

SRH 272

ENEMY ACTIVITIES File - Layton  
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31 May 1942.

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7. COMSUBFOR at JALUIT. Close association between SS and aircraft.
8. 10,000 Afirm type incendiary bombs to RUOTTO and large quantities other types A.A. Ammunition.
9. Enemy SS to supply weather (?) from a position 150 miles from OAHU?
10. KOTOKU MARU and six others assigned as supply ships for the third phase of the Combined Fleet Campaign.
11. Starting 25 May enemy Sub Intelligence to be broadcast by Imperial Headquarters on (33?, 463<sup>(9)</sup><sub>(0)</sub>, 9260, 13640 and 18520 KCs at 0830 and 1739 daily. When no report, press telegrams to be broadcast.
12. CRUDIV FIVE or unit connected therewith to depart \_\_\_\_\_ early morning of 29 May. (Join ALEUTIAN Force? Join MIDWAY Force?)

B. MIDWAY - (may be a part of #2 KING CAMPAIGN)

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2013 Hawaii to Pearl  
 2015 Pearl Harbor  
 2016 OAHU

2018 Seward anchorage  
 & WELLS Bay.  
 2020 Western Hawaiian  
 Group Chart #2.

3. CinC SECOND places COMAIRON 22 in charge of AIRONS 22, 7, the 11th and 12th Pioneer Battalions (or landing forces) of the 2nd Fleet, #2 Occupation Force (includes IKKI Army detachment and YOKOSUKA Landing Force) after \_\_\_\_\_ May and directs these forces to proceed to SAIPAN-GUAM area and await forthcoming campaign. COMMANDER AIRON 22 to confer relative to communications between SAIPAN and Mainland. Anchorages to be arranged at SAIPAN (and GUAM?).
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16. PALAO (DEFENCE) FORCE added to #1 YOKOSUKA SPECIAL LANDING FORCE and MENADO BASE AUXILIARY FORCE added to #3 YOKOSUKA SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (may or may not be connected with this campaign).
17. MARU to depart KURE June 2nd or 3d for TRUK with munitions and supplies for Occupation Force.
18. MARU to load fuel at KWAJALEIN and proceed to WAKE about 23 May.
19. (May 19) Indications next address 14th Air is MIDWAY.
20. Preparation of airfields and storing of large quantities fuel underway at WAKE, 24 May.
21. Ten heavy bombers (6 AAF) to WAKE by 3 June via MARCUS.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ (Ship) (with boats and captured automatic weapons loaded on board) will depart WAKE ON N-3 days for MIDWAY.
23. One Desdiv of DESRON FOUR will, after 24 May, be assigned duty of screening SATA and TSURUMI. On \_\_\_\_\_ date depart KURE. On N-5 days will be in position 26-48 N and \_\_\_\_\_ -15 E. Probably rendezvous with Occ Force. TSURUMI departed KURE Comm Zone 1830 (-9) 26th.



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19. COLOMBO say MAYA, JINTSU and part of Desdiv 21 arrived OMINATO 24 May. CARDIV THREE and unit in DESRON ONE arrived OMINATO 25 May.
20. Heavy Bomber Force to go to HURUMUSHIRO (PARAMUSHIRO IS - KURILES) for about 20 days commencing 29 May.
21. CARDIV THREE has received pilots from CARDIV FIVE. (probably flown to OMINATO to join).
22. Op. Order #35 (NORTHERN FORCE?)

1. Departed \_\_\_\_\_ at dates indicated:  
1200/28 May #1 B.F. flag or ship/maru.

\_\_\_\_\_ KIAWA MARU

Ship or unit.  
 1st SECT of DESDIV SIX  
 NITTA MARU?

0900/29 May

DESRON  
 Ship or unit of FIFTH FLEET.  
 Ship in DESRON THREE.

2000/29 May

Ship or maru  
 NACHI  
 2nd SECT of DESDIV SIX

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Defense Force will escort, or screen the (landing?) as well as \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ and an adjacent area.
3. Air group to patrol the (landing?) as well as \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (Same as place in P2 above).

Organization Northern (ALEUTIAN) Forces include:

#2 STRIKING FORCE  
 AO (ATTU?) Occupation Force  
 AOB (KISKA) Occupation Force  
 Northern Force, Shore Based Air Force  
 Submarines, Northern Force  
 Attached Units, Northern Force

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AO (ATTU?) Force  
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1. Not active, apparently little resistance. Probably completed. FLORES and SOEMBBA occupied without resistance.
2. An indication that FOURTH FLEET may possibly be assigned mission of supply after occupation of MIDWAY. "MO" Forces might be used as a unit for maintenance of supply lines.
3. JAPS interested in a supply road route from MAMBARE BAY to PORT MORESBY.
4. NOTORO expects arrive TRUK from KURE (15 June?) carrying 2 TØ shipboard seaplanes and six carrier planes.
5. R.T. hookup - CinC THIRD, CinC FOURTH FLEETS with #8 Base Force (RABAUL) #2 AAF - 5 AAF - 11 AF - #10 Base Force (AMBONØ).

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- c. Thirteen TAKAO heavy bombers left for KENDARI 23 May.
- d. FIRST A.A.F., included in traffic with INDIES, which may supplement SECOND AIR in Western AUSTRALIA air operations.
- e. Mopping up in LESSER SOEMBBA STRAITS ISLANDS completed.
- f. ITO detachment in about 20 AP to leave BATAVIA after 25 May for PHILIPPINES (?)
- g. Planes available 29 May:
  - Base 329: 32 VB, 20 TØ VF, 2 seaplanes
  - Base \_\_\_\_: 8TØ VF
  - Base 33: 9TØ VF
- h. (See #5 - NEW GUINEA above).

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3. This may be tied in with attacks on DARWIN and (?) W. Coast AUSTRALIA.

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4. Desdiv in DESRON FIVE on 13 reported X Operation Force arrived XMAS ISLAND; also on 13th reported X-RAY \_\_\_\_\_ departed XMAS IS.
5. On May 14, SECOND AIR ATTACK FORCE requested Jogjakarta's bombs be shipped from Makassar City to Bali and 20,000 pounds of an unknown type of shell to SOERABAYA
6. Type O1 Heavy Bombers of TAKAO AIR GROUP left for DAVAO (sent by TAKAO AIR).

