCH" on patrol northward of Darwin.
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" and Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" at Fremantle. "LANGLEY" joins MS5 (see para. B (iv) infra.) *should have arrived Derby (W.A.) yesterday. 21/2*
- (vi) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" ~~should have arrived~~ *was due to* Derby (W.A.) yesterday.
- (vii) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) sailed by D.N.O. N.T. 2250/20 for Fremantle to avoid danger of further damage by bombing.
- (viii) Convoy SM1 (Dutch "BOISSEVAIN") containing evacuees and large quantity of bullion departed Batavia 1300/18 for Fremantle. *Robert, which was "George Swan" etc. are at Darwin*

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Convoy of 2 Cruisers, 8 Destroyers, 3 Submarines, 3 Transports sighted 15 miles S.S.E. of KOEPANG at 1040/20 (further to sightings reported yesterday).
- (ii) 1 Cruiser sighted 39 miles S.S.E. of KOEPANG and an aircraft carrier on N.W. Coast of ROTI ISLAND 27 miles S.W. of KOEPANG.

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- (i) "WARSPITE" at Sydney to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S.S. "CHICAGO" U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" and with U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" are in Suva - Noumea area to co-operate with Task Force 11.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including Aircraft Carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 Destroyers is in the Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy MS5 has been ordered to Bombay via Colombo from Fremantle as soon as ready. U.S.S. "LANGLEY" and "SEA WITCH" have joined Convoy.
- (v) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (vi) "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) from Sydney yesterday.
- (vii) "WESTRALIA" (ex Sydney) will R.V. with "HONOLULU" ~~convoy to-day~~; in company with U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" will escort 4 ships to Brisbane. Then returns to Sydney. U.S. 6" Cruiser "HONOLULU" after handing over to "WESTRALIA" escorts 7 ships to Melbourne E.T.A. approximately 26/2.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" departed Melbourne 1200/20/2 for Sydney with U.S. Ammunition. E.T.A. 1200 today. *with U.S. ammunition arrived Sydney. 13104/22.*
- (ix) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" arrived Fiji 20/2. *Suva 1225/21/2*
- (x) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (for transporting crated Aircraft) arrived at Fremantle 16/2 on route to Melbourne from Batavia. *Melbourne 22/1 from Fremantle & Batavia*
- (xi) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (840 tons) on passage Suva from Samoa for mining operations.
- (xii) Victualling Store Issue Ship "TAIPING" departed Melbourne 19/2 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0400/26.
- (xiii) F.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" ~~should have departed~~ *departed* Noumea for Sydney yesterday for refitting and fitting as M/S.

Enemy Forces.

- (i) Further intelligence shows that there are only 2 "KAKO" class cruisers (7,100 tons 6-8") in the New Britain - New Ireland area (not 4 as indicated yesterday).
- (ii) A new converted aircraft carrier ("NITTA MARU" - 17,000 tons) may be operating with the aircraft carrier "HOSHO" which is at present in the New Britain area.

- (iii) 1 Cruiser 6 Destroyers sighted St. Georges Channel (between New Britain and New Ireland) steaming S.E. at 1530/20.

G. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

- (1) Task Force 17 believed to comprise one aircraft carrier, 2 or 3 8" cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers is proceeding from Pearl Harbour to operate in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) A. U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approximately E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) ~~A U.S. 18 knot convoy of 3 merchant ships escorted by U.S. 8" Cruiser "PORTLAND" is en route from U.S. West Coast to Friendly Islands (probably Tongatabu).~~

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (1) BALI AREA -
Japanese W/T message (intercepted) claims bombing and sinking of two Allied Destroyers at 0050/19. No confirmation from Abdacom.
- (ii) TINOR -
Japanese forces landed near BAOEN (12 miles S.W. of KOEPANG) from 6 Transports at approximately 0900/20.
- (iii) DARWIN -
H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" landed 73 survivors yesterday at Darwin from U.S. "DON ISIDRO" which, after enemy attack, has been beached on Bathurst Island, 7 miles North of Cape Fourcroy - a total loss.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLY NEXT MOVE.

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo and Southern Celebes areas and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

22/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED and ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces.

- 2 effective 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON
- EXETER
- 10 effective 6" cruisers - HOBART
- PERTH
- DANAE
- DE RUYTER
- ~~THOMP~~
- JAVA
- DUREAN
- DRAGON
- PHOENIX
- ADELAIDE
- Damaged or refitting - SUMATRA
- MARBLEHEAD
- 28 Destroyers
- 33 Submarines
- Auxiliaries

Escorting Convoys and patrolling N.E.I. Waters.

Enemy Forces.

(i) South China Sea.

- 2 Battleships
- possibly 2 aircraft carriers
- 2 Seaplane carriers
- 4 - 8" cruisers
- Several 5.5" cruisers
- Several Destroyer flotillas
- 2 submarine Squadrons (16)
- (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force.)

Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.

(ii) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters.

- 4 aircraft carriers
- 10 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" cruisers
- Several Destroyer flotillas
- Several Seaplane tenders
- (C. in C. Third Fleet)
- (C. in C. Second Fleet)
- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet including at least 2 Battleships

4 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang area)

2nd Div. Fleet 5 carriers previous (includes in force) and 1st Div. Fleet 3 carriers previous (includes in force) and 3rd Div. Fleet 2 carriers previous (includes in force) are held in Borneo operational area

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

- Battleship - WARSPITE
- A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON
- A/C tender - CURTISS
- 7 - 8" Cruisers - CANBERRA
- AUSTRALIA
- MINNEAPOLIS
- INDIANAPOLIS
- CHICAGO
- SAN FRANCISCO
- PENSACOLA
- 4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
- ACHILLES
- LE TRIOMPHANT
- HONOLULU

(Vide Daily appreciation Para 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (CONTINUED)

British and Allied Forces (Continued)

3 A.M.C.'s - MONOWAI)
 WESTRALIA)
 KANIMBLA)
 Destroyers - STUART) Refitting)
 VOYAGER)
 13 U.S.)

(Vide Daily appreciation Para 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 A/C Carrier)
 1 Seaplane carrier)
 4 converted seaplane tenders)
 3 - 8" Cruisers)
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers)
 8 Destroyers)
 Approx. 10 Transports)
 1 Sub. Depot ship)
 Some submarines)
 Portion 2 Air Squadrons)

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area.

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers)
 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
 Several 5.5" Cruisers)
 Unknown number of Destroyers)
 At least 14 Chartered Merchant)
 ships)
 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron)
 C. In S. Mandates Fleet)
 Special Landing Party Force)
 (Marines))

Jaluit Area.

1 converted A/C Carrier)
 Strong Submarine Force (including)
 Commander Submarine Force)
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based))
 comprising Fighters, Torpedo)
 Bombers and Reconnaissance air-)
 craft)
 Several Merchant Ships)
 1 Seaplane Carrier)
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers)

C. MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

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 now be ready))
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 22 submarines)

West Coast)
 At sea ex Pearl Harbour)
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 Pearl Harbour, 2 Central Pacific)
 3 West Coast 1 Pearl Harbour 1)
 Panama 2 S. Pacific 1 at sea ex)
 Pearl Harbour.)

BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14"))
 NEW MEXICO (12-14"))
 IDAHO (12-14"))
 COLORADO (8-16"))
 MARYLAND (8-16"))
 TENNESSEE (12-14"))
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14"))

San Francisco)
 West Coast)
 West Coast)
 West Coast)
 West Coast - should be now ready)
 Should be now ready)
 Should be now ready)

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE)
 YORKTOWN)

At sea ex Pearl Harbour

Enemy Forces.

