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The following revision of Op-16-F-2, O. N. I. Serial #27-41 supersedes and

replaces the former report on this subject.

The principal change consists of a further increase in the number of fleet commands. This has arisen from the regrouping of aircraft carriers and seaplane tenders into separate forces, and from the creation of special task forces in connection with the southward advance into Indo-China. The regrouping has resulted in a notable specialization within the various commands, as shown below.

#### MAJOR FLEET COMMANDS

	11.1	THOUSE THE COMMITTEE	2
I.	Combined Fleet		
	1. First Fleet	(Battle Force)	3 Batdivs, 1 Crudiv, 2
	2. Second Fleet	(Scouting Force)	Desrons.
	3. Third Fleet	(Blockade & Transport	Crudivs, 2 Desrons, etc.
	4. Fourth Fleet	Force)	Small craft.
	5. Fifth Fleet	(Mandate Defense Force)	1 Desron, 1 Subron and many small units.
	6. Sixth Fleet	?	?
	7. Carrier Fleet	(Submarine Fleet)	6 Subrons.
	8. Combined Air	(Aircraft Carriers)	5 Cardivs.
	Force	(Seaplane tenders, etc.)	4 Airrons, & shore based planes.
II.	Japanese Naval Forces in China.	(Staff Headquarters)	1 PG and 3 DD's
	1. First China Exped. Fleet.	(Central China)	Gunboats
	2. Second China Exped. Fleet.	(South China)	1 CA, 1 CL and small craft.
	3. Third China Exped: Fleet.	(North China)	Torpedo Boats, etc.
	4. Southern Exped. Fleet.	(Saigon)	1 CL, transports and mine craft.

[2] The Japanese Navy now includes more vessels in active service than ever before. More merchant ships have been taken over by the Navy, and the line between merchant ship and naval auxiliary grows fainter all the time. The base forces and guard divisions in the Mandated Islands have also greatly increased the strength of the Navy, which is on full-wartime footing.

#### · COMBINED FLEET AND FIRST FLEET

YAMAMOTO Isoroku, CinC (Admiral)

NAGATO, Flagship

#### FIRST FLEET

Batdiv One	Desron One
NAGATO (F)	ABUKUMA (F)
MUTSU	Desdiv 6
YAMASHIRO	IKAZUCHI (F)
Batdiv Two	INAZUMA
FUSO (F) ISE	SAZANAMI
HYUGA	HIBIKI
Batdiv Three	Desdiv 21
HIYEI (F)	NENOHI (F)
KONGO	HATSUHARU
KIRISHIMA	HATSUSHIMO
*HARUNA	WAKABA
Crudiv Six	Desdiv 27
KAKO (F)	SHIRATSUYU (F)
FURUTAKA	ARIAKE
AOBA	YUGURE
KINUGASA	SHIGURE

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The HARUNA has been inactive during 1941, and is probably undergoing major repairs.

# COMBINED FLEET AND FIRST FLEET-Continued

Desron Three-Continued Desron Three Desdiv 19 SENDAI (F) ISONAMI (F) Desdiv 11 SHIKINAMI FUBUKI (F) AYANAMI SHIRAYUKI URANAMI HATSUYUKI Desdiv 20 AMAGIRI (F) Desdiv 12 ASAGIRI SHIRAKUMO (F) YUGIRI SHINONOME SAGIRI USUGOMO

MURAKUMO Total: 10 BB, 4 CA, 2CL, 27 DD.

## [3] COMBINED FLEET

#### SECOND FLEET

## TAKAO, Flagship

	D // (G - 111)
Crudiv Four	Desron Two (Cont'd)
TAKAO (F)	Desdiv 16
ATAGO	HATSUKAZE
CHOKAI	YUKIKAZE
MAYA	AMATSUKAZE
Crudiv Five*	TOKITSUKAZE
MYOKO (F)	Desdiv 18
NACHI	KASUMI
HAGURO	ARARE
Crudiv Seven	KAGERO
KUMANO (F)	SHIRANUHI
MOGAMI	
MIKUMA	Desron Four
SUZUYA	NAKA (F)
Crudiv Eight	Desdiv 2
TONE (F)	YUDACHI (F)
CHIKUMA	MURASAME
Desron Two	HARUSAME
JINTSU (F)	SAMIDARE
Desdiv 8	Desdiv 9
ASASHIO (F)	ASAGUMO
ARASHIO (F)	YAMAGUMO
OSHIO	MINEGUMO
MICHISHIO	NATSUGUMO
Desdiv 15	Desdiv 24
KUROSHIO	KAWAKAZE (F)
	YAMAKAZE
OYASHIO	SUZUKAZE
NATSUSHIO	UMIKAZE
HAYASHIO	UMIKAZE

Total: 13 CA, 2 CL, 28 DD.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: There is a possibility that a new cruiser has been added to Crudiv 5.

