

DAILY NARRATIVES

1ST JANUARY 1946

TO

30TH JUNE 1946

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

FROM 0900K 29th June, 1946,

TO 0900K 1st July, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "BARBON" arrived Townsville at 0900K 29th June.
- H.M.S. "GLORY" and H.M.S. "FINNISTERIE" arrived Port Adelaide 0930K 27th June Flag of R.A.A.S.P.F. worn by "GLORY".
- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" departed 1030K 28th June, for Batavia, S.O.A. 11 1/2 kts. E.T.A. 1430K 3rd July.
- L.S.I. "KANISHLA" intends sailing 1030K 30th S.O.A. 14.6 kts, E.T.A. Sydney 1000K 5th July.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" sailed 0900K 29th June for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Melbourne 0800K 1st July, S.O.A. 10 kts.
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" Departed Townsville 1330K Saturday E.T.A. Mackay 0700K Sunday S.O.A. 15 kts.
- H.M.A.S. "PIET EBIN" due to leave Sydney 2nd July for Brisbane then Darwin and Batavia S.O.A. 15 kts, E.T.A. Brisbane 3rd July, 1946.

"QUADRANT" and "QUEENSBOROUGH" are to be docked together in Captain Cook Dock on 8th July.

A.D.A.S.(P) is leaving Singapore for Sydney 29th June for consultation with S.P.F.L.C. and A.C.N.B., E.T.A. Sydney 30th June.

H.M.A.S. "MAGNETIC" will commence reduction to "O & E" stakes on 1st July.

All painters and dockers were discharged from all important waterfront firms at 1600 28th June. All re-conversion work with contractors is held up. C.I. not involved.

"TRUNCHEON" undocked 27th June, subsequent dockings cannot be arranged at present owing to an industrial dispute affecting docks in Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" commencing refit 2nd July.

R.O.I.C. Port Melbourne reports deterioration of electrical gear in Reserve ships at Geelong due to inadequate maintenance caused by lack of technical staff.

Proposed programme for H.M.A.S. "HOBART."

Arrive.	Place	Depart.
-	Sydney	10th July
10th July	Jervis Bay	18th "
18th "	Sydney	2nd August
4th Aug.	Jervis Bay	9th "
9th "	Brisbane	18th "
20th "	Sydney	2nd Sept. for Japan.

Proposed programme for "ANURTA" -

Arrive.	Place.	Depart.
-	Sydney	22nd July
24th July	Melbourne	end of July
1st Aug.	Sydney	18th Aug.
14th Aug.	Brisbane	18th "
20th	Sydney	23rd Sept.
25th Sept.	Morerton Bay	29th
30th	Sydney.	

The visit to Morerton Bay late Sept. is to take C.O.A.S. to inspect H.M.A.Ships "QUICKMATCH" and "SALHAVER".

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C. in C. B.P.F. has requested F.O.S.P.A. to sail H.M.S. "OCEAN WAY" direct to Auckland from Singapore and thence proceed to Sydney.

B.P.F.L.O. advises that it is proposed that H.M.S. 21 should be lifted in "OCEAN WAY" from Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "SARRAKUNGA" starts refit 2nd July defect list includes request for considerable work normally allocated to ship's staff. If undertaken by dockyard will be very costly. Alternative is to retain adequate ship's company supplemented by strong working party of R.R.A's and other ratings.

H.M.L. 256 accepted from builders a.m. 28th June.

Aden will reduce to R.N.O. status on 28th June.

It is intended that H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" will relieve H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" about 30th July.

H.O. 20th. H.M.S. 21, anticipated completing repairs 1st July. Intense sailing "with" "SARRAKUNGA" "SARRAKUNGA" "SARRAKUNGA" "SARRAKUNGA" to Roger R.T.A. 1st July.

"SARRAKUNGA" to Sydney 1st July and Newcastle

"SARRAKUNGA" to Roger via Hobart (for cable etc)

10 H.M.S.'s at Melbourne and 4 at Fremantle are to be surveyed. S.O.S. received from (P.M.S.) S.S. "SARRAKUNGA" requiring immediate assistance. Sinking in star position 12° S 117° E H.M.A.S. "SARRAKUNGA" to proceed to render assistance.

Flag of S.M.C. H.L.S. is to be shifted from H.M.S. "SARRAKUNGA" to H.M.S. "SARRAKUNGA" at 0800 on 30th June.

As from 1st July, 1946, Flag Officer Helms and Forward crew will be known as Flag Officer Helms Area (Short Title F.O.H.A.)

H.M.S. "SARRAKUNGA" has been instructed to proceed in execution of previous orders. Position of "SARRAKUNGA" has now been reported as 12°20' south and 117° south.

A.S.S. to Admiralty - Reference A.F.S. 17. It is not recommended that Australia purchase the deck. Naval Board agrees however with Admiralty view that the deck constitutes a valuable special asset and should not therefore be disposed of to a foreign power. Although unlikely to be used extensively in Australia during peace Commonwealth Government would be prepared to provide a berth for it in Sydney and arrange for its maintenance at Australian expense in return for the occasional use of the deck and in order that it may be available in Australia in an emergency.

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TO 0900K/29th. JUNE, 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" ✓ Departed Kure 0800K/26th.
E.T.A. RABAU 1100K/4th. July.

"TIJGER HAAS" ✓ Arrived Fremantle 24th./June, 1946

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" ✓ Arrived Pt. Adelaide 1030K/27 E.T.D. for
Port Melbourne 0930K/29th. June.

H.M.A.S. "BARON" ✓ Towing Air Spray departed Townsville
1100K/28th. E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/3 JULY.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" ✓ Departed Sydney 1300K/28th. E.T.A.
Townsville 0800K/3 July.

B.O. 20th. M.S.F. anticipates completing KAVIENG ARMA Monday
1st. July. Intends sailing "SWAN" "KATOOMBA" "ECHUGA" "COWRA"
"LITHGOW" TO Dreger E.T.A. 3rd. July.

"Deloraine" to Sydney via Rabaul and Townsville

"Ararat" Dreger via Rabaul (for mails etc)

10 M.S.C's at Melbourne and 4 at Fremantle are to be scrapped.

B.O.S. received from (PERK) S.S. "Hermes" requiring immediate
assistance. Sinking in sixk position 12° S 117° E H.M.A.S. "Macquarie"
to proceed to render assistance.

Flag of C.IN C. E.I.S. is to be shifted from H.M.S. "Vengeance" to
H.M.S. "LANDGUARD" at 0800 Sunday 30th. June.

As from 1st. July, 1946, Flag Officer Malaya and forward area will be
known as Flag Officer Malayan Area (Short Title F.O.M.A.)

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" has been instructed to proceed in execution of
previous orders. Position of "Hermes" has now been reported as 1°20'
south not 12° south.

A.C.N.S. to Admiralty - Reference A.F.D. 17. It is not recommended
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"AIR CLAK" With R.M.S. officer rendering safe fourteen mines broken adrift from local field. E.T.D. Port Moresby 30th June.
? Local (Island) field

"MANGONA" Departed 0630K/27th for Brisbane S.O.A. 12 kts. E.T.A. Columbia 0400K/29th.
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"ORRISTON" Departed Port Moresby 0600K/28th for Rabaul calling Samarai. E.T.A. Rabaul p.m. 29th.

"BEALHAVEL" Available to sail from Rabaul for Duty on 15th July.

"LATROBE") Taken in hand for refits a.m. Thursday 27th June.
"GLADSTONE")

"ELCANNIA" May be granted availability until 15th July.
28th

"KALOROKLI" Slip and proceeds to Sydney 1230K/28th June in accordance with SOHN 250344.

G.P.V. 955 When no longer required by N.O.I.C. Darwin to be sailed to Sydney. On arrival to be allocated F.O.I.C.S. for local use and be reduced to harbour craft status.

"AIR VIEW" Intend sailing 0515K/28th to Townsville for onward routing.

"BATAAN" Arrived Townsville 1030K/27th.

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TO 0900K/26th June.

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H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" Visit to Townsville and Mackay cancelled. C.C.A.S. IN "ARUNTA" visiting Manila as senior Australian Representative, to arrive p.m. 2nd July ALUSHA Melbourne requested to inform Comphilseafon.
2. Intend depart Manus 0130Z/26 for Manila.
3. C.C.A.S. has requested "ARUNTA'S" revised programme be given to press and A.B.C. for next of kin etc. of "ARUNTA'S" company.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" To carry out original programme inspection of (D.10). "BATAAN" by C.C.A.S. postponed indefinitely.

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERAH" When R.F.S. embarks general cargo and explosives ex H.A.D. Maribyrnong and Swan Island for dumping enroute to Sydney.

H.M.S. "GLORY" Bearing flag R.A.A. B.P.F. in company "FINISTERRE" departed Westport 1915K/24th June H.T.A. Adelaide. 0900K/27th June S.O.A. 11 kts.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" Advises routine examination disclosed one rotor blade from last row of starboard forward astern turbine on top of condenser tubes. All blades of last rows rotor and causing damage ships staff removed these two rows. Damage appears not recent. Further signal to be made re spare blading. All other L.P. Turbines examined through sight doors and apparently sound.

H.M.S. "OCEAN WAY" E.T.D. Singapore 12th July.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" E.T.D. Rabaul 1400K/26
E.T.A. Wewak 1200K/28
E.T.D. " 1200K.28
E.T.A. Dregor 1800K/29

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" Tentative date not reserved for docking 5/7/46

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" " " " " " " 12/7/46

R.N.O. Port Moresby to advise what duty "AIRCLAN" is employed and when being sailed south.

H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY" HEMB advises C. in S. B.P.F. following arrangements made.

Camara a.m. 15th to a.m. 15th July.
Nelson a.m. 15th to p.m. 18th July
Wellington a.m. 19th July to a.m. 23/7/46
Suva (Fiji Islands) for fuel only.
a.m. 28th July Vila (New Hebrides) a.m. 31st July to a.m. 1st August thence to Hong Kong via Babaul for fuel enroute.

Signal from S.O. F.F.I. "SROALHAYEN" - intend sailing for "MASSAVA BAY" exercising with "CONDAMINE" enroute at 0800K/26th June S.T.O. Rabaul to assume duties of H.O.I.C. Rabaul in my absence.

H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" Departed Thursday Island for Hong Kong 0700/25 E.T.A. Hong Kong 0200/4th July.

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TO 0900K/4th. JUNE, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "SROALHAVEN" Departed Sydney 0930K/3rd. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1700K/3rd. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "ADAMANT" with M.F.V. in company. Departed Jervis Bay 1645K/2nd. for Sydney. (Capt. S/M 4 in "ADAMANT")

M.S. 20 "SWAN", "KATOOMBA", "LITHGOW", "ARARAT", "COWRA". H.D.M.L. 1323. GPV 960. E.T.D. Townsville 1000K/5 via China Straits E.T.A. Rabaul 11th. June.

R.N.H. "PIET HEIN" Departed Melbourne 0737Z/3 E.T.A. Sydney. 0600K/5

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" Departed Melbourne 0805Z/3 E.T.A. SYDNEY P.M. 6th. June S.O.A. 9 Knots.

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On arrival at Melbourne H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" is to be paid off into "E" class reserve.

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Trials 1000 ton Floating Dock No.2 complete and satisfactory.

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93 foot Tug D.T.931 trials completed satisfactorily.

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"ST.FRANCOIS" returned to Roman Catholic Mission 0800K/3rd. June.

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Intend H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" enter Captain Cook Dock at 0930K/6th. June.

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Preliminary inspection tank storage and fuelling system at Langemak discloses tank and fuel lines in good condition except some pipe joints require repairs. Material for this is available.

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From 0900K/23rd June, 1946 to
0900K/24th June.

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H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" E.T.D. Rabaul 1100K/24th June for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/25th June.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" sailed Fremantle 0600K/22 June for Adelaide E.T.A. 30th June thence Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" Departed Sydney 2230K/21 June for Melbourne Anchored Jervis Bay 22 June until weather conditions moderate.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Position at 1200K/22 June 11° 02 Mins. South 140° 15 East. E.T.A. Black Rock Buoy 0230K 23rd June.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" }
H.M.A.S. "BOOMERA" } At Melbourne, to be docked Monday 24th June.

H.M.A.S. "GLORY" }
H.M.A.S. "FINISTERRE" } Departed Sydney 0140K/22nd June.
E.T.A. Westernport 0800K/24th June.

H.M.S. "OPPOSSUM" Arrived PICTON 2230K/20th June.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" Departed Dreger 0830K/22nd June, for Rabaul E.T.A. 1100K/23rd June.

G.P.V. 956. Returned Darwin 0530K/22nd June.

H.M.S. "EURYALUS" Has requested to visit Auckland 7th - 14th July.

WILCANNIA
TOWING
AIR HOPE Departed Townsville 21st June.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" }
H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" } E.T.D. Singapore 0430K/22nd June for Colombo.
H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" }

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" Arrived Toba 0900K/22nd June.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" Departed Sydney 1100K/23rd June, E.T.A. Townsville 1030K/27th June.

H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" Departed Picton 0930K/23rd June.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" Departed Jervis Bay 2359K/22nd June for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0600K/25.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" After undocking at Sydney about 27th June to sail for Dreger via Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Arrived Thursday Island 0700K/23rd June and departed 1200K/23rd for Townsville. E.T.A. 1800K/28th June. Escorting "Elwong" and calling Palm Is.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" To enter 1000 Ton Floating dock at Sydney 1030K Monday 24th June.

"TIJGER HAAT" SCRN has requested vessel be put on slip at Fremantle during stay there - approx. 3 weeks.

H.M.A.S. "JUNKE" }
H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE." } N.O.I.C. Pt. Melb. has asked G.E.W.D. to indicate convenient dates for docking. N.O.I.C. 15 and 13 months respectively since last docking.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE"
H.M.A.S. "SAGGA"
H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA"
H.M.A.S. "BOWER"

Due for docking December/January.

Port Jackson and Manly S.S.Co. considering buying "BUSHARA" and have requested vessel be docked at their expense for hull examination.

R.A.A. B.P.F. (221650E/June) suggests weather conditions may be unsuitable for carrying out flying programme in Bass Strait. In this event, suggests party embark in "GLORY" off Broome or Mornington 0930K Monday 24th June (using "GLORY'S" boats if necessary) and flying programme be carried out in Port Phillip Bay.

H.M.S. "OPHELIUM" proposes carrying out cruise to Auckland.

H.M.A.S. "PING WONG" paying off p.m. 24th June.

"KATODRA" arrived Townsville 0700E/22nd June Adelaide S.S. Co. will not take delivery until after discharge of cargo.

C. in C. R.I's 22115/2P. It is intended that L.S.T. 3008 shall commission as tender to H.M.A.S. "KUTTAB L" at 0800E/25th June.

Captain H.M. Surrell reassumed command of H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" at 1030E/23rd June.

L.S.T. 3022 dur Townsville 24th June will be transferred to R.A.M. in place of L.S.T. 3026.

H.M.S. "OPHELIUM" will be ready to depart with any crew or staff requiring lift to Adelaide or New Zealand. If no staff or stores are required to be carried, the vessel should be ready to depart at 10.00 hours. It is suggested that the vessel should be ready to depart at 10.00 hours. It is suggested that the vessel should be ready to depart at 10.00 hours.

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H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" ✓ Deported Townsville 0900K/21 E.T.A. Darwin 1700K 26th.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" ✓ with "ROMA" "AIR BIRD" and "AIR CHIEF" in tow departed Dreger 1000K SOA 7 knots E.T.A. all off Brisbane 5th July.

H.M.S. "GLORY" ✓ Arrives Westernport 0800K/24th June

H.M.S. "ADAMANT", "PENN", "TIRELESS", "TRUNCHEON" leave Sydney July 5th Return 13/14th then "ADAMANT" to Vila arrive 16th.

ELLIS IS:- H.M.S. "PENN". Funafuti 15/17th, Nulu Feteu 17/18th, thence tour islands to arrive Ravuni 24/25th, Savu Savu 25/26th, Levuka 26/27th Suva 28th.

GILBERTS:- "TIRELESS", "TRUNCHEON" Ocean Island 17/18th, Buteri Tari 19/21st, Tarawa 22/25th, Maiana 25th, Tobi Teunea and Onotoa 27th thence to Fiji. Lomasa 30th July to 1st August. Makonoi 2/3rd Suva 3rd.

TONGA:- "PENN" leaves Suva 1st, Tonga 2nd/6th. Suva 8th. "TIRELESS", "TRUNCHEON", Lautoka August 13/14th.

Whole flotilla leaves Fiji 14th for Kure E.T.A. 30th August.

CINC BPF intends that "OCEAN WAY" proceeds to Sydney with any craft or MPV's requiring lift to Australia or New Zealand. If no craft or stores ship should be sailed empty undesirable that ship should continue to N.Z. if alternative onward lift from Sydney can be arranged. "OCEAN WAY" will then make lift of lighters & small craft to Hong Kong.

Repairs to H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" have been completed & trials proved satisfactory.

H.M.A.S. "LIMIGOLA" ✓ Paid off 21/6/46 Fremantle.

C.S.T. P.N.D. advises it is most desirable that H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" & "GLADSTONE" dock during leave period of P.N.D. which commences on 28th June.

CINC BPF requests Australian Consul Dili to ask Portuguese Authorities for this concurrence for H.M.S. "COMST" to visit Dili from 16th to 18th July on passage from Hong Kong to Fremantle. It is proposed that "COMST" arrives Fremantle 23rd July and remains about 3 weeks and say short visit to Albany. *Ray*

H.M.S. "EURYALUS" proposes following programme 1st and 2nd July measured mile trials off Sydney. 3rd July sail for Auckland arrive 7th July Leave Auckland 14th July arrive Moresby for 550 tons furnace oil 21st July leave 22nd July arrive Hong Kong 31st July.

SO MS 20 anticipates MS alterations in Rabaul Area will be completed P.M. Tuesday 25 June. *operations*

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July 1/45

TO 0900K/21ST JUNE, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "HANKESBURY" Departed Sydney 1340K/20th E.T.A. Patonga Bay
1600K/20th E.T.D. Patonga Bay 1000K/21st E.T.A.
Sydney 1230K/21st.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" Departed Dreger 0700K/20th E.T.A. Rabaul 1100K
(wearing broad pennant 21st. S.C.A.13.
of C.C.A.S.)

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" Arrived Shimizu 0900K/20th.

Tentative arrangements have been made to dock H.M.A.S. "WARREGO"
South Brisbane Dry Dock 13/8/45.

H.M.A.S. "CARPENTARIA" will be paid off on 30th June, and reduced
to civilian caretaker basis.

D.T.931 cannot commission as Ship's company has not yet arrived
in Sydney.

H.O.I.C. Brisbane advises Dock will be available for H.M.A.S.
"MANGORA" on Monday, 1st July.

Painters and dockers employed at Foote and Steel ceased work
on Wednesday 19th June as protest against refusal of firm to adopt
roster system. Delay will be experienced on work in hand pending
return of men to work.

Proposed trip for H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" :-

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Rabaul	24th June
25th June	Manus	26th "
2nd July	Manila	6th July
13th "	Dreger	13th "
18th "	Sydney	22nd "
24th "	Melbourne for G.School firings.	

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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TO 0900K/20TH JUNE, 1946.

H.N.M.S. "TYGER HAAI" Departed Batavia 1800K/15th E.T.A. Fremantle approx. 24th June.

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" departed Dreger 1700K/19 E.T.A. Sydney 1030K/25 S.O.A.14 Kts.

H.M.A.S. "KOLA" Departed Rabaul 19th June E.T.A. Dreger 2000K/20. S.O.A.8 Kts.

G.P.V. 956 Departed Darwin 1700K/19 for Cape Dow thence to Service Cape Tourcay Light. E.T.A. Darwin approx. 22nd June.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" is to dock in Brisbane. Ship will not be visiting Japan for several months.

Naval Control Service closed at Darwin as from 19th June.

M.R.L.21 (V117) taken over 14th June.

H.M.S."VICTORIOUS" will undock 28th June, E.T.D. for U.K. 3rd July.

S.O.R.N.N. advises that H.N.M.S."TYGER HAAI" will require supplies and small repairs at Fremantle and requests that facilities be made available.

H.M.A.S. "LARUS" paid off into "F" Close Reserve at Brisbane 19th June.

C.inC. B.P.F. has suggested that, subject to concurrence of A.C.N.B. "EURYLIES" on completion of self refit at Sydney, should carry out a short cruise in Australian waters before returning to Hong Kong.

G.C.A.S.(Admin.) has requested approval to grant "MURCHISON" Ships Company maximum leave up to 21 days within the limits of availability.

N.Z.N.B. have passed on to Capt. S.4. a request from H.C.W.P. for amendments to the proposed cruise of H.M.S."PENN" and Submarines in that area.

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TO 0900K/18TH JUNE, 1946.

"ADAMANT"
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"TALENT"
"TIRELESS"
"TRUNCHEON"
"FENN"

} Between 1st July and early August cruise in Pacific. E.T.D. Java 10th August E.T.A. Kure 20th August.

"BARWON" - with "ELWING" and light vessel in tow departed Darwin, 0300K 17th June E.T.A. Thursday Island 0600K 22nd June thence Townsville.

"VICTORIOUS" E.T.D. Sydney 3rd July, E.T.A. United Kingdom 5th August.

"AIR TRAIL" E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K 18th June E.T.A. Sydney 0700K 20th June calling at Copps Harbour.

"OPOSSUM" Dep. Sydney 1015K 17th June E.T.A. Picton 1030K 21st June.

"BLACK SWAN" Dep. Sydney 0931K 17th June E.T.A. Cairns 0600K 21st June.

"ARUNTA" Dep. Port Moresby 2200K 16th June, E.T.A. Dreger A.M. 18th June.

"BATAAN" Dep. Melbourne 1300K/17th June, E.T.A. Sydney 1300K 19th June.

"D.T.953." Completed accepted thals at Sydney, commissioned and taken over from contractors 1100K 14th June.

"HEERMSKERK" Departed Fremantle 1900K 17th June E.T.A. Sourabaya P.M. 22nd June.

No.12 WHARF, DREGER. Completely collapsed 17th June, N.O.I.C. New Guinea states this should give a good indication of state of No.11 Wharf.

LT. CDR. DOVER ...

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"BARWON" E.T.A. Dreger 1700K/18

"ARUNTA" Sails Port Moresby 2200K/18 E.T.A. 18 June E.T.A. Dreger 1800K/18

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 16th JUNE.

H.M.A.S. "KARIMBA" - Departed Sydney 0130Z/16 for Dregon E.T.A. 1600K/19

H.T. "STEIN" - 13th June for
DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/17TH JUNE.
E.T.A. 17th June.

H.T. "ARANA" - Departed Fremantle 14th June for Colombo
E.T.A. 23rd June.

H.M.S. "S.S. KATOORA." Manned by naval crew departed Sydney S.O.A. 7 knots E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/22
E.T.A. 17th June.

"BURNIE". "TOOWOMBA" "IPSWICH." Departed Darwin 0830Z/15 for Singapore S.O.A. 10 knots E.T.A. Singapore 0900Z/23.

H.M.S. "MACQUARIE" Departed Sydney 0430Z/15 S O A 10 knots inshore route E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/20.

H.M.S. "ARAMANT" docked at Brisbane Dock 1/5/46. Expected undocking on 19/5/46.

H.M.S. "INVERELL" paid off 14th June F. class reserve. 15th to 17th August for overhaul boiler class, docking and recreation.

H.M.S. "MANUNDA" Departed Rabaul 0030Z/15 E.T.A. Sydney 21st June.
From all reports of the ship as covered herein with object of making them available to office of Public Information.

C IN C. E.I.S. Flag shifted from Norfolk to Vengeance noon 15th.
Completion of Air support courses return Sydney by train Saturday 22nd June.

LT. CDR. DOVERS assumed temporary command H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" 1200K/16

"JUNBE" and "FREMANTLE" secured in workings at Sydney.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.A. Dregon 1730K/16

Following from Prime Minister to Admiral Frey - "On the occasion of your "ARUNTA" ever coming to Port Moresby 2200K/16 S.O.A. 18 knots E.T.A. Dregon 1000K/18 I should like to express the warmest appreciation and people of Australia their appreciation of your most successful leadership and for the part played by the R.N.Z. in the defeat of the enemy and in the many tasks allotted to the Fleet since the termination of hostilities. The cooperation that exists between the R.N. and R.N.Z. is of great value to this country and a source of satisfaction to my Government. We wish you the best.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 16th JUNE.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Sydney 0130Z/14 for Dreger E.T.A. 1600K/19

H.T. "STIRLING CASTLE" - Departed Fremantle PM 13th June for Melbourne E.T.A. 17th June.

H.T. "ARAWA" - Departed Fremantle 14th June for Colombo E.T.A. 23rd June.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - Departed Fremantle 0002Z/15 for Aden E.T.A. 27th June.

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" reverts to R.N. PM 14th June 1946.

H.M.S. "ADAMANT" docked Cairncross Dock 7/6/46. Expected undocking on 19/6/46.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" intends visiting Brisbane during period 12th to 17th August for combined boiler clean, docking and recreation.

A.N.A. Washington advises U.S. Navy Department proposes to declassify from Secret all reports on battle of Savon Island with object of making them available to office of Public information.

Capt. D 10 states Act. Lt. Cdr. W.J. Dovers D.S.C. R.A.N. assumes temporary command of Bataan 1200K Sunday 16th June. Capt. D 10 on completion of Air support course return Sydney by train Saturday 22nd June.

"Wilcannia" to tow "Air Hope" from Townsville to Moreton Bay.

Arrangements being made to pay off H.M.A.S. "CARPENTARIA"

"JUNEE" and "FREMANTLE" secured to moorings at Geelong.

Following from Prime Minister to Admiral Fraser - "On the occasion of your handing over command of the BPF to Vice Admiral Sir Dennis Boyd I should like to express on behalf of the Government and people of Australia their appreciation of your most successful leadership and for the part played by the BPF in the defeat of the enemy and in the many tasks allotted to the fleet since the termination of Hostilities. The cooperation that exists between the R.N. and R.A.N. is of great value to this country and a source of satisfaction to my Government. We wish you the best of luck".

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To 0900K/14th. June. 1948.

Departed Hobart 1115K/15th. June for Sydney
E.T.A. 1100K/19th.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900 15TH JUNE

Departed Darwin 0900K/14th for Sydney. E.T.A.
1200K/19.

E.T.A. Russell Island 0900/15 at Cairns.

"GLORY" wearing flag of R.A.A.B.P.F. accompanied by "FIRISTONE"
departed Sydney. Both ships will remain at sea during night
of 14th and 15th June.

FINISTERRE?

E.T.A. Newcastle Breakwater 0700K 15th June.

Army Melbourne will report very shortly on availability
R.A.N. WHITE ENSIGN for Dutch move to H.E.I.

H.D.M.L.'s 1321 and 1355 paid off 7th June.

N.O.I.C. Darwin advises H.M.A.S. "ELWING" is to be sailed
Brisbane for disposal calling at Rockhampton for inspection
by Rockhampton Harbour Board.

"KURUMBA" is to be destroyed, disarmed and reduced to
caretaker status at Brisbane. Date of paying off to
be reported.

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests permission to close H.C.S. Darwin.

"WILCANNIA" departed Darwin for Sydney 0700 14th June
via Townsville.

As from 0001K/15th. June, E.C. Queensland L. of S. area
designated H.Q. Northern Command with headquarters at Brisbane.

G. in C. R.F.F. signals Capt. G. A. that to enable visit to be
made to additional ports listed in H.M.N. 120015 (visits to Fiji
Islands, Ellice Islands, Gilbert Islands, New Hebrides etc.) arrival of
Fleet in Japan may be deferred 2 or 3 weeks.

H.M.A.S. "CASCADIA" proceeds from Sydney 15/6 to Batavia, via
Darwin (reference seeking survivors of H.M.A.S. "PEEK").

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests permission to close Naval Central Service

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To 0900K/14th. June.1946.

H.M. Subs. "TIRELESS"
"TRUNCHEON", "TALLYHO",
and "TALENT".

Departed Hobart 1115K/13th. June for Sydney
E.T.A. 1100K/16th.

H.M.S. "BIGBURY BAY"

Departed Darwin 0930K/13 for Sydney. E.T.A.
1200K/22.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

E.T.A. Russell Island was 0800K/13 ex Cairns.

D.T.933

Will commission A.M. 14th. June as a tender
to H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN".

H.M.S. "PENN"

Departed Hobart 1600K/13 for Sydney. E.T.A.
0700K/16.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA"

Departed Morotai 1525Z/13. E.T.A. Kure
1600I/19.

C.S.4 has sent the following message to Admiral Lord Fraser.
"On behalf of the B.P.F. I thank you for your gracious and inspiring
message. It has been an easy task to give you of our best and you
may rest assured that the same loyalty and ~~will~~ service will be given
to your successor. We wish you God Speed and every happiness, and
may you enjoy your well earned leave to the full. Farewell and happy
journey's end.

From Sasea advising that Dr. Van Mook can see no difficulty
in Australian Troops remaining in outer islands if latter are handed
over to Dutch. Requests we confirm we have no objection. He would
like Australian Commander or L.O. to be located at Macassar, could
this be arranged. Sasea agrees with Dr. Van Mook, but points out
that Chiefs of Staff have not yet given approval for hand over, so
the above is only for planning purposes, and no action should be
taken yet.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane anticipates Cairncross Dock available about
20th. June on completion of "ADAMANT", any further dockings or refits,
other than those already in hand or visualized, namely reconversion of
"BINGERA" will prejudice reduction to interior strength.

N.Z.N.B. requests A.C.N.B. confirm that duties previously
performed by N.Z.N.L. Officers, Sydney and Melbourne in relation to
movements of R.N.Z.N. personnel and their dependents in Australia,
will be undertaken by F.O.I.C. Sydney, and N.O.I.C. Melbourne,
respectively.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle requests A.W.B. number for work boat 1950
be allotted vessel allotted to Boom Defence Officer.

C. in C. B.P.F. intends following programme for "SWIFTSURE"
are transfer of flag of Vice-Admiral Edelsten to Anson, Depart
Singapore 29 June, arrive Pulo Rempang 29th. June, depart 30th,
arrive Cocos Island, 3rd. July, depart 7th, arrive Fremantle 12th.,
depart 25th. and arrive Colombo 3rd. August. "SWIFTSURE" to make
necessary arrangements for visits with local authorities. To propose
also programme for passage to U. K. allowing stay of 3 days at
Colombo.

As from 0001K/12th. June, H.Q. Queensland L. of C. area
redesignated H.Q. Norther Command with signal address of Milcommend,
Brisbane.

C. in C. B.P.F. signals Capt. S. 4 that to enable visit to be
made to additional ports listed in N.Z.N.B. 120015 (visits to Fiji
ports, Ellice Island, Gilbert Island, New Hebrides etc.) arrival of
flotilla in Japan may be defined 2 or 3 weeks.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" proceeds from Sydney 15/6 to Batavia, via
Darwin (reference seeking survivors of H.M.A.S. "PERTH").

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests permission to close Naval Control Service.

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To. 0900K/13th. June 1946.

- "BATAAN" Arrived Williamstown 0815K. Wednesday. ✓
- "WARREGO" Approval to dock in Brisbane. ✓
- "LISMORE" Departed Darwin 0030Z/12th. June. for Singapore. E.T.A. 1200 Z/19th. June. ✓
- H.D.M.L.s 1325, 1329, 1324. Intend sail 1200K/13th. June from Brisbane. E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/15th. June. ✓
- "BLACK SWAN" E.T.A. Sydney 0730K/13th. June. ✓
- "INDEFATIGABLE" E.T.A. Fremantle 0800Z/14th. June. ✓
- "TOWNSVILLE" E.T.A. Fremantle 1000H/19th. June. ✓
- "SHOALHAVEN" Is placed under operation control of N.G.I.C. New Guinea on arrival Dregor. ✓
- "SHOALHAVEN" Departed Sydney 0630Z/12th. June. E.T.A. Dregor Harbour p.m. 19th. June. ✓
- OIL FUEL LIGHTER 1207. Is now completed. C.M.W.D. requests disposal.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/12th. June 1946.

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C.C.A.S. has been requested to retain "ARUNTA" in Melbourne for the purpose of conveying Lieut. General Northcott (Governor designate to N.S.W.) to arrive Sydney between July 29th. and August 2nd.

C.C.A.S. has advised that Acting Captain H.M. Burrell, has been nominated for his Support Course at R.A.A.F. Station, Laverton, and delay in "BATAAN"'s sailing for Palm Island of up to 48 hours, being acceptable.

C. in C. B.P.F. states that, owing to delay in shipment, all allocation of Voluntary Help Food Parcels for June, July, August are cancelled. Thus Australian deliveries are 5 months behind.

C. in C. B.P.F. intends Tyne, wearing flag of R.A.D. carries out following programme :-

Leave.

Arrive.

Hong Kong 20th. June. Chemulpo 24th. June.

Stay about 10 days, then visit Kure and Japan, returning to Hong Kong end of July.

"ARUNTA" wearing flag of C.C.A.S. departed Sydney 1000K/11th. June for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1000K/15th. June.

A.C.N.B. has advised N.O.I.C. Brisbane that "AIR TRAIL" is to be sailed for Sydney and on arrival to pay off into "E" class reserve.

"CONDAMINE" arrived Rabaul 2030K/ Monday 10th. June.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Morotai 0300Z/10th. June.

"QUIBERON"'s stay at Kobe has been amended to 27th. June.

"HAWKESBURY" proceeded at 0230K. from Newcastle, to rendezvous with "SHOALHAVEN".

A.S. Sydney has proposed "WARREGO" dock in Brisbane, in view of caisson of Sutherland Dock, Sydney requiring six weeks repairs.

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From 0900K/8th. to 0900K/11th. June.

- H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE". Departed Green Island 1740K/6th. June. E.T.A. Torokina 0500K/8th. June. Thence Massara for Water E.T.A. 9th. June.
- H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" Departed Sydney 2015/7th. June for Ft. Kembla - E.T.A. 1000K/8th. June. S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" Departed 00302/8th. June for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads. 1400K/10th. June. S.O.A. 105.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKSHURY" Departed 1645Z/7th. June for Newcastle. E.T.A. 1000K/8th. June. S.O.A. 9. Thence will proceed to Rendezvous with "SHOALHAVEN" leaving Newcastle 0230K/11th. June.
- "SWAN")
"KATOOMBA")
"LITHGOW")
"ARARAT")
"CONRA")
Departed Townsville 5th. June for Rabaul.
- "WILCANNIA" Departed Thursday Island 0600K/8th. June for Darwin S.O.A. 11-5 - E.T.D. 1100Z/10th. June.
- "LISMORE" E.T.A. Darwin 0900K/11th. June. S.O.A. 10.
- "FREMANTLE" AND "JUNEE" Will proceed to Geelong on Wednesday and Thursday respectively. Weather permitting. Tugs have been ordered. Advice from N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.
- "AMETHYST" With "BARTHORPE", "ROCKMOUNT", "ROCKPORT", and "ROCK FORREST", in company departed Darwin, 0600Z/8th. June for Hong Kong. E.T.A. Keopang E.T.A. 0600Z/11 June approx. E.T.A.S. Batavia 19th. June, Singapore 26th. June, S.O.A. 7.
- N.O.I.C. TOWNSVILLE Requests approval to discontinue repair and refit of ship at Townsville.
- F.O.I.C. Sydney Reports docking of submarines will be delayed till as under.
1st. Submarine. 19th. June.
2nd. Submarine. 24th. June.
- N.O.I.C. THURSDAY ISLAND States that Dan Buoy and Flag marking at Hovell Rock is now missing. Expects replacement on arrival of "BINGARA".
Undocking of D.T. 933 now delayed until about 13th. June.
- "NORTHERN WARRIOR" Transferred to Sea Transport Service at 0900K/June 8th. F.O.I.C. Sydney.
- H.M.S. "HABSTOCK" Reports that R.N.A.S. Schofields was vacated by R.N. Personnel 9th. June.
- C.T.O. 96.8 Gives following intended movement of destroyer.
H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Kure to 24th. June then visit ports in B.C.O.F. Area until 8th. July, join "BERMUDA" at sea 9th. July and proceed Yokohama.
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Yokohama until 17th. June, Shimizu Siraga 18th. June - 22nd. June. Toba 22nd June to 26th. June Yokohama from 27th. June.

