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German, Italian, French (Vichy),
French (British Control) and Japanese

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship Type	Name	Location	Last Reported Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	October 21, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia, in floating dock	October 5, 1942
OB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven, in dry dock	August 26, 1942
OB	SCHLESSEN	Unknown	August 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER (1)	Narvik area	October 21, 1942
CA	LUETZOW	Kiel, in dry dock	October 5, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	October 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER (2)	Narvik area	October 21, 1942
CL	MUERNBERG	Swinemuende	October 4, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven, in dry dock	August 26, 1942
DDs	(3)		
	8 Units	Northern Norway	Sept. 21, 1942
	9 Units	German North Sea & Baltic Ports	Sept. 21, 1942
SSs	(4) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:		
	65 Units	French Ports	October 19, 1942
	106 Units	Atlantic Patrols	October 19, 1942
	24 Units	Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters	October 19, 1942
	13 Units	Operating in Baltic	October 19, 1942
	20 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	October 19, 1942
	2 Units	Operating in Black Sea	October 19, 1942
	43 Units	Training	October 19, 1942
	106 Units	Trials	October 19, 1942
	<u>379 Total</u>		

NOTES:

- (1) ADMIRAL SCHEER previously reported Altenfjord, Northern Norway, September 16, 1942.
- (2) ADMIRAL HIPPER previously reported Altenfjord, Northern Norway, September 16, 1942.
- (3) Three DDs were accompanying TIRPITZ and ADMIRAL SCHEER in the Ofotfjord, Narvik area, October 21, 1942.
- (4) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM;

66 Units	French Ports	October 12, 1942
109 Units	Atlantic Patrols	October 12, 1942
22 Units	Norwegian Ports	October 12, 1942
13 Units	Operating in Baltic	October 12, 1942
19 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	October 12, 1942
45 Units	Training	October 12, 1942
103 Units	Trials	October 12, 1942
<u>377 Total.</u>		

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

There have been no changes in the disposition
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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	October 16, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	October 16, 1942
OBB	PROVENCE	"	September 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DL	18 Units (*)	"	September 5, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	September 5, 1942
SS	14 Units (*)	"	September 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	October 17, 1942 (1)
DD	2 Units (*)	"	October 17, 1942
SS	6 Units (*)	"	October 17, 1942 (2)
SS	2 Units	Algiers	October 28, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	October 24, 1942
CL	1 Unit (*)	"	September 25, 1942
DL	3 Units	"	October 8, 1942
DD	8 Units (*)	"	October 22, 1942
SS	13 Units	"	October 23, 1942 (3)
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	October 23, 1942
CL	3 Units (*)	"	October 21, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	October 21, 1942 (4)
SS	8 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	September 29, 1942
DL	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
SS	8 Units (*)	"	

- (*) Denotes changes since October 20 report.
 (1) EPERVIER in drydock.
 (2) 1 Unit in drydock.
 (3) Various Units on training cruises period October 12-23.
 (4) Both Units returned to port this date from exercises in Goree Bight.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet.

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURBET	Portsmouth	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	October 5, 1942
SS	3 Units	"	September 21, 1942
OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Greenock	October 5, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	London	October 5, 1942
SS	3 Units	Dundee	October 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Simonstown	October 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	October 14, 1942

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Immobilized French Naval Vessels

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	LORRAINE	Alexandria	August 13, 1942
CA	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
CV	BEARN	Martinique	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	October 11, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Guadeloupe	October 11, 1942

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation, but recently less reliable information has been received, causing some uncertainty.

A. COMBINED FLEET

Location

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)

Probably at sea south of Truk.

I.

First Fleet

Composition

Batdiv 1
YAMATO (F)
NAGATO
MUTSU
MUSASHI

4 BB

Believed in home waters, except MUTSU and possibly NAGATO East of Solomons.

Batdiv 2
HYUGA
ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO

4 BB

Believed in home waters, except ISE in Solomons.

Batdiv 3
HIYET (F)
KIRISHIMA
HARUNA
KONGO

4 BE

Solomons area with one unit damaged and possibly in Truk or Empire waters.

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First Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Crudiv 6*		
AOBA (F)		Solomons. Both vessels
KINUGASA	2 CL	believed damaged; one
		retiring Northwestward.
Crudiv 9		
OT		Unlocated
KITAGAMI	2 CL	
Desron 1		
ABUKUMA (F)		N.W. Pacific
Desdiv 6		Probably Truk area
" 21		N.W. Pacific
" 24		Solomons area
" 27	1 CL, 14 DD	Probably Solomons
Desron 3		
SENDAI (F)		In Solomons. SENDAI
Desdiv 11		possibly sunk.
" 19		
" 20	1 CL, 11 DD	

* FURUTAKA sunk.

SUMMARY
12 BB
2 CA
4 CL
27 DD

II.

Second Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
CA - ATAGO, flagship		
Crudiv 4		Solomons area
ATAGO (F)		
TAKAO		
MAKA		
CHOKAI*	3 CA	
Crudiv 5		
MYOKO (believed sunk)		
HAGURO (possibly damaged)		Uncertain. Possibly
NAKCHI**	2 CA	returned Sasebo.

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Second Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Crudiv 7
SUZUYA (F)
KUMANO (damaged)

Solomons
Uncertain. Possibly at Truk
under repair.
Believed Solomons

MOGAMI 3 CA

Crudiv 8
TONE
CHIKUMA 2 CA

Solomons area

* CHOKAI is acting flagship of 8th Fleet
** NACHI " " " " 5th " "

Desron 2
JINTSU (F)
Desdiv 7*
" 15
" 18
" 31

Mostly in Truk-Saipan area
on escort duties. Some
units possibly in Solomons.

1 CL, 16 DD

Desron 4
YURE (F)
Desdiv 2
" 8
" 9

Solomons area

1 CL, 11 DD

SUMMARY
10 CA
2 CL
28 DD

III.

Fourth Fleet

Composition

Location

CL - KASHIMA (F)

1 CL

Truk-Solomons area

19th Division

TSUGURO
TORIDA
TENYO MARU
SHIRATAKA)
WAKATAKA)

Solomons
Home waters
Unknown
Believed Solomons

5 CM

Subron 7
AS - JINGEI (F)
Subdiv 26)
" 27)
" 33)

Truk area

N.W. Pacific. Two SS possibly
in home waters

1 AS, 7 SS

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

2 High Seas Escort Force

Desron 6
YUBARI (F)
Desdiv 29
" 30

Probably Solomons area with
some units escorting Palao-
Rabaul.

1 CL, 6 DD

3rd Base Force

12 XPG, 3 XPC, 3 XAM Probably most of these units
sent to Rabaul from Palao.

4th Base Force

9 XPG, 6 XPC, 2 XAM Truk area
1 AM

5th Base Force

9 XPG, 9 XPC, 3 XAM Probably most of these units
sent to Rabaul from Saipan.

6th Base Force

20 XPG, 6 XAM, 9 XPC, Jaluit with part probably at
1 AGS Makin and in Solomons.

SUMMARY

2 CL
5 CM
8 DD
1 AS
8 SS
1 AM
1 AGS
50 XPG
27 XPC
14 XAM

IV.

Fifth Fleet

Composition

NACHI, acting flagship

1 CA

Location

N.W. Pacific

Crudiv 22

KISO

TAMA

Uncertain. May be in N.W.
Pacific

Division 21

Composition unknown Unknown

7th Special Base Force

6 XPG

Chichijima

Northern Patrol Force
Patdivs 1-5 incl.

About 45 misc. armed
merchant patrol ves-
sels

Patrolling in N.W. Pacific

Inshore Picket Boat
Force

About 15 misc. fishing
craft

Patrolling off Japan coasts

Kuriles Defense Force

1 AGS / misc. others

Kuriles

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Fifth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>La Perouse Strait Patrol</u>	1 IB (AT) /	N. Hokkaido waters
OTOMARI	Misc. others	
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=====		
<u>5th Defense Force</u>	Misc. aux. & small craft	Kiska

SUMMARY

1 CA
 2 CL
 6 XPG
 1 LGS
 1 IB (AT)
 60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships

V.

Sixth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
KATORI, flagship	1 CL	Truk area
Subron 1		
AS - TAIGEI (F)		Comsubron 1 and some units
XAS - HELAN MARU		in Solomons
XAS - NISSO MARU		Home waters
Subdiv 2	1 AS, 2 XAS, 13 SS	New Britain-Solomons area
" 4		Uncertain
" 15		Truk area
" 32		Unknown
Subron 2		
AS - CHOGEI		
XAS - MANZU MARU		Solomons area
Subdiv 7	1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS	Probably Yokosuka
" 8		
Subron 3		
XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F)		Probably Solomons area.
XAS - URAKAMI MARU		Unknown
Subdiv 11		Solomons - New Britain
" 12		Sasebo
" 18)		New Guinea-New Britain-
" 20)	2 XAS, 14 SS	Solomons

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Subron 5		
AS - KOMARASHI		N.W. Pacific
XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU		
XAS - ARATAMA MARU		
Subdiv 19		New Britain-Solomons area
" 28)		Truk Melanesia waters
" 29)		
" 30	1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS	Operating from Saigon
Subron 6		Possibly in Rabaul-Solomons area
AS - KANASAKI		
XAS - NAGOYA MARU		
Subdiv 9		
" 13	1 AS, 1 XAS, 5 SS	
Subron 8		
XAS - #3 HINODE MARU		
XAS - HIEI MARU		
Subdiv 1		Possibly Marshalls
" 3		Probably Truk-Rabaul area
" 14	2 XAS, 10 SS	Operating from Saigon
Subron 15		Unlocated
Subdiv 6*		
" 21*		
" 25*	8 SS	
ONDO	1 AO	New Britain-Solomons

SUMMARY

1 CL
4 AS
10 XAS
69 SS

* Tentative

VI.

Eighth Fleet

C. - CHOKAI, acting flagship	1 CA	Solomons area
Crudiv 18		
TENRYU (F)		New Guinea-New Britain waters
TATSUTA	2 CL	Solomons
8th Base Force	2 AM, 2 PC, 20 XPG	Rabaul with some units
	4 Patrol boats, 3 XPC	probably in Solomons

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Eighth Fleet (continued)

Composition:

Location:

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
4 AM
2 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
4 Patrol Boats

VII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1
SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU)
ZUIHO)

3 CV

Solomons area.

Cardiv 2
HITAKA
HAYATAKA

2 XCV

Kyushu waters.

HOSHO
YUKAZE

1 CV
1 DD

Probably Solomons area.
Probably with HOSHO
Solomons area.

Desron 10
CL - NAGARA (F)

Desdiv 4

" 10
" 16
" 17

1 CL, 16 DD

Probably Kavieng-Melanesia
waters.
Rabaul-Kavieng area.
Probably Solomons with
Cardiv 1
Uncertain
Possibly returned to
Truk-Solomons water

SUMMARY

4 CV
2 XCV
1 CL
17 DD

VIII.

Eleventh Air Fleet

Airflot 21
KATSURAGI MARU

1 XAV

Kavieng

Airflot 22
KINUGASA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV

Solomons
Yokosuka

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Airflot 23</u> KOKITSU MARU	1 XAV	NEI waters
<u>Airflot 24</u> KJMOI (F) SOYO MARU NITCHO MARU GOSHU MARU	1 AV, 3 XAV	Possibly Gilberts. Possibly Marshalls Solomons Possibly Marshalls
<u>Airflot 25</u> KIYOKAWA MARU KIYOZUMI MARU NARUTO MARU	3 XAV	Solomons Uncertain Possibly Rabaul area
<u>Airflot 26</u> AKITSUSHIMA MOGAMIGAWA MARU	1 AV, 1 XAV	Solomons Probably Kure
<u>Desdiv 34</u>	4 DD	Scattered
OTAKA (Damaged) UNYO CHUYO	3 XCV	Probably Kure Possibly Ambon area Fitting out in home waters
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
	2 AV	
	11 XAV	
	3 XCV	
	4 DD	

Attached to Combined Fleet

<u>Seaplatendiv 11</u> CHITOSE CHIYODA (damaged)		Solomons area Believed under repairs in Kure Yard. Yokosuka
KAMIKAWA MARU SANUKI MARU SANYO MARU	2 AV, 2 XAV	Rabaul area Believed Solomons area.
<u>Seaplatendiv 12</u> NISSHIN NOTORO YASUKAWA MARU	2 AV, 1 XAV	Indefinite Solomons area Unlocated
AIKOKU MARU HOKOKU MARU	2 XCL	Rabaul area on 9/20 " " " 21

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Attached to Combined Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Train</u>		
MUROTO	1 AO	N. W. Pacific
MAIYIYA	1 AF	Truk area
TSURUMI	1 AO	Truk area
NARUTO	1 AO	Solomons
HAYATONO	1 AO	Probably Singapore
KYOKUTO MARU	1 AO	Probably Solomons
KOKUYO MARU	1 AO	Probably Rabaul
AKEBONO MARU	1 AO	Saipan 10/19.

SUMMARY
4 AV
3 XAV
2 XCL
8 AO
1 AF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

IX. First Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII, Flagship	1 CL	Singapore area
SHIMUSHU) KATSURIKI)	2 MI	Uncertain. Probably Malay area.
<u>Desdiv 5</u>	4 DD	Escorting NEI-Palao
<u>9th Special Base Force</u>	Misc.	Penang
<u>10th Special Base Force</u>	"	Singapore
<u>11th Special Base Force</u>	"	Saigon
<u>12th Special Base Force</u>	"	Rangoon

SUMMARY
1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

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Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

ASHIGARA, Flagship	1 CA	Uncertain. Possibly in Solomons.
ITSUKUSHIMA	1 CM	Unlocated.
Crudiv 16		
NATORI		Indefinite
ISUZU		Solomons
KINU	3 CL	Probably in Solomons
21st Special Base Force	Misc.	Soerabaya
22nd Special Base Force		Balikpapan
23rd Special Base Force		Macassar
24th Special Base Force		Ambon
Gunboat Div. 2	4 PG	NEI waters
Survey Div. 1	2 AGS	NEI waters

SUMMARY

1 CA
1 CM
3 CL
4 PG
2 AGS
Misc.

XI.

Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KUMA, Flagship	1 CL	Probably Timor area
YAEYAMA	1 CM	Philippine waters
31st Special Base Force	Misc.	Manila
32nd " " "	Misc.	Davao
Survey Div. 2	2 AGS	Philippine waters

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1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
Misc.

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Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>1st High Seas Escort Force</u>	
Desdiv 13	Escorting Bako-Saigon
" 22	Escorting South China Seas
" 32	Escorting Bako-Saigon
12 DD	

SUMMARY
12 DD

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

IZUMO, Flagship	1 OCA	Shanghai
Shanghai Base Force	1 PG	Shanghai
Desdiv 26	4 DD	China coast
Nanking Base Force	Misc.	Nanking
<u>Central China Fleet</u>		
UJI, Flagship	1 PG	China coast
Patdiv 11	11 PG	Yangtze River
Hankow Base Force	Misc.	Hankow
Gunboat Div.	2 PG, 3 XPG	China coast
<u>South China Fleet</u>		
HASHIDATE, Flagship	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG, 3 AM	South China coast
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area.
Guard Div. 16	3 XPG	South China coast
Canton Base Force	Misc.	Canton
Amoy Base Force	"	Amoy
Hainan Base Force	"	Hainan

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Composition
North China Fleet

Location

Torpddiv 11	4 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Torpddiv 21	5 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14	8 XPG	Gulf of Pechili
Tsingtao Base Force	Misc.	Tsingtao
Mindiv	1 AM	Gulf of Pechili

D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 Training Ship, 4 DD, Misc. - Yokosuka
Kure	" " 1 OCA, 4 DD, Misc., Patrol Craft - Kure
Sasebo	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft - Sasebo
Maizuru	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, Misc. patrol craft - Maizuru
Ominato	" " 3 DM, 2 DD, Misc. patrol craft - Ominato.

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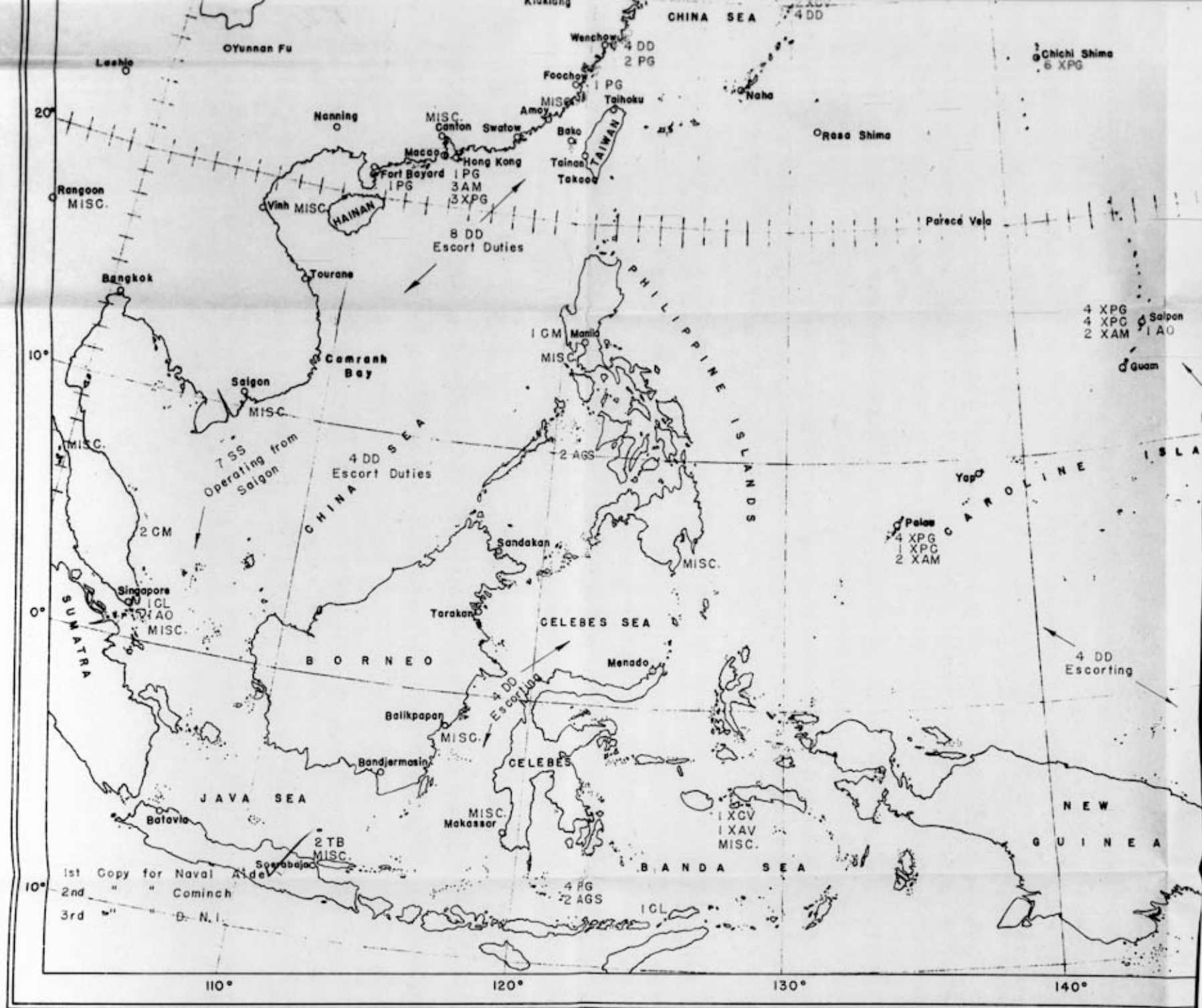
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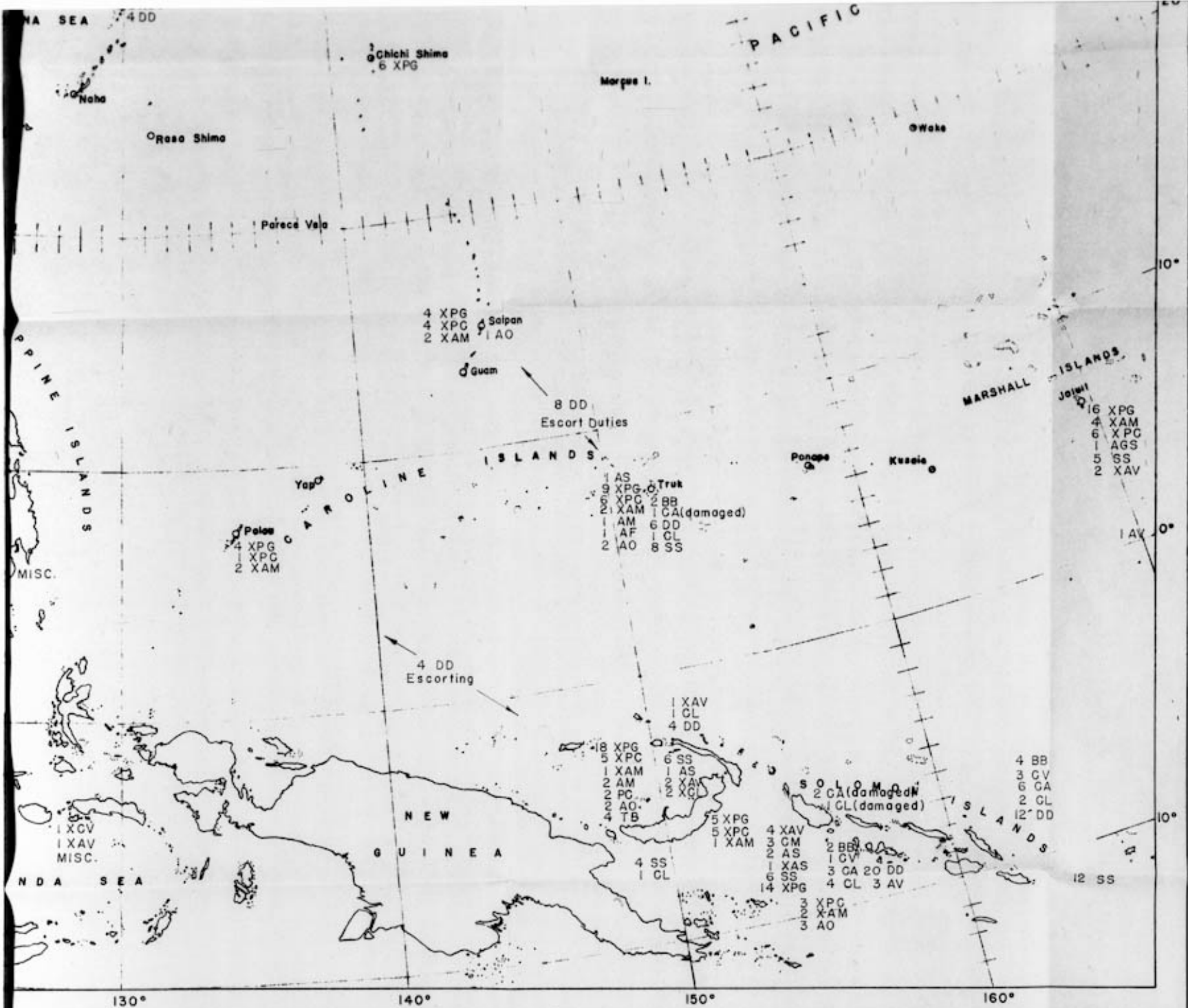
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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship			Last Reported
Type	Name	Location	Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik Area	Oct. 1, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia; in floating dock	Oct. 5, 1942
OB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock	Aug. 26, 1942
OB	SCHLESSEN (1)	Unknown	Aug. 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CA	LUETZOW	Probably Kiel; in dry dock	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	Aug. 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Probably Kiel	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CL	NUERNBERG	Swinemuende	Oct. 4, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock	Aug. 26, 1942
DD's	8 Units	Northern Norway	Sept. 21, 1942
	9 Units	German North Sea and Baltic Ports	Sept. 21, 1942
SS's	(2) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:		
	66 Units	French Ports	Oct. 12, 1942
	109 Units	Atlantic Patrols	Oct. 12, 1942
	22 Units	Norwegian Ports	Oct. 12, 1942
	13 Units	Operating in Baltic	Oct. 12, 1942
	19 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	Oct. 12, 1942
	45 Units	Training	Oct. 12, 1942
	103 Units	Trials	Oct. 12, 1942
	377 Total.		

NOTES:

(1) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia sometime between August 1 and August 20, 1942, and has not been reported since.

(2) SS's previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

65 Units	French Ports	Oct. 5, 1942
104 Units	Atlantic Patrols	Oct. 5, 1942
20 Units	Norwegian Ports	Oct. 5, 1942
13 Units	Operating in Baltic	Oct. 5, 1942
20 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	Oct. 5, 1942
45 Units	Training	Oct. 5, 1942
107 Units	Trials	Oct. 5, 1942
374 Total		

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	October 3, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	"	October 3, 1942
BB	ROMA	"	October 3, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	October 3, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	October 3, 1942
BB	DORIA	"	October 3, 1942
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	Sept. 17, 1942
DD	17 Units	"	Sept. 17, 1942
SS	12 Units	"	Sept. 17, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina	October 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit (REGOLO Class)	"	October 5, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	Sept. 13, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	Sept. 13, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	Genoa (building)	Sept. 19, 1942
CV	AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner)	" (incomplete)	Sept. 19, 1942
CL	1 Unit (REGOLO Class)	"	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	2 Units	"	Sept. 19, 1942
SS	2 Units	"	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	3 Units	La Spezia	Sept. 19, 1942
SS	11 Units	" "	Sept. 19, 1942
OCL	3 Units	Livorno (guardships)	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	2 Units	" (fitting out)	Sept. 19, 1942
CA	1 Unit	Naples (damaged)	Sept. 21, 1942 (1)
CL	3 Units	" (1 damaged)	Sept. 21, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	August 30, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	Palermo	Sept. 13, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Trapani	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	2 Units	Augusta	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units	Cagliari	August 30, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste (repairing)	October 2, 1942 (2)
BB	IMPERO (*)	Venice (incomplete)	October 2, 1942 (3)

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (continued)

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
SS	5 Units	Brindisi	Sept. 17, 1942
OCL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Pola	October 2, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	6 Units	Adriatic	August 30, 1942
CL	3 Units	Navarino, Greece	October 6, 1942
DD	4 Units (*)	" "	Sept. 13, 1942
DD	10 Units	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	" " " "	August 30, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 30, 1942
SS	10 Units	Bordeaux	August 30, 1942
BB	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
DD	11 Units (*)	"	

(*) Indicates change since report of October 13, 1942.

- (1) N.A. Vichy reported on Oct. 16th that the BOLZANO had been beached in a sinking condition near Navarino. It is possible this vessel was mistaken for one of the light cruisers in Navarino which have been the object of a number of recent air attacks.
- (2) The battleship CAVOUR was seen at Trieste on October 2, and photographs show her main armament completed except for one turret. The secondary armament, however, is still incomplete.
- (3) The new battleship IMPERO was seen at Venice on October 2, and photographs show that she is still in an incomplete stage with work apparently at a standstill.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	October 16, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	October 16, 1942
OBB	PROVENCE	"	September 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	September 5, 1942
SS	13 Units (*)	"	September 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	October 7, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	"	October 7, 1942
SS	10 Units (*)	"	October 5, 1942
SS	2 Units	Algiers	September 24, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	October 16, 1942
CL	2 Units	"	September 25, 1942
DL	3 Units	"	October 8, 1942 (1)
DD	7 Units (*)	"	October 8, 1942 (2)
SS	13 Units	"	October 10, 1942 (3)
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	September 7, 1942
CL	2 Units	"	October 14, 1942 (4)
DL	2 Units	"	October 12, 1942 (5)
SS	8 Units (*)	"	September 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	September 29, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Unknown	June 11, 1942
SS	5 Units (*)	"	

- (*) Denotes changes since October 13 report.
 (1) 2 Units on training cruise this date.
 (2) 4 Units on training cruise this date.
 (3) 9 Units on training cruises period October 5-10.
 (4) MONTCALM left drydock this date and returned to mooring.
 (5) Both Units left this date for exercises in Goree Bight.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURBET	Portsmouth	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	October 5, 1942
SS	3 Units	"	September 21, 1942
OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Greenock	October 5, 1942 (1)
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Harwich	October 5, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	London	October 5, 1942 (2)
SS	3 Units (*)	Dundee	October 5, 1942 (3)
DL	1 Unit	Simonstown	October 5, 1942 (4)
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	October 14, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Unknown	

- (*) Denotes changes since October 13 report.
 (1) MISTRAL refitting.
 (2) MELPOMENE refitting.
 (3) MINERVE and RUBIS refitting.
 (4) LEOPARD completes repairs October 31.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation, but recently less reliable information has been received, causing some uncertainty.

A.	<u>COMBINED FLEET</u>	<u>Location</u>
BB -	YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)	Truk area
I.	<u>First Fleet</u>	
	<u>Composition</u>	
<u>Batdiv 1</u>		Believed in home waters, except MUTSU which is possibly in Rabaul-Solomons area.
YAMATO (F)		
NAGATO		
MUTSU		
MUSASHI	4 BB	
<u>Batdiv 2</u>		Believed in home waters, except ISE is possibly in Solomons.
HYUGA		
ISE		
FUSO		
YAMASHIRO	4 BB	
<u>Batdiv 3</u>		Solomons area with one unit damaged and possibly in Truk or Empire waters.
HIYEI (F)		
KIRISHIMA		
HARUNA		
KONGO	4 BB	

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First Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Crudiv 6 *
 AOBA (F)
 KINUGASA

Solomons. One or both vessels
 believed damaged.

