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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 31, 1942

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I. U.S. Submarine Activities

One of our submarines returned from patrol in the S. W. Pacific has reported the following results:

- (a) Loaded transport type of 4000 tons, sunk.
- (b) Medium freighter of 4000 tons, sunk.
- (c) Damage to a large passenger ship by 1 torpedo hit.
- (d) 1 torpedo hit in an AP and 2 torpedo hits in a TORAN MARU type tanker, both considered badly damaged.

II. Northwest Pacific

Practically no activity has been reported from the Aleutian area, presumably because of bad weather. On Oct. 29 a heavy bomber reported 2 corvettes in the center of Kiska Harbor and the plane was fired at from an AA position on shore.

III. Southwest Pacific

(A) N.E.I.

Air reconnaissance on October 29 reported 4 merchant and 2 unidentified vessels at Dili, Timor.

(B) Solomons

Air reconnaissance on October 29 reported 37 to 42 vessels in the Buin-Faisi area. These consisted of 2 CA's, 3 - 5 CL's, 16 - 18 DD's, 3 probable AV's, 1 AO, and 12 merchant vessels. Reliable reports indicate that this area has been strongly reinforced.

(C) New Guinea

Minor Allied air activity has continued in the Buna-Kokoda area.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 30, 1942I. U.S. Submarine Activities.

One of our submarines operating in the western Pacific has reported sinking 4 AK's. Additional information is not yet available.

II. Southwest Pacific.(A) Australia.

There were indications of enemy air reconnaissance over the Darwin area early on October 29 (LST).

(B) Solomons.

1. On October 27 our Guadalcanal air forces attacked a Japanese 8-gun AA battery at Kokumbona with SED's and P-40's. The battery was silenced and an ammunition dump and stores destroyed. At nightfall the enemy attacked at three points. One attack penetrated our lines but a counter-attack restored our positions. Other attacks were stopped outside the wire.

2. Throughout October 28 ground action was confined to small patrol contacts and mopping-up operations in the vicinity of our positions. A patrol west of the Matanikau River reported finding several hundred Japanese dead in the vicinity of Point Cruz.

3. At 0030L, October 30 a U.S. motor torpedo boat reported one torpedo hit on an enemy DD, leaving her dead in the water between Cape Esperance and Savo Island.

4. Six seaplanes were destroyed at Rakata Bay by flights of our planes from Guadalcanal on Oct. 27 and 28.

5. At 0735L, October 29 a search plane dropped 2 bombs on a submerged enemy SS in Lat. 13° - 15' S, Long. 162° - 45' E. A large oil slick was observed.

6. The Japanese order of battle on Guadalcanal is established as the OKA, 4th Infantry, 29th Infantry, and 15th Heavy Artillery Regiments and

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additional units not yet identified.

(C) New Ireland.

Air reconnaissance of Kavieng during the morning of October 28 revealed 18 medium bombers, 8 possible fighters, and continued construction evident.

(D) New Guinea.

On the ground, a Japanese position was assaulted during the early evening of Oct. 28 and the enemy driven out. At midnight 5 Catalinas bombed Buna aerodrome causing several large fires.

III. Northwest Pacific.

On October 27 heavy bombers on reconnaissance found no signs of enemy activity on Gariloi, Segula, or Attu. During the afternoons of October 27 and 28 six B-24's were over Kiska but because of bad weather returned without dropping bombs.

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Summary as of 0800, Oct. 29, 1942I. U.S. Submarine Activity.

1. One of our submarines returning from patrol in the western Pacific has reported sinking one 10,000-ton tanker and one 5,000-ton freighter.

2. Another one of our submarines, having completed a patrol in the southwest Pacific, reports the following sinkings and damage:

- (a) 3 torpedo hits in a 9,200 ton tanker, presumed sunk, though sinking not observed.
- (b) 3 torpedo hits in a 10,000 ton AP, low freeboard and heavy list seen, presumed sunk.
- (c) 2 torpedo hits seen and 1 heard on a 10,000 ton tanker, last seen enveloped in smoke forward, considered probably sunk.
- (d) 3 torpedo hits on a 4,000 ton converted merchantman which was considered heavily damaged and probably sunk.

II. Southwest Pacific.(A) Solomons Area.

1. It is now reported that the Japanese have established a radio station on the east coast of Vella Lavella Island, northwest New Georgia group.

2. During October 27, aerial reconnaissance of the Buin-Faisi area reported a total of 24 enemy ships there, including 1 possible BB or CA, 1 possible CV, 1 AV, 1 CA, 3 CL's, 9 DD's, and 8 merchantmen. In addition, 8 flying boats were also sighted.

(B) New Britain - New Ireland.

1. At 0910 L, October 27, 1 cruiser and 1 DD on a northerly course were sighted off Cape Oxford in southeast New Britain. Three aircraft were also seen in this vicinity at the same time.

2. Air reconnaissance on October 27 revealed 1 CA, 1 CL, 2 AV's,

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3 AO's, 20 other men-of-war, 8 merchant vessels, and 6 unidentified vessels at Rabaul. Ten to fifteen seaplanes and 6 aircraft taking off from Vunakanau were also observed. During the night Oct. 27-28 an Allied heavy bomber formation attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbor. The attack was made at low altitude through heavy AA fire. At least 2 ships were hit.

3. The aerodrome at Gasmata was strafed on Oct. 28 by a reconnaissance unit with unobserved results.

(C) New Guinea.

Reconnaissance of Lae following the air raid of October 27 reported a fire visible for 40 miles.

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Summary as of 0800, October 28, 1942

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I. Northwest Pacific.

1. Bad weather prevented activity in the Aleutians during October 25 and 26. Defensive fighter patrols were flown only during local weather breaks. One B-18 crashed 25 miles northeast of Cold Bay.

2. An RCAF aircraft sighted a submarine which crash-dived in Lat. 54° -06' N, Long. 130° - 21' W.

II. Southwest Pacific.

(A) Solomons.

1. At 0655 L, October 27 an enemy cruiser and 1 DD were observed 100 miles southwest of Buka Passage.

2. During October 27 (LST) contacts were reported as follows:

(a) At 0545 L, one of our planes reported sighting 2 enemy BB's, 1 CL, and 4 DD's on a northeast course about 220 miles southeast of Ndani. The force was changing course to east when sighted.

(b) At 0615 L, one of our planes reported that an SS had completed an attack on a patrol boat about 140 miles northeast of Espiritu Santo.

(c) At 0630 L, 2 unidentified planes on an easterly course were sighted 40 miles west of Ndani.

(d) At 0640 L, an unidentified plane was sighted 100 miles northeast of Ndani.

(B) New Britain.

At 1805 L, Oct. 26, 3 unidentified ships were observed anchored in Jacquinot Bay in southeast New Britain. At about the same time 2 ships were seen unloading at Ewasse on the north coast of New Britain (about 70 miles

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southwest of Rabaul).

III. Indian Ocean.

1. U.S. freighter ELEAZER WHEELLOCK (7,191 tons) has not been heard from since her reported sighting of a submarine 160 miles southeast of the Seychelles late on October 23.

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(A) Solomons.

1. Preliminary reports from one of our Task Forces in this area indicate that our planes made three 1000 lb. bomb hits on one enemy CV, two 500 lb. bomb hits on another CV, both of the Shokaku class. Two 1000 lb. bomb hits were made on a CA of the Mogami class and 1 hit and 2 near misses on a Japanese BB.

2. One of our FBV's reported having fired 1 torpedo at a Japanese carrier at 0215 L, Oct. 27 but the results were not seen.

3. A Japanese force of 1 CA, 1 CL, and 4 DD's which had been previously attacked and damaged by our SBD's from Guadalcanal was again attacked at 0700 L, October 26 by SBD's and P-39's. A P-39 got one 500 lb. bomb hit on the CA and an SBD made a very near miss on the CL. When last seen both cruisers were proceeding slowly, leaving large oil slicks.

4. Japanese DD's which shelled one of our tugs off Lunga during the morning of Oct. 25 was strafed by 4 Grummans and 1 DD was hit by three 5-inch shells from the Lunga battery.

5. On the ground at Guadalcanal, the Japanese attacked in force during the night Oct. 25-26. The main attack was down the Lunga River from its mouth. Our lines south of the airfield were penetrated by the Japanese 29th Infantry but have been restored by a strong counter-attack of the 164th Infantry. Along the Matanikau River our Marines drove the Japanese southward. During October 25, our AA fire shot down 1 bomber and 3 zeros. Ground troops shot down 1 zero.

6. Enemy strength in outposts in the New Georgia area is estimated as follows:

- (a) Rendova Harbor, 50 men and 3 barges.
- (b) Wickham Anchorage (southeast coast of Vangunu Island),
50 men and 1 barge.
- (c) Viru Harbor, 200 men and 3 barges.

It is believed that all three outposts have wireless sets.

(B) New Guinea.

Only minor air activity took place in this area during Oct. 26.

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Enemy installations were bombed at Salamoa, Lae, and along the Kokoda trail. No damage was caused when 2 enemy planes dropped 4 bombs near the Port Moresby aerodrome and when a small flight of enemy planes dropped 8 bombs on the beach at Milne Bay.

(C) N.E.I.

On October 26 an Allied medium unit again bombed the airbase at Korpang with unobserved results.

II. Indian Ocean.

British Ocean Vintage (7,174 tons) was torpedoed on October 22 in the Gulf of Aden and is now presumed sunk.

An enemy SS is reported 140 miles southwest of the Seychelles Group.

III. U.S. Submarine Operations.

One of our SS's operating in the western Pacific has reported sinking 22,000 tons of enemy shipping.

One of our SS's recently returned from patrol in the southwest Pacific reports having sunk one 10,000-ton tanker and one 7,000-ton freighter. Hits were also obtained on one tanker and one freighter, both of which may have sunk.

Two AK's were sunk in the southwest Pacific by a third SS recently returned from patrol.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 26, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(A) Solomons.

1. A Japanese major attack on Guadalcanal is now in progress with a number of contact reports indicating fairly large Japanese forces involved.

2. At 1430 L, October 26, a coast watcher reported that 2 CA's, 1 CL, and 7 DD's arrived in the Buin-Faisi area from the southwest, in addition to 3 AV's, 8 AK's, and 1 AO already there.

(B) New Hebrides.

Efate reports that at 0340Z, October 26 an enemy SS was sighted 2 miles southeast of Vanualava Banks Group.

(C) New Britain - New Ireland.

Early in the morning of October 24, four B-17's over Rabaul Harbor made a direct hit on a probable tanker which was set on fire. The following enemy ships were sighted: 6 AK's, 3 probable DD's leaving harbor, and 1 AK anchored off Cape Beechey (65 miles southwest of Rabaul).

In an attack during the night October 25-26 (LZT) by Allied medium bombers, direct hits were scored on enemy fuel dumps, starting huge fires. Bombs were also dropped on supply installations and dispersal bays.

(D) New Guinea.

In the Owen Stanley Range area our forces continued to make progress south of Alola in the face of determined enemy resistance.

II. Northwest Pacific.

At 1100 LZT, October 24, 3 B-17's attacked the submarine base at Kiska. Forty-two 300-lb. bombs were dropped from an altitude of 12,000 feet. Fourteen bombs hit the water but other results were unobserved. Unusually heavy AA fire was encountered.

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III. Australia.

Shortly before dawn on October 25, four formations of 3 enemy planes each raided the Darwin area. Bombs were dropped at widely separated points causing only slight damage. During the following night, 3 enemy aircraft dropped bombs near the beach at Darwin. No damage was caused.

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Japanese Naval Activities
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I. Northwest Pacific

On Oct. 23 6 B-24's escorted by 6 P-38's bombed the submarine base and adjacent camp area at Riska with 36 1,000 lb. bombs from 12-13,000 ft. One direct hit was reported on a shed covering midget SS. No enemy planes were observed, and there was no change in the shipping from the previous report.

At 1145, Oct. 23 (LST) a Jap SS was sighted 125 miles west of Dutch Harbor.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) Australia:

Four formations of 3 enemy planes each raided the Darwin area shortly before dawn on Oct. 25. Only slight damage was incurred.

(b) Solomons:

Various contacts indicate that a Japanese major attack on Guadalcanal is now underway.