## THIRD FLEET

## TAKAHASHI Ibo-Vice Admiral

## NAGARA, Flagship

MODULITIDAY DI CONTENE MODON	
NORTHERN BLOCKADE FORCE	Minelayer Division
- CHOGEI (F)	ITSUKUSHIMA (F)
Subdiv	AOTAKA
	HATSUTAKA
	Mine Sweeper Division 1 and 21
	AM-1 AM-7
Subdiv	
Subury =====	
	AM-3 AM-4 AM-10
	AM-5 AM-11
2nd BLOCKADE FORCE	AM-6 AM-12
Desron Five	Gunboat Division 1
NATORI (F)	6 Gunboats (Converted Fish-
Desdiv 5	ing Vessels)
ASAKAZE	SUBCHASER SQUADRON
	(F)
HARUKAZE .	Subchaser Division 1 and 11
MATSUKAZE	PC-1 PC-7
HATAKAZE	PC-2 PC-8
Desdiv 12	PC-3 PC-9
SATSUKI	
FUMITSUKI	Subchaser Division 21 and 31
MINATSUKI	PC-4 PC-10
NAGATSUKI	PC-5 PC-11
	PC-6 PC-12
Desdiv 34	27 AP-Names Unknown
HAKAZE	2nd BASE FORCE
AKIKAZE	Maru, (F)
YUKAZE	Minelayer Division 17
TACHIKAZE	SHIRATAKA
1st BASE FORCE	YAEYAMA -
Maru (F)	KUNAJIRI
	TO THE LITT
At least 5 other men of war, and 17	1
merchant ships.	
Total, 1 CL, 12 DD	1 AS, 6 SS, 6 CM,
12 AM 6 XPG	

12 AM, 6 XPG, 12 PC, 46 AP.

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## FOURTH FLEET

# HIRATA-Vice Admiral KASHIMA, Flagship

Crudiv Eighteen	Subron Seven
TENRYU (F)	JINGEI
TATSUTA	Subdiv 26
KASHIMA	RO-60
	RO-61
Desron Six	RO-62
YUBARI (F)	Subdiv 27
	RO-65
Desdiv 29	RO-66
OITE	RO-67
HAYATE	Subdiv 33
ASANAGI	RO-63
YUNAGI	RO-64
	RO-68
Desdiv 30	Subdiv
MITSUKI (F)	
KISARAGI	
YAYOI	
MOCHITSUKI	8 XPG

## FOURTH!FLEET-Continued

#### FIFTH FLEET

CL\_\_\_\_(F)

The composition of a new Fifth Fleet is still unknown. The Flagship has been reported at Maisuru.

#### SIXTH FLEET

(Subarine Fleet)

## KATORI, Flagship

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Subron One
                                         Subron Five
    TAIGEI (F)
                                              YURA (F)
    Subdiv 1
                                              Subdiv 28
        I-9
                                                  I - 59
        I-15
                                                  I-60
        I-16
                                              Subdiv 29
        I-17
                                                  I-61 (Sank 10-2-41)
    Subdiv 2
                                                  I - 62
        I-18
                                                  I - 64
        I-19
                                              Subdiv 30
        I - 20
                                                  I-65
Subron Two
                                                  I-66
    KITAGAMI (F)
    Subdiv 7
                                         Subron Six
        I-1 .
                                             KINU (F)
        I-2
                                              Subdiv 9
        I-3
                                                  I-123
        1-7
                                                  I-124
    Subdiv 8
                                              Subdiv 13
        I-4
                                                  I-121
        I-5
                                                  I - 122
        I-6
Subron Three
                                         Subron Ten
    NAGOYA MARU (F)
                                              KARASAKI (F) *
    Subdiv 11
                                              Subdiv 18
        I-74
                                                  I - 53
        I-75
                                                  I - 54
    Subdiv 12
                                                  I - 55
        I-8
                                              Subdiv 19
        I-68
                                                  I - 56
        I-69
                                                  I-57
        I-70
                                                  I - 58
    Subdiv 20
        I-71
                                              Subdiv 21
        I - 72
                                                  RO-33
        I-73
                                                  RO-34
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TOTAL: 3 CL, 2 AS, 1 AP, 42 SS.