2 CA

Crudiv 9
 OI
 KITAGAMI

Unlocated

2 CL

Desron 1
 ABUKUMA (F)
 Desdiv 6

N.W. Pacific
 Probably Truk area
 N.W. Pacific
 Solomons area
 Probably Solomons

" 21
 " 24
 " 27

1 CL, 14 DD

Desron 3
 SENDAI (F)
 Desdiv 11
 " 19
 " 20

Mostly in Solomons. SENDAI
 possibly sunk.

1 CL, 12 DD

* FURUTAKA sunk.

SUMMARY

12 BB
 2 CA
 4 CL
 28 DD

II.

Second Fleet

Composition

Location

CA - ATAGO, flagship

Probably Solomons area

Crudiv 4
 ATAGO (F)
 TAKAO
 MAYA
 CHOKAI*

3 CA

Crudiv 5
 MYOKO (believed sunk)
 HAGURO (possibly damaged)
 NACHI **

2 CA

Solomons
 Uncertain. Possibly
 returned Sasebo.

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Second Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Crudiv 7
SUZUYA (F)
KUMANO (damaged)
MOGAMI (damaged)

3 CA

Probably Truk area
At Truk under repairs
Under repairs, Kure Navy
Yard. Possibility may have
completed repairs and be in
Truk area.

Crudiv 8
TONE
CHIKUMA

2 CA

Probably Solomons area

* CHOKAI is acting flagship of 8th Fleet
**NACHI " " " " 5th "

Desron 2
JINTSU (F)
Desdiv 7*

" 15
" 18
" 31

1 CL ,16 DD

Mostly in Truk-Saipan area
on escort duties. Some
units possibly in Solomons.

Desron 4
YURA (F)
Desdiv 2
" 8
" 9

1 CL, 12 DD

Solomons area

SUMMARY

10 CA
2 CL
28 DD

III.

Fourth Fleet

Composition

Location

CL - KASHIMA (F)

1 CL

Truk-Solomons area

19th Division

TSUGARU
TOKIWA
TENYO MARU
SHIRATAKA)
WAKATAKA)

5 CM

Solomons
Home waters
Unknown
Believed Solomons

Subron 7
AS - JINGEI (F)
Subdiv 26)
" 27)
" 33)

1 AS ,8 SS

Truk area
N.W. Pacific. Two SS possibly
in home waters

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Desron 6</u> YUBARI (F) Desdiv 29 " 30	Probably Solomons area with some units escorting Palao-Rabaul. 1 CL, 8 DD
<u>3rd Base Force</u>	12 XPG, 3 XPC, 3 XAM Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao.
<u>4th Base Force</u>	9 XPG, 6 XPC, 2 XAM Truk area 1 AM
<u>5th Base Force</u>	9 XPG, 9 XPC, 3 XAM Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan.
<u>6th Base Force</u>	20 XPG, 6 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS Jaluit or in Melanesia waters.

SUMMARY

2 CL
5 CM
8 DD
1 AS
8 SS
1 AM
1 AGS
50 XPG
27 XPC
14 XAM

IV.

Fifth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
NACHI, acting flagship	1 CA N.W. Pacific
<u>Crudiv 22</u> KISO TAMA	Uncertain. May be in N.W. Pacific
<u>Division 21</u>	Composition unknown Unknown
7th Special Base Force	6 XPG Chichijima
<u>Northern Patrol Force</u> Patdivs 1-5 incl.	About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels Patrolling in NW Pacific
<u>Inshore Picket Boat Force</u>	About 15 misc. fishing craft Patrolling off Japan coasts
<u>Kuriles Defense Force</u>	1 AGS / misc. others Kuriles

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Fifth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>La Perouse Strait Patrol</u>	1 IB (AT) / N. Hokkaido waters
OTOMARI	Misc. others

<u>5th Defense Force</u>	Misc. aux. & small craft Kiska

SUMMARY

1 CA
 2 CL
 6 XPG
 1 AGS
 1 IB (AT)
 60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships

V.

Sixth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
KATORI, flagship	1 CL Truk area
<u>Subron 1</u>	
AS - TAIGEI (F)	Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons
XAS - HEIAN MARU	
XAS - NISSO MARU	
Subdiv 2	1 AS, 2 XAS, 13 SS New Britain-Solomons area
" 4	Uncertain
" 15	Truk area
" 32	Unknown
<u>Subron 2</u>	
AS - CHOGEI	
XAS - MANZU MARU	
Subdiv 7	Solomons area
" 8	Probably Yokosuka
<u>Subron 3</u>	
XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F)	Probably Rabaul-Solomons area
XAS - URAKAMI MARU	Unknown
Subdiv 11	Solomons - New Britain
" 12	Sasebo
" 18)	New Guinea-New Britain
" 20)	Solomons
	2 XAS, 14 SS

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Subron 5

LS - KOMABASHI
XLS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU
XLS - RATAMA MARU
Subdiv 19
" 28 }
" 29 }
" 30 }

N.W. Pacific

New Britain-Solomons area

Truk-Molnesia waters

Operating from Saigon

1 LS, 2 XLS, 12 SS

In Rabaul-Solomons area

Subron 6

LS - KARASAKI
XLS - NAGOYA MARU
Subdiv 9
" 13

1 LS, 1 XLS, 5 SS

Subron 8

XLS - #3 HINODE MARU
XLS - HIRI MARU
Subdiv 1
" 3
" 14

Possibly Yokosuka area

Probably Truk-Rabaul area

Operating from Saigon

2 XLS, 10 SS

ONDO

1 LD

New Britain-Solomons

SUMMARY

1 CL
4 LS
10 XLS
61 SS

VI.

Eighth Fleet

CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship

1 CA

Solomons area

Crudiv 18
TENRYU (F)
TATSUTA

2 CL

New Guinea-New Britain water
Probably Solomons

8th Base Force

2 AM, 2 PC, 20 XPG
4 patrol boats, 3 XPC

New Britain-Solomons

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Eighth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
4 AM
2 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
4 Patrol boats

VII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1
SHOKAKU)
ZUIKAKU)
ZUIHO

Solomons area.

3 CV

Indefinite but probably Truk-
New Britain-Solomons area.

Cardiv 2
HITAKA
HAYATAKA

Kyushu waters.

2 XCV

HOSHO
YUKAZE

1 CV

Probably Solomons area.

1 DD

Probably with HOSHO Solomons
area.

Desron 10
CL - NAGARA (F)
Desdiv 4
" 10
" 16
" 17

Probably Truk-Melanesia waters
Rabaul area

Probably Solomons with Cardiv
Uncertain

1 CL, 16 DD

Possibly returned to Truk-
Solomons waters

SUMMARY

4 CV
2 XCV
1 CL
17 DD

VIII.

Eleventh Air Fleet

Airflot 21
KATSURAOI MARU

1 XAV

Kavieng

Airflot 22
KINUGASA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV

Solomons
Yokosuka

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

Composition		Location
Airflot 23 KOKITSU MARU	1 XAV	NEI waters
Airflot 24 KAMOI (P) SOYO MARU NITCHO MARU GOSHU MARU	1 AV, 3 XAV	Possibly Truk area Possibly Marshalls Solomons Yokosuka
Airflot 25 KIYOKAWA MARU KIYOZUMI MARU MARUTO MARU	3 XAV	Solomons Indefinite Possibly Rabaul area
Airflot 26 AKITSUSHIMA MOGAMIGAWA MARU	1 AV, 1 XAV	Solomons Probably Kure
Desdiv 34	4 DD	Scattered
OTAKA (Damaged) UNYO CHUYO	3 XCV	Probably Kure Possibly Ambon area. Fitting out in home waters
SUMMARY		
	2 AV	
	11 XAV	
	3 XCV	
	4 DD	

Attached to Combined Fleet

Seaplatendiv 11 CHITOSE CHIYODA (damaged)		Solomons area Believed under repairs in Kure Yard. Yokosuka
KAMIKAWA MARU SANUKI MARU SANYO MARU	2 AV, 2 XAV	Enroute Manila-Rabaul Believed Solomons area.
Seaplatendiv 12 NISSHIN NOTORO YASUKAWA MARU	2 AV, 1 XAV	Indefinite Solomons area Unlocated
HIKOKU MARU HOKOKU MARU	2 XCL	Rabaul area on 9/20 " " " 9/21

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Attached to Combined Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Train		
MURATO	1 AO	N.W. Pacific
MAMIYA	1 AF	Truk area
TSURUMI	1 AO	Truk area
NARUTO	1 AO	Solomons
HAYATOMO	1 AO	Probably Singapore
KYORUTO MARU	1 AO	Probably Solomons
KOKUYO MARU	1 AO	Probably Rabaul
AKEBONO MARU	1 AO	Believed in Kure

SUMMARY

4 AV
3 XLV
2 XCL
8 AO
1 AF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

IX.

First Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII, flagship	1 CL	Singapore area
SHIMUSHU)		
KATSURIKI)	2 CM	Uncertain. Probably Malay area.
Desdiv 5	4 DD	Escorting NEI-Palao
9th Special Base Force	Misc.	Penang
10th Special Base Force	"	Singapore
11th Special Base Force	"	Saigon
12th Special Base Force	"	Rangoon

SUMMARY

1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

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Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

ASHIGARA, Flagship	1 CA	Truk-Rabaul-Solomons area
ITSUKUSHIMA	1 CM	Unlocated
Crudiv 16		
NATORI		Maizuru
ISUZU		Solomons
KINU	3 CL	Probably in Solomons
21st Special Base Force	Misc.	Socrabaya
22nd Special Base Force		Balikpapan
23rd Special Base Force		Macassar
24th Special Base Force		Ambon
Gunboat Div. 2	4 PG	NEI waters
Survey Div. 1	2 AGS	NEI waters

SUMMARY

1 CA
1 CM
3 CL
4 PG
2 AGS
Misc.

XI.

Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KUM., flagship	1 CL	Enroute Palao to Timor
YAMAGATA	1 CM	Philippine waters
31st Special Base Force	Misc.	Manila
32nd " " "	Misc.	Davao
Survey Div. 2	2 AGS	Philippine waters

SUMMARY

1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
Misc.

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Composition
1st High Seas Escort Force

Desdiv 13
" 22
" 32

12 DD

Location

Escorting Bako-Saigon
Escorting South China Sea
Escorting Bako-Saigon

SUMMARY
12 DD

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

IZUMO, flagship
Shanghai Base Force

1 OC.

Shanghai

1 PG

Shanghai

Desdiv 26

4 DD

China coast

Nanking Base Force

Misc.

Nanking

Central China Fleet
UJI, flagship

1 PG

China coast

Patdiv 11

11 PR

Yangtze River

Hankow Base Force

Misc.

Hankow

Gunboat Div.

2 PG, 3 XPG

China coast

South China Fleet

HLSHIDATE, flagship

1 PG

Hongkong

Minron 1

1 PG, 3 AM

South China coast

Torpddiv 1

4 TB

Scattered in SW area. One
in Rabaul area

Guard Div. 16

3 XPG

South China coast

Canton Base Force

Misc.

Canton

Amoy Base Force

"

Amoy

Hainan Base Force

"

Hainan

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Composition
North China Fleet

Location

Torpddiv 11	4 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Torpddiv 21	5 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14	8 XPG	Gulf of Pechili
Tsingtao Base Force	Misc.	Tsingtao
Mindiv	3 AM	Gulf of Pechili

D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 Training ship, 4 DD, Misc.	- Yokosuka
Kure	" "	1 OCA, 4 DD, Misc, Patrol Craft - Kure
Sasebo	" "	1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD, Misc. patrol craft - Sasebo
Maizuru	" "	1 OCA, 1 OCL, Misc. patrol craft - Maizuru
Ominato	" "	3 DM, 2 DD, Misc. patrol craft - Ominato

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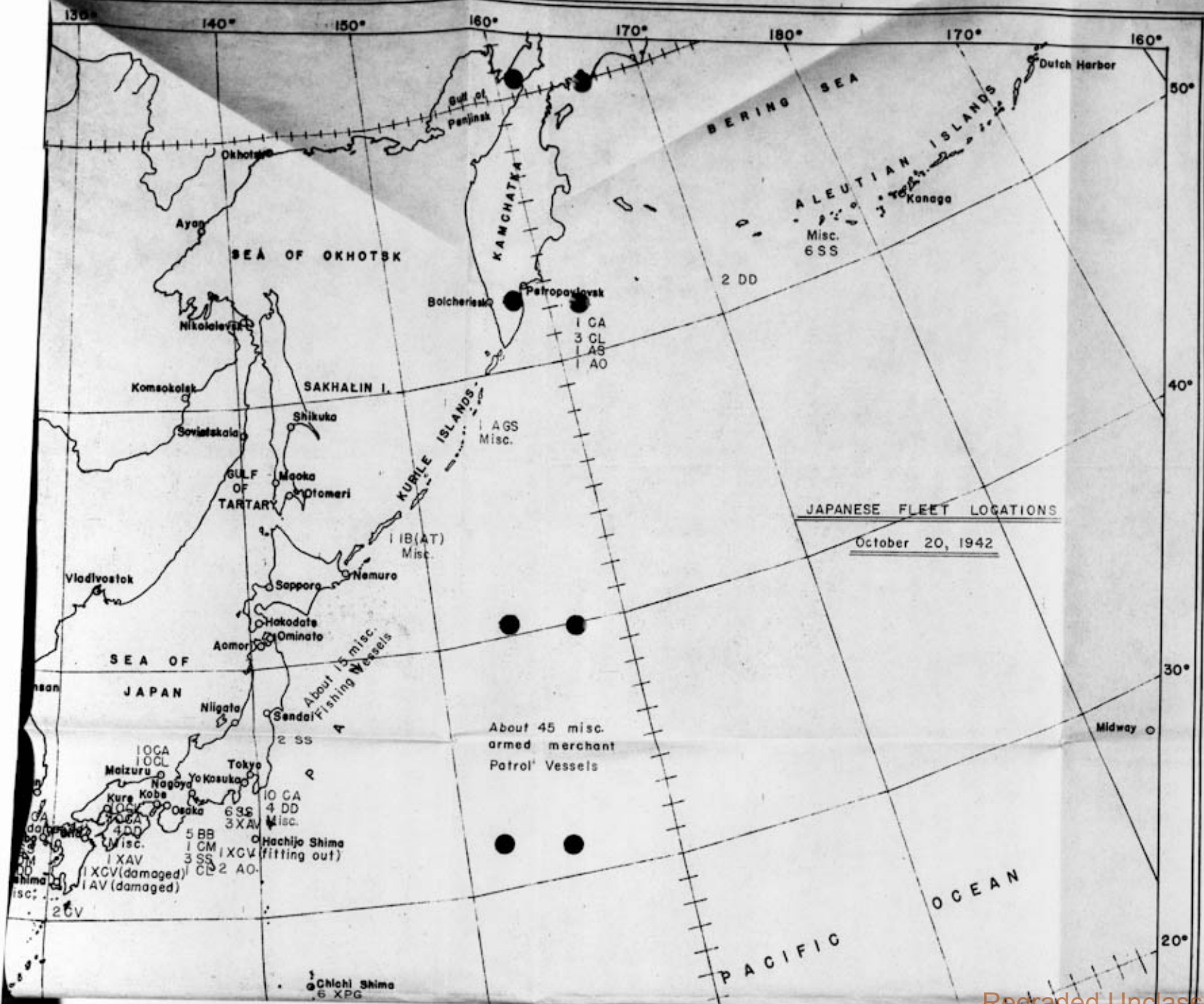
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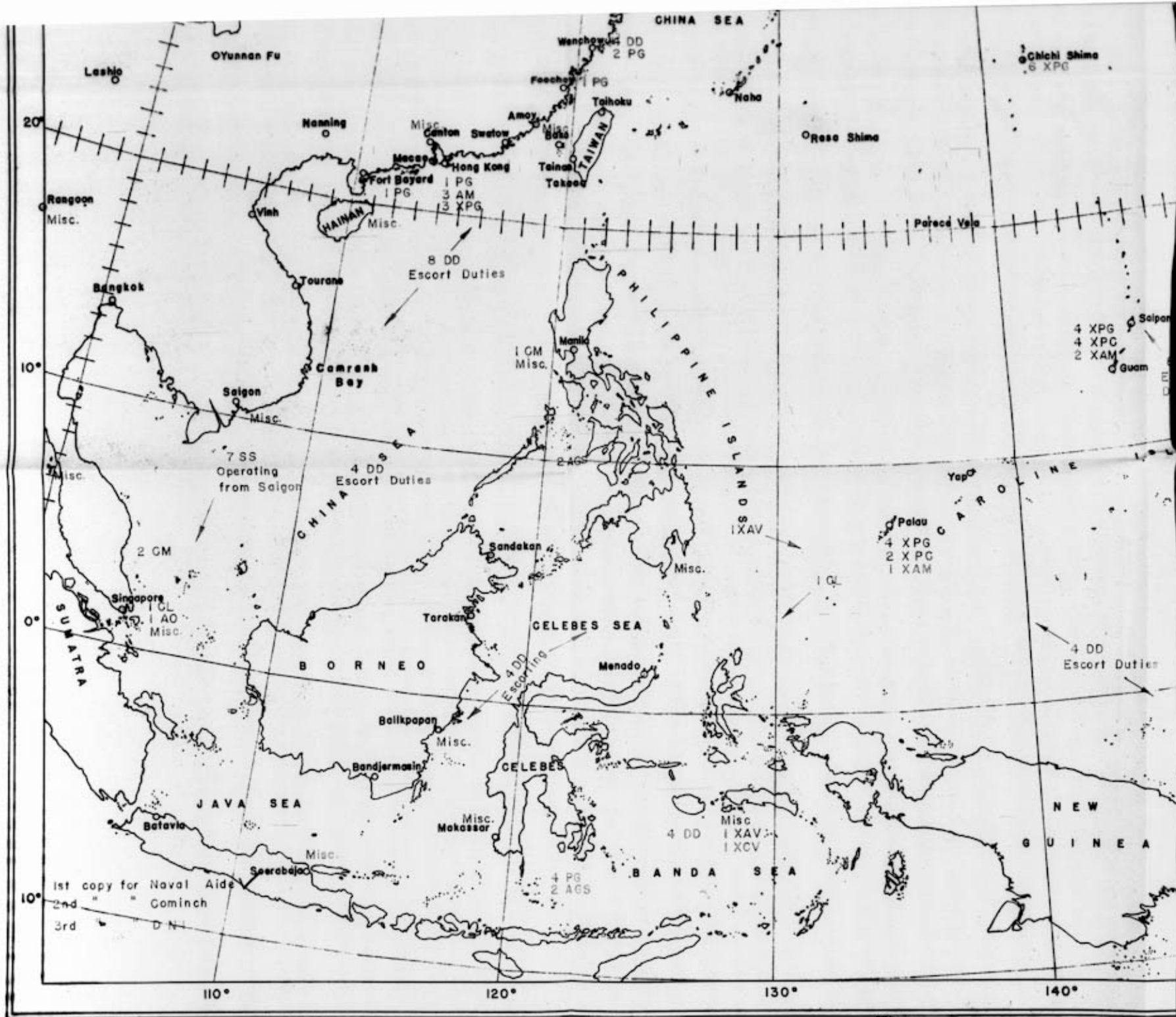
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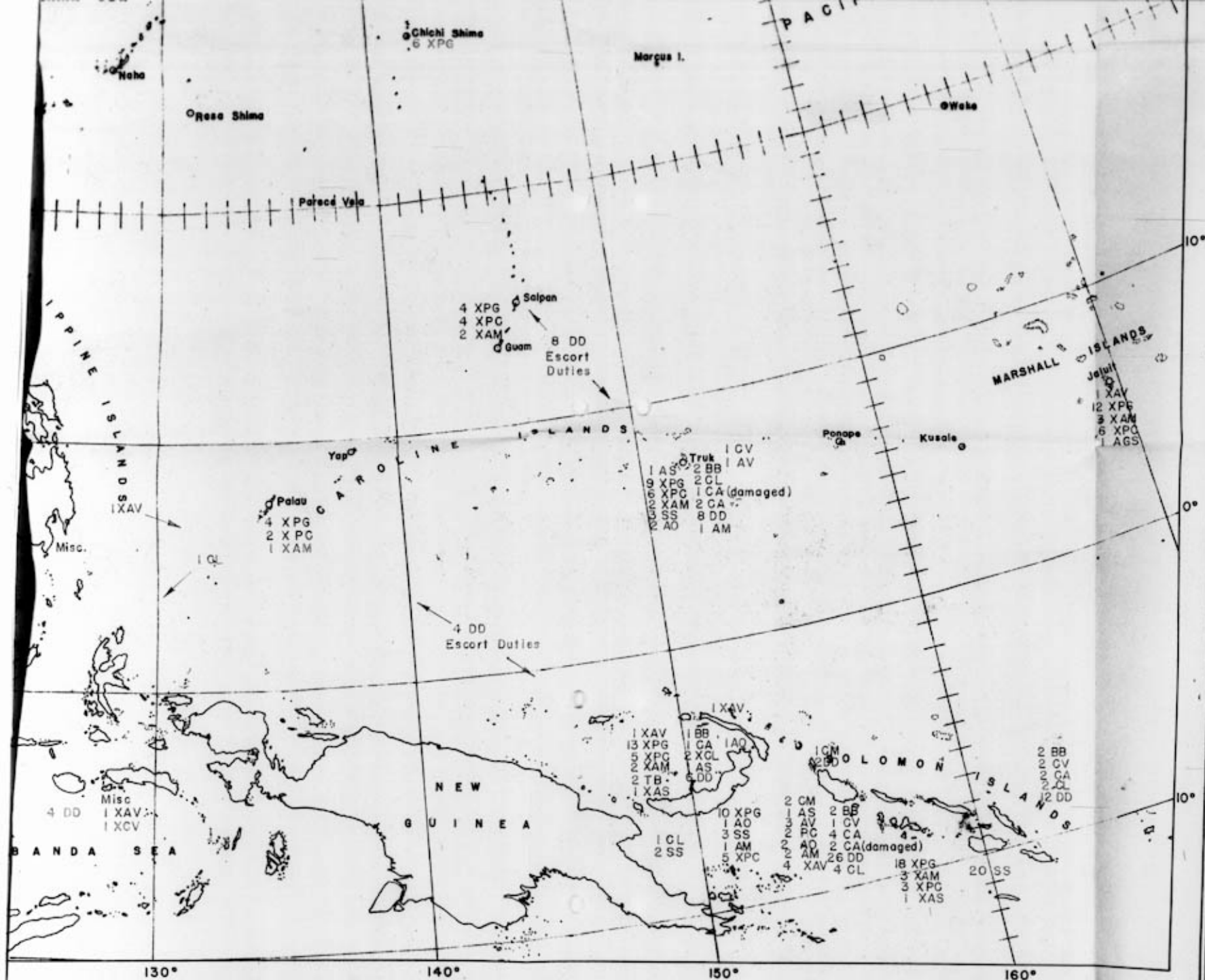
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FLEET LOCATIONS

German, Italian, French (Vichy),
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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship Type	Name	Location	Last Reported Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	October 1, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia; in floating dock	October 5, 1942
OBB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock	August 26, 1942
OBB	SCHLESSEN (1)	Unknown	August 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CA	LUETZOW	Probably Kiel; in dry dock	October 5, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Probably Kiel	October 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CL	MUERNBERG	Swinemuende	October 4, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Gdynia	October 5, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 16, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock	August 26, 1942
DD's	8 Units	Northern Norway	Sept. 21, 1942
	9 Units	German North Sea and Baltic Ports	Sept. 21, 1942
SS's	(2) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:		
	65 Units	French Ports	October 5, 1942
	104 Units	Atlantic Patrols	October 5, 1942
	20 Units	Norwegian Ports	October 5, 1942
	13 Units	Operating in Baltic	October 5, 1942
	20 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	October 5, 1942
	45 Units	Training	October 5, 1942
	107 Units	Trials	October 5, 1942
	374 Total.		

NOTES:

- (1) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia some time between August 1 and August 20, 1942, and has not been reported since.
- (2) SS's previously reported: (Estimated)

140 Units Atlantic patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
20 Units Baltic patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
30 Units Mediterranean patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
30 Units Norwegian patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
170 Units German ports, training and trials	Sept. 23, 1942
390 Units Total.	

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Disposition of Italian Fleet.

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	October 3, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	"	October 3, 1942
BB	ROMA	"	October 3, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	October 3, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	October 3, 1942 (1)
BB	DORIA	"	October 3, 1942 (1)
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	Sept. 17, 1942
DD	17 Units (*)	"	Sept. 17, 1942
SS	12 Units (*)	"	Sept. 17, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina	October 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit (REGOLO Class) (*)	"	October 5, 1942 (2)
DD	6 Units (*)	" (1 damaged)	Sept. 13, 1942
SS	4 Units (*)	"	Sept. 13, 1942
BB	0 Units (*)	Genoa	Sept. 19, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" (building)	Sept. 19, 1942
CV	AUGUSTUS	" (incomplete)	Sept. 19, 1942 (3)
CL	1 Unit (REGOLO Class)	"	Sept. 19, 1942
OEM	0 Units (*)	"	Sept. 19, 1942 (4)
DD	2 Units (*)	"	Sept. 19, 1942
SS	2 Units (*)	"	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	La Spezia	Sept. 19, 1942
SS	11 Units (*)	"	Sept. 19, 1942
OCL	3 Units (*)	Livorno (guardships)	Sept. 19, 1942 (5)
DD	2 Units	" (fitting out)	Sept. 19, 1942 (6)
CA	1 Unit	Naples (damaged)	Sept. 21, 1942
CL	3 Units (*)	" (1 damaged)	Sept. 21, 1942 (7)
DD	6 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	August 30, 1942
DD	2 Units	Palermo	Sept. 4, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Trapani	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	2 Units	Augusta	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units	Cagliari	August 30, 1942

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TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	October 2, 1942
SS	5 Units (*)	Brindisi	Sept. 17, 1942
OCL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Pola	October 2, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	6 Units	Adriatic	August 30, 1942
CL	3 Units	Navarino, Greece	October 6, 1942
DD	6 Units	" "	August 30, 1942
DD	10 Units	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	" " " "	August 30, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 30, 1942
SS	10 Units	Bordeaux	August 30, 1942
BB	IMPERO (building)(*)	Unknown	(8)
CL	0 Units (*)	"	
DD	8 Units	"	
SS	0 Units	"	(9)

- (*) Indicates change since report of October 6, 1942.
- (1) The battleships DUILIO and DORIA were at sea on Sept. 17th, 35 miles southwest of Taranto, course 040°.
 - (2) One of the new REGOLO class cruisers has been identified at Messina on October 5th.
 - (3) Work has been suspended on the ex-liner AUGUSTUS, which has been under conversion to an aircraft carrier at Genoa, pending results of the conversion of the ROMA.
 - (4) The obsolete Battle Monitor FAA DE BRUNO was not reported following the reconnaissance of Genoa on Sept. 19th. As this vessel is only suitable for harbor defense, it will no longer be reported in this list.
 - (5) The obsolete Light Cruiser QUARTO, which was stricken from the Italian Naval List in 1939, was identified as a guardship at LIVORNO and is presumed to be back in service.
 - (6) Two new destroyers fitting out at Livorno have been added to the fleet list.

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (continued)

- (7) The light cruiser ATTENDOLO, damaged on August 13th, has left Messina and arrived at Naples.
- (8) The battleship IMPERO was not reported under construction at Genoa on Sept. 19th and her whereabouts is unknown.
- (9) The disposition of 6 more submarines than have been previously reported can only be accounted for by newly commissioned boats or they are unreported movements.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	September 7, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	September 7, 1942
OBB	PROVENCE	"	September 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	September 5, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	September 5, 1942 (1)
DL	1 Unit	Oran	October 7, 1942 (2)
DD	4 Units	"	October 7, 1942
SS	5 Units (*)	"	October 7, 1942 (3)
SS	2 Units	Algiers	September 24, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	August 19, 1942
CL	2 Units	"	September 25, 1942
DL	3 Units	"	September 8, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	September 8, 1942
SS	13 Units	"	September 25, 1942
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	September 7, 1942
CL	2 Units	"	October 5, 1942 (4)
DL	2 Units	"	October 5, 1942 (5)
SS	7 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	September 29, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Unknown	June 11, 1942
SS	8 Units (*)	"	

(*) Denotes changes since October 6 report.

- (1) Press report of October 9 states 9 SS's sent to Dakar from Toulon and later report states 6 SS's passed Gibraltar westward on September 29. This change will not be made in disposition until official confirmation is received.
- (2) EPERVIER out of drydock but still repairing.
- (3) 2 Units in drydock.
- (4) MONTCALEM entered drydock this date.
- (5) TERRIBLE left drydock this date.

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Immobilized French Naval Vessels

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	LORRAINE	Alexandria	August 13, 1942
CA	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
CV	BEARN	Martinique	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	October 11, 1942 (1)
CL	1 Unit	Guadeloupe	October 11, 1942 (1)

- (1) EMILE BERTIN at Fort-de-France Quay fired a few practice shots on October 2 and JEANNE D'ARC at Pointe-a-Pitre Quay did the same a few days before.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations,

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation, but recently less reliable information has been received, causing some uncertainty.

A. COMBINED FLEET

Location

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)

Truk area

I.

First Fleet

Composition

Batdiv 1

YAMATO (F)

NAGATO

MUTSU

MUSASHI

4 BB

Believed in home waters, except MUTSU which is indicated in Truk-Rabaul area.

