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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Lofjord, Trondheim | December 6, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN (1) | Unknown | December 12, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER | Swinemuende | November 21, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW (2) | Probably Norwegian Waters | December 27, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (3) | Probably Altenfjord, Norway | December 27, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG (4) | Probably Northern Norwegian Waters | December 27, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Baltic Port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN (5) | Norwegian Waters | December 27, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| DDs (6) | | | |
| | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 30, 1942 |
| | 11 Units | German North Sea and Baltic Ports | Nov. 30, 1942 |

SSs THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 76 Units | French Ports | December 14, 1942 |
| 97 Units | Atlantic Patrols | December 14, 1942 |
| 22 Units | Norwegian ports & Northern Waters | Dec. 14, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | December 14, 1942 |
| 23 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | December 14, 1942 |
| 5 Units | Operating in Black Sea | December 14, 1942 |
| 40 Units | Training | December 14, 1942 |
| 128 Units | Trials | December 14, 1942 |
| 403 Units Total. | | |

NOTES:

(1) According to a report graded "B2" by the Admiralty, GRAF ZEPPELIN was at anchor off Friedrichsort, Kiel, December 3, 1942.

(2) The Admiralty believes LUETZOW proceeded to Norwegian waters in December and that either LUETZOW or NUERNBERG was in Altenfjord, December 27, 1942. LUETZOW was previously reported Gdynia, November 14, 1942.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

NOTES:

(3) ADMIRAL HIPPER was previously reported Narvik area October 21, 1942.
(4) NUERNBERG is believed to have arrived in Northern Norwegian Waters early in December. Either NUERNBERG or LUETZOW was probably in Altenfjord, December 27, 1942. NUERNBERG was previously reported unknown December 12, 1942.
(5) KOELN was probably in Altenfjord December 27, 1942.
(6) Five DDs were reported to have been in the Altenfjord area December 27, 1942.

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | CESARE | Taranto | November 27, 1942 |
| BB | DORIA | " | November 27, 1942 |
| BB | DUILIO | " | November 27, 1942 |
| CVS | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 |
| DD | 10 Units | " | November 27, 1942 |
| SS | 12 Units | " | November 27, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | Messina | November 29, 1942 |
| DD | 5 Units | " | November 29, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " | November 29, 1942 |
| XCV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | December 11, 1942 |
| XCV | AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner) | " " | December 11, 1942 (1) |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | November 7, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " | December 11, 1942 |
| DD | 6 Units (*) | La Spezia (2 probably damaged) | November 30, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units | " " | November 10, 1942 |
| OCL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | September 30, 1942 |
| CA | 1 Unit | Naples (damaged) | December 4, 1942 |
| CL | 2 Units | " " | December 4, 1942 |
| DD | 7 Units | " | November 29, 1942 |
| SS | 4 Units | " | November 30, 1942 |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | Pozzuoli | November 30, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo (damaged) | November 29, 1942 |
| DD | 12 Units (*) | " | December 22, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Trapani | December 6, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | Augusta | November 30, 1942 |
| SS | 9 Units | Cagliari | December 11, 1942 |
| CA | 2 Units (*) | Maddalena | December 20, 1942 |
| BB | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | December 3, 1942 |
| BB | IMPERO (*) | " (building) | December 3, 1942 |



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Disposition of Italian Fleet (cont'd)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " " " | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units (*) | Fiume | December 3, 1942 | |
| BB | 0 Units (*) | Venice | December 3, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit (*) | " | December 3, 1942 | |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | Brindisi | November 30, 1942 | |
| OCL | 0 Units (*) | Ancona | December 3, 1942 | (2) |
| CL | 1 Unit | Pola | December 3, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units | " | December 3, 1942 | |
| DD | 11 Units (*) | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | November 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units | " " " " | November 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 6 Units | Tripoli & N. Africa | December 16, 1942 | |
| SS | 10 Units (*) | Bordeaux | November 30, 1942 | |
| BB | LITTORIO | Unknown | | (3) |
| BB | ROMA | " | | (3) |
| BB | VITTORIO VENETO | " | | (3) |
| DD | 11 Units | " | | |

(*) Indicates change since report of December 22, 1942.
(1) Reported to be completely burned out as a result of R.A.F. raids on Genoa.
(2) Photo reconnaissance did not show this vessel at Ancona on December 3. As it has not been heard from since July 31st, when it was hit by two torpedoes, it is presumed to have been sunk.
(3) Believed either at La Spezia or Livorno.

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## Disposition of the French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE | Toulon (damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " (damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " (damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| CA | 4 Units | " (damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " (1 damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| DL | 18 Units | " (15 scuttled) | December 7, 1942 |
| DD | 15 Units | " (11 scuttled; 1 unaccounted for) | December 7, 1942 |
| SS | 5 Units (*) | " (2 damaged) | December 22, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " (3 beached) | November 8, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | " | December 8, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Algiers | November 17, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 |
| SS | 5 Units | " | December 4, 1942 |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca (damaged) | November 14, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " (damaged) | November 14, 1942 |
| DL | 3 Units | " (damaged) | November 14, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " (damaged) | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " (1 beached) | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | RICHELIEU | Dakar | December 9, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| DL | 2 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| SS | 11 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | November 11, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 |
| SS | 14 Units (*) | Unknown | (1 |

(*) Indicates change from previous report.
(1) 3 Units formerly unknown now reported at Toulon; sinking of LE HÉROS at Diego Suarez on May 5, 1942 now confirmed.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Estimated Japanese Fleet Locations.

A. COMBINED FLEET

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet) Truk area

First Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Batdiv 1 | 4 BB |
| YAMATO (F) | Truk area |
| NAGATO) | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU uncertain, possibly |
| MUTSU ) | in Truk area. |
| MUSASHI) | |
| Batdiv 2 | 4 BB |
| HYUGA ) | Believed in home waters, except ISE uncertain, possibly in |
| ISE ) | Truk area |
| FUSO ) | |
| YAMASHIRO ) | |
| Batdiv 3 | 2 BB |
| HARUNA ) | Uncertain. Possibly Empire with one unit damaged. |
| KONGO ) | |
| Crudiv 6 | 1 CA |
| AOBA (F) | Uncertain. Probably Bismarks-Solomons |
| Crudiv 9 | 2 CL |
| OI ) | Believed Empire waters |
| KITAGAMI ) | |
| Desron 1 | 1 CL, 8 DD |
| ABUKUMA (F) | Northwest Pacific |
| Desdiv 6 | Probably Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | Northwest Pacific |
| Desdiv 27 | Rabaul area with 1 unit damaged. |
| Desron 3 | 1 CL, 8 DD |
| SENDAI (F) | Uncertain |
| Desdiv 11 ) | Scattered with some units New Guinea - Solomons area. |
| Desdiv 19 ) | |
| Desdiv 20 ) | |



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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|

SUMMARY

10 BB 3 CL
1 CA 11 DD*

✓ Exact composition unknown. Indication possibly also includes NATORI and/or KUMA.
* 5 DD out of total of 16 enumerated in composition considered lost.

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| CA – ATAGO (F) ? | Believed Kure |
| Crudiv 4 | 3 CA |
| ATAGO (F) | |
| TAKAO | Truk Area enroute Empire |
| MAYA | Uncertain. |
| Crudiv 5 | 2 CA |
| MYOKO ) | Uncertain |
| HAGURO ) | |
| Crudiv 7 | 3 CA |
| KUMANO (F) ) | Uncertain. Possibly Truk-Bismarks Area |
| SUZUYA ) | |
| MOGAMI | Uncertain. |
| Crudiv 8 | 2 CA |
| TONE | Uncertain. |
| CHIKUMA | Empire undergoing repairs. |
| Desron 4 | 1 CL, 11 DD |
| Desdiv 2 ) | |
| Desdiv 8 ) | New Guinea-Bismarks area with 1 unit escorting Truk to |
| Desdiv 9 ) | Empire |

SUMMARY

5 CA*
7 DD**

* 5 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk
** 4 DD " " " " 11 " " " " "



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III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **Cardiv 1** | 3 CV |
| SHOKAKU | Empire, undergoing repairs. |
| ZUIKAKU ) | Empire waters |
| ZUIHO ) | |
| **Cardiv 2** | 2 CV |
| HAYATAKA (F) | New Guinea-Truk area |
| HITAKA | Possibly enroute south from Empire. |
| HOSHO | Uncertain. Possibly Empire |
| YUKAZE | Uncertain. |
| | 1 CV, 1 DD |
| OTAKA* ) | |
| UNYO* ) | Ferrying planes between Empire, Truk and Kavieng. Exact |
| CHUYO* ) | location unknown |
| | 3 ACV* |
| **Desron 10** | 1 CL, 16 DD |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | Uncertain. |
| Desdiv 4 | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Desdiv 10 | Rabaul-Buna area with one unit Empire |
| Desdiv 16 | Truk-Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Desdiv 17 | Solomons-Rabaul area |
| TOEI MARU | Solomons 1 AO |

* Tentative. Full information as to position in organization and type not available.

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 6 CV | 10 DD* |
| 3 ACV | 1 AO |
| 1 CL | |

* 7 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.



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## Fourth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| CL – KASHIMA (F) | Believed Truk area | 1 CL |
| 19th Division | | 2 CM, 1 XCM |
| TSUGARU | Solomons | |
| TOKIWA | Unknown | |
| TANYO MARU | Uncertain | |
| Subron 7 | | 1 AS, 7 SS |
| AS – JINGEI (F) | Believed Truk area | |
| Subdiv 21 ) | N.W. Pacific. Some units possibly in home waters | |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | |
| Subdiv 33 ) | | |

# 2 High Seas Escort Force

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 6 | | 1 CL, 5 DD |
| YUBARI (F) | Uncertain. Possibly New Guinea-Rabaul area | |
| Desdiv 29 | Truk with 1 unit Empire, 1 unit Marshalls. | |
| " 30 | Rabaul area. | |
| 3rd Base Force | | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM |
| | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao | |
| 4th Base Force | | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | | 10 XPG, 8 XPC, 3 XAM |
| | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan | |
| 6th Base Force | | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS |
| | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island. | |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 CL | 7 SS |
| 2 CM | 1 AGS |
| 1 XCM | 58 XPG |
| 4 DD* | 25 XPC |
| 1 AS | 17 XAM |

* 1 DD out of 5 enumerated in composition considered lost.



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## Fifth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | Believed N.W. Pacific | 1 CA |
| KAMIGAWA MARU | Probably Empire damaged | 1 AV |
| Crudiv 21<br>KISO )<br>TAMA ) | 2 CL<br>N.W. Pacific | |
| Crudiv 22<br>AKAGI MARU (F) )<br>ASAKA MARU )<br>AKITA MARU ) | 3 XCL<br>N.W. Pacific | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 AM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Forces<br>Patdivs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels<br>Patrolling in N.W. Pacific. | |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft.<br>Patrolling off Japan coasts. | |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 AGS + Misc. others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol<br>OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others<br>N. Hokkaido waters | |
| SHIOKAZE )<br>HOKAZE )<br>KAMITSU MARU | N.W. Pacific<br>Japanese waters<br>2 DD, 1 XPG | |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc. Aux. & small craft | Kiska |

### SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CA | 4 AM |
| 2 CL | 4 PC |
| 3 XCL | 1 AGS |
| 2 DD | 1 IB(AT) |
| 1 AV | 60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships |
| 3 XPG | Misc. |



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VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | Truk area | 1 CL |
| Subron 1 | | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | Comsubron 1 possibly in Solomons | |
| I-9 (FF) | Probably Solomons | |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | Probably Truk area | |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | Probably Home waters | |
| Subdiv 2 ) | Rabaul-Solomons area. | |
| Subdiv 15 ) | | |
| Subdiv 32 | Unknown. Possibly Solomons. | |
| Subron 2 | | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 6 SS |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | |
| Subdiv 7 | Buna area | |
| " 8 | Bismarks with 1 unit possibly Empire, 1 unit Truk | |
| Subron 3 | | 2 XAS, 13 SS |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons-Bismarks area | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU ) | | |
| Subdiv 11 ) | | |
| " 12 ) | | |
| " 18 ) | | |
| " 20 ) | | |
| Subron 8 | | 2 XAS, 10 SS |
| I-10 (FF) | Solomons | |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 1 | Probably Rabaul | |
| " 3 | Probably Truk-Solomons area | |
| " 14 | Operating from Saigon | |
| Subron 13 | Unlocated | |
| | Composition unknown | |
| Subron 15 | Unlocated. Some units believed Marshalls. | |
| | Composition unknown | |
| ONDO | Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-Solomons | |
| FUJISAN MARU | Solomons | |

2 AO

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CL | 39 SS** |
| 2 AS | 2 AO |
| 7 XAS | |

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** 2 SS out of total of 41 enumerated in composition considered sunk.



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VI. Eighth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| CA – CHOKAI Acting (F) | Probably Rabaul-Kavieng area | 1 CA |
| Crudiv 18 | | |
| CL – TENRYU | Rabaul-New Guinea area | |
| CL – TATSUTA | Unknown | |
| | | 2 CL |
| 8th Base Force | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea<br>5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG, 14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | |
| WAKATAKA | Bismarks | |
| SHIRATAKA | Unknown. Possibly sunk | |
| | | 2 CM |
| Desron 2 | | 11 DD |
| DD – NAGANAMI (F) | | |
| Desdiv 15 ) | | |
| " 18 ) | Uncertain. Possibly Solomons-Bismarcks | |
| " 24 ) | | |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CA | 6 PC |
| 1 CL | 20 XPG |
| 9 DD** | 3 XPC |
| 1 CM* | 14 Patrol Boats |
| 5 AM | |

* 1 CM out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk
**2 DD " " " " eleven " " " " "



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VIII.

## Eleventh Air Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **Airflot 21** | 1 XAV |
| KATSURAGI MARU | Believed New Guinea-Solomons area |
| **Airflot 22** | 2 XAV |
| KINUGASA MARU | Uncertain |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | Possibly N.W. Pacific |
| **Airflot 23** | 1 XAV |
| KOKITSU MARU | Probably NEI area. |
| **Airflot 24** | 1 AV, 3 XAV |
| KAMOI (F) | Believed Marshalls |
| SOYO MARU | Uncertain. |
| NITCHO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Kavieng. |
| GOSHU MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Empire. |
| **Airflot 25** | 2 XAV |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | Probably Bismarcks. |
| NARUTO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Empire. |
| **Airflot 26** | 1 AV, 1 XAV |
| AKITSUSHIMA | Believed Solomons-Rabaul area |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | Believed Marshalls |
| **Desdiv 34** | Probably Bismarcks-Solomons |
| | 4 DD |

**SUMMARY**

2 AV
10 XAV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

### Attached to Combined Fleet

| | |
|---|---|
| **Seaplatendiv 11** | 1 AV |
| CHITOSE | Truk area |
| CHIYODA | Possibly Solomons area |
| SANUKI MARU | Rabaul area |
| SANYO MARU | Possibly enroute Solomons to Truk under tow |
| NISSHIN | Truk area |
| NOTORO | Probably Soerabaya area |
| YASUKAWA MARU | Uncertain |

3 AV, 3 XAV



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## Attached to Combined Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU | Singapore. Probably operating Indian Ocean. |
| GOKOKU MARU | Truk Area possibly enroute Empire. |
| HOKOKU MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Bismarks - Truk Area. |
| KONGO MARU ) | Unknown |
| NOSHIRO MARU ) | |
| SEIKO MARU | Uncertain. |

6 XCL

Desdiv 7 — Uncertain. Possibly Truk area — 3 DD

Subron 5 — 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS

AS - KOMABASHI(F) N.W. Pacific.
XAS-RIO DE JANEIRO MARU Soerabaya area
XAS- ARATAMA MARU Unknown
Subdiv 19 Possibly New Britain-Solomons area
" 26 Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain
" 30 2 units Arafura Sea. 1 unit Indian Ocean operating from Penang.

Subron 6 — 1 XAS, 4 SS

XAS - NAGOYA MARU Yokosuka
Subdiv 9 Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean.
Subdiv 13 One unit Rabaul-Solomons. One unit home waters.

### Fleet Train

AR - AKASHI Truk Area.
ARS - NAGAURA Kavieng area.
AH - TAKASAGO MARU Kavieng area.
AH - ASAHI MARU Rabaul area.
AH - HIKAWA MARU New Guinea Area.
AO - AKEBONO MARU Kavieng-Rabaul Area.
AO - NIPPON MARU Truk Area.
AO - NISSHIN MARU Takao.
AO - KOKUYO MARU Miri.
AO - TONAN MARU # 3 Enroute Miri to Empire.
AO - TONAN MARU # 2 Empire.
AO - OMUROSAN MARU - Enroute Empire to Singapore.
AO - KYOKUYO MARU Miri area.
AO - TATEKAWA MARU Enroute Kure to Singapore

### SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 AV | 1 AS |
| 14 SS | 12 AO |
| 3 DD | 3 AF |
| 3 XAV | 2 AR |
| 5 XCL* | 1 XAF |
| 3 XAS | 10 AH |
| | 1 ARS |

* One XCL of 6 enumerated in the above composition considered lost.

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## B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, (F) | Believed Singapore area | 1 CL |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>KATSURIKI ) | Uncertain. Probably Malay area | 2 CM |
| Desdiv 5 | Escorting Palao area | 4 DD |
| 9th Special Base Force - Penang | | Misc. |
| 10th Special Base Force - Singapore | | Misc. |
| 11th Special Base Force - Saigon | | Misc. |
| 12th Special Base Force - Rangoon | | Misc. |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CL | 4 DD |
| 2 CM | Misc. |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| X. | Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| ASHIGARA | Soerabaya area. | 1 CA |
| Crudiv 16 | 3 CL | |
| NATORI* | Uncertain. Probably Rabaul area | |
| ISUZU | Believed Empire, overhauling | |
| KINU | Uncertain | |
| 21st Special Base Force - Soerabaya | | 3 AM & Misc. |
| 22nd Special Base Force - Balikpapan | | Misc. |
| 23rd Special Base Force - Makassar with 1 CM Soerabaya<br>1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | | |
| 24th Special Base Force - Ambon<br>2 TB & Misc. | | |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | NEI waters | 4 PG |
| Survey Div 1 - | NEI waters | 2 AGS |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CA | 4 TB |
| 2 CL** | 2 AGS |
| 1 CM | 3 AM |
| 4 PG | Misc. |

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9
** 1 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.



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XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| YAEYAMA (F) | Philippine waters | 1 CM |
| KUMA * | Uncertain. Possibly NEI. | 1 CL |
| 31st Special Base Force | - Manila | 2 AM & Misc. |
| 32nd " " | " - Davao | Misc. |
| Survey Div. 2 | Philippine waters | 2 AGS |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CL | 2 AM |
| 1 CM | Misc. |
| 2 AGS | |

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9

Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | 11 DD, 2 TB, 1 XPG |
| Desdiv 13 | Rabaul area | |
| " 22 ) | Escorting South China Seas | |
| " 32 ) | | |
| PEKING MARU | Unknown | |

SUMMARY

| |
|---|
| 11 DD |
| 2 TB |
| 1 XPG |



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## C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, (F) | Shanghai | 1 CA |
| Shanghai Base Force - | Shanghai | 1 PG & Misc. |
| Desdiv 26 | China coast | 3 DD |
| Nanking Base Force - | Nanking | Misc. |
| **Central China Fleet** | | |
| UJI, (F) | China coast | 1 PG |
| Patdiv 11 | Yangtze River | 11 PR |
| Hankow Base Force | Hankow | Misc. |
| Gunboat Div. | China coast | 2 PG, 3 XPG |
| **South China Fleet** | | |
| HASHIDATE, (F) | Hongkong | 1 PG |
| Minron 1 | South China coast | 1 PG, 2 AM |
| Torpdiv 1 | Scattered in SW area with some units Penang | 4 TB |
| Guard Divs 15 & 16 | South China coast | 6 XPG |
| Canton Base Force | Canton | Misc. |
| Amoy Base Force | Amoy | Misc. |
| Hainan Defense Force | Hainan | Misc. |
| **North China Fleet** | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | Uncertain | 4 TB |
| Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14 | Gulf of Pechili | 8 XPG |
| Tsingtao Base Force | Tsingtao | Misc. |

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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yokosuka | Defense | Force | Yokosuka<br>1 OCA, 1 Training Ship, 3 DD, Misc. |
| Kure | " | " | Kure<br>1 OCA, Misc., Patrol Craft |
| Sasebo | " | " | Sasebo<br>1 OCA, 1 DD, Misc., Patrol Craft |
| Maizuru | " | " | Maizuru<br>1 OCA, Misc. Patrol Craft |
| Ominato | " | " | Ominato<br>1 DM, 2 CM, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft |

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29 DM
6 AM

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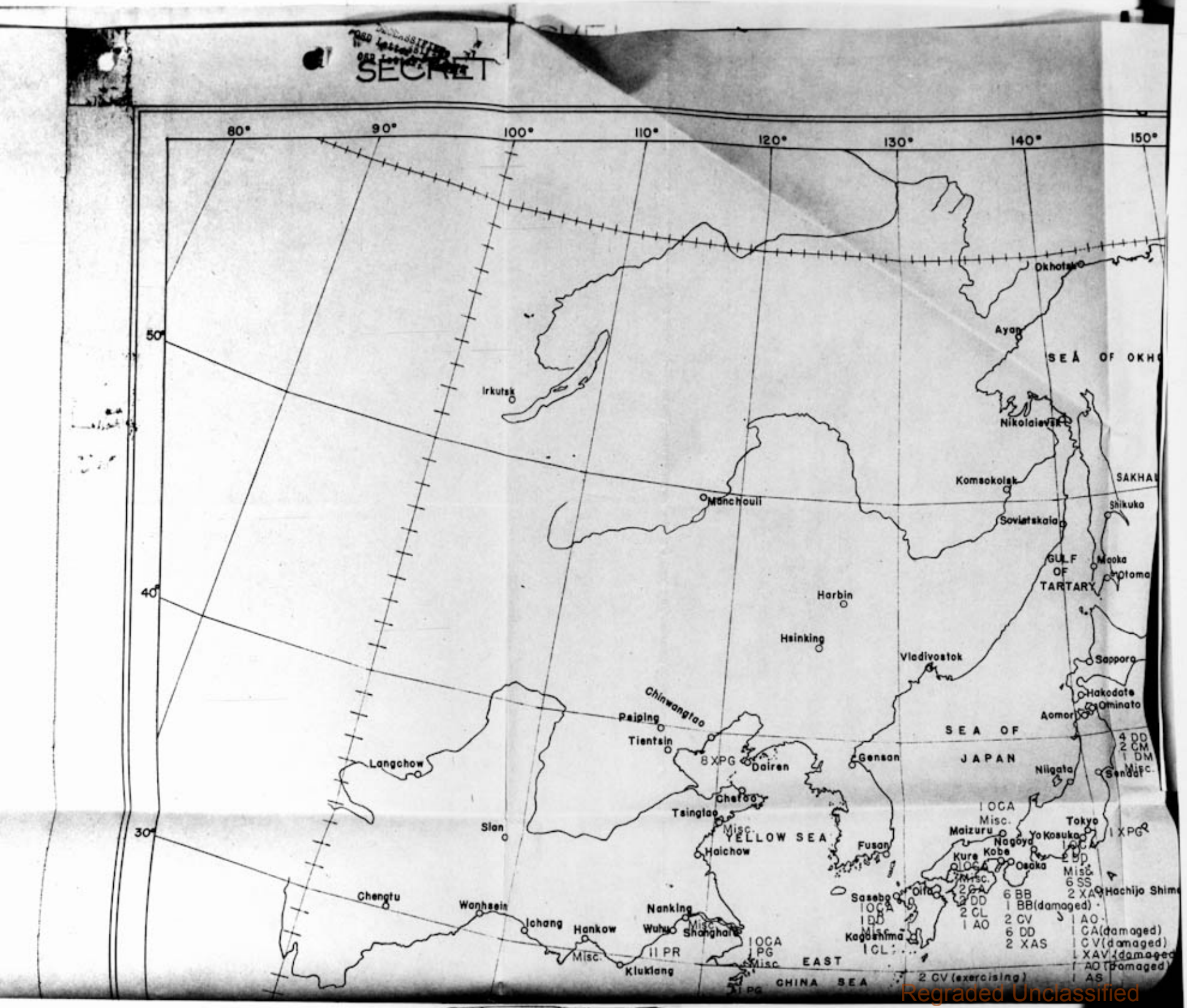
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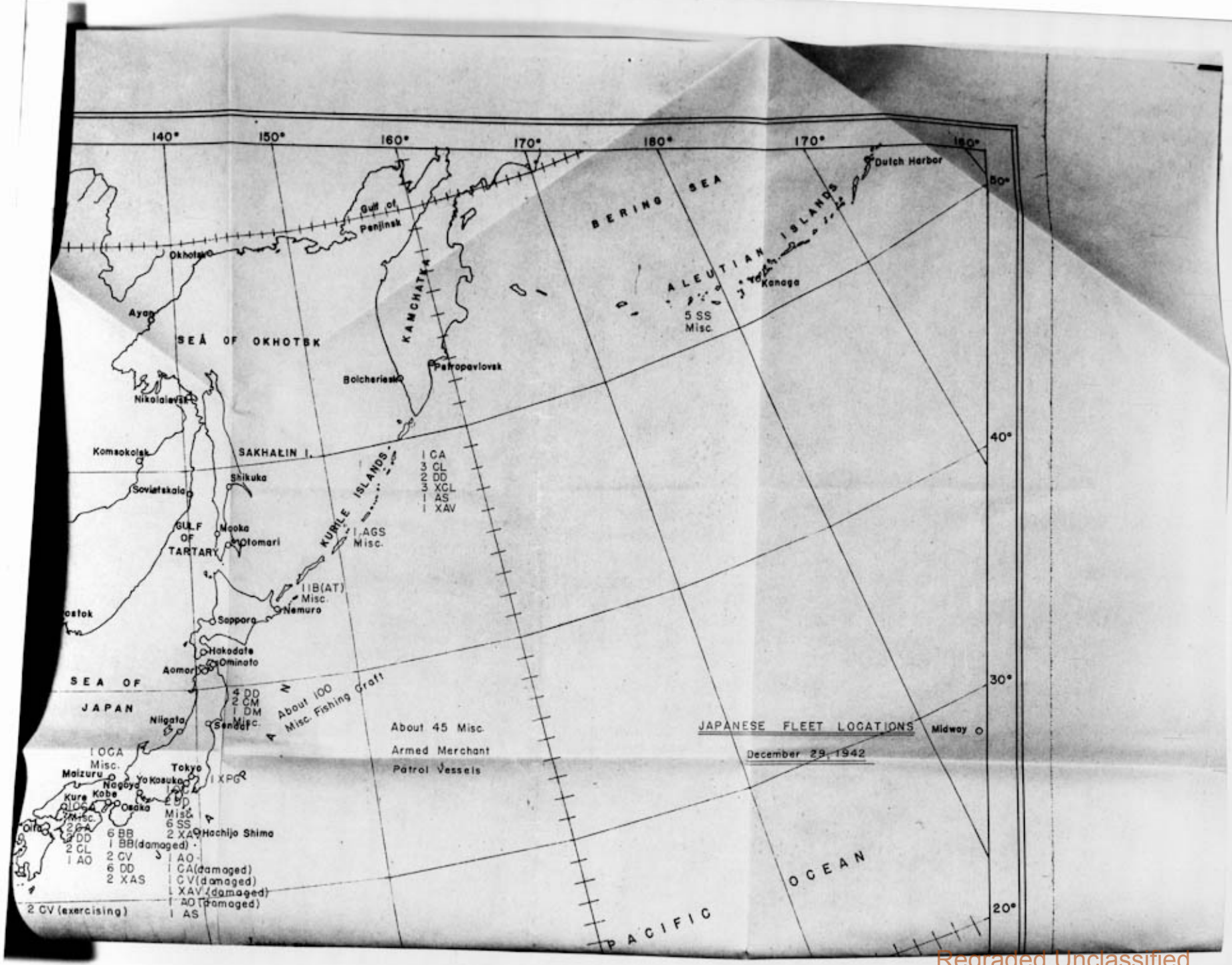
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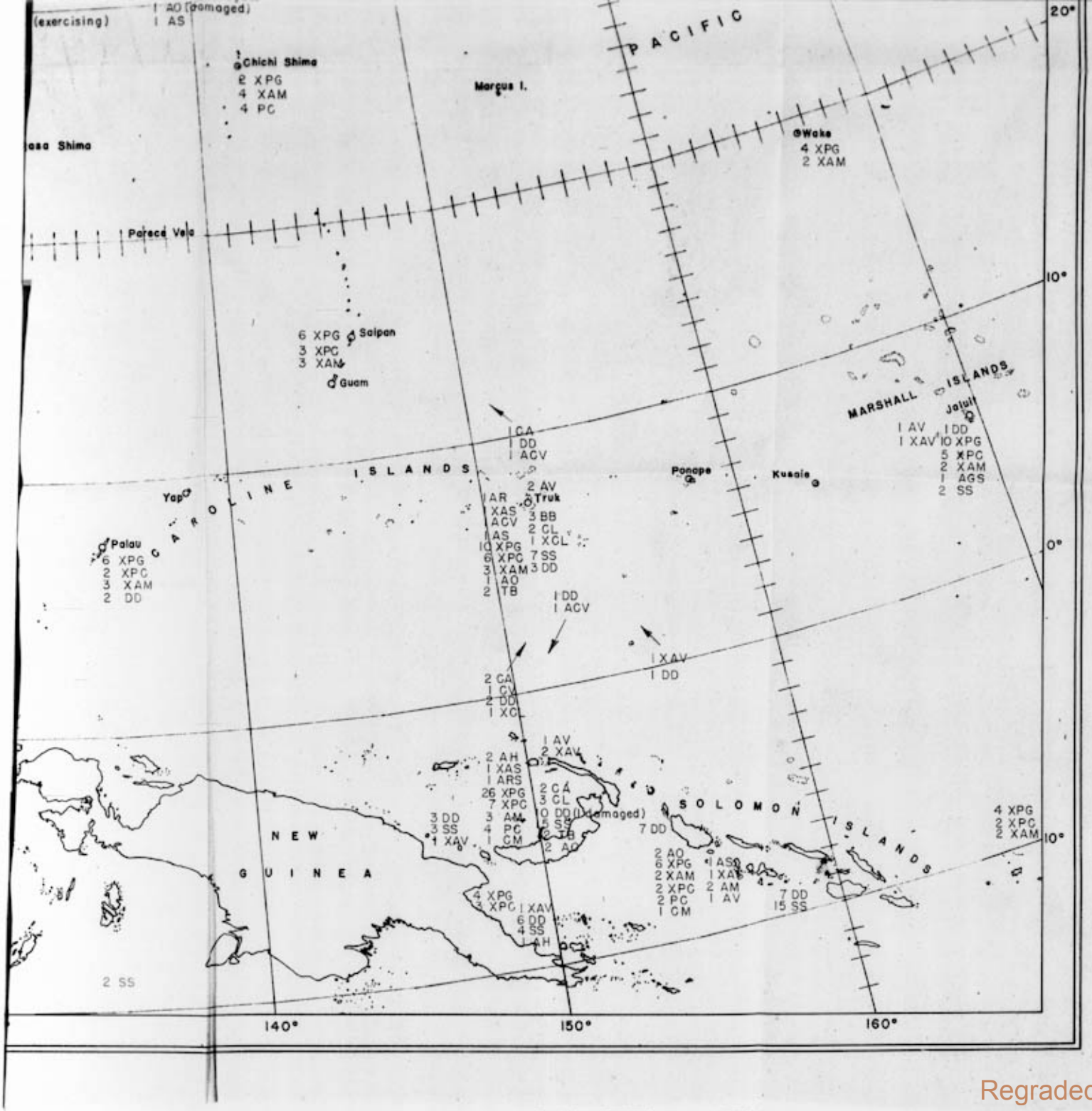



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| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| ~~BB~~ | TIRPITZ | Lofjord, Trondheim | December 6,1942 |
| ~~BB~~ | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | December 12,1942 |
| ~~BB~~ | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | December 12,1942 |
| ~~OBB~~ | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11,1942 |
| ~~OBB~~ | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11,1942 |
| ~~CV~~ | GRAF ZEPPELIN (1) | Unknown | December 12,1942 |
| ~~CA~~ | ADMIRAL SCHEER | Swinemuende | November 21,1942 |
| ~~CA~~ | LUETZOW (2) | Gdynia | November 14,1942 |
| ~~CA~~ | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5,1942 |
| ~~CA~~ | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | December 12,1942 |
| ~~CA~~ | ADMIRAL HIPPER (3) | Narvik area | October 21,1942 |
| ~~CL~~ | NUERNBERG (4) | Unknown | December 12,1942 |
| ~~CL~~ | LEIPZIG | Baltic Port | October 25,1942 |
| ~~CL~~ | KOELN (5) | Norwegian waters | October 22,1942 |
| ~~CL~~ | EMDEN | Gdynia | December 12,1942 |
| DDs | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 30,1942 |
| | 11 Units | German North Sea & Baltic Ports | November 30,1942 |
| SSs | (6) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 76 Units | French Ports | December 14,1942 |
| | 97 Units | Atlantic Patrols | December 14,1942 |
| | 22 Units | Norwegian ports & Northern waters | December 14,1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | December 14,1942 |
| | 23 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | December 14,1942 |
| | 5 Units | Operating in Black Sea | December 14,1942 |
| | 40 Units | Training | December 14,1942 |
| | 128 Units | Trials | December 14,1942 |
| | 403 Units Total. | | |

NOTES:

(1) According to a report graded "B2" by the Admiralty, GRAF ZEPPELIN was at anchor off Friedrichsort, Kiel, December 3, 1942.

(2) LUETZOW previously reported Kiel, October 14, 1942.

(3) According to information from Norwegian sources ADMIRAL HIPPER was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942. The Admiralty, however, believes she may have been in Altenfjord at this time.

(4) The Admiralty believes NUERNBERG was in extreme northern waters December 10, 1942.

(5) According to information from Norwegian sources KOELN was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942.