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Object: Destruction of BLUE Naval Forces in area - Raids on N.E. AUSTRALIA Bases and reduction and occupation of Air Bases PORT MORESBY Area.

- (a) Air personnel RABAUL area - 2000 men. GENZAN AIR reinforced NEW BRITAIN AIR. MARSHALLS AIR FORCE land planes ordered to RABAUL as reinforcements.
- (b) ORANGE has established Patrol Plane (base in DEBOYNE ISLANDS: VP and VOS). Now evacuated.
- (c) Expansion planned for airfields at LAE SALAMUA and RABAUL airfields (possibly others) 1000 workmen to go to work on PORT MORESBY airfield after occupation so they can be immediately used by ORANGE.
- (d) Upon resumption, we may expect a repetition of:
  1. Aerial reconnaissance of CAPE NELSON, SAMARAI, CAPE RODNEY areas coupled with stepped-up aerial offensive against PORT MORESBY fields.
  2. Task Force organization: Moresby Striking Force (2 CV, 2-4 CA, DD screen), Moresby Covering Force (2 CA - 2-3 CL - DDs) and Moresby Occupation Force (CL - AV - AP - AK - PC etc.) DEBOYNE Detachment, RODNEY Detachment, SAMARAI Detachment, etc.
  3. Heavy raids on TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, CHARTERS TOMBS, HORN ISLAND and other bases along NE coast of AUSTRALIA.
  4. Radio deception in the weakly held areas to mislead BLUE.

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- (e) (e) Enemy submarine activity in CORAL SEA, E. coast of AUSTRALIA and in NEW CALEDONIA FIJI areas. Sub attacked merchantman 100 miles off SYDNEY 16 May.
- (f) CinC FOURTH FLEET wants CRUDIV SIX docked prior resumption MO Campaign about 15 June. CRUDIV SIX ordered to MAIZURU 15 May to return in time for RY Campaign. On 23 May, estimated date completion yard work is 14 June.
- (g) Seven large APs and various smaller vessels sighted RABAU area 23 May. Five large and various small vessels and seaplanes present 25 May.
- (h) Planes available 27 May:  
 LAKUNAI: 19 TØ VR, 2 T97 VB, IT1 (VB?)  
 YUNAKANAU: 2 T2 VB, 2 IT 96 (VF?)  
 RABAU: 8 seaplanes.  
 LAE: 18 TØ VF

#### H. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation probable coupled with air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (POINT BLAIR).
- d. Possible raider activity 10 May at 26 - 43 S., 89 - 56 E. Raider believed to have moved further west by 17 May, but no DF fix obtained.
- e. TOKO AIR using ANDAMAN area as base will conduct patrol BENGAL BAY area (22 May).

#### I. MANDATES

- al "RY Campaign" Cancelled - ships ordered to TRUK to fuel and then proceed to YOKOSUKA. Probably due to sighting T.F. 16 - 445 miles, 098 from TULAGI 2315Z/14. Naval forces remaining and shore-based aircraft ordered to Scout and Destroy BLUE Forces. Air searches from TULAGI still being conducted on 25 May.
1. OBJECT: Occupation of OCEAN and NAURU Z Day 17 May.  
 (Later placed at 18 May)
  2. MORESBY STRIKING FORCE, depleted by withdrawals, to act as COVERING FORCE for this operation.
  3. Indications occupation force moving from RABAU Area via BOUGAINVILLE Area. Some transports from JALUIT (?)
  4. Daily air searches from MAKIN and TULAGI (600-700 miles).
  5. FIFTH AIR ATTACK FORCE sighted many small vessels during aerial reconnaissance of SANTA CRUZ IS.
  6. MISAWA AIR GROUP will transfer to WAKE.
  - MX 7. All the runways at WAKE not completed by 25 May due lack of fuel for equipment.



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- b. Air reinforcements arriving MANDATES to replace air withdrawals to RABAU. MARSHALLS AIR personnel 2500 men. Believe Army Air Unit at WOTJE. Aerial torpedoes delivered WAKE and KWAJALEIN.
- c. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
  - 1. Continued construction activities WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN.
  - 2. Construction of RDF Station at WAKE planned. PEALE ISLAND decided as location 20 May.
- d. Assignment of PT Boats to WAKE - KWAJALEIN (and other atolls?).
- e. Daily aerial patrols - max. 700 miles.
- f. Redoubled efforts eliminate BLUE Submarine menace.
- g. CinC COMBINED orders a MARU to load munitions and supplies for the occupation force and the Striking Force and by June 2nd depart KURE for TRUK. Ship is then to return to KURE.
- h. AUSTRALIAN sources report D/F bearings enemy forces general vicinity NEW CALEDONIA with 1 very rough fix about 500 miles S.E. NOUMEA, on 23 May.

**J. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC**

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.
- c. Ships navigating in area 100-150 miles S.W. (?) of CHICHIJIMA where BLUE Subs are likely to concentrate will take effective measures and exercise strict caution, maneuvering according to zigzag plans.
- d. RDF fixes being obtained on BLUE submarine which open up on the radio.

**K. RECONNAISSANCE**

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION GROUP and in TUAMOTUS in April.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.
- d. Indication that ORANGE will land men on HOWLAND ISLAND.
- e. Air reconnaissance of OCEAN and NAURU.

**L. FEASIBLE OPERATIONS FORECAST**

- 1. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area;
- 2. A "Revenge Raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:

ORANGE Radio Intelligence shows daily interest in number of planes and extent of flights (RDF) from U.S. Air Bases, principally HAWAII, Pacific Island Bases, ALASKA and CANADA.

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- a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group)(SS - shore bombardment)
- b. Dutch Harbor (Assault, covered by CV division, 2 CA, 1 Desron)
- c. Midway  
 (The occupation of MIDWAY is a necessary step toward an assault on OAHU)(The present pressure ORANGE feels from BLUE SS may influence a decision to remove this advanced SS "Base"). (Large scale assault using a CV group supported by EBs, CAs and a Desron to cover landing operations to secure Midway and remove our advanced SS base)(Repetition of previous attempted PSP raid or in combination).
- d. OAHU. (CV groups; large PSP via refuelling SS; SS plane(s)).
- e. A simultaneous campaign designed to take MIDWAY and DUTCH HARBOR, followed by an assault on OAHU; the first two steps to coincide with resumption of the MORESBY Campaign about 15 June;
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4. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U. S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS?) indicated;
5. Commerce raider to strike OAHU - CALIFORNIA shipping lane (?) (no evidence to support this one);
6. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears less probable now that the MORESBY offensive has been "postponed";
7. JAPAN cannot permit a long-drawn out war of attrition and may be forced to forego her naturally advantageous strategic defensive position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.
8. ZUIKAKU VF depart SUKUGAWA for KANOYA 27 May. (to join ZUIKAKU??).