2 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

23/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PERTH" has been ordered to disperse the convoy H34 which is to return to Fremantle. "PERTH" is to proceed to Batavia with despatch.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" was due to S.V. with a southbound convoy - S332 (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENNETTA") from Batavia about lat. 19°S at 1200Z on 22/2.
- (iii) Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" at Fremantle.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.S. PINESTON" was due to arrive Derby (N.A.) 21/2.
- (v) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) en route Fremantle from Darwin E.T.A. p.m. 26/2.
- (vi) Convoy SM1 (Dutch "BOISSEVAIN") containing evacuees en route Fremantle from Batavia E.T.A. p.m. 23/2.
- (vii) H.M.S. "KATONBEA" (damaged) departed Darwin 0514KL 22/2 for Brisbane. E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800L/26/2.

Enemy Forces

Abdacon reports the enemy escort for Palembang expedition, still at Anambas Islands, includes 2 "Mogami" class (8") cruisers, one "ATAGO" class (8" cruiser) and one "BATORI" class (5.5" cruiser).

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" at Sydney to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S.S. "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyers "FERRIS" and "LAMSON" and U.S. Oiler "PLATTS" are in Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Task Force 11.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON", 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 Destroyers in the Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (iv) U.S. Cruiser "BOENIX", escorting convoy H35, has sailed for Bombay via Colombo from Fremantle. *E.T.A. Colombo 0720/15/3*
- (v) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" proceeding Tjilatjap with all despatch, from Fremantle.
- (vi) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (vii) "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) from Sydney 21/2 to carry out operation OR. "TRIENZA" also there.
- (viii) U.S. Cruiser "HONOLULU" and two destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" escorting convoy BT.200 (11 ships) was due to S.V. with "AUSTRALIA" approx 880 miles north of east of Sydney at 1400/22. "AUSTRALIA" and the two destroyers to escort four ships to Brisbane E.T.A. 24/2. "HONOLULU" to escort the remaining seven ships to Melbourne approx E.T.A. 26/2.
- (ix) "MONOWAI" with U.S. ammunition arrived Sydney 1310L/22. To proceed Suva with survey gear.
- (x) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" arrived Suva 1220/21/2.
- (xi) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (for transporting crated aircraft) arrived at Melbourne 22/1 from Fremantle and Batavia.
- (xii) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (840 tons) on passage Suva from Samoa for mining operations.

Australian Station
 D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

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- (ii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approx E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" escorting 3 ships (convoy 20341) has been directed to S.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron approx 300 miles east of Noumea at 1500/3/3.

450 miles SE of Suva

Naval Forces
Jaluit - The Commander in Chief of the 6th Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
is in the Jaluit area (Marshall Is.)

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Darwin - U.S.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" reported at 1237/22 that she was being attacked by two flying boats in a position 100 miles N.W. of Darwin.
- (ii) Christmas Island - The Naval reporting officer at Christmas Is. reported that at 1400/22 four destroyers, two transports and one submarine were sighted from South point of the Island approaching the island.
- (iii) Banka - Twenty medium bombers attacked enemy shipping in the Banka area on 20/2 obtaining four direct hits on 3 transports.
- (iv) Bali - A Dutch and American naval force attacked shipping S.E. of Bali on night of 19/2. One enemy cruiser and one destroyer were hit by torpedo and one cruiser by gunfire. One of the allied destroyers is missing and the Dutch light cruiser "TROMP" was damaged but is now back in Harbor.
In subsequent air attacks on 20/2 U.S. Liberators scored 3 direct hits and 8 near misses on one cruiser while U.S. dive bombers scored 3 hits on one cruiser and one on another. U.S. Flying Fortresses sank one transport and obtained two direct hits on warships.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo, and Southern Celebes areas and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

23/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON ✓
 EXETER ✓
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 DANAS ✓
 DE RUYTER ✓
 JAVA ✓
~~BURBAN~~
 DRAGON ✓
~~PHOENIX~~
~~ADDALES~~
 Damaged or refitting - ~~SUMATRA~~
~~MADEIRA~~
 THOMP

Securing Convoys and patrolling N.E.I. Waters.

28 Destroyers
 33 Submarines
 Auxiliaries

Enemy Forces

(I) South China Sea.

2 Battleships
 possibly 2 aircraft carriers
 2 Seaplane carriers
 4 - 8" cruisers
 Several 5.5" cruisers
 Several Destroyer flotillas
 2 Submarine Squadrons (18)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary Force)

Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.

(II) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters

2 Battleships
 4 aircraft carriers
 10 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" cruisers
 Several Destroyer flotillas
 Several seaplane tenders
 (C. in C. Third Fleet)
 (C. in C. Second Fleet)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau Area

Units of the Combined Fleet including at least 3 Battleships

2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang area)

B. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship WARSPITE
 A/C Carrier LEXINGTON
 A/C Tenders CURTISS
 7 - 8" Cruisers CANBERRA
 AUSTRALIA
 MINNEAPOLIS
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 ACHILLES
 LE TRIOMPHANT
 HONOLULU

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (Continued)

British and Allied Forces (Continued)

3 A.B.C.'s - MONOWAI
 WESTRALIA
 KANIMBLA)
 Destroyers - STUART) Refitting
 VOYAGER)
 1515 U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area.

1 A/C Carrier *H0540*
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 10 Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 Some submarines
 Portion 2 Air Squadrons
 C in C Mandates Fleet

Mandates Islands

Truk Area

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Unknown number of destroyers
 At least 14 Chartered Merchant ships
 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
~~C in C Mandates Fleet~~
 Special Landing Party Force
 (Marines)

Jaunt Area

1 Converted A/C Carrier
~~Strong Submarine Force (including~~
~~Commander submarine Force) *6 Submarines*~~
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based)
 comprising Fighters, Torpedo
 Bombers and Reconnaissance
 air-craft
 Several Merchant Ships
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

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 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
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 COLORADO (8-16")
 MARYLAND (8-16")
 TENNESSEE (12-14")
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE
 YORKTOWN

West Coast

Center to - Outer to Area
~~At sea ex Pearl Harbour~~
 1 Pearl Harbour, 4 at sea ex
 Pearl Harbour, 2 Central Pacific
 3 West Coast 1 Pearl Harbour 1
 Panama 2 S. Pacific 1 at sea
 ex Pearl Harbour

San Francisco

West Coast *Born Born*
 West Coast
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 West Coast
 West Coast -should now be ready
 Should now be ready
 Should now be ready

At sea ex Pearl Harbour

Center - Outer to Area

Enemy Forces.

2 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
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 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

24/2/42

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1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. ABDA AREABritish & Allied Forces

- (i) PERTH has ordered convoy MS4 to return to Fremantle, and is proceeding to Batavia with all despatch. E.T.A. Sunda Strait dusk 23/2 or dawn 24/2.
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" was due at Derby 21/2
- (iii) H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0800L/26
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" proceeding Tjilatjap with all despatch
- (v) U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "PAUL JONES" have been assigned to striking forces in place of "FORD" and "POPE", which are to remain at Tjilatjap. "EDSALL" to replace either if considered expedient.

(vi) H.M.A.S. SWAN.Enemy Forces

- (i) Abdacon reports the enemy escort for Palembang expedition, still at Anambas Islands, includes 2 "Mogami" class (8" Cruisers), one "ATAKO" Class, (8" Cruiser) and one "NATORI" class (5.5" Cruiser)
- (ii) Force of 19 ships south of Muntok (West Coast of Bangka) for special purpose, possibly to rearmark part of Palembang Force 22/2
- (iii) Total of 6 ships possibly approaching east, west and north coasts of Soembava. (22/2)
- (iv) 18 ships sighted by air reconnaissance 23/2 in Koepang area - 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer and 3 other vessels in Koepang Bay; 4 destroyers and 8 other vessels in Semace Straits. Also one large warship off south coast of Timor.