Air reconnaissance of the Buin-Faisi area on Oct. 23 reported 42 vessels of composition similar to that of the previous day. Also 2 CA's with 1 DD, and 1 DD and a gunboat were observed off the east coast of Bougainville.

(c) New Britain:

A strong force of our heavy bombers again attacked shipping in Rabaul Harbor during the night of Oct. 24-25. A seaplane tender of the Misshin Maru class received a direct hit amidships with a 500 lb. bomb and was last seen emitting flames and black smoke. The ship was believed to be completely destroyed. Owing to poor weather conditions other results could not be assessed. The attack was made at low altitude through heavy AA fire, but there was no interception attempted. All our planes returned safely.

(d) New Guinea:

Allied medium bombers made a surprise raid on the Lae airbase on Oct. 24/25. 4 enemy bombers were caught on the ground. An AA position was silenced.

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At 0300 October 22 (LZT), an enemy submarine was reported 38 miles south of Unimak Island.

At 1400, October 22 (LZT), a U.S. search plane sighted a possible enemy SS about 25 miles north of Kure Island. The plane dropped one bomb, with unknown results.

II. Southwest Pacific.(A) Solomons.

On October 22 (LZT), air reconnaissance reported a probable total of 49 enemy ships in the Buin-Faisi area. These included 1 possible CV, 2 CA's, 3 CL's, 18-22 DD's and patrol craft, 1 AV, probably 3 SS's, and 9 merchantmen and unidentified vessels.

Twenty Zeros were sighted on the Buka aerodrome on October 22.

(B) New Britain.

Photographic reconnaissance of Rabaul on October 22 (LZT) revealed 1 CL, 1 AV, 4 TB's, 2 small AO's, 26 merchantmen of 3,000-10,000 tons aggregating 170,000 tons, 4 smaller merchantmen, an unidentified vessel, and 75 small craft. One AV was observed leaving Rabaul Harbor. On Lakunai aerodrome were 10 bombers and 36 fighters.

(C) New Guinea.

Enemy air reconnaissance of the Collingwood Bay area on October 21 was reported.

Two aerodromes near Port Moresby were raided late on October 22 (LZT) by 3 enemy planes but no damage was caused.

During October 23 (LZT), some action between opposing ground forces continued in the general vicinity of Kokoda.

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A small flight of enemy planes lightly bombed the Milne Bay area in the vicinity of our airfield. No damage or casualties resulted.

III. Indian Ocean.

British S.S. Ocean Vintage was torpedoed on October 22 about 70 miles south of Ras Al Hadd, easternmost point of Arabia.

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U.S. Maritime (British freighter of 4,321 tons) previously reported torpedoed on October 13, east of Madras, has arrived at Trincomalee on October 21.

IV. Japanese Activities.

U.S.S. Sawyer has reported sinking a Igawa class type vessel (7,000 gross tons) and a 5,000 ton A.L. The Japanese radio previously reported the sinking of the Igawa Maru, carrying British prisoners, by a U.S. submarine. The Igawa Maru and Igawa Maru are sister ships.

U.S.S. South has reported torpedoing 2 A.L.'s in Masaki Strait, about 20 miles off the west coast of Malacca. One was probably sunk and the other damaged.

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I. Northwest Pacific.

On October 19 a U.S. transport plane, its pilot, 4 crew members, and 5 passengers were lost near Cold Bay, Alaska, due to bad weather.

II. Southwest Pacific.

(A) Solomons.

On October 21 (LZT) reconnaissance indicated that the enemy force in the Buin-Faisi area included 2 CA's, 3 CL's, 1 AV, about 22 DD's and patrol craft, probably 14 merchant vessels, 2 possible SS's, and 3 unidentified vessels.

(B) New Britain - New Ireland.

Four medium AK's were sighted by our reconnaissance planes 25 miles west of New Hanover Island during the morning of October 21 (LZT). At the same time, 3 DD's, 4 AK's, and 1 possible AV were sighted 25 miles southwest of Kavieng.

(C) New Guinea.

Increased enemy air activity is indicated in the Lae area, where on Oct. 21, 4 enemy bombers departed and air defenses were in the course of development.

III. India.

S.S. Martaban (British freighter of 4,161 tons) previously reported torpedoed on October 13, east of Madras, has arrived at Trincomalee on October 21.

IV. U.S. Submarine Activity.

U.S.S. Grouper has reported sinking a Lyons Maru type vessel (7,000 gross tons) and a 5,000 ton AK. The Japanese radio previously reported the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, carrying British prisoners, by a U.S. submarine. The Lyons Maru and Lisbon Maru are sister ships.

U.S.S. S-32 has reported torpedoing 2 AK's in Musashi Bay, about 13 miles off the west coast of Hokkaido. One was probably sunk and the other damaged.

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U.S.S. Greenling, returning from patrol off Honshu, reports sinking 32,000 tons of enemy shipping and also hitting an aircraft transport (ACV) with 2 torpedoes.

U.S.S. Seadragon reports sinking 2 AK's, one of 7,000 tons and one of 5,200 tons.

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I. Northwest Pacific.

On October 18 a Japanese 4-engined patrol bomber was reported in Kiska Harbor by one of our air reconnaissance flights.

A Russian ship reported sighting the conning tower of a small SS some miles north of Dutch Harbor.

II. Southwest Pacific.

(A) N.E.I.

On October 19, air reconnaissance reported 8 Japanese fighters on the aerodrome at Dili and 1 merchant vessel arriving in that area.

(B) Solomons.

A large number of new buildings were reported inland from Taivu Point, eastward of our positions on Guadalcanal.

At 1200L, October 20 air reconnaissance reports indicated a total of 32 enemy vessels in the Buin-Faisi area, including 1 CA, 4 CL's, 17 DD's, 1 AV, 1 CM, and 8 merchantmen and other craft.

One probable CM departed from Buka at midday on a southerly course.

(C) New Britain.

During the afternoon of October 20, air reconnaissance in the Rabaul Harbor area revealed 1 CL, 3 DD's, 3 AV's, 1 CM, 2 AO's, and 41 merchant vessels aggregating approximately 250,000 tons. Some 40 small craft were also sighted.

(D) New Guinea.

During the night Oct. 20-21, enemy air reconnaissance of 1 or 2 planes was reported in the Port Moresby area. Heavy enemy AA fire was reported from the Kokoda area.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, October 21, 1942

I. Northwest Pacific

On October 18, 4 B-24's attacked Kiska, dropping 36 - 500 lb. bombs in the camp area. At least 24 hits were observed, one large explosion possibly having been in gasoline stores. No hits were made on one beached ship.

II. Southwest Pacific

(A). Bougainville Area

Air reconnaissance during the afternoon of October 19 reported 41 vessels in the Buin - Falet area. It was estimated that these consisted of 1 possible BB or CA, 1 possible XCV or large AV, 2 CA's, 2 CL's, probably 17 DD's and patrol craft, 1 AV (CHIYODA type), 12 merchantmen, and 5 unidentified craft. 10 planes were observed on the aerodrome in dispersal areas.

(B). New Britain

The Gasmata aerodrome is considered as possibly serviceable for fighters.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 20, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(A) Solomons.

On October 19 (LZT), search planes drew light AA fire from Rennell Island for the second successive day. Twenty mm AA fire was also received from the northern tip of Savo Island.

One B-17 dropped ten 100-lb. bombs on Rekata Beach at 1051L, Oct. 19, starting a large fire.

B-17's dropped 41 -100 lb. bombs in the vicinity of Tassafaronga at 1115L, but there is no evidence of damage.

Supplementing yesterday's report concerning the 4 attacks on the Buin area, a total of 22 B-17's participated, striking at dawn on the 18th. Only 3 zeros offered opposition in the air. Results of the raids are now reported as 1 CA believed damaged, 2 other cruisers possibly hit, 1 small AK left burning, at least 1 flying boat destroyed and 6 others damaged.

Three CL's and 16 DD's arrived in the Buin area at 1200L, October 18. The total enemy force in this area was indicated as: 1 CA, 3 CL's, 20 DD's, 3 possible AV's, and 2 AO's. No merchant vessels were reported.

During the afternoon of October 18 (LZT), 2 CA's and 2 possible DD's were sighted 25 miles north of Buika Island, course southwest.

(B) New Ireland.

In the afternoon of Oct. 18 (LZT), 2 DD's and one 8,000-ton merchantman were sighted near Kavieng. One AV or AS and 2 possible SS's were also sighted 40 miles southwest of Kavieng. The tender appeared to catapult 2 seaplanes.

(C) New Britain.

During the night of October 17-18, B-17's attacked Rabaul. A large explosion was observed on an unidentified vessel.

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II. India.

Three small parties of Indian saboteurs were landed from Japanese submarines. It is believed, however, that some or all of these have been captured.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, October 19, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(A) N.E.I.

On October 17 three Hudsons attacked enemy positions at Dili in Portuguese Timor.

(B) Solomons.

On October 17 one B-17 attacked a large enemy AP west of Shortland Island with undetermined results.

On the morning of October 17, Allied air reconnaissance sighted about 30 ships in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area, including 2 CA's, 7 DD's, 3 apparent AV's, 17 AK's, and 1 AO. No enemy aircraft were seen and no damage was observed on the airfield from the attack just before dawn. No enemy activity was observed at Kieta. During the same morning, 1 CM, 2 DD's, and 1 XAV remained in Buka Passage. Six new AA positions were observed at the aerodrome but no enemy activity. Four medium AK's were sighted in Kessa Harbor, on the west coast of Buka Island.

During the night of October 17-18, Allied heavy bombers made 4 coordinated attacks on the enemy airfield and shipping in the Buin area. Flares were used to illuminate and 22 tons of bombs, including many 1,000-pounders, were dropped among enemy ships. Three enemy cruisers are claimed to have been hit in the second attack, a large AV and AK's were bombed in the third, and an AK strafed and set afire and 7 flying boats destroyed or damaged in the fourth attack. Pilots in the last wave saw enemy vessels burning fiercely as a result of the earlier attacks. Enemy fighters which attempted interception were driven off. All of our planes returned.

(C) Admiralty Islands.

On October 18 an Allied reconnaissance unit strafed and set afire a weather-reporting vessel in Lorengau Harbor.

(D) New Ireland.

At Kavieng on October 17, 2 AF's (8,000-10,000 tons), 2 medium

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AK's, and 2 DD's were sighted. Two DD's and 3 medium AK's were also sighted 75 miles northwest of New Hanover, course southeast.

(E) New Guinea.

Allied air units were active on October 18, with bombing and strafing attacks against an enemy-occupied village near Mabo and also in the Wairopi area.

On the ground, Allied troops are now within about 12 miles of Kokoda. Sharp clashes with enemy troops took place on October 17 and 18, causing relatively heavy enemy casualties.

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Summary as of 0800, Oct. 18, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific.(A) Solomons.

Supplementing yesterday's report of some 38-43 enemy ships sighted in the Buin-Tonolei Area at noon, October 16, it is now reported that the 2 CV's included in this total were possible carriers, and not definite. An additional force of 1 other possible CV and 1 DD were approaching from the west. Reconnaissance after this sighting failed to confirm the presence of these 3 carriers. The BB and CV reported at 1100L, Oct. 16, northeast of Tonolei Harbor were claimed as definite.

During the night of October 16-17, Allied medium bombers attacked the aerodrome at Buka. Bombs fell among aircraft on the ground, in dispersal areas, and on supply installations. Large fires and numerous explosions resulted. On the same night a formation of Allied heavy bombers raided Buin aerodrome, hitting the runway and dispersal areas and starting fires. All our planes returned safely from these 2 raids.

(B) Admiralty Islands.

Thirteen enemy aircraft were observed on Lorengau airfield, Manus Island, on October 16.

(C) New Britain - New Ireland.

On the morning of Oct. 16, 18 enemy vessels were observed in Rabaul Harbor. At the same time 1 CA, 1 CL, 2 DD's, and 1 AV were sighted heading toward Rabaul from the south.

At 1200 L, October 16, one possible CV, 1 CA, and 2 DD were sighted northwest of New Hanover proceeding southeast. Twenty-two medium bombers and three fighters were observed on Kaviang aerodrome.

Before dawn on October 17, an Allied formation of heavy bombers attacked Rabaul, dropping 15 tons of bombs on target areas. Heavy AA fire was encountered without loss to our planes.