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NOTES:

(6) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 81 Units | French Ports | December 7, 1942 |
| 95 Units | Atlantic Patrols | December 7, 1942 |
| 23 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | December 7, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | December 7, 1942 |
| 21 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | December 7, 1942 |
| 5 Units | Operating in Black Sea | December 7, 1942 |
| 40 Units | Training | December 7, 1942 |
| 120 Units | Trials | December 7, 1942 |
| 397 Units Total. | | |

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~~BB~~ | CESARE | Taranto | November 27, 1942 | |
| ~~BB~~ | DORIA | " | November 27, 1942 | |
| ~~BB~~ | DUILIO | " | November 27, 1942 | |
| ~~CVS~~ | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 | |
| DD | 10 Units | " | November 27, 1942 | |
| SS | 12 Units (*) | " | November 27, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 3 Units | Messina | November 29, 1942 | (1) |
| DD | 5 Units (*) | " | November 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units (*) | " | November 29, 1942 | |
| ~~XCV~~ | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa | December 11, 1942 | |
| ~~XCV~~ | AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner) | " | December 11, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | November 7, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " (in drydock) | December 11, 1942 | |
| DD | 8 Units | La Spezia (2 probably damaged) | November 10, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units | " " | November 10, 1942 | (2) |
| OCL | 3 Units — 1 CL | Livorno (guardships) | September 30, 1942 | |
| ~~CA~~ | 1 Unit | Naples (damaged) | December 4, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 2 Units | " " | December 4, 1942 | |
| DD | 7 Units (*) | " | November 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " | October 31, 1942 | |
| DD | 4 Units | Pozzuoli | November 13, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo (damaged) | November 29, 1942 | |
| DD | 4 Units | " | November 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units (*) | Trapani | December 6, 1942 | (3) |
| SS | 6 Units | Augusta | October 31, 1942 | |
| SS | 9 Units (*) | Cagliari | December 11, 1942 | |
| ~~BB~~ | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 5 Units | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |



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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~~BB~~ | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | Brindisi | October 31, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 1 Unit | Pola | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units | " | October 31, 1942 | |
| DD | 17 Units (*) | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | November 22, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " " " " | October 31, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 6 Units (*) | Tripoli & N. Africa | December 16, 1942 | |
| SS | 9 Units | Bordeaux | October 31, 1942 | |
| ~~BB~~ | LITTORIO | Unknown | | (4) |
| ~~BB~~ | ROMA | " | | (4) |
| ~~BB~~ | VITTORIO VENETO | " | | (4) |
| ~~CA~~ | 2 Units | " | | |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | " | | |

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

(1) Unconfirmed report states an Italian 6-inch cruiser sunk 10 miles off Bizerte on December 18.

(2) In addition 6 midget Italian submarines are based at La Spezia.

(3) An Italian submarine was sunk south of Sardinia on Dec. 6 and another was sunk between Alexandria and Malta on Dec. 16.

(4) Unconfirmed report states 3 LITTORIO class battleships at Toulon.

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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE | Toulon (damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " " | December 7, 1942 |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " " | December 7, 1942 |
| CA | 4 Units | " " | December 7, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " (1 damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| DL | 18 Units | " (15 scuttled) | December 7, 1942 |
| DD | 15 Units | " (11 scuttled) | December 7, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " (2 damaged) | December 7, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " (3 beached) | November 8, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | " | December 8, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Algiers | November 17, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 |
| SS | 5 Units | " | December 4, 1942 |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca (damaged) | November 14, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " " | November 14, 1942 |
| DL | 3 Units | " " | November 14, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " " | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " (1 beached) | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | RICHELIEU | Dakar | December 9, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| DL | 2 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| SS | 11 Units | " | December 9, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | November 11, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 |
| SS | 18 Units | Unknown | |



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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet.

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | November 30, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 30, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | November 2, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 30, 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 | November 30, 1942(1) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Dundee | November 30, 1942(1) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Blyth | November 30, 1942(1) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | On patrol | November 30, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Reunion | November 28, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | December 2, 1942 |

(*) Denotes changes since December 15 report.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
Office of the Chief of Naval Operations
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December 22, 1942

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

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet) Truk area.

### I. First Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **Batdiv 1** | 4 BB |
| YAMATO (F)<br>NAGATO<br>MUTSU<br>MUSASHI | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU uncertain, possibly in Truk area. |
| **Batdiv 2** | 4 BB |
| HYUGA<br>ISE<br>FUSO<br>YAMASHIRO | Believed in home waters, except ISE uncertain, possibly in Truk area. |
| Batdiv 3 | 2 BB |
| HARUNA<br>KONGO | Uncertain. Possibly Empire with one unit damaged. |
| Crudiv 6 | 2 CA |
| AOBA (F) | Probably Bismarks-Solomons |
| KINUGASA | Unknown. Possibly sunk or damaged. |
| **Crudiv 9** | 2 CL |
| OI | Sasebo, under repair. |
| KITAGAMI | Unknown. Possibly sunk. |

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| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Desron 1 | 1 CL, 10 DD |
| ABUKUMA (F) | Northwest Pacific |
| Desdiv 6 | Probably Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | Northwest Pacific |
| Desdiv 27 | Solomons with 1 unit Saipan |
| Desron 3 | 1 CL, 8 DD |
| SENDAI (F) | Uncertain. Possibly Truk |
| Desdiv 11 ) | Scattered with some units New Guinea - Solomons area. |
| " 19 ) | |
| " 20 ) | |

SUMMARY

10 BB
1 CA*
3 CL**
11 DD***

/ Exact composition unknown. Indication possibly now includes NATORI, KUMA, and OI.

* 1 CA out of total of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 1 CL " " " " 4 " " " " "
*** 7 DD " " " " 18 " " " " "

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO (F) ? | Believed Kure |
| Crudiv 4 | 3 CA |
| ATAGO (F) | |
| TAKAO | New Guinea enroute Truk |
| MAYA | Uncertain |
| Crudiv 5 | 2 CA |
| MYOKO ) | Uncertain. |
| HAGURO ) | |
| Crudiv 7 | 3 CA |
| KUMANO (F) | Bismarks-New Guinea area. |
| SUZUYA ) | |
| MOGAMI | Uncertain. |
| Crudiv 8 | 2 CA |
| TONE | Uncertain. Possibly Kure repairing. |
| CHIKUMA | Uncertain. |

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Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Desron 4 | 1 CL, 9 DD |
| Desdiv 2 )<br>Desdiv 8 )<br>Desdiv 9 ) | New Guinea - Bismarks with some units convoying Truk. |

SUMMARY
4 CA*
6 DD**

* 6 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk.
** 4 DD " " " " 9 " " " " "

III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | 3 CV |
| SHOKAKU | Empire. Possibly damaged. |
| ZUIKAKU | Empire waters. |
| ZUIHO | Possibly Empire exercising. |
| Cardiv 2 | 2 CV |
| HAYATAKA (F) | Bismarks. |
| HITAKA | Believed home waters. |
| HOSHO | Uncertain. Possibly Empire |
| YUKAZE | Uncertain. |
| | 1 CV, 1 DD |
| OTAKA* | Truk |
| UNYO* | Ferrying planes between Empire and Truk |
| CHUYO* | Truk area |
| | 3 ACV* |
| Desron 10 | 1 CL, 16 DD |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | Uncertain. Possibly Bismarks. |
| Desdiv 4 | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Desdiv 10 | Rabaul-Buna area with one unit Empire |
| Desdiv 16 | Truk-Rabaul area |
| Desdiv 17 | Solomons-New Guinea area. |
| TOEI MARU | Solomons 1 AO |

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Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet) cont'd

* Tentative. Full information as to position in organization and type not available.

SUMMARY

6 CV
1 ACV
1 CL
10 DD*
1 AO

* 7 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.

IV. Fourth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | Believed Truk area | 1 CL |
| 19th Division | 2 CM, 1 XCM | |
| TSUGARU | Believed Rabaul area | |
| TOKIWA | Unknown | |
| TENYO MARU | Uncertain | |
| Subron 7 | 1 AS, 8 SS | |
| CL - JINGEI (F) | Believed Truk area | |
| Subdiv 21 ) | N.W. Pacific. Some units possibly in home waters. | |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | |
| Subdiv 33 ) | | |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | 1 CL, 6 DD | |
| YUBARI (F) | New Guinea - Rabaul area | |
| Desdiv 29 | 2 units Truk. 1 unit Saipan. 1 unit Marshalls. | |
| " 30 | Rabaul with 1 unit damaged. | |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | |
| | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao. | |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 8 XPC, 3 XAM | |
| | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. | |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | |
| | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island. | |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 CL | 8 SS |
| 1 CM* | 1 AGS |
| 1 XCM | 58 XPG |
| 4 DD** | 25 XPC |
| 1 AS | 17 XAM |



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* 1 CM out of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 2 DD " " 6 " " " " " "

V. Fifth Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | Believed N.W. Pacific | 1 CA |
| KAMIGAWA MARU | Probably Truk area enroute Empire | 1 XAV |
| Crudiv 21 | 2 CL | |
| KISO ) | N.W. Pacific | |
| TAMA ) | | |
| Crudiv 22 | 3 XCL | |
| AKAGI MARU (F) ) | N.W. Pacific | |
| ASAKA MARU ) | | |
| AWATA MARU ) | | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Forces Patrol vs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels. Patrolling in N.W. Pacific. | |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft. Patrolling off Japan coasts. | |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 AGS / Misc. others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol | 1 IB (AT) / Misc. others | |
| OTOMARI | N. Hokkaido waters | |
| SHIOKAZE ) | N.W. Pacific | |
| HOKAZE ) | | |
| KAMITSU MARU | Japanese waters | |
| | 2 DD, 1 XPG | |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft | Kiska |

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|---|---|
| 1 CA | 4 PC |
| 2 CL | 1 AGS |
| 3 XCL | 1 IB (AT) |
| 2 DD | 60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships. |
| 1 XAV | Misc. |
| 3 XPG | |
| 4 XAM | |

VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | Truk area 1 CL |
| Subron 1 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | Comsubron 1 possibly in Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | Probably Solomons |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | Truk area |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | Homo waters |
| Subdiv 2 | Rabaul-Solomons with one unit Yokosuka |
| Subdiv 15 | Rabaul with one unit Kiska. |
| Subdiv 32 | Unknown. Possibly Solomons. |
| Subron 2 | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 6 SS |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | |
| XAS KANZYU MARU | |
| Subdiv 7 | Buna area |
| " 8 | Bismarks with 1 unit possibly Empire, 1 unit Truk. |
| Subron 3 | 2 XAS, 15 SS |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) ) | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons-Bismarks area |
| I-11 (FF) ) | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU ) | |
| Subdiv 11 ) | |
| " 12 ) | |
| " 18 ) | |
| " 20 ) | |
| Subron 8 | 2 XAS, 10 SS |
| I-10 (FF) | Solomons |
| XAS - #3 HINODE MARU | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | |
| Subdiv 1 | Probably Rabaul |
| " 3 | Probably Truk-Solomons area |
| " 14 | Operating from Saigon |
| Subron 13 | Unlocated |
| | Composition unknown |
| Subron 15 | Unlocated. Some units believed Marshalls. |
| | Composition unknown |
| ONDO | Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | Solomons |
| | 2 AO |



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| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| | SUMMARY | |
| | 1 CL | |
| | 2 AS | |
| | 7 XAS | |
| | 43 SS | |
| * Tentative | 2 AO | |
| VII. | Eighth Fleet | |
| CA – CHOKAI, Acting (F) | Probably Rabaul area | 1 CA |
| CL – TENRYU | Rabaul-New Guinea area | |
| CL – TATSUTA | Unknown | |
| | 2 CL | |
| 8th Base Force | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea<br>5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG, 14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | |
| NAKATAKA | Rabaul area | |
| SHIRATAKA | Unknown. Possibly sunk | |
| | 2 CM | |
| Destron 2 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |
| DD – NAGANAMI (F) | | |
| Desdiv 15 ) | | |
| " 18 ) | Uncertain. Possibly Solomons-Bismarcks | |
| " 24 ) | | |

| SUMMARY | |
|---|---|
| 1 CA | 6 PC |
| 2 CL* | 20 XPG |
| 8 DD*** | 3 XPC |
| 1 CM** | 14 Patrol Boats |
| 5 AM | |

* 1 CL out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk
** 1 CM " " " " " " " " " " "
*** 2 DD " " " " ten " " " " " "



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VIII. Eleventh Air Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Airflot 21 | 1 XAV |
| KATSURAGI MARU | New Guinea-Bismarcks area |
| Airflot 22 | 2 XAV |
| KINUGASA MARU | Haiphong area |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | Probably Ominato area |
| Airflot 23 | 1 XAV |
| KOKITSU MARU | Probably NEI area. |
| Airflot 24 | 1 AV, 3 XAV |
| KAMOI (F) | Believed Marshalls |
| SOYO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Bismarcks. |
| NITCHO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Kavieng. |
| GOSHU MARU | Marshalls enroute Empire. |
| Airflot 25 | 3 XAV |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | Believed Empire. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | Probably Bismarcks. |
| MARUTO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Empire |
| Airflot 26 | 1 AV, 1 XAV |
| AKITSUSHIMA | Believed Solomons-Rabaul area |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | Enroute Marshalls from Yokosuka |
| Desdiv 34 | Probably Bismarcks-Solomons |
| | 4 DD |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | |
|---|---|
| Seaplatendiv 11 | 1 AV, 3 XAV |
| CHITOSE | Truk area |
| CHIYODA | Possibly Rabaul-Solomons area |
| SANUKI MARU | Rabaul area |
| SANYO MARU | Possibly Solomons area |
| NISSHIN | Truk area |
| NOTORO | Probably Soerabaya area |
| YASUKAWA MARU | Uncertain. |
| | 3 AV, 3 XAV |



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| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU | Singapore. Probably operating Indian Ocean. |
| GOKOKU MARU | New Guinea-Bismarcks |
| HOKOKU MARU | New Guinea-Bismarcks |
| KONGO MARU ) | Unknown |
| NOSHIRO MARU ) | |
| SEICHO MARU | New Guinea-Bismarcks |

6 XCL

Desdiv 7 — Truk area — 3 DD

Subron 5 — 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS

AS – KOMABASHI(F) N.W. Pacific. Uncertain.
XAS– RIO DE JANEIRO MARU Soerabaya area
XAS– ARATAMA MARU Unknown
Subdiv 19 Possibly New Britain-Solomons area
" 28 Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain
" 30 2 units Arafura Sea. 1 unit Indian Ocean operating from Penang.

Subron 6 — 1 XAS, 4 SS

XAS – NAGOYA MARU Yokosuka
Subdiv 9 Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean
Subdiv 13 One unit Rabaul-Solomons. One unit home waters

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AR – AKASHI Truk
ARS– NAGAURA Kaviong area
AH – TAKASAGO MARU Truk area enroute Empire
AH – ASAHI MARU Rabaul area
AH – HIKAWA MARU Truk area
AO – AKEBONO MARU Truk area enroute Rabaul
AO – NIPPON MARU Truk
AO – NISSHIN MARU Yokohama.
AO – KOKUYO MARU Enroute Yokohama to Miri. Due Dec. 26
AO – TONAN MARU #3– Miri area
AO – TONAN MARU #2– Truk enroute Empire (damaged)
AO – OMUROSAN MARU– Empire enroute Singapore
AO – GENYO MARU Palao area. Uncertain.
AO – KYOKUYO MARU Yokohama enroute Miri. Due Dec. 26
AO – TATEKAWA MARU Kure

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 AV | 1 AS |
| 14 SS | 12 AO |
| 3 DD | 3 AF |
| 2 XAV | 2 AR |
| 5 XCL* | 1 XAF |
| 3 XAS | 10 AH |
| | 1 ARS |

* One XCL of 6 enumerated in the above composition considered lost.



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B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, (F) | Believed Singapore area | 1 CL |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>KATSURIKI ) | Uncertain. Probably Malay area | 2 CM |
| Desdiv 5 | Escorting Palao area | 4 DD |
| 9th Special Base Force | - Penang | Misc. |
| 10th Special Base Force | - Singapore | Misc. |
| 11th Special Base Force | - Saigon | Misc. |
| 12th Special Base Force | - Rangoon | Misc. |

SUMMARY
1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| X. | Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| ASHIGARA | Soerabaya area. | 1 CA |
| Crudiv 16 | 3 CL | |
| NATORI* | Uncertain. Probably Rabaul area | |
| ISUZU | Believed Empire, overhauling | |
| KINU | Uncertain | |
| 21st Special Base Force | - Soerabaya | 3 AM & Misc. |
| 22nd Special Base Force | - Balikpapan | Misc. |
| 23rd Special Base Force | - Makassar with 1 CM Soerabaya 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | |
| 24th Special Base Force | - Ambon 2 TB & Misc. | |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | NEI waters | 4 PG |
| Survey Div 1 - | NEI waters | 2 AGS |

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## Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 CA | 4 TB |
| 2 CL** | 2 AGS |
| 1 CM | 3 AM |
| 4 PG | Misc. |

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9
**1 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.

XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| YAEYAMA (F) | Philippine waters | 1 CM |
| KUMA * | Uncertain. Possibly Rabaul area | 1 CL |
| 31st Special Base | Force – Manila | 2 AM & Misc. |
| 32nd " " | " – Davao | Misc. |
| Survey Div. 2 | Philippine waters | 2 AGS |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9

## Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | 11 DD, 2 TB, 1 XPG |
| Desdiv 13 | Rabaul area | |
| " 22 ) | Escorting South China Seas | |
| " 32 ) | | |
| PEKING MARU | Unknown | |

SUMMARY
11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG



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## C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | Location | |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, (F) | Shanghai | 1 OCA |
| Shanghai Base Force | Shanghai | 1 PG & Misc. |
| Desdiv 26 | China coast | 3 DD |
| Nanking Base Force | Nanking | Misc. |
| **Central China Fleet** | | |
| UJI, (F) | China coast | 1 PG |
| Patdiv 11 | Yangtze River | 11 PR |
| Hankow Base Force | Hankow | Misc. |
| Gunboat Div. | China coast | 2 PG, 3 XPG |
| **South China Fleet** | | |
| HASHIDATE, (F) | Hongkong | 1 PG |
| Minron 1 | South China coast | 1 PG, 2 AM |
| Torpdiv 1 | Scattered in SW area with some units Penang | 4 TB |
| Guard Divs 15 & 16 | South China coast | 6 XPG |
| Canton Base Force | Canton | Misc. |
| Amoy Base Force | Amoy | Misc. |
| Hainan Defense Force | Hainan | Misc. |
| **North China Fleet** | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | Uncertain | 4 TB |
| Gunboat Divs 1,2,13,14 | Gulf of Pechili | 8 XPG |
| Tsingtao Base Force | Tsingtao | Misc. |



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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yokosuka Defense Force – | | | Yokosuka<br>1 OCA, 1 Training Ship, 3 DD, Misc. |
| Kure | " | " | Kure<br>1 OCA, Misc., Patrol Craft |
| Sasebo | " | " | Sasebo<br>1 OCA, 1 DD, Misc., Patrol Craft |
| Maizuru | " | " | Maizuru<br>1 OCA, Misc. Patrol Craft |
| Ominato | " | " | Ominato<br>1 DM, 2 CM, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft |

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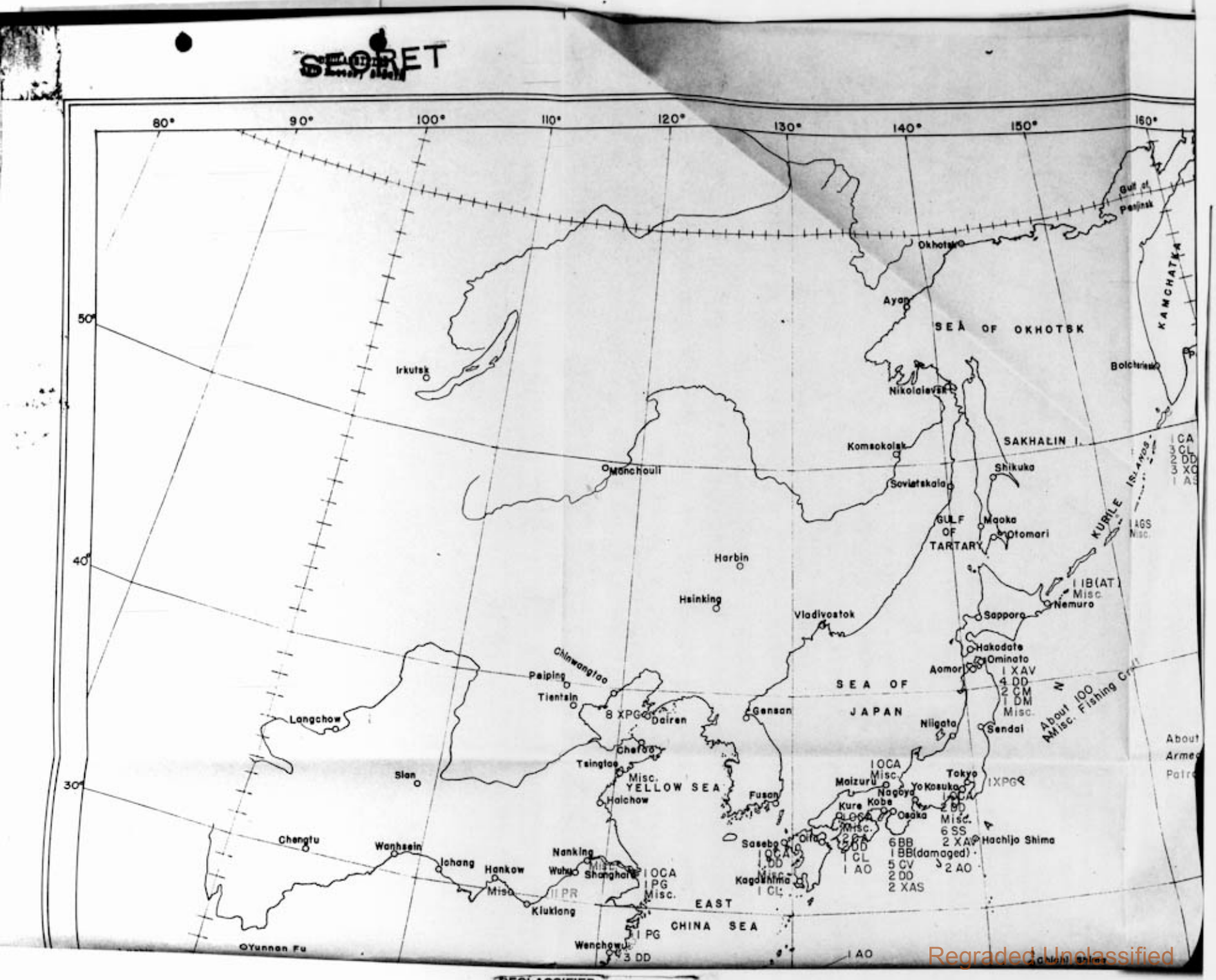
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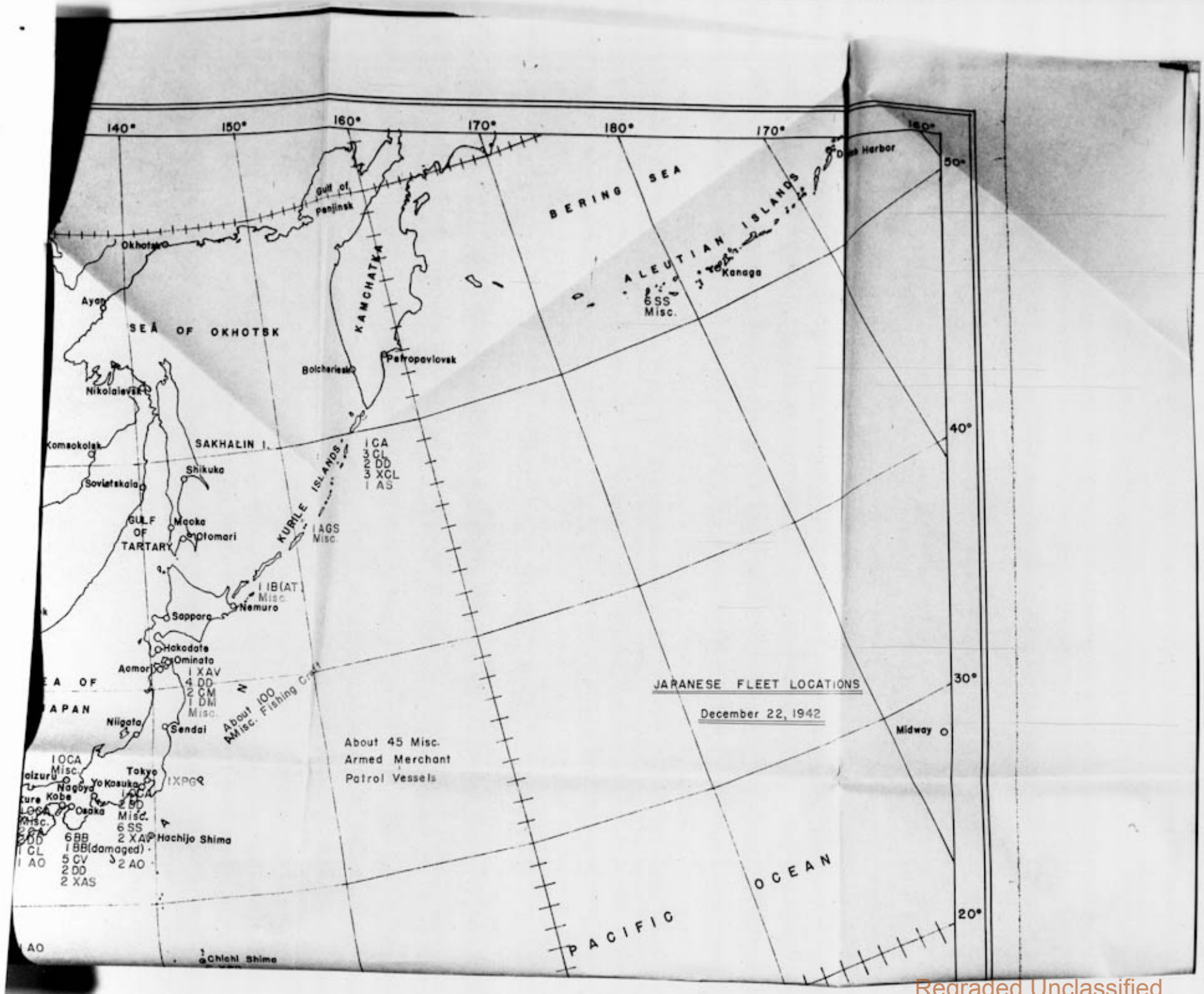
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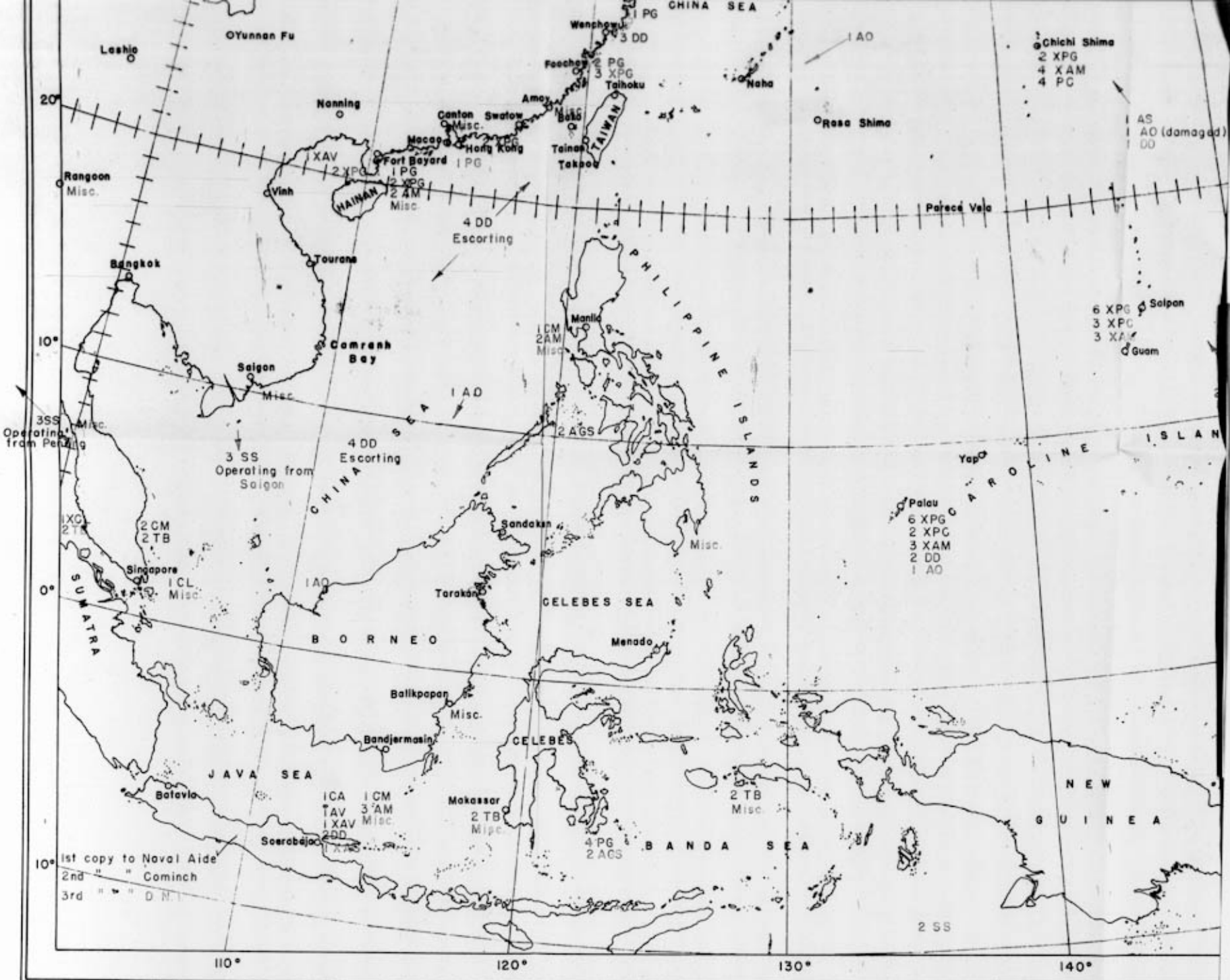



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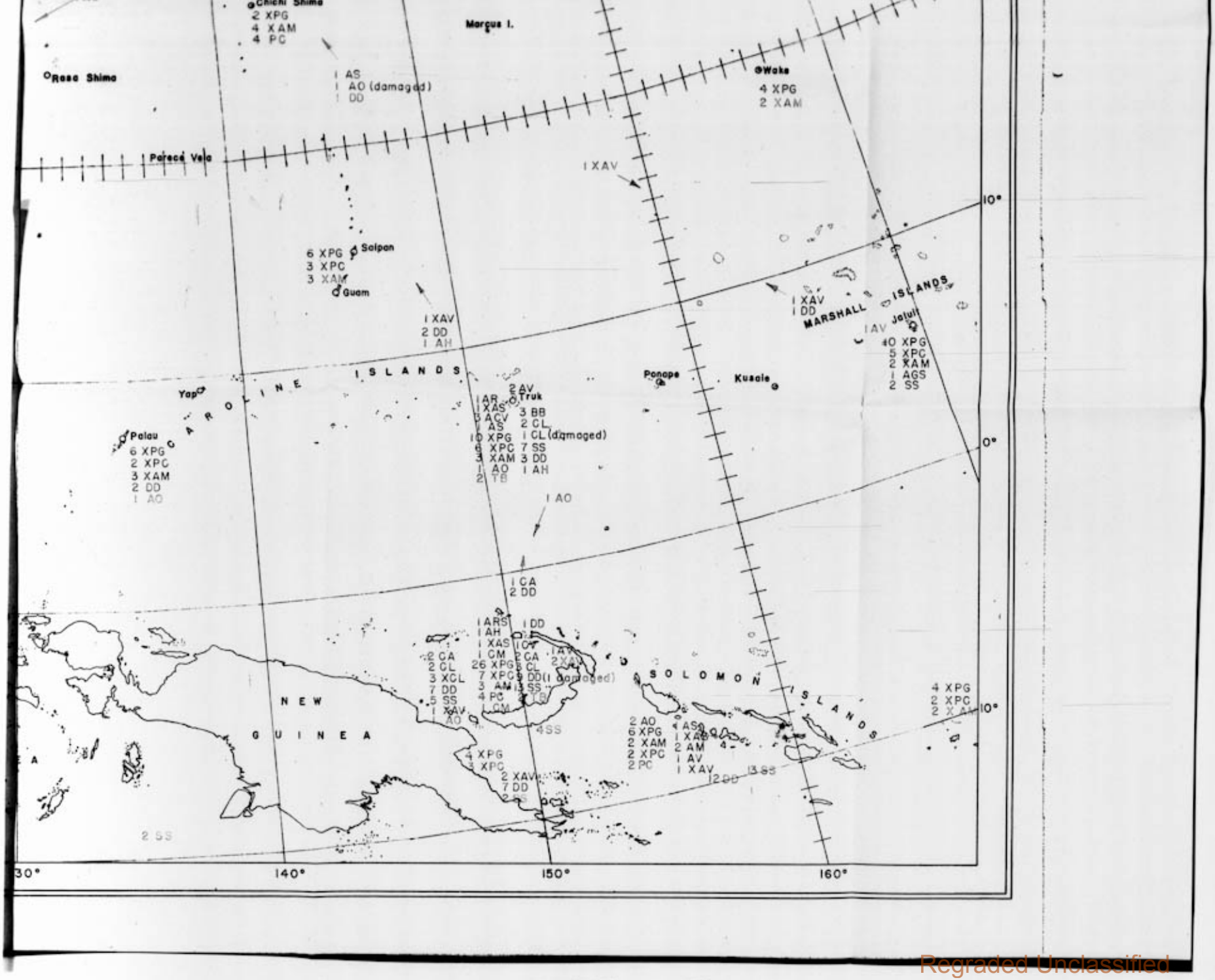



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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Ship Type | Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ (1) | Lofjord, Trondheim | December 6, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN (2) | Unknown | December 12, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER (3) | Swinemuende | November 21, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel; in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (4) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG (5) | Unknown | December 12, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Baltic port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN (6) | Norwegian waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN (7) | Gdynia | December 12, 1942 |
| DDs | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 23, 1942 |
| | 11 Units | German North Sea and Baltic Ports | Nov. 23, 1942 |
| SSs | (8) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 81 Units | French Ports | December 7, 1942 |
| | 95 Units | Atlantic Patrols | December 7, 1942 |
| | 23 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern Waters | Dec. 7, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | December 7, 1942 |
| | 21 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | December 7, 1942 |
| | 5 Units | Operating in Black Sea | December 7, 1942 |
| | 40 Units | Training | December 7, 1942 |
| | 120 Units | Trials | December 7, 1942 |
| | 397 Units Total | | |

NOTES:

(1) TIRPITZ is undergoing major repairs.
(2) GRAF ZEPPELIN previously reported Gdynia November 11, 1942.
(3) ADMIRAL SCHEER previously reported "probably in Baltic" November 9, 1942.
(4) According to information from Norwegian sources, ADMIRAL HIPPER was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942. The Admiralty, however, believes she may have been in Altenfjord at this time.
(5) NUERNBERG previously reported Gdynia November 11, 1942. The Admiralty believes she may now be in Norwegian waters.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

NOTES:

(6) According to information from Norwegian sources, KOELN was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942.
(7) EMDEN previously reported Wilhelmshaven, August 26, 1942.
(8) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 89 Units | French Ports | November 30, 1942 |
| 86 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 30, 1942 |
| 24 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern Waters | Nov. 30, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 30, 1942 |
| 21 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 30, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Black Sea | November 30, 1942 |
| 42 Units | Training | November 30, 1942 |
| 114 Units | Trials | November 30, 1942 |
| 391 Units | Total. | |

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | CESARE | Taranto | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | DORIA | " | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | DUILIO | " | November 17, 1942 |
| CVS | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 |
| DD | 10 Units | " | November 13, 1942 |
| SS | 14 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| CA | 0 Units (*) | Messina | December 10, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 17, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " (in drydock) | November 14, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 |
| XCV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | November 16, 1942 |
| XCV | AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner) | " " | November 16, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | November 7, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 |
| DD | 8 Units | La Spezia (2 probably damaged) | November 10, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units | " " | November 10, 1942 |
| OCL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | September 30, 1942 |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| BB | 0 Units (*) | Naples | December 7, 1942 |
| CA | 1 Unit | " (damaged) | December 4, 1942 |
| CL | 2 Units | " (damaged) | December 4, 1942(1) |
| DD | 4 Units | " | November 13, 1942 |
| SS | 4 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| DD | 4 Units | Pozzuoli | November 13, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo (damaged) | November 13, 1942 |
| DD | 4 Units | " | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 4 Units (*) | Trapani | October 31, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | Augusta | October 31, 1942 |
| SS | 8 Units (*) | Cagliari | October 31, 1942 |
| BB | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | October 31, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 |
| SS | 4 Units | " " " | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 5 Units | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 |



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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units (*) | Brindisi | October 31, 1942 |
| SS | 0 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| CCL | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Pola | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| DD | 19 Units (*) | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | October 31, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units (*) | " " " " | October 31, 1942 |
| DD | 7 Units | Tripoli & N. Africa | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 9 Units | Bordeaux | October 31, 1942 |
| BB | LITTORIO (*) | Unknown | |
| BB | ROMA (*) | " | |
| BB | VITTORIO VENETO (*) | " | |
| CA | 2 Units (*) | " | |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | " | |
| SS | 0 Units (*) | " | |

(*) Indicates change since report of December 8, 1942.
(1) Light cruiser of the ATTENDOLO Class sunk in Naples harbor on December 4th by U.S. aircraft believed to be the MONTECUCCOLI.