B. ANZAC AREABritish & Allied Forces

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- (iv) "LE TRIOMPHANT" is in New Hebrides area carrying out operation GR, in company with "TRIENZA"
- (v) "MONOLOLU" on passage to Melbourne with 7 ships ex Convoy ST 200. Approximate E.T.A. 26/2. "WESTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" is escorting remainder of convoy (4 ships) to Brisbane E.T.A. today.
- (vi) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting
- (vii) "MONOWAI" at Sydney. To proceed Suva about 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty.
- (viii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" at Suva.
- (ix) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) at Melbourne
- (x) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva for mining operations
- (xi) H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" escorting Store Issuing Ship "MERKUR" departed Sydney for Suva 2024/22.

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA Area or ANZAC Area)British and Allied Forces

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B. AUSTRALIA STATION

MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise one aircraft carrier, 2 or 3 8" cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers, is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) A.U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approx E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" escorting 3 ships (convoy 20341) from West Coast has been directed to R.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron approx 450 miles S.E. of Sava at 1600/3/3.

Enemy Forces

Estimated 6 submarines in Marshall Is.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS.

- (i) "WARRENABOOL" reported safe 23/2. S.S.S. "FLORENCE D" (2638 tons) bombed and sunk in position 100 miles N.W.W. of Darwin. 19/2.
- (ii) Large warship sighted entering St. George's Channel proceeding towards Rabaul a.m. 23/2.
- (iii) Abdafloat reports that forces sighted off Christmas Island are almost certain to be friendly.
- (iv) Results to date of Bali engagement 19/20 Feb. - 1 cruiser torpedoed, believed sunk; 2 cruisers, 2 destroyers seriously damaged. (Abda com 23/2)
- (v) Captain C.J. Pope assumed command Darwin Naval Base at 0800 Monday 23rd. February.
- (vi) Aircraft on reconnaissance 23/2 reported that a landing appeared to be taking place near Tenau (3½ miles S.W. of Koepong)

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Coordinated attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo, Southern Celebes area and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

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APPENDIX

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

24/2/42

I. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers -	HOUSTON)	Escorting Convoys and patrolling N.E.I. Waters
	EXETER)	
6 effective 6" Cruisers -	HOBART)	
	PERTH)	
	DARAE)	
	DE RUYTER)	
	JAVA)	
	DRAGON)	
Damaged or refitting -	TROMP)	
28 Destroyers)	
33 Submarines)	
Auxiliaries)	

Enemy Forces

(1) <u>South China Sea</u> - <i>Sumatra</i>)	Present strength uncertain. A number of units are known to have proceeded to the Southern Philippines - Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.
2 Battleships)	
1 Aircraft Carrier)	
4 - 8" Cruisers)	
Several 5.5" cruisers)	
Several Destroyer flotillas)	
2 Submarine Squadrons (16))	
(C. IN C. Southern Expeditionary Force))	

(11) Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters

2 Battleships)
4 Aircraft Carriers)
10 Cruisers (approx) including some 8" cruisers)
Several destroyer flotillas)
Several seaplane tenders)
(C. in C. Third Fleet))
(C. in C. Second Fleet))
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons)

Palau Area - Bonins area

Units of the Combined Fleet including at least 5 Battleships))
2 Aircraft Carriers)

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in Penang area))
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B. ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship	WARSPITE)	(Vide Daily Appreciation Para.1 (B)).
A/C Carrier	LEXINGTON)	
A/C Tenders	CURTISS)	
	TANQIER)	
7 - 8" Cruisers	CANBERRA)	
	AUSTRALIA)	
	MINNEAPOLIS)	
	INDIANAPOLIS)	
	CHICAGO)	
	SAN FRANCISCO)	
4 - 6" Cruisers	PENSACOLA)	
	LEANDER)	
	ACHILLES)	
	LE TRIOMPHANT)	
	HONOLULU)	

B. ANZAC AREA (Continued)

British and Allied Forces (Continued)

3 A.N.C.'s - MONOFAI
 AUSTRALIA
 KANIMBLA
 Destroyers - STUART) Refitting
 VOYAGER)
 15 U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para 1 (5)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 A/C Carrier
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders
 3 - 8" Cruisers
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
 8 Destroyers
 Approx. 10 Transports
 1 Sub. Depot Ship
 Some Submarines
 Portion 2 Air Squadrons
 C in C Mandates Fleet
 1 Gunboat Division
 Mandates Islands

at least

Truk Area

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Unknown number of destroyers
 At least 14 Chartered Merchant ships
 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Jaluit Area

1 Converted A/C Carrier
~~6~~ Submarines 2 submarine squadrons
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based)
 comprising fighters, Torpedo
 Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft
 Several merchant ships
 1 Seaplane Carrier
 Air Tenders and Minesweepers

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area & ANZAC Area)

2 - 6" Cruisers - PHOENIX
 ADELAIDE

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

4 effective Battleships (plus 3
 which should now be ready)
 2 effective A/C Carriers
 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
 6 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 3 old)

West Coast
 Canton Is.-Ellice Is. Area
 1 Pearl Harbour, 4 Canton-Ellice
 Island Area, 2 Central Pacific
 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour
 1 Panama, 2 Bora Bora, 1
 Canton - Ellice Is. area

51 Destroyers
 22 Submarines

BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14")
 NEW MEXICO (12-14")
 IDAHO (12-14")
 COLORADO (8-16")
 MARYLAND (8-16")
 TENNESSEE (12-14")
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

San Francisco
 West Coast
 West Coast
 West Coast (ready)
 West Coast - should now be
 Should now be ready
 Should now be ready

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE
 YORKTOWN

But at sea and in
 Canton - Ellice Is. area

Enemy Forces

2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/2/42

1. POSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) ABDA AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "PERTH" has ordered convoy MS4 to return to Fremantle, and is proceeding to Batavia with all despatch. Should have arrived Sunda Strait by dawn yesterday.
- (ii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" was due at Derby 21/2.
- (iii) H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800/26. *SEA WITCH*
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" proceeding Tjilatjap with all despatch.
- (v) U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "PAUL JONES" have been assigned to striking forces in place of "FORD" and "POPE", which are to remain at Tjilatjap. "EDSALL" to replace either if considered expedient.
- (vi) "SWAN" at Darwin - to proceed Brisbane for repairs. *ETA 0630 2/28*
~~at Darwin - to be sailed for Batavia via Sunda Strait.~~
- (vii) "VAMPIRE" ~~was to have remained~~ under command of C in C Eastern Fleet, but will now proceed Fremantle to repair defects.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Pearl Harbour estimates forces in Anambas Is. area 22/2 as - three heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 10 destroyers.
- (ii) U.S. Naval Intelligence estimate total enemy units engaged in recent operations Bali and Timor areas as - 1 heavy cruiser, 4 light cruisers, 2 aircraft carriers, 9 converted seaplane tenders, about 20 destroyers, about 12 submarines and 2 tankers.
- (iii) Seven stationary ships sighted by air reconnaissance off Dilli (Timor) on 24/2, viz. - 1 transport (15,000 tons), 1 aircraft carrier, 2 cruisers and 3 destroyers.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" at Sydney to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag), "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LAMSON" and U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" is in Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Task Force 11.
- (iii) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON", 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 Destroyers is in the Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (iv) "LE TRIOMPHANT" sailed from Nauru 1945/23 for Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) E.T.A. 0600/26. *Sheel*
- (v) "HONOLULU" on passage to Melbourne with seven ships ex Convoy BT.200. Approximate E.T.A. 26/2. "WESTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyers "MUOPFORD" and "JARVIS" is escorting remainder of convoy (4ships) to Brisbane, E.T.A. a.m. today.
- (vi) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (vii) "MONOWAI" at Sydney. To proceed Suva about 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty.
- (viii) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGLER" at Suva.
- (ix) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) at Melbourne. *ETA for Suva 27/2 with all goods to be delivered to Brisbane*
- (x) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva for mining operations.
- (xi) H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" returned to Sydney 0725/24 from A/S escort duty.
- (xii) F.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" departed Noumea 1500/23 for Sydney, E.T.A. 26/2. *ETA 26/2*

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" is escorting convoy SJ3Z (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") to Fremantle E.T.A. 22/ 1/3.
- (ii) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy MS5 is on passage Fremantle - Bombay, via Colombo, E.T.A. Colombo 0730/5 March.
- (iii) U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" at Fremantle.

