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# Wartime Organization of the Combined Fleet (海軍軍勢(2))

9/10 Outline of the Wartime Organization at the Outbreak of war  
 The Wartime Organization of the Imperial Navy which was put into effect on 1 September 1941, consisted of the <sup>Superior</sup> Center Battle Force (中央部隊) the <sup>Inferior</sup> Inner Battle Force (内戦部隊) and the Replenishment Force (補給部隊)

The Center Battle Force consisted of the Combined Fleet and the China Area Fleet. The Inner Battle Force were made up of Naval District Forces and Guided District Forces. The Replenishment Force were divided between the Outer and Inner Battle Forces. As war preparations progressed, each was filled up. At the time of the beginning of the Great East Asia War the Combined Fleet became an unprecedented large organization as follows: The Center/Outer Battle Force consisting of 9 Fleets, 5 Battle Squadrons and attached forces all under the direct command of the CMC Combined Fleet

1st Fleet - 10 battleships, 4 heavy cruisers, 2 aircraft carriers (with 2 destroyers attached), 30 destroyers and 1 transport.

2nd Fleet - 13 heavy cruisers, 2 light cruisers, 32 destroyers, 1 AE

3rd Fleet - 1 CA, 3 CL, 8 DD, 4 SS, 4 Torpedo Boats, 2 CVB, 6 MVL, 1 AS, 13 M/S, 15 SC, 1 AR, 3 Base Forces and others

4th Fleet - 1 CL(T), 3 CL, 8 DD, 9 SS, 1 AS, 2 CVB, 4 MVL, 1 AR, 1 AH, 2 SL (4 Base Forces), 1 SLF and others

5th Fleet - 2 CL, 1 AV, 2 XCL, 2 Torpedo Boats, 1 Base Force + others

6th Fleet - 1 CL(T), 1 AS, 2 XAS, 30 SS.

1st Air Fleet (carriers) 8 aircraft carriers, 10 DD

11th Air Fleet (shore based air) 8 Base Air Squadrons, 3 DD, 6 aircraft transports.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet 1 CL(T), 1 Coast Defense Ship, 2 Base Forces (consisting of mine layers, mine sweepers, searchers, communication force, seaplane tenders, mine sweepers, tenders etc)

## Forces under the Direct Command of CMC Combined Fleet

1 Auxiliary Cruiser (3 XCL), 2 Seaplane tenders, 1 Mine (CVS),

2 Submers (14 SS and 2 AS), Combined Communication Force (8 Communication Units) (通信隊)

## Forces ATTACHED to the Combined Fleet

1 Combined Land Force (2 Sp. Land Forces), 2 SLF (Perchips),

3 SLF, 1 M/S Division, 2 AR, 3 AH, 1 CVS (in midget subs)

2 Bombing Targets.

THE CHINA AREA FLEET consisted of 3 Fleets plus the HAINAN Area Guard Force plus attached forces.

1st China Expeditionary Fleet - 10 river gunboats, 1 Base Force

2nd China " " 1 CL, 2 PG, 2 Torpedo Boats + 2 Base Forces

3rd China " " 1 OCL, 1 SLF, and 1 Base Force.

INNER Battle Forces - primarily the Naval Base forces of Yokosuka, Kure, Sasebo, and Maizuru; Guard Forces of Ominato, Otsu, IJA, BAKO, RYUJUN and OSAKA Guard Districts.

# Notes

See notes to Vol II

All times/dates are Tokyo Standard Time/Date = (-9)  
 Single Parentheses (...) enclose remarks, explanations by the originator/author  
 Double " (...) enclose remarks, clarifications, observations by the translator

NOTES: All numbered fleets (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th) are Administrative in nature but when assigned an operational role or mission assume other tactical designations.

1st Fleet (mainly battleships plus DD screen) "SCREENING/COVERING FORCE"

2nd Fleet (principally heavy cruisers and DD screen) "ADVANCE FORCE"

3rd Fleet (Amphibious Assault Force - various types) "Philippine Force"

4th Fleet (old cruisers + DDs, Amphibious) "MIDWAY FORCE"

5th Fleet (Light Cruisers, Auxiliary Cruisers, South Seas ("Mandate") Force)

6th Fleet (Submarines, Sub-tenders) "VANTAGE FORCE"

1st Air Fleet (1st line a/c carriers + screen + support/BS+CA) "CARRIER STRIKE FORCE"

11th Air Fleet (shore based naval aviation, bombers and fighters - early called the "Combined Air Force") - "Base Air Force"

A Fleet is commanded by a ConC; when wearing his tactical cap he is called the Commander of a Force "Force Commander"

When the 1st AIR FLEET organization was terminated following the sinking of the ARAGI, KAGA, SORU and HIRYO at the Battle of Midway, it was replaced by a new 3rd Fleet -- with tactical title "CARRIER STRIKE FORCE"

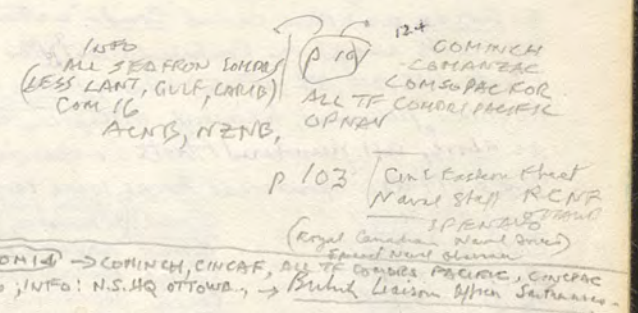
Note: All U.S. messages here are filed (as sent) by GCT (Zone 8)

At time of Pearl Harbor, Pearl Harbor time was Zone 10; Later on Pearl Harbor time was shifted to Zone +10, from Zone 10.

Subtract 10 hrs from GCT, to get Dutch Harbor time subtract 11 hrs from GCT and to get Midway local time, subtract 12 hrs from GCT.

While the Japanese "Tsushingoho" is properly "Communication Intelligence" it is also called "Radio Intelligence" as more descriptive, as Orange CI consisted of 90% (+) Traffic Analysis + Deductions therefrom.

Orange spelling of PALAU (PARAO - PALAO), TINIAN (TENIAN) etc, are used for accuracy and consistency.



(MISCELLANEOUS NOTES in rear)



Abbreviations Used in following Intelligence transcripts:

GF = Combined Fleet  
1F, 2F, 3F etc 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet etc.

h submarine(s)

B.F. = Base Force

F = Cinc Fleet or Major Force (Tactical Title of Fleet Com.)

C = Comdr (such as ComBat Div 3, ComDesRon 2 etc.)

KdB = "Striking Force" (Carrier Strike Force)

m = radio/radio station

CV = CV (aircraft carrier)

r = AC - land plane

B = seaplane

± = connected with

ass. = associated with

± = Naval

NAS  
IGS = Naval General Staff

WX = weather

apc = Aircraft/plane(s)

p.l. = plain language

tfc = traffic (radio traffic)

21, 22, 23, 24 etc Sf = <sup>1st</sup> Fleet Staff

SLF = Special Land Force (±)

Material contained in Green Borders is background material, translated from the War History Series ("SEN. SHI SOSHU" 海軍史書 published (post war) by the History Section of the JAPAN DEFENCE AGENCY

The symbol (±) stands for Vol 50 - "DAITONAI KOKUNSU-BENSOKAKU" "NAVY STAFF SECTION, IMPERIAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - COMBINED FLEET VOL. II" with page number, for reference.

The term "Combined Fleet", as used in the "SENSHI SOSHU", means "Staff, Combined Fleet," or "Headquarters, Combined Fleet" as the Cinc Combined Fleet's executive authority, acting for the Cinc Combined Fleet. Where "Cinc Combined Fleet" is used, it means the action or directive was issued by the Cinc, or that the decision was that of the Cinc, himself.

In message traffic (U.S. Comint traffic) the Cinc of Fleets, as well as forces, are often called "Comdr." without distinction. Actually, all Fleets except the Combined Fleet and the China Fleet were numbered Fleets (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> etc) whose tasks were largely administrative (logistics, personnel, training, discipline etc). All Numbered Fleets had a Tactical or Operational Title for operations tasks as follows (and the Cincs of these Operational Forces were termed Commanders):

CINC 1 <sup>ST</sup> FLEET	COMDR. <sup>MAIN BODY</sup> SCREENING (or Covering) Force
CINC 2 <sup>ND</sup> FLEET	COMDR. ADVANCE FORCE
CINC 3 <sup>RD</sup> FLEET	COMDR. EXPEDITIONARY FORCE
CINC 4 <sup>TH</sup> FLEET	COMDR. SOUTH SEAS (MANDATES) FORCE
CINC 5 <sup>TH</sup> FLEET	COMDR. NORTHERN FORCE
CINC 6 <sup>TH</sup> FLEET (SUBMARINE FLEET)	COMDR. VANGUARD (SUBMARINE) FORCE also Adv. Expeditionary Force
CINC 1 <sup>ST</sup> AIR FLEET	COMDR. CARRIER STRIKE FORCE
CINC 11 <sup>TH</sup> AIR FLEET	COMDR. BASE AIR FORCE (NAVAL SHORE BASED AIR FORCES)

NEI/Bay Range 47  
South Seas Force - SEAREA East of 126-20'E and South of 29° North in addition to 3<sup>rd</sup> (Palau) Defense Force's SEAREA - South of 24°

Rengumatori / Shifts GF warship assignments 11/7/41  
NEI/Bay/62 Comdr 4 = RINDO, KASUGA, + Deshr 3 (No Carrier 3!)

On 15 Jan 1941 the previous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Combined Air Forces respectively reorganized as the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Air Fleets and with their attached DD (Mitsukage 峯風 and Oikaze 沖風 became the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Fleet

Suffix

call sign terminal #

x	Mo Ro 2 = 4 <sup>th</sup> Fleet
xx	Mo Ro 22 = Cinc 4F
x 03	Mo Ro 203 = All Cinc's, 4F
x -1	Mo Ro 201 Secretary -
x 17	Mo Ro 217 Staff 4F Staff
x 49	Mo Ro 249 <sup>Staff</sup> Comdr. 4F
x 56	Mo Ro 256 (Ship) Communication Off
x 58	Mo Ro 258 C/S 4F
	78 Chusho - at Kure
	- Air officer

Special Area 38



From Vol. 85 of the Senjishi sho (War History Series), "NAVAL OPERATIONS IN HOME WATERS". 本土方面海軍作戦 ("Hondo Heikan Kaigun Sakusen") p. 73-

27. THE GUARD AGAINST AMERICAN CARRIER FORCES - Situation in January and February 1942. General Situation: Since the outbreak of war our Southern Invasion operations had progressed smoothly, our army, moving south along the MALAY Peninsula, entered SINGAPORE on February 1st, the British Army surrendering unconditionally on the 15th. In the Philippines area U.S. and Philippine Forces had retreated into the BATAAN Peninsula and MANILA had been occupied on 2 January. And other strategically important places had been occupied during February. Also, in January and February the islands of SUMATRA, CELEBES, BORNEO, ANBOHMA, etc., were captured and JAVA put under siege. In the meantime the South Seas Force (the Main Force - the forces of the 4th Fleet, reinforced) had captured CAROLINA and KAVIRATI, acquiring Advance Bases in the South East Area.

On the Eastern Front, signs of activity by their carrier forces gradually appeared, and the Navy General Staff estimated in late December that enemy air attacks on our main islands would probably not occur until early February.

On 1 January 1942, the I-3 reported sighting an American force which included an aircraft carrier, south of the Hawaiian area, proceeding on a westerly course. It was estimated that if this American force planned to make an air attack on Tokyo, it would arrive in Japanese waters around 10 January, so all forces of the Combined Fleet, the YOKOSUKA and OMINATO Naval Districts went on the alert, as follows: NORTHERN FORCE (1) Deployed the Patrol Force, composed of Auxiliary Cruiser Division 22 (AWATA Maru and ASAKA Maru) and the auxiliary Seaplane tender KIMIKAWA Maru, to the Eastern High Seas patrol line.

(2) Sent the Auxiliary Gunboat SHOJI Maru and 14 Picket Boats 700 miles offshore to the east to conduct observation patrols from the 9th onward. (3) Patrolled the BOKIN Islands Area with Gunboat Division #14 and the CHICHINIMA Air Squadron. YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT FORCE. (1) Stationed its Guard Force some 300 miles offshore and its special Picket boats some 350 miles to the east of the shores of the Tokyo Plain. (2) Stationed the HATSUSHIMA and 2 Special Picket Boats 50 miles off KASHIMA NADA and patrolled the area off the Tokyo Plain with the offshore Patrol Force. (3) Placed its Air Defense fighter force on stand-by from 0600 the 8th (4) Carried out enemy air searches with 6 planes each from YOKOSUKA and KISARATSU out to 500 miles and put the Air Attack Force on stand-by on the 10th. OMINATO DISTRICT FORCE: Beshr 1 patrolled the KURILES and to the east of HOKKAIDO.

On 12 January the I-6 reported torpedoing and sinking the American carrier LEXINGTON (actually, it was only damaged), 500 miles S.E. of the Hawaiian Islands. Moreover since no reports were received as results from their enemy search operations, normal patrol situation was resumed.

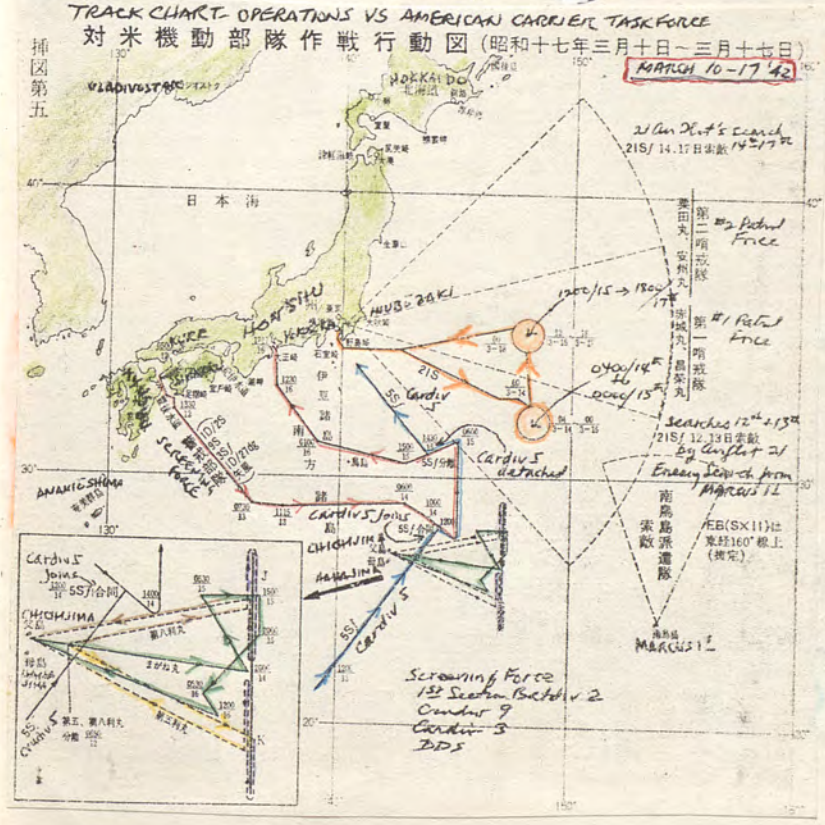
AMERICAN CARRIER FORCE ATTACKS THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
Early in the morning of 1 February an American Carrier Force, in two groups, attacked the MARSHALL and GILBERT Islands. The Combined Fleet ordered "USE OPERATIONS METHOD #3 AGAINST THE AMERICAN FORCE" [Combined Fleet Secret Order #1 of 15 November 1941 outlined operations by Northern, South Seas, Submarine and Air Strike Forces in the event of an attack by an American Carrier Force]. Our Carrier Strike Force (centered in the ATAGI and KAGA) departed TRUK at 1100/1 Feb advanced to the east but being unable to meet the enemy, suspended its operations and returned to PARAU on 8 February.

The Northern Force deployed the KISO, TAMA, SAGI, AWATA Maru, AKAZI Maru and ASAKA Maru to form a patrol line to the east and ordered the Picket Boats that were being readied in YOKOSUKA to prepare to depart. The 7th Base Force (Chichijima) was directed to have Mine Sweeper Div 17 (4 XAM) and Subchaser Div 66 (3 XSC) deploy along longitude 150 East as a patrol line. The Yokosuka Naval District had the Noshiro Maru and Effon Maru and 5 special Picket Boats patrol along longitude 146 East, but none made any sightings. On the 5th actual conditions were recalled. SCREENING FORCE ORGANIZED. In view of the surprise attacks by American Carrier forces on the Inner South Seas (Mandates Area), the HQ, Combined Fleet, envisioning the possibility of this kind of attack against the Tokyo area, were deeply concerned with the necessity to strengthen the guard over the seas to the east of HOKKAIDO. On 8 February, 5th Air Fleet #64 made Cardiv 5 (of the 1st Air Fleet) the nucleus of a newly formed "Combined Fleet's Air Force" and stationed it in home waters to be ready for an attack by an American carrier force. On 7th February, based on a Radio Intelligence report by the OWADA Communications Unit, the Combined Fleet estimated - "it was highly probable" that an American Carrier force was closing our home waters. To prepare for this, it ordered the formation of a SCREENING (or Guard) force from the Main Force, the rest of the 8th

and assigned it the task of standing guard and to give warnings. "SCREENING FORCE" = Combined Fleet's 1st Fleet (N. Adm. TAKASO) - Composition: BATDIV 2 (ISEI, HYUGA, FUJIO, YAMASHIRO) CARDIV 9 (KITAKAMI, OI), CARDIV 3 (HOSHIO, ZUIHO, MIKAZUKI, YUKAZE), Attached AIR FORCE (SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU, ARIGUMO, ARARE, KAGERO), Desdiv 27 1st Section, plus YAKAZE. The Yokosuka District carried out air searches from the 10th onward but nothing was sighted, neither on the 10th nor 11th, so these searches were suspended. (The original OWADA Radio Report of air radio transmission of 4-5 ships bearing about 53° had, in the meantime proven to be routine American civil air-line transmissions in the U.S.). The Northern Force had deployed its patrol lines on the 8th but on the 10th it became clear that the previous Radio Intelligence had been based on routine administrative messages of U.S. Commercial air-line stations. As nothing untoward had occurred, the Combined Fleet cancelled its order "USE METHOD #3 AGAINST THE AMERICAN FLEET" \*ARIAKE, YUGURE

SITUATION AFTER MID FEBRUARY  
Based on a Radio Intelligence report that an American Carrier force had departed PEARL HARBOR around 1400 the 16th of February, HQ GF on 17 February estimated that there was a good probability an American Carrier force would attack WAKE or the MANDATES Area. All forces increased their vigilance; the YOKOSUKA Dist. sent 9 vessels of its Defense Forces to patrol its eastern seas and made air searches to 500 miles beginning the 22nd. Subsequently Radio Intelligence reported on the 19th that an American Carrier force was to the north of JALUT, but on the 20th it appeared to the east of KARAU and Battled with the South Seas force. On the 24th, WAKE Island was bombed from the air and bombardment from sea by an American Carrier force, and it was believed that the danger of air attack on the home islands had vanished. Deployments returned to normal except YOKOSUKA had one unit of its Patrol Force remain on station.

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- BACKGROUND DATA -



From (X2) pages 223/224  
Reorganization Notes

(X2) Volume 80 of the 戦史叢書  
WAR HISTORY SERIES - "DAIHONJI-RENGOKANTAI (3)  
"IMPERIAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS - COMBINED FLEET VOL 2

December 13 1941 - KASUGA Maru detached from Cardiv 4 and assigned to the 1st Kure Naval District.  
December 16 1941 - MATO joined the Fleet.  
December 22 1941 - SHOTO assigned to Cardiv 4.  
December 31 1941 - Aircraft complements of Cardiv 1 and Cardiv 2 reduced.

SRN 129620 12/8/41 0400. From CMC of 1st Section NWS (HQ) → (All) Chiefs of Staff Combined Fleet, 2nd Fleet; C/S of Fleet 2nd Air Fleet.

AT 0130 LANDINGS COMMENCED IN X DISTRICT (MALAY).  
AT 0330 SURPRISE ATTACK SUCCESSFUL IN A4 (HAWAIIAN) AREA

SRN 12/07/1800/I 1941 (To: 1107/1546 G SU 32E) - H) From CMC of 1st Section NWS (HQ) → (All) Chiefs of Staff Combined Fleet, 2nd Fleet; C/S of Fleet 2nd Air Fleet.  
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SRN 115367 ME NV 1 (Kure Radio) DE MA FU 6 (Tokyo Radio) - SU U W 23 To: From ME 50 88 CMC GF → NA SE KI Guard by 50000 Radio 12/07/1540 (12/7/2046 Serial 548 From Submarine I-72 Time 1255 AMERICAN FLEET IS NOT IN AREA UN 5 0002Z (LANTANA RECORDS))

## DECEMBER 1941

### IMPORTANT DESPATCHES PRIOR TO 1 JANUARY 1942

(From OP 20 GY File (J.J.R.'s papers - in Janata's custody) 151250  
FROM COMSIXTEEN (15 DECEMBER 1941) TO OPNAV INFO CINCPAC. COPEK  
TWO INTERCEPTS IN AFIRM NEGAT PLAIN CODE SIXTH AND THIRTEENTH FOLLOWED WITHIN A FEW HOURS BY ENCRYPTED VERSIONS CONFIRMED INDICATOR SUBTRACTOR ALREADY RECOVERED BY MATHEMATICAL ELIMINATION PM (PD.) CODE REMAINS UNCHANGED X WILL SEND SUBTRACTOR AND ADDITIVE RECOVERIES THIS SYSTEM IF YOU DESIRE BEGIN WORK ON CURRENT PERIOD. Marked in pencil/pen "To: Com 14 + CinCPac, pass to Jap, Initialled 20G 2 5X, 20K 200000, 20GY 2 W P and 20G 2 5X 200000"

OPNAV 170350 (December 1941) (Delivered to COMSIXTEEN, COMFOURTEEN INFO CINCPAC, CINCPAC (All Defended) (Released by Langley) COPEK, COMSIXTEEN'S 151250 MOST ENCOURAGING & COMFOURTEEN COMMENCE SOLUTION CURRENT AFIRM NEGAT CIPHER AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE X OPNAV WILL ARRANGE FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF SIX OFFICERS AND FOURTEEN MEN EXPERIENCED IN AFIRM NEGAT SOLUTION TO PEARL HARBOR X COMSIXTEEN SEND SUBTRACTOR AND ADDITIVE RECOVERIES TO COMFOURTEEN AND ARRANGE DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN THREE C I UNITS ATTACKING THIS SYSTEM X DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE SOLUTION OF BASIC CODE AND WILL MOP UP SUPERCEDED CIPHER

ALSO SEE selected messages in the SRN 12966-133,367 Series. X X

SRN 115561. UMD 2 Aircraft DE MA FU 6 (Tokyo Radio) - SU U W 40: FROM KA HATO 0334 Section NWS Action EMU 858 53F; SU U W 58 US Fleet M1858 C/S GF, ORE 15F - C/S GF VA ME 858 C/S ST 10 RI 858 C/S HAF; WI VA 50 South Sea REPO. 1806/27 November 41 (To: 1127 2 0827 5 XT...) H) Source 707. "ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE COMNAV IN AIC (HONOLULU) 6 AMERICAN FIGHTERS ESTIMATED BY A DESTROYERS LEFT AIC (HONOLULU) THE EVENING OF 16 NOVEMBER. ACCORDING TO REPORT, THEY WERE HEADED FOR (SINGAPORE) IS.

SRN 12997 18 Dec 1941 1100. G.F.F. → Actn CMC AF, (CINCPAC), Com 85, Com 25f 1st NGS Sing 868. Dec 18 1941 20 During make operation 85, 25f + 2DD are assigned to 2nd member Command of G.F.F.

SRN 12997 181520 AFP → AF, GS, 85, 25f / Info CTFM (In reassignment).

1 JANUARY 1942

SRN 000881 MA SU 0 DE MA FU 6 HA UTO 4081 SU U W 1 W 7 NR 491  
From ASARU - ? (± Includes Imp 2?) To All Major Commands TO TO TO  
Info NR RA 77 12/31/300/I 1941 (To: 1/010012/E)  
369 (3 parts complete) Radio Intelligence Report  
1. Att Area (A) AT 1635 (GMT) on the 19th CMC Pacific Fleet sent the following message to MIDWAY ISLAND AIR BASE QUOTE AT ABOUT 2000 ON THE 23rd the [ ] and [ ] will arrive MIDWAY AND BECOME [ ] THEY ARE OBSERVING RADIO SILENCE UNQUOTE. REST USUAL RI STUFF

2 JANUARY 1942

COMINCH 021718 → CINCPAC URGE YOUR THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF EXPEDITION OR RAID CHARACTER AGAINST ENEMY BASES IN GILBERT ISLANDS PROBABLY MAKIN AND/OR ELLICE AND PHOENIX GROUP EITHER AS SEPARATE OPERATION OR PREFERABLY COORDINATED WITH SAMOA REINFORCEMENT EXPEDITION IN ORDER TO FIRST COVER LATTER SECOND CHECK INCREASING ENEMY THREAT TO SAMOA DASH FIJ AREA THRD UNDERTAKE SOME AGGRESSIVE ACTION FOR EFFECT ON GENERAL MORALE

3 JANUARY 1942

From (X2) pages 223/224 - (Reorganization)  
January 3 1942 2nd SoEx Fleet established and the 31st Special Base Force (MANILA) and the 32nd Special Base Force (DAVAO) assigned to it. Southern Expeditionary Fleet's name changed to 1st SoEx Fleet.



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4 JANUARY 1942

FROM CINCPAC 041955 → CTG. 15.2, 15.3, 15.8 (Convoy Comdr. Pac.)  
 RADIO INTELLIGENCE INDICATES WITHDRAWAL ENEMY SUBMARINES FROM  
 THIS AREA FOR UNKNOWN SPECIFIC TASKS X NIGHT ATTACKS YOUR  
 CONVOYS IN GERMAN PATTERN CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY X EXERCISE  
 VIGILANCE X COMTASKFOR 15 BY MAIL.

CINCPAC 040441 → PACFLT, COM 14 INFO OPNAV, COM 11, 12, 13, 15.  
 DO NOT USE CRMP - CHANNELS 8 x 31 x 124 x 126 x 144 x  
 THESE WERE IN ALLOWANCE ON WAKE THEREFORE POSSIBLY COMPROMISED.

5 JANUARY 1942

OPNAV 052240 → CINCAF info, CINCPAC, COMINCH, COM 14.  
 SYSTEM IS J19 x DATE 2 January x A prominent Burmese, possibly  
 Premier U BAW has secretly presented to Japanese Minister CHIBA  
 in LISBON, a note proposing BURMA revolt and appeal to Japan  
 along lines similar to THAILAND's defection x Proposal and CHIBA'S  
 comments sent to TOKYO as LISBON'S 1 to 5 inclusive. [See OPNAV'S  
 070007 Jan '42] (Number 1) which includes Part and Para A of the  
 note is not available. x Others follow in message 2. [Para B] I  
 should arrive BURMA about January 10<sup>th</sup>. x Japan wants Ambassador  
 TSUBOKAMI in BANGKOK and me to draw up a treaty along lines  
 mentioned above. I will escape to BANGKOK via Federal City. Once this  
 is done a new free BURMA government will be established and  
 call for support of countrymen x 80% of BURMA'S Army, Navy and  
 Air Force are with me and 95% of the population are sym-  
 pathetic and will rise in support of independence declaration x  
 [Para D] x If Japan will take steps mentioned in 2 above, I  
 desire to be notified using U LUN PA, who lives in BANGKOK or  
 another person selected by Ambassador TSUBOKAMI x [Para E]  
 Please advise me by the messenger mentioned in D above which  
 one of the following three methods of escape from BURMA I should  
 use x (1<sup>st</sup>) x Despatch a Japanese naval seaplane to either PROUE  
 or HENZADA or HIAWADDI River (typo for RAWADDY?) at mutually  
 agreed date and time x (2<sup>nd</sup>) x I could travel in disguise to VICTORIA  
 Point and be received there by the Japanese forces x (3<sup>rd</sup>) x I could escape  
 to a prearranged place using private plane, a Stinson 3 seater  
 painted mostly red. x [Para F] Since I have no means of taking  
 out funds for military use, Japan should furnish such funds when  
 I reach BANGKOK x (MESSAGE 4) [Para 2]. The message was hurriedly  
 handwritten in English on hotel stationery on 31 December x [Para 3]  
 judging from pictures of him in LIFE TIME and other publications  
 and from his behavior, I am sure he is the person he says he is x  
 therefore I am forwarding this to you immediately. He is scheduled  
 to leave here January 1 in a British military plane via Africa and  
 India arriving in BURMA about January 10<sup>th</sup> x [Para 4] I have fran-  
 dated his note and will send the complete text in a day or two from  
 VICTORY x [Para 5] x I request authority to send an officer courier to VICTORY  
 with the note x (MESSAGE 5) Referring to my 1 to 4 inclusive a departure  
 of his plane delayed x He called on me again on morning of 1<sup>st</sup> x [Para 1] x  
 He asked me for a letter of introduction to serve as identification to Japanese  
 Army in case he uses second method of escape, namely travel in disguise  
 to VICTORIA x I declined pending reply from Tokyo x Because of danger of spies  
 he agreed to await further arrangements x [Para 2] x If this proposed material, yes  
 he wants to escape with one private secretary, 2 compatriots and one other person.  
 Since his wife and daughter have no political affiliations, he will

5 January 1942 Continued (from page 6)  
 leave them behind, he said. Para 3 In case British learn of his  
 visit to me here in Lisbon, he will use excuse that he was inquiring  
 about welfare of Japanese students in Tokyo x Para 5 (Waves 4?)  
 We also discussed propaganda and dangers of leakage x OPNAV  
 HAS SENT ORIGINALS OF ABOVE TO LONDON AND SHOWN TO CHURCHILL IN  
 WASHINGTON x WILL SEND MESSAGE 2 IF AVAILABLE LATER.

5 JANUARY - South Seas Secret Order #7 (capturing Rabaul - Kanaky)

6 JANUARY 1942

7 JANUARY 1942

OPNAV 070007 → CINCAF Info CINCPAC, COMINCH, COM 14.  
 SAME SYSTEM AS MY COPEK 052240 x DATE 1 JANUARY xx THE PREMIER OF  
 BURMA IS THE TRAITOR xx BRITISH ADMIRALTY CONFIRMS THAT PREMIER U BAW WAS  
 SCHEDULED TO TAKE A BRITISH MILITARY PLANE FROM LISBON FOR BURMA ON JANUARY 1 xx  
 ACTIVITY IS CONFIRMED IN LISBON TO TOKYO MESSAGE WHICH FOLLOWS - " DURING  
 MORNING OF 31<sup>st</sup> PREMIER U BAW OF BURMA CALLED ON ME WITH A CARD OF INTRODUCT-  
 ION x HE INDICATED HE HAD DIFFICULTY IN MEETING ME SECRETLY WHILE WAITING PLANE  
 TRANSPORTATION TO BURMA x PARA 3 THE FOLLOWING IS WHAT HE SAID x PARA 4 x  
 THE FATE OF SINGAPORE APPARENTLY WILL BE SEALED SHORTLY x THIS SEEMS LIKE THE  
 MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO LAUNCH THE INDEPENDENCE OF BURMA x BURMA WOULD LIKE TO  
 BE AMONG THOSE NATIONS LIKE MANCHURIA WHICH ARE STANDING BESIDE JAPAN IN RESTRICT-  
 ING THAILAND'S INFLUENCE x BURMA IS PREPARED MOREOVER TO MAKE HER NATURAL  
 RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO JAPAN UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES

COM 16 071448 → CINCAF Info CINCPAC, COM 14, OPNAV. R. I. SUMMARY from  
 Traffic Analysis Unit's from NATHAN, WATERS have taken station in Sulu Sea, these  
 units include CMC 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet in MALAMA or ASHIGARA, Comdr. #1 Base Force and  
 undetermined number of light forces, CL NAKA, Desron 4 and one other group,  
 probably a Desron x at 021000/7<sup>th</sup> approx. position EML 31<sup>st</sup> by DF 6 09-20N  
 121-00 East. Activities in Sarawak area as indicated by traffic activity  
 include 7 messes, 2 of which are air tenders, one undent. heavy unit  
 2 CVS or AVS, 2 shore based air groups, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet Military Stores Transport



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7 January 1942 - Continuation of -

Section and ComC Combined Air Force from TAKAO. Two new Naval Commands created recently that appear to be Task Forces of South China Fleet and Southern Expeditionary Fleet, respectively. Submarine South China Fleet Task Force encrypted address "Commander Mine-Sweeping Flotilla" has appeared. "Supreme Commander Manila Bay Area" has appeared in same type address & slight indications that one air group believed based at TAKAO and heretofore mentioned may be shifted to Manila area.

OPNAV 072251 → CINCPAC Info com Pac No HCF etc

Following is OPNAV estimate of Orange Fleet locations & disposition in several cases and definite exceptions as of today are unconfirmed and should be accepted with reserve. (Indeed!) Locations based principally on Radio Intelligence altho a few night contacts are included. MAIN BATTLE FLEET IN MANDATE IS

COMPRISING 6 BB, 4 CV, 2 AV, 9 CA, 4 CL, 25 DD & indications of 2 BB in Bonin Islands area leads to belief 5th Fleet of 2 BB, 2 CV, 1 CL, 12 DD here located. 4th Fleet of normal strength operating MANDATE area using TRUK as base. Light force this fleet believed patrolling as far south as latitude 10°, occasionally raiding outlying islands & 6th Fleet flag and tenders at JALUIT. Force operating off SE Borneo under command Com 2nd

Fleet recently located as follows: CAMERON Bay area - 1 CA, 8 DD, Gulf of DANAU, 1 BB, 5 Cruisers, 6 DD, 12 SS, 12 AP determined by night contact January 4 off West coast BORNEO 1 CV, 1 CA, 1 AS, 16 SS Colibeg STA near TARENAN 1 CV, 2 DD x off Eastern LUZON 2 CL, including flag of Com 3rd Fleet 1 CV, 1 AV, 3 XAV, 4 DD x off Western LUZON 1 CL, 12 DD, 3 CM, OFF FORMOSA 2 CV, 3 AV, 3 CM, 10 AM, 6 XPG, 11 PC, and about 10 XAV operating from TAKAO. Tentatively placed 1 BB damaged at HAINAN with one AR & all units naval presence in China on normal stations with ComC South China Fleet in ISUZU vicinity Hong Kong.

(\* JALUIT\* (was used as 6th Fleet flagship / HQ & force) actually KWASALEIN) misidentification, thence hereafter, in this context, listed as JALUIT\*

8 JANUARY 1942

OPNAV 082111 → COM 14, Info CINCPAC, CINCAF, Com 16. SUBMIT BULLETIN DAILY LATEST RADIO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION FOR USE BY COMINCH AS WELL AS OPNAV & INFORMATION SHOULD HAVE CONTINUITY WHEN POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH, AND SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO PRESENT A VALID PICTURE & THIS REPORTING TO REPLACE SIMILAR INFORMATION IN MONTHLY REPORTS.

9 JANUARY 1942

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COM 14 090505 → OPNAV Info Cominch, CINCPAC, CINCAF, Com 16. Total submarines operating in Eastern Pacific: 27 from Radio intelligence of these not more than 15 in Hawaiian-West Coast area at one time; now in Hawaiian area 6 or 7 & no transmissions heard east of here in several days & some despatches from subs here being broadcast by TOOTO to major commanders (IP) Striking Force reported in mine of 10th December is still organized and operating & some units are now separated from it and are in home waters probably for refitting & Commander Striking Force is Comdr. 1st Air Fleet in AKAGI. Nothing has been seen to disprove that organization this force remains as reported viz: Caradon 1, Zoged 5, Batdwi 3, Gmdw 8 and Deson 1, while Radio association of all these units has been noted & cannot occur in regard 5th Fleet organization or location for following reasons & no ships of line have ever been associated Comander 5th (Fleet). All such have been accounted for otherwise. Radio traffic to him has always been delivered by OMNA to Radio, leading to conclusion that he has never been out of North Japan area. Comcenter has fleet unknown but communication between him and 4th Fleet is common & assumption is that he has number of auxiliaries and patrol craft possibly mine layers for guarding northern approaches Japan. WAKE situation & from encrypted addresses WAKE has a garrison force and an air base commander & a weather station there has been sending reports to PALAO units which are establishing base there are air groups 17 at TRUK, flight officer of which is already in island. 6th Fleet base force and 1 undesignated 4th Fleet unit at JALUIT & ComC 4th remains at TRUK and Comdr Subfleet at JALUIT & ComC Combined and Com 1st Fleets not located xx Cominc, in general locations 2nd Fleet units

(\*Note JALUIT is actually KWASALEIN ATOLL - this error consistently continued for more than a year - no cross check on identification found) Hereafter C.I. stations' "JALUIT" will be marked JALUIT\* = "KWASALEIN (ATOLL)"



10 January 1942

COM 14 100000 → CINCPAC, CINCPAC, COMINCH, COM 16, OPNAV.

Traffic volume considerably increased yesterday with much of increase in Asiatic theater. Impression is that major reorganization then in progress taking place with augmentation by units now in other areas possibly including Cardiv 2. Unimproved call identification by COM 16 plus flagships Combined Fleet in Sulu Sea. One SAMOA bearing on 8th checks with Greater; no further information here. Submarines this area active last night but only 2 fixed by P/F in immediate HAWAIIAN area all others, total 5, to south west apparently heading Jaluit. Encrypted address read: "TAKAN HARBOR MASTER". WAKE sending and receiving weather from MANDATE stations. Movement of 19th Air Corps seems probable by association with CUC 4th Fleet at TRUK; C/S 5th Fleet about incident fleet unit in OMINATO area.

CINCPAC 102157 → CTF 8, CTF 7 (via CTF 8), CTF 4, 9, 11, 14 <sup>C/S Hawaiian Dept</sup>  
 INFORMATION OF MANDATES RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS & REPORT DATED 9 JAN  
 "BOMBER AND FIGHTER LANDPLANES OBSERVED ROT ISLAND (KURASOLEIN)  
 BELIEVED NUMEROUS x 4 LARGE AUXILIARIES ANCHORED IN LAGOON  
 AIR AND SURFACE ANTI-SUB PATROL ACTIVE x NO ACTIVITY BIKINI  
 RONGELAP". REPORT DATED 10 JANUARY - "FOLLOWING BILVER REPORT ON  
 TRUK UPDATED - 24 SHIPS, MAINLY DD WITH SOME CRUISERS BUT NO  
 BATTLESHIPS SIGHTED TRUK AND SURROUNDING APPROX 8-4 ENGINE  
 FLYING BOATS..."

Hereinafter "too many cooks" get into the act - -

COMINCH 102230 → COMOPAC PACIFIC SOUTHERN CINCPAC, CINCPAC, CINCPAC,  
 NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER, ALL OPNS, NAV. COASTAL FRONTIER,  
 COORDINATION AND DISEMINATION OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES AT SEA WILL  
 BE HANDLED IN ATLANTIC AREA BY COMINCH & IN PACIFIC AREA BY COM 14,  
 AS AT PRESENT UNTIL NOON OCT JAN 20 AND THEREAFTER BY COM 16  
 ((COMOPAC PACIFIC SOUTHERN NAVAL COASTAL FRONTIER)) ADDRESSING COMINCH, NAVAL  
 APPROPRIATE US COMOPS IN PACIFIC, NOIC, ESQUIMALT, NEW ZEALAND  
 BOARD WELLINGTON, NS HQ (NAVAL STAFF HQ) OTTAWA, SAN FRANCISCO AND  
 CINC EASTERN FLEET & PARAX INFO ADDRESSEES INCLUDE COM 16  
 IN REPORTS OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN PACIFIC. see CINCPAC 120435  
 page 12

COM 16 100315 → CINCPAC, COMINCH, OPNAV, CINCPAC, COM 14.

Recent developments in Philippines area & from Enghelard addresses new  
 force created "EASTERN and WESTERN PHILIPPINE FORCE". Eastern Force apparently  
 include units at DAVAO, Western Force includes commands in Manila area  
 and other unident units. No reliable information on CUC Combined Fleet...

11 January 1942

COM 14 110159 → COMINCH Info etc. From traffic analysis, new and  
 apparently important organization being formed in conjunction with  
 Combined Air Force units now in TAKAO area. Appears that Cardiv 2  
 will be in this command, which if true, will be without precedent since  
 Fleet Air and Air Force have never been unified. Some Cardiv 4 units  
 are loosely associated with Cardiv 2 x Comd 1st Air Fleet in Bonins area  
 with Cardiv 1 and Cardiv 8 x 2 unident. calls their traffic accepted  
 by Wake Radio today and indications are that Marus are approaching  
 WAKE with force for garrison and a main in another convoy with  
 Commander Expeditionary Landing Force aboard is heading toward that  
 island but has not yet established radio contact with it. Believed  
 that Defenses WAKE will be strengthened and developed as Air Base.  
 Estimated that 18 submarines operating to the eastward of the MARSHALLS  
 YOKOSUKA Base, 5 now in this area. Those leaving here appear to go in  
 west or south westerly direction leading to assumption that all are not  
 heading JALUIT, but some on EMPIRE train. Cannot verify Com 16 report  
 of Combined Fleet flagships being in Philippine waters & our meager evidence  
 still places in Mandates.



12 January 1942

CINCPAC 120435 → COMINCH. IN VIEW EXISTING COMM. INTELL ORGANIZATION IN IAND INCLUDING D/K NET PLUS PROXIMITY TO THEATER OPERATIONS CONSIDER REPORTS OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN PACIFIC MENTIONED YOUR 102250 CAN BEST BE EVALUATED AND DISEMINATED BY COM 14. REQUEST RECONSIDERATION

COM 14 120130 → OPNAV Info etc. Results R, I, today: Traffic volume continues high with noticeable increase from Cinc 3rd Fleet and 2nd Airon in Marshalls xx **D/F net comprising stations at TRUK, SAIPAN, CICHIMAJIMA, JALUIT\* and OMINATO very active**, xx A seagoing radio call whose number series fits those of naval general staff is sending traffic of an operational nature gives impression that a Supreme Naval Commander is in Tokyo xx Personnel Bureau's sending much traffic to fleet x Encrypted address reading "KII DEFENCE FORCE" indicating newly formed channel patrol probably as defense against allied subs. 2 subs in Marshalls maps to this force may indicate return to Empire the vessels. Still no info location Cinc Combined. Cinc 2nd addressed a Staff officer of Bataan 3 which is evidently still in South Eastern Asia as other address known to be there xx Bulk of traffic by Cinc 3rd Fleet sent to Base Force and to unknown calls indicating heavy movement of supply and/or transports xx Commander Combined Air Force still backing to Concordia 2 x Airon 22 had considerable traffic with TAIWAN basis indicating need replacements by that unit. Bulk of 4th Fleet at Truk including Desron 6, Divisor 18, Cinc and his flagships. Cinc 4th busy with 1st Air Fleet and Cinc Combined. Traffic showing shows that no two of these are in company xx Airon 24 which appears to be split into at least 3 units very active with submarine force which is unusual even considering geographical proximity indicating tactical coordination. In addition alone following units appear in Marshalls CHITSSE Air Group, IMIEDI Air Group, 6th Base Force, part of 5th Base Force plus 40 Moros in area x Construction engineers on WORSE and KWASALONG (sic) exchanging traffic which shows work still going on xx Since no indication of movement any large unit 4th Fleet considers attack last night was by a small unit or single ship. Cinc 5th still guarded by OMINATO Radio xx Eleven submarines heard last night with 4 fixes (all to the Southwest from single bearings two are to Southeast, these being calls formerly placed between here and West coast gives strength to supposition all are returning home x KAGA and Condiv 8 still associated xx Unit of Condiv 3 addressed Cinc 1st Air Fleet, which further indicates that Condiv 3 is to join that unit.

CPNAV → COM 14, Info Cincpac. Your 110346, NAVY DEPARTMENT DESIRES SAME COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION IN HAWAII AS IN PHILIPPINES AND IN WASHINGTON x QUESTION OF JOINT COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE CENTER OR INDEPENDENT INTELLIGENCE CENTER WITH TELETYPEWRITER LINK WAS DISCUSSED IN DECEMBER x IT WAS SUGGESTED TO WAR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE THAT LOCAL ARMY NAVY OFFICIALS WORK OUT THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS AND SUBMIT SAME TO WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS FOR APPROVAL x CAPTAIN RITCHER IS ONLY QUALIFIED ARMY OFFICER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE BUT ARMY ENLISTED MEN CAN BE SUPPLIED FROM SCHOOL AT FORT MONMOUTH x NAVY HAS BOMBARDMENT OFFICE SPACE COMM. TABULATING EQUIPMENT AND SEVERAL QUALIFIED OFFICERS BUT IS SHORT ENLISTED PERSONNEL NAVY DEPARTMENT WILL NOT URGE MEASURES UNACCEPTABLE TO COM 14 AND CINCPAC

13 January 1942

COM 14 130045 → OPNAV Info the usual. Radio Intelligence Summary. Several high precedence dispatches originating high command to key addressed practically all fleets. Collectively they indicate no immediate change present disposition of forces but a certain apprehension is believed in security of lines of communication in the TAKAO-Mandate area. No information present theater line. Combined Fleet flagship and first fleet. Little change in 2nd and 3rd fleets x 3rd Fleet ops addressed to naval auxiliaries and a fleet unit which appears to be convoy bound. SASEBO to GAKO, thence his operating area. Divison 24 traffic reached new high. Believed part of his Command immediately involved in operations either assisting CONVOY WAKE while Div groups 17 and 19 take over or for duty places unknown. British reconnaissance TRUK reported 24 vessels that flew nearby. D/S some cruisers x suggested this abnormally large number destroyers may include Mandate Desron plus Desron 1 of 1st Fleet x No mention of subs at TRUK but 4 units were addressed TRUK yesterday in that vicinity. 5th Fleet - no change, forces in Ominato area continue there but also directed units in CICHIMAJIMA area. 1st Air Fleet may continue operate in general Mandates but no definite word any unit except Condiv 2 which will **definitely** operate in Southeast Asia under 2nd Fleet Commander. HIRYU and SORYU may be present he going south from Empire. Attack group of former mentioned in such China Fleet dispatch. Submarines exceedingly active. Many urgent dispatches x None observed east of Hawaii x Several in this area between KAGAI Channel and vicinity JOHNSTON Island x 1 in MIDWAY area x OMINATO now broadcasts to 4 in Pacific on 4015 regular channel supplementing Tokyo and JALUIT\* x ...

COM 14 13255 → the usual. Volume of traffic dropped somewhat except for 4 in mid Pacific area. General excellence of submarine communication is noteworthy. 4 will transmit MSH at far speed without call-up and 5 to 8 minutes later JALUIT\* will broadcast it to other 4 and major commanders, followed immediately by Tokyo re-broadcast, so that every short line submarine has that report xx Tokyo sent few dispatches of high precedence to major commanders, which were of operational type important yesterday x

COM. PAC. SOVIET COLL. FROM → COM 11 - Info CINCPAC, OPNAV, COMINCH, COM 12, COM 14  
 For info, following received from 4th Army Source G-2 Gen. HQ, AXIS POWERS COMMENCING ACTIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ATTEMPTING UNDERMINE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE SCHEDULED OPEN RIO DE JANEIRO 15 JAN x APPARENTLY RELIABLE SOURCES BELIEVE THAT IN ORDER NULLIFY CONFERENCE DESTROY HOPE OF HEMISPHERE HARMONY UNITY, AXIS POWERS PLANNING SURPRISE ATTACK WITH DRAMATIC TIMING AGAINST OUR IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIES AND NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS EITHER CONTINENTAL U.S. OR ELSEWHERE x SOURCE BELIEVED BY CHIANG KAI SHEK TO BE RELIABLE BELIEVES JAPS HAVE DECIDED ATTACK PANAMA CANAL WITH 4 AND AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY ATTACK ON SOME CENTRAL OR SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY x ANOTHER SOURCE BELIEVED RELIABLE STATED JAPS PLANNING ATTACK ON ALUTS (ALBERTANS?) x SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS ENJOINED UPON ALL COMMANDERS



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14 January 1942

COM 140015 → the usual, C/S GF sent 3 part MSG to 4s major commands his only activity of day, no indication his whereabouts or that of 1F or Except for coming previously mentioned, traffic of Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleets yields little info. since they addressed only major commands. An incident occurred in 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet, whose boss now on flagship, addressed his unit info Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> Cmt, in force and #2 Base Force & Research on this command underway in Division 22 high activity during past few days now partially explained by association today with Franklin and a Dunit & appears that this division, augmented by some units from TAIKAO is nucleus of new task force for new operations.

COM 14 140030 → same. In 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet JALUIT units still most active & Yokohama. An and Avron 24 now located in one of North Marshall's atoll. First named has not been associated with Gilberts for some time & Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> is including Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet in nearly all his despatches & no indications of shift any major units & Cardw 2 active in despatches to Kwatic area units & 1 unit with Cardw 2 at present &

COM 16 141310 → CINCPAC info GMINCH, Com 14, open Traffic routing indicated one BB rewrite call MA RU 4 of Babbler 3 now at PALAO. Believe this BB accompanied from DAVAO area to PALAO by Ripan ship AKASHT, latter ship now has returned DAVAO area.

CTU 7.6.6 ( ) → CTF 7 (S.P.) 141717. ADD INFO ROI BOMBERS DEPARTED EASTWARD COMMENCING 0900 RETURNED 1600 (-11) MY #2 - KWAJALEIN SINCE 9<sup>th</sup> & MUCH ACTIVITY. 5 LARGE SHIPS ANCHORED INCLUDE TOKIWA PROBABLY CHOGEI AND CHITOSE & SMALL CRAFT & 3 SUBS BELIEVE ENTERED & NO AIRCRAFT & HIGH RADIO MASTS ENUBUE & SEA PASSED & 3 TORPEDOES EXPENDED & DEPTH CHARGES RECEIVED, NO SCORE

140723  
CINCPAC → COMINCH, CINCLANT, etc etc All TF Cdrs. Pacific. TASK FORCE COMDRS PACIFIC FLEET AND ALL OTHER ADDRESSES ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP COMMANDANT 14TH NAVAL DISTRICT INFORMED OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS & COM 14 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO ISSUE DAILY BULLETINS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY TO ALL ADDRESSES OF THIS DISPATCH

\* 5 AM - 1600 = 8 hrs x 150  $\frac{211200}{600}$  miles radius (?)

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15 January 1942

COM 14 150505 → the usual. Change of calls likely within few days. Number high precedence despatches increased; no definite replacement 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet, GF flagships or 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet location. Lack of information these freed together with other signs may indicate operations to Eastward of Marshall-Kuriles line & South East Asia area of Force originated high priority MSG TOKYO received apparently for more replacement personnel & the MSG replied to 2<sup>nd</sup> F and Combined Air Force info on action. TOKYO Minister or General Staff addressed all major commands in SE Asia and the Comdr Avron 22 in urgent despatch. Com. Officer this outfit in Saigon. Inference shift in scene of operations possibly to meet Chinese threat. Several indications forces near in Marshall and other 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units preparing for operations outside Mandates, 3 Naval auxiliaries containing Wake garrison now on radio circuit with WAKE, believed approaching that island. Elaborate preparations for protecting WAKE during initial base development progressing with Avron 24, angroup 19 from IMESJ and WOTJE, submarines possibly including Consul and 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet unit involved, KAMO appears underway. Consul receiving traffic via TOKYO broadcast, his Administration remains JALUIT (actually Kwajalein!) Operations other than WAKE for 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet indicated by Communications Officer 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet with Com. Off. JALUIT, also 6<sup>th</sup> Base Force addressing "ALL SHIPS, NAVAL and MARU" this morning.

COM 14 152345 → the usual. No information Cinc GF for 1<sup>st</sup> F or 5<sup>th</sup> F did not show today. Constant interchange of messages between air units in Eastern Mandates and submarine units same area indicates scope of military cooperation these units. Also interest of Comdr D in WAKE may indicate here that place is sub-base & bearings on 6 D last night and to South west & none fixed in Mandates - Hawaiian area 15 D worked by JALUIT Radio past 24 hours & Comdr 8 and Cardw 1 still with Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet but no info on location & Cardw 4 and 5 not heard from but thought to be still with 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet.

CINCPAC 150901 → COM 14, ASP PEARL, CG HAWAIIAN DEPT. WARNING RECEIVED THAT AXIS POWERS PLAN SURPRISE ATTACKS TO OFFSET WESTERN HEMISPHERE & EXERCISE SPECIAL VIGILANCE.

(\*) pages 223/224. (Reorganizations)  
10<sup>th</sup> Special Base Force formed (for SINGAPORE)



16 January 1942

COM 14 160001 → many Comds inc. <sup>to CF Comds</sup> THIS IS NUMBER 1 Page A of a Daily Combat Intelligence Bulletin enemy activity in Pacific & MANDATES. Recent reconnaissance of BIKINI, AILUK, MAJURO, AILINGALA PALAP, <sup>MAJURO</sup> BIKAR, RONGELAP SHOWS NO ENEMY ACTIVITY, LARGE NUMBER AUXILIARIES AT JALUIT PLUS COMBATANT SHIPS INDICATE MOVE TO EAST OR SOUTH & AT KWAJALEIN ARE BOMBERS FIGHTERS AND AUXILIARIES INCLUDING MINE-LAYER, SUBTENDER AND AIRCRAFT TENDER & SUBMARINES BRASING KWAJALEIN OR JALUIT. AT TRUK ARE CINCAD, SEVERAL CRUISERS, ONE DESTROYER SQUADRON, AUXILIARIES, PATROL PLANES AND FIGHTERS, SEVERAL AUXILIARIES INCLUDING KAMOJ ENROUTE WAKE. PART OF AIRON 24 EXPECTED PROCEED WAKE SHORTLY. SUBMARINES OPERATING IN EASTERN PACIFIC NOW RETURNING JALUIT AREA .....

COM 16 160800 → usual R.I. Summary, IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES AREA Airon 23 and Comdr. Combined Air Force continue large scale activity & Traffic here indicates Comdr Airon 29 now in Truk area. No D/F hearings to support this indication. Some indications that Subforce units are now in PARAO area and may rendezvous with Main Subtender from Empire. F. Kipper's addresses indicate Comdr Airon 1 is now at ~~Michael field~~ <sup>some type address - reveal CPT HONDA</sup> IS RMO MANILA. There are indications that operations base or airport is being established in the San Fernando area in LINGAYEN and

17 January 1942

COM 14 170156 → the usual Radio Intelligence & Increase in Tokyo Communications and intelligence despatches. New D/F net operating from YOKOSUKA includes CHICHIJIMA, MARCUS, 2 other stations. Most significant in today's traffic .... and apparent concentration at TRUK. HIE may be relieving the other Batdiv 3 unit operating TRUK. Besides large number of 4th Fleet in TRUK, following believed in that vicinity - Comdr 1st Air Fleet, AKAAGI, Comdr Airon 24 and Submarines. KAMOJ still in vicinity with Marshalls ... High precedence despatch from KONO to BONINS Base Force and many Base Forces in Mandates indicate this may be preparatory to shift south to war-theater .... Considerable shifting Submarine disposition in Western Pacific and SE Asia continues .... Best estimate ~~available~~ 1st unit Comdr 1st Air Fleet in TRUK area; 2nd and 3rd in Philippines - Malaga area 4th and 5th unheard and unobserved in traffic

COM 14 170405 → (The Intell Bulletin) - LESS ACTIVITY IN JALUIT AREA AND INCREASED ACTIVITY TRUK AREA. MAJOR PORTION 4TH FLEET PLUS AKAAGI AND COM AIRON 24 AT LATTER PLACE ... 4 SUBS D/F FIXED AGAIN SOUTH AND WEST OAHU .....