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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE | Toulon | December 7, 1942 | (1) |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | December 7, 1942 | (1) |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | December 7, 1942 | (1) |
| CA | 4 Units | " | December 7, 1942 | (1) |
| CL | 3 Units | " | December 7, 1942 | (2) |
| DL | 18 Units | " | December 7, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 15 Units | " | December 7, 1942 | (4) |
| SS | 2 Units | " | December 7, 1942 | (5) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units (*) | " | November 8, 1942 | (6) |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " | December 8, 1942 | (7) |
| SS | 3 Units | Algiers | November 17, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | " | December 4,1942 | |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca | November 14, 1942 | (8) |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 | (8) |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 14, 1942 | (8) |
| DD | 3 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | (8) |
| SS | 2 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | (9) |
| BB | RICHELIEU | Dakar | December 9, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | December 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | December 9, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units | " | December 9, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 18 Units (*) | Unknown | | |

(*) Denotes changes since previous report.
(1) Damaged.
(2) 2 Units intact; 1 damaged.
(3) Second reconnaissance establishes 15 scuttled; 3 intact.
(4) 11 scuttled, 3 intact, 1 unaccounted for.
(5) 2 Units under repair, damaged; 4 incomplete Units not included.
(6) 3 Units beached; includes one formerly carried as sunk at Oran and TRAMONTANE previously reported at Casablanca.
(7) GLORIEUX damaged, arrived from Valencia December 8, 1942.
(8) Damaged or beached. DD TRAMONTANE formerly carried at Casablanca now reported beached at Oran.
(9) ORPHEE intact; MEDUSE beached at Mazagan.



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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet.

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | November 2, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 2, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | November 2, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 2, 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 | November 2, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Dundee | November 2, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Reunion | November 28, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | December 2, 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

BB - YAMATO (Flag of CinC, Combined Fleet) Truk area.

### I. First Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **Batdiv 1** | 4 BB |
| YAMATO (F)<br>NAGATO<br>MUTSU<br>MUSASHI | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU, possibly in Truk-Rabaul area. |
| **Batdiv 2** | 4 BB |
| HYUGA<br>ISE<br>FUSO<br>YAMASHIRO | Believed in home waters, except ISE possibly in Truk-Rabaul area. |
| **Batdiv 3** | 2 BB |
| HARUNA<br>KONGO | Uncertain. Possibly Empire with one unit damaged. |
| **Crudiv 6** | 2 CA |
| AOBA (F) | New Britain-New Guinea-Solomons waters. |
| KINUGASA | Unknown. Possibly sunk or damaged. |
| **Crudiv 9** | 2 CL |
| OI | Possibly Truk area. |
| KITAGAMI | Unknown. Possibly sunk. |

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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Desron 1 | 1 CL, 10 DD |
| ABUKUMA (F) | Sasebo area |
| Desdiv 6 | Probably Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | Sasebo area |
| Desdiv 27 | Solomons - Rabaul area. |
| Desron 3 | 1 CL, 9 DD |
| SENDAI (F) | Uncertain. Possibly Truk |
| Desdiv 11 )<br>" 19 )<br>" 20 ) | Scattered with some units New Guinea - Solomons area. |

SUMMARY

10 BB
1 CA*
3 CL**
11 DD***

/ Exact composition unknown. Indication possibly now includes NATORI, KUMA, and OI.

*1 CA out of total of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
**1 CL " " " " 4 " " " " "
***8 DD " " " " 19 " " " " "

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO (?) flagship | Truk area enroute Kure |
| Crudiv 4 | 3 CA |
| ATAGO (F) | |
| TAKAO ) | Uncertain. |
| MAYA ) | |
| Crudiv 5 | 2 CA |
| MYOKO ) | Uncertain. One unit possibly Rabaul area. |
| HAGURO ) | |
| Crudiv 7 | 3 CA |
| KUMANO (F) | Two units Bismarks-New Guinea area. |
| SUZUYA ) | |
| MOGAMI ) | |
| Crudiv 8 | 2 CA |
| TONE ) | Uncertain. |
| CHIKUMA ) | |

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## Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Desron 4<br>Desdiv 2 )<br>Desdiv 8 )<br>Desdiv 9 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD<br>Convoying Truk area with some units New Guinea-Bismarks. |

SUMMARY
3 CA*
6 DD**

* 7 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk.
** 4 DD " " " " 9 " " " " " "

## III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| Cardiv 1<br>SHOKAKU )<br>ZUIKAKU )<br>ZUIHO | 3 CV<br>Believed Empire waters. Possibly damaged.<br>Probably Kyushu area. |
| Cardiv 2<br>HAYATAKA (F)<br>HITAKA | 2 CV<br>Enroute Bismarks. Due Dec. 17.<br>Believed home waters. |
| HOSHO<br>YUKAZE | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area.<br>Probably with HOSHO<br>1 CV, 1 DD |
| OTAKA* (ex TAIYO)<br>UNYO*<br>CHUYO* | Truk area<br>Truk area<br>Yokosuka<br>3 ACV* |
| Desron 10<br>CL - NAGARA (F)<br>Desdiv 17<br>Desdiv 4<br>Desdiv 10<br>Desdiv 16 | 1 CL, 16 DD<br>Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-New Guinea waters.<br>Solomons - New Guinea area.<br>Rabaul-Solomons area<br>Rabaul-Buna area with one unit Empire.<br>Truk - Rabaul area |
| TOEI MARU | Solomons<br>1 AO |

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SUMMARY
6 CV
1 ACV
1 CL
10 DD*
1 AO

* 7 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.

IV. Fourth Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | Believed Truk area<br>1 CL |
| 19th Division | 2 CM, 1 XCM |
| TSUGARU | Believed Rabaul area |
| TOKIWA | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | Believed home waters |
| Subron 7 | 1 AS, 8 SS |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | Believed Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 ) | N.W. Pacific. Some units possibly in home waters. |
| Subdiv 26 ) | |
| Subdiv 33 ) | |

# 2 High Seas Escort Force

| | |
|---|---|
| Desron 6 | 1 CL, 6 DD |
| YUBARI (F) | Uncertain. Possibly Solomons |
| Desdiv 29 | Truk-Marshalls area |
| " 30 | Bismarcks-Solomons area |

3rd Base Force — 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM
Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao.

4th Base Force — 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM
Truk area.

5th Base Force — 10 XPG, 8 XPC, 3 XAM
Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan.

6th Base Force — 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS
Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island.

SUMMARY
2 CL
1 CM*
1 XCM
4 DD**
1 AS
8 SS

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SUMMARY (continued)
1 AGS
58 XPG
25 XPC
17 XAM

* 1 CM out of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 2 DD " " 6 " " " " " "

## Fifth Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | Believed N.W. Pacific |
| | 1 CA |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | Truk area |
| | 1 XAV |
| Crudiv 21 | 2 CL |
| KISO ) | N.W. Pacific |
| TAMA ) | |
| Crudiv 22 | 3 XCL |
| AKAGI MARU (F) ) | N.W. Pacific |
| ASAKA MARU ) | |
| AWATA MARU ) | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC |
| | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Force Patdivs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc, armed merchant patrol vessels. |
| | Patrolling in N.W. Pacific. |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft. |
| | Patrolling off Japan coasts. |
| Kurile Defense Force | 1 AGS + Misc. others |
| | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others |
| OTONARI | |
| | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE ) | N.W. Pacific |
| HOKAZE ) | |
| KAMITSU MARU | Japanese waters |
| | 2 DD, 1 XPG |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft |
| | Kiska |

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SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 XAV
3 XPG
4 XAM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships.
Misc.

VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | Truk area |
| | 1 CL |
| Subron 1 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | Comsubron 1 possibly in Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | Solomons |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | Truk area |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | Home waters |
| Subdiv 2 | Rabaul-Solomons with one unit Yokosuka |
| Subdiv 15 | Solomons with one unit Kiska. |
| Subdiv 32 | Unknown. Probably Solomons. |
| Subron 2 | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 6 SS |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | |
| XAS MANZYU MARU | |
| Subdiv 7 | Solomons |
| " 8 | Rabaul-Solomons with 1 or 2 units possibly Yokosuka. |
| Subron 3 | 2 XAS, 15 SS |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F)) | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons-Bismarks area |
| I-11 (FF)) | with Subdiv 12 units Empire. |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU) | |
| Subdiv 11 ) | |
| " 12 ) | |
| " 18 ) | |
| " 20 ) | |
| Subron 8 | 2 XAS, 10 SS |
| I-10 (FF) | Solomons |
| XAS - #3 HINODE MARU | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | |
| Subdiv 1 | Probably Rabaul-Solomons |
| " 3 | Solomons-Truk area |
| " 14 | Operating from Saigon |
| Subron 13 | Unlocated |
| | Composition unknown |
| Subron 15 | Unlocated. Some units believed Marshalls. |
| | Composition unknown |
| ONDO | Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | Solomons |
| | 2 AO |

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|

SUMMARY
1 CL
2 AS
7 XAS
43 SS
2 AO

* Tentative

VII. Eighth Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | Rabaul area | 1 CA |
| CL - TENRYU | Rabaul-New Guinea area | |
| CL - TATSUTA | Unknown | 2 CL |
| 8th Base Force | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG<br>14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC |
| WAKATAKA | Rabaul area | |
| SHIRATAKA | Unknown. Possibly sunk | 2 CM |
| Desron 2 | | 1 CL, 10 DD |
| DD - NAGANAMI (F)<br>Desdiv 15<br>" 18<br>" 24 | Uncertain. Believed Solomons-Bismarcks | |

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL *
8 DD ***
1 CM **
5 AM
6 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
14 Patrol Boats

* 1 CL out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk
**1 CM " " " " " " " " " "
***2 DD " " " " ten " " " " "



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## Eleventh Air Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **Airflot 21** | 1 XAV |
| KATSURAGI MARU | New Guinea-Bismarcks area |
| **Airflot 22** | 2 XAV |
| KINUGASA MARU | Takao |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | Probably Ominato area |
| **Airflot 23** | 1 XAV |
| KOKITSU MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Soerabaya area. |
| **Airflot 24** | 1 AV, 3 XAV |
| KAMOI (F) | Believed Marshalls |
| SOYO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Bismarcks. |
| NITCHO MARU | Possibly Kavieng. Uncertain. |
| GOSHU MARU | Bismarck-New Guinea area |
| **Airflot 25** | 3 XAV |
| KIYOKAWA MARU(F) | Believed Empire. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Truk enroute New Guinea |
| NARUTO MARU | Uncertain. Possibly Empire |
| **Airflot 26** | 1 AV, 1 XAV |
| AKITSUSHIMA | Believed Solomons-Rabaul area. |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | Yokosuka area enroute Marshalls |
| **Desdiv 34** | Rabaul-Solomons |
| | 4 DD |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

## Attached to Combined Fleet

| | 4 AV, 2 XAV |
|---|---|
| **Seaplatendiv 11** | |
| CHITOSE | Truk area |
| CHIYODA | Possibly Rabaul-Solomons area |
| SANUKI MARU | Truk area |
| SANYO MARU | Solomons area |
| NISSHIN | Possibly Empire |
| NOTORO | Soerabaya area |
| YASUKAWA MARU | Believed New Britain area. Uncertain. |



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Attached to Combined Fleet
(continued)

| | |
|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU | Singapore |
| HOKOKU MARU | Uncertain |
| KONGO MARU ) | Unknown |
| NOSHIRO MARU) | |
| SEICHO MARU | Uncertain |

5 XCL

Desdiv 7 — Believed Truk area
3 DD

Subron 5 — 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS
AS – KOMABASHI (F) N.W. Pacific. Uncertain.
XAS– RIO DE JANEIRO MARU
XAS– ARATAMA MARU
Subdiv 19 — Possibly New Britain–Solomons area
" 28 — Truk–Melanesia waters. Uncertain.
" 30 — Probably in Indian Ocean operating from Penang.

Subron 6 — 1 XAS, 4 SS
XAS – NAGOYA MARU — Yokosuka
Subdiv 9 — Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean
Subdiv 13 — One unit Rabaul–Solomons. One unit home waters

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ARS – NAGAURA — Kavieng area
AH – TAKASAGO MARU – Empire
AH – ASAHI MARU — Rabaul area
AO – AKEBONO MARU–Kure
AO – NIPPON MARU Enroute Kure to Truk
AO – NISSHIN MARU–Enroute Miri for Yokohama. Due Dec. 21.
AO – SHINKOKU MARU–Truk
AO – ERIMO(New) Probably Marshalls
AO – KOKUYO MARU Yokohama
AO – TONAN MARU # 3 – Miri area
AO – TONAN MARU # 2 – Truk area (damaged)
AO – OMUROSAN MARU – Empire
AO – GENYO MARU– Enroute Davao to Palao
AO – KYOKUYO MARU– Empire

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 AV | 2 AR |
| 14 SS | 1 XAF |
| 3 DD | 10 AH |
| 2 XAV | 1 ARS |
| 4 XCL* | |
| 3 XAS | |
| 1 AS | |
| 12 AO | |
| 3 AF | |

* One XCL of 5 enumerated in the above composition considered lost.

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## B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| **IX.** | **First Southern Expeditionary Fleet** |
| KASHII, Flagship | Believed Singapore area<br>1 CL |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>KATSURIKI ) | Uncertain. Probably Malay area<br>2 CM |
| Desdiv 5 | Escorting Palau area<br>4 DD |
| 9th Special Base Force – Penang | Misc. |
| 10th Special Base Force – Singapore | Misc. |
| 11th Special Base Force – Saigon | Misc. |
| 12th Special Base Force – Rangoon | Misc. |

SUMMARY
1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.

| | |
|---|---|
| **X.** | **Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet** |
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | Probably Soerabaya-Kendari area. Uncertain.<br>1 CA |
| Crudiv 16 | 3 CL |
| NATORI* | Believed Rabaul area |
| ISUZU | Believed Empire, overhauling |
| KINU | Uncertain |
| 21st Special Base Force – Soerabaya | 3 AM & Misc. |
| 22nd Special Base Force – Balikpapan | Misc. |
| 23rd Special Base Force – Makassar with 1 CM Soerabaya | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. |
| 24th Special Base Force – Ambon | 2 TB & Misc. |
| Gunboat Div. 2 – NEI waters | 4 PG |
| Survey Div 1 – NEI waters | 2 AGS |

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## Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL**
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9
**1 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.

## XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| YAEYAMA(F) | Philippine waters |
| | 1 CM |
| KUMA* | Uncertain. Possibly Rabaul area |
| | 1 CL |
| 31st Special Base Force | Manila |
| | 2 AM & Misc. |
| 32nd " " " | Davao |
| | Misc. |
| Survey Div. 2 | Philippine waters |
| | 2 AGS |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9

## Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force- | |
| Desdiv 13 | Rabaul area |
| " 22 ) | Escorting South China Seas |
| " 32 ) | |
| TEKING MARU | Unknown |
| | 11 DD, 2 TB, 1 XPG |

SUMMARY
11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG



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## C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | Location |
|---|---|
| IZUMO, Flagship | Shanghai |
| | 1 CCA |
| Shanghai Base Force | Shanghai |
| | 1 PG & Misc. |
| Desdiv 26 | China coast |
| | 3 DD |
| Nanking Base Force | Nanking |
| | Misc. |

Central China Fleet

| | |
|---|---|
| UJI, Flagship | China coast |
| | 1 PG |
| Patdiv 11 | Yangtze River |
| | 11 PR |
| Hankow Base Force | Hankow |
| | Misc. |
| Gunboat Div. | China coast |
| | 2 PG, 3 XPG |

South China Fleet

| | |
|---|---|
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | Hongkong |
| | 1 PG |
| Minron 1 | South China coast |
| | 1 PG, 2 AM |
| Torpdiv 1 | Scattered in SW area |
| | 4 TB |
| Guard Divs 15 & 16 | South China coast |
| | 6 XPG |
| Canton Base Force | Canton |
| | Misc. |
| Amoy Base Force | Amoy |
| | Misc. |
| Hainan Defense Force | Hainan |
| | Misc. |

North China Fleet

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

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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yokosuka | Defense | Force | – | Yokosuka –<br>1 OCA, 1 Training Ship, 3 DD, Misc. |
| Kure | " | " | – | Kure<br>1 OCA, Misc., Patrol Craft |
| Sasebo | " | " | – | Sasebo<br>1 OCA, 1 DD, Misc, Patrol Craft |
| Maizuru | " | " | – | Maizuru<br>1 OCA, Misc. Patrol Craft |
| Ominato | " | " | – | Ominato<br>1 DM, 2 CM, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft |

E. ASSIGNMENT UNKNOWN

2 CL
12 SS
1 CM
29 DM
6 AM

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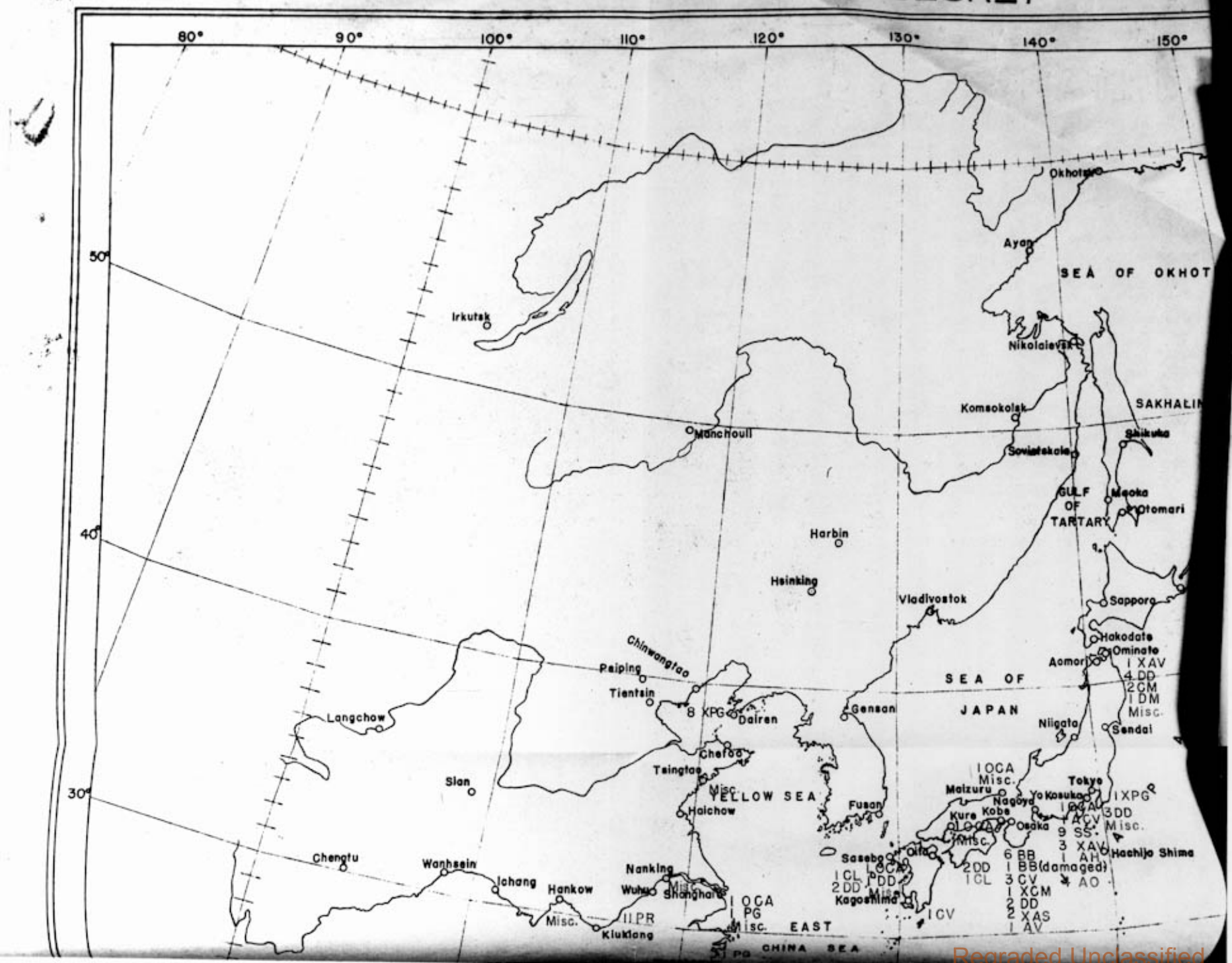
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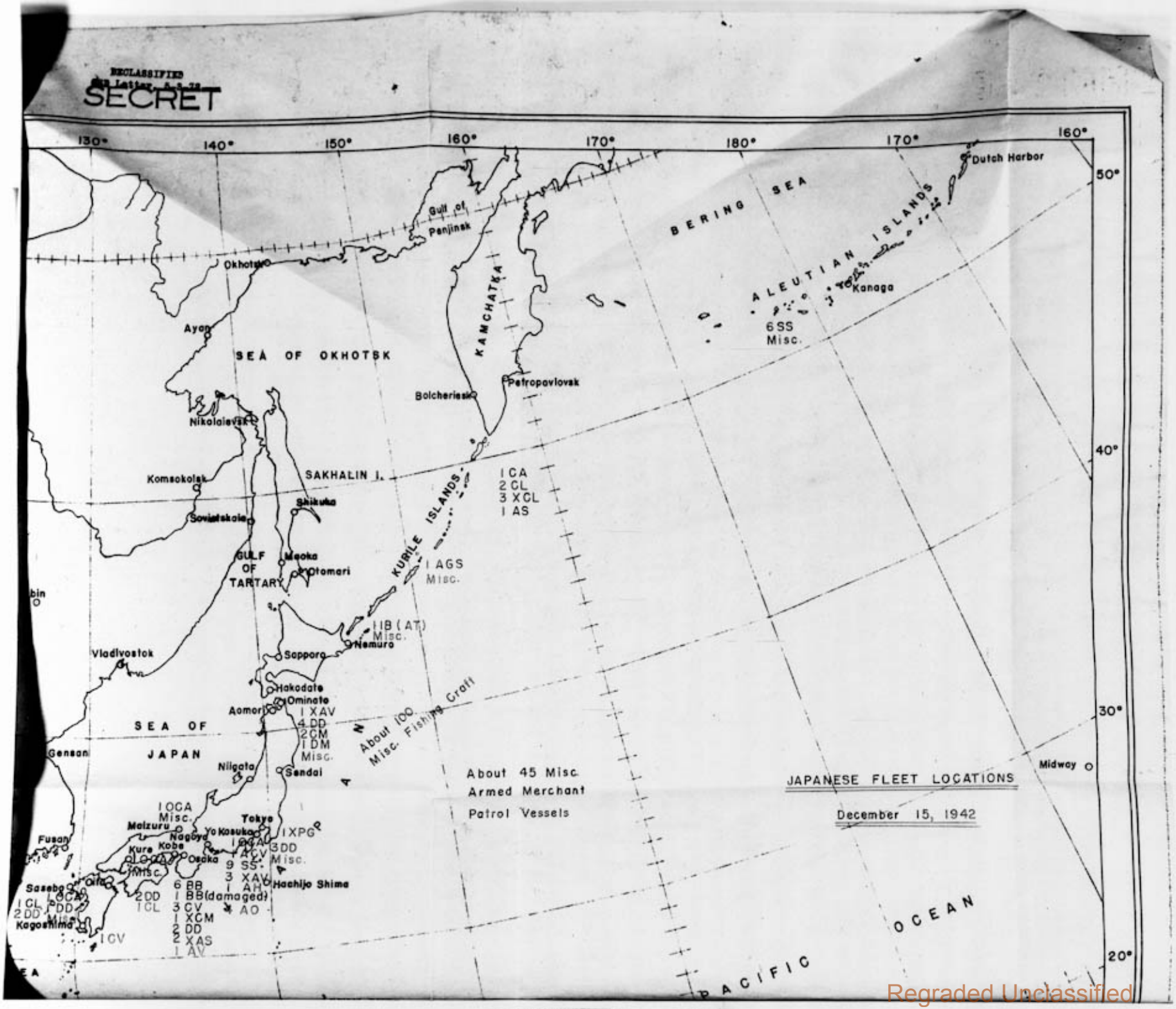



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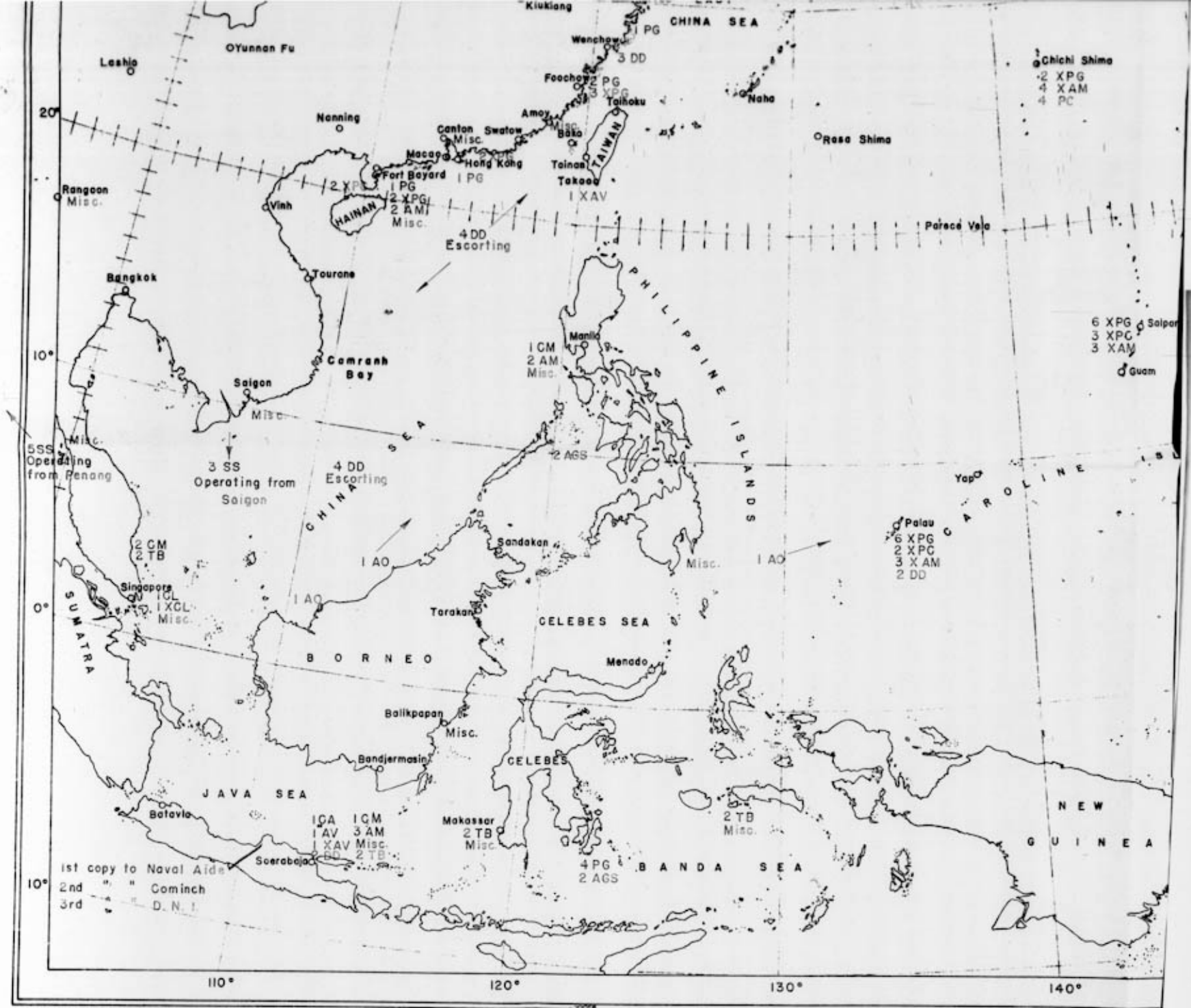
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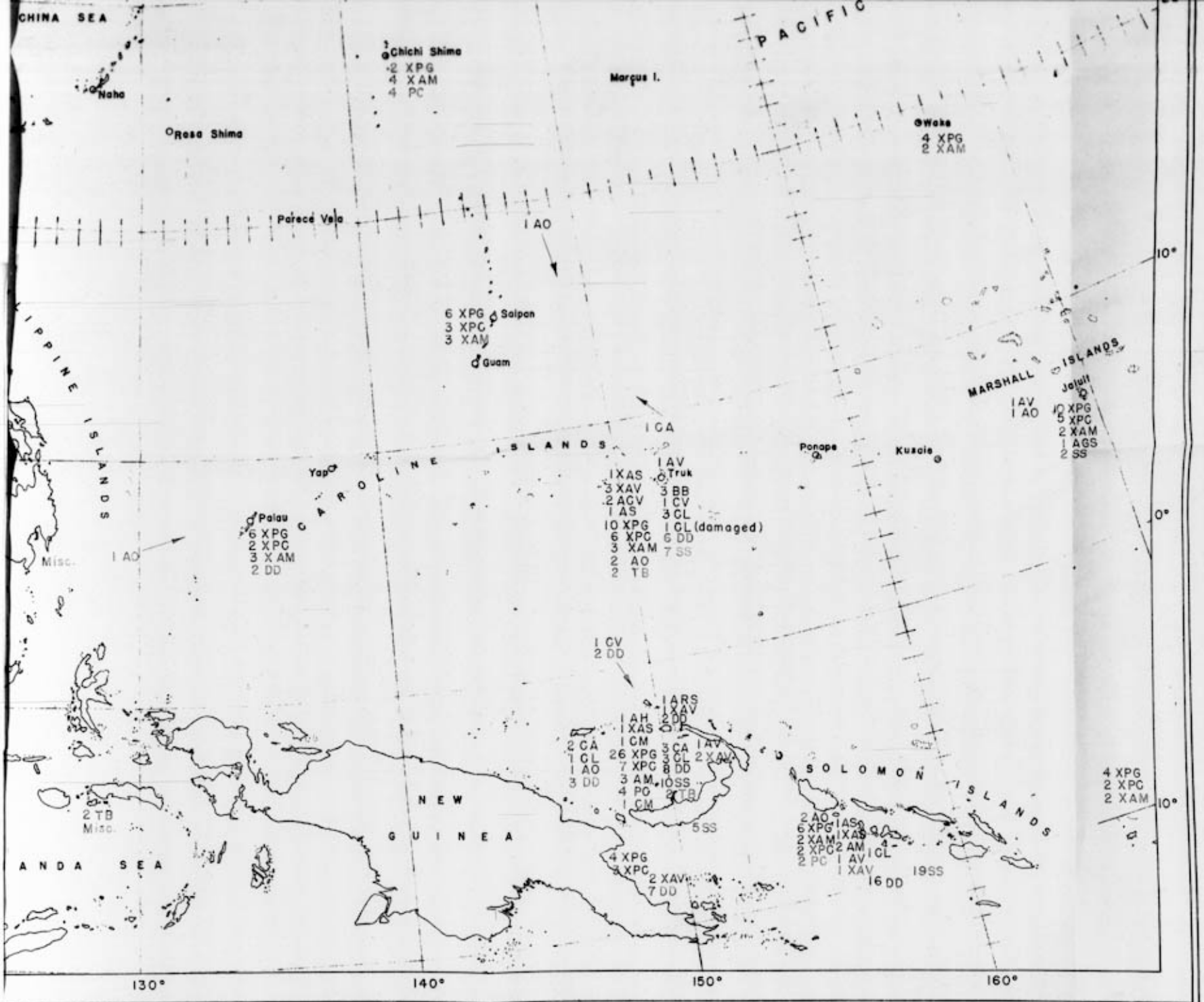
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| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Trondheim Area | December 5, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER | Probably in Baltic | November 9, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel; in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (1) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Baltic Port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN (2) | Norwegian Waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock. | August 26, 1942 |
| DDs | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 16, 1942 |
| | 11 Units | North Sea and Baltic Ports | November 16, 1942 |
| SSs | (3) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 89 Units | French Ports | November 30, 1942 |
| | 86 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 30, 1942 |
| | 24 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern waters | November 30, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 30, 1942 |
| | 21 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 30, 1942 |
| | 3 Units | Black Sea | November 30, 1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | November 30, 1942 |
| | 114 Units | Trials | November 30, 1942 |
| | 391 Total. | | |

NOTES:
(1) According to information from Norwegian sources ADMIRAL HIPPER was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942.
(2) According to information from Norwegian sources KOELN was in the Narvik Area November 17, 1942.