Batdiv 2

HYUGA

ISE

FUSO

YAMASHIRO

4 BB

Believed in home waters, except ISE is possibly in Truk-Rabaul area.

Batdiv 3

HIYEI (F)

KIRISHIMA)

HARUNA)

KONGO)

4 BB

Believed enroute or in Empire waters

Truk-New Britain-Solomons area

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First Fleet (continued,

Composition

Location

Cruidiv 6
AOBA (F) }
KINUGASA }

Believed damaged and re-
tiring northward to Truk
for repairs.
Solomons area

FURUTAKA

3 CA

Cruidiv 9

Unlocated

OI

KITAGAMI

2 CL

Desron 1

ABUKUMA (F)

Desdiv 6

" 21

" 24

" 27

1 CL, 16 DD

N.W. Pacific
Probably Truk area
N.W. Pacific
Solomons area
Truk-New Britain area

Desron 3

SENDAI (F)

Desdiv 11

" 19

" 20

1 CL, 12 DD

Mostly in Solomons

SUMMARY

12 BB

3 CA

4 CL

28 DD

II.

Second Fleet

Composition

Location

CA - ATAGO, flagship

Cruidiv 4

ATAGO (F)

TAKAO

MAYA

CHOKAI*

3 CA

Probably Solomons area
except MAYA may be at
Yokosuka

Cruidiv 5

MYOKO (believed sunk)

HAGURO (possibly damaged)

NACHI **

2 CA

Solomons
Uncertain. Possibly
returned Sasebo.

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Second Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Crudiv 7
SUZUYA (F)
KUMANO (damaged)
MOGAMI (damaged)

3 CA

Probably Truk area
At Truk under repairs
Under repairs, Kure Navy
Yard. Possibility may have
completed repairs and be in
Truk area.

Crudiv 8
TONE
CHIKUMA

2 CA

Truk-Melanesia area

* CHOKAI is acting flagship of 8th Fleet
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Desron 2
JINTSU (F)
Desdiv 7*
" 15
" 18
" 31

1 CL, 16 DD

Mostly in Truk-Saipan area
on escort duties

Desron 4
YURA (F)
Desdiv 2
" 8
" 9

1 CL, 12 DD

Rabaul-Solomons area

SUMMARY
10 CA
2 CL
28 DD

III.

Fourth Fleet

Composition

Location

CL - KASHIMA (F)

1 CL

Truk area

19th Division
TSUGARU
TOKIWA
TENYO MARU

3 CM

Truk area
Home waters
Unknown

Subron 7
AS - JINGEI (F)
Subdiv 26)
" 27)
" 33)

1 AS, 8 SS

Truk area
N.W. Pacific. Two SS possibly
in home waters

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

Composition

2 High Seas Escort Force

Location

Desron 6		Probably Rabaul - Solomons
YUBARI (F)		area with some units escort-
Desdiv 29		ing Palao-Rabaul
" 30	1 CL, 8 DD	
3rd Base Force	12 XPG, 3 XPC, 3 XAM	Probably most of these units
		sent to Rabaul from Palao.
4th Base Force	9 XPG, 6 XPC, 2 XAM	Truk area
	1 AM	
5th Base Force	9 XPG, 9 XPC, 3 XAM	Probably most of these
		units sent to Rabaul from
		Saipan
6th Base Force	20 XPG, 6 XAM, 9 XPC,	Jaluit or in Melanesia
	1 AGS	waters

SUMMARY

2 CL
3 CM
8 DD
1 AS
8 SS
1 AM
1 AGS
50 XPG
27 XPC
14 XAM

IV.

Composition

NACHI, acting flagship

Fifth Fleet

1 CA

Location

N.W. Pacific

Crudiv 22

KISO

TAMA

N.W. Pacific

2 CL

Division 21

Composition unknown

Unknown

7th Special Base Force

6 XPG

Chichijima

Northern Patrol Force

Patdivs 1-5 incl.

About 45 misc. armed
merchant patrol ves-

Patrolling in NW Pacific

sels

Inshore Picket Boat Force

About 15 misc. fishing
craft.

Patrolling off Japan coasts

Kuriles Defense Force

1 AGS / misc. others

Kuriles

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Fifth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>La Perouse Strait Patrol</u>	1 IB (AT) /	N. Hokkaido waters
OTOMARI	Misc. others	

<u>5th Defense Force</u>	Misc. aux. & small craft	Kiska

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
6 XPG
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships

V.

Sixth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
KATORI, flagship	1 CL	Truk area
<u>Subron 1</u>		
AS - TAIGEI (F)		Comsubron 1 and some units
XLS - HEIAN MARU		in Solomons
XLS - NISSO MARU		
Subdiv 2		Home waters
" 4		Uncertain
" 15		Truk area
" 32	1 AS, 2 XLS, 13 SS	Unknown
<u>Subron 2</u>		
AS - CHOGEI		
XLS - MANZU MARU		
Subdiv 7		Solomons area
" 8	1 AS, 1 XLS, 7 SS	Probably Yokosuka
<u>Subron 3</u>		
XLS - YASUKUNI MARU (F)		Probably Rabaul area
XLS - URUKAMI MARU		Unknown
Subdiv 11		Solomons-- New Britain
" 12		Sasebo
" 18)		New Guinea--New Britain--
" 20)	2 XLS, 14 SS	Solomons

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Subron 5</u>		
AS - KOMABASHI		N.W. Pacific
XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU		
XAS - ARATAMA MARU		
Subdiv 19		Unknown
" 28	}	Truk-Melanesia waters
" 29		
" 30		Operating from Saigon
		1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS
<u>Subron 6</u>		In Rabaul area
AS - KARASAKI		
XAS - NAGOYA MARU		
Subdiv 9		
" 13		1 AS, 1 XAS, 5 SS
<u>Subron 8</u>		
XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU		
XAS - HIEI MARU		
Subdiv 1		Yokosuka area
" 3	}	Probably Truk area
" 14		Operating from Saigon
		2 XAS, 10 SS
ONDO		1 AO
		New Britain-Solomons

SUMMARY

1 CL
4 AS
10 XAS
61 SS

VI.

Eighth Fleet

CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship	1 CA	Rabaul-Solomons area
<u>Crudiv 18</u>		
TENRYU (F) }	2 CL	New Guinea-New Britain waters
TATSUTA }		
8th Base Force	2 AM, 2 PC, 20 XPG 4 patrol boats, 3 XPC	New Britain-Solomons

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Composition

Eighth Fleet (continued)

Location

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
4 AM
2 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
4 Patrol boats

VII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1

SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU
ZUIHO

Truk-Greenwich area
May have returned to Truk area.
Home waters.

3 CV

Cardiv 2

HITAKA
HAYATAKA

Kyushu waters.

2 XCV

HOSHIO

~~YUKAZU~~

1 CV Indefinite, but probably Truk-Rabaul an
1 DD Probably Truk-Rabaul area with HOSHIO

Desron 10

CL- NAGARA (F)

Desdiv 4

" 10
" 16
" 17

Yokosuka area
Rabaul area
Probably Yokosuka area
Uncertain
Possibly returned to home
waters

1 CL, 16 DD

SUMMARY

4 CV
2 XCV
1 CL
17 DD

VIII.

Eleventh Air Fleet

Airflot 21

KATSURAGI MARU

1 XAV Kavieng

Airflot 22

KINUGASA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV
Solomons
Yokosuka

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Airflot 23 KOKITSU MARU	1 XAV	Rabaul area
Airflot 24 KAMOI (P) SOYO MARU NITCHO MARU GOSHU MARU (damaged)	1 AV, 3 XAV	Possibly Truk area Empire Solomons Yokosuka
Airflot 25 KIYOKAWA MARU KIYOZUMI MARU NARUTO MARU	3 XAV	Yokosuka or possibly enroute Truk Indefinite Rabaul area
Airflot 26 AKITSUSHIMA MOGAMIGAWA MARU	1 AV, 1 XAV	Solomons Probably Kure
Desdiv 34	4 DD	Scattered
OTAKA (Damaged) UNYO CHUYO	3 XCV	Probably Kure Truk-New Britain area Fitting out in home waters
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
	2 AV	
	11 XAV	
	3 XCV	
	4 DD	

Attached to Combined Fleet

<u>Seaplaten div 11</u> CHITOSE CHIYODA (damaged)		Solomons area Believed under repairs in Kure Yard. Yokosuka
KUMIKAWA MARU SANUKI MARU SANYO MARU	2 AV, 2 XAV	Believed in Solomons Solomons area.
<u>Seaplatendiv 12</u> NISSHIN NOTORO YASUKAWA MARU	2 AV, 1 XAV	Kavieng on 9/29 Rabaul area Unlocated
AIKOKU MARU HOKOKU MARU	2 XCL	Rabaul area on 9/20 " " " 9/21

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Attached to Combined Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Train</u>		
MUROTO	1 AO	N.W. Pacific
MAMIYA	1 AF	Truk area
TSURUMI	1 AO	Truk area
NARUTO	1 AO	Rabaul-Solomons
SHIRIYA	1 AO	Saipan area on 9/16
HAYATOMO	1 AO	Probably Singapore
KYOKUTO MARU	1 AO	Truk area
KOKUYO MARU	1 AO	Truk area
AKEBONO MARU	1 AO	Believed in Kure

SUMMARY

4 AV
3 XAV
2 XCL
8 AO
1 AF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

IX.

First Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII, flagship	1 CL	Escorting Palau-Rabaul
SHIMUSHU) KATSURIKI)	2 CM	Uncertain. Probably Malay area.
<u>Desdiv 5</u>	4 DD	Escorting JMI-Palau
<u>9th Special Base Force</u>	Misc.	Panang
<u>10th Special Base Force</u>	"	Singapore
<u>11th Special Base Force</u>	"	Saigon
<u>12th Special Base Force</u>	"	Rangoon

SUMMARY

1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

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Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

ASHIGARA, flagship	1 CA	Truk-Rabaul area
ITSUKUSHIMA	1 CM	Unlocated
Crudiv 16		
NATORI		Maizuru
ISUZU		Solomons
KINU	3 CL	Probably in Solomons
21st Special Base Force	Misc.	Soerabaya
22nd Special Base Force		Balikpapan
23rd Special Base Force		Macassar
24th Special Base Force		Ambon
Gunboat Div. 2	4 PG	NEI waters
Survey Div. 1	2 AGS	NEI waters

SUMMARY

1 CA
1 CM
3 CL
4 PG
2 AGS
Misc.

XI.

Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KUMA, flagship	1 CL	Probably Rabaul area
YAEYAMA	1 CM	Philippine waters
31st Special Base Force	Misc.	Manila
32nd " " "	Misc.	Davao
Survey Div. 2	2 AGS	Philippine waters

SUMMARY

1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
Misc.

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Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

Composition

Location

1st High Seas Escort Force

Desdiv 13		Escorting Bako-Saigon
▪ 22		Escorting South China Sea
▪ 32	12 DD	Escorting Bako-Saigon

SUMMARY

12 DD

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

IZUMO, flagship	1 OC.	Shanghai
Shanghai Base Force	1 PG	Shanghai
Desdiv 26	4 DD	China coast
Nanking Base Force	Misc.	Nanking
<u>Central China Fleet</u>		
WJ, flagship	1 PG	China coast
Patdiv 11	11 PR	Yangtze River
Hankow Base Force	Misc.	Hankow
Gunboat Div.	2 PG, 3 XPG	China coast
<u>South China Fleet</u>		
ELSHIMATE, flagship	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG, 3 AM	South China coast
Torpediv 1	4 TB	Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area
Guard Div. 16	3 XPG	South China coast
Canton Base Force	Misc.	Canton
Amoy Base Force	▪	Amoy
Hainan Base Force	▪	Hainan

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Composition
North China Fleet

Location

Torpddiv 11	4 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Torpddiv 21	5 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14	8 XPG	Gulf of Pechili
Tsingtao Base Force	Misc.	Tsingtao
Mindiv	3 AM	Gulf of Pechili

D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 Training ship, 4 DD, Misc.	- Yokosuka
Kure	" " 1 OCA, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft	- Kure
Sasebo	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD, Misc. patrol craft	- Sasebo
Maizuru	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, Misc. patrol craft	- Maizuru
Ominato	" " 3 DM, 2 DD, Misc. patrol craft	- Ominato

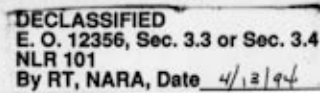
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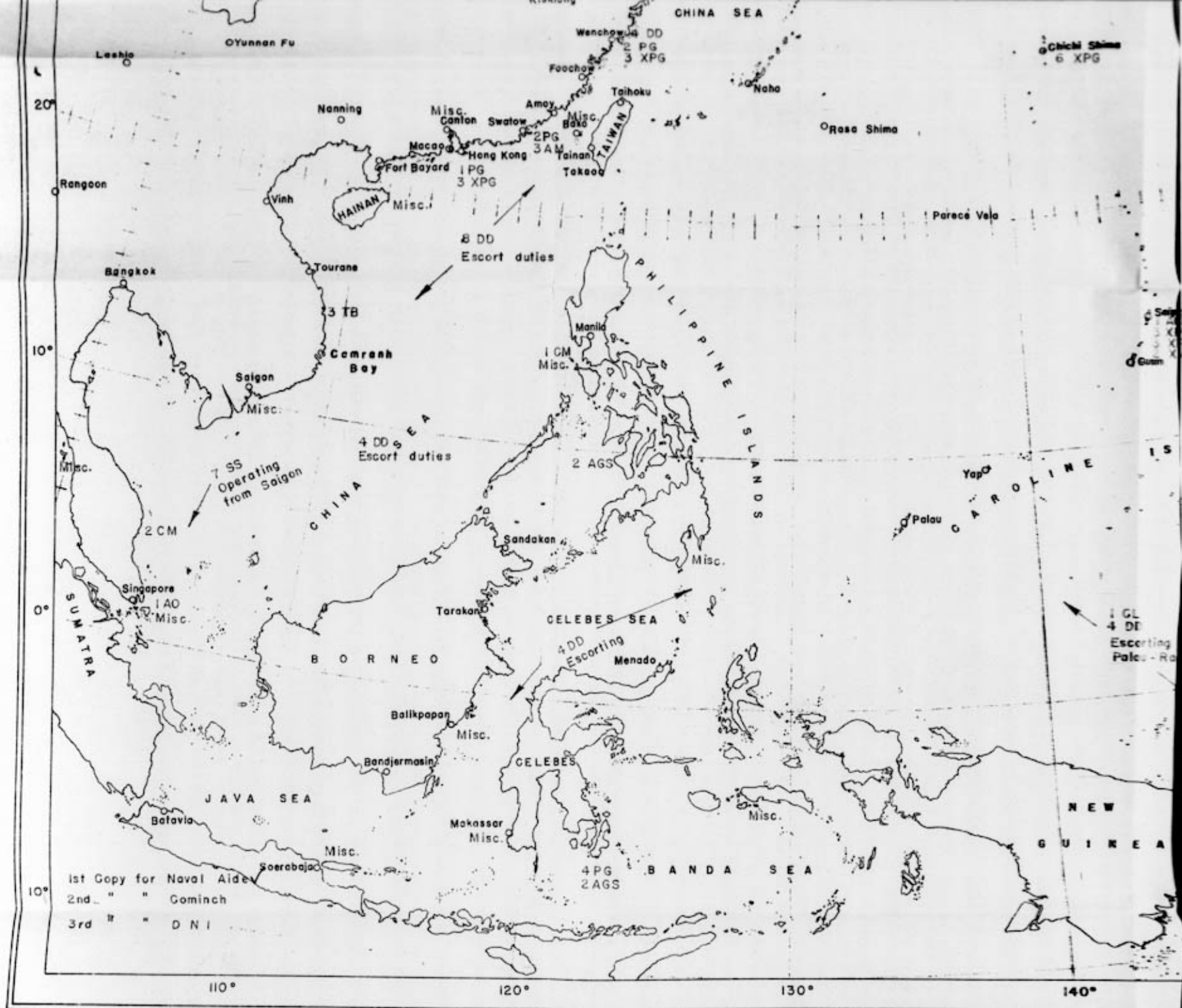
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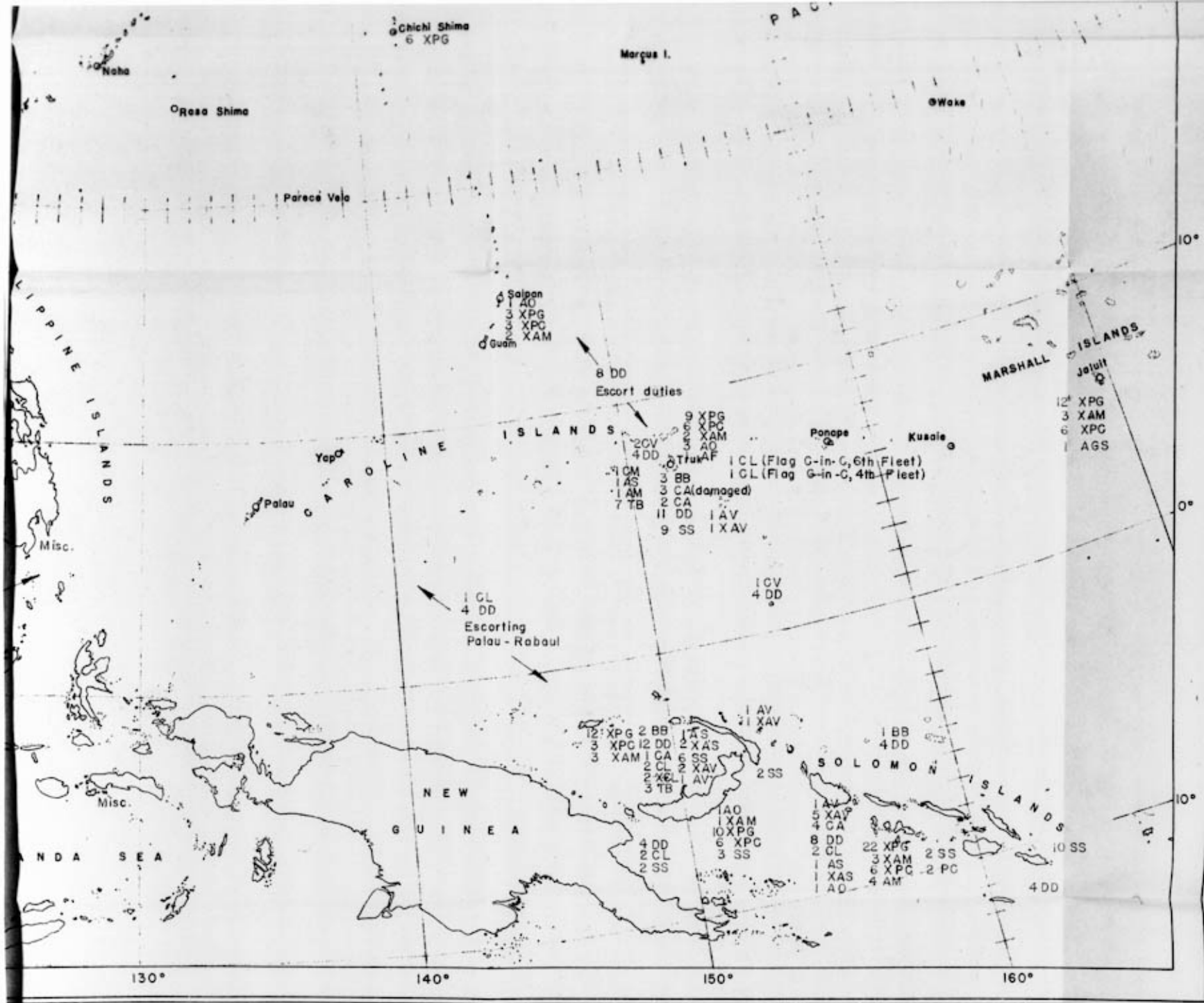
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Ship			Last Reported Date
Type	Name	Location	
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	Oct. 1, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST (1)	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia; in floating dock	Oct. 5, 1942
OB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	Aug. 17, 1942
OB	SCHLESSEN (2)	Unknown	Aug. 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Altenfjord, northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CA	LUETZOW (3)	Probably Kiel; in dry dock	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	Aug. 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Probably Kiel	Oct. 5, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Altenfjord, northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CL	NUERNBERG (4)	Swinemunde	Oct. 4, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG (5)	Gdynia	Oct. 5, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	Aug. 17, 1942
DD's (6)			
	8 Units	Northern Norway and Trondheim Area	Sept. 7, 1942
	9 Units	German North Sea and Baltic ports	Sept. 7, 1942
SS's (Estimated)			
	140 Units	Atlantic patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	20 Units	Baltic patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	30 Units	Mediterranean patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	30 Units	Norwegian patrols and bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	170 Units	German ports, training and trials	Sept. 23, 1942
	390 Units Total		

NOTES:

- (1) SCHARNHORST previously reported Baltic, September 3, 1942.
- (2) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia sometime between August 1 and August 20, 1942 and has not been reported since.
- (3) LUETZOW previously reported "Unknown" August 27, 1942.
- (4) NUERNBERG previously reported "Unknown" August 27, 1942.
- (5) LEIPZIG previously reported Swinemunde August 27, 1942.
- (6) DD's previously reported:

4 Units Northern Norway	July 30, 1942
3 Units Trondheim area	July 30, 1942
1 Unit Southern Norway	July 30, 1942
6 Units German North Sea and Baltic Ports	July 30, 1942
4 Units Unknown	July 30, 1942

Five DD's were reported to be accompanying ADMIRAL HIPPER, ADMIRAL SCHEER and KOELN in Altenfjord, Northern Norway, September 13, 1942.
Two DD's were reported in the Narvik area with TIRPITZ September 18.

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Disposition of Italian Fleet.

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	Sept. 4, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	"	Sept. 4, 1942
BB	ROMA	"	Sept. 4, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	Sept. 4, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	Sept. 4, 1942
BB	DORIA	"	Sept. 4, 1942
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	Sept. 4, 1942
DD	14 Units	"	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	13 Units (*)	"	Sept. 4, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina	August 30, 1942
CL	1 Unit	" (damaged)	August 30, 1942
DD	9 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 30, 1942
BB	IMPERO	Genoa (building)	July 31, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" "	July 9, 1942
CV	Unknown (Ex-Liner)	" "	May 13, 1942
CL	REGOLO Class	"	July 9, 1942
OEM	1 Unit	" (harbor defense)	June, 1941
DD	11 Units	La Spezia	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units	" "	August 30, 1942
OCL	2 Units	Livorno (guardships)	July 31, 1942
CA	1 Unit (*)	Naples (damaged)	Sept. 24, 1942 (1)
CL	2 Units	" "	August 30, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	August 30, 1942
DD	2 Units (*)	Palermo	Sept. 4, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	Trapani	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	"	Sept. 4, 1942
SS	2 Units	Augusta	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units	Cagliari	August 30, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	August 30, 1942

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TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
SS	6 Units	Brindisi	August 30, 1942
OCL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Pola	August 10, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	6 Units	Adriatic	August 30, 1942
CL	3 Units	Navarino, Greece	August 30, 1942
DD	6 Units	" "	August 30, 1942
DD	10 Units	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	" " " "	August 30, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 30, 1942
SS	10 Units	Bordeaux	August 30, 1942
CA	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
CL	1 Unit	"	
DD	2 Units (*)	"	(2)
SS	0 Units (*)	"	(3)

(*) Indicates change since report of Sept. 29, 1942.

- (1) The heavy cruiser BOLZANO, damaged by British submarine on Aug. 13th, has arrived at Naples with the starboard side damaged and with one funnel displaced.
- (2) An Italian destroyer was sunk off Cape Spartivento Sept. 29th and a new Yugoslav destroyer has been commissioned in the Italian Navy as the SPALATO.
- (3) It has been confirmed that the submarine CALVI was lost in the Atlantic and did not return to base as was previously reported.

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SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

This organization differs in several respects from that previously reported, and is based on recently captured documents.

A. COMBINED FLEET

Location

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)

Truk-New Britain area

I.

First Fleet

Composition

Batdiv 1

YAMATO (F)
NAGATO
MUTSU
MUSASHI

Believed in home waters, except MUTSU which is indicated in Truk-Rabaul area.

4 BB

Batdiv 2

HYUGA
ISE
FUSO
YAMASHIRO

Believed in home waters, except ISE is possibly in Truk-Rabaul area.

4 BB

Batdiv 3

HIYEI (F)
KIRISHIMA
HARUNA
KONGO

Believed in Truk-Rabaul area with one or possibly two exceptions in home waters

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First Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Cruidiv 6

AOBA (F)

KINUGASA

FURUTAKA

3 CA

Rabaul-Solomons area

Cruidiv 9

OI

KITAGAMI

2 CL

Unlocated

Desron 1

ABUKUMA (F)

Desdiv 6

" 21

" 24

" 27

1 CL, 16 DD

N.W. Pacific

Probably Truk area

N.W. Pacific

New Britain-Solomons area

Truk-New Britain area

Desron 3

SENDAI (F)

Desdiv 11

" 19

" 20

1 CL, 12 DD

Mostly in Solomons, but 2 DD of Desdiv 11 may be en-route to or in Kure Yard, and 1 DD from Desdiv 12 in home waters.

SUMMARY

12 BB

3 CA

4 CL

28 DD

II.

Second Fleet

Composition

Location

CA - ATAGO, flagship

Cruidiv 4

ATAGO (F)

CHOKAI*

TAKAO

MAYA

3 CA

Truk-New Britain area except MAYA may be at Yokosuka.

Cruidiv 5

MYOKO

HAGURO (possibly damaged)

NACHI **

2 CA

Truk-Palau area

Uncertain. Possibly returned Sasebo.

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Second Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Cruidiv 7		Truk-Rabaul area
SUZUYA (F)		At Truk under repairs
KUMAJINO (damaged)		Under repairs, Kure Navy
MOGAMI (damaged)	3 CA	Yard
Cruidiv 8		Truk-Rabaul area
TOBE		
CHIKUMA	2 CA	
* CHOKAI is acting flagship of 8th Fleet		
**NACHI " " " " 5th "		
Desron 2		Mostly in Truk-Saipan area
JINTSU (F)		on escort duties
Desdiv 7 *		
" 15		
" 18		
" 31	1 CL, 16 DD	
Desron 4		Truk-Rabaul-Solomons
YURA (F)		
Desdiv 2		
" 8		
" 9	1 CL, 12 DD	
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
	10 CA	
	2 CL	
	28 DD	

III.

Fourth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
CL - KASHIMA (F)	1 CL	Truk area
19th Division		
TSUGARU		Truk area
TOKIWA		Home waters
TENYO MARU	3 CM	Unknown
Subron 7		Truk area
JS - JINGEI (F)		
Subdiv 26)		N.W. Pacific.
" 27)		
" 33)	1 JS, 8 SS	

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

2 High Seas Escort Force

Desron 6
YUBARI (F)
Desdiv 29
" 30

Escorting Palao-Rabaul

1 CL, 8 DD

3rd Base Force

12 XPG, 3 XPC, 3 XAM

Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao.

4th Base Force

9 XPG, 6 XPC, 2 XAM
1 AM

Truk area

5th Base Force

9 XPG, 9 XPC, 3 XAM

Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan.

6th Base Force

20 XPG, 6 XAM, 9 XPC,
1 AGS

Jaluit or in Melanesia waters.

SUMMARY

2 CL
3 CM
8 DD
1 AS
8 SS
1 AM
1 AGS
50 XPG
27 XPC
14 XAM

IV.

Fifth Fleet

Composition

Location

NAACHI, acting flagship

1 CA

N.W. Pacific

Crudiv 22

KISO

TAMU

N.W. Pacific

2 CL

Division 21

Composition unknown

Unknown

7th Special Base Force

6 XPG

Chichijima

Northern Patrol Force
Patdivs 1-5 incl.

About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels

Patrolling in NW Pacific

Inshore Picket boat Force

About 15 misc. fishing craft

Patrolling off Japan coasts

Kuriles Defense Force

1 AGS / misc. others

Kuriles

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Fifth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>La Perouse Strait Patrol</u>	1 IB (AT) /	N. Hokkaido waters
OTOMARI	Misc. others	

<u>5th Defense Force</u>	Misc. aux. & small craft	Kiska

SUMMARY

1 CA
 2 CL
 6 XPG
 1 AGS
 1 IB (AT)
 60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships

V.

Sixth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
KATORI, flagship	1 CL	Truk area
<u>Subron 1</u>		
AS - T. IGHEI (F)		Comsubron 1 and some units
XAS - HEIAN MARU		in Solomons
XAS - NISSO MARU		
Subdiv 2		Home waters
" 4		Uncertain
" 15		Truk area
" 32	1 AS, 2 XAS, 13 SS	Unknown
<u>Subron 2</u>		
AS - CHOGEI		
XAS - MANZU MARU		
Subdiv 7		Reboul-Solomons
" 8	1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS	Yokosuka
<u>Subron 3</u>		
XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F)		Truk area
XAS - URAKAMI MARU		
Subdiv 11		Solomons-New Britain
" 12		Sasebo
" 18)		New Guinea-New Britain-
" 20)	2 XAS, 14 SS	Solomons

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Subron 5</u>	
AS - KOMABASHI	N.W. Pacific
XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU	
XAS - ARATAMA MARU	
Subdiv 19	Unknown
" 28)	Truk-Melanesia waters
" 29)	
" 30	Operating from Saigon
	1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS
 <u>Subron 6</u>	 In Rabaul area
AS - KARASAKI	
XAS - NAGOYA MARU	
Subdiv 9	
" 13	1 AS, 1 XAS, 5 SS
 <u>Subron 8</u>	
XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU	
XAS - HIRI MARU	
Subdiv 1	Yokosuka area
" 3	Home waters
" 14	Operating from Saigon
	2 XAS, 10 SS
ONDO	1 AO
	New Britain-Solomons

SUMMARY

1 CL
 4 AS
 10 XAS
 61 SS

VI.