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3. COMDESRON ONE speaks of (a) Motorboats for <sup>RISKA</sup> AOB (Aleutian Occupation ..... desire handle ..... (b) Request for 1200 meters of hose.....
4. Indications FIFTH FLEET interested in Aleutian Operations; upon receipt of Op. Order will complete preparations and depart; (a port in N. Japan) decided as port of departure; Top off at OMINATO. Second section of CRUDEV FOUR arrive port in North Japan 25 May.
5. ORANGE Radio Intelligence indicates BLUE submarine activity will increase in Northern area. Countermeasures to be taken.
6. Anti-submarine gun and depth charge gear to be installed on #5 HAKU TETSU MARU which will be used to patrol the base area in ALEUTIANS.
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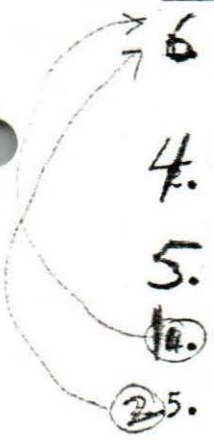
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 (The occupation of MIDWAY is a necessary step toward an assault on OAHU)  
 (The present pressure ORANGE feels from BLUE SS may influence a decision to remove this advanced SS "Base")
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E. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation probable coupled with air reconnaissance.
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F. MANDATES

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2. Moresby Striking Force, depleted by withdrawals, to act as Covering Force for this operation.
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4. Daily air searches from MAKIN and TULAGI (600 - 700 miles).
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b. #2 - KING Campaign

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12. Vague indications ALEUTIAN area may be included in campaign.

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- c. Air reinforcements arriving MANDATES to replace air withdrawals to RABAU. MARSHALLS Air personnel 2500 men. Believe Army Air unit at WOTJE. Aerial torpedoes delivered WAKE and KWAJALEIN.
  - d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
    1. Continued construction activities WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN.
    2. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
  - e. Assignment of PT Boats to WAKE - KWAJALEIN (and other atolls?)
  - f. Daily aerial patrols - max. 600 miles.
  - g. Redoubled efforts eliminate BLUE submarine menace.

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Enemy Activities - (continued).

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  - Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
  - Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.

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- g. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- h. Possibility of BB unit(s) in the TRUK Area.
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Enemy Activities - (continued).

*Later reports stated these crystals were to have been by plane from Yokosuka on 12 May.*

MANDATES AIR FORCE wants crystals for "#2 KING Campaign" - delivery prior 17 May. Activity on 9880 kt between air and surface units, commencing 8 May. Crystals being sent by plane from YOKOSUKA, 12 May;

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7. Strong indications that ORANGE plans offensive action in the ALEUTIAN Area continue to appear. This may be contemplated after shore refits of CV units. SUBRON ONE has joined FIFTH FLEET. ~~By RRF May 11, units heard in direction of ALEUTIAN KAMCHATKA area.~~
8. The STRIKING FORCE to commence operations 21 May (AKAGI (and KAGA?)) HIRYU, HIYEI, KONGO, CRUDIV SEVEN (?), CRUDIV EIGHT (?), and DESRONS; objective or mission not indicated.
9. JAPAN cannot permit a long-drawn out war of attrition and might be forced to forego her naturally advantageous strategic defensive position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.

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10 May 1942

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b. Offensive to capture PORT MORESBY, now postponed, by sea from the S.E. Moresby occupation force transports withdrawn to RABAUL.  
c. Air searches continuing. Aircraft search to 700 miles expected.  
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Enemy Activities (continued)

- h. CINC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive. COMCRUDIV FIVE in command Striking Force. Striking Force (2 CA, 1 CV, DDs) to cover NAURU - OCEAN Occupation. Crudiv 6 (2 CA) probably in support.
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D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
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- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (Port Blair)

E. MANDATES

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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
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*Use this to correct for 9 May as 8 May file copy*  
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*now postponed  
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**UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET**  
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MIRU 4141E1 K0050 Curb. K. C. C. and a. Desron. Obj. Jan 1 Mission not indicated

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
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 FLAGSHIP OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

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 g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" - "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" - "SAMARAI Detachment". Two MARUS to DEBOYNE IS. 1200 May 5. (arrive AM - 6 May -?-).  
 h. CinC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive. CinC Crudiv 5 in command Striking Force.  
 i. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, and CHARTERS TOMBS, as well as other areas along N. coast of AUSTRALIA.  
 j. Believe 2 BB of BATDIV THREE will proceed TRUK area. 2 CA of CRUDIV FOUR (?), KAGA and SORYU now enroute TRUK.  
 k. Radio deception in the weakest areas to deceive BLUE.

Enemy Activities (continued).D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? Possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR)

E. MANDATES

- a. Further reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated.  
Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Area.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.
- f. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- g. Possibility of BB units in the TRUK Area.
- h. ATAGO and TAKAO proceeding to TRUK (?) from YOKOSUKA.
- i. Possibility operation against OAHU (?) planned after 15 - 17 May  
(continued indications joint submarine - aircraft operations)  
"#2 KING Campaign".
- j. Occupation of OCEAN I. and/or NAURU I. 3-2 days (8 May?) probable.
- k. Redoubled effort to eliminate BLUE submarine menace.

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.

G. RECONNAISSANCE

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.
- d. Indication that ORANGE will land men on HOWLAND ISLAND.
- e. Air reconnaissance of Ocean and Nauru.

b. Feasible

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;



6 May 1942

Enemy ActivitiesA. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Net active; apparently little resistance.

B. TIMOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN to continue.  
 b. Planes available 4 May: 8 heavy bombers, 21 Type O fighters and 4 VP (or VO).  
 c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA at SOERABAYA.  
 d. Part of #2 Air Attack Force may be moving up to KENDARI in KOBI MARU.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

Object: Destruction BLUE Naval Forces in area - Raids on N. AUSTRALIA Bases and reduction and occupation Air Bases.

- a. Reinforcement active in NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU, KAMIGAWA MARU. KASUGA MARU departed at KWAJALEN. Due to arrive Rabaul 8 May (1500). 2330Z/5 1 CV, 2 cruisers, 2 DD 07-10 S 155-10 E, course 180. 0025Z/6 1 AK, 1 DD 07-45 S 153-10 E, course 100, speed 15. 0030Z/6 3 AP 10-20 S 153-12 E, course 215. 0054Z/6 2 AP, 2 DD 8-50 S 153-30 E, course 230. 0100Z/6 2 AP (at anchor) 09 S - 152-10 E. 0125 1 AS 7-15 S 155-40 E. 0210Z/6 2 AP, 2 MARUS, 6 DD, 4 or 5 cruisers, 2 plus SS 9-27 S 154-13 E (hove to). 0251Z/6 1 AS 08-13 S 156-32 E, course 230, speed 10. 0430Z/6 1 AP, 3 AK, 2 DD 10-40 S 152-30 E, course 180. 2326Z/5th Fortress attack on carrier 7-30 S, 155-30 E (unsuccessful).  
 b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY, probably by sea from the S.E.  
 c. Search for BLUE Task Forces continuing. Aircraft search to 700 miles expected.  
 d. Aircraft situation New Britain at end of April: (Numbers do not include planes enroute or under repair at factory)

	On hand	Under Repair	Personnel Required
VF	18 (inc. 4 Army T97)	6	30
VHB	17	11	24
VP	14	2	13
VSB	0	5	(3 enroute)

Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men. TAINAN AIR from TRUK to RABAU 3 May. GENZAN AIR at TRUK to reinforce NEW BRITAIN AIR soon.

- e. Expansion planned of LAE, SALAMAU, and RABAU airfields. 1000 workmen being sent for work on PORT MORESBY airfields after occupation.

Enemy Activities (continued).

- f. Intensified aerial reconnaissance of CAPE NELSON, SAMARAI, CAPE RODNEY areas coupled with stepped up aerial bombing of PORT MORESBY plus bombing of TULAGI.
- g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" -- "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" -- "SAMARAI Detachment". Two MARUS to DEBOYNE IS. 1200 May 5. (arrive AM - 6 May -?-)
- h. CinC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive.
- i. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, and CHARTERS TOMBS, as well as other areas along E. coast of AUSTRALIA.
- j. Believe/BB of BATDIV THREE <sup>will</sup> proceed TRUK area. 2 CA of CRUDIV FOUR, KAGA and SORYU now enroute TRUK.
- k. Radio deception in the weakest areas to deceive BLUE.
- l. Redoubled effort to eliminate BLUE submarine menace.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? Possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR)

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Area.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.
- f. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- g. Possibility of BB units in the TRUK Area.
- h. ATAGO and TAKAO proceeding to TRUK from YOKOSUKA Area where they were delayed by rescue of MIZUHO personnel.
- i. JALUIT broadcast enemy contact 0830 (-9) 6 May - 1 CV -1BB -1CA - 5 DD - 4 others.
- j. Possibility operation against OAHU (?) planned after 15 - 17 May (continued indications joint submarine - aircraft operations) "#2 KING Campaign".

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.

G. RECONNAISSANCE



Enemy Activities (continued).G. RECONNAISSANCE

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.
- d. Indication that ORANGE will land men on HOWLAND ISLAND.

b. Feasible

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;
2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS?) indicated;
3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area;
4. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:

NOTE: Delivery to be expedited for fuelling hose to Crudiv 4 - Crudiv 7 - Desron 4 and Desron \_\_\_\_.

ORANGE Radio Intelligence shows daily interest in number of planes and extent of flights (RDF) from U.S. Air Bases principally Hawaii, Pacific Island Bases, Alaska and Canada.

- a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group) (SS - shore bombardment)
- b. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
- c. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid).
- d. OAHU (CV groups; large PSP via refuelling SS; SS plane(s)).

MANDATES AIR FORCE wants crystals for "#2 KING Campaign" - delivery prior 17 May.

5. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.
6. Strong indications that ORANGE plans offensive action in the ALEUTIAN Area continue to appear. This may be contemplated after shore refits of CV units (about 15 May).
7. JAPAN cannot permit a long drawn out war of attrition and might be forced to forego her naturally advantageous strategic defensive position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.

Respectfully,

E. T. LAYTON,  
Lieut. Comdr., U. S. Navy,  
Fleet Intelligence Officer.



Enemy Activities (continued).

- g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" -- "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" -- "SAMARAI Detachment". Two WARUS to DEBOYNE IS. 1200 May 5.
- h. CinC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive.
- i. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, and CHARTERS TOMBS, as well as other areas along N. coast of AUSTRALIA.
- j. Believe 2 BB of BATDIV THREE will proceed TRUK area. 2 CA of CRUDIV FOUR, KAGA and SORYU now enroute TRUK.
- k. Radio deception in the weakest areas to deceive BLUE.
- l. Redoubled effort to eliminate BLUE submarine menace.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? Possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR)

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed.  
Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, KABAUL Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.
- f. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- g. Possibility of BB units in the TRUK Area.
- h. ATAGO and TAKAO proceeding to TRUK from YOKOSUKA Area where they were delayed by rescue of MIZUHO personnel.

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.

G. RECONNAISSANCE

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.
- d. Indication that ORANGE will land men on HOWLAND ISLAND.

b. Feasible

- 1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;





Enemy Activities (continued).

1. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE, COOKTOWN, and CHARTERS TOMBS, as well as other areas along N. coast of AUSTRALIA.
- J. Believe ~~CARDIV TWO~~ plus 2 BB of BATDIV THREE will proceed TRUK area. 2 CA of CRUDIV FOUR, and KAGA <sup>and Sogor</sup> now enroute TRUK.

*Identified effort to eliminate Blue submarine message.*

K. Radio deception in the weakest areas to deceive Blue.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? Possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU, Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.
- f. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- g. Possibility of BB units in the TRUK Area.
- h. ATAGO and TAKAO proceeding to TRUK from YOKOSUKA Area where they were delayed by rescue of MIZUHO personnel.