# [8] CARRIER FLEET (Cardivs)

#### CV KAGA, Flagship

Cardiv 2
SORYU (F)
HIRYU
Desdiv 23
UZUKI
KIKUTSUKI
MIKATSUKI
YUZUKI

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: The old sub-tender KARASAKI appears to have been recommissioned.

## CARRIER FLEET (Cardivs)-Continued

Cardiv 3 RYUJO (F) HOSHO Desdiv 17 ISOKAZE URAKAZE HAMAKAZE Cardiv 4

Desdiv 3 HOKAZE SHIOKAZE NAMIKAZE NUMAKAZE Cardiv

Cardiv 4-Continued

ZUIKAKU SHOKANU

CVKORYU CV KASUGA (MARU)

TOTAL: 10 CV. 16 DD.

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## COMBINED AIR FORCE

### Kanoya Naval Air Station, Hdqtrs.

Shore-based land planes and seaplanes. The organization provides for great mobility. Air units are ordered to work with other forces, and return to the Combined Air Force pool when their mission is fulfilled. The named Air Groups (e. g. the Takao Air Group) are not tied down to their stations, but are sent freely wherever they are needed. Furthermore, the various air squadrons and air groups frequently split into smaller units, and are scatered over wide areas.

Because of this extreme mobility, the picture is constantly changing. Accord-

ingly, the following list makes no attempt to indicate all the temporary group-

ings into which the various units may be combined.

#### SHIP-BASED SQUADRONS

#### SHORE-BASED GROUPS

Air Ron 6			Sth Air Group	
KAMIKAWA MARU (F)			10th Air Group	
FUJIKAWA MARU			11th Air Group	
KENJO MARU			12th Air Group	
(Has been working with	the	3rd		
Fleet)	LIIC	or a	16th Air Group	
Air Ron 7			17th Air Group	
CHITOSE (F)			18th Air Group	
CHIYODA			19th Air Group	
MIZUHO				
	+120	104	23rd Air Group	
(Has been working with	rne	ISL		
Fleet)			Chinkai	
Air Ron 24			Genzan	(T: 1 h )
KAMOI (F)			Hyakurihara (or l	Mornbara)
1 XAV			Iwakuni	
Yokohama Air Group			Kanoya (Hdqtrs.)	
Chitose Air Group		14.00.000	Kashima	
(Has been working with	the	4th	Kasumigaura	Sasebo
Fleet)			Kisarazu	Suzuka
Patrol Squadron 2			Kure	Takao
NOTORO			Maizuru	Tateyama
(Formerly with Air Ron 6)			Oita	Tsukuba
			Ominato	Usa
			Omura	Yatabe
			Saeki	Yokosuka

Total: 5 AV, 3 XAV, 35 Air Groups.

#### [10]

#### TRAIN FOR COMBINED FLEET

SHIRETOKO	ONIDO	AKASHI
SHIRETOKO	ONDO	
SATA	HAYATOMO	MUROTO
TSURUMI	NARUTÕ	OTOMARU
SHIRIYA	MAMIYA	SETTSU
IRO	ASAHI	

Total: 8 AO, 1 AF, 2 AR, 1 AC, 1 Ice Breaker, 1 Target Ship.