Eighth Fleet

CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship	1 CA	Rabaul area
 <u>Crudiv 18</u>		
TENRYU (F)		Truk area
TATSUTA	2 CL	Truk-Rabaul area
 8th Base Force	4 AM, 2 PC, 20 XPG 4 patrol boats, 3 XPC	New Britain-Solomons

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Composition

Eighth Fleet (continued)

Location

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
4 CM
2 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
4 Patrol boats

VII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1

SHOKAKU
ZUIKAKU
ZUIHO

3 CV

Truk-Greenwich area
Yokosuka
Home yard

Cardiv 2

HITAKA
HAYATAKA

2 XCV

Kyushu waters

HOSHO
YUKAZE

1 CV Indefinite, but probably Truk-Rabaul area
1 DD Probably Truk-Rabaul area with HOSHO

Desron 10

CL - NAGARA (F)

Desdiv 4

" 10
" 16
" 17

1 CL, 16 DD

Yokosuka area
Rabaul area
Probably Yokosuka area
Uncertain
Possibly returned to home waters

SUMMARY

4 CV
2 XCV
1 CL
17 DD

VIII.

Eleventh Air Fleet

Airflot 21

KATSURAGI MARU

1 XAV

Kavieng

Airflot 22

KINUGASA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV

Solomons
Yokosuka

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Airflot 23</u> KOKITSU MARU	1 XAV	Rabaul area
<u>Airflot 24</u> KAMOI (F) SOYO MARU NITCHO MARU GOSHU MARU (damaged)	1 AV, 3 XAV	Marshall's Truk Solomons Yokosuka
<u>Airflot 25</u> KIYOKAWA MARU KIYOZUMI MARU NARUTO MARU	3 XAV	Yokosuka Indefinite Rabaul area
<u>Airflot 26</u> AKITSUSHIMA MOGAMIGAWA MARU	1 AV, 1 XAV	Solomons Kure
<u>Desdiv 34</u>	4 DD	Scattered
OTLKA (Damaged) UNYO CHUYO	3 XCV	Saipan area enroute to Kure Truk Fitting out in home waters
<u>SUMMARY</u>		
	2 AV	
	11 XAV	
	3 XCV	
	4 DD	

Attached to Combined Fleet

<u>Seaplaten div 11</u> CHITOSE CHIYODA (damaged)		New Britain-Solomons Believed under repairs in Kure yard.
KAMIKAWA MARU SANUKI MARU SANYO MARU	2 AV, 2 XAV	Yokosuka Believed in Solomons Believed in Solomons
<u>Seaplaten div 12</u> NISSHIN NOTORO YASUKAWA MARU	2 AV, 1 XAV	Kavieng on 9/29 Rabaul area Unlocated
AIKOKU MARU HOKOKU MARU	2 ACL	Rabaul area on 9/20 " " " 9/21

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HAMIYA
TSURUMI
NARUTO
SHIRIYA
HAYATOMO
KYOKUTO MARU
KOKUYO MARU
AKEBONO MARU

Attached to Combined Fleet (continued)

	<u>Location</u>
1 AD	N.W. Pacific
1 AF	Truk area
1 AD	Truk area
1 AD	Rabaul-Solomons
1 AD	Script area on 9/16
1 AD	Probably Singapore
1 AD	Truk area
1 AD	Chichijima
1 AD	Believed in Kure

SUMMARY

4 AV
3 L.V.
2 XCL
8 AD
1 AF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

IX.

First Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII, flagship	1 CL	Escorting Palao-Rabaul
SHIMUSHU) KATSURIKI)	2 CM	Uncertain. Probably Malay area.
<u>Desdiv 5</u>	4 DD	Escorting NEI-Palao
<u>9th Special Base Force</u>	Misc.	Penang
<u>10th Special Base Force</u>	"	Singapore
<u>11th Special Base Force</u>	"	Saigon
<u>12th Special Base Force</u>	"	Rangoon

SUMMARY

1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

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X.

Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

ASHIGARA, flagship	1 CA	Possibly departed NEI for Truk-Rabaul area
ITSUKUSHIMA	1 CM	Unlocated
<u>Crudiv 16</u>		
NATORI		Maizuru
ISUZU		Rabaul area
KINU	3 CL	Palao on 9/30
21st Special Base Force	Misc.	Soerabaya
22nd Special Base Force		Salikpapan
23rd Special Base Force		Macassar
24th Special Base Force		Jambon
Gunboat Div. 2	4 PG	NEI waters
Survey Div. 1	2 AGS	NEI waters

SUMMARY

1 CA
1 CM
3 CL
4 PG
2 AGS
Misc.

XI.

Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KUMU, flagship	1 CL	Escorting in Palao area
Y. SYAMA	1 CM	Philippine waters
31st Special Base Force	Misc.	Manila
32nd " " "	Misc.	Davao
Survey Div. 2	2 AGS	Philippine waters

SUMMARY

1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
Misc.

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<u>Composition</u>	<u>Attached to Southwest Area Fleets</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>1st High Seas Escort Force</u>		
Desdiv 13		Escorting Bako-Saigon
" 22		Escorting South China Sea
" 32	12 DD	Escorting Bako-Saigon

SUMMARY
 12 DD

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

IZUMO, flagship	1 OCA	Shanghai
Shanghai Base Force	1 PG	Shanghai
Desdiv 26	4 DD	China coast
Nanking Base Force	Misc.	Nanking
<u>Central China Fleet</u>		
UJI, flagship	1 PG	China coast
Patdiv 11	12 PR	Yangtze River
Hankow Base Force	Misc.	Hankow
Gunboat Div.	2 PG, 3 XPG	China coast
<u>South China Fleet</u>		
HASHIDATE, flagship	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG, 3 JM	South China coast
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area
Guard Div. 16	3 XPG	South China coast
Canton Base Force	Misc.	Canton
Amoy Base Force	"	Amoy
Hainan Base Force	"	Hainan

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 North China Fleet

		Location
Torpddiv 11	4 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Torpddiv 21	5 TB	At least some units now in Truk-Rabaul area
Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14	8 XPG	Gulf of Pechili
Tsingtao Base Force	Misc.	Tsingtao
Mindiv	3 AM	Gulf of Pechili

D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 Training ship, 4 DD, Misc.	- Yokosuka
Kure	" " 1 OCA, 4 DD, Misc.	Patrol Craft - Kure
Sasebo	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD, Misc.	patrol craft - Sasebo
Maizuru	" " 1 OCA, 1 OCL, Misc.	patrol craft - Maizuru
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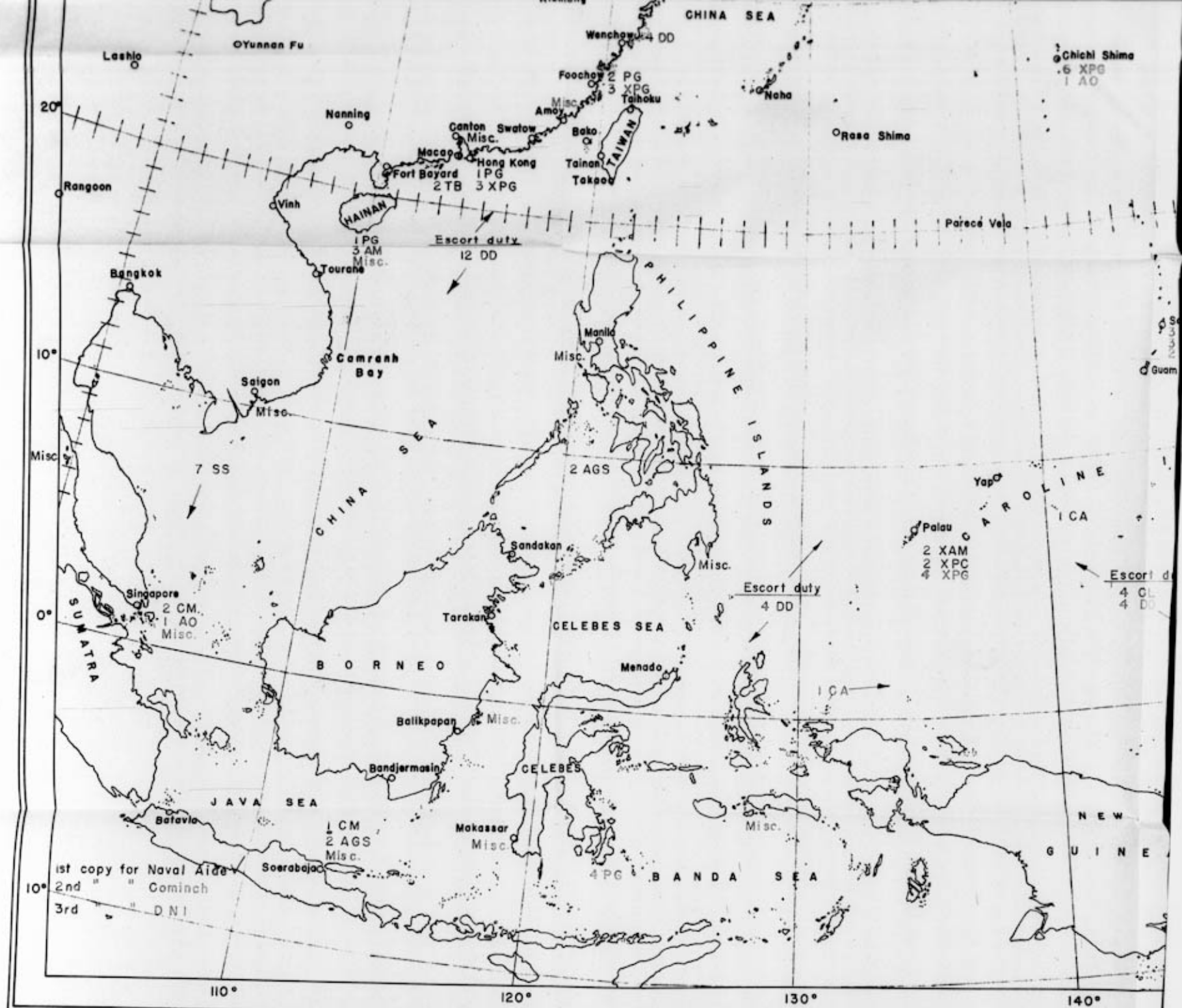


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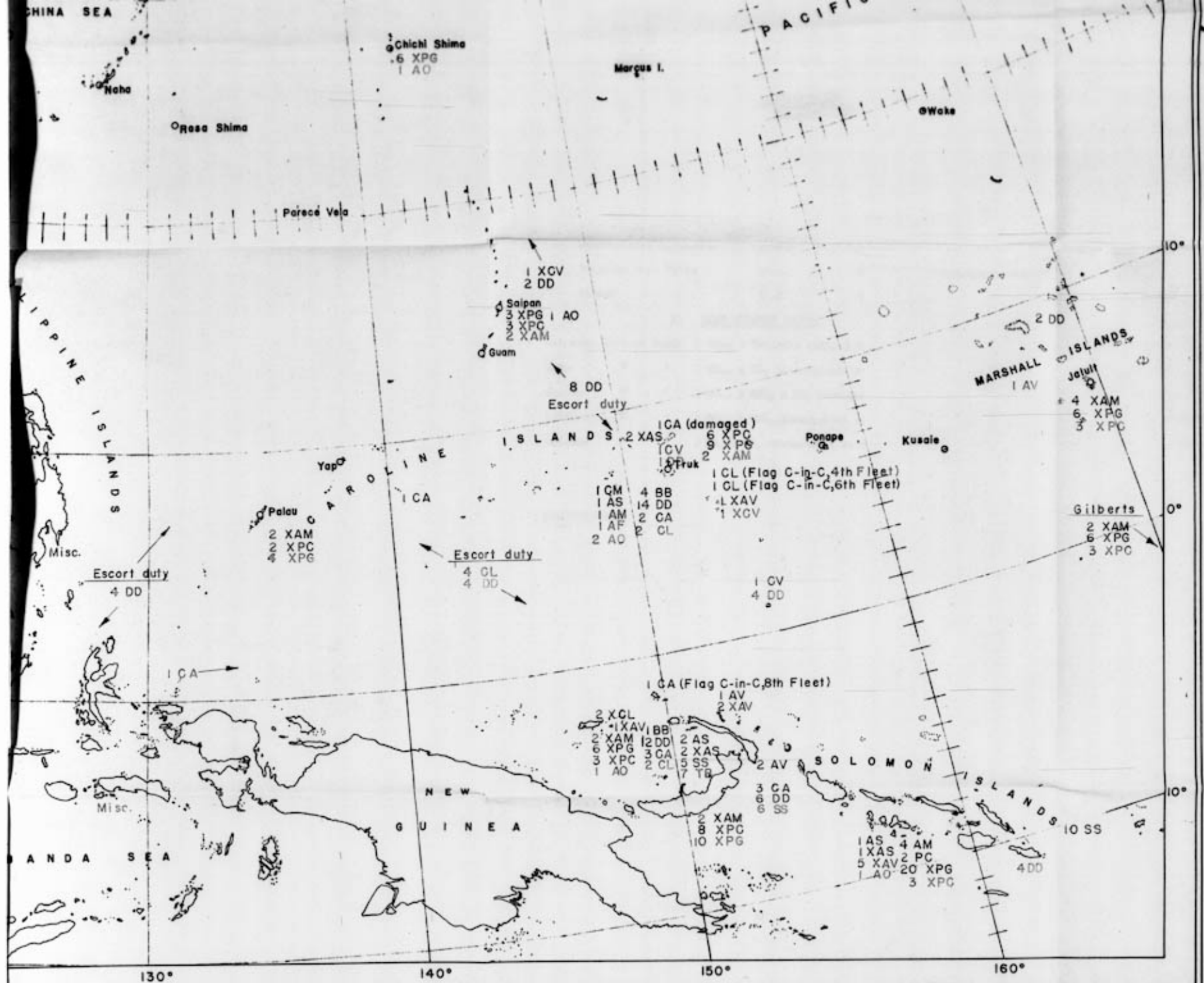


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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship		Location	Last Reported Date
Type	Name		
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	Sept. 18, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST	Baltic	Sept. 3, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia	Aug. 20, 1942
OBB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	Aug. 17, 1942
OBB	SCHLESSEN (1)	Unknown	Aug. 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	Aug. 20, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CA	LUETZOW (2)	Unknown	Aug. 27, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	Aug. 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	Aug. 27, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CL	MUERNBERG (3)	Unknown	Aug. 27, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Swinemuende	Aug. 27, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	Aug. 17, 1942
DD's	(4)		
	4 Units	Northern Norway	July 30, 1942
	3 Units	Trondheim area	July 30, 1942
	1 Unit	Southern Norway	July 30, 1942
	6 Units	German North Sea & Baltic Ports	July 30, 1942
	4 Units	Unknown	July 30, 1942
SS's	(Estimated) (5)		
	140 Units	Atlantic patrols & bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	20 Units	Baltic patrols & bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	30 Units	Mediterranean patrols & bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	30 Units	Norwegian patrols & bases	Sept. 23, 1942
	170 Units	German ports, training & trials	Sept. 23, 1942
	390 Units Total.		

NOTES:

- (1) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia sometime between August 1 and August 20, 1942 and has not been reported since.
- (2) LUETZOW left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
- (3) MUERNBERG left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
- (4) Five DD's were reported to be accompanying ADMIRAL HIPPER, ADMIRAL SCHEER and KOELN in Altenfjord, Northern Norway, Sept. 13, 1942. Two DD's were reported in the Narvik area with TIRPITZ Sept. 18, 1942.

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(5) Previously reported:

65 Units	French ports	Sept. 7, 1942
90 Units	Atlantic patrols	Sept. 7, 1942
20 Units	Norwegian ports & Northern waters	Sept. 7, 1942
13 Units	Operating in Baltic	Sept. 7, 1942
15 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	Sept. 7, 1942
45 Units	Training	Sept. 7, 1942
110 Units	Trials	Sept. 7, 1942
<u>358 Units Total.</u>		

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	Sept. 7, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	Sept. 7, 1942
OB	PROVENCE	"	Sept. 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	Sept. 5, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	Sept. 5, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	Sept. 5, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	Sept. 5, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	Sept. 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	Sept. 19, 1942
SS	5 Units	"	Sept. 19, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	Algiers	Sept. 24, 1942 (1)
SS	2 Units	"	Sept. 24, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	August 19, 1942
CL	2 Units (*)	"	September 25, 1942 (2)
DL	3 Units	"	September 8, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	September 8, 1942
SS	13 Units	"	September 22, 1942 (3)
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	September 7, 1942
CL	2 Units	"	September 18, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	September 18, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
CL	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
DL	1 Unit	"	June 11, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	"	
SS	9 Units	"	

(*) Denotes changes since September 22nd report.

(1) TORNADE, TRAMONTANE, TYPHON and 1 unnamed DD engaged in landing exercises off Algiers this date.

(2) GLOIRE participated in rescue of survivors of LACONIA Sept. 15-19.

(3) 8 Units on practice cruise this date.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet.

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURBET	Portsmouth	September 14, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	September 14, 1942
SS	3 Units	"	September 14, 1942
OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	August 31, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	Sept. 14, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Glasgow	Sept. 14, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	Greenock	Sept. 14, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	Harwich	Sept. 8, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Holy Loch	Sept. 12, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Lerwick	Sept. 14, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Scapa	Sept. 14, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	Dundee	Sept. 14, 1942 (1)
DL	1 Unit	Simonstown	Sept. 3, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	Sept. 14, 1942 (2)
DD	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
SS	2 Units (*)	"	

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The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

Combined Fleet

Location

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)

Truk-New Britain area

I.

First Fleet

BB - NAGATO - flagship

Composition

Batdiv 1

NAGATO (F)

MUTSU

YAMASHIRO

Batdiv 2

HYUGA

ISE

FUSO

MUSASHI *

7 BB

Believed in home waters with possible exception of MUTSU and ISE which may be in Truk-Rabaul area.

Cruidiv 6 *

AOBA (F)

KINUGASA

FURUTAKA

3 CA

New Britain-Solomons area

Desron 1

ABUKUMA

Desdiv 6

" 21

" 9

" 27

1 CL, 16 DD

N.W. Pacific

Probably Truk area

N.W. Pacific

New Britain-Solomons area

Truk-New Britain area

* One ship of Cruidiv 6 believed damaged.

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First Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Desron 3
SENDAI (F)
Desdiv 11
" 12
" 19
" 20

Mostly in Solomons, but 2 DD of Desdiv 11 may be enroute to or in Kure Yard, and 1 DD from Desdiv 12 in home waters.

1 CL, 15 DD

* A new BB. Assignment to Batdiv 2 tentative.

SUMMARY

7 BB / 1 BB (Combined Fleet Flag)
3 CA
2 CL
31 DD

II.

Second Fleet

Composition

Location

CA - TAKAO, flagship

Batdiv 3
HIYEI (F)
KIRISHIMA
KONGO
HARUNA

Believed in general Truk area, with one or possibly two exceptions in home waters.

4 BB

Crudiv 4
TAKAO (F)
MAYA
ITAGO

Truk-New Britain area except MAYA may possibly be enroute to Yokosuka or scheduled for return.

3 CA

Crudiv 5
MYOKO
HAGURO (possibly damaged)

Truk-Palae area

2 CA

Crudiv 7
KUMANO (F) (damaged)

At Truk under repairs, or returned home yard for further repairs.
Under repairs, Kure Navy Yard
Truk-Rabaul area

3 CA

Crudiv 8
TONE
CHIKUMA

Truk-Rabaul area

2 CA

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Second Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Desron 2
JINTSU (F)
Desdiv 15
" 16
" 18

Mostly in Truk area.

1 CL, 12 DD

Desron 4
YURA (F)
Desdiv 2
" 4
Desdiv 8

Truk area

Truk-Solomons-New Britain
areas.
Solomons area

1 CL, 16 DD

Desron 10
NAGARA (F)
Desdiv 3

Uncertain
Indefinite. Truk-New Britain
area.
Escorting in Rabaul area
Comdr. DD 17 indicated enroute
Japan via Truk

" 7
" 17

1 CL, 12 DD

SUMMARY

4 BB
10 CA
3 CL
40 DD

III.

Third Fleet

Composition

Location

ASHIGARA, Flagship of CinC, 3rd Fleet

1 CA

Believed near Soerabaya

Crudiv 16
NATORI (F)
ISUZU)
KINU)

Maizuru Navy Yard
Rabaul area

3 CL

Desron 5
CL KUMA (F)
Desdiv 5

Hongkong area
Escorting between NEI and
Rabaul.
Escort duties, Saigon area
Scattered in S.W. Pacific

Desdiv 22
Desdiv 34

1 CL, 12 DD

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Third Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Minron 3		West coast of Luzon
Mindiv 5		
" 6	3 DM	
1st Base Force		
Mindiv)	3 CM	Mindivs on west coast of
Mindivs 1 & 21)	12 JM	Luzon
Gunboat Div. 1	6 XPG)	
Subchaser Divs. 1, 11, 21, 31	11 PC)	NEI area.
Torpddiv 21	4 TB	CHIDORI in home waters.
		H.TSUKARI at Ambon. Others
		uncertain.
2nd Base Force		
NAKA (F)	1 CL	Truk area 8/21
Mindiv 17	3 CM	Singapore area except SHIKU-
		TAKA in Solomons.
9th Base Force	Composition unknown	Kota Bharu
10th Special Base Force	"	Singapore
11th Base Force		Seigon
21st Special Base Force	"	Rabaul area
22nd Special Base Force	"	-----
23rd Special Base Force	"	Rabaul
31st Base Force	"	Manila
32nd Base Force		Davao area

SUMMARY

1 CA
5 CL
12 DD
6 CM
8 DM
4 TB
12 JM
6 XPG
11 PC

IV.
Composition
CL - KISHIMA, flagship
19th Division
OKINOSHIMA)
OSHIMA)
TOKAWA)
TSUGARU

Fourth Fleet

	<u>Location</u>
1 CL	Truk area
	New Britain area
4 CM	In home waters
	Truk area

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

11th Division

Repair & Salvage

Miscellaneous

Unknown

Unknown

2 XAR

Probably Palau

1 CM, 1 Survey Ship

Truk area

SUMMARY

1 CL

5 CM

2 XAR

1 Survey Ship

Mandated Islands Base Defense Forces

Location

1. 3rd Base Force

4 SS

Palau

4 XPG

Misc.

2. 4th Base Force

4 XPG

Truk

7 PT

Misc.

AP & AK

3. 5th Base Force

3 XPG

Saipan

Misc.

4. 6th Base Force

1 CM

Jaluit & Gilberts

5 XAM

3 XPG

9 PC

15 PT

About 8-10 Patrol ves-
sels

Largely in Gilberts

Misc.

Imiej1, Wotje, Kwajalein

Misc.

Wake

Misc.

Makin

5. 7th Base Force

3 XPG

Chichijima

3-4 Patrol vessels

Misc.

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Fifth Fleet

Composition

Location

NACHI, Flagship of CinC, 5th Fleet

1 CA

N.W. Pacific

Cruidiv 22

KISO

TAMA

2 CL

N.W. Pacific

Minron 2

Hindiv 3

" 4

Home waters

8 DM

Northern Detachment

Patrons 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

About 45 miscellaneous
armed merchantmen

Patrolling in N.W. Pacific,
except some units in
home waters

Kuriles Defense Force

YOKO MARU

1 AGS

Kuriles

3-5 armed merchant-
men

5th Defense Force

Unknown

May be departing Kiska
for Rabaul area

SUMMARY

1 CA

2 CL

8 DM

1 AGS

48-50 miscellaneous armed
merchantmen

VI.

Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

Composition

Location

KATORI

1 CL

Truk area.

Subron 1

TAIGEI (F)

XLS - SUWA MARU

XLS - NISSO MARU

Subdiv 1

Subdiv 2

" 3

" 5

Comsubron 1 and some units
in Solomons.

Solomons

Home waters

1 AS, 2 XLS, 13 SS

Operating from Saigon

Subron 2

AS - CHOGEI

Subdiv 7

" 8

1 AS, 7 SS

Solomons
Yokosuka

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
(continued)

Composition

Location

Subron 3
KITAGAMI (F)
XAS-NAGOYA MARU

Uncertain
Saipan area enroute to
Yokosuka

XAS-ARATAMA MARU
Subdiv 11
Subdiv 12
Subdiv 18)
Subdiv 20)

1 CL, 2 XAS, 11 SS

Unknown
Solomons-New Britain
Kure
New Guinea-New Britain-
Solomons

Subron 5
AS JINGEI (F)
XAS
Subdiv 28)
" 29)
" 30

1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS

Truk area

Indefinite. Truk-Melanesia
waters
Operating from Saigon

Subron 6
KARASAKI (F)
Subdiv 9
" 13

1 AS, 1 SS

In Rabaul area 8/18

Subron 7
AS-KOMAHASHI (F)
Subdiv 26
" 27
" 33

1 AS, 8 SS

Aleutian waters

Subron 8
XAS-HIYE MARU
XAS-YASUKUNI MARU
Subdiv 4
" 14
" 25

2 XAS, 8 SS

Ominato area

Comsubron 8 plus 1 div. in
Yokosuka. 1 Div. probably
in Solomons area. Subdiv
14 operating from Saigon

SUMMARY

2 CL
5 AS
7 XAS
58 SS

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VII.

<u>Eighth Fleet</u>		
<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
CHOKAI (Flagship of CinC, 8th Fleet)	1 CA	Rabaul-Solomons.
Crudiv 18		
TEENRYU (F))		
TATSUTA)	2 CL	Rabaul area
Desron 6		
YUHARI (F))		Southern Mandates
Desdiv 29)		Believed on escort duties
" 30)	1 CL, 8 DD	in S.W. Pacific

	<u>SUMMARY</u>	
	1 CA	
	3 CL	
	8 DD	
8th Base Force	8 XPG	New Britain-Solomons area
	10-12 PC	
	4 AM	
	4-5 Patrol Vessels	
	9 PT	
	Misc.	
	AP & AK	
	Misc.	Kavieng

VIII.

<u>First Air Fleet</u>		
Cardiv 1		
SHOKAKU)		Truk or south of it. Un-
ZUIKAKU)		certain.
ZUIHO	2 CV, 1 XCV	Appears enroute to Japan
Cardiv 2		
RYUJAKU (F))		Believed still in Kyushu
RAYATKA)	2 XCV	waters
Desdiv 23	4 DD	Truk or south of it, except
		YUZUKI in Gilberts.
HOSHO	1 CV	Probably in Truk area
NIHON MARU	1 ARV or AKV	Kure
HIGASHIKUMA MARU	1 ARV or AKV)	Uncertain
TOEI MARU	1 ARV or AKV)	
KYOKUTO MARU	1 AO	Truk area

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Composition

Location

SUMMARY
4 CV
3 XCV
4 DD
3 LRV or LKV
1 AO

Note: RYUJO (CV) is now considered sunk.

<u>IX.</u>	<u>11th Air Fleet</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Composition</u>		
KASUGA MARU	1 XCV	Uncertain
OTAKA	1 XCV	Rabaul-Kavieng area
YAMATA MARU	1 LRV	Uncertain.
UNYO	1 LRV	Enroute Kure to Truk

Possibly OTAKA is new name for KASUGA MARU, UNYO for YAMATA MARU.

<u>Airflot 21*</u> KENJO MARU MINEKAZE	1 LRV, 1 DD	Kavieng Truk area
<u>Airflot 22*</u> KINUGASA MARU FUJIKAWA MARU OMIKAZE	2 LRV, 1 DD	Solomons Yokosuka area Indefinite
<u>Airflot 23*</u> KOKITSU MARU	1 LRV	Rabaul area
<u>Airflot 24*</u> KUMOI (F) GOSHU MARU SOUYOU MARU NITCHO MARU KAMIKAZE	1 LRV, 3 LRV, 1 DD	Truk area Yokosuka under repairs Truk Kavieng area N.W. Pacific
<u>Airflot 25*</u> KIYOKAWA MARU		Saipan-Marshalls
KIYOZUMI MARU NARUTO MARU YAKAZE	3 LRV, 1 DD	Indefinite Rabaul area Indefinite

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11th Air Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Airflot 26*
AKITSUSHIMA

1 AV

Solomons

Assignment Unknown

Seaplatendiv 11*
CHITOSE

Rabaul-Solomons area

CHIYODA (damaged)

Believed under repairs in
Kure Yard

KIKIKAWA MARU (F)
SUNGI MARU
BANYO MARU

2 AV, 3 XAV

Saipan area enroute to Yokosuka
Rabaul-Solomons area
Truk-Palao area

Seaplatendiv 12*
NISSHIN
NOTORO

2 AV

Kavieng area
Rabaul area

Unassigned

YASUKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

1 XAV
1 XAV

Unlocated
N.W. Pacific

Desdiv 28

4 DD

Indefinite

SUMMARY

1 or 2 XCV
6 AV
1 or 2 XPV
16 XAV
8 DD

* New names for old Airons.