COM 16 171240 → the usual R.I. Summary (covers SE Asia area only)

COM 14 172138 → the usual <sup>#3</sup> Indications that Concentration forces in Jaluit area shifting to TRUK including some units originally destined WAKE, KAMOJ returning TRUK. One 4th and units mentioned yesterday still at that place. 3 subs to SW of OAHU, some heard to eastward .....

→ COM 16 171240 R.I. Summary. 1 SUZU detached as flagship South China Fleet and indications are that this vessel was some Southern Expeditionary Fleet in SIBIGON area. San Fernando appears to be the HQ of Western Philippines Force. (Given estimate of forces - total 12 ships) Moreover these forces apparently protect supply lines into LINGAYEN and mine or sweep other areas as desirable. CATON 2 indicated in PARAO area by despatch originated by Comdr Parao and defense Force ....



18 January 1942

COM 14 180010 → usual. Traffic from Military Bureaus heavier than usual x Messages of operational type sent to CincCP inf all major commanders less those in Combined Fleet. More signs of an augmented 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet concentration in TRUK area. Com AIRC 24 in KATHOI 180 miles east of TRUK last night on trip from Marshalls. TRUK addressed HOSHO, RYUJO and NI TTA. Marie indicating that Cardiv 3 may be enroute TRUK, possibly having been relieved in BORNEO area by Cardiv 2, who is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet. Commander 24<sup>th</sup> Division also addressed Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, Commander 8, Com Cardiv 1 and 5, Com Cardiv 3, Truk Base Force and 1 unidentified 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet unit. Note that this heading contains all elements of STRIKING FORCE ONE save for Desron 1.

17 24 40  
10 30 40  
17 13 40

22 25 40  
10 30 40  
11 55

19 January 1942

COM 14 190025 → the usual. Traffic volume normal x 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet and 6<sup>th</sup> Flapship still unlocated. Comdr Air 24 originated despatch action to Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, Cardiv 1 and 5, Batch 3, Cardiv 8 and possibly 18 x Desron 1 and 4<sup>th</sup> Base Force and (4<sup>th</sup>) Fleet commands associated Mandates. This despatch was delivered to a naval exchange at TRUK Radiofr info. Possibly exists this force may be in the TRUK area. . . . .  
Slight indication that parts of 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Air groups preparing for duty under Comdr. South Seas Detached Units. . . . . 2 or units previously in Pacific waters now show at YOKOSUKA, probably for repairs x 3 others fixed to SW of OAHU. Total of 13 in Pacific, either heard or observed in Pacific. Believe none of those formerly here, now in South Seas area and no longer served by JALUIT\*  
None observed immediate Hawaiian area or west Coast of Carrier operations very indefinite x estimated Cardiv 1 and 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet in TRUK, (2nd) in Philippines - India; 3<sup>rd</sup> associated SE area and Empire addresses but despatches from TRUK indicate possibly there in future. 4<sup>th</sup> no information; 5<sup>th</sup> in PALAO - Mandates area . . .

COM 16 - 190215 → the usual. RI Summary - (Concerning SWANA RI/TE)

COM 14 - 192225 → The Usual. Following from Radio Intelligence, KAPOI with part of Air 24, Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet and Cardiv 1 and 5 definitely in TRUK area x Comdr for remains JALUIT\* area - addressed only 8 subs. last night - Southwest and proceeding West. None heard HAWAIIAN area or to eastward - (Bulletin #5)

COM 16 190215 to OPNAV Info CincAF, CincPac, Com 14. A NEW AN cipher FORT MILLS <sup>DET</sup> HAS SENT COM 14 UNIT 1700 ADDITIVES, 650 INDICATOR SUBTRACTORS, AND SINCE 1 JANUARY 950 CODE VALUES 400 CONFIRMED FOR COMPILATION AND FORWARDING ACCORDANCE MY 121633 OF DECEMBER. THIS IN REPLY TO YOURS OF 17<sup>th</sup> HAVE IN PAST WEEK BEEN ABLE TO INFORM CINC AF OF COMPOSITION, SPEED, DESTINATION AND EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL TWO CONVOYS FROM COMPLETE TRANSLATIONS x SUFFICIENT PARTIAL TRANSLATIONS TO MATERIALLY ASSIST R.I. SECTION IN CALL IDENTIFICATION x BELIEVE ADDITIVE OUTPUT WILL INCREASE. BUT CONSIDERABLY RETARDED BY USE OF MANY NEW CODE GROUPS AND LARGE AMOUNT SPELLING NOW IN USE Reference OPNAV 172342; Singapore cryptanalysts have evacuated to CoLombia x Com 16-171145 x what success is Fort Mills Det. having with A-N recovery.

19 22 25  
10 30 40  
19 11 45 #5



20 January 1942

CENTRAL WAR ROOM MELBOURNE 20 0818 (0818/202) → CINCPAC, ABDA, BATAVIA, RABOUL BEING ATTACKED BY BY LARGE NUMBER JAPANESE AIRCRAFT, ESTIMATED NEARLY 100 COMPRISING BOMBERS ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS STOP FROM W/T INTELLIGENCE PRESENCE OF 2 CARRIERS IS REASONABLY CERTAIN STOP THE KNOWN PRESENCE TRANSPORTS AND WARSHIPS IN TRUK AREA INDICATES POSSIBILITY COMBINED ATTACK SHORTLY WITH OBJECT OF TAKING RABOUL

CTU 7.615 ((DOLAHN)) → CTF 7 ((ComSubpac)) 201220. JALUIT 18<sup>th</sup>. 2 LARGE MERCHANTMEN PARTIALLY 3<sup>rd</sup> x 20<sup>th</sup> South West Passage and Shalune 5 started 3 more ships for instant glimpse, unable verify due unfavorable angle and rain. Observation was to 1000 yards from shore due trees x lights, or possible camouflage x AtoH suspiciously inactive x no aircraft or defense measures noted x no activity in other parts of area noted.

COMINT 201730 → CINCPAC, CINCLANT, CINCAF, HAVE AGREED WITH BRITISH THAT INFORMATION CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL FOR OTHERS TO KNOW INCLUDING INTENDED MOVEMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATE MAY, SUBJECT TO WHATEVER CONTROL COMMANDERS IN CHIEF MAY CHOOSE TO ESTABLISH, MAY BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN COMMANDERS OF APPROXIMATELY EQUIVALENT ECHELONS OPERATING IN ADJACENT AREAS x ON NO ACCOUNT IS THIS TO INCLUDE ANY MATTER THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS AN ORDER x WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS MAY RESULT FROM THIS AGREEMENT, THE KEY IDEA IS TO USE THAT COMMUNICATION NETWORK WHICH WILL RESULT IN QUICKEST EXCHANGE OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION BETWEEN THOSE WHO NEED TO KNOW

COM 14 202130 → Intell Bulletin address Bulletin #6 Raboul attacked BY ESTIMATED HUNDRED OR MORE BOMBERS AND FIGHTERS x Cardiv 1 or 5 from Truk area to likely x other Cardiv may be covering from northeast position. In view submarines activity SVA CANTON area suggests possibility enemy movement to this area. 25 auxiliaries and 2 fleet units noted in Jaluit area and at least 12 units in the TRUK area. Estimated profiles other Cardivs - Cardiv 2 Philippines area x Cardiv 3 now concentrated operating between Fushio and Philippines. Cardiv 4 in mandate - Yonkonka area. Submarines - none known Hawaiian area or to eastward x nearest one in west probably west-bound x 3 in CANTON - SAMOA - FIJI area, today's exact location unknown. New arrivals in Hawaiian area expected

202145  
CINCPAC → All Task Force Comdrs, Pacific, APPROXIMATELY 100 AIR CRAFT ATTACKED RABOUL AT 0818 20<sup>th</sup> x 2 CV BELIEVED INVOLVED. NUKUNONO IN UNION GROUP REPORTS SUBMARINE BOUND NORTH AT 2300 THE 19<sup>th</sup>.

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21 JANUARY 1942

COM 16 210301 → usual. R.I. Summary x Traffic for 7s GF now being routed to KURE - none obtained for CINC as yet. Tokyo broadcast to all fleets less 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, Submarine Fleet and 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet. Traffic association between MANILA Command and Area 21 in Indies area indicates possible movement some of these groups into MANILA area. Continued association in traffic between Area, Combined Area and the groups in Mandates strengthen possibility these units intended for use in Philippines - NEI area. Comdr Combined Area still in DAVAO area

Australian (09112/2127)  
Commandant 210911 → CINCPAC, YOUR 0312/SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER (AFUSAT) Travel Board MALTA FROM HMS NASHONA INTELLIGENCE ALL FORCES INCLUDING AMERICAN CONSIDER DISPOSITION JAPANESE NAVAL FORCES IN MANDATED IS MAY BE: MARSHALL IS: LIGHT CRUISERS 2 DESTROYERS 3, JAP SEAPLANE CARRIER KAMOI, AT LEAST 3 OTHER UNITS CONNECTED WITH AIR, 16<sup>th</sup> MINE SWEEPING FLOTILLA, 3 SUBMARINE CHASERS, APPROXIMATELY TO SHANTERED MERCHANT SHIPS, COMDR. SUBMARINE FORCES, SUBSQUADRON 7. CAROLINE IS. TRUK AREA AIRCRAFT CARRIERS AKAGI, KAGA, HORYU, KASUGA, 2 SEAPLANE CARRIERS CHITOSE, MIZUHO, SEVERAL CRUISERS INCLUDING KASHIMA (CINC 4<sup>th</sup> FLEET) AND AT LEAST ONE 8 INCH GUN CRUISER, 14 DESTROYERS, 25-30 CHARTERED MERCHANT SHIPS x PALAO AREA - BATTLE CRUISER

COM 14 210145 series → usual. Traffic increased noticeably SHANTERED, TRUK and JALUIT. Additional protection convoys southward more Marus and 2 fleet units on Jaluit circuits - and - KCS x 12 fleet and auxiliary units on TRUK circuit 0190 and - KCS, latter circuit includes Combined fleet units using 2 KANA Secret cables x ... only 13 submarines observed or heard in Pacific, none radio active in West Coast or immediate Hawaiian area ... Decrease in Jaluit sub-activity indicates definite decrease in submarines Pacific area. No definite indications locations carriers but believe Cardiv 2 & 3 continue operate under 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Task Force x Cardiv 5 most likely one in RABOUL area.

COM 14 212340 → Intell Bulletin #7. On 18<sup>th</sup> 2013 large merchant type sighted JALUIT. On 20<sup>th</sup> 3 in same place during incomplete observation. AtoH stated to be "suspiciously inactive". No aircraft or defense measures observed. From Radio Intelligence, CHITOSE Air group in Northern Marshalls and 19<sup>th</sup> Air group in JALUIT or immediate area x Much activity between TRUK, PALAO and SAIPAN radio, particularly Air Command traffic indicating operations in conjunction with Philippine forces x Steady decline of activity in Eastern Marshalls since my Bulletin #1 and increased activity in TRUK and PALAO areas. Cardiv 1 consisting of AKAGI and KAGA and Cardiv 5 consisting of SHOKOKU and ZULIKAKU operating to Southeast to Southwest TRUK in RABOUL area.

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CINCPAC 220137 → AM Task Force Comds Pcs., SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS  
 US SUBMARINES PERIOD 8-18 JANUARY FOLLOWS; KWAJALEIN NUMEROUS BOMBER  
 FIGHTER LANDBLANKS FOUR AUXILIARIES ROI ISLAND ANTI-SUB AIR,  
 SURFACE ACTIVITY X KWAJALEIN ISLAND 5 LARGE SHIPS INCLUDING LOCH,  
 J-AS, I-AY ANCHORED NO AIRCRAFT 3 SUBS X HIGH RADIO MASTS ENUBUJ  
 JALUIT 3 AUXILIARIES 8TH & MORE 20TH NO AIRCRAFT DEFENSE MEASURES  
 OR OTHER ACTIVITY NOTED X ATILING, ABALAT, ATILUK, ARNOX, BIKAR, BIKIN,  
 MAJURO X LITTLE MAKIN X NAMURIK X RONGELAP X ALL OBSERVED NO ACTIVITY  
 NOTED X REPORT ON MILI AND MALOELAP EXPECTED SHORTLY X PARA RADIO  
 INTELLIGENCE REPORT USING TERM MARU MAY MEAN ANY SHIP IN SIZE FROM  
 SUBCHASER UP.

COM 14 220310 → The Usual. Biggest Radio Intelligence -  
 Truk radio very active working Saipan and Palau on KES and  
 tactical calls, one of which identified as First Air Fleet on 6315 KES X  
 in many instances 3rd Fleet Palau units and 4th Fleet Concentration  
 at Truk linked together in radio traffic indicating tactical coordination  
 under same operating plan as 5th Fleet which is in CHINKAI area also  
 appears in these dispatches. Not known whether a movement south is  
 indicated or whether he is just being kept informed. Indications,  
 not considered conclusive, that GF in Empire to help 1st Fleet X  
 2 unidentified 1st Fleet units show at KURE on Station. The 1st Fleet unit  
 No 07 which went to Empire from 3rd Fleet area, and indicated as arriv-  
 ing X in groups of 3rd Fleet active with dispatches to BUAEKO  
 and air groups stationed in Mandates including 1st Air Fleet. Other  
 NAWTO now with 3rd Fleet. Chitose Air still in north Marshalls  
 and 19th Air group remains MIJES I X Com 4th Fleet addressed dispatches  
 to following: Besnon 6, Curion 24, Com 1st Air Fleet, Com 4th  
 and 3rd Fleet units, indicating the composition of a Task Force X  
 Only 1 sub heard last night, bearing places it to south west X  
 6 called by JALUIT X Only carrier appearing in traffic was HOSHOK  
 from association believe she is now ready to leave Empire to  
 report Curdiv 3.

23 January 1942

COM 14 230052 → The Usual. Summary R.I. No changes apparent in  
 operations Combined 1st Fleets. Truk radio appears to be clearing point for  
 many dispatches this free, but may be due to concentration rather than  
 in and front of Truk X flight direction's Curdiv 8 operating with 2nd F  
 Task Force X several dispatches requested by Com 4th Fleet Staffer, Empire  
 addressed Curdiv and 2nd Fleet Comds and unidentified Command to 4th B X  
 4th Fleet continues appear Truk area X Comdr Chitose Air group of  
 KWAJALEIN, KAMOI and part of Curion 24 operating and on circuit with KWAJALEIN  
 Most consistent Japanese frequency, 4810 and 8620 KES, used by Arron 24  
 and bases in Marshalls, also WARE X Traffic very high involving SAIPAN, ROK,  
 JALUIT\* and BONINS BASE Force X TOKYO OPNAV requested urgent dispatch to  
 Com 1st Air Fleet Com 4th Com Arron 24, Curdiv 6 and 3 Commands associated  
 with 4th Fleet, also Com 4th Fleet (see above)  
 associated Commands, above interpreted as final preparation for possible  
 more south or shifting of force axes X No change 5th Fleet. Believe 2  
 submarines recently returned from Pacific operations in Yokosuka vicinity in  
 else harboring one based aircraft and shore diff. stations effort to locate and  
 contact USN submarines with that seek merchant near this area, in Curdiv 3  
 may work with 4th Fleet or 1st Air Fleet. Curdiv 2 believed operating 2nd Fleet. No other  
 info in Curdiv's. Enaphered addresses: 10th Sp, Base Comdr, 1st Blue Comdr.

ACNO 230918 → CINCPAC Info BSI & Halsey Office at Cinc Pac. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT  
 YOU ARE CARRYING A SNEEP FROM SAMOA TOWARD GILBERT ISLANDS WITH A FORCE  
 OF CRUISERS AND CARRIERS. SUCH AN OPERATION WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO US IN  
 FORMING A DIVERSION FROM JAPANESE SOUTHWARD ADVANCE FROM TOLBAUL  
 ESPECIALLY IF YOU FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO EXTEND IT AS FAR AS JALUIT OR WOTJE. IF  
 OUR DISPOSITION HAD ENABLED US TO DO SO WE WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO JOIN FORCES  
 WITH YOU. WE SHALL HOPE TO DO SO NEXT TIME.

COM 16 231250 → Usual -- RI Summary devoted almost exclusively to SE Asia area

COM 14. 232240 → Bulletin address (Bulletin #9) Curdivs 1 and 5 operating  
 separately with Task Forces including 10 more cruisers and destroyers, 3 subs  
 in Midway area; no others heard. Direction Finder stations in Mandates  
 extremely active. Increasing indications that 4th Fleet units will operate  
 conjunction forces to south and west...

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24 January 1942

COM 14 240020 → usual. Traffic for 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet now being broadcast by SAIPAN as well as TRUK indicating that task forces working westward (?) xx This with many dispatches between them indicate 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet task forces may be heading toward same area (?) Between 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet split into at least 2 forces with Cardiv 1 and 5 split between them xx Action 22 active and thought to be with 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet is uncontacted Cardiv 7, Desdiv 34, Comdr 141 Des Force and 3 Mavis. xx Comdr GR+12 Fleets not located. One task force being broadcast to by TRUK is land 5, CHIKWA, Action 24 Desdiv 6 and 2 other 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units. Condorm 6 observed sending series of short tactical dispatches which are broadcast by TRUK on 6640 kc/s indicating scouting & reconnaissance by that unit. Several in Fisher Station in Central and Eastern Mandates very active. JALUIT Radio active with 6 auxiliaries last night & no units of consequence could be placed there except 6<sup>th</sup> Base Force. 2 Wingcom, Chitose and 19<sup>th</sup>, still in Northern Marshalls & TRUK, IMES1 and WETSIE addressed MSGs to Personnel Bureau probably indicating need of men & no further association Cardiv 3 with 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet, HOSHIO destination still unknown.

CWRC (Central War Room Control) <sup>24/136</sup> → ABDA, CINCPAC. 17 AIRCRAFT <sup>1136Z/24</sup> SIMILAR TYPE 97 TORPEDO BOMBER AND 18 FIGHTERS, SOME TYPE 9 AND SOME SIMILAR TYPE 97 NAKAJIMA ATTACKED AMBOINA 2310Z 23<sup>rd</sup> FROM NORTH & SUGGEST THIS INDICATES PRESENCE AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

25 January 1942

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COM 14 250126 Series → usual. DIGEST R.I. Increase in High Precedence traffic xx C/S/GF addressed all major Command C/S 11111 TRUK Radio still very active while SAIPAN may be handling overlaid due to limitations former station & Com 4<sup>th</sup> originated urgent dispatch Com C/GF info Cardiv 18 and unident 17. TOKYO SPNAV originated urgent to 4<sup>th</sup> F, 1<sup>st</sup> AF, 6 Sd, 24 Sd, 18 S, MESU 9 and W/O 6 xx AIRON 24 continues association Cardiv 5, Desdiv 6 TRUK Base Force and some 2 unident calls alone. Some local station told TRUK in plain text "IT IS POSSIBLE SAIL HERE AT SAME TIME"... usual activity WAKE. Unident HO KA 7 at WAKE exchanged dispatches with Air Group 17 Supply officer at TRUK xx 11111 Cardiv 2 very active on 7677 kc/s ... believed in Philippines area, Cardiv 5 (typogr 3 ?) believed operating in Indies. Frequency 4640 most active frequency with PALAO, SARAGO and all important commands in S.E. Asia using 2 Kana calls.

COM 16 251415 → usual RI Summary 25<sup>th</sup>. Emphasized address "ARU INVASION FORCE DETACHMENT" - This force connected with 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units. "EASTERN INVASION FORCE" connected 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet Eastern Philippine Force at DAVAO - CARDIV 2 AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED UNITS IN Southern Philippines NE/ area. "COMBINED SPECIAL LANDING FORCES" associated with 5<sup>th</sup> Base Force SAIPAN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Force PALAO, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fleets and Eastern Philippine Force at DAVAO, ...

CINCPAC 25 2227 → All Task Force Comdr. ADDITIONAL SUBMARINE OBSERVATIONS x MALOELAP ATOLL TAROP ISLAND 23<sup>rd</sup>, ONE CONVERTED MERCHANTMAN CARRYING ONE PLANE ON POOP, 2 GUNBOATS 1500 TONS x 19<sup>th</sup> ONE YAWATA CLASS WITH CONSPICUOUS GUNS and 2 Gunboats additional to above x 5 BUILDINGS CLOSELY GROUPED SOUTH-WEST END ISLAND x NO SHIPS AIR <sup>MI LUK</sup> OR AVR ATOLL x TOWER ON ENTJUN ISLAND x AS PATROL MAINTAINED, ENTJUN CHANNEL USED BY ENEMY x WOTE - 2 SEAPLANES x UTEIK. NO SHIPS, NO ACTIVITY x OBSERVERS OPINION ALL INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE RAZED BY BOMBING OR BOMBARDMENT WITH NEGLIGIBLE RISK. ALL U.S. SUBMARINES WILL BE CLEAR OF MARSHALLS



26 January 1942

COM 14 260100 → <sup>WOTJE</sup> <sup>(Bulletin)</sup> <sup>Cardin 2</sup> South of the Philippines  
 Additional information on MARSHALLS as follows: UTRIK 25<sup>th</sup> no activity,  
 WOTJE - patrol ship outside entrance SAS Seaplane force x AIR no activity x  
 MAOELAP 19<sup>th</sup> another YAWATA class x KOCH or converted Marn about  
 2500 tons with 1 plane on stern x 4 patrol vessels, x 2<sup>nd</sup> same OCM and 2  
 patrol vessels either hangars barracks or warehouses on western part  
 of TAROA x visible from South east x enemy maintaining A's patrol bases  
 off ENIBIN Island... 11 Merchant type in RABAU, 23<sup>rd</sup> - 3 cruisers, 1 DD, 1 CV in  
 vicinity same day, Form R1 - partly YOKOHAMA Air Group based at RABAU,  
 next unit also there. Cardin 1 in BISMARCK Archipelago - Cardin 5 S. of TRUK.

COM 14 260405 → usual. Cardin 3 F-traffic volume high. Action addresses  
 were limited to unit MASA 6, Second Air Fleet and Division 23ie SAFU 4 of  
 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force traffic volume to Cinc 3<sup>rd</sup> indicated he may have been limit  
 attacked in MACASSAR Straits, MIN 2 - TOM 1 appears to be separated from  
 2<sup>nd</sup> fleet possibly being employed on reinforcements in Southern Philippines  
 area x 3 MARUS units SA5083 Southern operating area include the  
 Hospital ship and KENJO Marn. a. Number of Radio Intelligence intercepts  
 from 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Mandate area extremely high. Initial sent 19 messages to  
 Tokyo Radio Intelligence info Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Air on 24/1<sup>st</sup> Fleet.

TRUK, SAIPAN, PALAO also originated numerous messages of a similar nature  
 volume this type traffic and subsequent rebroadcast of evaluated <sup>Yoruma</sup>  
 indicates effective functioning of Radio Intelligence organization. From  
 enciphered address YOKOHAMA Air Group's establishment of base at RABAU  
 is seen with radio station <sup>MAN</sup> & working KAMOI x Jelut\* worked 23  
 MARUS - difficulty encountered in contacting them indicates majority are  
 enroute to a firm JALUIT\*, By D/F, group of MARUS placed in WOTJE  
 and TAROA. Units associated with Air on 24 more active from radio  
 standpoint, involving Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> A.F., Cardin 5, Deson 6, Battow 3, Cinc 8  
 and 4<sup>th</sup> Base Force. No 5<sup>th</sup> F. traffic; Cardin force remains in JALUIT  
 Jelut\* now using service calls as well as tactical calls in broadcasting  
 to <sup>h</sup> - prior this time only tactical calls used, possibly subs not on  
 actual posts but proceeding to new areas called in this fashion.

Cardin 1 in BISMARCK Archipelago with TRUK force Cardin 2 south of  
 Philippines but was addressed by TRUK. Cardin 5 area N. of TRUK, 4<sup>th</sup> and  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Cardin not heard from.

COM 16 261639 → usual. 26<sup>th</sup> Summary... From enciphered address -  
 "C.O. South Sea's Army Detached Force" - traffic routed through  
 Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet. At 8 hrs GMT Orange plane suggested urgent report  
 which was passed to all commanders of Southern Force and Combined Airforce X  
 This was apparently a fighting report of our forces xx At 0810 a  
 command, tentatively identified as Cardin 2 (who has been with  
 group MACASSAR Straits) addressed an urgent contact report to  
 Cinc Southern Expeditionary Fleet in Cardin 3 and Cinc 7 x  
 This may indicate that support is expected from units addressed  
 and are now in the South China Sea.

27 January 1942

Com 14 270143 → <sup>(Bulletin)</sup> <sup>Cardin 2</sup> operating vicinity Celebes,  
 Cardin 1 in RABAU - SOLOMONS area, KAMOI active in defense of MARSHALLS  
 possibly operating in conjunction submarines. Enemy 9<sup>th</sup> and contact units  
 now operating from RABAU in Enemy at a Hecker... N.W. New Guinea...  
 MANUS in Admiralty Islands. Believe enemy in occupation BUKA Passage in <sup>SOLOMONS</sup>

COM 14 270333 → usual. Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> F no change. 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force of 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet  
 active originated urgent to Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> F into NAGARA and 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> F. Some evidence that  
 units of this command involved in MACASSAR STRAIT engagement with U.S. forces xx  
 Cinc 3<sup>rd</sup> sent urgent to Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> F plus Tokyo info Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> Southern Exp. Force  
 and unknown HM No 6 x 111 TRUK continues as radio base for 4<sup>th</sup> units xx  
 Comm. Off. 4<sup>th</sup>, Cinc Yokohama Air + Contact Air Staff Officer at RABAU, Air Group

18 and units Air on 24 apparently involved in wide spread operations in  
 Mandates. Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> may be recently controlling operations in Dutch East  
 Indies from TRUK ((??)) 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet units continue assistance - Cinc 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Sub force at 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet x Submarine traffic handled by JALUIT\* decreased  
 some x 12 units on two broadcast circuits. Believe additional units may  
 proceed to KAMOI either operations or repairs... Cardin 2 continues <sup>releasing</sup>  
 aircrafts 2<sup>nd</sup> fleet and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Force from PALAO. No observation other CVs

ACNB 271401 → Admiralty, Cinc 7<sup>th</sup> East, Capt Staff Singapore, CINCPAC, REXB  
 MY 13472/27 THE AIRCRAFT WAS OPERATING FROM JAPANESE CARRIER KAGA  
 WHICH HAS BEEN IN COMPANY WITH JAP CARRIER ATARI  
 Reference: Translations from notebook recovered... a/c shot down at RABAU 16 Jan.

COMINCH → CINCPAC. ASSUME YOU ARE AWARE OF SERIOUS ENEMY THREAT TO  
 COMMUNICATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA CREATED BY CURRENT ENEMY OCCUPATION  
 OF POINTS, ESPECIALLY RABAU, IN BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO AND HAVE RECOG-  
 NIZED THAT WHILE IT IS INADVISABLE TO DIVERT PART OF HALSEY  
 EXPEDITION IN THAT DIRECTION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PLANNED ATTACK  
 IN MARSHALLS BE DRIVEN HOME

COM 14 272530 → usual. One combatant unit of Air on 24 at KAVIENG. Parts  
 of CHITOSE and YOKOHAMA Air Groups at RABAU. CARDIN 1 & 5 OPERATING  
 BISMARCK-SOLOMONS AREA; SUPPORTED BY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS FROM 4<sup>th</sup>  
 FLEET x DESON 6 HAS BEEN DIRECTED RECONNOITER UNIDENTIFIED ISLANDS  
 AND INFORM AIR COMMANDER OF RESULTS.

COM 14 272559 → <sup>(Bulletin)</sup> <sup>Cinc 4<sup>th</sup></sup> Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> at TRUK; staff in operations area, staff  
 communications open at RABAU. 4946 KES is TRUK controlled tactical  
 circuit 17 TMC force Cardin 5, Yokohama Air, KAMOI, Deson 6, KASHIMA,  
 Cinc 18 Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> A.F. Fleet, Cinc Sub Force x 23 MARUS in JALUIT\* circuit.  
 at RABAU, Yokohama Air Commanders operation of CHITOSE AIR, Cinc 4<sup>th</sup>  
 appears to be controlling operations SE area. TRUK force from TRUK x  
 Cardin 5 may return TRUK x one fleet unit of 24 Air on at KAVIENG

27 2330 #13  
 1130 #13  
 27 1300 #13



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CINCPAC 280311 → TF Comdr, Info COMINT, <sup>501</sup> ACTION COMMANDER TASK FORCE 8 x ESTIMATE ENEMY FORCES MARSHALLS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY REDUCED IN ORDER SUPPORT OPERATIONS TO SOUTHWESTWARD x NOW IS OPPORTUNITY TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS GILBERTS MARSHALLS AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ATTACKS BE DRIVEN HOME x EXPLOIT THIS SITUATION BY EXPANDING OPERATIONS UTILIZING BOTH TASK FORCES IN SUCH REPEATED AIR ATTACKS AND SHIP BOMBARDMENTS AS DEVELOPMENTS AND LOGISTICS MAKE FEASIBLE x IF PRACTICABLE EXTEND ACTION BEYOND ONE DAY.

COM 16 281425 → CINCPAC Info OPNAV COMINT CINCPAC. **PARTIALLY READABLE** MESSAGE FROM AIR COMMAND #1 AIR ATTACK FORCE WHICH INCLUDES CARDY 2 (KAKE 6) x INDICATED RENDEZVOUS WITH AIR ORGANIZATION AT LAT. 1° 49' NORTH, 126° 50' EAST AT 0700 - 30<sup>th</sup> x APPEARS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH OPERATIONS MY 0620 OF 27<sup>th</sup> AS SCHEDULED FOR DATE FOLLOWING 27<sup>th</sup> x ORIGINATOR HAS BEEN CONNECTED IN HEADINGS WITH "EASTERN INVASION FORCE" FURTHER INDICATION FORCE WILL PROCEED IN BODY TO DESTINATION, PROBABLY KIENDARI x MENTION MADE OF PROVISION FOR FUELING FLINING BOATS 31<sup>st</sup>.

COM 16 281445 → USUAL Summary R.I. 28<sup>th</sup> in association today indicates KIRISHIMA and HTEI may be in same area as Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet around AKAI x Card 3 departed ANAMBAS 12 27<sup>th</sup> destination x undetermined. Enciphered address: "Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, Submarine Patrol at DAVAO, Identifications: KAKE 6 and KOSI 4 - #1 air attack force x includes AIRCON 11, units Card 2 and Merman tenders

CINCPAC 282215 → ALL TF Comdr, ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE GILBERTS ELLICE continues 27<sup>th</sup> x BY RADIO INTELLIGENCE CANTOSE AIR GROUP COMMANDER AND STAFF DIVIDED BETWEEN KWASALEM AND KAMOI x ONE INSTANCE THE COMMANDER APPEARED ABOARD KAMOI WHICH DEFINITELY PLOTTED NORTH OF SALUT - TRUK LINE LAST 24 HOURS

29 January 1942

COM 14 290204 series → usual. <sup>urgent</sup> Palao departed from 6<sup>th</sup> 30N 120<sup>th</sup> E probably a contact report - RI DIGEST. Cinc 6<sup>th</sup> in Tokyo - 1ST FLEET unplaced. Cinc 6<sup>th</sup> issued urgent dispatch to all submarines, 7<sup>th</sup> IF originated me to <sup>unplaced</sup> Baiting 3 Baiting 2 units, Sec 1<sup>st</sup> FLEET sent me to KIRISHIMA info 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, Card 3, 3, Saschobomulox ... KAMOS, flagship AIRON 24, north of TRUK by D/F, Many urgent messages to and from TRUK connection of photos to Archward x 5<sup>th</sup> FLEET Cinc and Fleet unit MIN 2 in OKINAWA area while principal 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet commanders elsewhere. More submarine units believed in BOKANKE YOKOSUKA area include ROHE 5, a Merman Subtender of CHICHTSINAX. Several subs believed operating with 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet 4<sup>th</sup> F, No subs radio observed E of date line x Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet traffic handled by Jaluit<sup>th</sup> indicating closer than TRUK x No data on Card 1 or SUBOKA x ZUKAKU probably not in Company 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet x His traffic going thru TRUK, receiving weather from Baiting 6 unit via TRUK. GF Comm. Officer addressed Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet info Com. Off. 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet, 4<sup>th</sup> Base Force and 4 Merman, 2 of those at TRUK, ... Card 3 and RYUDO operating SO EXFOR IN LOWER CHINA SEA, Card 2 probably operating another Philippines-Mindanao area.

COM 14. 290340 <sup>Intelligence</sup> Card 1 + 5 no change from yesterday, Card 2 NE CEESES x Card 3 in Malayan area x Enemy DD landed north ROSSEL Island (LOUISIADE) x additional air strength believed enroute RABOUL ... Unit of Air 24 still at KOWIENG, maybe XCV. Enemy flying boats at TARAWA on 23<sup>rd</sup>; enemy has occupied APANANG as well as MAKIN, further reconnaissance of GILBERTS - ELLICE on 27<sup>th</sup>.

COM 16 291527 → CINCPAC usual. RI Summary 29<sup>th</sup> ... "AARU Force ( ) still making appearance in connection 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units. TRUK accepting traffic for "C.O. SOUTH SEAS DETACHMENT AT RABOUL". ... **MOLE C.I.** **PARTLY READ 2 PART DISPATCH FROM ORANGE INTELLIGENCE GAVE POSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 10 OF OUR UNITS IN BALIKPAPAN AREA. THESE UNITS MOSTLY SUBS x AGAIN SUGGEST RADIO TRANSMISSIONS BE REDUCED TO MINIMUM BY OUR UNITS**

COM 14 292340 → usual. Numerous despatches originated by Tokyo Commanders may presage change calls Feb-1<sup>st</sup> x High volume weather reports from MANDATE stations for 1<sup>st</sup> G Flats yesterday forecasts large scale air movement in near future. CHICHIJIMA - TRUK - SAIPAN - JALUIT Volume intelligence messages high x Presence Cinc 6<sup>th</sup> in Tokyo not confirmed. Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> unplaced. Identifications 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet Force by Cinc 6<sup>th</sup> confirmed too disconnected AIRON 4 Card 2 any note. Yu Ho 6, Destroyer Baiting 6 at RABOUL - other divisions separated for 3rd. Card 1, Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> at TRUK. YOKOSUKA Air Corps at SAIPAN x Marshall area inactive. Part of Baiting 24 still in Marshalls x Jaluit<sup>th</sup> called 23 MARUS. Card 1 + 5 in TRUK - SOLOMONS - BISMARCK area. Card 2 operating out of DAVAO, was addressed by TRUK info TRUK x Card 3 continues operation MARSHA TAKOO area x YOKOSUKA linkage with Card 2 + 5 may indicate return of these units to Japan in near future x 11<sup>th</sup> submarine linkage extremely prominent, indications 1 Squadron returning YOKOSUKA, 1 departing for Palao area. Consubfin not definitely located.

海軍 IMP. Hq directive #47 of 29 January (assault + occupation of LAE + SAMARUA (and later, PORT MORESBY) in E. New Guinea and TOLAG in the SOLOMONS) issued to GF. passed to GF



30 January 1942

Com 16 301422 → CINCPAC info the usual. Deals exclusively with traffic analysis of activities in S.E. ASIA, Manila, Philippines

COMINCH 302113 → CINCPAC, FOLLOWING IS ABDA COM 151715 RELAYED TO YOU FOR INFO x SUBMARINE SUNK BY JUPITER IDENTIFIED AS I-60 x LEFT KOBÉ JAN 2<sup>nd</sup> REFUELED DAVAO 10 JAN BOUND PENANG AFTER OPERATING SUNDÁ STRAIT x JUPITER OBTAINED CONTACT AND ATTACKED WITH DEPTH CHARGES RESULTING IN FAILURE OF ELECTRICAL MOTORS x SUBMARINE SURFACED AND WAS SUNK BY GUNFIRE x HYDROPHONE LISTENING GEAR FITTED DIRECTIONAL ONLY RANGE 20,000 METERS FOR LARGE SHIPS x DISTANCE INDICATOR WITH CONSTANT UNCHANGEABLE FREQUENCY OF 17.5 KILOCYCLES SCALE DIVISION UP TO 6,000 METERS x FULL REPORT IS BEING FORWARDED.

31 January 1942

COM 14 310028 series → usual. Noticeable increase in intelligence <sup>deception</sup> to and from all major fleets/forces. Steady activity of AF stations and increased security measures indicate Japanese have taken stock of recent losses and experience gained x This borne out by every activity in Hawaiian area and great reduction in use of radio xx  
 ... Cinc Combrud and 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet undetected x Cinc GF originates high precedence to Cinc GF for action and to Heabs of other fleets major force Navy Minister for information x Tentative identified BB in Beldw 3 reported allocated to extreme under 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Cinc xx Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> sent long input personnel dispatch to Cinc GF x 11111. TRUK continues activity x  
Beam 6 still divided, x Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> and staff appear at TRUK cannot be confirmed x JALUIT<sup>+</sup> sent radio to all Supply ships on this circuit. Flagship Beam 6 at Retard plus 2 staff officers. Church Gunn #6 & WAKE x Planes of Air group 18 flying to KISARATSU via BONINS. Air group 17 planes involved operating with 19<sup>th</sup> at IMAESI. 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet units entrance served by OMISATO Radio 1111. SHOKAKU in TRUK area x Palao handled one dispatch for Combrud 5 x Cardu 3 in China Sea; slight indication Cardu 4 leaving En route for TRUK.

COM 14 310245 → Bulletin #14 - nothing not covered above

COM 16 311140 → Cinc AF info the usual. AUXILIARY RIO GRANDE POSSIBLY GERMAN APPARENTLY SERVING SUBMARINES MANDATE AREA x APPEARED IN PARTIAL TRANSLATION ASSOCIATED WITH SUBS ((245 report lists RIO GRANDE'S NOON POSITIONS - probably given/passcd to Subs for safe passage etc)) REFERENCE WAS MADE TO POSITIONS GIVEN IN ANOTHER UNREADABLE DISPATCH xx SECOND PARTIAL TRANSLATION INDICATES KENDARI BEING USED AS SUB BASE xx THREE SHIP CONVOY LEFT MOJI SEVEN HOURS TODAY ENROUTE (POSSIBLY HAWAIIAN FROM HEADING) VIA TAKAO/S. CHINA SEA.

COM 16 311458 → CINCPAC info usual. 31<sup>st</sup> RI SUMMARY. From traffic headings HIRYU appears at or in vicinity PALAO x Slight indication HOSHO in MARSHALL ISLANDS x Comdr South Seas Detachment possibly return TRUK receiving traffic through 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Staff Comm. Officer 11111.

COM 14 312350 → the usual. Traffic volume below normal 2 Kena calls changed x Cinc GF traffic indicates change in operation plans & reassignment of Divs to 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet area, Cinc GF if not located x Indication of employment units 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet in Western theater. .... Indications from movement 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet traffic first TRUK to SAIDAN, then to PALAO suggest destination that fleet is operating area with 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet. ... Desdir of Beam Catell at RABOUL x 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet Mandate traffic 90% intelligence. C/S 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet at TRUK x Jaluit<sup>+</sup> called 17 D, 16 answered - positions ... Cross info in Jaluit<sup>+</sup> area, Cardu 1 operating TRUK-BISMARCK-SOLOMONS ASSOCIATION 15Z MTF with 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet indicates probable concentration carriers in MALAYA - PALAO SORYU S.E. ASIA CARDU 2 CALL INCLUDED COMBINED AIR FORCE CARDU 3 TAKAO MALAYA KORYO ENROUTE TRUK SHOKAKU TRUK AREA SHOKAKU POSSIBLY ENROUTE PALAO.



1 February 1942

COM 16 011630 → CINCAF info the usual x RI Summary 1<sup>st</sup> x Much high precedence traffic contact type traffic originated by units Marshall Islands area commencing 0500 (Z) x JALUIT\* originated majority urgent traffic with COMSUBPAC, Airon 24, Subron 7, 19<sup>th</sup> Div, 4<sup>th</sup> Defense Division at WOTSE, CUL 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet and other unidentified units probably air groups involved. Majority this traffic addressed information Cinc Combined Fleet Cinc 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet and 6<sup>th</sup> Base Force at JALUIT\* Commander striking force in AKASHI originated message Airon Cinc Combined Information COMSUBPAC Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fleets x Traffic routing indicates this unit vicinity TRUK probably to southward x "....."

COM 14 010025 Intelligence Bull. 17. 12 vessels at KONSAL, night of 25<sup>th</sup> On the 30<sup>th</sup> 4 cruisers probably Cinc 6 and 18 x 6 DD of Beornle plus smaller vessels and 13 transports at same place x SALOMUA (New Guinea) attacked on 31<sup>st</sup>... Cardiv 1 Solomon-BISHARK area x BORYU in CELEBES Region x HIRYU at PALAO x Cardiv 3 in MALAYA x KORYU enroute to TRUK x SHOKAKU in TRUK area x ZUIKAKU probably enroute PALAO x No Subs known east of 180°. Director Fender and R.I. Stations, particularly MARSHALLS very active.

NZNB 010109 → CINCPAC Info ACNB. At 0630 GMT 30<sup>th</sup> unidentified (0109Z/12<sup>th</sup>) shore wireless station on BUKA Island made otherwise short CIPHER messages to JALUIT\*. At 2350 GMT 31<sup>st</sup> (0850 Tokyo Time 12<sup>th</sup>) JALUIT\* commenced sending messages priority emergency and most immediate to TOKYO and TRUK. Addressees include Combined Intelligence, CUL 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet and CHITOSE Flying Boat Squadron x Augmentation of one message was Senior Officer of a Submarine Force x All traffic showed evidence of extreme urgency x Comment: These signals connected with ships U.S. force in vicinity.

COM 16 - 010427 → <sup>OPNAV - Int</sup> <sup>the usual</sup> STRONG INDICATIONS THAT SINCE 1 JANUARY LAST TRANSMITTED GROUP OF AFIRM NEGAT DELIBERATELY GARBLED OR MEANINGLESS GROUP USED x MANY INSTANCES WHERE APPARENTLY GOOD GROUP USED BUT ADDS NOTHING TO CONTEXT OR COMPLETELY DESTROYS CONTINUITY OF TRANSLATION x FURTHER SUPPORTED BY FACT THAT ORIGINATORS WHO PREVIOUSLY QUOTE "TAILED" UNQUOTE ARE NOW OVERLAPPING, LAST GROUP WITH FIRST GROUP OF NEXT MESSAGE x LEADS TO ASSUMPTION THAT THEY ARE STILL TAILING GOOD TEXT x A FEW EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE NOTED BUT SUGGEST SUCH GROUP NOT BE USED DERIVING ADDITIVES OR VALUES UNTIL THIS DISPROVED x REQUEST ANY INFO SUPPORT OR DENIAL

COM 16 011615 → CINCAF info the usual. ON 22 JANUARY TRANSLATION MENTIONS PLANS FOR OCCUPATION AND USE "REDO" AIRPORT IN PALEMBANG, SUMATRA x ANOTHER DATED 1 FEB STATES REMAINDER TAKAO AIRGROUP TO BE TRANSFERRED IMMEDIATELY TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION (Believed to be DAVAO) x NAVY GENERAL STAFF MESSAGE OF 31 JAN STATES OFFICER ON "GF AND IAF" STAFFS WILL DEPART YOKOHAMA ON 1 FEB. ARRIVE SAIPAN SECOND LEAVE SAIPAN FOR PALAO ON WIRECOVERED DATE (probably 30). These officers possibly on Combined 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet and 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet Staffs - Conference indicated

COMINCH (O) RI Stations TOKYO to JALUIT continue steady efforts to locate U.S. force Cinc CA's possibly base U.S. Air Fleet (in AKASHI) at TRUK. COMSUBPAC Airon 24, Subron 7, A.G. 19, 6<sup>th</sup> Base Force x JALUIT\* is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Fleet in vicinity of TRUK active trying to locate U.S. force (Marshall). CUL 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet in vicinity of TRUK or JALUIT or possibly southward of TRUK. SHOKAKU may be enroute Empire New Island connects again is EBILIE in Koroheke group. 4<sup>th</sup> Div Force and unidentified Air Group at WOTSE. Much high precedence CONTACT type traffic by originated by units in Marshalls beginning at 0500/Z with JALUIT\* originating greater portion China Fleet units believed operating with 3<sup>rd</sup> Force. NO developments on GF or 1<sup>st</sup> Fleets; 1<sup>st</sup> Section Military Stores at KENDARI, 3<sup>rd</sup> Section Mil Store at AMBONA (CEPAC)

2 February 1942

COM 14 020106 → Int. Bull. 18 - One 7 engine ~~planned~~ bomber BAKER Island yesterday, probably from MAKIN x 2 Biplanes vicinity 17N 175W at 1820 GCT Today x One or more enemy ships 180-160<sup>th</sup> from SUVA, moving east. Solomon Islands reconnoitered x bombed, Airon 24 still between Eastern Marshalls. Subs possibly basing on WAKE, part of 19<sup>th</sup> Air Group now basing EBILIE of Koroheke group. No changes noted Cardiv breacheris. One Subron moving from Mandates to 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet. One Subron arriving YOKOSUKA. One Subron WAKE-Marshall's area. None known to be east of 180°

COM 14 020126 → usual. Heavy urgent traffic in Marshalls directly connected U.S. operations x Repeated to other commands and areas but no definite indications from outside area are to be disturbed. SUVA

Reports hearings moving in Eastern direction south and close abrad of a Main or Shiro ball, also used Secret call TO SA on 9300 KC - a frequency used by carrier x 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units South of TRUK recently. A "Covering or protective force" appeared with Beorn 6, carrier and 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet units believed New Britain area. Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> Continues supreme but may be losing communication control x Consequently many dispatches linking 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Fleets with Combined Air Force and 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet. 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet, Airon 24, 19<sup>th</sup> Air Group still very active. Urgent traffic these units with one Subron in Marshalls and Radio intelligence stations Tokyo to JALUIT\* continue steady efforts locate our forces x New Island in Koroheke connected 19<sup>th</sup> Air Group is EBILIE x

ACNB 5020629 to CINCPAC wireless traffic indicates likelihood 3<sup>rd</sup> Battle Group 0629Z Z NZNS Division, 8<sup>th</sup> Cruiser Division, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Division proceeding to MARSHALL Islands. Part of 24<sup>th</sup> Air Squadron has probably preceded them. Graded B2-E3.

COM 16 021345 → CINCAF info the usual. Convoy 8 ships departed HAIPHONG AM. 2<sup>nd</sup> Air BAKO. Several Despatches from Tokyo Intelligence Addressed all ships and stations since 7 December giving our calls, a latest (30-31 JANUARY) gives following with correct encipherment from CSP 1161. MIL x M9 U x HUNT x FSL x FSQ x FLU G x Comdr Off Shore Patrol x NIQ x two others partly decipherable due to garbles believed. NIN and 099 x all 3 letter number calls given correct 4 letter encipherment except three cases interchanged I for a I, O for a O x No information whether results obtained by association, decipherer

See page 34 for COM 16's reply

MIL - Com Sub Sec For	FSL - Cincpac	KATY - Com 12	NIQ - NOTIN CHL (Pac)
M9U - Com Pattern 2	FSQ - CincAF	TOKY - Com 14	099 - Com 11 For 9
HUNT - NAS Rear 2	FLU - Com 16	MIQ - Tokushu 13	

OPNAV 021931 → COM 16 info CINCPAC CHINCH REQUEST FURTHER INFO COM 16 021345 WERE ANY IDENTIFICATION GIVEN BESIDES THOSE REPORTED x WERE ANY PREDICTIONS MADE x DOES STATEMENT "ALL 3 LETTER NUMBER CALLS GIVEN CORRECT 4 LETTER ENCIPHERMENT" REFER TO MORE THAN THE 12 CALLS LISTED.

COM 14 022359 Intelligence Bull. #19 MUCH ACTIVITY IN EASTERN MARSHALLS BY AIR GROUP AND SUBMARINE UNITS. STRIKING FORCE OF CARDIV 1 2 AND 5 x 2 BATTLESHIPS x CRUVID 8 x DEBRON IN STILLERISTANCE x CARDIV 2 IN CELEBES AREA x PROBABLY 2 SUBRONS IN MARSHALLS. NO ADDITIONAL INFO ON CARRIERS...

RDO WASH → INFO CINCPAC. THIS IS COS COLONBO 021825 PASSED TO YOU FOR INFO. NAVAL SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE DATE FEB 1 x CINC COMBINED AIR FORCES INSTRUCTS TAKAO AIR SQUADRON TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO MID INSTEAD OF OTHER MOVE ARRANGED FOR 10 FEB. IN VIEW OF SITUATION IN MARSHALL VS. MREA x MESSAGE IS REPEATED TO COMBINED FLEET, FOURTH FLEET AND 2<sup>nd</sup> AIR FLEET AND OTHERS x Comment - better position MID is not known. It would be of great assistance if information as to letter positions could be obtained from Captured aircraft.

COMINCH (O) Tokyo (Intell) informed GF, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, IAF x Force of location of 20-30 ships in Allied Convoy - position 38°S 84°E on 30 January (150± miles SW PERTH)



3 February

COM 14 030030 → CINCAF info OPNAV. FROM TOKYO TO COMBINED, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Fleets, 1<sup>st</sup> AF Fleet, Combined Air and Subforce & 20-30 SHIPS IN COMPANY WITH ALLIED CONVOY IN POSITION APPROXIMATELY 38°S 84°E ON 20 JANUARY & REQUEST CINCAF PASS TO INTERESTED PARTIES

CINCAF 030250 → COM 14 info OPNAV, IS 38°S 84°E THE POSITION GIVEN IN YOUR 0300 OF 31<sup>st</sup> & WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY CONVOY NEAR THIS LOCATION

COM 16 03055 → OPNAV info the usual. FACTS REPORTED MINE OF 2<sup>nd</sup> ON CASH SIGNS BASED ON ESARD SMS 116 STARTING POINT 05313 TIME GROUP 31180X PLUS PARTIAL TRANSLATIONS SAME ORIGINATOR SINCE 7 DEC & NO PREDICTIONS TO DATE & SMS 798 (2 parts) of 7 December includes recoveries from 1 Aug 2 December & possibly other dates in unrecovered position & SMS 107 of 29 January gives calls for 25T & only exception calls listed before are BBG and G9T appearing in 798 part one & statement regarding correct encipherment refers only to calls listed in previous dispatch.

COM 16-031237 → CINCPAC info the usual. INDICATION ENEMY WILL ATTEMPT SALVAGE 3 US SEAPLANES SHOT DOWN KWAJALEIN & MAY BE TO RECOVER CODES & OLD TRANSLATION DATED APRIL INDICATES JALUIT RESERVE WATER SUPPLY AT JABORU.

OPNAV 032316 → CINCPAC info CINCPAC, ESPAC, CPAC, USMAWNEF, COM 11, 16 SPNAV 032316 → CINCAF info the usual. DAILY APPRECIATION of Japanese Naval Activity in a general summary of dispatches for past 24 hours informative only of results in news developments as noted by ONI - Main offensive advances Southward through MOLOCCA Passage into MOLOCCA and BANDA Seas Seizing strategic locations on which to base further advance into Southern Chain of islands & KENDARI being developed as advance submarine and air base for this purpose with indicators of early attempt occupation of objectives in TIMOR & advance through MACESSAR Strait probable, backed by the successful surface and aircraft attacks & losses incurred by the MARSHALLS being replaced with no indication apparent of material disturbance to main theaters of operations except probable delay on offensive down BISMARCK Archipelago & Occupation near future East Coast New Guinea and SOLOMONS objectives indicated & The transfer of units South China and So. Esp. Fleets in support of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleets operations indicated heavy casualties being felt and relatively weak escort of Southbound Convoys in Northern waters & increasing evidence of submarine operations in Indian Ocean from Base at PERANG.

COM 16 031512 → CINCAF info the usual, C.I. indications of extensive operation plan designated as MA involving 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force Commander, Air forces designated in confirmed text as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Air Force, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet, JALUIT Base Force, Airron 23, Destroyer & Western Philippine Force, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Force, 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet and Airron 24 & Plan covers period 5-10 Feb. and implies coordinated offensive against places as yet not identified due to the use of recently initiated method of identification by letter symbols. A long dispatch from 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force action to the "MA operation force" refers to decision to carry out "MA" operations; Another order put out by JALUIT Base Force to include collection case into 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet and Airron 24 refers to "MA" area. MA = MAKASSAR?

OPNAV 032315 → CINCAF + COM 16 info CINCPAC, Great stress is being placed on the importation to Japan from China and THAILAND of essential war materials rubber and tin also rice & ships scheduled on this run; BATAVIA dep KEELUNG 1/20 ANNE SDAIGAN 2/6 BANGKOK 11<sup>th</sup> leave 20<sup>th</sup> then dep SDAIGAN 26<sup>th</sup>. KANSAS Manned TAIKAO 2/12 an HANG HONG 1<sup>st</sup> → Saigon leaving - etc.

COM 16 031557 → R.I. Summary 3<sup>rd</sup> - Enciphered address Comdr Airron 11. Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force sent msg action "MA operation force" and one undeciphered command info "all 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet Eastern Force Commander" C/S 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet and Airron 24. COM 14 030120 - SHOKAKU believed returning to EMPIRE & SUNKAKU to TRUK. STOKING FORCE 1<sup>st</sup> heavy however cannot answer in predictions of movement this force to MARSHALLS as indications seen. 20 calls heard in JALUIT circuit with attack not heard since.

4 February 1942

COM 14 040120 → OPNAV etc. Intelligence of Subron and air activity together in Marshall still continues heavy, no definite indications re: accounts of Marshalls & Takao mentioned in only one dispatch with Airron 24 & TAKAO Radio worked high speed automatic Tokyo short time & YOKOSUKA Defense Force believed consist large number Marus and minimum of 5 fleet units received urgent dispatch from SDAIGAN in that area 11<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup> Air Group associated Airron 24, 16<sup>th</sup> Air Group YOKOSUKA Training School. Location of mid-air & HOYEI addressed by Sug. Staff side & Comdr 8 Marus & TRUK. YOKOSUKA air group appears RABOUL but Comdr appears to be IMESJ and RABOUL 5<sup>th</sup> fleet flagship continues OMIWA to area but C/S associated closely with 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Force. This fleet may have furnished material assistance believed to be TRUK recently in 2 Marus, also associated with KAF and 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Force. 11<sup>th</sup> Sug. Staff continues of a Subron & shift from PACIFIC to CHINA SEA.

COM 14 040225 → Same. 1 Subron moved out from Marshalls after U.S. force 3<sup>rd</sup> fairly heavily fired 14-17, 12-17, 11-17, all N+E. This output may be joined by 2 other & all receiving intelligence from TOKYO. CV location indefinite - best estimate Comdr 105 of 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet S. of TRUK but not concentrated. HIRYU near PALAU. SORPs in Celebes area & Comdr 3 in Malaya except HOSHO may be in PALAU area & Comdr 4 unobserved. Since 15 January, TRUK Radio has intermittently originated 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet Comdr's traffic using latter SMS and NR series with no sign of Air Fleet Comdr assume these SMS are anti-air activity in text & this not considered conclusive that this Comdr in TRUK but when TRUK

OPNAV 040154. ORANGE INTELLIGENCE N22 Major groupings Japanese Naval force substantially unchanged with focus of activity concentrating vicinity TRUK, probably portending offensive against Eastern New Guinea scheduled start about 5 February. Offensive pressure continues in MOLOCCA Sea area with strong possibility action being projected against TIMOR and FLORES as soon as breeze has at AMBON and Celebes can be made useable & shift of submarines squadrons westward away from Pacific area presaged reduction offensive submarine operations this area and intensification these operations in Indian Ocean and East-Indian Archipelago region.