I.N.C.E.I.S. reports that at 0800/12th. June his flag is to be shifted on Land Guard to "NORFOLK" and the flag of C.S.5 to be shifted from "NORFOLK" to "GLASGOW".

M.S. "OPOSSUM" has proposed the following cruise. (Signal has been sent C.I.N.C.B.P.F. and N.Z.N.B. for concurrence).

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Sydney	17th. June.
21st. June	Nelson	23rd. June.
24th. June	Napier	26th. June
27th. June	Lisborne	29th. June
1st. July.	Auckland	3rd. July.
7th. July.	Sydney	--

M.S. "BLACK SWAN" has proposed following Schedule.

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Leave.</u>
-	Sydney	0900/17th. June.
0800/21st. June	Cairns	1600/23rd. June.
0800/25th. June	Thursday Island	1200/25th. June.

M.S.F.20 reports new E.T.A. Rabaul p.m. 12th. June, having been delayed 24 hours.

M.A.S. "PING WO" Arrived Hong Kong 1200H/8th. June.

M.S.'S. "BURNIE", "TOOWOOMBA" AND "IPSWICH" Departed Townsville 0900K/8th. June. E.T.A. Darwin a.m. 14th. June. S.O.A. 10 Kts.

M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" Departed Darwin 2330Z/8th. June. E.T.A. Labuan 0700Z/15th. June thence Hong Kong. S.O.A. 12.

M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" Departed Sydney 0700Z/9th. June. E.T.A. Fremantle 2300Z/14th. June. S.O.A. 16 Kts.

M.A.S. "BATAAN" Arrived Devenport 0900K/9th. June. E.T.D. 0900K/11th. June. E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0500K/12th. June S.O.A. 10½ Kts.

E.T. "KATOOMBA" Departed Rabaul 0800Z/9th. June S.O.A. 12 Kts. E.T.A. Sydney 16th. Troops embarked 1496.

A.A.N.L.O. Menu closed 5th. June.

C.I.C. B.P.F. concurs proposed itinerary for "OPOSSUM".

N.Z.N.B. Proposes Picton in lieu of Nelson.

Prime Minister's Department has been asked for instructions regarding King's Birthday.

At 13/6

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H.M.S. ALACRITY - Departed Darwin 0930K 7th for Hong Kong 16th
SOA 12.

H.M.A.S. BATAAN - Departed Sydney 1230K/7th for Devonport 0900K/9
SOA 11½ knots.

H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA - Departed Darwin 1130K/7th for Morotai 1200K/10th
thence Kure SOA 14

H.M.S. GAWLER }
H.M.S. LAUNCESTON } Departed Darwin 1200K/7th for Singapore
H.M.S. PIRIE } 1400K/15th SOA 10

All RAN ASR craft are to be withdrawn from forward areas as soon as practicable.

Noic New Guinea has directed HMAS AIR HOPE to sail when ready from Rabaul to Dreger en route for Mainland.

Repairs to HMS LAUNCESTON have been completed at Darwin.

ARUNTA S.T.D. Sydney 1100K/11th for Port Moresby 100K/16.

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To 0900K/7th. June 1946.

H.M.A.S. "PING WONG" Departed Manila, 1530/5 E.T.A. Hong Kong P.M. 8th. S.O.A. 9.

H.M.S. "TIRELESS" Position at Noon 5th. 40° 45' S.
"TALLY-HO" 149° 09' E. S.O.A. 8.
"TALENT"

H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" Departed Launceston 0800K/6. E.T.A. Burnie 1430K/6.

H.M.A.S. "BARROW" Returned to Darwin 0125K/6th.

H.O.I.C. Port Adelaide To visit Navy Office 11th. June, returning p.m. 12th. June.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" Permission and finance authority sought to remove Arctic gear.

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TO 0900K 6th June, 1946.

- "GLADSTONE" - Will not visit Ulverstone due to weather conditions.
- "ADAMANT" } - Leave Sydney 1st July for Pacific Island cruise
- "PENN" } thence to Japan arriving 12th August.
- "TIRELESS" } -
- "TRUNCHEON" } -
- "TALLY HO" } -
- "TALENT" } -
- "TOTEM" } - Leave Sydney early July for U.K. 4 "A" class S/M's
- "TAURUS" } leave U.K. for B.P.F. July/August as reliefs.
- "TAPIR" } -
- "TURPIN" } -
- "LAUNCESTON" - Concrete box will be fitted on starboard main inlet at Darwin without docking.
- "L.S.T. 3026" - C.in C.E.I. advise port engine brackets supporting weight shaft and operating gear for link motion fractured. Intend either L.S.T. 3504 or L.S.T. 3022 be transferred to R.A.N. in lieu.
- "CONDAMINE" ✓ - Departed EMIRAU 1400K/5 E.T.A. Green Island 1530K/6.
- "DIAMANTINA" ✓ - Departed Port Moresby 0700K/5 with "AIR FOAM" in tow E.T.A. Sydney 13th.
- "SWAN" } - Departed in company for Rabaul 8 knots E.T.A. 11th June.
- "KATOUMBA" } ✓ -
- "LITHGOW" } -
- "ARARAT" } -
- "CONRA" } -
- "H.D.M.L. 1323" } -
- "G.P.V. 960" } -

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To 0900K/5th. June, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" Paid off at Adelaide 3rd. June.
- H.M.S. "ADAMANT" Departed Sydney 0945K/4th. June, E.T.A. Caloundra 0100K/6th. June thence Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" Departed Rabaul 2245K/3rd. June E.T.A. Haireu Island 1730K/4th. June. 1125K/4th. June sunk floating mine.
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" Wearing flag up C. in C. B.P.F. departs Hong Kong 6th. June for Singapore, where Command of B.P.F. will be turned over to Vice Admiral Sir Dennis Boyd. Admiral Lord Fraser will proceed to England in "DUKE OF YORK". Vice Admiral Boyd will proceed to Hong Kong in "VENERABLE", arriving about 15th. June.
- C.C.A.S. I attends transferring his broad pendant from "HOBART" to "ARUNTA" 0800K/11th. June. Administration of H.M.A. Squadron will be retained in "HOBART".
- V.S.I.S. "FORT BEAUFORT" Departed Sydney 3rd. June. E.T.A. Hong Kong 26th. June.
- H.M.A.S. "LINICOLA" Is to be paid off into "E" class reserve at Fremantle forthwith.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" Cannot be docked in Sydney before third week in June.
- H.O.I.C. DARWIN In view of reduction in manning suggests MRL.255 be not now allocated to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" (S.O.) Departed Brisbane 1400K/4th. June E.T.A. Townsville 100K/7th. June thence Darwin and Singapore.
- "TOOFOOMBA"
- "IPSWICH"
- H.M.Subs. "TIRELESS" (S.O.) Departed Jervis Bay 1500K/3rd. June E.T.A. Hobart 0900K/6th. June.
- "TALLY HO"
- "TRUNCHEON"
- "TALENT"
- H.M.S. "PENN" Departed Jervis Bay 1400K/4th. June E.T.A. Hobart 0900K/6th. June.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" To commence re-conversion 28th. June. To commence de-storing and paying off about 14th. June. In the meantime will dump ammunition at sea.

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From 0900K/1st. June to 0900K/3rd. June 1946.

M.S. "GABLER" with
"LAUNCESTON" & "PIRIE".

Departed Cairns 1500K/3 0th. E.T.A.
Darwin 3rd. June.

M.A.S. "BURNIE"

Departed Sydney 1330K/1st. E.T.A.
Pile Light 1500K/3rd.

M.S. "BIGBURY BAY"

E.T.D. Hong Kong 3rd. June for Sydney
via Mindoro Strait, Molucca Passage
and Darwin. E.T.A. Darwin to be reported.

M.A.S. "CONDAMINE"

Departed Rabaul 1st. E.T.A. Unea Island
1030K/2nd. S.O.A. 15.

M.A.S. "BARWON"

Departed Darwin 1600K/2nd. with well-
freighters to be towed to sea and sunk.

M.S. "COSSACK"

E.T.D. Singapore 1100K/3rd. June for
Fremantle via Rhee Gasparann Suda Straits.
S.O.A. 14 knots.

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"KUBUNRA" at present 3A/B's short in crew. No men offering.
Believe that crew will refuse to sail unless guarantee is given that one
months work or pay is available.

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Admiral Sir Guy Royle awarded United States Legion of Merit
of Command.

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H.O.I.C. Townsville requests "DIAMANTINA" be diverted to
Townsville to pick up ASR "AIR HOPE" for tow to Brisbane.

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H.O.I.C. Brisbane intends to sail "IPSWICH" and "LISMORE"
in company 1200K 1st June, to Thursday Island for onward routing to
Darwin and Singapore.

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"PING WO" arrived Manila 1230K/1st June. E.T.D. p.m. 5th.

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"DELORAINE" reports clearance of mine lines on each side
of Waton Island. Area between Cape Gazelle and Duke of York Islands
will commence a.m. 7th.

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H.O.I.C. Townsville intends to close office of R.M.C. Cairns
with exception of oil fuel installation on 8th. June.

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C.C.A.S. reports no reduction can be made of engine room
complements of ships of H.M.A. Squadron. Admiralty intend to transfer
Boom defence equipment at Brisbane to Boom Depots at Singapore and Hong
Kong. In view of present shipping shortage request report whether suit-
able arrangements can be made to retain this equipment at Brisbane until
shipping is available.

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Programme for H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" ;

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
---	Sydney	7th. June.
9th. June	Devonport	11th. June.
11th. June	Melbourne	17th. June.
19th. June	Sydney	22nd. June.
25th. June	Palm Island.	27th. June.
27th. June	Townsville	29th. June.
30th. June	Mackay	1st. July.
4th. July	Sydney	---

H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" returned to Brisbane with engine defects and will be sailed independently.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval to retain H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" in Sydney for towing battle practice target on 6th. June.

Trawler AS.1763 aground since 0500 Sunday 26th.. Main frames broken and is completely flooded. As weather conditions unsuitable for salvage of small gear, H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" returning to Rebaul. E.T.A. 0830K/3rd.

CHAIN CABLE OUTFITS H.M.A.S. TOOWOOMBA, LISMORE AND IPSWICH NOW SATISFACTORY

THE SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MELBOURNE IS NOW LOCATED IN ROOM 41 'F' BLOCK, NO. 1 AREA, ALBERT PARK.

IT HAS BEEN APPROVED TO DOCK ADAMANT IN BRISBANE.

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TO 0900K/1ST JUNE '46

H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA

DEPARTED YOKOHAMA 1100K/30TH E.T.A. KURE
A.M. 1ST JUNE S.O.A. 14.

A.I.R.I.S. FORT COLVILLE

DEPARTED SYDNEY 30TH E.T.A. TRINCOMALEE
20TH JUNE.

ARRIVALS 28TH:

MELBOURNE	LACHLAN
BRISBANE	KURUMBA
JERVIS BAY	PENN AND ARUNTA

DEPARTURES:

SYDNEY ARUNTA, PENN FOR JERVIS BAY AND ALAGRITY, WIDEMOUTH BAY
FOR DARWIN.

H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA DEPART SYDNEY 2155K/31 FOR THURSDAY ISLAND THENCE DARWIN
E.T.A. 0800K/8. S.O.A. 10 KNOTS

WHEN R.F.S. H.M.A.S. BURNIE IS TO BE SAILED TO TRINCOMALEE VIA TOWNSVILLE,
DARWIN AND SINGAPORE.

H.M.S. COMMONWEALTH WILL COMMISSION ON 1ST JUNE AS BASE SHIP AT KURE AND ALL
NAVAL SHORE BASES PERSONNEL IN JAPAN WILL BE BORNE IN
COMMONWEALTH.

C.C.A.S. RECOMMENDS THAT H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA BE GRANTED 92 DAYS AVAILABILITY
ON ARRIVAL SYDNEY.

H.M.S. BLACK PRINCE WILL PAY OFF INTO SERVICE WITH ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY
31ST MAY.

CHAIN GABLE OUTFITS H.M.A.S. TOONCOMBA, LISMORE AND IPSWICH NOW SATISFACTORY

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IT HAS BEEN APPROVED TO DOCK ADAMANT IN BRISBANE.

To COMS/ADM. May 1946.

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TO 0900K/1ST JUNE '46

WHEN READY H.S. MANUNDA IS TO BE SAILED TO RABAU TO EMBARK PERSONNEL FOR SYDNEY.

WHEN READY H.T. ORMISTON IS TO BE SAILED TO PORT MORESBY AND RABAU.

H.M.S. VICTORIOUS IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE READY BEFORE THE END OF JUNE, C in C B.P.F. HAS INFORMED ADMIRALTY THAT SHE WILL ARRIVE IN U.K. MID-AUGUST.

F.O.I.C. SYDNEY INTENDS SAILING BURNIE FOR BRISBANE 1200K SATURDAY 1ST JUNE.

BUNGARRE IS TO BE DESTORED AND PAID OFF AS REQUIRED TO SUIT DOCKYATD PROGRAMME FOR RECONVERSION.

C.C.A.S. PROPOSES FOLLOWING PROGRAMME FOR ARUNTA ON COMPLETION OF GUNNERY SCHOOL FIXINGS WEEK COMMENCING 22ND JULY: PROCEED HERVEY TO JOIN HOBART, THENCE BRISBANE AND SYDNEY.

DATE	PORT	REMARKS
4.6. 1946	Sydney	1000/2000 hrs.
5.6. 1946	Kingston	1.0. 1946
7.6. 1946	Aden	1.0. 1946
10.6. 1946	Port Said	1.0. 1946
13.6. 1946	Suez	1.0. 1946
16.6. 1946	Port Said	1.0. 1946
19.6. 1946	Suez	1.0. 1946
22.6. 1946	Port Said	1.0. 1946
25.6. 1946	Suez	1.0. 1946
28.6. 1946	Port Said	1.0. 1946
1.7. 1946	Suez	1.0. 1946

On completion discharge at Sydney early July, H.S. MANUNDA is to pay off for reconversion and return to COMS.

C.C.A.S. recommends that C.C.A.S. "DIAMANTINE" ships company be granted 21 days leave on arrival mainland.

C.C.A.S. hopes to visit Port Moresby in H.M.S. "ARUNTA" on 15th. June and invite administrator to accompany him to Herby.

It is proposed to call H.M.S. "ARUNTA" from Sydney on 15th. June for islands in the South Strait to search for likelihood of possible survivors of H.M.S. "PLUM".

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To 0900K/31st. May 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA"
with "AIRFOAK" in tow.

Departed Dreger 0400K/30th. E.T.A. Sydney
13th. June. SOA 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ (via China Straits and
Great N.E. passage and inshore route to
Sydney calling at Port Moresby to unload
stores and Brisbane for provisions).

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H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS"

Departed Fremantle 1500K/30th. E.T.A.
Sydney 0730K/4th.

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H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN"

Departed Sydney 1510K/30th. E.T.A.
Launceston 1330K/1st. SOA 12.

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H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" with
CPV 960 and HDML 1823
in Company.

E.T.D. Brisbane 1000K/30th. May. E.T.A.
Townsville 1700K/3rd.

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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

Reported Townsville 0700K/30th. to service
lights on Queensland coast SOA 9.

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When R.F.S. "IPSWICH", "LISMORE" and "TOONGOMBA" are to
sail for Trincomalee via Thursday Island, Darwin and Singapore.

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H.M.S. "ANETHYST" and ships in company are to be routed
via Keopang, Batavia and Singapore.

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Proposed programme for H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE":-

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
--	Sydney	1630K/June 9th.
a.m. 15th.	Fremantle	p.m. 15th.
a.m. 27th.	Aden	p.m. 27th.
p.m. 30th.	Port Said	p.m. 30th.
p.m. 4th.	Gibraltar	a.m. 5th. July.
a.m. 8th. July	Portsmouth	--

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On completion discharge at Sydney early July, H.M.A.S.
"NESTRALIA" is to pay off for reconversion and return to owners.

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C.C.A.S. recommends that H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" ships
company be granted 21 days leave on arrival mainland.

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C.C.A.S. hopes to visit Port Moresby in H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA"
on 16th. June and invites Administrator to accompany him to Dreger
Harbour.

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It is proposed to sail H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" from Sydney
on 15th. June for Islands in the Sunda Strait to search for likelihood
of possible survivors of H.M.A.S. "PERTH".

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M.L. 801 paid off and accepted into "E" class reserve
a.m. 23rd. May.

H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" - Departed Sydney 10000/23 for Seattle, N.P.A.
A.M./23 1000. (202. 2).

G.P.V. 955 reduced to Harbor Craft status 28th. May.

H.M.A.S. "ALBATROSS" - Departed Sydney 10000/23 for Seattle, N.P.A.
A.M./23 1000. (202. 2).

Conference held on 300 ton dock. Work too expensive
to undertake economically by Garden Island. Launching 3 months
hence and completions 7 to 8 months.

H.M.A.S. "ARABY" - Departed Sydney 10000/23 to rejoin 8th S.S.F.
(202. 10 K.)

S/M 4 proposes "ARABY" with three submarines arrive
South Road 0800/24 June and "ARABY" only sails for Brisbane 0800/4
to arrive 0800/24.

Until other arrangements are made with Department of
Internal Territories, N.O.I.C. New Guinea is requested to continue
to service navigational aids in New Guinea Area.

From Sydney. H.M.A.S. "KARIBIA" to be called for Sydney
via Diego to embark personnel for discharge on mainland.

H.M.A.S. "KORORUA" reports that a floating mine has
been sunk by gunfire in position 080° Little Fitzroy Island Light
4 point 8 miles.

Subject to concurrence of A.C.N.S., C. in C. S.F.F.
intends D.S in "CORAL" to leave Fremantle about 1st July and pay
short visit to Geraldton. Ship then to proceed Hong Kong, calling
Tarakan en route. D.S is requested to propose programme in due
course.

Flags to be flown at half-mast on Commonwealth Buildings
on Friday, 31st May, on the occasion of the State Funeral of the late
Senator Hon. R.V. Keane.

It is not approved for repairs to "AIRSPRAY" to be
effected at Townsville. Vessel to remain Townsville to await suitable
tow to Sydney. C.C.A.S. requested to detail "BARWOK" for this duty
on passage south.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane instructed to sail "KURUMBA" to Sydney.

As from 1st June, Merchant Ship Movements Reports will no
longer be necessary, and the Merco System will be disestablished as
from that date.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" and "GLADSTONE" proceed to Geelong
for Victory Day Celebrations.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" returning from U.K. is due Fremantle
8th August, departs 12th August, Adelaide 16th August, departs 20th
August, Melbourne 22nd August, departs 26th August and arrives Sydney
28th August.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 30th May.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Tarakan 1535K/28 for Manila, E.T.A. A.M./1st June. (SCA. 9).

H.M.A.S. "LACHELAN" - Departed Melbourne 0825K/29 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/31st. (12).

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Departed Sydney 1545K/28 for Pittwater for trials with R.A.N. torpedo factory.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - Departed Sydney 0930K/29 to rejoin 20th H.S.P. (SCA. 10 K.)

S/M 4 proposes "ADAMANT" with three submarines arrive South Head 0630/3rd June and "ADAMANT" only sails for Brisbane 0900K/4 to arrive 0800K/6th.

Until other arrangements are made with Department of External Territories, H.O.I.C. New Guinea is requested to continue to service navigational aids in New Guinea Area.

From Sydney. H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" to be sailed for Rabaul via Dreger to embark personnel for discharge on mainland.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" reports that a floating mine has been sunk by gunfire in position 328° Little Fitzroy Island Light 6 point 8 miles.

Subject to concurrence of A.C.N.B., C. in C. B.P.F. intends D.S in "COSSACK" to leave Fremantle about 1st July and pay short visit to Geraldton. Ship then to proceed Hong Kong, calling Tarakan en route. D.S is requested to propose programme in due course.

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H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" and "GLADSTONE" proceed to Geelong for Victory Day Celebrations.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" returning from U.K. is due Fremantle 6th August, departs 12th August, Adelaide 16th August, departs 20th August, Melbourne 22nd August, departs 26th August and arrives Sydney 28th August.

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To 0900K/29th May, 1946.

- H.S. "MANUNDA" - Departed Sydney 1200K/24th for Rabaul 29th.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Tarakan 1435K/28 for Manila 1/6, SOA. 9.
- G.P.V. 965 - Departed Sydney 0600K/28 for Jervis Bay 1700K/28, SOA. 8.
- H.M.S. "PENN" - Departed Sydney 1210K/28 for Jervis Bay 1630K/28.
- H.M.S. "ALACRITY" (S.O.) } - Departed Sydney 1010K/28th for Darwin
 " "WIDEMOUTH" } - 8th June, SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departed Sydney 0800K/28 for Jervis Bay 1400K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" } - Departed Sydney 1500K/27 for Townsville 1000K/1st,
 " "COWRA" } - SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" } - Departed Sydney 1500K/27 for Brisbane 1500K/29
 " "LITHGOW" } - 10 knots.
- H.M.A.Ships "BUNBURY", "DUBBO" and "TOWNSVILLE" - Departed Sydney with
 M.S.20 at 1500K/27 with reduction of flotilla.
 These returned to Sydney arriving 0700K/29th.

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C.C.A.S. now intends to leave Sydney in "ARUNTA" on 11th June and call at Port Moresby on 16th prior to proceeding Dreger.

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R.A.N.L.O. Manus is being withdrawn on 12th June.

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M.S. 20 advises that in view of reconstruction of flotilla, insufficient forces now remain to carry out simultaneous operations in Port Moresby and Rabaul. Intend to proceed with all available forces to complete operations, Rabaul, Kavieng and Bougainville Areas and to clear Port Moresby later in conjunction with operations in Barrier Reef.

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20th M.S.F. will now consist of "SWAN", "KATOOMBA", "LITHGOW", "WARRNAMBOOL", "MILDURA", "ARARAT", "COWRA", "DELORAINÉ", "ECHUCA", H.D.M.L.1323, 1326, 1328 and G.P.V.960. "DELORAINÉ" and "ECHUCA" will reduce to 'E' Class reserve as spare ships.

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To 0900K/28th May, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed Sydney 0800K/27th for Port Melbourne and Radar Training Cruise. E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0900K/31st. SCA. 6 knots.

H.M.S. "TALLY HO" - Departed Sydney 0800K/27th to join S.M.4 at Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 1700K/27th. SCA. 11.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" - Departed Rabaul 0730K/27th, E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/1st June. 15.2 knots.

Hired Transport "KATGOMEA", short 15 firemen and 2 trimmers 27th May. Delay in sailing anticipated.

H.D.M.L. 1356 paid off a.m. 27th May and accepted in "F" Class reserve.

S.O., M.S. 20 advises "ARARAT" delayed till 1600K/28th. Ships will sail direct for Townsville on departure.

H.M.S. "ADAMANT" advises fresh water tank port side abaft 179 bulkhead and water protection compartment before 179 bulkhead damaged by submarine bumping alongside. Requests docking Sydney during June. A.S. Sydney advises docking cannot be arranged before mid July.

N.O.I.C. Darwin has no jurisdiction over area known as Naval Reserve. Requests representation be made to Department of the Interior to have area officially gazetted as a Defence Area.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" developed defects in port thrust. Sailing postponed until 1500K/30th.

Review of manpower situation indicates that it will be necessary to reduce 20th M.S.F. to H.M.A.S. "SWAN" and 6 A.M.S. with 2 additional ships in reserve.

N.O.I.C. Townsville requests approval for repairs to brackets for A.S.R. vessel "AIR SPRAY" be effected at Townsville.

"KATGOMEA" position at 0800K/28th May 0900. She has been instructed to return to Singapore.

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To 0900K/26th May, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" - Paid off into "F" Class reserve p.m. 23rd May.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Accepted into "E" Class reserve 1st May.

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" - Removed from "E" Reserve p.m. 21st May.

C.C.A.S. requests "BARWON" be sailed to arrive Townsville on 28th June. On arrival, "BARWON" reverts to C.C.A.S. operational control. Intend inspecting "BARWON" 29th June, sailing her for Sydney on completion.

H.M.A.S. "PARA" paid off 23rd May.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" sails when ready Sunday for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" sailed 0205Z/25th May for Dreger Harbour thence Kure. SOA. 13.5 kts.

To 0900K/27th May, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Sydney 0745Z/26th. for Darwin thence Kure. E.T.A. 0730K/2nd June.

Admiralty approved "SHROPSHIRE's" itinerary and victualling requirements.

C.C.A.S. has approved "DIAMANTINA" sailing to mainland about 1st June.

C. in C. B.P.F. has agreed to "BLACK SWAN" bisiting Burnie in lieu of "KIAMA" 8th to 11th June.

"LACHLAN" departed Adelaide 1300K/26th May. E.T.A. Port Melbourne, 2330Z/27th May.

"OCEANWAY's" position at 0130Z/26th May 8°S. 122°40'W. She has been instructed to return to Singapore.

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1946.

N.S.C. "SLESVIG" - E.T.D. Sydney 25th May for Singapore via Torres Strait.

G.P.V. 960 - Ready for service 28th May subject to arrival of personnel.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" on following Radar Training Course:-

E.T.D. Sydney - A.M. Monday, 27th May
E.T.A. Melbourne - P.M. Friday, 31st May
E.T.D. Melbourne - P.M. Monday, 3rd June
E.T.A. Sydney - P.M. Friday, 7th June.

Court martial in connection with "BUNGAREE" will not take place before 3rd June.

H.M.A.S. "ROCHEHAMPTON" and "MILDURA" will now be under F.O.I.C. Sydney's operational control from A.M. Monday, 27th May, until Monday, 3rd June.

B.P.F.L.O. proposes "OCEANWAY" lifts craft at Sydney allocated in C.-in-C. B.P.F.'s 030622, thence Melbourne to lift Motor Lighter No.21. On completion Brisbane to complete lift as per abovementioned signal.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne, after consultation between Naval Constructors R.N. and R.N.N., considers H.N.M.S. "PIET HEIN" should be docked for extensive repairs.

93 ft. Diesel Tug A.T. 2382: 24 hour continuous Running Trials completed 0900 22nd May: Satisfactory.

Naval Control Office, Melbourne, finally closed down and vacated - Friday. S.T.O. office now "P" Block, Albert Park Barracks, Rooms 41 and 42. Telephone: MXY 130 Ext. 211, 257.

H.M.A.S. "PARA" paid off Thursday, 23rd May - being reconverted for owner.

Commodore Collins, Captain Rhodes, Commander Denny and Commander (S) Blacklock leave Sydney 0630 A.M.A. aircraft Monday, 27th May, for Melbourne.

s.s. "TALUNE" is to be released at Singapore from service as a Naval Store Carrier and redelivered to Sydney Owners.

"HICKORY GLEN" can be released from service with the Fleet at end of June.

Cardale Patch Red Can Buoy still missing.

A.S. Sydney reports intention of docking 1,000 ton Floating Dock and 1,200 tons Oil Lighter in Captain Cook Dock at 1500 Tuesday, 28th May.

A.S. Sydney reports that Work Boat A.M.1615 is to be returned to Army. Work Boat 45336 ex R.H. has been issued in lieu.

A.D.A.S. is now on C.-in-C. B.P.F.'s Staff. Functions cover co-ordination of Naval Armament Services in Pacific and Liaison Duties with Australia as far as Imperial Services concerned. Day to day matters similar to those accepted when A.D.A.S. was on V.A.(Q)'s Staff should be communicated direct to A.D.A.S.

H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" states visit to Kiama not feasible owing to size of ship. Proposes Port Kembla in lieu - dates same as A.C.N.B.'s 201126

N.O.I.C., Fremantle, requests approval to transfer Sea Transport office to Fremantle wharf.

Temporary repairs to "VICTORIOUS" which are proceeding satisfactorily, will be completed 28th May. Ship will be ready for sea 30th May.

A.D.A.S. "HAWK" requests permission to close down indefinitely to carry out top overhaul.

A.D.A.S. requests arrangements to be made for "HAWK" to carry out F.C.S. Calibration firings off Port Jackson during period 31st May to 4th June.

S.S. 20th W.S.F. intends to place H.M.S. "HAWK" under operational control of F.S.I.C. Sydney, from 4th 20th May until commencement of refit 31st June.

H.M. 212 paid off and accepted into 7th Fleet Reserve A.S. 21st May.

H.M.A.S. "HAWK" is allocated to F.S.I.C. Sydney on completion of boiler cleaning for keeping ammunition level.

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To 0900K/24th May, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Freetown 1600/21st May, E.T.A. Portsmouth 1200A/30th May.

D.S in "COSSACK", E.T.D. Hong Kong 27th May for Singapore thence Fremantle for three weeks and then to return Hong Kong.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" unable to contact P.D. Macassar by W/T regarding water. Arrived Macassar Entrance 1800K/22nd May. E.T.A. Tarakan 2000K/25th May.

"MOMBAH" is to be paid off at Sydney and held for disposal.

Ships of 20th M.S.F. are to embark ammunition at Sydney for dumping at sea.

For operational reasons "MILDURA" and "ROCKHAMPTON" are to be taken in hand at Sydney early in June for refit.

H.M.S. "ANSON" wearing flag of C.S.2 with H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" in company arrived Yokohama 22nd May.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" requests permission to close down indefinitely to carry out top overhaul.

C.C.A.S. requests arrangements to be made for "BATAAN" to carry out P.C.C. Calibration firings off Port Jackson during period 31st May to 4th June.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. intends to place H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" under operational control of F.O.I.C. Sydney, from a.m. 27th May until commencement of refit 9th June.

M.L. 810 paid off and accepted into "E" Class Reserve a.m. 21st May.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" is allocated to F.O.I.C. Sydney on completion of boiler cleaning for dumping ammunition locally.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 22nd May, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER", "FIRIS", "LAUNCESTON" - Departed Sydney 1245K/21,
E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/26.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY",)
towing 1205 and "AIRCHIEF") - Departed Rabaul 1245K/21st May for
Dreger, E.T.A. 1500K/23rd May.

C. in C. B.P.F. proposes boundaries of W/T Areas should
also be those for Weather Messages.

Subject to Naval Board's concurrence, C. in C. B.P.F.
intends "BERMUDA" to arrive Sydney early August, remaining about 5
weeks, and that any visits to other ports should be arranged in
consultation with C.O. "BERMUDA" returns to Hong Kong.

N.O.I.C. Darwin reports Army are working "REYNELLA", held
up by Wharf Labourers, and requests approval to supply two Winch Drivers.

C. in C. B.P.F. sends lists of craft for lift by
"OCEANWAY" to U.K. :--

For R.N.

250 ton S.P. barges	2	Sydney
300 " Phillipine barges	2	Sydney
100 " Refrigerator lighter	1	Melbourne
Seaplane tender	1	Brisbane.

For Colonial Government.

75 foot Steel barges	3	Sydney
Tanac Tugs	4	Sydney
75 foot M.F.V.'s	3	Sydney
75 foot M.F.V.'s	3	Brisbane
45 foot M.T.L.'s	10	Sydney

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Other lighters now in Sydney for "EMPIRE CHARMAIN" could
be lifted in "OCEANWAY" instead owing to their hull shape.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises that he intends to sail "ALACRITY"
and "WIDEMOUTH BAY" a.m. 28th May for Hong Kong via Darwin. E.T.A.
Darwin p.m. 6th June, Hong Kong a.m. 16th June.

C. in C.E.I. advises he intends to discontinue disposition
signals after 26th May.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests F.O.I.C. Sydney to arrange docking
of "ADAMANT" in June, if possible before 20th.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises M.S.L. 41 and 42 being shipped to
Hong Kong in "OCEAN WAY".

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises that he intends to sail "AIR FLEET"
1800K/21 to Sydney via Coffs Harbour. E.T.A. Coffs 0800K/22, Sydney
1400K/23rd.

~~D.A.F.~~
R.A. Cohn. Jones

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/Monday, 20th May to 0900K/21st.

H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY" - Departed Sydney 1220K/20th, E.T.A. Auckland 0730K/25th May, SOA. 11 kts.

H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departed Sydney 1400K/20th to join S.M.4 at Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 0600K/21st.

H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Departed Thursday Island 1030K/18 with H.M.S. "BARTHORPE", "ROCKGLEN", M.F.V.1081, "ROCKMONT", M.F.V.1158, "ROCKPORT", M.F.V.167 and "ROCKFOREST". E.T.A. Darwin p.m. 22nd May, SOA. 7.5. "AMETHYST's" 200645 reports she is anchored to the westward of Wessel Island until weather moderates, "BARTHORPE" and tugs in Company.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - Departed Fremantle 1700K/20th, E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/26. SOA. 16 knots.

C. in C. B.P.F. advises that owing to anticipated shortage of escort vessels at Hong Kong, H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" is required to arrive early July. Adelaide visit to be deleted from programme.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" sends store requirements to complete ship with provisions till 9th August. Also proposes following itinerary-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Depart</u>
30th May	Portsmouth	1st July
5th July	Gibraltar	7th July
10th July	Malta	12th July
15th July	Port Said	16th July
16th July	Suez	16th July
20th July	Aden	20th July
27th July	Colombo	29th July
8th August	Fremantle	12th August
16th August	Adelaide	20th August
22nd August	Melbourne	26th August
28th August	Sydney	Blank

C.S.T. F.N.D. proposes "LATROBE" and "GLADSTONE" visit Geelong for Victory Day Celebrations from p.m. Friday 7th June to a.m. Tuesday 11th June.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports M.L. Base, Alexishafen, closed down p.m. Friday, 17th May. Equipment in custody of Roman Catholic Mission, Alexishafen, pending Navy Board decision.

H.C.S.O. Sydney reports anticipated date of final closing down 28th June.

C.C.A.S. requests "WARRAMUNGA" be sailed on relief by "QUICKMATCH", to arrive Dreger Harbour on 18th June. "QUICKMATCH" to sail from Sydney 25th May for Kure via Dreger Harbour.

"QUEENSBOROUGH" paid off and accepted into 'E' Class Reserve a.m. 20th, berthed at Watson's Bay Jetty.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 hrs. 19th June, 1946.

D.T. 931 will commission A.M. 19th June as a tender to H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN".

H.N.M.S. "HEEMSKERCK" R.P.S. Tuesday 18th June is to be sailed Sourabaya from Fremantle S.N.O.A.L.S. advises local army authorities state that Butchers and Bakers cannot be supplied to L.S.T's unless army approve of amendment to war establishment. Request action be taken with Army Board.

N.O.I.C., New Guinea advises that "SPRIGHTLY" has both main engine bed plates cracked near after main bearings. Steel patches are being fitted over cracks and welded and plugs welded. Further signal will be made on completion of trial.