- (iv) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) en route Fremantle from Darwin E.T.A. p.m. 26/2.
- (v) Convoy GML (Dutch "BOISSEVAIN") with evacuees was due at Fremantle from Batavia p.m. 23/2.

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC
British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise one aircraft carrier, 2 or 3 8" Cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers, is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is. *slit*
- (ii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approx E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" (8") escorting 3 large transports (convoy 2034) from San Francisco to Brisbane has been directed to R.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron approx 500 miles S.E. of Suva at 1600/3/3. E.T.A. Brisbane p.m. 8/3. *slit*

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Panamanian M.V. "SWASK" (4,500 tons) on 24/2 struck a mine near Amedee Lighthouse off Noumea and was taken in tow by a destroyer. She has since been beached.
- (ii) Flagship of the Third Fleet has moved eastward from the Flores Sea area to the Banda Sea area. The C in C Third Fleet Task Force is believed to be controlling operations in Eastern N.E.I. Waters.

ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo, Southern Celebes area and Bali. *slit*
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Teuk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X .

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON)
 EXETER)
 6 effective 8" Cruisers - BOBART)
 PERTH)
 DANAE)
 DE RUYTER)
 JAVA)
 DRAGON)
 Damaged or refitting - TROMP)

) Escorting Convoys and
) patrolling N.E.I. Waters

28 Destroyers)
 33 Submarines)
 Auxiliaries)

Enemy Forces

(I) South China Sea - *Sumatra area*

2 Battleships - *?*)
 1 Aircraft Carrier)
 11 4 - 8" Cruisers)
 Several 5.5" cruisers)
 Several Destroyer flotillas)
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16))
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary)
 Force))

) Present strength uncertain.
) A number of units are
) known to have proceeded to
) the Southern Philippines -
) Borneo Northern N.E.I.
) Waters.

(II) ~~Southern Philippines - N.E.I. Waters~~

2 Battleships)
 4 Aircraft Carriers)
 10 Cruisers (approx) including)
 some 8" cruisers)
 Several destroyer flotillas)
 Several seaplane tenders)
 (C. in C. Third Fleet))
 (C. in C. Second Fleet))
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons)

Southern Philippines

Palau - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet)
 including at least 5 battleships)
 2 Aircraft Carriers)

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area

10 Submarines (including 3 in)
 Penang area))

B. ANEAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

Battleship WAR PITE)
 A/C Carrier LEXINGTON)
 A/C Tenders CURTIS)
 FANGIER)
 7 - 8" Cruisers CARRERA)
 AUSTRALIA)
 MINNEAPOLIS)
 INDIANAPOLIS)
 CHICAGO)
 SAN FRANCISCO)
 BOSTON)
 4 - 8" Cruisers LEANDER)
 AGUILLES)
 LE TRIUMPHANT)
 HONOLULU)

) (Vide Daily Appreciation
) para.1 (B)).

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ANZAC AREA (Continued)

British and Allied Forces (Continued)

- 3 M.C.'s - MONOWAI
- WESTRALIA
- KANIMBLA)
- Destroyers - STUART) Refitting
- VOYAGER)
- 15 U.S.

(Vide Daily Appreciation Para 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

- 1 A/C Carrier ?
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders
- At least 3 - 8" Cruisers
- 5 - 5.5" Cruisers
- 8 Destroyers
- Approx. 10 Transports
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship
- Some Submarines
- Portier 2 Air Squadrons
- 6 in C Mandates Fleet
- 1 Gunboat Division
- Mandates Islands

Truk Area

- 1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)
- Several 5.5" Cruisers
- Unknown number of destroyers
- At least 14 Chartered Merchant Ships
- 1 Naval Flying Boat Squadron
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines)

Jaluit Area

- 1 Converted A/C Carrier
- 2 Submarine Squadrons
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based) comprising Fighters, Torpedo Bombers and Reconnaissance Aircraft
- Several merchant ships
- 1 Seaplane Carrier
- Air Tenders and Minesweepers

Heavy
at least 50 ships including fighters and bombers
"Hanko"

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area & ANZAC Area)

- 2 - 8" Cruisers - PHOENIX
- ADELAIDE

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- 4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)
- 2 effective A/C Carriers
- 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)
- 6 - 5" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)
- 51 Destroyers
- 22 Submarines
- BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI (12-14")
- NEW MEXICO (12-14")
- IDaho (12-14")
- COLORADO (8-16")
- MARYLAND (8-16")
- TENNESSEE (12-14")
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")

West Coast

- Canton Is. - Ellice Is. Area
- 1 Pearl Harbour, 4 Canton-Ellice Is. Area, 2 Central Pacific
- 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour, 1 Panama, 2 Bora Bora, 1 Canton - Ellice Is. Area
- San Francisco
- West Coast
- West Coast
- West Coast
- West Coast - should now be ready
- Should now be ready
- Should now be ready
- Both at Sea, one in Canton - Ellice Is. Area

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

- ENTERPRISE
- YORKTOWN

Enemy Forces

- 2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

25/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) ~~"SWAN" was due to arrive Sunda Strait by dawn on 23/2.~~
- (ii) H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane E.T.A. Thursday Island ~~25/2/2.~~
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" and "SEA WITCH" proceeding Milatjap with all despatch E.T.A. 27/28th.
- (iv) "SWAN" proceeding from Darwin to Brisbane for repairs E.T.A. 1730⁰⁰/26.
- (v) ~~"HERON" and "VAMPIRE" will remain under command of C in C Eastern Fleet until mid-March.~~
- (vi) U.S. Aircraft Tender "HERON" arrived at Broome 1300L/24/2.
- (vii) U.S. Seaplane Tender "W.B. PRESTON" arrived at Broome at 1200L/24 and departed southbound a.m. 25/2.
- (viii) H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Darwin at 0135L/25/2 for Batavia via Sunda Strait.
- (ix) Several U.S. Submarines in A.B.D.A. Area have been directed to operate in Bali - Anambas - Northern Timor waters with instructions to seize every opportunity to attack.