#### JAPANESE NAVAL FORCES IN CHINA

### KOGA, Mineichi-Vice Admiral

## IZUMO, Flagship

SOUTH CHINA FLEET, OR SECOND EXPE-SHANGHAI BASE FORCE DITIONARY FLEET-Continued ASUGA KURI TSUGA Torpedo Boat Division 1 HASU Shanghai Harbor Affairs Section OTORI Special Naval Landing Force, Shanghai HAYABUSA Nanking Base Force HIYODORI Special Naval Landing Force, Nanking KASASAGI Guard Division 15 TOTAL: 1 OCA, 1 PG, 3 DD. Guard Division 16 Canton Base Force CENTRAL CHINA FLEET, OR FIRST EXPEDI-Amoy Base Force TIONARY FLEET Hainan Is. Base Force 13 Special Service Ships KOMATSU, Teruhisa-Vice Admiral UJI, Flagship TOTAL: 1 CA, 1 CL, 4 TB, 1 PG, 2 AM, 13 Misc. Partol Division 11 ATAMI [12] ATAKA SETA FUTAMI NORTH CHINA FLEET, OR THIRD EXPEDI-KATADA FUSHIMI TIONARY FLEET SUMIDA HIRA SUGIYAMA, Rokozo, Vice Admiral HASHIDATE HOZU IWATE, Flagship TOBA Patrol Division 12 Air Group 10 IWATE (F) MANRI MARU Hankow Base Force Kiukiang Base Force Gunboat Division ? ? Torpedo Boat Division 11 HATO KARI SHINFUKU MARU (F) KIJI HITONOSE SAGI Torpedo Boat Division 21 CHIKUBU CHIDORI TOTAL: 4 PG, 10 PR, 1 AP. MANAZURU TOMOZURU SOUTH CHINA FLEET, OR SECOND EXPEDI-HATSUKARI TIONARY FLEET KARUKAYA Gunboat Division 1 NIIMI, Masaichi, Vice Admiral Gunboat Division 2 ISUZU, Flagship Gunboat Division 13 Crudiv 15 Gunboat Division 14 ISUZU (F) ASHIGARA Tsingtao Base Force SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FLEET Patrol Division 14 KASHII (F) (CL) SHIMUSHU (CM)

TOTAL: 1 OCA, 1DD, 8.TB, 1 AP.

SAGA AM-17 AM-18

#### (B JAPANESE FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE MANDATED ISLADS

1. FOURTH FLEET, which may be termed the MANDATE FLEET, apparently administers the Naval activities, affoat and ashore and also the Army Garrisons units in the Mandated Islands. While the forces afloat exercise administrative jurisdiction over the Mandate area, the Yokosuka Naval District is directly responsible for the supply of stores, material and provisions. Truk is the headquarters for supply and munitions and has been principle Fourth Fleet operating base.

2. Up to the present the entire Mandate Islands have been lightly garrisoned, the majority of the garrison units being Naval Defence Forces ("special Landing Forces" corresponding to our Marine Corps) but some Army troops are believed to be on SAIPAN, PALAO, PONAPE, TRUK and JALUIT. The total garrison force has been estimated at fifteen thousand. In addition, there are Civil Engineering Units engaged in development work on various islands. Working in

conjunction with these are naval engineering units, naval ordnance specialists, navy yard units with civilian navy yard workers and technicians. The network of naval radio stations has been greatly expanded, meteorological stations and high frequency direction finders installed at strategic locations, aviation facilities increased both in scope and number, and shore-batteries emplaced on strategic

islands of key Atolls.

3. I tis apparent that a decision to expedite the fortification, expansion of facilities and militarization of the Mandated Islands, was made late in 1940, probably concurrently with the signing of the Tripartite Pact. The movement of naval auxiliaries, small and medium cargo, freight-passenger vessels (exmerchant marine) to the Mandates began in December, 1940, and has increased in scope and number until some seventy odd vessels are engaged in this traffic, the average number present in the Mandate area at any one time being some forty odd vessels.

4. The function of supply of munitions, supplies, material and provisions to the Mandates is under the YOKOSUKA Naval District with a Headquarters for Civil Engineering, Munitions, Military Stores and Supplies for the Mandates centered at Truk, although this function is normally under the jurisdiction of Yokosuka as the Mandates are in the First (HQ—YOKOSUKA) Naval District. 5. The Commanders of the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Base Forces are subordinate

commanders under Commander-in-Chief, 4th Fleet; they have a designated Flagship and a Headquarters or Administrative Section, the latter remaining ashore at the home base regardless of the movements of the command or the Flagship. Each Base Force contains a DEFENCE FORCE, detachments of which are stationed on outlying islands of that general area. Four Ro Class submarines have

been reported to be attached to the PALAO BASE FORCE

[14] 6. Considerable air activity has been in evidence in the SAIPAN, PALAO-PELELIU, TRUK, PONAPE and JALUIT-KWAJALEIN areas. Close cooperation has been noted between the Defence Forces and the Aircraft activities at their home bases. Foreign steamers nearing the SAIPAN area have been subject to aircraft observation and close scrutiny by Patrol planes, Bombers, and Fighters. Heavy land plane bombers and patrol planes, undoubtedly ORANGE, have made reconnaissance flights over the Gilbert Islands (TARAWA, BUTARI-TARI, and BERU).