"WILCANNIA" - departed Darwin 0700Z/14th E.T.A. Townsville 2000Z/20th June.

S.M. 4 in Adamant departs Brisbane 1230K 19th June E.T.A. Sydney 0700K 21st June.

Ports dock will not give firm date for docking "MANOORA". Present commitments include "MERKUR" and "DUNTROON" which will extend well into July. Propose "MANOORA" be docked at Brisbane after undocking "ADAMANT" 20th June.

"ARUNTA" departed Port Moresby 2200K 16th E.T.A. Dreger A.M. 18th.

H.D.M.L. 1347 paid off 18th June.

"MANOORA" recommends docking be done at Kure. Request confirmation of requisite docking facilities of vessel of size of "MANOORA" may be obtained from N.O.I.C. Kure. If affirmative "MANOORA" should be ready to proceed alongside of wharf for storing and cleaning ship on Thursday 20th June. 3 working days will be required for these duties prior to the ship being ready to embark troops. S.O.A. to Japan will be a maximum of 14 knots.

Flag of Vice Admiral Aubreyan Commanding French Naval Forces in Far East has been transferred to P.S. "DORIS".

Naval command in Port of Sourabaya has been transferred to the Royal Netherlands Navy at 1200/19th June 1946.

PRO
M. R. Kelly
N.I.L.

To 0900K/18th May, 1946.

Capt. D. 10 intends to sail 10th D.F. for Sydney Area 2359K/16th E.T.A. 1130K/17th.

F.O.I.C., Sydney signals that "WESTRALIA" expects to arrive back in Sydney after present commitments on 8th July allowing one week to unload, he proposes paying off and reconverting ship at Cockatoo on 15th July.

C.C.A.S. requests FOIC. Sydney make arrangements for "BATAAN" to carry out P.C.C. calibration firings off Port Jackson during period 31st May to 4th June.

C. in C. B.P.F. proposes 4th Submarine Plotilla ("ADAMANT", "FENN" and six submarines) visits Pacific Islands from 1st July for about three weeks - to be based Suva.

C. in C. B.P.F. intends new W/T boundaries come into force 1000K/1st June.

G.P.V. 958 - Paid off Wednesday 15th May, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KEITH CAM" - Still in commission as Harbour Duty boat at Carpentaria.

K. 15 - Departed Fremantle for Sourabaya 13th May.

"PIET HEIN" - Departed Fremantle for Melbourne 14th May.

1179C - Flag of Vice Admiral Auboyneau Commanding French Naval forces in Far East has been transferred to F.S. "SCIPPREN".

C.in C. E.I.S. Naval command in Port of Sourabaya was transferred to the Royal Netherlands Navy at 1200/May 11th and R.N. W/T closed down then.

Lt Cdr James

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/18th to 0900K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Dreger 0630K/19th, E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/20th. SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Darwin 1405K/16th, Macassar a.m. 23rd thence Tarakan and Manila, SOA. 9 1/2.

H.M.S. "EURYALUS" - Departed Darwin 0730K/18th. E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/25th.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Moresby 1430K/18th. Dreger E.T.A. 1800K/20th.

C.C.A.S. states Tribal Class Destroyers proceeding from Dreger to Japan without fuelling would arrive with less than 25 per cent. of fuel remaining, which is unacceptable, and requests direction whether destroyers should be routed :--

- (a) via Guam; or
- (b) Darwin, Singapore, Hong Kong, thereby taking 23 days on passage instead of 15.

Following cruise is intended for H.M.S. "ANSON" with "BARFLEUR" and "WARRAMUNGA".

Depart Yokahama 30th May, Kobe 30th May to 6th June, Kure 7th June.

C.T.G. 96.8 advises place of turnover from "WARRAMUNGA" to "QUICKMATCH" is Kure.

B.P.F. L.O. requests information as soon as possible when A.C.N.B. intends to assume responsibility for manning A.F.D. 17.

"GERARD", fouled by lighter, parted line and drifted on to sand bank south end of Torrens Island. Refloated p.m. 18th with no apparent damage.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul closed down 15th May. A Transport Officer and R.M.S. party remaining.

M.S. 20 intends to sail from Sydney p.m. 27th May. "SWAN", "BUNBURY", "COWRA" and "ARARAT" for Townsville, E.T.A. 1st June. "KATOOMBA", "LITHGOW", "TOWNSVILLE" and "DUBBO" for Brisbane E.T.A. 29th and sail a.m. 30th with H.D.M.L.'s 1323, 1325, 1324, 1329 in tow for Townsville - "KATOOMBA", "MILDURA", "TOWNSVILLE" and "BUNBURY" with H.D.M.L.'s 1324, 1323 then proceed Port Moresby E.T.A. 7th June. Remainder sail for Rabaul E.T.A. 9th June.

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H. C. Jones

To 0900K/17th May, 1946.

H.M.S. "INDEPATIGABLE" - E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1000K/20th, E.T.A. Sydney 26th.

H.M.A.S. "MANCORA" - Departed Rabaul 0700/15th, E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/21st. May.

H.M.S. "WIDENOUTH BAY" - Departed Melbourne 1330K/16, E.T.A. Hobart 1000K/18.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Arrived Rabaul 14th.

Commander K.E. Ocm, O.B.E., R.A.N., assumed command of H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" from Commander G.D. Tancred, D.S.C., R.A.N., from Wednesday, 13th May.

Temporary repairs to hull of "AIR FOAM" have been completed. To be towed to Dreger by G.P.V.955, leaving Rabaul p.m. 16th. thence towed to mainland F.A.O.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" should return to Australia via Suez Canal, leaving Portsmouth 1st July; if necessary, arrangements can be made for supply of provisions en route.

Commander, G.D. Tancred, D.S.C., R.A.N., assumed duties of Officer-in-Charge, Hydrographic Branch, p.m. May 15th.

G. in S. H.P.F. has stated that arrangements are being given to visits by single destroyers for visits lasting 3 weeks with intervals of 3 weeks between and repairs to boats will be conducted alongside.

H.S.I.C. Fremantle stores will usually be available.

G. in S. H.P.F. advised that the visit of 4 submarines and H.M.S. "YAM" to Hobart during Victoria week.

H. C. Jones

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/16th May, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Sydney 0550Z/11, E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 1630K/16, SOA. 15 kts.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Reports being anchored Loose Island Bay. Weather deteriorating, barometer falling.
- H.N.M.S. "PIETHEIN" - Departed Fremantle 14/5, E.T.A. Melbourne 2200Z/16, SOA. 15 kts.
- H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Reports amended E.T.A. Thursday Island 0300Z/16.
- H.M.S. "HIND" - Departed Fremantle 14/5 E.T.A. Singapore 27/5.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Rabaul 1430K/15, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0620K/16, and Port Moresby 0900K/18 (First Naval Member on board).
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" - Departed Sydney 0610Z/15, E.T.A. Hong Kong 0900I/29, SOA. 14 kts.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Towing H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF". Departed Dreger 1600K/15, E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/17, SOA. 9 kts.

H.M.A.S. "ADRIAN" PAIR OFF 16th May

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H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" reduced to "C" Class Reserve a.m.

H.M.A.S. ----- 16th May.

H.M.A.S. "JABIRU" was commissioned 0800K/13.

C. in C. B.P.F. has stated that consideration is being given to visits by single destroyers for visits lasting 3 weeks with intervals of 3 weeks between and requests if berth will be available alongside.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle states berth will normally be available.

C. In C. B.P.F. concurs with the visit of 4 Submarines and H.M.S. "PENN" to Hobart during Victory Week.

~~D.V.T.~~
D. C. Jones

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 15th May.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Dreger 1700K/13th E.T.A. Rabaul
1800K/14th. (First Naval Member on board).

H.N.M. Submarine K.15 - Departed Fremantle 1400K/13th. E.T.A.
Sourabaya 1400K/23rd.

H.N.M.S. "JAARSTROOM" - Departed Thursday Island 1445K/12th E.T.A.
Sydney p.m. 19th. SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Port Adelaide 0855K/13th. E.T.A.
Sydney 1600K/16th. SOA. 12.

N.O.I.C. Townsville advises that A.S.R. "AIR HOPE"
was again sailed when weather abated, but returned to port with
cracked port outer manifold caused by faulty water pump. Vessel
can now only proceed on starboard engine. Request if suitable
vessel can be made available for towage south.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" paid off into "F" Class reserve
a.m. 13th May.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" paid off 10th May. ✓

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To 0900K/15th May, 1946.

- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - Departed Colombo 13th May for Fremantle and Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMENTINA" - Departed Dreger 13th May for Rabaul.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Expected to arrive Sydney Heads 1600 on 16th May.
- H.M.A. Ships "BATAAN" and "QUICKMATCH" - Departed May 13th at 0930K to Jervis Bay, arriving 1500K May 13th.
- H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departed Sydney 0945 13th May for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1530/13th May.
- H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY" and "STURM BAY" - Departed Townsville 1800K/15th. E.T.A. Sydney 0200K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMENTINA" - With First Naval Master on board departed Uluva 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Dreger 1800K/15th.
- H.M.A.S. "KATIFOLA" - Departed Sydney 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Dreger 1800K/15th.

Inspection damage of A.S.R. 912 (AIR FLOE) reveals

following:-

Rudder Post bent.
Both shafts bent, both propellers damaged beyond repair,
propellers and "A" brackets drive through bottom of boat.

Estimated repairs will take 2 to 3 months if repairs staff is provided from Royal engineers and Army workshop surplus at Rabaul for that time. As Australian Army at Rabaul is being rapidly reduced the latter situation cannot be depended on.

Intent to ship A.S.R. 912 to Sydney P.A.
An enquiry into the granting is being conducted.

A/S Sydney advises 33-foot tug No. 922 now ready for commissioning. Request crew be provided as soon as possible.

H.M.S. "SWANHARTEN" grounded in Iwauville Channel 1800K/15th. Refloated with assistance of H.M.S. "AMIRALTY" and four Arch tugs at 0400K/16th. Bottom was soft mud. No damage done. Proceeding to Hong Kong 11th.

Propose following for S.S.I.S. "HELIAN" :-

Ref No	Place	Remarks
912	Jervis Bay	11th June
1128	Marineport	2nd gunnery school firings.
	Fort Phillip	

~~XVII~~ 07/14/5To 0900K/11th May to 0900K/13th May, 1946.

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Townsville 1208K/12th, E.T.A. Hong Kong 0700K/21st. SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - E.T.D. 1900K/11 to service lights on Queensland Coast. SOA. 9.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - E.T.D. Colombo 2330K/12th for Sydney SOA. 16.

H.M.S. "AMETHYST" towing	}	Departed Townsville 0615K/12th,	
H.M.S. "BARTHORPE" in			
Company with H.M.S. "ROCKOLEN"			
towing M.F.V.1081, "ROCKMOUNT"			- E.T.A. Thursday Is. 15th.
towing M.F.V.1158, "ROCKPORT"			E.T.A. Darwin 21st. SOA. 7.
towing M.F.V.167 and "ROCKFOREST"	}		

H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY" and "WHITSAND BAY" - Departed Townsville 1200K/12th. E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/16th.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - With First Naval Member on board departed Manus 1300K/11th, E.T.A. Dreger 1630K/12th.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Sydney 1550K/11th, E.T.A. Dreger 1630K/16th SOA. 15.

 Inspection damage of A.S.R.912 ("AIR FLOW") reveals following :--

Rudder Post bent.
 Both shafts bent, both propellers damaged beyond repair, propellers and "A" brackets drive through bottom of boat.

Estimated repairs will take 2 to 3 months if repairs staff is provided from Naval sources and Army workshop remain at Rabaul for that time. As Australian Army at Rabaul is being rapidly reduced the latter situation cannot be depended on.

Intend to ship A.S.R.912 to Sydney F.A.
 An enquiry into the grounding is being conducted.

 A/S Sydney advises 93-foot tug No.933 now ready for commissioning. Request crew be provided as soon as possible.

 H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" grounded in Townsville Channel 1820K/10th. Refloated with assistance of H.M.S. "AMETHYST" and four Rock tugs at 0620K/11th. Bottom was soft mud. No damage done. Proceeding to Hong Kong 11th.

 Propose following for H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" :--

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
-	Jervis Bay	7th June
9th	Devonport	11th June
11th	Port Phillip	for gunnery school firings.

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H.M.S. Proposed that following visit Hobart :--

H.M. Submarines "TIRELESS" (S.O.), "TALLY HO", "TRUNCHEON",
"TALENT".

H.M.S. "PENN" is refitting at Sydney, but anticipated will be
completed in time.

H.M.A.S. "HARRIS" - Reported to be en route for Sydney 2.2.44/1944.

From H.M.A.S. "DELOIRAINS". Operations KILPAT and
KILSINER completed. Operation KILKAV, (1) Nishel Pass uncompleted
(2) Eickstedt Pass sweep completed (3) Ribnitz Harbor sweep
completed. Two magnetic mines detonated.

H.M.S. "PIKE" will be ready for sea at Fremantle
about 10th May - I.C. I.S.S. requests ship be called to Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "OPPOSITE" with A.S.S. 201 in sea arrived Sydney
Harbour 2000/5th.

H.M.A.S. intends "OPPOSITE" relieved "HARRIS"
about 9th June and requests F.S. Force "K" signals post 2nd Harbour.

H.M.A. H.V.V. informs H.M.A.S. Port Adelaide that it is
regretted that "ULST" will not be able to arrive Adelaide before 20th
June.

C. de V. I.I.S. requests A.S.S. 201 to be ordered to land
A.S.S. 201 (S) at Fremantle with view for clearance to Fremantle en
route to Australia - as indication of further ships which are not likely
to land there will.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 11th May.

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H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Arrived Capetown p.m./9th.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Arrived Thursday Island 1400K/8. Departed 1600K/9 for Darwin E.T.A. a.m./13th. (SOA. 9).

H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departed Jervis Bay 0600K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1215K/10th.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Burnie 0930K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/12th. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Arrived Darwin 1700E/10.

H.N.M.S. "PIET HIEN" will be ready for sea at Fremantle about 14th May - S.O. R.N.N. requests ship be sailed to Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" with A.F.D. 501 in tow arrived Dreger Harbour 2000K/5th.

G.C.A.S. intends "QUICKMATCH" relieves "WARRAMUNGA" about 9th June and requests F.O. Force "T" signals port for turnover.

R.A.A. B.P.F. informs N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide that it is regretted that "GLORY" will not be able to arrive Adelaide before 27th June.

C. in C. E.I.S. requests A.C.N.E.'s concurrence to loading L.S.T.'s (3) at Trincomalee with cargo for discharge at Singapore en route to Australia - no intention of filling ships unduly and not likely to load them all.

Various Council and witnesses of Board would appreciate co-operation to arrange visit of Council or ships to Board at Victoria Bay.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" has been delayed at Sydney with engine defects until 10th May. Vessel to tow lighter to Long Beach.

G.O.A.S. states that it appears that "SUNSHINE" will not be ready to proceed north until mid June. In parallel two frigates in New Guinea, "HUNTER" will have to remain until relieved about third week in June, and will not leave port until accordingly.

H.M.S. "DANIEL" proposes to leave Sydney 10th May with "LABURNUM" and "PIET" in company for Adelaide E.T.A. 10th June, calling Colville, Darwin and Singapore en route.

To 0900K/Friday, 10th May.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Rabaul 2100K/8 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/10 - N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked. This frigate has been detailed for Admiral Hamilton's visit.

H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY") Departed Thursday Island 0700K/8 for
H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY")- Townsville E.T.A. 1000K/10. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT") Departed Sydney 1015K/8 for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
G.P.V. 965)- 2030K/8.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY") Departed Melbourne 1230K/9 for Adelaide
H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE")- E.T.A. 0630K/12. (SOA. 8).

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Adelaide 1730K/9 towing O.F.L.1206 to Fremantle E.T.A. 21st May. (SOA. 5).

H.M.S. "GERALDTON") Departed Fremantle 1800K/8 for Singapore E.T.A.
H.M.S. "BROOME")- 25th May thence Colombo (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Darwin 1030K/9 for Rabaul E.T.A.1500K/14, thence to Sydney. (SOA. 14.5).

H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" proposes to leave Sydney 1500K/15 for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1000K/29th. (SOA. 14).

H.C.S. Newcastle closed down as from 9th May.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" departs Sydney 0800K/13th for Dreger Harbour.

S.O. R.N.N., Melbourne, signals that, subject to A.C.N.B.'s concurrence, H.N.M.S. "HEERMSKERK" will arrive at Fremantle at end of May or beginning of June for boiler clean and leave for crew - duration of stay approximately three weeks.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle, suggests S.O. R.N.N. be informed that harbour is very congested and ship must be prepared to accept some acute inconvenience.

Warden Council and citizens of Burnie would appreciate co-operation to arrange visit of warship or ships to Burnie on Victory Day.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" has been delayed at Sydney with engine defects until 25th May. Vessel to tow lighter to Hong Kong.

C.C.A.S. states that it appears that "SHOALHAVEN" will not be ready to proceed north until mid June. To provide two frigates in New Guinea, "DIAMANTINA" will have to remain until relieved about third week in June, and refit and leave postponed accordingly.

H.M.S. "GAWLER" proposes to leave Sydney 15th May with "LAUNCESTON" and "PIRIE" in Company for Colombo E.T.A. 15th June, calling Cairns, Darwin and Singapore en route.

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LT (DR) JAMES

To 0900K/Thursday, 9th May, 1946.

H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" - Departed Sydney 1045K/8th for Melbourne.
E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0800K/10th.
SOA. 11.5.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" with
H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" } - Departed Hobart 0900K/8th, E.T.A. Sydney
in Company } 1000K/10th. SOA. 13.

M.S.L. 708 - Departed Darwin 0230K/8th for Croker Island and Cape Don
with stores and mail. E.T.A. Croker Is.
1930K/9th.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 0600K/9th. E.T.A. Sydney
1600K/10th. SOA. 15.

A.S.R. 912 ("AIR FOAM") grounded on reef vicinity
Rabaul. Vessel refloated and being examined. Further report when
available. "AIR CHIEF" at present undergoing repairs Alexishafen
will be sailed as soon as possible as relief.

"SHOALHAVEN" arrived Brisbane 5th May with following
defects :--

- Both steam dynamos to be rebored with new rings fitted.
- Engines to be lined up.
- Nos. 9 and 10 oil fuel tanks leaking into engine room.
- Minor defects and deficiencies.

Anticipated following programme :--

- Routine docking and to complete A/S gear etc. 10th to 14th May.
- Redock for inclining experiment and tilt test about 20th and 21st
May.
- Compare trials and sail for Sydney about 23rd May.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" towing A.D.301, E.T.A. Dreger
0800K/9th.

A number of reconnaissances have been carried out in
the Islands in the Sunda Strait and no sign of survivors from H.M.A.S.
"PERTH" have been seen. The possibility of such survivors existing
cannot, however, be completely ruled out. SACSEA would make no objection
to a search by Australian ships should it be deemed advisable.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" transferred to R.N.N. 0800K/8th
May.

Com. Hong Kong has been requested by C. in C. B.P.F. to
sail H.M.S. "EURYALUS" 11th May for Sydney. On completion of docking
and self refit which should take about 5 weeks, A.C.N.B. is requested
to sail ship to Hong Kong.

H.M.A.S. "BROLGA" commissioned 0800K/7th May.

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To 0900K/8th May, 1946.

H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - To sail from Jervis Bay at 0600K/10th for Sydney, E.T.A. to be reported.

H.N.M.S. Sub. K.15 - Will be ready to sail from Fremantle about 13th May for Batavia.

From H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE". Operation Kilrav. Single Sweep. Magnetic mine located in position $02^{\circ}35'06''S.$, $150^{\circ}47'24''E.$ Polarity north estimated P.D.M. Setting two. Eight fathoms water.

H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" paid off and commissioned to R.N.N. at 0900K/30th April.

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" defects and A.'s and A.'s will be taken in hand by dockyard on 13th May.

G. in U. East India Station advises adversely that the L.S.T.'s to be handed over to R.N.N. will be in running order although it will only be possible to repair essential defects. Requests details of work may be communicated - provisions ships should be carried over fully stored.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 7th May.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Dreger 1345K/6th for Rabaul E.T.A. 1945K/7th - N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Dreger 1630K/6 for Rabaul E.T.A. 8th May - to come under the orders of N.O.I.C. Rabaul for mine disposal.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed Townsville 1100K/5th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/8th. (SOA. 17).

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Sydney 1730K/6th for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/10th thence to Hong Kong (SOA. 14.5).

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/6th for Colombo E.T.A. 1100K/13th. (SOA. 19).

"WARPEGO" departed Burnie a.m./6th for survey grounds in vicinity Point Sorrell.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne advises that R.N.N. Port Directorate at Ambon will cease on 1st June when port will be handed back to Civil Authorities.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne intends "KALGOORLIE" pay off 7th May and commission 8th May as R.N.N. vessel.

C. in C. East Indies Station advises Admicalty that the L.S.T.'s to be handed over to A.C.N.B. will be in running order although it will only be possible to repair essential defects. Requests details terms of loan may be communicated - presumes ships should be turned over fully stored.

Completion of R.T. 703 ...
Date of completion ...
complete work and be ready to sail for Dreger by 30th June, 1945.

Arrival programme ... will arrive ...
p.m. 6th May and will depart ...

As from 0001/1st January, 1945, the boundary between the East Indies and Pacific Stations will be from the northern end of the Borneo/Davao border to ... along the coast of Borneo to Long Bay thence southward along longitude 103° 15' E.

Middle, Far-western and Outer Group Islands will be in the East Indies Station and Islands off the Northwest tip of Borneo will be in the Pacific Station.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea ...
April in position 02° 40' 17" S., 142° 32' 42" East in ...

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From 0900K/Saturday, 4th May, to 0900K/Monday,
6th May.

- H.M.S. "CAWLER" - Departed Melbourne 1228K/4th, E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/6th.
SOA. 10.5.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" }
with } - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd, E.T.A. Port Phillip
G.P.V.958 in Company } Heads 1400K/6th, SOA. 8.
- H.M.S. "FORT EDMONTON" - Departed Sydney 3rd for Singapore via Torres
Straits. E.T.A. 18th.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Manila 2000K/3rd, E.T.A. Darwin 1930K/10th.
SOA. 11.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Fremantle 2000K/2nd, E.T.A. Colombo 1200K/10th
SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Townsville 1000K/4th, E.T.A. Thursday Is.
a.m. 7th, thence Darwin and Hong Kong,
SOA. 9.
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Brisbane 1900K/4th, E.T.A. Kure p.m. 22nd
SOA. 10½.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - Departs Townsville 0800K/5th for Brisbane E.T.A.
a.m./11th - calling Mackay and Gladstone
(SOA. 17).
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" - Departed Sydney 1149K/5th for Trincomalee E.T.A.
E.T.A. 1530K/16th, (SOA.19.5).

Intended exercises 10th D.F. H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" will now
remain in Sydney until 4th June and then sail for cruise to Jervis Bay
leaving on 7th June for Port Phillip thence New Zealand after Gunnery
School firings.

Completion of D.T.933 delayed by strikes. Estimated
date of completion mid May. If no necessary delay, estimate tug can
complete work and be ready to sail for Dreger by 30th June, 1946.

Amended programme H.M.A.S. "WARREGO". Will arrive Burnie
p.m. 9th May and will depart for Sydney 1100K/10th May.

As from 0001/1st January, 1946, the boundary between the
East Indies and Pacific Stations will be from the seaward end of the
Burma/Siam border to Sabang and thence along the coast of Sumatra to
Loong Bay thence southward along longitude 095 15'E.

Middle, Perforated and Seyer Group Islands will be in
the East Indies Station and Islands off the Northwest tip Sumatra will
be in the Pacific Station.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea advises H.M.A.S. "TOLGA" sunk 30th
April in position 05°04'17"S., 145°52'42" East in 357 fathoms.

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TO 0900K/SATURDAY, 4TH MAY, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" Departed Darwin 1930K/2nd. E.T.A. Merauke p.m. 5th thence Ambon SOA. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" Departed Melbourne 1618K/2nd. To drown chemicals and ammunition.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" E.T.D. Hobart 0900K/8th for Sydney where E.T.A. with "QUICKMATCH" 1000K/10th SOA.13.

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" Proposed programme:-

<u>Place</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Fremantle	-	6th May
Colombo	13th May	15th "
Aden	20th "	21st "
Suez Canal	24th "	- "
Gibraltar	29th "	30th "
Plymouth	2nd June	2nd June
Spithead	3rd "	

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" E.T.A. China Straits 0800K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" proposed arriving Melbourne on 28th May.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" docking deferred until 10th May.

Intended to exercise 10th D.F. as follows:-

- (a) H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT", Jervis Bay 8th May to 17th.
- (b) " " "BATAAN" and "QUICKMATCH", Jervis Bay 13th to 17th.
- (c) " " "BATAAN" and "QUADRANT" off Jervis Bay week ending 13th to 17th.
- (d) " " "ARUNTA" Jervis Bay 27th May to 6th June.
- (e) " " "BATAAN" Jervis Bay 29th May to 6th June.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail H.M.S. "ALACRITY" towing M.S.L. 41 to Hong Kong. E.T.D. 12th May.

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H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" with OPL.1206 in tow arrived Port Adelaide 1100K/3rd.

H.M.S. "WINDHAM" 1100K/2nd to join A/X 3 at Jarvis Bay, N.Z.A. 1715K/2nd.

H.M.A.S. "CAWLER" completed trials. 1300K/2nd for Colombo S.T.A. 1300K/14th May.

H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" departs Sydney 21st May for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez.

H.M.A.S. "SHEALHAVEN" commissioned at 0800K/2nd at Hervey Bay - acceptance trials completed successfully 1st May. Depth charge and hedgehog trials not carried out.

C. in C. R.F.F. informs that "VICTORIOUS" will now proceed to Sydney and "INDOMITABLE" will proceed from Fremantle to Colombo. When "VICTORIOUS" leaves Sydney, C. in C. R.F.F. requests consideration be given to ship proceeding north of Australia to Singapore, Colombo and U.K.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne, reports that R.N.R. Port Directories at 21st ceased on May 1st. Port Directories at Darwin will cease on May 7th - both ports handed back to Civil Authorities.

H.M.S. "WINDHAM BAY" proposes to leave Sydney a.m./5th May for a cruise covering Melbourne and Hobart returning to Sydney a.m./24th May.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPHERD" intends to arrive Herby a.m./5th May depart a.m./6th for survey duties vicinity Point Sorell thence to Sydney.

S.O. 20th R.N.F. anticipates that four H.M.A.S. 's will be required for operational duties about 20th May and requests H.O.I.C. Brisbane may have them ready in all respects for duty with 20th R.N.F. by that date.

F.S.I.C. Sydney intends "SHEPHERD" boiler clean.

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To 0900K/Friday, 3rd May.

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H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Departed Hervey Bay 0845K/2nd with lighter in tow for Brisbane E.T.A. to be signalled. (SOA. 6).

H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departed Sydney 1150K/2nd to join S/M 4 at Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 1715K/2nd.

H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Fremantle p.m./2nd for Colombo E.T.A. 1300^A/11th May.

H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" departs Sydney 21st May for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suer.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" commissioned at 0800K/2nd at Hervey Bay - acceptance trials completed successfully 1st May. Depth charge and hedgehog trials not carried out.

C. in C. B.P.F. informs that "VICTORIOUS" will now proceed to Sydney and "INDOMITABLE" will proceed from Fremantle to Colombo. When "VICTORIOUS" leaves Sydney, C. in C. B.P.F. requests consideration be given to ship proceeding north of Australia to Singapore, Colombo and U.K.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne, reports that R.N.N. Port Directorates at Biak ceased on May 1st. Port Directorate at Tarakan will cease on May 7th - both ports handed back to Civil Authorities.

H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" proposes to leave Sydney a.m./8th May for a cruise covering Melbourne and Hobart returning to Sydney a.m./24th May.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" intends to arrive Burnie a.m./4th May depart a.m./6th for survey duties vicinity Point Sorrell thence to Sydney.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. anticipates that four H.D.M.L.'s will be required for operational duties about 28th May and requests N.O.I.C. Brisbane may have them ready in all respects for duty with 20th M.S.F. by that date.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends "BUNGAREE" boiler clean.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 2nd May.

- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Subic Bay 0230K/1st and arrived Manila 1100K/1st May.
- H.M.A.S. "ARMADA" - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/29 for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1100K/7th May. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SENSE" - Departed Townsville 0600K/1st for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/5th May. (SOA. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "WILCARNIA")
towing "AIR GUIDE") - Departs Brisbane 0800K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 2000K/3rd May. (SOA. 8.5).
"AIR FAITH")
- H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departs Sydney 1100K/2nd for Jervis Bay for exercises with submarines (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Sydney 2120K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/2nd. (SOA. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Portland 2130K/30th for Hobart E.T.A. 0700K/2nd May.

It is also desired that a ... be made available for "P" ...

G.C.A.S. recommends that "QUADRANT" be granted 45 days availability from 24th May, including three weeks for urgent defects from 27th May, and twentyone days leave to each watch.

G.C.A.S. states that detailed destroyer programme is being forwarded and requests early approval. "BATAAN" with "QUICKMATCH" and "QUADRANT" to carry out exercises in Jervis Bay from 13th to 17th May thence returning to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" ...

H.M.A.S. "ARMADA" ...

Ship	From	To
H.M.A.S. "BARWON"	Subic Bay	Manila
H.M.A.S. "ARMADA"	Thursday Island	Hong Kong
H.M.A.S. "AIR SENSE"	Townsville	Brisbane
H.M.A.S. "WILCARNIA"	Brisbane	Sydney
H.M.S. "FINISTERRE"	Sydney	Jervis Bay
H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"	Sydney	Brisbane
H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH"	Portland	Hobart

Initial inspection ...

Latest estimate ...

From H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" ...

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To 0900K/1st May, 1946.

H.M.S. "TALENT" - Departed Sydney 1005K/30th April for exercises and Jervis Bay.

H.M.S. "ADAMANT")
in Company with) - Departed Sydney 1715K/30th, E.T.A. Jervis Bay
H.F.V.172) 0600K/1st May, SOA. 8.

Portuguese Sloop)
"ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE") - Departed Darwin 1400K/30th, E.T.A. Macay
0700K/16th, SOA. 10, thence Hong Kong for
docking.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Noon position, course and speed 30th April
22°26.5'S., 151°23.1'E. - 315° - 7 knots.

H.M.S. "JAARSTROOM" - Departed Hong Kong 30th April, E.T.A. Thursday
Island 11th May, E.T.A. Sydney 22nd May,
SOA. 10.

C.S.T. F.N.D. would appreciate if a destroyer or
frigate could be made available for "G" school firings during week
commencing June 10th or week commencing June 17th.

It is also desired that a destroyer be made available
for "G" school firings week commencing July 22nd.

A request was received from Portland that enquiries
be urgently made into conditions on H.M.A.S. "RESERVE". C.C.A.S.
despatched H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" to investigate. E.T.A. Portland
1930K/30th April.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" with L.S.T.'s 160 and 419 arrived
Subic Bay 1400K/29th.

The Flag of Admiral R.H. Portal, C.B., D.S.C., as
Flag Officer Naval Air, Pacific, will be struck at sunset on Tuesday,
30th April.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" intends arriving Sydney for refit
and leave a.m. Sunday, 12th May.

C.C.A.S. proposes shifting his Broad Pennant to
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" on 12th and carrying out following programme :-

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
---	Sydney	a.m. 12th June
a.m. 18th June	Dreger	a.m. 20th.
p.m. 21st	Rabaul	p.m. 23rd.
p.m. 27th	Townsville	p.m. 29th.
a.m. 30th.	Mackay	a.m. 1st July
p.m. 3rd July	Sydney	---

Intend inspecting "ARUNTA" on passage "WARRAMUNGA"
at Dreger, "CONDAMINE" at Rabaul 22nd June, and "BARWON" at Townsville
28th June, subject to other requirements permitting ships to be at the
ports nominate.

Latest estimate completion of repairs to H.M.S.
"VICTORIOUS" at least 14 days. Will be confirmed after inspection by
Construction Captain.

From H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH". C.O. H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"
has no knowledge of telegram presumed sent by nervous rating. Ship
seaworthy and morale satisfactory. "RESERVE" intends proceeding to
Adelaide 0900K/1st May.

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To 0900K/30TH APRIL, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - Departed Thursday Island 0615K/27, E.T.A. Townsville approximately 1st May. Calling Cooktown and Cairns for fuel, etc.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Williamstown 0900K/29th, E.T.A. Burnie 0200K/30th, SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - E.T.D. Townsville 0730K/1st May for Red Island Point, Cape York, to relieve "AIR SPRAY". E.T.A. Cairns for fuel 1200K/1st. E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/3rd, E.T.A. Red Island Point 5th May anchoring overnight, SOA. 15.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Bluff 1500K/27th, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/2nd May. SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART")
with H.M.A.S.)
"QUICKMATCH" in) - Departed Port Adelaide 1630K/29, E.T.A. Hobart
Company.) 0700K/2nd May, SOA. 13.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" requests arrangements be made for refit and docking on return to Sydney from present operation.

Noon position course and speed of H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" and tow :-- 24°22'S., 153°26'E. - 317° - 7 knots.

Date of appointment of Admiral Sir John Cunningham as First Sea Lord amended to 10th June, 1946.

[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, likely containing operational details and reports.]

From 0900K/Saturday to 0900K/Monday, 29th April.

H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY" } Departed Hong Kong 1200K/26 for Sydney via
 H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY" } Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/7th May. (SOA.10).

H.M.S. "TIRELESS" } Depart Brisbane 1000K/28 for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
 H.M.S. "TRUNCHEON" } 1600K/30th. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departs Brisbane 1030K/28 for Townsville E.T.A.
 0900K/2nd May. (SOA. 8.5).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/29 for Burnie E.T.A.
 0200K/30th.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } Depart Adelaide 1630K/29 for Hobart E.T.A.
 H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" } 0700K/2nd May. (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Adelaide 1400K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 0830K/1st.
 May.

H.M.S. "TOTEM" }
 H.M.S. "TAURUS" } Departed Hobart 1000K/28 for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
 H.M.S. "TAPIR" } 0600K/1st May. (10).
 H.M.S. "TURPIN" }

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Rabaul 1700K/27 for Brisbane E.T.A.
 0900K/2nd May. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Kure 1630K/28 for Darwin E.T.A. 0700K/7th.
 May. (SOA. 14.5).

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed Morotai 1030K/28 for Townsville E.T.A.
 0900K/4th May to fuel thence Sydney E.T.A.
 0900K/8th - no fuel available at Morotai.

"DELORAIN" signals that operations "KILSIM" and "KILGRETT" completed. Five Japanese contact mines swept and exploded. Intends to carry out operation "KILDUKE" week commencing 29th April.

F.O.I.C. Sydney proposes taking "QUADRANT" in hand for running repairs and six monthly docking about 8th May.-- approximately three weeks required.

S.O.20th H.S.F. reports area in Banks Strait cleared with negative results. Flotilla proceeding to Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/29th.

C.C.A.S. signals that H.M.A. ships will carry out night exercise firing starshell about 2100K/30th on passage to Hobart.

Tug "RESERVE", on passage Melbourne-Fremantle, with small lighter in tow is sheltering at Portland because of weather.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" paid off and accepted into "F" Class Reserve for dismantling a.m./27th.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" reported damage, probably due to rough weather, on arrival at Fremantle and estimates four days will be required to repair. Requested Constructor Captain be flown from Sydney to advise - F.O.I.C. Sydney replies that Constructor Captain on Staff of B.P.F.L.O. will be sent to Fremantle.