(D) New Guinea.

On October 17, Allied offensive reconnaissance units twice

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bombed areas in the vicinity of Mubo, south of Salamoa.

On the ground, increasing Allied pressure has caused further slight withdrawal of enemy troops towards Kokoda.

II. Northwest Pacific.

Late on Oct. 15 a U.S. heavy bomber on reconnaissance observed no enemy activity in the Attu area. Bombs were dropped on remaining buildings and fires were started. In addition, two 500-lb. bombs were dropped in the Kiska camp area.

One B-17 and 4 P-38's attacked Kiska on Oct. 16. No serviceable enemy planes were sighted and only 2 beached ships remained in Kiska Harbor.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 17, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) Solomons

The determined Japanese effort to regain control over the southern Solomons continues. In addition to the naval forces operating in a wide area surrounding the southern Solomons heavy units have been sighted at Tonolei Harbor and off the northeastern coast of Bougainville Island. A number of contacts have been made and air attacks executed on both sides, but details are still lacking.

On Oct. 15 about 50 enemy fighters were reported based on Buka airdrome. Additional AA guns have been mounted here.

(b) NEI

On Oct. 14 it was reported that the Japanese have mined the harbor at Dili, Portuguese Timor.

On Oct. 16 allied medium bombers raided the Japanese-occupied village of Vila Manatuto, 25-30 miles east of Dili. Fires were started in building areas.

(c) South Seas

At 1345L, Oct. 14, air reconnaissance indicated a possible SS about 320 miles N.W. of the Fiji Islands.

(d) New Guinea

No change has been reported in the situation in the Owen Stanley range. On Oct. 16 allied planes machine-gunned enemy-occupied villages at the mouth of the Mambare River and inland along the valley. Enemy positions between Buna and Kokoda were also attacked.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, October 16, 1942I. Northwest Pacific.

On October 14 a Catalina pilot landed under enemy gunfire near Little Kiska and made an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the pilot of a downed P-38.

II. Southwest Pacific.(A) Solomons.

On October 15 an Allied offensive reconnaissance unit bombed an enemy CL in the Faisi area with 500 lb. bombs. The CL lost speed and came to a dead stop, evidently seriously damaged.

(B) New Guinea.

On October 14 reconnaissance reported that Lae aerodrome is serviceable but no enemy aircraft were observed. The runway at Salamoa, however, appeared unserviceable although some aircraft were noted on the ground.

On the same day, possible enemy positions on Goodenough Island were lightly bombed.

On October 15, Allied planes continued their activities by bombing enemy installations at Salamoa, Wairopi bridge, and by strafing enemy positions from Buna to points west of Kokoda.

On the ground, only limited activity was reported about 12 miles west of Kokoda.

(C) N.E.I.

On October 15 Allied medium bombers attacked an enemy-occupied village in Portuguese Timor. Much damage was caused.

III. Burma.

There were indications during late September and early October of a considerable movement of Japanese planes into Burma. Increased construction work at Japanese-held aerodromes in Burma was also noted.

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I. Southwest Pacific

(A) Solomon

1. At 1210L, October 14, 25 enemy bombers accompanied by fighters attacked Guadalcanal airfield. 1 Grumman fighter lacked time to reach altitude. At 1305L a second group of 15 bombers and 10 fighters attacked. 9 bombers and 3 Zeros were definitely shot down.

2. Photographs of Buna airfield on October 13 showed 29 planes on the field. 8 fighters and 2 bombers appeared destroyed or damaged.

3. In the New Georgia area a report of October 12 states that enemy vessels are operating nightly between Viru Harbor and Rendova Harbor where the Japanese apparently recently landed troops.

(B) New Britain

Early on October 13, 15 B-17's again attacked Rabaul. 6-1000 lb. bombs were dropped on the runway at Vunakanga and smaller bombs in dispersal areas. One large fire and an explosion resulted. Several hits were also made at Lakunai aerodrome. Installations in Rabaul were also bombed.

(C) New Guinea

Allied air forces have continued their attacks on Buna aerodrome and in the Buna-Wadropi area during the 13th and 14th.

On the ground, increased action was reported on October 14 in the area a few miles S.W. of Kokoda.

II. Indian Ocean

British S.S. MARTABAN (4,161 ton freighter) was torpedoed 100 miles E. of Madras, India.

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Catalinas on patrol sighted 2 small enemy freighters on October 11. One was N.W. and the other S.W. of Kiska. The Catalinas and later B-24's failed to hit either ship. U.S.S. HALIBUT made a surface attack of the ship N.W. of Kiska, but 2 torpedoes missed. It was determined that the ship was a decoy Q boat of about 2,000 tons. Armament consisted of 3 guns forward and underwater torpedo tubes. One torpedo was fired at the HALIBUT but missed. Three B-17's later failed to locate the vessel.

On October 11 six B-24's dropped 27 quarter-ton bombs on the camp area at Kiska and 40 bombs on the 2 beached vessels in the harbor. No hits were made on the ships. One AK was sighted in Gertrude Cove and 4 seaplanes on the water near the camp.

II. Southwest Pacific:(a) N.E.I.

On October 11 an enemy W/T ship was reported in the vicinity of Amboina.

(b) Solomons

At dawn, October 12, four DD's and 15 AK's were sighted in the Buin-Faisi area. During the same morning enemy DD's were sighted 70 miles S. of Buka Passage.

(c) New Guinea

Allied air attacks have continued in the Buna-Kokoda area on October 12. At least 6 small enemy boats were observed N. of Buna in Holnicote Bay.

On October 13 Allied ground troops were reported in complete control of the Gap S.W. of Kokoda and to have advanced slightly.

III. Indian Ocean:

British S.S. CABARITA, reported in yesterday's Summary, is now presumed sunk.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIESSummary as of 0800, October 13, 1942I. Northwest Pacific

An enemy SS was sighted on the surface by a Russian ship in Lat. 53°-46'N, Long. 163°-21'W during the night October 10-11.

II. Southwest Pacific(a) Solomons

During October 11, 3 CA's, 2 possible AV's, and 6 DD's were sighted departing S. from the Buin-Faisi area. Remaining in this area in the evening of the 11th were 29 light warships and merchant vessels.

Construction work continues on the airfield near Buin, with rapid expansion of blast bays and dispersal areas indicated.

III. New Britain - New Ireland

Two heavy bombing attacks on Rabaul during the nights of October 8 and 9 are reported to have left the town in ruins and to have sent enemy troops into the hills behind the town.

On October 10 Allied reconnaissance reported 2 unidentified vessels in Kavieng harbor. 1 DD, 1 - 7,000 ton AP, and a small AK were sighted about 80 miles S.W. of Kavieng.

IV. N. E. I.

On October 12, U.S.S. Searaven sank an 8,000 ton German ship, south-bound in Soenda Strait.

V. Indian Ocean

Enemy submarines are continuing operations in the Indian Ocean. On October 7 an enemy SS was sighted off Merbat (Arabian coast, about 650 miles N.E. of Aden) and on October 11, British S.S. CABARITA (4,564 gross tons) was shelled by an enemy SS about 850 miles S.W. of Colombo. An enemy SS was reported about 20 miles E. of Ceylon, date unknown.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIESSummary as of 0800, Oct. 12, 1942I. U.S. West Coast

The S.S. CAMDEN (U.S. 6,653 ton tanker), torpedoed on October 4 about 55 miles N. of Cape Blanco, Oregon, took fire and sank on October 9.

II. Northwest Pacific

It is indicated that the U.S.S.R. - Alaska aircraft ferry route will again go into regular operation, according to reports of October 4.

III. Southwest Pacific(a) N.E.I.

The presence of 3,000-4,000 Japanese troops in the Dili area was reliably reported as of October 9. Fires were started in the center of the town of Dili when 3 Hudsons attacked on October 10.

(b) New Ireland

On October 11 Allied medium bombers attacked a 10,000 ton AV escorted by a DD, S. of New Ireland. 2 bomb hits were made on the AV which was heavily damaged and last seen motionless. 12 planes were observed on her upper deck at the time of the attack.

(c) New Guinea

On October 11, Allied planes again carried out an offensive sweep from Kokoda to the coast, bombing and strafing enemy supplies and installations.

Allied ground troops have again lost contact with the Japanese. Inclement weather and terrain difficulties are hampering operations.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, Oct. 11, 1942

I. Northwest Pacific

(a) Aleutians

Photographs of the new Japanese camp at Gertrude Cove show
steady growth and numerous AA installations.

(b) General

Japanese broadcasts of recent date have widely propagandized
the alleged sinking of the Lisbon Maru on Oct. 1 by a U.S. submarine while
enroute north to Japan carrying a large number of British prisoners of war.
The broadcasts emphasize the indignation of the British survivors on being
torpedoed by a friendly submarine from such a short distance that identification
of the British prisoners on deck must have been made. It appears an excellent
opportunity for Japan to attempt to cause a rift in Anglo-American relations.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) Solomons

On Oct. 9 4 CA's, 24 light warships and 14 merchantmen were re-
ported in the Buin - Faisi - Tonolai Harbor area. An earlier reconnaissance
flight reported 1 CL and 5 DD's departing in a southeasterly direction. 9 sea-
planes were sighted at the north end of Shortland Island, and 2 probable AF's
and one other vessel were seen 30 miles east of Buka Passage. Enemy vessels were
also reported proceeding regularly south and east of Simbo Island (New Georgia
Group) in the morning and returning in the late afternoon.

The same day 3 Catalinas again bombed Buka aerodrome, starting 3 large
fires.

(b) New Britain

Allied air reconnaissance on Oct. 8, prior to the mass air attack of
that night, reported 5 possible SS's, 46 light warships and merchantmen, 5 flying
boats and 6 seaplanes in Rabaul Harbor. 6 enemy bombers and 71 fighters were ob-
served on Lakunai airfield. The allied air attack on the night of Oct. 8 - 9, pre-
viously reported, was directed against the town itself. Four big oil fires and
other fires were started in the center of the town where stores are known to have
been concentrated. In the harbor the following day, Oct. 9, were sighted 4 - 5
SS's, 9 light warships, 24 merchantmen, 13 small cargo ships, 5 flying boats and
6 seaplanes.

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On October 9 - 10, for the second night in succession, allied heavy bombers carried out a mass attack on Rabaul. A preliminary incendiary raid was employed to light up the target areas. 40 tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, causing fires and explosions along the waterfront, among the wharves, buildings and workshops. One airfield at Rabaul was also bombed causing many fires. A ship in the harbor was apparently hit and left smoking. Flames and smoke from the raid were visible for 90 miles.

(c) New Guinea

No further ground activity has been reported but allied bombers continued to attack objectives in the Japanese rear.

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I. Northwest Pacific.

By D/F on October 9 an enemy SS is indicated in the general area
45° N, 129° W (about 280 miles W of Portland, Oregon).

II. Southwest Pacific.(a) M.E.I.

Allied reconnaissance on October 8 reported one probable DD,
3 small AK's, and 8 schooners in the vicinity of Kespang.

The AK previously damaged in the Tanimbar Islands area on October
8 was destroyed by Allied medium bombers on October 9.

(b) Solomons.

In the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area 5 enemy cruisers, 1 SS,
3 DD's, and 8 other vessels were sighted on October 8. On Buin airfield 18 air-
craft were sighted.

During the night October 8-9 Allied medium bombers attacked the
airfield at Buks, causing numerous fires.

(c) New Britain.

October 9 has been characterized by intense Allied air activity
in the New Britain and New Guinea areas.

During the night October 8-9 Rabaul was subjected to a heavy
attack carried out by Allied medium and heavy bombers. Sixty tons of explosives
and incendiaries were dropped and much damage done to enemy installations. Fires
were visible for 80 miles.

Two of 3 intercepting Zeros were shot down over St. George's
Channel by an Allied reconnaissance on October 9.

(d) New Guinea.

On October 9 Allied medium bombers and fighters made a
coordinated attack on Lae aerodrome. Sixteen tons of bombs were dropped and

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considerable damage caused. No enemy interception took place but heavy AA fire was encountered.

On the ground, Allied forward elements have established contact with enemy patrols at the NE end of Kokoda Pass.