X.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII (F)

1 CL

Hongkong area

SHIMUSHU

1 CM

Indefinite

XI. 1st China Expeditionary Fleet
and China Fleets Command Unit

Vicinity of Shanghai
and Yangtze River

IZUMO (Fleet Flag)
Desdiv 26
Gunboat Div.
Patdiv 11

1 OCA
3 DD
4 PG
10 PR

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2nd China Expeditionary Fleet

HASHIDATE	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG	Flagship of Sama, Hainan
	3 AM	East coast of China
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	Palau area

3rd China Expeditionary Fleet

	1 OCA	Gulf of Pechili
Torpddiv 11	4 TB	
	1 DD	
	3 AM	

XII.

Fleet Train

Since so many merchant vessels are now employed to augment the Fleet Train, it is impossible to give a complete list.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SHIRAKO (AO)	Enroute to Yokosuka from Jaluit
HAJATOMO (AO)	Makassar area
AKASHI (AR)	Truk area
KOMASAKI (AE)	Truk area
MUROTO (AO)	Ominato area
KOKUYO MARU (AO)	Enroute Kure to Truk
NARUTO (AO)	Solomons
TSURUMI (AO)	Saipan

SUMMARY

7 AO
2 AF
2 AC
2 AR
3 ARS

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 4 DD, 1 AO	Misc. patrol vessels - Yokosuka, except some units in Kiska area
Kure Defense Force	1 CL, 1 OCA, 4 DD	Misc. patrol vessels - Kure
Sasebo Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD	Misc. patrol vessels - Sasebo
Maizuru Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL,	Misc. patrol vessels - Maizuru

Unassigned

8 SS
1 CM
5 DM
1 PG
1 AK
3 AG
1 IB (AT)
1 AGS
4 Cable Layers

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CL - 8
DD - 14
AM - 2

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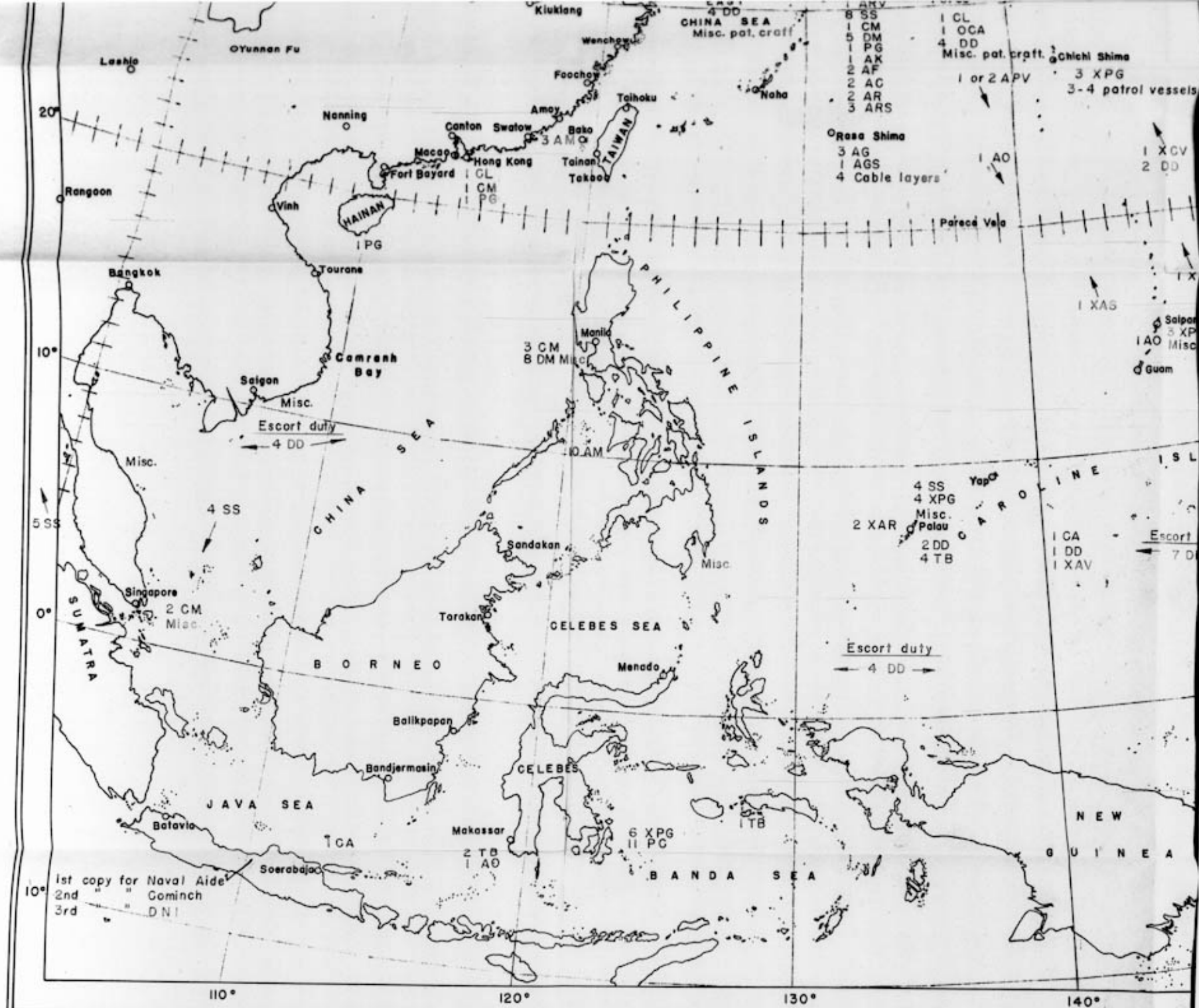


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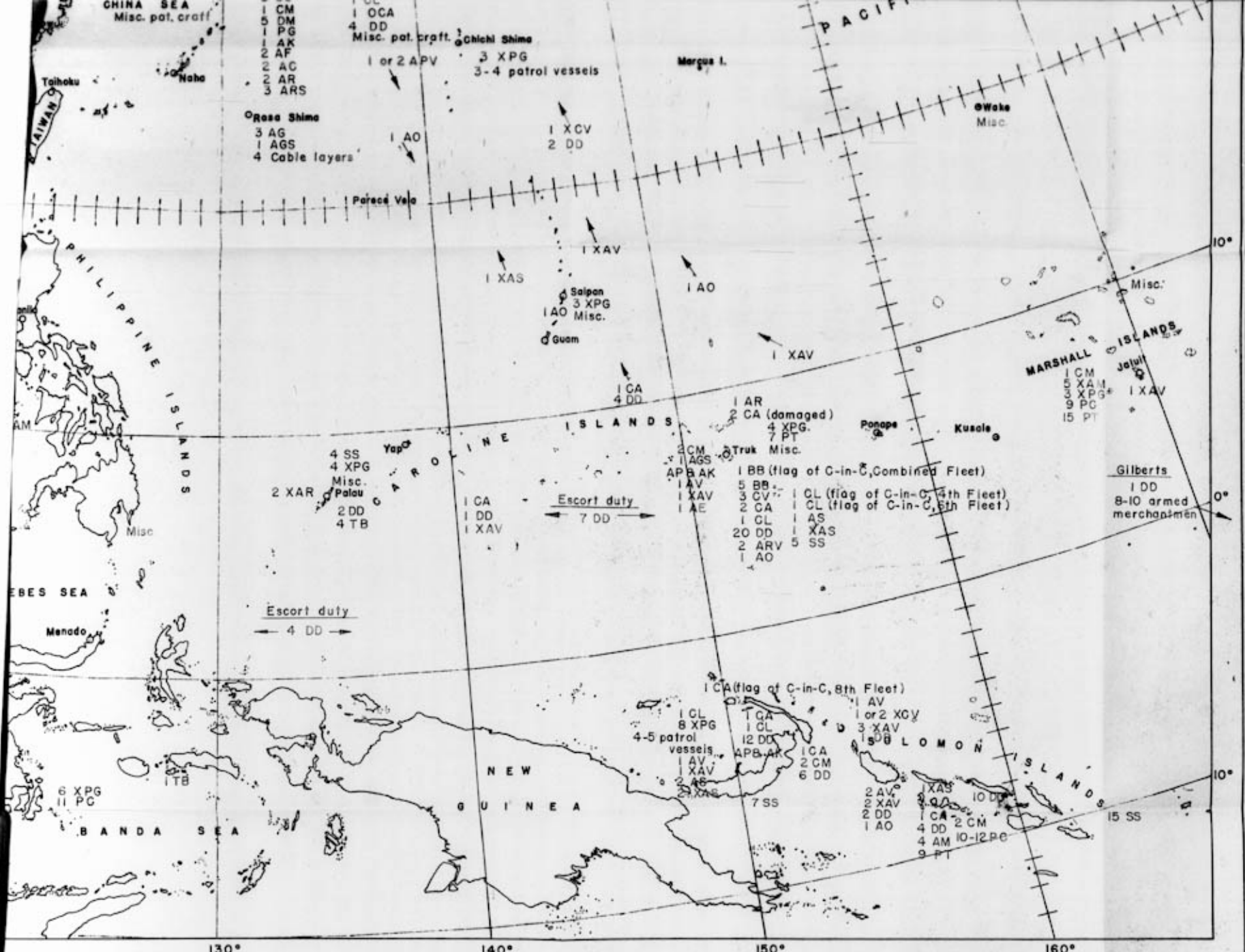
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Ship Type	Name	Location	Last Reported Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	September 18, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST	Baltic	September 3, 1942
BB	ONEISENAU	Gdynia	August 20, 1942
OB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
OB	SCHLESSEN (1)	Unknown	August 20, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	August 20, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	September 13, 1942
CA	LUETZOW (2)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	August 27, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	September 13, 1942
CL	NUERNBERG (3)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Swinemuende	August 27, 1942
CL	KOELN	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	September 13, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
DD's (4)			
4 Units		Northern Norway	July 20, 1942
3 Units		Trendheim area	July 20, 1942
1 Unit		Southern Norway	July 20, 1942
6 Units		German North Sea & Baltic Ports	July 20, 1942
4 Units		Unknown	July 20, 1942
SS's 65 Units		French Ports	September 7, 1942
90 Units		Atlantic Patrols	September 7, 1942
20 Units		Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters	September 7, 1942
13 Units		Operating in Baltic	September 7, 1942
15 Units		Operating in Mediterranean	September 7, 1942
45 Units		Training	September 7, 1942
110 Units		Trials	September 7, 1942
358 Total.			

NOTES:

- (1) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia sometime between August 1 and August 20, 1942 and has not been reported since.
- (2) LUETZOW left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
- (3) NUERNBERG left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
- (4) Five DD's were reported to be accompanying ADMIRAL HIPPER, ADMIRAL SCHEER and KOELN in Altenfjord, Northern Norway, Sept. 13, 1942. Two DD's were reported in the Narvik area with TIRPITZ Sept. 18, 1942.

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	Sept. 2, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	"	Sept. 2, 1942
BB	ROMA	"	Sept. 2, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	Sept. 2, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	Sept. 2, 1942
BB	DORIA	"	Sept. 2, 1942
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	July 23, 1942
DD	14 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
SS	11 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina	August 30, 1942
CL	1 Unit	" (damaged)	August 26, 1942
DD	9 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	"	August 30, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Reggio, Calabria	August 30, 1942
BB	IMPERO	Genoa (building)	July 31, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" "	July 9, 1942
CV	Unknown (Ex-Liner)	" "	May 13, 1942
CL	REGOLO Class	"	July 9, 1942
OBM	1 Unit	" (harbor defense)	June, 1941
DD	0 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
DD	11 Units	La Spezia	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
OCL	2 Units	Livorno (guardships)	July 31, 1942
CL	2 Units	Naples (repairing)	August 30, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	August 30, 1942
DD	4 Units (*)	Palermo	August 30, 1942
SS	3 Units (*)	Trapani	August 30, 1942
SS	2 Units (*)	Augusta	August 30, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Cagliari	August 30, 1942
SS	8 Units	"	August 30, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	August 22, 1942

September 22, 1942

Disposition of Italian Fleet (continued)

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
SS	6 Units	Brindisi	August 30, 1942
OGL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Pola	August 10, 1942
SS	4 Units (*)	"	August 30, 1942
SS	6 Units (*)	Adriatic	August 30, 1942
CL	3 Units	Navarino, Greece	August 30, 1942
DD	6 Units (*)	" "	August 30, 1942
DD	10 Units	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 30, 1942
SS	7 Units (*)	" " "	August 30, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 30, 1942
SS	10 Units (*)	Bordeaux	August 30, 1942 (1)
CA	1 Unit	Unknown	
CL	1 Unit	"	
DD	1 Unit (*)	"	
SS	1 Unit (*)	"	

(*) Indicates change since report of Sept. 15, 1942.

(1) One unit is at Santander, Spain, in a damaged condition. The submarine CALVI, previously reported lost, has returned to the base at Bordeaux.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	September 7, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	September 7, 1942
OBB	PROVENCE	"	September 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	September 5, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	September 5, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	September 5, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	September 10, 1942(1)
DD	1 Unit	"	September 10, 1942
SS	5 Units (*)	"	September 10, 1942(2)
SS	2 Units	Algiers	August 26, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	5 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	August 19, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	September 8, 1942(3)
DL	3 Units	"	September 8, 1942(4)
DD	6 Units (*)	"	September 8, 1942(5)
SS	13 Units	"	September 17, 1942(6)
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	September 7, 1942
CL	2 Units (*)	"	September 18, 1942(7)
DL	2 Units	"	September 18, 1942
SS	7 Units (*)	"	September 5, 1942(8)
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
CL	1 Unit (*)	Unknown	September 15, 1942(7)
DL	1 Unit	"	June 11, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	"	August 12, 1942
SS	9 Units	"	

(*) Denotes changes since September 15 report.

(1) EPERVIER in drydock.

(2) 2 Units under repair this date.

(3) PRIMAUGUET on training cruise this date.

(4) 2 Units on training cruise this date.

(5) 4 Units on training cruise this date.

(6) Various units on training cruises period September 8-17.

(7) GLOIRE departed September 15 on unannounced mission; now carried as unreported.

(8) 1 Unit in Gulf Guinea September 18.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURRET	Portsmouth	September 7, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	September 7, 1942
SS	3 Units	"	July 27, 1942
OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	August 31, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	September 7, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Glasgow	July 27, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Holy Loch	August 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Lerwick	September 4, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	Scape	September 2, 1942
DL	0 Units (*)	Pointe Noire	
DL	1 Unit (*)	Simonstown	September 3, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	September 7, 1942 (1)
DD	1 Unit	Unknown	September 6, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	"	

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(1) LE TRIOMPHANT still refitting.

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SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

Combined Fleet

Location

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)

Truk-New Britain area

I.

First Fleet

BB - NAGATO -- flagship

Composition

Batdiv 1
NAGATO (F)
MUTSU
YAMASHIRO

Batdiv 2
HYUGA
ISE
FUSO
MUSASHI *

7 BB

Believed in home waters with possible exception of MUTSU and ISE which may be in Truk-Rabaul area.

Crudiv 6
AOBA (F)
KINUGASA
FURUTAKA

3 CA

New Britain-Solomons area.

Desron 1
ABUKUMA
Desdiv 6
" 21
" 9
" 27

1 CL ,16 DD

N.W. Pacific
Kure area
N.W. Pacific, Aleutian waters
New Britain-Solomons area
Solomons-New Guinea, except
YUGURE in Truk-New Britain
and ARIAKE possibly damaged.

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First Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Mostly in Southern Solomons

Desron 3
SENDAI (F)
Desdiv 11
" 12
" 19
" 20

1 CL, 15 DD

* A new BB. Assignment to Batdiv 2 tentative.

SUMMARY

7 BB / 1 BB (Combined Fleet Flag)
3 CA
2 CL
31 DD

II.

Second Fleet

Composition

Location

CA - TAKAO, flagship

At least 2 or 3 units in
Truk area or south of it.

Batdiv 3
HIYEI (F)
KIRISHIMA
KONGO
HARUNA

4 BB

Truk-New Britain area

Crudiv 4
TAKAO (F)
MAYA
ATAGO

3 CA

Truk area

Crudiv 5
MYOKO
HAGURO (possibly damaged)

2 CA

Crudiv 7
KUMANO (F) (damaged)

Expected return home yard
for repairs from Truk area.
Uncertain. Possibly Truk area
At Kure Navy Yard.

MOGAMI
SUZUYA (damaged)

3 CA

Truk area

Crudiv 8
TONE
CHIKUMA

2 CA

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Second Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Desron 2
JINTSU (F)
Desdiv 15
" 16
" 18

Spread out, but mostly in
Truk area.

1 CL, 12 DD

Desron 4
YURA (F)
Desdiv 2

Truk area
Truk-Solomons-New Britain
areas.

Desdiv 4
Desdiv 8

New Guinea waters
Truk-Solomons-New Britain
areas. ASASHIO at Yokosuka
New Britain-Solomons

Desdiv 24

1 CL, 16 DD

Desron 10
NAGATA (F)
Desdiv 3

Uncertain
Indefinite. Truk-New Britain
area.

" 7
" 17

New Guinea waters
" " "

1 CL, 12 DD

SUMMARY

4 BB
10 CA
3 CL
40 DD

III.

Third Fleet

Composition

Location

ASHIGARA, Flagship of CinC, 3rd Fleet

1 CA

Believed near Rabaul, NEI. on
8/30

Crudiv 16
NATORI (F)

Uncertain. Probably Sasebo
Navy Yard.

ISUZU }
KINU }

3 CL

N.E.I. waters

Desron 5
CL KUMA (F)
Desdiv 5
Desdiv 22
Desdiv 34

Possibly enroute to Rabaul
Escorting NEI waters
Escorting in Davao-Palau area
Believed in Solomons.

1 CL, 12 DD

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Third Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Minron 3
Mindiv 5
" 6

West coast of Luzon

8 DM

1st Base Force
Mindiv)
Mindivs 1 & 21)
Gunboat Div. 1
Subchaser Divs. 1, 11, 21, 31
Torpdiv 21

3 CM
12 JM
6 XPG)
11 PC)
4 TB

Mindivs on west coast
of Luzon
NEI area
CHIDORI in home waters. HATSU-
KARI at Ambon. Others uncertain

2nd Base Force
NAKA (F)
Mindiv 17

1 CL
3 CM

Truk area 8/21
Singapore area except SHIRATAKA
in north Solomons.

9th Base Force

Composition
unknown

Kota Bharu

10th Base Force

"

Ambon with detachment at
Christmas Island

11th Base Force

Saigon

21st Special Base Force

"

Rabaul area

22nd Special Base Force

"

23rd Special Base Force

"

Rabaul

31st Base Force

"

Manila

32nd Base Force

Davao area

SUMMARY

1 CA
5 CL
12 DD
6 CM
8 DM
4 TB
12 JM
6 XPG
11 PC

IV.

Composition
19th Division
OKINOSHIMA }
OSHIMA }
TOKIWA }
TSUGARU }

Fourth Fleet

Location

New Britain area

Believed in home waters

4 CM

Truk area

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

11th Division

Repair & Salvage

Miscellaneous

Unknown

Unknown

2 XAR

Probably Palau

1 CM, 1 Survey Ship

Truk area

SUMMARY

5 CM

2 XAR

1 Survey Ship

Mandated Islands Base Defense Forces

Location

1. 3rd Base Force

4 SS

Palau

4 XPG

Misc.

2. 4th Base Force

4 XPG

Truk

7 PT

Misc.

AP & AK

3. 5th Base Force

3 XPG

Saipan

Misc.

4. 6th Base Force

1 CM

Jaluit & Gilberts

5 XAM

3 XPG

9 PC

15 PT

About 8-10 Patrol ves-

Largely in Gilberts

sels

Misc.

Imieji, Wotje, Kwajalein

Misc.

Wake

Misc.

Makin

5. 7th Base Force

3 XPG

Chichijima

3-4 Patrol vessels

Misc.

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Fifth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
NACHI, Flagship of CinC, 5th Fleet	1 CA	N.W. Pacific
<u>Crudiv 22</u>		
KISO		
TAMA	2 CL	N.W. Pacific
<u>Minron 2</u>		Home waters
<u>Mindiv 3</u>		
" 4	8 DM	
<u>Northern Detachment</u>		
Patrons 1,2,3,4,5	About 45 miscellaneous armed merchantmen	Patrolling in N.W. Pacific, except some units in home waters
<u>Kuriles Defense Force</u>		
YOKO MARU		

---	3-5 armed merchantmen	Kuriles

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
8 DM
48-50 miscellaneous armed merchantmen

VI.

Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
KATORI	1 CL	Truk area. Uncertain
<u>Subron 1</u>		
TAIGEI (F)		Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons. One division probably in home waters, and one unit at Saigon.
KAS - SUWA MARU		
KAS - NISSO MARU		
Subdiv 1		
" 2		
" 3		
" 5	1 AS, 2 XAS, 1 SS	
<u>Subron 2</u>		
AS - CHOGEI		
Subdiv 7		Truk area
" 8	1 AS, 7 SS	Yokosuka

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
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Composition

Location

Subron 3
KIKUGAKI (F)
XLS-MAGOL MARU
XLS-MATAMA MARU
Subdiv 11)
Subdiv 12)
Subdiv 18)
Subdiv 20)

1 CL, 2 XLS, 11 SS

Uncertain
Kavieng
Unknown
Solomons-New Britain
New Guinea-New Britain

Subron 5
JS JINGEI (F)
XLS
Subdiv 28)
" 29)
" 30)

1 AS, 1 XLS, 7 SS

Solomons
Indefinite. Truk-Melanesia
waters
Operating from Saigon
In Rabaul area 8/18

Subron 6
KARASAKI (F)
Subdiv 9
" 13

1 AS, 4 SS

Aleutian waters

Subron 7
JS KOMBUSHI (F))
Subdiv 26)
" 27)
" 33)

1 AS, 8 SS

Uncertain

Subron 8
XLS-HIYE MARU
XLS-YASUKUNI MARU
Subdiv 4
" 14
" 25

2 XLS, 8 SS

Comsubron 8 plus 1 div. in
Yokosuka. 1 Div. probably
in Solomons area. 1 Div.
operating from Saigon.

SUMMARY

2 CL
5 AS
7 XLS
58 SS

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Eighth Fleet

CHOKAI (Flagship of CinC, 8th Fleet) 1 CA

Rabaul

Composition

Location

Crudiv 18

KASHIMA

TENRYU (F)

TATSUTA

3 CL

Truk area
New Guinea waters
Rabaul area

Desron 6

YUEARI (F)

Desdiv 29

Marshall
One or more units in Mar-
shall-Gilberts
New Guinea waters

" 30

1 CL, 8 DD

SUMMARY

1 CA

4 CL

8 DD

8th Base Force

8 XPG
10-12 PC
4 AM
4-5 Patrol Vessels
9 PT
Misc.
AP & AK
Misc.

New Britain-Solomons
area

Kavieng

VIII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1

SHOKAKU

ZUIKAKU

ZUIHO

2 CV, 1 XCV

South of Truk

Truk area or south of it

Cardiv 2

HITAKA (F)

HAUTAKA

RYUJO (badly damaged or sunk)

1 CV, 2 XCV

Believed still in Kyushu
waters
Uncertain. If afloat probabl
in home yard.
Uncertain

Desdiv 23

4 DD

HOSHO

1 CV

Probably in Truk area

NIHON MARU

1 ARV or AKV

Enroute to Kure via Saipan
and Chichijima

AZUMA MARU

1 ARV or AKV

Unknown

KYOKUTO MARU

1 AO

Enroute Kure to Truk via

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Composition

Location

Saipan and Chichijima

SUMMARY

4 CV
3 XCV
4 DD
2 ARV or ARV
1 AO

11th Air Fleet

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Composition

Location

KASUGA MARU

1 XCV

Truk-Rabaul

OTAKA

1 XCV

New Britain-Solomons

YAMATA MARU

1 XPV

Rabaul area

UNYO MARU

1 XPV

Kure

Airon 21

KENJO MARU

Believed at or enroute

Rabaul area

MINEKAZE

1 XAV, 1 DD

Truk area

Airon 22

KINUGASHI MARU

Uncertain

FUJIKAWA MARU

Yokosuka area

OKYAKAZE

2 XAV, 1 DD

Indefinite

Airon 23

OKITSU MARU

1 XAV

Believed moving to Rabaul area

Airon 24

YAMOI (F)

Truk area

GOSEI MARU

Yokosuka 8/23

SOYOU MARU

Marshall

LOKITSU MARU

Truk area

NITCHO MARU

1 AV, 4 XAV, 1 DD

Kavieng area

KAMIKAZE

N. W. Pacific

Airon 25

KIYOKAWA MARU

New Britain-Solomons

KIYOZUMI MARU

Indefinite

MARUTO MARU

Rabaul area

YAKAZE

3 XAV, 1 DD

Indefinite

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11th Air Fleet (Continued)

Composition

Location

Airon 26
AKITSUSHIMA*

1 AV

Solomons

* A New AV. Assignment to Airon 26 tentative.

Assignment unknown

Airon 11
CHITOSE

Rabaul area

CHIYODA (damaged)

Believed under repairs in home yard.

KAMIKAWA MARU (F)
SANGI MARU
SANYO MARU

2 AV, 3 XAV

Probably in Solomons
Rabaul area
Truk area

Airon 12
NISSEIN
NOTORO

2 AV

Solomons
Possibly converted to AO.

YASUKAWA MARU
KAMITSU MARU

1 XAV
1 XAV

Unlocated
N.W. Pacific

Desdiv 28

4 DD

Indefinite

SUMMARY

2 XCV
6 AV
2 XPV
16 XAV
8 DD

X.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII (F)

1 CL

In NEI possibly moving to Rabaul

SELMUSHU

1 CM

Indefinite

XI. 1st China Expeditionary Fleet
and China Fleets Command Unit

Vicinity of Shanghai
and Yangtze River

IZUMO (Fleet Flag)
Desdiv 26
Gunboat Div.
Patdiv 11

1 OGL
3 DD
4 PG
10 PR

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2nd China Expeditionary Fleet

HASHIDATE	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG	Flagship at Sama, Hainan
	3 AM	East coast of China
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	Palau area

3rd China Expeditionary Fleet

Torpddiv 11	1 OCA	Gulf of Pechili
	4 TB	
	1 DD	
	3 AM	

XII.

Fleet Train

Since so many merchant vessels are now employed to augment the Fleet Train, it is impossible to give a complete list.

NAME	LOCATION
SHIRETOKO (AO)	Gilberts
HAYATOMO (AO)	NEI
AKASHI (AR)	Truk area
SHIRIYA (AO)	Saipan area (formerly with 5th Fleet)
KOMASAKI (AE)	Truk area
MUROTO (AO)	Ominato area

SUMMARY

7 AO
2 AF
2 AC
2 AR
3 ARS

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 4 DD, 1 AO	Misc. patrol vessels - Yokosuka
Kure Defense Force	1 CL, 1 OCA, 4 DD	Misc. patrol vessels - Kure
Sasebo Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD	Misc. patrol vessels - Sasebo
Maizuru Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL,	Misc. patrol vessels - Maizuru

Unassigned

8 SS
1 CM
5 DM
1 PG
1 AK
3 AG
1 IB (AT)
1 AGS
4 Cable Layers

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CA - 3
CL - 8
DD - 14
AM - 2

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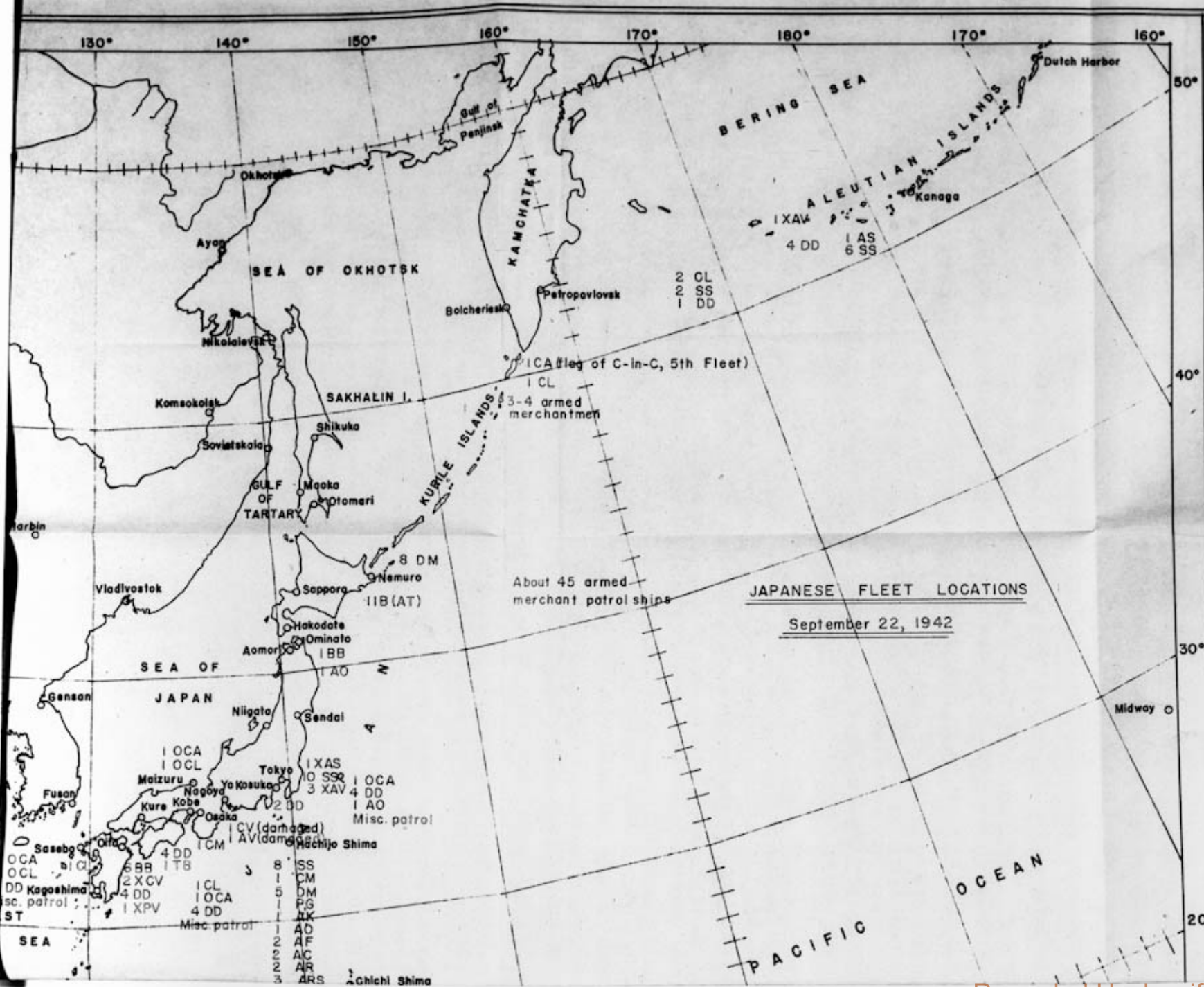
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Ship		Location	Last Reported Date
Type	Name		
✓ BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
✓ BB	SCHARNHORST (1)	Baltic	Sept. 3, 1942
✓ BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia	August 20, 1942
✓ OBB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
✓ OBB	SCHLESSEN (2)	Unknown	August 20, 1942
✓ CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	August 20, 1942
✓ CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER (3)	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
✓ CA	LUETZOW (4)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
✓ CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
✓ CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	August 27, 1942
✓ CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER (5)	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
✓ CL	NUERNBERG (6)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
✓ CL	LEIPZIG	Swinemuende	August 27, 1942
✓ CL	KOELN (7)	Altenfjord, Northern Norway	Sept. 13, 1942
✓ CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942

DD's (8)

✓ 4 Units	Northern Norway	July 20, 1942
✓ 3 Units	Trondheim area	July 20, 1942
✓ 1 Unit	Southern Norway	July 20, 1942
✓ 6 Units	German North Sea and Baltic Ports	July 20, 1942
✓ 4 Units	Unknown	July 20, 1942

SS's (9)

65 Units	French Ports	Sept. 7, 1942
90 Units	Atlantic Patrols	Sept. 7, 1942
20 Units	Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters	Sept. 7, 1942
13 Units	Operating in Baltic	Sept. 7, 1942
15 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	Sept. 7, 1942
45 Units	Training	Sept. 7, 1942
110 Units	Trials	Sept. 7, 1942
358 Total		

NOTES:

- (1) SCHARNHORST previously reported Gdynia August 27, 1942.
- (2) SCHLESSEN left Gdynia some time between August 1st and August 20; SCHLESSEN was previously reported Gdynia August 1.
- (3) ADMIRAL SCHEER was previously reported in the Tromsø area August 30, 1942.
- (4) LUETZOW left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.