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To 0900K/27th April, 1946.

- ✓ H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Rabaul 0600K/26th E.T.A. Dreger 3rd May via Trobriand Island and Oro Bay SOA 8.
- ✓ H.M.S. "SERBOL" - Departed Dreger 1730K/18th via Verd Island and Bassilian Strait for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1600K/1st May. SOA 10.
- ✓ H.M.S. "HICKORY STREAM" - Departed Fremantle 24th E.T.A. Colombo 2000K/8th.
- ✓ H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" - Departed Rabaul 1730K/25 E.T.A. Sydney a.m. 2nd May. SOA 11.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1900K/26th E.T.A. Sydney 2000K/28. SOA 11.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Townsville 1715/25th E.T.A. File Light 1000K/30th. SOA 6.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Melbourne 1020K/26 with OPL.1206 in tow E.T.A. Fremantle 16th May. SOA 5.
- ✓ H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Sydney 1650K/26th for Fremantle E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/2nd May. SOA 15.

OPL. 1207 and 1000 ton floating dock will be completed May.

DATE	PLACE	LOGS
11th May	Auckland	16th May
14th May	Sydney	19th May
17th May	Wellington	22nd May
20th May	Christchurch	25th May
23rd May	Dunedin	28th May
26th May	Lyttelton	31st May
29th May	Bluff	3rd June
31st June	Wellington	5th June
3rd July	Christchurch	7th June
5th July	Dunedin	9th June
7th July	Lyttelton	11th June
9th July	Bluff	13th June
11th July	Wellington	15th June
13th July	Christchurch	17th June
15th July	Dunedin	19th June
17th July	Lyttelton	21st June
19th July	Bluff	23rd June
21st July	Wellington	25th June
23rd July	Christchurch	27th June
25th July	Dunedin	29th June
27th July	Lyttelton	1st July
29th July	Bluff	3rd July
31st July	Wellington	5th July
2nd Aug	Christchurch	7th July
4th Aug	Dunedin	9th July
6th Aug	Lyttelton	11th July
8th Aug	Bluff	13th July
10th Aug	Wellington	15th July
12th Aug	Christchurch	17th July
14th Aug	Dunedin	19th July
16th Aug	Lyttelton	21st July
18th Aug	Bluff	23rd July
20th Aug	Wellington	25th July
22nd Aug	Christchurch	27th July
24th Aug	Dunedin	29th July
26th Aug	Lyttelton	31st July
28th Aug	Bluff	2nd Aug
30th Aug	Wellington	4th Aug
31st Aug	Christchurch	5th Aug

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" towing A.D.301. Noon position 31° 24' S., 153° 06' E. Course 014°. SOA 7.

SOA. 14 knots throughout.

In view of U. in S. S.I.'s message 2100 it subsequently has been proposed to A.D.S. that Malta be advised. That stay at Malaga be extended by 24 hours and date of arrival at Plymouth remain the same.

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From 0900K/Wednesday, 24th April,
to 0900K/Friday, 26th April.

H.M.S. "BELFAST" } - Departed Kobe 1100K/23 for Yokohama
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" } - E.T.A. 1600K/24. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departs Brisbane 1200K/23 for Townsville E.T.A.
1600K/28 thence Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/24 for Capetown E.T.A.
1700K/9th May. (SOA. 14).

H.N.M.S. "BONAIRE" - Departed Fremantle 1400K/19 for Batavia E.T.A.
27th April.

G.P.V. 956 - Departed Darwin 1330K/24 for Croker Is. with stores
E.T.A. 1630K/25.

H.M.A.S. "BARROW" in }
company with L.S.T.160 } - Departed Morotai 0900K/24th E.T.A. Subic
and 419 } Bay 30th. SOA. 7.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - E.T.D. Babaul 1030K/25th. E.T.A. Manus
1700K/26th. SOA. 12.

H.M.S. "ARMADA" - E.T.D. Cairns 0600/27, E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1600K/28th.
E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0800K/29, E.T.A. HONG KONG
1100K/7th May, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" } - Departed Sydney 1130K/25th for Dreger. Noon
towing A.D.301 } position to be signalled daily. SOA. 7.

The following programme has been approved by FOSA for
H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
11th May	Auckland	15th May
19th May	Sydney	21st May
28th May	Fremantle	30th May
8th June	Colombo	9th June
16th June	Aden	16th June
20th June	Suez	21st June
21st June	Port Said	22nd June
25th June	Malta	26th June
29th June	Gibraltar	30th June
4th July	Plymouth	

SOA. 14 knots throughout.

In view of C. in C. E.I.'s message 8170 it subsequently
has been proposed to A.C.N.B. that Malta be omitted. That stay at
Colombo be extended by 24 hours and date of arrival at Plymouth
remain the same.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 24th April.

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Departs Colombo 1830K/23 for Fremantle. (SOA.19).

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed Hong Kong 0800K/23 for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/28. (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Dreger 2300K/22 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0600K/24 - (SOA. 12). N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked.

G.P.V. 958
H.D.M.L. 1342 } - Departs Brisbane 1600K/23 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/26.
M.S.L. 701 } G.P.V. 958 thence for Melbourne.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Sydney 1801K/23 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/28. (SOA. 20).

U.S.S. "L.S.T.889" - Departed Sydney 1840K/22 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1900K/10th May. (SOA. 10). Via Jomard passage.

H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departs Sydney 1600K/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/2nd. May. E.T.D. Fremantle 1200K/2nd for Colombo E.T.A. 2100K/10th May. (SOA. 15.5).

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" }
H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" } - Departed Melbourne 1536K/23 for Adelaide E.T.A. 0730K/25th. (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Port Stanley survey grounds 1800K/26 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 0900K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" arrived Townsville 0700K/21st. Both circulating pumps defective but temporary repairs being effected. E.T.D. 1200K/25.

"PING WO" intends to enter Brisbane for inspection and cleaning water tanks contaminated with mud.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" departs Melbourne when ready for sea towing fuel lighter "O.F.L.1206" to Fremantle.

A.S. Sydney signals that owing to recent bad weather, training of dock crews could not be completed before Easter holidays - anticipates dock 301 will be ready for towing A.M./25th April.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. in "SWAN" departed Melbourne 1235K/23rd for Banks Strait - 10 A.M.S. in Company.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/23rd April, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Departed Rabaul 0600K/22nd, E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/29, SOA. 11.5.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Arrived Dreger 0800K and departed 1150K/22nd, E.T.A. Rabaul 1400K/23rd, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "PENN" - To sail from Townsville 1130K/22nd, E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/26th, SOA. 13.5.
- H.M.S. "HIND" - Departed Sydney 1101K/22nd, E.T.A. Port Pirie 0900K/26th. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 1015K/22, E.T.A. Croker Is. 1200K/23rd, SOA. 7.5. (With repatriated natives and Mission Officials).
- H.M.S. "SLESVIG" - Sailed Brisbane 20th for Singapore via Sydney.

Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Rivett-Carnac depart Sydney for Melbourne by 1415 A.N.A. Aircraft, Tuesday, 23rd April. Commodore Hall-Thompson and Commander(S) Haynes, R.N., depart Sydney for Melbourne by p.m. train 23rd April. All to take passage to U.K. in "RINUTAKA".

H.M.A.S. "BROOME") N.O.I.C. Fremantle anticipates will be ready to
and "GERALDTON") sail 27th to Colombo via Onslow and Singapore.

L.S.T.889 when ready for sea about 1530K/22nd will sail for Subic Bay.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON", E.T.D. Hong Kong 23rd for Sydney via Morotai, requests permission to exceed economical speed in view of number of passengers (78).

H.M.A.S. "SHANG FU" paid off 0900K/22nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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From 0900K/Saturday, 20th April, 1946.

To 0900K/Monday, 22nd April, 1946.

- M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" - Departed Sydney 0920K/20 for Dunedin via Milford and Dusky Sounds (SOA. 14).
- M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Sydney 1329K/20 for Hong Kong via Townsville Thursday Island, Darwin, Tarakan and Manila. E.T.A. Townsville 2350/25th (SOA.9).
- M.S. "VENERABLE" - Departed Fremantle 1600K/20 for Colombo. E.T.A. 1430K/26. (SOA.22).
- M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/20. E.T.A. Colombo 1430K/28 (SOA.16).
- M.S. "ARMADA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1030K/22 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/24 thence Thursday Island and Hong Kong. (SOA. 14).
- M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Intends to arrive outer Harbour Adelaide 0715K/22 April.
- M.N.Motor Lighter M.2 - Arr. Thursday Island 0900K/21. Departed 1015K/21 E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/25. (SOA. 9).

F.O.I.C. SYDNEY intends to route "SPRIGHTLY" towing A.F.D. 301. side Barrier Reef to Grafton Passage thence according to weather conditions either by Grafton Passage or Great North East Channel to China Strait and outer Harbour.

C. in C. EAST INDIES STATION requests the approximate date of arrival R.A.N. crews at Trincomalee for passage of L.S.T's to Australia. These craft will lift 15 L.C.M.(7) and 36 L.C.A's from Singapore en route.

M.A.S. "WARREGO" reports ship touched starboard side of channel to Newcastle colliding with No. 9 pile beacon - no damage at all to ship, beacon demolished.

H.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA signals that "KOALA" completes her programme about 25th April and can be held for dumping Japanese equipment - M.S.L. and M.C. 20 can be provided.

S.O.R.N.N. MELBOURNE state that R.N.N. Port Directorate at Merauke will cease on April 15th on which date port will be handed back to civil authorities.

C. in C. R.N.I. ARMY would appreciate information regarding possibility of making available escort or light fleet carrier or L.S.T's end of May or early June at Madstone to carry N.E.I. Air Force to Biak.

H.O.I.C. BRISBANE anticipates completion of alterations to H.D.M.L. by 20th May. Delay due to shortage of materials and plumbers.

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From 0700K/15th April to 2300K/23rd April, 1943. - 2 -

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" reports operations in Kavieng area completed. No floating mines observed. One Japanese moored mine exploded in Great Harbour.

H.M.A.S. "BROOKSIDE" - Departed Launceston 1900K/19th for S.T.A.

H.M.A.S. "WARRECO" intends departing Launceston 0700K/23rd for surveying ground in vicinity Low Head. E.T.A. Burnie 0300K/25th April.

H.M.A.S. "DUNNET" - Departed Launceston 1130K/23rd for S.T.A. with "QUINLAN"

Arrangements have been made for C.C.A.S. to receive the Legion of Merit from Captain Tompkins, U.S.N., on board H.M.A.S. "HOBART" a.m. 22nd April.

H.M.A.S. "BAYLEN" - Departed Portland 1100K/19th for Victor Harbor. E.T.A. 1900K/19th. S.O.A.L.S.

Commonwealth Marine Branch has requested that authority be given for annual overhaul of "M.L. Hygeia" at Green Point Naval Boat Yard.

H.M.A.S. "CARRINGTON" - Arrived Hobo 1945K/19 from Warr. H.M.S. "BELFAST" }

H.M.A.S. "YANON" - Reported Darwin 0700K/19 for Hospital. To escort L.S.T's 100, 418 from Hospital to Seavoy Bay.

H.M.A.S. "JESSIE" - Reported Newcastle 1900K/19 for Singapore. S.T.A. 0800K/22nd April thence Darwin. (S.O.A.L.S.)

20th M/S Flotilla intends to sail for operations in Banks Straits at 0800K/23rd April.

C.C.A.S. requests H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" arrive in Sydney by 20th April.

All dockyard work on H.M.A.S. "RAMSEY" will be completed by p.m. 15th April.

The question of a more suitable area being provided for mooring lighters is being taken up with the Harbour Trust.

The R.N.M. desires to take over H.M.A.S. "YANON" at Sydney p.m. 23rd April.

Portuguese Schooner "ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" arrived Hobo 1900K/19th. S.T.A. 23rd for Hong Kong. Ship intended she has been instructed by Portuguese Naval authorities to seek Hong Kong instead of Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "HUNTER" paid off into "B" class reserve 1900K/19th at Melbourne.

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From 0900K/18th April to 0900K/Saturday 20th April, 1946.

- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Townsville 0600K/18th. E.T.A. Pile Light 1200K/22. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Melbourne 1950K/18th E.T.A. Fremantle 1000K/23rd. S.O.A.15.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1130K/23rd for Adelaide where E.T.A. with "QUICKMATCH" 0700K/25th. S.O.A.12.
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Portland 1100K/18th for Victor Harbour. E.T.A. 0800K/19th. S.O.A.12.5.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Arrived Launceston 1440K/19.
- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA") - Arrived Kobe 1945K/18 from Kure.
H.M.S. "BELFAST")
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Darwin 0700K/19 for Morotai. E.T.A. 1200K/22nd (S.O.A.10). To escort L.S.T's 160, 419 from Morotai to Subic Bay.
- H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Macassar 1600K/18 for Waingapu. E.T.A. 0900K/22nd April thence Darwin. (S.O.A.9).

20th M/S Flotilla intends to sail for operations in Banks Straits at 0830K/23rd April.

C.C.A.S. requests H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" arrive in Sydney by 30th April.

All dockyard work on H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" will be completed by p.m. 18th April.

The question of a more suitable area being provided for ammunition lighters is being taken up with the Harbour Trust.

The R.N.N. desire to take over H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" at Sydney p.m. 23rd April.

Portugese Sloop "ALFONSO DE ALBERQUERQUE" arrived Darwin 1400K/18th. E.T.D. 23rd for Hong Kong. Ship informs she has been instructed by Portugese Naval Authorities to dock Hong Kong instead of Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" payed off into "E" Class reserve 1200K/18th at Melbourne.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 18th April, 1946.

H.M. Submarine "TALLY HO" - Departed Hong Kong 1400K/16th April for Thursday Island and Sydney, E.T.A. 27th, SOA. 11.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" with "AIR CLAN" in tow } - Departed Thursday Island 1200K/16th for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0830K/17th, SOA. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" with "AIR FAITH" and "AIR GUIDE" in tow } - Departed Thursday Island 0830K/17th. E.T.A. Cairns 1130K/21st, SOA. 7.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Sydney 1315K/16th for Dreger thence Rabaul. E.T.A. Dreger 1800K/21st. SOA. 14.

H.M.S. "ARTIFEX" - Departed Fremantle 0400K/20th, E.T.A. Colombo 2000K/28th. ^{17th}

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" with "AIR CLAN" in tow } - Arrived Port Moresby 1830K/17th. E.T.D. 1000K/18th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/19th. E.T.A. Dreger 1700K/20th, SOA. 12.

H.D.M.L. 1356 - E.T.D. 0600K/18 for Brisbane via Curtis Channel calling at Gladstone for fuel. E.T.A. Pile Light 1200K/22nd. SOA. 10.

H.O.I.C. Port Adelaide requests that owing to acute shortage of fuel, Squadron fuel before arrival.

H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" accepted into "E" Class reserve, and "SHEPPARTON" "F" Class reserve 16th April.

H.M.S. "GLORY" is to visit Adelaide. Detailed programme will be reported.

H.M.A.S. "AIR SAVE" slipping reveals :--

- (a) both propeller shaft struts bent;
- (b) presence of borer in hull.

Repairs to H.M.A.S. "AIR SENSE" completed and vessel returned to Cooktown.

F.O.I.C. Sydney has dispatched a tug to assist tanker at passage Los Angeles - Sydney.

H.O.I.C. Rabaul signals that there are no facilities available at Rabaul for disposal of underwater exploded mines.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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~~D.N.I.~~

To 0900K/Wednesday, 17th April.

H.M.A.S. "BARFON" } - Departed Thursday Island 1010K/16 for Darwin
towing "AIR MASTER" } E.T.A. 2359K/18. (SOA. 11).

H.M.S. "TURPIN" } Departed Launceston 0930K/16 for Hobart E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TAPIR" } - 1700K/17. "TAURUS" and "TOTEM" will join at 1430K/16.

Portuguese Sloop "ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" - E.T.A. Darwin a.m./18th April
- carrying Governor of Timor.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Auckland for Gisborne E.T.A. 0830K/17 thence
for Timaru, Bluff and Sydney.

C. in C. B.P.F. informs F.O.S.A. that it is hoped to make
"GLORY" available in early May for visit to Adelaide but regrets an
Aircraft Carrier cannot be made available to visit Newcastle.

A.S. Sydney signals that proposal for testing 1,000 ton
floating dock in Southerland dock is cancelled owing to painters and
dockers of Morts Balmain refusing to work in the rain.

C.C.A.S. has approved "QUICKMATCH's" request to remain at
Geelong over Easter period.

"DELORAINÉ" with "ECHUCA" and H.D.M.L.'s 1326 and 1328 in
Company departed Rabaul 1430K/16 for Kavieng Area - "DELORAINÉ" will
return to Rabaul on arrival of "WESTRALIA" to collect mail, fresh
provisions and L.L. Cable.

F.O.S.A. requests "VICTORIOUS" be sailed from Sydney 23rd
April for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez.

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that departure of "PING WO" is delayed
by weather conditions.

"SHROPSHIRE" intends to carry out following programme :--

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>	<u>SOA</u>
1000K/23rd April	Fremantle	1300K/24th April	15 knots
1700K/9th May	Capetown	1900K/11th May	14.4 "
1900K/21st May	Freetown	0230K/22nd May	13.1 "
2200K/30th May	Portsmouth	-	13.8 "

U.S. Tanker "WHITTIER HILLS" reported in distress with boiler
trouble in a position approximately 300 miles east of Brisbane.
F.O.I.C. Sydney has despatched a tug to assist Tanker on passage
Los Angeles - Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul signals that there are no facilities available
at Rabaul for disposal of underwater controlled mines.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

N.H.R.O.
of 24/4

To 0900K/Tuesday, 16th April.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Dreger 1430K/15 for Kure E.T.A.
Point Bungo 0700K/23. (SOA. 14).

H.M. L.S.T.'s 160, 419 - Departed Thursday Island 1315K/14 for Morotai
E.T.A. 1815K/22nd. (SOA. 6.5).

H.M.S. "HIND" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/16 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/18.

H.M.S. "VENERABLE" - Departed Sydney 0245K/15 for Fremantle E.T.A.
1200K/19th. (SOA. 22).

H.M.S. "TIRELESS") Departed Sydney 1045K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TRUNCHEON") 1030K/17. (SOA. 10.5.)

H.M.S. "ARMADA" - Departed Sydney 1045K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A.
0800K/17. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Melbourne 1715K/15 for Portland E.T.A.
0800K/16 (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Survey Grounds Table Cape 0500K/19 for
Launceston E.T.A. 1400K/19.

H.M.S. "TAURUS" - Departs Devonport 1100K/16 to rendezvous with
"TURFIN" off Low Head at 1430K/16 thence
to Hobart.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Adelaide 0931K/15 with 20th M.S.F. for
Melbourne E.T.A. 0600K/17th.

F.O.S.A. requests "IMPLACABLE" be sailed to U.K. on
5th May via Suez.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail "PANDION" with L.C.M.24
to Botony Bay a.m./17th to lay cables for P.M.G. Department.
Operation expected to be completed in 24 hours.

R.A.A.F. have requested that an A.S.R. duty vessel
be returned to Cooktown as it is now decided that A.S.R. cover
required there until further notice. N.O.I.C. Townsville is sailing
"AIR SENSE".

Admiralty signal that it is intended only to retain
one D/G range in the United Kingdom in peace time, and none overseas.

"AIR SENSE" is now to be used to search for and to assist in
visiting Green Id. "MORFON" is to sail at Duria before proceeding to
Morotai.
H.M.S. "LANCE" - Examination of main engine reveals excessive
cylinder wear. Spare engine to be refitted. Anticipated sail by
17th May.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

27/4 ~~D.N.T.~~

From 0900K/13th to 0900K/15th April.

- 20 M/S Flotilla - E.T.D. Port Adelaide 0900K/15th, E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600K/17th.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Townsville 1600K/13th, E.T.A. Thursday Island 0530K/16th.
- ✓ H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Sydney 1645K/12, E.T.A. Colombo 1700/23rd SOA. 20.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - E.T.D. Rabaul p.m. 12th to visit Kavieng, Niguria Is., Tench Is. and King War Group in that order to complete search of area for Allied personnel, E.T.A. Rabaul 20th.
- ✓ H.M.S. "HART" - E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0800K/15th with M.F.V. in tow E.T.A. Hong Kong 26th, SOA. 10.
- ✓ H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Thursday Is. 1520K/13th, E.T.A. Hong Kong will be reported, SOA. 16.5.
- ✓ H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Townsville 1530K/13th, E.T.A. Sydney via Capricorn Channel 1700K/16th, SOA. 15.
- ✓ H.M.S. "VENERABLE" - E.T.D. Sydney a.m. 15th, E.T.A. Fremantle a.m. 19th, E.T.D. p.m. 19th, E.T.A. Colombo p.m. 25th, SOA. 22.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Burnie 0800K/14th for survey grounds vicinity Table Cape.
- ✓ H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" - Departed Tarakan 1700K/14th, E.T.A. Manus 1600K/19, SOA. 15.
- ✓ H.M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Sydney 1550K/14, E.T.A. Fremantle 1700K/20, SOA. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Dreger 1400K/14th for Daliman Passage and Alexishafen, thence Rabaul and Bomatu Pt. and return to Dreger servicing lights and buoys en route. E.T.A. Alexishafen 1600K/15. E.T.A. Rabaul p.m. 19th, SOA. 8.

Captain J.H.F. Sawyer, R.N., will report for duty in Melbourne a.m. 16th April, 1946, as R.N. Air Liaison Officer.

✓ A.O.R. R.A.A.F. Hq. greatly appreciated the splendid efforts of H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" in rescuing and succoring survivors of ditched Liberator.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Day gunnery school firing completed satisfactorily. Night firing abandoned owing to tow parting and target capsizing. "LATROBE" is attempting to recover.

"AIR MASTER" is now to be towed to Darwin and not slipped in vicinity Croker Is. "BARWON" to fuel at Darwin before proceeding to Morotai.

H.D.M.L. 1325. Examination of main engines reveals excessive cylinder wear. Spare engines to be refitted. Anticipates refit by 17th May.

TO STAFF OF NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, 10th APRIL, 1940.

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" and "MARYBOROUGH" placed in special reserve 11th April.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane has received the following lighters :-

R.N.S.L. Two. Numbers 1061 and 1062 from Mackay.
Flat top lighters H.L. Three. Numbers 621, 622 and 623 from Maryborough.

H.M.A.S. "CASCOYNE" paid off and accepted into E Class reserve a.m. 12th April. Berthed at Garden Island.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends that H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" tow 42' work boat to Newcastle on 15th.

M.S.L. 708 returned to Darwin 0900K/13th.

H.M.S. "ARMADA" E.T.D. Brisbane 22nd in lieu of 21st. Retard all subsequent dates by one day.

H.M.A.S. "RADICAL" despatched from Townsville in H.M.S. "BOENAVENTURE" at 1530K/13th for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" with "MARTINDALE" in Company entered Port Phillip Heads 0900K/14th.

Captain D.H. Harries, R.A.N., has assumed command of H.M.A.S. "HOBART" vice Captain R.R. Dowling, D.S.C., R.A.N.

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1355K/11 for Melbourne
E.T.A. Heads 0630K/13. (Sea. 13.)
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Western Port 0800K/12. "HOBART"
"QUICKMATCH". for Williamstown arrived 1500K. "QUICK MATCH"
for CORIO E.T.A. 1500K.
- H.M.A.S. "BARROC" - Departed Darwin 1150K/11 for Thursday Is.
E.T.A. 0900K/14 (Sea. 11). To tow A.S.R.
craft to vicinity Croker Is. thence to Morotai
to escort two L.S.T's to Subic Bay,
- H.M.S. "TOTEM" - Departed Geelong 1200K/11 for Burnie.
- H.M.S. "TURPIN" }
H.M.S. "TAPIR" } - Arrived Launceston 0915K/12th.
- H.M.S. "TAURUS" - Arrived Stanley 1140K/12. Departs 0700 K/14
for Devonport E.T.A. 1230K/14. (Sea. 11.).
Returns Bay returning to Darwin on completion.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departs Rabaul P.M./12th to visit
surrounding islands to complete search for
Allied personnel, returning to Rabaul 20th April.

H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" - Departs Macassar 18th April for Darwin
E.T.A. 24th April via Timor (Koepong E.T.A.
21st.) To be sailed from Darwin to Ambon
via Merauke.

F.O.S.A. requests "ARMADA" be sailed from Sydney 13th April to
Hong Kong via Brisbane, Cairns and Thursday Is.

Admiralty signal that destination of "SHROPSHIRE" in U.K.
is Portsmouth.

E.T.D. "PING-WO" from Sydney 16th April for Hong Kong
approx. E.T.A. 15th May - to be routed via Townsville Thursday Is.
Darwin, Tarakan and Manila.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" on 13th April.

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To 0900K/Friday, 12th April, 1948.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON") Departed Kure 8th April for Hong Kong
towing L.S.T.383)- E.T.A. 15th April.

H.N.M.S. "PIET HIEN" - Departs Batavia 1830K/9th for Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE") Departed Jervis Bay 0400K/11th for
H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE")- Melbourne (SOA. 7).

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departs Darwin 1130K/11 for Thursday Island
to arrive A.M./14th. To take "AIR MASTER" in
tow to vicinity Dundas Strait thence to proceed
to Morotai to escort L.S.T.'s 160, 419, to
Subic Bay returning to Darwin on completion.

H.M.S. "TAPIR" - Departed Mornington 0630K/11 for Launceston.

H.M.S. "TURPIN" - Departed Westernport 0930K/11 for Launceston
E.T.A. 0500K/12. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Makes E.T.A. Burnie 1700K/12 from survey grounds.

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that additional boiler defects
on "PING WO" will be completed by P.M./13th and expects ship will
be ready to sail for Hong Kong A.M./16th.

"DELORAINIE" reports that in spite of repeated efforts
L.L. cable appears beyond local repair. Operation "KOLSIM"
temporarily abandoned. Intends proceeding Kavieng with "ECHUCA"
and H.D.M.L.'s on arrival of orders from S.O. 20th M.S.F.

General Manager, Williamstown Dockyard, states that
members of painters and dockers union employed in yard ceased
work 1500K/10 and will not return to work until better facilities
for drying clothes are provided.

H.M.A.S. "CARPENTARIA" on 25th April.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 10th April, 1946.

H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Sydney 1255K/9th, E.T.A. Thursday Island 0830K/15th thence Hong Kong, SOA. 17½.

H.M.A.S. "HANGORA" - Departed Sydney 1730K/9th, E.T.A. Dreger 0630K/15th. Thence Kure. SOA. 14½.

H.M.A.S. "KORTENAER" - Departed Fremantle 2000K/8th, E.T.A. Macassar 1600K/13th, SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Darwin 0001K/9th, E.T.A. Townsville 1300K/15th, thence Brisbane and Sydney, SOA.9.

20th H.S.F. - E.T.A. Adelaide a.m. 11th April, E.T.D. 15th, E.T.A. Melbourne 17th, E.T.D. 23rd for Banks Strait if weather favorable; arriving Sydney early May for boiler cleaning. Depart Sydney middle May - one division for Port Moresby, one division for Rabaul.

Proposed that H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" visit Victor Harbour on 20th/21st April in connection with ANZAC celebrations.

H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Position noon 9th 38°27' South, 149°52' East.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests A.C.N.B. arrange short cruises for H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY", "BLACK SWAN", "OPOSSUM" and "VERYAN BAY" on completion of refits to ports on East Coast of Australia or in Tasmania. On completion of cruise, "WIDEMOUTH BAY" should tow lighter to Hong Kong.

Admiral Lord Fraser will leave Hong Kong in H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" on 18th April for following cruise :-

<u>Arr.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Hong Kong	18th
20th	Shanghai	23rd
25th	Chinwungtao	29th
1st May	Kure	3rd May
5th	Huhodate	7th
9th	Yokohama	11th
14th	Hong Kong	

C. in C. B.P.F. advises B.P.F. oiling station at Dreger now lapsed and tanker will no longer be maintained there.

R.A.A.F. Liberator ditched in vicinity 05°00' N., 124°57' E., at 090243Z. H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" proceeding to search.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Commander H.G. Wright, D.S.C., R.A.N., has assumed command vice Captain D.H. Harries, R.A.N.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 9th April.

H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departs Sydney 9th April for Hong Kong via Thursday Island. 13/4

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departs Melbourne 1100K/9 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/11th - carrying out full power trials and depth charge trials en route.

H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Hobart 1100K/8 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/10. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Sydney 1635K/8 wearing the broad pendant of C.C.A.S. for Westernport E.T.A. 0900K/10. (SOA. 13 1/2).

"DELORAINÉ" signals that "ECHUCA's" cable is badly torn beyond repair and proposed sailing her to carry out searching sweep in Kavieng Area. S.O. 20 M.S.F. approved sailing on receipt of orders already forwarded.

"BELFAST" with "WARRAMUNGA" in Company will depart Yokohama 10th April for a cruise covering Kure and Kobe returning Yokohama 24th April.

A.S. Sydney anticipates floating dock 301 will be ready in all respects for towing to Dreger A.M./18th April.

Acting Captain Burrell has assumed duty as Captain D 10th Destroyer Flotilla 8th April.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends to close chart depot at Dreger on 30th April.

F.O.S.A. requests A.C.N.B. sail "ATHELING" from Sydney 14th April for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" has taken G.P.V. 961 in tow off Cape Byron and proceeding to Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/9.

C.C.A.S. proposes conference of squadron programme be held at Navy Office at 0930K/13th April.

"SHROPSHIRE" signals that there is 3,000 cubic feet space available for food for Britain.

"WARREN" intends departing Darwin 0700K/10th for survey grounds between Darwin and Port Stanley.

H.P.V. 501 on passage Brisbane - Sydney - Melbourne, reports main engine broken 1000 off Cape Byron. 5011 Brisbane has ordered "LISMORE" to proceed from Cape Byron to sea canal to Brisbane.

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FROM 0900K SATURDAY 6TH APRIL TO 0900K MONDAY 8TH.

- R.N. Submarines "TURPIN" and "TAFIR", on completion of visits to
P.S.D. and Hong Kong, on completion of visits to
H.M.S. "VERYANBAY" (Frigate) Departed Hong Kong 1300K/4th April. E.T.A.
Labuan 1600K/8th. SOA 11.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" Departed Rabaul 0330K/5th. E.T.A. Kure
0830K/13th. S.O.A. 14.
- Following cable received by H.V. 1100
Kong:-
L.S.T. 160) Departed Townsville 0830K/6th. E.T.A. Morotai
L.S.T. 419) 1200K/19th thence Subic. S.O.A. 6.
- ✓ H.M.S. "BATHORPE" E.T.D. Brisbane 1700K/6th, to Townsville.
E.T.A. 13th for onward routeing to Darwin and
Hong Kong. S.O.A. 4.
- ✓ H.M.S. "TAURUS" E.T.D. Port Adelaide 1300K/10th for Stanley.
E.T.A. 1130K/12th. S.O.A. 11.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE") Departs Brisbane 1130K/7th for Thursday Island.
towing "AIR CLAN") E.T.A. 0900K/14th for onward routeing to Dreger.
"AIR MASTER") (S.O.A. 8)
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" Departed Sydney 1305K/6th for Melbourne. E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" Heads 0600K/9th. (S.O.A. 8). Have secured
at Jervis Bay to repair "MARTINDALE" bilge
pump.
- ✓ H.M.S. "ARTIFEX" Departed Sydney 1600K/7th for Fremantle. E.T.A.
0600K/15th. (SOA. 11.5).
- H.D.M.L. 1342 Rescued stranded fishing party off Holbourne. Is.
Towing Launch to Bowen where will anchor overnight.
- 63 foot A.S.R. launches no longer required
Cocktown and Madang. 63 foot launches will
eventually be withdrawn from A.S.R. service and
replaced by R.A.A.F. 02 launches.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") Cannot be accepted for refit until early June.
and "MILDURA")
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" Trials may be delayed due to defects. Further
signal will be made.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" Berth allocated outer West Princess' Pier. E.T.A.
0630K/8th April.
- F.O.S.A. requests FOIC Sydney sail "ANSON" for
Tokyo at 1700K/10th.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" To join "SWAN" in operational area.
- M.S.L. 708 Reports channel in vicinity of wharf at Wyndham
dangerous owing to existence of loose projecting
piles.

"WARREGO" intends departing Burnie 0930K/8th for survey grounds between
Burnie and Port Stanley.

G.P.V. 961 on passage Brisbane - Sydney - Melbourne, reports main
engine broken down off Cape Byron. NOIC Brisbane has ordered "LISMORE"
to proceed from Cape Byron to tow vessel to Brisbane.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 6th April, 1943.

R.N. Submarines "TURPIN" and "TAPIR", on completion of visits to F.M.D. and Mornington respectively, proceed to rendezvous off Cape Schank at 1100K/11th thence proceed in company to Launceston.
L.S.T. 3022 - E.T.A. Mack 1300K/5th, Morotai 0700K/5th, en route
Sourabaya.

Following cable received by M.W.T.R. Sydney from Ministry, Hong Kong:-
daylight 14th via Thursday Island, 5th. 12.

"Understand now uncertain when "PING HO" will be despatched. Fear Navy have overlooked that being a river steamer, it is most important she makes passage before typhoon season. Please advise cause delay".
H.M.A.S. 1343 - Sailed Townsville 2300K/4th for Gladstone and onward routing to Sydney, calling Gladstone for fuel. E.T.A. Sile Light 15th.

H.M.A.S. 1350 - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/4th for Cairns E.T.A. 1800K/5th.

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Sailed 061941 (021143 refers).

H.M.A.S. "RINCHRA" is sheltering at Saddleback Island.

H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" returned to Sydney owing to weather. Expect to sail in company with "RESERVE" 1200K/5th.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" returned to Darwin with Penguin Shoal Light in tow.

H.M.S. "GANLER" commissioned 1000K/5th.

H.M.A.S. "KISINA" reverted to liner midnight 14th February.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 6th April, 1946.

L.S.T. 3022 - E.T.A. Biak 1300K/5th, Morotai 0700K/8th, en route Sourabaya.

H.M.S. "OPOSSUM" - Sailed Hong Kong 2200K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. daylight 14th via Thursday Island, SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Sailed Townsville 0630K/3rd for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/9th, SOA. 9.

H.D.M.L. 1342 - Sailed Townsville 2359K/2nd for Brisbane and onward routing to Sydney, calling Gladstone for fuel. E.T.A. Pile Light 12th.

H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/2nd for Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/6th.

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Sailed 031941 (021146 refers).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" is sheltering at Saddleback Island.

H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" returned to Sydney owing to weather. Expect to sail in Company with "RESERVE" 1200K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" returned to Darwin with Penguin Shoal Light in tow.

H.M.S. "GAWLER" commissioned 1000K/5th.

H.M.A.S. "KISTNA" reverted to liner midnight 14th February.

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To 0900K/Friday, 5th April.

- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" } Departed Dreger 1800K/3rd for Thursday
towing "AIR FAITH" } - Island E.T.A. 1200K/8th thence Sydney.
"AIR GUIDE" } (SOA. 8).
- H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" - Departed Thursday Island 0700K/4th for Sydney
E.T.A. 0800K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departs Brisbane 6th April for Dreger via
Thursday Island, Port Moresby and Milne Bay -
to tow two A.S.R. craft to Thursday Island
and Port Moresby.
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Sydney 1420K/3 for Melbourne E.T.A.
0930K/5th. (SOA. 13.5).
- H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Departed Sydney 1932K/3 for Adelaide E.T.A.
1200K/8th - escorting tug.
- H.M.S. "TAPIK" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/8 to proceed F.N.D.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Port Stanley 1900K/5th for Burnie E.T.A.
0800K/6th.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Burnie 1700K/3 for Hobart E.T.A.
1800K/4th. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.S. "FINISTERRE" - Departed Darwin 0700K/4th for Sydney E.T.A.
1500K/11th. (SOA. 14).

N.O.I.C. Darwin reports that Pengain Light Vessel has
been refloated.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne informs "SHROPSHIRE" that the
Lord Mayor of Melbourne has expressed a desire that that ship carries
a quantity of food for Britain, as part of the Victory March
organisation. "SHROPSHIRE" requests information as to whether it
is desired to carry and details of size and weight of parcels.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 4th April.

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Departs Plymouth 0515K/4 for Gibraltar E.T.A. 1800K/6th for onward routing Sydney (SOA. 18).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departs Townsville 0600K/3rd for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departs Sydney 1330K/11th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/13th.

H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" - Arrived Thursday Island 0700K/3 from Hong Kong - on passage Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departs Darwin 0030K/4th with War Crimes Trial Investigation Party for Keopang E.T.A. 6th.

20th M.S.F. departed Hobart 0930K/3rd April for South Australian Operational Area.

V.A.(C) informs H.M.S. "GAWLER" will commission A.M./5th April.

M.S. 20 has instructed "DELORAINIE" with "ECHUCA" and H.D.M.L.'s to carry out sweeping operations at Kavieng on completion of present operations.

C.C.A.S. proposes "SHROPSHIRE" should retain flagship band for duration of visit to U.K.

Three monthly loan period of "CAIRNS" to R.N.N. expires on 17th April. S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne requests clarification of position.

F.O.S.A. proposes a cruise for H.M.S. "HIND" covering Brisbane, Sydney, South Australian and Western Australian ports thence Hong Kong.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 3rd April, 1946.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departs Colombo p.m. 3rd for Fremantle ~~at 1800K~~, SOA. 20.

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - E.T.A. Rabaul 0930K/3rd, SOA. 22.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Arrived Fauro Island 1300K/2nd E.T.D. 1630K/2nd. for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/7, SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Sydney 1545K/2nd for Hobart E.T.A. 1900K/4th, SOA. 14.5.

H.M.S. "ROCKGLEN") Anchored in Platypus Bay sheltering from
with "ROCKMOUNT") - a S.W. gale. Both tows intact.
in Company)

H.M.A.S. "M.S.L.708" - Departed Darwin 0630K/2nd for Wyndham and West Bay with R.A.A.F. Stores. E.T.A. Wyndham 1830K/3rd, SOA. 7½.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" proposes remaining Williamstown and vicinity to complete outstanding items from refit and to paint and clean ship before joining "HOBART" at Western Port on 10th April in accordance with C.G.A.S. 180503.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne intends instructing "WYBIA" to proceed to Port Melbourne to land stores and close accounts, thence Geelong.

F.O.I.C. Sydney 010543. After further trials, it is considered that 75 ft. tug is not suitable for long tows at sea. Tug is not fitted with W.T. and can only attain a speed of 6 knots. Consequently it is not proposed to use a 75 ft. tug for towing new construction hulls on N.S.W. Coast.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 2nd April, 1946.

- ✓ H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Rabaul 1800K/31 for Torokina E.T.A. 1001K/1. SOA. 15.2.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Sydney 2130K/31st for Ballina and return to Newcastle with 2 hulls in tow. E.T.A. Ballina 0830K/2nd.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - E.T.D. Sydney 1700K/3rd for Adelaide. To escort "WYBIA" from Twofold Bay to a position 5 miles South of Port Phillip Heads. "WYBIA" then proceeds Geelong.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Melbourne 1725K/1st for Currie Harbour, King Island, E.T.A. 0530K/2nd, SOA. 9.
- ✓ H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Fremantle 0930K/31st for Colombo E.T.A. A.M. 9th, SOA. 14.5.
- ✓ H.M.S. "PERSEUS" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/1st for Trinco. E.T.A. 2000K/10th, SOA. 14.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 0330K/1st for Point Blaze to attempt salvage of Penguin Shoal Lightship.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" anticipates date of completion of defects P.M. 2nd April.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane instructs "INVERELL" to proceed forthwith to M.S.L.701 broken down off Break Sea Spit and tow to Brisbane.

S.O. R.N.N. advises H.N.M.S. "CRIJNSEN" will call approximately 1st April at Ashmoor Reef to load aviation spirit stored there last year and will carry this fuel to Keepang. Requires A.C.N.B. concurrence.

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From 0900K/Saturday, 30th March to 0900K/Monday, 1st April.

- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departs Batavia 1230K/29 for Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Arrived Dreger 0700K/29. Departs 0900K/30th for Rabaul E.T.A. 0900K/31st thence Sydney via Torokina and Fauro. (SOA. 15.5).
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" }
 H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } - Departs Hervey Bay 0900K/31st for Sydney
 H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" } E.T.A. 0900K/2nd April. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Departs Hervey Bay 0900K/31st for Rabaul E.T.A. 1700K/4th thence Kure (SOA. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departs Hervey Bay 0900K/31st with target in tow for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/1st April (SOA.11).
- H.M.S. "ROCKMOUNT" }
 H.M.S. "ROCKLEN" } - Depart Brisbane 1200K/31 for Townsville E.T.A.
 each towing 1 M.F.V. } 1200K/3rd April thence Hong Kong (SOA. 7).
- H.M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Fremantle 1600K/29 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/4th April. (SOA. 16).
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Adelaide 1835K/31 for Burnie E.T.A. 0900K/2nd. (SOA. 14).
- H.M. L.S.T.'s 160, 419 - Depart Townsville A.M./5th for Subic Bay via Morotai.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" departs Auckland 14th April for New Zealand ports visit thence Sydney to arrive 5th May.

"IMPLACABLE" wearing flag of A.C.1 proposes to depart Sydney 5th May for U.K. via Fremantle and Capetown.

S.O. Force 'A' reports that L.S.T.383 has lost port propellor and has been towed by "MURCHISON" since 23rd March. Requests permission to retain "MURCHISON" to carry out this duty until arrival at Hong Kong.

Due to restricted flying in Cooktown Area the duties of an A.S.R. boat are no longer required at Cooktown.

P.D. Morotai informs that R.N.N. anticipate assuming responsibility for Port Directorate on 3rd April - R.A.N. can then reduce to a Liaison Staff.

Com. Hong Kong confirms that work of reconversion and survey of "PING WO" can be undertaken at Hong Kong.

C.C.A.S. proposes amended programme as follows :-

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
12th April	Melbourne	P.M./23rd April.
A.M./25th April	Adelaide	P.M./29th April.
A.M./2nd May.	Hobart	A.M./8th May.
A.M./10th May	Sydney.	

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IN 0900K/AT/04. 0900K/04. 1944.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. intends to sail in "SWAN" with 9 A.M.S.'s in Company from Hobart 0900K/3rd April for operational area in South Australian Waters - will fuel at Adelaide about 12th April. Further areas cleared off Hobart with negative results.

L.L.S. "ANNA" - Departed Sydney 1700/25th for operations

M.S. 20 proposes that on completion of present minesweeping operations at Rabaul, "DELCRAINE's" unit proceeds Kavieng and carries out clearance of all serials except one and six.

L.L.S. "EMERALD" - A.M.S. Williamsport 1400K/1st April
for Singapore. L.L.S. 0900K/2nd April
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L.L.S. "FABRIQUE" - Departed Fremantle P.M. 20th for Sydney.
L.L.S. 0900K/22nd April.

Admiralty advice 6 L.L.S. (2) can be made available to J.C.M.B. at Singapore now from base due to return to U.K. Alternatively 8 or more can eventually be made available from the 10 being operated by G-10-C. S.I. when they are no longer required by him. This operational commitment may last up to 6 months.

S.O. 20 M.S.F. reports, owing to a considerable amount of adverse weather, very slow progress is being made with Storm Bay Area approximately only 30% being completed to date (29th), including long leg of mine. Intends completing area with 60 A.M.S. searching sweeps in N.E./S.E. direction when weather possible.

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TO 0900K/SATURDAY, 30th MARCH, 1946.

- ✓ H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Newcastle 1644K/28th for Sydney; E.T.A. 2130K/28th SOA.15.
- ✓ H.M.S. "ANSON" - Departed Sydney 1700K/28th for exercises in Jervis Bay area.
- ✓ H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Melbourne 1100K/29th for Adelaide; E.T.A. 1130K/30th.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - E.T.D. Williamstown 1400K/1st April for King Is.; E.T.A. 0530K/2nd April SOA.9.
- ✓ H.M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Fremantle P.M. 29th for Sydney; E.T.A. 0800K/4th April.

Admiralty advise 6 L.S.T.(3) can be made available to A.C.N.B. at Singapore now from those due to return to U.K. Alternatively 6 or more can eventually be made available from the 10 being operated by C-in-C. E.I. when they are no longer required by him. This operational commitment may last up to 6 months.

S.O. 20 M.S.F. reports, owing to a considerable amount of adverse weather, very slow progress is being made with Storm Bay Area approximately only 30% being completed to date (29th), including long leg of mines. Intends completing area with 62.5% searching sweeps in N.E./S.W. direction when weather permits.

E.M.A.S. "SHALLOTT" reported that, due to weather conditions, only anchored in Jervis Bay until late P.M. 29th.

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To 0900K/Friday, 29th March, 1946.

H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Colombo 1130K/28th March for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/2nd April, SOA. 20.

H.D.M.L. 1342 - Departed Townsville 1200K/28th for Brisbane and O/R to Sydney. E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 7th April, SOA. 6. To call as necessary at Ports en route for fuel and anchoring at night.

H.M.S. "HART" } E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/28th for Mackay E.T.A. 1700K/30th.
towing } - E.T.D. A.M. 4th April for Bowen E.T.A. P.M. 4th.
M.F.V. 1071 } - E.T.D. A.M. 9th for Thursday Island
E.T.A. P.M. 12th April, SOA. 12.

H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Brisbane 1800K/28th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1000K/8th April, SOA. 16.

H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" - E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/29th.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Sydney 1030K/28th for Jervis Bay to tow Army hull back to Sydney, E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1700K/28th.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Sydney 1230K/28th for Melbourne E.T.A. Williamstown 1300K/30th, SOA. 12.

H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - E.T.D. Melbourne 0900K/29th for Adelaide.

H.M. Sub. "TAPIR" - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0900K/29th.

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" - Departs Port Melbourne 1100K/29th to dump ammunition and chemicals outside Heads.

H.M.S. "PENN" } Departed Fremantle 1100K/28th for Singapore
towing } - E.T.A. 1001K/8th April. SOA. 9. "PENN" to
H.M. Sub. "VIRUTE" } call at Batavia for fuel E.T.A. 1600K/5th April.

R.A.A.F. H.Q.R.S. advise - Subject to serviceability after Hervey Bay exercises one aircraft will be available at Point Cook for co-operation with F.N.D. first week in April.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" reported that, due to weather conditions, ship anchored in Leuttit Bay until late P.M. 28th.

"GLADSTONE" will complete port about 10th April and is intended to call that ship in company with "VIRUTE" and "GLADSTONE" to Mediterranean early May. After completion will be waiting for orders "GLADSTONE" will be available to R.F.L.C. Sydney as required for local duties.

"SPEAKER", "HART", "TAPIR" and "VIRUTE" arrived Hervey Bay for exercises.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 28th March.

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- ✓ H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" - Departed Yokohama 1900K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/10 - routed east of Marianas and New Ireland. (SOA. 14).
- ✓ H.M.S. "FINISTERRE"(D.D.) - Departed Hong Kong 2000K/27 for Darwin E.T.A. 1800K/3rd April thence Sydney. (SOA. 14).
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } Departed Brisbane 1620K/27 for Hervey Bay
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" } E.T.A. 1200K/27. (SOA. 12).
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Sydney 1215K/26 for Pittwater E.T.A. 1500K/26.
- ✓ H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Sydney 1605K/26 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/28 thence Hong Kong (SOA. 14).
- ✓ H.M.S. "PERSEUS" - Departed Melbourne 1255K/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/31. (SOA. 14).
- ✓ H.M.S. "ADAMANT" - Departed Fremantle 2040K/26 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/3rd April. (SOA. 12.5).
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Darwin 0700K/27 to dump obsolete gun mountings and for exercises in vicinity of Port Essington - returns Darwin P.M./29th March.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne states that providing decision of repairing H.N.M. destroyer in eastern state is favourable approximately ten days will be required, docking included.

Broad pendant of C.C.A.S. will be struck in "SHROPSHIRE" and rehoisted in "HOBART" P.M./27th March.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals following received from Portuguese Sloop "ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" - "Please inform if it is possible and when, the Portuguese Sloop "ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" can go into dry dock at the nearest Australian port from Timor, and if some refit can be carried out when in dock. I also need information about degaussing facilities ends" N.O.I.C. Darwin requests A.C.N.B. supplies information direct to Sloop.

"LAUNCESTON" will complete refit about 15th April and it is intended to sail that ship in company with "PIRIE" and "GAWLER" to Mediterranean early May. After completion while waiting for others "LAUNCESTON" will be available to F.O.I.C. Sydney as required for local duties.

"SHROPSHIRE", "HOBART", "ARUNTA" and "QUIBERON" arrived Hervey Bay for exercises.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 27th March.

H.M. Submarine "TALENT" - Departed Hong Kong 1500K/25 for Sydney via Torres Strait E.T.A. P.M./12th April. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } Departed Frederick Reef 1500K/26 to rendezvous
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" } with C.C.A.S. off Hervey Bay (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Brisbane 1000K/25 with target in tow for Flatypus Bay E.T.A. 1200K/27. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Brisbane 1200K/26 for Newcastle E.T.A. 1830K/27. (SOA. 15).

H.M.S. "ANSON" - Departs Sydney 1630K/26 for Jervis Bay for exercises - to return Sydney 1330K/6th April.

H.M.S. "ARTIFEX" - Departs Sydney 3rd April for Fremantle for onward routing Trincomalee.

H.N.M.S. "K.14" - Departed Fremantle 1945K/25 for Sourabaya E.T.A. 1400K/15th April. (SOA. 4).

H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Fremantle A.M./26th for Trincomalee E.T.A. 4th April.

F.O.I.C. ----- for departure of "BROOME"
until weather moderates. Ship has used all 270 Radar equipment
stowed on N.O.I.C. Fremantle intends slipping "BROOME" and "GERALDTON"
in near future so as to be ready by 8th April for passage to be turned
over to the Turks.

H.M.A.S. "HACKESBURY" proposes further details re
trials programme:- Sailing each day at 0900K. 1st April acid
firing trials and full of short trials - A.S. trials. 2nd April
gun trials. 3rd April Radar trials. 4th April subject completion.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 26th March, 1946.

H.M.S. "PERSEUS" - Departs Melbourne 1000K/26th for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/31st, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1100K/26th to dump ammunition and chemicals outside Heads and return.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - E.T.D. Westernport 0615K/26th for training cruise to King Island, returning to Westernport A.M. 29th.

C.C.A.S. recommends "ARUNTA" be granted 45 days availability for urgent defects on arrival Sydney including 3 weeks leave to each watch.

F.O.I.C. Sydney sends - Unless instructions are received to the contrary, intends to retain M.L.'s 801, 810 and 822 in commission until the 28th April.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends to defer departure of "BARCOO" until weather moderates. Ship has squid and 276 Radar equipment stowed on quarterdeck. (E.T.A. Melbourne was 28th for refit).

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" proposes further details re trials programme:- Sailing each day at 0900K. 1st April squid firing trials and fall of short trials - A.S. trials. 2nd April gun trials. 3rd April Radar trials. 4th April adjust compasses.

H.M.A.S. "QUANT" - Departs Fremantle 1100K/26th for Adelaide E.T.A. 1200K/28th, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departs Melbourne 1100K/26th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/30th, SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" - Arrived Sydney 1100K/26th. Departs 1200K/26th for Newcastle, E.T.A. 1300K/26th.

C.C.A.S. requests confirmation of A.S.C. report that "SNOVSKIN" sails for U.K. 15th April from Melbourne.

FOUNT signals that it would be preferable if arrangements could be made to provide A.S.C. facilities in the Sydney area until "INFLACABLE" air group returns about 25th April.

V.A.(C) requests F.O.I.C. Sydney take "VIRIA" in hand for refit as soon as possible.

"HUNTER" states that no officers or ratings have suffered through lack of winter clothes - the only gross reports sighted regarding food and clothing in "HUNTER" is circulated by responsible ratings.

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From 0900K/Saturday, 23rd, to 0900K/Monday, 25th March, 1946.

✓ H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/24th for Sydney via Thursday Island, E.T.A. 0600K/3rd April, SOA. 12.

H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Dreger 0530K/24th for Brisbane via Milne Bay, Fyffe Bay, Port Moresby and Thursday Island. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/25th, E.T.A. Brisbane approximately 16th April. To fuel at Moresby, Thursday Island and Queensland ports as necessary.

✓ H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Dreger 2100K/23rd for Sydney via Milne Bay E.T.A. 1030K/25th. Sydney approximately 6th April, SOA. 10.

H.M. L.S.T.'s 324, 303, 98 - Departed Labuan 1800K/23rd for Kure.

✓ H.M.S. "HART" - E.T.D. Brisbane now 28th March. Delay due weather.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departs Hervey Bay A.M. 31st to arrive Brisbane 1000K/1st April - Ship will be ready to sail for New Guinea A.M. 3rd April.

✓ H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Sydney 1330K/23rd for Dreger E.T.A. 0700K/29th, SOA. 15.

✓ H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Departed Sydney 1830K/23rd to R/V with "SHROPSHIRE" off Brisbane at 0930K/25th.

✓ H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Melbourne 1240K/24th for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/29th, SOA. 14.5.

H.M.S. "PATROLLER" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/23rd for Colombo E.T.A. 1500K/31st, SOA. 16.

✓ H.M. Sub. "TAPIR" - Departed Fremantle 0900K/23rd for Port Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0600K/30th, SOA. 10.

H.M. Sub. "VORACIOUS"(S.O.) Departed Fremantle 2100K/23rd for
" " "VOX") Singapore E.T.A. 1900K/4th April.

✓ H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Fremantle 1130K/24th for Adelaide E.T.A. 1430K/28th, SOA. 14.

✓ H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Darwin 1216K/23rd for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/30th, SOA. 15.

H.N.M.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Arrived Keopang 1230K/20th. Departed 1900K/20th for Macassar, E.T.A. 2030K/32nd.

C.C.A.S. requests confirmation of A.B.C. report that "SHROPSHIRE" sails for U.K. 19th April from Melbourne.

FONAP signals that it would be preferable if arrangements could be made to provide A.S.R. facilities in the Sydney area until "IMPLACABLE's" air group embarks about 28th April.

V.A.(Q) requests F.O.I.C. Sydney take "PIRIE" in hand for refit as soon as possible.

"HOBART" states that no officers or ratings have suffered through lack of winter clothes - the only press reports sighted regarding food and clothing in "HOBART" is ridiculed by responsible ratings.

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H.M.A.S. "LATROBE", with training classes embarked, departs Port Phillip A.M./28th proceeding to seaward for the night thence berthing at F.N.D. wharf at 1800K/29th.

H.M.S. "PENN" has been recalled to Fremantle to escort "VIRTUE" with engine defects to Singapore E.T.D. 27th March.

V.A.(Q) signals that upper deck ratings can be provided from R.N. sources for passage of A.M.S.'s for transfer to Turks but regrets engine room ratings can not be provided.

A.S. Sydney reports that preliminary examination shows that "BUNGAREE" is unsuitable for dumping ammunition - "URALBA" could dump similar quantity in same time at less cost.

C.C.A.S. reports owing to cyclone in vicinity of Sandy Cape, programme has been delayed 24 hours. Has instructed "QUIBERON" to shelter as convenient in Moreton Bay.

H.O.I.C. New Guinea reports on the arrival of M.W.L.255 at Rabaul, ship is to be reduced to harbour status.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" returned to Darwin from ...

H.M.S. ... requests a destroyer to ...

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH

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H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA") Departed Morotai 0825K/22 for Dreger.
towing "AIR GUIDE") E.T.A. 1400K/27 (SOA. 9)

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY") Departed Townsville 0700K/22 for Sydney
towing "AIR SPEED") E.T.A. AM/1st April (SOA. 5)
"AIR MERCY")

H.M.S. "PERSEUS" Departed Sydney 1630K/22 for Melbourne.
E.T.A. Heads 0600K/24 (SOA. 14)

H.M.S. "VENGEANCE") Departed Jervis Bay 1530K/22 for Colombo
H.M.S. "TYRIAN") direct. E.T.A. 5th April (SOA. 15).

U.S.S. LST. 889 Departed Melbourne 1000K/22 for Sydney
E.T.A. 1600K/24 (SOA. 10)

H.M.S. "PENN" Departed Fremantle 2000K/21 for Sydney
E.T.A. 0900K/31. (SOA. 10)

H.M.S. "TAURUS" Departed Fremantle 2015K/21 for Adelaide
E.T.A. 1000K/27 (SOA. 10).

H.M.M.S. "TROMP" departs Melbourne AM/24th for Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" returned to Darwin from Point Blaze PM/21st
attempt at salvage of Light Vessel unsuccessful.

C.S.T. Flinders Naval Depot requests a destroyer be made available
for G and T. school firings on 10th, 11th and 12th April.

Submarines of 4th Flotilla will visit Tasmanian ports covering Stanley,
Devonport, Burnie, Launceston and Hobart from 12th to 27th April.

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To 0900K/22nd March, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } E.T.D. Rabaul 1700K/21st to R/V with C.C.A.S. in
" " "ARUNTA" } "SHROPSHIRE" off Hervey Bay. SOA. 12.

H.D.M.L. 1342 - Departed Thursday Island 1200K/21st for Townsville
E.T.A. P.M. 31st. SOA. 8. Anchoring
overnight as necessary.

U.S.S. "L.S.T. 899" - E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/22nd for Sydney E.T.A.
1600K/24th, SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - E.T.D. Port Stanley 1500K/22nd for Melbourne E.T.A.
Callibrand Light 0800K/23rd, SOA. 11.

H.M. Sub. "TOTEM" } Departed Fremantle 1400K/21st. "TOTEM" for
" " "TURPIN" } Geelong and "TURPIN" for Melbourne. E.T.A.
Port Phillip Heads 0700K/28th, SOA. 10.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle advises "BROOME" and "GERALDTON" could
be R.F.S. by 30th March providing slipping is not to be done and
crews arrive in time. In view of low endurance and discontinuance
of wartime bases en route recommends routing via Onslow, Singapore
and Ceylon.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul reports "DIAMANTINA" departs Rabaul
1700K/22nd with G.O.C. 8th M.D. on board to entrance to Stiffen Straits,
New Ireland. G.O.C. disembarks and "DIAMANTINA" proceeds North of
New Hanover to vicinity of Havieng, embarking G.O.C. then proceeds
to Numata Nui and disembarks G.O.C. On return of G.O.C. on board
ship returns to Rabaul via Cape St. George.

C.S.T. F.N.D. advises Drogue towing aircraft no longer
available for co-operation duties. Indefinite when another will be
available. Gunnery school now has no means for qualifying firings
of gunnery rates.

N.O.I.C. Darwin sends - S.O. R.N.W. Keepang requests
permission to send working party of 50 Indonesians and 2 Jap. manned
barges to West Bay to load A.V.G.A.S. for Keepang and Dutch Merchant Ship
"LUNA". Duration of work approximately 1 month. N.O.I.C. Darwin
requests instructions.

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To 0900K/21st March, 1946.

H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Rabaul 1800K/20th for Dreger E.T.A. 0600K/22nd.
SOA. 10.

H.M.S. "VENRABLE") Departed Sydney 0930K/20th for Suva E.T.A.
" "ARMADA") - 0900K/25th. SOA. 14.5.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Sydney 0930K/20th for Melbourne E.T.A.
1115K/22nd. SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGG" - E.T.A. Gellibrand Light 0800K/23rd.

H.M.S. "PATROLLER" - E.T.A. Fremantle 0030K/22nd.

H.M.S. "BEAULY FIRTH" - Departed Fremantle 1910K/19th for Aden via
Cocos Is. E.T.A. 1030K/27th. E.T.D. 2230K/27th.
E.T.A. Aden 1100K/12th April. SOA. to Cocos
8.5 thence 9.25.

H.M.S. "HIND") Departed Darwin 0700K/20th for Thursday Island
" "WIDEMOUTH BAY") - E.T.A. P.M. 22nd, thence "HIND" for Brisbane
and "WIDEMOUTH BAY" for Sydney. E.T.A.'s
A.M. 28th and A.M. 29th respectively.
SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" requests permission to proceed
independently from Townsville as the towing of A.S.B.'s with prevailing
East Coast weather is resulting in structural damage to both vessels
and makes it imperative to tow at 4 knots.

"AIR SPEED" also requests that "AIR MERCY" and herself
proceed independently fueling at Mackay, Gladstone, Brisbane and
Coffs Harbour.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide reports Seascout ship "WONGALA" parted
moorings and drifted on sandbank in Outer Harbour during night of
15/16th. Refloated A.M. 20th with no damage apparent.

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To 0900K DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 20th March.

H.A.F.A. "KURUMAN" - Departed Port Moresby 1800K/18 for Darwin E.T.A.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Sydney 1800K/18 for Byron Bay for visit E.T.A. 0800K/20th thence Brisbane (SOA. 9.5.).

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Departed Sydney 1600K/18 for Brisbane E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") - 0900K/20th. (SOA. 12).

H.M.S. "VENGEANCE") Departed Sydney 0830K/19 for exercises in
H.M.S. "TYRIAN") - Sydney-Jervis Bay Area.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Departs Westernport 1300K/19 for operations Corio Bay Area.

H.N.M.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Darwin 1730K/18 for Koepang E.T.A. 1430K/20 thence Macassar. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Koepang 1530K/19 for Darwin E.T.A. 0700K/21. (SOA. 12).

Sydney.

H.M.S. "HART" departs Brisbane P.M./25th March for Mackay and Bowen thence to Hong Kong via Torres Strait.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide proposes mounting a guard for His Excellency the Governor of South Australia on the occasion of the opening of Parliament 25th March.

V.A.(Q) requests that H.M.A.S. "EROOME" and "GERALDTON" now at Fremantle, may be prepared for transfer to Turks. As no prospect is seen of manning these vessels from R.N. resources, could A.C.N.B. consider steaming these vessels as far as Colombo with an R.A.N. crew?

Force "A" second lift to Japan :-

"MURCHISON" and L.S.T.383 depart Morotai 22nd March. L.S.T.'s 324, 303, 9, 8 depart Labuan 23rd March. "GLENGYLE" departs Labuan 24th March. All units rendezvous at 1300K/26 off Manila thence proceed Kure E.T.A. 2nd April.

Also 9 K.F.M. coasters which are also badly needed in these waters and which are not required to load cargo in Australia are also reported to be held up in Australia for bunkers.

It would be glad to know whether there is any likelihood of these requirements being fulfilled at an early date.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 19th March.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" - Departed Port Moresby 0700K/16 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0700K/20.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departs Newcastle 1630K/18 to rendezvous with "AIR CLAN" and "AIR MASTER" off Coffs Harbour at 0900K/19 thence proceeds Brisbane with former A.S.R. Craft in tow E.T.A. 0400K/20.

H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Sydney 0735K/18 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1500K/24. (SOA. 14).

H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Departed Sydney 1045K/18 for Suva E.T.A. 0900K/24. (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Adelaide 1330K/18 for Survey duties vicinity Whyalla E.T.A. 0900K/19. (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "LIMCON" - E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/18th for Byron Bay E.T.A. "MERKUR" expects to depart Kure 20th March for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "SHERIFF" - - - - - 0400K/18th for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/18th.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" departed Darwin 0330K/18 for Point Blaze to attempt to salvage Penguin Shoal Light vessel.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Burnie 0530K/18 for Stanley E.T.A. 0830K.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" embarks training classes and proceeds from Western Port to Devonport arriving P.M./20th. Departs Devonport 21st March returning Western Port 22nd.

V.A.(Q) states that if two further Bathurst's are required by Turkey, it is intended to nominate "BROOME" and "GERALDTON" and requests information by what date they could be made ready for sea.

C. in C. East Indies Station signals A.C.N.B. that since withdrawal of R.A.N. ships from outer islands, it has been represented that surveillance of these, and of Japanese concentrations, is being rendered most difficult by the non-completion in Australia of corvettes turned over to the R.N.N. by the R.A.N.

Also 7 K.P.M. coasters which are also badly needed in these waters and which are not required to load cargo in Australia are also reported to be held up in Australia for bunkers.

He would be glad to know whether there is any likelihood of these requirements being fulfilled at an early date.

"ROCKWELL" reports on 16th N.S.F. ... in the sand and reached by high water - hull intact, bilges dry, superstructure slightly damaged, machinery in good condition. If present weather continues, intends attempting to tow her off at high water 17th.

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To 0900K From 0900K/Saturday 16th to 0900K/Monday,
18th March, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - E.T.A. Koepang 0900K/19th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.N.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Thursday Island 1700K/15th for Darwin.
E.T.A. 0800K/18th, SOA. 13.
- R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" - Departed Cairns 0630K/14th for Port Moresby
E.T.A. 0700K/16th.
- M.S.L. 701 - E.T.D. Townsville 1200K/18th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 1200K/25th.
SOA. 7.5. Anchoring overnight.
- H.M.N.S. "TROMP" - Departed Sydney 1900K/15th for Melbourne, E.T.A.
1000K/17th, SOA. 14.5.
- H.M.S. "PATROLLER" - Departed Sydney 0900K/16th for Fremantle E.T.A.
1830K/21st, SOA. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - E.T.D. Sydney 1800K/18th for Byron Bay E.T.A.
0800K/20th, SOA. 9.5.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departs Jervis Bay 0400K/18th for Sydney E.T.A.
1100K/18th.
- H.M.S. "ULYSSES")
"URANIA") - Departed Fremantle 1515K/16th for Trinco E.T.A.
1430K/25th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.N.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Darwin 1330K/17th for Macassar E.T.A.
1400K/21st, SOA. 10.

N.O.I.C. Thursday Island sends - As lighthouse mechanic wishes to relight buoy in G.N.E. Channel forthwith, intend sailing H.D.M.L. 1342 at 0600K/17th, returning to Thursday Island to land mechanic as soon as work completed.

F.O.S.A. proposes "MANKMAN" visit Adelaide from 30th March to 3rd April. Requests if convenient.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" reports efforts to refloat A.V.2060 on 16th and 17th unsuccessful. Will have to unload remainder of cargo before making further attempt. N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises "INVERELL" not to delay departure from Mackay beyond 1400K/18th.

Admiralty suggest to V.A.(Q) - 3 Bathurst class minesweepers at Sydney be transferred to Turks. The Turks may however require 2 further Bathursts, in which case, these would also have to be made available from those in Australia.

C.S.T. F.N.D. advises "LATROBE" struck beacon at entrance to Hanns Inlet at 0915K/15th when going astern. Divers inspection shows all blades of Port propeller inclined out. Effect on present steaming capabilities will be reported on 18th when ship gets under way.

"ROCKPORT" reports on 16th M.F.V. embedded 2 ft. in the sand and reached by high water - hull intact, bilges dry, superstructure slightly damaged, machinery in good condition. If present weather continues, intends attempting to tow her off at high water 17th.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Saturday 16th March.

- H.M.S. "DRAVEN" - Departed Townsville 1600K/15 for Hong Kong
- R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" Departs Cairns 0630K/14 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0700K/16.
- H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" Departs Townsville 0700K/15 for Mackay E.T.A. 0700K/16 thence Brisbane (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" Departs Port Stanley 1400K/15 for Burnie E.T.A. 1700K/15.
- M.S.L. 708 Departed Darwin 2230K/14 for Koepang E.T.A. 1030K/17 (S.O.A.8). To return Darwin after discharge.
- H.M.S. "YERRELL" } Departed Port Moresby 1830K/15 for Colombo.
- H.M.S. "VIRIAN" }

H.M.S. "AMETHYST" departs Sydney 18th March on visit to Fiji thence to proceed Hong Kong via Dreger.

Broad pendant of C.C.A.S. will be struck in "HOBART" 18th March and hoisted in "SHROPSHIRE" until 27th March.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. signals portion of Hobart approaches cleared with negative result. It is intended that 20th M.S.F. will arrive Hobart A.M./17th for boiler cleaning, departing 25th March to continue operations in Hobart approaches. Expected to complete sweeping and sail for Adelaide about 1st April.

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" paid off into "F" class reserve at Sydney 14th March.

S.O. Force "A" signals A.C.N.B. that it is anticipated that L.S.T's 160, 419 will commence to prepare at Townsville for return to U.S. Authorities - these should take about ten days to complete. As each ship has one main engine out of action requests an escort capable of towing may be made available on passage to Subic Bay.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval to retain "PIRIE" in commission for R.A.N.T.F. target duties for which a requirement exists during weeks commencing 18th and 25th March - in view of paying off of "BURDEKIN", "PIRIE" is the only vessel available at Sydney for the above or any other duties.

F.O.I.C. Sydney now recommends that "PLATYPUS" be used as headquarters ship of the reserve ship's organisation in Sydney instead of setting up this organisation ashore on Watson's Bay in buildings to be taken over from the Army as was previously intended. This will involve the use of a frigate in addition in order to accommodate the reserve ships personnel.

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To 0900K/Friday, 15th March.

- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Townsville 1830K/13 for Hong Kong
E.T.A. 1500K/23 (SOA.14.5).
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Newcastle 2359K/13 for Sydney E.T.A.
0700K/14. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Sydney 1800K/13 for Fremantle E.T.A.
1100K/20. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Rivoli Bay 1825K/14 for Adelaide E.T.A.
0930K/15.
- H.N.M. Submarine "O.21" - Departed Fremantle for Colombo E.T.A. P.M./26th
(SOA. 10).
- H.M.S. "VENGEANCE" } - Depart Jervis Bay 1330K/22 for Colombo.
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" } - Depart Jervis Bay 1330K/22 for Colombo.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests "CONDAMINE" be routed to Dreger via Port Moresby to transport electric bakery ex "BASILISK".

S.O. Force "A" has instructed N.O.I.C. Townsville to retain L.S.T.'s 160, 419, at that port until further instructions - probable these ships will be required to prepare for return to U.S. Authorities.

The Mayor of Newcastle has requested a visit from an Aircraft Carrier. F.O.S.A. suggests to A.C.1 that "GLORY" might carry out this visit on completion of her refit in Australia.

H.M.A.S. "HARRIS" requests approval for 2 days availability at Port Melbourne for boiler cleaning from P.M. 14th March.

H.M.A.S. "BRISBANE" reports following position regarding H.P.V.'s wrecked from "CORCORAN" and "MORNINGSTAR" - 1 H.P.V. reported aground near Sandy Bay and 1 is on P.M. 22°43' S., 150°49' E. Requests Commonwealth Salvage Board visit now at Brisbane may inspect and salvage H.P.V.'s if considered practicable.