III. Indian Ocean.

British S.S. Manon (freighter, 5,597 tons) was torpedoed off the E coast of India, about 90 miles N of Madras.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIESSummary as of 0800, Oct. 9, 1942

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I. Northwest Pacific

An enemy freighter which was attacked by B-24's on October 4
N.W. of Kiska reached Vega Bay, Kiska, with 15 landing barges.

II. Southwest Pacific(a) N.E.I.

On October 6, Allied reconnaissance sighted 8 enemy aircraft on
Dili aerodrome. Allied patrols entered Maobisse (17 miles S. of Dili).

Bombs were dropped by an Allied reconnaissance unit on an enemy
vessel at Koepang but the results were unobserved.

An enemy medium AP in the Tanimbar Islands was bombed by Allied
medium bombers.

(b) Solomons

Vangunu Island in the New Georgia Group has recently been visited
by enemy vessels, indicating continued Japanese interest in these islands.

(c) New Guinea

No appreciable change has taken place in the Allied drive on Kokoda
and air activity was limited to minor bombing and strafing attacks.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

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I. Southwest Pacific

(a) Solomons

Reconnaissance reports revealed the presence of a relatively large Japanese naval force (consisting of 2 BB's, probably 5 CA's, 5 CL's, 12 DD's, at least 4 AK's and a number of smaller craft) in the Buin-Shortlands area on the night of October 5. During the morning of October 6 this force, in scattered groups, was sighted E. of Bougainville but further reconnaissance again revealed the presence, in the Buin - Faisi - Tonolei - Shortlands area during the afternoon of the 6th, of a total of 38 Japanese vessels.

(b) New Britain - New Ireland

On October 6 Allied reconnaissance reported 1 CA and 5 other ships anchored off Kavieng and 3 small merchantmen 60 miles N.W. of Rabaul.

(c) New Guinea

The slow unopposed Allied advance over the gap in the Owen Stanley Range continues.

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I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) Activity in this area has been chiefly confined to Allied air offensive missions on a reduced scale and routine reconnaissance flights.

(b) Ceram:

On October 6 Allied medium bombers attacked oil tanks at Bosla on the N.E. coast of Ceram.

(c) New Britain:

Approximately 15-20 enemy ships were sighted in Rabaul harbor by B-17's on October 5.

(d) New Guinea:

No enemy resistance has been encountered in the Allied advance towards the gap in the Owen Stanley Range. The immediate vicinity of the gap has now been reached by Allied advance patrols.

(e) Solomons:

Allied reconnaissance on October 5 sighted 3 CA's and 31 light warships in the Buin-Faisi area.

Enemy installations at Buka were attacked by medium bombers early on the 6th, resulting in explosions and fires.

(f) Ellice Islands:

Continued enemy interest in the Ellice Islands is indicated by reconnaissance flights made over several islands of this group on October 5.

II. Alaska:

No enemy four-engined flying boats have been sighted at Kiska since September 14.

Aerial photographs of Kiska reveal considerable new construction and heavy sand-bag protection of buildings and installations.

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U.S. West Coast:

Reappearance of at least one Japanese submarine is indicated by the torpedoing of the U.S. tankers LARRY DOHENY and CAMDEN in the vicinity of Cape Blanco.

IV. Indian Ocean:

The U.S. freighter LOSMAR was torpedoed and presumed sunk on September 29 about 300 miles W. of Ceylon, presumably by a Japanese submarine.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIESSummary as of 0800, October 6, 1942I. Southwest Pacific:(a) Portuguese Timor:

On October 2nd 300 enemy troops were reported at Cinaro and an additional 300 at Aileu.

(b) New Britain-New Ireland:

On October 4 Allied reconnaissance reported a possible CA and one probable AV in Kavieng Harbor.

In Rabaul Harbor, 31 enemy vessels were sighted. Seven Zeros unsuccessfully attempted to intercept our reconnaissance plane between Rabaul and Kavieng.

Lakunai and Vunakanau airdromes were heavily attacked by a strong force of Allied heavy bombers at dawn, October 5. Twelve tons of bombs were dropped on runways and dispersal areas. About 20 Zeros attempted interception, but four were shot down and others damaged. One Allied bomber is missing.

(c) New Guinea area:

The Allied advance toward Kokoda Pass continues and on October 5 the villages of Kagi and Myola were occupied and passed.

On October 5 two formations of Allied medium bombers attacked a small enemy convoy of 2 DD's and 1 AP off the coast near Buna. The results were undetermined, but of intercepting Zeros, 3 were shot down. One Allied plane is missing.

In the face of heavy AA fire, two formations of Allied heavy and light bombers bombed and strafed the Buna-Gona area causing considerable damage to enemy installations.

On October 3 there were indications that the enemy has occupied Woodlark Island, E. of the Trobriands. There were also indications that small enemy parties on Goodenough Island may move eastward to Fergusson Island in the D'Entrecasteaux Group.

(d) Solomons:

On October 3 formations of P-40's attacked Japanese positions at Narabo, Tenaro, Kokumbona, and Point Crug along the N.W. coast of Guadalcanal in support of our ground operations.

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The enemy radio station at Rekata Bay was bombed by B-17's on October 3.

Sightings on October 4 include:

- (1) In Bougainville Strait, 1 cruiser.
- (2) At the S.W. entrance of Buka Passage, 3 light warships and AP's or AK's.
- (3) On Buka airdrome, 3 medium bombers and 14 fighters.
- (4) Considerable improvement of the airfield near Buin has been noted.

II. Indian Ocean:

Submarines, presumably Japanese, are continuing their attacks on shipping in this area. Recent attacks and sightings were as follows:

- (1) September 28, Norwegian freighter FERNBANK (4,333 tons) attacked 220 miles E. of Bombay.
- (2) September 29, an unknown ship sunk at approximately 130 miles N.W. of Ras Al Hadd, Arabia.
- (3) October 3, Russian freighter MIKOYAN (2,332 tons) attacked off Ceylon.
- (4) October 4, British freighter GLENAFFARIC sighted on the surface 230 miles S. of Karachi.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 5, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Britain.

Photographs of Rabaul Harbor on Oct. 3 show 1 AS, possibly 3 SS, 16 light warships, 11 merchantmen, 30 launches, 4 unidentified ships, and 5 flying boats. The previous day, Oct. 2, 1 CL and 1 probable AV were sighted in Steffen Strait, north of Kavieng.

Further information on the previously reported air attack on Rabaul of Oct. 1 states that one cruiser and 2 AP's of 7,000 and 15,000 tons were put out of action. One returning pilot stated that all three may have sunk.

Captured diaries confirm the sinking at Rabaul on April 18 of the Komaki Maru (8,525 tons), which was stated to have been attacked by 6 B-26's.

(b) New Guinea.

The allied advance, supported by aircraft, continues to throw back the Japanese ground forces which now are reported falling back on Kokoda.

(c) Solomons.

On the night of Oct. 3 allied bombers attacked Buka airfield. Explosions and fires near the runway and in dispersal areas were noted. No interception was attempted.

Recent sightings in the Solomons on Oct. 3 include:

- (1) Buin-Faisi area: 20 light warships and merchantmen and 7 flying boats
- (2) 12 miles SE of Faisi: 2 DD's, 2 AP's
- (3) At Buka: 6 bombers, 20 zero fighters and 30 fighter-bombers
- (4) Off the western end of Buka Passage: 1 cruiser, 1 AV.

II. North Pacific.

The U.S. tanker Camden, 6,653 tons, was torpedoed on October 4 about 55 miles north of Cape Blanco, Oregon. The vessel has been abandoned and

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is probably sinking.

III. U.S. Submarine Operations.

On Aug. 19 USS Snapper fired two torpedoes into an 8,000 ton escorted AK in Lat. 0°, Long. 119° E. Two torpedo explosions were heard, and 7 minutes later a loud prolonged explosion was heard. One hour later only escorting destroyers were in sight.

This submarine also sighted a 3,000 ton French vessel, and the letters LADS were made out on her side.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of CSCQ, Oct. 4, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

Allied aircraft continue to support ground operations which on Oct. 3 were reported to have driven the Japanese back to Efogi. Additional enemy guns, stores and equipment have been captured. On Oct. 3 allied aircraft strafed objectives along the Buna-Kokoda track. Three direct hits were made on Wairopi bridge, about half way between Buna and Kokoda, destroying the partially repaired eastern end of the bridge. Areas north of Efogi were also strafed. In the Salamoa area Japanese positions at Mubo were attacked by air, killing and wounding at least 25 of the enemy.

(b) Solomon Islands.

A dawn attack on Oct. 3 by allied torpedo planes surprised an enemy naval force at Faisi. Three CL's and 2 merchantmen were believed hit by torpedoes dropped at close range.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of October 3, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Guinea - New Britain

Air attacks continued on enemy positions in the Owen Stanley mountains and on enemy held airdromes at Lae and Salamoa. On October 1 allied heavy bombers raided Rabaul. 2 direct hits were claimed on 2 AP, and an ammunition dump at the airdrome was destroyed.

(b) Solomons

The Japanese continue to use the Shortland Islands area as an operating base for large numbers of surface ships. Air reconnaissance of this area on October 1 disclosed 3 CA (2 NACHI, 1 KAKO), 2 CL (1 SENDAI, 1 TENRYU) 15 to 20 DD, 2 CM, 2 XAV, 2 AO, 5 to 7 AK or AP. During the day of the first an additional 1 CA and 7 DD arrived.

It is reported that a large Japanese warship has been aground on a reef in Tonoiei harbor since Sept. 29th.

Enemy radio installations at Buin are reported to have been destroyed as a result of air bombing on the night of 29 to 30 September.

II. Indian Ocean

(a) Enemy (probably Japanese) submarines made two attacks on shipping in this area near Colombo. The 1210 ton Panamanian cargo vessel was shelled by a submarine on the 30th. The ship caught fire and was run aground and abandoned near Cape Comorin at the southern tip of India. (Lat. 8-10 N., Long. 77-41 E). At 0717Z/1 October the SS Point Clear (Greek 4839 tons) was unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine in Lat. 7-32 N., Long. 76-11 E.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Oct. 2, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

The initiative in this area now has definitely passed to the allied forces which are driving the Japanese back in the Owen Stanley range and harassing their supplies and communications by air attacks.

(b) Solomons.

Allied air raids continue to hamper the progress of Japanese preparations in this area. On Sept. 29 the new Buin airfield was struck by direct hits on its runway and its dispersal lane. The Buka airfield received like treatment on Sept. 30.

(c) New Britain.

Analysis of photographs taken of Rabaul on Sept. 28 shows that in addition to the 24 surface ships previously reported there were 7 SS's in the harbor.

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Ireland.

Photographs of Sept. 29 show 2 probable AV's, 2 merchantmen and 1 small vessel in this area.

(b) New Guinea.

Allied troops are continuing their slow advance against enemy positions in the Owen Stanley Range.

On Sept. 29 one small Japanese DD was reported off Aitape (on the northern coast near the Australian-Dutch boundary).

(c) Solomons.

Allied reconnaissance of Sept. 29 reported the following sightings:

- (1) In the Buin-Faisi area, 15 light warships and 3 supply ships
- (2) 80 miles NW of Buin, one CA
- (3) In the vicinity of Buka Passage, 2 DD's and 20 aircraft
- (4) At Queen Carola Harbor (NW coast of Buka Island), 1-2 large vessels

II. Northwest Pacific.

The Army staff at Fort Greely has estimated the position of the Japanese in the Aleutians to be:

- (1) No intention of forward movement or complete withdrawal.
- (2) Present moves appear to be local shifting of forces.
- (3) No Japanese activity on Amchitka Island, and no large assembly of Japanese naval vessels or transports has been discovered.
- (4) Most of the 12-15 seaplanes recently sent as reinforcements to Kiska have been destroyed.

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Allied reconnaissance of Rabaul Harbor showed 4 CA's and 20 light warships, 17 merchantmen and 4 flying boats on Sept. 28.

(b) New Guinea.

On Sept. 28 allied air reconnaissance revealed no activity and an apparently unused runway at Finsch Harbor (60 miles NE of Lae).

On Sept. 29 allied ground troops, by infiltration and outflanking tactics, are reported to have driven the Japanese completely off the Ioribaima Ridge and captured enemy stores and equipment. Allied air activity has continued supporting operations.