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- (5) ADMIRAL HIPPER was previously reported Narvik area August 23, 1942.
 (6) NUERNBERG left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
 (7) KOELN previously reported Narvik area August 23, 1942.
 (8) Five DD's are reported to be accompanying ADMIRAL HIPPER, ADMIRAL SCHEER, and KOELN in Altenfjord. DD's previously reported:
- | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|
| 7 Units | Northern Norway | July 17, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Trondheim area | July 17, 1942 |
| 1 Unit | Southern Norway | July 17, 1942 |
| 5 Units | German ports | July 17, 1942 |
- (9) Previously reported:
- | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| 49 Units | French Ports | August 25, 1942 |
| 89 Units | Atlantic Patrols | August 25, 1942 |
| 22 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | August 25, 1942 |
| 13 Units | Operating in Baltic | August 25, 1942 |
| 15 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | August 25, 1942 |
| 45 Units | Training | August 25, 1942 |
| 124 Units | Trials | August 25, 1942 |
| <u>357 Units Total.</u> | | |

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Disposition of Italian Fleet.

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	September 2, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	" (damaged)	September 2, 1942
BB	ROMA	"	September 2, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	September 2, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	September 2, 1942
BB	DORIA	"	September 2, 1942
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	July 23, 1942
DD	5 Units (*)	"	August 15, 1942
SS	12 Units (*)	"	August 15, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina	August 28, 1942
CL	1 Unit	" (damaged)	August 26, 1942
DD	4 Units (*)	"	August 11, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	August 1, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	Reggio, Calabria	August 15, 1942
BB	IMPERO	Genoa (building)	July 31, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" "	July 9, 1942
CV	Unknown (Ex-Liner)	" "	May 13, 1942
CL	REGOLO Class	"	July 9, 1942
OEM	1 Unit	" (harbor defense)	June, 1941
DD	2 Units	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
SS	1 Unit	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
DD	11 Units	La Spezia	August 1, 1942
SS	10 Units	" "	August 1, 1942
OCL	2 Units	Livorno (guardships)	July 31, 1942
CL	2 Units	Naples (repairing)	August 15, 1942
DD	6 Units (*)	"	August 15, 1942
SS	7 Units (*)	"	August 15, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	Palermo	August 11, 1942
SS	2 Units	Trapani	August 1, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Augusta	August 1, 1942
DD	3 Units (*)	Cagliari	August 11, 1942
SS	8 Units	"	August 1, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	August 22, 1942

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
SS	6 Units	Brindisi	August 1, 1942
OCL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Pola	August 10, 1942
SS	3 Units (*) (Ex-Yugoslav)	" (training boats)	June 15, 1942
CL	3 Units	Navarino, Greece	August 28, 1942
DD	10 Units	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 1, 1942
SS	5 Units	" " " "	August 1, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 1, 1942
SS	11 Units	Bordeaux	August 1, 1942
CA	1 Unit (damaged)	Unknown	
CL	1 Unit	"	
DD	14 Units (*)	"	
SS	3 Units (*)	"	

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(*) Indicates change since last report of Sept. 8, 1942.

(1) Nine new submarines have been added to the Italian submarine fleet.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	September 7, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	September 7, 1942
OBB	PROVENCE	"	September 7, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	April 23, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	June 10, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	April 23, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	April 23, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	April 23, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	August 29, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 29, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	August 29, 1942
SS	2 Units	Algiers	August 26, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	5 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	August 19, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 19, 1942
DL	3 Units (*)	"	August 19, 1942
DD	5 Units (*)	"	September 8, 1942 (1)
SS	13 Units	"	August 28, 1942
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	September 7, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	September 12, 1942(2)
DL	2 Units	"	September 12, 1942(2)
SS	8 Units	"	August 23, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Seigon	February 15, 1942
DL	1 Unit (*)	Unreported	June 11, 1942
DD	2 Units (*)	"	
SS	9 Units	"	

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(1) During night exercises SIMOUN and TEMPETE in collision and are now under repair; 5 injured, 2 dead.

(2) 2 Units in Goree Bight on exercises this date.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURRET	Portsmouth	August 31, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 31, 1942
SS	3 Units	"	July 27, 1942
OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	August 31, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 31, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Dundee	August 28, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Glasgow	July 27, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Holy Loch	August 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	Lerwick	August 26, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Pointe Noire	August 24, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	August 31, 1942 (1)
DD	1 Unit	Unreported	August 30, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 28, 1942

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Immobilized French Naval Vessels

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	LORRAINE	Alexandria	August 13, 1942
CA	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
CV	BEARN	Martinique	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Guadeloupe	June 12, 1942

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SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

<u>Combined Fleet</u>	<u>Location</u>
BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)	Truk area
I. <u>First Fleet</u>	
BB - NAGATO - flagship	
<u>Composition</u>	
<u>Batdiv 1</u> NAGATO (F) MUTSU YAMASHIRO	Believed in home waters with possible exception of MUTSU which may be in Truk area.
<u>Batdiv 2</u> HYUGA ISE FUSO MUSASHI*	7 BB
<u>Crudiv 6</u> AOBA (F) KINUGASA FURUTAKA	New Britain-Solomons area.
<u>Desron 1</u> ABUKUMA Desdiv 6 " 21	N.W. Pacific With Cardiv 2 in home waters N.W. Pacific, Aleutian waters New Britain-Solomons area
Desdiv 9 " 27	Was operating Gilbert Islands, but possibly proceeded recently to Rabaul-Solomons area
	1 CL, 8 DD

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First Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
Desron 3	Mostly in Southern Solomons
SENDAI (F)	
Desdiv 11	
" 12	
" 19	
" 20	1 CL, 15 DD

* A new BB. assignment to Batdiv 2 tentative.

SUMMARY

7 BB / 1 BB (Combined Fleet Flag)
 3 CA
 2 CL
 23 DD

II.

Second Fleet

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
Batdiv 3	Believed in Truk area or south of it. Indefinite. In Kure area, or possibly enroute or in Truk area
HIYEI (F)	
KIRISHIMA	
KONGO	
HARUNA	
	4 BB
Crudiv 4	Truk-New Britain area
TAKAO (F)	
MIYA	
ATAGO	3 CA
Crudiv 5	Truk area
MYOKO	
HAAGURO (possibly damaged)	2 CA
Crudiv 7	Expected return home yard for repairs from Truk area. Uncertain. Possibly Truk area at Kure (Damaged)
KUMANO (F)	
MOGAMI	
SUZUYA	
	3 CA
Crudiv 8	Truk-Molnesia waters
TONS	
CHIKUMA	2 CA

Second Fleet (continued)CompositionLocationDesron 2
JINTSU (F)Truk area, except some units
possibly in NEI waters.

Desdiv 15

" 16

" 18

1 CL, 12 DD

Marshalls

Desron 4YURA (F)

Desdiv 2

Indefinite. Probably Truk are
Truk-Solomons-New Britain
areas

Desdiv 4

Desdiv 8

New Guinea waters

Truk-Solomons-New Britain
areas

Desdiv 24

1 CL, 16 DD

Southern Solomons

Desron 10NAGARA (F)

Desdiv 3

Marshalls-Gilbert area

Indefinite. Truk-New Britain
area

" 7

" 17

1 CL, 12 DD

Southern Solomons

New Guinea waters

SUMMARY

4 BB

10 CA

3 CL

40 DD

III.

Third FleetCompositionLocation

ASHIGARA, Flagship of CinC, 3rd Fleet 1 CA

Believed near Ambon, NEI.

Crudiv 16NATORI (F)

ISUZU

KINU

3 CL

Possibly Singapore area
except NATORI indefinite.Desron 5CL KUMA (F)

Desdiv 5

Desdiv 22

Desdiv 34

1 CL, 12 DD

Escorting China Sea

Escorting in Davao-Palau area

2 DD Marshalls. 2 DD in
Solomons.

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Third Fleet (continued)

Composition

Location

Minron 3
Mindiv 5
" 6

West coast of Luzon

8 DM

1st Base Force
Mindiv)
Mindivs 1 & 21)
Gunboat Div. 1
Subchaser Divs. 1, 11, 21, 31
Miscellaneous

3 CM
12 AM
6 XPG
11 PC

Mindivs on west coast
of Luzon
NEI area

2nd Base Force
NAKA (F)
Mindiv 17

1 CL
3 CM

Truk area 8/21
Singapore area

9th Base Force

Composition unknown Kota Bharu

10th Base Force

"

Jambon with detachment at
Christmas Island

11th Base Force

Saigon

21st Special Base Force

"

Enroute to Rabaul from
Manila area

22nd Special Base Force

"

23rd Special Base Force

"

Probably enroute Palao
to Rabaul

31st Base Force

"

Manila

32nd Base Force

Davao area

SUMMARY

1 CA
5 CL
12 DD
6 CM
8 DM
12 AM
6 XPG
11 PC

IV.

Fourth Fleet

Composition

Location

19th Division
OKINAWA
OSHIMA
TOKIWA

3 CM
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Part in Rabaul area, others
probably in Marshall Islands
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Fourth Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>11th Division</u>	
	Unknown
	Unknown
<u>Repair & Salvage</u>	2 XAR
	Probably Palau
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	1 CM, 1 Survey Ship
	Truk area

SUMMARY

3 CM
1 CM
2 XAR
1 Survey Ship

<u>V.</u>	<u>Mandated Islands Base Defense Forces</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	3rd Base Force	4 SS 4 XPG Misc. Palau
2.	4th Base Force	4 XPG 7 PT Misc. AP & AK Truk
3.	5th Base Force	3 XPG Misc. Saipan
4.	6th Base Force	4 XAM 9 PC 15 PT about 8-10 Patrol vessels Misc. Jaluit
		Misc. Wake
		Misc. Makin
5.	7th Base Force	3 XPG 3-4 Patrol Vessels Misc. Chichijima
6.	8th Base Force	4 XPG 10-12 PC 4-5 Patrol Vessels Misc. P & AK 9 PT Misc. New Britain-Solomons area Kavlang

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VI.

Fifth Fleet

Composition

Location

NACHI, Flagship of CinC, 5th Fleet 1 CA N.W. Pacific

Crudiv 22

KISO

TAMA

2 CL N.W. Pacific

Minron 2

Mindiv 3

" 4

Home waters

8 DM

Northern Detachment

Patrons 1,2,3,4,5

Patrolling in N.W. Pacific,
About 45 miscellaneous except some units in
armed merchantmen home waters

SUMMARY

1 CA

2 CL

8 DM

About 45 miscellaneous armed
merchantmen

VII.

Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

Composition

Location

KATORI

1 CL

Truk area

Subron 1

TAIGEI (F)

XAS - SUWA MARU

Subdiv 1

" 2

" 3

" 5

Comsubron 1 and some units
in Solomons. One division
probably in home waters,
and one unit at Saigon

1 AS, 1 XAS, 13 SS

Subron 2

AS CHOGEI

Subdiv 7

" 8

Truk area
Yokosuka

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
(continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Subron 3</u>		
PITAGAMI (F)		Truk
XAS-NAGOYA MARU		
XAS --		
Subdiv 11 }		Solomons-New Britain
Subdiv 12 }		New Guinea-New Britain
Subdiv 18 }		
Subdiv 20 }	1 CL, 2 XAS, 11 SS	
<u>Subron 5</u>		
AS KOMABASHI (F)		Northern waters
XAS		
Subdiv 28 }		Indefinite. Truk-Melanesia
" 29 }		waters
" 30 }	1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS	Operating from Saigon
<u>Subron 6</u>		
KARASAKI (F)		In Rabaul area 8/18
Subdiv 9		
" 13	1 AS, 4 SS	
<u>Subron 7</u>		
JINGEI (F)		Leutian waters
Subdiv 26		
" 27		
" 33	1 AS, 8 SS	
<u>Subron 8</u>		
XAS -- HOKOHU MARU		Comsubron 8 plus 1 div. in
XAS -- AIKOKU MARU		Yokosuka. 1 Div. probably
Subdiv 4		in Solomons area. 1 Div.
" 14		operating from Saigon.
" 25	2 XAS, 8 SS	

SUMMARY

2 CL
5 AS
6 XAS
58 SS

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VII

Eighth Fleet

CHOKAI (Flagship of CinC, 8th Fleet)

1 CA

Probably Solomons area

Composition

Location

Crudiv 18

KASHIMA

TENRYU (F))

TATSUTA)

3 CL

Truk area

New Guinea waters

Desron 6

YUBARI (F)

Desdiv 29

" 30

1 CL, 8 DD

New Britain-Solomons area

New Guinea waters

SUMMARY

1 CA

4 CL

8 DD

IX.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1

SHOKAKU)

ZUIKAKU)

ZUIHO

2 CV, 1 XCV

South of Truk

Truk area or south of it

Cardiv 2

HITAKA (F)

HAYATAKA

RYUJO (badly damaged)

Desdiv 23

1 CV, 2 XCV
4 DD

Believed at sea in Kyushu waters

Uncertain

Uncertain

HOSHO

1 CV

Uncertain. May have departed Japan 9/5 for southern waters.

NIHON MARU

1 ARV or AKV

Possibly NEI

SUMMARY

4 CV

3 XCV

4 DD

1 ARV or AKV

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11th Air Fleet

Composition

Location

KASUGA MARU

1 XCV

Possibly departed Rabaul for southern Mandates

OTAKA

1 XCV

Palau area

YAMATA MARU

1 XCV

Probably Rabaul area

Airon 21

KENJO MARU

Probably in Rabaul area moving to New Britain
Indefinite

MINAKAZE

1 XAV, 1 DD

Airon 22

KINUGASA MARU

Home waters
Yokosuka area
Indefinite

FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV, 1 DD

OKIKAZE

Airon 23

ONITSU MARU

NEI waters

1 XAV

Airon 24

KAMOI (F)

Probably in Marshalls
Yokosuka 8/23

GOSHU MARU

Marshalls

SOJYOU MARU

Mandate waters

KOKITSU MARU

1 AV, 4 XAV, 1 DD

Enroute or in Kavieng area
Indefinite

NITCHO MARU

KAMIKAZE

Airon 25

KAGU MARU

Solomon Islands

KIYOKAWA MARU

Indefinite

KIYOZUMI MARU

Rabaul area 8/16. Now

NARUTO MARU

possibly in New Guinea water
Indefinite

YAKAZE

4 XAV, 1 DD

Airon 26

AKITSUSHIMA*

1 AV

Solomons

Airon 35

1 XAV

NEI area

* A new AV. Assignment to Airon 26 tentative.

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11th Air Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Assignment unknown</u>		
<u>Airon 11</u> <u>CHITOSE</u>		In Truk area, probably enroute Japan.
CHITODA		Probably Rabaul area
KAMIKAWA MARU (F)	2 AV, 1 XAV	Rabaul-Solomons
<u>Airon 12</u> <u>NISSHIN</u>		Enroute to Rabaul from Marshalls. Possibly a tanker instead of AV.
NOTORO	2 AV	Enroute to Truk from Japan. Possibly converted to AO.
Desdiv 28	4 DD	Indefinite

SUMMARY

6 AV
14 XAV
3 XCV
8 DD

XI.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet

KASHII (F)	1 CL	Singapore area
SHIMUSHU	1 CM	

XII.

1st China Expeditionary Fleet
and China Fleets Command Unit

Vicinity of Shanghai
and Yangtze River

IZUMO (Fleet Flag)	1 OCA
Desdiv 26	3 DD
Gunboat Div.	4 PG
Patdiv 11	10 PR

2nd China Expeditionary Fleet

HASHIDATE	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG	Flagship at Sama, Hainan
	3 AM	East coast of China
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	" " " "

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3rd China Expeditionary Fleet

Gulf of Pechili

Torpddiv 11	1 OCA
Torpddiv 21	4 TB
	4 TB
	1 DD
	3 AM

XIII.

Fleet Train

Since so many merchant vessels are now employed to augment the Fleet Train, it is impossible to give a complete list.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SHIRETOKO (AO)	Probably enroute Japan from Marshall
SATA (AO)	NEI
HAYATOMO (AO)	Probably returning Kure from Truk
AKASHI (AR)	Truk area
KAMITSU MARU	Probably home waters
SHIRIYA (AO)	Saipan area (formerly with 5th Fleet)
KOMASAKI (AE)	Melanesia waters

SUMMARY

7 AO
2 AF
2 AC
2 AR
3 ARS

Yokosuka Defense Force	1 OCA, 4 DD, 1 AO	Misc patrol vessels - Yokosuka
Kure Defense Force	1 CL, 1 OCA, 4 DD	Misc patrol vessels - Kure
Sasebo Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL, 4 DD	Misc patrol vessels - Sasebo
Maizuru Defense Force	1 OCA, 1 OCL,	Misc patrol vessels - Maizuru

Unassigned

3 SS
4 TB
1 CM
5 DM
1 PG
1 AM
8 PC
1 AK
3 AG
1 IB (AT)
1 AGS
4 Cable Layers

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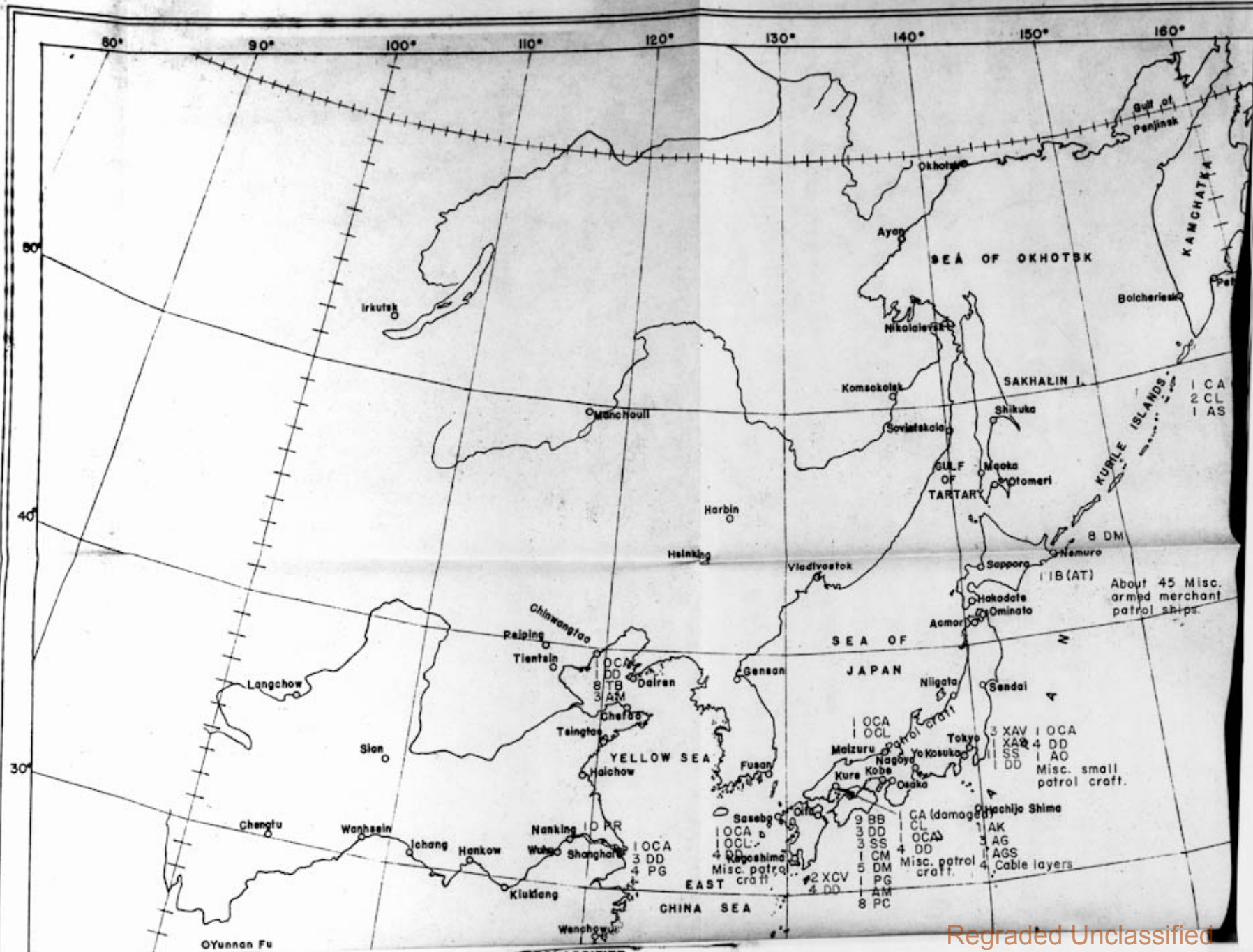
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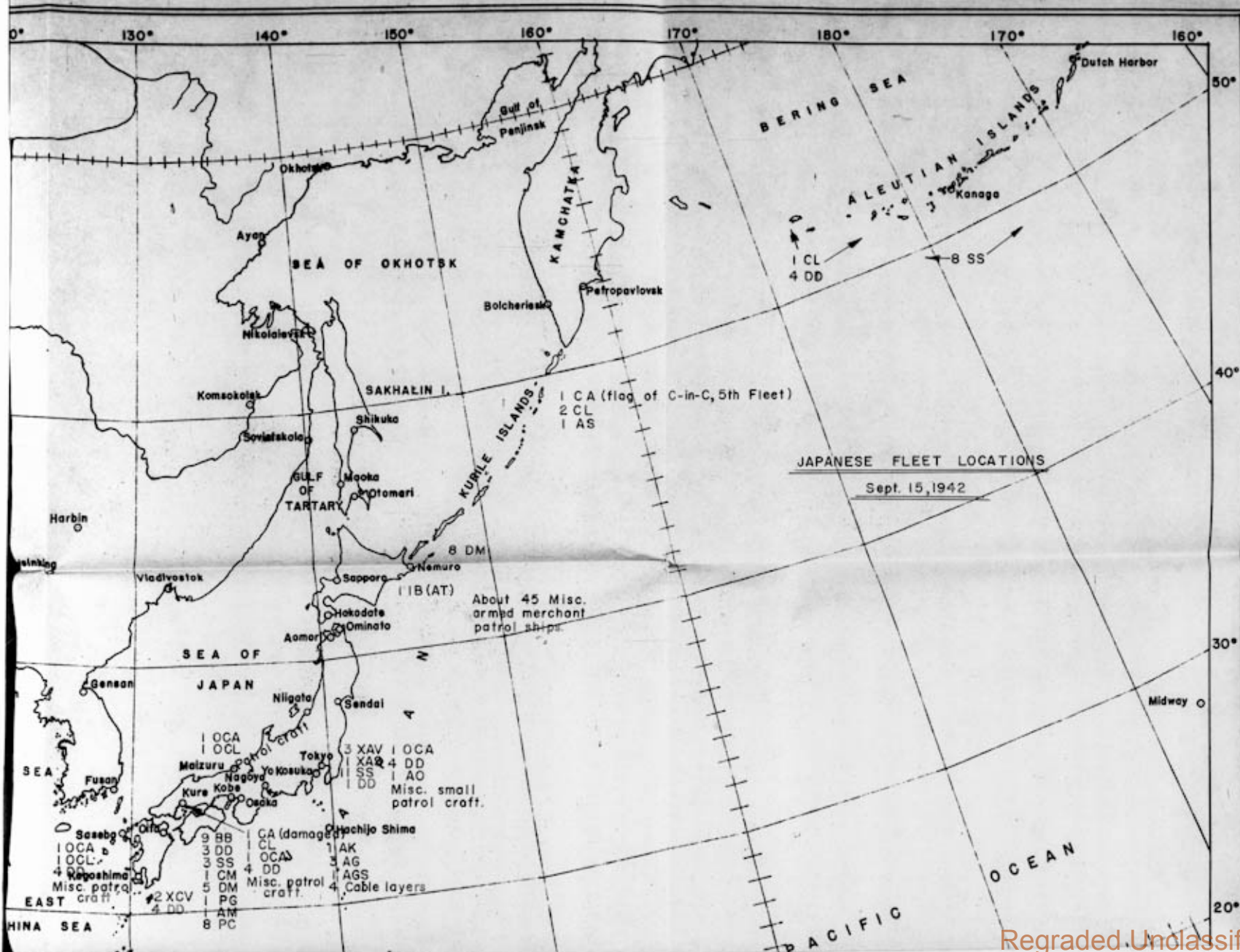
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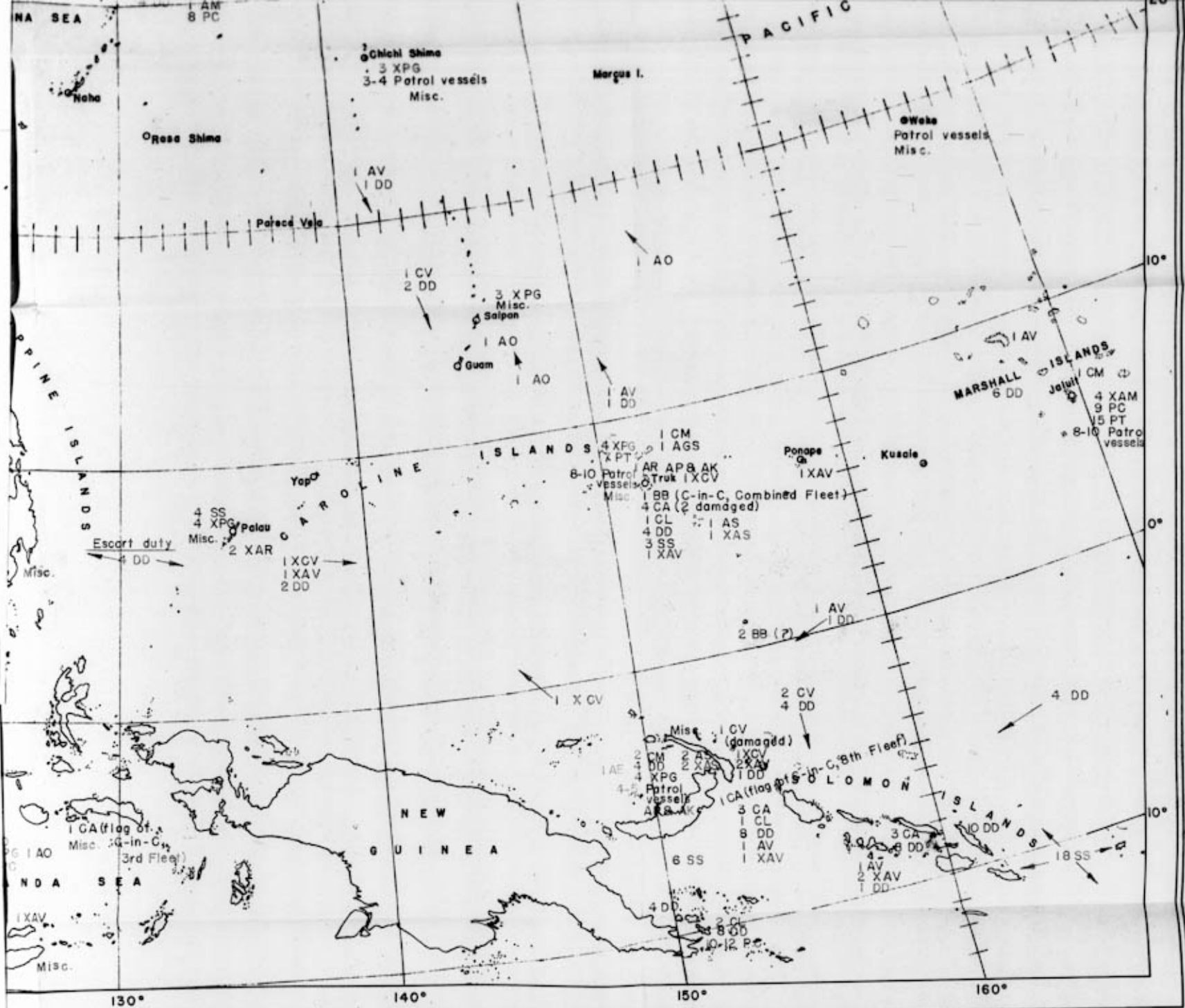
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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship Type	Name	Location	Last Reported Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST (1)	Gdynia	August 27, 1942
BB	ONEISENAU	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
OB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
OB	SCHLESSEN	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER	Off Vengsö, Tromsö area	August 30, 1942
CA	LUETZOW (2)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	August 27, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
CL	NUERNBERG (3)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Swinemuende	August 27, 1942
CL	KOELN	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
DD's (4)			
	7 Units	Northern Norway	July 17, 1942
	3 Units	Trondheim area	July 17, 1942
	1 Unit	Southern Norway	July 17, 1942
	5 Units	German ports	July 17, 1942
SS's			
	49 Units	French Ports	August 25, 1942
	89 Units	Atlantic Patrols	August 25, 1942
	22 Units	Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters	August 25, 1942
	13 Units	Operating in Baltic	August 25, 1942
	15 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	August 25, 1942
	45 Units	Training	August 25, 1942
	124 Units	Trials	August 25, 1942
	357 Units Total.		