(14) 042345 → Usual. Forces engaged in more South from (ECSBS includes 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Air Force & Airron 23 and part of Airron 24, 10<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Comdr from Comdr 2, Comdr 3, at least one Comdr and 10<sup>th</sup> & no indication of strengthening of Marshalls except one Airron & Submarine fired at 22N 161 West, 22N - 161 West, and 12N - 171 East, Bullehu 21 & One sub attacked in vicinity 21N 157W & Soerabaya and vicinity attacked by bombers and fighters. (Confirmed) SHOKAKU enroute Empire. Comdr 2<sup>nd</sup> inspected Marshalls Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Attack Force - TRUK; Comdr 1<sup>st</sup> (Jaluit) called 19.1 (many of calls are alternate)



5 February 1942

Com 14 050100 - usual. MA Campaign Area forces as identified by Com 16 verified by traffic association during break x location of Area MA appears to be JAVRA, 1st dead radio activity observed after long silence. Indication replacement flights to Marshalls no indication further strengthening. 19.5 called by TALENT including alternatives, 5 answered x Position FMS 12N 174E DIA YO 22N 166W East NANI 19N 176.3 W Consult for JAVRA. Cards 1, 5 less SHOKAKU Southern area SHOKAKU current Empire. Cards 3 less HOSHIO in Malaya, HOSHIO units TRUK, CMC 1st Air Fleet in TRUK, CMC in AKAWI position SUITE 12-30 South 150-30 East x Number 6 Submarine Base located WOTEX

OPNAV 050130 - many. This is 96 Colombo 0623 2/30 W/T and 47 Intelligence indicates following disposition: SALONIA MALAYA area: CMC, KASHI, CMC SOKA Fleet, (in Cape Devaran area) AS 2504 (SALONIA area) units 2nd F include 75 (4 MORGANIS), (CAME RYUJO - vicinity ANAMATS 12), a seaplane tender (mainly KAV - KAMIKAWA-Maru) in SALONIA area, at least one submarine operating in the area x Celebes Sea units of 3rd F. Traffic CMC 2nd F routed through TARAKAN x unit thought to be CMC JINZU operating Molucca Sea MANDATED AREA - CMC and Card 8 (TONE & CHIKUMA) in addition to units of 2nd F. CINCOPAC 0611/24

LINCOPAC 050211 - COMNAV DEPT. COMNAV 2 INFO COMNAV DEPT. COMNAV 1, CG. HAWAII AIRCRAFT COM 14. IN VIEW PROBABILITY IMPORTANT ENEMY ATTACK IN UNKNOWN AREA DURING PERIOD COMMUNICATOR FOUNDING JAPANESE EMPIRE AND BECAUSE IMPORTANT FLEET UNITS ARE IN PEARL, FOLLOWING ACTION IS DIRECTED BEGINNING 5 FEBRUARY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, PROBABLY ABOUT 10 DAYS LATER, REFERENCE MY CONFIDENTIAL SERIAL 0334 OF 31 JANUARY, PARAGRAPHS 10 KEEP MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES x PARAGRAPHS 14 AND IS DURING EARLY MORNING PERIOD ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT ALERT x WHERE ALERT OF 2 HOURS NOTICE IS SPECIFIED, AT OTHER TIMES FOR A PORTION OF AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT CHANGE TO ONE HOUR NOTICE.

\* COM 16 050300 - usual. PARTIALLY READABLE DESPATCH DATES 5 FEB. INDICATES SHOKAKU OR ZUIKOKU and MARU seaplane, possibly NITTA (Maru?) VERY RECENTLY UNDERWAY YOKOHAMA TO TRUK OR SO SCHEDULED VERY NEAR FUTURE x TEXT GIVES NO DATE AND suggests these vessels connected 1st Air Fleet.

Com 16 051648 - Summary, RJ 5th From traffic routing and association SHOKAKU detached from Card 2 (5th) now proceeding to TRUK in company SHOKAKU and unit of KARA 6 and NURI 3, probably units Desima X 1100 Further association with SORYU and SOEKI air stations (ref my 041833 indicates SHOKAKU may proceed to PALAO or join SORYU in Molucca area, Seena call HI RE 2, tentatively identified as KORYU also associated SORYU and air-plate meet group, SAEKI Air Station Secret Call KE MI, tent. ident as Com BS 3 placed by DF in KARIMATA Straits... Naval Minister addressed traffic action CMC GF & China Area Fleets info CMC 1st 2nd F. Consult for, CMC 1st Fleet and CMC 1st F, Indications Embassies (NU 518) by TAKAO Area, actually connected CMC GF, 3rd F plus Card E, Ph. 1. Area at DAVO in...

\* COM 16 051739 PARTIALLY READABLE DESPATCH OF 4 FEB FROM CMC SASO TO UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY REFERS TO SECRET DESPATCH ORDER # 4 AND DIRECTS ADDRESSEE PROCEED HONG KONG UPON COMPLETION PREPARATIONS MENTIONING "CHINA DISTRICT" "MIKE AFIRM" OPERATIONS PLANS REFERRED TO IN SUBSEQUENT TEXT. South China, China Sea, Chinese Fleets x Naval Exploit HQ, unident Maru Bako Commandant info address.

OPNAV 052326 - many. Naval forces between NEW GUINEA and BORNEO expected initiate immediate southward offensive movement on South China NEI islands. Plans for early establishment of recent seizures in Bismark Archipelago now thought as behind indicated by reports of reconnoitering warships this area. Japanese Navy Department announced inauguration commercial shipping route under Navy protection between Japan and Southern ports x No indication of reinforcements to Marshalls in areas of replacement of losses.

(2) 173 E On 5 February (as a result of the attack on the Marshalls) 21 heavy bombers of TAKAO Air (intended as the nucleus for a new 4th Air) were detached from the Southern Force and assigned to the South Seas Force, for deployment to RAOUL (2 collided over TRUK leaving 19 BATTLES)

6 February 1942

Com 14 060205 - usual. <sup>201</sup> Ch. CATOSE Air Unit - TRUK, 47 Staff detached to TRUK. tentatively identified Shiro base an attack group or Section x Comdr. 8th Sp. Landing Force also. Comdr. 6, Comdr. 24, and PALAO W. Central. Signs that 5th Base Force SAIPAN operating x Flapship 5th F. Antennas 01017 to area x SHOKAKU shows at YOKOSUKA HOSHIO believed leaving YOKOSUKA now - 103 Air Base mentioned in this traffic. T.A. units 25F in Philippine area x Nothing appeared on 15 for ZUIKAKU x only one. for 22N 176-30W. 100 believed at edge of Pacific.

COM 14 060211 - usual. TRANSLATION IS follows: HOSHIO in company with fleet units will depart YOKOSUKA for TRUK on day earlier than scheduled. Radio <sup>also</sup> says SAERABAYA is acting as relay for U.S. units and 45000 guards for their frequencies. 3 seaplanes left TRUK for KAVIENG 0830 1st. one of man of war will arrive YOKOSUKA shortly. GUKAMATA around Comdr. Air unit

COMINCH - CINCOPAC - CTF 11 etc ANZAC strictly GIVE THIS DESPATCH IMMEDIATELY TO PERSON TO ADDRES. THERE ARE DEFINITE SIGNS OF A WIDESPREAD AND COORDINATED JAPANESE OFFENSIVE IN ASDA and ANZAC areas within next few days which may well be accompanied by raids against MIDWAY, OAHU, NEW HEBRIDES, N.E. AUSTRALIA and POSSIBLY WEST COAST OF CANAL. Expedite dispositions and operations upon force to seize this opportunity for making detached enemy units costly for them. Task Force 11 Pacific Central toward ANZAC area for cooperation with Com ANZAC for a Japan Army and Australian, More will follow

Com 16 061558 - "MA" in operation plan given as Kane "MA". Area designation normally are Roman spelling. Cannot confirm/deny Com 14 assumption (MA = Java) depending on that since MA Area has been exposed to enemy in traffic while reference to "MA operation and "MA" forces frequent, thus thought good to denote area <sup>Japanese plan</sup> "MA" <sup>201</sup> WAKABAYAMA

OPNAV 062206 - many. Orange Intel. #4. Main Naval Office and air striking force reported moving south in Molucca Sea with indications pointing to extensive coordination of most available forces off SE Asia in a major offensive movement directed at Southern NEI. Specific movement of large number of carriers possibly related to anticipated offensive. Attached movements of several carriers indicate necessity of supporting off movement.

Com 14 062255 - usual. Indications 1st Air Fleet seaplane tender arrived Marshalls JAVRA Intelligence traffic being transmitted direct to fleet without normal routing to help in evaluation x TAKAO broadcasting CMC GF, CMC 2F appears directing operations 1st Air Fleet and Card 2. Seaplane, 3rd F association close x line with Staff in TRUK. 16 Air Corps departed PASO: 4 Marus at WAKE, 25th calls on JAVRA circuit, 5 answered. Consult for dispatch Marshalls destruction task force Cards 1, 5 believed with 1st Air Fleet westward of TRUK but no definite info on Card 1 for several days. HOSHIO continues move west TRUK, SHOKAKU advanced at YOKOSUKA but believed leaving there today.

Com 14 062325 - CMC 2nd in command operating to south of Celebes and has no position of air strength in his command, including Card 2, Shiro based squadrons, 1st Air Attack Force. No change in SHOKAKU, HOSHIO, and various locations from yesterday

COMINCH - CINCOPAC - CTF 11 etc ANZAC (140 CTF). Situation in northern Anzac area requires prompt action to check enemy advance and occupation. Estimate Enemy's force and strong shore based air unit be established RAOUL rest few days and then early striking force of at least 2 carriers, several cruisers destroyed possibly battleships and amphibious troops will become available to strike NEW CALEDONIA, NEW HEBRIDES or other positions on our line of communication x Com ANZAC expects concentration naval forces (1) - NEW CALEDONIA area also press and arrange for full cooperation Australian Air Force including one group U.S. Army aircraft recently allocated x CINCOPAC arrange for and direct Task Force 11 augmented by San Francisco and 2 DD and all practical navy patrol and Army bombardier planes from Hawaii to proceed at once to ANZAC area and coordinate with Com ANZAC force under direction of latter. Expedite PENNSYLVANIA and 2 DD joining up but do not delay direction of latter. Expedite PENNSYLVANIA boards these forces with all possible information of enemy.







9 February 1942

Com 16 091026 -> Usual SANKU Maru (5500 tons) left YOKOSUKA 7th bound for TRUK. En route points: A - 33-53, 135-15; B - 23-30, 137-15; C - 11-08, 137-20

COM 16 091904 RI Summary 9th. Comd. Airron 22 shifted from SOKOKU to Air Station vicinity KUCUNGS - to operate with #1 Attack Force, Airron 23 and other air groups now in Balikpapan - Kendari areas. SECTION OF TAKAO AIR FORCE SHOWS AT VI 5, unident. Air Station in JALUIT area, addressed message concerning remaining forces TAKAO Air Group at TAKAO, Information Staff Group of 5 Cdr's, Surface, AF, Air 24 and Cdr's. TAKAO Air Group at Balikpapan plus "C.O. 61st Air Depot" and "C.O. KAWASAKI branch Depot" at "PERIKU" ("Peleliu - Palau?") These enciphered addresses believed in Mandates.....

COM 14 092135 -> TRANSLATIONS. TRUK INFORMS FLEET COMMANDS IN C.I. REPORT OF LOCATIONS AND RADIO CALLS OF SOME OF OUR SHORE RADIO STATIONS. FLAG OF AIRRON 24 HAS BEEN MOVED ASHORE. 1st Base Force INFORMS FLEET COMMANDERS THAT A VESSEL IN CONVOY WAS TORPEDOED BY ENEMY SUB NEAR LOVE MIKE (LM) AT 2215 OF 8th x 3rd FLEET. A CONVOY WAS ESCORTED FROM MIKE ROGER (MR) TO LOVE KING (LK) AND IS NOW ANCHORED THERE. CINCLANTFLT HAS ORDERED DISPOSITION OF PLANES OF ZUIKAKU AND POSSIBLY SHOKAKU x PLANES OF FORMER TO GO TO KABA AND IHRYU x COMCARDIV 4 REPORTS 8 PLANES HAVE DEPARTED PREP (P.T.) FOR BASE 313x

COM 14 092140 -> REGARDING ROMAN LETTER PLACE DESIGNATIONS. CONCUR. COM 16 1010 06 8th (see page 39). INITIAL P = MANDATES. PT probably PONAPE x BAKER. IS BORNEO AND BR - probably BANJER MASIN

OPNAV 092310 -> Navy. Change Intel # 7. Unidentified attacks on NEI involving landing operations may coincide with Singapore assault. 1st Stage probably includes Southern Sumatra, Mevoria probably Irian and THOR FLORIS area x 2nd Stage, JAVA with initial attempt perhaps on SAMARANG and CHERISON outposts. Radio traffic for 1st fleet relayed thru Palau indicates this fleet in Southwest Mandates with 2-3 CV in same area x Indications that 1st fleet now addressed as SCREENING Force suggests future increased activity thru Mandate force. Evidence that large scale offensive will commence February 10th

Com 16 - 091635 -> Location of units of Airron 6 as previously given by R.I. my 011630. Confirmed in translation. Director of operations directing his force to establish bases at KUCUNGS, ANAMIBAS period 25-30 January x op. order dated 9 February my 1000, from Comdr. All Southern Forces orders large scale movement "for tomorrow - the 10th" mentioning ANAMIBAS repeatedly in text

Com 14 090511 (mention Screening Force)

10 February 1942

Com 14 100005 -> SCREENING FORCE Comdr mentioned my 090511 addressed despatch to ZUIKAKU + NURI 3, SEWI 2 info Cmc 5th, NO WA 8, CMC GF and shore Cdr 1st Air Fleet despatches, now being forwarded and falsely originated by Palau Radio. Large number of urgent and priorities originated from PACAF to SHOKAKU and NURI 3 at YOKOSUKA indicate change in plans former... 1st fleet traffic decreased in TAKAO Air Group appears at Marshall Islands true U.S. 5, indicated late NARA 9 x Base 322 and HOKE 7. Later believed garble for Base Comdr at WAKE, HOKE 7. Indicates at least part of TAKAO Air group will move to Marshalls and Wake, Flagship 5th Fleet continues receive traffic via OKINAWA.....

COM 14 100049 -> Bulletin 26. WEATHER being transmitted by MAREN but no upper air noted from GILBERTS, RABOUL, or SOLOMONS and regions. One Air group in Northern Marshalls Hospital Ship in Jaluit area x Cmc 1st Air Fleet moved from TRUK to PACAF. Increased activity MLDY INDIES For: A Convoy of 5 unident. MARUS will leave 11 Feb for TRUK via CMCCH - JIMA and SAIPAN x 10 more destined KWOSACEAN x escort will be provided to CMCCH JIMA x END x A unit of Base 6 informed Casuarina 6, 95 AF x other that repairs would be completed about 20th, final date to be returned after inspection. Indicated that damage was sustained on 1 February....

Com 16 101922, RI Summary 10th. Main 1st originated signal addressed Action Subforce 3 Subunits info all 1st and 2nd of 1st Station and 1st fleet perhaps consisting of KANA 50 (I-10th) repeated 8 times followed by date and time group 0100 (I-10th). Same office originated 3 code message addressed to all fleet flagships and 1st and 2nd class 1st Station same date and time group, unident. Comdr. in 1st fleet YUNO associated with traffic with 45 GF, 1F, 1ST, SHOKAKU, CHICHIJIMA Base Force, 1st Base Force x SAIPAN, unident. SIES, RU YO 3 and "Comdr #1 Picket Boat Force"....

OPNAV 102104 -> Navy. Change Intel # 8. Evidence that unident. forces operating CAMRAN# Bay today speed 12 ordered to protect north of BANJER MASIN. BILKINGTON on 13th strengthens possibility of early attack Southern Sumatra. Renewal activity Eastern Theatre noted in occupation GASHMATA, South Borneo and bombing operations in SOLOMONS and SAMARANG. Report that ZUIKAKU and perhaps SHOKAKU ordered transfer planes to KABA and IHRYU suggests early employment. Later 2 cv. Airron 6 establishing bases at KUCUNGS and ANAMIBAS.

Com 14 102153 -> 2 KANA in calls changed at midnight - no other changes seen. PACAF and TRUK seem to have taken over dissemination of intelligence to fleet x Tokyo traffic this subject has fallen off x Screening Force & CV 2 again prominent in the ass. 5th, Yokosuka Defense Force. Borneo Defense Force and carriers SHOKAKU, ZUIKAKU + their plane guards. Fact that this force never associated 2nd, 3rd or 4th fleet indicates it is not part of offensive units South Seas. Since 5th fleet does not appear to be an offensive unit, conclude this entire force is Empire Defense. Since Cmc 1st fleet appears in association above, include the and heavy shipping or near Empire.... Com. Off. at Rabaul continues addressing 1st Air Fleet which will now definitely under Cmc 2nd x Part of TAKAO Air Group, at KUCUNGS.

OPNAV 102105 -> COMANRAC Info ASD about, Comdr. Cmc. Info you requested follows: Japanese operations in Eastern Theater of SW Pacific since to date: Occupation effected at RABOUL of GASHMATA New Britain, MUSSAU Island of NE New Ireland, KAVIENG New Ireland x KIETA, BOUGHAVILLE 15 x Rabaul being developed as a strong land and seaplane base with new construction noted at airfield and medium caliber artillery and AA batteries installed.... etc - etc

Com 14 102336 -> ENEMY LANDED AT GASHMATA (New Britain) on 8th. Bulletin 27. Cmc 2nd x Comdr 17 Air of TRUK. Part of all of TAKAO Air at Kucungu, HO 340 in TRUK area....

(2) page 223/224 (REORGANIZATIONS) "10 February - 4th Air established and assigned to Airron 24 - deployed to RABOUL" 8th Base Force organized (fr. RABOUL) assigned to 4th Fleet



11 February 1942

COM 14 110830 → Long despatch from Cdr. YOKOSUKA Angimp reveals at least 2 small groups of planes (probably flying boats) flying YOKOSUKA to Saluit via Sappan and TRAK during period covering 13 to 20 February x Last flight leaves TRAK early morning 2 Feb x Comm. frequency 15007.5 (#150) with 4940 and another 25 as standby 4th 5th 6th and 7th Base Force ordered to be on the alert.

COM 16 111517 → TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE informs G/S all fleets, all 1st and 2nd class stations, all shore commands and CINCIPMA Radio that radio frequency 3190 (#90) kilocycles used by the enemy in PY (Jaluit) area on 1 February is the frequency employed by 2<sup>nd</sup> connected with "TAS - FORC". makes unintelligible statement concerning said frequency which appears is "documents seized at AA." (WAKE)

COM 16 111850. Comdr + G/S 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet shown at PEARL, OWA 3 and KISARATSU and SU TO 6 at SAPPAN appear to be new commands. Former may be MISAWA dir, latter believed replacement group for former 28<sup>th</sup> Squadron 11 appears at SOTO, advance base believed in S. Celebes... #7 Base Force at CINCIPMA...

COM 14 112041 → Estimated locations Submar x 4 Squadrons in SE Honshu 1 Squadron each in Mandate x between Marshall and HAWAII, YOKOSUKA BOHIOU, South Pacific. Comdr + G/S 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet in PEARL. AKAGI possibly with ABUKUMA in TRAK Sappan area, RYUDO in China Sea - no indication today HOSHO, CARDU 2 unplaced but continued intercept traffic with dir. Attack Force 3<sup>rd</sup> and other areas Philippines - Indies. CARDU 2 may be in Palau area.

COM 14 112023 → G/S GF sent despatch Acton 5 Subs, 5<sup>th</sup> FT + Screening Force (G/S) info AF, Cardu 5 etc x Comdr off ST only one Acton GF collected. Screening Force, 5<sup>th</sup> FT, Bonus Base Force and shore call MI RE 9 believed in general vicinity HOKKAIDO. These only observations Screening Force suggest deployment screen for Eastern Frontier Bonus to Kuriles. Several urgent despatches Cinc 2<sup>nd</sup> to his Task Force in most cases. addressed in info to Cinc 4 F + Comdr Sub for in addition normal info address. ... KANOI and other units shown 28 appear to be TRAK-SAPPAN due to obtain SU TO 6, new air groups believed for Marshalls.

OPNAV 112137 Orange Intelligence #9. Logistic problems and availability of convoys planning movement in SAVAs but plan in Orange Intel #7 still indicated (in effect). Convoy force at ANIMASS may be held for possible reinforcements SINGAPORE if needed. Extensive reconnaissance flights over Dutch TIMOR infers early occupation attempt. Probable 2<sup>nd</sup> Comdr group departing for South from SASEBO. Mission of Screening Force comprised of 1<sup>st</sup> class units and probably several carriers believed Defense of Japan proper x Indications of Fleet and Home Defenses coordinated with this force in defense organization.

(\*) Pages 223/224 (REORGANIZATIONS)

On 11 February, 24<sup>th</sup> Special Base Force established (for AMBON) and assigned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet.

12 February 1942

(16) 120120 → PARTLY READABLE from Cdr Combined Fleet to Comdr AKI 2, identified by Com 14 as "SCREENING FORCE" directs portion of CARDU (probably CARDU 5) to depart YOKOSUKA as soon as possible after the 15<sup>th</sup> to engage in operations in what appears to be transportation remaining units Combined Air in MIKE DOG area.

NAVATT 120610. BRITISH RADIO INTERCEPT INTELLIGENCE ON JAP CODE NOW PARTLY CRACKED x JALUIT STATIONS REPORTED 9 DECEMBER INTERCEPTING ON 12790 KES 1509 A MESSAGE FROM SENIOR OFFICER NUMBER 2 AIR FORCE WING ADDRESSED "STON BURGAL" APPARENTLY ASKING REPORT ON STATE OF BOMBING AT SOME PLACE x COMMENT - This report for investigation of possibility that one of our CIPHERS AND SECRET CALLS HAVE BEEN BROKEN BY ENEMY.

COM 14 120721 → AN MESSAGE from Cinc Combined Fleet to Cinc Screening Force (A POINT OF FIRST FUELT x CINC COMBINED AIR AND TOKYO DIRECTS CARDU 3 LIES HOSHO AND ALEXANDRIA (?) SHIPS TO DEPART ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> FOR MIKE DOG (DAVID) remainder of may fragmentary but mention COMAIR FORCE

CINC AF 121322 → DOWN at Balboa our radio call signs being compromised due to use with stereotyped traffic. Large volume of bearings and bearings handled daily in COPEX and CETYH compromise my call and that of Com 14 and Com 16 x If expanded call signs still used with daily weather originated by NAS PEARL, such use compromises their call also Com pattern 2. Recommendations emphasize calls be used with all COPEX and CETYH traffic and, if necessary, special instructions be issued regarding routine weather traffic. To prevent disclosure number of submarines at sea from traffic analysis, have been concealing addresses in text and addressing all broadcasts to Collective All Submarines Asiatic Fleet x Am directing subs to conceal originator in text and use call sign NERK.

COM 16 121735 RI Summary 12<sup>th</sup> x Staff Comdr. Off. ST Now at YOKOSUKA... Com. 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet becoming more closely ass. #1 Base Force and units 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet. Message originated by that Command. was addressed ACTION Navy Minister Information Cinc GF, IF, 3<sup>rd</sup> FT + HUYE and KIRISITIMA, possibly indicating units based in PEARL area x ... 0020 (I) 12<sup>th</sup>, JALUIT Radio originated Gen Urgent Intelligence contact type report which was later passed by Tokyo Broadcast for info Sub Force and CARDU 5 x CARDU 5 and NU RI 3 shown to be included in AFAS 2... From C.I. "Comdr in Chief Combined Fleet shifted flag to YAMATO at 1000 today the 12<sup>th</sup>"

COM 14 122153 → Line of expected depart YOKOSUKA on which 1<sup>st</sup> probably for Philippines a SCREENING FORCE under Cinc IF has been formed consisting of 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet units, one Submarine probably 5<sup>th</sup> units and one or more CV. Area believed to include YOKOSUKA CINCIPMA region. Com CARDU 5 has received all maps regarding this front KOTOBU MARU is going from SAPPAN to HAWAII x 4 Submarines now operating in SOLOMON CELEBES area. KANOI in Ponape area. XCV mentioned my #15 has returned to vicinity of KAWONG... CARDU 5 in Palau area, no info other carriers

12 February 120707 Cinc AF → For info TF 11 1484. SARATOGA INT BY 1 TORPEDO PORT QUARANTER 0545 GLT 20 NANCY 46 x SEND SALVAGE TUGS IMMEDIATELY  
CINC PAC - 120621 → OPNAV COMDR POSITION 450 MILES, 248° from Pearl  
SARATOGA, one torpedo hit port quarter, extra deck chairs and cabins damaged  
Details will be forwarded as received  
CINC PAC 120903 Brien ATOM SARATOGA - 8-10-12 floor had no water above 3<sup>rd</sup> deck. Pres lat. 18-35N, 164-40W x Spd 16 x lost of 2° long removed by ballast x course 115°







15 February 1942

Com 16-157617 - ... BAKU to SASEBO - partly readable requests letter make arrangements for 3 divers with gear to board - man for salvage operations on ... Consolidated Volume 4 Kawan from forces BANKA area, later found thru association of #11F appears to be Consolidated or 3. Several units this command believed YOKOSUKA and other closely connected GULANOV 5, Furukawa & Cardus & Komaris obscure, ...

COMINCH 152130 <sup>ANAL</sup> Orange Intelligence #15 In present attack directed Palembang area note that large convoys are now divided up into small groups. Recent mention PEMAKI now believed refers to location that name in STARBUCK Bay where were sighted 3 cruisers, 9 DD and 7 Submersibles. Some indication now of SS opns New Britain. SS now active in Johnston Aircraft to North and East of JALUIT #

Com 16 151740 - ... AKASHI shown at DAVAO. Commencing 0200 Z orange units and aircraft ANAMBAS area originated many urgent contact and sighting reports. Aircraft reported in plain language sighting 2 enemy battleships & this message later modified by cover call H. TA (RYUSEI) to read CRUISERS OF HAWKING'S CLASS & all later reports included units that appear involved are Concardw 3 in RYUSEI, ANTON 22, Ison 6, Comdr HYAKUSHIARA An Group, Condr 7, DD Division of Desrom & possibly Desrom 5 with Comd SOEFA in CHOKAT, KASHI and Embase for possibly included.

COMINCH 151815 No more plaintext since my 150748 but considerable volume 4KANA from forces BANKA area

### REORGANIZATIONS

pages 223/224 February 15. 12<sup>th</sup> Special Base Force established for RANIGOO and ANDAMAN Islands and assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> SoExFleet.

16 February 1942

Com 14 160028. Urgent P/L Adcet from Tokyo UTU for information KdB "ADDING 2 BATTLESHIPS (1310) (SOW) (KONE 5), Originator purpose obscure & this followed few minutes later by similar short coded despatch without origin significance undetermined, Intelligence type disputed originated by TAKAO from associated KdB with Philippine Indies area rather than Eastward Forces & Screening Force information scarce. Comdr for continues urgent traffic with his land associated forces & location Combined his units & AT KENDARI & Comdr KANOTA Air x Air Group 22, GENSON Air x At KENDARI - AIR Attack units & WANOYA Air Staff At TAKAO - Comdr TAKAO Air, 95 Combined air x in TRUK area Comm. Off. Combined air, KAMEI with Comdr 24 & Staff Comm. off aboard by Off-15 S.W. of TRUK. Comdr 6<sup>th</sup> Base Force Detachment at WAKE sent 2 urgent to Comdr 6<sup>th</sup> B.F. Info CHITOSE Air, YOKOSUKA Air x 19<sup>th</sup> Air x passed to Inoh H.P. TRUK 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet actively continues but appearance. Commander Petrol Inoh #2 with Maru 6 TE 6011. Several leads are confusing. SITO KOKU Movement report including ANON 7 and believed include SHAKO moving to four Cardus near CHICHIVAK JALUIT called to Subs. Consultant arrives Eugene port (Kure & Yokosuka) tomorrow

Com 16 161433 → Sundry items from translated texts! ... Aircom 22 on 14<sup>th</sup> requested unknown Mater deliver 700 tons AWACS, 400 case spare parts to PALEMBANG, 300 tons same octane with 12 cases oil to BUNTORRE. Japgers can hold 1000 liters in August of 1941. (Caution of the week) 3<sup>rd</sup> BF 1<sup>st</sup> at PANG reports call NERK heard on 12705 KCS bearing about 189 by DF from Hawaii was communicating with "SS" believes this call flagship classification also reports transmission on 10 KCS - Details garbled or unclear covered. Considerable number engineers under direction Representative 33<sup>rd</sup> Air Squadron CELEBES area via TAKAO and DAVAO arriving destination 20<sup>th</sup> same going by air transport via TAKAO-MANILA

Com 16 1623 → RI Summary 16<sup>th</sup> activity ANAMBAS/BANKA area noticeably decreased. Concardw 3 in RYUSEI still active, no units of punching BANKA area. CINCPAC 162159 → ALL TFC, SUBMARINE RECONNAISSANCE WAKE ABOUT 15<sup>th</sup> SIGHTED TWO OBSCURE SINGLE ENGINE BIPLANE LAND BASED BOMBERS & NO ARRIVALS OR DEPARTURES OBSERVED. NO SHIPS EXCEPT 2 SMALL TUGS PATROL VESSELS AT INSHORE MOORINGS & TANKS, BUILDINGS NOT CAMOUFLAGED UNDAMAGED EXCEPT HANGAR BURNED OUT & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IDLE NO ACTIVITY ALONG BEACHES. PROBABLY GUN EMPLACEMENTS SOUTH EAST POINT & NIGHTLY BLACKOUT.

COMINCH 162206 Orange Intel #14. About 26 transports located west of line connecting Singapore and Bangkok under protection of about 2 cruisers & 7 DD in vicinity of SOEFA Island late 15<sup>th</sup> expected effect occupation BANGKA and BILINTON, Southern thrust party in SIMA or SOEFA Island expected ... but larger scale offensive E of Java possible.

Com 14 162311 → Bulletin #33. ... Forces in RABOUL - SOLOMONS area same as yesterday & 19<sup>th</sup> Air Group of (MIES) & Consultant proceeding to YOKOSUKA & Estimated location of Cardus / Menado - Cardus 2, Menado - Kenderi, RYUSEI, Candari, HOSHO TRUK - Rabaul & Cardus 5 Chichivak & KORYU unknown.

Com 14 162340 → In all fleets except 4<sup>th</sup>, traffic volume below normal. RI for 16<sup>th</sup>, My mention of 2 battleships yesterday, apparently cleared up by Com 16 Summary. Activity about KENDARI increasing, balance 1<sup>st</sup> Base Force now operating out of KURE & had add. YOKOSUKA info Condr 4 and AKASHI providing indicating repairs required by Condr 4. See STAFU 1 appearing other unit 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fleets indicate that KdB now operating on information both fleets. Consultant near YOKOSUKA. Unit YO E 3 believed to be new submarine Squadron forming at KURE.

COMINCH 161600 summary of Nishigo They bombed [ ] from 1235 to 1400 Now has 5 planes missing and one requiring major overhaul. Desire to conduct covering operations BANKA Straits.

A considerable number engineers under direction Representative 33<sup>rd</sup> Air Squadron proceeding CELEBES area via TAKAO and DAVAO arriving destination 20<sup>th</sup> some via air transport via TAKAO & MANILA, arriving FOBLER (?) 15<sup>th</sup>. Another section left Sasebo 14<sup>th</sup> on - many remainder 50 people with gear in TONE, departing later date as facilities permit. 3<sup>rd</sup> Base Force 1<sup>st</sup> at PANG reports call NERK on 12705 KCS bearing about 189° by DF, communicating with "PE". Behind this call Flagship classification.



17 February 1942

COM 16 170840 → Some recollections of place designators referred to in my 14814 a  
 2 LETTER GROUP AO precedes single letter unless otherwise indicated. Names do appear to  
 be in ALASKAN waters. Recoveries follow: AOA CHICAGO F, AOC AGATTO I, AOD  
 UNALASKA & AOF-UNIMAK I, AOH-NAZAN BAY, AOJ-BAY OF ISLANDS, AOK-WATERFALL BAY.  
 AT THIS POINT 2 LETTER DESIGNATOR changes to AP followed as before by single letters except  
 that of AP itself represents UNIMAK PASS. APA-AKUTAN I, APC-TANAGA I,  
 APE-AMOHITKA I, APF unrecovered, API SEMISHIA I. Examples of other AOF-UNIMAK I  
 and APC-TANAGA I. Don't know exactly what AO itself represents. Not sure of  
 names "CHICAGO F" and "Waterfall Bay" because unable to locate them on maps and  
 charts. Hope to make more references this area but prospect none too good.

COM 16-171115 → Summary 17th Cmdr of Submarine Force suggested 5-part msg action  
 Cmdr Cont Air Force, Info Cinc 2nd, 3rd Fleets, Com Avron 23, Com 1st Air Fleet,  
 Commander 2 and 3rd Fleet collective. Many operations scheduled involving  
 units KENDARI, BOEKOPAPA and AMBON areas. Ref my 101722 - which may  
 indicate future movement... Avron 11 will open operation 15th Air Fleet 1st Div  
 Attack Force and Subron Kikob... Indications on Haunted Empire of an Air Force  
 (possibly destined to become tactical and administrative unit of 2nd Fleet) being  
 formed in Empire. Has anyone noticed such evidence

COM 14 172154 → Radio call USA I definitely identified as covering force advised  
 in action by SUMA 7, recently, actual TRUK information Com Avron 23, Com 4F,  
 Rabaul and PAKAO weather & screening force only appeared once in service  
 msg. No observation striking force. Palao M accepted dispatch for delivery  
 Com Avron 6F. CHIKUMA addressed by Yokosuka Address HIES associated SF what  
 in heading. Tokyo forwarded me dispatch TRUK for 15 units which may indicate  
 only those operating 4 Fleet. JALUIT sent many urgent Radio Palao message  
 to typical addresses. Yokosuka sent urgent to Com Avron 23, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

These seem JALUIT Radios. Both Yokosuka and Chitose Air Groups, believed in  
 Marshalls, 5th Fleet believed to comprise 6-10 combatant types and maybe 20 Marston  
 Estimated carrier formations: Com Avron 11, Com Avron 23, Com Avron 24, Com Avron 25, Com Avron 26, Com Avron 27, Com Avron 28, Com Avron 29, Com Avron 30, Com Avron 31, Com Avron 32, Com Avron 33, Com Avron 34, Com Avron 35, Com Avron 36, Com Avron 37, Com Avron 38, Com Avron 39, Com Avron 40, Com Avron 41, Com Avron 42, Com Avron 43, Com Avron 44, Com Avron 45, Com Avron 46, Com Avron 47, Com Avron 48, Com Avron 49, Com Avron 50, Com Avron 51, Com Avron 52, Com Avron 53, Com Avron 54, Com Avron 55, Com Avron 56, Com Avron 57, Com Avron 58, Com Avron 59, Com Avron 60, Com Avron 61, Com Avron 62, Com Avron 63, Com Avron 64, Com Avron 65, Com Avron 66, Com Avron 67, Com Avron 68, Com Avron 69, Com Avron 70, Com Avron 71, Com Avron 72, Com Avron 73, Com Avron 74, Com Avron 75, Com Avron 76, Com Avron 77, Com Avron 78, Com Avron 79, Com Avron 80, Com Avron 81, Com Avron 82, Com Avron 83, Com Avron 84, Com Avron 85, Com Avron 86, Com Avron 87, Com Avron 88, Com Avron 89, Com Avron 90, Com Avron 91, Com Avron 92, Com Avron 93, Com Avron 94, Com Avron 95, Com Avron 96, Com Avron 97, Com Avron 98, Com Avron 99, Com Avron 100.

COM 14 172234... Cinc 6th believed enemy YOKOSUKA, Submarines entered with one  
 Subron Wake - Marshalls area, 2nd Fleet Commander 4 & 7 Operations Opus. SE SUMATRA  
 Com Avron 3, Com Avron 4, Com Avron 5, Com Avron 6, Com Avron 7, Com Avron 8, Com Avron 9, Com Avron 10, Com Avron 11, Com Avron 12, Com Avron 13, Com Avron 14, Com Avron 15, Com Avron 16, Com Avron 17, Com Avron 18, Com Avron 19, Com Avron 20, Com Avron 21, Com Avron 22, Com Avron 23, Com Avron 24, Com Avron 25, Com Avron 26, Com Avron 27, Com Avron 28, Com Avron 29, Com Avron 30, Com Avron 31, Com Avron 32, Com Avron 33, Com Avron 34, Com Avron 35, Com Avron 36, Com Avron 37, Com Avron 38, Com Avron 39, Com Avron 40, Com Avron 41, Com Avron 42, Com Avron 43, Com Avron 44, Com Avron 45, Com Avron 46, Com Avron 47, Com Avron 48, Com Avron 49, Com Avron 50, Com Avron 51, Com Avron 52, Com Avron 53, Com Avron 54, Com Avron 55, Com Avron 56, Com Avron 57, Com Avron 58, Com Avron 59, Com Avron 60, Com Avron 61, Com Avron 62, Com Avron 63, Com Avron 64, Com Avron 65, Com Avron 66, Com Avron 67, Com Avron 68, Com Avron 69, Com Avron 70, Com Avron 71, Com Avron 72, Com Avron 73, Com Avron 74, Com Avron 75, Com Avron 76, Com Avron 77, Com Avron 78, Com Avron 79, Com Avron 80, Com Avron 81, Com Avron 82, Com Avron 83, Com Avron 84, Com Avron 85, Com Avron 86, Com Avron 87, Com Avron 88, Com Avron 89, Com Avron 90, Com Avron 91, Com Avron 92, Com Avron 93, Com Avron 94, Com Avron 95, Com Avron 96, Com Avron 97, Com Avron 98, Com Avron 99, Com Avron 100.

COMINCH 172251, Orange Outlets, Jap naval press request for delivery of organs  
 to Palawan and Bangka tends confirm report of destruction supplies this area  
 Aircraft repair station established BOEKOPAPA - considerable number of air craft engineers  
 being sent NEI bases from Japan indicates strenuous efforts maintenance maximum  
 number planes in continued operation, this theatre. (Disregards oil technicians -  
 engineers possibility... states positively "air engineers" - not so. Rep. of 23 Air in days)  
 BISE force of undetermined strength stationed TREATAN. Report of Cinc 5th PACIFIC  
 Fleet entered home waters suggest possibility of less submerging activity from JALUIT  
 base and increased employment on Palao from home bases

18 February 1942

Com 14 180235 → All TC etc. Bulletin 37x Port Moresby reconnected on 15th. MARUS  
 reconnected by all TC, no ships, no aircraft seen but on AG gun sighted & enemy  
 Barua to Kupaung shadowed by 4 engine flying boat & later attacked & enemy  
 enemy troops in Rabaul area platoons in small parties, from RI - Chitose Air  
 Group in KUBAOKA & JALUIT radio intelligence active transmitting D/F bearings.  
 Enemy air unit at KAVIENG & HOSHIO, Cudair 6, Desm 6, partly Cudair 18  
 (CL) and air tenders plus shore based bombers and seaplanes in New Britain  
 taken out of broadcasting surface wx. MITAMAM (XCV) enroute to 06-10 Marshalls.  
 JALUIT radio inaugurated supplementary radio broadcast system probably  
 indicating increased activity South of TRUK JALUIT area.

COM 16-181122 → JALUIT RADIO REPORTS BEARINGS ENEMY TRANSMISSIONS AS FOLLOWS 1400-063  
 1448-059T, 1746-048T ALL RECKONED FROM "PY"... DESIGNATOR "PY" LOOKS MORE LIKE  
 PALAO THAN TRUK. PY = JALUIT (YALUIT)

CINCPAC → COMINCH SECRET ADVICES INDICATE POSSIBILITY JAPANESE INTEND ATTACK  
 181915 TIMOR AGAIN IMMEDIATELY & THIS IS OPINION 181521 (!!!)

COM 14 182002 → TOKYO and MANILA DESPATCHES SHOWED HIGH PERCENTAGE OF  
 INTELLIGENCE TRAFFIC. Yokosuka addressed 40 plus Marus in 2 major  
 East Eastern Mandate area, below scattered. Many probably the dock call  
 for Spring covering assignment. Screening covering force located at Truk  
 and 4F-100000 2 detached; no clue to his location. 4F-100000  
 as far as can be determined: KAVIENG between Southern New Britain - New Britain  
 by dispatch heading is accompanied by detachment of 4F-100000 & Cudair 7  
 & 18. Mandate weather broadcast, from flying Cudair, number of 9  
 probably captured, 19th Avro, at 11:00, 17th at TRUK, 16th at Palao also.  
 Avron 24 indicating prospect in plane movements. 5th Fleet F-100000  
 area shown increasing ass. Sub-

COMINCH 182208 → Manlyme C.I.F. 11, Orange Bulletin 16th F-100000 following forces available  
 14 nearby areas for submerging covering TIMOR & 4 CV with planogram DDS, 3 AX,  
 possibly 6 XAV, only 3 or 4 Cruisers and 1 Desm of not over 12 DDS & 100 Estimated  
 forces NEW BRITAIN Area. Cudair 18 including Cinc 4F, 85 HOSHIO, seaplane tender  
 KAMOI, Desm 6, probably some 2 units, not over 10 VP about 12 seaplanes and  
 14 VF.

COM 14 182304 → Series of partially readable messages regarding Gardner, but from  
 PAKAO (M. ZUKKAWA) and 2 plane guards, with fuel and take on 2 months stores and  
 depart YOKOSUKA for unknown place on 11th from Cinc 6F & Cudair 5 - less strict ops and  
 attached DD depart YOKOSUKA a.s.a.p. after 15th from MIKEDOG. Arrived certain transmittal  
 duties Com Avron 11, Com Avron 23, Com Avron 24, Com Avron 25, Com Avron 26, Com Avron 27, Com Avron 28, Com Avron 29, Com Avron 30, Com Avron 31, Com Avron 32, Com Avron 33, Com Avron 34, Com Avron 35, Com Avron 36, Com Avron 37, Com Avron 38, Com Avron 39, Com Avron 40, Com Avron 41, Com Avron 42, Com Avron 43, Com Avron 44, Com Avron 45, Com Avron 46, Com Avron 47, Com Avron 48, Com Avron 49, Com Avron 50, Com Avron 51, Com Avron 52, Com Avron 53, Com Avron 54, Com Avron 55, Com Avron 56, Com Avron 57, Com Avron 58, Com Avron 59, Com Avron 60, Com Avron 61, Com Avron 62, Com Avron 63, Com Avron 64, Com Avron 65, Com Avron 66, Com Avron 67, Com Avron 68, Com Avron 69, Com Avron 70, Com Avron 71, Com Avron 72, Com Avron 73, Com Avron 74, Com Avron 75, Com Avron 76, Com Avron 77, Com Avron 78, Com Avron 79, Com Avron 80, Com Avron 81, Com Avron 82, Com Avron 83, Com Avron 84, Com Avron 85, Com Avron 86, Com Avron 87, Com Avron 88, Com Avron 89, Com Avron 90, Com Avron 91, Com Avron 92, Com Avron 93, Com Avron 94, Com Avron 95, Com Avron 96, Com Avron 97, Com Avron 98, Com Avron 99, Com Avron 100.

COM 14 182032 → Believe greater prominence pretends increased operations  
 water supplying NEI for Australia and Indian Ocean & heading coded  
 movement report ind. from Cudair 5 leaving Yoko SUGA area. Com Avron 23 add. &  
 SOEFOR 2 units - still operating that area. HOSHIO New Britain waters. JALUIT  
 called 15th with 4 heard. Subdiv FUN 2 (1005) msg of unit under SF, ...

COM 14 182345 → RECONNAISSANCE NOTIC shows no shipping or no aircraft  
 2 small patrol vessels inside Barua at KUBAOKA on 18th Wednesday 150 CA  
 (TORU-kan), 2 small patrol vessels and following merchant type: 1 - 500 ton, 1 - 700 ton,  
 3 - 5000 ton and 1 or 2 tankers. All apparently arrived at AIR/100000  
 Reconnaissance RABOOL on 17th shows 8 ships in harbor, 2 of which apparently  
 Cruisers at entrance. Bulletin 37x no 1A - 1 VF about 15 miles from RABOOL  
 (Combat patrol?) By D/F KAVIENG RABOOL area, Avron 11 RABOOL may consist of  
 24 heavy bombers, 12 torpedo and 12 VF. Air forces in reserve at TRUK include  
 24 heavy bombers & 24 torpedo bombers. No info units NE Pacific

COMINCH (18) Partial transmission S. Seas Exp. Air Force op. order assigns tasks for  
 19th = North Pacific Bomber Sqdn patrol area per previous order. 2nd Bomber Sqdn will  
 embark Commander and Army party of three for reconnaissance  
 areas RZL and RZM. 4th Bomber Sqdn patrol area South eastern  
 quadrant for 500 miles from United base in Marshalls, 1st and 3rd  
 Bomber Squadrons also mentioned but tasks undetermined

JALUIT reports enemy D/F bearings on 16th as follows: 1400-063  
 1448-059T, 1746-048T from PY (Jaluit?)



CINCPAC 190433 → AMTFL, Informal. Estimate Orange Fleet Units as follows  
 18F - Hiei KIRISHIMA PACAO 20 OTHERS KUCATING Area, remainder believed in or near  
 from waters. Cinc 1st Air Cmbd Screening Force cloudy, related 5F and Defense Force Yokosuka  
 KURE-Chuchipima. Cinc 5, possibly 4 also, related thereto. Screening Force Mission Defense  
 from slight indications available. Cinc 6 split 2 ships BANNA-Melany, 2 ships CAROL  
 AREA. Cinc 1 scattered TRUK PALAO areas. Cinc 3 Corno-Sumabron 2nd Fleet  
 Cinc 4 + 7 Sumaha-Borneo, 5 Kuching, 8 Task Force waters CINCOPAC New Britain  
 Eastern 2 Sumaha. Four Ananta areas. Third Fleet - Subron, Paradise, Dorn 5  
 Calabas Base Dives on a two Calabas-Banda Sea & Fourth Fleet - Cinc 18 Dornal  
 with half Dorn 6 & Subron 7 - New Guinea & Part of 3rd and 5th Blue Fleets comprising  
 3 Fleet units Calabas. 4th BF at TRUK & New Britain. 6th Marshalls Plushake etc 5th Fleet  
 contains 8-10 constant ships and approx 20 auxiliaries. Sprind Korbs, Marcus Bonas  
 Defense Unit & 6th Fleet. Cinc Empire waters - 3 out Subron 5 Elsie, some operating  
 Penang; Indian area Malay Borneo approaches & Duesigne. Talcott-Hawaii, one  
 unit Northern Approaches Empire Carrier Fleet - Cinc 1st Kaurani-Meredox  
 2 Calabas, 3 Ryugo escort Doves Hohe Rabal area, 5 Shitaku Zunko Brown  
 Yokonka Area, 4 Dornal believe Palao Truk area. Cinc 1st Air Force, Avions  
 6 + 7 Ananta Calabas & 24 split TRUK - Marshalls - Rabal area, Notoo Truk,  
 Angants 11 at GLAN-11 Palao, 17 Truk, 18 Saipan 1st Impul Salbit, 22 Kuching  
 Balokopon 32 Kaurani, Gagan Kuching, Kanga Kaurani, Kaurani Truk &  
 Tachiku Balokopon, TAKAO at Kuzulu & Borneo Yokonka at Rabal in

COM 16 190642 → CINCOPAC - Barely readable 24 hour dispatch deals with patrols etc  
 transport to AA, making - repetitions, - tanks in RZL - RZM area - transport  
 3 Army units - searched to 600 miles & 500 miles. AA = WAKE Island

COMNAV 192330 → COM 14 Info 17-11, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31  
 spread dispatch of Japan Drive. (Includes some of Jap. carrier "Squadron" in Rabal-  
 New Britain area. NE believe land in area but Mallo, by Palao area by Tfc routing

COM 14 192330 - Version of... Cinc 16 2nd Submarine Force, Cinc 1st Air Force, Cinc 5th Fleet,  
 Rear Admiral of RZL and RM etc searched. NE quadrant 600 mi - SE and SW fleets

COM 16 192144 - RI Summary... Cinc 16 3 still ass. with Cinc 1st Air Force  
 1st Air Fleet in OCAPI and Cinc 2 Cinc 1st Air Force active with air units in MABON-KENDARI

COMNAV 192330 - Orange Dues #17. (mostly repetitive of above data). 5th Fleet  
 estimated to consist of 1 CL flagships, about 8 DM and at least 20 constant type  
 patrol ships assuming increased importance defense home islands & possibly  
 controlling operations there waters & 20 other with some 18 planes and for  
 transfer to Avion 24 expected depart Yokonka Feb 19 for 20 for destination

COMNAV 192330 → COM 14 Info: CINCOPAC. ARMY will probably approach CINCOPAC matters  
 referred to my 142350. Suggest CINCOPAC decline for return material from 0120 of 18  
 (RAF Army Signal Centre) of Hawaii out-requests temp. loan for training purposes refer  
 Diplomatic Documents copy #16 of RIP 9 B and copies #14 of RIP 37A+B. Request your  
 recommendation.

COM 16 192340 → Cinc 16... Strong air force in Kendari Calabas area include 1st  
 Attack Dues #1, Cinc 1 and 2, Dorn 2 or Cinc 7 & Subron 6 believed operating closely  
 this air combination... JALUIT radio continues large volume traffic some urgent,  
 mostly about Radio Intelligence and Air Operations etc

GEN. SIMONS 192345 → APT. GEN. \* WASHINGTON DC. The fall of Singapore and the employment  
 of considerable part of Pacific Fleet in Asiatic and perhaps other distant areas requires  
 (1) estimate of Pacific situation based on following factors - 1st - Japanese land great  
 value of base North as base of our defensive & offensive operations in the Pacific. 2nd -  
 know present strength of Army - Navy - Air units on OCAPI and outlying islands & 3rd - they  
 know these islands to be unprepared. 4th - Japanese air operations and their operations  
 have proved they are capable of carefully weighing our situation here and making sound  
 plans for the capture of OCAPI. 5th - It will then be within the reach of their capabilities to  
 launch attack on these islands and still carry on their campaign with 5 W. Pacific  
 6th - they could first base one or more of the outlying islands of this group as base  
 for operations against OCAPI. 7th - with land based aviation on such islands as  
 Hawaii or KAUAI, facilities of Pearl Harbor could be demolished and the security  
 of OCAPI menaced... Decisions of December should be revised & reviewed in  
 light of current situation etc etc - CINCOPAC has seen the rather fully concurred

COM 14 200015 → Check up shows a large number of units, believed in groups,  
 in general New Britain area, some additional in TRUK and Marshalls etc  
 Gork Avion 24 appears to be Cinc 1st Air Force in South Seas. Expansion Force, as such  
 is believed in charge of all operations in Marshalls and to South of TRUK SOUTH  
 Line & usual activities 5th Fleet - additional units so 713 showing there. Screening  
 Force still ass. Borneo Blue Dues, 5F in order. No change in carriers except  
 presence of Cinc 1 & 2 in air force - grand vicinity South Celebes

COM 14 200132 → 5F Bull # 36, 111. Additional 36 aimed New Britain area 18E. Indication  
 that be a possibility not be excluded by end of month in c.

LTF 11 200237 → CINCOPAC. SHOT DOWN 2-4 engine enemy scouts 400 miles E of KOSAO. By  
 Belice Harbor of Rabal will be clear by morning and general air cleared. In  
 view acute fuel shortage which permits no delay in original schedule, will  
 not attack 21 February but will withdraw to Rabal in Marshalls for future  
 offensive action & will reconstitute Solomon Islands and attack early from there.  
 Reasonable cancel attack by Army and Australian borders & Cincopac pass command

COMNAV 200250 → CINCOPAC. Info. Ch. Air Staff Wellington, Com Gen. Havn. Dept. Chief Air Staff  
 Wellington has received report from responsible visitor that US Engineer Captain in  
 District 12 NOVEMEA leaves his cipher in charge of Free French by posts, inform  
 Commanding General Hawaiian Department.

COM 16 200800 Excessive amount urgent traffic originated by Cinc 4th Fleet indicates  
 units that fleet including HOSHO and Avion 24 may have made contact. Cinc 1st Air  
 Force "Defense Force ARMY" & "ESU AARU" (S.R.) appears to address in connection the activity

COMINCH 202230 → Many... DETERMINED INVASION THREAT PREPARED A NEW BRITAIN FORCE  
 AUGMENTED BY 2 CA of Cinc 6 and undetermined air strength & Cinc 6, Dorn 6,  
 and KAMOI believed short distance NE of New Britain. Possible 5 BBs of Batters 142  
 now in or near home waters as main body Screening Force, New BB YAMATO main  
 flag ship Cinc 1st Fleet.

COM 14 202248 → High precedence traffic in 3rd Fleet continues with short  
 flying from TRUK area last night & Fleet broadcast by Jaluit recently reported,  
 appears discontinued - probably a test was conducted & BULK Tokyo traffic  
 intelligence and admin. Cinc 4F seen only in msg to Cinc 1st Air Force

COM 14 202253. In 4th Fleet urgent traffic began appearing 1530 (-9) many  
 tactical dispatches sent to Tokyo for broadcast to all major commands, this died  
 out after 2 hours. From M. standard point Cinc 4F still at TRUK. Cinc 1st Air Force  
 Air Fleet to Imjei yesterday. Indications of high degree of cooperation between air  
 & naval units of Marshalls. (Encl. send address) Cinc 1st Air Force 8 addresses  
 "SR area occupied force". Sub Squadron SU TU & appears returning to Marshalls from  
 YOKOSUKA, 13A called by Jaluit today, 3 answered. prob. by etc

COMINCH 202300 ZUKARA ass. Cdr YOKOSUKA & SUKUGAWA Air Stations plus 1A1st  
 possibly indicating scheduled operation CELEBES Area.

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Bulk TOKYO Tfc intelligence and Administration  
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 may have made contact SOLOMONS area. From M. standard point  
 Cinc 4th at TRUK.

Could be seen only in a msg to Cinc 1st Air Force; Cinc 1st not observed. A 5F  
 unit addressed Cinc 1st Air Force (only appearance of that call)  
 3rd Fleet activity very quiet.



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COMINCH 21958 System established by OPNAV 182127, 182128 and 182129 shall be used only when authorized by COMINCH, CINCPAC and COMNAV. Referenced quotes provide basic mechanisms for immediate use of "FALSE DECEPTION" wherever by use on our own circuits of plain language or a weak cryptographic system or one known to have been captured or compromised, the enemy may be deceived.

COM 14 212122 → RI Summary. Outstanding traffic area is New Britain dash TRUK entire Marshalla group x III, GF P Org. to Cardus 5 + Card 1 AF. Info Yokosuka Compt. to TOKYO office x another → 2B 4P info Com Fleet I, Subfor, SOEXFOR, elimination of IF from despatches dealing SWOK area believed confirms his lack of participation or direction of activities in that area. Cfs IF add. collection KE No 2 for delivery Bards 3 Bards 1, KORYU, Cardus 6 (less NEW 9) Cardus 5 + team believed administrative rather than operational. Mandate Area from TRUK eastward + south BOILING! Subfor very active. ComSubfor arrived YOKOSUKA from KWAKE today by D/F and only many urgent, some of which reached JALUIT via SAIPAN rather than direct as is usual.

OPNAV 212240 → many Confirmation landing 12 miles SE KOEPANG and (?) report of 2nd landing W of DILI in TIMOR. Both landings comprise an enhanced to Lombok Strait area from Marshalla/New Britain area in MERT.

COMINCH 21 General Imp:

Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Card 4	Card 5	Card 1, 2 + 5 in 12 air fleet
KAGA	HIRYO	HOSHIO	KASUGA Mam	SHOKAKU	
AKAGI	SORU	RYUJO	NITTA Mam	ZUIKAKU	
			KORYU (?)		

Mandate area, from TRUK eastward and southward boiling with activity. Most active originators: Com 4F, Com 5B, Airforce WAKE base

Submarine, Air and Surface units of 4F exchanging many urgent despatches. Staffet - single kana-numeral calls on 4100 KCS, probably in connection with patrol operations YOKOSUKA - northern areas.

ComSubfor probably arrived YOKOSUKA area from KWAKE on 21st (D/F) and originated many urgent despatches - some of which reached JALUIT via Saipan rather than direct as usual.