The services of an additional G.F.V. is requested for duty under N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 14th March, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } Departed Yokohama 1100K/12th for Rabaul and O/R
" " "ARUNTA" } - to Hervey Bay, E.T.A. Rabaul 1100K/20th, SOA.13.5.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - E.T.D. Batavia approximately 28th March.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - E.T.A. Morotai 1730K/19th.

H.M.N.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Thursday Island 1100K/13th for Darwin
E.T.A. 0700K/16th, SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - E.T.D. Newcastle 2400K/13th for Sydney.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Sydney 0940K/12th for Auckland E.T.A.
1045K/17th, SOA. 13.

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLAN" } Departed Sydney 1830K/12th for Brisbane via
" " "AIR MASTER" } - Coffs Harbour, E.T.A. 1800K/13th, SOA. 13.

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" - Departed Fremantle 1130K/13th for Colombo E.T.A.
1250K/20th, SOA. 19.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Darwin 2330K/12th for Blaze Point for
further investigation Penguin Shoal light
vessel.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane intends sailing "WHYBIA" for Geelong
calling en route to fuel at Coffs Harbour and Sydney. E.T.D.
Brisbane 1400K/14th, E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1900K/15th, SOA. 9.
Vessel to report E.T.D. Coffs Harbour and E.T.A. Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" requests approval for 7 days avail-
ability at Port Melbourne for boiler cleaning from P.M. 24th March.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports following position
regarding M.F.V.'s adrift from "ROCKPORT" AND "ROCKFOREST" :- 1 M.F.V.
reported aground near Sandy Cape and 1 in Pos. 22°45' S., 150°49'E.
Requests Commonwealth Salvage Board unit now at Brisbane may inspect
and salvage M.F.V.'s if considered practicable.

The services of an additional G.P.V. is requested for
duty under N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 13th March, 1946.

H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Departed Auckland 0959K/9th for Sydney E.T.A. 1900K/13th, SOA. 12.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Dreger 2200K/11th for Milne Bay and Sydney E.T.A. Milne 0800K/13th, Sydney A.M. 18th, SOA. 12. To R/V with "DELORAINÉ" at Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" }
" " "ECHUCA" } - Departed Port Moresby 0940K/12th for Rabaul
and tow } E.T.A. 0800K/15th.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" }
towing } - E.T.A. Newcastle 0830K/13th.
H.M.A.S. "ANACONDA" }

H.M. Tug "ROCKMOUNT" - Departed Sydney 1740K/11th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600K/14th, SOA. 7.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.A. Sydney now 0600K/17th. 10 hrs. early.

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"(A.V.1356) - Sheltering in Refuge Cove until weather improves.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" - Departed Adelaide 0630K/12th. SOA with tow 7 thence 12 to Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0500K/14th. To scuttle tow in prescribed area.

F.O.S.A. proposes that H.M.S. "HART", E.T.D. Brisbane 25th March should pay informal visits to Mackay and Bowen on passage to Hong Kong, duration of stay 4 days in each port. If concur, requests we advise local authorities when dates are fixed.

"CONDAMINE" requests approval from F.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed to Newcastle A.M. 15th thence from Newcastle 18th to arrive Brisbane 20th.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises as from 15th March all A.S.R. surface facilities will be withdrawn from Jervis Bay Area.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 12th March.

H.M. L.S.T. 346 - Departed Rabaul 1117K/10 for Morotai E.T.A.
1800K/16. (SOA. 16.5).

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" - Departed Thursday Island 1900K/10 for Cairns
E.T.A. 1500K/12. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1050K/11 for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
1630K/11. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "ARMADA" - Departed Sydney 2250K/10 to join A.C.1 in Jervis
Bay area.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Arrived Jervis Bay 0700K/11.

H.M.S. "ULYSSES" - Departed Melbourne 1225K/11 for Fremantle E.T.A.
1100K/16. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" has been instructed after discharge
at Batavia to be sailed to Keopang thence Darwin and Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Beauty Point A.M./11th for
Port Stanley.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" has been instructed to omit call
at Thursday Island and proceed to Morotai at best possible speed.
Ship acknowledges making E.T.A. 1700K/19th March.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul signals that disembarkation of women
and children on board "YOIZUKI" commences 1000/12. Arrival of
investigation commission delayed at Lae - expected to arrive A.M./12th.

Further states that failure of communication was due
to incompetent wireless operator. W/T set has now been tested and
operator instructed in its proper use.

From 0900K/Saturday, 9th March to 0900K/Monday,
11th March.

- H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" - Departed Hong Kong 1100K/9th for Sydney via
Dreger E.T.A. 1200K/17th, Sydney 23rd,
SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Morotai 0800K/9th for Sydney E.T.A.
1600K/17th, SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Rabaul 1100K/9th for Dreger E.T.A. 1800K/10th.
SOA. 12.
- R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" - Departed Townsville 0700K/9th for Cairns E.T.A.
0600K/10th thence to Rabaul.
- H.D.M.L. 1355 - Departs Townsville 0800K/10th for Brisbane via Gladstone
for fuel. E.T.A. Brisbane 16th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.S. "MANUKAN" - Departed Sydney 1825K/9th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads
0700K/11th, SOA. 15.
- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Sydney 1535K/9th for Townsville for O/R
to Hong Kong E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/13th,
SOA. 13.
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Melbourne 1630K/9th for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
0700K/11th, SOA. 12.
- H.M.S. "BEAULY FIRTH" - Departed Melbourne 1250K/9th for Fremantle E.T.A.
1900K/16th, SOA. 9.5.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - E.T.D. Esperance 1200K/10th for Melbourne E.T.A.
Heads 0800K/15th.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Darwin 0630K/9th for Port Blaine to
investigate reports of sighting a light
vessel or light buoy in that vicinity.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" }
towing "AIR SPEED", } - Departed Dreger 0600K/9 for Sydney E.T.A.
"AIR MERCY" } 0600K/25th. (SOA. 7).
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Sydney 1835K/9 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A.
0230K/21. (SOA. 16).
- H.M.S. "URANIA" - Departed Melbourne 1630K/10 for Fremantle E.T.A.
1100K/15. (SOA. 14).
- H.N.M.S. "VAN KINSBERGEN" - Departed Fremantle 0400K/10 for Macassar
E.T.A. 1700K/13. (SOA. 21).
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- H.M. Tug "ROCKMOUNT" departed Sydney 0935K/10 for Brisbane
but developed main engine defects and returned Sydney.
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- Dutch destroyer "KORTEWAER" makes E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/12
March. S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne instructs ship to remain Fremantle for
further orders.
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- Japanese repatriation ship "YOIZUKI" was intercepted by
H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" at 0630K/10, 12 miles south of Jomard Passage.
All passengers well - one Japanese and three Formosan doctors on board.
E.T.A. Rabaul 1400K/11th.

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P.D. Milne Bay reduced to N.C.S. status A.M./9th March.

S.O. Force "A" requests departure of "WILCANNIA" from Thursday Island may be expedited as much as possible as delay in arriving at Morotai will adversely affect date of second lift to Japan.

Following received from A.T.A.206 begins :- Lend lease dredge "D. YORK SYME" sank without warning at 2330K/20th February, in position 03°50' N., 129°22' E. Weather calm, sea smooth.

- R.N.S. WILCANNIA Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0200K/14th.
- R.N.S. MURRAY Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0200K/14th.
- R.N.S. WILCANNIA Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0200K/14th.
- R.N.S. WILCANNIA Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0200K/14th.
- R.N.S. WILCANNIA Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0200K/14th.

R/T contact has not yet been made with R.N.S. ship "WILCANNIA".

R.N.S. Sydney proceeds using "WILCANNIA" to tow "WILCANNIA" and "WILCANNIA" to Melbourne and thence to New Guinea as completion of work in New Guinea.

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- H.D.M.L. 1355 Departed Cairns 0700K/7th for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/8th . Soell.
- H.M.A.S. LISMORE)
towing) Departed Townsville 0900K/8th for Newcastle Soa. 8.5.
ANACONDA)
- H.M.A.S. DELORAINE)
" ECHUCA) Departed Townsville 1935K/7th for Rabaul via
& tow) Port Moresby E.T.A. 13th. Rabaul 17th. Soa. 10.
- M.W.L. 255. Departed Townsville 1300K/8th for Dreger ETA 16th Soa. 8.
- H.M. Tug ROCKGLEN)
with tow) Departed Mackey 1100K/8th for Gladstone ETA.
1800K/10th. Soa. 7.
- H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA Returned Brisbane for repairs. Departed
0700K/8th for Thurs. Is. Amended E.T.A.
0400K/14th.
- H.M.S. MANXMAN E.T.D. Sydney 1800K/9th for Melbourne. E.T.A.
Point Lonsdale 0700K/11th Williamstown 1000K/11th.
Soa. 15.
- H.M.N.S. WOLLONGONG Departed Sydney 1200K/7th for Thurs. Is. E.T.A.
0900K/15th. Soa. 9.
- H.M.S. ULYSSES Departed Sydney 1630K/7th for Melbourne E.T.A.
Heads 0600K/9th. Soa. 14.
- H.M.S. SUFFOLK Departed Fremantle 2030K/7th for Aden E.T.A.
A.M. 18th. Soa. 19.

W/T contact has not yet been made with Jap. ship "YOIZUKI".

F.O.I.C. Sydney proposes using "CONDAMINE" to tow
"AIR CLAN" and "AIR MASTER" to Brisbane and thence to New Guinea
on completion of services in Hervey Bay.

H.M. Tug "ROCKGLEN" reports - Lighter recovered from
Beach with little damage. Have obtained services of local diver
to remove wire from ship's propellers.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises approx. date of gun trials for
"SHOALHAVEN" is 1st May.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises "PERSEUS" will be dumping aircraft
in approved dumping area off Sydney during period 7th March to 16th
March.

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To 0900K/Friday, 8th March, 1946.

M.S.L. 701 - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/7th for Townsville E.T.A. 15th March thence Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" - Departs Brisbane 0005K/8 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/10. (SOA. 8).

H.M. L.S.T.'s 160, 383 - Depart Brisbane 1400K/7 for Morotai E.T.A. 1030K/19th. (10).

H.M.M.S. "CAIRNS" - Departs Brisbane 1200K/7th for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1600K/12. (SOA. 10).

H.M.S. "AINWELL" - Departed Brisbane 0949K/7 in tow of "SAN ANDRES" for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1300K/13 thence - Manila E.T.A. 23rd.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/7 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1400K/13 thence Morotai. (SOA. 9.5).

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" - Departed Sydney 1145K/6 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1000K/11th. (SOA. 19).

H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" }
H.M.S. "VENERABLE" } - Departed Melbourne 1610K/6 for exercises
H.M.S. "ARMADA" } at sea thence Jervis Bay and Sydney.
H.M.S. "TYRIAN" }

H.M.S. "VENERABLE", with "ARMADA" in Company, departs Sydney 20th March for Suva for flying practice in Fiji area, thence Norfolk Is. and return Sydney 6th April.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" departed Melbourne 0840K/7 for exercises, thence Westernport E.T.A. 1600K/8th.

H.D.M.L. 1342 departed Dreger 1200K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 7th April via Ore Bay, Port Moresby and Thursday Island.

Japanese destroyer "YOIZUKI", which departed Sydney 1600K/6th for Dreger Harbour has been diverted to Rabaul - ship to report E.T.A.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" intends proceeding from Townsville via Great North East Channel to Port Moresby for fuel thence via Jomard passage to Rabaul E.T.A. 17th - this because of weather conditions in Coral Sea.

P.O.S.A. intends that "ROCK" Tugs proceed to Hong Kong without tows when weather permits.

"CONDAMINE" will sail from Sydney 20th March for Brisbane to tow target to Hervey Bay for exercise period 28th - 31st March thence to be sailed from Brisbane to Dreger to come under the operational control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea on arrival.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide intends sailing "GAWLER" 10th March for Melbourne with lighter in tow to be scuttled en route.

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H.M.S. "PERSEUS" sails from Sydney 22nd March for U.K. via Melbourne, Fremantle and Suez.

H.M.A.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).
H.M.A.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

N.C.I.C. Brisbane has instructed "ROCKPORT" and "ROCKFOREST" to proceed from Platypus Bay to Gladstone in Company to replenish and make good defects.

H.M.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

Dutch Submarine "O.21" sails from Fremantle 13th March for Rotterdam via Colombo and Suez.

H.M.A.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

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H.M.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

"MIRAMBA" intends proceeding with operations in Laccadive Bay deferring work in Rivoli Bay until well advanced.

H.M.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

H.M.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

H.M.S. "MIRAMBA" - Departed Melbourne 1000H/27 for Suez via Perth (200. 10).

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To 0900K/Thursday, 7th March.

H.M.S. "GLENGYLE"
H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON"
H.M. L.S.T.'s 8, 303, 321, 324 } - Departed Kure 1000K/27 for a position off Manila. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departs Brisbane 1730K/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/9th. (SOA. 7.5).

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departs Sydney 1800K/9 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 0230K/21.

H.M.S. "URANIA" - Departed Sydney 1630K/5 for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0700K/7th. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departs Melbourne 1300K/9 for Jarvis Bay E.T.A. 0700K/11. (SOA. 12).

M.L. 805 }
M.L. 825 } - Departed Melbourne 1150K/6th for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/8 - calling Eden for fuel. (SOA. 12).

H.M.S. "LONDON" - Departed Fremantle P.M./6th for Colombo E.T.A. 1430K/13th.

H.M.S. "URCHIN" departs Sydney 15th March for U.K. via Melbourne, Fremantle and Suez.

20th H.S.F. departed Melbourne 1740K/6 for Hobart E.T.A. 1600K/8th. (SOA. 10).

N.O.I.C. Rabaul proposes the following itinerary for "BARCOO". Depart Rabaul A.M./9th for Dreger Harbour with draft and stores E.T.A. 1800K/10. E.T.D. Dreger 13th for Sydney E.T.A. 21st. Departs Sydney A.M./25th for Melbourne E.T.A. A.M./28th.

"LACHLAN" intends proceeding with operations in Lacepede Bay deferring work in Rivoli Bay until swell moderates.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne signals A.C.N.B. :- "In view of danger of magnetic mines as yet existing in parts of the N.E.I., request that permission be granted and arrangements made for wiping previous to departure for N.E.I. of small vessels acquired in Australia by N.E.I. Government. One vessel expected to sail within few weeks".

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA", making good defects at Brisbane E.T.D. 7th March for Thursday Island thence Morotai.

H.M.M.S. "VAN KINSHERGEN" will be ready for sea at Fremantle 11th March for passage to Makassar.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 6th March, 1946.

H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Hong Kong 1700K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/16th, SOA. 16.

H.M.S. "BEAULY FIRTH" - Departed Sydney 0700K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 1300K/7th, SOA. 10.

H.M.S. "URANIA" - Departed Sydney 1630K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0700K/7th, SOA. 14.

H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Sydney 1600K/5th for Tokyo via Dreger and Manus, E.T.A. Dreger 1200K/11th, Manus 1400K/12th, SOA. 13 to Jomard then 14.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Burnie A.M. 5th for Rivoli Bay (S.A.) E.T.A. 0700K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - E.T.D. Burnie 1730K/5th for Currie Harbour, King Island.

H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE" }
" " "VORACIOUS" } - E.T.A. Fremantle 1300K/5th.
" " "VOX" }

H.M. Sub. "TAURUS" - E.T.A. Fremantle 1600K/6th.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle advises R.N.N. Sub. K.14 is returning Fremantle due engine trouble.

Landforces desires vessels on 2nd lift to Japan now be placed on berth as follows :-

- (1) At Labuan - "GLENOYLE" and 3 L.S.T.'s.
- (2) At Morotai 2 L.S.T.'s.

Requests A.C.N.B. arrange.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" advises - Hove to in position 20°16'S. 151°23'E. Very high sea and heavy swell - visibility poor. E.T.A. Townsville to be advised when weather moderates.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises M.S.L. 706, on passage Townsville/Brisbane, is to remain at Bowen until weather improves.

From 0900K/Saturday 2nd March to 0900K/
Monday, 4th March.

- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" }
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" } - Depart Nagoya 1100K/3rd for Yokohama
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" } E.T.A. 0600K/4th. (12.5).
- H.M. L.S.T. 9 - Departed Balikpapan 1200K/1st for Macassar E.T.A. 1700K/4th.
- H.M.S. "PERSEUS" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/3rd for dumping area thence Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/5th. (SOA. 15).
- H.M. L.S.T. 383 - Departs Brisbane 1400K/14 for Morotai E.T.A. 1030K/16. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Sydney 1500K/2nd for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/7th. (SOA. 19).
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Sydney 0600K/2nd for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1700K/9th. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Sydney 0400K/2nd March for South Australian Survey - to rendezvous with "WARREGO" at Burnie 1400K/4th. (SOA. 12).
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" }
H.M.S. "TYRIAN" } - Departs Melbourne 1100K/6 for sea for exercises
H.M.S. "ARMADA" } E.T.D. Port Phillip Heads 1630K.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Melbourne 1238K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/4th. (SOA. 13).
- H.N.M.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Melbourne 1900K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0630K/5th. (SOA. 8.5).
- H.M.S. "GAMBIA" - Departed Fremantle 2000K/1st for Trincomalee E.T.A. 1330K/8th. (SOA. 20).
- H.N.M. Submarine "K.14" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/1st for Macassar E.T.A. 1400K/11th. (SOA. 8).
- H.M.S. "HOLM SOUND" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/3rd for Trincomalee E.T.A. 17th March. (SOA. 9).

Owners of "PING WO" state that ship must make passage north to arrive Hong Kong by 1st May before the typhoon season. In view of the time factor they suggest that Aust. Naval workshop machinery be removed in Sydney and ship worked back to Hong Kong by M.W.T.R. - fuel reconditioning being done at Hong Kong. M.W.T.R. request advice as to whether A.C.N.B. is prepared to meet owner's wishes.

A.C.1 signals that no further requirement is foreseen after 14th March for A.S.R. vessels at Jervis Bay.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. signals that operations will be completed off Cape Otway A.M./3rd March. "SWAN" with 9 A.M.S. in Company will arrive Melbourne 1800K/3rd.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" departs Melbourne 4th to carry out seamanship training programme in Port Phillip Bay anchoring as convenient. Departs Port Phillip 7th March remaining at sea during the night and returning Western Port A.M./8th.

S.O. 20 H.S.F. signals that area off Cape Otway cleared 100% with negative results.

H.M.S. "TYRIAN" proceeds in Company with "VENGEANCE" from Sydney 22nd March for Trincomalee R.T.A. 5th April thence independently to U.K.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends "SPRIGHTLY" tows "AIR SPEED" and "AIR MERCY" from Dreger to Sydney 7th March.

H.M.R.T.'s "ROCK FOREST" and "ROCK PORT" on passage Brisbane-Townsville each towing two 60 ft. motor fishing vessels, have both lost their tows in vicinity Indian Head, Great Sandy Island and two in vicinity Lady Elliot Island. N.O.I.C. Brisbane has instructed tugs to continue sheltering Platypus Bay until further orders.

S.O. 20th H.S.F. intends to sail in "SWAN" from Melbourne 1400K/6th for Hobart R.T.A. 1600K/8th - 9 A.M.S. in Company.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" returned Darwin 0200K/3rd March with wife of police constable at Daly River as stretcher case. Sea transport had to be provided as flooding of surrounding country rendered air and land transport impossible.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" reported at 1955K/3 that she was hove-to in a position approximately 180 miles east of Rockhampton with steering engine broken down and unable to use hand steering gear. Vessel steering by engines endeavouring to return Brisbane. Ship was on passage Brisbane-Townsville thence Rabaul.

M.C. 40 broke adrift from Fairmile jetty at Cairns at 0630K/2nd - craft last seen in Fairway having passed boom. Search by "RADICAL" and harbour masters launch in immediate precincts of port with negative results. Existing cyclonic conditions preclude sea or air search for present.

V.A.(Q) suggest that R.N.N. have "IPSWICH" in place of "CESSNOCK".

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To 0900K/Saturday, 2nd March, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Dreger 1500K/1st for servicing lights etc. in areas via Cape Nelson, Raven Channel and Shortland Reef returning to Dreger 15th.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SPEED" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1001K/1st for Dreger E.T.A. 1400K/2nd.
- R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" - Departs Brisbane 1600K/2nd for Townsville E.T.A. 1500K/5th SOA. 10.
- H.M. Sub. "TURFIN" - Departed Sydney 1545K/28th Feb. for Fremantle E.T.A. 1000K/10th March. SOA. 10.5.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departs Sydney 1300K/2nd to R/V with "WARREGO" as convenient. SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" - Departed Westernport 1000K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/3rd. SOA. 11.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - E.T.D. Port Phillip Heads 1200K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/4th. SOA. 13.
- R.N.N. Sub. "K.14" - Departed Fremantle 2030K/1st for Macassar E.T.A. 1400K/11th.
- H.M.S. "GRENVILLE" } - Departed Fremantle 1900K/1st for Trinco E.T.A.
" "TUSCAN" } 1630K/10th. SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Darwin 1430K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/8th SOA. 14.5.
- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - Departed Darwin 1730K/1st for Hong Kong E.T.A. 11th. SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN'S" day and night gunnery school firing completed satisfactorily.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne requests slip and yearly repair for H.M.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" at Fremantle about end of April, as refit facilities in N.E.I. are still insufficient.

R.N.O. Cairns reports H.B.M.L. 1355 returned to harbour at 1830K/28th due storm head seas considered too severe for vessels false bow.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" advises present intention is to remain at Burnie until A.M. 5th.

S.O. H.M.S. Melbourne sends - In view of extensive repairs required by "ABRAHAM" which will take a considerable time, it will be appreciated if instead of "ABRAHAM", "LAUNCESTON" or "TIPPERARY" could be made available for transfer to H.M.S.

"WARREGO" arrived Hong Kong A.M. 07th February for return to

To 0900K/Friday 1st March, 1946.

H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Morotai 1330K/27th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 2000K/2nd March.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" }
towing "MOMBAH" } - E.T.D. Morotai 1100K/2nd for Sydney via Torres Strait. E.T.A. Sydney 24th March, SOA. 6.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" }
towing "HOTO MARU" } - Departed Milne Bay 1600K/27th for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1200K/1st., SOA. 8.

H.D.M.L. 1355 - Arrived Cairns 0500K/27th, E.T.D. 1600K/28th for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/1st.

M.S.L. 706 - Departed Townsville 1200K/28th for Brisbane E.T.A. A.M. 3rd, SOA. 8.5.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Townsville 1800K/27th for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/4th, SOA. 9.

H.M.S. "BEAULY FIRTH" - Departed Brisbane 1700K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/2nd, SOA. 10.5 .

H.M. Tug "AIMWELL" - Departed Sydney 1910K/28th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1330K/3rd, SOA. 7.5.

H.M.S. "LONDON" - Departed Sydney 1200K/28th for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/5th, SOA. 20.

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/4th.

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1300K/1st for Gunnery School day and night firings returning to berth about 2200K.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" - Departed Melbourne 1001K/28th for Adelaide E.T.A. 0830K/2nd, SOA. 11.

H.M. Sub. "TAURUS" - Departed Melbourne 1830K/28th for Fremantle E.T.A. 1500K/7th, SOA. 10.

H.M.S. "PATROLLER" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/8th, SOA. 16.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 2100K/27th for Anson Bay and return.

H.M.S. "PHEASANT" }
towing M.F.V. 1069 } - Departed Darwin 0700K/28th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 0700K/11th, SOA. 9.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") - Departed Darwin 0630K/28th for Brisbane via
M.S.L. 701) Townsville for fuel. E.T.A. Townsville 0730K/7th
Brisbane 1300K/10th. SOA. to Thursday Is. 8
thence 10. "LISMORE" escorts M.S.L. to Thursday
Is. where M.S.L. will fuel and proceed
independently to Sydney via Townsville and
Brisbane.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne sends - In view of extensive repairs required by "CESSNOCK" which will take a considerable time, it will be appreciated if instead of "CESSNOCK", "LAUNCESTON" or "IPSWICH" could be made available for transfer to R.N.N. -

"WHANG PU" arrived Hong Kong A.M. 27th February for return to trade.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 28th February.

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- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Labuan 1700K/28th for Morotai E.T.A. 1300K/3rd March. (SOA. 15.6).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Arrived Morotai 1030K/27th. Departs 1100K/2nd. March towing "KOMBAH" to Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "FIRIE" - Departed Port Keabla 1240K/27th towing lighter to Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/28. (SOA. 8).
- H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Melbourne 1743K/27 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/3rd March. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.S. "PIONEER" - Departed Fremantle 2000K/28 for Singapore E.T.A. 0900K/6th March. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Proceeding from King Island to Burnie E.T.A. 0800K/28 as weather has deteriorated.

Dutch Submarine "K.14" will be ready for sea at Fremantle 1st March for passage to Makassar.

Admiralty informs C. in C. East Indies Station that Australia has been granted approval to retain "GLENCOYLE" and 5 L.S.T.'s until 4th April for Japan lift.

Following is programme for H.N.M.S. Cairns :-

Place	E.T.A.	E.T.D.
Melbourne	-	27th February.
Brisbane	A.M./3rd March	4th March
Thursday Is.	10th March	10th March
Darwin	15th March	13th March
Macassar	17th March	-

H.M.A.S. "LORD" will give L.S.T. to company depart Melbourne 1900K/27 for Cape Henry Is.

Desired intentions of Dutch VMSB sweeping fleet:-

Will sweep Melbourne for Cape Henry area 26/27th February. Arrive Melbourne for fuel about 2nd March and will depart about 10th March for return to Ousey field completed. In operation operations about area in early April covered by Adelaide area.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 27th February, 1946.

- M.W.L. 253 (Water Lighter) - Arrived Siak 0945K/26th.
- H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE")
towing H.D.M.L. 1326) - Depart Brisbane 1500K/27th for Townsville
H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA")
towing H.D.M.L. 1328) E.T.A. 1700K/3rd March. (SOA. 8).
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departs Sydney 1500K/25th for Auckland E.T.A. 0730K/2nd
(SOA. 12).
- H.M.S. "VENERABLE") - Departed Sydney 1730K/26th for Jervis Bay Area.
" "ARNADA")
- H.M.S. "TAURUS" - Departs Melbourne 1500K/26th for Fremantle.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/27th for ~~Currie~~ ^{Burnie} King Island
for survey ops. E.T.A. ~~1900K/27th~~ (SOA. 12).
0820K/27^{1/2}.
- M.L's 805, 825 - Departed Adelaide 0915K/26th for Melbourne E.T.A.
0600K/28th (SOA. 12).
- H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" - Departed Fremantle 1300K/25th for Sydney E.T.A.
0800K/2nd March. (SOA. 19).

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne requests docking for H.M.S. "TROMP" during stay at Sydney between 23rd February and 15th March for scraping and painting.

A/S Sydney signals that first survey vessel "EROLGA" was accepted from Green Point boat yard.

V.A.(Q) requests A.C.N.B.'s concurrence regarding withdrawal of R.E.N.O.'s and staffs from Brisbane 15th March and from Melbourne at end of March. A small staff to deal with harbour craft, new construction and maintenance will be retained at both places as long as necessary. It appears that refits of H.M. Ships at Melbourne will still be requested from time to time but refits at Brisbane will not be continued.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" with nine A.M.S. in company depart Melbourne 1700K/27 for Cape Otway Area.

Present intentions of 20th Mine Sweeping Flotilla:-

Sail from Melbourne for Cape Otway Area PM/27th February.
Arrive Melbourne for fuel about 8th March and sail again about 12th March for Hobart if Otway field completed. On completion operations Hobart Area in early April proceed to Adelaide area.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 26th February, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA - E.T.A. Labuan 1100K/26th.
- H.M. Tug ROCKPORT (SO) } - E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/26th for Townsville
" ROCKFORREST } E.T.A. 2100K/2nd March. SOA. 6.5.
towing 4 M.F.V's }
- H.M.S. BELFAST (CS2) - Departed Sydney 1645K/25th for Dunedin E.T.A.
1100K/1st March. SOA. 14.
- H.M. Submarine VIRTUE (SO) } - Departed Melbourne 1443K/25th for Fremantle
" VORACIOUS } E.T.A. 1000K/9th March. SOA. 6.
" VOX }
- H.M.N.Z.S. GAMBIA - Departed Melbourne 1500K/25th for Fremantle E.T.A.
1100K/1st March. SOA. 20.
- H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE - Departed Melbourne 1100K/25th for Esperance
E.T.A. 1000K/2nd March. SOA. 11.
- H.M.A.S. BATAAN - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0900K/26th for torpedo school
firing, returning to berth on completion.
- H.M.S. CUMBERLAND - Departed Fremantle 1200K/25th for Sydney E.T.A.
0600K/2nd March.
- M.S.L. 708 - Departed Darwin 2230K/24th to service Cape Fourcroy Light
inspect Medusa Bank buoy and transfer R.A.A.F. stores
to West Bay.
- H.M.S. PHEASANT - E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/26th.

H.M.A. Tug "RESERVE" reports M.W.L. 253 came free at 1400K/25th
and is proceeding under her own power. "RESERVE" returning Morotai
E.T.A. 1600K/27th.

N.O.I.C., Townsville sends - Temporary repairs to "ANACONDA"
completed but consider it unsafe for vessel to proceed under own power.
Requests first available ship be diverted to complete towing to Newcastle.

V.A.(Q) requests - Can arrangements be made to take "BLACK SWAN"
and "WIDEMOUTH BAY" for docking and four (4) weeks refit, starting early
April, at Sydney or Melbourne.

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 1946

H.M.S. PENRA (Destroyer) Departs Singapore 1630K/21 for Fremantle. E.T.A. AM/28TH (SOA.14).

H.M.S. MANXMAN Departed Hong Kong 1330K/19 for Subic Bay. E.T.A. 1000K/21 thence Cairns E.T.A. 1100K/1st March and Sydney (SOA.13).

H.M.S. ACHILLES Departs Morotai 1500K/22 for Manus. E.T.A. 1000K/26 (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA Departs Morotai 1400K/23 for Labuan. E.T.A. 1300K/26.

H.M.A.S. PING WO Departed Port Moresby 0600K/22 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/26th. (SOA.8.5).

H.D.M.L. 1355 Departed Thursday Island 0600K/22 for Cairns. E.T.A. 1700K/26 thence Townsville E.T.A. PM/27th (SOA.11).

M.S.L. 706 Departed Thursday Island 0630K/22 for Townsville E.T.A. AM/26th (SOA.8.5).

V.S.I.S. MERKUR Departed Brisbane 1555K/21 for Kure. E.T.A. 10th March. (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. CONDANINE Departs Newcastle 2300K/22 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0615K/23.

U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM Departs Sydney 1300K/23 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0900K/25. Duration of stay 2 to 4 days.

H.N.M.S. WOLLONGONG Departs Sydney 0800K/24 for Melbourne. E.T.A. Heads 1200K/26. (SOA.10).

H.N.M.S. CAIRNS Departed Sydney 0835K/22 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1200K/24. (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. WARREGO Departed King Island 1800K/22 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0830K/23. Duration of stay 4 days.

H.M.S. PERSEUS Departed Sydney 1625K/22 for dumping area thence Brisbane. E.T.A. 1300K/24th. Wearing broad pendant of COMAT. (SOA.11).

V.A.(Q) signals that it is B.P.F. policy for escorts to refit at Hong Kong and it is not expected that any further frigates will refit in Australia.

N.O.I.C. Darwin reports there is a quantity of service cargo awaiting shipment to Sydney. In view of general shortage of shipping space intends to backload "WESTRALIA" with all available service cargo.

"GAWLER" requests she may be taken in hand for docking refit in Port Melbourne owing to congestion in the docking programme in Sydney - last docked April, 1945.

To WOK/Primer, 2202 February, 1943.

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Japanese repatriation ship "KOEI MARU" departed Melbourne 1830K/21 for Japan direct. E.T.A. March 14th.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne signals that as H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" and "WOLLONGONG" are urgently required by N.O.I.C. Outer Islands. No further A. and A's will be undertaken for the time being. Re stability, he undertakes the responsibility.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne intends sailing the "V" Submarine 1000K/25th February.

H.M.S. "HINDS" - Dep. 1830/21st for Fremantle E.T.A. 2000/24th, AGL. 14.

H.M.S. "SWAN" (S.O.S. 2/2) - E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1200K/23rd, E.T.D. 27th.

H.M.S. "CAIRNS" - E.T.A. Melbourne 21st.

H.M.S. "YAGRA" }
loading } - E.T.A. 2000/23rd
H.M.S. "WARRIOR" }

H.M.S. "HINDS" reports proceeding Bristol to land British Indian Mission who have not landed at Banda and then proceeding Banda and Australia mainland.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne - Commonwealth Disposal Commission request assistance in dumping 120 tons ammunition which can be loaded in a submerged lighter. Proposed "HINDS", on completion of visit to Adelaide tow lighter to sea and sink by gun power.

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- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT")
towing) - E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR WATCH")
- H.M.S. "GRENVILLE" (D.25)) Departed Sydney 1630K/21st for Melbourne
" "TUSCAN") - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0530K/23rd,
SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Departed Sydney 1715K/21st for Western Port
E.T.A. 1300K/23rd, SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "GAWLER") Departed Twofold Bay 2200K/20th for Melbourne
" "KALGOORLIE") - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0700K/22nd.
- H.M.S. "PIONEER" - Departed Melbourne 1235K/21st for Fremantle E.T.A.
0900K/26th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" (S.O.20 W/S) } - E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1200K/23rd, E.T.D.
and 9 A.M.S.'s } 27th.
- H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" - E.T.A. Melbourne 24th.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA")
towing) - E.T.A. Outer Harbour 1930K/22nd.
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD")

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" reports proceeding Morotal to land British Liaison Mission who have not landed at Menado and then proceeding Manus and Australian mainland.

H.O.I.C. Port Adelaide sends - Commonwealth Disposals Commission request assistance in dumping 130 tons ammunition which can be loaded in a condemned lighter. Proposed "GAWLER", on completion of visit to Adelaide tow lighter to sea and sink by gun-power.

H.M.A.S. Port Adelaide has instructed "YANDRA" to proceed to Port Adelaide.

H.M.A.S. reports that "YANDRA", "GERARD" and "YANDRA" will be available as it is most urgent that they reach China coast as soon as possible.

A.V.1234 was dispatched H.M.A.S. "GERARD" at 0900K/20th at Port Melbourne.

A.S. Spiny reports H.M.A.S. officers not satisfied with the main machinery of "YANDRA" and may request another ship be allocated.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 21st February, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Koepang 1900K/19th for Darwin E.T.A. 1830K/21st.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - E.T.A. Menado 0900K/21st.

M.W.L.253 - Departed Morotai 1200K/20th for Dreger, E.T.A. 27th, SOA.8.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. Ambon 0730K/21st for Morotai E.T.A. 1130K/22nd, SOA. 15.5.

H.M.S. "APOLLO" - E.T.A. Dreger 0600K/23rd. E.T.A. Hong Kong 1100K/2nd. March.

H.D.M.L.1356 - Departed Rabaul 1630K/20th for Dreger E.T.A.0700K/22nd. SOA. 10.5.

H.M.A.S. "AIR SAILOR" - Departed Townsville 0600K/20th for Brisbane via Mackay and Gladstone for fuel, E.T.A.'s Mackay 22nd, Gladstone 25th, Brisbane 28th, SOA. 16.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" - Departed Townsville 1200K/20th for inspection of lights. E.T.A. Cairns 23rd.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Brisbane 1400K/20th for Mackay E.T.A. 1300K/22nd, SOA. 12.5.