- NOTES: (1) SCHARNHORST previously reported unknown August 17, 1942.
 (2) LUETZOW left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
 (3) NUERNBERG left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27 and has not been reported since.
 (4) Five DD's were reported to have been in the Narvik area and three DD's in the Tromsö area August 23, 1942.

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB ✓	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	September 2, 1942
BB ✓	LITTORIO	" (damaged)	September 2, 1942
BB ✓	ROMA (*)	"	September 2, 1942
BB ✓	CESARE	"	September 2, 1942
BB ✓	DUILIO	"	September 2, 1942
BB ✓	DORIA	"	September 2, 1942
CVS ✓	MIRAGLIA	"	July 23, 1942
DD ✓	13 Units	"	August 1, 1942
SS ✓	11 Units	"	August 1, 1942
CA ✓	2 Units	Messina	August 28, 1942
CL ✓	1 Unit	" (damaged)	August 26, 1942
DD ✓	8 Units	"	August 1, 1942
SS ✓	4 Units	"	August 1, 1942
BB	IMPERO	Genoa (building)	July 31, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" (building)	July 9, 1942
CV	UNKNOWN (Ex-Liner)	" (building)	May 13, 1942
CL	REGOLO Class	"	July 9, 1942
OEM	1 Unit	" (harbor defense)	June, 1941
DD	2 Units	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
SS	1 Unit	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
DD	11 Units	La Spezia	August 1, 1942
SS	10 Units	"	August 1, 1942
✓ OCL	2 Units	Livorno (guardships)	July 31, 1942
CL ✓	2 Units (*)	Naples (repairing)	August 15, 1942
DD	5 Units	"	August 1, 1942
SS	5 Units	"	August 1, 1942
DD	2 Units	Palermo	August 1, 1942
SS	2 Units	Trapani	August 1, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Augusta	August 1, 1942
CL	0 Units (*)	Cagliari	August 15, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 1, 1942
SS	8 Units	"	August 1, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	August 22, 1942

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
SS	6 Units	Brindisi	August 1, 1942
GOL	1 Unit	Ancona (Damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit (*)	Pola	August 10, 1942
CL	3 Units (*)	Navarino, Greece	August 28, 1942
CL	0 Units (*)	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 28, 1942
DD	10 Units	" " "	" August 1, 1942
SS	5 Units	" " "	" August 1, 1942
DD	12 Units	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 1, 1942
SS	11 Units	Bordeaux	August 1, 1942
BB	0 Units (*)	Unknown	
CA	1 Unit	"	(1)
CL	1 Unit (*)	"	
DD	6 Units	"	

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(1) The heavy cruiser BOLZANO was hit by torpedoes from a British submarine 40 miles Northwest of Messina on August 13, 1942, and her present location is unknown.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	July 10, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	July 8, 1942
BBB	PROVENCE	"	July 10, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	February 15, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	June 30, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	February 15, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	February 15, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	February 15, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	August 29, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 29, 1942
SS	4 Units (*)	"	August 29, 1942 (1)
SS	2 Units	Algiers	August 26, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	5 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	July 18, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	July 18, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	August 12, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	August 21, 1942
SS	13 Units (*)	"	August 28, 1942 (2)
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	July 16, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	8 Units (*)	"	August 23, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
DL	2 Units	Unreported	
DD	1 Unit	"	August 22, 1942
SS	9 Units (*)	"	

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(1) All Units under repair.

(2) 6 Units on practice cruise this date.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OB	COURBET	Portsmouth	August 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 24, 1942
SS	3 Units (*)	"	July 27, 1942
OB	PARIS	Plymouth	March 9, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Dundee	August 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Glasgow	July 27, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Harwich	August 22, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
SS	0 Units (*)	Rosyth	August 16, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Holy Loch	August 24, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Pointe Noire	August 22, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	August 26, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Unreported	August 22, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 16, 1942

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Immobilized French Naval Vessels

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	LORRINE	Alexandria	August 13, 1942
CA	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
CV	BEARN	Martinique	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Guadeloupe	June 12, 1942

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SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

<u>Combined Fleet</u>		<u>Location</u>
BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)		Truk area
I. <u>First Fleet</u>		
BB - NAGATO - flagship		
<u>Composition</u>		
Batdiv 1	Batdiv 2	
NAGATO (F)	HYUGA	Believed in home waters
MUTSU	ISE	although Batdiv 1 was
YAMASHIRO	FUSO	indicated to have moved
	MUSASHI*	out of the Kure area about
		8/27.
Desron 3		
SENDAI (F)		New Britain area
Desdiv 11		Indefinite
" 12		
" 19		New Britain-Solomons-
" 20		New Guinea area
	1 CL, 15 DD	

* A new BB. Assignment to Batdiv 2 tentative.

SUMMARY

7 BB / 1 BB (Combined Fleet Flag)
1 CL
15 DD

II.

Second FleetCompositionLocation

Batdiv 3		Believed in Truk area
HIYEI (F)		
KIRISHIMA		Indefinite but probably
KONGO		in Kure area
HARUNA	4 BB	

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Second Fleet
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Composition

Location

Crudiv 4		Truk-New Britain area
MAKA (F)		
ATAGO		
TAKEO	3 CA	
Crudiv 5		Truk area
MYKES		
HLGURO	2 CA	
Crudiv 7		New Britain-Solomons area
KUMANO (F)*)		
SUZUYA	3 CA	At Kure (Damaged)
Crudiv 8		
TOKE		
CHIKUMA	2 CA	New Britain-Solomons area
Desron 2		
JINTSU (F))		Truk area
Desdiv 15)		
" 16)		
" 18)	1 CL, 12 DD	Marshalls
Desron 4		
YURA (F)		Indefinite. Probably Truk area
Desdiv 2)		Truk-Solomons-New Britain areas
" 4)		New Guinea waters
" 8)		Truk-Solomons-New Britain areas
Desdiv 24	1 CL, 14 DD	Indefinite
Desron 10		
NAAGARA (F)		Marshalls-Gilbert area
Desdiv 3		Indefinite. Truk-New Britain area
" 7		Believed on escort duty in Marshall
" 17	1 CL, 12 DD	Indefinite. Truk-New Britain area

*Believed damaged.

SUMMARY

4 BB
7 CA #
1 CL #
38 DD ##

3 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition are considered lost.
2 CL " " " " 3 " " " " " "
2 DD " " " " 40 " " " " " "

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Fourth Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
19th Division		Part in Rabaul area, others
OKINOSHIMA		probably in Marshalls-Gilberts
CSHIMA		
TOKIWA	3 CM	
<u>Repair & Salvage</u>	2 XAR	Probably Palau
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	1 CM 1 Survey Ship	

SUMMARY

3 CM
1 CM
2 XAR
1 Survey Ship

<u>IV.</u>	<u>Mandated Islands</u>	<u>Base Defense Forces</u>	<u>Location</u>
1.	3rd Base Force	4 SS Misc. AP & AK	Palau
2.	4th Base Force	4 XPG 7 PT Misc. AP & AK	Truk
3.	5th Base Force	3 XPG AP & AK	Saipan
4.	6th Base Force	4 XAM 3 PC 15 PT AP & AK	Jaluit
5.	7th Base Force	Miscellaneous craft	Chichijima
6.	8th Base Force	4 XPG 9 PT AP & AK Miscellaneous	New Britain-Solomons area

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Fifth Fleet

Composition

NACHI, Flagship of CinC, 5th Fleet

1 CA

Location

N.W. Pacific

Desron 1

ABUKUM

Desdiv 6)

" 21)

Desdiv 9

" 27

1 CL, 14 DD

N.W. Pacific

Believed portion in home waters operating with Card

2. Others in N.W. Pacific New Britain-Solomons area Gilbert Islands. Operating under 6th Base Force

Minron 2

Mindiv 3

" 4

8 DM

Home waters

Northern Detachment

Patrons 1,2,3,4,5

About 45 miscellaneous armed merchantmen

Patrolling in N.W. Pacific, except some units in home waters

SUMMARY

1 CA

1 CL

14 DD

8 DM

About 45 miscellaneous armed merchantmen

VI.

Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

Composition

KATORI

1 CL

Location

Truk area

Subron 1

TAIGEI (F)

Subdiv 1

" 2

"

1 AS, 7 SS

Truk-Melanesia waters

Enroute to or at Kure

Subron 2

KISO (F)

NA GOYA MARU

Subdiv 7

" 8

1 CL, 1 XLS, 8 SS

In Ominato area

One division in Aleutian waters. Others at Yokosuka

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
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<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
Subron 3		
KITA GAMI (F)		Truk
KOMATSU SHI		
Subdiv 11		Yokosuka or Kure
" 12)		New Britain-Solomons-
" 20)	1 CL, 1 AS, 8 SS	New Guinea area
Subron 5		
(F)		One portion operating in
Subdiv 28		Indian Ocean from Singa-
" 29		pore or Saigon. Other
" 30	7 SS	probably in Melanesia
		waters.
Subron 6		
KITA GAMI (F)		In Rabaul area 8/18
Subdiv 9		
" 13	1 AS, 4 SS	
Subron 7		
JINGEI (F)		Comsubron 7 and probably
Subdiv 26		subdiv 33 in Rabaul area.
" 27		Subdivs 26 and 27 in
" 33	1 AS, 9 SS	North Pacific.
Subron 8		
CHOGEI (F)		Comsubron 8 plus 1 div-
Subdiv 4		in Yokosuka. 1 Div. pro-
" 14		bably Solomons area. 1
" 25	1 AS, 8 SS	Div. operating from
		Singapore or Saigon.

SUMMARY
 2 CL ~~7~~
 5 AS
 1 XLS
 48 SS ~~7~~

~~3~~ 3 SS out of total of 51 enumerated in composition are considered lost.
~~1~~ 1 CL " " " " 3 " " " " is " "

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VII.

Eighth Fleet

CHOKAI (Flagship of CinC, 8th Fleet) 1 CA Probably Solomons area

Composition

Location

Crudiv 6
 AOBA (F) now flag of Crudiv 6
 KAKO (One considered
 KINUGASA (sunk -- others may
 FURUTAKA (be damaged 3 CA
 New Britain-Solomons
 area

Crudiv 18
 KASHIMA
 TENRYU (F) }
 TATSUTA } 3 CL
 Truk area
 New Guinea waters

Desron 6
 YUBARI (F)
 Desdiv 29
 " 30 1 CL , 8 DD
 New Britain-Solomons
 area
 New Guinea waters

SUMMARY

4 CA
 4 CL
 8 DD

VIII.

First Air Fleet

Cardiv 1
 SHOKAKU
 ZUIKAKU
 RYUJO (badly damaged) 3 CV
 Indefinite, Truk-New
 Britain-Northern
 Solomons

Cardiv 2
 HITAKA (F)
 HAYATAKA
 ZUIHC 3 XCV*
 Believed at sea in
 Kyushu waters

* HITAKA and HAYATAKA changed from CV to XCV

HOSHO 1 CV
 Believed in home
 Navy Yard

NIHON MARU 1 ARV or AKV
 Possibly enroute NMI

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4 CV
 3 XCV
 1 ARV or AKV

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Third Fleet

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
ASHIGARA, Flagship of CinC, 3rd Fleet	1 CA	Believed near Ambon, NEI.
Crudiv 16		Possibly Singapore area
NATORI (F)		
ISUZU		
KINU	3 CL	
Desron 5		
(F)		
Desdiv 5		Escorting China Sea
Desdiv 22		Escorting Home waters
Desdiv 34	11 DD	2 DD Marshalls. 2 DD Rabaul area
Minron 3		West coast of Luzon
Mindiv 5		
" 6	8 DM	
1st Base Force		
KUMA (F)	1 CL	Uncertain
Mindiv	3 CM	Mindivs on west coast
Mindivs 1 & 21	12 AM	of Luzon
Gunboat Div. 1	6 XPG	
Subchaser Divs. 1, 11, 21, 31	11 PC	NEI area
Miscellaneous		
2nd Base Force		
NAKA (F)	1 CL	Truk area 8/21
Mindiv 17	3 CM	Singapore area
9th Base Force	Composition unknown	Kota Bharu
10th Base Force	"	Ambon with detachment
21st Special Base Force	Unknown	at Christmas Island
22nd Special Base Force	"	Timor area
23rd Special Base Force	"	Probably enroute Palao
31st Base Force	"	to Rabaul
32nd Base Force	"	Manila
		Davao area

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Third Fleet (continued)

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL $\neq$
11 DD
6 CM
8 DM
12 AM
6 XPG
11 PC

$\neq$ 3 CL out of total of 5 enumerated in composition are considered lost.

X.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Composition

Location

KASHII (F)
SHIMUSHU

1 CL
1 CM

Singapore area

XI.

11th Air Fleet

KASUGA MARU

1 XCV

At or enroute Rabaul area

OTAKA

1 XCV

Palau area

YAWATA MARU

1 XCV

Believed enroute Rabaul

Airon 21
KENJO MARU

1 XAV

Possibly moving to New Britain area from Manila

Airon 22
KINUGASA MARU
FUJIKAWA MARU

2 XAV

Home waters
Yokosuka area

Airon 23
OKITSU MARU

1 XAV

NEI waters

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Marshalls
Mandate waters
Enroute Yokosuka to
Kavieng

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4 XAV

Solomon Islands

Indefinite
Rabaul area 8/16

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11th Air Fleet (continued)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Airon 26</u> AKITSUSHIMA *	1 AV	At Kavieng
<u>Airon 35</u>	1 LAV	NEI area

* A new AV. Assignment to Airon 26 tentative.

Assignment unknown

<u>Airon 11</u> CHITOSE CHIYODA		Yokosuka Probably Rabaul area
KAMOI KAMIKAWA MARU (F)	3 AV, 1 LAV	Rabaul area Rabaul area
<u>Airon 12</u> NISSHIN NOTORO	2 AV	Unknown Sasebo-Chinkai area

SUMMARY

6 AV
14 LAV
3 XCV

XII. 1st China Expeditionary Fleet
and China Fleets Command Unit Vicinity of Shanghai
and Yangtze River

IZUMO (Fleet Flag)	1 OCA
Desdiv 26	3 DD
Gunboat Div.	4 PG
Patdiv 11	10 PR

2nd China Expeditionary Fleet

HASHIDATE	1 PG	Hongkong
Minron 1	1 PG	Flagship at Sama, Hainan
	3 AM	East coast of China
Torpddiv 1	4 TB	" " " "

3rd China Expeditionary Fleet

	1 OCA	Gulf of Pechili
Torpddiv 11	4 TB	
Torpddiv 21	4 TB	
	1 DD	
	3 AM	

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Fleet Train

Since so many merchant vessels are now employed to augment the Fleet Train, it is impossible to give a complete list.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
SHIRATOKO (AO)	Probably enroute Japan from
SATA (AO)	Marshall
HAYATOMO (AO)	Truk area
AKASHI (AR)	Truk area
KAMITSU MARU	Probably home waters
SHIRIYA (AO)	Saipan area (formerly with
	5th Fleet)
KOMASAKI (AR)	Jaluit area

SUMMARY

- 7 AO
- 2 AF
- 2 AC
- 2 AR
- 3 ARS

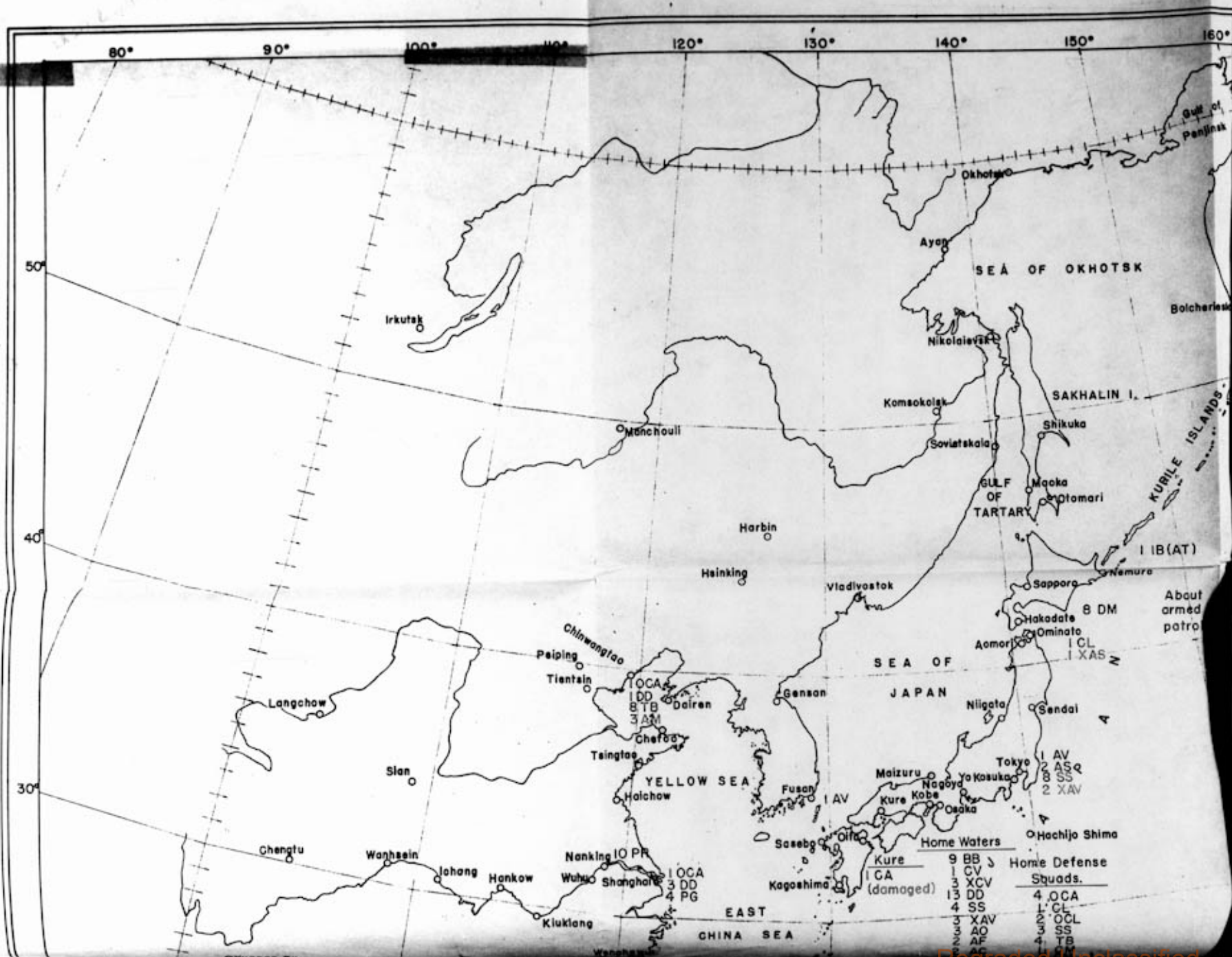
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- 4 OCA
- 1 CL (TAMA, Flag of Comdr. Yokosuka Defense Force)
- 2 OCL
- 3 SS
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- 5 DM
- 1 PG
- 1 AM
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- 1 TB (AT)
- 1 AGS
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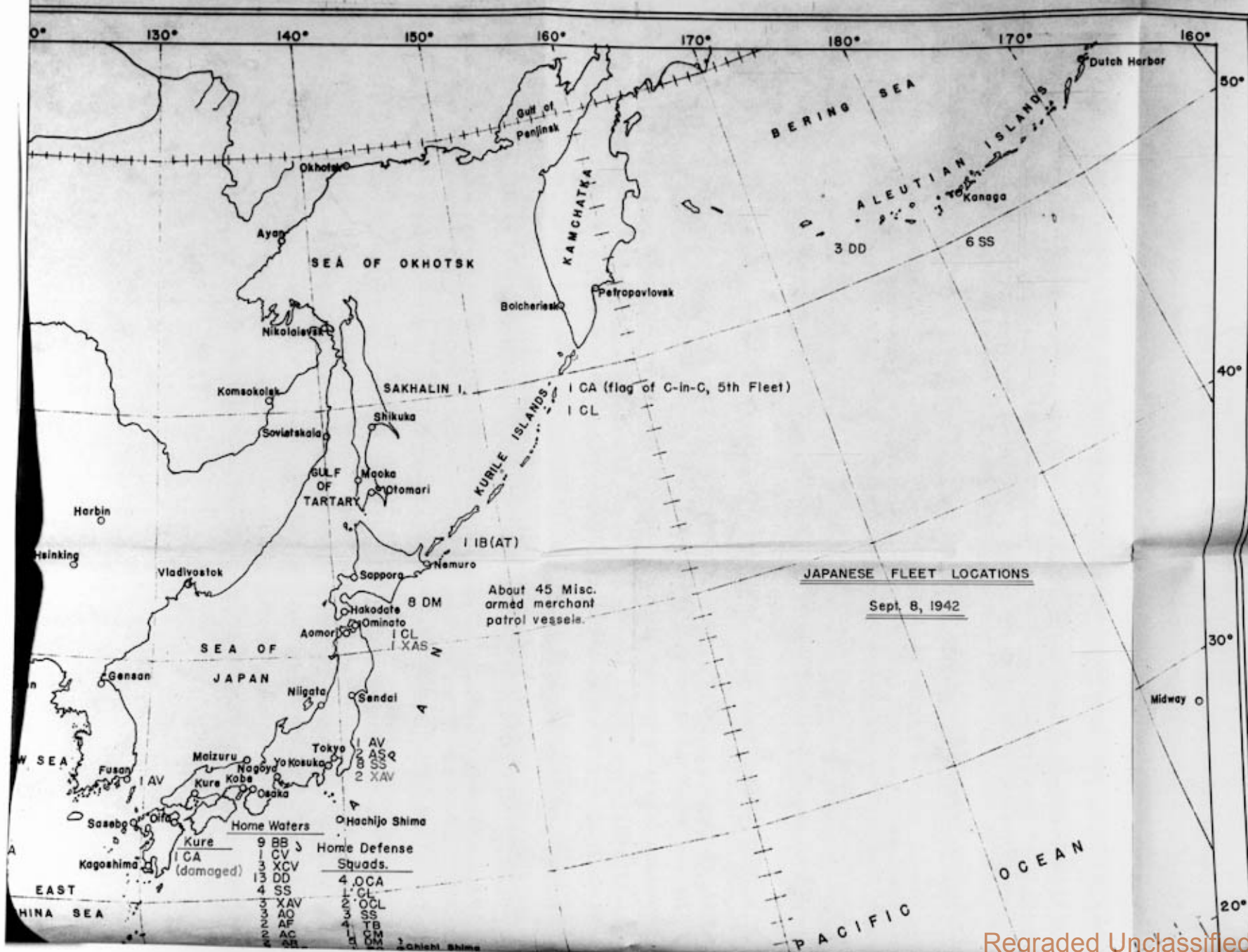
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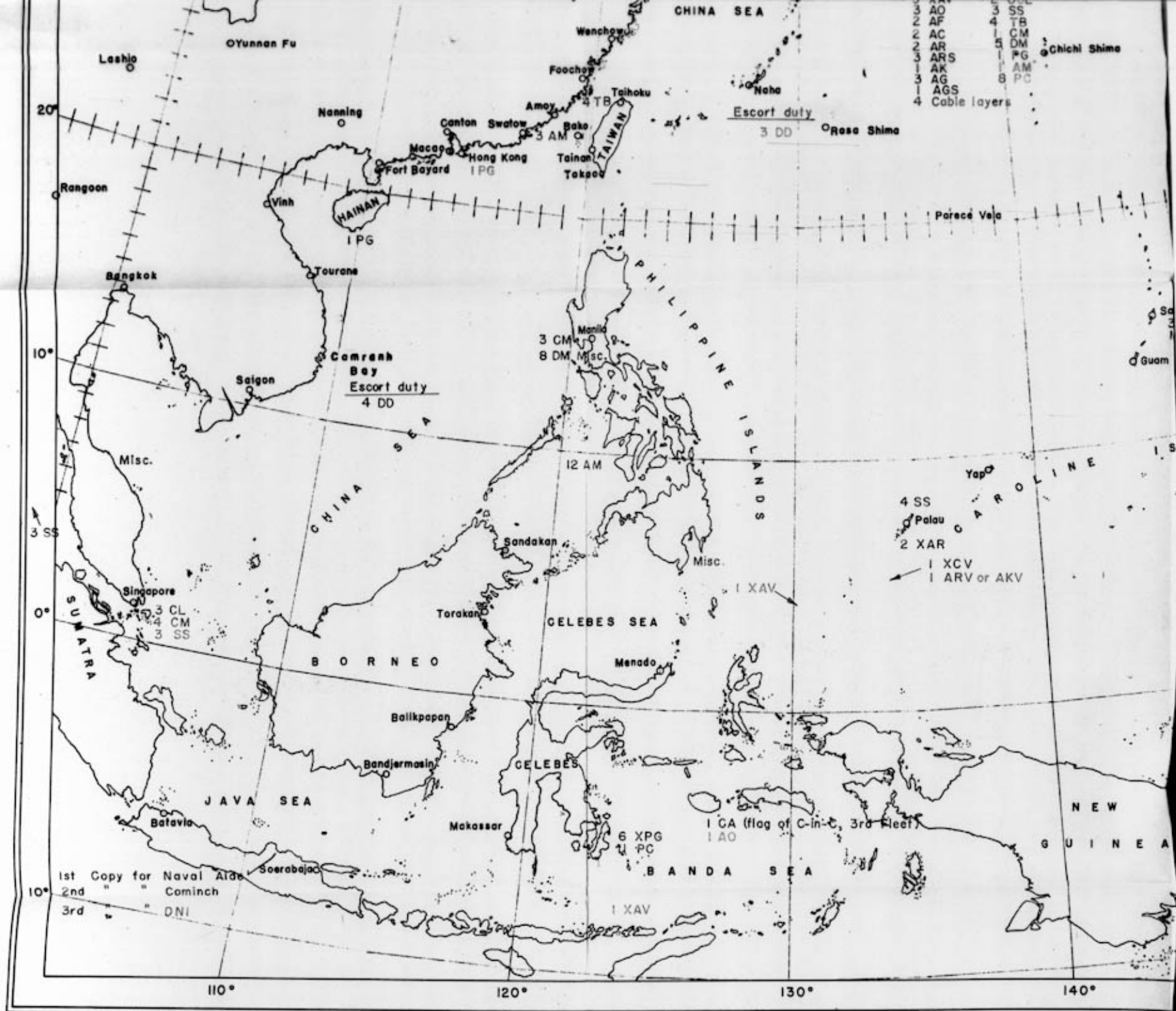
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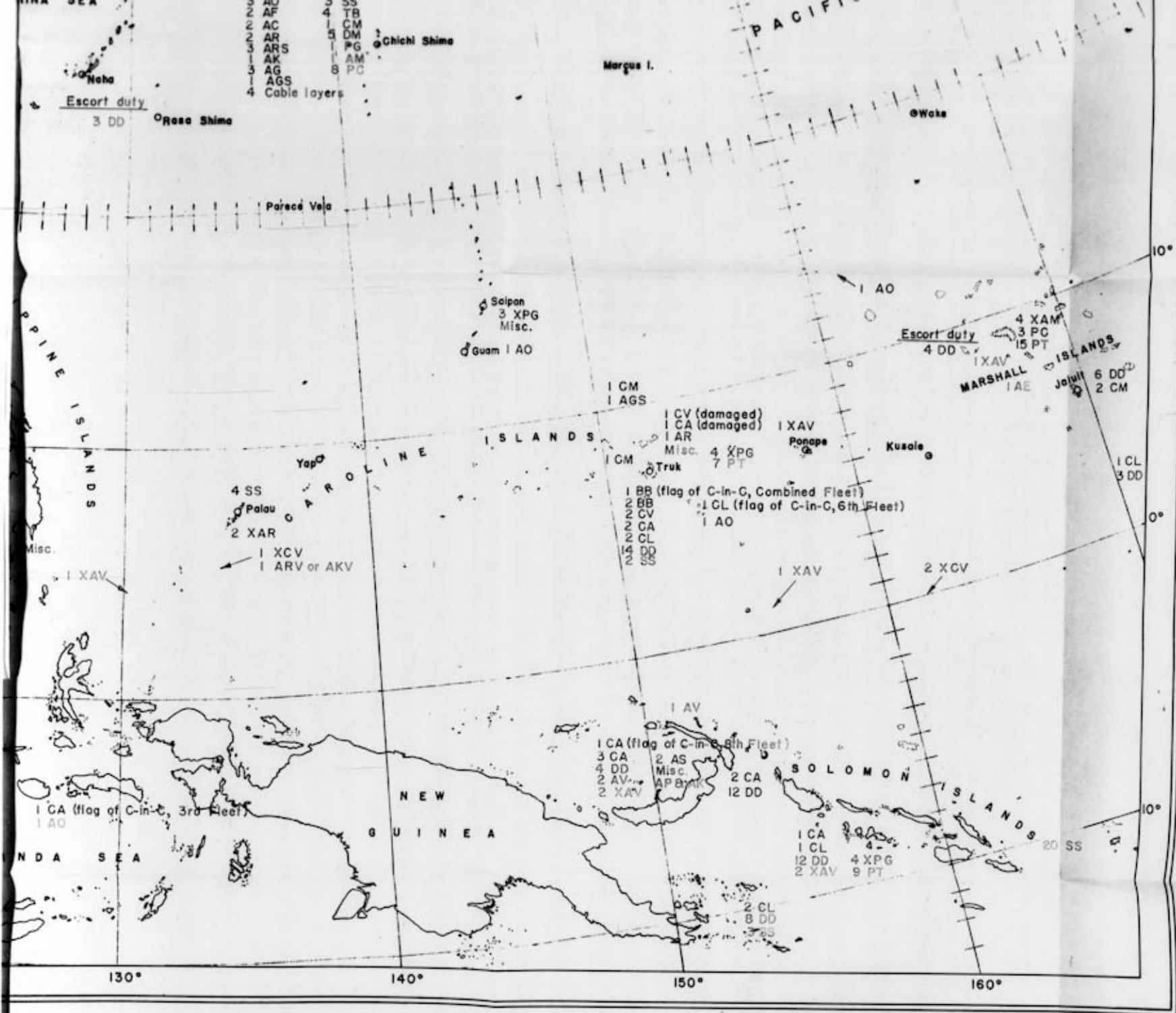