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
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b. Feasible

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;
2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS?) indicated;
3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area;

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Enemy Activities (continued)

4. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:

*NOTE delivery to be expedited in fueling line to ... (Cruiser 4 - Cruiser 7 - Destroyer) and from -*

- a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group) (SS - shore bombardment)
- b. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
- c. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid).
- d. OAHU (CV groups; large PSP via refueling SS; SS plane(s)).

5. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.

6. Strong indications that ORANGE plans offensive action in the ALEUTIAN Area continue to appear. This may be contemplated after shore refits of CV units (about 15 May).

7. JAPAN cannot permit a long drawn out war of attrition and might be forced to forego her naturally advantageous strategic defensive position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.

Respectfully,

*Orange Radar Intelligence shows daily intercept in number of planes and extent of flights (RAF) from US air bases principally Hawaiian, PACIFIC ISLAND BASES, ALASKA & CANADA, and Tule*

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Fleet Intelligence Officer.

3 May 1942

Enemy ActivitiesA. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B. TIMOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN to continue.
- b. Planes available 29 April: 23 heavy bombers, 20 fighters and 12 VP.
- c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA at TARAKAN.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

Object: Destruction BLUE Naval Forces in area - Reduction and occupation Air Bases.

- a. Reinforcement active in NEW BRITAIN Area (GRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU, KAMIGAWA MARU. KASUGA MARU due at KWAJALIEN (Possibly sunk). Submarines to 8 N - 154 E 1200 2 May.
- b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.
- c. Search for BLUE Task Forces continuing. Sector 80 to 120° from RABAU, distance 700 miles.
- d. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.
- e. Inspection of SALAMAU aerodrome by Japanese officers, some remaining. Field nearing completion.
- f. Intensified aerial reconnaissance of CAPE NELSON, SAMARAI, CAPE RODNEY areas coupled with stepped up aerial bombing of PORT MORESBY plus bombing of TULAGI.
- g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" - "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" - "SAMARAI Detachment". Two MARUS to DEBOYNE Is. 1200 5 May.
- h. CinC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive.
- i. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN, as well as other areas along N. coast of Australia.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? Possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (PORT BLAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Areas.





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2 May 1942.

Enemy ActivitiesA. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B.. TIMOR - N. W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN to continue.  
 b. Planes available 29 April: 23 heavy bombers, 20 fighters and 12 VP.  
 c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA at TARAKAN.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

Object: Destruction BLUE Naval Forces in area - Reduction and occupation Air Bases.

- a. Reinforcement active in NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU, KAMIGAWA MARU. KASUGA MARU due at KWAJALIEN (possibly ~~sumo~~)  
~~3 May~~. Submarines to 8 N - 154 E 1200 2 May.  
 b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.  
 c. Search for BLUE Task Forces continuing. Sector 80 to 120° from RABAU, distance 700 miles.  
 d. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.  
 e. Inspection of SALAMAU aerodrome by Japanese officers, some remaining. Field nearing completion.  
 f. Intensified aerial reconnaissance of CAPE NELSON, SAMARAI, CAPE RODNEY areas coupled with stepped up aerial bombing of PORT MORESBY plus bombing of TULAGI.  
 g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" - - "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" - "SAMARAI Detachment". Two MARUS to DEBOYNE Is. 1200 5 May.  
 h. CinC FOURTH FLEET in command of scheduled offensive.  
 i. Heavy raids will be made upon TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN, as well as other <sup>along N. coast of</sup> <sub>Australia</sub>

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.  
 b. Continued SS operation? possible air reconnaissance.  
 c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT ELAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.  
 b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).  
 c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU, Areas.

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Enemy ActivitiesMANDATES (continued).

- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.
- f. Construction of RDF station at WAKE planned.
- g. Possibility of several BB units in the FRANK area

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.

*h. Indications ATAGO and TAKAO may move to TRUK from  
 Yellow Sea area where they were  
 delayed by rescue of MIYAMA  
 personnel*

G. RECONNAISSANCE

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.

b. Feasible

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2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS?) indicated;
3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area;
4. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:
  - a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group)(SS - shore bombardment)
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5. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.
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Respectfully,

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 Lieut. Comdr., U. S. Navy,  
 U.S. Pacific Fleet Intelligence Officer.

30 April 1942.

Enemy ActivitiesA. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B. TIMOR - N. W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN to continue.
- b. Planes available 29 April: 23 heavy bombers, 20 fighters and 12 VP.
- c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA at TARAKAN.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Reinforcement arrived and active in NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU, KAMIGAWA MARU. KASUGA MARU due at KWAJALIEN 2 May.
- b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.
- c. Search for BLUE Task Forces continuing (?)
- d. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.
- e. Inspection of SALAMAU aerodrome two successive days by Japanese officers, some remaining.
- f. Intensified aerial reconnoissance of CAPE NELSON, SAMARAI, CAPE RODNEY areas coupled with stepped up aerial bombing of PORT MORESBY plus bombing of TULAGI.
- g. "PORT MORESBY Occupation Force" - "DEBOYNE Detachment" "RODNEY Detachment" - "SAMARAI detachment".

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength nearly completed. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to THUK, JALUIT, RABAU Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.

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Enemy Activities (continued).F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS aerial - surface patrols.

G. RECONNAISSANCE

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.
- c. Destruction of enemy SS by TAUTOG near JOHNSON ISLAND.

b. Feasible

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY and the SOLOMONS, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;
2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS?) indicated;
3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area;
4. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:
  - a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group) (SS - shore bombardment)
  - b. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
  - c. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid).
  - d. OAHU (CV groups; large PSP via refueling SS; SS plane(s)).
5. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.
6. Strong indications that ORANGE plans offensive action in the ALEUTIAN Area continue to appear. This may be contemplated after short refits of CV units (about 15 May) and BATDIV THREE (latter part May).
7. JAPAN cannot permit a long drawn out war of attrition and might be forced to forego her naturally advantageous strategic defensive position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.

Respectfully,

E. T. LAYTON,  
 Lieut. Comdr., U. S. Navy,  
 U.S. Pacific Fleet Intelligence Officer.

27 April 1942.

Enemy ActivitiesA. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Progressing, practically with apparent resistance.