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(14) 22033 → JFC 22 aircraft including 2 seaplanes, 9 flying boats, 11 heavy bombers + many new buildings seen at WAKANABE Airport (Palau) on 15th. JVF at LAJUNTA duty but no new building. BARDIN 38 - ComSubfor at YOKOSUKA. COM SE, PAC FOR → OPNAV, COMINCH info CINCPAC. 0100Z 21st local radio station FPG received ENCRYPTED RADIO MSG. 0416/18th FROM WAR DEPT WASHINGTON SIGNED ADAMS RELAYED VIA RADIO TAHITI with following address in PLAIN LANGUAGE: "COMMANDING OFFICER BORA BORA SOCIETY ISLANDS". If any degree of secrecy regarding this bases to be maintained imperative this practice be stopped at once and Army advised route all traffic west nation.

(16) 222100 → TRANSLATION of 2 part high priority from JALUIT. Radio reveals him in on American 4th transmissions between 0300 and 0630 22nd. Reports 21 flying boats bearing 052-060 using calls 009 or 709 VI, same with numeral 2 instead of 1. Some first part followed by 8 x 3 letters above are single letter alternate occurrences of Gull. Inquires which is correct of any. Despatch remarks on a transmission from ZOR to "G" or "V8" remarks that communications with base NQMZ were again established at 0729. No humor implied by JALUIT x Part 2 picks up thread at 0754 with call 009 Comme Tor VI9 strength + contacting NPM plus "NIT" bearing from PY (Subit) about 070 at 0600 and 072 at 0819. Remainder garbled refers to AM and AEWAY. How about Hawaiian group for 1st and one of the outlying islands such as MIDWAY for 2nd despatch. Tokyo has something to say to Chiefs of Staff AF, AF plus Gen Air Force in Serial 160 concerning what appears to be submarine case involving 2 subs x 03 71 mentioned in connection with Subfor Flag and AI area x GLSS is tied to L 15-30N Long 170 30' E. Think Com 14 can read better than we x only 22nd at 0850 no dates in code.

(14) 222225 → Com IF continues check daily on receipt by succeeding units persistent despatches. For 1st time addressed "RIS 1 less INDG" - promptly regarding new task force or merely alternate call for Screening force. Cinc 3rd rec'd many urgent and priority msgs + kernel addresses plus info FF, AF, + SOEXFOR units. Considerable alarm indicated in 4th Fleet and MARSHALL addresses urgent file. In which 65 + 758, 24 Sf, all air activities + WAKE participated. Also in WAKE - Marshalla area received some of these despatches. SOEXFOR activity continues in 4010 KCS using tactical calls. Est. of positions. Cardus 1 + 2 active with 3F units in studies. HOSHIO in immediate TRUK area. RYUJO in Melaya. Cardus 5 in studies.

(16) 221830 → RI Summary. mostly regarding identity of call signs. New ident from traffic - "Com 12th Sp. Force 2nd", has Saseki, may move to Philippines or Celebes area. ZUIKAKU associated with WIRE 4, shown by subhead address at MAKASSAR x III. Considerable activity still apparent TRUK-BISMARK area.

COM 14 222137 → JFC Forces TRUK-SOLOMONS area include old cv HOSHIO, KAMO, part or all of 65, 1 Bearon, 1 Gembrot Bearon, several Seaplane tenders and aircraft carrier of flying boats, bombers + fighters totaling approx 50 aircraft exclusive of carrier 94 and including 25 bombers mentioned my Bulletin #39. CV Westeros; Cardus 1 + 2 Southern Celebes x HOSHIO in TRUK-Palau area; RYUJO west coast BORNEO, Cardus 5 YOKOSUKA area - Submarines. Carrier Saganami follows. Cardus 1 - AKAGI + KAGA; Cardus 2 - SORU - HIRYO; Cardus 3 - RYUJO, HOSHIO, NITTA Mam; Cardus 4 - KORYU KASUGA; Cardus 5 - ZUIKAKU, SHOKAKU.

COMINCH 21 22. 25 Heavy Bombers departed PP (Palau) for incident "PFE" (believed to be Gilberts (sic) at 0630/22nd







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COM 14 260159 -> JSE Bulletin 42 Hosts in TRUK area, SHOKOKU summit Yokosuka, Cardv 1 + 2 in INDEF, RYUJO - Malaya, Zuikei's probably Yokosuka area x Post Hawaii raided on 25th x KAMO, near ROSSBY x Other force, New Britain area remain the same. Air units at KUSABARA and WOTJE x 3 B. V. units - WAKE x Best estimate of screening force patrolling Yokosuka, Bonins, MARAUS Islands, ISELEB area - Cardv's 4 plane guards x 1000 in 1st Fleet units probably heavy units, main body of various local Defense Force such as YOKOSUKA and BONINS, Marcus Detachment of Base Force also involved. Several weeks ago Cardv 4 mentioned as connected this force, but no mention made recently. x 1111 A fixed off W, Great 31N 126W

COM 14 260705 -> AM TF Cdr Inf, Cominch KINPAT, Commander in MATCEN, M and Area lists 12 Morus (sawyer merchant ship types) as being in this force. This info was sent to Navy Minister info. 5th Fleet and Chindigima. This supplements my Bulletin 42 (above), 6 Flying Boat squadrons, Search 150 miles from 23N 173E in 24th x Search also made from JAWIT area, Radius unknown Sector 110 - 180 x Reports apparently negative

COM 14 260932 -> Convoy leaves KURE 0700/26th, rendezvous 1400 same day x passes three points KB SF among DAYAO 3rd or 4th March, Speed 13 x Cargo + Passengers in Glider Army troops x 950 men x 13 men for WR Station. Transport bus gear x Comm. outfit x bombs. Tokyo continues to send call sign identifications for major commanders in Hawaiian area in his daily broadcasts

COM 16 261737 -> RJ Summary 26th - 95 SF originated what appears to be intelligence report for Action 95 GAF Info 95 GF, 22 SF (BOKUCHING or PALEMBANG), Grid KANOWA Air Group (KENDAWI - ANJAW area) and Grid UWA 3 Teardrop MISAWA Air ...

COM 16 261805 -> INDICATIONS FROM TRANSLATIONS: New landings at SOUT to be made again at SANURU x considerable concentration transport ships JAWIT area. TOKYO Communication Office -> 95 all 152nd class Naval Stations and all flagships. DESIRE NAVAL CODE DI and General Cipher (79 or 10) BE PLACED IN EFFECT FROM 1600 on 16. Belgium det should be 28 February or 1 March. Another denigral, HH, probably preceded by another single letter, represents HAWAII (KAWAI) (AHH)

COM 14 262123 -> Base Force detachment at WAKE part of JAWIT Base Force Arr from WAKE, JAWIT and WAKIN. Cardv's will carry out unspecified task beginning 15 MARCH. One 400, Grid Air Force x Marshall, Grid 6, Desamb and other AF units in NEW BRITAIN, ... Com sub in YOKOSUKA area, 3 Subs in Eastern Marshalls, 4 Subst - see vicinity TOKYO Bay

COM 14 - Orange Outpost 24. BMT having been reinforced, JAPANESE forces down will be ready launch JAVA invasion. Reorganization of forces preparatory to attack now underway. Reports assuming increased proportions as naval force. Indications surface forces in addition to ... will be based that island. Inclusion of 12 small merchantmen of Betelcheat MARCOS in screening force indicates patrol area covering approach to island extends at least to 160° east. Radio reception indicated by link, must represent location allied vessel in p.

COM 14 262309 -> SF active with many dispatches of internal routing, esp. today with 1st Air Attack Force - note frequency ass. Last noted with units of Screeching Force x Believe that 4 strength mid Pacific here, augmented by another squadron, No change in est. locations. Cardv's frequently adjoined and originated 4 dispatches x Declass noted in # high precedence dispatches x high level in Eastern Mandates. While all Radio Intelligence activities busy, Takio especially so with many dispatches to Striking Force Group staff 23 + 3rd fleets and Cardv's in Force x Subtle much addressed, GFF sent more than usual... 2 dispatches, ass. Cardv's and 1st Air Attack Force with 24 and sub squadron NA To 8 x Arrow 24 being based Eastern Mandates, this may indicate reinforcement that area. ... YOKOSUKA AG obviously from Marshall's New 24 1st Air Attack Force and AG 11 showing westward progress that unit.

COM 14 262342 -> ... in 4th Fleet Area traffic at a high level but fewer URGENT dispatches. By routing, Cinc AF, Grid, S.S. Air in KAMOT, Grid 6, Desamb and ass. 4F units still at the New Britain area, Hosts not definitely placed in this area but ass. those units. Grid 1st Air G. yesterday in TRUK today in Marshalls in Grid WOTJE AA battery address at WAKE by encrypted address. WAKE sent only 2 dispatches today, one was long urgent to Cinc AF + 6 BF info GFF, IFF, Subj P and 1st AF + FUKIWA name ass. 4F.

56 CINCPAC 250249 -> TF Cdr Inf CTF 16 - After attack on WAKE and IJAFU's search for other indications enemy's main strength Midway, suggest Eastern Mandates of Midway.

COM 16 251206 -> Partial translation Radio of J for Cdr 2F. @ About 24th several ships or fleet units including KAMIKAWA and TSURUMI detached from unidentified unit assigned to another unidentified unit x @ About 25th 2 units detached from 1st unit above and assigned to 2nd unit x Philippines Area respectively x LU (KENDAWI) JT ... mentioned in MEMO of reports departure SIKORU from unidentified place in Tokosha

COM 16 252030 -> J appears to be Java area, with JN tentatively based. JAF JS mentioned... 2-day material in dispatch... unknown, but seems to be a dete in first week of March. ... Commanders 23 reports finding and sinking 22.5 miles 350° from ... x From Comcard 5 reports SHOKOKU underway in ... from PALAO? 0604/24th ... TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION REPORTS TRANSMISSION ON 309.5 KCS BEARING 231° - 234° FROM JAWIT 1800/21st. Closing remarks are: "This is the frequency used by WASP and her planes (according to documents seized at SA)" THIS IS SECOND REFERENCE TO PAPERS TAKEN AT WHAT COM 16 BELIEVES TO BE WAKE. TOKYO NAVAL INTELLIGENCE NOW ABOUT DISSEMINATE DECRYPTMENT OF OUR CALLS TO ENTIRE FLEET WITHIN FOURTEEN TO FIFTEEN HOURS ON SOME DAY THEIR USE

FOLLOWING BROADCAST 2350 I 23rd - "Report of American calls in 23rd February, DMOY (069) MKAM (067) 5885 (TORY) VSP2 (M9U) EICE (FSL) 52 (5B7M) (Cdr - OFF SHORE - PAT) More Dengue recoveries still unconfirmed. RXS - NOUMEA, RZG ROSSBY 13 RYM SANDWICH 15(2) MY 2415th - Confirmed R instead N was intended for Blank of RYD APIA, RYN = SUVA... IPB = SAMA

COMINT - 252242 - Orange Intel # 23, Large Fleet 80-100 vessels of unspecified types about midway down Macassar Straits at dawn Feb 24 - has assumed mission invasion of Java. Getho estimated this fleet can arrive off central Java by early morning February 27th present Japanese occupation with reinforcements BALI indicates main advances against Java may be delayed pending further consolidation position on BALI and SIMATRA TASK Force mentioned yesterday as scheduled arrive LOMBOK February 23 plus 100 and 4 SS was north of PATERNOSTER at 0330 Feb. 24 on course 260° x this force recently received unknown instructions from Cdr 3rd Fleet which may have changed its orders x Naval force supporting attack on JAVA probably under Command Cdr 2nd Fleet, now believed in Macassar Strait x Possibly 2 AB may be included in support group x Activity unusually high in Eastern Mandates and areas South of Marshalls. An air search from MAKIN Island reported to extend 500 miles. FIRST INTIMATION OF CONCERN OVER STEADILY MOUNTING NAVAL AND MERCHANT VESSEL LOSSES SHOWN IN REPORT OF TOKYO VIRGING BERLIN INTENSIFY WARFARE AS PRESENT RATE OF JAPANESE LOSSES CANNOT BE LONG SUSTAINED. Tokyo Intel again reports transmissions on 309.5 (See red ink above)

Table with columns: CALL, IMA, 245, 256, 268, 267, 269, 267, 227, 278, 293, 292, 266, 269. Includes handwritten notes: '252031/PP COM 14 -> CINCPAC', 'D/F REPORTS, (EXAMPLE)', 'COMINT D/I (25th) ON SAME DAY OF THESE DATES. EXAMPLES: EXHAUSTED JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS'

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COMINCH 012140 → ALL THE SUCCESSFUL LANDING OPERATIONS IN BANTEN AND REMBANG PROVINCES JAVA EFFECTED THROUGH SUPERIOR STRENGTH JAP SURFACE AND AIR FORCES. Preponderance of Japanese superiority now probably sufficient to permit landing force with reinforcements to move to danger of attack, measures being taken to strengthen New Britain, Marshalls, Wake and Marcus x WODE now becoming stronger because Marshall to which additional 40 have transferred from TRUK and PALAO. Extended battery continues from Marshalls. Gilberts and New Britain x A Agunsa Rabaul reported (a) on Cheerway Hill North Beach (b) on pier head west To Boi (c) on ridge at NW end LAKUNAI runway (d) on MATUPI Island near W. shore.

Com 14 012309 → No change in service calls x Neither has any change been noted in cipher systems x 2 Kawa calls changed as expected x Tactical traffic heavy in 3rd F with some p.l. from No 07 regarding engagement with enemy destroyers which he says except x Palao, Takao and CHICHJIMA. Co-ordinating yesterday's actions by boosting individual contacts and frequent transmission of Radio Intelligence. Cinc 4F less active than yesterday. Cinc 1st Fleet not seen x both unlocated x No ERMO assumed 75 in Celebes area x Toko assigned add. Southern Force collection staff Com Air Force. 1st Air Attack Force into 3F, Cinc 1AF, 15th 2nd, 3rd and 8th. These units seem to comprise 1st Air Attack Force and 1st Air Fleet. Today encrypted address "1001 Inu" - located at KENDARI - address 1st Air Corps at TRUK. No B.M. address seen today. Activity in the Marshalls mostly confined to OFAid (1) Despatches. Cinc 4F inactive as suggested but frequently addressed by PALAO. Traffic from WAKE large construction by advance messages x Marn 17.6N - 167.2E enroute WAKE. Marshalls and Palao and Palao exchanged traffic which may indicate further air reinforcements to Mandates. No further developments. 5F x CV's SHOKOKU + ZUKOKU have been intermittently on 4800 Kcs with short despatches x Good D/F places both in Yokosuka area. However such activity could be deceptive. Cinc 4F 2+3 in principal theatre. Orders not heard. 8 Subs heard today. See OFAid book

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Further name. Close tie in of BONINS and YOKOSUKA forces with Fifth Fleet, together with recent activity on Kawa number calls covering a wide area east of HONSHU leads to belief this fleet guards approaches to Japan from KAMICATKA-KURILES to some point south of BONINS - MARCUS where 4th Fleet takes over. In one day over 30 Kawa number calls appeared on circuit and in despatches which proved to include CHICHJIMA and OMINATO Radio x Best estimate 5th Fleet forces - 10 Combatant vessels, 12-15 Naval auxiliaries, one of which is OTEG appears to be flag ship, besides shore calls and base or local defense.

ORANGE INTELLIGENCE

COMINCH 022250 → ALL THE JAPANESE NAVAL AND AIR FORCES CARRYING TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT IN REINFORCEMENT FORCES NOW ON JAVA DURING NAVAL ENGAGEMENT JAVA SEA. RADIO STATIONS AT PALAO, TAKAO, CHICHJIMA BROADCAST INDIVIDUAL CONTACT REPORTS AND FURNISHED ENCRYPTED FORCES WITH RADIO INTELLIGENCE. CONSIDERABLE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY EVIDENT AT WAKE x 5th FLEET BELIEVED OPERATING IN AREA BOUNDED 37° - 46° N EAST COAST JAPAN TO 155° EAST. CINC 4th FLEET HAS REQUESTED FROM WAKE DETAILS INTELLIGENCE REGARDING PRESENT CONDITIONS PEARL X WAKE REPLIED WITH INFORMATION WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM RECENTLY OBTAINED PRISONERS.

Pages 225/224. (REORGANIZATIONS) March 1st MI SAWA Air Organized and assigned to 5th Fleet.

SITUATION IN MARCH AND APRIL 1942

from pages 76 and 77 of Vol. 85 - "Naval Operations in Home Waters" of the "War History Series". (本土海軍作戦) (戦史叢書) On 4 March, MARCUS Island (about 1020 miles SE of TOKYO) received an air attack; the Combined Fleet, the YOKOSUKA 1st Dist (and the OMINATO Guard Force) took precautionary measures. At the time of the air attack on MARCUS Island, a convoy of 15 merchant vessels was in that vicinity and alert messages were sent from the YOKOSUKA 1st Dist. to warn them and the YOKOSUKA Air Attack Force was placed on 30 minute standby from pre dawn the start of flight, except operations missions, were grounded in the immediate vicinity of air bases.

It was in these circumstances that a report (from the DD SHIGURE): "13 AIRCRAFT, UNKNOWN NATIONALITY, 240 MILES EAST OF SHIMIZAKI, HEADED WEST, WAS RECEIVED AT 0735 THE (S) YOKOSUKA issued an 'AIR RAID' warning to its area. The Combined Fleet immediately ordered the SCREENING FORCE (at that time HASHIRAJIMA (the Fleet is in the IRIKAWA SEA, near KURE)) to sortie and attack the American carrier force east of TOKYO BAY.

After that became known that the aircraft of unknown nationality were actually our own, so at 0908 YOKOSUKA's 'Air Raid' warning was cancelled and the sortie of the Screening/Guard Force was rescinded. Later on, there being no intelligence of the enemy, it was concluded that the American carrier force had retired after attacking MARCUS Island. The situation gradually returned to normal but in the dead of night of the 10th a Radio Intelligence report from the YOKOSUKA Communication Unit stated that an American carrier force which had appeared to the north of WAKE Island posed the danger of an attack to our main islands. On the 11th, the Combined Fleet and all Homeland Forces took appropriate measures to intercept and for the air defense of the Capital. The Screening/Guard sortied on the 12th, ASW patrols for its passage through Bungo channel being provided by the KURE Defense Force. The Northern Force extended its picket line by adding the 2nd Picket Boat Force (10 boats) to the north of its 1st Picket Boat Force (11 boats).

See SKETCH (page 3) for operations of the Screening Force (over) has been de- addressed. Ho. March 10-17 1942. Serial # 83 gives differential of 10. All other traffic in...

1 MARCH 1942 - (Added part-sheet) 60A

COMINCH 01 (1) NONE

COMINCH 01 (1) COM AIR FORCE WASHINGTON 222250Z MAR 42

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was relieved by Com 14 as PATROL FORCE for want of a



COM 14 026230 → Bulletin # 46... Noticeable increase in radio intelligence reports from Marshalls. From in TRUK - New Britain are renamed the same as before including 1 Desam old DDS, 3 Scout Cruisers, 3 CA, possibly more, KAMO and HOSHO plus AV & misc. Moreland type x 1 Gumbot Danain also in this area x Cardio 1 or plus RYUJO in Leleha JAWA x JS, Dams 24-5 in sea area Hokokai + ZUIKAKU in YOKOSUKA area. One sub in vicinity of San Francisco other 2105 & 2104  
COM 14 020715 → Change MARUS to CHICAGOIA my 260708. Long Air group in Marshalls has directed a subordinate to transfer 17 pc (initially 4 - engine broken) and one base to another [both there in Marshalls] on 3 March with a pending possibility of RZ SHAN LEX NIPPONAM in TRUK area

COM 14 021009 → BUTTE THIS FOR HALSEY & MUCH URGENT TRAFFIC REGARDING PRISONER OR PRISONERS TAKEN AT WAKE & INFO REGARDING STATUS OF AFFAIRS HERE OBTAINED BY WAKE AT DIRECTION OF 4TH FLEET & PRISONER(S) TO BE TRANSPORTED TO YOKOSUKA BY AIR TRANSPORT PLANE DEPARTING 3 MARCH

COM 14 021113 → ON 1 March COM 14 directed WAKE as follows: "Ascertain the following: Ships in Pearl Harbor the 12<sup>th</sup>, status of Pearl Harbor & Aviation Losses, status of military equipment to Hawaii." WAKE replied: "Referring to Pearl Harbor, the repairs required & Aviation Facilities repairs completed & 3 Battalions in aircraft at Pearl (Repairs in progress), question on also being investigated with regard to (Black ghost?) other BC have returned to mainland for necessary repairs & submarine (budget?) now installed on land, Prisoner(s) depart WAKE on 3 March via plane to YOKOSUKA"

COM 14 021120 → "AA" IS WAKE and AK IS Pearl Harbor, confirming Com 16 x C.I. puts SATORAKU in drydock in Yokosuka until 3<sup>rd</sup> and both SHOKOKU and ZUIKAKU in YOKOSUKA - BONNOS area by D/F and Radio intelligence. However both ships in constant and direct radio communications with each other. This may be connection these 2 ships with operations scheduled to commence about 5 March and operations mentioned "pending intelligence" was designated by the Comair letter "K" (In case of Harbor: The "K" operation)

COM 16 021244. Further info indicates "NAVAL CODE D2" is current AN code and that new cipher number 9 which was to have been put into effect at early date has been delayed. See my 261805 and 271522. Grid 147 Staff Comm. Off. (TU 14) address HOKE 7? → "TRANSLATE MY NUMBER 83 USING GENERAL CIPHER TABLE # 10" Serial # 83 gives differential of 78653 x Does not check with any previous period. All other traffic intercepted subsequent 1 March still working current period differentials and subtractors. Serial 83 time group ZERO HOUR (1) 2 March said 55 time group 0150.

COM 16 021715 → From traffic routing Com. 15 Air Corps (0706) was indicated in TRUK, possibly Rabaul; this comd. still ass. #1 Air Attack Corps  
COM 14 → 2F in further movements and shifting of planes in Marshalls area in preparation undisclosed operations... many intelligence D/F reports amongst not latest

COM 14 022138 → Buck of high precedence traffic from S.W. battle area as usual & many new 2 Kana calls in the bud from SAHGOI hampering analysis & GFF as address only. 2F same, disseminates to Screening Force... "Talent" pending heavy filing intelligence, indications CHITOSE also. YOKUHAMA Air with letter piece at WOTJE... Available

COM 14 020102 to OPNAV info Com 16. Available 5 Fleet DATA (gives frequencies used OHINA to broadcast to 5F (4015-8050) - 5F interfleet channel (4010-8220). 6475 and 6690 KHz used by OHINA to and 5F units 6750 & 6450 previously active - not likely. Last June at least 10 combat type 5F units & several amphibians made cruise to KURILES and lower KANTOKU & some of these fleet units identified as 2. In this exercise SHANGTO AIR + OHINA to took leading part with planes and at least 6 shore stations of shore based activities, some of which located by our D/F in KURILES. Since 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, very much same outline of forces and number of shore stations has appeared with 5F. Com 16 same relative rank as other major fleet coms with 8 alternate calls to use and 3 additional calls for 5F units. Only one prominent building in 9 ST has stood out this comd. as Squadron post 3 alternate calls WNSP, HA 3 and SVHO 6 - comparison indefinite, it on time believed to exist of auxiliaries or Marus. This comd. referred to by Com 14 as PATROL FORCE for want of a

61 (61A) (continued) To reinforce the fighter age strength in the area of the Tokyo plain, the Navy Staff Section (the Naval General Staff) at Imperial General Headquarters ordered the fighter age forces from Iwakuni and SASEBO to operate, temporarily, under the operational direction of the Commandant, YOKOSUKA District. Subsequently, as nothing abnormal had developed concerning the enemy by the 15<sup>th</sup> (March), the SCREENING Force left its patrol station to the east of the BONIN islands, the majority anchoring in ISE BAY. Carrier Division 5 was detached from the covering force and again assigned to the Carrier Strike Force; it headed for YOKOSUKA to make preparations for its next operations (in the Indian Ocean - the attacks on COLOMBO and TRINCOMALEE)

The Northern Force resumed normal conditions at 1300/17. The 1<sup>st</sup> Picket Boat Force being withdrawn to KOSHIRO (HOKKAIDO), leaving the 2<sup>nd</sup> Picket Boat Force on station on the patrol line. At 1130/17, YOKOSUKA District reverted to normal status; on the 18<sup>th</sup> both Iwakuni Air and SASEBO Air returned to their regular stations.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, just a month later, our main island, HONSHU, received its first air attack (more on that later on). Since mid-April many enemy submarines had been sighted in the approaches to the TOKYO plain and it had been estimated that their operations were often connected with air attacks by their carrier forces. Later on, Radio intelligence reports (on enemy carrier activities) and the appearance of enemy submarines came to be viewed with deep concern as indicators of attacks by enemy carrier forces. Also, as Soviet merchant ship attacks had been passing near TOSA (Southern part SHIKOKU Island) during the American air attack on HONSHU, it was suspected of having some connection with that attack. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, the KURE District ordered SPOKES Air to reconnoiter it and sent the Auxiliary Gumbot BANSHU AIR to board and inspect it. OSAKA's #2 MATSUE Mand cooperated in this.

Now, only about four months after the outbreak of war, we received an air attack on our capital. The damage was insignificant but it demanded a prompt reinforcement of Air Defence pickets and lookouts along the shores of the Pacific. To compensate for an adequacy of picket boats regular fishing boats manned by civilian fishermen could act as Air

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Added sheet

COMINCH after (14)'s operations scheduled commence about 5 March  
COMINCH says "preparations for which have been indicated by further movements and shifting of planes in the Marshalls area and by the operations of Com engineering units in this area, which have been engaged in reflecting work and have constructed (now resumed) (14's) These pending operations were designated by the Roman letter 'K'"

AA = WAKE  
AK = PEARL HARBOR

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COM 16 031456 → From translation of 17 HEAVY BOMBERS ARRIVED AT (EQ) 1400  
 2 MARCH x (2) 4 TRANSPORT PLANES FROM TRUK TO PALAO A.M. 7 2<sup>nd</sup> (3) TRANSPORT  
 PLANES DEPARTED TRUK FOR PB 0730 2<sup>nd</sup> x Both these reports originated by 1st Air Corps  
 0 to 6 x Value for "transport planes" beginning to look sour in spite of being an old  
 confirmation x 0 to 6 visited Com 16 frequently and always with heavy bombers x  
 Request OPNAV and 14 check values ..... (5) 5th Fleet requested YOKOSUKA arrange  
 for use of NASUNAGAWA Air while Coalition of KANOKA and KANOKO Air groups  
 in defense of YOKOSUKA area in progress. This together with 5th Fleet's appear-  
 ance as Actin addressee in despatch from TOKYO Radio Intelligence  
 reporting details enemy submarine activity in vicinity BONIN Islands believed  
 indication said force - home guard units.

Com 16 031911 → Com 16's considerable concentration of submarines and sub-tenders  
 apparent in Kure; "Commander 10<sup>th</sup> Submarine Base" appears as addressee  
 in message - base may be located at PENANG.....

COM 16 031916 → Short despatch originated by Com 1st Fleet Screening  
 Force in Action Comdr FUJIO (Screening Force) and call letters ident. as 3<sup>rd</sup> Sd  
 suggest possibility Screening Force may be Ocean 1. (EQ) = PENANG (3)

COM 14 032201 → Slight sign that Cardin 2 to operate with 4th Fleet  
 Shinkaku in YOKOSUKA by D/F. Comdr continues general YOKOSUKA area x  
 A Subron 10 believed to be organizing, requesting facility in INDIAN OCEAN x At  
 least 2 main Sub-tenders associated x ... about 10 0<sup>th</sup> operating in Pacific.....

COM 14 032159 - Deson 2 less 3 units appeared; may indicate loss of  
 entire division & cruiser flagship or merely 3 units x ... Com Subron 7 (WIC 6)  
 believed underway from TRUK. He has been originating his despatches under  
 TRUK design and now sends one from WIC 6. Tentatively identified  
 PATROL FORCE YUN 0 appeared in encephalic address "LESS SMALL BOAT  
 FLOTILLA", a message at Kure is included in command to MAZ which may  
 develop as address to 5th Fleet.....

COMINT 032250 → Com 14 Inf Com 16 intercept. WIT it particular regard to  
 from 21120 and assuming offensive by Cardin's frequently mentioned,  
 is not deceptive, the direction of movement of the bombers your 020715  
 may give clue to the direction of the offense itself. Desires intercepts  
 conducted with these movements be most carefully watched and analyzed  
 Com 14 pass substance this despatch and reference to COMINTAC.

COMINT 032331 → AETFC Orange Intelligence # 29 JAP REINFORCEMENTS  
 NOT YET REPORTED LANDED IN JAVA x APPROXIMATING FORCES ATTACKED BY  
 ALLIED AF x EXTENT OF JAP AIR OPS TO DATE LESS THAN ANTICIPATED  
 ATTACKS ON VISAYAS AND LANDING ZAMBANGA PREBABLY DESIGNED  
 FURTHER ISOLATE AMERICAN FORCES x INDICATIONS OF PREPARATIONS  
 IN MARSHALLS FOR UNDISCLOSED OPERATIONS INCLUDING TRANSFER  
 THIS AREA FURTHER NUMBER OF PLANES x ... 5TH FLEET CONDUCTING  
 EXERCISES IN ARGA LAT. 37-46 NORTH, EAST COAST JAPAN TO 155°E  
 PROBABLY DEFENSIVE BUT POSSIBILITY OFFENSIVE PLAN CANNOT BE  
 PRECLUDED.

COM 14 032003 → Com 16 Info etc. WRRPP-SHIP; ALL VALUABLE X UNCONFIRMED x  
 QYWYI = QOSHU (AUSTRALIA); EPWEI - C/S 2<sup>nd</sup> FLEET; WUWYS - 1<sup>st</sup> KIMITSU DAI  
 BANDEN; QRITW - unit or activity; YQURT - place TAIHOKU; Rest spell  
 Roman letters WITRP "GR"; EITUY - "OU"; QYWWW - "FO"; YETUW - "RC";  
 QWTP1 - "EE"; TITQR - "LA".

COMINT 01(3) (Com 16 040630 met for 2<sup>nd</sup> time) DISPATCH FROM NAV. INT. TOKYO  
 Action of C/S AF, incident Subron + Com Airron 24, info C/S of 4<sup>th</sup> Yehonowair Airship  
 (believed at WOTJE) describes disposition of forces (Allied or Japanese - not clear  
 which) in the AH (Hawaiian Islands); AF and AFTI (both unknown) areas on  
 the SE. This may be forecast of Allied dispositions. Japanese operations are  
 scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup>.

COM (14) 040030 → Expect at least 5<sup>th</sup> to commence operations in INDIAN  
 OCEAN shortly - will probably base PENANG x TS, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sd, 5<sup>th</sup> Sd + KAMIKAWA active  
 ... ..

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BB = BALIKPAPAN AE = PALMYRA  
 LK = KENDARI AH = OAHU / or KANOEHE  
 RRR = RORAU AB = HOWLAND 13  
 ABB = BAKER 13

Shape at PALAO 4 March ... ..  
 In connection Comdr WITORO Air group + Comdr MANE 6, which may be  
 Above Detachment of 10<sup>th</sup> Special Subron may be designated "HEI" ((O)). Several  
 leaders are apparently connected with this Special Subron including a group of  
 Swedish Registry, # 55 MIRAMAR x

COMINT 042227 → CINCPAC (acknowledge) SHOW IMMEDIATELY TO CINCPAC IN PERSON x  
 CODEKS FROM COM 14 AND COM 16 AND OTHER RADIO INTELLIGENCE SINCE ABOUT  
 FEBRUARY 15 INDICATE ENEMY PLANS ROAD WITH CARDIN'S PLUS NITTA MARU  
 AND LARGE SEAPLANES AGAINST US POSITIONS AND FORCES PROBABLY OAHU  
 POSSIBLY PALMYRA, JOHNSTON, MIDWAY. IN SPITE OF SUGGESTIONS OF DECEPTION,  
 COMINT ANALYSIS HAS HERE TO FOR TENTATIVELY PLACED DATE OF RAID ABOUT  
 MARCH 11-13 x HOWEVER THE IMPLICATIONS IN COM 14 040919 AND COM 16  
 041228 THAT THE ATTACK WILL OCCUR MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> EITHER TOKYO OR OAHU DATE  
 HAVE SOME FOUNDATION AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.

COM (14) 042352 → File of despatches thicker than normal, new frequencies 2330 + 3710<sup>th</sup>  
 2 and 3 KAWA calls heard with 4 letter (contingent character) Cephengroups for tent.  
 Tokyo traffic up from normal with several opus style despatches except 5<sup>th</sup> GF, 2F, 3F  
 1 AF. All Radio Intelligence stations they with interests to major Comdr, PALAO including  
 4 AF in his headings. Com 14 GF, unbracketed, add, see major Comdr, Comdr 12<sup>th</sup> Air Attack Force  
 and flagship Cardin 5. Com 2F called Com 1AF Cardin 102 - showing these still  
 operating with him. Orange Intelligence # 30.

COMINT 042354 → Further landings made in JAVA offensive operations  
 by units 4F + 6F + Airron 24 + leaders for flying boats or seaplanes probably including  
 to KOSHIMA Air group expected start 5 March. Chief of this Strike Force may be  
 New Britain area estimate probable offensive exploration present holding into  
 New Guinea or outlying frontiers in South Pacific. Information by Tokyo  
 sufficient this force on US Naval units Hawaiian area in March 5<sup>th</sup> probably for  
 purpose of eliminating these units from task force which might be encountered.  
 SHOKOKU (CV) believed to have indirect concern this offensive and is believed  
 to have departed YOKOSUKA March 3<sup>rd</sup> .....

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Air/1st 21 (HQ and KANOKA AIR) assigned to NORTHERN FORCES  
 COMINT 01(3) EQ = PENANG ? PB = ?; AF = ? AFH = ?



COM 16 031456 - From Translator (1) 7 HEAVY BOMBERS ARRIVED AT EQ 1400 2 MARCH (2) 4 TRANSPORT PLANES FROM TRUK TO PALAO A.M. 7 2nd (3) TRANSPORT

4 MARCH Added part page 63A From Staff Comm Officer Subfor. To: Comm Officer Yokohama Air Group. Info: Comm Officer Avron 24, 4FP, Sabut

In a typical pre-action despatch states "This force will depend on Code 007 for [ ]" Note - this is further indication of sub out air attack on 5 March (Japanese time)

From Tokyo, To: 4s AF, 4s Subfor, 4s, Cash Sea Search Force, Yokohama Air G Gives force and direction of wind in OAHU and two other areas (AF and AFH - both unlocated) for 4th and 5th. Note this matches the expected winds in this general area STOKAKU undocked 4/1010 (I)

AE = PALMYRA; AH = OAHU or KANOEHE; AB = HOWLAND; ABB = BAKER 2 Mar, 4s of request 60 torpedos replacements: 8 for ASHIGARA; 48 for Force; 4 for JINTSU (or NAKA). Condision 2 84 + Avron 7 were Information addressees on msg (probably replacements for fish fired in battle for JAVA end of July 1st, 1942)

COM 14 032157 - Deson 2 less 3 units appeared; may indicate loss of entire division & cruiser flagship a merely 3 units in Com Subron 7 (w/c 6) believed underway from TRUK. He has been originating his despatches under TRUK disguise and now sends one from W/O 6 tentatively identified PATROL FORCE. YUNP appeared in enciphered address "LESS SQUARE BOAT FOOTLECA", a memo at Kure is included in command TORMA 2 which may develop as addition to 5th Fleet

COMINT 032230 - Com 14 Inf. Com 16 Sweep. WIT4 particular regard to you 21120 and assuming offensive by Carrier's frequently mentioned, is not deceptive, the direction of movement of the bombers your 020715 may give clue to the direction of the offense itself. Desire intercepts conducted with these movements be most carefully watched and analyzed

COMINT 032331 - airtfc Orange Intelligence # 29. JAP REINFORCEMENTS NOT YET REPORTED LANDED IN JAVA x APPROXIMATING FORCES ATTACKED BY ALLIED AIR X EXTENT OF JAP AIR OPS TO DATE LESS THAN ANTICIPATED ATTACKS ON VISAYAS AND LANDING ZAMBOANGA PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED FURTHER ISOLATE AMERICAN FORCES x INDICATIONS OF PREPARATIONS IN MARSHALLS FOR UNDISCLOSED OPERATIONS INCLUDING TRANSFER THIS AREA FURTHER NUMBER OF PLANES x 5TH FLEET CONDUCTING EXERCISES IN ARGA LAT. 37-46 NORTH, EAST COAST JAPAN TO USJE PROBABLY DEFENSIVE BUT POSSIBILITY OFFENSIVE PLAN CANNOT BE PRECLUDED

COM 14 032003 - Com 16 Info etc. WRRPP - SHIP; ALL VALUABLE X UNCONFIRMED QYWYI - QOSHU (AUSTRALIA); EPWEI - C/S 2nd FLEET; WUWYS - FIC KIMITSU DAT; FIF BANDEN. QRTW - unit or activity; YQURT - place TONKOKU; Rest spell. Roman letters WITRL "GR"; EITUY - "OU"; QYWOW - "FO"; YETUW - "RC"; QWTP1 - "EE"; TITQR - "LA"

COMINT D1 (3) (Com 16 040630 with page 24) DISPATCH FROM NAV. INT. TOKYO Action to 4s AF, unident. Subfor & Com Avron 24, info of 4s of Yokohama Air Gp (believed at WOTJE) describes disposition of forces (Allied or Japanese - not clear which) in the Att (Hawaiian Islands); AF and AFH (both unknown) areas of the 5th. This may be forecast of Allied dispositions. Japanese operations are scheduled for the 5th

COM 14 040030 - Expect at least 5th to commence operations in INDIAN OCEAN shortly - will probably base PENANG; TS, 22Sf, 5Sd + KAMIKAWA active in JAVA area. Landis add 2 plus Rumpo in Java - Celebes area x NITTA MARU still in TRUK area - 7Ss continues operate in Marshall area - Carrier's remains Yokosuka area - possibility ZUIKOU maybe in OKINAWA area - this is of TRUK

COM 16 040630 - Have garbled despatch from Tokyo COM 1 (MAYURU) sent 035175 March add. 4F 4s, name of Subfor, and Com Avron 24 only sufficiently readable to determine content is the distribution of forces in AH, AFH, and AF areas for 5th (week). No clues to whose forces but 2 implications seem clear - either our dispositions are being forecast or the ORANGE operations are scheduled for these areas on 5 March. Above was info of 4s of Com Yokohama Air Group from behind 12 a WOTJE. Request OPINION and H4PO read and evaluation. Time gap 032030 H4TSP starting

CINCPAC 041331 - RADAR PLOT INDICATED PLANE APPROX OAHU 1110Z REMAINED THIS VICINITY ABOUT 40 MINUTES THEN RETIRED SW. LAST PLOT 1254 BEARING 235 AT 1253

COM 16 041850 - SHOKAKU reports undocked 4th. RRC looks good for RABAUJI. COM 14 042145 - Ball, 4s in Air groups in Marshall's operating closely with submarines in same area. Definite indication Yokohama Air at WOTJE, 4th to SE AIR at KANOEHE and a Subron involved in unknown operations WAKE is actively interested in this op.

COM 16 042201 - Com. Yokohama Air Group at MIJESJ on base at 1600 (2) today, slight 255. This command and Subfor SE 12 noted. Except for ad. Yokohama Air Gp with Naka Intelligence and Com Subfor Traffic routing Jalcit area appears normal. March 12 originated what appears to be of reports add. to base activities extending support to Yokosuka plus Com's Gf, 4F, 4S, 4FP. Connection is becoming evident between Commander's and Com Subron NA to G plus Com Avron 24 and Com Subron Air Force change at PALAO 4 March. "Com's Detachment 10th Special Submarine Squadron" appeared in connection with 10th Special Air Group + Com's MANE 6, which maybe Subron 10, both of which. Above Detachment of 10th Special Subron may be designated "HEI" ((C)). Several leaders are apparently connected with this Special Subron including a ship of Swedish registry, the SS MIRAMAR X

COMINT 042227 - CINCPAC (acknowledge) SHOW IMMEDIATELY TO CINCPAC IN PERSON x COPIES FROM COM 14 AND COM 16 AND OTHER RADIO INTELLIGENCE SINCE ABOUT FEBRUARY 15 INDICATE ENEMY PLANS ROAD WITH CARDIN'S PLUS NITTA MARU AND LARGE SEAPLANES AGAINST US POSITIONS AND FORCES PROBABLY OAHU POSSIBLY PALMYRA, JOHNSTON, MIDWAY. IN SPITE OF SUGGESTIONS OF DECEPTION, COMINT ANALYSIS HAS HERE TO FOR TENTATIVELY PLACED DATE OF RAID ABOUT MARCH 11-13 x HOWEVER THE IMPLICATIONS IN COM 14 040919 AND COM 16 041228 THAT THE ATTACK WILL OCCUR MARCH 5th EITHER TOKYO OR OAHU DATE HAVE SOME FOUNDATION AND CANNOT BE IGNORED.

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COMINT 042354 - High. Further landings made in JAVA, offensive operations by units 4F + 6F + Avron 24 as tender for flying boats or seaplane probably including 4s KAWA Air Group expected start 5 March. Bulk of this striking force may be New Guinea area estimate probable effective exploitation present holding into New Guinea or outlying portions in South Pacific. Information by Tokyo supplied the force on US Naval units Hawaiian area in March 5th probably for purpose of eliminating this unit's from task force which might be considered. STOKAKU (cv) believed to have indirect concern this operation and is believed to have departed YOKOSUKA March 3rd

March 5th - Air Gt 21 (HQ and KANOYA AIR) assigned to NORTHERN FORCE COMINT D1 (3) EQ = PERANG ? PB = ?; AF = ?; AFH = ?

COMINT D1 (3) COM 16 040630 with page 24 (with top) DISPATCH FROM NAV. INT. TOKYO Action to 4s AF, unident. Subfor & Com Avron 24, info of 4s of Yokohama Air Gp (believed at WOTJE) describes disposition of forces (Allied or Japanese - not clear which) in the Att (Hawaiian Islands); AF and AFH (both unknown) areas of the 5th. This may be forecast of Allied dispositions. Japanese operations are scheduled for the 5th



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COM 14 050008 -> From encrypted address part of 1st CW code separated from unit, location this HAKENST (Cablehead force) not indicated, 005147, here as CHTO SE in message in communication with Kuroki's staff to work. Cdr. YOKOHAMA in of WOTIE only, much info to 4F, 5th Fleet, CINCIPAC, Chitran Wake. He appears to be a team. Ext. command of a group of a not exceeding 1 Sqdrn. Chitran and also sent much at news by the routing. Those on a ship to be in 1st Subm. seem hooked up in some part of communication.

CINCIPAC 050201 -> CTF 9 (Imp CTF 4) Direct Ballard proceed French Frigate Shoals behind vicinity until 13 March return Pearl & Intelligence reports indicate possibility long range seaplane attack Hawaiian area utilizing French Frigate Shoals as refueling point. From time of attack on Oahu night 3 March calendar it practicable for refueling vessel to have remained outside OAHU Search circle until homeward leg, started then reached French Frigate in time to refuel top seaplanes here and after attack and complete return meet beyond limits Oahu Search Circle before our Hawaii reach maximum distance next day. Also possible refueling ship is submarine. Believed to be prepared to receive our patrol planes if required and maintain radio silence except on enemy contact.

CINCIPAC 050257 -> All TF Cdr, For TF 16 following extract from COMINTS QUOTE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES ENEMY PLANS RAID WITH CARRIERS AND LARGE SEAPLANES AGAINST U.S. POSITIONS AND FORCES PROBABLY COMBAT POSSIBLY PALMYRA, JOHNSTON, MIDWAY IN SPITE OF SUGGESTIONS OF DECEPTION COMMINTS HAS HITHERTOFORE TENTATIVELY PLACED DATE OF RAID ABOUT 11, 12, 13 MARCH X IMPLICATIONS THAT ATTACK WILL OCCUR AT AN EARLIER DATE CAN NOT BE IGNORED UNQUOTE TROOP MOVEMENTS ARE ENROUTE HAWAIIAN AREA ETA 11 TO 14 MARCH X DESIRED TASK FORCE 16 BE PREPARED FOR COUNTER ACTION.....

CINCIPAC 050325 -> COMINTS. One or two aircraft believed to be 4 engine seaplanes dropped 4 bombs of about 500 pounds harmlessly in the hills above Honolulu at about 1140 Z the 4th. They appeared along the chain of islands from the north west and departed to the south west bearing down on the flat for 3 hours except when over OAHU's weather obscured with slight drizzle. Enemy believed to have remained at high altitude x Pursuits were operated without success x Most probable explanation is fueling on both legs by submarine at French Frigate Shoals or other islands in the chain x Bomber being sent French Frigate x 2 enemy subs that general area by RBF x no word from faces at sea x will endeavor to destroy HAWAII in counter attack of enemy carriers advance.

COM 16 051502 -> DIGEST OF C.I. ... (C) YOKO DESPATCH mentioned with idea sent to Staff 4th Fleet at TRUK stated "other item assigned via SHOKAKU" - the - SHOKAKU is to proceed TRUK from YOKOSUKA in near future. (D) 5th FLEET reports engagement involving 2 ships questionably named as ENTERPRISE and NORTHAMPTON plus 3rd ship (SLASH) TEXT MOSTLY UNRELIABLE except for usual Jap statement that the enemy "fled"....

COM 14 052231... DIF starts at 3 near vicinity HAWAII, one at a near French Frigate Shoals, one area 100 miles SE of NIHOA. HI HI (TA TU) with NURUS (Color of most subs operating in Eastern Pacific from Marshalls) aboard, last night DIF near 22N 176 W has been moving around MIDWAY - JOHNSTON gen. area, possibly obtain information & area id x possible refueling operations flying boats operating WAKE - OAHU. An officer of SE TA 6 (probably an group based Chitran) originated URGENT at 0820/5th Action Cdr. Lt. Capt SFP Tokyo intelligence, Lt. Col. Commandant, Base Force at Saipan. Chitran, Cdr. Lt. Col. SETAB info to BE 7 at OAHU.

OPNAV 051948 -> CINCIPAC, RELIABLE REPORTS INDICATE THAT JAPANESE MERCHANTS ARE PLYING BETWEEN WEST COAST PORTS OF JAPAN AND HANOI, SMYRNA AND BANGKOK TRANSPORTING TO JAPAN ESSENTIAL WAR MATERIALS & RICE, APPARENTLY 5th TIME INSIDE PASSAGE THROUGH STRAIT OF TORMOSA ... STOPS HOIHOW, HAIWAN, TAIPOU, NARASING, MOI, MATSUE NUSAGA

COMINTS 052310 Operations reported striking 5 March remain obscure. Possible addition include Carriers Cornwall with Toka x CHTO SE air group ... Seized Swedish MIRAMAR now enroute to Submarine PENANG x

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COM 14 060251 -> ALLTC SHOKOKU NEAR YOKOSUKA, COM CARDIUS ALSO x UNITS IN AREA SOUTH OF TRUK - JALUIT LINE, AS BEFORE, INCL. 185, 654, HOSHO, KAMO, POSSIBLY 65 + VARIOUS AIR TENDERS + MARUS + 1 Gumbert division. INFORMATION SUPPLIED 4F UNITS IS TOKYO WAS WEATHER FORECAST FOR HAWAIIAN AREA FOR 4-5 MARCH. WAKE ASSUMING increased import force. Cinc 5th is in command forces MARCUS IS area - 3 D in HAWAIIAN area 22-176, 23.5-166, 22-162.5 (RENNOW) x SUB ACTIVITIES PLUS RECENT AIR ACTIVITY ARE POSSIBLY THE OPERATIONS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AFTER 3rd March - MYCOTIS to TFCAL.

COM 14 060709 -> Some translations: Air activity in Marshalls to KUPES, both 4F address; breaks of 8 HEAVY CARRIERS DEPARTING TRUK AT 0400/6th to get back, but KUPES....

COM 14 060730 -> ... CINC 5th FLEET REPORTS THAT AT DAWNLIGHT 4th MARCH WAS ATTACKED BY ENTERPRISE AND 2 OTHER VESSELS - THEY ESCAPED AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN x APPARENTLY SOME PART OF SHORE INSTALLATIONS NOT USABLE.

CINCIPAC -> RALLARD (IMP) RBF PUTS 2 ENEMY A 10 VICINITY FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS ONE SENT PRIORITY MESSAGE ADDRESSED COMDR 4th FLEET, A MANDATES AIR GROUP AND A

COM 16 061325 -> (AIR SEA RI). Unident Fumo 4 Hawaiian Adv. Base on WAKE (add. Marder) text unencrypted in address cipher - "HAVE RECEIVED CALL LIST #10; THIS FORCE HAS ONLY ONE COPY" May indicate impending call change.

OPNAV 061510 -> Cincpac/Inclant, MY 201330 December (Collection 0001/Jan all call signs shall be encrypted - " ) Information received indicates call sign cipher being compromised by non-use of encrypted call signs by enemy, particularly in communication with carriers and tenders x Am considering modifying reference to require encrypted call signs, but permitting temp. call signs for duration of any operation.

COM 16 061609 -> Regarding Marvino reports call sign recovery by Orange Intel, evidence points to association and analysis only. Dispatch of 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

COM 14 061941 -> An translations - Partly read later for CHICHIMA to Cincif discusses need for increased air facilities at CHICHIMA and toward Detachment Inc. 12 ships; also provision for fueling heavy bombers. In another Cinc 4th has directed increased searches and patrols - search for PX (WOTIE?) ... fragments indicate Sitokaku delayed 1 day after undocking 3rd - will proceed to STARBUCK BAY in 5th via 2 channel.

COM 14 062149 -> Seton 10, Bettel's, Vandor's, Durani + Area 23 continue to appear together in a possible striking force in 5th area. ... TRUK still handles 4F t/c ... COMINTS 062159 -> ALLTC TRANSMISSION FORCE/DIRECTION WIND AT OAHU 4 (SHARU) TO YOKOHAMA AIR GT. AND COMDR SUBMARINE FLEET STRONG TRENDS ASSUMPTION BOMBS DROPPED VICINITY HONOLULU WERE FROM FLYING BOATS WHOSE FLIGHT FROM NORTH MARSHALLS WAS COORDINATED WITH A OPNAV RECENT TRANSFERS AIRCRAFT TO MARSHALLS INDICATES POSSIBLE REPETITIONS.

COM 14 062015 -> BULLETIN ST Movement 9C from TRUK to Marshalls continues. 9C moved yesterday x Intensive searches and patrols, Marshalls evident x Much radio intelligence activity in entire Marshall area. Every effort being made to create free wind was at Marvino, 4th. In far this free indicated. 2 A last night in immediate vicinity of French Frigate Shoals. Definite connection between them & 4th Fleet Air activities, Katal - New Britain area fairly general. Reconnaissance reports indicate movement enemy from Katal area towards SAZ 4 AREA.

COM 14 062139 -> Screening force bomb. org, urgent to his face and Comdr, who appears to include KURE, SAEKI + Iwakura air groups info GFF and typical movement addresses - This indicates urgency getting around Screening vessels. Many radio intelligence dispatches org. by Zupis and Mandate. Sketches represent effort to track/locate our forces x ... Marvino 4th dispatches forwarded by CHICHIMA to Enpire. KASUMIGAWA AIR ad. Air activities at KUPES, TRUK, SHIPON and Marshalls info 4F SF + Base Force PACOM, TRUK, SHIPON, JAWIT + RABUL x ... Enpire at WAKE org, may report to COM 4F JALUIT and WOTIE info 4F Com. off. 3 A units, one of which may be the flagship Pacific Sub, in Midway - F. Shoals area in close and possible air and other Marshallian activities, believed may be serving a secret any possible number. Randed for Marshalls in making a delivery 9C that bombed HONOLULU ZUIKAKU and SHOKAKU in YOKOSUKA area - later may be bound south.

COM 14 062249 -> On 2 January, Tokyo broadcast the departure of 1 CV and 2 carriers from PEARL HARBOR, within 12 hours of actual departure. 6 Mar. BUMIL told 4F that the #8 submarine base constructed to function under Cinc 4F (R) believes location KURO... AND NORTHAMPTON were involved in the MARCUS raid / PX = WOTIE(?) ERINO to be docked with Donin March 4th or 5th. SR = MARCONIAS(?)



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ERIMO probably Suck (H) 4295 - F  
4 Main Comdr (S)

COM 16 071650 - Usual disposition of major air commands - noted today x Commanders. 1st An attack group and IANOTA air group near the TAKAO air station with detachment of IANOTA air group that was formerly at MENADO, now shown at KANOTA air station. TACHU air group appears located BALI KENC Philippines Fleet and 31st Base Force units continue actualy abs. units of 2nd, 3rd, Central and S. China Fleets plus major air commands mentioned above. Convoy seems forming TAKAO area to be escorted (?) by Desdiv YO WA 1 x Philippines Force involved this activity. Tentative ATAGO and Tentative MAYA appear to be operating BALI area and ass. #1 Base Force, #2 Air Fleet, Comb. Air Force & 6000 TSN CA Tach also nos. with above. Slight indication CHIKAS released as flagship 50th Fleet x

COM ANZAC 072040 - CTRU ENEMY FORCES COMMENCED LANDING AT  
CTF-17 SALAMAU AT 2022 Z / 7 MARCH  
CHICAGO

COM 14 072351 - Cmc 5th Fleet, in several dispatches of a tactical nature, AO SHIRAYA nor ass. SF x Commanders sent movement report to IANOTA Fleet info SHOKAKU indicating latter to head for CELEBES area. Commanders in ZUIKAKU & NITTA MARU may be about to return to EMPIREX No other info. CAMERO x Submarine positions HHH ZON 174W, FVNA 03N 160W. To To 34N 158E. Subgroups SoSo of and SUTA 4 skip in KURE. JALUIT called 7 H, 4 were heard answering.

(X2) (99/200) The Combined Fleet had made tentative plans for the former Strike Force to conduct strike operations in the CEYLON area between mid March and early April and had ordered CARDIV to be returned to the Carrier Strike Force and on 10 March ordered the organization of forces for the 4th Period of the 1st Phase operations.

The Southern Force on 14 March issued orders for: the Carrier Strike Force to make a surprise attack on enemy ships, air power and naval facilities in the CEYLON area; Sebron 2 to conduct reconnaissance, surveillance and attacks in that same area; the Base Air Force to patrol for the Carrier Strike Force, to search and attack enemy forces in the BAY OF BENGAL, and to reconnoiter the COCOS and CHRISTMAS Island areas; the MALAY Force to cooperate in the BURMA operations, to assault and occupy the ANDAMAN Islands and carry out strike operations in the Northern part of the BAY OF BENGAL; the Main Force to operate in the MALACCA Straits - ANDAMAN Islands areas.

However, due to an Intelligence report on 10 March that an enemy Carrier Task Force appeared to be to the north of WAKE Island, the movement south of CARDIV was delayed. So on the 17th the Southern Fleet decided to postpone the date of the carrier attack on CEYLON to 5 April.

The Hq Combined Fleet's plan to attack CEYLON was to decoy the British Far Eastern Fleet to action in order to attack and destroy it, thus secure Japan's western flank, and then to carry out (positive) operations in the East against the American Fleet. The Navy Staff Section at Imperial General Headquarters also was planning to attack the British Fleet on the Indian Ocean early on the 2nd Phase operations; both Headquarters were quite concerned over the threat by a British Fleet in the Indian Ocean.

Ref. previous reports on call recovery by ORANGE Intelligence. Evidence points to Association and analysis only. See (16) 081659 for expansion.

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COMINT 080016 - ACTUE YOKOHAMA, CHITOSE ARE GROUPS OF 20-24 VRS locate WOTSE in close radio assoc. with IANOTA. Frequent Short-Midway area x Possibility is prospect five air raids HAWAII. These subs service Manua in sheltered water coast attack x Transfer of TSN to Manua, end times. Intense interest noted in several Marshall's. Every effort made to locate U.S. Task Force which attacked MARCUS. Cmc 5th reported urgency of providing screening vessels with complete complement of planes - CHIKAS also expressed need for more planes and ground detachments. In Balau SITOKAKU dep. 15 for STAIRING BAY via Mandate Models 5

COM 14 080041 - RI Summary. Communications Tokyo originating many dispatches assigning new calls needed to Marus indication of being no more ship, than orig. blended. Below Center 5 was report Cdr 1st Air Fleet in Indian firm disp. handing from GPT to three commands x GPCPT + IF unlocated, latter seen only as info add. ....