(c) Solomons.

On Sept. 28 allied reconnaissance revealed the following:

- (1) In the Buin-Faisi area, 27 light warships, 4 flying boats, and 8 fighters
- (2) 65 miles SW of Buin, 1 DD and 1 AP
- (3) At the east end of Buka Passage, 1 probable CA
- (4) On Buka airfield, 4 medium bombers and 10 fighters

II. Hawaii.

For the past three days there have been doubtful but persistent reports of a Japanese SS off southern Oahu.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 29, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

The Japanese were reported to be establishing a radio station at
Massie Bay, SW coast of Normanby Island, on Sept. 22.

On Sept. 27 and 28 allied planes continued their attacks on Jap-
anese installations in the Buna and Ioribaiwa-Kokoda areas.

(b) Solomons.

Allied reconnaissance of Sept. 27 reported the following sightings:

- (1) Buin-Faisi area: 3-4 CA's, 2 SS's, 24-31 light surface craft and merchantmen
- (2) 135 miles SW of Buin: 1 small merchantman and 1 small tug
- (3) 80 miles west of Buka: 1 CL
- (4) Departing from Buka westward: 2 DD's and 1 AP

(c) Australia.

On Sept. 27, for the third successive day, 2-3 Japanese bombers
made two raids on Darwin, causing no damage.

II. North Pacific.

On Sept. 27 a Japanese SS was reported about 90 miles SE of Sitka.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 28, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Britain

Reconnaissance of Sept. 25 reported 30-40 Japanese vessels in Rabaul Harbor. During the day allied medium bombers scored a direct hit on a medium A K. On Sept. 26 heavy bombers made a low level night attack, scoring a direct hit on an unidentified ship and 3 possible hits on another vessel. Searchlight positions were machine-gunned and finally extinguished.

Striking again at Rabaul on Sept. 27th heavy bombers reported a direct hit and a near miss on a 15,000 ton merchantman. When last sighted 10 minutes after the attack, columns of heavy black smoke 300 ft. high were pouring from the stern and midship sections. Thus in five raids in 4 days allied bombers have sunk or severely damaged 6 enemy vessels at Rabaul alone.

(b) New Guinea

Photographs of Sept. 26 indicate that the Buna airfield, following further allied bombings, is now completely unserviceable.

Allied bombers scored two direct hits on one 500 ton transport off the Trobriand Islands. The vessel was gutted by fire and later sank.

(c) Gilbert Islands

Early on Sept. 28 four enemy warships were reported approaching Kuria, and it is believed that the enemy has landed.

(d) Australia

Two ineffectual raids, each by 2 enemy planes, were made on Darwin Sept. 25. On Sept. 26 3 planes attacked, but no damage or casualties were sustained.

II. Northwest Pacific

(a) The U.S. Army Commander, Fort Richardson, stated that he believes the Japanese are either moving to Amchitka Island or withdrawing from Kiska.

(b) At about 1730Z, Sept. 27 a submarine was reported in Lat. 56°- 18' N., Long. 134°- 30' W.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 27, 1942

I. Northern Pacific

(a) Air reconnaissance over Attu on the 22nd and 23rd indicates that Japanese forces have been evacuated from this position. No ships were seen in Chichagof Harbor or Holtz Bay; no antiaircraft fire was encountered although the planes flew very low and installations ashore appeared to have been abandoned.

(b) On the 25th air reconnaissance sighted 1 freighter escorted by a DD in Lat. 53-35 N., Long. 175-10 E heading on course 280°.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Guinea

The situation remains virtually unchanged with some progress being made towards penetrating enemy positions.

(b) Solomons

Patrolling continues with little contact with enemy forces.

(c) Gilberts

Japanese occupation of the Gilberts is continuing; the enemy making daily reconnaissance flights over unoccupied islands. The Japanese occupied Apamama on 2 September, Tarawa on 3 Sept., Makana on 24 Sept., and Beru was believed occupied on 25 Sept. Previous reports of Japanese landing on Kuria are false.

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The general situation remains unchanged. The enemy airfield at Buna, despite continued allied bombing and strafing, was again reported serviceable on Sept. 23.

On Sept. 24 two large and one small Japanese merchant vessels were sighted in Hercules Bay (65 miles SE of Salama).

(b) Solomon Islands.

U.S. Marines continue to operate against enemy-held villages and other positions on Guadalcanal.

B-17's on reconnaissance Sept. 23 reported 3 sightings of enemy SS's 500-600 miles east of Buna. Two DD's were sighted 70 and 100 miles NE of Buna, respectively.

On Sept. 24 allied reconnaissance of the Buin area sighted 3 CA's, 1 CL, 11-15 DD's, 6 PG's, 2 AV's and 4 merchantmen. One CA departed westward and 4 DD's departed ESE after noon.

(c) Gilbert Islands.

Two ships were seen approaching Beru from the northwest at 1805Z, Sept. 25. At 1906Z landing was in progress with three warships standing off.

II. Northwest Pacific.

(a) There is some indication that a small enemy party was active on Segula Island on Sept. 22.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 25, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Britain.

On Sept. 24 allied heavy bombers scored a direct hit amidships on an 8,000 ton AK in Rabaul Harbor. An explosion and fires resulted, and the AK is believed to have sunk.

(b) New Guinea.

Activity in this area continues to be marked by allied bomber raids in the Buna-Kokoda area and at Mubo, south of Salamoa.

(c) Solomons.

A native report considered reliable states that the Japanese plan completion of their new airfield at Kihili (near Buin) within one week.

(d) Gilbert Islands.

Early on Sept. 24 an unidentified vessel was sighted north of Kuria, and at noon an enemy flying boat came over the island.

A Japanese warship and 1 AK were sighted off Maiana, and late on Sept. 24 Japanese troops landed on the north end of the island from small boats. Since that time the radio station has been silent.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 24, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) NEI.

Allied reconnaissance on Sept. 22 sighted 4 possible DD's and one other large vessel in Ambon Bay.

It is reported that Japanese patrols have retired from the area between Beaco (50 miles SE of Dili, Portuguese Timor) and Ossu (15 miles straight north).

(b) New Guinea.

Allied aircraft on Sept. 23 again made several bombing attacks on Japanese installations at Buna and Kokoda. At Buna, for the first time recently, six zero fighters intercepted, but without success.

A single Japanese plane dropped a few bombs in the scrub near Port Moresby on Sept. 23.

(c) Solomon Islands.

On Sept. 22 allied reconnaissance of the Buin area sighted 24 warships, including 3 CA's. Four other warships were sighted about 120 miles southwest of Buika.

(d) Gilbert Islands.

Enemy planes were sighted over Maiana and Nonouti on Sept. 23.

II. Indian Ocean.

The Paul Luckenbach (6,606 tons) was torpedoed, presumably by a Japanese SS about 840 miles SW of Bombay. The ship was proceeding independently.

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III. U.S. Submarine Action.

USS Saury on Aug. 24 made one torpedo hit on a 9,000 ton tanker similar to Nippon Maru in a position 16 miles SW of Corregidor. Thereafter she dove to avoid aircraft, and after 5 minutes heard a heavy explosion. About 40 minutes later an explosion which sounded like a ship breaking up was heard, and thereafter no screws were heard.

On Sept. 11 she sank a 7,100 ton cargo-passenger ship similar to Sado Maru in a night surface attack in Lat. 3°-16' S, Long. 118°-29' E.

USS Saury was credited with one ship sunk and one damaged.

USS Amberjack reports sinking a 5,000 ton freighter off Bougainville Strait, but no date was mentioned.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 23, 1942I. Southwest Pacific.(a) New Britain.

On Sept. 21 allied reconnaissance planes sighted 12-14 vessels at the north end of Rabaul Harbor. Identification was made impossible by Japanese zero fighter interception. These fighters, painted in silver color, appeared to be new replacements in this area. That night allied bombers scored 2 hits amidships on a large vessel at Rabaul and bombed aircraft dispersal areas with unobserved results.

(b) New Guinea.

Recent activity in this area seems to have been restricted to allied air attacks on Japanese positions, accomplished with no interception by Japanese aircraft. Patrol activity in the Ioribaiwa area was pressed by allied troops.

(c) Gilbert Islands.

Minor enemy activity at Tarawa and Apamama was reported on Sept. 21.

(d) Solomons.

Japanese fighter planes are now believed to be operating from a landing strip near Bain.

II. Indian Ocean.

The British "Ocean Honor", 7173 tons, was sunk by a Japanese SS about 65 miles northwest of Cape Guardafui, Italian Somaliland on September 15. She was proceeding independently without escort.

III. U.S. submarine operations.

USS S-47 is reported to have made three hits on an unescorted cruiser

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in what is understood to have been a surface attack in a position near St. George's Channel, probably 12 miles SE of Cape Orford. The cruiser is believed to have been sunk, but definite decision will await the patrol report. The description of the cruiser appears to tally with the characteristics of the Kinugasa class (CA).

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 22, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Guinea

Japanese air raids on Port Moresby have been renewed. On Sept. 19 only 2 or 3 planes dropped a few bombs in an uninhabited wooded area near Port Moresby, but on Sept. 21 about 27 bombers and 10 fighters came over. However, their bombs were dropped in a scrub bush area 32 miles N.W. of Port Moresby, causing no damage nor casualties. It is of interest to note this new activity after a period of almost no air operations in New Guinea.

The last enemy stragglers in the Milne Bay area are now reported to have been wiped out, but there is no change in the general situation at Ioribaiwa.

(b) Solomons

No new development of interest is noted in this area.

II. Indian Ocean

On Sept. 17 an RAF Catalina unsuccessfully attacked an enemy SS on the surface about 490 miles east of Aden.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 21, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

Allied aircraft continue to receive little or no opposition except from AA fire in recent bombing and strafing expeditions on Japanese positions in Southeast New Guinea.

(b) Solomons.

Only minor patrol activity, sniping and occasional skirmishes have occurred in the past few days between the opposing ground forces on Guadalcanal. Allied air reconnaissance has failed to observe any Japanese surface units which appeared to be advancing on our positions, but in the Buin area there were sighted about 12 warships and about 20 others off New Georgia Island.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, September 20, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) Solomons:

No new developments have been noted on Guadalcanal Island.

To the eastward of Buin, where the Japanese have been reported recently to be building an airfield, allied air reconnaissance of September 17 noted a cleared strip about 750 yards in length.

(b) New Guinea:

Japanese activity has been reported between Buna and Kokoda. The airfield at Buna is still unserviceable, but several AA gun positions have been noted close by.

(c) Gilbert Islands:

Japanese air reconnaissance between September 15 and 17 has been reported over Kuria, Aramuka, Maiana and Beru. On September 16 4-6 enemy warships were in the Central Gilberts.

II. Indian Ocean:

Japanese submarines are again reported operating in the Indian Ocean. Although the positions of several have been given, no attacks by them have yet been reported. One Japanese submarine is now reliably stated to be undergoing overhaul at the Submarine Base, St. Nazaire.

III. U.S. Submarine reports:

USS CUTLEFISH reports sinking an 11,000 ton Japanese passenger-freighter and one 19,000 ton tanker in the China Sea.

USS GUARDFISH, returning from patrol off Muroran, Hokkaido, reports sinking a total of 50,000 tons of enemy shipping.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 19, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific
(a) New Guinea

Air reconnaissance on the 16th indicated that Mahanag airdrome at Lee is no longer used by the enemy apparently due to heavy damage inflicted by recent allied air raids.

On September 18th Allied fighters strafed enemy supply and transport facilities in the vicinity of Buna while bombers struck at Lee and Salamau, starting numerous fires.

Port Moresby was lightly bombed by one plane on the night of the 17th.

(b) New Britain

Allied heavy bombers attacked Rabaul on the night of 17-18 Sept., starting large fires.

(c) Solomons

From air reconnaissance reports it is estimated that on the 17th there was a large concentration of enemy men of war in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area, consisting of 3 CA, 2 CL, 11 DD, 1 CV (possible), 2 AV, 4 AK, 8 VPB.

II. Other Areas

(a) No significant change.

III. Miscellaneous

(a) The USS HADDOCK, back from patrol in the East China Sea, reported sinking a total of 26,000 tons of enemy freighters.