Enemy Forces

- (i) C.O.S. Colombo reports that there are indications from ~~U/T~~ traffic of large scale operations pending under the direction of C in C Second Fleet, involving units from both Second and Third Fleets. The Second Fleet includes the majority of 8" cruisers and is at present operating principally in the Anambas Islands - Sumatra area. The Third Fleet is at present operating principally in the South East N.E.I. Waters and includes possibly 2 battleships, 4 aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarine squadrons. Units of the Combined Air Force and the First Air Fleet and possibly the Chief of Staff of the 16th Army (thought to be on board the Japanese cruiser "NATORI") are also associated with these operations. (C.O.S. Colombo).
- In view of the present disposition of the enemy forces and recent air activity it would appear that these operations are directed against Java.
- (ii) Abdacom reports that :-
- (a) Japanese advanced bases have probably been established at Anambas Island, Balik Papan, Macassar, Staring Bay (S.E. of Kendari), Manado, Ambon, and Macaul.
- (b) Probable convoy assembly ports are Anambas Islands, Manado, Staring Bay.
- (c) A number of submarine (probably 4) Squadrons - (36 submarines) are operating in A.B.D.A. - Indian Ocean area. Probable submarine bases are -
- Penang
Staring Bay (S.E. of Kendari)
Saigon
- Indications are that these submarines use Sunda Strait as a passage to the Indian Ocean.
- (d) No enemy shipping was observed at Bali on 23/2.
- (e) No shipping was sighted at Dilli on the night of 24/25/2 by our aircraft. Visibility was good.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" departed Sydney 0615 this morning 26/2 for Melbourne.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyer "PERRINS" arrived at Suva 0507/26/2.
- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "LANSON" escorting fleet oiler "FALKEFJELL" departed Suva 1541/26/2 en route for Noumea. *from Suva.*
- (iv) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON", 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva-Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (v) "LE TRIUMPHANT" sailed from Mauru 1945/23 for Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) E.T.A. 0600/26. *from Mauru*

- (i) "HOKULULU" on ^{arrival} passage to Melbourne with seven ships ex convoy BT.200. ¹⁵⁰⁰ Approximate P.T.A. 1030 today. "WESTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" escorting remainder of convoy (4 ships) arrived Brisbane 1245/25/2. "WESTRALIA" (proceeding to Melbourne) ^{arrived at Sydney 1245/25/2}
- (vii) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" at Sydney. ^{to proceed to Suva} To proceed Suva about 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty. ^{ETA about 2/3}
- (ix) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" arrived at Piji at 1900/25/2. ^{To proceed to Vila}
- (x) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) at Melbourne. Has been ordered to load and sail for Batavia with all despatch. E.T.D. 1100/27. ^{ETA 27/2}
- (xi) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva for mining operations.
- (xii) H.M.A.S. "MILBURN" returned to Sydney 0725/24 from A/S escort duty.
- (xiii) P.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" arrived Sydney from Noumea at 0100/26.
- (xiv) Merchant ship "MORINDA" is en route from Sydney to New Hebrides to evacuate civilians to Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 21/3.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Two military transports probably escorted by units of the Fourth (Mandates) Fleet were within 330 miles N.E. of the Southern Point of New Ireland at approx noon 24/2 proceeding south.
- (ii) There is continued evidence of increased air strength in the New Britain area.

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

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- (iii) U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" is at Fremantle.
- (iv) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) en route Darwin to Fremantle. ^{from Darwin} E.T.A. p.m. 26/2. Will probably be required to return to Darwin on completion of disembarkation.
- (v) Convoy SM1 (Dutch "BOISSEVAIN") with evacuees arrived Fremantle from Batavia 24/2 and departed 25/2 for Melbourne.

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

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2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) Flying Fortresses attacked enemy shipping at the mouth of the Macassar River on the 25/2 and sank two transports.
- (ii) U.S.A. Submarines made 2 torpedo attacks on the night of 24/2 on an enemy convoy north of Lombok, scoring 2 hits each on a supply ship and large sloop.
- (iii) Approximately 50,000 tons of Allied shipping in the A.E.D.A. area was sunk between January 15th and Feb. 15th.
- (iv) An unidentified merchant ship was being shelled by an enemy submarine at 1423/25/2 in Sunda Strait. Further details are as yet unknown.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo, S. Celebes area & Bali
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft as a possible prelude to a direct attack.
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A P P E N D I X.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

26/2/42.

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EXETER)

7 6 effective 6" Cruisers - HOBART)

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DE RUYTER)

JAVA)

DRAGON)

Damaged ~~and~~ refitting - TROMP)

25 Destroyers)

33 Submarines)

Auxiliaries)

) Escorting convoys and
) patrolling N.E.I. waters.

Enemy Forces.

(i) South China Sea - Sumatra Area.

2 Battleships ?)

- 1 Aircraft Carrier)

11 - 8" Cruisers)

Several 5.5" Cruisers)

Several Destroyer flotillas)

2 submarine Squadrons (16))

(C. in C. Southern Expeditionary)
Force).

) Present strength uncertain.
) A number of units are known
) to have proceeded to the
) Southern Philippines -
) Borneo Northern N.E.I. Waters.

(ii) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area.

2 Battleships)

- 4 Aircraft Carriers)

10 Cruisers (approx) including)
some 8" cruisers)

Several Destroyer Flotillas)

Several Seaplane tenders)

(C. in C. Third Fleet))

(C. in C. Second Fleet))

At least 2 Submarine Squadrons)

Palau - Truk - Bonins Area.

Units of the Combined Fleet)

including at least 5 Battleships)

- 2 Aircraft Carriers)

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area.

10 Submarines (including 3 in)
Penang area))

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces.

Battleship - WARSPIRE)

A/C Carrier - LEXINGTON)

A/C Tenders - CURTISS)

TANGIER)

7 - 8" Cruisers - CANBERRA)

AUSTRALIA)

MINNEAPOLIS)

INDIANAPOLIS)

CHICAGO)

SAN FRANCISCO)

PENSACOLA)

4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER)

ACHILLES)

LE TRIOMPHANT)

HONOLULU)

) (Vide Daily appreciation
) Para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (Continued)

British and Allied Forces. (Continued)

A.M.C.'s	-	MONOWAY	}
		WESTRALIA	
		KANIMBLA	
Destroyers	-	STUART	} Refitting
		VOYAGER	
		15 U.S.	

(Vide Daily appreciation Para. 1 (B)).

Enemy Forces.

Hismarek Archipelago Area.

1 A/C Carrier			
1 Seaplane Carrier			
4 Converted Seaplane Tenders			
At least 3 - 8" Cruisers			
5 - 5.5" Cruisers			
8 Destroyers			
Approx. 10 Transports			
1 Sub. Depot Ship			
1 Squadron Submarines			
C. in C. Mandates Fleet			
1 Gunboat Division			
At least 50 shorebased Aircraft			
including fighters and heavy bombers.			

Mandated Islands.

Truk Area.

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers	
2 Seaplane Carriers (at least)	
Several 5.5" Cruisers	
Unknown number of destroyers	
At least 14 Chartered Merchant ships	
Special Landing Party Force (Marines)	
3 or 4 Air Squadrons	

Jaluit Area.

1 Converted A/C Carrier	
At least 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)	
2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based)	
comprising fighters, Torpedo bombers and reconnaissance aircraft	
Several merchant ships	
1 Seaplane Carrier	
Air Tenders and Minesweepers	

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area)

2 - 8" Cruisers - PHOENIX	}
ADLAIDE	

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC.

British and Allied Forces.

4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which should now be ready)		West Coast
2 effective A/C Carriers		Canton Is - Ellice Is. Area
7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)		1 Pearl Harbour, 4 Canton-Ellice Is. Area, 2 Central Pacific
8 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 old)		3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour, 1 Panama, 2 Bora Bora, 1 Canton - Ellice Is. Area.
51 Destroyers		
22 Submarines		
<u>BATTLESHIPS</u> - MISSISSIPPI (12-14")		San Francisco
NEW MEXICO (12-14")		West Coast
IDAHO (12-14")		West Coast
COLORADO (8-16")		West Coast
MARYLAND (8-16")		West Coast - should now be ready.
TENNESSEE (12-14")		Should now be ready
PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")		Should now be ready
<u>AIRCRAFT CARRIERS</u> -		
ENTERPRISE		Both at sea, one in Canton - Ellice Is. area.
YORKTOWN		

Enemy Forces.