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NOTES:

(3) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 78 Units | French Ports | November 23, 1942 |
| 96 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 23, 1942 |
| 25 Units | Norwegian ports and Northern waters | November 23, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 23, 1942 |
| 20 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 23, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 23, 1942 |
| 42 Units | Training | November 23, 1942 |
| 112 Units | Trials | November 23, 1942 |
| 388 Total. | | |

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | CESARE | Taranto | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | DORIA | " | November 17, 1942 |
| BB | DUILIO | " | November 17, 1942 |
| CVS | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 |
| DD | 10 Units (*) | " | November 13, 1942 |
| SS | 12 Units | " | October 3,1942 |
| CA | 2 Units | Messina | November 17, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit (*) | " (in drydock) | November 14,1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | " | November 14, 1942 |
| XCV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | November 16, 1942 |
| XCV | AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner) | " " | November 16, 1942 (1) |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | November 7, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit (*) | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " (in drydock) | November 16, 1942 |
| DD | 8 Units (*) | La Spezia (2 probably damaged) | November 10, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units (*) | " " (1 in drydock) | November 10, 1942 |
| OCL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | September 30, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | " | September 30, 1942 |
| BB | LITTORIO | Naples | December 4, 1942 (2) |
| BB | VITTORIO VENETO | " | December 4, 1942 (2) |
| BB | ROMA | " | December 4, 1942 (2) |
| CA | 1 Unit | " (damaged) | December 4,1942 |
| CL | 3 Units (*) | " (1 damaged) | December 4, 1942 (2) |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | " | November 13, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | " | September 30, 1942 |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | Pozzuoli | November 13, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo (damaged) | November 13, 1942 |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Trapani | September 30, 1942 |
| CL | 0 Units (*) | Augusta | November 17, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | " | September 30, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units | Cagliari | September 30, 1942 |

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Disposition of Italian Fleet (cont'd)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " " " | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 5 Units | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| BB | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | Brindisi | Sept. 30, 1942 | |
| OCL | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit (*) | Pola | October 2, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 2 Units | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 8 Units | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 10 Units | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " " " " | September 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 7 Units (*) | Tripoli & N. Africa | November 17, 1942 | |
| SS | 9 Units | Bordeaux | September 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 12 Units (*) | Unknown | | (4) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | " | | (5) |

(*) Indicates change since report of December 1, 1942.

(1) Work has again been started on conversion of the liner AUGUSTUS. The entire superstructure, with the exception of the funnel, has been removed.

(2) In addition to the two damaged cruisers at Naples, the following were reported damaged or sunk during the U. S. air raid of December 4th: 1 BB and 1 CL damaged, and 1 CL of the ATTENDOLO Class sunk.

(3) The reported departure of the light cruiser CADORNA on November 10th is now believed erroneous.

(4) Five unidentified Italian destroyers have been sunk.

(5) The eight additional submarines carried in the weekly disposition reports in recent months are believed to have been German, as 16 German submarines are known to be operating out of Italian ports.



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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE | Toulon | November 28, 1942 | (1) |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | November 28, 1942 | (2) |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | November 28, 1942 | (3) |
| CA | ALGERIE | " | November 28, 1942 | (4) |
| CL | 2 Units | " | November 28, 1942 | (5) |
| DL | 5 Units | " | November 28, 1942 | (6) |
| DD | 3 Units | " | November 28, 1942 | (7) |
| SS | 6 Units | " | December 1, 1942 | (8) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units | Algiers | November 17, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units (*) | " | December 4, 1942 | (9) |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca | November 14, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DD | 4 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| BB | RICHELIEU | Dakar | October 23, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 15 Units (*) | Unknown | | (10) |

(*) Denotes changes since previous report.
(1) Drydock flooded.
(2) Aground on even keel.
(3) Stern low in water.
(4) ALGERIE aground (afire); 2 other units afire.
(5) 1 other unit afire.
(6) 13 units scuttled, awash or on side.
(7) 12 units scuttled, 3 units incomplete.
(8) 2 units in drydock, damaged; 4 in drydock, intact; IRIS interned at Barcelona.

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(9) 1 Unit sunk by British, November 8, 1942, not previously reported.
(10) Vichy Ministry of Marine announced December 5, 1942, that 5 units, location unknown after engagements of November 7 - 8 have not been heard from since November 9 and are believed sunk.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | November 2, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 2, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | November 2, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 2, 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 | November 2, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units (*) | Dundee | November 2, 1942 (1) |
| SS | 0 Units (*) | Rosyth | November 2,1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit (*) | Reunion | November 28, 1942 (2) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | December 2, 1942 |
| DL | 0 Units (*) | Unknown | November 28, 1942 |
| SS | 0 Units (*) | " | October 27, 1942 |

(*) Denotes changes since December 1 report.
(1) MINERVE unfit for operations; refits Blyth shortly.
(2) LEOPARD participated in occupation of Reunion Island.

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## Immobilized French Vessels

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | LORRAINE | Alexandria | December 1, 1942 |
| CA | 3 Units | " | December 1, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | December 1, 1942 |
| DD | 3 Units | " | December 1, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | December 1, 1942 |
| CV | BEARN | Martinique | December 1, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | December 1, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Guadeloupe | December 1, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | Barcelona | November 29, 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) | | Truk area. |

I. First Fleet

Composition

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Batdiv 1 | | |
| YAMATO (F) | | |
| NAGATO ) | | Believed in home waters, |
| MUTSU ) | | except MUTSU, possibly in |
| MUSASHI ) | 4 BB | Truk-Rabaul area. |
| Batdiv 2 | | Believed in home waters, |
| HYUGA | | except ISE possibly in |
| ISE | | Truk-Rabaul area. |
| FUSO | | |
| YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | |
| Batdiv 3 | | |
| HARUNA ) | | Uncertain. Possibly Empire |
| KONGO ) | 2 BB | with one unit damaged. |
| Crudiv 6 | | |
| AOBA (F) | | New Britain-New Guinea-Solomons waters. |
| KINUGASA | 2 CA | Unknown. Possibly sunk or damaged. |
| Crudiv 9 | | |
| OI | | Truk area |
| KITAGAMI | 2 CL | Unknown. Possibly sunk. |



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First Fleet (continued,

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 1 | | |
| ABUKUMA (F) | | N.W.Pacific.Probably escorting to Aleutians |
| Desdiv 6 | | Probably Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | | N.W.Pacific, Escorting |
| Desdiv 27 | 1 CL, 10 DD | Solomons - Rabaul area. |
| Desron 3 | | |
| SENDAI (F) | | Believed Truk. Probably damaged. |
| Desdiv 11 ) | | Some units enroute Kure for overhaul; some New |
| " 19 ) | | |
| " 20 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD | Guinea waters; some Solomons. |

SUMMARY
10 BB
1 CA*
3 CL**
14 DD***

/Exact composition unknown. Indication possibly now includes NATORI, KUMA, and OI.

* 1 CA out of total of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 1 CL " " " " 4 " " " " "
*** 5 DD " " " " 18 " " " " "

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO (?), flagship | | Truk area |
| Crudiv 4 | | Uncertain |
| ATAGO (F) | | |
| TAKAO | | |
| MAYA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO | | Uncertain |
| HAGURO | 2 CA | Believed Truk-Solomons-Rabaul area. |
| Crudiv 7 | | |
| SUZUYA (F) | | Uncertain |
| KUMANO ) | | |
| MOGAMI ) | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 8 | | |
| TONE ) | | |
| CHIKUMA ) | 2 CA | Uncertain |



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## Second Fleet (continue

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 2 | | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area on escort duties. Some units in Solomons and Buna area. |
| JINTSU (F) | | |
| Desdiv 15 | | |
| " 16 | | |
| " 24 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |
| Desron 4 | | |
| YURA (F) | | Uncertain.Possibly Truk. |
| Desdiv 2 ) | | Uncertain. Believed |
| Desdiv 8 ) | | Solomons-New Britain- |
| Desdiv 9 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD | New Guinea area with some units Truk. |

SUMMARY
3 CA*
1 CL**
15 DD***

* 7 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk.
** 1 CL " " " " 2 " " " " "
*** 4 DD " " " " 19 " " " " "

## III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | | |
| SHOKAKU ) | | Believed Empire waters. |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | Possibly damaged. |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Truk-Rabaul area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HAYATAKA (F) | | Believed Empire waters. |
| HITAKA | 2 CV | Truk area |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk ar |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD | Probably with HOSHO |
| OTAKA* (ex TAIYO) | | Empire waters. |
| UNYO* | | Enroute Soerabaya to Truk |
| CHUYO* | 3 ACV* | Yokosuka |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly New-Britain-Solomons waters. |
| Desdiv 4 | | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Desdiv 10 | | Rabaul-Buna area |
| Desdiv 16 | | Uncertain |
| Desdiv 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Solomons-Rabaul area |
| TOEI MARU | 1 AO | Solomons |



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ird Fleet (formerly First Air ' ot) continued

Tentative. Full information as to position in organization and type not available. TAIYO resumes old name OTAKA.

SUMMARY
6 CV
1 ACV
1 CL
13 DD*
1 AO

* 4 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.

IV. Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Believed Truk area |
| 19th Division | | |
| TSUGARU | | Believed Rabaul area |
| TOKIWA | | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | 2 CM, 1 XCM | Believed home waters |
| Subron 7 | | |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | | Believed Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 ) | | N.W. Pacific. Some units |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | possibly in home waters. |
| Subdiv 33 ) | 1 AS, 9 SS | |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 8 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly Jaluit |
| Desdiv 29 | | Truk-New Britain area |
| " 30 | 1 CL, 6 DD | Bismarcks-Solomons area |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao. |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 8 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wako Island. |

SUMMARY
2 CL
1 CM*
1 XCM
6 DD
1 AS
9 SS
1 AGS

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Fourth Fleet (continued)

SUMMARY (continued)
58 XPG
25 XPC
17 XAM

* 1 CM out of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.

Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Believed N.W. Pacific. |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 XAV | Truk area enroute Rabaul. Uncertain. |
| Crudiv 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | | |
| TAMA | 2 CL | |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| AKAGI MARU (F) | | |
| ASAKA MARU | | |
| AWATA MARU | 3 XCL | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Force Patdivs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc, armed merchant patrol vessels | Patrolling in NW Pacific. |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft. | Patrolling off Japan coasts. |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 AGS + misc. others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE ) | | N.W. Pacific |
| HOKAZE ) | | |
| KAMITSU MARU | 2 DD, 1 XPG | Japanese waters |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft | Kiska |

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 XAV
3 XPG
4 XAM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc.armed merchant patrol ships
Misc.



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VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| Subron 1 | | Comsubron 1 possibly in Solomons |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | | Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | | Solomons |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | | Truk area |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | | Home waters |
| Subdiv 2 | | Solomons with 1 unit Penang |
| " 15 | | Probably Truk area with 1 unit Kiska |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS | Unknown. Probably Solomons |
| Subron 2 | | |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | |
| Subdiv 7 | | Solomons |
| " 8 | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS | Rabaul-Solomons with 1 or 2 units possibly Yokosuka |
| Subron 3 | | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons Bismark area with some units Yokosuka |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 20 | 2 XAS, 15 SS | |
| Subron 8 | | |
| I-10 (FF) | | Solomons |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 1 | | Probably Rabaul-Solomons |
| " 3 | | Solomons-Truk area. |
| " 14 | 2 XAS, 10 SS | Operating from Saigon |
| Subron 13 | Composition unknown | Unlocated |
| Subron 15 | Composition unknown | Unlocated. Some units believed Marshalls |
| ONDO | | Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | 2 AO | Solomons |



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|---|---|---|
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CL<br>2 AS<br>7 XAS<br>44 SS<br>2 AO | |
| * Tentative | | |
| VII. | Eighth Fleet | |
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Crudiv 18 | | |
| TENRYU (F) | | Rabaul area |
| TATSUTA | 2 CL | Unknown |
| 8th Base Force | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG<br>14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea |
| WAKATAKA )<br>SHIRATAKA) | 2 CM | Believed Kavieng area.<br>One possibly sunk. |
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CA<br>1 CL*<br>1 CM**<br>5 AM<br>6 PC<br>20 XPG<br>3 XPC<br>14 Patrol Boats | |
| VIII. | Eleventh Air Fleet | |
| Airflot 21 | | |
| KATSURAGI MARU | 1 XAV | Kavieng area |
| Airflot 22 | | |
| KINUGASA MARU | | Yokosuka area enroute Marshalls |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 XAV | Probably Ominato area |

* 1 CL out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk
**1 CM " " " " " " " " " " "

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 23 | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Uncertain. Possibly Saipan |
| Airflot 24 | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Believed Marshalls |
| SOYO MARU | | Uncertain. Possibly Bismarcks. |
| NITCHO MARU | | Possibly Kavieng. Uncertai |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV, 3 XAV | Yokosuka |
| Airflot 25 | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | | Empire. Believed damaged. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | Uncertain. Possibly Guam |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Possibly Empire enroute Truk |
| Airflot 26 | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA | | Believed Solomons-Rabaul area. |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Yokosuka area enroute Marshalls |
| Desdiv 34 | 4 DD | Probably Rabaul-Solomons |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Seaplatendiv 11 | | |
| CHITOSE | | Truk area |
| CHIYODA | | Possibly Rabaul-Solomons area |
| SANUKI MARU | | Yokosuka area |
| SANYO MARU | | Solomons area. Uncertain |
| NISSHIN | | Truk. Probably damaged |
| NOTORO | | Probably Palao area enroute Soerabaya. |
| YASUKAWA MARU | 4 AV, 2 XAV | Believed New Britain area. Uncertain. |





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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU | | Singapore |
| HOKOKU MARU | | Believed enroute Singapore to Rabaul. |
| KONGO MARU<br>NOSHIRO MARU | | Unknown |
| SEICHO MARU | 5 XCL | Believed enroute Singapore to Rabaul |
| Desdiv 7 | 3 DD | Enroute Soerabaya to Truk-Escorting UNYO |
| Subron 5 | | N.W. Pacific |
| AS - KOMABASHI (F) | | |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters |
| | | Uncertain |
| " 30 | | Probably in Indian Ocean |
| | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS | Operating from Penang |
| Subron 6 | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | Saipan area |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. |
| | | Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| Subdiv 13 | 1 XAS, 4 SS | One unit Rabaul-Solomons |
| | | One unit home waters |
| Fleet Train | | |
| ARS - NAGAURA | | Kavieng area |
| AH - TAKASAGO MARU | | Empire |
| AH - ASAHI MARU | | Rabaul area |
| AO - AKEBONO MARU | | Kure |
| AO - NIPPON MARU | | N.W. Pacific |
| AO - NISSHIN MARU | | Enroute Miri for Yokohama |
| AO - SHINKOKU MARU | | Enroute Singapore to Truk |
| AO - ERIMO (New) | | Probably Marshalls |
| AO - KOKUYO MARU | | Rabaul area |
| AO - TONAN MARU # 3 | | Truk area |
| AO - TONAN MARU # 2 | | Truk area (damaged) |
| AO - OMUROSAN MARU | | Enroute Singapore to Empire |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 AV | 2 AR |
| 14 SS | 1 XAF |
| 3 DD | 10 AH |
| 2 XAV | 1 ARS |
| 4 XCL* | |
| 3 XAS | |
| 1 AS | |
| 12 AO | |
| 3 AF | |

* One XCL of 5 enumerated in the above composition considered lost.

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B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| **IX.** | **First Southern Expeditionary Fleet** | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Singapore area. Believed repairs completed. |
| SHIMUSHU<br>KATSURIKI | 2 CM | Uncertain. Probably Malay area |
| Desdiv 5 | 4 DD | Escorting Palao area |
| 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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **X.** | **Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet** | |
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | Probably Soerabaya-Kendari area. |
| Crudiv 16<br>NATORI*<br>ISUZU | | Believed Rabaul area<br>Truk area enroute Empire for overhaul |
| KINU | 3 CL | Uncertain |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & Misc. | Soerabaya |
| 22nd Special Base Force | Misc. | Balikpapan |
| 23rd Special Base Force | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | Makassar |
| 24th Special Base Force | 2 TB & Misc. | Ambon |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | 4 PG | NEI waters |
| Survey Div 1 | 2 AGS | NEI waters |

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## Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL**
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9
**1 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.

XI. **Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet**

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| YAEYAMA (F) | 1 CM | Philippine waters |
| KUMA* | 1 CL | Believed Rabaul area |
| 31st Special Base Force | 2 AM & Misc. | Manila |
| 32nd " " " | Misc. | Davao |
| Survey Div. 2 | 2 AGS | Philippine waters |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9

### Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desdiv 13 | | Rabaul area |
| " 22 ) | | Escorting South China Seas |
| " 32 ) | | |
| PEKING MARU | 11 DD, 2 TB, 1 XPG | Unknown |

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11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG

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C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, Flagship | 1 CCA | Shanghai |
| Shanghai Base Force | 1 PG & Misc. | Shanghai |
| Desdiv 26 | 3 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 | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PG | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 1 | 4 TB | Scattered in SW area<br>One in Rabaul area |
| Guard Divs 15 & 16 | 6 XPG | South China coast |
| Canton Base Force | Misc. | Canton |
| Amoy Base Force | " | Amoy |
| Hainan Defense Force | " | Hainan |
| North China Fleet | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 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 |



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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

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

E. ASSIGNMENT UNKNOWN

1 CL
10 DD
12 SS
1 CM
29 DM
6 AM

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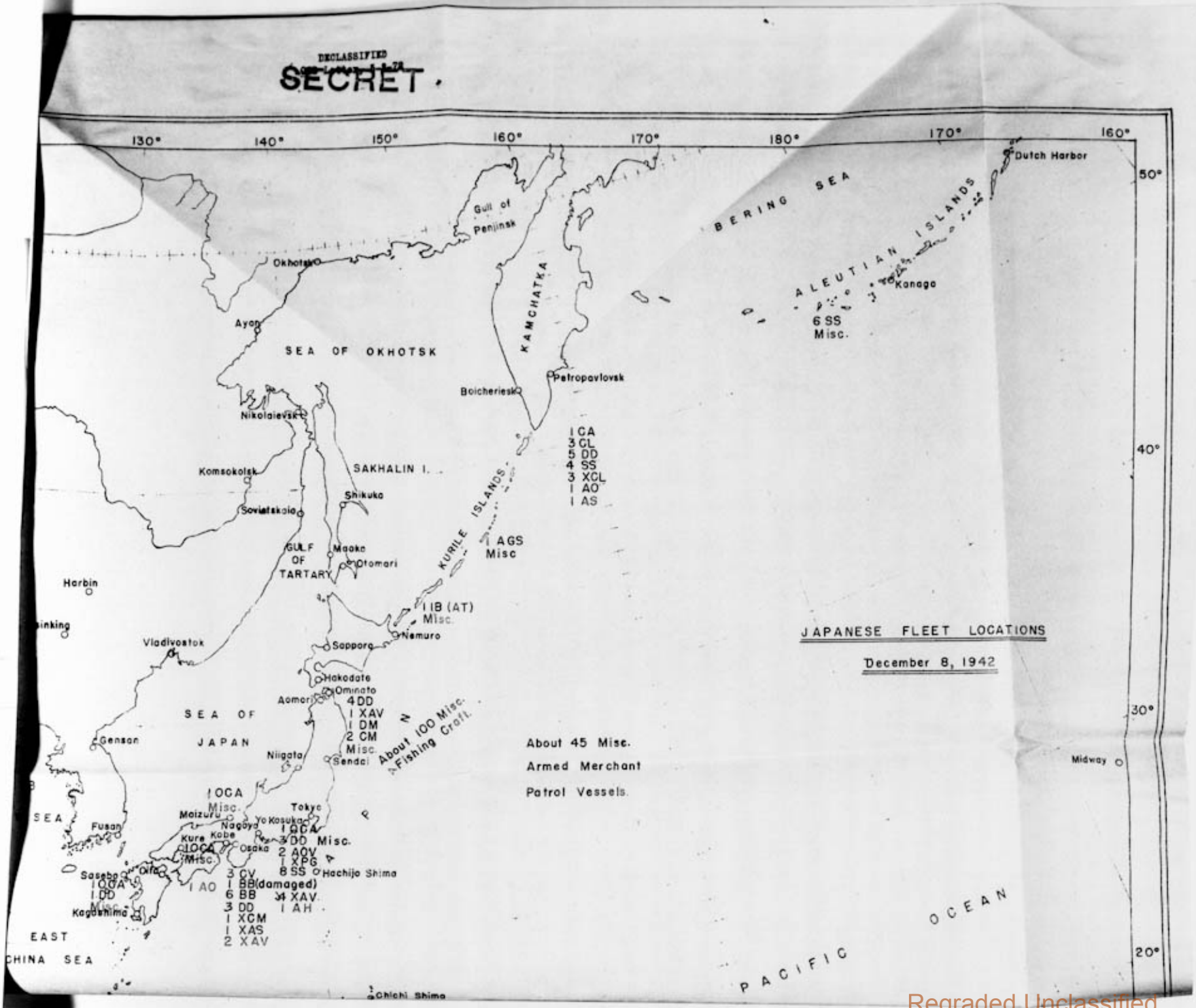



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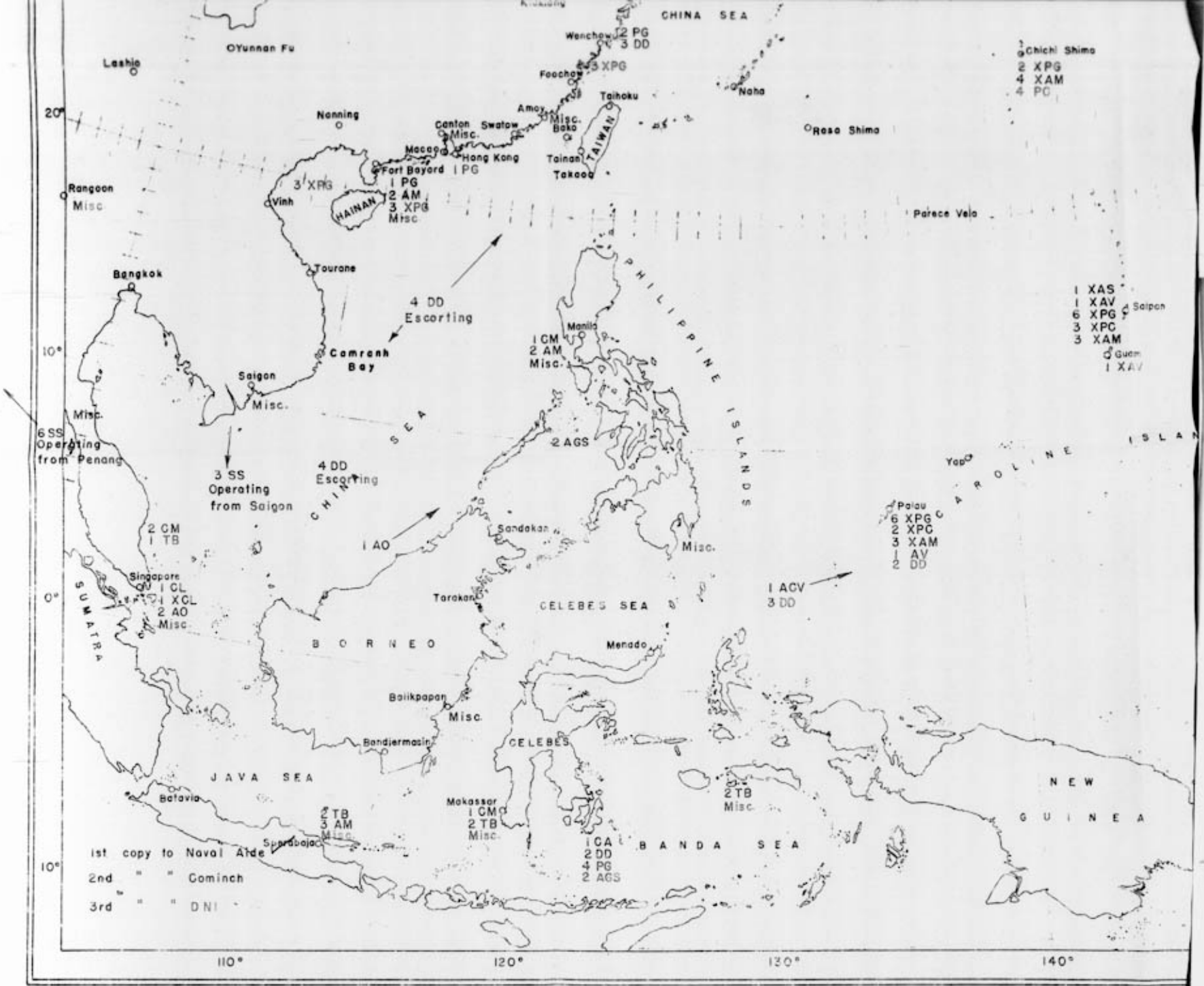
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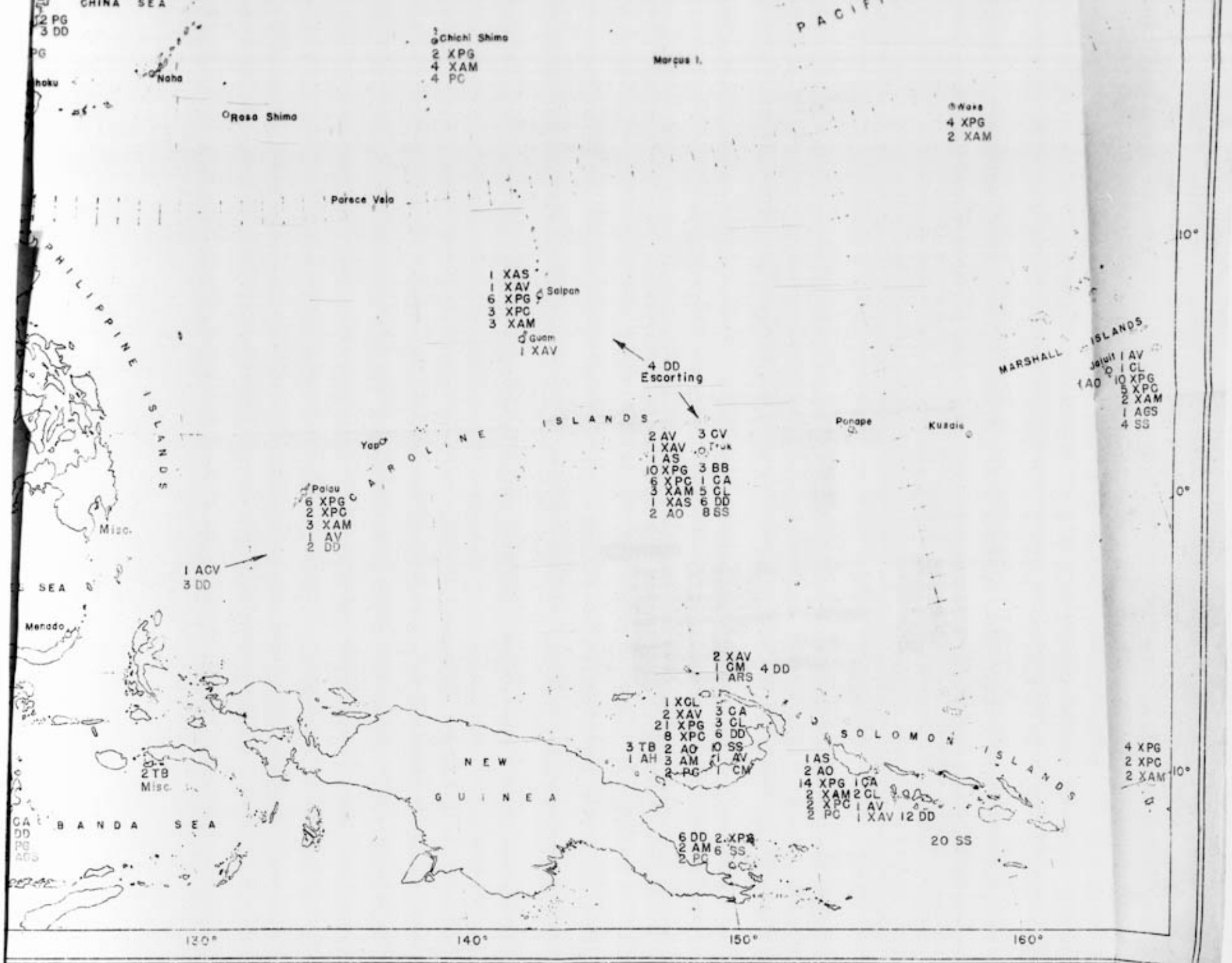

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Trondheim | November 5, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER (1) | Probably in Baltic | November 9, 1942 |
| CA | LULTZOW | Kiel; in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (2) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Baltic Port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN (3) | Norwegian waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock | August 26, 1942 |
| DDs | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 9, 1942 |
| | 11 Units | German North Sea and Baltic ports | Nov. 9, 1942 |
| SSs | (4) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 78 Units | French Ports | November 23, 1942 |
| | 96 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 23, 1942 |
| | 25 Units | Norwegian ports and Northern waters | Nov.23, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 23, 1942 |
| | 20 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 23, 1942 |
| | 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 23, 1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | November 23, 1942 |
| | 112 Units | Trials | November 23, 1942 |
| | 388 Total. | | |

NOTES:
(1) ADMIRAL SCHEER previously reported Trondheim area, November 5, 1942.
(2) According to information from Norwegian sources, ADMIRAL HIPPER was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942.
(3) According to information from Norwegian sources, KOELN was in the Narvik area November 17, 1942.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

NOTES:

(4) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 70 Units | French Ports | November 9, 1942 |
| 112 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 9, 1942 |
| 25 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern waters | Nov. 9, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 9, 1942 |
| 23 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 9, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 9, 1942 |
| 42 Units | Training | November 9, 1942 |
| 106 Units | Trials | November 9, 1942 |
| 393 Units Total. | | |

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | 3 Units | Taranto | November 12, 1942 | |
| CVS | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 | |
| DD | 9 Units | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 12 Units | " | October 3, 1942 | |
| CA | 2 Units | Messina | November 12, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units | " | October 16, 1942 | |
| XCV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | Nov. 5,1942 | (1) |
| XCV | AUGUSTUS (Ex-Liner) | " (incomplete) | November 5, 1942 | (1) |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 6 Units | La Spezia | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| OCL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " (fitting out) | September 30, 1942 | |
| BB | 3 Units | Naples | November 13, 1942 | |
| CA | 1 Unit | " (damaged) | September 30, 1942 | |
| CL | 4 Units (*) | " (1 damaged) | November 23, 1942 | |
| DD | 8 Units | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo (damaged) | November 13, 1942 | (2) |
| CL | 0 Units (*) | " | November 13, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units | Trapani | September 30, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units (*) | Augusta | November 11, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units | Cagliari | September 30, 1942 | |
| BB | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2,1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " " " | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 5 Units | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |



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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 2, 1942 |
| SS | 5 Units | Brindisi | September 30, 1942 |
| OCL | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 |
| CL | 0 Units (*) | Pola | November 10, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | " | October 2, 1942 |
| SS | 8 Units | " | October 2, 1942 |
| DD | 10 Units | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | September 30, 1942 |
| SS | 2 Units | " " " " | September 30, 1942 |
| DD | 12 Units | Tripoli & N. Africa | September 30, 1942 |
| SS | 9 Units | Bordeaux | September 30, 1942 |
| DD | 14 Units | Unknown | |

(*) Indicates changes since report of November 24, 1942.
(1) ROMA slightly damaged in British air raids on Genoa and AUGUSTUS seriously damaged by fire.
(2) It has been learned that it was a REGOLO Class cruiser torpedoed by the British submarine P.46 on November 8. The vessel was later towed to the port of Palermo.

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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | DISPOSITION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE (damaged) | Toulon | November 28, 1942 | (1) |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | November 28, 1942 | (2) |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | November 28, 1942 | (3) |
| CA | 1 Unit (*) | " | November 28, 1942 | (4) |
| CL | 2 Units (*) | " | November 28, 1942 | (5) |
| DL | 5 Units (*) | " | November 28, 1942 | (6) |
| DD | 3 Units (*) | " | November 28, 1942 | (7) |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " | December 1, 1942 | (8) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units (*) | Algiers | December 1, 1942 | (9) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca | November 14, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DD | 4 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| BB | RICHELIEU | Dakar | October 23, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 20 Units (*) | Unknown | | (1) |

(*) Indicates changes since previous report.
(1) Drydock flooded.
(2) Aground on even keel.
(3) Stern low in water.
(4) ALGERIE aground (afire); 2 other units afire.
(5) 1 other unit afire.
(6) 13 units scuttled; awash or on side.
(7) 12 units scuttled, 3 units incomplete.
(8) 2 units in drydock, damaged; 4 in drydock, intact; IRIS interned at Barcelona.



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(9) CASABLANCA and MARSOUIN arrived Algiers from Toulon November 30, 1942.
(10) 6 units formerly at Toulon whereabouts unknown; LE TONNANT scuttled off Cadiz; GLORIEUX arrived and departed Valencia for Oran November 28, 1942.

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| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | October 26, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 26, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | October 5, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 26, 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 26, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | Dundee | October 26, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | Rosyth | October 26, 1942 |
| DL | 0 Units (*) | Simonstown | November 24, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | November 25, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit (*) | Unknown | November 24, 1942 (1) |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 25, 1942 |

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(1) LEOPARD at sea.

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Immobilized French 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 | November 9, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 4, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Guadeloupe | November 5,1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Barcelona | November 29, 1942 (1) |

(*) Denotes changes since November 24 report.
(1) IRIS, escaped Toulon on November 27 and arrived Barcelona November 28. Will be interned.

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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<br>YAMATO (F)<br>NAGATO )<br>MUTSU )<br>MUSASHI ) | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU, possibly in Truk area. |
| Batdiv 2<br>HYUGA<br>ISE<br>FUSO<br>YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except ISE possibly in Truk area. |
| Batdiv 3<br>HIYEI (F)<br>KIRISHIMA<br>HARUNA<br>KONGO | 4 BB | One unit sunk. Three units damaged; two believed Truk and one probably Empire. |
| Crudiv 6<br>AOBA (F)<br>KINUGASA | 2 CA | Possibly New Britain-New Guinea waters.<br>Unknown. Possibly sunk or damaged. |
| Crudiv 9<br>OI<br>KITAGAMI | 2 CL | Enroute Manila for Rabaul. Escorting. Due Rabaul about December 3rd. |

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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 1 | | |
| ABUKUMA (F) | | N.W.Pacific.Probably escorting to Aleutians |
| Desdiv 6 | | Probably Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | | N.W.Pacific. Escorting. |
| Desdiv 27 | 1 CL, 10 DD | Solomons |
| Desron 3 | | |
| SENDAI (F) | | Believed Truk. Probably damaged. |
| Desdiv 11 ) | | Some units enroute Kure for |
| " 19 ) | | overhaul; some New Guinea |
| " 20 ) | 1 CL, 8 DD | waters; some Solomons. |

SUMMARY

10 or 11 BB**
1 CA*
4 CL
13 DD***

/ Exact composition unknown. Indication possibly now includes NATORI, KUMA, and either OI or KITAGAMI.

* 1 CA out of total of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 1 or 2 BB out of total of 12 enumerated in composition considered lost.
*** 5 DD out of total of 18 enumerated in composition considered lost.