B. TIMOR - N. W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN to continue.
- b. Planes available 27 April: 26 heavy bombers, 24 fighters and 2 observation (?) planes (includes the 8 bombers from TAKAO).
- c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA and (?) \_\_\_\_\_ (?) expected TARAKAN 27th.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Reinforcement continuing to NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU. KASUGA MARU due at KWAJALIEN 2 May.
- b. Impending offensive indicated to capture POKE MORESBY.
- b.1. Search for BLUE Task Forces commenced.
- c. Increase in planes continuing. 20 Heavy Bombers TAROA to RABAU. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.
- d. Units of GunBoat Div. 8 enroute SASEBO to RABAU.
- e. Inspection of SALAMAU aerodrome two successive days by Japanese officers.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (PORT BLAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated. However, reinforcements for RABAU drawn from TAROA. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALIEN.
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe an Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti-SS serial - surface patrols.

G. RECONNAISSANCE



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26 April 1942.

Enemy Activities

A. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B. TIMOR - N. W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. Aerial attacks on DARWIN <sup>to continue</sup> again underway. <sup>24 fighters</sup>
- b. Planes available 25 April. ~~26~~ heavy bombers, ~~25~~ <sup>24</sup> ~~five~~ bombers and 2 observation planes. <sup>In the first attack</sup> on DARWIN at least eight of these heavy bombers and two fighters destroyed <sup>additional reinforcements from</sup> ~~additional reinforcements from~~ TAKAO) - ~~expected.~~ <sup>(26th) (2 heavy bombers)</sup> ~~expected~~ TARAKAN 27th. <sup>8 bombers</sup>
- c. CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA and (?) ~~expected~~ <sup>leave blank this ? - ?</sup> expected TARAKAN 27th.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Reinforcement continuing to NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE, CARDIV FIVE, RYUKAKU. KASUGA MARU due at KWA-JALIEN 2 May.
- b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY
- c. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAUL Area - 2000 men. <sup>20 Heavy Bombers Taroa to RABAUL</sup>
- d. Units of GunBoat Div 8 enroute SASEBO to RABAUL.
- e. ~~MARU carrying supplies, ammunition, motor transports due RABAUL 27th.~~
- f. Inspection of SALAMAU aerodrome two successive days by Japanese officers.

D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN

- a. Indications campaign completed.
- b. Continued SS operation? possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (PORT BLAIR).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated. Air personnel MARSHALLS 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWA-JALKIN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAUL Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.
- e. Believe and Army Air Squadron basing at WOTJE.

F. MANDATES

a. ~~Construction of many operations towers this has not displayed~~

b.t. Search for BLUE Task group equipment

20 Heavy Bombers Taroa to RABAUL

Reinforcements for RABAUL from TAROA



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Enemy Activities

(a) Known

1. Searches for T.F. 16 - apparently ended by three FIFTH FLEET units - Shore air (plus KAGA planes); Negative results indicated. Some searching units at Saipan for fuel.
  - A. W. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN
    - a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.
  - B. TIMOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN
    - a. Projected aerial attack on DARWIN from KOEPANG indefinite.
  - C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN
    - a. Reinforcements continuing to NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE - KAGA (?) - RYUKAKU - planes - KASUGA MARU (to Mandates - plane ferry trip).
    - b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.
    - c. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.
    - d. Units of GunBoat Div 8 enroute SASEBO to RABAU.
  - D. INDIAN OCEAN TRADE ROUTE CAMPAIGN
    - a. Indications campaign completed.
    - b. Continued SS operation? possible air reconnaissance.
    - c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (Port BLAIR).
  - E. MANDATES
    - a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated. Air personnel Marshalls 2500 men.
    - b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN).
    - c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Areas.
    - d. Assignment of additional laborers to Mandates.
  - F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC
    - a. Escort in vital areas.
    - b. Anti-SS work.

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Enemy Activities (continued)

*F. Enemy and logistic  
 a. Enemy in vital area*  
 G. RECONNAISSANCE  
*to SS aerial - surface photo*

- a. Previous SS reconnaissance of SUVA - SAMOA.
- b. Sightings of ORANGE SS at CHRISTMAS, in UNION group and in TUAMOTUS.

b. Feasible

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY, a raid against FIJI or NEW CALEDONIA appears probable;
2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route and Pacific Air Ferry Bases. Attack (by SS) indicated;
3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA Area
4. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:

- a. Pacific Ferry Air Bases (CV group) (SS -shore bombardment)
- b. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
- c. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid).
- d. OAHU (CV groups; large PSP via re-fuelling SS; SS plane(s)).
- e. West Coast (SS plane(s); CV group)

5. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.

*7.* Japan cannot permit a long drawn out war of attrition and might be forced to forego her naturally advantageous defensive strategic position for offensive moves that can be made very costly to her.

*6. Strong indicators that Orange Fleet's offensive action in the ASIAN area continue to appear feasible. This may be contemplated after short repairs of CV units (about 15 May.)*

Respectfully,

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April 23, 1942.

Enemy ForcesLocationKnown

CRUDIV FIVE less NACHI enroute TRUK via 24 10 N 138 40 E (1200 20th).  
 (Will be joined at that place by (ATAGO?) (TAKAO?) (Desron 3) arrive TRUK 24th - wait until 25th).  
 CRUDIV SEVEN arrived KURE from SINGAPORE (22nd) (Docking).  
 BATDIV THREE enroute SINGAPORE Area to SASEBO, arrive 24th.  
 KAGA at SASEBO? Planes active in search. (Due depart for MANDATES soon - arrive late April?)  
 RYUKAKU enroute TRUK accompanied by part of Desron 1. (ferrying planes).  
 RYUJO arrived KURE 22nd. (Navy Yard work, possibly).  
 KASUGA departed YOKOSUKA 23rd. (Ferrying planes to MANDATES).  
 CARDIV FIVE arrived BAKO 18th from SINGAPORE thence to TRUK, reporting to Cinc FOURTH FLEET. Anchorage at TRUK E of PEFAN IS.  
 NAGARA in Dock #1 12-24 April, MAIZURU.  
 CARDIV TWO (SORYU) arrived MAIZURU NYD 22nd. (Will stay a while? Shore base equipment via DD. After arrival will fly planes there).  
 DESDIV 11 of Desron 3 proceeding Empire for overhaul.  
 DESDIV 34 of Desron 5 enroute Empire for docking - thence join MANDATE Force.