2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

27/2/42

1. DICTIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCESA. A.B.D.A. AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy M35 is on passage Fremantle-Bombay via Colombo. E.T.A. Colombo 0730/5/3. *Left Colombo 26/2*
- (ii) R.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane. Passed Thursday Island 26/2.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANGLEY" and "SEA WITCH" proceeding Tjilatjap with all despatch E.T.A. 27/28th.
- (iv) "SWAN" proceeding from Darwin to Brisbane for repairs E.T.A. 1730/28.
- (v) U.S. Aircraft Tender "HUGH" at Broome.
- (vi) U.S. Aircraft Tender "A.S. PRESTON" departed from Broome southbound a.m. 25/2.
- (vii) "WARREGO" departed Darwin at 0103/25/2 for Batavia via Sunda Strait.
- (viii) Several U.S. Submarines in A.B.D.A. area are operating in Bali - Anambas - Northern Timor waters with instructions to seize every opportunity to attack.

Enemy Forces

- (i) Sulu Archipelago - 60 to 100 ships of various types were reported to be at Jolo (Sulu peninsula, between borneo - Philippines) on 20/2. A fleet reported in Makassar Strait on 24/2 was probably made up of units from this force.
- (ii) Makassar (Celebes) - Seven transports were sighted at Makassar a.m. 24/2.
- (iii) Java Sea - At 0030Z/24 1 light cruiser, 7 destroyers, 6 transports and 2 submarines were sighted about 90 miles north of Soembawa and Lombok Islands.

B) ANZAC AREABritish and Allied Forces

- (i) "KANSITE" departed Sydney yesterday 26/2 for Fremantle en route to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Anzac Squadron consisting of "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "ACHILLES" "LEANDER" U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" arrived at Suva 26/2 and is proceeding Noumea E.T.A. Sunday 1st March.
- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "LANSON" escorting fleet oiler "PALKEFJELL" en route Noumea from Suva.
- (iv) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON" 8" Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (v) "LE TRIDENT" was due at Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) from Hauru 0600/26 - thence Ocean Is. E.T.A. night 26/2.
- (vi) "HORNBLU" arrived Melbourne with seven ships ex convoy BT.200 at 1500 yesterday 26/2. "AUSTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyers "SUGFORD" and "JARVIS" escorting remainder of convoy (4 ships) arrived Brisbane 25/2. "AUSTRALIA" proceeded to Sydney arriving 1525 yesterday 26/2.
- (vii) "CANBERRA" and "KARIBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" departed Sydney for Noumea and Suva 1230 yesterday 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. E.T.A. Suva about 2/3. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty.
- (ix) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" at Fiji to proceed to Vila. U.S. Aircraft Tender "CUTISS" at Noumea to direct PBY's to proceed Vila as soon as "TANGIER" arrives there; then to proceed to Vila herself to transfer bombs and equipment to "TANGIER"; then proceed to Suva to provide crane service for unloading "MONOWAI". Thence to Pearl Harbour, or as directed by C in C Pacific.
- (x) R.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) at Melbourne. Has been ordered to load ammunition and sail for Batavia via Fremantle. E.T.D. 1100 today 27/2. E.T.A. Batavia 0500/9/3.
- (xi) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva for mining operations.
- (xii) F.W. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" at Sydney.
- (xiii) Merchant ship "MORINDA" is en route from Sydney to New Hebrides to evacuate civilians to Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 14/3.

Enemy Forces

- (i) The Commander of Sandates Air Force is believed to be in Seaplane

Carrier "KAMOI" which has been operating in the Rabaul area and was approx 170 miles N.E. of Greenwich Island on 22/2.

- (ii) There are indications that material increase of air strength is taking place in the Truk and Marshalls areas mostly by transfers from the Palau area and further west.
- (iii) Geminch has advised that the movements of the Aircraft Carrier "HOSHIO" indicates she is probably employed in transporting aircraft from the Mandates to New Britain.

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "ADELAIDE" is escorting convoy SJ3Z ex Batavia (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") to Fremantle E.T.A. 1/3.
- (ii) U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" is at Fremantle.
- (iii) Hospital ship "MANUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) was due at Fremantle from Darwin p.m. 25/2. (Will probably be required to return to Darwin on completion of disembarkation.)
- (iv) Convoy SMI (Dutch "BOISSERVAIN") with evacuees from Batavia departed Fremantle 25/2 for Melbourne.

D) MID PACIFIC and EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise one aircraft carrier, 2 or 3 B" Cruisers, 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Islands.
- (ii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by B" Cruisers "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approximate E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" (B") escorting 3 large transports (convoy 2034) from San Francisco to Brisbane has been directed to R.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron approx 500 miles S.E. of Suva at 1600/3/3. E.T.A. Brisbane p.m. 8/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) MAKASSAR (CELEBES) - Two of seven enemy transports sighted at Makassar a.m. 25/2 were bombed and sunk by allied aircraft.
- (ii) WILSON'S PROMONTORY - What the observers state to have been the conning tower and periscope of a submarine were sighted about one mile off Shell Back Island (west of Wilson's Promontory) by two military personnel at 1030/26. An air search from Laverton proved negative.
- (iii) BROOME (W.A.) - A vessel described only as large, was reported by a N.E.I. pilot 60 miles from Broome 0950/26, and a large patch of oil 100 miles out on the same course. The vessel has not yet been identified.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both South China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, South Borneo, S.Celebes area and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.
- (iv) Move south from Truk-Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raid against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

A P P E N D I X

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY

27/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A. A.B.D.A. AREA.

British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON
 EXETER
 7 effective 6" Cruisers - HOBART
 PERTH
 DANAE
 DRAGON
 DE RUYTER
 JAVA
 PHOENIX
 TROMP

Escorting convoys and
 patrolling N.E.I. waters.

Damaged

26 Destroyers
 33 Submarines
 Auxiliaries

Enemy Forces

(i) South China Sea - Sumatra Area

2 Battleships ?
 1 Aircraft Carrier
 11 8" Cruisers
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Several Destroyer flotillas
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary
 Force).

Present strength uncertain.
 A number of units are known
 to have proceeded to the
 Southern Philippines -
 Borneo Northern N.E.I.
 Waters.

(ii) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area.

2 Battleships
 4 Aircraft Carriers
 10 Cruisers (approx.) including
 some 8" cruisers
 Several Destroyer flotillas
 Several Seaplane Tenders
 (C. in C. Third Fleet)
 (C. in C. Second Fleet)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau - Truk - Bonins Area

Units of the Combined Fleet
 including at least 5 Battleships
 2 Aircraft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area.

10 Submarines (including 5 in
 Penang Area)

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleships WARSPITE
 A/C Carrier LEXINGTON
 A/C Tenders CURTISS
 TANGIER
 7 - 8" Cruisers CANBERRA
 AUSTRALIA
 MINNEAPOLIS
 INDIANAPOLIS
 CHICAGO
 SAN FRANCISCO
 PENNSACOLA
 4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
 ACHILLES
 LE TRIOMPHANT
 HONOLULU

(Vide Daily Appreciation
 Para. 1 (c)).

B. ANZAC AREA (CONTD.)

British and Allied Forces (Contd.)

- A.M.C.'s - HONOLULU)
- WESTRALIA)
- KARIMBLA)
- Destroyers - STUART) Refitting)
- VOYAGER)
- 15 U.S.)

(Wide Daily appreciation Para.1. (S)).

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

- 1 Seaplane Carrier)
- 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders)
- At least 3 - 8" Cruisers)
- 3 - 5.5" Cruisers)
- 3 Destroyers)
- Approx. 15¹⁵ Transports)
- 1 Sub. Depot Ship)
- 1 Squadron Submarines)
- C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
- 1 Gunboat Division)
- At least 50 shorebased Aircraft)
- including fighters and heavy)
- bombers)

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

- 1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers)
- 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
- Several 5.5" Cruisers)
- Unknown number of destroyers)
- At least 14 Chartered Merchant ships)
- Special Landing Party Force (Marines))
- 3 or 4 Air Squadrons)

Jaluit Area

- 1 Converted A/C Carrier)
- At least 2 Submarine Squadrons (16))
- 2 Naval Units (Air) (shore-based))
- comprising fighters, Torpedo-bombers)
- and reconnaissance aircraft)
- Several merchant ships)
- 1 Seaplane Carrier)
- Air Tenders and Mine-sweepers)

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area)

- 1 - 6" Cruiser - ADMLAIDE.