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO (?), flagship | | Truk area |
| Crudiv 4 | | Uncertain |
| ATAGO (F) | | |
| TAKAO | | |
| MAYA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO | | Uncertain |
| HAGURO | 2 CA | Believed Truk area |
| Crudiv 7 | | |
| SUZUYA (F) | | Uncertain. |
| KUMANO ) | | |
| MOGAMI ) | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 8 | | |
| TONE ) | | |
| CHIKUMA ) | 2 CA | Uncertain. |

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## Second Fleet (continu

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 2 | | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area on escort duties. Some units possibly in Solomons and Buna area. |
| JINTSU (F) | | |
| Desdiv 15 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 24 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |
| Desron 4 | | Probably Yokosuka |
| YURA (F) | | Uncertain. Believed Solomons-New Britain-New Guinea area. |
| Desdiv 2 ) | | |
| Desdiv 8 ) | | |
| Desdiv 9 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD | |

SUMMARY
3 CA*
1 CL**
15 DD***

*7 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk.
**1 CL " " " " 2 " " " " "
***4 DD " " " " 19 " " " " "

## III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | | |
| SHOKAKU ) | | Believed Empire waters. |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | Possibly damaged. |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Truk area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HAYATAKA (F) | | Believed Empire waters. |
| HITAKA | 2 CV | Believed Bismark-Solomons area |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD | Probably with HOSHO |
| CHUYO* | 1 ACV* | Yokosuka |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly New-Britain-Solomons waters. Damaged |
| Desdiv 4 | | Rabaul-Kaviong area. Uncertain |
| Desdiv 10 | | Rabaul-Buna area |
| Desdiv 16 | | Uncertain |
| Desdiv 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Solomons |

*Tentative. Full information as to position in organization and type not available. Newly completed.

SUMMARY
6 CV
1 ACV
1 CL
13 DD*

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* 4 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.

IV. Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Truk area |
| 19th Division | | |
| TSUGARU | | Believed Rabaul area |
| TOKIWA | | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | 2 CM, 1 XCM | Believed home waters |
| Subron 7 | | |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | | Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 ) | | N.W. Pacific. Some units |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | possibly in home waters. |
| Subdiv 33 ) | 1 AS, 9 SS | |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Possibly Jaluit area |
| Desdiv 29 ) | | Truk - New Britain area. |
| " 30 ) | 1 CL, 6 DD | |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of those units sent to Rabaul from Palao. |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of those units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island. |

SUMMARY

2 CL
1 CM*
1 XCM
6 DD
1 AS
9 SS
1 AGS
58 XPG
25 XPC
17 XAM

* 1 CM out of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.

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## Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| MACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Believed N.W. Pacific. |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 XAV | Enroute Ominato to Attu |
| **Crudiv 21** | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | | |
| TAMA | 2 CL | |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| AKAGI MARU (F) | | |
| ASAKA MARU | | |
| AWATA MARU | 3 XCL | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Force Patdivs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels | Patrolling in NW Pacific. |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft. | Patrolling off Japan coasts. |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 AGS + misc. others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE ) | | N.W. Pacific |
| HOKAZE ) | | |
| KAMITSU MARU | 2 DD, 1 XPG | Japanese waters |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft | Kiska |

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 XAV
3 XPG
4 XAM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc.armed merchant patrol ships
Misc.



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## Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| Subron 1 | | Comsubron 1 possibly in Solomons |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | | Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | | Truk area |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | | Home waters |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | | Solomons with 1 unit Truk |
| Subdiv 2 | | Probably Truk area |
| " 15 | | |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS | Unknown. Probably Solomons. |
| Subron 2 | | |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | Solomons |
| Subdiv 7 | | Rabaul-Solomons with 1 or 2 units possibly Yokosuka |
| " 8 | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS | |
| Subron 3 | | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons Bismark area. |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 20 | 2 XAS, 15 SS | |
| Subron 8 | | Solomons |
| I-10 (FF) | | |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | Probably Rabaul-Solomons |
| Subdiv 1 | | Solomons-Truk area. |
| " 3 | | Operating from Saigon |
| " 14 | 2 XAS, 10 SS | |
| Subron 13 | Composition unknown | Unlocated |
| Subron 15 | Composition unknown | Unlocated. Some units believed Marshalls |
| ONDO | | New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | 2 AO | Enroute Empire for Rabaul. |

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CL<br>2 AS<br>7 AKS<br>44 SS<br>2 AO | |
| * Tentative | | |
| VII. | Eighth Fleet | |
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Rabaul area |
| Crudiv 18<br>TENRYU (F) | | Probably New Britain-New Guinea area. Possibly damaged. |
| TATSUTA | 2 CL | Unknown |
| 8th Base Force | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG<br>14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea |
| WAKATAKA )<br>SHIRATAKA ) | 2 CM | Believed Kaviong area.<br>One possibly sunk. |
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CA<br>1 CL*<br>1 CM**<br>5 AM<br>6 PC<br>20 XPG<br>3 XPC<br>14 Patrol Boats | |

* 1 CL out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk
**1 CM " " " " " " " " " " "

| VIII. | Eleventh Air Fleet | |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 21<br>KATSURAGI MARU | 1 AV | Buna area |
| Airflot 22<br>KINUGASA MARU<br>FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 AV | Probably Truk-Solomons Empire. Enroute Ominato due Dec. 6. |

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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| **Airflot 23** | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Truk-Rabaul area. Uncertain. |
| **Airflot 24** | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Marshalls |
| SOYO MARU | | Believed Marshalls. |
| NITCHO MARU | | Possibly Kavieng. |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV,3 XAV | Rabaul-Solomons. Uncertain. |
| **Airflot 25** | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | | Empire. Believed damaged. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | Uncertain. |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Truk area, enroute Rabaul |
| **Airflot 26** | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA | | Believed Solomons |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Yokosuka |
| **Desdiv 34** | 4 DD | Positions uncertain. Probably Rabaul-Solomons |
| TAIYO (ex OTAKA) | | Possibly Truk area |
| UNYO | 2 ACV | Believed Soerabaya area |

SUMMARY

2 AV
11 XAV
2 ACV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Seaplatendiv 11** | | |
| CHITOSE | | Solomons area |
| CHIYODA | | Possibly repaired and in Rabaul-Solomons area |
| SANUKI MARU | | Truk area |
| SANYO MARU | | Solomons area |
| NISSHIN | | Truk. Probably damaged. |
| NOTORO | | Indefinite. |
| YASUKUNI MARU | 4 AV,2 XAV | Believed damaged and in New Britain area. |



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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU )<br>HOKOKU MARU ) | | Believed enroute Singapore to Rabaul. One unit believed sunk. |
| KONGO MARU )<br>NOSHIRO MARU ) | | Unknown |
| SEICHO MARU | 5 XCL | Believed enroute Singapore to Rabaul |
| Desdiv 7 | 3 DD | Solomons |
| Subron 5 | | |
| AS - KOMABASHI (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain |
| " 30 | 1 AS,2 XAS,10 SS | Probably in Indian Ocean Operating from Penang |
| Subron 6 | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | Saipan area |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| Subdiv 13 | 1 XAS,4 SS | Rabaul-Solomons-Truk area |

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| | |
|---|---|
| ARS - NAGAURA | Kavieng area |
| AH - TAKASAGO MARU | Enroute Truk-Empire |
| AH - ASAHI MARU | Rabaul |
| AO - AKEBONO MARU | Kure |
| AO - NIPPON MARU | N.W. Pacific |
| AO - NISSHIN MARU | Enroute Truk to Miri |
| AO - SHINKOKU MARU | Singapore area |
| AO - ERIMO (New) | Probably Marshalls |
| AO - KOKUYO MARU | Rabaul area |
| AO - TONAN MARU # 3 | Truk area |
| AO- TONAN MARU # 2 | Kavieng area (damaged) |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 | AV |
| 14 | SS |
| 3 | DD |
| 2 | XAV |
| 4 | XCL* |
| 3 | XAS |
| 1 | AS |
| 12 | AO |
| 3 | AF |
| 2 | AR |
| 1 | XAF |
| 10 | AH |
| 1 | ARS |

* One XCL of 5 enumerated in the above composition considered lost.

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B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Indefinite. Believed damaged off Saigon on 10/29. Probably went to Singapore for repairs. |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>KATSURIKI ) | 2 CM | Uncertain. Probably Malay area. |
| Desdiv 5 | 4 DD | Escorting Palau area. |
| 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.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| X. | Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | Probably Soerabaya area. |
| Crudiv 16<br>NATORI* | | Enroute Manila to Rabaul. Due Dec. 3rd. |
| ISUZU )<br>KINU ) | 3 CL | Uncertain |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & Misc. | Soerabaya |
| 22nd Special Base Force | Misc. | Balikpapan |
| 23rd Special Base Force | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | Makassar |
| 24th Special Base Force | 2 TB & Misc. | Ambon |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | 4 PG | NEI waters |
| Survey Div 1 | 2 AGS | NEI waters |

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Second Southern Expeditio: y Fleet

SUMMARY
1 CA
1 CL**
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9
**2 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.

XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| YAEYAMA (F) | 1 CM | Philippine waters |
| KUMA* | 1 CL | Enroute Manila to Rabaul, Due 3rd. |
| 31st Special Base Force | 2 AM & Misc. | Manila |
| 32nd " " " | Misc. | Davao |
| Survey Div. 2 | 2 AGS | Philippine waters |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

* Indicated temporarily in Crudiv 9.

Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Dosdiv 13 ) | | Escorting South China Seas and to Rabaul area |
| " 22 ) | | |
| " 32 ) | 11 DD, 2 TB | |
| PEKING MARU | 1 XPG | Unknown |

SUMMARY
11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG



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## C. N.V.J. FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, Flagship | 1 CA | Shanghai |
| Shanghai base Force | 1 PG & Misc. | Shanghai |
| Desdiv 26 | 3 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 | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PG | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 1 | 4 TB | Scattered in SW area One in Rabaul area |
| Guard Divs 15 & 16 | 6 XPG | South China coast |
| Canton Base Force | Misc. | Canton |
| Amoy Base Force | " | Amoy |
| Hainan Defense Force | " | Hainan |
| North China Fleet | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 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 |



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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

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

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1 CL
10 DD
12 SS
1 CM
29 DM
6 AM

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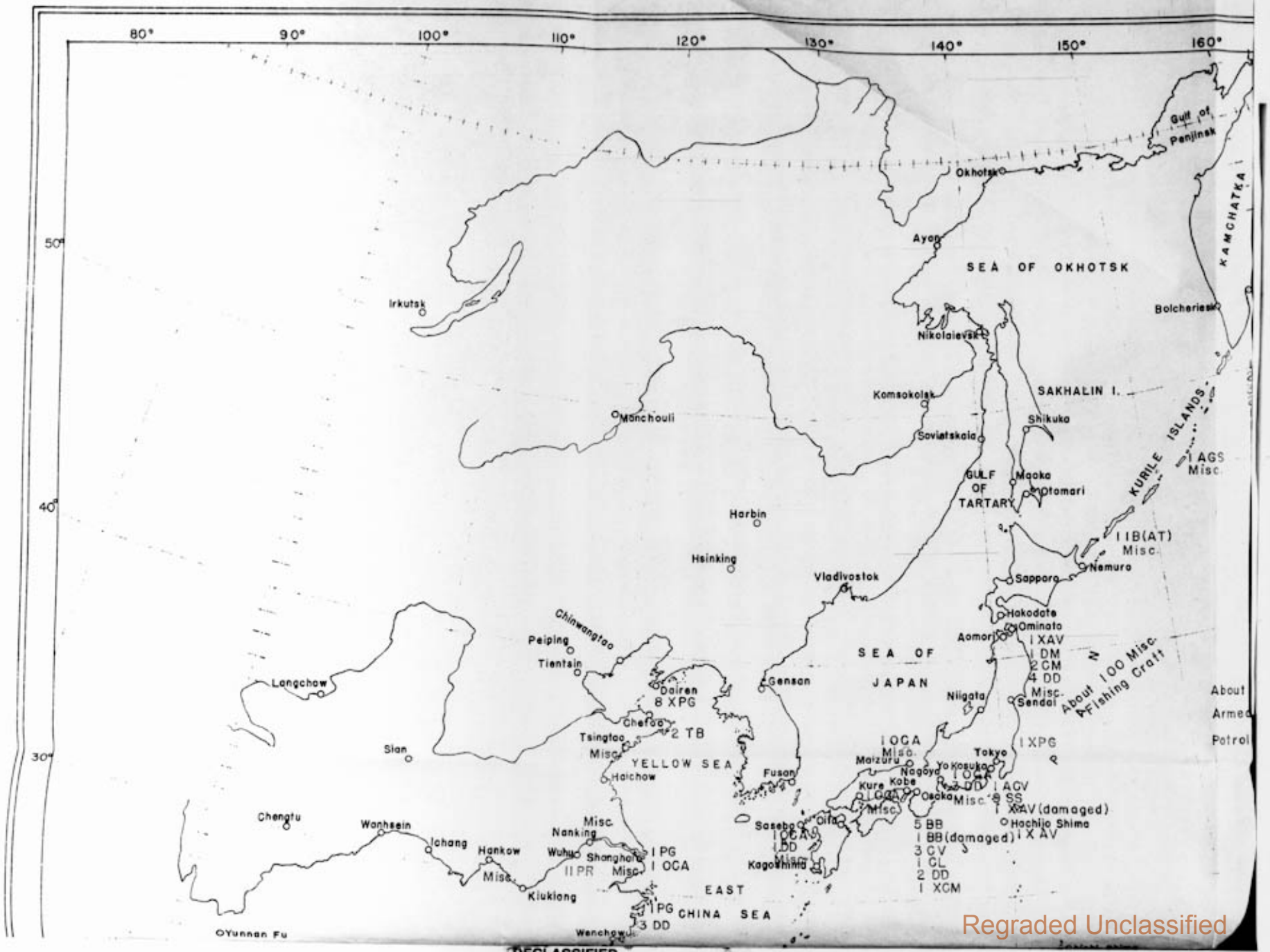


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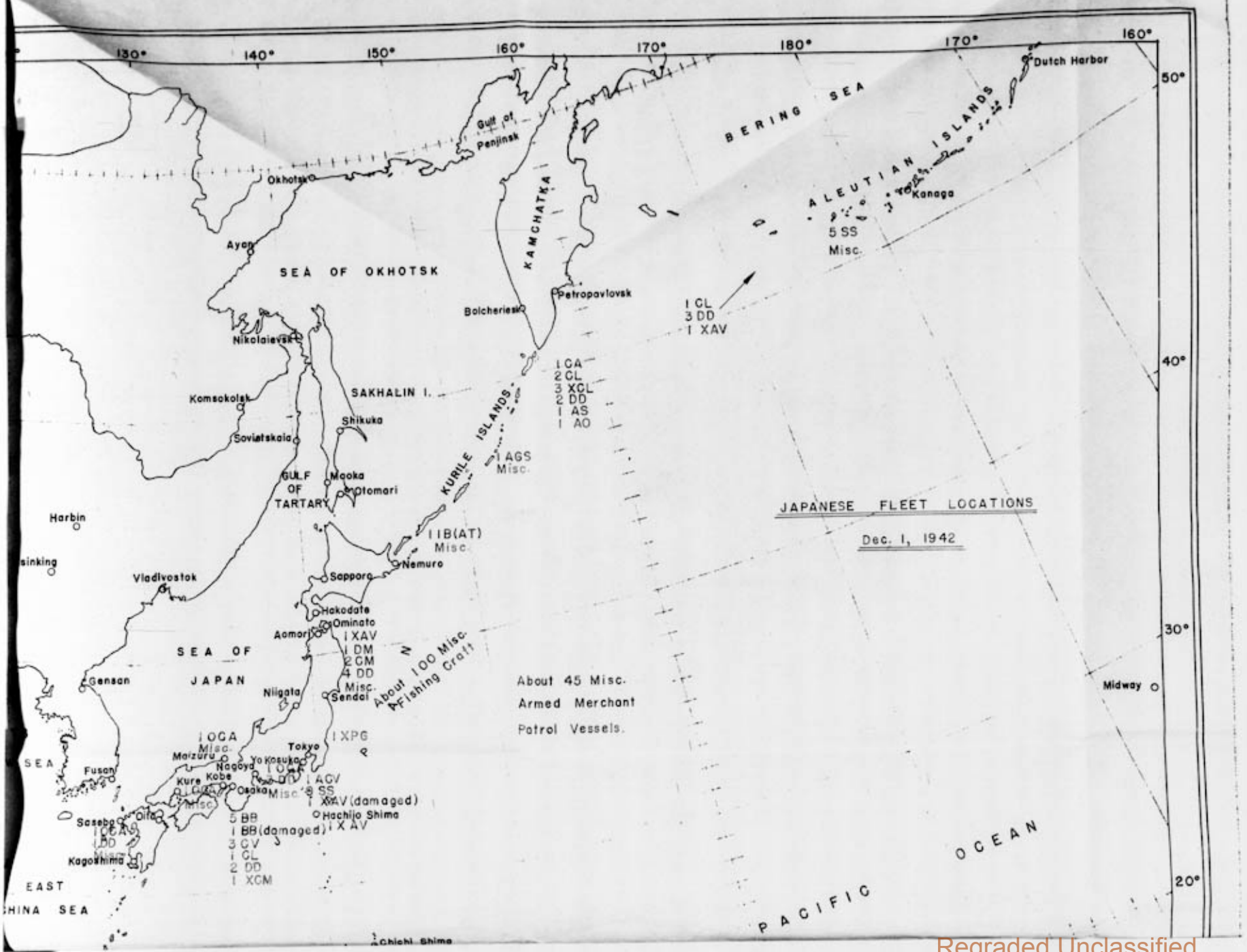
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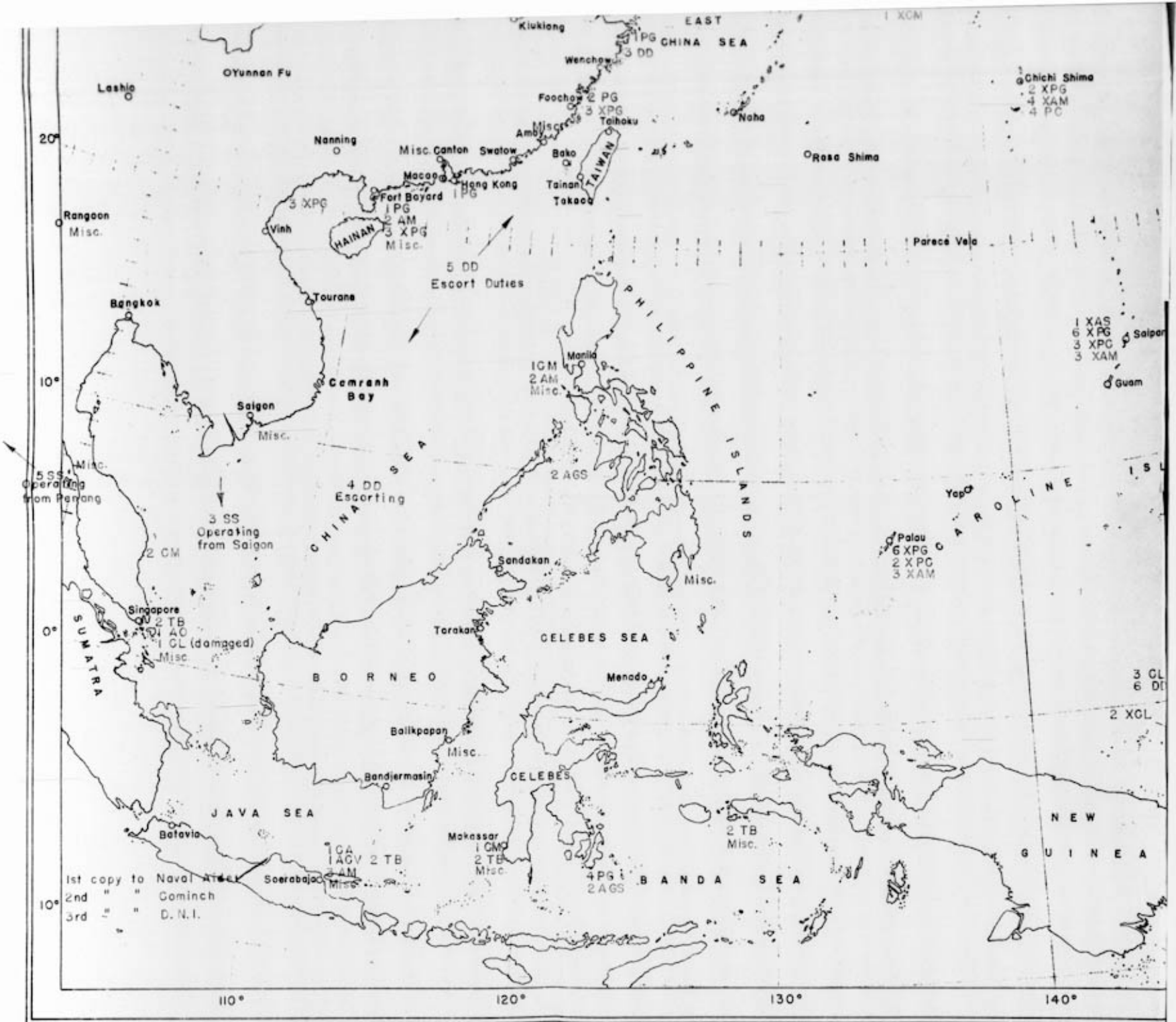
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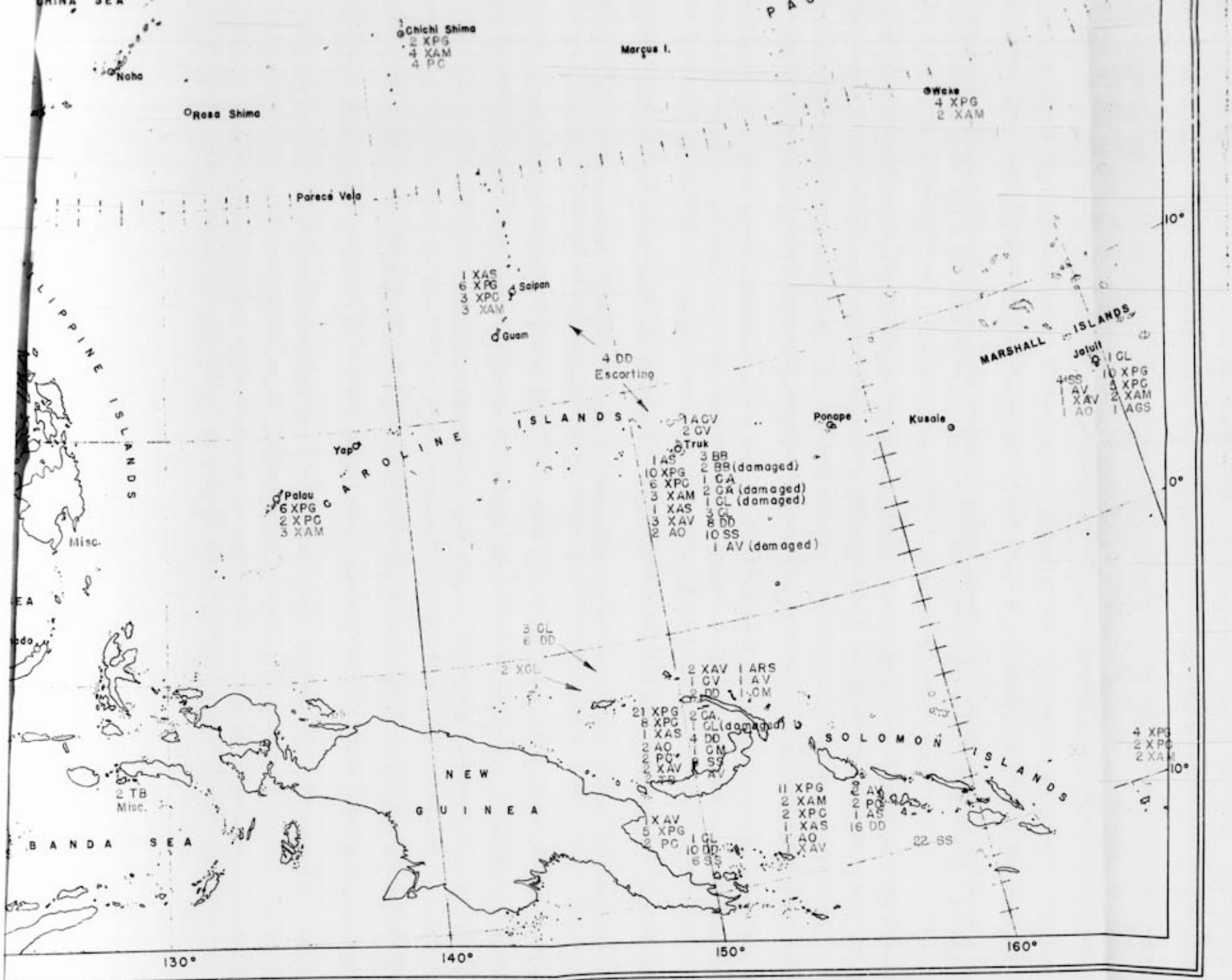

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Trondheim | November 5, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER (1) | Trondheim area | November 5, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel, in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (2) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Baltic Port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN | Norwegian waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven, in dry dock | August 26, 1942 |
| DDs | 8 Units | Northern Norway | November 2, 1942 |
| | 11 Units | German North Sea and Baltic ports | Nov. 2, 1942 |
| SSs | THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 70 Units | French Ports | November 9, 1942 |
| | 112 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 9, 1942 |
| | 25 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern Waters | Nov. 9, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 9, 1942 |
| | 23 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 9, 1942 |
| | 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 9, 1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | November 9, 1942 |
| | 106 Units | Trials | November 9, 1942 |
| | 393 Total. | | |

NOTES:

(1) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL SCHEER passed Helsingborg, course south, November 9, 1942.

(2) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL HIPPER was reported to have passed through Sortland Sund October 28, 1942, probably enroute to Altenfjord. No information as to her arrival has been received.

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | DISPOSITION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE (damaged) | Toulon | November 9, 1942 | |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CA | 4 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 18 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DD | 15 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| SS | 19 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Algiers | November 17, 1942 | (1 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | (2 |
| BB | JEAN BART | Casablanca | November 14, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 14, 1942 | |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | (3 |
| SS | 2 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | (4 |
| BB | RICHELIEU (damaged) | Dakar | October 23, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units (*) | " | November 17, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units (*) | Unknown | | (5 |

(*) Indicates changes since previous report.
(1) MARSOUIN, formerly carried at Algiers, reported at Toulon.
(2) DAUPHIN, formerly carried at Bizerte, reported at Toulon.
(3) BOULONNAIS sunk outside harbor.
(4) PSYCHE, OREADE sunk alongside ORPHEE; MEDUSE beached at Mazagan.
(5) SYBILLE not sunk as previously reported.



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## Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | October 26, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 26, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 | |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | October 5, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 26, 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 26, 1942 | (1) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Dundee | October 26, 1942 | (2) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Rosyth | October 26, 1942 | (3) |
| DL | 0 Unit (*) | Mombassa | November 17, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit (*) | Simonstown | November 17, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | November 4, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | Unknown | October 25, 1942 | (4) |

(*) Indicates changes since November 17 report.
(1) MELPOMENE completes refit January, 1943.
(2) RUBIS completes refit January 17, 1943.
(3) MINERVE completes refit October 28, 1942.
(4) JUNON departed Lerwich October 25.

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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 ) | | Believed in home waters, |
| MUTSU ) | | except MUTSU in Truk-Rabaul |
| MUSASHI) | 4 BB | area. |
| Batdiv 2 | | |
| HYUGA | | Believed in home waters, |
| ISE | | except ISE in Truk-Rabaul. |
| FUSO | | |
| YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | |
| Batdiv 3 | | |
| HIYEI (F) | | One unit damaged Aug. 28 |
| KIRISHIMA | | and probably in Empire; one |
| HARUNA | | damaged Oct. 26 and probably |
| KONGO | 4 BB | Truk; one sunk and one damaged Nov. 12-13 Solomons. |
| Crudiv 6 | | Probably Truk. Both vessels |
| AOBA (F) | | believed damaged; one possi- |
| KINUGASA | 2 CA | bly sunk. |
| Crudiv 9 | | Enroute Truk for Manila. |
| OI | | |
| KITAGAMI | 2 CL | |

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First Fleet (contin 1)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 1 | | |
| ABUKUMA (F) | | Ominato area |
| Desdiv 6 | | Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | | N.W.Pacific.Some units Ominato area 11/13 |
| Desdiv 27 | 1 CL, 10 DD | Believed Solomons |
| Desron 3 | | |
| SENDAI (F) | | In Truk. Probably damaged. |
| Desdiv 11 ) | | Some units enroute Kure for |
| " 19 ) | | overhaul; some New Britain- |
| " 20 ) | 1 CL, 8 DD | Solomons. |

SUMMARY

10 or 11 BB**
1 CA*
4 CL
13 DD***

* 1 CA out of total of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.
** 1 or 2 BB out of total of 12 enumerated in composition considered lost.
*** 5 DD out of total of 18 enumerated in composition considered lost.

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO, flagship | | At sea, probably in Souther Mandates |
| Crudiv 4 | | Uncertain |
| ATAGO (F) | | |
| TAKAO | | |
| MAYA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO | | Uncertain. |
| HAGURO | 2 CA | Believed repairs completed and in Truk. |
| Crudiv 7 | | |
| SUZUYA (F) | | Uncertain. One vessel |
| KUMANO ) | | damaged and probably at |
| MOGAMI ) | 3 CA | Truk. |
| Crudiv 8 | | |
| TONE ) | | Uncertain. |
| CHIKUMA ) | 2 CA | |
| Desron 2 | | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area |
| JINTSU (F) | | on escort duties. Some |
| Desdiv 15 | | units possibly in Solomons |
| " 18 | | and Buna area. |
| " 24 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |

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Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 4 | | |
| YURA (F) | | Probably Yokosuka |
| Desdiv 2 ) | | Uncertain. Believed Solomons- |
| Desdiv 8 ) | | New Britain-New Guinea area. |
| Desdiv 9 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD | |

SUMMARY
3 CA*
1 CL**
15 DD***

*7 CA out of total of 10 enumerated in composition considered sunk.
**1 CL " " " " 2 " " " " "
***4 DD " " " " 19 " " " " "

III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | | |
| SHOKAKU ) | | Both believed damaged Oct. 26 |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | east of Solomons. Present location uncertain but believed Empire. |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Truk area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HITAKA | | Uncertain. Possibly remained home waters. |
| HAYATAKA | 2 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area. |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area. |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD* | Probably with HOSHO |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly New- |
| Desdiv 4 | | Britain-Solomons waters. Damaged |
| Desdiv 10 | | Rabaul-Kavieng area. Uncertain |
| Desdiv 16 | | Rabaul-Buna area |
| Desdiv 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Uncertain |
| | | Solomons. |

SUMMARY
6 CV
1 CL
13 DD*

* 4 DD out of 17 enumerated in composition considered lost.



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## Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Truk-Jaluit area |
| 19th Division | | |
| TSUGARU | | Solomons |
| TOKIWA | | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | 2 CM, 1 XCM | Home waters |
| Subron 7 | | |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | | Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 ) | | N.W. Pacific. Some units |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | possibly in home waters. |
| Subdiv 33 ) | 1 AS, 9 SS | |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Possibly Jaluit area |
| Desdiv 29 ) | | Truk - Solomons - New Britain |
| " 30 ) | 1 CL, 6 DD | area. |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao. |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island. |

### SUMMARY

| |
|---|
| 2 CL |
| 1 CM* |
| 1 XCM |
| 6 DD |
| 1 AS |
| 9 SS |
| 1 AGS |
| 58 XPG |
| 25 XPC |
| 17 XAM |

* 1 CM out of 2 enumerated in composition considered lost.



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## Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | N.W. Pacific. Uncertain |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 XAV | Enroute Aminato to Attu |
| Crudiv 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | | |
| TAMA | 2 CL | |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| AKAGI MARU (F) | | |
| ASAKA MARU | | |
| AWATA MARU | 3 XCL | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Force<br>Patdivs 1-5 incl. | About 45 misc. armed merchant patrol vessels | Patrolling in NW Pacific. |
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 100 misc. fishing craft. | Patrolling off Japan coasts. |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 AGS + misc. others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol<br>OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE )<br>HOKAZE ) | | N.W. Pacific |
| KAMITSU MARU | 2 DD, 1 XPG | Japanese waters |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft | Kiska |

SUMMARY

1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 XAV
3 XPG
4 XAM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc.armed merchant patrol ships
Misc.

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VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| Subron 1 | | |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | | Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | | |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | | |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | | Home waters |
| Subdiv 2 | | Home waters. One unit Penang. |
| " 15 | | Probably Truk area |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS | Unknown. Probably Solomons. |
| Subron 2 | | |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | |
| Subdiv 7 | | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| " 8 | | Uncertain. Probably Yokosuka |
| | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS | |
| Subron 3 | | Uncertain. Believed mostly in Solomons-New Britain area. |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 20 | 2 XAS, 15 SS | |
| Subron 8 | | |
| I-10 (FF) | | Solomons |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 1 | | Possibly Marshalls |
| " 3 | | Probably Solomons |
| " 14 | 2 XAS, 10 SS | Operating from Saigon |
| Subron 15 | Composition unknown | Unlocated |
| ONDO | | New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | 2 AO | Unknown |

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Sixth Fleet
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| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|

SUMMARY
1 CL
2 AS
7 XAS
44 SS
2 AO

* Tentative

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VII. | Eighth Fleet | |
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | New Guinea-New Britain area |
| Crudiv 18<br>TENRYU (F) | | Probably New Britain-New Guinea area. Damaged. |
| TATSUTA | 2 CL | Unknown |
| 8th Base Force | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG<br>14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea |
| WAKATAKA<br>SHIRATAKA | 2 CM | Rabaul-Solomons. One possibly sunk. |

SUMMARY
1 CA
1 CL*
2 CM
5 AM
6 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
14 Patrol Boats

* 1 CL out of total of two enumerated in composition considered sunk.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| VIII. | Eleventh Air Fleet | |
| Airflot 21<br>KATSURAGI MARU | 1 XAV | Buna area |
| Airflot 22<br>KINUGASA MARU<br>FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 XAV | Probably Truk-Solomons<br>Yokosuka |





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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 23 | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Truk-Rabaul area. Uncertain. |
| Airflot 24 | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly Marshalls. |
| SOYO MARU | | Marshalls. |
| NITCHO MARU | | Possibly Kavieng |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV, 3 XAV | Rabaul-Solomons. Uncertain. |
| Airflot 25 | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | | Probably Empire. Believed damaged. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | NEI waters. Uncertain. |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Possibly Rabaul. |
| Airflot 26 | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA | | Rabaul-Solomons |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Probably Empire |
| Desdiv 34 | 4 DD | Scattered. Positions uncertain. |
| TAIYO (ex OTAKA) | | Indefinite. Possibly enroute Japan to Truk |
| UNYO | | Probably enroute Palau Kavieng. |
| CHUYO | 3 ACV | Fitting out in home waters |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 ACV
3 DD*

* 1 DD out of 4 enumerated in composition considered lost.

