

Naval General Staff,

21st Sept., 1914.

Dear Captain Rymer,

A telegram was sent this morning to Commander Yamashita, I. J. N., from the Chief of Naval General Staff to the following effect.

1. "DAINI-NANKENSHITAI" will be organized from "SATSUMA", "Yahagi" and "Hirado"; Rear Admiral Tsuchiyama will take the command of the Detachment. "DAIICHI-NANKENSHITAI", composed of "Kurama", "Tsukuba", "Asama", "Umikaze" and "Yamakaze", and commanded by Vice Admiral Yamaya, will arrive at Jaluit on or about 28th inst.
2. Tsuchiyama Detachment ("DAINI-NANKENSHITAI") will start from Sasebo, ~~whx~~ proceed to Rabaul, obtain the latest news about enemy from the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Squadron, and carry out search for the Germans. In case no information is obtainable, the Detachment will patrol the neighbouring waters of West Carolines, paying at the same time, due precaution for the security of the Australian Shipping Routes through Molucca Passage and Banda Sea. The time of departure of the Detachment shall be cabled later.

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3. Tsuchiyama Detachment will be placed under the directions of Vice Admiral Yamaya, and the two Detachments will act in concert.
4. The object of the general plan is to destroy the Enemy's Bases of Operation and his Ships if found, operating from both sides - on the west from West Carolines and on the east from Marshall Islands, hoping that such operations may lessen to some extent the anxiety of the British Admiral who has, I think, great deal to care for the navigations of Indian Ocean and the Ausyralian Coast, as they appear being threatened at present. If Admiral Jerram has any plan of like nature, it is hoped that due consideration might be paid as regard the operations of the Imperial Navy above mentioned.
5. "Nisshin" will be placed under the orders of the British Admiral as already telegraphed.
6. Above matters will be duly transmitted to Captain Rymer, R. N., and to the Imperial Naval Attache at London.

Hoping that the copy of the telegram to Commander Yamanashi will give you the necessary informations I am required to make to you.

Yours very sincerely,
(Signed) Isam Takeshita
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