Probable

CRUDIV EIGHT returning from BAY of BENGAL - INDIAN OCEAN area. (No definite information available)?  
 CRUDIV EIGHTEEN in RABAU Area.  
 CRUDIV SIX part RABAU - part repairs.  
 CRUDIV FOUR part MALAY? - ATAGO YOKOSUKA Area. (ATAGO & TAKAO may join CRUDIV FIVE - less NACHI).  
 AKAGI enroute JAPAN or near home waters.  
 Cinc FOURTH in KASHIMA at TRUK.  
 COMBUEFOR enroute JALUIT (?). via TRUK, indications arrive TRUK 23 April.  
 DESRON SIX NEW BRITAIN (part - part home yards).  
 DESRONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Split - MALAY - NEI - PHILIPPINES - home yards.  
 2 DDIVS in YOKO area.

Suspected

BATDIV ONE-TWO EMPIRE-BONINS  
 Cinc COMBINED in YAMATO at KURE.  
 Cinc SECOND in TAKAO in YOKOSUKA.  
 Cinc THIRD in ASHIGARA - SUBIC Area.  
 SUBRON ONE - Yokosuka area. (Comdr. in YOKOSUKA).  
 SUBRON TWO - INDIAN OCEAN - PENANG - (part at SAIGON).

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Suspected - continued

SUBRON THREE - Empire - Searching.

SUBRON FIVE - INDIAN OCEAN.

SUBRON SIX - part SASEBO - part TRUK-RABAU Area (?) TRUK detachment TASK:  
Patrol TRUK Area.

SUBRON SEVEN - part Empire - part TRUK-RABAU Area.

SUBRON EIGHT enroute TRUK Area.

ADUKUMA (F. Desron 1) and at least 1 Desdiv near YOKOSUKA.

CARDIV TWO (HIKYO) probably with CinC FIRST AIR FORCE in AKAGI - near home waters.

Unknown

SUBRON FOUR - Due home from PENANG - HEI.

Enemy Activities

## (a) Known

1. Searches for T.F. 16

Searches by FIFTH FLEET units - Shore air plus KAGA planes, etc.  
 Negative results indicated.

A. W. New Guinea Campaign

a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B. TILOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

a. Projected aerial attack on DARWIN from KOEPANG, pending arrival additional planes.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Reinforcements continuing to NEW BRITAIN Area (CRUDIV FIVE - KAGA (?) - RYUKAKU - planes - KASUGA MARU ?  
 b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORE MORESBY.  
 c. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU Area - 2000 men.

D. INDIAN OCEAN Trade Route Campaign

- a. Indications campaign completed, at least for time being.  
 b. Continued SS operation; possible air reconnaissance.  
 c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (Port BLAIR).

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April 22, 1942.

Enemy ForcesLocationKnown

CRUDIV FIVE less MACHI enroute TRUK via 24 10 N 138 40 E (1200 20th).  
 (Will be joined at that place by \_\_\_\_\_ (Desron 3) arrive TRUK  
 24th - wait until 25th).  
 CRUDIV SEVEN enroute KURE from SINGAPORE (arrive KURE 22nd). (Docking).  
 BATDIV THREE enroute SINGAPORE Area to SASEBO, arrive 24th.  
 KAGA at SASEBO? Planes active in search.  
 RYUKAKU at YOKOSUKA Scheduled depart 20 April for TRUK arrive 25th  
 (ferrying planes). (Actually diverted to search for BLUE Task Force).  
 RYUJO (depart SINGAPORE 13th) arrives KURE 22nd. (Navy Yard work, possibly).  
 KASUGA arrives YOKO 20th (departs 23rd).  
 CARDIV FIVE arrive BAKO 18th from SINGAPORE thence to TRUK, reporting to  
 CinC FOURTH FLEET.  
 NAGARA in Dock #1 12-24 April, MAIZURU.  
 CARDIV TWO (SORYU) arrived NYD Empire (MAIZURU?) 22nd. (Will stay a while?  
 Shore base equipment via DD after arrival will fly planes there).

Probable

CRUDIV EIGHT returning from BAY of BENGAL - INDIAN OCEAN area. (No definite information available).  
 CRUDIV EIGHTEEN in RABAU Area.  
 CRUDIV SIX part RABAU - part repairs.  
 CRUDIV FOUR part MALAY - ATAGO YOKOSUKA Area. TAKAO last in NICOBAR IS.  
 AKAGI enroute JAPAN or near home waters.  
 CinC FOURTH in KASHIMA at TRUK.  
 COMSUBFOR enroute JALUIT (?). via TRUK, indications arrive 23 April.  
 DESRON SIX NEW BRITAIN (part - part home yards).  
 DESRONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5, Split - INDIAN OCEAN - MALAY - NEI - PHILIPPINES -  
 home yards.  
 DESDIV 34 enroute JAPAN for docking, thence to MANDATES Force.  
 2 DDIVS in YOKO area with ATAGO (COLOMBO)

Suspected

BATDIV ONE-TWO EMPIRE - BONINS.  
 CinC COMBINED in YAMATO at KURE.  
 CinC SECOND in TAKAO in YOKO.  
 CinC THIRD in ASHIGARA - SUBIC Area.

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Suspected - continued

SUBRON ONE - Empire (Comdr. in YOKOSUKA).  
 SUBRON TWO - INDIAN OCEAN - PENANG - (part at SAIGONO).  
 SUBRON THREE - Empire - Searching.  
 SUBRON FIVE - INDIAN OCEAN.  
 SUBRON SIX - part SASEBO - part TRUK-RABAUL Area (?) TRUK detachment TASK:  
 Patrol TRUK Area.  
 SUBRON SEVEN - part Empire - part TRUK-RABAUL Area.  
 SUBRON EIGHT enroute TRUK Area.  
 ABUKIMA (F. Desron 1) and at least 1 Desdiv near YOKOSUKA.  
 CARDIV TWO (HIRYU) probably with Cinc FIRST AIR FORCE in AKAGI - near  
 home waters.