COM 14 080049 - Preliminary line up of Yokohama Defense Force shows a total of 25 calls, none yet identified ... Cdr 1st Air Fleet Air at WOTSE but his Flight Officer at TRUK. COM 14 081021 - AN info - (2) D/F Stations in Mandates sending many messages. giving bearings out transmissions as well as enciphered calls and translations of same. In high commands, x one msg today speaks of enc calls from 0535 to 0700 (Z). Given calls x hearing of enc a msg there is a daily search by GPCPT from 0800 - ...

COM 16 081247 - Trans. Bufile. SHOKAKU departure delayed until 24th. 50th Fleet assigned to IANOTA Force, informal. Cmc 5th 30 members of IANOTA Air ... will be used for Empire defense. 5th active concern these groups. former Task Empire Defense from BOBINS movement including eastern sector not covered by 4th Fleet ....

COM 16 081337 - RI 8th. Cdr 1st Air Fleet. For KANOTA air groups now KANOTA and both ass. Cmc 5th units then comds. believed scheduled patrol duty between CHIKAS 1100 and Empire. Slight relation appears between 1st Air Fleet - Air Base BATAVIA area ...

COM 16 081535 - Partly readable msg ZUIKAKU underway for STAIRING BAY 0800/8 (Z) SITOKAKU to aid work planes in ASW measure.

COM 14 082104 - ... subs silent -- intercepted only twice - appeared contact report with me replane - INTERIK priority action Cdr 6th Base Force, 19th Air (MEDI), YOKO, CHITOSE

COM 14 082115 - J Inter/Intm Today add. Cmc 1st Air Fleet, 2nd Fleet & Comb. Air. Info Subrons 2, 4, 5 and 6. J Min addn. base Subrons as ded Tokyo. Communications TAKAO continues include sub commands for Active Intelligence manager Avron 25 continues tactical assn. Decimo 2044. Trope from Sulu area appears quarter x 1st Air (0 to 6) believed to be replacement or distribution activity of Combined Air rather than combat command.

COMINT 082025 - Orange Intelligence # 50's general disposition naval forces remains the same with no apparent lessening of combat units operating in the JAVA Sea. Addition of Purple units to subs. of operations in PERIOD 9. Build up of forces and establishments in New Britain continues with many troops. Part of Rabaul and Gasmata x increased frequency of air reconnaissance noted over Eastern New Guinea and Northwest Australia. Some indication that NITTA MARU (XCV) scheduled to return to Japan soon, probably after arrival south of SITOKAKU x Main body 1st Fleet unlocated but may be light units of this force thought to be operating in Java Sea. No further info. Japanese forces previously reported south of Java altho there is evidence that one sub. is near FRIZZ MANTLE.

COM SOWESPACTOR - Special Intelligence Unit evacuated from Corregidor will be set up in MELBORNE with Australian Unit plus small British C group from SINGAPORE. U.S. group will remain under my administrative control. ACNB, COMANZAC group x Effect such messages from that station addressed to COMB should be included as originating in Special Unit

COMINT D/F (8) Tokyo is arranging a conference with Cmc 4th Fleet at TRUK. Important officials departed YOKOHAMA by plane on 4th. Questions of the future boundaries of the TRUK District will be discussed.

A list of call changes issued by Tokyo lists items 10 and 186 among others. BRIT. Senior Staff of Cox 5th Air Force to 2 Airrons (GENZAN & HIRAYAMA) and a unit possibly concerned stated arrangements for advance that free in ZL area. Force to leave on 15th. Refueling of DENZAN and then departure on 15th. Composition of 5 heavy bombers and 2 transport planes from 1st 2 Airrons. Leave KUCHI on 10th. Proceed to SAGGOS. Gougen leave KUCHI on 10th - advance ZL on 15th



COM 14 090235 - Bulletin #53 x 3 heavy bombers arrived TRUK from Eniwae and departed last night for Marshall. Strong indications that submarine base a group will be established New Britain area. Believe Shokaku departure for Lae has been delayed several days... additional air strength being sent to Yokosuka area from Southern Area to assist in defenses that area. Indications LAE and SALAMONA (New Guinea) occupied by enemy forces including 4 heavy destroyers. Morosby raided on 7th by 10 heavy bombers, who released white talons prior to bombing.

COM 16 091400 - Ship, questionably received as HIES longed in Cinc 2P despatch as flagship NEI Force from 10 March. STAMONA Bay seems to feature as fueling and supply base x 1st Air Attack Force in discussing air questions with ST gives impression three units arranging for as yet unknown operations within Sector involving close coordination. Sea and air activities x same forces involved in Bali-Java attack appear to be arranging replenishment and upkeep schedule 9-19 March stay in KENDARI and MAKASSAR CITY areas x Condition 20 reports SOERABAYA occupied 1705/ST.

COM 16 092017 - Deals entirely with SEASIA area events etc... Slight relation appears between Kuroki and STs indicating future operations units of former in Northern patrol x "C/S ST" and "C/S MINATO" appeared as encephal address... Believe composition NEI Force includes units of Battles 3 and 8 (Ocean) and 102, Subrons 4 and 6, Destroy 34, CA TAKAO, and others... under admin. of 2FF.

COM 14 092232 - Slight indication Cinc Combined in Eniwae waters x He sent one urgent Cinc 1st Fleet and Comair despatch 1/20 Cinc 1st and 5th Fleet x... Cinc 1st Air Force x Communications officer TAKAO Air show at KANOYA x KISARATSU AIR add, several 5 Seas Air x Mandate-Rabaul base forces plus comd. at AMBON x KANOYA KASUMIWARA and KI SARATSU interested also in ST x suggests certain amount of confusion in bolstering Eniwae base. Rabaul despatches suggest development that base... AKAGI x en. MARA RABAU may proceed from PAGO to KURE x no change estimated Cinc's location except NOTAS Main bound for SAPPORO. Subrons 2-25 receiving many despatches. Doubtly connected new duty in Indian Ocean, etc.

COMINCH 092245 - SUCC (Orange Intel # 35) Salamona and Lae occupied by force, believed crest of GAP resulted by 1 carrier + DD which are reported under attack March 9 x These airplanes predate attack on Port Morosby. Tokyo representatives now actively comparing with Cinc 4th at TRUK relevant to new boundaries to TRUK administrative operating area to south thereof. UTRUK has submitted contact report 1230 March 8th x Radio silence ordered in effort and D/F locate 0830 forces x Evidence shows navy has requisitioned unknown number merchantmen reflecting depreciable caused by recent losses SITO KAKU whose departure was delayed until 1630 I 7th now under orders conduct air search for U.S. forces. ZUIKAKAI departed YOKOSUKA even 0600 I/8th in STAMONA BAY, the same ultimate destination of the SHOKAKU, possibility exists enemy now enroute RABAU from West Iguona, San Bernardino Strait x PALAU

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AF = MIDWAY (?)  
AG = HAWAIIAN AREA  
RB = SOLOMONS AREA  
ZL = Possibly ANDAMAN IS (?)

COMINCH 9/11

AF = MIDWAY (Sure)  
AH = HAWAIIAN ISLANDS  
AI = OAHU (Partially)  
AG = JOHNSTON I (?)  
RZM = LAE  
LU = AMBON ?

COMINCH 9/12

COM 14 100831 - AN Results... a fleet unit reports the non-arrival of the D1 and Addition Table No 9 x (3) A Maru departed Marshall, with cargo cement, fuel + 200 laborers (believe for WAKE x (4) 47 heavy bombers from KANOYA are expected to take off for KASUMIWARA at 0800/20. Planes will operate under command of Cinc 2 Fleet x (5) TOKYO SENDS FORCE AND DIRECTION WIND FOR 10th and 11th FOR AG and AF AREAS TO CINC 4th Cinc Southern Air Force, Cinc Combined Fleet x YOKOHAMA OR Group at WOTSE (Note exclusion of D1 and addition of Combined Fleet in heading of AF somewhere this area see similar has above x Last word is that AF is probably MIDWAY; COM 14 100834)

COM 16 101520 - Traffic volume light. Number of urgent contact type code despatches originated in Mandates may indicate contact with enemy forces in vicinity TRUK?? Several short attr. Pukengua reports originated by what appears to be Mandate patrol plane indicates possible sighting one land-based heavy bomber and 5 destroyers at 1633 I, at 1538 (I) where which reported 40 enemy planes, translations some more or less garbled. These messages for info are sent to Fourth Fleet forces.

COM 16 101615 - JALUIT on 9 Mar at 1730 in urgent 2-part despatch - part 1 says FORCE COMDR. TO NIX x (2) WITH NIX AS RELAY, PATROL FORCE COMMANDER ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS FOR HIS UNITS USING ONE PLANE AS LIAISON INCREASED ACTIVITY WESTERN PHILIPPINE SECTOR ATTRIBUTED TO EFFORTS STAMP OUT BLOCKADE RUNNING... 5th FLEET appears to have been force assigned task of KEEPING OUT BLUE STRIKING FORCE TERRORIZING MANDATES according to despatch 765 - heading indicates carrier 5 involved (info added) though no mention in text. Toney no graduate ORANGE greatly concerned.

COMINCH 102313 - ALTC TOKYO TRANSMITTED FORCE AND DIRECTION OF WIND AT MIDWAY AND CANAL FOR MARCH 10-11 TO CINC COMBINED AND 4th FLEETS COMDR SOUTHERN AIR FORCE AND YOKOHAMA AIR GROUP x ABOVE INDICATES REHEARS ATTEMPTS LONG RANGE BOMBING HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BY FLYING BOATS MAY BE PLANNED x ORANGE INT # 36 ADVANCE INTO BAY OF BENGAL WITH PROBABLE OCCUPATION ANDAMAN ISLANDS PLANNED COMMENCE MARCH 15th x

MARCH 15  
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CONSIDERED  
BE ORDERED  
UNING TO KURE

COM 14 102340 - Communications Officer 6th Base Force addresses Marshalls weather stations plus WAKE and MAKENIX observatories, Combined Fleet seen in connection suspected Battle KUNO 9 - TRUK SELF sent one to HOSHIO and Cardus 3 Unit UKI 8 x No activity noted in 5th Fleet x Cinc still associated with 1st Air Attack Force in headings x Carriers not active RABAU heard calling unknown RIKU 1 n 092200 x No A position of JALUIT called 4 but only Consul for answered x estimated position east of YOKOSUKA, close to Eniwae. A 2 kana calls changed, as expected

Pages 223/224. 10 MARCH REORGANIZATION - Subron B established (received large type submarines from Subron 1); SUBRON 4 disestablished (most of its 1st Base Force and 2nd Base Force disestablished operations, the 3rd Fleet Destroyers (SOERABAYA), 22nd Base Force (BALIKRAPAN) and 2nd SOEX FLEETS organized. A new Headquarters South West Area is established to exercise command over the 1st 2nd and 3rd SOEX FLEETS and over the general South Western Area.

On 10 March 1942, the Combined Fleet Ordered the Force Organization for the 4th Period of the 1st PHASE Operations. March 10 - 3rd Air (Air Flot 33) assigned to the NORTHERN FORCE

Note - 12K operations - 2d attack on OAHU changed to photo reconnaissance of MIDWAY and JOHNSTON Islands - Hashizume + Plann; intercepted off Midway by Marine VF and shot down 12 March (Midwaytime date) - Random in Reverse Not so. KAGA suffered hull damage grounding on Shoal at PAGO, so decision made to send KAGA temporarily to home port for repairs in shell. 8/11 P. 371

Ref. Despatch reports on Call Reconnaissance Intelligence Intelligence Reports to Association... COMINCH 090235... COMINCH 092017... COMINCH 092232... COMINCH 092245... COMINCH 7-10 March... COM 14 112132... COMINCH 9/11... COMINCH 9/12... COM 14 100831... COM 16 101520... COM 16 101615... COMINCH 102313... COM 14 102340... Pages 223/224... On 10 March 1942... March 10 - 3rd Air (Air Flot 33)...



9 March 1942

COM 14 090235 - Bulletin #53 x 3 Heavy bombers arrived TRUK from Espirae and departed last night for Marshall. Strong indications that submarine base a group will be established New Britain area. Believe Shinkai departures for Celebes has been delayed several days... additional air strength being sent to Yokosuka area from southern area to assist in defenses that area. Indications LAE and SALAMUA (New Guinea) occupied by enemy forces including 4 bases a destroyer. Morosby raided on 7th by 10 heavy bombers, who released white talons prior to bombing

COM 16 091400 - Ship, presumably received as HIES damaged in Cinc CP dispatch, a Flotilla NEI force from 10 March. STANON Bay seems to feature as fueling and supply base x 1st Air Attack Force in discussing Air Operations with 5th gives impression three 2 units arranging for as yet unknown operations within Sector involving close coordination sea and air activities x same forces involved in Belu - have attack appear to be arrangements replenishment and upkeep schedule 9-19 March stay in KENDARI and MAKASSAR CITY areas x Condition 20 reports SOERABAYA occupied 1705/5th

COM 16 092017 - Deals entirely with SEASIA area events etc... Slight relation appears between AINUT and STs indicating future operations units of former in Northern patrol x "055F" and "050MIN6" appeared as peripheral address... Believe composition NEI force includes units of Battles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

COM 14 092232 - Slight indication Cinc Combined in Espirae waters x He sent one urgent Cinc Fleet and Comairdors info last 1st 2nd 4th and 5th Fleets x... Cinc Fleet Air Force + Communications appear TAKAO Air show at KANOYA x KISARATSU AIR add, several S. Seas Air + Mandate-Rabaul base forces plus comd. at SAMBON x KANOYA KASUMIWARA and KISARATSU interested also in ST x Suggests certain amount of emphasis in bolstering Espirae Air Defense Rabaul dispatches suggests development that base... AINUT

COM 16 090005 - This dispatch is intended for deactivation only, may prove... (MARCH) following dispatches carrying indicator CODEBIC or CEPYH for com address to ComB will be of the same type as codes, therefore should be instructed to disregard on finding two lines comprised of unrelated matter.

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- COM 14 112132 Secy AG = JOHNSTON
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- AG = HAWAIIAN AREA
- RB = SOLOMONS AREA
- ZL = POSSIBLY ANDAMAN IS (?)
- COM 14 112132 Secy AG = JOHNSTON
- AF = MIDWAY (SURE)
- AG = HAWAIIAN ISLANDS
- AI = OAHU (PARTIAL)
- AG = JOHNSTON (?)
- REM = LAE
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COMINCH 1171 - SE appears to be force assigned task seeking out of the KDB & terrorist...  
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COM 14 110026 - Staff and 1/2 very quiet today, previous activity...  
continues with shipping air strength back to Empire indicated. Air raids to the Pacific...  
Spartan to E. Mandate eastern - air movements that direction, possibly Rabaul area...  
largest tactical despatch originated in New Britain area at 1025-1530...  
likely activity by GF and IF, in principle war theatre impressions gained...  
naval units given opportunity upkeep & rearmament at Association, MALAY FLEET...  
with Sub. base PENANG more pronounced - commitment re Subros 2, 5 & 6 - believe...  
they will operate from that base. Comm. off 21 add. 120F. Info 35P 95...  
Carder 2, Reader 30 Subros 4 and 6. Info...

8 unidentified or uncertain collection calls directing what...  
appears to be rendezvous of large proportions extending...  
over period 13th to 23rd in waters near CHICHUJIMA. (US)  
Radio intelligence believes at least 2 of these calls are BB units...  
One force believed to be Carder 5 is to arrive in position 29N-137E...  
in the 13th. This may be the position in my 111717 (14). Another unit...  
believed to be Carder 4, ordered to arrive same area morning of...  
the 16th with two ships, possibly MAYA and certainly TAKAO, arriving a.m...  
of the 17th. Other forces unrecovered with last date mentioned as 23rd...  
At 1020 (I) Staff Communication Officer 1st Air Attack Force addressed...  
WE ME of GF, Carder 5, unknown Carder 5 Fleet, Top Officer and...  
unidentified YOKOSUKA address reported to reconnaissance for 12th...  
extending 700 miles from KISARATSU between bearings 75-150...  
Coupled with these messages are numerous movements of forces in the South Sea...  
the Empire plus further increase in home concentration. Suddenness and scale...  
this CHICHUJIMA rendezvous together with mental activity during all these...  
expected to relax, suggest high command rather concerned over their defense...  
of expected nature in near future. No reason to form when BLUE K&B...  
calls CTF 3, OPAKI, CINCPAC, CTF 7, COM 14, COM 12, COM 11, COM 10, COM 9, COM 8, COM 7, COM 6, COM 5, COM 4, COM 3, COM 2, COM 1, COM 0

COM 16 111542 - Unident. Maru in 1st Fleet appears scheduled to enter...  
is apparent enroute to NEI in Japan, C/S 1st Air Fleet + ass. war. Ch. LKB...  
identifies EK as KENDATE... indicating AKAGI hot vicinity?  
COM 14 111717 - HIGH PRIORITY DESP. from Bougainville to Cues GF, IF, IAF at 1600 (13)  
THIS FORCE AT 1447 ON COURSE AT SPEED 22 EXPECT MERVE VICINITY BEARING 190...  
DISTANT 120 MILES FROM AT DAWN 15th... (2) WMBR. SCREENING FORCE AT 1500...  
SAME DATE DIRECTED CARDER 5 TO PROCEED TO A POINT BEARING 050... 300 MILES...  
FROM A DIFFERENT AND REPORT EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL...  
1st Carder 5 at that time was between GUAM and YAP based in...  
RECOVERIES OF CODE PLACE DESIGNATORS: AF IS MIDWAY...  
AI - HAWAIIAN ISLANDS; AI - OAHU (PROBABLY); AI - JOHNSTON (?) - TRANSITING...  
from AN: fragmentary msg. indicates CHARTER SIZED AT SINGAPORE TO BE SEAT...  
TO TOKYO BY AIR MAIL (CHARTS OF INDIAN OCEAN AREA) X 3 Tokyo 11d 4F...  
WAS WE EXPECT TO PROCEED WITH SETTING UP THE EASY DIRECTIVE...  
PLEASE MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS

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plans in the...  
SPMAN 111702 - TO FRENCH PORTS ANNALIESE, ES FROM JAPAN...  
COM 14 11233 - made by we...  
131-49 East...  
Indicates...  
recently add...  
despatches...  
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ANCHORED RES...  
HAWAII 3...  
COMINCH 11620 (March 1942)  
I KNOW THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT ENEMY ACTIVITIES...  
AS REVEALED BY RADIO INTELLIGENCE, AND AS EVIDENCE...  
BY RECENT ENEMY AIR AND SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES...  
MAY WELL INDICATE ANOTHER FULL SCALE EFFORT...  
AGAINST THE HAWAII MIDWAY LINE WITH THE LIKELY...  
PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF CRIPPLING OR DESTROYING...  
OUR VITAL BASE AT PEARL HARBOR (PAPA) FEELING...  
HERE IS SO STRONG THAT I HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW...  
OF IT AND ENJOIN YOU TO SEE TO IT THAT UNITY...  
COMMAND IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED AND THAT UNDER...  
TING SUPERVISION OF READINESS IS EXERCISED...  
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120850 - AN INFO - ANNAN SAYS BECAUSE #2 EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AND COMBINED...  
AIR FORCE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ALL SIGN LIST #10 (0111), #9 (0110) WILL REMAIN IN...  
effect until they have received publications no 4 total of 173 labsters are being...  
Sent to PAGO, SAIPAN and PAGO

120924, CUE 1st Fleet (Screening Force) originated despatch of 2230/16th add. to this...  
force, Carder 5 less 4, 4F and 8 without or uncertain collection calls directing...  
what appears to be a rendezvous of large proportions extending over period 13th...  
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believed to be Carder 5, is to arrive in position 29N-137E on the 13th. Another...  
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ships, possibly MAYA and certainly TAKAO arriving AM 17th. Other forces unrecovered...  
with last date mentioned as 23rd. Tokyo operations and command YOKOSUKA address...  
referred to reconnaissance for 12th extending 700 miles from KISARATSU between...  
bearings 75-150. Coupled with these messages are numerous movements of...  
Empire plus sudden increase in home est concentration. Suddenness and scale...  
of this CHICHUJIMA rendezvous together with marked activity among all forces at a...  
time when they were expected to relax causes this Staffer suggest that high command...  
either concerned over their defense or planning new offensive operations...  
in near future. Can see no apparent reason for former unless operations of Blue...  
force creating more panic than would seem probable

COM 14 121315, BRIEFS - 7 BOMBERS FLEET DIRECT TO MARCUS IS FROM YOKOSUKA 13th...  
JALUIT RADIO reporting usual communications intelligence from aircraft carriers...  
HAWAIIAN area x TOKYO HAWAII sending documents (charts?) concerning BAY OF...  
BESSEBO 40 32 BASE FORCE, DAVAO... indications ORANGE forces unexpectedly active...

COM 16 121616 - Carder 5, Southern Force and MISAWA Air Group...  
Carder 5, 23, TAIICHO and TAKAO Air groups remain based with indications...  
movements units of those commands. From traffic as, these units appear scheduled...  
operate next 5th Fleet under Carder 5's command. Carder 5's active unit...  
and IFP plus KISARATSU or station + YOKOSUKA contact indicating possibly presence...  
that unit YOKOSUKA area + Carder 5 plus units Carder 4 are involved in high...  
prevalence traffic but Carder 5 and units of 1st + Carder 4, indicating possible...  
return there enroute to Empire... SHONAN (Singapore) appeared as enroute ahead...

COM 14 122342 - Buletter 57, Intense activity involving 1st Fleet...  
Carder 5, Submarines, aircraft in Japanese homeland, and Defense Force in KORE...  
and YOKOSUKA everything points to concentration in CHICHUJIMA area of...  
Carder 5, part of Carder 4, at least several destroyers and many units...  
of 1st Fleet, air searches being conducted from HONSHU to 450 miles x...  
other air searches to 600 miles. Logistics for above forces being arranged in...  
Action also being taken to combat Submarines reported in area...  
between SASEBO - SIBAWAHAI x Indications that above concentration is...  
defensive and caused by (a) Recent Allied activities north of the Mandates...  
(b) Reported movements of our heavy ships from West Coast x del...  
of above activity commenced about 0600 Z 11th...

On 10 March the Southern Force gave the "Execute" for the "D" U...  
operations. The Execution of the "D" operations was necessary as a...  
preliminary to the "U" operation, following the "T" operations.  
T operation - SUWON operation - landings began 12 March.  
D operation - ANSAMAN operation - landed PORT BLAIR 23 March.  
U operation - BURMA operation - assembly point SINGAPORE + PENANG...  
Landings to be at RAHSTON - 1st Echelon (5th Division - 32 vessels) left...  
19 March arrived 28 March - continued thru 4th Echelon. Navy escort of 134...  
The Base Air Force assigned the air operations in the NETHERLANDS...  
INDIES area to the 23rd Air Fleet and moved its main headquarters to...  
BANGKOK to direct the (current) operations. However, as stated before...  
a part of TAKAO Air was withdrawn (from Air Station 23) in connection...  
with the assault and occupation of RABUL and 1st Air was detached from...  
Air Fleet 2 when the Americans attacked the MARSHALLS on 1 February. This...  
plus the reorganization of Base Air Force of April (p. 107) (11) and those of 5 March (63)...  
10 March (64) and 15 March (74) left the 22nd Air Fleet as the main air force...  
on shore in the area and were deployed to BANGKOK and SABANG (NW tip of...  
SUMATRA in the INDIAN OCEAN OPERATIONS...  
At that time also, the COMBINED FLEET had tentative plans for the...  
K&B to attack CEYLON in the INDIAN OCEAN to decoy the British Fleet in...  
the INDIAN Ocean to battle, and destroy it (See page 66)







COMINCHD/1 (14) 14 MARCH <sup>radio</sup> using the radio call of CHICHIJIMA as cover call in  
despatch to 95<sup>th</sup> Fleet and a call tentatively identified as ComLARDIV 4 -  
"THIS FORCE WILL SEARCH SECTOR 010° TO 100° FROM CHICHIJIMA, DISTANCE  
300 MILES AT 0500. No date recovered; msg originated 0320/14<sup>th</sup>

SHIPMENT OF FUEL OIL OR GASOLINE TOTALING 4500 tons TO BAKO 18-27 March.

From CinCFLANT (13<sup>th</sup>) → 1 AF, <sup>(11)</sup> 6th Air Fleet, Com 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Flts, Yokosuka, Tokyo.

"Certain pilots or personnel of torpedo boats are ordered transferred to YOKOSUKA AIR  
GROUP, then following names are listed: KAKA, SOKU, SHOKAKU, ZUKAKU (with by  
RYUUKAKU or SOKAKU), msg only partly readable but suggests training of TM or  
similar rates from surface ships for eventual transfer to above named carriers  
Last ship may be new CV. <sup>M</sup>

Comd. Cent. Air Force reports moving HQ to ZL (Bangkok or Rangoon) via ES  
(Soerabaya) and ES (SONAKKA) This move part of move toward India.



COMUNCA P/1 (13) BB HIZEI previously designated <sup>13 MARCH</sup> flagship DUTCH EAST INDIES Force ordered from SASEBO to join OUTCHISIMA concentrations

Several fragmentary msgs from 5<sup>th</sup> Base Force SAIPAN assign air patrols & searches from SAIPAN beginning on the 11<sup>th</sup> and extending thru the 14<sup>th</sup> in order to locate enemy forces operating northward on the 10<sup>th</sup>. These messages sent 12<sup>th</sup> were addressed to "SCREENING FORCE" Cinc AF, 4F + MANDATE FORCES

Cinc 2<sup>d</sup> F detached KAGA from Southern Force; KAGA → SASEBO from STARBUCK BAY last part of message mentions departure for KURE (14) 140642

Cinc 2<sup>d</sup> F says that a unit (possibly Crudiv 5, less NAOKI) departed for SASEBO <sup>to an 2<sup>nd</sup> unit</sup>

ADE = TUTUILA ?  
AKF = FORD ISLAND  
See (14) 140642

Detailed orders by YOKOSUKA provides for air searches by various air groups and procedures for air attack on enemy vessels by torpedoes, heavy bombers (36) torpedoes (9) and fragments later to night air attack.



15 March 1942

COMANZAC 150855 (CTF-11) CHICAGO Summary Japanese forces in RABOUL - New Guinea area - units of Avron 24 including KAMOI + Unident. I suspect some of which are ANA #, and other XAYS - Comdr Mandate in force and Co. 17<sup>th</sup> Avron with frequency. List of KAMO (C2) probably with Cindur 18 which is present, 2 vessels Cindur 6 and 7 with TRUK a CHIKUMA may have moved to Marshall Is. & cruise Sighted BUKA Island and HUON quest 10 March + same date 8 DD + YUBARI 5 small vessels sighted SALAMON may have been quibral. HOSHIO has been operating to Eastward and toward TRUK. One XCV also close to RABOUL. TRUK air force includes one converted CV several CL approx 12 DD + at least 19 converted Marus ...

CSM 14 150906 KUWA RU → 5 F-Info of a Cont. Act. (In ON) "WE ARE PREPARING TO FURNISH YOU WITH 20 PLANES BY MID MONTH AND 10 MORE BY END OF MONTH, TOTAL 30 PLANE"

COM (16) 157600 ... Total 3 Desdivs now operating this area. Comdesdiv YUNA 7 originated plain text message concerned forced landing rescue observations. Probable indicating this Desdiv engaged patrol duties VISAYAN areas increasing number of Marus working MANILA most of which appear SUBSIC Bay Area, slight indication Desdiv TE 40 7 may be acting as SCREENING unit for ship of 1<sup>st</sup> Avn Fleet possibly KAGA which appears to be enroute to SASEBO. Force scheduled operate west from PENANG may include Cindur 7, Cindur 3 less HOSHIO, Desdivs 5 and 22, unident 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet Command MURAI and possibly units Avron 6, Avron 22 and GENZAN in group at Bangkok appear scheduled operate conjunction BITHORO + TOKO Air groups at PENANG ...

COM (16) 151635 → Translation Briefs and Comments. TOKYO operations in 13<sup>th</sup> issued new temporary routine instructions to Marus ... refers to sinking 73 Marus on 7 6, 167 hrs ... unknown 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet unit (DD?) arrived PLEBUIZ (Palau group) 1300/14<sup>th</sup> x Staff Officer NAGAI, previously quite prominent mention in dispatches concerning initiation of offensive operations mentioned MEDAN in a dispatch of the 14<sup>th</sup> daily fragments but concerns disposition of forces in Western SUMATRA. Date 16<sup>th</sup> mentioned to preparations; Cinc reporting on communication on 15<sup>th</sup> states NFS acting as relay for call 2586 x Refers to calls 38M, D8K, and V9M ex connected with aircraft, answerer K3F9 and 3R2K to be aircraft and cruiser linkage x

(16) (20) 15 March 15 - BITHORO AIR and the 196<sup>th</sup> Carrier Fighter Squadron were returned to Airplot 22. (for 79647)

COMINCPA P/1 (15) 2<sup>nd</sup> part of a 2 part partially readable dispatch from Comdr 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet dated 15 March 1730 to his force indicates CHRISTMAS Islands to be occupied inasmuch as it details duties to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Escort Forces for that occasion.



16 March 1942

Com 14-160129 → Yokosuka - Bonins continues to be center of radio activity, x Yokosuka Defense Force busy. Several indications point to a concentration of forces in the Chichijima area re Association several units of Southern Fleet with Empire address point to possible return home of those units. In one dispatch Tokyo addressed a list of all major Commands that Com 1st Fleet & China Fleet were missing. In another, there were the only address. These groupings may be insignificant. Screening Force still prominent. The unit SA-SI 1, believed under on Heavy Unit departed Yokosuka 13th for 1st Fleet area. This may be flagship in screen; others making their appearance with screen were KAGA and Deadon No 57a. Screening Force now operating generally vicinity Bonins. Comdr 1st Air Attack Force Kō Sō 4 is now at KISAPATSU and is associated with Cardiv 5, Bonins Base Force and YOKOSUKA. A Staff Officer of Bonins Air Group is of MARCOS 12. There are maps of a considerable number of units being distributed with screen in future. No traffic seen from Com 1st Fleet. In addition, association previously mentioned of 9th 1st Fleet was also seen with China S. China Fleets, PMAO, PACAF, TRUK and BONINS Base Forces. Just how 1st Fleet figures in this picture is not clear. From Southern Force dispatch, appears that Desron 2 to operate with incident KORA 7. This call of new calls, believed to be a major command ashore, at a new base. 9th this command is with 1st Air Fleet and 2 Subrons in lower China Sea and Indian Ocean. Many shifts are definitely taking place in the organization of operating forces but picture still vague. Very tentative associations indicate following to operate to westward of Singapore - Subrons 2 and Comdr 7, Kamizawa Maru, Bittoro Air, Comdr 5, Desron NSI 3x

In 4th Fleet very little high precedence traffic x RABOOL M sent traffic to PMAO x Comdr Brink Seas Air sent priority to his command, Comdr 6, HOSHIO and Mandate Base Commanders. Comm. Off same unit due to Comdr 6, Gun Boat Div 8, KAMOI and Rabaul Base info Yokosuka by in Marshall x Truk 19th Air Group active. More indications of his presence in Marshall x Radio Intelligence Marshall sent 24 dispatches at an average interval of 3 minutes for what appears to have been D/F tracking x. In 1st Fleet Comdr Patrol Force 50 71 3 addressed Desron 1 (No 4 of Desron 4).

This division was previously indicated as returning Empire, hence this may confirm. Carrier KAGA already mentioned, Cardiv 1 + 2 look like in PACAF - Indies area x Cardiv 3 Malaya, HOSHIO, New Britain, Cardiv 5 Bonins x Cardiv 4 also Bonins, Redist Insignia indicates that at least 3 or 4 new units have joined the operating forces. Evident that Subron 2 and 5, or parts thereof are in approach to Indian Ocean.

Com 14 160728 → PAN information ① Cardiv 5 less one unit and plus plane guard will arrive YOKOSUKA 16th, fuel, etc., and depart 17th, arriving STARBUCK BAY 24th. ② On 21 December TOKYO in an AFAN said "Add to #1 of my #1 A report from Buenos Aires on the 19th stated that 2 (New Mexico?) class battleships and 3 (destroyers) will rendezvous at Panama (?). rest unreadable x ③ 6 bombers took off at 0400/15th and searched Sector 340 - 025° for 400 miles from MARCOS. rest unreadable.

Com 16 160805 → Information on Cardiv 5 and Northern Patrol activities from text of 4 messages: ① YOKOSUKA activity message to Cardiv 5 2000/15th fragments indicating assignments in SHOICAWU + ZUIKAWU. ② From Caldas to TOKYO Comdr 1st Fleet staff 2130/15th fragments indicating handling of cargo and ③ on planes on 16th and departing from YOKOSUKA 17th. ④ From Caldas to TOKYO 15th Air Attack Force to Com 5th Fleet info Com Cardiv 5 Com 1st Fleet (screening force), Comdr 1st Air, YOKOSUKA Comdr, Com Yokosuka Air Group, Unit 1 NE 22 Air Group, TOKYO operations and 5th Fleet, collective at 1330/15th. "DUE BAD WEATHER PATROL FOR TODAY 15th POSTPONED TO 0530 TOMORROW 16th WITH 12 HEAVY BOMBERS PATROLLING SECTOR BETWEEN BEARINGS 045 AND 123 DEGREES, DISTANT 700 MILES FROM FROM 0530, 43 PLANES WILL BE EQUIPPED AND READY WITH TORPEDOES. VALUE POOR FOR 023° - ④ WHICH ORIGINATES FOLLOWING TO ADDRES AS IN ③ above, at 0940/16th CANCELLED SCHEDULED FLIGHT (S) DUE TO BAD WEATHER. ALL times above are ORANGE (-9) (I) time.

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U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

COMINCH ML NAV SEA  
COM 14 COM 16  
COMSWPACFOR CPNAV  
COMANZAC NZNS  
ALL TF COMDRS IN PAC.  
CINCLANT ANWB

Info To:  
FROM COMDRS

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Classification	SECRET	CONFIDENTIAL	RESTRICTED
Priority	PRIORITY	ROUTINE	DEFERRED
System	RADIO	TELETYPE	OTHER

#1

EXPECT CARRIER DIVISION 5 TO PROCEED TO STARBUCK SHORTLY VIA YOKOSUKA x CONTINUED REDISTRIBUTION OF FORCES IN EAST INDIES AREA IN PROGRESS WITH SOME UNITS EXPOSURE NAVY YARDS IN EMPIRE x CARDIVS 1 AND 2 LESS KAGA IN INDIES AREA x KAGA ENROUTE SASEBO, RYUJO IN MALAY x HOSHIO IN NEW BRITAIN x SUBRON 2 AND 5 EXPECTED TO OPERATE IN MALAY AREA AND

INDIAN OCEAN x TWO AIR GROUPS WILL OPERATE FROM PENANG x CRUVI 7 AND KAMIGAWA MARU IN MALAY x ONE LARGE VESSEL AND TEN SMALLER VESSELS PLUS ONE DESTROYER ENTERING HARBOUR

SIGHTED AT RABOOL ON 12th x AIR OPERATIONS FROM TRUK TO MARSHALLS CONTINUE x

BULLETIN ONE

160615

See Cominch 141825 (P 73)

Com 16 161425 → Several briefs + comments ① UNIDENT NOU 77, believed to be a Desron 2, Underway less 1 AD from MARASSAR CITY for SASEBO 0700/16 scheduled to arrive 14th. ② Indications from TOKYO Communications Office dispatch of 15th are that new calls for aircraft activities are to go into effect at midnight - on date (18? 19? 21? 23? 25? 27? 29? 31? March?) ③ New indicator E0 appears in message... (gables + undat calls)...

Cominch 161 PMAO reporting US naval radio communications on 15th state that NPM (Hornblum) is acting as relay for US radio call 2C56 and refers to US radio call signs C3BM, B3K and V3M as connected with % and assumes K3FG and 3RZK to be % and cruiser linkage

Indications from TOKYO Comm. Office dispatch of 15th that new calls for % activities are to go into effect at midnight on 1 April or 31 March.

Fragment (Yokosuka Admin. Office) indicate assignments (2000/15) for SHOICAWU From Caldas → CASGS 2130/15... handling of cargo + % on 16th - departure from YOKOSUKA 17th (1330) from: Incident Command, closely assoc. 1st Air Attack Force, To Com 5th Fleet, Comdr 1st Air Force, Comdr Yokosuka, Comdr Yokosuka Air Grp, Tokyo ops of other 5th Fleet units DUE BAD WX PATROL FOR TODAY POSTPONED TO 0530 TOMORROW, 16th with 2 HEAVY BOMBS PATROLLING SECTOR 045 and 023 DISTANT 700 MILES. FROM 0530, 43 PLANE will be equipped and ready with torpedoes. Some organization 0900/16 cancelled scheduled flights due to bad weather

Ship believed KAGA scheduled arrive YOKOSUKA 22nd.

Staff officer NAGAI, previously prominent initiation offensive operations mentions MEDAN in a dispatch of the 14th - fragmentary - disposition forces Western SUMATRA - date 16th mentioned Convictor preparations - Com 2F, 5th Fleet plus various other active address

Unknown 1st Air Fleet Command MI To 2 arrived PELELIU 1300/16th

new Georg Indicator EOA (Arrival then after dispatch 5/16/42) 1305/18  
16-0900/15



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78 COM 14 170011 → Boning continue prominent traffic center with SAMPAN increases included x Breaking up old task forces and formation of new reflected in certain amount traffic confusion orange communication system x Usual jumps in inquiries for routing and delivery instructions for specific units ...

Com 16 170037 - 1430/17 NAVY Ministry to all 1st, 2nd, & 3rd etc., implies that <sup>Marsu's</sup> ADM. KAMATSU to become Commandant KURE Naval District

COM 14 170121 → CUC 3rd orig. 2 urgent action 3F info 2F, 4F, Philippines Force, Malay and Combined Air Groups x in a different series indicating either a shift of flagship or possibly covering for another originator 4F traffic largely concerned with movements of air units TRUK & MARSHALLS area and MARSHALLS, indicating supply convoys saipan via TRUK & Rota etc. Units operating southward of TRUK quiet. HOSHO unseen. Com 3rd Fleet addressing Empire personnel plus Yokosuka military office, may indicate return to Empire x KAGA already enroute. Est. & location unchanged 5th Fleet in background with presence of heavy units (CVs, Cruisers, Air Force units, Destroyer Squadrons) in connection SCROSSING Force. CUC (3rd) also indicated ORANGE area x Submarines prominent in traffic, mostly involving new units still in Empire waters. ... 11. CUC Combined addressed all major Comdr info Cardiv x another one to all major Comdr plus equipped all Battalions, Cruisers, Destroyers and Submarine Division/Squadron Commanders. Location undisturbed.

1st Fleet seen only in Screening Force capacity x Southern Force - 45 Comdr AF at Saigon. Except for Air 23 Toko air, Comdr AF rather inactive except as an info. add. Malay Force active center in SW area believed concerned SUMATRA operations. 2nd Fleet under Seig addressed Seig GF, 1st, 1st AF, Comdr Air, Malay Force - probably preliminary to movement but direction not indicated

COM 16 170607 → SHIP BELIEVED TO BE KAGA SCHEDULED ARRIVE YOKOSUKA 23-1? STATION "C" joins in general belief this carrier hit by torpedoes in Lombok Strait x other units probably but no indications which - except HANGI NOT involved

COM 16 171435 - C.I. notes: (A) 2 despatches from 1st Air Fleet to Com Cardiv appear to confirm Com 14 info Cardiv bound for STARBUCK BAY - one message for cargo for Cardiv 2 and link. Subson mentioning KENDARI in connection arrival date x other analyses anchorage for ZUKAKU and SHOKAKU in STARBUCK BAY x Neither yields date of arrival x (B) KAGA making arrangements for arrival YOKOSUKA addresses YOKOSUKA air with what appears to be request for air field facilities 30 planes AM 21st (uncert. value) (C) TOKYO ONI at 1320 (Z) 16th sent following

American call sign assumptions for 16th to use as collection address: ZHJ5 = 669; 6PCZ = JSTL; 6DK3 = 667; MDIC in ZORY; 1CH3 in U9U; PA9B = KATY; 43IA in PWG x Considering time comment and fact that cipher system changed at 0000 Z 16th, these assumptions appear to be based on more than R.I. analysis unless some of our units used old system between hours 0000 and 0420 ZED 16th. Even so, 4 hours and 20 minutes is just time for reception, analysis and dissemination of such information x

(D) Com 3rd Fleet directs SEKFOR TO HAVE UNITS ENGAGE IN RADIO TRACKAGE EXERCISES DURING STATION SHIFTS AND WHILE ENROUTE TO EMPIRE x (E) COM 3rd BASE FORCE INSTRUCTS WIDEWENT ESCORT FORCE REPORT DATE AND LOCATION RELIEF OF CONVOY ESCORT DUTY, STRESS STRENGTHEN BELIEF SUBIC BAY AREA BEING HELD AS JUNCTION POINT AND MAJOR NAVAL UNITS THERE NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF EXPANDING NAVAL ACTION MANILA AREA.

COM 16 171515 → TOKYO NAVAL INTELL. Addressed 7 part message to 52 AF & 1 AF info 52 GF, 35, 55, 85, SEKFOR, Com AF, 22 AF + urgent USAF. Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 intercepted and sufficiently readable to determine content as description location objectives in or near following places: ISLAND OF CEYLON, AIRPORT, and Radio Station near Colombo City x TRINCOMALEE CHINA BAY AIRPORT at DUMDUM, 16 kilometers NE of CALCUTTA, ALLIPORE, RANGGAR x MYSORE x BANGALU MANY OTHER LOCATIONS CONNECTED WITH AIRPORTS, RADIO STATIONS, MILITARY CAMPS AND HARBORS APPEAR TO BE NAMED BUT CANNOT BE READ DUE TO GARBLES OR MISSING GROUPS x GIVES POSSIBLE LIST OF FORCES TO BE EMPLOYED (more likely enemy force 8BB, 2CV, 4CA, 8CL, 13DD, unknown # 55. ... Suggest other Stations alert + evaluate

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 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
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Date 17 MAR 42

From CINC PAC 170559

To COMINCH - CINCNAVY  
 OPNAV  
 COM 16 - CINC 35 - 35 AF  
 ALL TO COM 3rd PACFLT

Classification SECRET  
 Originator 25  
 Issue 24  
 Copy (None)  
 Show to 4330

RAID ON MOORESBY, YESTERDAY AND AIR RECONNAISSANCE BOUGAINVILLE AREA - X INDICATIONS THAT VF AND PERHAPS VB AIRCRAFT NOW OPERATING FROM SALAMOA AREA - X VF AND VP OPERATE FROM GASTATA - X

AIR SEARCHES FROM YOKOSUKA TO NORTH EASTWARD RADIUS OF 100 MILES - X ENEMY IS CONCERNED OVER SUBMARINE ACTIVITY MARSHALLS AND VICINITY EMPIRE - X AIRCRAFT BELIEVED USED TO COMBAT SUBS - X AN AIR ACTIVITY IS NOW LOCATED ON ETEN ISLE IN TRUK - X ENEMY CONVOYS ENROUTE TRUK - NEW BRITAIN AREAS ARE USING STEFFEN STRAIT (NORTHWEST NEW ICELAND AS REPORTED) - X NAVAL AND AIR OPERATIONS IN VICINITY MANILA BECOMING MORE ACTIVE - X MOVEMENT WEST FROM MALAY ALSO IN PROGRESS BY NAVAL UNITS - X THREE OR FOUR SUBMARINES REPORTED IN APPROXIMATE POSITION TWENTY THIRTY NORTH ONE THIRTY EIGHT WEST

170559 170559

CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

Com 14 172150 → Cinc 3rd Fleet appears to be Comdr 2nd Expeditionary Force originating many despatches x Evidence of continued reorganization in INDIAN OCEAN with some movements of units toward Empire x ASHIGATA believed in MEXADO, vicinity HQ 2nd Exped. Force x 2nd Fleet orig. several urgent addressed 1st Air Fleet x Tokyo addressed "Chief of Staff Seas" believed aboard flagship Grumbert Division 8 x Subson 7 believed South of Truk x Submarine Base believed numbered same as Base Force to which connected 6th Submarine Base believed in Marshalls, 8th Submarine Base in New Britain area where 5th Base Force is located. Estimated carrier fronting: KAGA enroute DAVAO to Empire; RAUTO - JAWA SUMATRA area; Cardiv 2 - between PALAO + JOLO; Subson fronting: 1 - Marcus area enroute Empire; 2 - Takao Comm. Zone; 3 - Kure area; 4 - South of Truk x PANAR reported in approx 20-30 N 158 W using 3340-3590 KCS. Nothing heard here this channel...

CHANGI (K) Naval Intelligence Tokyo addressed 7-part disp to 52 AF and 1 AF info: 52 GF, Comdr 3, Comdr 8, 52 SEAF, 52 Combined Air Group, Com Air 22 + Grumbert parts 2, 3 + 7 interested sufficiently readable to determine content as description of objectives in or near following places: ISLAND OF CEYLON, AIRPORT, TRINCOMALEE, CHINA BAY, AIRPORT AT DUMDUM (19 kilometers NE CALCUTTA), AIRPORT NEAR CALCUTTA CITY, CALCUTTA, BANGALORE, MYSORE, PUTTALAM, ANYRADHAPURA (letter two on CEYLON) and many other locations connected with airports, radio stations, military centers and harbors appear to be named but unrecovered due to garbled and missing groups. Part 7 gives possible list of forces to be employed etc (see page 78)

(A) Sparts partly readable, Part 1 deals with details of 10 March + troops. Parts 2 and 3 with AIR BASES, Part 4 with fortifications, Part 5 with locations and movements of allied vessels. "FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED REGARDING VESSELS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN: 3 BRITISH BB, MORE THAN 13 DD, NOW BASED AT DA DA (values) 2 despatches from 1st Air Fleet to Com Cardiv 5 appear to confirm Cardiv 5 bound for STARBUCK BAY - mentioning arrival KENDARI

PX = Marshalls?  
 PQB = KWAGALEN or WOTJE?  
 PYI - IMIEJI?



18 March 1942

CTR 7 → TR 7 188324. KAGA POSITION 1200 Z 17 (BEARING) +08° TRUE DISTANT 192 MILES FROM CABIT POINT, MINDANAO COURSE 020 SPEED 16. SINK TIME CV

COM 14 180854 → Refer Com 16 171515, subject intelligence on Indian Ocean & vicinity. 5 parts are partly readable here, Part 1 deals with Allied aircraft as of 10 March and troops & parts 2 and 3 with air bases & part 4 with French territories, Part 5 with locations and movements ailing vessels

Free translation: "Following information has been obtained regarding vessels in the Indian Ocean: 3 British BB, 2 British CV, 5 British CA (DAN) attached CLS, more than 13 DDs, now based at DA Blank Blank (Zikana values) - remainder part 7 unreadable at present except last part speaks of merchant ships at CORONADO, CACUTTA, MADRAS and VIZACAPATAN.

Encrypted calls as given by Tokyo for 16<sup>th</sup> indicate he has copy of our CSP 116. In a message from Tokyo dated 30 January, directions were given in some kind of tests using the I-16; acceptance trials? YU MU 4 on 17<sup>th</sup> in 15°S 121E is one of few Marus who regularly send out after an WX

CTR 7 → TR 7 180853 LATEST INFORMATION CARDIV'S LEAVING YOKOSUKA MAR 17 TO ARRIVE KENDARI MAR 24 & KAGA DESTINATION NOW REPORTED AS SASEBO

COM 14 181002 → COMNAVY FORCE SAYS "THIS FORCE WILL DEPART LINGAYEN ON 17<sup>th</sup> - ARRIVE YOKOSUKA 25<sup>th</sup> VIA TAKAO AND SASEBO. (2) THE KAGA WILL PROCEED SASEBO (INSTEAD OF YOKOSUKA). (3) C/S OF TELLS YS4F INFO WAKE, NAGS, AND OTHERS THAT THE ENEMY FORCE WHICH WAS NORTH OF WAKE ACCORDING TO COMMUNICATIONS INTELLIGENCE HAS NOW MOVED TOWARD MIDWAY AND ALL IS CLEAR EXCEPT SUBMARINES."

COM 16 181520 → BITS from translations; Comb. Air Force reports arrival at ZL from KENDARI 1400/17<sup>th</sup>... suggest possibility ZL = RANGOON AREA... Dashed 7 LEFT LINGAYEN 17<sup>th</sup> HEADED FOR YOKOSUKA VIA PALAO & SASEBO ARRIVING DESTINATION 25<sup>th</sup> x NAVY Minister addressing TETTO 8 AND NAKA 5 (other possibly force now designated 2nd EXPEDITIONARY FLEET) outlines what appears to be operation area and bounded by line through SAGOI SINGAPORE BATAVIA SOERABAJA AND UNRECOVERED (due missing groups)... Radio JALUIT further reports communications on base channel with F36L as relay, contacts made by 29GJ, Z101, ZHJS, & moreover Z101 made contact with FGUV x From 0655 Blank NCOM contacted BOV 17, strength 3x. Com 16 has no means to estimate accuracy this Jaluit report.

COMINCH 182149 → COM 14, COM 16 YOUR 180922 STATEMENT REGARDING OUR 1161, ON WHAT BASIS IS ASSUMPTION MADE. NOTED HERE FROM COM 16'S 171435 (page 7E), only the usual calls are still being identified and interpreted here to be 1161 calls intercepted prior 900Z but promulgated at 0420.

COMINCH T/E Estimated CV locations: 554 still bound Yokosuka → PALAO, KAGA enroute Yokosuka; AKAGI in PALAO - SASEBO area; Cordes 2 PALAO - KENDARI area; HOSHU at TRUK or South of there; RYUJU - SUMATRA-Singapore area

COMINCH D/I 18<sup>th</sup> The C/S of TELLS YS4F INFO WAKE, NAGS - so thus that the enemy force which was North of WAKE according to Combint. has now moved toward MIDWAY and all is clear except submarines

COMINCH D/I 18<sup>th</sup> From headings of a dispatch by PALAO WEATHER, following appears to be a complete list of MANDATE WX stations: RONDELAP, UTRUK, MILLE WOTIE, PAGAN, BOREL, HIRSENICH, OLLOL, MORTLOCK (NOMOI), UJELAN, ULITHI, LAMOTREK, TRUK, WAKE, RUDTTO ((ROI)), ENDERBY (PULUWAT), RABAU.

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET			CLASSIFIED OUTGOING		
Date: 17 MAR 42	Time: 172319	To: CINCPAC, COM 14, COM 16, COMNAVY, OPNAV, NZNS, COMANZAC, CINCLANT, ALL TF COMBATA, PAC AFHQ, ALL NAV BARS FROM COMNAV, RAYOBS WELLCOM	Classification: SECRET	Priority: 25	U.S. No.: 809
			Frequency: P	Release: 14	Control: Group
			System: RADIO	Station: 1338	

CARDIV 5 ENROUTE KENDARI AREA X KAGA ENROUTE YOKOSUKA X CARDIV Z IN PALAO AREA X RYUJU IN INDIES X ASHIGARA NEAR MENDAO (DELEGES) BULLETIN NUMBER 3 HOSHU IN NEW BRITAIN & COMBUB-FOR IN YOKOSUKA AREA X EXCEPT FOR SUI'S CONCENTRATION AND SOME AIR SEARCHES ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN BONIENS RETURNING TO NORMAL X AT LEAST 5 ENEMY SUBMARINE UNITS IN GENERAL AREA 20-30 NORTH AND 152-160 EAST X 8 COMBATANT VESSELS (PROBABLY CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS) PARTLY SIGHTED AT KESSA (BUKA) HARBOR 15<sup>th</sup> X POSSIBILITY THIS HARBOR MINED X POSSIBILITY

Bulletin # 3

172319

OPNAV 182127 → COMINCH, CINCPAC, COMSWPAC, CINCLANT, ALL SEAFRON COMS, COMSE PAC Following call signs used by originator in address and in text will mean "THIS MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED FOR DECEPTION PURPOSES ONLY. TAKE NO ACTION" ALL OR PART OF INFO CONTAINED HEREIN MAY BE FALSE. (These follow 14 call signs)... For safety reasons, at least 2 of these call signs must be used with any message, one of which must be in the text as in Article 1115 Comm. Instructions and spelled out. If usual call signs in headings are encypted, these should be also x In addition to addressees of this message, Commanders in Chief may extend use of all or any of these call signs to subordinate as desired for future or specific purposes maintaining maximum security of principle by minimum distribution x

This provides basic mechanics for immediate use in "FALSE DECEPTION", wherein by use of own circuits of plain language, or a weak crypto-graphic system, or one known to have been captured or compromised, the enemy may be deceived or Comination with some known truth may be helpful to success; also suggested possibility is advance groundwork of inconsequential truths and further that when objective use of principle employed messages of logistic type from which enemy may draw inference will create least suspicion x

COMINCH D/I 18<sup>th</sup> KAGA to proceed to SASEBO instead of Yokosuka - accordingly recent dispatches have been cancelled

Radio Jaluit\* reported following intercept info on US call "29GJ" on 1105K; reports US call AHHYM from NPA (Red Hand) to unknown number of submarines; also reports communications on base channel with US call F36L ZICL ZHJS, and moreover ZICL made contact with FGUVY. From 0655, NCOM contacted BOV 17 - strength 3. Accuracy of Jaluit reports above calls uncertain



19 March 1942

COM 14 191438 → Info from Translations: (A) Com 1st Air Corps (870 66) requests matters addressed to him be sent to Base R by air mail - Believe this arrangement for RR, which has been recovered as Rabaul. (B) Several despatches indicate SASEBO Navy Yard to handle docking and repairs of DAVRO plus what appears to be four ships connected with 1st Fleet, possibly including a ship of Cardiv 2 x SASEBO requested C/S 1st Fleet's cooperation in arranging these ships enter SASEBO Yard 21st x Yokosuka Yard also shows signs considerable activity, handling mostly DDs C.O. ATAGO may be acting as Com Cruidiv 4. One message refers to ground of TAKAO and MAYA with heading indicating all 3 at YOIKOSUKA. Second despatch 19th refers to flight of TAKAO search plane for contact purpose indicating TAKAO & possibly MAYA in company. Jaluit radio reports SBBZ contacting NPM and NIX after 0233/18, strength 3, also 5 secret despatches between last two named stations.

COM 16 191533 → Indications of aircraft movement between NEI and TAIWAN, evidenced by large exchange of weather despatches between JOLO & TAKAO Area. Section Avron 11 appears at a Section of TAKAO air group appears at Manila. Section Avron 11 appears at KURIX & KWANTAN. Traffic routing indicates Subron 3 plus 4 Subtenders at KURE x Subron 2 plus 1 tender at SATOON x Subron 1 at Jaluit x Subron 5 believed vicinity SINGAPORE. #1 & #2 Base Inces have been noticeably missing from despatch headings suggesting possibility their forces divided between newly organized Force x Units of Cruidiv 405 and Units of Section 2 and 7 appear in Empire waters. Association these units with Sasebo and Yokosuka Navy yards suggest possibility of repairs. RI Ilum 19th x Association in despatch headings are Chief Staff 2nd Fleet, 1st Air Fleet, Batden 3, Cruidiv 8, Section 1, SOEAFleet, Comb. Air Force and Avron 22 x Slight indication these units in vicinity of SINGAPORE and probably scheduled to operate with units formerly listed as expensive scheduled to operate west from PENANG.

COMINCH T/Plot (19) Units of Cruidiv 4 and 5, plus units of Desron 2 & 4 appear in Empire waters. Association of these units with SASEBO and YOKOSUKA Navy yards suggest possibility of repairs.