H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - Departed Sydney 1030K/20th for Darwin E.T.A. 1430K/27th, SOA. 16.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER") Departed Eden 2100K/20th for Melbourne
" "KALGOORLIE")- E.T.A. Heads 0600K/22nd.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") Departed Melbourne 1521K/20 to rejoin
" "COWRA")- 20 M.S.F. in Bass Strait.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Burnie 0630K/20th for King Island.

Final trials for "GONDAMINE" satisfactorily completed.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide has instructed "YANDRA" to proceed Lacedpede Bay and tow "GERARD" to Port Adelaide.

M.W.T.R. requests when "PING WO", "POYANG" and "YUNNAN" will be available as it is most urgent that they reach China Coast as soon as possible.

A.V.1356 was commissioned H.M.A.S. "WOOMBRA" at 0900K/20th at Port Melbourne.

A.S. Sydney reports R.N.N. officers not satisfied with the main machinery of "CESSNOCK" and may request another ship be allocated.

Feb/2

To 0900K/Wednesday, 20th February.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Departed Rabaul 1015K/19 for Torokina E.T.A.
0800K/20. (SOA. 11).

H.D.M.L.1355 - Departed Port Moresby 0800K/19 for Thursday Island E.T.A.
1700K/20. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "BARROW" - Departed Townsville 1800K/18 for Darwin E.T.A.
1500K/23. (SOA. 12).

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Townsville 1000K/19 for Sydney E.T.A.
0900K/22nd. (SOA. 15).

H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Sydney 1730K/18 for Hong Kong via Darwin -
since diverted to proceed via Dreger (SOA.16).

M.L.810 - Departed Sydney 1710K/19 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1730K/19.

H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - Departed Melbourne 1900K/18 for Sydney E.T.A.1100K/20.
(SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Melbourne 1345K/18 for Adelaide E.T.A.
0830K/21 (SOA. 3).

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departs Hobart 1000K/23 for Melbourne E.T.A.
0600K/25. (SOA. 12).

H.M.S. "UNDINE" } Departed Fremantle 1830K/18 for Trincomalee E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" } 1330K/28. (SOA. 14).

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne requests F.O.I.C. Sydney sail
H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" when R.F.S. to Melbourne.

H.M.S. "GAMBIA" departs Sydney 23rd February for U.K. via
Fremantle and Aden.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" and "KALGOORLIE" on passage Sydney-Melbourne
have anchored Twofold Bay for shelter.

H.M.A. Ships "ROCKHAMPTON" and "COWRA" will sail 1200K/20
from Melbourne to join M.S.20 vicinity of Kent Group for sweeping.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" on passage Sydney-Brisbane with "ECHUCA"
and H.D.M.L.1328 has detached latter vessels to proceed to Coffs Harbour
for shelter E.T.A. 0001K/20. "DELORAINÉ" proceeding independently to
Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/21.

S.O. R.N.N. signals A.C.N.B. that it would be appreciated
if following four R.N. Corvettes can be transferred to R.N.N. -
"BENDIGO", "GOULBURN", "LISMORE", "KALGOORLIE".

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" has signalled E.T.A. Morotai 0930K/20.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 19th February.

- H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" - Departs Colombo 1530K/17 for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./25th. (SOA. 20).
- H.M.S. "PATROLLER" - Departs Colombo P.M./18th for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./27th. (SOA. 16).
- H.M.S. "SPRAKER" - Departed Manus 1200K/18 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1700K/23 thence Hong Kong (SOA. 15.5).
- H.M. "L.S.T.408" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/19 for Sourabaya E.T.A. 1700K/2nd March. (SOA. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "GAWLER") Departs Sydney 0900K/18 for Melbourne E.T.A.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") - Heads 1500K/20 for onward routing Adelaide and Esperence respectively.
- H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Sydney 2330K/17 for Auckland E.T.A. 0500K/23rd. (SOA. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Sydney 0730K/18 for Pittwater returning Sydney P.M./22nd.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN")
- H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA") - Departed Sydney 1045K/18 for Brisbane
- towing H.D.M.L.1328) E.T.A. 1700K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departs Hobart 0700K/23 for Sydney E.T.A. 1630K/25th. (SOA. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departs Hobart 23rd February for Melbourne.

Following from "BONGAREE" addressed A.C.N.B. (R) C.S.T. P.N.D.

"OWING TO PREPONDERANCE OF YOUNG INEXPERIENCED STOKERS IN THE COMPLEMENT A GREATER SPEED THAN 8.5 KNOTS DURING THE PRESENT VOYAGE CANNOT BE EXPECTED. THESE RATINGS ARE IMMATURE AND UNDERWEIGHT AND ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR A COAL-BURNING SHIP".

U.S.N. Port Director, Kure, disestablished 17th February - British Naval Port Party assumed duties.

Admiralty signals V.A.(Q) that the Dutch Authorities have stated a definite intention to buy 8 A.M.S. and requests A.C.N.B. be asked to carry out A's and A's to meet Dutch requirements on understanding that payment is made direct by R.N.N. to A.C.N.B. and provided work can be undertaken without inconvenience.

N.C.I.C. New Guinea signals that Dreger will be sufficiently advanced early April to accommodate "HOBART" and two destroyers inside harbour for exercise programme. "HOTO-MARU" could be used for towing target which would necessitate "RONA" being retained - alternatively a frigate could be used for towing target.

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DAY NARRATIVE.

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From 0600/Saturday 19th to 0700/Sunday,
19th February, 1944.

H.M.S. "MANXMAN" departs Hong Kong 19th February for Sydney via Subic Bay calling Cairns for fuel.

F.O.S.A. has requested A.C.N.B. arrange movements of H.M. Ships "IMPLACABLE", "TYRIAN", "VENERABLE" and "ARMADA" covering Sydney-Jervis Bay-Melbourne-Sydney from 20th February until 15th March as requested by A.C.I.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. has approved "DELORAINÉ" taking H.D.M.L. 1328 and the first of H.D.M.L.'s 1323 and 1326 to be ready for service, under his ("DELORAINÉ's") orders for Rabaul operations.

Approval has been given F.D. Morotai, subject to F.O.M.F.A. and C. in C. B.P.F. concurrence, to divert "ACHILLES" to Menado for "show of force" as no other 'white ensign' ship is in the area. "ACHILLES" on passage Hong Kong - Sydney calling Morotai A.M./20th.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPHERD" - Departed Thursday Is. 0700/19th for Tolo Is. E.T.A. P.M. 17th.

H.M.A.S. "KORORUA" - Departs Brisbane 0600/19th for Tetaria E.T.A. 7th March.

H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" - E.T.D. Brisbane 0600/19th for Darwin E.T.A. 1900/20th, SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "CHIMA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1200/19th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M. Also, SOA. 7.

H.M.L.S. - Departed Newcastle 0600/19th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600/19th SOA. 3.

H.M.S. "REVENGE" - Departed Sydney 1000/19th for Manus Fueling at 0700 on 20th. E.T.A. Manus 1400/19th. Home 1700/19th, SOA. 10 to 0700/20th 14.

H.M. Sub. "SARGON" - Departed Sydney 1000/19th for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0600/19th, SOA. 9.5.

H.M.S. "SARGON" - Departed Sydney 1000/19th for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0600/19th, SOA. 14.

H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - E.T.D. Melbourne 1200/19th for Sydney.

H.M.S. "VINDICATOR" - Departed Fremantle 1000/19th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600/20th, SOA. 10.

H.M.S. "URSA" - Departed Fremantle 1100/19th for Tainui. E.T.A. 1200/19th, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "VINDICATOR" - Departed Darwin 1900/19th for Jeppang E.T.A. 1200/19th, SOA. 9.5.

From 0900K/Saturday 16th to 0900K/Monday,
18th February, 1946.

- H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Hong Kong 1200K/15th for Subic Bay and Morotai E.T.A. Subic 1000K/17th, Morotai 1000K/20th, SOA. 13.5.
- U.S.S. "A.T.A.206")
towing dredge -)
"D.YONK SYME") - Departed Subic Bay 1200K/15th for Melbourne
U.S.S. "L.S.T.899") E.T.A. 1400K/18th March.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT") Departed Ambon 2000K/16th for Thursday Is.
towing) - and Sydney E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1100K/19th,
H.M.A.S. "AIR WATCH") Sydney 1000K/24th.
- H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" - Departed Langemak 2300K/15th for Lae thence
Townsville and Sydney E.T.A. Lae 0700K/16th,
SOA. 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Dreger 1700K/15th for Milne Bay thence
Moresby, Townsville, Sydney and Melbourne,
E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/17th, SOA. 8.5.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - Departed Thursday Is. 0500K/16th for Yule Is.
E.T.A. P.M. 17th.
- H.M.A.S. "HUNGARKE" - Departs Brisbane 0800K/18th for Batavia E.T.A.
7th March.
- H.M.S. "PHEASANT")
towing) - E.T.D. Brisbane 0900K/17th for Darwin E.T.A.
M.F.V. 1069) 1500K/28th, SOA. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/18th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M.
21st, SOA. 7.
- M.W.L.255 - Departed Newcastle 0530K/15th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/17th.
SOA. 9.
- H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Sydney 1030K/16th for Manus fuelling
at Dreger en route. E.T.A. Dreger 1400K/21st.
Manus 1730K/22nd, SOA. 15 to Dreger thence 14.
- H.M. Sub. "TAURUS" - Departed Sydney 1845K/16th for Melbourne E.T.A.
Port Phillip Heads 0600K/19th, SOA. 9.5.
- H.M.S. "PIONEER" - Departed Sydney 1455K/17th for Melbourne E.T.A.
Port Phillip Heads 0600K/19th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - E.T.D. Melbourne 1200K/18th for Sydney.
- H.M.S. "LONDON" - Departed Fremantle 1001K/17th for Sydney E.T.A.
0900K/21st, SOA. 19.
- H.M.S. "URSA")
"TUMULT") - Departed Fremantle 1100K/17th for Trinco. E.T.A.
1230K/27th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Darwin 1900K/17th for Koepang E.T.A.
1300K/19th, SOA. 9.5.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests confirmation that "GLADSTONE" is to be sailed for Western Port. This has been confirmed.

N.O.I.C. Darwin advises chart depot at Darwin has closed down 16th - stocks and records being returned to Hydrographic Branch, Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide advised "GERARD" at anchor 16th in open roadstead - Lacepede Bay with engine disabled. Is effecting repairs to enable ship to proceed. Estimated time to effect repairs - 3 days. A.M. 17th "GERARD" advised expected to complete repairs P.M. 17th and, weather permitting, will proceed to Adelaide.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne requests docking and carrying out necessary repairs for H.N.M. destroyer "KORTENAER" in 2nd half of March, preferably in East Coast Harbour. Estimated time for repairs approximately 4 weeks.

The Jap. repat. ship "KOEI MARU" will arrive Melbourne in the afternoon on 19th.

SCAJAP reports Jap. destroyer "HEIZUKI" departed Kure 13th February for Sydney via Rabaul. E.T.A. Rabaul about 23rd February and Sydney 1st March. Requires fuel at Rabaul and provisions at Sydney.

Departed Sydney 16th/14 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 16th/14 (S.O. 11/14).

Departed Jarvis Bay 14th Feb. for Sydney - E.T.A. 16th/14 - (S.O. 11/14).

Departed Melbourne 16th/14 for Sydney - E.T.A. 16th/14 (S.O. 11/14).

Departed Sydney 16th/14 for Sydney - E.T.A. 16th/14 (S.O. 11/14).

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that A.C.I. has requested that A.C.I. facilities be made available at Jarvis Bay for about three weeks from 15th Feb. Intends to retain S. 1001 and S. 1002 for this purpose.

F.O.I.C. requests F.O.I.C. Sydney call "Action" on 16th Feb. for Hong Kong via Darwin.

S E C R E T

DAILY NARRATIVE
TO 0800K SATURDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1946.

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- H.M.A.S. "BLINGERA" - Departed Morotai 1400K/15 for Dreger Harbour - E.T.A. 1800K/21 (S.O.A.9).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE")
towing "SHANG PU") Departed Morotai 0830K/16. "RESERVE" detaches tow off Zamboango and returns Morotai. "SHANG PU" proceeds Subic Bay - E.T.A. 0900K/22 thence to Hong Kong to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1600K/14 for Wewak - E.T.A. 1900K/15 thence Rabaul (S.O.A.12).
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Brisbane 1045K/16 for Darwin E.T.A. 0800K/22 (S.O.A.14.5).
- V.S.I.S. "HEKUR" - Departed Sydney 1235K/15 for Brisbane - E.T.A. AM/17th thence Kure (S.O.A.10.5).
- H.M.A.S. "MANCORA" - Departed Sydney 2010K/15 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1000K/17 thence to Mackay to embark further Indonesians for Batavia (S.O.A.13.5).
- U.S.S. "ATTU")
(Escort Carrier)) Departed Sydney 1145K/14 for Pearl Harbour - E.T.A. 1230K/26 (S.O.A.15).
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Sydney 1800K/14 for gunnery exercises returning Sydney 0700K/16.
- H.M.A.S. "BARON" - Departed Sydney 0930K/14 for Townsville to fuel - E.T.A. 0800K/18 thence Darwin - E.T.A. 1500K/22. (S.O.A.12).
- H.M.S. "INPLACABLE")
H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND") Departed Jervis Bay 14th Feb. for Sydney - E.T.A. 1100K/15 - exercising en route.
H.M.S. "GLORY")
H.M.S. "ARMADA")
H.M.S. "TURCAN")
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Departed Melbourne 1923K/14 for Hobart -
H.M.A.S. "HATAAN") E.T.A. 0800K/16 (S.O.A.13.5).
- H.M.S.S. "TROMP" - Departed Darwin 1830K/15 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1730K/22 (S.O.A.15).

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that A.C.I. has requested that A.S.R. facilities be made available at Jervis Bay for about three weeks from 20th Feb. Intends to retain H.L.801 and H.L.810 for this purpose.

F.O.S.A. requests F.O.I.C. Sydney sail "APOLLO" on 18th Feb. for Hong Kong via Darwin.

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"CONDAMISE" departed Newcastle 0716K/15 for trials. T.A. 1500/1500. (00L. 10.0).

"WARREGO" arrived Burnie 1535K/15 from survey grounds.

"TIGER" - Departure 1400K/17 for Melbourne for survey

L.S.T.'s in Australian ports and their probable dates of sailing north are:-

L.S.T.	Port	E.T.B.
408	Brisbane	19th February.
160	Brisbane	20th February.
303	Brisbane	22nd February.
419	Townsville	1st March.

Departure of "WARREGO" from Sydney has been delayed due to engine defects.

"CONDAMISE" consumables, bedding, preliminary water and A/G trials completed satisfactorily - returned to Newcastle 1515K/15.

T.A.(g) requests information as to whether arrangements can be made to collect and break up at Millmaston, the "L.L." Craft at present in exhibition at Melbourne.

P.O.S.I. requests U.S.I.G. Brisbane call "YANAGANI" when ready to Manus to escort two cargo tugs to Hong Kong via Darwin and Sulu Bay.

Sailing of U.S. L.S.T. 2 from Norfolk delayed due to engine knock in starboard gear box - estimated time four days.

L.S.T.206 en passage to Bremer Bay has been diverted by U.S.I.G. Van Guinea to proceed Macquarie Bay direct to load for Rabaul thence to Tarakan to load for Iwo.

U.S.I.G. "LANTERN" has been detailed to act as guard ship during visit of Japanese registration ship.

U.S.I.G. "WARREGO" will be at Melbourne from 23rd to 25th February for fuel and provisions.

21/18/2

To 0900K/Friday, 15th February.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Townsville 1600K/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 2000K/16th. (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Sydney 1500K/13 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/16 for onward routing Batavia.

H.M.A.S. "PIONEER" - Departs Sydney 1400K/17 for Melbourne for onward routing U.K.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departed Melbourne 1325K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 0730K/16 (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departed Melbourne 1400K/14 for Adelaide E.T.A. 19th. (SOA. 5).

H.M.S. "ANSON") Departed Hobart 1030K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/16
H.M.S. "BERMUDA") (SOA. 14). "ANSON" wearing the personal standard of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester.

Departure of "BARWON" from Sydney has been delayed due to engine defects.

"CONDAMINE" consumption, hedgehog, preliminary radar and A/S trials completed satisfactorily - returned to Newcastle 1615K/13.

V.A.(Q) requests information as to whether arrangements can be made to collect and break up at Williamstown, the "I.E." Craft at present on exhibition at Melbourne.

F.O.S.A. requests N.O.I.C. Brisbane sails "PHEASANT" when ready to Manus to escort two Tanae tugs to Hong Kong via Morotai and Subic Bay.

Sailing of H.M. L.S.T. 9 from Morotai delayed due to undue knock in starboard gear box - estimated time four days.

L.S.T.346 on passage to Dreger Harbour has been diverted by N.O.I.C. New Guinea to proceed Jacquinet Bay direct to load for Rabaul thence to Torokina to load for Lae.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" has been detailed to act as guard ship during visit of Japanese repatriation ship.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" will be at Melbourne from 23rd to 26th February for fuel and provisions.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 14th February, 1946.

- H.M.S. "ADAMANT" }
H.M. Sub. "TOTEM" } - Departed Hong Kong 0700K/12th for Fremantle
" " "TAPIR" } E.T.A. 1200K/24th.
- H.M. L.S.T.9 - Departed Morotai 1400K/13th for Macassar E.T.A.1000K/17th
SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - E.T.D. Morotai 1000K/15th for Ambon E.T.A.1600K/16
SOA. 15. To take in tow "AIR WATCH" and proceed
mainland port.
- H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" - Departed Townsville 1600K/12th for Hong Kong E.T.A.
1330K/22nd, SOA. 14.5.
- H.M. L.S.T. 346 - Departed Townsville 1530K/12th for Dreger E.T.A.
1830K/16th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SAILOR" - Departed Thursday Is. 0700K/13th for Townsville
via Portland Roads and Cairns for fuel. E.T.A.
Portland Roads 1500K/13th, SOA. 13.
- H.M.S. "ROCKPORT" }
" " "ROCKFOREST" } - E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/15th.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 2000K/13th for Ambon E.T.A.
0700K/20th, SOA. 15.3 to Torres Strait then 14.5.
- H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Newcastle 0751K/13th for sea trials.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departs Sydney 1800K/14th for full calibre shoot
returning to Sydney 0700K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" - Departed Melbourne 1720K/12th for Sydney E.T.A.
0900K/15th, SOA. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Departs 20th M.S.F. vicinity Wilsons Prom. P.M.
13th for Sydney for refit. E.T.A. 0630K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN"(M.S.20) }
and 20th M.S.F. } - Departed Melbourne 1145K/13 for Eastern
Bass Strait Area.
- H.M.S. "LONDON" - E.T.A. Fremantle 1000K/15th.
- H.N.M.S. "VAN KINSBERGEN" - Departed Darwin 0830K/13th for Fremantle
E.T.A. 0959K/19th, SOA. 13.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval to close down Brisbane Chart
Depot.

N.O.I.C. Newcastle reports "CONDAMINE's" Gunnery, Harbour,
Anchor and progressive trials satisfactorily completed - R.P.M.
183.5, 1 H.P. 5502, Speed 19.83 knots draft for'd 7'9", aft 12'3/4".

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 13th February, 1946.

- H.M.N.Z.S. "GAMBIA" - Departed Auckland 0745K/12th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/16th
SOA. 13.
- H.M.S. "WHIMBREL" - Departed Manus 1000K/12th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1200K/21st,
SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "PING HO" - E.T.D. Milne Bay about 12th for Melbourne to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Departed Townsville 1800K/11th for Sydney, E.T.A.
1600K/14th.
- H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Brisbane 0900K/12th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/14th
SOA. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/13th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Sydney 1545K/12th for Pittwater returning Sydney
P.M. 15th.
- H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Sydney 1600K/12th for Manus and O/R to Subic Bay
and Hong Kong. E.T.A. Manus 0800K/18th, SOA. 15.5.
- H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/14th for Sydney E.T.A. 0730K/16.
SOA. 13.
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Darwin 1330K/12th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1030K/19th
SOA. 14.

M.S. 20 advises owing to delay in undocking of "SWAN", intends
sailing with Flotilla at 1400K/13th.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval to sail H.D.M.L. 1328
in tow of "ECHUCA" to Brisbane A.M. 16th February.

Moluccas Naval Command and H.M.A.S. "GILOLO" paid off
10th February. R.A.N. representation at Morotai now reduced to Port
Directorate basis.

The state of H.M.L.S. Moluccas will report.

Admiralty reports that at the expense of other important
shipping commitments it was approved to retain the L.S.T. "A" of Force 4
until 1947 when for the purpose of assisting with the work of the
landing elements of the 2nd A.F. in Japan. It is
regretted that it is going impracticable to use these ships with
R.N. crews after 15th March.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 12th February.

H.M.S. "LONDON" - Departs Colombo P.M./8th for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./15th. (SOA. 20).

H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Rabaul 9th February for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600K/14. (SOA. 12).

H.M. L.S.T.346 - Departs Townsville A.M./12th for Dreger Harbour.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Townsville 0700K/11 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 23rd thence Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 28th - to service lights en route. (SOA. 7).

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Brisbane 1630K/12 for Ambon E.T.A. 0800K/19th. (SOA. 15).

H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Sydney 1200K/11 for Jarvis Bay for exercises.

H.M.S. "TURPIN") Departed Fort Kembla 0915K/11 for exercises thence
H.M.S. "TAURUS") - Sydney. (SOA. 10).

H.M.S. "UNDINE") Departed Melbourne 1505K/11 for Fremantle E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TENACIOUS") - 1100K/16. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Devonport 0744K/11 for survey grounds.

"INVERKILL" departs Brisbane 1700K/12 to inspect navigational aids along Queensland Coast.

"PLATYPUS" slips 0900K/12 to fuel at Williamstown thence to proceed Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane states "GASCOYNE" can be docked about 22nd February.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne requests Brisbane sail H.N.M.S. "CAIRNS" to Sydney 12th February.

On reduction of Morotai to N.C.S.O. status and de-commissioning of "GILOLO" on 10th February, it is intended to sail :-

- "QUADRANT" to mainland 15th February.
 - "SHANG PU" to Hong Kong 15th February.
 - "MOMBAN" in tow of "RESERVE" to Sydney approximately 22nd Feb.
- The title of N.O.I.C. Moluccas will lapse.

A.M.S.'s.

Admiralty hopes to sell up to six of the twelve Bathursts now being held on care and maintenance, but have no further use for the remainder. Requests A.C.N.E. will select six of these vessels in poorest condition, and unless they can be sold through Australian Commonwealth Disposals Board, arrange to have them scrapped.

Admiralty signals that at the expense of other important manning commitments it was approved to retain the L.S.T.'s of "Force A" until 15th March for the purpose of assisting with the move of the leading elements of the B.C.O.F. to Japan. States that it is regretted that it is quite impracticable to man these ships with R.N. Crews after 15th March.

From 0900K/Saturday, 9th to 0900K/11th February.

H.M. Subs "TRUNCHEON" (SO) } Departed Hong Kong 1130K/8th for Sydney via
 " " "TIRELESS" } - Dreger E.T.A. Dreger 2100K/19th, SOA.10.5.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Thursday Is. 0800K/9th for Morotai, SOA.10.

U.S.S. "COLUSA" (Attack T'port) - Departs Brisbane 1000K/10th for Noumea
 E.T.A. 1500K/12th, SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 1630K/9th for Melbourne for O/R to
 Adelaide E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0600K/12th, SOA.9.

M.L.'s 805 and 825 - Departed Melbourne 1740K/9th for Adelaide SOA.11.5.
 Sheltering at discretion.

H.M.S. "UNDINE" } E.T.D. Melbourne 1130K/11th for Fremantle E.T.A.
 " " "TENACIOUS" } - 1000K/16th.

H.M.S. "URSA" } Departed Melbourne 1401K/9 for Fremantle E.T.A.
 " " "TUMULT" } - 1400K/14. (SOA. 14).

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Fremantle 1130K/10 for Sydney E.T.A.
 0700K/15th. (SOA. 20).

H.M.S. "DEER SOUND" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/10 for Aden E.T.A.
 1900K/25th. (SOA. 13.5).

"SPEAKER" - Departs Sydney 12th February for Hong Kong via Subic.

"MURCHISON", L.S.T.'s 8 and 303 departed Morotai 1230K/10
 for rendezvous position thence Kure. L.S.T.8 has been substituted
 for L.S.T. 9 who has engine defects.

M.S. 20 has allocated "ARARAT" to proceed to Mornington
 for inspection by the Mallee children. E.T.D. Port Melbourne 12th
 to arrive at Mornington by 0930K.

N.O.I.C. Darwin proposes that Darwin chart depot should
 close down forthwith.

M.W.T.R. Sydney requests advice as soon as possible when it
 is expected "WHANG FU" will arrive Hong Kong for redelivery to
 Ministry and thence back to Owners.

"DELOIRINE" signals that E.T.D. Sydney on completion of
 replacement of sweeping equipment and trials A.M./16th, anticipates
 H.D.M.L.'s will be ready to proceed 20th February.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that after 28th February
 requirements for A.S.R. vessels New Guinea Area will be one at Madang,
 Finchhafen, Rabaul, Port Moresby, Morotai and one spare craft.

Broad pendant of C.C.A.S. will be struck in "SHROPSHIRE"
 and re-hoisted in "HOBART" at 1200K/14th February.

Milne Bay will reduce to N.C.S. status approximately 15th
 February.

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A.S. Sydney states that, owing to continuance of strike at Cadock, it will not be possible to dock "GASCOYNE" before sailing date 17th February, and recommends consideration be given to docking ship in Brisbane on passage north.

"BURDEKIN" docking will be arranged Woolwich about 25th February - this will delay sailing by a few days.

U.S.S. "COLUMBIA" - Reported to depart for Brisbane E.F.A.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests "KANIMBLA" be routed via Ambon to lift one L.C.V.P. salvaged by "QUADRANT", and to report whether other L.C.V.P. can be salvaged.

R.N.A.S. "SHEPHERD" - Reported to depart 1800Z/7th Feb for survey ground.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "SHEPHERD" delayed at Newcastle owing to evaporator defects. R.F.S. A.S. 18th.

U.S. A.S. reports provision is made for mail R.N.S. Consider to inspect R.N.S. "SHEPHERD" on 18th February.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 9th February, 1946.

H.M.S. "GLENCOLE" - Departed Morotai 1000K/8th for Labuan E.T.A. 1100K/11th, SOA. 15.

H.M.A.S. "AIR SAILOR" - Departs Thursday Is. 0600K/9th for Townsville for O/R to Brisbane. Calls at Portland Roads and Cairns for fuel.

U.S.S. "COLUSA" - Departed Sydney 1745K/7th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0900K/9th, SOA. 14.5.

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departed Eden 2200K/7th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads A.M. 11th.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Devonport 1000K/7th for survey ground.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "BARWON" delayed at Newcastle owing to evaporator defects. E.T.D. A.M. 15th.

S.O. R.N.N. requests provision be made for small R.N.N. Committee to inspect H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" on 12th February.

Destroyer "BRISTOL" on passage Home-Sydney has been diverted to Sydney Reef to rendezvous with A.S. aircraft to receive seriously ill sailors. E.T.A. Sydney Reef 2000K/9th.

Submarine "SERRANO" returns Sydney - E.T.D. 15th February.

H.M.A.S. "SERRANO" reports that diesel and engine will still be available here for "GLENCOLE" and "WARREGO".

H.M.A.S. "SERRANO" reports Home Port 15th February for Auckland via Morotai, Manus and Sydney - to tow H.M.S. from Manus to Sydney.

The R.N.N. would greatly appreciate an opportunity for an enquiry officer of the R.N.N. to visit F.O.I.C. to check the conditions of entry and training of apprentices as provided in R.N.N. and probably very able to those in Australia.

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To 0900K, Friday, 8th February.

H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" - Departed Auckland 0930K/6 for Townsville E.T.A. 0730K/12th (SOA. 14).

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Hong Kong 1700K/7 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1100K/8 thence Townsville E.T.A. 1300K/18 and Sydney (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departs Madang 1500^h/5 for Morotai E.T.A. 1200K/10 (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" - Departed Townsville 1600K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. P.M./11th.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Departs Brisbane 1130K/8th for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/16th. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Depart Melbourne 1600K/14 for Hobart E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") - 0800K/16 (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Stanley 1000K/6 and arrived Devonport 1700K/6th.

Dutch Submarine "O.24" - Departed Fremantle 1300K/7 for Batavia E.T.A. 0900K/15th.

M.S. 20 signals that one A.M.S. can now be released continuously for annual refit and requests necessary arrangements be made. First ship "LITHGON" then "WARRNAMBOOL".

"STUART" reports maximum cruising speed available 12 knots due to main circulating pump breakdown limiting speed on starboard engine.

Destroyer "GRENVILLE" on passage Manus-Sydney has been diverted to Osprey Reef to rendezvous with A.S.R. Aircraft to remove seriously ill rating. E.T.A. Osprey Reef 0600K/8th.

F.O.I.C. Sydney states "MERKUR" labour obtained - E.T.D. 15th February.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests confirmation that diesel and furnace oils will be available Kure for "GLENGYLE" and "MURCHISON".

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" departs Hong Kong 15th February for Auckland via Morotai, Manus and Sydney - to tow B.P.T. from Manus to Sydney.

The N.Z.N.B. would greatly appreciate an opportunity for an enquiry officer of the R.N.Z.N. to visit F.N.D. to study the conditions of entry and training of apprentices as problems in N.Z. are probably very akin to those in Australia.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 7th February.

H.M.S. "ENTIGER") Depart Morotai 0900K/6 for Macassar E.T.A. 15th
H.M.S. "ENIGMA") - February thence Singapore (SOA. 4.5). "CRANE"
towing A.F.D. 20) will sail A.M./7th to overtake convoy and escort
to destination.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Lae 1200K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A.1500K/10.
(SOA. 14.5).

H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" - Departs Brisbane 1800K/6 for Sydney E.T.A.
1600K/8 - calling Coffs Harbour. (SOA. 19).

U.S.S. "COLUSA"(Attack Transport) - Departs Sydney 1500K/7 for Brisbane
E.T.A. 0900K/9th.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Sydney 0020K/6 for Kiama E.T.A.0600K/6.
(SOA. 10).

H.M.S. "UNDINE") Departed Sydney 1720K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TENACIOUS") Heads 0600K/7th. (SOA. 14).

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE") Departed Fremantle 0900K/6th for Capetown
H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED") E.T.A. 1400K/20. (SOA. 14).

Following is programme for first flight "FORCE A" for Japan:-

- (a) "GLENGYLE" departs Morotai A.M./8th for Labuan E.T.A. A.M./11th
E.T.D. P.M./11th.
 - (b) L.S.T.'s 321, 324, 403 depart from Labuan A.M./10th.
 - (c) "MURCHISON" with L.S.T.'s 8 or 9 and 303, depart from Morotai
A.M./9th.
- All ships to rendezvous at 1300K/13.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas recommends S.O. "Force A" assumes operational
and administrative control of "Force A" ships on N.O.I.C. Moluccas
closing down 10th February and that "MURCHISON" be placed under
operational control of S.O. "Force A" whilst operating with the force.

H.M.S. "BEAULY FIRTH" departs Sydney 5th March for U.K. via
Fremantle and Suez.

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that loading of "MERKUR" is held
up owing to labour dispute - no settlement in sight.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" proposes to proceed direct from Brisbane
to Batavia and to call at Darwin and discharge cargo on return voyage -
only fuel required is 500 tons coal at Batavia.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports H.M.M.S. "CAIRNS" grounded Shark
Spit, Moreton Island P.M./4th February and refloated A.M./5th with
the assistance of "SHEPPARTON".

N.O.I.C. New Guinea states that after fuelling "KUMANO MARU" approximately 7th February, fuel stocks remaining in New Guinea Area will be -

<u>FURNACE</u>	- Rabaul	nil
	Madang	nil
	Port Moresby	17,034 tons
<u>DIESEL DISTILLATE</u>	- Rabaul	1,610 tons
	Madang	189 tons
	Port Moresby	1,610 tons

"STUART" is immobilised until fuelled. "BARCOO" and "IPSWICH" also require fuel.

Broad pendant of C.C.A.S. is temporarily transferred from "HOBART" to "SHROPSHIRE" - administration of Australian Squadron is to remain in "HOBART".

N.O.I.C. Brisbane requests approval to commence paying off "SHEPPARTON" on 8th February by which date field work of "Moreton Bay survey will be completed - ship was to pay 31st March.

- N.M.A.S. "HAUNCH" - Departed Brisbane 1800/02h for Westport N.Z. 1800/02h, 02h. 11.5.
- N.M.A.S. "VINDY" - Departed Sydney 0800/02h for Broken Bay to act as target vessel until 7.2. 02h.
- N.M.S. "BARKIN" - Departed Sydney 1900/02h for Darwin N.T.A. 1900/02h, 02h. 10.
- N.M.S. "YUKON" - Departed Sydney 1800/02h for Melbourne N.T.A. 1800/02h, 02h. 10.
- N.M.S. "TAMBOUR" - Departed Jervis Bay 1800/02h for Hobart.
- N.M.A. "SHEPPARTON" - Departed Melbourne 1900/02h for Sydney N.T.A. 1900/02h, 02h. 11.
- N.M.A.S. "MORRIS" - Departed 1800/02h for Sydney and Newcastle N.T.A. Sydney 0700/02h, 02h. 10.
- N.L. "SUN" - Departed Melbourne 1800/02h for Adelaide.
- N.M.A.S. "MAGNET" - Departed Dunedin 1800/02h for survey work towards Otago.
- N.M.A.S. "CENTRALIA" - Departed Adelaide 0800/02h for Melbourne N.T.A. 1800/02h, 02h. 10.
- N.M.S. "ALBERT" - Departed Darwin 1800/02h for Sydney N.T.A. 1800/02h, 02h. 10. Reports "ALL SAILOR" from Inland Is. to Thursday Is.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 6th February, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Ambon 1000K/5th for Morotai E.T.A. 1700K/6th.
- H.M.S. "GREENVILLE" - Departed Manus 1130K/5th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/11th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Dreger 1350K/4th for Morotai via Madang for fuel E.T.A. Madang 0700K/5th, E.T.D. 1100K/5th, E.T.A. Morotai 1000K/10th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Rabaul 1100K/4th for Lae E.T.A. 1630K/5th, SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Townsville 0700K/5th for Morotai via West of N.G. E.T.A. 0700K/14th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "CAWLER" }
towing } - E.T.D. Brisbane 1000K/6th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/9th, SOA. 8.
Tug "ST. GILES" }
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - E.T.D. Brisbane for New Guinea Area 8th February subject to satisfactory trials.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departs Brisbane 1000K/6th for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/8th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Brisbane 1400K/5th for Townsville E.T.A. 1400K/9th.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROHE" - Departed Brisbane 1800K/5th for Westernport E.T.A. 1600K/9th, SOA. 11.5.
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Sydney 0830K/4th for Broken Bay to act as target vessel until P.M. 8th.
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Sydney 1040K/4th for Darwin E.T.A. 1730K/12th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - Departed Sydney 1400K/4th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0515K/6th, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "ANSON" }
H.M.S. "BERMUDA" } - Departed Jervis Bay 1600K/5th for Hobart.
- H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" (S.G.) }
H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" } - Departed Melbourne 1700K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. 1900K/6th, SOA. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed 1027K/5th for Sydney and Newcastle E.T.A. Sydney 0730K/7th, SOA. 12.
- M.L.'s 805 and 825 - Depart Melbourne 1400K/6th for Adelaide.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Burnie 1000K/5th for Survey work towards Stanley.
- H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departed Adelaide 0630K/6th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 1445K/7th, Port Melbourne 1830K/7th, SOA. 15.
- H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Darwin 1430K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M. 16th. Escorts "AIR SAILOR" from Truant Is. to Thursday Is.