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- 4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which)
- should now be ready))
- 2 effective A/C Carriers)
- 7 - 8" Cruisers (all modern))
- 8 - 6" Cruisers (3 modern - 6 o.N))

West Coast
 Canton Is. Ellice Is. Area
 1 Pearl Harbour, 4 Canton-Ellice Is. area, 2 Central Pacific
 3 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour
 1 Panama, 2 Horn Bora, 1
 Canton - Ellice Is. area.

51 Destroyers

22 Submarines

BATTLESHIPS

- MISSISSIPPI - (12-14"))
- NEW MEXICO (12-14"))
- IDAHO (12-14"))
- COLORADO (8-16"))
- MARYLAND (8-16"))
- TENNESSEE (12-14"))
- PENNSYLVANIA (12-14"))

San Francisco
 West Coast
 West Coast
 West Coast
 West Coast - should be ready now
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 do. do.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

- ENTERPRISE)
- YORKTOWN)

Both at sea, one in Canton-Ellice Is. area.

Enemy Forces

- 2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
- 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
- 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY
28/2/42

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES

A) A.B.D.A. AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting convoy MS5 on passage Fremantle - Bombay via Colombo will be relieved today by U.S.S. "ENTERPRISE". "PHOENIX's" future movements are not known.
- (ii) H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (damaged) is on passage Darwin to Brisbane. Passed Thursday Island 26/2.
- (iii) U.S. Seaplane Carrier "LANOLEY" and ~~"SEA WITCH"~~ due Tjilatjap 27/28th. (See Naval Incidents for air attack).
- (iv) "SWAN" proceeding from Darwin to Brisbane for repairs E.P.A. today.
- (v) U.S. Aircraft Tender "HERON" sailed from Broome 2233/25 (destination unknown).
- (vi) U.S. Aircraft Tender "W.B. PRESTON" departed from Broome southbound a.m. 25/2.
- (vii) "WARREGO" departed Darwin at 0103/25/2 for Batavia via Sunda Strait.
- (viii) British, U.S. and Dutch submarines are operating in Bali - Anambas Is. - Northern Timor waters with instructions to seize every opportunity to attack.
- (ix) Two allied striking forces are operating against enemy convoys east and west of Java (see Naval Incidents.) The composition of these striking forces is -
 - (a) "DE RUYTER" (Flag), "EXETER" "PERTH" "ELECTRA" "JUPITER" "ENCOUNTER"
 - (b) "HOBART" "DRAGON" "DANAE" "SCOUT" "TENEDOS"

Enemy Forces

On 26/2 seven sightings of enemy convoys were reported by aircraft and submarines in both the east Java and West Java Seas as follows -

- (a) East Java Sea - Three formations in the area between S.E. Borneo - Macassar and Sumbawa totalling 7 cruisers, 11 destroyers, 25 transports.
- (b) Off Bali - 2 cruisers, 1 destroyer, 1 auxiliary, 3 transports.
- (c) West Java Sea - Anchored Muntok Harbour (Banka) 14 merchant ships (4 - 9,000 tons, 6 - 5,000 tons, 4 less than 5,000 tons).
 - (i) Between Pontianak (W. Borneo) and Singapore, 3 battle cruisers, 3 cruisers, 3 destroyers course 190°.

B) ANZAC AREA

British and Allied Forces

- (i) "WARSPITE" departed Sydney yesterday 26/2 for Fremantle en route to join Eastern Fleet.
- (ii) Two units of the Anzac Squadron H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) and U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" arrived Vila 1432/27.
- (iii) U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" escorting fleet oiler "FALKEFJELL" en route Noumea from Suva.
- (iv) Task Force 11 including aircraft carrier "LEXINGTON", 8 Cruisers "INDIANAPOLIS" "MINNEAPOLIS" "SAN FRANCISCO" "PENSACOLA" and 11 destroyers is in the Suva - Noumea area co-operating with Anzac Force.
- (v) "LE TRIOMPHANT" was due at Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) from Nauru 0600/26 - thence Ocean Is. E.T.A. night 28/2.
- (vi) "HONOLULU" ~~arrived~~ Melbourne with seven ships ex convoy BT.200 ~~at 1300/26~~. ~~"WESTRALIA"~~ with U.S. Destroyers "MUGFORD" and "JARVIS" escorting remainder of convoy (4 ships) arrived Brisbane, 28/2. "WESTRALIA" proceeded to Sydney arriving 1525/26/2. *at Sydney*
- (vii) "CANBERRA" and "KANIMBLA" at Sydney refitting.
- (viii) "MONOWAI" departed Sydney for Noumea and Suva 1230 26/2 with survey gear and U.S. Naval personnel. E.T.A. Suva about 2/3. Later to proceed Auckland for convoy duty.
- (ix) U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" at Fiji to proceed to Vila. U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS" at Noumea to direct PEY's to proceed Vila as soon as "TANGIER" arrives there; thence to proceed to Vila herself to transfer bombs and equipment to "TANGIER"; then proceed to Suva to provide crane service for unloading "MONOWAI" Thence to Pearl Harbour, or as directed by C in C Pacific.
- (xii) H.M.S. "ATHENE" (auxiliary for transporting crated aircraft) depart-

*These balloons
convoy
see Para 52*

ed Melbourne yesterday for Fremantle E.T.A. 0400/5/3; thence Batavia E.T.A. 0500/9/3.

- (xi) U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (640 tons) is at Suva mine-laying.
- (xii) P.F. Sloop "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" at Sydney.
- (xiii) Merchant ship "MORINDA" is en route from Sydney to New Hebrides to evacuate civilians to Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 14/3.

Enemy Forces (See Appendix)

C) AUSTRALIA STATION (not including ABDA AREA or ANZAC AREA)

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Dutch Light Cruiser "TROMP" arrived Fremantle 2045/27 for repairs.
- (ii) "ADELAIDE" escorting convoy SJ3Z ex Batavia (4 merchant ships, 1 auxiliary towing "VENDETTA") to Fremantle is at least 2 days late E.T.A. now 3/3. After fuelling she will proceed to Melbourne.
- (iii) U.S. Fleet Tanker "GEORGE HENRY" is at Fremantle.
- (iv) Hospital ship "MARUNDA" with 300 cases (100 walking) has arrived Fremantle from Darwin. She is awaiting decision regarding repairs before future movements can be given.
- (v) Convoy SMI (Dutch "BOISSEVAIN") with evacuees from Batavia departed Fremantle 25/2 for Melbourne E.T.A. today.

(xi)

Enemy Forces

NEW IRELAND - Three destroyers were sighted anchored in a bay adjacent to Cape Bougainville (southern extremity New Ireland) at 2 1935/27.

D) MID PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

- (i) Task Force 17 believed to comprise U.S. aircraft carrier "YORKTOWN", 8" Cruisers "LOUISVILLE" and "ASTORIA" and 7 or 9 destroyers is operating in the area between Canton and Ellice Is.
- (ii) A U.S. Convoy of 6 ships escorted by 8" Cruisers "NEW ORLEANS" is en route to Brisbane from the U.S. West Coast approximate E.T.A. 5/3.
- (iii) U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" (8") escorting 3 large transports (convoy 2034) from San Francisco to Brisbane has been directed to R.V. with relief cruisers from Anzac Squadron approx 500 miles S.E. of Suva at 1500/5/3. E.T.A. Brisbane p.m. 8/3.