COMINCH T/Plot (19) A shore station in the ORINOKI area, address 1st Fleet Patrol Force, Avron 22, Chichijima 7th Base Force. Association of Avron 22 with the other addresses is unusual & bears further watching.

COMINCH T/Plot 19 5th Fleet concerned with patrol activities. Tokyo Intelligence active, addressing Northern 2nd Fleet - Marshall area. Undoubtedly in connection observations of Screening and RR operations. On out (one) forces.

The Screening Force continue the same pattern of cognizance over units in the Empire Area, with KAGA and ATAGO associated through impending arrival in Empire. It is almost a foregone conclusion that when outlying Fleet or air units address the Screening Force, they are enroute the Empire. Carriers, other than the KAGA same as on the 18th. A unit tentatively identified as Subron 8 originated considerable traffic but is not indicated underway as yet.

TRUK, JALUIT, PALAU made many Radio Intelligence reports to Tokyo also traffic concerning our air patrols. JALUIT called 10 subs - 8 heard. Apparent location of 1 mostly west of 180° SUB INA 2 seems well south of Hawaiian area; no forces.

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U.S. PACIFIC FLEET			
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#4

AIR SEARCHES FROM WAKE X MARSHALLS X AND MARIN EXTEND TO 600 MILES  
SOME AIR SEARCHES FROM EMPIRE EXTEND TO 700 MILES X MOVEMENT OF  
COMBATANT UNITS TO JAPAN CONTINUES X LIST INCLUDES UNITS OF DES-  
RONS 2 AND 4 X KAGA (WHICH HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO SASEBO)  
AND POSSIBLY ATAGO X BULLETIN NUMBER FOUR X NO INDICATION OF IM-  
MEDIATE MAJOR OFFENSIVE ACTION EXCEPT IN MALAYA AREA X ONE OR  
MORE UNITS OF MALAY FORCE ARE ENROUTE JAPAN X ONE AUXILIARY VESSEL  
IN APPROXIMATE LOCATION 32 NORTH 160 EAST TRANSMITS WEATHER RE-  
PORTS INCLUDING UPPER AIR SOUNDINGS X COMCRUIDIV 6 X COMCRUIDIV 18 X  
COMDESRON 6 AND GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 ARE STILL IN NEW BRITAIN AREA

Bulletin #4

182359 (in 19th)

COMINCH T/Plot 19 (HEKA 5) In despatch 315 indicates scheduled drydocking of KYUDO and unknown ship has been changed to [ ] date; therefore necessary that dates of "HA" operations be adjusted.

JALUIT Radio reports SBBZ contacting NPM & NIX after 0233/18, strength 3. Also 5 secret despatches between NPM and NIX.

ATAGO reports docking 0900/19. expects to undock 1/26th.

Partly readable fm 952F refers to docking of KYUDO & another vessel.

Ship, apparently recovered to NEI and previously assigned as flagship NEI Force requested anchorage assignment of C/S 1st Fleet 0930/19.

Line 3rd despatch 1500/18th appears to be operational order for a move against (unnumbered) island(s) part may missing/draft garbled. Possibility COLOS or WAKARUSA.

Comb. Air tells [ ] that after the 18th 600 mile air searches to be conducted from EQ (Penang) and ZL (probably Bangkok/Kangaroo).

AREA Designators  
JK - unknown  
R = attached to RR  
Detail







21 March 1942

COMINCH D/I 2)

Conditions generally quiet, majority of dispatches relate to administrative and supply. Little 1st Fleet traffic seen. 2nd Fleet command appears healthy up. (The Java invasion force) Plans reported an Australian Invasion Fleet cannot be confirmed by staff seen at Com 14.

Tokyo Intelligence still busy with broadcasts to major commanders as was Salut Intelligence.

18 different units heard on air. 5 in Pacific becoming more active. SOI 1st Fleet addressed 12 calls, 8 of which have been identified as carriers, making a strong possibility the other 4 are carriers, or at least, tenders.

Com 1st Fleet and most of 5th Fleet remain YOKOSUKA - BONINS area. C/S 5th Fleet sent msg to 3rd Fleet info major fleet commanders + P&C, TOKYO, BANG, SAIKOH... look like a transfer of 5th Fleet units to Indies area. Indications KISARATZU Air sending 4/6 to Rabaul via Chuongina and SAIPAN.

2nd Fleet cruiser NESAG in Kure.

Several units of Desrons 2 + 4, Cruiser 4 and possibly Cruiser 5 in Home Waters.

Cruiser 7, KASHI, Cruiser 3, part of Desron 5 in Malay area.

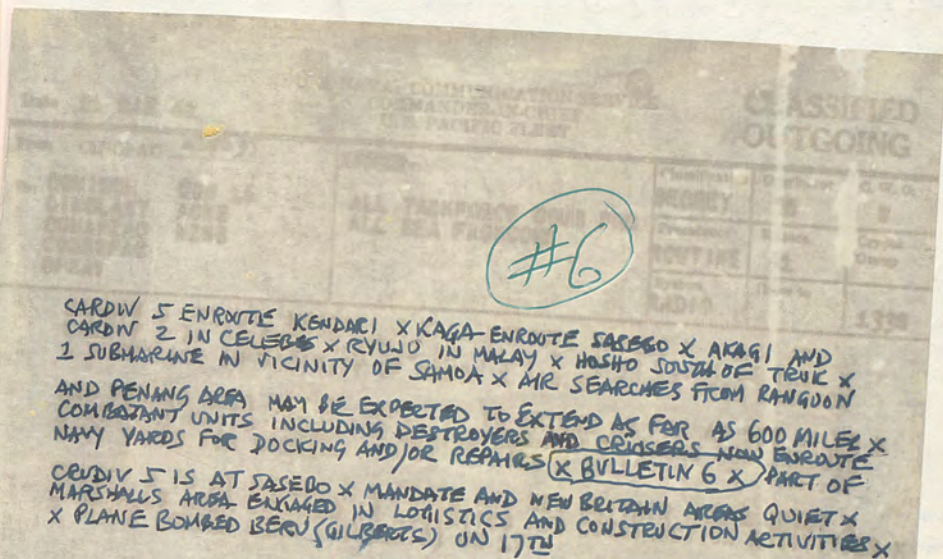
Cruiser 1 less KAGA, Cruisers 2 and 5, part of Destroyer 3, Cruiser 8, part of Desron 1 (representing the STRIKING FORCE) either in JAVA or MALAY area.

COMINCH D/I - 19

Cruiser 5 less Nachi arrived SASEBO 0900/20th

NA 5155 reported to Com 11 (Tokyo air) 2 planes leaving TOKYO for JXK, 0750/20. Eddee reported back to Angueta plus Staff Comm. of 3rd Base Force Det. 2 planes arrived 1600/same date. Both maps were for Tokyo Air temporary station (MO 04) believed to be at PENANG. Possibly Com 11 at KUCHING (JXK?) and 4/6 enroute PENANG.

21 March 1942



Bulletin #6

210637  
March 42C/S Colombo 21200CA + C/S Colombo 211955A  
CANBERRA 211256

COMINCH D/I #1 + #2 22 MARCH  
BRIT: C/S COMAIRFORC orders two unidentified taxis to carry out reconnaissance of DG and DG artillery.

BRIT: #3 zone groups possibly comprised of Air Force taxis will be stationed at ZL and EQ (EQ thought PENANG) to escort convoys for C and D operations. Mention is made of DPA and passenger "A".  
BRIT: An Air unit or units are to leave STARBUCK (SAY) about 21 March for attack on DG about 1 April. Miss reports to requirement of an overall control and assembly of an air squadron. KAGA also mentioned.

BRIT: On completion of operations in JAVA general organization of 4th Det. will be 2nd Air group including units of 1st Air Force and taxis. Ang group will be stationed at JXK and carry out attacks in Australian Zone. (It is almost certainly JAVA area & may include TIMOR) 18 formations of TAKAO Ag. plus Zero type VF will remain in MM (3 zone) to mop up remnants of American Army.



22 March 1942

CGM 16 (BELCONNEN) 22006 -> WATERFALL BAY ON CHRISTMAS ISLAND... See CAST 1737 of 20th (not available) x Colombo reports from 'A-N' that AIR UNIT, 55 UNITS ARE TO DEPART STANING BAY ABOUT 21st FOR ATTACK ON 31st AGAINST PLACE DESIGNATED AS B3 AND THAT 2nd AIR UNIT WAS SCHEDULED FOR ATTACK ON DARWIN ON 16th BUT COMPOSITION OF RAIDING FORCE DID NOT CONFORM TO THAT DESIGNATED FOR DE ATTACK FORCE x On basis above facts, COLOMBO suggests possibility DOG Area being Australia but also presented other evidence which points to INDIA or CEYLON in this letter xx Area Designators: IPS-SAMA; IPG, HENKOW; MPE VIGAN; PM TAROA, ALL GOOD VALUES

(COM 14) COMINT T/1 (22) S.O. 14th Air Fleet dispatch -> SO KAGA, AKAGI, SOREU, HIRYO, FUJINO HOSHIO, SHOKAKU, and ZUIKAKU plus Supply Officer: Desdiv 7, 17, YAKI + Desdiv 2 and YAKA 2 (Desdiv 23?) These four Desdivs are apparently plane guards assigned to Carriers

Frequency designator dope: TAN 13 - 5653; TAN 27 - 7210; TAN 51 - 5635; TAN 251 - 11270 in KCS Numerous Desdivs appear heading for Europe - esp. with SASSEBO + KURE & yards suggest possibility of repairs (bounties?)

Intelligence traffic greater in usual areas (Tokyo - Northern - Mandates) with Saigon in apparent building up this type traffic addressed TAKAO, C/S 1st Air Fleet, Malay Force, Comsubmar 5, 2nd Fleet and Combined Air.

Screening area inaction in traffic, Cinc 1st Fleet in Administrative type dispatches addressed Comsubmar 3, Cruiser 6, Desdiv 1, HIVEI, Cruiser 5, Incident Desdiv 1 + Desdiv 5 incident fleet calls. Association of 4th, 5th, SE Air continues concert patrol activities

Com 1st Air Fleet -> Comsubmar 3, Comsubmar 5, KAGA, FUJINO, ZUIKAKU, SHOKAKU and HOSHIO(?). Possibility latter may be ZUIKAKU due to irregularity in call signs.

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SASSEBO Air ass. Mandate Air Bases - not previously connected with air supply for Mandates and may indicate diversion of strength from SASSEBO to Eastern Mandates

Aircraft movements continue between Europe and Southern areas via MARICA. Com 1st Air Fleet now at Clark Field. Com 1st Air Fleet remains at BAWI Com GENZAN A.G. & Staff Comm. Off. Air on 12th, BANSHI KAGA sends movement report 1130 (I) included Com 1st Air Fleet for ACT

WAKE in communication 17th, 18th Air - believed further argument already stops air strength of WAKE Cf continued interest in submarines. The ship, Anna 23 at DARAO

New bases appear in Jap occupied areas: 4 in BALI near ass. Another maybe BATAVIA and a 3rd SOERABAYA

MSSS indicate 1st Air Fleet & Carrier 5 base is KENDARI

COMINT D/I 223 Comb Air Force -> S. China Fleet Info 3rd Fleet. 3/18/42 #103 Effectiveness (18th) commence within 600 miles of EQ (PERANG) and ZL (BANGKOK or RANGOON)

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22 March 1942

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PORTION OF SCREENING FORCE (FORCE OPERATING IN BONINS-YOTOSUKA-OSHIMATO AREA) HAVE RETURNED TO BASES FROM SEAX CRUISER DIVISION 7 X KASHII X RYUO PLUS DESTROYERS X SUBMARINES AND SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT IN MALAY (BULLETIN 7X) NO INFORMATION REGARDING LARGE INVASION FORCE IN VICINITY AUSTRALIA ALTHOUGH AKAGI CARRIER 2 AND 5 PLUS PART OF BATAVIA 3 ARE IN GENERAL CELEBES AREA X INDICATIONS THAT SOME OF AIRCRAFT NOW ENROUTE MARSHALLS ARE DESTROYING

COMINT D/I 223 C/S GF on 22nd says that enemy subs are operating out of a base in M (Philippines) area, take 12 Kawanabaru of TAKAO Air to mop up these subs

On 22nd Tokyo Intelligence said according to Commentaries Intelligence, there are 4 enemy cruisers in the INDIAN Ocean. On the 21st there were 3 in the (?) area, one in CEYLON area and 3 in area of the ARABIAN Sea. TOKYO ONI (A SA RU)brates 70 British Cruisers in Indian Ocean as of the 21st (4 at (?) CEYLON); 3 at (?) and 3 at another (?), probably ARA (-)

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Bulletin #7

220245

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23 March 1942

## Cominch D/I (23) General Information

No apparent change in CV patterns. The noticeably decreased. Many new calls appearing in Indies (NEZ) mostly of Base and Air Base types. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Base Force calls continue to be unobserved as separate Commands. Evidence of reorganization of this former fleet to fit shore based command in vital Indies area. Units associated with DUTCH INDIES FORCE relatively few combat types but following air groups and base forces: AIRRON 23, TOKO air, 5<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> air, TANAN air, 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet Base Comdr (trustably at KENDARI), 32<sup>nd</sup> Base Force, Base Numbers 322 and 338 and 3 unident. units

NOTE 9 midway approx NEUTRALS - MIDWAY area

New DD command appears to be a Desarm with NATURAL P.

F Subm 7 may be enroute SAIPAN to SASEBO

Comdr Mandates Air organized several urgent to Marshalls air units, Mandate Base Comdr, Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet & Commander G

5<sup>th</sup> believed in the new BSs - fair - poor fixes  
29 to 31N - 127 to 133E -- off Hon shu

New h frequency 5470 Kcs being used in KYUSHU - N China <sup>area</sup>

## COMINCH D/I - 23

Subm 5 reports heading for Sasebo <sup>only</sup> 2 units proceeding

HEI appears to be headed south via KURE to BAKO on 22<sup>nd</sup>

Fragment from long msg (Subm 6) indicates smud that Sida enroute Empire via DAVAO, arrive KURE noon 3 April (?) Probably DAVAO 25 March

23 March 1942

Date 22 MAR 42		U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET		CLASSIFIED OUTGOING	
TO: CINC PAC 23 255 ALL TF COMDRS PAC COMINCH + CINCLANT + COMANZAC COMSOPACFOR	ALL SEAFRON OPNAV COM 16 ACNB NZH	SECRET	25	C.W.D. TEN	
		Priority	Release	Group	
		PP	25		
		AD10	Show to		1333

#8

EXPECT INCREASE IN MOVEMENT OF AIRCRAFT TO MANDATES FROM JAPAN IN NEAR FUTURE X MORREBY RAIDED ON 19<sup>th</sup> BY 8 HEAVY BOMBERS AND ON 20<sup>th</sup> BY 1 HEAVY BOMBER AND 4 FIGHTERS X 13 FIGHTERS ON GROUND AT LAE ON 19<sup>th</sup> X ON 19<sup>th</sup> SUSPICIOUS SHIP REPORTED 60 MILES WEST OF CHATHAM ISLAND BUT NOT SEEN ON 20<sup>th</sup> X CARRIER LOCATIONS SAME AS YESTERDAY X PART OF CRUDIV 5 IS AT SASEBO X CRUDIV 7 IN MALAY X REMAINDER CRUDIVS 6 AND 18 IN NEW BRITAIN AREA X MIZUHO (SEAPLANE TENDER) ENROUTE DAVAO TO YOKOSUKA

Bulletin # 8

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230255  
March 42

SUBJECT FILE

## Cominch D/I (23) General Information

(14) On 22<sup>nd</sup> Tokyo Intell. states that according to Cominch's Intelligence there are  enemy Cruisers in the Indian Ocean, on the 21<sup>st</sup> there were 3 in the  area, one in the CEYLON Area, and 3 in the ARABIAN SEA

(16) Tokyo ONI (A SARU) locates 10 British Cruisers in the Indian Ocean area as of the 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 at questionable CEYLON, 3 at  and 3 at another unknown, possibly AREA (FLRA) Sea, though contrary to Indian Ocean premise.

Comdr Malay Force seap in Serial 592 on 20<sup>th</sup> - 2 of the 6 guns which are now at #2 Base will be loaded on the  Maru, among plag the latter part of March, enroute to SABANG island and ANDAMAN, SABANG probably on the western end of SUMATRA

1<sup>st</sup> AIR FLEET needs approx 11,000 tons fuel and requests it be arranged via KOKUYO Maru arriving BAKO latter part of March!

KYOZUMI Maru (AN) departs WAKAI for RO1 (Kewalee) Com. office air fleet reports new WAX station established TRUS and gives a test schedule with frequency atomic.

LIACHYMA gives approach directions for vessels entering CHATH.



24 March 1942

Com 14 240062 - (usual) Traffic noticeably increased. Many new calls appearing in INDIES mostly of Base and Air Base type. THIRD FLEET - 1st and 2nd Base Force calls continue unobserved as separate commands evidence of reorganization. This fleet to fit more Base commands in various INDIES areas & units as. Dutch Indies Force relatively few combatant types - following air groups and Base Force x Arm 23, Tokyo Air, 32nd + 33rd Air, TAINAN 1st x Cdr 1st Air Fleet probably at KENDARA x 32nd Base Force, Base # 322 and 330 and 3 incidents. Cdr S. I. Air organized several units to Marshall's Air Units, Mandate Base Units, Cmc 4th and Cmc 4th W. 6, Flapship Subron 7 may be enroute SAIGON to SOSEBO x MIZUHO enroute Empire. No changes.

COM 16-242003 - "COMDR ANDAMANS TASK FORCE" noted - meeting PORT BLAIR 25<sup>th</sup> 0600  
 "Com Subron 7... his force less - enroute SOSEBO - arrive prior 2<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>  
 AGREE THAT SUFFIX 49 INVOLVES MORE THAN COMMUNICATIONS BUT  
 HESITATE PLACE HIM POSITION SUGGESTED DUE CONFLICT IDEA CHIEF OF  
 STAFF x OFFICE MAY BE INTELLIGENCE, IN ADDITION TO COMMUNICATIONS

OPNAV 242310 - 0111 - ONI Estimated changes in Orange Fleet to com.

COMINCA T/I 24 General Information: Butcher 3 and Desormy continue to communicate with Cmc 1st Fleet in administrative dispatches but PALAO still handling their traffic. Cmc sent only 2 dispatches; one to Subrons 5 & 6, info subordinates in Jelut and SAIGON.

In Cmc 2 Fleet traffic, urgent dispatches relative to Cmc 4 stand out. He sent one to Cmc 4F and 1st Fleet, info Com Cmc 4, (now in YOKOSUKA) and 4 Tokyo addresses. He then sent one return: Com Cmc 4 who replied. This may be a change of orders for this unit.

Striking Force still closely associated with 2nd Fleet under and MALAY Forces. This group could now be in Indian Ocean traffic for this force is being handled similarly to that of B, which are now west of PENANG.

Comb. Air Force Flapship & most of staff at SAIGON. Impression gained that much of Comb. Air Force is leaving INDIES Area for MALAY area.

Parts of Cmc 7 in PENANG area - Desdiv 9 still with P.I. Force of Malay Forces busy with logistics - Arm 23 active in Indies Area.

COMINCA D/I-24 Unidentified subron, in a partially read off despatch speaks of operations of the "ANDAMANS INVASION FORCE" and says "AT PORT BLAIR there are 23 people of one race and 300 Indians. The 23 live in two houses while the Indians live generally on the Bay." This message was taken to Cmc MALAY Force info C/S 4F, 32F, Vice Min Navy & Cmbien 1st Army.

WAKE continues to send dispatches for info subject. Movement of combatant vessels to Empire continues - mostly for overhaul.

24 March 1942

COMINCA D/I 24 Area Designates mentioned on 24<sup>th</sup>  
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 UR = RANGOON?

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KAMIGAWA MARU (SEAPLANE TENDER) ENROUTE EMPIRE x AT KOEPANG ON 21ST WERE 1 CRUISER x 5 DD's x 9 TRANSPORTS AND 24 SMALL

VESSELS x CONTINUED CONCERN OVER ACTIVITIES ALLIED SUBMARINES IN EMPIRE WATERS RESULTING IN INCREASED AIR PATROLS x 1 SEA-

PLANE TENDER AT KWABALEW PROBABLY CHITOSE TYPE x BULLETIN 9 x 1 MERCHANT TYPE DEPARTED WAKE FOR KWABALEW VIA RORERIKK 1

SUBMARINE IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 14 SOUTH 173 WEST x ANOTHER ONE IN 37 NORTH 172 EAST x THIS LATTER ONE WAS OFF CALIFORNIA COAST EARLY THIS MONTH x NO CHANGES NOTED IN FORCES MARSHALLS AND NEW BRITAIN

240121

Bulletin #9

BRIT: A store ship and one other vessel are to leave SINGAPORE on the 26<sup>th</sup> and proceed "UR" via "EMB" under escort.

BRIT: Further intelligence now indicates that Japanese occupation of CHRISTMAS Island may not take place until the end of March or the beginning of April.

NO SHIRAZA apparently attached 5th Fleet - has been in OYANATO area 3 weeks.

Subron 1 - Yokosuka area. Cmc seems to be in Command all subs Westing.

Subron 3 - Yokosuka area. Subron 8 in water South of TOKYO STR.

Movement of combatant vessels to Empire continues - for overhaul? WAKE continues send dispatches for info 5th Fleet.

MIZUHO enroute TAKAO. Subron 2 in MALAY Area. Subron 7 - TRUK area. RYUO - Singapore.

AKAGI, MIYO, SORU in Palao - Indies area. ICAGA at SOSEBO area. Quiet in all areas indicated by Communications today. (COMINCA T/I 24)

Staff (members?) 1st AF at PALAO, Cmc 5 in Indies area. Subron 4 in S.E. Area.

ES = Singapore  
 EQ = Penang  
 EMB = ?  
 UR = Rangoon?



COM(16) 251236 → Excerpts from translations - (A) Com Section 5 of 23rd gives position etc & appears enroute PEANG x (B) Mostly unreadable one from A SA RV serial 31924 at 1400 gives American call sign recoveries for two dates, presumed to be 22nd and 23rd as follows: 183Y = 699; FPWI = FSL x MELZ = TOKY x 0J53 for CANE x FL39 = FINE x (2nd date) UDLG = 699 (3rd date) FSE x 336V follows as though an alternate recovery for preceding or an emphatic call for which bearing was omitted - sequence then continues AYAS as M3V; JERS as PLUG x ZT29 as CARE x Four Blanks A as FINN

COM(16) 251938 → Left over ORANGE Texts in Unident sub-tender ROHE 5 Serial 044 of 27th gave schedule: LEAVE KWASSOON 27TH PROCEED TRUK VIA PONAPE where receive fresh water and blank running destination 3 April (?) ... 5th Fleet serial 067 of 25th addressed to his force, NINEH and Unident Mam Flapship Ko Su 4 plus 2 strangers RITU 6 and NA RI 2, Info G.F. Airron 23, TOKYO KOMETHA 1 x ... MAKE ADDITIONS TO ORGANIZATION LIST NORTHERN DETACHMENT: (1) To ADD NA CHY (2) To 1st Patrol Force add Marn x To 2nd Patrol Force add Kōwa Mem x To #2 3rd Patrol Force add Marn; #10 x Para 3 badly garbled but indicates unknown # of (less than 6 planes) from Airron 23 are to be transferred to some part of Northern Detachment and 6 planes (possibly those excepted from above transfer) to be sent to MMC (Marcus Island) x Comment: 5th Fleet being strengthened by addition of NA CHI 3 Marns - probably air tenders or auxiliary cruisers. Aircraft drawn from Airron 23 x Northern Patrol scope being extended for MARCUS Island and air forces there being increased, reflects concern over recent raid and possibility of recurrence x 5th Fleet has cognizance Northern Force divided into at least 3 Patrol Detachments, probably consisting of light craft plus patrol planes and submarines bolstered by their spread heavy cruisers. This being tangible indication 5th Fleet organization and duties above interpretation necessarily still mostly speculative

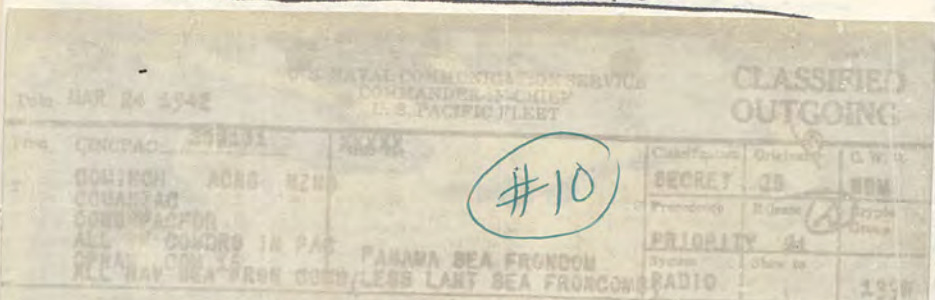
COM(14) 252346 → Seems fleet interest in cruisers shown in his continued correspondence with Cruisers 4, 5, 7 & 8 as well as Desrons 2 and 4, Carlew 3, Airron 23, Malay & Combined Air Divs. Made apparent arrangements with HANA TORO and Unident tanker TWH 6 & Com Carlew 5 addressed. Comdr 1st Air Fleet and 2nd Fleet in what seems to be report of arrival in 2nd Fleet area & Indented Resdr Ho 09 may be reporting Desrn 4 Comdr Staff Officer TOKO in addition at PEANG x 23rd Air Div plus Bifono air appear to be moving toward MALAY area, from association of forces and bases believe 2nd Fleet Force operations in the Indian Ocean imminent

Neither 1st Fleet nor Screening Force observed in traffic in 25th  
4th Fleet Air activity continues most prominent feature 4th Fleet area Comdr 1st Air at TAPS A on 23rd, SAIPAN Base Force traffic reflected continued A/C movements to RABOUL via SAIPAN.

JAWIT\* Called 9 A on 25th, 7 heard to answer  
Note large number of T/I-Comined - entries for 25 March appear in this book under 26 March - See COM(14) 0006, 0022, 0049, etc next page

COM(14) (25) On the 19th the Army Cmdr, acting also for the Navy, sent the Philippines-American Commander Wainwright a communication (bleeding) that - he done by noon of 22 March. Although several copies were scattered over the Manila Bay area and BATHEN Peninsula, no reply has been received up to noon today. This dispatch sent to TAIWAN Air Group, G.F. Tokyo  
Com Subron 7 on 23rd reported his force less 2 units left - 81550/2904 (Info 5th Fleet) preceding to SASEBO on MAXASSAR charts - etc Saichō on 23rd (Info 5th Fleet) Subron 4F

T/I (25) 2F interest in cruisers - dispatches 45, 55, 75, 85 also 24 30  
From 5 SFP → IAFP, 2FP (report arrival/identity), unident unit to form ASD?  
Association of forces believe 2F operation in Indian Ocean imminent



INCREASED ACTIVITY MALAY DASH INDIES AREA INCLUDING SUBMARINES OPERATING IN INDIAN OCEAN x INDICATIONS THAT ANDAMAN ISLAND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED x PART OF AERON 2 3 OPERATING AGAINST NORTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA x IKAGA IS AT SASEBO x HOSHIO IN TRUK DOOR SAIPAN ANGA x RULLU IN SINGAPORE ANGA x CARDIN 2 x 5 AND AKRAI IN CELEBES DASH JANA ANGA x ESTIMATED LOCATIONS SUBMARINE SQUADRONS AS FOLLOWS x SUBRON ONE AND 3 IN YOKOSUKA AREA x 2 AND 5 IN INDIAN OCEAN - MALAY x 4 AND 6 IN EAST INDIES x 7 IN MANDATES x 10 BULLETIN 8 IN NEWLY ORGANIZED PROBABLY OPERATING SOUTH OF KYUSHU x IN ADDITION TO ABOVE ARE SUBMARINES OPERATING WITH VARIOUS LOCAL DEFENSE FORCES x ONE A NEAR SAMBA AND ONE RETURNING FROM WEST COAST NOW TO WESTWARD OF OMAN

25010)

Administrative type traffic prominent on 25th some tactical type traffic originated in MALAY area

COMINCH T/I 25 5th Fleet fairly active with traffic appearing to be primarily regular reports from POF area Commanders to definitely associated with 5th Fleet  
TOKYO RADIO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (RIA-4) addressed a msg to Communications Office 2nd Fleet, Info TAKAO, SAIGON and SINGAPORE Radio Stations and #21 Communications Unit - believed to be in connection with arranging Radio Intelligence facilities for forthcoming 2nd Fleet operations

G.F. addressed re Div of Desrn 1 at SASEBO + the other Div at TAKAO  
Indications of reorganization of destroyer units underway - Status Desrn 1 is confusing with units addressed in scattered locations & associations.

KINOSHIM & GOSHIO Marns identified with supply activities NEW BRITAIN area  
Com 5 Seas Air dispatch links them with 1st Air, CHIHOSE AIR, KAMOI, TAINAN and TOKO AIR units (latter previously ass. with MALAY area. KAWA TAMADA concerned)

CARRIER LOCATIONS: CARDIN 5 MALAY area; COMDR 1st AIR FLEET addressed a dispatch to Combined Air, Desrn 1, Airron 23; received one from IKAGA - otherwise carriers quiet.

Sub locations: Subron 2 MALAY area; Association of Air Groups with Subs and PENANG Base indicate coordinate operations; Subron 8 still placed north China sea area - either on shake-down or engaged in ASW patrol that area?

Philippines and Malay sectors only ones evidencing preparation for offensive naval action

T/I (25) Subron 6 (Subron 4) in SE Area  
Carlew 3 23rd, Malay, Com Air Force Communications  
with HANA TORO + another tanker

JXX = Koepen (TINOR)  
LA = KENDAS (Celebes)  
MIJ = Samba (PANAY)



(14) 260006 - Adm. type the predominant with some tactical originated in MALAY area x PHILIPPINES - MALAY sector only, no cordoning preparations for offensive naval action x JAWA - New Britain (reoccupation with air base activities continues with an apparent lack of surface vessel force of 1st Fleet forces of the 3rd Fleet) since formation of Dutch East Indies Force remains to be explained x RIAU (Tokyo Radio Intelligence) addressed 2nd Fleet communication info TAKAO, SAIKON and SINGAPORE and enciphered #21 Communication Unit. Believe (2FF) is arranging Radio Intelligence facilities for intercepting 2nd Fleet operations

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(14) 260049 - CARRIERS - Cardw's noted normally 1st AF add. Combined Air, Desrom 1, Arron 23. Received one from KAKO, otherwise CV's quiet. SUBS x Subm 2 in MALAY area x an air group with 1st AF PENANG Base shows coordinated operations. MALU called 9-7 heard. Considerable activity.

(14) 260121 - 4th Fleet Air activity most prominent feature of that area. Grid 1st Air at TAROB in 23rd. YOKOSUKA Air Convoy add. at UEG believed located on SAWIT ATOLL x SAIKON base force traffic indicates continued plane movements via that point to RABAU - Believe 5th Base Force has cognizance over supply route to New Britain area x KIVOTOMI and GOSAN Mandates identified with this activity x Com 5. Seas Air dispatch links them with 1st Air, OITOSE Air, HAMOS, TASHAN and TOKO air units (latter, however, noted MALAY area) RAdm YAMADA concerned with these air movements.

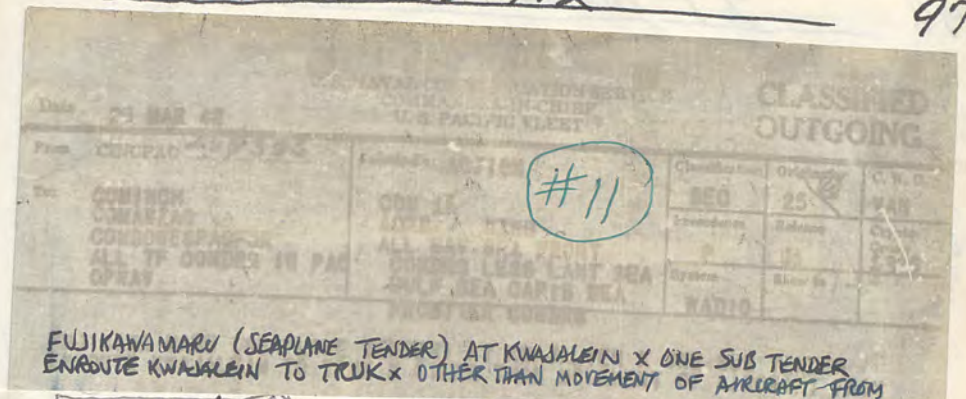
COM 16 261920 - Broken Bits - Comd ANDAMAN force report serial 016 of 25th - "Andaman Force Battle Report #2" (Mopping up in UX4 area completed) (2) Detachment began mopping up on UEL at dawn the 24th and UX Strait. (3) SUGGEST UVA = South ANDAMAN; UX = Andaman Strait; UEL = Middle Andaman?

COM 16 262041 - 4th Fleet NEI Force Serial 354 of 25th fairly readable x Invasion schedule; (1) Depart BATAM at 1900/29th; at 0700/30th off Point bearing 250 distant 26 miles on course x at 0700 proceed to X Island. (2) believe ASSHAWARA and unk. force will act as assault + support. This was addressed to unk. 1 SA 4 and 9/5 1st Air Fleet

COM 14 261819 - CHICHIJIMA Serial 751 partly readable, indicates that Allied submarines are active in that area and that available forces are engaged in search for them. Reply - LA to good for MENADO

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COMINCH #1 (26) 26 MARCH

On 21 March Unident Maru sent following to Empire Shore Station. Completed today, will beam YOKOSUKA carrying 5000 liters of gas, # bombs (T), 3000, will leave POWAPE (?) on 27th arriving BEOWNI (?) Islands on 28th. Leave Brown (?) IS for POWAPE, take a fresh water - arrive YOKOSUKA UNIDENT 4th Fleet Unit reports will arrive SASEBO end of March; another unident unit indicates will soon dock at FURE.

Radio Saipan reports 9 9/16 probably heavy bombers or #1 Type Bom. 9/16 departed base (SAIPAN area) in RRE (New Britain area)

Grid 7 msg of 25th reports arrival YOKOSUKA CV's YOKOSUKA advances MIZUTO (1 her escort) of 1st attack in duduyume area about 1245/25.

BRIT - ATAGO plus one other CA to arrive SINGAPORE 27 March

BRIT - 4 unkn units between MERES + MOBLEIN at 1400/24 (Z)

(16) reports that Com Combined Air at RANIGSOON since 18th. Subm 5 (less 2 units in Tokyo Naval Intelligence on 24th at 1400 gave U.S. call sign recovery for 2 dates (presumably 22nd and 23rd)

unk supply ship directed deliver bombs to SABANG I and Port Blair (Andaman) loading at SAIKON + proceeding via SONAKIA - no dates given

Subron 5 partly readable msg of 23rd gives posn 7-15N-85°E 0900/23 course 097 speed 9 kn. Posn of 24th given not rec'd. At 1200/25 posit 6-25N 90-50E, expect arrive PENANG at 27th

BRIT: Flagship Sox fleet 1450/24 (Z) between SABANG & ANDAMAN II (over)

GENERAL Air in MOLMEIN Area.

Com Subron 5 sent msg to MO WIP at BLAIR Seaplane Base in ANDAMAN'S Desrom 4 appears to be operating between ANDAMAN I & MALAYA

BRIT: Senior Officer, Toko Air 6 at least one Subron, Desrom 4, SEEXPT 7th Squadron (Grid 17) and Cardw 3 in PENANG - ADAMAN I Area

Malay Force active. Singapore Base Force active with Com. Air Force + Marcus 25th Army Staff + Unident KAKO 6 also associated forces believed w/ Singapore

HAYATO + another tanker proceeding to a new base - maybe in Indian Ocean. Development of MALAYAN bases progressing rapidly. New base/ base for last stage.

AKASHI moving in P.I. area - possibly to South

Subm 2 still ap. PENANG Base

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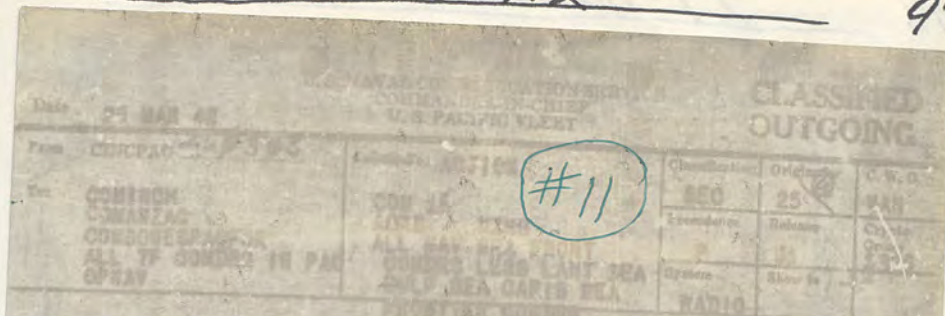
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11th Bulletin  
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BRIT = C/S Comb Air Force at BANGKOK. CinC Comb Air Force, CIO, GENZAN Air in MOLMEIN AREA. Consulation 5 sent msg to MD WIP at BIMA Seaplane Base in ANDAMANS Desron 4 appears to be operating between ANDAMAN IS and MALAYA

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COM 14 271922 → A.N. Traffic ① NARI 3 Serial 316 of 26<sup>th</sup> says; "Battle Report Number ① of 2<sup>nd</sup> Attack Force 26 March because of unfavorable wx conditions, did not operate against enemy today at 0745 one type of plane was shot down after blank as far as the vicinity of the ASAMI MARU anchorage & planes available tomorrow are 9 heavy bombers, 25 type B and 1 type ② For MELBOURNE AIC - EVALUATED"  
 ③ E Fu of Serial 013 of 25<sup>th</sup>: "South West Force Base Air Operations Order BLANK & all Attack Forces continue operations in accordance with ① of 26<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Attack Force continue to support main task and heavy VT assist #5 Attack Force in the REP (Mores by Area) Campaign and aid search carry out patrol of your assigned area & 5<sup>th</sup> Attack Force continue attacks on REP and carry out patrol in your assigned area."

COM 16 271944 → from AN... Fleet ③ tanker's schedule... LM = MAKASSAR CITY  
 2<sup>nd</sup> com SOYO MARU scheduled stop at TAKAO about 7 apud calling at KURE via OSAKA -- mentions loading 8000 tons of cargo, probably at OSAKA... ?

COM 16 272101 → (NAVY MINISTER) HAMO IKA Serial 535 "CIPHER SYSTEMS #15 and #2 for use with aircraft code "A" have been cancelled and superseded by cipher systems #4 and #32. AKASHI Serial 50 to ? WIMU 3.1. Let me know size of your crew & date of arrival STARTING Day. SATO 3 (Maru) Serial 266: "DUTY COMPLETED AT BROWN ATOLL" ...

COM 16 272150. from AN: Com HOKA 7 Serial 111 of 27 March, mostly unreadable - detailed report of American torpedo missed at ?? about 23 March torpedo manufactured 1941... .. Com KISARAZU Flight reports KISARAZU and KANOKA air stations arrival of 36 Heavy Bombers: ③ Com TAKAO Air Group (at CLARK Field) Serial 580 of 27<sup>th</sup> reports arrival of 3 Heavy Bombers escorted by 5 type B VT at 1030. Judging from choice of words and addresses, important personages aboard, possibly General Prince ASAIKA, Member of Supreme War Council... ..

Com 14 272354 → Verifies Com 16 - suggest Cocos IS as objective & believe MMU is Conegidor or Point in immediate vicinity. ④ LM is MAKASSAR.

COMINDIA D/I (27) JALVIT informed Director of Ops Navy Dept, Tokyo & AF bearing's of enemy radio transmissions at 1900/12 at 59°-62 and 62°-67°. Communications were established from NP (M?) to what was assumed to be the command of an air force.

Undeath MORE 2 arrived BNAPE the 26<sup>th</sup>

IKUTA Maru OR TAYO Maru plus another departing KUSABOEN for YOKOSUKA for MS Div 16 departs KWASPEIN for SAIPAN the 25<sup>th</sup>  
 No traffic concerning ATAGO interested since report of docking at Atsumi  
 ③ sent to Tokyo at 75, 430, 1st Division Staff, Atsumi

COMING VI (27) BRIT - line Com Air Forces, SO Gen in MIDLMEIN area  
 C/S Com " " at BANGKOK

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 Development of MALAYAN Bases progressing rapidly from transport near Base and Beaches call signs  
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 25<sup>th</sup> Army Staff and KAKO 6 associated forces, believed to be W. of Singapore

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ALL YARDS AND BASES IN JAPAN ENGAGED IN DOCKING & REPAIR & AND REPLENISHMENT OF FLEET UNITS & AIR ACTIVITY IN AREA NORTH OF AUSTRALIA CONTINUES WITH DAILY PATROLS AND SEARCHES EXTENDING TO 600 MILES & AKAGI SEARCHES 2 AND 5 IN CELEBES AREA & RIJUDO OPERATIONS IN MALAY AREA & KAGA AT SASERO & ONE OR MORE UNITS OF GUMBORT DIVISION & ARE ENROUTE FROM NEW BRITAIN & BULLETIN NUMBER TWELVE & SUBMARINE RECENTLY IN SAMOA AREA NOW ENROUTE JAPAN & SUBMARINE RECENTLY OFF CALIFORNIA COAST NOW NORTH OF MANDATES PROCEEDING WEST & HOSHU IN MANDATES.

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COMING VI (27) General - one despatch seen from line 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet to Cinc AF, Cinc 2F, Info 1<sup>st</sup> AF, AF, Com Air Force, Malay Force & 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Attack Force Most active units that area Avron 23, Tokoku, and #2 Air Attack Force C/S GF sent me to all major staffs, INFO 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Attack Forces, Airrons 22 and 24 and their air calls. In fer new Air Groups being Little traffic involving carriers - Submarine traffic light formed Units of 8 SS heard on 5470 KCS - bearings → Sasebo area. Consideration aboard tender RT TI 2 + staff officer aboard tender KANSEI. Consult for not heard - small amount of traffic originated by them. MIZUHO and NAKKI have apparently been added to 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet Vessel (ATAGO) in Yokosuka continues reporting to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleets Very few urgent dispatches seen - Communications generally quiet. TOKYO and other intelligence units active



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COM (14) 280211 → Very few urgent despatches seen. Communications generally quiet Tokyo and other intelligence units at sea. New calls appeared with South Seas in and with KISARATSU area... 95 GF sent out to all major ports info 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Attack Forces, Airons 22 and 24 and the above new calls. Info that new air groups being formed. 95 GF also adv. 95 2<sup>nd</sup> + NE1 Forces, Ship 1F and 6S and 3 unidentified calls. vessel identified as ATAGO in YOKOSUKA continues to report to both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Comd'rs x HAGA Tora and another tanker appears to be moving to new base W/NU 3; this base may be in Indian Ocean... AKASHI moving from Philippines, possibly to South... One despatch seen from 3FP to Comd'rs of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleets, info 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet, 4F, Comd' Air Force, MALAY and 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Attack Force on In 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet area, LDE and SALAMONA was added to chain of work reporting stations. FUSO continues supplying intelligence to Southern Force x usual S. Seas his traffic... MIZUHO and NITTA MARU have apparently been added to 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet x little traffic regarding carriers. 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet despatch contains Ambros in address RYUKAKU in Southern Area x no indications regarding other carriers. Submarine traffic light...

COM 14 281131 → Partly readable 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet Serial 561 says that KAMIKAWA Maru is detached from NE1 Force and assigned to Detached Group of the Southern Force x TOKYO Communications Intelligence serial 30 states that the flagship and number of submarines are based on HAWAII (and islands) x Since the 15<sup>th</sup> March the number of submarines do not use (former?) frequencies x I wish to know the present frequencies used by ships x Since 15 March the American Navy has changed their call signs x The call NERK is for (general) use by ships using NPM radio channel x Since the 22<sup>nd</sup>, the number of transmissions has been...

COM 14 281221 → SUTA 4 Serial 18 says "ANDAMAN ISLANDS OCCUPATION REPORT - PORT BLAIR IS ALL READY FOR USE x REQUEST FOR SUPPLIES AND ABOUT 1 1/2 million Yen expenses to fit out ELPHINSTONE HARBOR AND STEWART SOUND WHICH ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AS BASES FOR SURFACE SHIP OPERATIONS" TAKAO AIR Serial 289 says 3 PLANES OF TAKAO AIR WITH PRINCE ASAKA AS PASSENGER AND ESCORTED BY TYPE 0 TRICHO AIRCRAFT ARRIVED MMH AT 1320 ON 27<sup>th</sup> " FURA 9 Serial 717 says (partially readable)... THIS FORCE LESS THE RYUKAKU AND NITTA MARU (?) WILL RETURN TO JAPAN. (next) Prepares to requirements of RYUJO including repairs, fueling and work delayed due to outbreak of war. (next) refers to another unit of Desam 3 and a unit of Desam 3 being sent to YOKOSUKA.

COM (16) 281258 → news of ATAGO - gathering indicates UNDOCKED (0900-1000) on 28<sup>th</sup>; more readable indications to proceed to SINGAPORE... post repair tests etc.

COM (16) 281535 → From Armed Guard aboard TIE 6 (Mare) Serial 026 of 2<sup>th</sup>. This vessel has not yet receive below listed tables of naval cryptographic systems. Request arrangements to have them sent to DE immediately: System's D1 and Series #9 of General Cipher 520 x System Z section B (#4); same system C (#4), G-3 CALL SIGN TABLE (#3) nts: TABLES FOR CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS. Station C regards this as evidence that D1 is Stummel System currently in use in

COM (14) 282159 → According to several messages partly readable NAVY CODE SA WILL BE RETAINED AS CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED. KUNIWI Serial 64 only partly readable - "ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM AMERICA THE 6000 TON CRUISER OF THE ATLANTA CLASS HAVE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS: SPEED 38 KNOTS x 8 TWIN 5" MOUNTS x TORPEDO TUBS x NO INFO PLANES OR CATALINAS.

COM (16) - 281907 → KUNIWI Serial 67 indicates result of examination American ship captain named IAPOR (English spelling) revealed general characteristics of American 6000 ton Cruiser of Atlanta Class to be completed in 1943. Speed 38.

COM 14 282514 → Subnormal traffic with continued appearance of new shore and base calls, mostly in Southern area - Long 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> and 46<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup> and 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29 March 1942 Sand Point (Seattle) 1<sup>st</sup>

COM (14) 290830 → HINA 5 Serial 020 reports that the mine fields around BATAM Anchorage have been changed & now as follows: Mines are laid along a line bearing 130° and 2400 meters from POINT KAPOX and on a 240° arc, 5600 meters around a point 6.5 miles, bearing 83° from POINT NICHOLAS.

COM (16) 291602 → Gleanings of partly readable, KUWI MI Serial 58 indicates that ORANGE has considerable information on BAVE Convoy, mentioning in connection, one OMAHA class cruiser & Tokyo info is this convoy proceeding via TUAMOTU group, passing between TATHI and ISEAUD with a short name ending in A...

COM (19) 291944 → CMC Combined Air in serial 42 directs I vessel upon arrival at PORT BLAIR to proceed to PENANG and conduct patrols of that area. JALUIT Serial 272 is report on U.S. Communication in Northwestern area - 2 American planes used station NEJ as relay; their calls were QV 2 and 2 Y 2 4 X. The call sign BQZO BORE 23, strength 2 from PER (of station JALUIT) (NO?)

COM (19) 291949 → CHITOSE Air Serial 844 to 1<sup>st</sup> Air Attack Force says that the Heavy Bomber crew or crews which were transferred to the new SUGAWA Air group departed JALUIT and should arrive by I date. Comment: There have been several references lately to organization of new air groups in Empire & probably nucleus of these new groups being obtained from squadrons now in field.

COM (14) 292316 → Tokyo Communication, originated long 4-part dispatch to all hands & steady stream of dispatches from this office coincides with the appearance lately of large number of Service calls required by consolidation of present garrisons in areas, 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet adds 4<sup>th</sup> info S. Searcher, Marshall, Box Junc, TOKYO ONI, Yokosuka Secy, and 4<sup>th</sup> S.F. This sent to all air units MARSHALLS may concern intensive air patrols. Cmdr 6 believed based NEW BRITAIN area. Continued indications 4<sup>th</sup> F. units returning to Empire supposedly for overdue docking, rest period/repairs. Many new calls have recently appeared in 5<sup>th</sup> F. indicating additions and reorganization. Cmdr 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> continue ass. MALAYA addresses but may return to Empire. KAPA add. by TATEYAMA. Only indication of AKAGI point to return to TRUK area soon. Very little submarine activity...

T/I (25) Many new calls recently in 5<sup>th</sup> F. additions and reorganization. KAPA assigned by TATEYAMA Air. Adm YAMABA in TRUK - may go to RAIBAU. Cmdr 6, believed damaged in New Britain area addressed by 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet Command. Only indications of AKAGI point to return to TRUK soon. Cmdr 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> continue association MALAYA addresses but may return to Empire. 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet associated, 4<sup>th</sup> Base Force at KOTA BITARU, Malaya, and PENANG Base in an urgent disp. from CMC QF. Cmdr

Cmdr 2<sup>nd</sup> Army at Singapore. 4<sup>th</sup> S Combined Army shows at SAIGON. Supply of their 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet ass. calls ident. here as 5<sup>th</sup> a 2nd div & one incident

Very little activity (radio)

COMINT 71 (29) In a garbled Tokyo → Subfn msg mentioned of operating this month in the AH (HAWAIIAN) area, carry out 17A - W., 19N etc

Naval Intel Tokyo informed Radio YOKOSUKA, WURE, SASEBO, OMIYAMA, CONCHIJIMA, and all major commands of American radio calls used for 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

There are indications that an AIRCON 25 may be formed, Aircons 24 & 26 seem to be involved

KUWI → U.S. call BQZO bearing 023° strength 2 from PER (New Zealand?)

Sublet Sez I ship will depart ENIWI & TOK 30 March, proceed to YOKOSUKA, will rendezvous 5 April in 24N 150E.

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03412/29<sup>th</sup>

#14

EXPEDITING OF REPAIRS AND REFITTING OF FOURTH FLEET UNITS NOW AT OR ENROUTE BASES IS NOTED X TANKER HAYATOMO ENROUTE DANAU

26<sup>th</sup> AT KOEPANG SIGHTED 11 TRANSPORTS ONE HOSPITAL SHIP X SUBROIS 2 and 5 operating IN INDIAN OCEAN X 30 (number being verified) IN RAIBAU HARBOR AND 3 DD TRANSPORTS REPORTED OBSERVED outside Harbor X CRUISER

ATAGO IN EMPIRE FOR REPAIRS AND DOCKING X FROM MANDATES TAIYO Main enroute JAPAN X ON 27<sup>th</sup> AT WOTIE ONE MERCHANT

VESSEL TWO SMALL PATROL VESSELS X Believe one of more carriers will soon return to Empire X Air Searcher now being conducted by ORANGE from ANDAMANS X Additional aviation material being shipped to TAROA X 14 BULLETIN X Expect ORANGE will base surface craft, submarine and seaplanes in ANDAMANS X Enemy D/F and RADIO INTELLIGENCE VERY ACTIVE. 290341

Bulletin #14



COM (14) 300926 -> TAKI 1 (Air Commander) Serial 110 - gives details of Occupation Force Schedule. Starts on 31st at BULA (CECUM) and continues to north and east through New Guinea, SORONG and NABIRE enroute. Ends about April 24th - Full translation later. In a high priority message Com Airon 22 says there are some naval vessels and about 50 merchant ships at CALCUTTA.

COM (14) 301001 -> TOKYO INTELL (KUNI WI) Serial 58 says in a passably readable communication intelligence report that supply ships plying between WEST COAST and New Zealand pass to south of EASTER (?) TUAMOTU and TAHITI x one vessel of OYAMA class convoy ships....

COM (14) 301121 -> For Melbourne from 14. To ME B Serial 320 x Free translation - according to a book found on a prisoner from plane shot down by us on 23 March, the organization and disposition of Australian Air Force is as follows: P. BLANK UNIT BOMBERS x 5 UNIT FIGHTERS. These are called "A" Group, stationed at MELBOURNE x P. A unit of bombers and of fighters called the "B" Group stationed at SYDNEY x P. 2 units, type unknown, called the "C" Group stationed at TOWNSVILLE x P. x number of unit bombers and #13 unit fighters, called the "D" unit are stationed at DARWIN. At the present time there are 4 or 5 bombers and 11 fighters stationed there x P. x a unit of bombers and of fighters..... called the "E" unit. Two of the above units have not been formed yet x P. x number 9 unit has been sent to CANADA x P. x General Headquarters of AIR FORCE IS at MELBOURNE where an Air Marshall is stationed at the <sup>southern</sup> AF Command Headquarters x P. x SYDNEY IS Headquarters for "Eastern Air Command" x P. x TOWNSVILLE mentioned.

COM (16) 302049 -> Staff Comm. Office So Com Fleet Serial 956 caught too late to be useful in future -> Convoy rendezvous for Navy escorts and Army transports headed north to Empire 32-45N, 125-50 East at 0800 31st (I) A SA RU (ORANGE ONI) serial 6 - reports BLUE call recoveries for unrecorded date, probably 25th (but possibly 29th), S# T = 099; 9300Y in FSL; WXF 9 in MIL x 7184 in M9U; TRSL in TORY; DF20 = PLUG; XPS in SANF; 409V in DISK x errors and blanks are probably faulty recoveries rather than ORANGE's errors.

COM (14) 302340 -> Noticeable decrease in amount of traffic originating at that with increase in number of shore despatches which may be caused by administrative matters at end of quarter. Number of box reports sent also very high with SINGAPORE and PEKANANG transmitting regular observations. Nothing for CPT today. IFF sent one to a 1st unit. Most of radio activity in Southern area has shifted from INDIES to the MALAY area... Staff MALAY Force sent high priority to Staff 2nd Fleet and 1st Air Fleet. Info land 3 and Malay Commands x many other despatches between Malay bases. Subron 5 moved westward after the fall of SINGAPORE and since that time a ship of Cmdr T, some units of Malay Force a few destroyers and many marines have been associated MALAY bases... Old Carner Strait Force associated with this area. FLAG of 2F is TAKAO. Stream of intelligence still emanating from JALUIT. SAIGON having traffic for 1st Air Fleet flagship indicating presence of AKOHU and part of Carner group in Malayan area, KASUGA Marn involved in a movement with RV 2 which may be plane guard division. No radio activity....

T/30 New Air Group MI NA 3 in TRUK - New Guinea area, this unit add -> TAINAN Air in BAH Comm. Off. Subron 8 in KURE but some signals 2FF, believe slated for INDIAN OCEAN Air reinforcements for MARCUS or BOONIS enroute in MARE KURU. HOSHIO or RYUKOJI to 7N IRE by O/F. Air Tender HIKO 2 en Jaluit. Has been operating SE area & may be KAMIKAWA Marn type. TONE of TAKAO. NATERI at SAIGON. Radio Rabaul & Ave - addressed S. Seas & 1st Air Fleet, 45 4F and fleet units in New Britain area.

NAVY COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. CLASSIFIED OUTGOING. SECRET. #15. PLAIN ENROUTE RABAU FROM SAIPAN x FOUR CRUISERS SEVENTEEN NEAR SIGHTED RABAU 28th AND FIVE OTHER VESSELS VICINITY TRUK x INDICATIONS THAT AKAGI MAY BE IN TRUK AREA SHORTLY x WEATHER STATIONS ARE OPERATING AT LAE x SALAMATA x RABAU x MAKIN AND WAKE IN ADDITION TO REGULAR STATIONS IN MARSHALLS BANTAM BAY (N.W. JAVA) REPORTED MINED x THIS PORT BEING USED AS ADVANCED BASE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF JAVA x BULLETIN FIFTEEN x MINDORO AIR x GENERAL AIR x AIRON ELEVEN AND TWO SUBGRIDS ARE CONDUCTING PATROLS FROM PENANG AND ANDAMAN ISLANDS x SURFACE VESSELS EXPEDITED IN THESE AREAS SHORTLY x REORGANIZATION OF OLD AND FORMING OF NEW AIR SQUADRONS IN JAPAN NOW UNDERWAY x SHIPS ENROUTE TO AND FROM MANDATES FROM JAPAN NOW BEING ESCORTED IN VICINITY BONTOL.