(b) The USS GREENADIER reported that on 18 August in Lat. 7 - 05 N., Long. 151 - 22 E she scored two torpedo hits on a 10,000 ton tanker. The ship probably sank.

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Reports of September 17 described the fighting in the Efogi-Ioribaiwa area as only "sporadic". On this day another air attack was made on Buna, destroying or damaging at least 15 barges.

Two Japanese cruisers were sighted 130 miles east of Lae.

Mopping-up operations in the Milne Bay area still continue.

(b) New Britain.

A night attack was carried out on the Japanese airfield at Vunakanau on September 15-16, bombing dispersal areas. On September 17 a heavy air attack was made on Rabaul, but no results were observed.

(c) Solomons.

ships: Air reconnaissance on September 16 sighted the following Japanese

- (1) 18 warships, including 3 CA's and 4 merchantmen in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area
- (2) 4 DD's and 3 AK's 35 miles NE of Gizo Island
- (3) One small AK in Buka Passage.
- (4) No Japanese shipping was sighted at Rekata Bay, Gizo Island, or Maramasike Passage (east coast of Malaita).

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) Solomons.

The intensity of the fighting on Guadalcanal has decreased,
 with U.S. Marines still holding their positions. Patrol activity continues.

Sightings in the Solomons on September 15 included:

- (1) 3 CA, 1 SS, 1 DD, 25 miles NE of Gizo Island
- (2) 3 DD 45 miles SW of Gizo Island
- (3) 2 small AK in Buka Passage

Construction work on the airfields at Buka and Buin continues.
 Numerous motor vehicles were observed on shore at Buin.

(b) New Guinea.

The general situation has remained unchanged.

II. U.S. Submarine Operations.

U.S.S. Seawolf reports the following results of her most recent
 patrol:

- (a) Aug. 2 - Scored one torpedo hit on a 7,000 ton tanker
- (b) Aug. 14 - Sank one 3,000 ton freighter at the northern end of
Sibutu Passage
- (c) Aug. 25 - Sank one 5,000 ton tanker in Lat. 4° N, Long. 119° E.

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) Solomons.

Fighting continues on Guadalcanal Island, and the U.S. Marines on this island appear to be successfully maintaining their positions. Successive air attacks on our installations appear to have caused but little damage; the most recent was again reported to consist of 28 bombers with fighter escort. Of these one bomber and 4 zero fighters were shot down. On the night of Sept. 14-15 there was only light patrol action against snipers.

On Sept. 14 in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area 10 enemy light warships, 6 merchantmen and 7 seaplanes were sighted. Later on the same day eight additional DD's were reported to have arrived.

(b) New Guinea.

The general situation remains unchanged in the Efogi area.

Mopping up by allied forces continues on the peninsula north of Milne Bay.

(c) N.E.I.

A report of Sept. 7 from Australian detachments in Portuguese Timor stated that the Japanese were withdrawing generally from positions there.

II. Northwest Pacific.

On Sept. 14, U.S. planes executed a coordinated low altitude bombing and strafing attack on enemy shipping and installations at Kiska. 12 B-24's, 14 P-38's and 14 P-39's sank 2 mine sweepers at the submarine net, scored direct hits and near misses on 3 large AK's, several small vessels and barges, and started large fires in the base and camp areas. Four zero seaplane fighters and 1 biplane seaplane were shot down in flames and seen to crash. One 4-engined patrol plane was burned up on the water. Three Japanese SS's also were strafed by P-39's with 37 m.m. guns and stores near the dock exploded. The total enemy casualties were estimated at 500.

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III. China Coast.

A report from a Chinese source states that a large number of enemy troops are aboard transports in the Gulf of Tonkin. This report may be a repetition of old information and a further check is being made.

IV. Indian Ocean.

On Sept. 13 a British plane attacked an enemy SS about 370 miles east of Aden. Air bubbles and an oil slick were observed after the second bomb.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 15, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

Action south of Efogi is rather static, and characterized by a complete absence of Japanese air support, although photographs of Lae airfield on September 13 showed some 33 planes, and the field at Salamoa appeared in good condition. At Buna, however, the runway still appeared unserviceable.

(b) Solomons.

Reports of September 13 indicate enemy construction of an airfield in the vicinity of Buin. In this area a Japanese force of at least 23 light warships was sighted on this day.

(c) Gilbert Islands.

Enemy air reconnaissance of Maiana and Beru continues.

II. Northwest Pacific.

A U.S. Army plane on September 13 sighted an enemy SS about 10 miles NE of Seguan Island (Andreanof Group).

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 14, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific

(a) Solomons

The Japanese are continuing their attempts to dislodge U.S. forces from Guadalcanal. During the three days preceding Sept. 12 a total of 20 enemy planes were shot down, at least 11 of them bombers, during a series of air attacks on our positions in this area.

On Sept. 11 our dive bombers attacked enemy installations on Gizo Island (in W. New Georgia group). A small enemy surface craft was sunk, and considerable damage was done to buildings and installations.

A large enemy force with artillery was reported Sept. 11 near Koliula Pt. on the south coast of Guadalcanal.

On Sept. 12, 4 enemy warships were reported departing Buin for the southeast.

(b) New Guinea

Japanese pressure in the Efogi area continues. On Sept. 12 allied planes made four heavy attacks on the Buna airfield. At least 17 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground, and all AA positions were silenced.

(c) N.E.I.

Allied bombers on Sept. 12-13 attacked 2 enemy AK's off the Tanimbar Islands. The stern of one ship was blown off, and the other was raked with machine gun fire.

II. North Pacific

(a) A Japanese SS was reported sighted in Affleck Canal (about 80 miles S.E. of Sitka) on Sept. 12.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 13, 1942

I. General

(a) The situation remains generally unchanged with the south-west Pacific area indicated as the scene of major action.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) The enemy are reported to be establishing a base ashore at Buin on the southern end of Bougainville Island.

(b) On the 10th, 2 CA were seen eastward of the Buka passage heading south at high speed and on the same date 1 CV (probable) and 2 CA were reported heading south in the same area.

(c) Air reconnaissance of Rabaul on the morning of the 11th reported about 30 ships in the harbor, including 2 CL, 3 probable AV, 5 DD, 3 medium transports, 7 medium AK, 3 PG, 1 large SS, more than 60 landing barges. 7 seaplanes, 6 flying boats were also noted. At Lakunai airdrome 24 heavy bombers and 6 fighters were noted.

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No new developments have been noted in the confused and bitter fighting which continues in the Efogi area.

On Sept. 11 allied medium bombers and attack planes carried out two heavy raids on the Buna airfield, during which no enemy interception was encountered, although the AA fire was heavy.

A small patrol in the Milne Bay area was mopped up on Sept. 10.

Although no official report has yet been received a communique release from the Southwest Pacific states that on Sept. 11, B-17's attacked 2 enemy DD's off Normanby Island. A direct hit was scored on one DD which was observed afire and sinking by the stern. Rafts and enemy personnel were seen in the water.

(b) Solomons.

The Japanese are reported to be landing daily patrols to man an aircraft observation post at Kieta.

In the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area on Sept. 10, allied reconnaissance planes sighted 1 CA, one possible CV, 1 AV or XAV, 4 large warships (including 1 CL), 7 DD's, 4 PG's, and 3 merchantmen.

Enemy troops now located between Visale and Lavoro on Guadalcanal Island are estimated at 640. On Sept. 9 two large Japanese SS's were reported in Coughlan Harbor (on North end of Guadalcanal, about midway between Visale and Lavoro).

II. Northwest Pacific.

The two Japanese DD previously reported in Holtz Bay, Attu are now said to be minelayers in Chichagof Harbor. This would indicate that waters around Attu are being mined.

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Summary as of 0300, Sept. 11, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

Although the Japanese advance on Port Moresby over the Owen Stanley range does not appear to have made any appreciable gains in the past 24 hours, small enemy units are reported to be employing their favorite infiltration tactics on the allied flanks. In view of the tremendous obstacles to transporting heavy equipment over the mountain ranges, the possibility is suggested that in order to capture Port Moresby a landing may be attempted on the southeastern coast.

(b) Solomons.

In photographs of Buka air field taken Sept. 9 no aircraft are visible, but there are indications of camouflaged fighters and evidence of resurfacing, new construction work (including 20 dispersal bays), and possible new AA positions.

II. China.

The Chinese claim that an allied SS sank 2 Japanese AP's off the Fukien coast on Aug. 27. No confirmation of this report has yet been received.

III. Indian Ocean.

(a) Bay of Bengal.

On Sept. 9 allied bombers scored several direct hits on an enemy supply ship and its escort in Akyab Harbor. A jetty on which supplies were being unloaded was also hit. Strong enemy fighter units and heavy AA fire were encountered; four allied bombers failed to return.

(b) Madagascar.

According to the press, unhindered Japanese air activity over the Vichy-controlled portions of Madagascar, reported harboring of Japanese and German agents and naval officers, and refueling of Japanese SS's has led to a British attack on the island via Mozambique Channel. British troops have landed at several harbors along the west coast of the island, and British warships have shelled Majunga Harbor, Morondava, and Ambanja.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, Sept. 10, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific

The focal points of Japanese activities continue to be the advance on Port Moresby in New Guinea, operations to drive out U.S. forces in the Southern Solomons, and consolidation of islands occupied in the Gilberts.

(a) New Guinea

Japanese troops, crossing the Owen Stanley range, are now reported approaching the terminus of a road leading direct to Port Moresby, and only 44 airline miles therefrom.

On September 8 1 enemy CL and 1 DD were sighted about 75 miles N.E. of Trobriand Islands on course N.N.E. These ships were attacked by air unsuccessfully.

Northeast of Buna off Waytutu Point 25 enemy barges were attacked by one B-17 which scored a direct hit and started fires.

(b) Solomons-New Britain

Allied air reconnaissance over the Solomons and New Britain continues to give detailed information on enemy shipping and new installations noted ashore. About 30 ships were observed in Rabaul Harbor on Sept. 8, and in Tonoled Harbor some 23 vessels including 4 CL, 5 DD, 8 AP (including one possible XAV), 6 AK or AO and 5 flying boats.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Sept. 9, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) New Guinea.

After a withdrawal of allied ground forces from Efogi the situation on Sept. 7-8 was reported as static, with allied bombers and fighters again strafing and bombing enemy positions at Efogi and Myola.

On Sept. 8, enemy ground forces in the Milne Bay area were reported to be practically destroyed. A British ship "ANSHUN" (3000 tons) was reported sunk at the wharf in Milne Bay by the enemy shelling on Sept. 6. On Sept. 7-8 nine enemy heavy bombers and five fighters attacked our installations at Milne Bay, causing slight damage and casualties.

Enemy shipping sighted in the Milne Bay - Trobriand area Sept. 6 included:

- (1) 1 CL, 2 DD off entrance to Milne Bay on course 00°0
- (2) 2 DD, 2 PC, and 1 other vessel in the vicinity of Kitava Island (E of Kiriwina Is. in Trobriands)
- (3) 1 CL, 1 DD in the vicinity of the Trobriands

Two enemy cruisers off Normanby Island were attacked Sept. 7 by allied planes. Decks were strafed, but no hits were scored with bombs or torpedoes. Shortly later one enemy DD was probably damaged in an air attack on ships in the Trobriands.

On Sept. 7-8 an allied heavy bomber unit bombed a group of beached barges near Buna, causing destructible fires.

(b) Solomons.

Air reconnaissance of Sept. 6 indicates the enemy naval force in the Buin-Faisi-Tonolei Harbor area to include 3 CL, 26 DD, 1 AV, 5 merchantmen and various small patrol craft. The same night 3 probable CA arrived in this

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area, and departed to the southeastward accompanied by 1 CL, 6 DD, 4 PG, 3 AP or AK and one unidentified vessel. On Sept. 7 the enemy was observed to be establishing a shore base at Buin, where ships were seen to be unloading heavy gear.

II. Northwest Pacific.

(a) On Sept. 8 a U.S. Coast Guard cutter contacted an enemy SS in Lat. 54-39 N, Long. 132-40-30 W. Late on Sept. 7 a Navy plane sighted another enemy SS in Lat. 53-45 N, Long. 166-00 W.

(b) On Sept. 8, 3 B-24's at 4,000 ft. altitude over Kiska met 3 Japanese seaplane fighters. One was shot down and another was sent down in a power dive and seen to be smoking.