2. NAVAL INCIDENTS

- (i) JAVA SEA - S.O. China reported at 1932/27 strong enemy force with large number of transports approaching Sourabaya. Striking force comprised of "EXETER" "PERTH" "ELECTRA" "JUPITER" "ENCOUNTER" under Dutch Admiral in "DE RUYTER" have been in action. "EXETER"s speed reduced to 16 knots. At 1822/27 H.M.S. "EXETER" in company with striking force was 30 miles from Sourabaya. No further details available.
- (ii) "HOBART" "DRAGON" "SCOUT" "TENEDOS" sailing when fuelled night of 27th to attack force reported 110 miles to the north of Batavia at 1122/27. Because of fuel shortage at Batavia these units have been ordered to proceed to Trincomalee presumably after action.
- (iii) "ANKING" and remainder British minor war vessels with damaged "WAR SIRDAR" being sailed night of 27th to Tjilatjap. "WAR SIRDAR" to Trincomalee. S.O. China remaining in Batavia with nucleus operational and communication staff, remainder transferred to Tjilatjap.
- (iv) U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" reported to have been attacked and badly damaged by 16 enemy bombers in the vicinity of Tjilatjap at 1158/27.
- (v) During enemy air attacks on Tanjong Priek 24/2 and 25/2 "EXETER" suffered slight damage and "HOBART" some casualties but no major damage.
- (vi) OPNAV reports Japanese reportedly requisitioned French merchant ships in Indo-China.

3. ENEMY'S PROBABLE NEXT MOVE

- (i) Concerted attack on Java from both S.China Sea and Macassar Straits areas using air bases in Sumatra, S.Borneo, S.Celebes area and Bali.
- (ii) Occupation of further bases in South Flores Sea.
- (iii) Continued air attacks on Darwin by both shore-based and ship-borne aircraft possibly as a prelude to a direct attack.

- (ix) Move south from Truk - Rabaul area to cut Torres Strait reinforcement route including probable attack against Port Moresby and raids against N.E. Australian bases including Townsville.
- (v) Raids on key islands in Mid Pacific including Canton, Midway and Hawaii.

SUPPLEMENT TO - NAVAL INCIDENTS

- vii) NORTH WEST CAPE (W.A) - Light house keeper North West Cape (W.A) reports two four funnelled destroyers, 2 supply ships and 2 submarines passed at 1000/27 and anchored in Gulf. One Destroyer and two submarines sailed during afternoon direction unknown. Supply ships flying American Ensign. Suggested U.S. Destroyers of Truxon class with Holland and Black Hawk and two submarines from Tjilatjap.

APPENDIX.

DAILY APPRECIATION - PACIFIC NAVAL ACTIVITY.

28/2/42.

1. DISPOSITIONS ALLIED AND ENEMY NAVAL FORCES.

A. A.B.D.A. AREA.

British and Allied Forces

2 effective 8" Cruisers - HOUSTON
 EKSTER
 7 effective 6" Cruisers - HOBART
 PERTH
 DANAK
 DRAGON
 DE RUYTER
 JAVA
 HOHENX
 Phoenix
 approx 20 }
 26 Destroyers }
 31 55 Submarines }
 Auxiliaries.

Escorting convoys and
 patrolling N.E.I. waters

Enemy Forces. *Possibly 3*

(i) South China Sea - Sumatra Area
~~5~~ Battleships
 1 Aircraft Carrier
 11 8" Cruisers
 Several 5.5" Cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 2 Submarine Squadrons (16)
 (C. in C. Southern Expeditionary
 Force).

Present strength uncertain.
 A number of units are known
 to have proceeded to the
 Southern Philippines -
 Borneo Northern N.E.I.
 Waters

(ii) N.E.I. - Southern Philippines Area.

2 Battleships
 4 Aircraft Carriers
 10 Cruisers (approx) including
 some 8" cruisers
 Several Destroyer Flotillas
 Several Seaplane Tenders
 (C. in C. Third Fleet)
 (C. in C. Second Fleet)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons

Palau - Truk - Bonins Area *Possibly*

Units of the Combined Fleet
 including ~~at least~~ 5 Battleships
 2 Air Craft Carriers

Java, Darwin, Indian Ocean Area.

10 Submarines (including 5 in
 Penang Area)

B. ANZAC AREA.

British and Allied Forces

Battleship WANSPIE
 A/C Carrier Lexington
 A/C Tenders CURTISS
 TANGIER
 7 - 8" Cruisers CANBERRA
 AUSTRALIA
 MINNEAPOLIS
 INDIANAPOLIS
 CHICAGO
 SAN FRANCISCO
 PENSACOLA
 NEW ORLEANS
 4 - 6" Cruisers - LEANDER
 ACHILLES
 LE TRIOMPHANT
 HONOLULU

(Vide Daily Appreciation
 Para. 1 (B)).

B. ANZAC AREA (CONTD)

British and Allied Forces (Contd)

3 A.M.C.'s - HONOLULU)
 WESTRALIA)
 KANIMELA)
 Destroyers - STUART) Refitting) (Vide Daily appreciation
 VOYAGER) Para 1.(B)).
 15 U.S.)
~~Dutch Cruiser TROMP Undergoing repairs at point Fremantle~~

Enemy Forces

Bismarck Archipelago Area

1 Seaplane Carrier)
 4 Converted Seaplane Tenders)
 At least 3 - 8" Cruisers)
 5 - 5.5" Cruisers)
 8 Destroyers)
 Approx. 15 Transports)
 1 Sub.Depot Ship)
 1 Squadron Submarines)
 C. in C. Mandates Fleet)
 1 Gunboat Division)
 At least 50 shorebased Aircraft)
 including fighters and heavy)
 bombers)

Mandated Islands

Truk Area

1 possibly 2 A/C Carriers)
 2 Seaplane Carriers (at least))
 Several 5.5" Cruisers)
 Unknown number of destroyers)
 At least 14 Chartered Merchant Ships)
 Special Landing Party Force (Marines))
 3 or 4 Air Squadrons)

Jaluit Area

1 Converted A/C Carrier)
 At least 2 Submarine Squadrons (16))
 2 Naval Units (Air) (shorebased))
 comprising fighters, torpedo-bombers)
 and reconnaissance Aircraft)
 Several merchant ships)
 1 Seaplane Carrier)
 Air Tenders and Mine-sweepers)

C. AUSTRALIA STATION (excluding ABDA Area and ANZAC Area)

2 - 6" Cruisers - ADLAIDE.)
 (Rom P (FOR REPAIRS))

D. MID-PACIFIC AND EAST PACIFIC

British and Allied Forces

4 effective Battleships (plus 3 which) *Canton*
 should now be ready) *1 Canton - Ellice Islands area*
 2 effective A/C Carriers) *West Coast*
 6 - 8" Cruisers (all modern)) *Canton Is. Ellice Is. Area*
) *1 Pearl Harbour, 2 Canton-*
) *Ellice Is area, 3 Central Pac-*
) *ific.*
 8 - 6" Cruisers (2 modern - 6 old)) *4 West Coast, 1 Pearl Harbour*
) *2 Canton, 1 Dora Dora, 1*
) *Canton - Ellice Is. Area.*

51 Destroyers

22 Submarines

BATTLESHIPS - MISSISSIPPI - (12-14")) *San Francisco*
 NEW MEXICO (12-14")) *West Coast*
 IDAHO (12-14")) *West Coast*
 COLORADO (8-16")) *West Coast*
 MARYLAND (8-16")) *West Coast-should now be ready.*
 TENNESSEE (12-14")) *do do*
 PENNSYLVANIA (12-14")) *do do*

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

ENTERPRISE) *At sea - Mid-Pacific*
 YORKTOWN) *Canton Area.*

Enemy Forces

2 - 5.5" Cruisers (possibly)
 4 Submarines between Midway Island and Vancouver
 4 Submarines in West Hawaiian Waters.