300207

D/I 30 In High Precedence msg Com Airon 22 says there are some naval vessels and about 50 merchant ships at Calcutta. TAKI (Air Comd) gives schedule for N Occupation Force, starts BULA (Cecum) and continues to north thru (Birds Head) SORONG and NABIRE enroute. 31 March - 2 April BULA; 1 April - 3 April [ ] 3-4 Apr SABO; 5-6 Apr SORONG; 7 Apr: Supplies Conference, 9-11 [ ] 14-16 [ ] and NABIRE; 21-23 (HOLLANDA?); 24 return for supplies. Com So Chev. P/H a 30th reported "30 March flagship changed from BUEV to HASKINDA. NARI 3/10th often originates 2nd Air Attack (with Reports) indicates pilots ground crews being transferred from JS (Lombok/SORABAJA) to JN - JT (where covered) arriving on 5th and thence proceeding to - place. Reference to "Southern Air Penetration". MA YU RUI (Tokyo) mentions fuel supplies in AUSTRALIA, mentions DP and DS. Says 11 heavy bombers, 25 PVF, and 1 Obol plane will be used in ops from - base on 30th. Naval Intel Tokyo reports American call sign recoveries for 28th.







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COM 14 010617 - Serial 201 part 1 of 2 parts THE R Shore Based Air Force Radio Order #1. Effective 0000/1 April, this force is organized as follows (P) 1st Bomber Group (Cnadr TACHU Air) 45 long range planes x bases are RZM and RRE (P) 2nd Bomber Group (Cnadr 4th Air) 36 Type 97 Heavy Landplane Bombers - Bases RZM and RRE x (P) 3rd Bomber Group (Cnadr Yokohama Air) 12 Sea Planes - Base at RR, (P) Tender Group - (C.O. = KAWA MAMU) x KAWA MAMU x RR = RABOUL; RRE = VUNAKANAU; RZM = LAE x LATTER PLACE BEING ADVANCED BASE FOR RABOUL

COM 14 010745 - Serial 2 following up his Serial 001 says "R Area Shore Based Air Force Order #2 of 0000/1 April x (P) I want the 1st Bomber Group, less those at OR (ORAU?) sent to Rabaul as soon as possible (P) The Subject detachment of the 3rd Bombing Group, some of which are now operating with the MARSHALLS shore based Air Force will be transferred to RABOUL immediately (above paragraph not so hot, therefore some stresses. Last deals with YOKOHAMA group which is directed to do something. Assume MELBOURNE passes this type of traffic to COMANZAC

COM 14 010950 - Part 2 of MISSION AND MOVEMENTS of above forces (P) No. 1 Bomber Group - DEFENSE OF RZM (LAE) and RR (RABOUL) and ATTACKS ON RZJ (MORSEBY AREA) SoWA 7 (KAMO) Serial 308 of 1st - "DEPARTED RABOUL FOR PBY (MARSHALLS AREA)

COM 14 010953 - #2 (AMATIKI FORCE?) operate in accordance MANDATES AIR FORCE ORDER (or letter) x PATROL PBY Z x ATTACK ENEMY SUPPLIES TO RZJ AND ATTACK ENEMY VESSELS IN AREA (P) No. 3 Bomber Group PATROL R SEARCH AREAS AND DEFENSIVE PATROL AGAINST ENEMY (VESSELS) (CARRIER FORCES?) x TENDER PROCEEDED TO PYI (IWEI) x UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF COMDR. TONCHU AIR IN RABOUL AREA, #2 BOMBER GROUP ASSUME COMMAND OF ALL in RABOUL AREA. NOTE ABSENCE MENTION OF VF - UNDER SEPARATE COND.

COM 14 011035 - HISE 6 Serial 5 "Radio Order #6. Effective APRIL x Reorganization x TAKAO Air Detachment in effecting move to MALAYA, BEAR A HAND in proceeding from CI to JYK (Both areas in JAVA). (P) USE #1 KAWA MAMU for transfer of personnel involved, in shifts between CI and the MANDATES x USE THE SHINSEI MAMU to transfer of personnel to and from JAPAN

COM 14 011039 - NARI 3 Serial 325 states in partly readable map that RR OPERATIONS ON 1 APRIL HE HAS 8 LARGE PLANES 23 fighters, 4 bombers (or dive bombers) and scouts x HE MENTIONS NIGHT ATTACKS. In usual large volume of Radio Intel and DF reports, particular attention is paid to all air searches from CAHU. Call NERK has everyone guessing x On 31st Tokyo gave correct identification of OUR CALLS FOR MQU x FSL x TORU and FINN, but missed on some x on 29th included FSL ONIMU. INTAIL Tokyo reports U.S. call sign recoveries for the 28th (P)

COM 16 012018 - Station C's Selections from abnormally heavy traffic last 36 hours. (P) free translation: "DEPARTED BATAVIA escorting SAKADUCHI Detachment embarked in 9 vessels. Expected to arrive. TONAN (Hudson pm) 4 "T100". This TONAN is same combination previously assumed for SINGAPORE. Looks bad here due to time required. Heading indicates convoy actually going toward MATIY AREA with PENANGI Base among in fo addrees. Suggest possibility PENANGI for TONAN combination if SINGAPORE proves wrong. (P) A KID (bechin flight) of Desam 4

Serial 36 of 1st reports DEPARTED HOKKAIJOU FOR YOKOSUKA. Time group 1005. Bears watching together with bare possibility new developments in Sea of Japan. Could be MATSUJOU to handle repairs on ship of Crudiv 8 and 100000 x Com Desam 3 being assigned next duty with finishing KURE business. Partially readable JALUIT Serial 298 of 31st in highest precedence contains indications JALUIT disturbed by BLUE communications variations to extent of issuing a precautionary warning against possibility BLUE MAY BE UP TO SOMETHING. Message not clear enough here for positive statement but looks as though Radio Silence or other change in usual Orange intercept source, may be cause of JALUIT's consternation. American Sub. calling NERK bearing 360 by DF at 0740

COM 16 - of 2018 - COM SUBRON 6 (MO TU 2) Serial 136 of 1st reports arrival 515200 0620X COM 3rd AIR CORPS (HA MU 8) Serial 679 of 31st. FOR 1001 DETACHMENT - REQUEST 200 46 TORPEDOS AND 1 FOR 3rd AIR CORPS BE SENT TO LE" (200 is approximate)

COM 14 012136 - ... ERI 4 Serial 116 partly readable indicates "N" occupation is proceeding as scheduled. At 0700 on 31st news advanced to BUZA; mention is made of BABO x PRISONERS x and CAPTURED MATERIAL x NI YA 2 Serial 40 states he departed PQB at 1500 1 April course 93 speed 11 x will arrive PS at 0600 x KURASHIBEN AND TROOP are good guesses

COM 14 012246 - ... (P) JALUIT in Serial 506 says "NAVAL WODE DI and Additive Table #9 NOT YET ARRIVED AND HE WANTS PERMISSION TO USE 'D' CODE AND #8 ADDITIVE TABLE UNTIL THEY ARRIVE x (Will keep and eye on this!)"

T/I (1) Several urgent from PAF show increased activity; No significant activity in SF or SCREENING FORCES.

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Comdr T/I (1) Comdr 5th Squadron based at Rabaul mouth of March shipped to KAMO 1 Apr indicates reorganization and offensive efforts this area or KAMO may be diverted Rabaul to Marshall. TACHU on moving into New Britain STRICKED at MAO - MISAWA Air group's planes at MARCUS IS were recently included in 5th Fleet - their status is KISSAKATSU, CHITOSE Air gp Subject drew

Table with columns: Date, From, To, and routing information. Includes a stamp with the number 17 circled.

AT LEAST 2 VESSELS OF CRUDIV 6 IN NEW BRITAIN AREA x REMAINING

COMINCH 01 (1) APRIL 1 (Addendum) (Indian Ocean Opn) NEI of SAIGON. I had despatch to various, including COMUSMACV, MALAY FORCES and REDUCED THEIR FLIGHT AT 1140 (C) AND RETURNED TO BASE - APPEARS THEY WILL BE UNABLE TAKE OFF TODAY"

COM 511000 AIR - of 5 1st AIR (reported patrols conducted PENANGI to BRIDGMAN) COMBAT, SOEX, 2nd Fleets x Comdr Arron 22 reported ordered reconnaissance around out x return to base at 1730

Comdr Comb Air - of 5 1st AIR (reported patrols conducted PENANGI to BRIDGMAN) Comdr 1st Air, SOEX, 2F + Flight off. Tokyo air. Cancel reconnaissance in TP 1 of order - Heavy Bombers of 1st Air Attack Force will check enemy ships and fuel facilities. On 3 April conduct (search?) in sector A to 700 miles. Indications from above combat 30 March despatch point to bombing attacks by heavy bombers of 511000 Air under direction of Comdr 1st Air Attack Force on 1 April against ships on primary targets - time/area unknown - Bay of Bengal probable. REA 2 (Angung with 3F) say "ALTHO SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY 5th, DUE TO BAD WX THE AREA AROUND 89E and 4N (WAS NOT COVERED?) RETURNED TO BASE AT 1840"

YA HA 9 (SOEX FOR) REPORTS ANDAMAN 1st survey report - PORT BLAIR AIRFIELD 15 1100 x meters and cannot be used for take off of large planes until minutes preparations. CHATHAM Island is satisfactory for about 100 large vessels (rest unreadable) [Chatham] is in Port Blair, ANDAMAN IS.

Force shake up in New Britain area x 1st Fleet and 5th Fleet probably concerned. Air Group, whose planes reported at MARCUS IS and recently, included in 5th Fleet and normally stationed KISSAKATSU. 1st Air Fleet, included in nearly all traffic originated in Southern area, including carriers, involved collectively, or separately, in all sections x Detachment of 3rd Air and 100000, shown into New Britain area. TACHU Air Cnadr addressed at MANOZA x TACHU Air moving believed GASMATA, or SHANCA, exchanged dispatches. Comdr South Sea Air, who has been basing in Rabaul mouth of March, returned aboard KAMO 1. Believe presence R/Adm. YAMADA's presence in Rabaul area indicates reorganizing air offensive efforts that area x KAMO may be enroute RABOUL for MARSHALLS x Indications a submarine base being developed at POROPE

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COM 14 010617 - TUMI 6 Serial 201 part 19 puts THE R Shore Based Air Force Radio Order #1. Effective 0000/1 April, this force is organized as follows (P) 1st Bomber Group (Cndr TACHU AIR) 45 long range planes x Bases are RZM and RRE (P) 2nd Bomber Group (Cndr 4th Air) 36 Type 97 Heavy Landplane Bombers - Bases RZM and RRE x (P) 3rd Bomber Group (Cndr Yokohama Air) 12 seaplanes - Base at RR, (P) Tender Group - (C.O. = KAWA MAMU) x KAWA MAMU x RR = RABOUL, RRE = VUNAKANAU; RZM = LAE x LATTER PLACE being advanced Base for RABOUL

COM 14 010745 - TUMI 6 Serial 2 following up his Serial 001 says "R Area Shore Based Air Force Order #2 of 0000/1 April x B I want the 1st Bomber Group, less those at OR (RABOUL?) sent to Rabaul as soon as possible (P) The Jaluit detachment of the 3rd Bomber Group, some of which are now operating with the MARSHALLS shore based Air Force will be transferred to RABOUL immediately (above paragraph not sohd, therefore some guesses). Last deals with YOKOHAMA Air group which is directed to do something. Assume MELBOURNE passes this type of traffic to COMANZAC

COM 14 010950 - Part 2 of MISSION AND MOVEMENTS of above forces (P) N.E. 1. BOMBING GROUP - DEFENSE OF RZM (LAE) and RR (RABOUL) and ATTACKS ON RZM

COMINCH 71 (C) Combined Air Force (C) (SI HA 1) asks information on quantities and conditions of bombs and - at BT (TARAKAN), BES (BAUKPAPAS), LU (Ambon), JS (LOMBOCK or SOERABAYA) and several gable locations

Jaluit reports enemy transmission on 420 Kcs on 220 bearing.

WAME 2 (RABOUL) "partly readable mentions mop-up operations in RME and Western RR area (Western New Britain) .. mention of DAMPIER Straits, Western tip New Britain ..

Tokyo Cominch assigns new call signs for weather forces & detachments in Singapore Det, Korojale Det, & chips of WX area at - - -

Tokyo Personnel Office msg to shore activities sup Personnel Officers requests info regarding casualties in aviation personnel in order replacement requirements may be estimated.

4th Cont Air Force - Philippines Fleet msg "In accordance air force reorganization changes dated 1st April, the TACHU Air group will be shifted to S. Seas Area. Transfer from DAVAO via KITHO Mem.

2 character Technical calls as well as same type for shore stations & surface vessels sent 1 April. Some changes have been retarded by wide distribution of forces.

MANZAR Serial 037/31 reports of NANKA time/date arrival.

"N occupier Schedule proceeding. 0700/31 press advanced to BUA (CERAM) BABO abt mentioning - prisoners - material captured

Serial 36 of 1st reports DEPARTED HOKUSAI FOR YOKOSUKA. Time group 1005 Bears watching together with bare possibility new developments in Sea of Japan. Could be MATSUUYAMA to handle repairs on ship of Crudis 8 and WOODRUFF x. Com Soern 3 being assigned escort duty after finishing KURE business. Partially readable JALUIT Serial 298 of 31st in highest precedence contains indications JALUIT disturbed by BLUE communications variations to extent of issuing a precautionary warning against possibility BLUE MAY BE UP TO SOMETHING. Message not clear enough here for positive statement but looks as though Radio Silence or other change in usual Orange intercept source, may be cause of JALUIT's consternation. American sub. calling NERK bearing 360 by DF at 0740

COM 16 - 012018 - COM SUBRON 6 (MO TU 2) Serial 136 of 1st reports arrival SHISEBO 0620X COM 3rd AIR CORPS (HA MU 8) Serial 679 of 31st "FOR 1001 DETACHMENT - REQUEST 200 4c TORPEDOES AND 1 FOR 3rd AIR CORPS BE SENT TO LE" (200 is approx/moto)

COM 14 012136 - ... EPU 4 Serial 116 partly readable indicates "N" occupation is proceeding as scheduled. At 0700 on 31st press advanced to BUA; mention is made of BABO x PRISONERS x and CAPTURED MATERIAL x NI YA 2 Serial 40 states, he departed PAB at 1500 1 April course 93 speed 11 x will arrive PS at 0600 x KURASHIBEN AND TAROFA are good guesses

COM 14 012246 - ... (2) JALUIT in Serial 506 says "NAVAL WIDE DI and Additive Table #9 NOT YET ARRIVED AND HE WANTS PERMISSION TO USE D CODE AND #8 ADDITIVE TABLE UNTIL THEY ARRIVE x (Will keep eye on this!) - - -

T/I (1) Several urgents from PAF show increased activity; No significant activity in SF or SCREENING FORCES.

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Cominch T/O Comdr 5 Seas Area based at Rabaul, north of March shifted to KAMOI 1 Apr indicates reorganization or offensive efforts this area or KAMOI may be shifted to Marshall. TACHU Air Group into New Britain SHIKIWA of PMAO - MISAWA Air Group's planes at MARCUS IS were recently included in 5th Fleet - their status at KISAKATSU, CHITOSE Air Gp Jaluit Area

Classification table with columns: CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, ROUTINE, RADIO. Includes a circled '#17' in the center.

AT LEAST 2 VESSELS OF CRUDIV 6 IN NEW BRITAIN AREA x REMAINDER CRUDIV 18 AND DESRON 6 IN SAME AREA x NITTA MARU ENROUTE YOKOSUKA x TACHU AIR GROUP MAY BE EXPECTED IN MARSHALLS NEW BRITAIN AREA SHORTLY x HAYATOMO ENROUTE KURE FROM DAVAO AREA x LETIN x FORCES IN MALAY AREA HAVE COMMENCED NEW OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT UNITS INVOLVED ARE SUBRON 2 AND 5 x SHORE BASED AIR IN MALAY AND SECOND FLEET UNITS INCLUDING PART OF CRUDIV 5 x CRUDIV 7 AND DESRON 4 x REPORTED ORANGE HAS OCCUPIED SHOTLAND LOCATED SOUTH OF BOUGHANVILLE

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COM 14 012144 - 2 character Submarine Tactical Calls and same type for shore able traffic these calls for shore and surface vessels, changed 1st April. From mid-December with four intervening shifts xx Service call changes have been retarded by wide distribution of forces xx Navy Minister originated series despatches general distribution of forces xx Navy Minister originated series Cinc Combined Force believed deal with reorganization forces xx (undant ME SA 9). These despatches retraced with info Tokyo, R Area Air Force Air Force shake up in New Britain area x 1st Fleet and 5th Fleet quiet - MISAWA Air Group, whose planes reported at MARCUS IS land recently, included in 5th Fleet and normally stationed KISAKATSU. 1st Air Fleet, included in nearly all traffic originated in Southern area, including carriers, involved collectively, or separately. In all sections xx Detachments of the 1st Air and 1000 Navy, shown in PENANG. TACHU Air Cndr addressed at MANZAR x TACHU Air moving into New Britain area. TANON Air Cndr, BARD, and MANZAR x TACHU Air moving believed GASMATA, or SHANCA, exchanged, despatches. Cndr South Seas Air, who has been basing in Rabaul north of March, returned aboard KAMOI. Believe presence R/Adm. YAMADA's presence in RABOUL area indicates reorganization air offensive efforts that area x KAMOI may be enroute RABOUL for MARSHALLS. Indicates a submarine base being developed at PANDOP

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CINCPAC → COMINCH, INFO SECNAV & COMINCH 311840 IS AT VARIANCE WITH INTERPRETATION TERM MILITARY COMMANDER IN SECNAV 252030 IN REPLY TO CINCPAC 0149 SAME DATE & ACTING ON THE EARLIER DECISION THE DUTY OF COORDINATING INTELLIGENCE WAS DELEGATED TO ARMY COMMANDER IN LETTER YOUR COPY OF WHICH IS IN MAIL

CINCPAC 020247 → COMANZAC INFO OPNAV. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CALL SIGNS ARE NOW BEING RECOVERED BY OTHER THAN RADIO INTELLIGENCE WHICH IS HOWEVER REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL. CINCPAC HAS AUTHORIZED CERTAIN TYPE AND FORCE COMMANDERS TO USE 182127 (see page 81) in accordance ART. TIO PAC TO.

COM 16 020605 → Present indications following areas in PHILIPPINES have been mined or attempts have been made to mine them: SAN BERNARDINO STRAITS, BOTTOL Strait between SIQUIJOR Island and NEGRIS ISLANDS, VISAYAN SEA Approaches to CEBU and LOILO, GUIMARAS Strait, ILOILO Strait, Shoals north of TAGOLO Point, MINDANAO, Straits between PALAWAN and CULION Islands, IPO WEST PASS, all shores DAVAO Gulf, CAMIGAO Strait between BOTAL and LEYTE Islands, AT PUERTA GALERA and CALAPOS, MINDORO, enemy artillery emplacements are located to prevent movement of all shipping through VERDE Island Passage.

Com 16 022148 → Chief of Staff Combined Fleet serial 659 partly readable reflects effectiveness of our recent submarine activity - directs 9224F provide air escort for convoy as Anti Submarine precaution. Destination of vessels unfortunately in unreadable portion of message. Interesting side line is fact subject despatch info 9/5 ALL FEESERS... Comdr Comb. Air Force Serial 122 of 31st yields #2 Attack Force communication channel frequencies in the 4310 and 8620 KCS from 0800 1 April 11.

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## REORGANIZATION OF THE BASE AIR FORCE 1 APRIL 1942

AIR FLOTILLAS	AIR SQUADRONS	AIRCRAFT ALLOWANCES		AT TIME OF OUTBREAK OF WAR			
		AIRCRAFT	ALLOWANCES	AIRFLOTS	AIRCRAFT ALLOWANCES		
#21	KANOYA	Heavy Bombers	36 V.F. 27/9	#22	Heavy Bombers	54 18	
	TOKI	V.P.	12/4		V.P.	18	
#22	BIHORU	H.B.	27/9	#23	H.B.	36 12	
	GENZAN	H.B.	27/9 VF 27/9		H.B.	36 12	
#23	TAKAO	H.B.	45	#24	H.B.	54/18	
	3rd AIR	VF	45/15 VRecc. 9/3		VF	54/18 VRecc. 9/3	
#24	CHITOSE	H.B.	27/9 VF 27/9	#21	HB	27/9 VF 27/9	
	1st AIR	H.B.	27/9 VF 27/9		H.B.	36/12	
	14th AIR	V.P.	12/4				
#25	TAINAN	VF	45/15 VRecc. 9/3	#23	VF	54/18 VRecc. 9/3	
	YOKOHAMA	VP	12/4		#24	VP	18/6
	4th AIR	H.B.	36/12				
	KISARATSU	H.B.	27/9				
	MISAWA	H.B.	27/9				
	6th AIR	VF	45/15 VRecc. 6/2				

Note - Both the organization and a/c allowances were expanded but the losses of aircraft about equalled the aircraft production numbers and it is believed that the actual number of aircraft were about the same as at the outbreak of the war. Due to continuous operations since the beginning of the war, training was not complete and skills were somewhat lower. Ultimately, the integrated base power had deteriorated since the outbreak of the war.

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APR 2 1942 U.S. NAVAL COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

Date APR 2 1942

From CINCPAC 020333

To: G-1 G-2 G-3 G-4 G-5 G-6 G-7 G-8 G-9 G-10 G-11 G-12 G-13 G-14 G-15 G-16 G-17 G-18 G-19 G-20 G-21 G-22 G-23 G-24 G-25 G-26 G-27 G-28 G-29 G-30 G-31 G-32 G-33 G-34 G-35 G-36 G-37 G-38 G-39 G-40 G-41 G-42 G-43 G-44 G-45 G-46 G-47 G-48 G-49 G-50 G-51 G-52 G-53 G-54 G-55 G-56 G-57 G-58 G-59 G-60 G-61 G-62 G-63 G-64 G-65 G-66 G-67 G-68 G-69 G-70 G-71 G-72 G-73 G-74 G-75 G-76 G-77 G-78 G-79 G-80 G-81 G-82 G-83 G-84 G-85 G-86 G-87 G-88 G-89 G-90 G-91 G-92 G-93 G-94 G-95 G-96 G-97 G-98 G-99 G-100

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SECOND FLEET UNITS ARE AUGMENTING MALAY FORCES X FROM RABOUL KAPOI ENROUTE MARSHALLS X ON 30th HOSHO IN TRUK VICINITY X REORGANIZATION OF AIR UNITS CONTINUING X EXPECT NEW BRITAIN AREA AIR STRENGTH TO BE GREATLY STRENGTHENED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE X NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA OCCUPATION HAS COMMENCED THIS IS 18th BULLETIN EXPECT CRUISER ATAGO TO REMAIN IN EMPLOY UNTIL END OF APRIL UNDERGOING REPAIRS X INCREASED AIR ACTIVITY INTO INDIAN OCEAN FROM MALAY UNLOCATED X TAYO MARU IN SAIPAN X UNITS OF SUBRON OPERATING IN MANDATES ENROUTE TO SAEBRO

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COMINCH D/1 (2) KO NE 4 (Cdn Avn 2f (?) composed of CHITOSE Air + 1 Air, PQB (Kure) of 31 March gain organization: 1st Air Attack Group (Cdn CHITOSE Air) CHITOSE Air Bases PQB (ROI) and AAF (WANCE) 2nd Air Attack Group (Cdn 1st Air) base PMS (TARCOA) Attack Group ??? base PYI (MINEI) and PTA (MATAI) base PMS (TARCOA) and KATO (MATAI) MEAN (Jalut Radio) reports volume intercepted US traffic

(No signature in heading) msg 0850/1 Apr, next text from C.O. HIEI, reports arrival NAZASA (N of SUBIC BAY) 2300  
COMINCH T/1 (2) Revamped Desms 5-855. 11 Air Corps and Striking Force. NAZASA appears to be flagship 5-855 (BRIT) → CRE DIV 7 (probably) Hosho + RYUJO operating in SAIPAN or PENANG area (BRIT) Part of TAKAO Air (forms) part of 2nd Air GP (BRIT): 50 3rd Avn part of 2nd Air Group.

Sasebo Personnel Addressed Batch 3 (MULTI 9) and 4 other calls, advised 35 BBs believe none of 35 BBs have been sunk. See 14 030220 34

Locations and intentions of Kido (Striking Force) in South West area remains to come, but there are indications this force remains concentrated and now consists of Batch 3, Cruiser 8, Desms 1, Subron 2 and 8 and Avn 22.

MO - Lingayen (?)  
MT - Jolo Prov (?) MMU - Cavite  
MK - Batavia (free) MNA - Batavia  
MK - Labuan (and Mores) PW - WOTJ (?)  
MCE - Florida PQB - Rotta (free)  
Lalabato (free) PVB - TARCOA (free)  
MB - Maripiti, Cebu, Luzon  
MBC - Tacloban, Liloan, Cebu



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Com 14 believes "Ross Island" is the one at PORT BLAIR, Andamans

COM 16-0308SP -> URGENT PLAIN TEXT 030700, Unident Comdr MUTSUMI address of Cardiv's (FURA). "25 PLANES OVER ROSS ISLAND" indicating location same with Cardiv 3x "RO SV"

Com 14 030217 -> Adm. YAMADA believed taking command of all air forces that area displacing Comdrum 24 as Comdr South Seas Air x His Command is 1st Air Corps radio call to MI 6, which we will designate as New Britain. Evidence for want of a better name. Numerous indications which point to impending offensive from RAUVAL Base an augmentation and reorganization of air in area, numerous movements of air tenders TRUK to ROUVAL and transfer of air strength from the West to RAUVAL. Air call FUWA 4, identified as 14th Air Corps now appears at MI 6 after silence of several months x Old South Seas Air Comdr now returning MARSHALLS and his command appears to be split into 2 groups with CHITOSE AB, 1st Air and 14th Air forming one group and YOKOSUKA AB and new group MI 6-9 in second group. Genzan Air appears in home area, KASUGA NITTA them also in the CHITOSE area. Movement of Subm 7 to this area makes these air movements significant.

Com 14 030220 -> Location and intention of carrier striking force in South East Area remain obscure but there are indications that this force has remained concentrated and now consists of Battles 3, Comdr 8, Desron 1, Subrons 2 and B and Desron 22. Many Marus maintaining LOC between Enpuri & MALAY area x usual lack of information of Comdr and 1st Fleet Comdr but no reason for placing them in other than home waters. Sasebo Personnel add. Battles 3 (MUTSU) and 4 other calls which have consistently been identified as the 4 BB's of Battles 3. Therefore believe that none of these ships - KONGO, HORNUM, HAYE/ or KIRISHIMA have been sunk. Comdr MALAY Force reshuffling commands in MALAY area x also the handling of logistics and broad development of Desron 4 appears divided between PHILIPPINES and JAVA x Revamped Desron 5 associated 11th Air Corps and Striking Force. This Squadron, old call ROES was dropped and new calls HUND 5 and HE MAD appeared new date NATOR appears to be fear. This typical of reorganization changes.

COM 14 030247 -> Circumstances of 2nd Military Force continues x 25th Army staff appears at PENANG x Units of Desron 3 are connected with INDIAN OCEAN SPNS. Judging from known departures from MANOUELES, it appears that departure of Manouates to be mainly by air units, Despatches for Comdr 4th being routed to Yokosuka Air Corps for delivery which may indicate that he is returning from RAUVAL via plane. RAUVAL Radio is attaining increased importance due to increased air strength, No Commands on 5th Fleet. ARAGI in company Maru air transport SA 1 & in MALAY Area x RYUKAKU in TRUK area probably with KAMIKAWA Maru and Maru SE 13. SHOKAKU estimated position SAPPAN area in Little Submarine activity. Comdr. Officer Subron 1 in Jaluit while the Comdr. in YOKOSUKA... TOKYO Communications and Intelligence have addressed Submarine unit NEXT 0 in Subron 2 - this submarine may be prepared to depart on cruise beyond INDIAN OCEAN for observation purposes.

COM 14 030244 -> Considerable traffic increase, marked by absence of technical dispatches and large volume of administrative. Many new calls been which with other indications point to extensive reorganization of force now being carried out. Tokyo Personnel and despatch to all major commands LESS EVERYONE BUT 3rd & 4th PHILIPPINES and MALAY FORCES - there may be the ones to be permanently based in the Southern Area x Subron 7, long a part of 4th Fleet, appears to be shifting its permanent base to Japan. Combined AIR FORCE UNDERGOING EXTENSIVE REORGANIZATION. Tokyo sent 11 despatches to many air groups in 24 hours today. There were followed by one from Comdr Combined Air Force to 32 air activities x appears that some air groups are merging and new groups being formed (see previous page) area most effected is NEW BRITAIN.

COM 14. 030831 -> No 06 Serial 32 speaks of an airfield in position 8° 33' N, 81° 11' East. APPARENTLY HE IS CONDUCTING PATROLS OR SEARCHES AS FAR AS CEYLON. Re JONAN (SINGAPORE VS PENANG) a msg says SHONAN followed by 3 Kaue values SIFUKTA (SIFUKTA). Therefore believe SHONAN is in reality SINGAPORE, TOGIAN = PENANG'S

COMINCH 031800 -> CTF-17 INFO CINCPAC/COMSOWSPACFOR. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GENERAL BRETT QUOTE JAPANESE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO ATTACK TULAGI (FLORIDA ISLAND) AND PORT MORESBY SIMULTANEOUSLY x A DIVISION IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR A SEABORNE ATTACK ON PORT MORESBY UNQUOTE.

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Table with columns: TO, FROM, INFO, and a large handwritten '#19' in a circle.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND PERIOD OF REORGANIZATION OF FORCES x CONSOLIDATION OF GAINS BY JAPANESE CONTINUES x OCCUPIED BY ENEMY x REPAIRS x LOGISTICS AND MOPPING UP OPERATIONS IN NEW BRITAIN AREA UNDERWAY BY PART OR ALL OF CRUDEV SIX CRUDEV EIGHTEN DESDIV SIX AND VARIOUS AUXILIARIES x AIR FORCES IN NEW BRITAIN AREA HAVE BEEN REORGANIZED x ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WILL BE SUPPLIED FROM MARSHALLS AND PHILIPPINES x MARSHALLS AIR FORCES LIKEWISE BEING REORGANIZED WITH COMMAND PROBABLY AT JALUIT x NO RECENT INFORMATION ON SUBMARINES OTHER THAN SUBRONS TWO AND FIVE (IN MALAY) (CINCPAC NINETEENTH) PART OF SUBRON SEVEN ENROUTE JAPAN AND PROBABLY ONE SUBMARINE OPERATING INDEPENDENTLY IN INDIAN OCEAN

030427 Cincpac's 19th Bulletin Navy Minister (HAMUMA) of 3rd mostly unreadable refers to damage done to 3 planes and other unidentified equipment as being the probable destruction caused by enemy sub-attack on KAGA. This appears to improve assumption KAGA is the CV torpedoed in LOUPOK channel.

COM 14 031059. NARI 3 - has 8 heavy bombers, 23 Type 0 VLF and 4 bombers available for use 1 April. At 1900 x number of heavy bombers took off for a night attack on DP - THIS SUGGESTS DP = DARWIN. MA FU 71 Serial 287 7 April lists planes to be sent your force for CHITOSE Air or 1st Air - via the RYUKAKU or another aircraft carrier departing on date. Bombers will fly from KASUMIGAWA about 20 April to TAROA for use of 1st Air. 2 VPs & 3 VPs will fly from YOKOSUKA to SAPPAN on date for use of 3rd (AIR) attack force.

COM 14 030208 -> KONE 4 of 30 March Serial 59. "JALUIT GROUP AIRBASE COMMAND ORDER # 1, Organization & Communications Plan (#5) Effective 0000/1 April composition and organization this force as follows: 1st Attack Group (Fins) (Comdr CHITOSE AIR) CHITOSE AT x BASES PQB and AA (WAKE) TP. 2nd Attack Group (Comdr 1st Air) 1st Airless x Base PNB (TAROA) x TP. 3rd (?) Attack Group (Comdr 1st Air) 1st Airless x Base PYI (ZIMET) and RYA (MAKI). TP Tenders GOSHU Maru, 14 Maru, and KAMOI (?) - Transport and Tender duties et al bases TP. 1st Attack Group assume mission delegated to Northern Attack Group in my secret letter # 7. 3rd Attack Group probably replanes due to mention of MATCH - no data on size of groups.

COM 14 030551 -> Code Designators PQB = RUAUUA and PNB = TAROA. NOTE 5 Serial 576 states: Send part of the equipment for the Type of a/c to WAKE and part to RUOTTOX Another x 0 To 6 Serial 146. At 0830/24, 11 Heavy Bombers will take off for TAROA via TRUK. x 0 YOS (NAGARA) Serial 57 Reported departure from BANTAM BAY for MATZURO at 1100/24.

COM 14 030906 -> Free translation: in the [ ] was hit by 1 torpedo at 1824/1 April north of NE point, CHRISTMAS IS. hit was in #1 engine room - #1 & #2 engine rooms and #5 fire room and adjoining compartments were flooded. HE MA 6 in this Serial 39 says the same thing in his x occupation force Report 1 April... adds transferred (Play?) to NATOR and left J at 2300. (CINCPAC 19) 45 AF reports effectiveness our recent sub activity. Directs 5/5 AF to provide escort for convoy as ASW precaution (disp. sent info to 5/5 AF Fleet) From JALUIT -> 4F + Tokyo Opus, Navy Opus # 286 mentions sub in Att area + 2 Cruisers







COM(14) 050016 → 111 General picture today continued reorganization of Air Forces. Prosecution of operations in Indian Ocean & Movement of Air Tenders & Transports between New Britain and Empire & GF Secy addressed urgent to 17th Air Corps at TRUK & Sub Units RW 17 and TAME 3 may have some connection with previously reported commander 4FP with CLISUBU. 1st Fleet Command addressed SCREENING FORCE info Major Commands and Tokyo Communications in order and SCREENING FORCE to include ATAGO, Cruiser 4, a DD and KAGA in another. Considerable construction & development of facilities WAKE IS indicated. Former South Sea Air Command now heads Marshall Is in force and is at KWAJALEIN. An tender SE 13 and RYUKAI believed enroute Empire for more planes. Under Philippines Force originated several projects to his command and a detachment of 2nd Air Attack Force in Manila & 31st Base Force active with 32nd Base Force and Air Units in DANBO - CELEBES area & New Air Unit (NO WA-1) at KISADATSU appears in same category as an Air Attack Force rather than an Air group & No submarine radio activity observed in eastern or central Pacific & some activity south of KUPURU. D/F Probers...

COM(14) 050543 → HIKU Serial 796 fairly readable - "South Sea Force ordered 150 AS A DETACHMENT OF THE SOUTH SEAS FORCE THE (a Subdiv in Subron 6) IS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF PATROLLING THE TRUK AREA & KUNIWI (Tokyo Index 2) Serial 112 to 95 2nd Fleet, Combined Air, MAUI Force and Concordiv 3 plus Arron 22 gives typical intelligence information, this time on airfields in INDIA & FORT WILLIAM, CALCUTTA, DUMDUM, ALIPOR AND MADRAJ mentioned

COM(14) 050921 → Serial 562 "YOKOHAMA AIRC" Type Patrol Seaplanes & Change standard allowance 18 and 6 to 12 and 4. Add new allowance type of DIESEL (LONG RANGE PLANES) & standard allowance 9 and 3 "x Serial 570 " Special Base & add new allowance Type of Diesel seaplane allowance 6 and 2 " x Serial 559 - "1st Air Corps & Type of heavy land plane bombers & change standard allowance from 36 and 12 to 27 and 9 & delete Type 97 transports 18 and 6, add Type of land plane fighters 27 and 9 " Serial 578 "KANOTA Air - new allowance & Type of Diesel land plane fighters & standard allowance 27 and 9 (Seanal blanks here)

COM(14) 050953 → Serial 560 - "3rd Air Corps (?) & Type of Diesel 2. 2 KI Change standard allowance 54 and 18 to 45 and 15 & heavy bombers 12 KI & change standard allowance 6, to 6 and 2 (August standard) " Serial 561 - "CHITOSE AIR (?) Type of DIESEL Land plane & 1 KI and 1 KI allowance 27 and 9. Believe Bombers followed by KI is probably Mark A Mod. and also numbers following allowance is probably operating and spares or operating and reserve & Note General Reductions and also the increase in Diesel types

050936 ACNB (0936 E/S) - C. C. 2nd Fleet reports completion provisioning PENANG area 2nd April. RYUJO in ANANGAS Islands Area 2nd April also C-47 KAT is probably flagship of SWEX FLEET

COM(16) 051540 → according to Comd SURO (NINOSHIMA Force) Serial 4079 4 April the date of invasion and occupation of MC is extended 1 day from departure 2nd Occupation Force and departure from the harbor of MEK - MEK unknown but MC believed in NEGROS - Cebu area and probably Cebu itself... "keeping eyes peeled"

COM 16 051845 → Fragments/ mostly unreadable Com 2nd Fleet (HE 13) Serial 430 at 0900/900 refers to ship, TOKO (?) plus unknown minus 2nd Division (-2D) and mentions landing operations at GREAT NICOBAR Island -- no date given - but future implied...

COM(16) 052053 → Fragments TOKO Air 07/11 AM refers to various details of airfield in Latitude 08-32N 81-11E (See Com 14 050831 page 112). PATZI SAMA Serial 328 073 April indicates Radio Intelligence Unit similar to one at JALUT now established at SAMA intercepting and DJFing traffic in S.W. theater including INDIAN OCEAN. Msp still in bad shape but mentions 12 B-24s. A SARU Serial 96 at 1530 2 April with P-3 for 1st: I6 RL = 049; PYH9 for F5L & CU4 = MIE; LEISP = TORY & TRAP = PAVS for HQ for CANE & OKIN for DISK & IDOP for PINN... BLANKS ARE NOT TOKYO NON RECOVERABLES SL UQ

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE  
CLASSIFIED OUTGOING  
Date 5 APRIL 1942  
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DATE 11/19/01 BY 60322 UCBAW/STP

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SECRET	20	PER	
System	Radio	Store	4398

#21

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CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

BEFORE APRIL 21ST → Serial Serial...  
DIT 5 Fragment for C/S YOKOSUKA dep 4th state, repairs APRIL 5 1942 to IKUTA Maru (Cohat) impale at YOKOSUKA (Yard facilities already at max capacity) C/S Air Force dep 5th request carpenter, YOKOSUKA TRUK Mil + Avia Stores Sections in making arrangements for all of 3 months supplies for air personnel, totaling 2500 men in MARSHALLS and 2000 men in the RABAU areas.

KWAJALEIN Civil Engineers Secta (MAHI TA) #323 requests 2000 piles of 18,000 Navy Ministry despatches relate to changes in % allowances: KAGA - Type - Carrier bombers change 27/6 to 27/3. SHIN CHIKU Air new allowance Type heavy land bomber 1.2 KI - 45/15. Iwrit (I at IMES) and MAKIN - Type - seaplanes 4/2 new allowance 12/4. #4 CASE at TRUK - new allowance Type Diesel Patrol seaplane 4/2 YOKOHAMA AG - Type Patrol Seaplanes - change 15/6 to 12/4, add new allowance Type Diesel (long range planes) std. allowance 9/3 & Special Base - add new allowance Type Diesel Seaplane, std. allowance 6/2. 1st Air - Type - Heavy landplane bombers change std. allow from 36/12 to 27/9 and delete Type 97 transports 18/6 and add Type VF 27/9. KANOTA Air - new allow. Type of Diesel landplane VP - std. allow 27/9. 3rd Air - Type of Diesel - 1.2 KI - change std. all. 54/18 to 45/15; heavy bombers - 1.2 KI change std. all. to 6/2 (August standard). CHITOSE Air - Type of Diesel landplane 1 KI and - KI, change std. all. 36/20 to 27/9; change Type 97 heavy landplane Bombers allowance 27/9.

Flagship Carder in Palau area, (for Wednesday) AT LORNOON (recorded page 120)  
SUBRON 8 directing operation KURE D/F Station SA 71 9  
Subron 8 appears included in line up of 35, 85, 55d, 25s + Arron 22 so it may have arrived in the S.W. theater operations



COM(14) 050016 → 111 General picture today continued reorganization of Air Force. Prosecution of operations in Indian Ocean x Movement of air tenders transports between New Britain and Empire xx GF Secy addressed urgent to 17th Air Corps at TRUK x Subunits RUT 7 and TAME 3 may have some connection with previously reported communit FFP with ELISUBU, 1st Fleet Command address SCREENING FORCE Info Major Commands and Tokyo Communications in order and SCREENING FORCE to include ATAGO, Cruiser 4 a DD and KAGA in another. Considerable construction + development of facilities WAKE IS indicated. Former South Seas Air Comdr now heads Marshall Is. in force and is at KWAJALEIN. Air tender SEI 3 and RYUKAKI believed enroute Empire for more planes. Comdr Philippines Force organized several wings to his command and a detachment of 2nd Air Attack Force in Manila x 31st Base Force active with 32nd Base Force and air units in DAVAO - CELEBES area x New Air Unit (NOVA-1) at KISAPATSU appears in same category as an Air Attack Force rather than an Air group xx No submarine radio activity observed in eastern or central Pacific x some activity south of KURUSHIWA. D/F Provisions.

COM(14) 050543 → HKV 8 Serial 796 fairly readable - "South Seas Force opened 150. AS A DETACHMENT OF THE SOUTH SEAS FORCE THE (A Subdiv in Subron 6) IS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF PATROLLING THE TRUK AREA x KUNI WI (Tokyo, India 2) Serial 112 to 9/5 2nd Fleet, Combined Air, Navy Force, and Comdr Div 3 plus Arron 22 gives typical intelligence information, this time on airfields in INDIA x FORT WILLIAM, CALCUTTA, DUMDUM, ALIPOR AND MADRAN mentioned

COM(14) 050921 → Serial 562 "YOKOHAMA AIR x Type Patrol Seaplanes x Change standard allowance 18 and 6 to 12 and 4 add new allowance type of DIESEL (LONG RANGE PLANES) x standard allowance 9 and 3 xx Serial 570 " Special Base x add new allowance type of Diesel seaplane allowance 6 and 2 x Serial 559 - "1st Air Corps x Type of Land plane bombers x change standard allowance from 36 and 12 to 27 and 9 x Delete Type 97 transports 18 and 6, add type of land plane fighters 27 and 9" Serial 578 "KANOA Air - new allowance x Type of Diesel Land plane fighters x Standard 18 and 6, 27 and 9 x Serial blank (new).

COM(14) 051101 → TOKYO RI Center (A SARU) Serial 096 2 April gives following identification of V.S. radio calls. [excepted call in brackets] APRIL 5 '42

- 1. [I6-L] 069 (TF 9); [PYH 9] - FSL (Cinepac); [CU47] MIL (Consultation) [L-BP] TORY (Convoy)
- 2. [TXW] - PLUG (Com 6); [S-UQ] - CANE (?); [RKL] - DISK (NAS Johnston); [ - - ] - FINN (NAS Palmyra)
- 3. Blanks are due to garbles of missing groups, not to omissions in Tokyo recoveries.

SAMA Activity (SI FU 33) 3rd Part 192, indicates Radio Intelligence Unit similar to one at JALUIT is now established at SAMA, intercepting and Direction Finding traffic in the SW Theater including the INDIAN OCEAN. Msg only partly readable but reports 12650 KES with TBT and CTB in contact at 1942 in garbled date (2 April?) and also that MTIL contacted 0413 (LORDM?) Also says D/F bearings impossible due to electrical weather phenomena. Message ends with reference to INDIAN OCEAN channels and presumably information under that heading of volume Part 2, not intercepted by COM 16

TOKO Air Op. MO 078 fragmentary refers to various details covering an air field in Lat 8-32N 81-11E (vicinity TRINGOLEE) Activities thereat also listed but unrecovered - reconnaissance report(?)

Unit - WI MV 3 #150 - intelligence report relative to British + U.S. ships HMS EXETER mentioned - badly garbled text - possibly relates to diving operations in connection these vessels.

COM(16) 052053 → Fragments TOKO Air Op. refers to various details of operations in Latitude 08-32N 81-11E (See Com 14 050831 page 112). Part I SAMA Serial 328 of 3 April indicates Radio Intelligence Unit similar to one at JALUIT now established at SAMA intercepting and D/F ing traffic in S.W. Theater including INDIAN OCEAN. Msg still in bad shape but mentions 12650 KES. A SARU Serial 96 at 1530 2 April with R 3 for 1st: I6 RL = 069; PYH 9 for FSL x CU47 = MIL; LEISP = TORY x TRAP = PLUS for UQ for CANE x OKLY for DISK x ODDO for FINN... BLANKS ARE NOT TOKYO NON RECOVERIES SL UQ

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TO: ALL PACIFIC FLEET

FROM: [unclear]

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050151

CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

BELCONNEN 052155 → SMOGON Serial - states 4 Army vessels of 5000 tons departed there 30 March - 1 April for Empire. Cargo RICE x MENU 1 Serial 258 indicates possibility JALUIT doing successful communications intelligence on US Systems x Translation follows - "HAVE INTERCEPTED A REQUEST MESSAGE ON THE NPM BROADCAST. MSG TRANSMITTED BY GDHC x ORIGINATED BY R 9 UNIT 2337 Z 26" ADDRESSED TO 4ND; THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE WAS 'PLEASE REPORT (QUESTION) SIMPLY THE RESULTS OF YOUR OPERATIONS ON BLANK AFTERNOON' ... other units please comment

COM(16) 052156. Bits from translation... Comdr Undersea Ship or Command of 2nd Base Force (NE 502) Serial 61 of 1 April indicates SAKA RUCM Detachment made Singapore safely stating "ARRIVE SHODWAN ESCORTING SAKAGUCHI CONVOY" Suggest this name direct watching as it has been in forefront of previous submarine operations. 9/5 Comdr Air Force Serial 207 of 5 April requests cooperation of YOKOSUKA and TRUK Military and Aviation Stores Sections in making arrangements for total of 3 months supplies for air personnel totalling 2000 men in Marshall Islands and 2000 men in RABAU area, thus indicating "dig-in" intentions as well as size of air units involved. Fragment for 9/5 YOKOSUKA Serial 233 of 4th states repairs for IKUTA Mann impossible at YOKOSUKA, perhaps an Indian Yard facilities there existing at max. capacity.

Rabaul Radio COM(14) 070146 gives back message sent 20 "EXPEDITE BRIEF Sending Radio Intelligence REPORT BY MAIL DETAILS YOUR OPERATION WED (For Wednesday) AFTERNOON" (recorded page 120)

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6 April 1942

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COM 14 061830 -> C.O. unidentified men of air reports underway from KURE for TAKAO at 0900 Last TP of Com Aircon 23 (NAK 9) Serial 417/3 Apr states 7 Heavy Bombers and 18 Type 1 planes useable for following day in mention of attack on DP. (DARWIN?). This + other indications suggest Aircon 23 still operating out of KOEPANG, stragglers from Staff Comm, Officer Combined Air Forces Serial 230 of 6 April addressed to Detachment in BENSON Bay area mentions latitude 7 North long 99 East, message is very short and of high priority and includes phrase "appearance of running on sea level" and one word translatable as commencement of battle x These words ranging by themselves surrounded by blanks give no continuity and are reported only because of the possibility collateral information may give them meaning.

COM 14 062045 -> HEMI 2 Serial 839 to MARSHALLS area wants info Tokyo personnel says in partly readable msg that HE WANTS AN UNIDENTIFIED OFFICER TRANSFERRED TO DUTY AS COMMANDER OCCUPATION FORCES OF RYC and RYD Areas (letter received as OCEAN 13 from previous traffic - suggest former as NAURU) x Combined Air Force Re ME 8 Serial 213 indicates that Headquarters Combined Air will be transferred to RABAU - more on this later.

COM 16 062247 -> AN info. Utility transport plane schedule yields designators; plane leaves JXK 7 Apr arriving MD; leaves MD arriving TAKAO Air Station x Leaves TAKAO for MNH, leave MNH for MD, then to JXK. (JXK = KOEPANG; MD = DAVAO; MNH = Clarkfield) Tokyo address KJ MD Serial 496 14 Apr interest but not small part readable - After message start some words "seized documents" followed by 47 missing groups then after unreadable reference to record work message continues first present in cases of flights at altitudes of 50 to 120 meters the distance up to which message can be made accurate direction finds beams to 10 and 30 kilometers, respectively.

COMINCH 062140 -> COMINCH ANZAC/ANZAC/ANZAC/ANZAC - REQUEST FOLLOWING INTELLIGENCE ACTION IN ANTICIPATION ESTABLISHMENT BASE FOR SOUTHERN PACIFIC FORCE IN NEW ZEALAND OR IN ISLANDS GENERALLY TO NORTHWARD (A) FORM NUCLEUS INTELLIGENCE GROUP FOR CONTINGENT INTELLIGENCE CENTER AT ABOVE BASE USING AVAILABLE PERSONNEL INCLUDING INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL EVACUATED FROM NEI AND THOSE SENT OUT RECENTLY AFTER PROVIDING FOR NEEDS AUSTRALIAN AREA (B) CERTAIN LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AVAILABLE IN AUSTRALIA AND POLYNESIA HAVING LOCAL KNOWLEDGE ISLANDS BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 20 SOUTH AND 150-175 EAST (C) AS INITIAL TASK DIRECT BASE INTELLIGENCE GROUP TO COLLECT ALL AVAILABLE DATA CONCERNING ABOVE ISLANDS SUPPLEMENTING WHERE PRACTICABLE BY CONSULTING INDIVIDUALS CITED x REQUEST ADVISE REGARDING CONSTITUTION INTELLIGENCE GROUP AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL NEEDS THEREFOR x COMPLETE LIST INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FROM NEI AND THOSE ENROUTE FROM VIS. WILL BE FURNISHED SHORTLY.

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE
Date APRIL 6 1942
From CINCPAC
To: COMINCH OPNAV COM 16
COMANZAC COMSTAFCOM
ALL TP COMS PAC AFHQ
ALL NAV SEAFORCES LESS ATLANTIC
COMPASEAFRON NZIB
Classification: SECRET
Priority: 25
System: RADIO

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060227 APRIL 1942

COM 14 062341 -> Large number weather messages including messages Tokyo BUAE - 93 1st Air Force - The Empire Air Detachment has completed ferrying April 6 1942 and distribution of bombs to March. Three detachments having need for replacements for Empire Supply the transportation of Comdr Comb Air Force May 1 April revision in chain of command refers a "Southern Force Air Detachment". Previously a new Aircon 25 commandant of fleet

MENUU (2 - probably JALUIT) indicates JALUIT doing successful count of US systems (translation follows): "HAVE INTERCEPTED A REQUEST MESSAGE ON NPM (Radio Hamlet) BROADCAST MSG TRANSMITTED BY GDH - ORIGINATED BY KFSU AT 2335 ON 26th ADDRESSED TO ANBS. TEXT OF MESSAGE WAS 'PLEASE REPORT (?) SIMPLY THE RESULTS OF YOUR OPERATIONS ON AFTERNOON.' (See page 17) Cinc 4F msg to Marshall units info Tokyo personnel says in part that he wants an unidentified officer transferred to duty as Comdr Occupation Forces of RYC and RYD Areas (letter received as OCEAN 11 from previous traffic, suggest NAURU for former)

Bumil Affairs Tokyo and unidentified call in msg of 4 April seq: "SEIZED DOCUMENTS" say AT PRESENT IN CASES OF FLIGHT AT ALTITUDES OF 50 AND 100 METERS, THE DISTANCE TO WHICH ONE IS ABLE TO TAKE ACCURATE DIRECTION FINDER BEARINGS IS 10 AND 30 KILOMETERS RESPECTIVELY.

BRIT: Jap of carrier AKAGI is included in address of a previous msg which refers to a rendezvous 100 miles westward of the ANDAMANS New Britain. Cinc 4th not a keen linguist and nothing significant noted. See Reel Marus Chichibu Bay. One fairly active in traffic, screening force not seen x Carriers x KAGA still at Sasebo x AKAGI noted previously x Com 4th 3 Serial x RYUKAKU enroute Empire x rest unplaced. nothing significant.



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April 6 1942 (COMINT P/K) Colombo states "Read msg ordering 3 D units to be East Coast of Colombo by 31 March. DG mentioned in instructions. Another msg from Toko Air reported 3 'C' area on April 1; that 8 ships in DG (mostly port) this ship at anchor in DC at 9-30N 79-50E. Believes all following connected with DG-DCM-DEE-DDC and DB. DB, DG, DCM, DGC and DDC believed areas in

India BRIT Jap. Cruiser ATAGO and parts of Destroyer Flotilla leaving Singapore April 2 to pass through Straits South of GREAT NICOBAR Island on 5 April for position South of these Straits.

Airon 23 Utility transport plane schedule delat 5 April - aid (identifcation) J X K = KOEPANG; MD = DAVAO; MNH = CLARK FIELD

SUKA 4 (THAILAND?) states at 0740/26th the TAKEUCHI Unit occupied TOKO (Toursing) Staff Com. Off Philippine Fleet gave clue to identity of designator 3 KF (Toursing) when lost stated originated by Comdr 3 KF, then gave transport plane schedule between MANILA, DAVAO, TAKAO. Suggest force probably a utility wing (sic) between

Air Op 11 to Solox Force reports 2 April - 700 mile air search from UXH (South Indonesia) sector 250 degree to [ ] apparently negative results

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U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET CLASSIFIED OUTGOING APRIL 6 1942 Date APRIL 6 1942 From CINCPAC To COMINCH OPNAV COM 16 COMANZAC COMSTAFCOM ALL TF COMS PAC AFM ALL NAV SEAFORCES LESS ATLANTIC COMPASEAFCOM NZTS

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060227 APRIL 1942

COM 14 062341 -> Large number weather messages including increased number from Marus plus extensive interchange dispatches between air units and air commands indicate continuance and probably increase in air movements from Empire. Activity of MARSHALLS and NEW BRITAIN Air Forces in reorganization lineup believed preliminary to stationing greater portion of Naval Air arm along that frontier. OMINATO conducted plane tracking exercise on 7-40 KCS. Naval Gen. Staff sent operations type dispatch Airon 23 F, plus Bihoro and Toko Air, 2nd Air Attack Force x Personnel messages plentiful but concerned mostly surface units MALAY, BENGAL area rather than air as previously x Indications new registered publications for South Seas area may be shipped on return trip RYUKAIU also Koto Maru believed carrying names for Malay area forces x This indicated by correspondence TOKO, YOKOSUKA and SASEBO LIBRARIES with forces and units noted striking force and 1st Air Fleet calls seen together in same headings urgent tactical messages from Subdivs in BENGAL x Indicates striking force command not vested in air fleet commander this operation and think it may be Comdr 32nd Air Fleet despatch intercepted on transmission from SE SJ (believed PENANG Base) to Philippines force at TAKAO. Comdr 1001 Force at KENDARI x RI SU 9 mentioned yesterday as successor to 2nd Base Force (SASE 3) identified today as Base #22 x KASUHA Maru, GOSHU Maru enroute Empire believed in supplies and aircraft in New Britain. Cinc 4th not a team organizer and nothing significant noted 5th Fleet Marus Chukyo Maru base and fairly active in traffic, screening force not seen x Carriers KAGA still at SASEBO x AKAGI noted previously x Com Crusdiv 3 BENGAL x RYUKAIU enroute Empire x rest unplaced. nothing significant



COM (14) 070146 - NARI 3 Serial 417 says, in part, that on 6th he has 7 heavy bombers and 18 Type 8 available for use. Also mentions attack by 2 planes on his base. Reference MELBOURNE 052015 - the next message sent in Plain language as follows: "EXPEDITE BRIEF REPORT BY MAIL DETAILS YOUR OPERATION WEDNESDAY (for Wednesday) AFTERNOON". HIKO 2 Serial 370 states "DEPART TRUK date arrive SAIPAN take on stores depart 16th arrive YOKOSUKA 24th"

COM (14) 070757 - EFUG Serials 70 and 105 identify contents as follows: "AT 0400/6 THE (either KAMOI or CHITOSE) departed KWANSAIEN for JALUIT. 2. C/S GF to all major commands Serial 704: AM FORWARDING URGENT CLASSIFICATION PAPERS IN REGARD TO (JOINT OR CONSOLIDATED) CAMPAIGN TO YOU. 3. YAN 4 Serial 93 says - ARRIVED YOKOSUKA 1230/5th & 4. RE HE 8 Comdr 11th Air Fleet (and not Combined Air-As stated in my 2048 of the 6th) Serial 213 states "Commander and Administration of this force shifting to MANDATES on 21 April. REGARDING YOUR MESSAGE CONNECTION STATEMENTS SENT VIA MARIAN REQUEST DELIVERY BE MADE AS FOLLOWS: Delivery for flag of this force can be made at TAIKAO with [ ] For Air on 21 less [ ] at [ ] For Bithoro Air Toko Air and [ ] Air in MALAY. For MARSHALLS Air Force at Marshalls & For 3rd Air Corps and TAINAN Air at RABOUL". In my recent organization of Air in RABOUL change TAICHU Air to TAINAN Air - recent material indicates the latter preferable.