7. The distribution of material, personnel, and installations in the Mandated Islands is indicated in table "A". While this is admittedly incomplete and may be subject to inaccuracies, it represents the latest and best intelligence on this subject. In addition to those listed in Table A, there are a number of potential bases, principally in the lagoons of the naturally protected atolls, which may be used as emergency basis or may be earmarked for "priority two" development.

8. The latest information (up to 25 November 1941) indicates that the present distribution of the Air forces (believed to be a temporary strategical disposition

rather than a permanent assignment) in the Mandates is:

Identification Location Includes (AV) KAMOI Airron 24 Marshall Area (AV?) \_\_\_\_ Maru ex-CHITOSE Air Group ex-YOKOHAMA Air Group PALAO Area 11th Air Group

16th Air Group PALAO Area 17th Air Group TRUK 18th Air Group SAIPAN

19th Air Group IMIEJI Is. (Jaluit Atoll)

Air Station (and Air Group?) WOTJE Air Station (and Air Group?) KWAJALEIN AIR GROUP TRUK

The exact composition of these Air Groups is unknown and the estimates of total plane strength in the Mandates vary widely: 62-268 planes.

(Table A, referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, consisting of pages 1 and 2 reflecting the distribution of Japanese material, personnel, and installations in the Mandated Islands, will be found reproduced as Items Nos. 108 and 109, EXHIBITS-ILLUSTRATIONS, Hewitt Inquiry.)

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(At this point in Exhibit No. 21 there appear two sketch maps of Palao Islands and of Malakal Harbor and approaches. These maps will be found reproduced as Items Nos. 110 and 111, respectively, EXHIBITS-ILLUSTRATIONS, Hewitt Inquiry.)

#### NOTES TO ACCOMPANY SKETCH OF JALUIT

1. Aviation Facilities—Two landing fields, each with a hangar capable of housing twenty medium sized planes. Engineering Shop (camouflaged) situated between the two fields. Adjacent storehouses (galv. iron) camouflaged. Diesel fuel and gasoline storage in camouflaged, above-ground tanks adjacent to air fields. Diesel power plant (June-1940). Eighty planes reported based here (November, 1940).

On beach opposite southern air field is Naval Air Station having small ramp and one hangar for seaplanes (June 1940). This may be an auxiliary as present

indications point to naval air Base on Imieji (EMIDJ) Is.

2. Headquarters—Two story concrete building. Large building to SE of Headquarters is Post Office and Telephone central. Flagstaff adjacent to Post Office is also used as signal tower. In town are many one story concrete stores. Good bitumen and powdered coral roads.

3. Radio towers-Two steel combination radio and lookout towers 400 feet

high. Diesel engine power plant near southern tower (1940).

4. Shore Batteries-Bases and trunnions along the three quarter mile waterfront street called the Marine Parade (1940) (guns not mounted in June, 1940 but are now). Also three 6" guns and a battery of four 4.7" field pieces. Barracks for regular garrison of 500 soldiers (1940) (probably enlarged now).

\*Mobile Batteries\*\*—Machine guns and AA guns mounted on Diesel-tractor towed

trailers. 10'' searchlights on pneumatic tired truck assemblies (1940).

5. Government Pier—600 feet long, 75 feet wide (18'-25' alongside) equipped with two railroad tracks and three 10 ton mobile cranes. Storehouse on end of pier (1940).

6. Mole-150' concrete mole constructed parallel to shore line along NW corner

of JABOR (1933).

7. Conspicous red building (may be red-roofed building) (1936).

8. South Seas Trading Co. PIER (N. B. K. or "NAMBO") also called "SYDNEY Pier". Two water tanks and warehouses. Coal and briquette storage (1938).

9. Two buildings (resembling hangars) with tracks leading down to water from one of them (beaching gear?-small marine railway?). A gasoline storage located near the two buildings (1936).

(The sketch of Jaluit, to which the foregoing notes apply, will be found reproduced as Item No. 112, EXHIBITS-ILLUSTRATIONS, Hewitt Inquiry.)

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