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Seaplatendiv 11 | | |
| CHITOSE | | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| CHIYODA (damaged) | | Believed under repair in Kure |
| SANUKI MARU | | Kavieng |
| SANYO MARU | | Solomons area |
| NISSHIN | | Truk. Probably damaged. |
| NOTORO | | Indefinite. |
| YASUKAWA MARU | 4 AV, 2 XAV | Believed damaged. New Britain. |



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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU ) | | Believed enroute Singapor to Rabaul |
| HOKOKU MARU ) | | |
| KONGO MARU ) | | Unknown |
| NOSHIRO MARU ) | | |
| SEICHO MARU | 5 XCL | Believed enroute Singapor to Rabaul |
| Desdiv 7 | 3 DD | Solomons |
| Subron 5 | | |
| AS - KOMABASHI (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain |
| " 30 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS | Possibly in Indian Ocean Operating from Penang. |
| Subron 6 | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | Rabaul area |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| " 13 | 1 XAS, 4 SS | Rabaul-Solomons area. Indefinite |

Fleet Train

| | |
|---|---|
| AH - ASAHI MARU | Rabaul |
| AO - AKEBONO MARU | Enroute Truk to Kure |
| AO - NIPPON MARU | N.W. Pacific |
| AO - NISSHIN MARU | Truk area |
| AO - SHINKOKU MARU | Enroute Misi, NEI. |
| AO - ERIMO (New) | Enroute Japan to Marshalls. |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 4 | AV |
| 14 | SS |
| 3 | DD |
| 2 | XAV |
| 5 | XCL |
| 3 | XAS |
| 1 | AS |
| 12 | AO |
| 3 | AF |
| 2 | AR |
| 1 | XAF |
| 10 | AH |

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B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Indefinite. Believed damaged off Saigon on 10/29. Probably went to Singapore for repairs. |
| SHIMUSHU<br>KATSURIKI | 2 CM | Uncertain. Probably Malay area |
| Desdiv 5 | 4 DD | Escorting Palau area |
| 9th Special Base Force | Misc. | Penang |
| 10th Special Base Force | " | Singapore |
| 11th Special Base Force | " | Saigon |
| 12th Special Base Force | " | Rangoon |
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CL<br>2 CM<br>4 DD<br>Misc. | |
| X. | Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | In Mandates. Possibly damaged. Uncertain. |
| Crudiv 16<br>MAYA<br>ISUZU<br>KINU | 3 CL | Uncertain. One unit enroute Makassar to Manila |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & Misc. | Soerabaya |
| 22nd Special Base Force | Misc. | Balikpapan |
| 23rd Special Base Force | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | Makassar |
| 24th Special Base Force | 2 TB & Misc. | Ambon |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | 4 PG | NEI waters |
| Survey Div 1 | 2 AGS | NEI waters |



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## Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

SUMMARY
1 CA
1 CL*
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

* 2 CL out of total of 3 enumerated in composition considered lost.

## XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| YAEYAMA (F) | 1 CM | Philippine waters |
| KUMA | 1 CL | Possibly enroute Makassar to Manila |
| 31st Special Base Force | 2 AM & Misc. | Manila |
| 32nd " " " | Misc. | Davao |
| Survey Div. 2 | 2 AGS | Philippine waters |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

## Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desdiv 13 | | Escorting Beko-Saigon |
| " 22 | | Escorting South China Seas |
| " 32 | 11 DD, 2 TB | Escorting Beko-Saigon |
| PEKING MARU | 1 XPG | Unknown |

SUMMARY
11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG



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## C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| LUMO, Flagship | 1 CA | Shanghai |
| Shanghai Base Force | 1 PG & Misc. | Shanghai |
| Desdiv 26 | 3 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** | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PG | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 1 | 4 TB | Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area. |
| Guard Divs. 15 & 16 | 6 XPG | South China coast |
| Canton Base Force | Misc. | Canton |
| Amoy Base Force | " | Amoy |
| Hainan Defense Force | " | Hainan |
| **North China Fleet** | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 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 |



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D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

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

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10 DD
12 SS
1 CM
29 DM
6 AM

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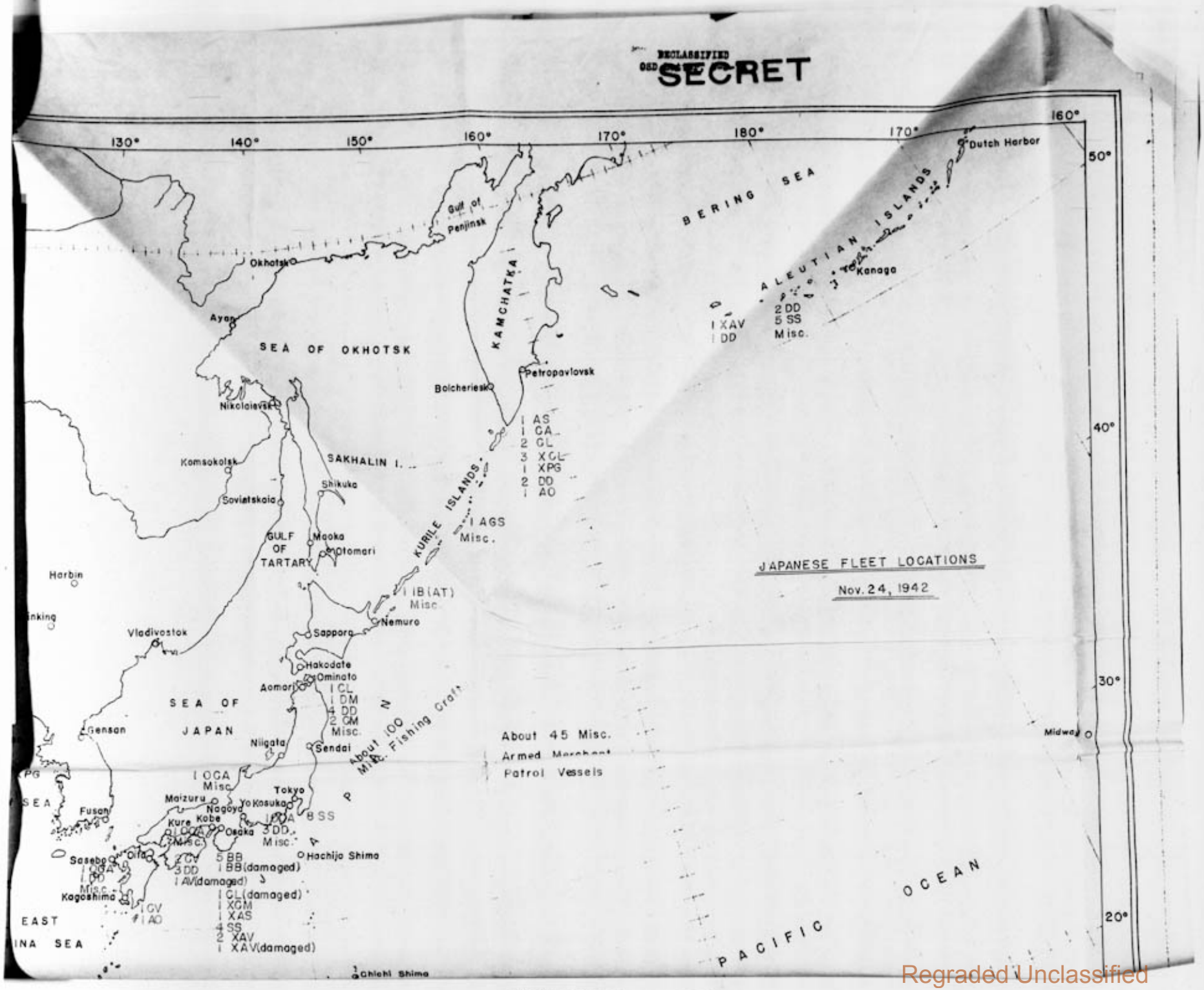



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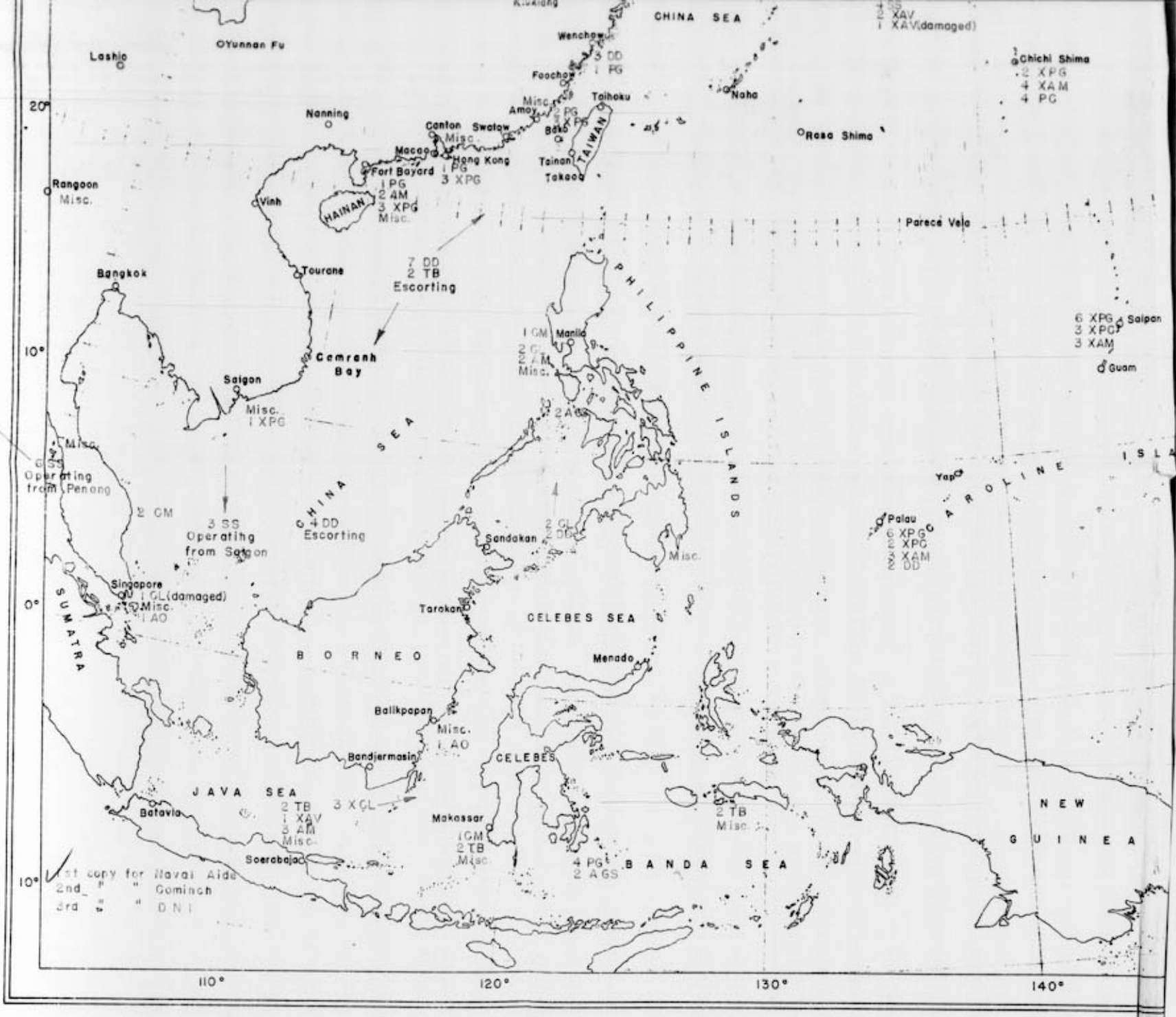
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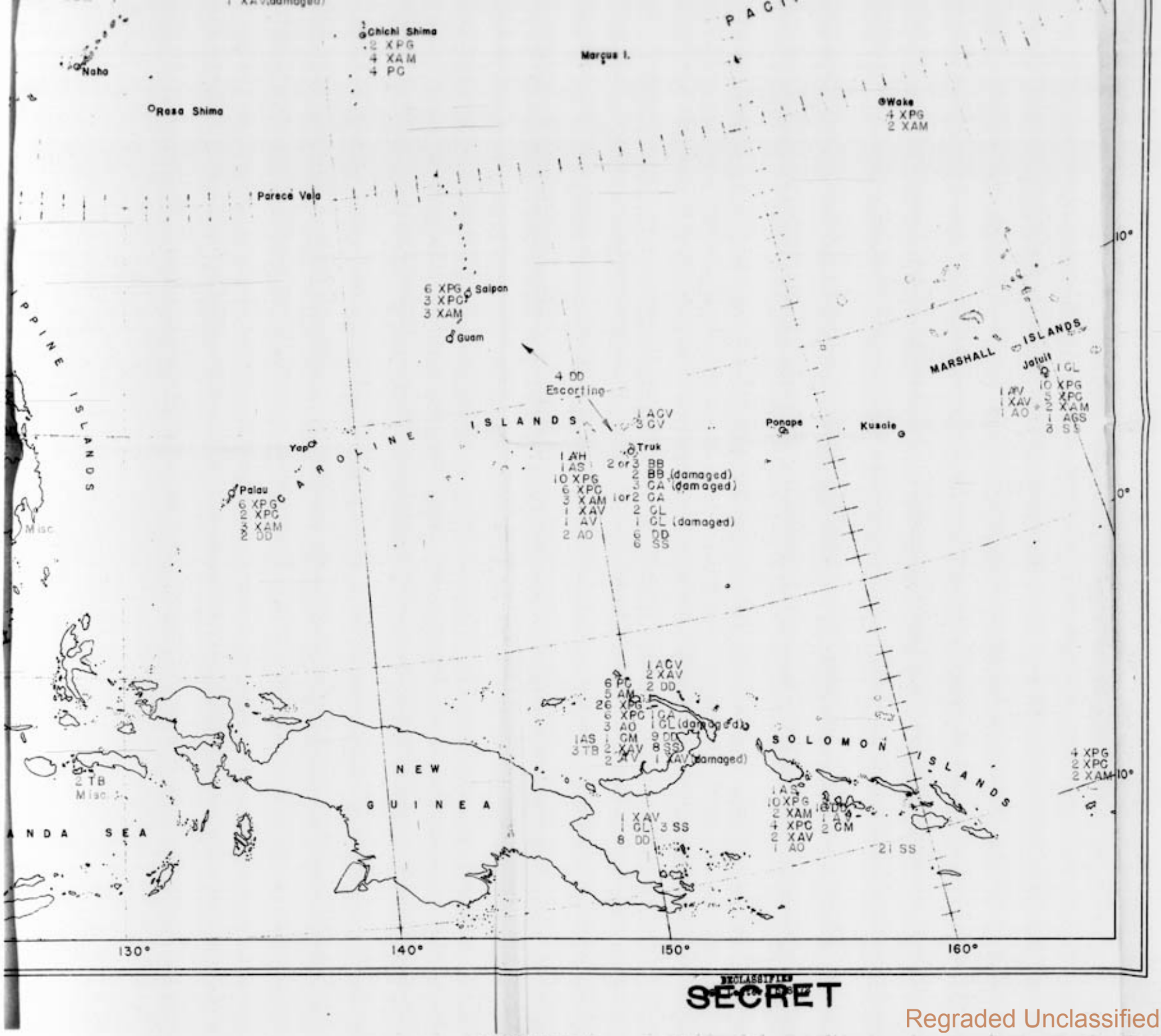

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Type | Ship Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Trondheim | November 5, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER (1) | Trondheim area | November 5, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel; in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | September 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN (2) | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (3) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG (4) | Gdynia | November 11, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG (5) | Baltic Port | October 25, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN | Norwegian Waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock | August 26, 1942 |
| DDs | (6) | | |
| | 8 Units | Northern Norway | October 26, 1942 |
| | 9 Units | German North Sea & Baltic Ports | Oct. 26, 1942 |
| SSs | (7) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 70 Units | French Ports | November 9, 1942 |
| | 112 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 9, 1942 |
| | 25 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | Nov. 9, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 9, 1942 |
| | 23 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 9, 1942 |
| | 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 9, 1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | November 9, 1942 |
| | 106 Units | Trials | November 9, 1942 |
| | 393 Total. | | |

NOTES:

(1) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL SCHEER passed Helsingborg, course south, Nov. 9, 1942.
(2) PRINZ EUGEN previously reported Kiel October 27, 1942.
(3) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL HIPPER was reported to have passed through Sortland Sund October 28, 1942, probably enroute to Altenfjord. No information as to her arrival has been received.
(4) NUERNBERG previously reported Swinemuende October 4, 1942.
(5) LEIPZIG previously reported Gdynia October 5, 1942.
(6) Three DDs accompanied the main unit of the fleet which passed Helsingborg, course south, November 9, 1942.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

(7) SSs previously reported: NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 69 Units | French Ports | November 2, 1942 |
| 114 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 2, 1942 |
| 25 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | November 2, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 2, 1942 |
| 17 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 2, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 2, 1942 |
| 42 Units | Training | November 2, 1942 |
| 108 Units | Trials | November 2, 1942 |
| 390 Total | | |

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## Disposition of Italian Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | 3 Units (*) | Taranto | November 12, 1942 | (1) |
| CVS | MIRAGLIA | " | November 10, 1942 | |
| DD | 9 Units (*) | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 12 Units | " | October 3, 1942 | |
| CA | 2 Units | Messina | November 12, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units (*) | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " | October 18, 1942 | |
| CV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | October 22, 1942 | |
| CV | AUGUSTA (Ex-Liner) | " (incomplete) | September 19, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units | " | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 6 Units (*) | La Spezia | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 11 Units | " " | September 30, 1942 | |
| OCL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | September 19, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " (fitting out) | September 30, 1942 | |
| BB | 3 Units (*) | Naples | November 13, 1942 | (1) |
| CA | 1 Unit | " (damaged) | September 30, 1942 | |
| CL | 5 Units (*) | " (1 damaged) | November 12, 1942 | |
| DD | 8 Units (*) | " | November 12, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo | October 28, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit (*) | " (damaged) | November 10, 1942 | (2) |
| DD | 2 Units (*) | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | Trapani | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 3 Units (*) | " | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 6 Units (*) | Augusta | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units (*) | Cagliari | September 30, 1942 | |
| BB | CAVOUR | Trieste (repairing) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 4 Units | " " " | October 2, 1942 | |



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Disposition of Italian Fleet (Continued)

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DD | 5 Units | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| BB | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | Brindisi | September 30, 1942 | |
| ~~CL~~ | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Pola | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 8 Units | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| CL | 0 Units (*) | Navarino, Greece | November 10, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 0 Units (*) | " " | November 10, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 10 Units | Aegean & Dodecanese Is. | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 2 Units (*) | " " " " | September 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 12 Units | Tripoli & N. Africa | September 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 9 Units (*) | Bordeaux | September 30, 1942 | |
| DD | 14 Units (*) | Unknown | | |
| SS | 0 Units (*). | Unknown | | (4) |

(*) Indicates change since report of November 10, 1942.
(1) Three battleships departed Taranto on November 12 and were reported at Naples on November 13. They were not identified.
(2) An Italian light cruiser was torpedoed north of Palermo by a British submarine on November 8. It was later towed to Palermo.
(3) Three cruisers and 4 destroyers stationed in Navarino, Greece, departed on November 9. They were later attacked by British submarines and Fleet Air Arm; both claimed hits.
(4) An Italian submarine was sunk off Algeria on November 11, 1942.



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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | DISPOSITION | LAST REPORTEDDDATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE (damaged) | Toulon | November 9, 1942 | |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CA | 4 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 18 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DD | 15 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| SS | 14 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | " | November 8, 1942 | |
| 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 | Casablanca | November 14, 1942 | (1) |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 14, 1942 | (2) |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 14, 1942 | (3) |
| DD | 5 Units (*) | " | November 14, 1942 | (4) |
| SS | 5 Units (*) | " | November 14, 1942 | (5) |
| BB | RICHELIEU (damaged) | Dakar | October 23, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 | |
| SS | 12 Units | " | November 3, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 9 Units (*) | Unknown | | |

(*) Indicates changes since November 10 report.

(1) JEAN BART, fired and sunk this date; upper turrets usable.
(2) PRIMAUGUET beached outside harbor this date.
(3) ALBATROS and MIAN beached this date.
(4) FRONDEUR and BRESTOIS sunk this date.
(5) SYBILLE and AMPHITRITE sunk this date;
LE TONNANT reported at Cadiz, November 15,1942.



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| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | October 12, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | October 5, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 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 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Dundee | October 12, 1942 |
| DL | 0 Units (*) | Simonstown | November 10, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit (*) | Mombassa | November 10, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | November 4, 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) | | Truk area. |
| **I. First Fleet** | | |
| **Composition** | | |
| Batdiv 1<br>YAMATO (F)<br>NAGATO )<br>MUTSU )<br>MUSASHI ) | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU in Truk-Solomons area. |
| Batdiv 2<br>HYUGA<br>ISE<br>FUSO<br>YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except ISE in Truk-Solomons |
| Batdiv 3<br>HIYEI (F)<br>KIRISHIMA<br>HARUNA<br>KONGO | 4 BB | One unit damaged Aug. 28 and probably in Empire; one damaged Oct. 26 and probably Truk; one sunk and one damaged Nov. 14-15 Solomons. |
| Crudiv 6<br>AOBA (F)<br>KINUGASA | 2 CA | Probably Truk. Both vessels believed damaged; one possibly sunk. |
| Crudiv 9<br>OI<br>KITAGAMI | 2 CL | Unlocated. Possibly sunk. |



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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 1 | | |
| ABUKUMA (F) | | Ominato area 11/13 |
| Desdiv 6 | | Solomons |
| Desdiv 21 | | All or some units Ominato area 11/13 |
| Desdiv 27 | 1 CL, 10 DD | Believed Solomons |
| Desron 3 | | |
| SENDAI (F) | | In Truk. Probably damaged. |
| Desdiv 11 ) | | Solomons |
| " 19 ) | | |
| " 20 ) | 1 CL, 8 DD | |

SUMMARY
11 BB
2 CA
4 CL
18 DD

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO, flagship | | |
| Crudiv 4 | | |
| ATAGO (F) | | Solomons area. One or two units believed sunk; one unit believed damaged. |
| TAKAO | | |
| MAYA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO (believed sunk) | | |
| HAGURO (damaged) | 2 CA | Uncertain. Possibly returned Sasebo. |
| Crudiv 7 | | |
| SUZUYA (F) | | Solomons. One ship damaged and probably at Truk. One unit possibly sunk Nov. 14-15. |
| KUMANO | | |
| MOGAMI | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 8 | | |
| TONE | | Solomons. Both ships believed damaged Oct. 26. |
| CHIKUMA | 2 CA | |
| Desron 2 | | |
| JINTSU (F) | | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area on escort duties. Some units possibly in Solomons. |
| Desdiv 15 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 24 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |



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## Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 4 | | |
| YURA (F) | | Probably Yokosuka |
| Desdiv 2 ) | | Believed Solomons area. |
| Desdiv 8 ) | | |
| Desdiv 9 ) | 1 CL, 9 DD | |

SUMMARY
6 CA
2 CL
19 DD

## III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | | |
| SHOKAKU ) | | Both were damaged Oct. 26 |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | east of Solomons. Present location uncertain |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Solomons area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HITAKA | | Uncertain. Possibly remained home waters. |
| HAYATAKA | 2 CV | Possibly Solomons area. |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD | Probably with HOSHO |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly New Britain-Solomons waters |
| Desdiv 4 | | Rabaul-Kaviong area |
| Desdiv 10 | | Probably with Cardiv 1 |
| Desdiv 16 | | Uncertain |
| Desdiv 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Solomons waters. |

SUMMARY
6 CV
1 CL
17 DD



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## Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Truk area |
| 19th Division | | |
| TSUGARU | | Solomons |
| TOKIWA | | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | 2 CM, 1 XCM | Home waters |
| Subron 7 | | |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | | Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 ) | | N.W. Pacific. Some units |
| Subdiv 26 ) | | possibly in home waters. |
| Subdiv 33 ) | 1 AS, 9 SS | |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Possibly Jaluit area |
| Desdiv 29 ) | | Solomons |
| " 30 ) | 1 CL, 6 DD | |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao. |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons and at Wake Island. |

SUMMARY

| |
|---|
| 2 CL |
| 2 CM |
| 1 XCM |
| 6 DD |
| 1 AS |
| 9 SS |
| 1 AGS |
| 58 XPG |
| 25 XPC |
| 17 XAM |



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Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | N.W. Pacific. Uncertain |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 XAV | Enroute Omisato to Attu |
| Crudiv 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | | |
| TAMA | 2 CL | |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KINUGI MARU (F) | | |
| ASAKA MARU | | |
| AWATA MARU | 3 XCL | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 XAM, 4 PC | 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 |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + Misc. others | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE ) | | N.W. Pacific |
| HOKAZE ) | | |
| KAMITSU MARU | 2 DD, 1 XPG | Japanese waters |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux.&small craft | Kiska |

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 XAV
3 XPG
4 XAM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc.armed merchant patrol ships
Misc.



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VI. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| Subron 1 | | |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | | Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | | |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | | Home waters |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | | Home waters |
| Subdiv 2 | | Probably Truk area |
| " 15 | | |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS | Unknown. Probably Solomons |
| Subron 2 | | |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | |
| Subdiv 7 | | Solomons area |
| " 8 | | Uncertain. Probably Yokosuka |
| | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS | |
| Subron 3 | | Believed mostly in Solomons |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - URAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 20 | 2 XAS, 15 SS | |
| Subron 8 | | Probably Solomons |
| I-10 (FF) | | |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | Possibly Marshalls |
| Subdiv 1 | | Probably Solomons |
| " 3 | | Operating from Saigon |
| " 14 | 2 XAS, 10 SS | |
| Subron 15 | Composition unknown | Unlocated |
| ONDO | | New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | 2 AO | Unknown |



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| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CL<br>2 AS<br>7 XAS<br>44 SS<br>2 AO | |
| * Tentative | | |
| VII. | Eighth Fleet | |
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Solomons area |
| Crudiv 18<br>TENRYU (F) )<br>TATSUTA ) | 2 CL | Solomons area |
| 8th Base Force | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG<br>14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons and New Guinea |
| WAKATAKA<br>SHIRATAKA | 2 CM | Solomons. Uncertain. |
| | SUMMARY<br>1 CA<br>2 CL<br>2 CM<br>5 AM<br>6 PC<br>20 XPG<br>3 XPC<br>14 Patrol Boats | |
| VIII. | Eleventh Air Fleet | |
| Airflot 21<br>KATSURAGI MARU | 1 XAV | Rabaul-Kavieng area |
| Airflot 22<br>KINUGASA MARU<br>FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 XAV | Solomons<br>Yokosuka |



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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 23 | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Truk-Rabaul area |
| Airflot 24 | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Empire waters. Uncertain |
| SOYO MARU | | Marshalls |
| NITCHO MARU | | Rabaul-Solomons. Uncertain |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV, 3 XAV | Rabaul-Solomons. |
| Airflot 25 | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | | Solomons. Probably damaged. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | NEI waters. |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Palao area |
| Airflot 26 | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA | | Rabaul-Solomons |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Probably Empire |
| Desdiv 34 | 4 DD | Scattered. Positions uncertain |
| OTAKA | | Probably Truk |
| UNYO | | Probably enroute Palao-Kavieng |
| CHUYO | 3 ACV | Fitting out in home waters. |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 ACV
4 DD

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Seaplatendiv 11 | | |
| CHITOSE | | Solomons area |
| CHIYODA (damaged) | | Believed under repairs in Kure |
| SANUKI MARU | | Rabaul |
| SANYO MARU | | Solomons area |
| NISSHIN | | Truk. Probably damaged. |
| NOTORO | | Indefinite. Rabaul area on 10/1 |
| YASUKUNI MARU | 4 AV, 2 XAV | Believed damaged. New Britain |



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Attached to Combined Fleet
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| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AIKOKU MARU | | Singapore area |
| HOKOKU MARU | | Singapore area. Indefinite |
| KONGO MARU ) | | Unknown |
| NOSHIRO MARU) | | |
| SEICHO MARU | 5 XCL | Singapore area |
| Desdiv 7 | 3 DD | Solomons |
| Subron 5 | | |
| AS - KOMAEISHI (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain. |
| " 30 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS | Possibly in Indian Ocean. Operating from Penang. |
| Subron 6 | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | Rabaul area |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| " 13 | 1 XAS, 4 SS | Rabaul-Solomons area |

SUMMARY
4 AV
14 SS
3 DD
2 XAV
5 XCL
3 XAS
1 AS
12 AO
3 AF
2 AR
1 XAF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Indefinite. Believed damaged off Saigon on 10/29. Probably went to Singapore for repairs. |
| SHIMUSHU ) | | |
| KATSURIKI ) | 2 CM | Uncertain. Probably Malay area |



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## First Southern Expeditionary Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desdiv 5 | 4 DD | Escorting Palao area. |
| 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.

## X. Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | In Mandates. Possibly damaged. Indefinite. |
| Crudiv 16<br>NATORI<br>ISUZU<br>KINU | 3 CL | Believed in Solomons. One unit believed damaged; two ships believed sunk. |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & Misc. | Soerabaya |
| 22nd Special Base Force | Misc. | Balikpapan |
| 23rd Special Base Force | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | Makassar |
| 24th Special Base Force | 2 TB & Misc. | Ambon |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | 4 PG | NEI waters |
| Survey Div 1 | 2 AGS | NEI waters |

SUMMARY
1 CA
1 CL
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

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XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KUMA, Flagship | 1 CL | Soerabaya area |
| YAEYAMA | 1 CM | Philippine waters |
| 31st Special Base Force | 2 AM & Misc. | Manila |
| 32nd " " " | Misc. | Davao |
| Survey Div. 2 | 2 AGS | Philippine waters |

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desdiv 13 | | Escorting Moko-Saigon |
| " 22 | | Escorting South China Seas |
| " 32 | 11 DD, 2 TB | Escorting Moko-Saigon |
| PEKING MARU | 1 XPG | Unknown |

SUMMARY
11 DD
2 TB
1 XPG

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, Flagship | 1 CA | Shanghai |
| Shanghai Base Force | 1 PG & Misc. | Shanghai |
| Desdiv 26 | 3 DD | China coast |
| Nanking Base Force | Misc. | Nanking |



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| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Central China Fleet | | |
| IJI, 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 | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PG | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 1 | 4 TB | Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area. |
| Guard Divs. 15 & 16 | 6 XPG | South China coast |
| Canton Base Force | Misc. | Canton |
| Amoy Base Force | " | Amoy |
| Hainan Defense Force | " | Hainan |
| North China Fleet | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 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 |