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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

Ship Type	Name	Location	Last Reported Date
BB	TIRPITZ	Narvik Area	August 23, 1942
BB	SCHARNHORST (1)	Unknown	August 17, 1942
BB	GNEISENAU	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
OBB	SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
OBB	SCHLESSEN	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
CV	GRAF ZEPPELIN	Gdynia	August 1, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL SCHEER (2)	Off Vengsö, Tromsö area	August 30, 1942
CA	LUETZOW (3)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CA	SEYDLITZ	Bremen	August 18, 1942
CA	PRINZ EUGEN	Kiel	August 27, 1942
CA	ADMIRAL HIPPER	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
CL	NUERNBERG (4)	Unknown	August 27, 1942
CL	LEIPZIG	Swinemuende	August 27, 1942
CL	KOELN	Narvik area	August 23, 1942
CL	EMDEN	Wilhelmshaven	August 17, 1942
DD's (5)			
	7 Units	Northern Norway	July 17, 1942
	3 Units	Trondheim area	July 17, 1942
	1 Unit	Southern Norway	July 17, 1942
	5 Units	German ports	July 17, 1942
SS's (6)			
	49 Units	French Ports	August 25, 1942
	89 Units	Atlantic Patrols	August 25, 1942
	22 Units	Norwegian Ports and Northern Waters	Aug. 25, 1942
	13 Units	Operating in Baltic	August 25, 1942
	15 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	August 25, 1942
	45 Units	Training	August 25, 1942
	124 Units	Trials	August 25, 1942
	357 Units Total.		

- NOTES: (1) SCHARNHORST left Kiel between July 28 and August 17, probably for the Eastern Baltic.
 (2) ADMIRAL SCHEER previously reported Narvik area, August 12, 1942.
 (3) LUETZOW left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27; previously reported Swinemuende August 16, 1942.
 (4) NUERNBERG left Swinemuende between August 16 and August 27; previously reported Swinemuende August 16, 1942.
 (5) Five DD's were reported to have been in the Narvik area and three DD's in the Tromsö area August 23, 1942.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

(6) Previously reported:

51 Units	French Ports	Aug. 18, 1942
86 Units	Atlantic Patrols	Aug. 18, 1942
20 Units	Norwegian ports & Northern waters	Aug. 18, 1942
13 Units	Operating in Baltic	Aug. 18, 1942
15 Units	Operating in Mediterranean	Aug. 18, 1942
45 Units	Training	Aug. 18, 1942
128 Units	Trials	Aug. 18, 1942
358 Units Total.		

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	VITTORIO VENETO	Taranto	August 7, 1942
BB	LITTORIO	"	August 7, 1942
BB	CESARE	"	August 7, 1942
BB	DUILIO	"	August 7, 1942
BB	DORIO	"	August 7, 1942
BB	0 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942 (1)
CVS	MIRAGLIA	"	July 23, 1942
DD	13 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
SS	11 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
CA	2 Units	Messina (1 damaged)	August 7, 1942
CL	1 Unit	" (damaged)	August 16, 1942
DD	8 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
SS	4 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
BB	IMPERO	Genoa (building)	July 31, 1942
CV	ROMA (Ex-Liner)	" (building)	July 9, 1942
CV	Unknown (Ex-Liner)	" (building)	May 13, 1942
CL	REGOLO Class	"	July 9, 1942
CEM	1 Unit	" (harbor defense)	June, 1941
DD	2 Units	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
SS	1 Unit	" (damaged)	June 18, 1942
DD	11 Units	La Spezia	August 1, 1942
SS	10 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
OCL	2 Units	Livorno (guardship)	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Naples (repairing)	August 7, 1942
DD	5 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
SS	5 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
DD	2 Units (*)	Palermo	August 1, 1942
DD	0 Units (*)	Trapani	August 1, 1942
SS	2 Units	"	August 1, 1942
SS	1 Unit (*)	Augusta	August 1, 1942
CL	2 Units	Cagliari	August 11, 1942
DD	1 Unit (*)	"	August 1, 1942
SS	8 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942
BB	CAVOUR	Trieste	August 22, 1942 (2)
DD	0 Units (*)	Brindisi	August 1, 1942
SS	6 Units (*)	"	August 1, 1942

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OCL	1 Unit	Ancona (damaged or sunk)	July 31, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	July 31, 1942
CL	1 Unit (*)	Navarino, Greece	August 15, 1942
CL	3 Units (*)	Aegean & Dodecanese Is.	August 15, 1942 (3)
DD	10 Units	" " " "	August 1, 1942
SS	5 Units	" " " "	August 19, 1942
DD	12 Units (*)	Tripoli & N. Africa	August 1, 1942
SS	11 Units (*)	Bordeaux	August 1, 1942
BB	1 Unit (*)	Unknown	(1)
CA	1 Unit	"	
DD	6 Units (*)	"	
SS	0 Units (*)	"	

(*) Indicates change since report of August 25, 1942.

- (1) The battleship "ROMA" was not reported at Taranto on August 1.
- (2) The CAVOUR is believed to have completed repairs.
- (3) 1 of these CL's is believed to be the GARIBALDI class cruiser attacked by R.A.F. torpedo planes with undetermined results northwest of Crete on August 26.

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Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
BB	DUNKERQUE (damaged)	Toulon	July 10, 1942
BB	STRASBOURG	"	July 8, 1942
CB	PROVENCE	"	July 10, 1942
CA	4 Units	"	February 15, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	June 10, 1942
DL	17 Units	"	February 15, 1942
DD	15 Units	"	February 15, 1942
SS	16 Units	"	February 15, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Oran	August 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	August 24, 1942
SS	5 Units	"	August 24, 1942
SS	2 Units (*)	Algiers	August 26, 1942 (1)
DL	1 Unit	Bizerte	August 25, 1942
DD	5 Units	"	June 30, 1942
SS	7 Units	"	June 30, 1942
BB	JEAN BART (incomplete)	Casablanca	July 18, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	July 18, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	August 12, 1942
DD	6 Units	"	August 21, 1942
SS	10 Units (*)	"	August 21, 1942
BB	RICHELIEU (damaged)	Dakar	July 16, 1942
CL	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
DL	2 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	11 Units (*)	"	August 23, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Saigon	February 15, 1942
DL	2 Units	Unreported	
DD	1 Unit	"	
SS	8 Units (*)	"	

(*) Denotes changes since August 25 report.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	COURBET	Portsmouth	July 27, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	July 13, 1942
SS	4 Units	"	July 27, 1942
→ OBB	PARIS	Plymouth	March 9, 1942
DD	1 Unit	"	July 27, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Dundee	July 27, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Glasgow	July 27, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Harwich	July 27, 1942
DD	2 Units	Campbeltown	May 24, 1942
DD	1 Unit	Dunoon	May 24, 1942
SS	1 Unit	Rosyth	July 20, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Pointe Noire	August 22, 1942
DL	1 Unit	Sydney	August 26, 1942 (1)

(1) LE TRIOMPHANT still refitting.

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Immobilized French Naval Vessels

TYPE	NAME	LOCATION	LAST REPORTED DATE
OBB	LOIRRAINE	Alexandria	August 13, 1942
CA	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
DD	3 Units	"	August 13, 1942
SS	1 Unit	"	August 13, 1942
CV	BEARN	Martinique	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	"	August 20, 1942
CL	1 Unit	Guadeloupe	June 12, 1942

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Japanese Fleet Locations.

The below listed locations of Japanese naval forces are estimates based on the best available information. It is believed that this forms a fair general approximation.

<u>Combined Fleet</u>	<u>Location</u>
BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet)	Indefinite. May be in Truk area.

I. First Fleet

Composition

<u>Batdiv 1</u>	<u>Batdiv 2</u>	
NAKATO (F)	HYUGA	One division probably in Kure-Yokosuka areas. The other probably moved out of there for unknown destination.
MUTSU	ISE	
YAMASHIRO	FUSO	
		6 BB

<u>Desron 3</u>		
SENDAI		Mandates
Desdiv 11)		Indefinite
" 12)		
" 19)		New Britain-Solomons area
" 20)		

1 CL, 15 DD

SUMMARY

6 BB, 1 BB (Combined Fleet Flag)
1 CL
15 DD

II. Second Fleet

Strong Indications of Task Force under CinC 2nd Fleet forming in Truk area

<u>Composition</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Batdiv 3</u>	
HIYAI (F))	Believed in New Britain-Solomons area
KIRISHIMA)	
KONGO)	Indefinite but estimated probably near Truk.
HARUNA)	

4 BB

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Second Fleet
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<u>Compositions</u>		<u>Location</u>
<u>Crudiv 4</u>		
MAYA (F)		Believed Truk-New Britain area.
ATAOO		
TAKAO	3 CA	
<u>Crudiv 5</u>		
MYOKO		Truk-New Britain area
HAGURO	2 CA	
<u>Crudiv 7</u>		
KUMANO (F) }		New Britain-Solomons area
SUZUYA	3 CA	At Kuro (Damaged)
<u>Crudiv 8</u>		
TONO		Believed in northern Solomons
CHIKUMA	2 CA	
<u>Desron 2</u>		
JINTSU (F)		New Britain-Solomons area
Desdiv 15		
" 16		
"	1 CL, 12 DD	
<u>Desron 4</u>		
YURA (F)		Indefinite
Desdiv 2 }		
" 4 }		Truk-Solomons area
" 8 }		
Desdiv 24	1 CL, 14 DD	Possibly Jaluit
<u>Desron 10</u>		
NAGARA (F)		Marshalls area
Desdiv 3 }		
" 7 }		Truk-New Britain area
" 17 }	1 CL, 12 DD	

SUMMARY

4 BB
7 CA
1 CL
38 DD

3 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition are considered lost.
2 CL " " " " 3 " " " " " "
3 DD " " " " 41 " " " " " "

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Position

Fourth Fleet

Location

Crudiv 18

KASHIMA }
TENRYU (F) }
TATSUTA }

3 CL

New Britain-New Guinea waters

Crudiv 6

AOBA (F) now flag of Crudiv 6
KAKO (One considered
KINUGASA (sunk - others may
FURUTAKA (be damaged

3 CA

New Britain-Solomons area

Desron 6

YUBARI (F)

Desdiv 29

" 30

1 CL , 8 DD

Solomons area

19th Division

OKINOSHIMA

OSHIMA

3 CM

Believed in Rabaul area

Repair & Salvage

2 XAR

Probably Palau

Miscellaneous

1 CM 1 Survey Ship

SUMMARY

3 CA
4 CL
8 DD
3 CM
1 CM
2 XAR
1 Survey Ship

IV.

Mandated Islands Base Defense Forces

Location

1. 3rd Base Force

4 SS
Misc.
AP & AK

Palau

2. 4th Base Force

4 XPG
7 PT
Misc.
AP & AK

Truk

3. 5th Base Force

3 XPG
AP & AK

Saipan

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	Mandated Islands Base Defense Forces (continued)	Location
4. 6th Base Force	1 CM 4 LAM 3 PC 15 PT AP & AK	Jaluit
5. 7th Base Force	Miscellaneous craft	Chichijima
6. 8th Base Force NIKKAI MARU		New Britain Solomons area
	4 XPG 9 PT AP & AK Miscellaneous	

V. Fifth Fleet

Composition		Location
NACHI, Flagship of CinC, 5th Fleet	1 CA.	N.W. Pacific
Desron 1 ABUKUMA Desdiv 6 } " 21 }		Believed in N.W. Pacific
Desdiv 9 } " 27 }	1 CL, 11 DD	New Britain-Solomons area
Minron 2 Mindiv 3 " 4	8 DM	Home waters
Northern Detachment Patrons 1,2,3,4,5	About 45 miscellaneous armed merchantmen	Patrolling in N.W. Pacific, except some units in home waters
SHIRIYA	1 AO	Enroute Saipan via Chichijima

SUMMARY
 1 CA
 1 CL
 11 DD
 1 AO
 8 DM
 About 45 miscellaneous armed merchantmen

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)

<u>Composition</u>		<u>Location</u>
KATORI	1 CL	Truk area
Subron 1		
TAIGEI (F)		Portion in Marshalls -
Subdiv 1		others in Melanesia waters
" 2		
" —	1 AS, 8 SS	
Subron 2		
KISO (F)		In Kiska area
NAGOYA MARU		Mostly in NW Pacific
Subdiv 7		but one or more units
" 8	1 CL, 1 XAS, 7 SS	still in Empire
Subron 3		
KITAGAMI (F)		Portion in Kure. Others
KOMABASHI		in New Britain-Solomons
Subdiv 3		area
" 5	1 CL, 1 AS, 8 SS	
" —		
Subron 5		
KINU (F)		One portion operating in
Subdiv 9		Indian Ocean from Singa-
" 13		pore or Saigon. Other pro-
" —	1 CL, 8 SS	bably in Melanesia waters.
Subron 6		
KARASAKI (F)		In Rabaul area 8/18
Subdiv 18		
" 19		
" 21	1 AS, 8 SS	
Subron 7		
JINGEI (F)		Comsubron 7 and probably
Subdiv 26		subdiv 33 in Rabaul area.
" 27		Subdivs 26 and 27 in
" 33	1 AS, 9 SS	North Pacific.

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Sixth Fleet (Submarine Fleet)
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Composition

Subron 8
 CHOGEI (F)
 Subdiv 4
 " 14
 " 25

1 AS, 8 SS

Location

Comsubron 8 plus 1 div.
 in Yokosuka. 1 Div. proba-
 bly Solomons area. 1 Div.
 operating from Singapore or
 Saigon.

SUMMARY

2 CL //
 5 AS
 1 XAS
 48 SS /

// 98S out of total of 57 enumerated in composition are considered lost.
 // 1 CL " " " " 3 " " " " " " " "

VII.

Eighth Fleet

CHOKAI (Flagship of CinC, 8th Fleet) 1 CA Probably Solomons area
 Composition is not known yet.

VIII.

First Air Fleet

CinC 1st Air Fleet probably in command of a carrier striking force operating
 in New Britain area - Solomons area.

HOSHO 1 CV Believed in home waters.

KASUGA MARU 1 XCV Marshall Islands

1 XCV Mandate waters

Cardiv 1
 SHOKAKU Probably Northern
 ZUIKAKU Solomons area

RYUJO (badly damaged) 3 CV

Cardiv 2 Believed at sea in Kyushu
 HITAKA (F) waters.
 HAYATAKA

2 CV, 1 XCV

Cardiv 3
 Composition unknown

SUMMARY

6 CV
 3 XCV

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Third Fleet

Composition

Location

ASHIGARA, Flagship of CinC, 3rd Fleet 1 CA

Believed near Ambon, N.E.I.

NATORI 1 CL

Possibly Singapore area

Desron 5

ISUZU

Desdiv 5

Desdiv 22

NEI

Escorting China Sea

Escorting Home waters

Desdiv 34

1 CL, 11 DD

2 DD Marshalls. 2 DD
Rabaul area

Minron 3

Mindiv 5

" 6

West coast of Luzon

8 DM

1st Base Force

KUMA (F)

Mindiv

Mindivs 1 & 21

Gunboat Div. 1

Subchaser Divs. 1, 11, 21, 31

Miscellaneous

1 CL

3 CM

12 AM

6 XPG

11 PC

Uncertain

Mindivs on west coast
of Luzon

NEI area

2nd Base Force

NAKA (F)

Mindiv 17

1 CL

3 CM

Truk area 8/21

Singapore area

9th Base Force

Composition unknown

Kota Bharu

10th Base Force

"

Ambon with detachment
at Christmas Island
Timor area

21st Special Base Force

Unknown

22nd Special Base Force

"

23rd Special Base Force

"

Probably enroute Palao
to Rabaul

31st Base Force

"

Manila

32nd Base Force

Davao area

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Third Fleet (continued)

SUMMARY

1 CA
1 CL ✓
11 DD
6 CM
8 DM
12 AM
6 XPG
11 PC

✓ 3 CL out of total of 4 enumerated in composition are considered lost.

X.

Southern Expeditionary Fleet

Composition

Location

KASHII (F)
SHIMUSHU

1 CL
1 CM

Singapore area

XI.

Combined Air Force

Airon 11

CHITOSE
CHIYODA

Probably Truk area.
Probably Rabaul

KAMO I
KAMIKAWA MARU

3 AV, 1 XAV

Rabaul area
Rabaul area

Airon 12

NYSSHEIN
NOTORO

2 AV

Unknown
Sasebo-Chinkai area

Airon 21

1 XAV

At Sabang on 6/2

Airon 22

KONOGUSKA MARU
FUJIMAWA MARU

2 XAV

Kurile Islands
In Yokosuka area or en-
route south.

Airon 23

KATSU MARU
OKITSU MARU

2 XAV

Rabaul area
Indefinite

Airon 24

COSEU MARU
SOYOU MARU
KOKITSU MARU
NITCHO MARU

4 XAV

Yokosuka 8/23
Kure
Mandate waters
Enroute Yokosuka to
Kavieng.

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Combined Air Force (Cont'd)

Composition

Location

<u>Airon 25</u>		Rangoon area
KENJO MARU		Possibly enroute Rabaul -
KIYOKAWA MARU		Saipan
KIYOZUMI MARU		Indefinite
NARUTO MARU	4 XAV	Rabaul area 8/16
<u>Airon 26</u>		
	1 XAV	At Kavieng
<u>Airon 35</u>		
	1 XAV	NEI area

SUMMARY

5 AV
16 XAV

XII. 1st China Expeditionary Fleet and China Fleets Command Unit

Vicinity of Shanghai
and Yangtze River

IZUMO (Fleet Flag)	1 OCA
Desdiv 26	3 DD
Gunboat Div.	4 PG
Patdiv 11	10 PR

2nd China Expeditionary Fleet

HASHIDATE	1 PG
Minron 1	1 PG
	3 AM
Torpddiv 1	4 TB

Hongkong
Flagship at Sama, Hainan
East coast of China
" " " "

3rd China Expeditionary Fleet

	1 OCA
Torpddiv 11	4 TB
Torpddiv 21	4 TB
	1 DD
	3 AM

Gulf of Pechili

XIII.

Fleet Train

Since so many merchant vessels are now employed to augment the Fleet Train, it is impossible to give a complete list.

NAME
SHIRETOKO (AO)
SATA (AO)
HAYATOMO (AO)
AKASHI (AR)
KAMITSU

LOCATION
Probably enroute Mandates
Indefinite. May be enroute NEI
Truk area
Uncertain. Probably Truk area
Probably home waters

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Fleet Train (continued)

SUMMARY

7 AO
2 AF
2 AC
2 AR
3 ARS

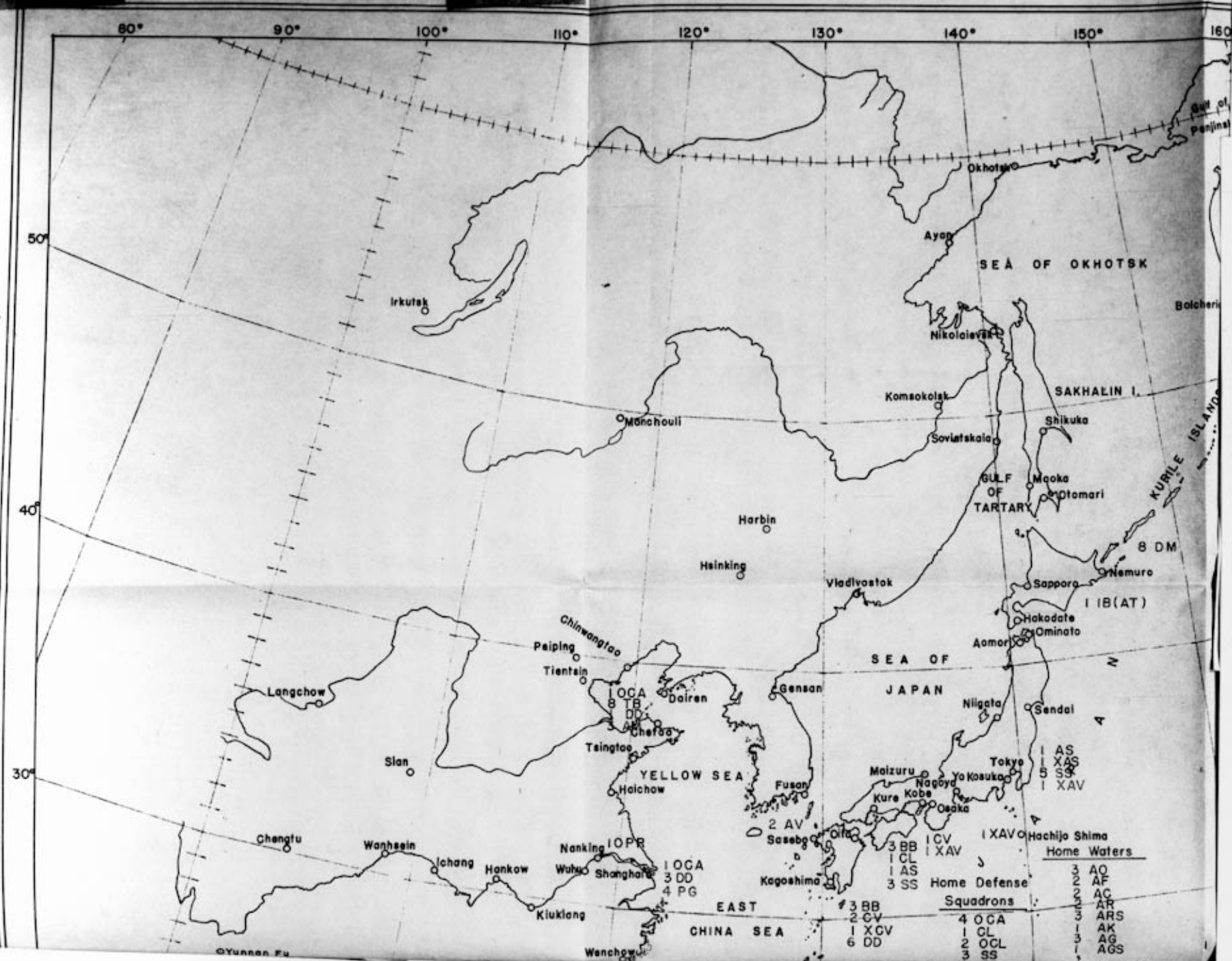
Home Waters
(Defense Forces Unassigned)

4 OCA
1 CL (TAMA, Flag of Comdr. Yokosuka
Defense Force)
2 OCL
3 SS
4 TB
1 CM
5 DM
1 PG
1 AM
8 PC
1 AK
3 AG
1 IB (AT)
1 AGS
4 Cable Layers

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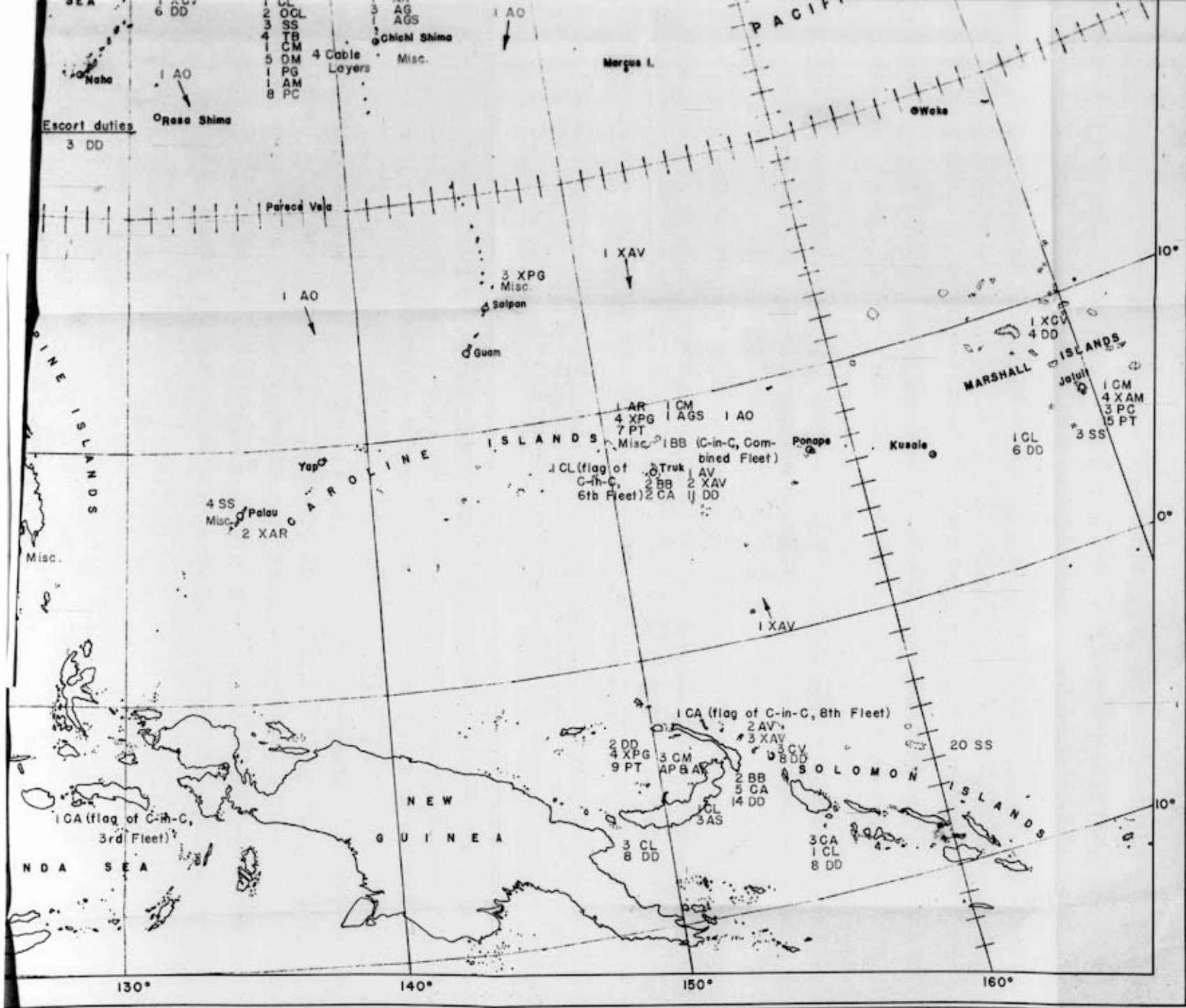
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