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Japanese Naval Activities

Summary as of 0800, Sept. 8, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Guinea.

Allied mopping-up operations of enemy ground forces in the Milne Bay area is nearing completion, but enemy naval forces entered the harbor and shelled our troops and positions on the nights of Sept. 6 and 7.

One cruiser, 2 DD's and possibly one other vessel were sighted late on Sept. 5 off the entrance to Milne Bay on a westerly course. It is believed that the Trobriand Islands are serving as a hide-out for such enemy naval forces operating against Milne Bay.

On Sept. 6-7 26 Japanese heavy bombers with a fighter escort attacked an airfield in the Port Moresby area causing slight damage and no casualties. One enemy bomber was shot down by AA fire.

(b) Solomons

The Japanese were reported on Sept. 2 to have completed a radio station, new buildings, and AA installations on Shortland and Gizo Islands.

II. Northwest Pacific

One B-24 hit a small vessel believed to be a net tender between Little Kiska and South Head and strafed 8 tents and 2 buildings at the west and northwestern ends of Little Kiska. Gun emplacements were seen to be in progress of installation, and confirmation was obtained on the existence of a submarine net at the harbor entrance of Kiska.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, September 7, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) New Britain

Photographs taken over the Rabaul area September 4, 1942 show 23 large ships, including 1 CA, 4 DD, 1 AV, 2 AP, 11 AK, as well as 11 flying boats and 6 seaplanes, in the harbor. 26 fighters appeared at the Lakunai Airdrome.

(b) New Guinea

17 Allied bombers and 13 fighters bombed and strafed the Buna Airdrome on September 5, 1942, causing fires and silencing enemy positions. No serviceable enemy aircraft were sighted, and the runway appeared water-logged.

6 P-40's on September 4, 1942 bombed and strafed the north shore of Milne Bay. Enemy casualties in this area to September 1, 1942 are estimated at 600.

Allied heavy bombers attacked an enemy AK September 6, 1942 off S.E. New Guinea with unknown results.

(c) Gilbert Islands

An enemy force of 2 CV and 5 cruisers was reported September 5, 1942 at Kabangaki (southern most village on Apamama), setting up guns and machine guns while one cruiser blocked the passage. The identification of types in this case is questioned.

II. Northwest Pacific:

Three enemy DD and 1 AP were sighted September 4, 1942 just south of Buldir Island (N.W. of Kiska) on a southeasterly course.

A U.S. weather observation plane sighted 3 enemy DD at Point Jan William on September 3, 1942.

III. Indian Ocean:

An Allied plane bombed an enemy SS on September 6, 1942 about 285 miles east of Aden with undetermined results. Two enemy SS are believed operating in the Gulf of Aden.

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(a) Searchable Japanese activity continues in the Bougainville - Shortland Islands area. On September 4 there were sighted 1 CL, about 26 MT and 7 merchantmen, mostly in the vicinity of Tondol.

(b) Off southeastern New Guinea there was sighted a Japanese cruiser at 0000, September 4 in position, Lat. 9°-10'N, Long. 155°-10'W. on course 040°. The previous day a destroyer was sighted at 2100 in Lat. 10°-15'N., Long. 153°-20'W. on course 080°. At 0700, September 4 another cruiser was sighted in Lat. 9°-10'N., Long. 153°-20'W. on a westerly heading. Plans went out to attack these units were unsuccessful.

(c) USS SHIPACK on August 23 is reported to have put one torpedo into a 25,000 ton tanker 7 miles off Aden Bay. The tanker stopped, settled and took a list. It is believed that she was towed into Aden Bay today.

Northern Islands

On September 4 one B-24 and two P-51's raided Niaka unopposed by Japanese aircraft. They machine gunned enemy installations and troop concentrations, causing many casualties. They sighted one large and three small cargo vessels in the harbor, and noted that an anti-aircraft net was laid across the entrance. They reported that the so-called landing camp on this island was not believed in use, and the Commanding General of the 11th Air Force expressed the belief that the Japanese have not yet got a landing field in the Alotians.

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Summary as of 0800, Sept. 6, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) Considerable Japanese activity continues in the Bougainville - Shortland Islands area. On September 4 there were sighted 1 CL, about 16 DD and 7 merchantmen, mostly in the vicinity of Tonolet.

(b) Off southeastern New Guinea there was sighted a Japanese cruiser at 0030Z, September 4 in position, Lat. 9°-18'S, Long. 151°-10'E. on course 042°. The previous day a destroyer was sighted at 2150Z in Lat. 10°-15'S., Long. 151°-20'E. on course 040°. At 0714Z, September 4 another cruiser was sighted in Lat. 9°-05'S., Long. 153°-20'E. on a southerly heading. Planes sent out to attack these units were unsuccessful.

(c) USS SKIPJACK on August 25 is reported to have put one torpedo into a 14,000 ton tanker 7 miles off Ambon Bay. The tanker stopped, settled and took a list. It is believed that she was towed into Ambon badly damaged.

II. Northwest Pacific:

On September 4 one B-24 and two P-38's raided Kiska unopposed by Japanese aircraft. They machine gunned enemy installations and troop concentrations, causing many casualties. They sighted one large and three small cargo vessels in the harbor, and noted that an anti-submarine net was laid across the entrance. They reported that the so-called landing strip on this island was not believed in use, and the Commanding General of the 11th Air Force expressed the belief that the Japanese have not yet got a landing field in the Aleutians.

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(a) The general situation remains static in the Solomons and New Guinea areas. The enemy advance southward through the Gilberts continues virtually unopposed with the enemy employing relatively minor forces. Other areas appear quiet.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) Enemy vessels and aircraft continue active in the vicinity of Bougainville Island and the Shortland Islands where his bases and installations are apparently being improved. 4 enemy warships and 1 merchant vessel were noted at Faisi on the 3rd. Air photographs taken on the 2nd showed 3 CA and two seaplanes at Kieta. A large number of Japanese aircraft flew over Buin on the night of 2 September where 1 SENDAI class CL, 14 DD and 1 supply ship were sighted on the 3rd.

(b) Enemy naval forces shelled allied shore positions in the Milne Bay area on the 3rd (0240K/4).

(c) Allied aircraft bombed shore installations at Busama - Mubo (near Salamaua) and Buka starting fires, while enemy positions at Kokoda were strafed by aircraft.

(d) An allied merchant vessel reported that she had been unsuccessfully attacked by a submarine in Lat. 28 - 22 S., Long. 159 - 13 E (about 450 miles N.E. of Sydney). This is the first instance noted since 7 August of a Japanese submarine so far south.

III. Indian Ocean

(a) A Free French merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk, presumably by a submarine, on 1 September in Lat. 13-01 N., Long. 50-41 E. (Note: This is in the approaches to the Gulf of Aden and is the first time enemy submarines have been noted in this area).

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, Sept. 4, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) Solomons

Several small Japanese landing parties have been put ashore on Guadalcanal Island, and U.S. Marines on this island are seeking them out. On Sept. 2 18 enemy bombers with fighter escort made an air raid on U.S. installations on Guadalcanal. Four bombers and four zero fighters were shot down at the expense of one SED which was destroyed on the ground.

The USS S-41, on returning to her base September 2, reported having sunk a I-61 type SS with three torpedoes in a position 35 miles N.E. of the eastern end of New Georgia Island on August 22. She also made a torpedo attack on Aug. 20 on an enemy convoy of unknown size 60 miles south of St. George's Channel. It is believed that several hits were made, as 5 explosions were heard.

On September 2 a B-17 on patrol off the north coast of Santa Isabel Island scored one 500 lb. bomb hit on the stern of a tanker. The ship stopped, a large fire developed forward, and an oil slick around the ship was observed.

On the same day a PBV made a near miss on an enemy DD possibly escorting a SS in Lat. 2°-40' S., Long. 160°-18' E.

Early on Sept. 3 allied medium bombers made 4 direct hits on fuel dumps at Buks, starting large fires. Enemy installations near Kieta were also attacked with unknown results. Two enemy flying boats on Faisi Island were strafed and damaged.

Allied air reconnaissance on Sept. 2 reported 1 CL, 12 DD, 1 AK at Buin. 1 CL, 6 DD, 2 AK departed the previous night. At Faisi 8 merchantmen and probably 4 flying boats were sighted. At Buks was seen 1 cruiser and 1 DD which departed to the southward in the afternoon. 3 cruisers were sighted at anchor at Kieta and 2 AK at Kavieng.

(b) Gilberts

It is believed that Tarawa Island has been occupied by the enemy. Seven enemy ships including at least 2 cruisers were reported at this island on Sept. 3. Four vessels and a flying boat were reported at Laccoop, with some parties going ashore. The Apamama radio station has been silent since early Sept. 2 when six Japanese naval vessels and one other were reported moving into Apamama Passage. This appears conclusive proof that this island also has been occupied. Enemy air reconnaissance of other islands in the Gilbert Group, especially Kuria, Berni, and Maiana, continues.

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Two enemy vessels, probably the 2 cruisers or DD sighted near the Trobriands Islands on Sept. 1, were reported in the Milne Bay area Sept. 2.

On Sept. 3 a PBY on patrol saw two Japanese 4 engined flying boats in Lat. 52-05 N., Long. 177-10 W. on an easterly course.

A U.S. vessel on Sept. 3 reported sighting an unidentified SS on the surface 70 miles S.W. of Cape Blanco, Oregon.

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Summary as of 0800, September 3, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) New Guinea:

Allied forces continue to round up isolated Japanese detachments in the jungle of the Milne Bay area. Air reconnaissance on September 1 failed to find any trace of enemy forces either in the area north of Milne Bay or on the southwest coast of Goodenough Island (in D'Entrecasteaux Islands).

Two Japanese cruisers were sighted on September 1 off Iwa Island (40 miles east of Kiriwina Island in the Trobriands group). They were on course 2060.

On September 1-2 allied medium bombers effectively attacked Japanese installations on Lae airdrome. No interception was attempted.

(b) New Britain - Solomons:

Aerial photographs of the Rabaul area on September 1 showed 1 CA, 1 CL, 5 DD, 2 AV, 3 PC, 1 CM, 1 AO, 2 AP, 14 AK, 20 small craft, 50 landing barges, 15 MTB, 7 VPB and 5 seaplanes. On the same day air reconnaissance of the Buin-Faisi area showed 2 probable CA, 5 probable DD, 14 DD or smaller and 3 AK.

In an attack on Buka airdrome on September 1-2 an enemy DD was attacked with unknown results.

II. Northwest Pacific:

It has been learned that the Japanese submarine sunk by USS REID near Nasan Bay, Atka Island at 1231 W August 31 was the RO-61.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, September 2, 1942

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I. Southwest Pacific:

(a) New Guinea

Scattered enemy parties remain in the foothills to the north and north-east of Milne Bay where jungle fighting continues in allied mopping-up operations. 7 Japanese Zero fighters attacked an allied air field near Milne Bay on August 31, but no damage was caused. In the Kokoda area fighting continues against Japanese forces strongly reinforced since August 29.

(b) Solomons:

Allied air reconnaissance early on August 31 showed at least 1 CL, 6-8 DD, 9 AP, 1 unidentified vessel, 3 flying boats and 5 seaplanes in the Faisi-Buin-Tonolei Harbor area. The Japanese were reported to be landing stores at Tonolei and 10 DD were reported to have arrived and departed from Buin on August 31; this may have been the force which supported landings on Milne Bay on August 29.

At least 40 planes were seen on the Buka airfield on August 31. Four ships, described as 1 DD, 2 large AP or 1 AP and 1 AV, and 1 PG, were unloading aviation gasoline here.

The number of Japanese on Gizo Island is reported increasing. On August 29 two small enemy schooners visited a village on Kolombangara Island (East of Gizo).

One enemy DD and a 7,000 ton merchantman were sighted 30 miles N.E. of Vitu Islands on a westerly course August 31.

(c) Gilberts:

On August 30-31 Japanese planes reconnoitered Kuria, Buio, Apamama and Maiana. Three unidentified ships were observed approaching Apamama and one plane was seen over this island on September 1, an additional indication that this island probably has been occupied by Japanese forces.

(d) Australia:

Another small unsuccessful raid was made on Darwin by enemy bombers early on August 31.