D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

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



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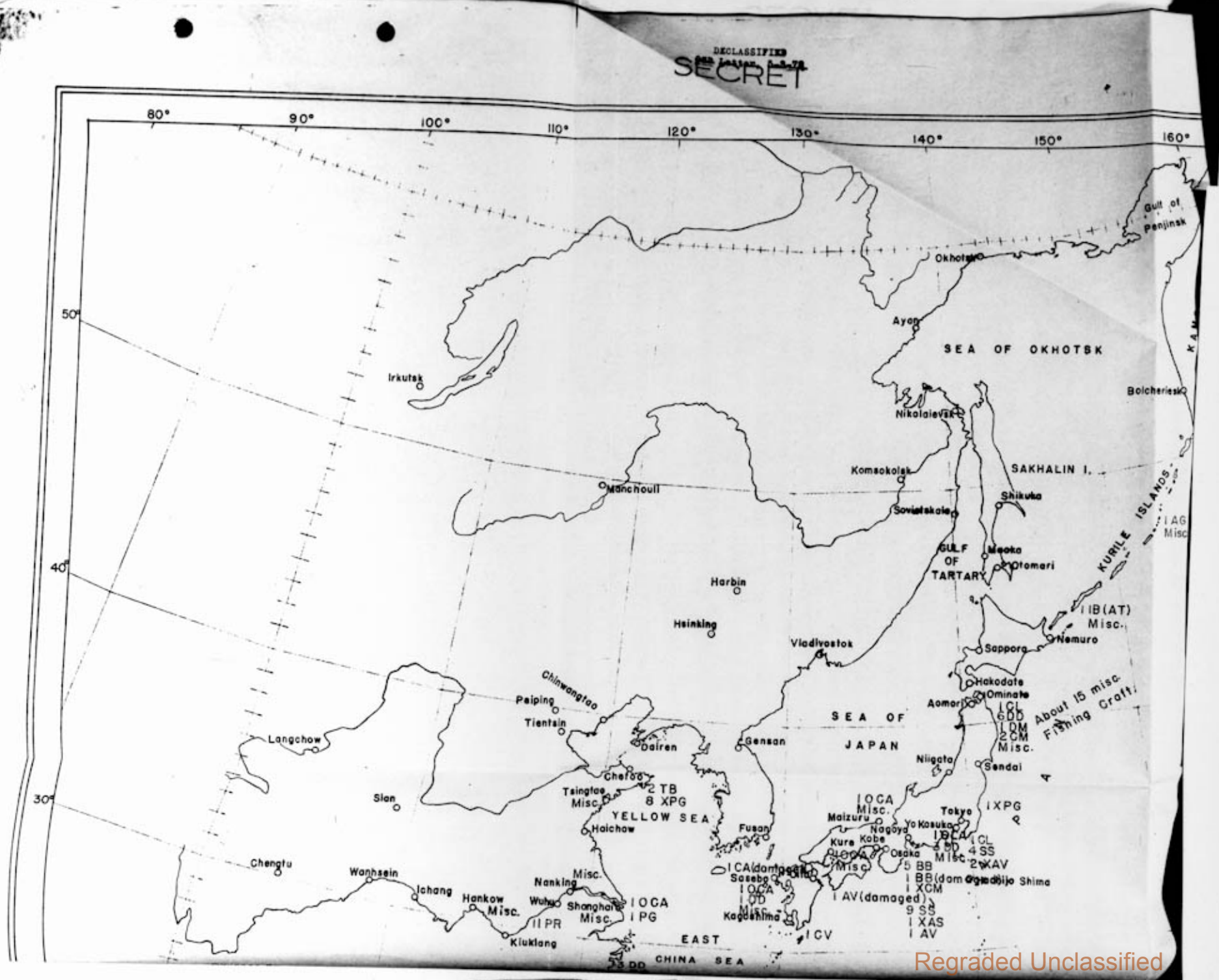
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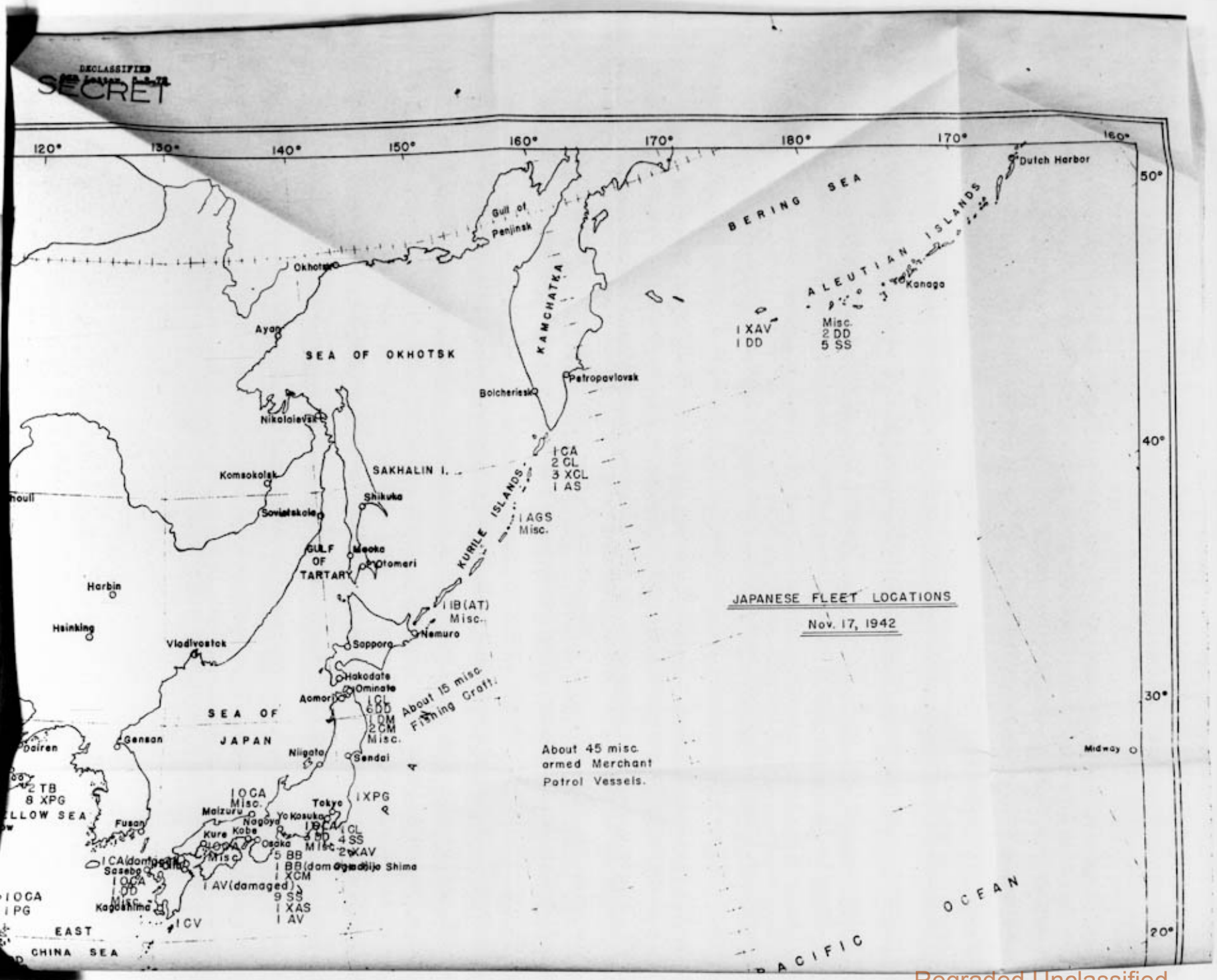
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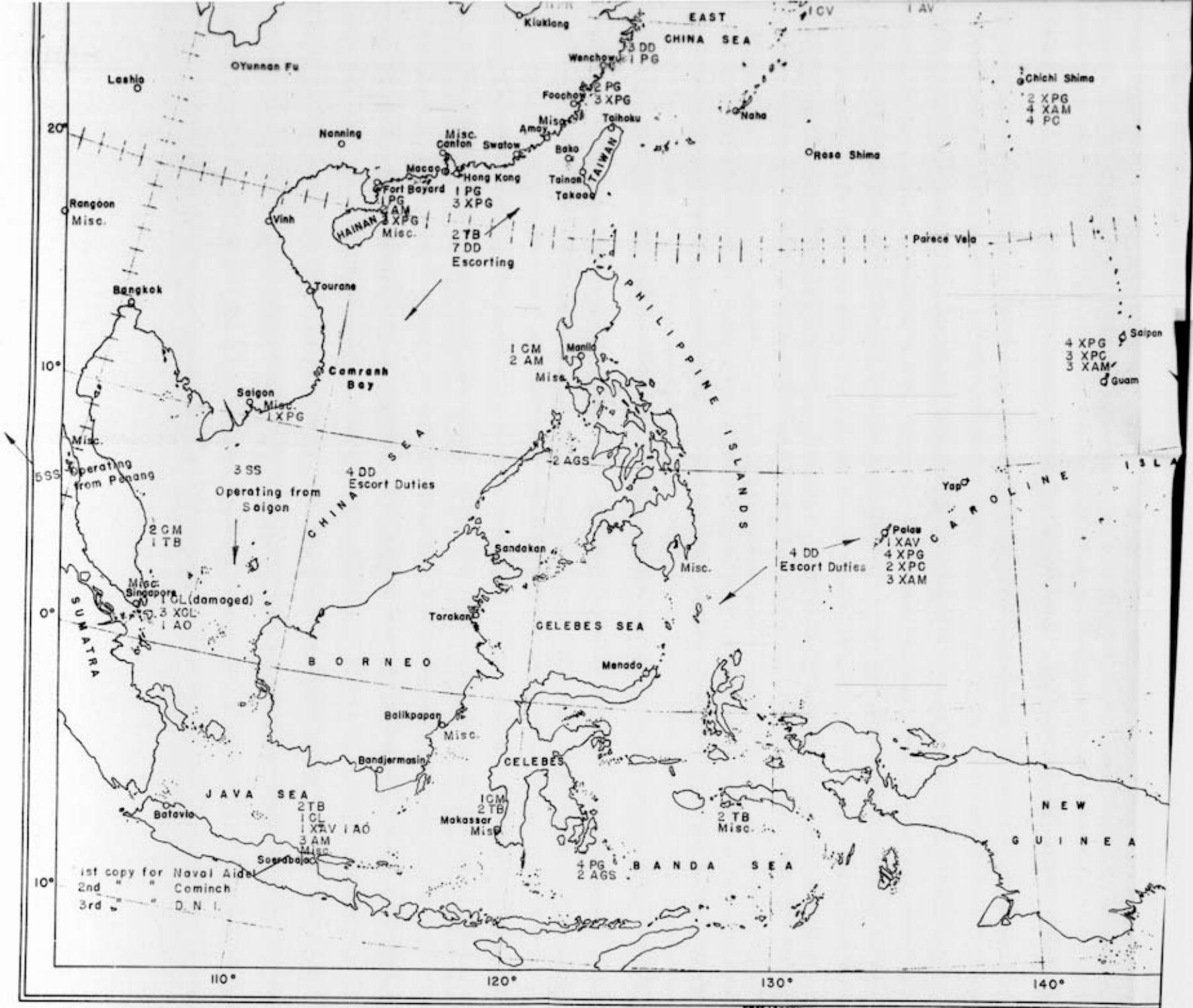
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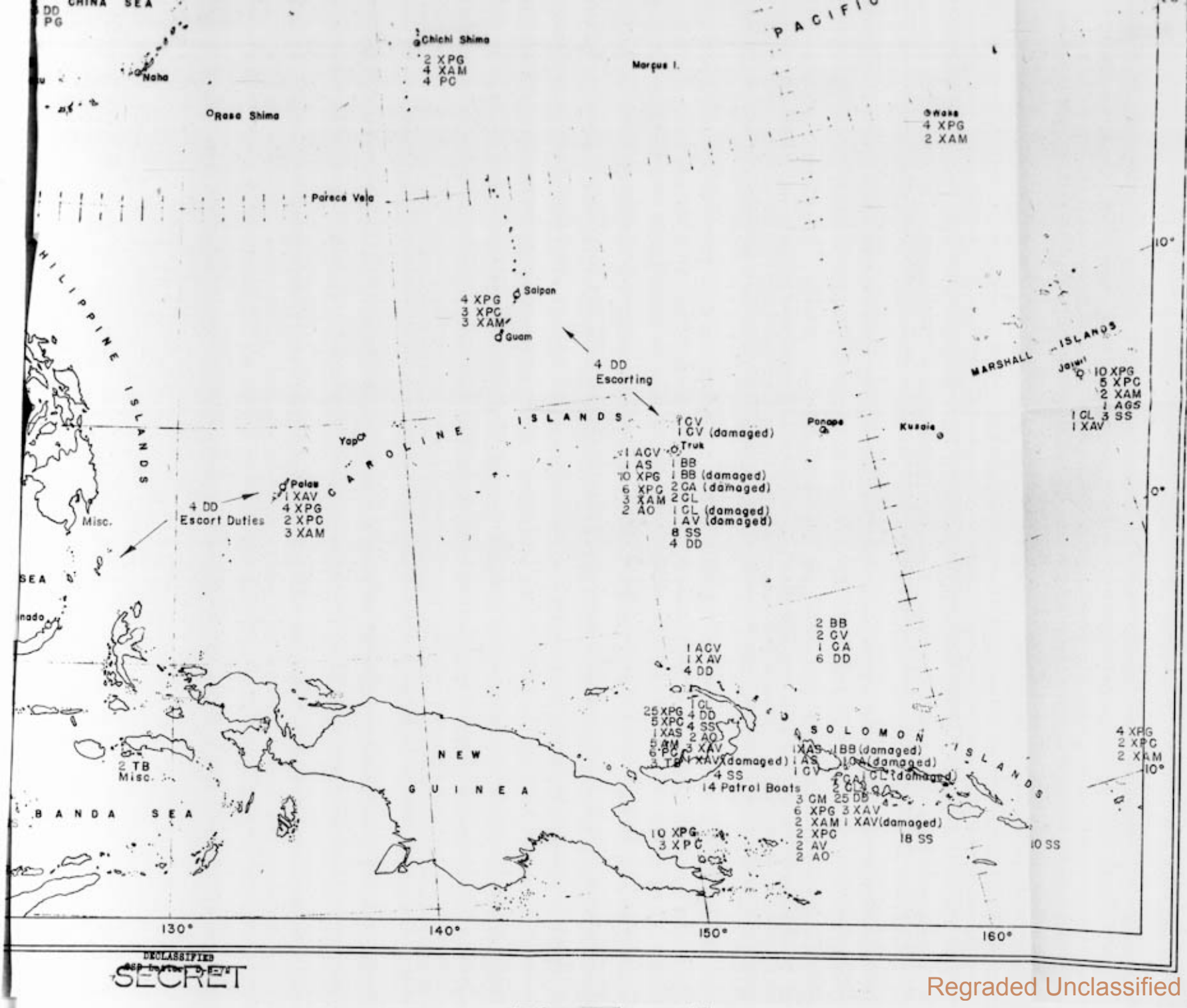



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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Ship Type | Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ | Trondheim | November 5, 1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | October 5, 1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia, in floating dock | October 5, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN | Gdynia | October 5, 1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN | Gdynia | October 5, 1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | October 20, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER | Trondheim area | November 5, 1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel, in dry dock | October 14, 1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | Sept. 5, 1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Kiel | October 27, 1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (1) | Narvik area | October 21, 1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG | Swinemuende | October 4, 1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Gdynia | October 5, 1942 |
| CL | KOELN | Norwegian waters | October 22, 1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven, in dry dock | August 26, 1942 |
| DD's | 8 Units | Northern Norway | October 26, 1942 |
| | 9 Units | German North Sea & Baltic Ports | October 26, 1942 |
| SS's | (2) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 69 Units | French Ports | November 2, 1942 |
| | 114 Units | Atlantic Patrols | November 2, 1942 |
| | 25 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | November 2, 1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | November 2, 1942 |
| | 17 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | November 2, 1942 |
| | 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | November 2, 1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | November 2, 1942 |
| | 108 Units | Trials | November 2, 1942 |
| | 390 Total | | |

NOTES:

(1) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL HIPPER was reported to have passed through Sortland Sund, October 28, 1942, probably en route to Altenfjord. No information as to her arrival has been received.

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 73 Units | French Ports | October 26, 1942 |
| 105 Units | Atlantic Patrols | October 26, 1942 |
| 24 Units | Norwegian Ports & Northern Waters | October 26, 1942 |
| 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | October 26, 1942 |
| 19 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | October 26, 1942 |
| 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | October 26, 1942 |
| 42 Units | Training | October 26, 1942 |
| 111 Units | Trials | October 26, 1942 |
| 389 Total. | | |

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Disposition of Italian Fleet

There have been no changes in the disposition of the Italian Fleet since the last Disposition Report of November 3, 1942.

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## Disposition of French (Vichy) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | DISPOSITION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BB | DUNKERQUE (damaged) | Toulon | November 9, 1942 | |
| BB | STRASBOURG | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| OBB | PROVENCE | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CA | 4 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 18 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DD | 15 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| SS | 14 Units | " | November 9, 1942 | |
| DL | 1 Unit | Oran | October 17, 1942 | |
| DD | 1 Unit (*) | " | November 8, 1942 | (1) |
| SS | 5 Units (*) | " | November 8, 1942 | (2) |
| SS | 2 Units | Algiers | October 28, 1942 | (3) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Bizerte | August 25, 1942 | |
| DD | 3 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| SS | 7 Units | " | June 30, 1942 | |
| BB | JEAN BART (incomplete) | Casablanca | November 8, 1942 | (4) |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | November 8, 1942 | (5) |
| DL | 3 Units | " | November 8, 1942 | (6) |
| DD | 7 Units (*) | " | November 8, 1942 | (6) |
| SS | 8 Units (*) | " | November 8, 1942 | (7) |
| BB | RICHELIEU (damaged) | Dakar | October 23, 1942 | |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 | |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 | |
| SS | 12 Units (*) | " | November 3, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 | |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 | |
| SS | 8 Units | Unknown | | |

(*) Indicates changes since November 3 report.

(1) 1 unit sunk and 1 unit, damaged, returned to port.
(2) 1 unit sunk off Oran.
(3) Position of these units unknown since Allied occupation of Algiers.



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(4) Hit fore and aft by Allied aircraft and gutted by fire.
(5) Badly damaged in action off Casablanca.
(6) DD FOUGUEUX sunk and several DL's and DD's badly damaged in action off Casablanca. Unlikely effective seagoing force remains at Casablanca.
(7) 1 Unit sunk, 4 other Units hit by Allied aircraft and 4 Units, without torpedoes, directed to Dakar.

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Immobilized French 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 | November 9, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | October 11, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Guadeloupe | November 5, 1942 |

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## Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | October 12, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | October 5, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | Greenock | October 5,1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | Campbeltown | May 24, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | Duncon | May 24,1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | London | October 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Dundee | October 12, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Simonstown | October 12, 1942 |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | October 28, 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) | | Truk area. |

I. First Fleet

Composition

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Batdiv 1<br>YAMATO (F)<br>NAGATO )<br>MUTSU )<br>MUSASHI ) | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except MUTSU in Truk-Solomons area. |
| Batdiv 2<br>HYUGA<br>ISE<br>FUSO<br>YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | Believed in home waters, except ISE in Truk-Solomons |
| Batdiv 3*<br>HIYEI (F)<br>KIRISHIMA<br>HARUNA<br>KONGO | 4 BB | Truk-Solomons area except one believed damaged Aug. 28. |
| Crudiv 6<br>AOBA (F)<br>KINUGASA | 2 CA | Probably Truk. Both vessels believed damaged; one possibly sunk. |
| Crudiv 9<br>OI<br>KITAGAMI | 2 CL | Unlocated |

* 1 KONGO class BB damaged on Oct. 26, 1942



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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 1 | | |
| ABUKUMA (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| Desdiv 6 | | Probably Truk area. Uncertain. |
| Desdiv 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| Desdiv 27 | 1 CL, 11 DD | Believed Solomons |
| Desron 3 | | |
| SENDAI (F) | | In Solomons. SENDAI possibly sunk. |
| Desdiv 11 | | |
| " 19 | | |
| " 20 | 1 CL, 8 DD | |

SUMMARY
12 BB
2 CA
4 CL
19 DD

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO, flagship | | |
| Crudiv 4 | | |
| ATAGO (F) | | Truk-Solomons area. At least one unit believed damaged. |
| TAKAO | | |
| MAYA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO (believed sunk) | | |
| HAGURO (damaged) | 2 CA | Uncertain. Possibly returned Sasebo. |
| Crudiv 7 | | Truk-New Britain-Solomons. One ship damaged. |
| SUZUYA (F) | | |
| KUMANO | | |
| MOGAMI | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 8 | | Truk-New Britain-Solomons Both ships believed damaged Oct. 26. |
| TONE | | |
| CHIKUMA | 2 CA | |
| Desron 2 | | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area on escort duties. Some units possibly in Solomons. |
| JINTSU (F) | | |
| Desdiv 15 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 24 | 1 CL, 10 DD | |



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Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Desron 4 | | Solomons area |
| YURA (F) | | |
| Desdiv 2 | | |
| Desdiv 8 | | |
| Desdiv 9 | 1 CL, 9 DD | |

SUMMARY
9 CA
2 CL
19 DD

III. Third Fleet (formerly First Air Fleet)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Cardiv 1 | | |
| SHOKAKU ) | | Both were damaged Oct. 26 east of Solomons. Probably retired Truk. |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Truk-Solomons area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HITAKA | | Uncertain. Possibly remained home waters. |
| HAYATAKA | 2 CV | Truk-Rabaul-Solomons area. |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD | Probably with HOSHO |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Possibly Melanesia waters. |
| Desdiv 4 | | Rabaul-Kavieng area |
| Desdiv 10 | | Probably with Cardiv 1 |
| Desdiv 16 | | Uncertain |
| Desdiv 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Possibly Truk-Solomons waters. |

SUMMARY
6 CV
1 CL
17 DD



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## Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Truk area |
| 19th Division | | |
| TSUGARU | | Solomons |
| TOKIWA | | Unknown |
| TENYO MARU | 2 CM, 1 XCM | Homo waters |
| Subron 7 | | |
| AS - JINGEI (F) | | Truk area |
| Subdiv 21 | | |
| Subdiv 26 | | N.W. Pacific. Some units |
| Subdiv 33 | 1 AS, 9 SS | possibly in homo waters |
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Jaluit area |
| Desdiv 29 ) | | Solomons |
| " 30 ) | 1 CL, 6 DD | |
| 3rd Base Force | 13 XPG, 4 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Palao. |
| 4th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 10 XPG, 6 XPC, 3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 24 XPG, 8 XAM, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and some units probably in Solomons. |

SUMMARY
2 CL
2 CM
1 XCM
6 DD
1 AS
9 SS
1 AGS
58 XPG
25 XPC
17 XAM

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Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | N.W. Pacific. Uncertain |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 AV | Uncertain. Possibly Yokosuka |
| Crudiv 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | 2 CL | |
| TAMA | | |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| AKAGI MARU (F) | | |
| ASAKA MARU | | |
| AWATA MARU | 3 XCL | |
| Chichijima Area Special Base Force | 2 XPG, 4 AM, 4 PC | Chichijima |
| Northern Patrol Force<br>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 |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol<br>OTOMARI | 1 IB (AT) + misc. others | N. Hokkaido waters |
| SHIOKAZE<br>HOKAZE<br>KAMITSU MARU | 2 DD, 1 XPG | Japanese waters |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc. Aux. & small craft | Kiska |

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL
3 XCL
2 DD
1 AV
3 XPG
4 AM
4 PC
1 AGS
1 IB (AT)
60 Misc. armed merchant patrol ships
Misc.



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## Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| **Subron 1** | | |
| AS - TAIGEI (F)* | | Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons |
| I-9 (FF) | | |
| XAS - HEIAN MARU | | |
| XAS - NISSO MARU | | Home waters |
| Subdiv 2 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 15 | | Probably Truk area |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 12 SS | Unknown |
| **Subron 2** | | |
| AS - CHOGEI (F)* | | |
| XAS - MANZYU MARU | | |
| Subdiv 7 | | Solomons area |
| " 8 | 1 AS, 1 XAS, 7 SS | Uncertain. Probably Yokosuka. |
| **Subron 3** | | Believed mostly in Solomons |
| XAS - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| I-11 (FF) | | |
| XAS - OSAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 | | |
| " 20 | 2 XAS, 15 SS | |
| **Subron 5** | | |
| AS - KOMAHASHI (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain. |
| " 30 | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS | Possibly in Indian Ocean. Operating from Penang. |
| **Subron 6** | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| " 13 | 1 XAS, 4 SS | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| **Subron 8** | | |
| I-10 (FF) | | |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 1 | | Possibly Marshalls |
| " 3 | | Uncertain. Probably Truk-Rabaul area. |
| " 14 | 2 XAS, 10 SS | Operating from Saigon |



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Sixth Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Subron 15 | Composition unknown | Unlocated |
| ONDO | | New Britain-Solomons |
| FUJISAN MARU | 2 AO | Unknown |

SUMMARY
1 CL
3 AS
10 AKS
58 SS
2 AO

* Tentative.

VII. Eighth Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Solomons area |
| Crudiv 18 | | |
| TENRYU (F) | 2 CL | Solomons area |
| TATSUTA | | |
| 8th Base Force | 5 AM, 6 PC, 20 XPG 14 Patrol Boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons |
| WAKATAKA | 2 CM | Solomons |
| SHIRATAKA | | |

SUMMARY
1 CA
2 CL
2 CM
5 AM
6 PC
20 XPG
3 XPC
14 Patrol Boats

VIII. Eleventh Air Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 21 | | |
| KATSURAGI MARU | 1 AKV | Rabaul-Kavieng area. |
| Airflot 22 | | |
| KINUGASA MARU | | Solomons. Uncertain |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 AKV | Yokosuka |



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## Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 23 | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Truk-Rabaul area |
| Airflot 24 | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Believed Empire waters. |
| SOYO MARU | | Possibly Marshalls. |
| NITCHO MARU | | Rabaul-Solomons. Uncertain. |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV, 3 XAV | Rabaul-Solomons. |
| Airflot 25 | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU (F) | | Solomons. Probably damaged. |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | Uncertain |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Believed in Truk area. |
| Airflot 26 | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA* | | Solomons |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Probably Empire |
| Dosdiv 34 | 4 DD | Scattered. Positions uncertain |
| OTAKA** | | Truk - Kaviong area |
| UNYO | | In Ambon area on 10/18. Indefin |
| CHUYO | 3 APV | Fitting out in home waters. |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 APV
4 DD

** Recent damages have been repaired.

## Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Seaplatendiv 11 | | |
| CHITOSE* | | Solomons area |
| CHIYODA (damaged) | | Believed under repairs in Kure yar |
| SANUKI MARU | | Enroute Yokosuka to Rabaul |
| SANYO MARU | | Truk-Solomons area |
| NISSHIN* | | Solomons |
| NOTORO | | Indefinite. Rabaul area on 10/1 |
| YASUKAWA MARU | 4 AV, 2 XAV | Solomons. Believed damaged. |
| AIKOKU MARU | | Singapore area |
| HOKOKU MARU | | Kaviong area |
| KONGO MARU ) | | Unknown. |
| NASHIRO MARU ) | 4 XCL | |

* One vessel of this class damaged.



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4 AV
2 XAV
4 XCL
12 AO
3 AF
2 AR
1 XAF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Indefinite. Believed damaged off Saigon on 10/29. Probably went to Singapore for repairs. |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>KATSURIKI ) | 2 CM | Uncertain. Probably Malay area |
| Desdiv 5 | 4 DD | Escorting Palao area |
| 9th Special Base Force | Misc. | Penang |
| 10th Special Base Force | " | Singapore |
| 11th Special Base Force | " | Saigon |
| 12th Special Base Force | " | Rangoon |

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1 CL
2 CM
4 DD
Misc.



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Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | In Mandates. Possibly damaged. |
| Crudiv 16 | | Believed in Solomons. One unit believed damaged. |
| NACHI | | |
| ISUZU | | |
| KINU | 3 CL | |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & Misc. | Soerabaya |
| 22nd Special Base Force | Misc. | Balikpapan |
| 23rd Special Base Force | 1 CM, 2 TB & Misc. | Macassar |
| 24th Special Base Force | 2 TB & Misc. | Ambon |
| Gunboat Div. 2 | 4 PG | NEI waters |
| Survey Div 1 | 2 AGS | NEI waters |

SUMMARY
1 CA
3 CL
1 CM
4 PG
4 TB
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| KUMA, Flagship | 1 CL | Soerabaya area |
| YAEYAMA | 1 CM | Philippine waters |
| 31st Special Base Force | 2 AM & Misc. | Manila |
| 32nd " " " | Misc. | Davao |
| Survey Div. 2 | 2 AGS | Philippine waters |

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1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
Misc.

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Attached to Southwest Area Fleets

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| 1st High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Dosdiv 13 | | Escorting Bako-Saigon |
| " 22 | | Escorting South China Seas |
| " 32 | 10 DD | Escorting Baku-Saigon |

SUMMARY
10 DD

C. NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| IZUMO, Flagship | 1 OCA | Shanghai |
| Shanghai Base Force | 1 PG & Misc. | Shanghai |
| Dosdiv 26 | 3 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 | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PG | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 1 | 4 TB | Scattered in SW area. One in Rabaul area. |
| Guard Divs. 15 & 16 | 6 XPG | South China coast |
| Canton Base Force | Misc. | Canton |
| Amoy Base Force | " | Amoy |
| Hainan Defense Force | " | Hainan |



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| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| **North China Fleet** | | |
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 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 |

## D. HOME DEFENSE FORCES

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

## E. ASSIGNMENT UNKNOWN

1 CA
1 CL
13 DD
38 SS
1 CM
29 DM
6 AM

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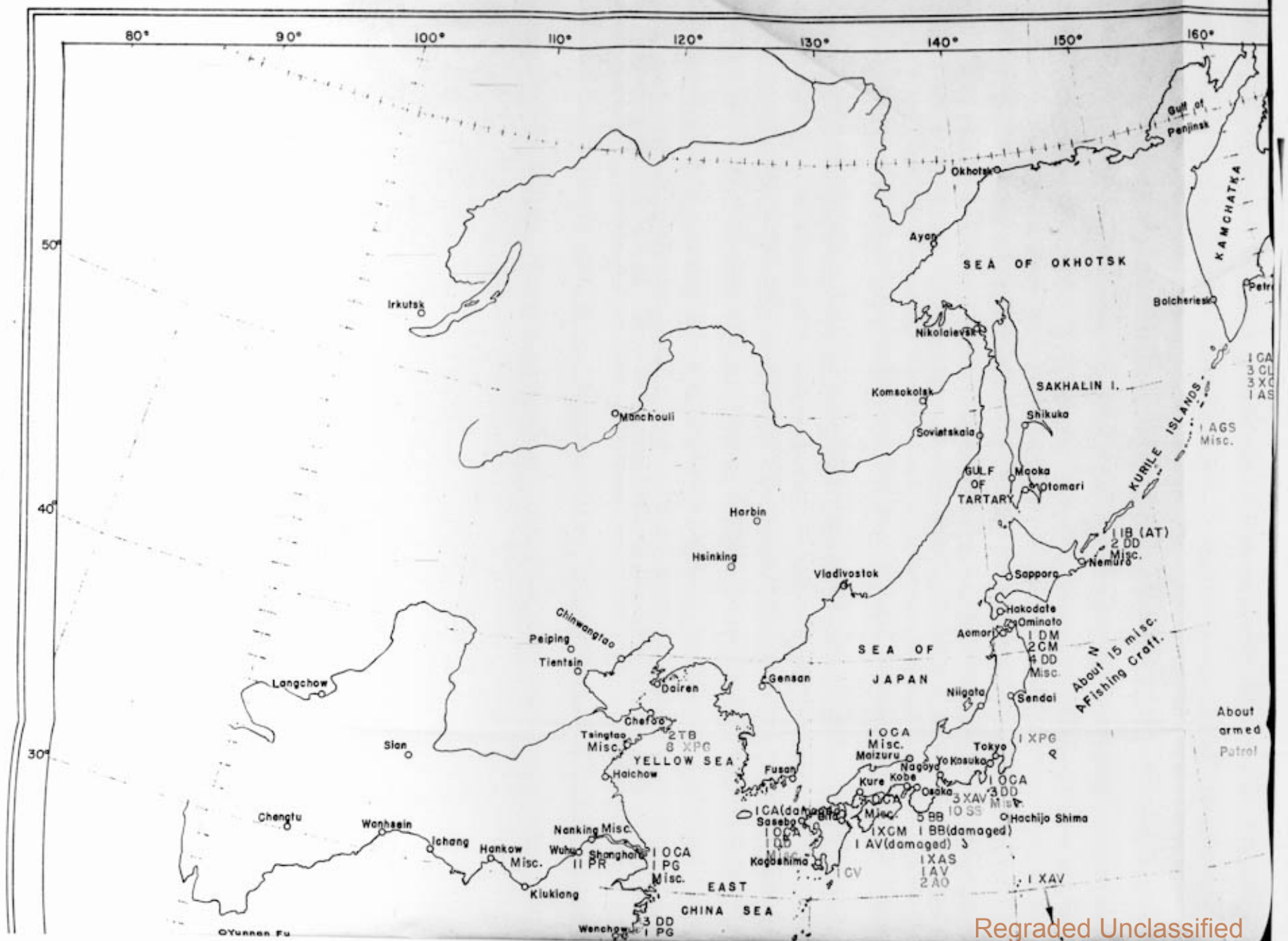


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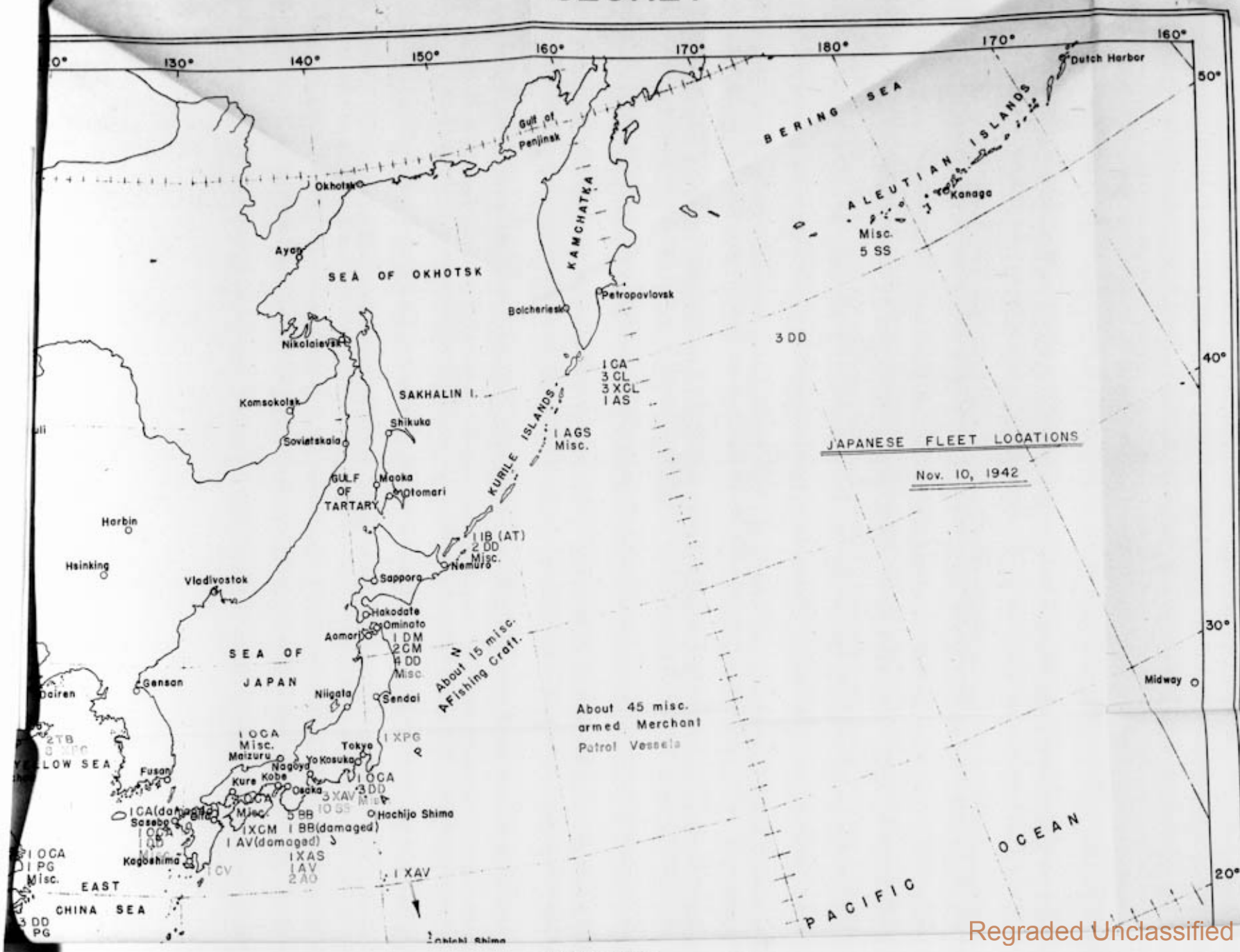



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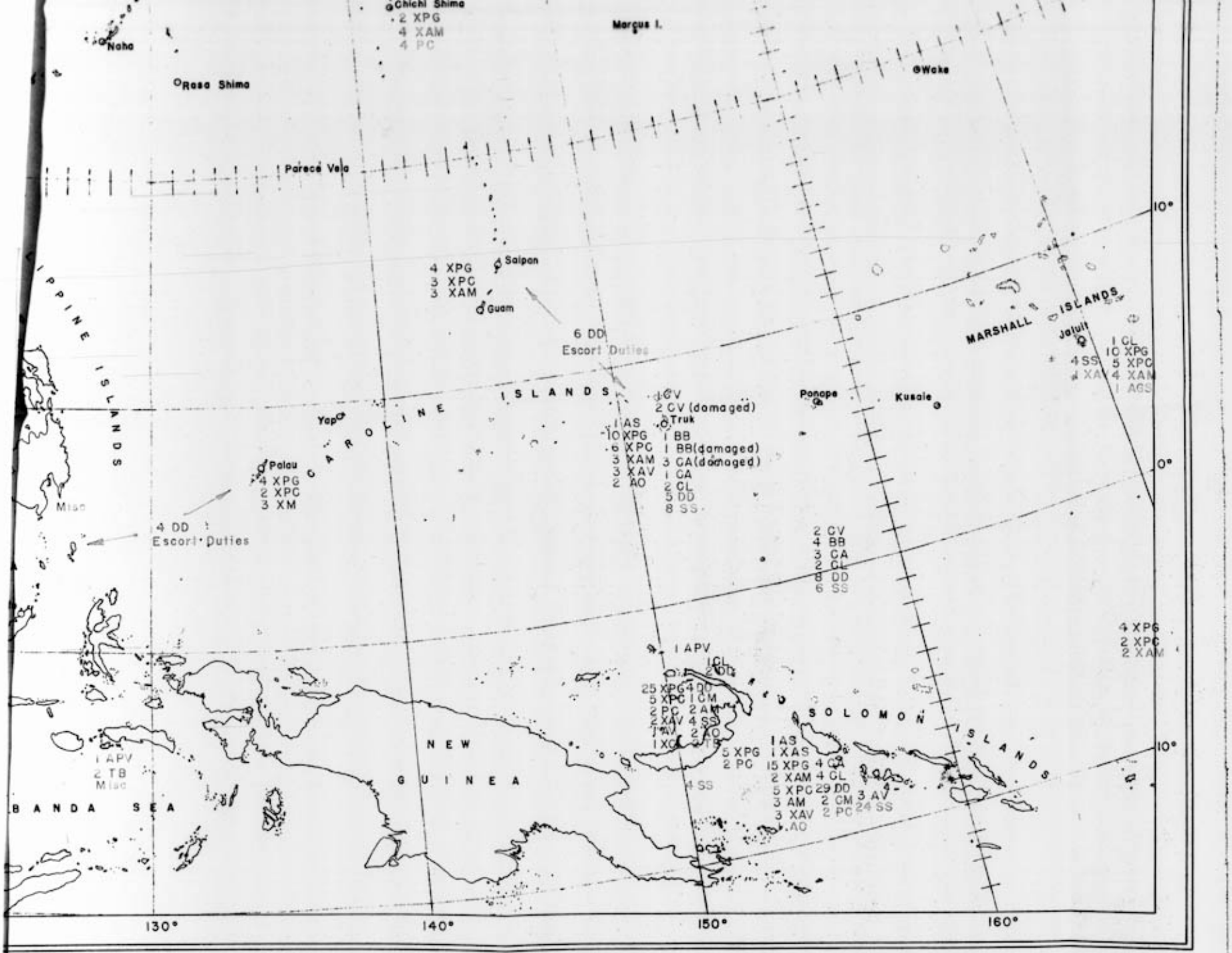



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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition.

| Ship Type | Name | Location | Last Reported Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| BB | TIRPITZ (1) | Foettenfjord, Trondheim | October 31,1942 |
| BB | SCHARNHORST | Gdynia | October 5,1942 |
| BB | GNEISENAU | Gdynia, in floating dock | October 5,1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN (2) | Gdynia | October 5,1942 |
| OBB | SCHLESIEN (3) | Gdynia | October 5,1942 |
| CV | GRAF ZEPPELIN | Gdynia | October 5,1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL SCHEER (4) | Lofjord, Trondheim | October 31,1942 |
| CA | LUETZOW | Kiel, in dry dock | October 5,1942 |
| CA | SEYDLITZ | Bremen | Sept. 5,1942 |
| CA | PRINZ EUGEN | Kiel | October 5,1942 |
| CA | ADMIRAL HIPPER (5) | Narvik area | October 21,1942 |
| CL | NUERNBERG | Swinemuende | October 4,1942 |
| CL | LEIPZIG | Gdynia | October 5,1942 |
| CL | KOELN (6) | Norwegian waters | October 22,1942 |
| CL | EMDEN | Wilhelmshaven; in dry dock | August 26,1942 |
| DD's | 8 Units | Northern Norway | October 12,1942 |
| | 9 Units | German North Sea and Baltic Ports | October 12,1942 |
| SS's | (7) THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE NOT TO BE REPRODUCED IN ANY FORM: | | |
| | 73 Units | French Ports | October 26,1942 |
| | 105 Units | Atlantic Patrols | October 26,1942 |
| | 24 Units | Norwegian Ports and Northern waters | October 26,1942 |
| | 12 Units | Operating in Baltic | October 26,1942 |
| | 19 Units | Operating in Mediterranean | October 26,1942 |
| | 3 Units | Operating in Black Sea | October 26,1942 |
| | 42 Units | Training | October 26,1942 |
| | 111 Units | Trials | October 26,1942 |
| | 389 Total | | |

NOTES:

(1) TIRPITZ previously reported Narvik area October 21, 1942.
(2) SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN previously reported Wilhelmshaven August 26,1942.
(3) SCHLESIEN previously reported unknown August 20, 1942.
(4) ADMIRAL SCHEER previously reported Narvik area October 21, 1942.
(5) A vessel resembling ADMIRAL HIPPER is reported to have passed through Sortland Sund, October 28, 1942, probably en route to Altenfjord.
(6) KOELN previously reported Altenfjord, Northern Norway, September 16, 1942.