Unknown

SUBRON FOUR - Due home from PENANG - NEI.

Enemy Activities

## (a) Known

1. Searches for T.F. 16  
 Searches by FIFTH FLEET units - Shore air plus KAGA planes,  
 RYUKAKU, etc.
- A. W. New Guinea Campaign
  - a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.
- B. TILOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN
  - a. Projected aerial attack on DARWIN from KOEPANG.
- C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN
  - a. Reinforcements continuing to NEW BRITAIN Area (CARDIV FIVE -  
 KAGA (?) - RYUKAKU - planes - KASUGA MARU ?
  - b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.
  - c. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAUL Area -  
 2000 men.
- D. INDIAN OCEAN Trade Route Campaign
  - a. Indications campaign completed, at least for time being.

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- b. Continued SS operation; possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN IS. (Port BLAIR).

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- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated. Air personnel Marshalls 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU. Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to MANDATES.

F. CONVOY AND LOGISTIC

- a. Escort in vital areas.
- b. Anti SS work.

b. Probable

- 1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against PORT MORESBY, a raid against NEW CALEDONIA or FIJI appears probable.
- 2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by ORANGE SS directed against U.S. - AUSTRALIAN supply route.
- 3. Renewed submarine activity in HAWAIIAN ISLANDS - CALIFORNIA area.

c. Predicted

- 1. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:
  - a. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
  - b. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid).
  - c. OAHU (CV groups; large PSP via refuelling SS; SS plane(s)).
  - d. West Coast (SS plane(s); CV group)
- 2. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on OAHU.

Respectfully,

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Enemy Forces

Location

Known

CRUDIV 5 less NACHI enroute TRUK via 24 10 N 138 40 E (1200 20th).  
(Will be joined at that place by ——— (Desron 3) arrive TRUK  
24th - wait until 25th.)  
CRUDIV 7 enroute KURE from SINGAPORE (arrive KURE 22nd).  
BATDIV 3 enroute SINGAPORE Area to SASEBO, arrive 24th.  
KAGA at YOKOSUKA (SASEBO?)  
RYUKAKU at YOKOSUKA Depart 20 April for TRUK arrive 25th (ferrying planes).  
RYUJO (depart SINGAPORE 13th) arrives KURE 22nd.  
KASUGA arrives YOKO 20th (dep. 23rd).  
CARDIV 5 arrive BAKO 18th from SINGAPORE (thence to TRUK?).  
NAGARA in Dock #1 12-24 April, MAIZURU.

Probable

CRUDIV 8 Bay of Bengal - Indian Ocean ?  
CRUDIV 18 RABAU Area.  
CRUDIV 6 part RABAU - part repairs.  
CRUDIV 4 part MALAY - ATAGO YOKOSUKA Area. TAKAO last in NICOBAR IS.  
AKAGI Bay BENGAL - SINGAPORE Area.  
CARDIV 2 " " " "  
CinC 4th in KASHIMA at TRUK.  
COMSUBFOR enroute JALUIT (?).  
Desron 6 NEW BRITAIN (part - part home yards).  
Desrons 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 5 Split - Indian Ocean - Malay - NEI - Philippines -  
home yards.

Suspected

BATDIV 1 - 2 EMPIRE - BONINS.  
CinC Combined in YAMATO at KURE.  
CinC 2nd in TAKAO in YOKO.  
CinC 3rd in ASHIGARA - SUBIC Area.  
Subron 1 - Empire (Comdr. in Yokosuka).  
Subron 2 - Indian Ocean - Penang - (part at SAIGON)  
Subron 3 - Empire  
Subron 5 - Indian Ocean  
Subron 6 - part SASEBO - part TRUK - RABAU Area (?) TRUK detachment TASK:  
Patrol TRUK Area.  
Subron 7 - part Empire - part TRUK - RABAU Area.  
Subron 8 - E. China Sea - S. KYUSHU.  
ABUKUMA (F. Desron 1) and at least 1 Desdiv near YOKOSUKA.

Unknown

Subron 4 - Due home from Penang - NEI.

Enemy Activities

## (a) Known

1. Searches for T.F. 16

- a. RYUKAKU and [REDACTED] to Sea to search E (090) of YOKOSUKA.
- b. 2 Units from 25 N 150 E.
- c. Origin of a search 32 N 140 E Speed 19 - Course E - Zero time
- d. Plane search; attack groups 1 to 5 - torpedoes. / 0500 (19).

A. W. New Guinea Campaign

- a. Progressing, practically without apparent resistance.

B. TIMOR - N.W. AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

- a. More bombers for projected aerial attack on DARWIN from KOEPANG.

C. E. NEW GUINEA CAMPAIGN

- a. Reinforcements continuing to New Britain Area (GRUDIV 5 - KAGA (?) - RYUKAKU - planes -)
- b. Impending offensive indicated to capture PORT MORESBY.
- c. Increase in planes continuing. Air personnel RABAU area 2000 men.

D. Indian Ocean Trade Route Campaign

- a. Diminished activity, probable lull - reduction of surface forces.
- b. Continued SS operation; possible air reconnaissance.
- c. Development of base in ANDAMAN Is. (Port Blair).

E. MANDATES

- a. Reinforcements of air and carrier strength indicated. Air personnel Marshalls 2500 men.
- b. Continued construction activities (WAKE - TAROA - KWAJALEIN).
- c. Assignment of PT boats to TRUK, JALUIT, RABAU Areas.
- d. Assignment of additional laborers to Mandates.

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b. Probable

1. In conjunction with the offensive directed against Port Moresby, a raid against NEW CALEDONIA or FIJI appears probable.
2. Commerce raiding and reconnaissance by OILER SS directed against U.S. - Australian supply routes.
3. Renewed submarine activity in Hawaiian Islands - California area.

c. Predicted

1. A "revenge raid" in reply to the bombing of TOKYO, possible objectives for surprise raids:
  - a. Dutch Harbor (CV group)
  - b. Midway (CV group or repetition of previous attempted PSP raid.)
  - c. CANU (CV groups; large PSP via refuelling SS; SS plane(s))
  - d. West Coast (SS plane(s); CV group)
2. The return of considerable naval strength to Japanese waters may be a preparatory to another raid in force on CANU.

Respectfully,

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