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U.S. STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY  
(PACIFIC)  
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INTERROGATION NO. (USSBS NO. 94)  
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Place: Tokyo  
Date: 12 October 1945

Division of Origin: Naval Analysis Division.

Subject: Operations of Main Body of Second Fleet.

Personnel interrogated and background of each:

Commander ISAWA, Yutaka, a regular officer of the Japanese Navy, was commanding gunnery for 15cm gun on the battleship HARUNA from December 1941 to October 1942. In November 1942 to April 1943 Commander ISAWA was attached to the 2nd Torpedo Flotilla in the South Pacific. He was a student at the Naval Academy from May 1943 until March 1944. From September 1944 to March 1945 he was attached to the Navy Department. He was serving in the Navy Air Fleet at IZUMI and KYUSHU from April 1945 till August 1945.

Where interviewed: MEIJI Building.

Interrogator: Commander T. H. Moorer, USN.

Interpreter: Lt. Comdr. Seymour Millstein, USNR.

Allied Officers Present: None.

SUMMARY

Movement of the Main Body of the Japanese Second Fleet  
November 1941 to April 1942

The movement of the Main Body of the Japanese Second Fleet with reasons therefore are shown below. The Main Body was initially composed of the following capital ships:

Battleships  
HARUNA  
KONGO  
Heavy Cruisers  
TAKAO (Flagship of Vice Admiral KONDO)  
ATAGO  
CHOKAI  
MAYA

MOVEMENTS OF THE JAPANESE FLEET

DATE	LOCATION	MISSION
28 November 1941	INLAND SEA	Fleet Rendezvous
28 November - 5 December	Enroute PESCADORES ISLANDS	Preparation for war
5 December - 8 December	Enroute SAIGON Area	
8 December - 18 December	Off coast-vicinity SAIGON	Support of BRITISH MALAYA Operations
18 December - 20 December	Enroute point 300 miles west of LUZON	
20 December - 23 December	Vicinity MACCLESFIELD BANK	LUZON Invasion
23 December - 25 December	Enroute FORMOSA	
25 December - 15 January	TAKAO	Service and Repairs
15 January - 19 January	Enroute PALAU	
20 January - 25 January	PALAU	Rendezvous with "PEARL HARBOR" Force which arrived from JAPAN. This increased the total force to: 4 Battleships 4 Carriers 8 Heavy Cruisers 20 Destroyers
25 January - 1 February	Enroute KENDARI	
1 February - 5 February	KENDARI	
5 February - 20 February	BANDA SEA	Support of Invasion Forces. 19 February attack on PORT DARWIN
20 February - 25 February	Enroute CHRISTMAS ISLAND Area via OMBAI STRAIT	
25 February - 1 March	CHRISTMAS ISLAND Area	Support of JAVA and SMUTRA Invasion.
1 March - 1 April	Operations in CELEBES - TIMOR - JAVA Area	Bombardment of CHRISTMAS ISLAND - Destruction of Allied Shipping.
1 April - 5 April	Enroute CEYLON	
5 April - 13 April	INDIAN OCEAN Area	Operations against British. Attack on TRINCOMALEE.
13 April - 18 April	Enroute INLAND SEA	

Note: The above dates are approximate.

No unit of the Main Body of the Second Fleet received damage during the operations. During the period covering the invasion of the PHILIPPINES and NETHERLAND EAST INDIES, the force was not attacked by air or surface craft.

(No Transcript of Interrogation)