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SUBJECT: German Fleet Disposition (Continued)

(7) SS's previously reported: 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 |
| 379 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 | " | October 3, 1942 |
| DD | 17 Units | " | October 3, 1942 |
| SS | 12 Units | " | October 3, 1942 |
| CA | 2 Units | Messina | October 5, 1942 |
| CL | 0 Units (*) | " | October 28, 1942 |
| DD | 6 Units | " | Sept. 13, 1942 |
| SS | 4 Units | " | Sept. 13, 1942 |
| CV | ROMA (Ex-Liner) | Genoa (building) | October 22, 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 (1) |
| CL | 3 Units | Livorno (guardships) | Sept. 19, 1942 |
| DD | 2 Units | " (fitting out) | Sept. 19, 1942 |
| CA | 1 Unit | Naples (damaged) | Sept. 21, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " (1 damaged) | Sept. 21, 1942 |
| DD | 6 Units | " | August 30, 1942 |
| SS | 7 Units | " | August 30, 1942 |
| CL (*) | 1 Unit (REGOLO Class) | Palermo | October 28, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | 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 |
| DD | 2 Units (*) | Monfalcone (fitting out) | October 2, 1942 (2) |
| SS | 4 Units (*) | " " " | October 2, 1942 (2) |



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| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| DD | 5 Units (*) | Fiume (2 probably incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | (2) |
| BB | IMPERO | Venice (incomplete) | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units (*) | " (1 fitting out) | October 2, 1942 | (2) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 5 Units | Brindisi | Sept. 17, 1942 | |
| CCL | 1 Unit | Ancona (damaged or sunk) | July 31, 1942 | |
| CL | 1 Unit | Pola | October 2, 1942 | |
| DD | 2 Units (*) | " | October 2, 1942 | |
| SS | 8 Units (*) | " | October 2, 1942 | (1) |
| SS | 0 Units (*) | Adriatic | October 2, 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 | |
| DD | 4 Units (*) | Unknown | | (3) |
| SS | 1 Unit (*) | " | | |

(*) Indicates change since report of October 27, 1942.
(1) Probably 8 of the submarines based at La Spezia and Pola are German.
(2) 5 destroyers and 4 submarines now fitting out have been added to the fleet list.
(3) An Italian destroyer was sunk off Lampedusa Island by a British submarine on October 19.

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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 |
| BB | 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 |
| DD | 2 Units | " | October 17, 1942 |
| SS | 6 Units | " | October 17, 1942 |
| 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 | 12 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| BB | RICHELIEU (damaged) | Dakar | October 23, 1942 |
| CL | 3 Units | " | November 1, 1942 (1) |
| DL | 2 Units | " | October 21, 1942 |
| SS | 9 Units (*) | " | October 31, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Saigon | February 15, 1942 |
| SS | 1 Unit | " | September 29, 1942 |
| SS | 8 Units | Unknown | |

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(1) CL MONTCALM off Belair Point October 27 - November 1.

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Disposition of Fighting French (British) Fleet

| TYPE | NAME | LOCATION | LAST REPORTED DATE |
|---|---|---|---|
| OBB | COURBET | Portsmouth | October 12, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | " | September 21, 1942 |
| OBB | PARIS | Plymouth | October 5, 1942 |
| DD | 1 Unit | " | October 12, 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 12, 1942 |
| SS | 3 Units | Dundee | October 12, 1942 (1) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Simonstown | October 12, 1942 (2) |
| DL | 1 Unit | Sydney | October 28, 1942 |

(1) RUBIS completes repairs January 1, 1943.
(2) LEOPARD completes repairs October 31, 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 | October 23, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | " | October 11, 1942 |
| CL | 1 Unit | Guadeloupe | October 29, 1942 (1) |

(1) JEANNE D'ARC scheduled to hold target practice October 30 with small calibre guns.

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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, 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* | | Believed in home waters, |
| YAMATO (F) | | except MUTSU in Truk- |
| NAGATO | | Solomons area |
| MUTSU | | |
| MUSASHI | 4 BB | |
| Batdiv 2* | | Believed in home waters, |
| HYUGA | | except ISE in Truk- |
| ISE | | Solomons |
| FUSO | | |
| YAMASHIRO | 4 BB | |
| Batdiv 3* | | Truk-Solomons area ex- |
| HIYEI (F) | | cept one believed dam- |
| KIRISHIMA | | aged Aug.28 |
| HARUNA | | |
| KONGO | 4 BB | |

* 1 KONGO class BB damaged on Oct.26,1942.



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First Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Crudiv 6* | | Probably Truk. Both vessels |
| AOBA (F) | | believed damaged; one pos- |
| KINUGASA | 2 CA | sibly sunk. |
| Crudiv 9 | | Unlocated |
| OI | | |
| KITAGAMI | 2 CL | |
| Desron 1 | | |
| ASUKUSA (F) | | N.W. Pacific |
| Desdiv 6 | | Probably Truk area. Uncertain |
| " 21 | | N.W. Pacific |
| " 24 | | Solomons area. Uncertain |
| " 27 | 1 CL, 14 DD | Solomons |
| Desron 3 | | In Solomons. SENDAI |
| SENDAI (F) | | possibly sunk. |
| Desdiv 11 | | |
| " 19 | | |
| " 20 | 1 CL, 11 DD | |

* FURUTAKA sunk.

SUMMARY
12 BB
2 CA
4 CL
27 DD

II. Second Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CA - ATAGO, flagship | | |
| Crudiv 4 | | Truk-Solomons area. At |
| ATAGO (F) | | least one unit believed |
| T.KAO | | damaged. |
| M.YA | 3 CA | |
| Crudiv 5 | | |
| MYOKO (believed sunk) | | |
| H.GURO (damaged) | 1 CA | Uncertain. Possibly returned Sasebo. |



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Second Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Crudiv 7<br>SUZUYA (F)<br>KUMANO<br>MOGAMI | 3 CA | Truk-New Britain-Solomons.<br>One ship damaged. |
| Crudiv 8<br>TONE<br>CHIKUMA | 2 CA | Truk-New Britain-Solomons.<br>1 ship of Crudiv 8 damaged Oct. 26. |
| Desron 2<br>JINTSU (F)<br>Desdiv 7<br>" 15<br>" 18<br>" 31 | 1 CL ,4 DD | Mostly in Truk-Saipan area on escort duties.<br>Some units possibly in Solomons. |
| Desron 4<br>YURA (F)<br>Desdiv 2<br>" 8<br>" 9 | 1 CL, 11 DD | Solomons area |

SUMMARY
10 CA
2 CL
26 DD

III. Fourth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| CL - KASHIMA (F) | 1 CL | Truk area |
| 19th Division<br>TSUGARU<br>TOKIWA<br>TENYO MARU<br>SHIRATAKA )<br>WAKATAKA ) | 4 CM,1 XCM | Solomons<br>Home waters<br>Unknown<br>Believed Solomons |
| Subron 7<br>AS - JINGEI (F)<br>Subdiv 26 )<br>" 27 )<br>" 33 ) | 1 AS, 7 SS | Truk area<br>N.W. Pacific. Two SS possibly in home waters |



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Fourth Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| # 2 High Seas Escort Force | | |
| Desron 6 | | |
| YUBARI (F) | | Jaluit area |
| Desdiv 29 ) | | Solomons |
| " 30 ) | 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 1 AM | Truk area |
| 5th Base Force | 9 XPG,9XPC,3 XAM | Probably most of these units sent to Rabaul from Saipan. |
| 6th Base Force | 20 XPG,6 XAM,7 PC, 9 XPC, 1 AGS | Jaluit with part probably at Makin and in Solomons and in Rabaul. |

SUMMARY

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 | CL |
| 4 | CM |
| 1 | XCM |
| 8 | DD |
| 1 | AS |
| 8 | SS |
| 1 | AM |
| 7 | PC |
| 1 | AGS |
| 50 | XPG |
| 27 | XPC |
| 14 | XAM |

IV. Fifth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| NACHI, acting flagship | 1 CA | N.W.Pacific.Uncertain |
| KAMIKAWA MARU | 1 XAV | Yokosuka |
| Crudiv 22 | | N.W. Pacific |
| KISO | | |
| TAMA | 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 N.W.Pacific |



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Fifth Fleet (contin .)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Inshore Picket Boat Force | About 15 misc.fishing craft | Patrolling off Japan coasts |
| Kuriles Defense Force | 1 .GS + misc.others | Kuriles |
| La Perouse Strait Patrol | 1 IB (.T) + Misc.others | W. Hokkaido waters |
| OTOMARI | | |
| 5th Defense Force | Misc.Aux. & small craft | Kiska |

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

V. Sixth Fleet

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| KATORI, flagship | 1 CL | Truk area |
| Subron 1 | | |
| AS - TAIGEI (F) | | Comsubron 1 and some units in Solomons |
| AK - HEIAN MARU | | Home waters |
| AK - NISSO MARU | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| Subdiv 2 | | Truk area |
| " 15 | | |
| " 32 | 1 AS, 2 AK, 12 SS | Unknown |
| Subron 2 | | |
| AS - CHOGEI | | |
| AK - KANZYU MARU | | Solomons area |
| Subdiv 7 | | Probably Yokosuka. Uncertain |
| " 8 | 1 AS, 1 AK, 7 SS | |
| Subron 3 | | Believed mostly in Solomons. |
| AK - YASUKUNI MARU (F) | | |
| AK - URAKAMI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 11 | | |
| " 12 | | |
| " 18 ) | | |
| " 20 ) | 2 AK, 14 SS | |

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Sixth Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| Subron 5 | | |
| AS - KOMABASHI | | N.W. Pacific |
| XAS - RIO DE JANEIRO MARU | | |
| XAS - ARATAMA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 19 | | New Britain-Solomons area |
| " 28 | | Truk-Melanesia waters. Uncertain |
| " 29 ) | | Operating from Penang. |
| " 30 ) | 1 AS, 2 XAS, 10 SS | Possibly in Indian Ocean. |
| Subron 6 | | |
| XAS - NAGOYA MARU | | |
| Subdiv 9 | | Operating from Penang. Possibly in Indian Ocean |
| " 13 | 1 XAS, 4 SS | Rabaul-Solomons area |
| Subron 8 | | |
| XAS - # 3 HINODE MARU | | |
| XAS - HIEI MARU | | |
| Subdiv 1 | | Possibly Marshalls |
| " 3 | | Probably Truk-Rabaul area. Uncertain. |
| " 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
3 AS
10 XAS
65 SS
1 AO

* Tentative.

VI. Eighth Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CA - CHOKAI, acting flagship | 1 CA | Solomons area |
| Crudiv 18 | | |
| TENRYU (F) ) | | Solomons area |
| TATSUTA ) | 2 CL | |
| 8th Base Force | 2 AM, 2 PC, 20 XPG<br>4 Patrol boats, 3 XPC | Rabaul with some units probably in Solomons |



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| 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 ) | | Both were damaged Oct. 26 east of Solomons. Probably retired Truk. |
| ZUIKAKU ) | | |
| ZUIHO | 3 CV | Uncertain. Probably Rabaul-Solomons area. |
| Cardiv 2 | | |
| HITAKA | | Truk-Rabaul-Solomons |
| HAYATAKA | 2 XCV | |
| HOSHO | 1 CV | Uncertain. Possibly Truk area. |
| YUKAZE | 1 DD | Probably with HOSHO |
| Desron 10 | | |
| CL - NAGARA (F) | | Uncertain. Melanesia waters. |
| Desdiv 4 | | Rabaul-Kavieng area. |
| " 10 | | Probably with Cardiv 1 |
| " 16 | | Uncertain |
| " 17 | 1 CL, 16 DD | Possibly Truk-Solomons waters. |

SUMMARY
4 CV
2 XCV
1 CL
17 DD

VIII. Eleventh Air Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Airflot 21 | | |
| KATSURAGI MARU | 1 XAV | Rabaul-Kavieng area. |
| Airflot 22 | | |
| KINUGASA MARU | | Solomons. Uncertain |
| FUJIKAWA MARU | 2 XAV | Yokosuka |



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Eleventh Air Fleet (continued)

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| **Airflot 23** | | |
| KOKITSU MARU | 1 XAV | Truk-Rabaul area |
| **Airflot 24** | | |
| KAMOI (F) | | Saipan area on 10/27 |
| SOYO MARU | | Possibly Marshalls. |
| NITCHO MARU | | Solomons. Uncertain |
| GOSHU MARU | 1 AV, 3 XAV | Jaluit area |
| **Airflot 25** | | |
| KIYOKAWA MARU | | Solomons. Probably damaged |
| KIYOZUMI MARU | | Uncertain |
| NARUTO MARU | 3 XAV | Believed in Truk area. |
| **Airflot 26** | | |
| AKITSUSHIMA | | Solomons |
| MOGAMIGAWA MARU | 1 AV, 1 XAV | Probably Kure |
| **Desdiv 34** | 4 DD | Scattered. Positions uncertain. |
| OTAKA(Damaged) | | Probably Kure |
| UNYO | | In Ambon area on 10/18 |
| CHUYO | 3 XCV | Fitting out in home waters |

SUMMARY
2 AV
11 XAV
3 XCV
4 DD

Attached to Combined Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Seaplatendiv 11** | | |
| CHITOSE | | Solomons area |
| CHIYODA(damaged) | | Believed under repairs in Kure yard. |
| SANUKI MARU | | Rabaul area on 10/21 |
| SANYO MARU | 2 AV, 1 XAV | Believed Truk area. |
| **Seaplatendiv 12** | | |
| NISSHIN | | Indefinite |
| NOTORO | | Rabaul area on 10/11 |
| YASUKUNI MARU | 2 AV, 1 XAV | Unlocated |
| AIKOKU MARU | | Rabaul area on 9/20 |
| HOKOKU | 2 XCL | " " " 21 |



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SUMMARY
4 AV
2 AAV
2 XCL
8 AO
1 AF

B. SOUTHWEST AREA FLEETS

| Composition | | Location |
|---|---|---|
| IX. | First Southern Expeditionary Fleet | |
| KASHII, Flagship | 1 CL | Believed damaged off Saigon on 10/29 |
| SHIMUSHU )<br>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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X. Second Southern Expeditionary Fleet

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ASHIGARA, Flagship | 1 CA | In Mandates. |
| Crudiv 16 | | Believed in Solomons. |
| NATORI | | |
| ISUZU | | |
| KINU | 3 CL | |
| 21st Special Base Force | 3 AM & 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
3 CL
4 PG
2 AGS
3 AM
Misc.

XI. Third Southern Expeditionary Fleet

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

SUMMARY
1 CL
1 CM
2 AGS
2 AM
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 Seas |
| " 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 |
| Central China Fleet | | |
| UJI, Flagship | 1 PC | China coast |
| Patdiv 11 | 11 PR | Yangtze River |
| Hankow Base Force | Misc. | Hankow |
| Gunboat Div. | 2 PG, 3 XPG | China coast |
| South China Fleet | | |
| HASHIDATE, Flagship | 1 PC | Hongkong |
| Minron 1 | 1 PG, 2 AM | South China coast |
| Torpdiv 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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|---|---|---|
| Torpdiv 11 | 4 TB | At least some units now in Truk-Kabkul 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, 4 DD, Misc. Patrol Craft - Sasebo |
| Maizuru | " | 1 OCA, Misc. patrol carft - Maizuru |
| Ominato | " | 1 DM, 2 CM, 4 DD, Misc. patrol craft - Ominato. |

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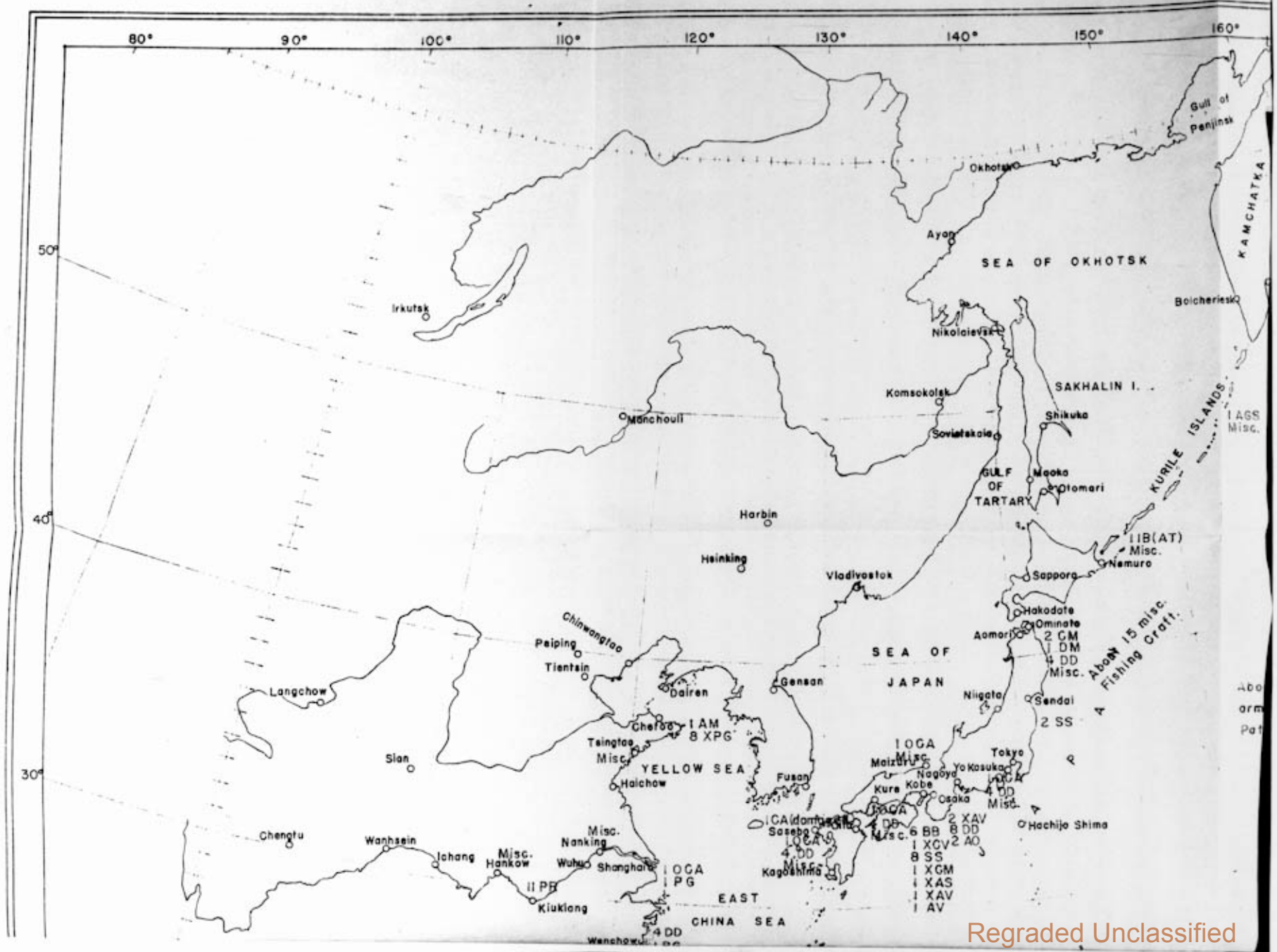


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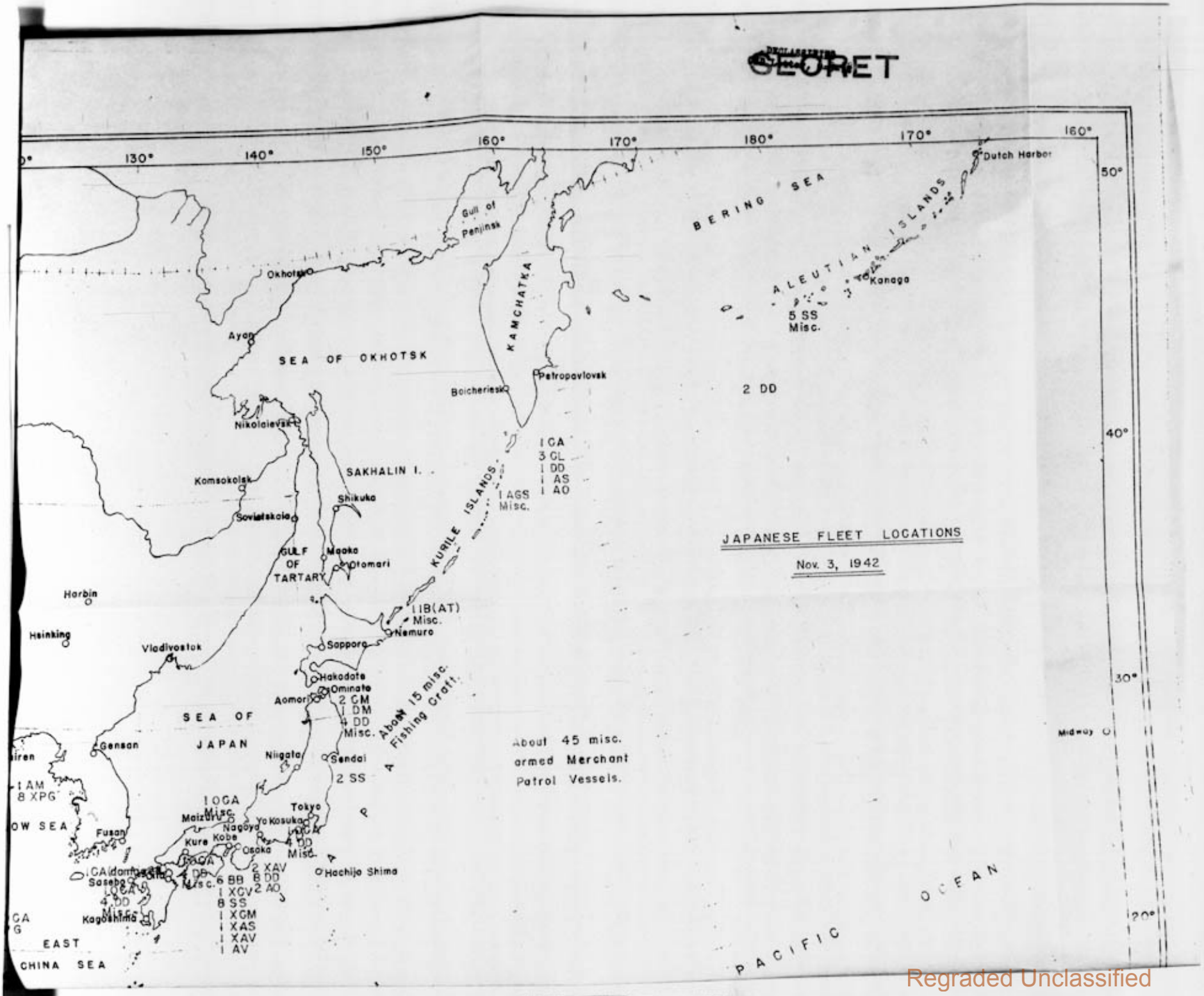
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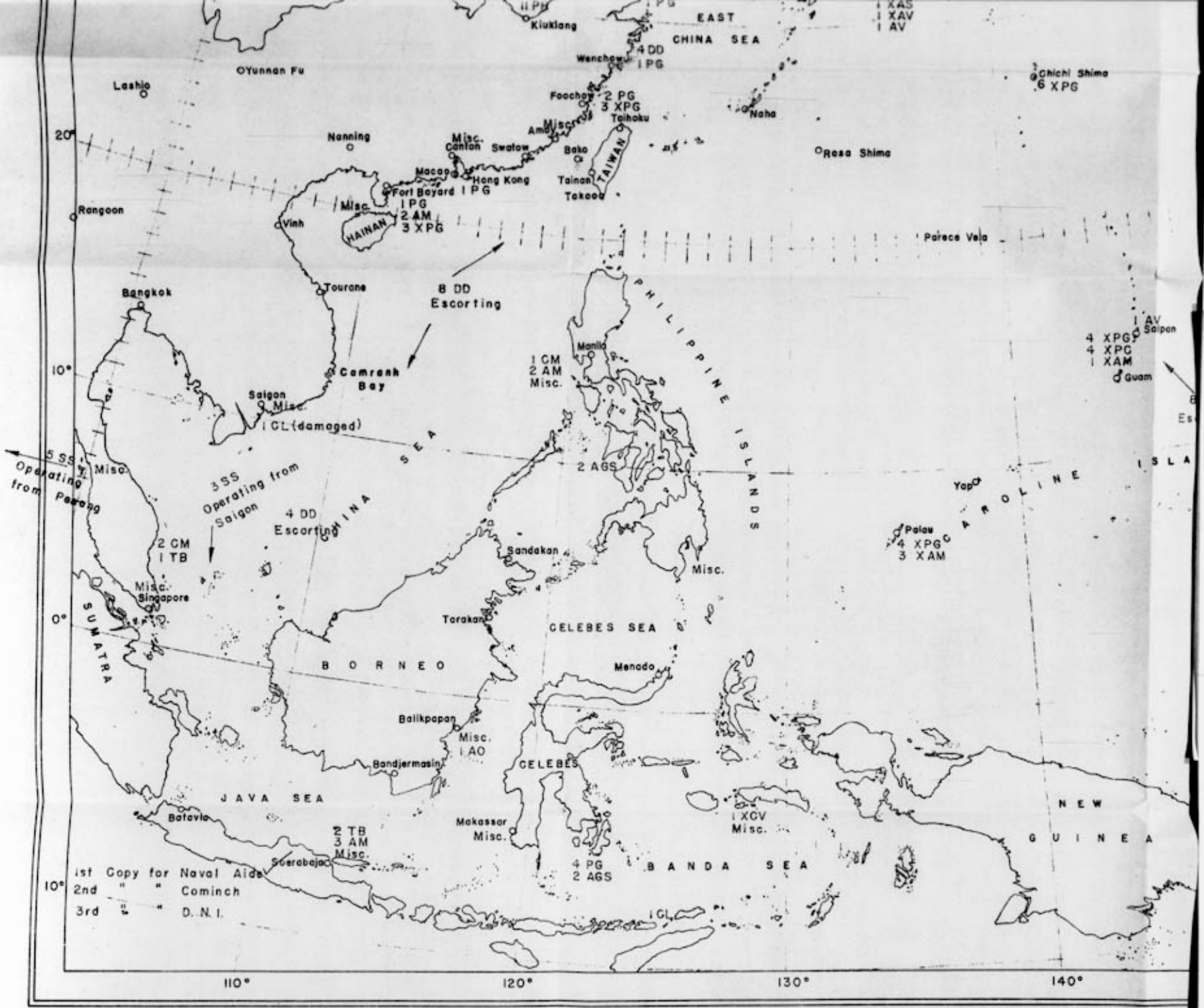



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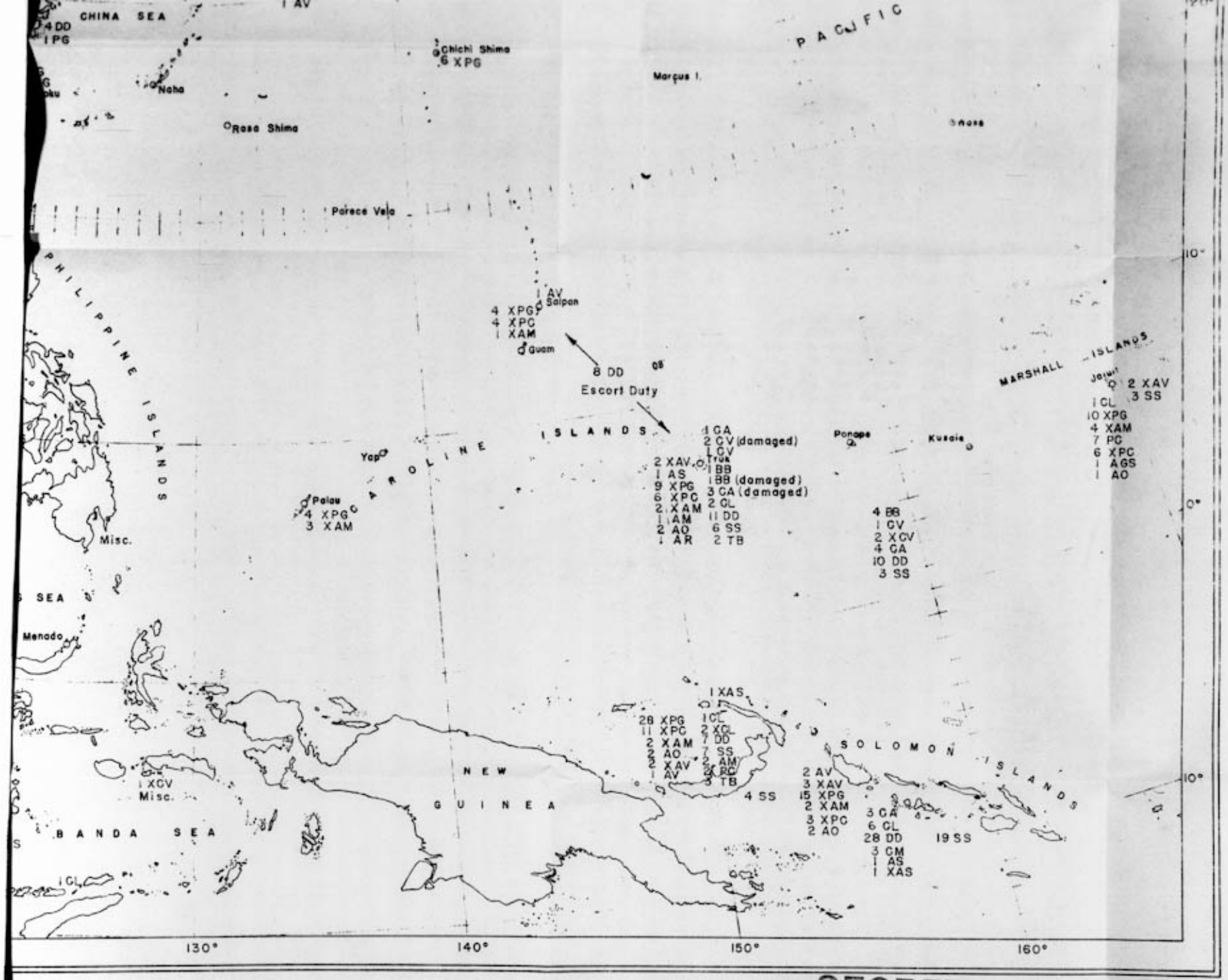
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