COM (14) 071006 -> KURA 2 (Tokyo COMM. INTOLL) Serial 221 to 4th Fleet. C/S Subar, WAKE and CHICHUJIMA for Actin and various Marshall Stations for information says (first 2 groups blank) 1900 position 25°N 163°30'E x FREQUENCY 4235 x CALL 887CL x Time group was 2300/6th. Message transmitted by vessel concerned had time group of 1731. All times given are -9. This indicates P/F organization fairly effective and rapid.

COM (14) 071102 SU TO 6 (Air Commander now at LAE) Serial 198 says that 3 heavy landplane bombers carried out search on Y & Z Sectors from 0930 to 1315 (some blanks) and from blank 15 to 1700, plane patrolled the bases. Planes available are 5 heavy landplane bombers. Ko 51 (either HOSHIO or KAKU) in serials 123 and 125 says he is in company with (NITTA MARI?) enroute YOKOSUKA & IS BEING ROUTED & HAS 19 of Type VF, 3 of which are spares, and 5 Diesel planes....

BELLOUNEN 071112 (hid bits - arrivals/departures of incidents - nothing of historical or operations value)

COM 16 072110 Fragments from AN (Condor 4 less 1st Division? to Singapore)

COMINCH 072105 THIS IS SPENAYO'S 060943 x CAPTAIN ON STAFF COLOMBO REPORTED TO ADMIRALTY IDENTIFICATION 2 JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS SIGHTED SOUTH OF COLOMBO MORNING 5 APRIL AS NAGATO OR FUSO CLASS x ADMIRALTY ADVISES IT CONSIDERES THESE SHIPS ADDITIONAL TO 3 KONAO CLASS ALREADY REPORTED IN SOUTHERN AREA.

COMINCH 7/10 MARCUS 12 and suspected HOROMUSHIRO sending RDF traffic, followed by urgent Tokyo RI msgs to 4-5 Fleets, A For & shore address Eastern Sea.

Combined Air Force Staff preparing to move to the MANDATES C/S SF in OMINATO area. Forces in Indian Ocean are not clearly outlined in traffic. AKAGI, 3 SF Fin (Ryugo), transports SA14, RAWA and probably other carriers in BENGAL offensive.

COMINCH 7/1 (7) TOKYO COMM. INTELL Serial 221 -> C/S 4F, A For, WAKE + CHICHUJIMA. Info various MARSHALL IS STATIONS says (1st 2 groups blank) 1900 (15) posit 28N 163°30E frequency 4235, call 587CL - time group 2300/I/6th. MSG transmitted by vessel concerned had time group 1731 (1) indicated P/F organization fairly effective & rapid.

Com 14 says in Air Force Organization RABOUL Change "TAICHU Air to TAINAN Air." RE HE 8 (Com 11 Air Fleet) - Comdr and Admin this force shifting to MANDATES on 21 April. At 0400/6th KAMOI (or CHITOSE) departed KWANSAIEN for JALUIT. Comdr 3 to GF collected (3/29/42) This force will arrive back in [ ] on (early April) Desir send etc to SOER base for training. 3 SF operating in Andaman Area and this is first indication of returning to Empire.

NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF U.S. PACIFIC FLEET. CLASSIFIED OUTGOING. #23. SECRET 25. PRIORITY 2A. SHOW TO: 433-B.

SEARCHES BY ENEMY FROM SALAMOA AREA MAY BE EXPECTED TO EXTEND TO 600 MILES IN AREA FROM SOUTHEAST TO SOUTH x CARRIER PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ENROUTE RABOUL TO JAPAN NOW APPROACHING YOKOSUKA x ONE POSSIBLE/ TWO OTHER VESSELS ENGAGED IN FERRYING AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT SUPPLIES TO MARSHALLS-NEW BRITAIN AREA x PROBABLE THAT ONE BATHU PLUS AKAGI ALSO IN MAINLY ANDAMANS AREA x SUBMARINES ACTIVE IN BAY OF BENGAL x THIS IS CINCPAC 23RD MORNING UP OPERATIONS IN NORTHWEST NEW GUINEA CONTINUING x AIR AND SURFACE UNITS FROM AMBOINA AREA INVOLVED

070305 23rd Intelligence Bulletin

COM (14) 072142 -> C/S SF shows in OMINATO area x MARCUS 12 AND SUSPECTED HOROMUSHIRO (SA 719) SENDING RDF TRAFFIC FOLLOWED BY URGENT TOKYO RADIO INTELLIGENCE DESPATCHES TO 4TH, 5TH FLEETS, SUBFORCE AND SHORE AGENCIES ON EASTERN SEA FRONTIER xx Yokohama Air Comdr and possibly planes of this group enroute TRUK to RABOUL x Comdr Air Group (SU TO 6) at LAE identified probably at GASMATA (TITO 4), Comdr 8th Submarine Base addressed at RABOUL but so far no subs known to be in this area x Association of TAINAN Air with New Britain Air continues x Most active air unit in Southern Forces continues to be 2nd Air Attack Force (Arron 23) operating from KOPONG x Philippine Force Comdr originated several messages to this force, Comdr TAKAO Air still at MANILA, also detachments of Arron 23 x Comdr MALAY Force addressed an urgent to Cinc GF, N.G.S. and Navy Minister & Com 2nd Judo: all major flags, Comdr 5th Air Group in Ceylon, Special Malay Forces, Army Staff and Comdr 1st and 25th Armies x Forces in INDIAN OCEAN area not clearly outlined in traffic x AKAGI, Comdr W 3 in RYUJO, Marian transport SA14 and RAWA, probably other carriers in BENGAL offensive, Consult for again see air bearing 297 from OAHU... KOSUHA MARI may be in SAIPAN area - RYUJOKU enroute EMPIRE from SAIPAN. Combined Air Force Staff preparing to move to MANDATES. Possibility C/S GF in TRUK area x Voice transmission on 33,000-33,500KHz intercepted here past week x one station ended by signing TO KA 0 = WAKE IS Air call.



8 April 1942

COMANZAC 080802 → CINCOPAC  
COMSWPAC FOR NITTA MARIU to YOKOSUKA x Additional Construction  
Personnel moving to TRUK x Possibility enemy may occupy NAVRI and OCEAN Islands  
Sora x Comdr. Cmb. Air and 4S4F, also part of 6 Baseforce believed in TRUK area x  
Comdr TAINAN AIR in FUJIKAWA MARU or KENJO MARU apparently enroute RABOUL  
via AMBON. Comdr. H in JALUIT area x Just before noon today, TUSA had  
air raid lasting half hour - details not known. Enemy continues  
reconnaissance South eastern New Guinea x...

Com 16 081100 → 3 dispatches, below, indicate possibility call NU 518 may be  
BB of Batdiv 3 with HIEI enroute, through CI/RI mixture. 1800/400r using  
Station Serial # 65 message serial # 337 and no call, a verbal Secit dispatch,  
previously reported and translated as "FROM CO HIEI x Departed MNS for NU 518 at 1000"  
at 1010/7th Apr. using call NU 518 with station serial 68 and message serial # 340  
reading "ARRIVED NOB at 1000" is noted x 3rd transmission observed and  
believed connected with above dated 7 April at 1130, station serial 70 and with  
message serial 342 using call NU 518 has unreadable text except for fact  
repairs at KURE are being requested and listed. First two were for Action CincOPAC  
while 3rd was Action 4S4F, info addres was BAKO Commandant on 1st, Comdr Phil/p-  
pine Fleet on 2nd and KURE Commandant on the 3rd. Code value for HIEI in  
Serial 337 is same as news flagship DUTCH EAST INDIES FLEET as of 10 March,  
namely 39621. Suggest all 3 dispatches were from same ship and that vessel  
is not other NARUTO but a major vessel, probably a BB, and probably HIEI.

OPNAV 081445 There are strong indications that new type patrol seaplanes, called  
Type 6 and type 7 and fitted with diesel engines are being supplied to Japanese  
naval air forces x Same information indicates that 8 fighters powered by  
Dwells are also in the process of distribution. Other type planes may be  
equipped with the above type engine. Indications point to probability  
of general reduction of number of planes assigned groups x Due fragmentary  
nature data no definite estimate practicable but a typical reference reduction  
in a patrol plane group of probably 2 squadrons seems to be from 18 to 12  
C Reserve to 12 and 4 respectively x Will appreciate concrete information  
regarding new types and organizations when available.

COM 14 081617 → By Com 16 081100 (above) From pure R.I. news broadcast  
credence regards on Batdiv 3 very accurate. Captured call list Dec. 7th  
provided SU TI 2 as HIEI x Radio logs that date and subsequently verified  
that call as BB in Batdiv 3 and (in) striking force. x all evidence here bears out  
AE 6 = Batdiv 3, SU TI 3 = HIEI; HANU 6 = KIRISHIMA; MERU 4 = HARUNA and  
RU E 7 = KODOKU x Believe latter 2 damaged and being repaired as calls  
appear together and in proper association x Can offer no assistance on  
identity NU 518 but do not believe it can represent HIEI

COM 14 082105 → NOTE 5 Serial 100 "ADDRESSED TO COMDR YUKIYAMA 9 DIR SQUADRON  
AT IMIET x THE EQUIPMENT FOR NUMBER 28 AIR BASE WAS SHIPPED ON THE [ ] MARU  
LEAVING WAKE 22 MARCH x SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED ON 24TH" (2) MA YU RU Serial  
135 PARTLY readable assigns small vessels, possibly PTs, to various bases IN  
TRUK, JALUIT AND RABOUL AREAS. 7 going to TRUK area, 15 or more to JALUIT  
area and 9 to RABOUL area. FROM A SA RU Serial 131 to JALUIT - SUGGEST  
YOU RECALLOT THE INVESTIGATION OF FREQUENCIES BEING USED BY FSL (4200 KC)  
AND CANE" (CANE = COMANZAC)

COM 14 082331 → AIRLINE Serial 151 to NAGARA. (1) DOCKING SCHEDULED - IN DOCK FROM  
0830 (2 April to 24 April. (2) Unload fuel prior to docking. (3) Inform quantity of fuel and  
supplies x KO U 6 (quilt here) Serial 65 to Comdr 1st Air Fleet - Info Tokyo R.P. Section  
REQUEST YOU USE YOUR INFLUENCE REGARDING URGENT CONSIDERATION OF PLACING IN  
EFFECT NEW CALL LIST AND NAVAL CODE D 1 WITH ORDINARY SUBSTRUCTIVE TABLE NO. 9  
AND NAVAL CODES A AND B FOR USE OF (AIRCRAFT OR PATROL) MENTIONED IN THE MESSAGE  
OF THE R.P. SECTION WHICH ARE DUE TO BE PLACED IN EFFECT ON APRIL [about 21st] x  
Don't understand why en Airon Comdr. should get so exercised. For OPNAV  
addressees you requested on 25677 and 07965.

COMING 1/1: Units in INDIAN OCEAN - SINGAPORE AREA include: BATDIV 3 - BR DIV 8  
DESRON 1, SUBRON 2-5, DESRON 3 units, Cmbw 7, Airw 22, Desdiv 34, 2-4 CV, BITHORO AIRN  
COM 14 cannot confirm reports of 2 NARUTO or FUSO class BB in Indian Ocean. Batdiv 3 of 4 Kenta

CLASSIFIED  
OUTGOING

#24

AIR SEARCHES STILL BEING CONDUCTED FROM MAKIN x TWO AUXILIARY AIR-  
CRAFT CARRIERS NOW ENROUTE JAPAN FROM MANDATES x TAIYO MARU IN  
YOKOSUKA AREA ENROUTE FROM MARSHALLS x ONE SUBMARINE POSSIBLY IN  
MIDWAY AREA x RECENT AIR SEARCHES FROM WAKE EXTEND TO RADII OF  
500 MILES IN NORTH TO EAST QUADRANT x BULLETIN 24 x FUJIKAWA MARU  
(SEAPLANE TENDER) IN PALAO AREA x RECONSTRUCTION OF MARSHALLS AREA  
AND NEW BRITAIN AREA AIR FORCES UNDERWAY x WHEN COMPLETED NEW  
BRITAIN AREA EXPECTED TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 80 BOMBERS x ONE  
SQUADRON VPS PLUS FIGHTERS x EXTENSIVE AIR AND SUBMARINE  
RECONNAISSANCE OF BENGAL BAY AREA CONTINUES x ENEMY D/F STATIONS  
AND ROGER INTLL ACTIVITIES OPERATING IN MALAY AREA x AT 58-11  
NORTH 147-48 EAST APRIL 8 AT 2300 GCT UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE  
REPORTED SIGHTED

080251 CINCOPAC  
INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN #24

COMINCH D/I (2) KONE B (GF Command?) Serial 710 says "REPORT ON THE  
PROGRESS OF REPAIRS TO KAGA (CV) AS SHE IS SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE  
IN THE 'RZF' CAMPAIGN, DESIRE REPAIRS TO BE COMPLETED AS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE

Wak. originator → GFP, ZFP and Tokyo Info 4FP - "FROM CRUDIV 4,  
CRUDIV 5 LESS NACHT will depart SASEBO at 1100 for [ ] Island.  
No change in the Communications picture. TOKYO R.I. sending urgent  
summaries of US Navy traffic to Cinc Combined, 1st, 4th, 5th Fleets and  
1st Air Fleet (error for 1st Air Fleet?)

COMSWPAC FOR 080210 → (all enroute) SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE  
UNIT EVACUATED FROM CORREIDER WILL BE SET UP IN MELBOURNE  
WITH AUSTRALIAN UNIT PLUS SMALL BRITISH C. I. GROUP FROM  
SINGAPORE. US GROUP WILL REMAIN UNDER MY ADMINISTRATIVE  
CONTROL. ACNB AND COMANZAC CONCUR EFFECTIVE  
IMMEDIATELY ALL COMB TRAFFIC SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO  
RADIO BELLENTON AND ALL MESSAGES FROM THAT STATION  
ADDRESSED TO COMB SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS ORIGINATED  
IN THAT SPECIAL UNIT. 080210



COM (A) 090325 → SETU 7 Serial 719 addressed to an activity in the North MARSHALLS AIR and tentative KORYU says "SINCE THE ZUIKOKU'S SCHEDULED OPERATIONS IN THE TP AREA HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE RYUKOKU AND [ ] FOR MAIL ETC. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART YOKOSUKA ABOUT THE 25<sup>th</sup> xx An Unknown Originator, Serial 809 to GFF, 2FP and Tokyo MOVEMENT REPORT OFFICE info 4FP says "FROM COM DRUID V 4, CRUID V 5 LESS THE NACHI WILL DEPART SASEBO AT 1100 FOR [ ] ISLAND. MESSAGE IS DATED 5 April XX TO KO 1 Serial 245 says that 4 Maru boats departed PALAO enroute RABOUL, [ ] 17

BELCORNEN 091122 → ON 2 Serial 087 reports departure of Maru in Yokosuka to arrive [ ] date xx RE HE 7 Serial 259 - "FURTHERMORE CODE D 1 HAS NOT YET ARRIVED AT FORCE HEADQUARTERS". NI YA 2 Serial 057 REQUESTS INFO ON THE CALL SIGNS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE OF THE RABOUL GUARD (BASE FORCE).

COM (A) 090132 → Indications of shuffling of Destroyer Commands. CincPac also sent one to KAGA info 1st Air Fleet. C/S GF at KURE as shown by delivery of traffic to KURE for him. Traffic from Cinc 1st Fleet is an increase. Among units addressed were Screaming Force, Units of Destroyer 1, Ru To 8 (C or A) and A760. 2nd Fleet traffic dealt with Destroyers, Philippines Fleet, Malay Forces, Army and Air activities xx By number shift - C/S MALAY Force apparently shifted flagships yesterday. Units now in Singapore - Indian Ocean area include Bataw 3, Cruidw 8, Doorn 1 and 2, 4 camero, subrons 2 and 5, Doorn 5 units, Cruidw 7, Gun 22, Bihoro Air Group, Doorn 34 and many marus xx 11th Air Fleet (REHE 5) very active & association with <sup>Wabates</sup> increasing. Calls which appear to be major commanders in 11th Air Fleet are Arron 24, or Soviet Seas Air, EFU 6, New Guinea Air Force TUMIG, 1st Air Attack Force Kosi 4 and undent - MESA 9, which may be forming. 11th Air Fleet flagships in SAIGON - MALAY Area, Comm. Off. this unit enroute MANDETES. Comdr TANAN Air Aloud. KENJO Maru probably enroute RABOUL x Cmdr TAKAO Air in Manila, with one detachment at KEPANG, x Commoff 4F sent out to Subron 7, Gumbat Bar 8, Cruidw 6 + 18, Doorn 6 and South Seas Air and New Guinea Air. C/S addressed. Division YO YU 6 of Doorn 6 in YOKOSUKA Area. Info Conderson 6 in Ratanul Area. Evidence that both CHITOSE Air and 14th Air Group are interested in WAKE and may be sending planes there. RE WAT, tent. ident. as SHIRETOKO is in Marshalls. Comdr 1st Air Corps in TRUK - Comdr S. Seas Air in Marshalls x A new air group 1M19 to bound South. 5th Fleet F addressed SF, NACHI, SHIRIYA, Info Paki Inu (SO TI 3). Comdr 5 also ad. Cinc GF, 2F, 5F, NACHI and SHIRIYA appear to be permanent in this fleet. Estimated locations: AKAGI - Indian Ocean, KAGA - Sasebo, HERY unlocated, SORYU - Indian Ocean (?), RYUJO + RYUFEN (Returning Empire), Masuga Maru - Ratanul Area, KORYU (2) (HIRE 2) in YOKOSUKA Area, ZIKOKU - Palao area on SE, SHOKOKU in Indian Ocean. Comdr for at sea in YOKOSUKA Area x Comsubron 8 believed operating a China Sea in cooperation aircraft as anti-submarine measure.

COM 14 092209 → Administrative traffic giving way to operational type. High volume for PALAO, TOKYO, SAIGON, JACUIT continues to gain x ORANGE. Service calls shifted extent not yet determined but looks like 100% as of 090000/10. Areas active - 5th Fleet, 4th Fleet Air Force. Cinc 2nd maintains interest in DPSSA Malay force in Air Units, Bases & Philippine Fleet. Mandate air concerned 11th Air Fleet. HAKOMA add. by YOKOSUKA Patrol. Other units this Doorn having previously been noted. may indicate return entire unit to home ports. MASA 6 (deputy Cruidw 5) included with KURE Movement office + Div. Ince and Cinc GF by 1st FP believed headed to [ ] this unit to KURE area. NACHI has been at SF since 25 February and balance of SS may give up in near future. KASUGA Maru still Comm. SAIGON sent urgent 5 + 27 Ben area info collection YA 43 (movement Maru rather than [ ]). FUJIKAWA Maru transferred to [ ] 4th Commoff. continually as PALAO forces not understood - but may indicate movement of 4th Command to PALAO but considered unlikely. Cinc 1st FP sent 3 part to GFF + 2FP info all major Commands, probably reporting operations BENGAL area. O U 5 (tent. CHITOSE) ad. 1 AF P, GFF, 4FP, 55FP, Marshall Islands may indicate this vessel returning to SF from TRUK area. Comsubron 8 shown in YOKOSUKA area. Sub. activity quiet from a Radio Newprint

U.S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE  
COMNAVPER-11-CHIEF  
U.S. PACIFIC FLEET

CLASSIFIED OUTGOING

9 APR 42

TO: [ ]

FROM: [ ]

CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

PRIORITY: [ ]

SYSTEM: [ ]

AD'D: [ ]

#25

KENJO MARU TRANSPORTING TAINAN AIR EQUIPMENT AND KIYOSUMI MARU (SEA PLANE TENDER) ENROUTE RABOUL x COMDR 11TH AIR FLEET HAS NOT YET DEPARTED SAIGON AREA FOR RABOUL x FORCES IN NEW BRITAIN AND MARSHALLS AREA REMAIN AS FOLLOWS x CRUIDV 6 AND 18 x SUBRON 7 x DESRON 6 x GUNBOAT DIVISION 8 (BULLETIN 25) NEW BRITAIN AIR FORCE (NOW BEING EXPANDED TO APPROXIMATELY 80 BOMBERS PLUS FIGHTERS) AND MARSHALLS AIR FORCE x UNITS OF SURFACE AND SUBMARINE CRAFT IN FORCES ABOVE NOW AT OR ENROUTE NANY YARDS FOR OVERHAUL x FOLLOWING ARE IN MALAY-BAY OF BENGAL AREA x UNITS OF BATAW 3 x CRUIDV 7 AND 8 x DESRON 1 x RYUJO x AKAGI AND POSSIBLY 2 MORE CARRIERS x SUBRON 2 AND 5 x PLUS SHORE BASED AIR x KAGA STILL AT SAJBO BUT EXPECTED PROCEED NEW BRITAIN AREA LATTER PART OF APRIL x ONE SUBMARINE REPORTED SIGHTED 3-42 SOUTH 171-19 WEST COORDS 190 AT 2230 GCT 8 APRIL

CINCPAC'S INTELL BULL. #25

090107

CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

COM 16 090005 → THIS DISPATCH IS INTENDED FOR DECEPTION ONLY x ALL FOLLOWING DESPATCHES CARRYING INDICATORS COPEK OR CETYH FROM COM 16 ADDRESSED TO COMB WILL BE OF THIS SAME TYPE AND CODING OFFICERS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO DISREGARD ON FINDING FIRST TWO LINES COMPOSED OF UNRELATED WORDS

(Addenda) TOKYO RI sending urgent summaries, patently of U.S. Navy traffic to Cinc Combined, 1st, 4th, 5th and 11th Air Fleets. Cannot confirm reports of 2 NAGATO or FUSO class ships in Indian Ocean, Bataw 3 of 4 KORYU class are only ones from evidence here x

COMINCLDI (10) Undent msg 9B - "OUR DEPT. HAVING PENETRATED THE DEFENCES OF THE BATAAN PENINSULA WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON CORREGIDOR. IF CONTROL OF MANILA BAY CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE 15<sup>th</sup>, WE WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS AGAINST CEBU (and 2 other places) Rest deals with distribution of naval force and request 4.7 para PDS (should be in 16 April page 126)



BELLS 100840 → MANO 4 Serial 271 is operation order for an action in "RZJ" area effective 21(?) April. Request translation from HYPO (Com 14) xx Same Originator's 270 is Operation Order #1, mostly missing but deals with air operations x Comdg. Officer 4<sup>th</sup> Bomber (re attack) group mentioned connection "PST" (TENIAN) kana words in quotes "SE 7 ME" and "SE KO NI" not understood xx Any help 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 MU 3 Serial 585, 2<sup>nd</sup> part, deals with communication interference on 2544 and 8879 and 7590 KES (X) KO TU 6 Serial 318 states: "HAVE ZUI (OR SO) KAKU proceed "PT" by (unrecd. date) (39268). FU MA RE Serial no. 032 indicates that 500 laborers formerly SAIPON being sent KENDARI

BELLS 101021 → KUNI WI Serial 145 last portion only deals with the INDIAN Ocean and COLOMBO mention of an aviation base at COLOMBO x appears to deal with an estimate of strength ?? Serial 069 deals with request for food and gasoline to be sent immediately (X) TE TI 3 Serial 587 states - Mon will depart at 1200 the 11<sup>th</sup> and should proceed to YOKOSUKA under convoy Jm 24<sup>th</sup> begins North 150 East (X) ... KE RI 6 690: "PLEASE ASSIGN AN ANCHORAGE AND GIVE US THE LATEST WARNINGS WITH RESPECT TO MARAKARU CHANNEL (MARAKARU) WHERE WE WILL ARRIVE VIA WEST ENTRANCE AT 0600 THE 11<sup>TH</sup>." Suggest channel (Malakal Channel, Palao) mixed ... RI So 9 complains about non receipt Navy Code D I (X)

Com (14) 101921 → HI KV 8 Serial 183 of 8<sup>th</sup> to YOKOSUKA says "REQUEST REPAIRS BE MADE ON THE NITTA (?) MARU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL YOKOSUKA" (X) SO WA 7 Serial 316 says "DEPARTED KWADALEN FOR TARDA" (X) HA RI 3 Serial 546 of 9 April in fair shape reads - 2<sup>nd</sup> ATTACK GROUP OPERATIONS REPORT # 118 x BASE 335 x 2 PLANES CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE PLANES AVAILABLE TOMORROW 16 Type 0, 2 Type 1 and 4 land plane bombers" (X) NUTE 5 Serial 734 of 9 April says "COMAR OF 1<sup>ST</sup> AIRC WITH 6 BOMBERS ARRIVED KWADALEN AT 1245 AND WILL DEPART TOMORROW AT 0500 FOR TARDA

Com (14) 102327 → KARI 2 Serial 788 of 5<sup>th</sup> April states in fairly readable message "OUR ARMY HAVING PENETRATED THE DEFENCES OF BATAAN PENINSULA WILL NOW CONCENTRATE ON CORREGIDOR x IF CONTROL OF MANILA BAY CAN BE OBTAINED BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL COMMENCE OPERATIONS AGAINST CEBU (AND 2 OTHER PLACES) REST DEALS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF NAVAL FORCES AND REQUEST FOR FOUR OR MORE DESTROYERS.

COMINT 7 (9) All Japanese Service Radio Cables (2 kana numeral) changed at 0000 (-9) 10 April - Appears to be 100% change

Adm. type traffic giving way to operational type; Radio intercept volume from PALAO, TOKYO, SINGAPORE and JALUT continues to gain Areas active: SF, AF Airforce, Malay Force; 2FP maintains interest in DD's; Malay Force in circuits, bases of Philippines Fleet; Mandates, Air with 11<sup>th</sup> Air Fleet

NASA 6 (Cndw 5) included in addresses with KURE Movement Report office, Kure Doffel and GFF by IFF. Prelude to movement NACH → KURE near future STRIKING FORCE operating Bay of BENGAL believed substantially the same as attacked HAWAII December 7<sup>th</sup>

GENERAL New call list in effect provides many more alternates/increased identification major China stations fairly solid; ident. major fleet and force carbels proceeding satisfactorily (Com 14) Palao Radio Intelligence Unit addressing Dutch East Indies Force, 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Attack Force in HOBANG area & send Tokyo addresses. GFF (flash) in KURE area (X) HF → detach 4<sup>th</sup> Air Fleet, info 4<sup>th</sup> AF, 4<sup>th</sup> IFF, KAGI, Com Cndw 5, DD units and Tokyo ONI

Continues -- from The War History Publications (Senshisōsho 戦史叢書) VOL 2 AT "NAVAL OPERATIONS IN HOME WATERS" (HANO HÖMEN KAIKUN SAKUSEN 本土方面海軍作戦) to the attack. - In January 1942, the Com U.S. Fleet, Admiral KING and his operations officer studied the concept of an air attack on TOKYO by American aircraft carriers in retaliation for the Japanese navy's attack on PEARL HARBOR. Later on this concept was brought into reality through the cooperation of their Army and Navy. A carrier task force was organized, plans were drawn, an aircraft unit was prepared and the training of the pilots undertaken. The biggest problem was whether land based aircraft could be launched from an aircraft carrier, as hoped. The plan was officially adopted in the latter part of March and 16 B-25 bombers (under the command of Lt. Col. DOOLITTLE) were selected for the attack. On completion of a month's special training in FLORIDA, these aircraft flew to ALAMEDA, a SAN FRANCISCO Bay airfield and there loaded aboard the aircraft carrier HORNET on 1 April 1942. The HORNET left San Francisco on 2 April and joined Admiral HALSEY's Task Force north of MIDWAY on 13 April. This Task Force's organization was: Task Force 16 (Commanded by Vice Admiral William F. HALSEY): carriers: ENTERPRISE (27 VF 36 VSB, 18 VT), HORNET (16 - B25's); Cruiser Force (3 CA, 1 CL); Destroyer Force (2 Desdiv - 8 DD); Replenishment Force (2 AO).

Essential points of their plan: To attack TOKYO on the night of 18<sup>th</sup> April 1942. Launch the Air Attack Force (16 B25s, each carrying 4-500 pound bombs) the afternoon of that day from a position 500 miles east of HONSHU. Lt. Col. DOOLITTLE in the 16<sup>th</sup> B-25 would take off in advance of the Air Attack Force to attack TOKYO with many incendiary bombs to start fires to show the way to his fighters of the air attack force coming after him. Twelve of them were to bomb TOKYO, the other three to attack KAGAWA, OSAKA and KOBE. The Commander of that Air Attack Force had hoped to approach to within 390 miles to make sure of carrying out the plan and felt that about 565 miles was the maximum distance for any expectation of success. In the meantime, preparations at 5 temporary airfields for the B-25s to land in CHINA, had moved ahead.

As stated previously, American Carrier Forces had attacked the MARSHALL Islands on February 1<sup>st</sup> 1942; had next appeared east of RABOUL on the 20<sup>th</sup>, struck WAKE on the 29<sup>th</sup> and attacked MARCUS Island on 4 March, a situation that behooved us to be on guard against air attacks on our home islands. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, a Radio Intelligence report that a radio frequency like that of an American carrier force had been intercepted and placed to the northward of WAKE Island. The Combined Fleet had the Screening Force sortie and took other measures in response but no further intelligence of the enemy was obtained. Thereafter the Combined Fleet remained vigilant, especially against attacks on the home islands.

A Radio Intelligence report on 27 March placed an American carrier force some 700 miles east of the MARSHALL Islands but nothing unusual developed. Some of the Radio Intelligence reports on the enemy's carrier activities in April were:

① "MANY PATROL AIRCRAFT APPEARED IN THE PEARL HARBOR AREA ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> IN ADDITION, GUARD SHIPS ARE PATROLLING THE SAME AREA" (ENTERPRISE DEPARTED PEARL HARBOR ON 9 APRIL - BUT THIS WAS NOT DERIVED BY THE JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION)

② From 4<sup>th</sup> NORTHERN FORCE (5<sup>th</sup> Fleet) 150730. RADIO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT "27 PATROL PLANES HAVE APPEARED IN THE ALBUTIAN AREA. SINCE 0100 THE 14<sup>TH</sup> J17 PATROL PLANES HAVE APPEARED, CENTERED ON DUTCH HARBOR; ONE PLANE WAS 120 MILES TO THE WEST OF DUTCH HARBOR. FROM THE ABOVE, IT APPEARS THAT A STRONG ENEMY SURFACE FORCE IS OPERATING IN THE ABOVE AREA. ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT YET OBSERVED IN THE DUTCH HARBOR AREA." (ON 14 APRIL THE HORNET GROUP JOINED THE ENTERPRISE TASK FORCE IN THE AREA BETWEEN MIDWAY AND THE WESTERN ALBUTIANS. BUT, NO SUCH INFERENCE WAS DRAWN BY THE JAPANESE RADIO INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATION !!)

Both Headquarters Combined Fleet and 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet (Northern Force) had these reports, but neither anticipated an attack by an American Carrier Task Force.

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**Air Forces:** The newly organized MISAWA Air Group (27 heavy bombers) had been incorporated into the Northern Force on 10 February and in mid-March had been assigned the duties of air patrols to the east of our main island. On 5 March the 21st Air Flotilla (RAdm Masao TADA) and 36 heavy bombers of KANUYA Air were assigned to the Northern Force for last patrols but the April 1st reorganization of the BASE AIR FORCE, the 26th Air Flotilla (RAdm Masao YAMAGATA), consisting of KISARATSU AIR, MISAWA AIR and 6th Air, were incorporated into the Northern Force and on 10 April the 21st Air Flotilla was removed from the Northern Force by the Combined Fleet's force organization of that date.

YOKOSUKA NAVAL DISTRICT'S SITUATION

Forces under the direct command of the Commandant Yokosuka District on 10 April were the Yokosuka Communication Force and the 4th Pocket Boat Squadron. Under his subordinate command were the Sea Area Defense Forces (Dps. OBOBO, OKIKAZE, SAWAICAZO and Subchaser Divisions # 22, 23 and 24), the Land Defense Forces (Naval Base Guard Force, the AA Batteries, the AA Machine Gun Batteries, the Naval Garrison and Naval Barracks forces) and the Air Forces (Yokosuka Air, TATEYAMA AIR, 10th Combined Air Group (KASUMI, GAURA, CHIKUSA, HYAKURI HARA, YATAGE and KASUMA Air Squadrons) and the 13th Combined Air Group (SUZUYA and GI Air Squadrons). At this time the Yokosuka District did not conduct special air patrols but did make anti-submarine patrols and searches in its area of responsibility.

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SOEXFOR (?) Action Report 039 of \_\_\_ date. Results  
of MALAY DETACHMENT. AT \_\_\_ number of merchant ships  
(about 140,000 tons) and merchant area DC, 2nd part  
reports vessels at anchor off Calcutta; 3rd part  
mentions Port Blair.

NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE  
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
U. S. PACIFIC FLEET

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#26

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TIONS THAT PERIOD OF REORGANIZATION AND REPLENISHMENT OF SUP-  
PLIES IS ENDING WITH CONSEQUENT INCREASE OF OPERATIONS EX-  
PECTED.

COMINT (14) 102031 → Yokosuka (14) REQUEST REPAIRS BE MADE ON NITTA MARIAS  
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL YOKOSUKA. (page 126)

COMINT (14) 102031 → New call list in effect provides many more alternates  
for increased security x Identification major shore stations fairly solid x  
Major fleet and their calls proceeding satisfactorily x **PALAO RADIO**  
INTELL. ADDRESSING DUTCH INDEFORCE, 2nd Air Attack Force in KOREAN area  
and the usual Tokyo addresses x Combined Fleet flagship in KURE area  
SGGF organized me to 9th 1st Air Fleet into 9th 4th and 2nd Fleets, KAGA,  
Cardinal 5 DD units and TOKYO ONI. Fleet unit tentatively ident  
AS CHITOSE (MI TE 2) Enroute SAIPAN to YOKOSUKA. Striking force operating  
BAY OF BENGAL believed substantially same as attacked Hawaii December  
2 Marsus that have operated in ANDAMAN region past 10 days  
for weather observations in 13N, 93 East and 8N 93 East respectively.  
Estimated carrier positions: KAWA, Cardinal 5, AKAGI in BENGAL area;  
KAGA in SASEBO x Cardinal 2 unlocated, x Comsub in YOKOSUKA  
area. No submarine radio activity in Central or Eastern Pacific x  
Por-Pokonnen - Bearings of all Orange units desired regardless of  
area.

COMINT (14) 102031 → REORGANIZATIONS; 8th Sp. Base Force abolished & 8th Base Force  
April 10 1942. New Desron 10 established and assigned to 1st Air Fleet.  
Instead of a few old destroyers assigned to each carrier's this  
new Squadron will consist of new large A/B destroyers of the YUGUMO  
class to screen and provide AA defense for the 1st Air Fleet as a whole  
These destroyers to have the new high angle AA guns (4 inch 16 cal) with  
large cruising range - 8,000 miles at 18 knots. Planned on 4 Div-1689.  
April 10 1942 - 1st and 2nd High Sea Escort Fleet established and  
assigned to the Combined Fleet.  
April 10 1942 - Subron 6 disestablished. Its 6 attached to 6th Fleet.  
April 10 1942 - 3 mine laying submarines (I-121, 122 and 123) modified  
and fitted to carry aviation gasoline (to Kijomaru)













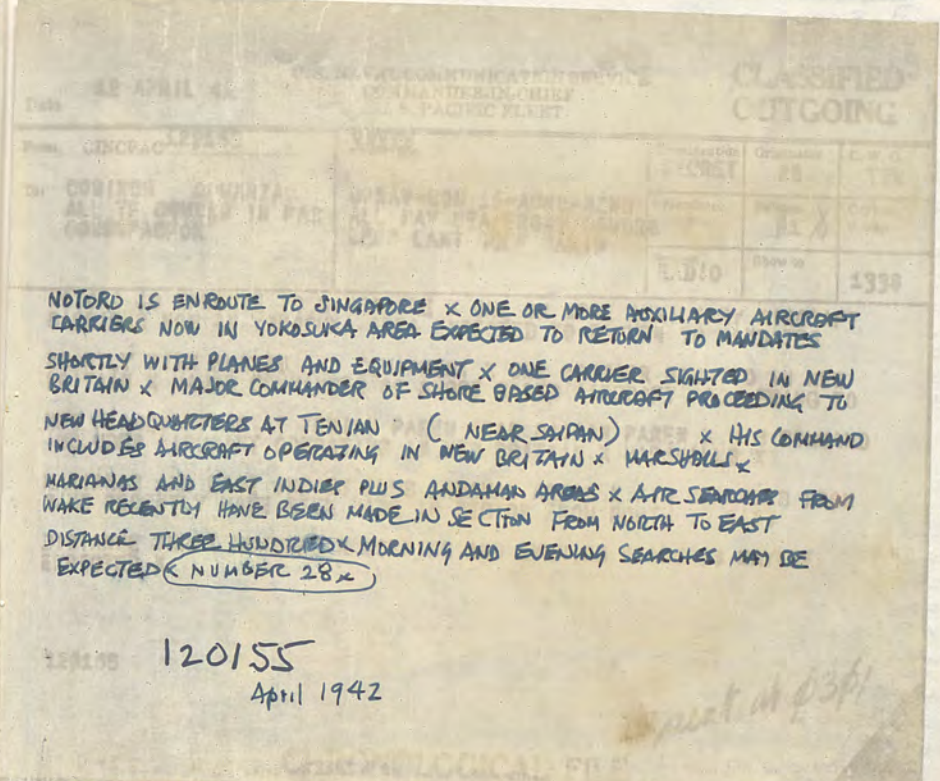


COM 14 120064 → Probably due to usual traffic increase incident to call change volume above normal. Some units apparently have not received new call list and are still using old list and weather system. ... Some indications of new frequencies appearing in shore net - These are 4020 (new) and 7875 (which not heard since mid December). Enciphered address: "SOUTH WESTERN FLEET"; Not known whether in NAHA area or IOWAN Ocean AS meant in 5th Fleet & associates appear to be handling a great many despatches - an impression only because 5th Fleet call recovery, breaking nicely hence relative high level of traffic. ... 5th Fleet flagship may be moving; distribution unknown. Cinc ComInd sect considerable traffic but no information due to lack of idents of addressee. ... Malay frigate traffic normal but contains many high precedence & priority. ... Air Fleet active with despatches to Marshalls and New Britain Air Force plus 2 urgent call. ... Cinc Tenth Air still aboard WENJO Mam & Comd GENZAN Air at TAKAO. 1st Min. sent msg to 4FF and 5 shore addressee in Britain and 16 units plus 4th and 40th Base Forces (for info). This may be a change in organization. Cinc 4th sent urgent to RYUKAIU info cruiser or air tender. One call in 4F may be a new unit as it started number series with call change. No apparent change in carrier locations - 20 to 30 positions. This despatch unnecessary due to crucial lack of information.

COM 14 120508 → This is one MELBOURNE asked for - RE TV 6 Serial 918 of 10 Apr. "SOUTH SEAS (MANDATES) OPERATOR ORDER NO 152 (or 3)." THE RYUKAIU WILL DEPART FOR PT (TRUK) BY DATE, AND ENROUTE WILL CONVOY THE [ ] UNIT. Another MFR 2, Serial 143 gives radii of air sectors searched on 10 April as follows: "C" & "D" 300; "F" from the North, 100, 130, 350 and 300 x G from the North 80 and [ ] x "J" from Southeast [ ] and from East 600.

COM 14 120511 → MURRO'S Serial 306. "Marshalls Area Force Radio Order #88. As of the 10th, the [ ] ship will be detached from the WOTIE Forces and proceed immediately and report to KURAKAWA Forces & The Comdr WOTIE Forces will be known as [ ] Comdr."

COM 14 122319 etc → Padding wordage to maintain traffic volume. Call recovery progressing with at least partial list of alternates for most major fleets on hand. It appears that the shift (17 call signs) has laid a materially heavier load on the enemy's communications. Intercepted traffic slightly above normal volume both retransmission of 10th messages continuing as well as despatches originated prior to the change. Mentioned yesterday, the apparent reorganization affecting the 4th and 5th Fleets further indicated. Cinc ComInd seems to be originating more than the usual amount of traffic to lengthy list of addressees. Lack of identification prevents analysis of the line up but 2 units figure rather prominently. Comdr 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, MALAY & NEI forces included also. Radio Intelligence Center normally busy with dissemination the dope with Tokyo sending several urgent Akawa messages which are usually associated with HOT information & 1st Fleet Comdr addressed frequently but originated little (keeping in mind how % of received alternate calls for this command) ... 4th Fleet Area New Britain Air Force Comdr busy with traffic to Cinc 11th Air Fleet, addressed for info to 4th CF Marshalls Air (#4 Air Attack Force), Cinc 4th Fleet & Detached forces of 4F (Suffix 35), Tainan Air, LSE Air, Yokohama Air. Traffic for 4th Detached Forces circulated as far west as PALAU and previously seen going to Empire for delivery. This believed partial confirmation of Suffix as designating supply or convoy units, rather than combatant forces & indication of plane flight today - Saipan to TRUK. 1st Air Fleet definitely still in BENTON Area - see page 136 top



NOTOR IS ENROUTE TO SINGAPORE x ONE OR MORE AUXILIARY AIRCRAFT CARRIERS NOW IN YOKOSUKA AREA EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MANDATES SHORTLY WITH PLANES AND EQUIPMENT x ONE CARRIER SIGHTED IN NEW BRITAIN x MAJOR COMMANDER OF SHORE BASED AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING TO NEW HEADQUARTERS AT TENIAN (NEAR SAIPAN) x HIS COMMAND INCLUDES AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN NEW BRITAIN x MARSHALLS x MARIANAS AND EAST INDIES PLUS ANDAMAN ARMS x AIR SEARCHER FROM WAKE RECENTLY HAVE BEEN MADE IN SECTION FROM NORTH TO EAST DISTANCE THREE HUNDRED x MORNING AND EVENING SEARCHES MAY BE EXPECTED (NUMBER 28 x)

120155  
April 1942

COMINT 14 120155 appears to be originating more than usual amt. of traffic to a lengthy list of addressee. 5 units prominent; Cinc's 1F, 2F, 4F, 5F, MALAY FORCE & NEI Force. Radio Intelligence Center normally busy with dissemination of dope with Tokyo sending several urgent Akawa messages which are usually associated with "hot" information. 5th Fleet traffic active, but less than yesterday. Flagship may be moving? COMINT 14 120155 Parts of KINU 3 deals with General KING asking for traces of SATAPAN Peninsula, mentions captured documents & signs.



13 April 1942

COM 14 130906 → 5<sup>th</sup> Fleet Traffic active but less extent than noted yesterday. Encliphered "DASHAWAN 130906" noted also. 5F and CHICHIJIMA forces. 5F not <sup>def</sup> located but traffic indicates in OMUNATO Group. Jones & Condr 1<sup>st</sup> Air Fleet definitely still in BENGAL Area & non necessary carrier calls include current structure of their locations. (Actually this part was last part of yesterday's (12<sup>th</sup>) R) Report

COM 14 130303 → according to KIMI 1 Serial 361 some type 1 planes were lost between — and TAKAO due to bad wx — now searching for them. (COM 14-131723 has TAIE Serial 442 saying "the planes which were lost enroute KANRYA to TAKAO were located at 1545" returning to TAKAO"). TE TU 4 Serial 913 says "From 8<sup>th</sup> Base force units proceeding from TRUK to PALAO to RABOUL will be routed IREWA Serial 264 of 11<sup>th</sup>. Reference your Despatch # — "AM SENDING REPLACEMENTS DR FIGHTER (PILOTS?) FOR ZUKARU AND SHOKAKU AND DIVE BOMBER (PILOTS?) VIA [ ] (FLEET OPERATIONS SHOULD BE EFFECTED AT ONCE IN YOUR UNIT AS OF 15 APRIL TRANSFERS OF PERSONNEL ORDERED AS OF 1 APRIL FROM THE ZUKARU AND SHOKAKU NEED NOT BE EFFECTED UNTIL AFTER CURRENT OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETED AND (THEIR) RETURN TO JAPAN.

COM 14 130912 → MERANI Serial 307/12<sup>th</sup> - "XCIAir Operations report NO 2 x at 1505, 6 miles 60° from [ ] the PORTUGUESE TORPEDO BOAT SADO HAD AN EXPLOSION (OR WAS HIT BY A TORPEDO) AMIDSHIPS AND SANK WITHIN 3 MINUTES. IF, AN IMMEDIATE SEARCH OF THE AREA BY THIS UNIT GAVE NEGATIVE RESULTS x [ ] THE ABOVE SHIP WAS FLYING PORTUGUESE COLORS x"

COM 14 131723 → KOMA 2 Serial 251 of 11<sup>th</sup> fairly readable. "PART IX 2 planes from IRE (vicinity RABOUL) searched the Y and Z Sectors to 500 miles. Part 2 x Patrol of base and Harbor was maintained x Part 3 x Planes available for tomorrow are 2 scouts and 3 type 6 VF x Part 4 x (Something about a CURTISS P-40 being shot down)" <sup>originator an Air Condr at LAE. (IRE IS NOT LAE - probably VIKING/IRAWADI)</sup>

COM 14 132201 → MAMITA Serial 503/11<sup>th</sup>. "REF UR DESPATCH x THERE HAVE BEEN FREQUENT REPORTS OF ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY BETWEEN PALAO AND BAKO RECENTLY INDICATING NECESSITY FOR VIGOROUS ANTI-SUBMARINE MEASURES IN THE STRAITS OF FORMOSA AND LUZON AND FOR SHIPS ARRIVING IN THE AREA OFF WESTERN FORMOSA x [ ] DESIRE VESSELS PROCEEDING TO BAKO TO FOLLOW CAREFULLY [ ] INSTRUCTIONS ".... HO MI 2 Serial 125 to Condr Air in Marshalls says "NO CONTACT WITH ENEMY IN SEARCH SECTOR # 7."

OPNAV 132256 → THIS IS AVISMA COLONBO 120814 passed to you for info. "My 070830 ((see Cominch 072105 page 128)) statements of survivors reaching MADRAS indicate JAP FORCE that vicinity comprised only 2 cruisers MORGAN class and one destroyer x All had conspicuous box type RDF aerial seen foremast x DD of unident type, similar British TRIBAL, 6 guns, 2 white bands on forward stack, straight stem x From all evidence consider possible that ships reported as battle ships in raid of 5<sup>th</sup> were cruisers"

COM 14 132103 → Traffic volume slightly subnormal with considerable number high precedence dispatches concerned with air activities x Condr 11<sup>th</sup> AF — by 07 general GUAM area, working Marshalls, Air + Palau and Rongerik. Radio D/R stations from FAR NORTH to JALUIT working directly into Tokyo. RDF Control considerable volume x Tokyo Radio intercepts addressed URGEN 130906 to TRUK and PALAO Radios info to TAINAN Air Cinc 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Airf. and unident ROU 3 in RABOUL area. Marcus Island traffic increased being relayed through CHICHIJIMA. PALAO RI traffic continues addressed to Cinc 4<sup>th</sup>, Condr 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Fleet force in Korpang area x Condr Philippine Force addressed c/s 11<sup>th</sup> Air Fleet NEI Force and unident air command may indicate transfer in strength to or from MANNA and RABOUL x 4<sup>th</sup> Fleet staff suggested much high precedence traffic x c/s sent urgent to 2<sup>nd</sup> F, Subfor, ROKUSAKI + Serial unidents, including a 2 unit. Another urgent sent to an activity in Marshalls, probably KAWAKATSU, info. Condr 8<sup>th</sup> Base force + 6<sup>th</sup> Def. Force in Marshalls and 3 unidents. KISAKATSU air traffic indicates more planes from that station to 2<sup>nd</sup> Bomber Group of Marshalls Air x x Con Subfor continues appearing in air in general vicinity of YOKOSUKA. 3 calls, identified as 2, NE Honshu area may represent a diversion of Subern 3 enroute North Pacific operating area.

13 April 1942

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IT MAY BE EXPECTED THAT UNITS ENROUTE NEW BRITAIN AREA FROM TRUK AND PALAO WILL BE ROUTED x LIKEWISE SHIPS ENROUTE TO AND FROM MARSHALLS FROM JAPAN ARE ROUTED AND ESCORTED IN VICINITY OF CHICHIJIMA x ADDITIONAL PLANES HAVE ARRIVED IN ANDAMANS AREA x SUBMARINE REPORTED IN VICINITY CHRISTMAS ISLAND (NEAR PALMYRA) x

x NUMBER 29 x MAIN BASES OF MARSHALLS AREA AIR FORCE ARE AT WAKE x TARA AND MAKIN x AT 43 NORTH 160 EAST MARU STATIONED SENDING WEATHER REPORTS

CINCPAC'S #29 INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

130121

CHRONOLOGICAL FILE

COMINCH D/1 (13) KASE 6 refers to Mandates Force opend 153 and sez THE PRIMARY OPERATIONS OF THIS VESSEL (RUKARU or HO SHO) AFTER RETURN TO TRUK WILL BE (TRAINING) OF PERSONNEL FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SHIKI Campaign. Because of operations other than this Campaign, return to TRUK will be delayed 5 days.



AC CHRISTMAS IS  
 AF PALMYRA  
 AEB KINGMAN RF.  
 AF MIDWAY  
 AFB SAND ISLAND  
 AFG "CURE" IS (sic)  
 (KURE IS)  
 AFH French Frigate Shoals  
 AG Johnston  
 AGB Lisianski IS  
 AGD LAYSAN  
 AHA HAWAII IS (Hawaiian IS)  
 AHC NIIHAU  
 AHE KAUAI  
 AHI HAWAII  
 AI DAHU  
 AIC HONOLULU  
 AID BARBERS POINT  
 AIE DIAMOND HEAD  
 AIF MAUNALUA B.  
 AIG EWA  
 AIH WAIMANALO B.  
 AIJ KANEHOE B.  
 AIL WAIMEA

AA WAIVE  
 AAB BAKER IS  
 ABB HOWLAND IS  
 ABA CHICHAGOFF  
 ABB KISKA  
 AO ACEUTIAN IS  
 AOE DUTCH HARBOR (NPR) M  
 AOC AATTU  
 AOD UNALASKA  
 AOF UNIMAK IS  
 AOG-ATKA  
 AOH-KAZAN BAY  
 AOI = ADAK IS  
 AOK-WATERFALL BAY  
 AP-UNIMAK channel  
 APA-AKUTAN IS  
 APC-TANAGA IS/BAY  
 ARE-AMCHITRA  
 APF-CONSTANTINE Hbr  
 APZ-SEMICH IS  
 AK-BAY ISLANDS  
 AX PANAMA  
 AI-DAHU  
 AFH French Frigate Shoals  
 AG-Johnston IS  
 AE-Palmyra

A = American Pacific Island  
 B = Borneo  
 C = HONG KONG  
 E = British Malaya  
 F = FIC  
 G = Guam  
 H = NEI  
 I = China  
 J = Java, Lesser Sunda Island  
 L = Celebes, Moluccas  
 M = Philippines  
 N = Japan  
 P = Fruit Sea Island (Mandated IS)  
 R = Bismark IS, British Pacific Islands  
 S = Sumatra  
 U = Borneo  
 Z = Thailand

PX = Marshalls  
 PG = Greenwich IS  
 PH = Canton?  
 PHD = Phoenix IS  
 PS = SAIPAN  
 PST = TINIAN  
 PM = TARA-Maloelap  
 PQ = Kwajalein  
 PQB = Rukotto (Roi)  
 PY = Jaluit  
 PYI = IMIEJI  
 PXN - Guadalcanal  
 PY Jaluit → TARA  
 PT Truk  
 PW WOTJE  
 IPB SAMA  
 ADE TUTUILA (73)  
 → AEB-Kingman Reef  
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 AFB-Saint IS  
 AFG-Cure (sic) Kure IS  
 AFH-French Frigate Shoals  
 AG-Johnston IS  
 AGB-Lisianski IS  
 AGD-Laysan  
 AH-Hawaiian Islands  
 AHC-NIIHAU IS  
 AHE-KAUAI  
 AHI-HAWAII  
 AI-DAHU  
 AIJ-KANEHOE Bay  
 AIL-WAIMEA  
 AIC-Honolulu  
 AIB-Barbers Point  
 AIE-Diamond Head  
 AIF-MAUNALUA Bay  
 AIG-EWA  
 AIH-WAIMANALO Bay  
 AIL-WAIMEA  
 AM-?  
 AKF-Ford IS (P. 73)

\* AN Pearl Harbor from Medg Sub chart  
 AN #1 to LAHAINA  
 A Mo HAWAII  
 probably in connection with Aircraft Code Sheet

AK = Pearl Harbor?  
 AD = American Samoa?  
 ADD = TUTUILA  
 BME = LEDO (?)  
 DO = AUSTRALIA  
 DOB -  
 DG = CEYLON  
 DGC = COLOMBO  
 DGP = TRINCOMALEE  
 DP = DARWIN  
 JXK = KOEPANG  
 IPB → SAMA BASE, (Comm Base)  
 KCN = KODIAK (NHE M)  
 KM = MARE ISLAND (NPG M)  
 KMC = DLAMEIDA (NGZ M)  
 NMK = MARCUS

RR = TABAUL  
 RX = RABI  
 RXA = KIETA  
 RXB = TULARI  
 RXD = ROSE IS  
 RXI - GUADALCANAL  
 RXM - SANITUCH IS  
 RXQ - NEW CALEDONIA  
 RXS - NOUMEA  
 RXJ Santa Cruz IS (?)  
 RYC NAURU  
 RYD OCEAN  
 RN - New Ireland  
 RY - GILBERTS  
 RYA MAKIN  
 RYC OCEAN  
 RYD NAURU  
 RYE TARA  
 RYK ADIA  
 RYM = FIJI  
 RYU SUVA  
 RYS = SOCIETY IS  
 RZL = SALAMAU?  
 RZM = LAE  
 RZJ = BUNA  
 LA MENADO  
 LU AMOINA  
 RZM ROSSIEL IS

See page 70 AP = mky AT, AG etc ④ N2132 Manow

COM 14 031207  
 MK = CATAAN  
 MMV = CABUGAO  
 MIG = CABAGAN, DEL NORTE  
 MCE, FLORIDA, LA  
 CARLOTTA, TOLONGAN  
 MB = MARIPIPI x  
 CATABALOGAN x  
 MBC = TACLOBAN  
 LILUAN, BAYBAY  
 MT = Province of  
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 MNH - CLARK FIELD  
 EL BANGOR? EL  
 DP Perth? p105  
 DS Sydney?

JG - TITLAPJAP  
 JXK - Koepang

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 NPU Radio Tutuila  
 NIX "Palmyra"  
 NPM "Honolulu"  
 NIQ Johnston IS

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