II. Northwest Pacific:

(a) Aleutian Islands

A Japanese submarine near Nazan Bay, Atka Island, damaged by bombs from a Catalina, was brought to the surface by depth charges from a U.S. destroyer and sunk by gunfire on August 31. Five prisoners were taken.

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Indian Ocean:

On September 1 an enemy SS on the surface was sighted off the N.E. coast of British Somaliland.

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I. Southwest Pacific

(a) New Guinea

It is believed that some remnants of the Japanese force in the Milne Bay area were evacuated by naval vessels under cover of darkness on August 29th and 30th. In order to reinforce Japanese ground forces in the increasingly active New Guinea front several hundred troops and stores were reported unloaded at Salamaoa from 1 DD and 1 AP on August 28th.

Allied bombers raided Lae on August 31st in a surprise attack which caused heavy damage. Five large fuel dumps, many buildings and grounded aircraft were destroyed; fires were visible 30 miles away. Japanese positions at Buna were also attacked by heavy bombers, but no results have been announced.

The British S.S. MALAITA, torpedoed off Port Moresby, is now reported afloat and anchored.

(b) New Britain

Air reconnaissance in the Rabaul area on August 30th reported 15 to 20 unidentified vessels in the harbor. 1 cruiser and 1 AP were also sighted 27 miles S.E. of Cape Orford (70 miles S. of Rabaul) on course 150°. They were attacked, but no hits were scored.

(c) Solomon Islands

Considerable enemy air activity is reported in evidence at Buka which is assuming increased importance as an advanced Japanese air base.

On August 30th 2 DD, 1 AP, and one probable AV were observed in Buka Passage. On the same day 4 DD, 2 AK, and one possible PG were reported off Buin.

(d) Gilbert Islands

It is now reported that communications were cut off with both Nauru and Ocean Islands, indicating these two islands have passed into Japanese hands.

On August 29th enemy air reconnaissance was carried out over Abomama and Beru Islands.

(e) Australia

Two flights of three enemy planes each made an ineffectual raid on Darwin on the night of August 30th and 31st.

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II. North Pacific

(a) Aleutians

The U.S.S. CASCO was torpedoed August 30th in Nazan Bay, Atka, but is reported still afloat.

Air reconnaissance of August 28th reported sighting 6 AP and 2 ships of about 20,000 tons each equipped to launch assault boats in Kiska Harbor. Great activity was noted at Kiska.

(b) Pacific Coast

An enemy SS was reported August 30th off the south end of Prince of Wales Island.

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I. Southwest Pacific

(a) In spite of the fact that an unspecified number of Japanese vessels were reported moving toward the north coast of Milne Bay late on August 29, subsequent reports of August 30 stated that enemy ground forces had suffered heavy losses and had been forced back into the narrow peninsula north of Milne Bay in the direction of East Cape where they were being rapidly decimated. These forces were obliged to abandon all of their heavy supplies and equipment, including light tanks and mortars.

(b) Buna, Buna and Vunakanau airdromes were bombed by allied aircraft on August 29 with some apparent success in each instance. On the same day two Japanese flights bombed allied positions on Gusdalcanal, causing minor damage.

(c) On August 30 one Japanese plane was observed over Maiana Island (Gilbert Group).

(d) The British SS Malaita, 3310 gross tons, was torpedoed by a Japanese SS off Port Moresby on August 28.

II. Northwest Pacific

(a) A U.S. observation plane over Kiska was attacked by three enemy fighters. Twelve ships of unspecified types were observed in the harbor. Another U.S. reconnaissance plane over Tanaga, Great Sitkin, Adak and Kanaga obtained only negative information on August 29-30.

(b) A large SS, presumably Japanese, was sighted 75 miles N.W. of Atka; another was reported in Kotzebue Sound (north of Bering Strait).

III. Indian Ocean

(a) On August 27 an allied plane sighted an enemy SS on the surface 250 miles S.W. of Colombo.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, Aug. 30, 1942

I. General

(a) There appears to be little change in the general situation. There seems to be little activity in areas other than Southwest Pacific.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) On the 28th air reconnaissance reported 1 CA, 1 CL, 7 DD, 3 AK and 4 flying boats in the Buin-Faial area. The enemy is maintaining a continuous air patrol over this area.

(b) The aircraft runway at Buka is reported to be in good condition and photographs showed eleven fighters and one 2-engine bomber at the field.

(c) Darwin received its 32nd air raid which was made by three planes on the morning of the 28th. No damage resulted.

(d) The enemy are reported to be using light tanks at Milne Bay and long range mortars at Kokoda. An enemy force of 250 men is reported to be moving inland from Salamua.

(e) Planes continued to bomb and strafe enemy troops and positions at Milne Bay, starting numerous fires and exacting a toll of personnel casualties. Ground troops were in contact and a further enemy ground attack was expected.

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not be placed in any general file.***I. Southwest Pacific.**

(a) On August 27 air reconnaissance spotted an enemy force reported to consist of 1 cruiser, 10 DD, 1 AC, 1 AK, and probably 1 AP in the vicinity of Buin, Bougainville Island, and late on August 26 2 DD and 3 AP were sighted in Buka Passage.

(b) The enemy is now believed to have made further landings on the northern side of Milne Bay during the night of August 26-27. In spite of this allied ground forces in this area are continuing to resist.

(c) One unidentified warship was sighted off Cape Vennadiere (near Buna) on August 27.

(d) Native reports indicate the establishment of an enemy base at Hollandia (on Humboldt Bay in Dutch New Guinea), and the possibility of an air base at Vanimo (on N. coast of Australian New Guinea).

II. General.

(a) Areas other than the Southwest Pacific appear to be quiet.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, Aug. 28, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific

(a) The naval force which supported the landing on Milne Bay on August 26 withdrew the same day. When last sighted they were in two groups east of Normanby Island (in the D'Entrecasteaux Is.). B-17's made 11 sorties against this landing force, and thereafter a number of further air attacks have been carried out on the ground forces, resulting in the firing of a considerable number of fuel dumps, barges, and stores.

(b) It is believed that an enemy landing force also entered Mullins Harbor (on S. coast of New Guinea about 30 miles west of Milne Bay), and that a landing may have been effected.

(c) Allied air reconnaissance reported sighting the following Japanese units in the Faisi-Tonoled Harbor area (in Shortland Islands): 1 cruiser, 2 DD, 2 AK, 1 small craft and 4 seaplanes.

II. Northwest Pacific

A U.S. plane over Amchitka Island was attacked by a Japanese sea-plane fighter, but no further details have been received.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES
Summary as of 0800, August 27, 1942

I. Southwest Pacific.

(a) Despite an allied air attack Japanese forces effected a landing at Milne Bay on August 26, where they are under attack by allied ground forces. The enemy convoy which effected this landing is probably the one previously reported south of Trobriand Island. The air attacks on this convoy are reported to have resulted in the probable sinking of a gunboat and strafing of two transports. A late report indicates the composition of this force to have been 2 CL, 3 DD, 2 PG, and 2 AP.

On August 25 an enemy force from Fona (SE New Guinea) landed on the south coast of Goodenough Island (in the D'Entrecasteaux Is.) from 7 barges. These barges and stores were probably set afire by an allied air attack.

(b) Following extensive enemy air reconnaissance the Ocean Island Radio Station, after reporting the approach of an unidentified vessel, became silent. Since no further contact has been made it is believed enemy forces may have landed on this island.

(c) Air reconnaissance over Rabaul Harbor on August 25 showed 3 possible cruisers, 4 DD, 9 merchantmen, 1 AM, 1 AC and a large whaling factory vessel of the Nishin Maru type.

II. Alaska.

A U.S. patrol boat sighted an unidentified SS on the surface on Aug. 25 about one mile SW of Pys Island (about 60 miles SW of Seward).

III. Indian Ocean.

On August 25 the S.S. JERSEY QUEEN reported an enemy SS 390 miles south of Colombo, Ceylon.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIESSummary as of 0600, Aug. 26, 1942I. General

(a) Areas other than Southwest Pacific appear to be quiet.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) Heavy enemy forces which attempted to attack our positions in the Solomon Islands have been repulsed, at least for the time being. Contact has been lost with these forces which were last seen retiring northward at 1100L/25 in Lat. 4-18 S., Long. 162-40 E. Apparently there were no contacts by surface ships. Information of damage inflicted on the enemy is fragmentary but the following damage seems to have been accomplished.

RYUJO - CV - Last seen afire and probably destroyed or

1 - CA - at least badly damaged.

2 - DD -

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1 - CA - Afire and burning fiercely near Guadalcanal

1 - DD - Island. Probably badly damaged or destroyed.

1 - AP - On 25th in Lat. 6 - 42 S., Long. 162 - 40 E

1 - DD - heavily afire. 1 DD standing by. Probably destroyed or badly damaged.

Other Ships- Hits claimed on 1 large CV and numerous other ships.
Serious damage doubtful.

SUMMARY

Probably destroyed { RYUJO - CV

1 - CA

2 - DD

1 - AP

Probably seriously
damaged. {

1 - CA

2 - DD

(b) The enemy made several small air raids on Guadalcanal during the 25th without damage to our positions.

(c) At 1213L/26 the enemy raided Guadalcanal with 16 - 2-engine bombers and 12 landplane O type fighters. Our planes intercepted and destroyed 7 bombers and 5 fighters with the loss of one plane.

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(e) Air reconnaissance of Buka on the 24th noted 28 single engine aircraft on the airbase at that place.

(f) Enemy air reconnaissance of Ocean Island, Nauru Island and the Gilbert Islands continues.

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JAPANESE NAVAL ACTIVITIES

Summary as of 0800, August 25, 1942

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I. General.

(a) Areas other than Southwest Pacific appear quiet. Contact has been made with powerful air and surface forces of the Japanese navy north of the Solomon Islands and an action is developing.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) On the morning of the 24th local time U.S. patrol planes made contact with heavy enemy forces 2-300 miles north of Guadalcanal Island. U.S. air striking forces attacked these enemy units which are apparently operating in two groups consisting of 1 small carrier (probably RYUJO) and 2 larger carriers (probably SHOKAKU and ZUIKAKU) each carrier group being accompanied by a strong force of cruisers and destroyers. U.S. Naval planes attacked the RYUJO (CV) which was last seen heavily afire. Later about 1725L/24 U.S. Army B-17s claimed 4 hits on a large CV in lat. 06-35 S. Long. 161-00 E. Other attending enemy ships are reported to have been damaged. About 1440L/24 the enemy attempted a bombing attack on Guadalcanal Island. Our fighters (probably Marines) intercepted and destroyed 10 bombers and 11 zero fighters of the enemy force with a loss of three of our planes. About 0835L/24 planes scored hits on a large enemy AP and a CA in lat. 7-30 S. Long. 160-15 E. Both ships were last seen burning brightly.

(b) Air reconnaissance indicates that Japanese naval forces are using the harbors of Faisi Buin and Tonolei in the Shortlands - Bougainville Islands area.

(c) On 25 August the enemy raided the Darwin Airdromes with 27 bombers accompanied by about 20 Zero fighters. 4 bombers and 9 fighters are believed to have been destroyed.

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Japanese Naval Activities
Summary as of 0800, August 24, 1942

I. General

(a) There appear to be no significant changes in the situation in areas other than in the Southwest Pacific.

II. Southwest Pacific

(a) Upon return from patrol in the vicinity of Rabaul the USS S-44 reported that on 10 August she sank a CA of the Kako Class with four torpedo hits off Simberi Island (just north of New Ireland). The cruiser was the last ship in a formation of four cruisers.

(b) Enemy surface forces consisting of 3 or 4 CA and at least one small CV accompanied by DD have been sighted by aerial reconnaissance about 250 miles north of Guadalcanal Island.

(c) Air reconnaissance on the 22nd noted 2 ships near Rabaul and 15 to 20 ships in Rabaul harbor. 4 vessels including one warship were seen in Vitiaz Strait (between New Britain and New Guinea) and a concentration of shipping was noted in the vicinity of Faisi.

(d) Allied aircraft based in Australia bombed Lae and Vunakanau airdromes on the 22nd. Fires were started at the latter place. Photographs disclosed 38 fighters and 5 bombers at Lae. 19 of the fighters were damaged.

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