A.S. Sydney sends - Lt. Cdr. Moddermann, R.N.N., has requested an inclining experiment be carried out after undocking of "WOLLONGONG" expected 9th February. Requests instructions.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul reports - Present supply of water at Rabaul is approximately 250 tons per week. It is beyond the facilities that exist there to provide 700 tons water to Jap ship "NISSHO MARU" without seriously delaying vessel.

Sydney 27/2/44. To fuel and proceed to Newcastle and transfer 150 tons of fuel to "WOLLONGONG" for use during trials.

U.S.N. P.S.B. advises - Consideration is being given to proposals for improved training of new entry ratings at sea. Before setting a submission to the Board on this subject, it would be appreciated if it could be indicated whether an additional A.S.B. with suitable ship company, could be made available.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 5th February, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Dreyer 1845K/3rd for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/8th, SOA. 15.5.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" }
"BALLARAT" } - Departed Melbourne 1400K/4th for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "BARWOK" to be sailed from Geelong to arrive Sydney 0730K/7th. To fuel and proceed to Newcastle and transfer 150 tons of fuel to "CONDAMINE" for use during trials.

C.S.T. F.N.D. advises - Consideration is being given to proposals for improved training of new entry ratings at sea. Before making a submission to the Board on this subject, it would be appreciated if he could be informed whether an additional A.M.S. with skeleton ships company, could be made available.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" }
"MANGON" } - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Jarvis Bay E.T.A. 1600K/8th. SOA. 15.5.

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/7th for onward routing Adelaide (SOA. 8).

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/7th for onward routing Adelaide (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600K/7th. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" }
"MANGON" } - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/7th. (SOA. 12.5).

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" }
"MANGON" } - Departed Sydney 1400K/3rd for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/7th. (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" }
"MANGON" } - Arrived Jarvis Bay 0600K/3rd from Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "MANGON" - Departed Melbourne 1400K/3rd for Fremantle E.T.A. 1600K/7th. (SOA. 13.5).

From 0900K/Saturday to 0900K/Monday, 4th February.

- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departs Colombo 1430K/2nd for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./9th. (SOA. 20).
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Subic Bay 0230K/30 Jan. for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/10th February. (SOA. 15.).
- H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" } Departs Morotai 1700K/3rd for Newcastle E.T.A.
towing "ANACONDA" } - 15th February to slip "ANACONDA" thence Sydney
(SOA. 10).
- H.S.L. 706 } Departs Morotai 1300K/5th for Thursday Island
towing "AIR WATCH" } - calling Ambon en route.
- G.P.V. 955 - Departs Madang 1400K/3rd for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1200K/5th.
thence Rabaul E.T.A. 1100K/8 calling Gasmata and
Jacquinot Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departs Madang 0800K/3 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A.
1830K/3. (SOA. 16).
- H.D.M.L. 1555 - Departs Madang 1400K/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 25th February
calling Dreger, Oro Bay, Port Moresby, Thursday Is.,
Townsville.
- H.M.S. "WHIMREL" - Departs Brisbane 1030K/4th for Darwin E.T.A.
1200K/13. (SOA. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/4 for Townsville E.T.A.
1700K/6 (SOA. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" - Departed Newcastle 0800K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A.
1400K/2nd.
- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" } Departed Sydney A.M./3rd for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
H.M.S. "ANSON" } - P.M./3rd. Depart in Company 1600K/5th for
Hobart E.T.A. 0700K/7th.
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departed Sydney 1445K/2nd for Melbourne E.T.A.
1200K/7 for onward routing Adelaide (SOA. 5).
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Sydney 1745K/1st for Melbourne E.T.A.
Port Phillip Heads 0500K/4th. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Sydney 1220K/1st for Brisbane E.T.A.
0900K/3rd. (SOA. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } Departed Sydney 1830K/1st for Melbourne E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" } - F.N.D. 1000K/3rd. (SOA. 13.5).
- H.M.S. "URSA" } Departed Sydney 1745K/2nd for Melbourne E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TUMULT" } - 0700K/4th. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" }
H.M.S. "GLORY" } - Arrived Jervis Bay 0900K/2nd from Melbourne.
H.M.S. "ARMADA" }
H.M.S. "TUSCAN" }
- H.M.S. "DEER SOUND" - Departed Melbourne 1430K/2nd for Fremantle E.T.A.
1600K/7th, (SOA. 13.5).

To 2005/Tuesday, 2nd February, 1942

Advice now received from Washington that all concerned agree to the employment of Victory Ships for lift to Japan.

Commodore Collins departs Kure by air 1045K/2nd for duty at Melbourne. Captain Dowling in "HOBART" assumes duty as C.T.G. 57.2.

At 1505K/2, N.O.I.C. New Guinea ordered "BARCOO" to proceed from Rabaul to the assistance of U.S. Liberty Ship "THOMAS BRADLEE" stranded on northern end of Tavdovu Shoal (Goschen Strait). Ship reported E.T.A. scene of stranding 0300K/4. "STUART", on passage Townsville-Dreger Harbour, was ordered to stand by and report situation. but on arrival at 1500K/3 reported "no vessel aground on Tavdovu Reef nor in near vicinity - unable to raise "THOMAS BRADLEE" voice, or W/T - proceeding to Dreger".

Milne Bay reported arrival "THOMAS BRADLEE" on 2nd February.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals that support and maintenance of A.S.R.'s cannot be provided by 11th C.G. R.A.A.F.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports of assistance needed with two aircraft. Proceeding to ...

N.O.I.C. Moluccas suggest employment of "HYPERION" for search parties for location of navigational aids between Wilkesby Passage and Peuley Island.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 2nd February, 1946.

- H.M.S. GRENVILLE - Departed Yokohama 1600K/29th for Manus for O/R to Sydney E.T.A. Manus 0700K/5th. SOA. 14.
- H.M. L.S.T. 321 - E.T.D. Morotai 0900K/2nd for Labuan E.T.A. 1230K/6th. SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. PING WO - Departed Madang 1530K/1st for Wewak E.T.A. 1100K/2nd. SOA. 8.
- H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA - Departed Langemak 0930K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 0300K/10th. SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. STUART - Departed Townsville 0900K/1st for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 0900K/4th. SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. PIONEER - Departed Brisbane 1030K/1st for dumping area thence Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/3rd. SOA. 12.
- H.M.S. BEAULY FIRTH - Departed Brisbane 1500K/1st for Hervey Bay to test A/C engines returning Brisbane 15th.
- H.M.A.S. MACQUARIE - Departed Sydney 1155K/31st for Dreger and O/R to Madang and Morotai E.T.A. Dreger 1130K/6th. SOA. 12.
- H.M.S. DEERSOUND - E.T.D. Melbourne 1400K/2nd for U.K.
- H.M.A.S. BALLARAT }
" BENDIGO } - E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/3rd for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. WARREGO - E.T.D. Launceston A.M. 4th for Survey Ground visiting Burnie P.M. 4th, Stanley P.M. 5th, Devonport P.M. 6th.
- H.M.N.S. HEEMSKERCK - Departed Fremantle 1300K/1st for Batavia E.T.A. 1001K/6th. SOA. 13.

H.M.A.S. GAWLER reports no assistance needed with tow at present. Proceeding to Brisbane for fuel, stores and water and to make good "ST. GILES" defects. E.T.A. to be signalled.

N.O.I.C., Brisbane suggest employment of "INVERELL" for current quarter for inspection of navigational aids between Whitsunday Passage and Pooley Island.

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To 0900K/Friday, 1st February, 1946.

H.M. L.S.T. 303 - Departed Finschafen 2050K/31st for Morotai E.T.A. 1001K/8th February, SOA. 9.5.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1730K/30th for Rabaul E.T.A. 0700K/1st February, SOA. 10. On arrival, ship will be available for surveillance duties as required.

H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" }
with } - Departed Thursday Is. 1500K/30th for Townsville
A.V.97 in Company } E.T.A. A.M. 4th February, SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.A. Brisbane 0030K/4th February from Ambon.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Sydney 0735K/30th for Morotai via Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/4th February, E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/14th, SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Sydney 1530K/30th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0700K/1st February, SOA. 15.

U.S.S. "COLUSA" - E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/3rd February.
(Attack Transport)

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" } Departed Melbourne 1315K/31st for Fremantle
" "UNDAUNTED" } - E.T.A. 1001K/5th February, SOA. 14.

H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" }
" "GLORY" } - Departed Melbourne 1430K/31st for Jervis Bay
" "ARMADA" } - E.T.A. 0900K/2nd February, SOA. 11.
" "TUSCAN" }

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" } Departed Bass Strait Area 1430K/31st for
" "ECHUCA" } - Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/2nd February.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" } Departed Bass Strait Area for Melbourne E.T.A.
and 5 A.M.S.'s } - Heads 0500K/1st February.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" - Departed Warrnambool 0900K/31st for Melbourne E.T.A. Gelibrand Light 0730K/1st February.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Fremantle 2010K/30th for Singapore E.T.A. 1530K/4th February, SOA. 20.

Portugese Sloop "BARTHOLOMEU DIAS" - Departed Darwin 1030K/31st for Singapore E.T.A. 8th February.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" reports tow line between "GAWLER" and tug "ST. GILES" parted twice today 31st January. Now anchored S.W. of Shields Island. F.O.I.C. Sydney has signalled ship to report if assistance is required, if so, will divert "RESERVE".

C. in C. E.I.S. signals - A.C.N.B. is requested to release Force "A" including "GLENGYLE" to reach Singapore by 15th March for return to U.S. Authorities.

H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE" has defects which will take at least 14 days to repair. As it is undesirable she should sail unaccompanied, intention is to retain "VOX" and "VORACIOUS" at Melbourne with "VIRTUE" and sail all three ships in Company when ready.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" reports essential departure from Townsville be delayed for 24 hours for urgent engine room repairs.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 31st January.

- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departs Madang 1500K/30 for Dreger Harbour
E.T.A. 0700K/31. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Rabaul 1900K/29 for Torokina E.T.A.
1530K/30. N.O.I.C. Rabaul embarked.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Wewak 1400K/30 for Rabaul E.T.A.
1600K/1st February (SOA. 14.5).
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departs Sydney 1200K/1st for Brisbane for
docking E.T.A. 0900K/3rd February.
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Sydney 1200K/29 for Hong Kong E.T.A.
1900K/11th February (SOA. 15).
- H.M.S. "DEERSOUND" - Departed Sydney 1740K/29 for Melbourne E.T.A.
Heads 1230K/31st (SOA. 13).
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE",)
" "GLORY") Departs Melbourne 1045K/31 for Jarvis Bay.
" "ARMADA")
" "TUSCAN")
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Fremantle 1900K/29 for Colombo E.T.A.
1330K/5th (SOA. 19.7).
- H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departed Fremantle 1700K/29 for Adelaide E.T.A.
0730K/2nd February (SOA. 16).
- H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Fremantle for Singapore E.T.A. 1530K/4.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") Departs Townsville 1430K/30 for Brisbane
towing "AIR TRAIL") E.T.A. A.M./3rd February (SOA. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART") Departs Yokohama 1500K/29 for Kure E.T.A.
H.M.S. "URCHIN") 1600K/31st. (SOA. 11.5).

C. in C. B.P.F. advises Admiralty that approval has been given to commence closing down remaining R.N. establishments at Manus on 15th February, and that it is intended to adopt Dreger Harbour as an oiling station from that date.

H.M. Destroyers "UNDINE" and "TENACIOUS" will depart Sydney 5th February for U.K. via Melbourne, Fremantle and Suez.

L.S.T.'s 346 and 419 arrived Townsville 0600K/29 in Company both with engine defects. Ships were on passage from Brisbane to Labuan and Sourabaya respectively.

C. in C. B.P.F. has signalled programme for visits to Australian ports of the 4th Submarine Flotilla.

Harbour Board, Townsville, requests some definite advice as to when it will be possible for Harbour Board to take over engineering workshops.

N.O.I.C. Rabaul in "IPSWICH" signals that increasing N.W. season will make fuelling at Torokina hazardous and intermittent. Considers Rabaul most suitable protected anchorage and a good water supply is assured within a few weeks.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

07/3/2

To 0900K/Wednesday, 30th January.

H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND" - Departs United Kingdom 2030K/31st for Port Said for onward routing to Aden, Colombo, Fremantle and Sydney (SOA. 20).

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Depart Sydney 1800K/1st February for
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") - Western Port E.T.A. 1000K/3rd. Departs
Western Port 0900K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A.
1500K/5th (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Sydney 1130K/29 for Launceston and adjacent survey grounds E.T.A. 0900K/31st January (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Sydney 1030K/29 for Geelong E.T.A. 0900K/31st (SOA. 12).

H.N.M.S. "PIET HIEN" - Departed Macassar 1800K/29 for Batavia for short visit thence to adhere to original programme.

Portuguese Sloop "BARTHOLEMEU DIAS" - Arrived Darwin 1330K/25. Departs 31st January for Singapore E.T.A. 8th February.

"LITHGOW" has been ordered to proceed to Mornington 0930K/30th for Mallee children inspection. On completion of visit to proceed Melbourne for boiler cleaning.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" paid off into "F" Class reserve 28th January.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" departs Warrnambool 0900K/31st for Melbourne - to boiler clean on arrival.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. reports area in Bass Strait cleared 100 % with negative results.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne informs that Rear-Admiral Pinke, R.N.N., has taken over command of the Royal Netherlands Naval Forces East Indies from Admiral Helfrich.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 29th January, 1946.

- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/27th for Sydney via Subic Bay E.T.A. 0900K/29th, E.T.D. A.M. 29th, E.T.A. Sydney 10th February, SOA. 15.
- H.M.S. "ARTIFEX" - Departed Hong Kong 1200K/28th for Morotai, Brisbane and Sydney, E.T.A. Morotai 4th February, SOA. 11.5.
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Auckland 1130K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/1st February, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - Departs Brisbane 0930K/29th for Morotai E.T.A. A.M. 5th February, SOA. 15.
- H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" - Departed Sydney 1432K/26th for Auckland E.T.A. 0700K/30th, SOA. 14.5.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departs Sydney 1000K/29th for Geelong. On completion of visit to return to Sydney.
- H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE")
" " "VORACIOUS") - E.T.A. Port Melbourne 2000K/28th.
" " "VOX")
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE")
" " "TUSCAN") - E.T.D. Melbourne 1045K/31st for Jervis Bay
" " "ARMADA") - E.T.A. 0900K/2nd February, SOA. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Darwin 1330K/28th for Ambon E.T.A. 0800K/30th.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" towing "AIR SAVE" with Tug "ST. GILES" in company, anchored overnight at Seawell Island due to adverse weather conditions on 27th. Weather still unsuitable on 28th, and as "ST. GILES" is only capable of 4 knots in existing conditions, intends taking her in tow on departure.

From 0900K/Saturday 26th to 0900K/Monday, 28th January, 1946.

- HMS. ALACRITY - Departed Hong Kong 1500K/25th for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1400K/27th thence Darwin E.T.A. 2nd Feb. and Sydney SOA.12.
- HMAS. KANIMBLA - Departed Morotai 1500K/27th for Sydney via Ambon E.T.A. 1700K/28th E.T.D. 1900K/28th E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/5th Feb. SOA. 16.
- HMAS. GAWLER
towing)
AIR SAVE)
Tug ST.GILES in Co.) } Departed Townsville 1100K/26th for Sydney E.T.A. PM.2nd Feb. SOA. 6. "AIR SAVE" detaches and proceeds independently to Brisbane E.T.A. AM. 31st.
- HM. LST. 346 - Departed Brisbane 1800K/25th for Labuan E.T.A. AM. 9th Feb. SOA. 10.
- HM. LST. 419 - Departed Brisbane 0830K/26th for Sourabaya E.T.A. AM. 9th Feb. SOA. 9.5.
- HMAS. KATOOMBA - E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/30th SOA. 10.
- HMS. VICTORIOUS - Departed Sydney 1806K/25th for Fremantle E.T.A. 0800K/30th SOA. 20.
- HMAS. MANOORA - Departed Sydney 0905K/26th for Wewak E.T.A. 0800K/1st Feb. SOA. 15.
- HMAS. STUART - Departed Sydney 0940K/27th for Townsville for O/R to Dreger Harbour. E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/30th SOA. 15.
- HMAS. WHYALLA - Departed Sydney 1120K/27th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0745K/29th SOA. 10.5. On arrival to reduce to C. & M. basis.
- HMS. UNDAUNTED - Departed Sydney 1545K/27th for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0530K/29th SOA. 14.
- HMS. BELFAST - Amended E.T.A. Sydney PM. 1st Feb.
- HMAS. DOOMBA - Departed Melbourne 1225K/25th for Sydney ETA. 0900K/27th SOA. 12.
- HMAS. TAMWORTH - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0830K/26th for fuel thence to Westernport.
- HMAS. BUNBURY - E.T.A. Williamstown 0930K/26th.

L.S.T's 321 and 9 on passage Brisbane - Labuan have been diverted to Morotai and make E.T.A. 1200K/1st Feb.

Owing to industrial dispute at Cockatoo it is unlikely that docking there will be possible for some time - docking arranged for "DIAMANTINA", "LACHLAN", "TUMULT", "TYRIAN", "VENGEANCE" and "BELFAST" will be affected. Woolwich dock is at present fully booked until mid February.

H.M. Submarines "VOX", "VORACIOUS" and "VIRTUE" on passage Sydney - Fremantle have proceeded to Twofold Bay to affect repairs to "VIRTUE". Submarines will now call at Melbourne to make good defects thence sail for Fremantle and U.K.

Dutch submarine "024" is to be sailed from Fremantle 5th Feb. for Batavia.

H.M.S. "DEERSOUND" and H.M.S. "URSA" and "TUMULT" in company, depart Sydney 29th January and 2nd February respectively for United Kingdom via Fremantle and Suez.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" paid off into "F" class reserve at Melbourne 26th January.

Following L.S.T's have been detailed for Japan lift with R.T.A. Labuan:-

L.S.T. 321	...	4th February.
L.S.T's 324, 403, 9,	...	5th February.
L.S.T. 346	...	6th February.

V.A.(Q) requests info whether "TYRIAN" can be docked at Port Melbourne about 7th Feb. for scraping and coating bottom.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises following received from "ANSON" :- Info requested whether any R.A.N. ships will be present at Hobart during "ANSON'S" forthcoming visit and if so which ones.

F.O.I.C. Sydney sailed "MANOCRA" for Wewak and Dreger Harbour. A.C.N.B. signalled "MANOCRA" to sail Wewak and Madang. "MANOCRA" requests clarification re ports of call.

F.O.S.A. B.P.F. sends - "BERMUDA" has been detailed to tow BPT to Hong Kong leaving Darwin about 25th Feb. Requests A.C.N.B. ensures that target is in all respects ready for towing and is it a high speed target.

H.O.I.C. Fremantle advises Auxiliary schooner "LANAKAI" was handed back and taken over by U.S.N. as from 1700K/21st Jan. and has since sailed for Manila.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests info. regarding intended maintenance category for "MORSEBY".

S.O. 20th M.S.P. advises "SWAN" and 10 A.M.S.'s will be in harbour on 8th February and Flotilla is keen to participate in proposed march. Detachment of 110 armed and 350 unarmed can be landed.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY

- H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Manus 1500K/24 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0830K/30 (SOA.16.)
- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Departed Manus 1134K/25 for Guam. E.T.A. 0730K/28. (SOA.15).
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") Departed Milne Bay 1300K/24 for Townsville.
towing "AIR TRAIL") E.T.A. 28th Jan.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Melbourne 1835K/24 with 20th M.S.F. for Bass Strait Area.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Hobart 0900K/23 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/25. (SOA.14.)
- H.M.S. "HOGUE") Departed Darwin 0930K/25 for Hong Kong. E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TRAFALGAR") 0900K/1st Feb. "CAMPERDOWN" calling Dilli.
H.M.S. "CAMPERDOWN") E.T.A. 1830K/26.

From S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne to A.C.N.B.: - "S.O.R.N.N. Keepang urgently requires for fuelling of Motor boats and barges 100 drums of Motor Spirit and 100 drums kerosene. It will be appreciated if this can be made available from your stocks at Darwin and transported by R.A.N. to Keepang. Please advise".

R.N.O. Cairns requests information as to when a decision re disposal of boom gate opening barge may be expected - Cairns Harbour Board anxious to secure barge for their general purpose work in port.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne signals that R.N.N. at Keepang is ready to take over the port directorate and requests A.C.N.B. give R.A.N. port director the necessary instructions to make the transfer.

It is anticipated that "YUNNAN" will be ready for paying off 31st January.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas proposes:

- (1) That "GILOLO" decommission on same date as relief of A.M.F. and Moluccas command by A.F.N.E.I., approximately 10th February.
- (2) That Morotai port party be borne on "MELVILLE" books and remain until relieved by R.N.N.
- (3) All surplus personnel take passage in "MANOCORA" sailing approximately 14th February via Dreger with stores.
- (4) On relief of port party by R.N.N. the R.A.N.L.O. to remain with Morotai force until no longer required by them.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that as a Portugese Sloop arrives from Dilli on 27th January a reply is requested as to whether A.M.1572 is to be disposed of to Portugese Authorities.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 25th January, 1946.

H.M.S. "HOLM SOUND" - Departed Colombo 1430K/24th for Cocos Is., thence Fremantle and Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Morotai 0700K/24th for Hollandia, Madang, Dreger and Sydney. E.T.A. Hollandia 1500K/27th, SOA. 10.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER")
towing) Arrived Townsville 2000K/23rd. E.T.D. A.M.
" "AIR SAVE") 27th on completion of boiler room repairs
with "ST. GILES" in Co.) on "ST. GILES".

H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE"(S.O.)) Departed Sydney 1545K/24th for Fremantle
" " "VORACIOUS") - E.T.A. 1000K/3rd February. SOA. 8.5.
" " "VOX")

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1530K/23rd for Fremantle E.T.A. 1200K/28th, SOA. 19.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 26th for Dreger Harbour via Townsville, Rabaul and Madang.

H.M.S. "PIONEER" - Departed Sydney 1010K/23rd for Dumping Area thence Brisbane E.T.A. Brisbane 1350K/25th, SOA. 11.

H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED" - E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/27th for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0530K/29th, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - E.T.D. Melbourne 0900K/25th for Sydney.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "DIAMANTINA" docks 25th January and subject to satisfactory trials is expected to be R.F.S. 1st February. Requests advice as to future movements.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" R.F.S. approximately 30th January.

F.O.I.C. Sydney anticipates sailing "GERARD" for Adelaide via Melbourne on 31st January subject to satisfactory sea trials.

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HMAS. "Cessnock" arrived Newcastle 0700K/27th.

N.H.R.S.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 24th January, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" }
towing } - Departed Townsville 0600K/23rd for Sydney
G.P.V.953 } - E.T.A. A.M. 29th, SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - E.T.D. Brisbane about 26th to join 20 M/3.

H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/23rd for Capetown
E.T.A. 1800K/7th February.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" will be released from quarantine
and will arrive off Stony Point pier at 0900K/26th to embark
C.O. She will then proceed to Port Phillip and will dock on
29th.

A.S. Sydney advises estimated time to complete repairs
on H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" will be 7 working days.

N.H.R.S.

N.H.R.S.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 23rd January.

H.M. L.S.T.'s 324, 403, 9 - Depart Brisbane 1600K/22 for Labuan E.T.A. 1200K/5th February. (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Sydney 1730K/21 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/23 (SOA. 7).

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Sydney 1045K/21 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 0700K/29 (SOA. 11).

H.M.S. "VIRTUE" -)
H.M.S. "VOX" -) - Depart Sydney 1500K/23 for Fremantle.
H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" -)

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" - Departs Melbourne 1500K/23 for Warrnambool E.T.A. 0900K/24th.

"WILCANNIA" sails from Morotai 25th January for Hollandia to load stores for Dreger, thence Madang for cargo for mainland discharge, thence Dreger.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea advises that as the whole of Manus is being reduced to a care and maintenance basis it is intended to withdraw R.A.N.L.O. and Staff at end of January.

C.N.C. N.F.E. intends to sail H.N.M.S. "TROMP" from Bangkok to Singapore and Macassar to embark Dutch P.O.W.'s, thence to Australian mainland ports Darwin, Sydney, Melbourne, Fremantle for minor repairs and to embark stores. Ship then to be sailed Holland, via Suez, for refit.

M.L.'s 805 and 825 on passage Sydney - Melbourne are sheltering at Twofold Bay on account of bad weather.

M.S. 20 in "SWAN" departs South Wharf 1400K/24 to rendezvous with 20th M.S.F. at Gellibrand Light at 1500K/24th.

"WHYALIA" who lost tow, T.B.7, on passage Melbourne-Sydney reported at 0950K/22 that tow had been recovered and proceeding to Waterloo Bay for adjustments.

R.N.E.O. Melbourne requests facilities for shipment in "DOOMBA" of 2½ tons Flintcote in 25 gallon drums for Captain Superintendent, Woolloomooloo - Shell Co. will arrange for transport to ship.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 22nd January.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departs Morotai 1700K/21 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 1800K/29 (SOA. 15). To call at Sydney for fuel and refit stores.

H.M.A.S. "TRINGA") Depart Ambon 1300K/22 for Sydney and Brisbane
M.S.L. 701) respectively.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Macassar 1800K/21 for Pare Pare E.T.A. 0830K/22, E.T.D. 1600K/22 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1000K/23. (SOA. 10, 14.5).

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") Departs Madang 1500K/21 for Dreger Harbour to
towing "AIR TRAIL")- ship barges, E.T.A. 1400K/22, thence Brisbane
and barges) via Milne Bay and Port Moresby. (SOA. 7).

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Sydney 1755K/21 towing Japanese hulk to Newcastle, E.T.A. 1000K/22.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA") Departed Melbourne 1145K/21 for Sydney E.T.A.
towing T.B.7)- 1800K/24 thence Brisbane (SOA. 6).

H.M.A.S. "DELORRAINE" - Departed Devonport 0905K/21 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0500K/22.

"AUSTRALIA" requests approval to adjust intake of fuel at Fremantle so as to arrive in Sydney with a minimum of 1,000 tons remaining - it is not desired to fall below this figure.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne has requested M.S. 20 to supply an A.M.S. to proceed to Mornington for Mallee children visit in order that "TAMWORTH" may be docked 22nd January.

"AUSTRALIA" regrets to report the port inner engine out of action owing to spraying(?) high pressure and L.P. main bearings - proceeding at previous speed on remaining three shafts and E.T.A. Fremantle should not be affected.

H.M.A.S. "HINDENBURG" - Departed Sydney 1200K/21 for Hobart E.T.A. 0800K/21, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "INDUSTRIALS" - Departed Sydney 1100K/21 for flying exercises in Sydney/Jervis Bay Area thence to S/V with other exercises and destroyers off Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 2100K. Thence all ships proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0645/22, SOA. 13.5.

H.M.A.S. "TAMU" - Departed Sydney 1200K/21 for S.E. via Fremantle E.T.A. 1200K/21, SOA. 16.

H.M.A.S. "TAMU" - Departed Port Phillip Heads 0800K/21, Wellington 0900K.

H.M.A.S. "TAMU" - Departed Melbourne 0700K/21 to S/V with exercises. SOA. 14.

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From 0900K/Saturday 19th to 0900K/Monday,
21st January, 1946.

- H.M.S. "SPEAKER" - Departed Hong Kong 1030K/17th for Sydney via Manus E.T.A. 0800K/24th.
- H.M.S. "BELFAST" - Departed Shanghai 1030K/18th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M. 2nd February, SOA. 14.
- H.N.M.Sub. C-21 - Departed Batavia 1000K/18th for Fremantle.
- H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" - E.T.D. Ambon A.M. 20th for Sydney.
- H.M. L.S.T.303 - Departed Madang 1400K/20th for Aitape E.T.A.1600K/21st, SOA. 9.5.
- H.M.S. "UNDINE" - Departed Manus 1315K/20th for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/26th SOA. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Rabaul 0900K/19th to investigate reported water point at Massawa Bay, E.T.A. Rabaul P.M. 20th. N.O.I.C. Rabaul on board.
- H.N.M.S. "PIET HEIN" - Departed Merauke 1100K/18th for Darwin E.T.A. 0830K/20th, SOA. 17.
- H.M.A.S. "GAWLER")
towing) Departed Thursday Island 0815K/20th for
" "AIR SAVE") - Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/25th, SOA. 6.
Tug "ST.GILES" in Co.)
- H.M. L.S.T. 321 - Departed Brisbane 1600K/20th for Labuan E.T.A. A.M. 4th February, SOA. 9.5.
- H.M.S. "URSA" - Departed Brisbane 1300K/19th for Sydney E.T.A. 0200K/21st, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "WHIMBREL" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1500K/21st for Darwin E.T.A. 1200K/30th, SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Sydney 0800K/20th for Wewak via Dreger E.T.A. P.M. 25th, Wewak A.M. 27th, SOA. 14.
- H.M. Sub. "TURPIN")
" " "TAURUS") - Amended E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/21st from Manus.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Sydney 1005K/19th for Hobart E.T.A. 0830K/21st, SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - Departed Sydney 1140K/20th for flying exercises in Sydney/Jervis Bay Area thence to R/V with other carriers and destroyers off Jervis Bay A.M. 21st., thence all ships proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0545K/23rd, SOA. 13.5.
- H.M.S. "RANEE" - Departed Sydney 1300K/20th for U.K. via Fremantle E.T.A. 1001K/26th, SOA. 15.
- 20th M.S.F. - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0600K/21st, Williamstown 0900K.
- H.M.S. "TUSCAN" - Departed Melbourne 0735K/20th to R/V with carriers, SOA. 14.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends sailing "KALGOORLIE" with "AIR TRAIL" in tow for Brisbane on 22nd January.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas advises - Landops has received instructions from Landforces that "ANACONDA" is to be transferred to N.O.I.C. Moluccas for disposal. Disposal in Moluccas Area is impossible as R.N.N. and N.I.C.A. Authorities will not purchase and offer of £1,000 by B.B.C.A.U. is not acceptable. In order to clear up this long delayed matter Moluccas intends "WILCANNIA" tow "ANACONDA" to mainland port preferably North Queensland. Requests destination be signalled.

N.S.A.S. "SUNSHINE" Departed Sydney 10/01/44 for Hobart. ETA. 23/01 for onward routing Japan. (Cont. 15.)

N.S.S. "DREXELMAN" Departs Sydney 23/01/44 for Hobart. ETA. 26/01/44. Departs Hobart 02/02/44 for Sydney. ETA. 05/02/44.

Departure of "SUNSHINE" from Sydney will be delayed 48 hours consequent upon defects discovered during steaming trials.

N.S.S. "SUNSHINE" sailed from U.K. 15th Jan. for Sydney via Aden, Colombo and Fremantle.

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that S.O.S. signals require "SUNSHINE" and "SUNSA" in Singapore.

S.O. 23 N.S.S. intends to arrive Hobart Bay 02/02/44 in "SUNSA" with S.A.S. in company. "SUNSHINE" in quarantine remains in vicinity of the Suez Canal. "SUNSHINE" will arrive 23rd January from Fremantle. "SUNSHINE" will be called S.O.S. to visit Barrackpool.

Number 1000 was Flotsay dock was launched satisfactorily at Sydney 17th January.

F.O.S.S. requests "SUNSHINE" be called from Sydney 18th Jan. and "VICTORIAN" 18th Jan., for U.K. via Fremantle and Aden.

N.S.S. has resumed control of ship 18th January.

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 19TH JANUARY, 1946.

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- H.N.M.S. PIET HEIN Departs Merauke 1100K/18 for Darwin. ETA. 0800K/20. (Sea. 17).
- H.M.S. TYRIAN Arrived Townsville 0600K/17. Departed 1045K/17 for Sydney. ETA. 1800K/20. (Sea. 14.)
- H.M.A.S. POYANG Departed Townsville 1200K/17 for Sydney. ETA. 1200K/22. (Sea. 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. STERNA Departs Brisbane 0600K/18. for Sydney. ETA. 1400K/22 - Calling Coffs Harbour.
- H.M.A.S. RESERVE Departed Sydney 1755K/17 with tow for Newcastle. ETA. 1000K/18.
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA. Departed Sydney 1005K/17 for Manus. ETA. A.M./23 for onward routing Japan. (Sea. 15.)
- U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM Departs Sydney 0930K/19 for Hobart. ETA. 0830K/21. Departs Hobart 0900K/23 for Sydney. ETA. 0800K/25th.

Departure of "BARCOO" from Sydney will be delayed 48 hours consequent upon defects discovered during steaming trials.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" sailed from U.K. 15th Jan. for Sydney via Aden, Colombo and Fremantle.

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that M.O.W.T. urgently require "MERCEDS" and "MEDEA" in Singapore.

S.O. 20 M.S.F. intends to arrive Hobsons Bay 0900K/20 in "SWAN" with 9 A.M.S. in Company. "TOWNSVILLE" in quarantine remains in vicinity Wilsons Promontory. "DELOIRINE" will arrive 22nd January from Tasmania. "WARRNAMBOOL" will be sailed P.M./23rd to visit Warrnambool.

Number two 1000 ton floating dock was launched satisfactorily at Sydney 17th January.

F.O.S.A. requests "DEVONSHIRE" be sailed from Sydney 23rd Jan. and "VICTORIOUS" 25th Jan., for U.K. via Fremantle and Suez.

R.N.N. Las assumed control of Blak 15th January.



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To 0900K, Friday, 18th January.

H.N.M.S. "VAN KINSBERGEN" - Departed Balikpapan 1600K/16 for Macassar E.T.A. 0800K/17.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Arrived Macassar 1600K/16, E.T.D. P.M./21st.

H.M.A.S. "GESSNOCK") Arrived Townsville 0430K/17. Departed 0730K/17
towing "AIR REST") for Sydney E.T.A. 2000K/20. "AIR REST" will
be detached to proceed Brisbane independently
E.T.A. 1100K/19.

H.M.S. "TRAFALGAR") Departed Sydney 0755K/17 for Darwin, E.T.A.

H.M.S. "HOGUE") - 1730K/24. (SOA. 14).

H.M.S. "CAMPERDOWN")

M.L.805) Departed Sydney 1030K/17 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1600K/17 to
M.L.825) fuel thence Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 1500K/22nd.
(SOA. 12.5).

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Melbourne 1710K/16 to rejoin 20th M.S.F. in Bass Strait Area.

H.M.S. "QUEEN" - Departed Fremantle 1130K/17th for Colombo E.T.A. 2200K/25th. (SOA. 15.5).

H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" - Departed Darwin 0400K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/25th.

In order to provide suitable berths for A.M.S. vessels in reduced complement awaiting R.N. crews, F.O.I.C. Sydney proposes to convert 2.C. dolphin berth, Shell Cone to A.M.S. berths and requests early approval to this project.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. requests arrangements be made for half yearly docking of "SWAN" and up to six A.M.S. during presence of flotilla in southern waters.

V.A.(Q) signals that R.N. facilities for A/S maintenance and repair in Australian ports are being closed down at the end of January, and requests confirmation that such work as may be required can be undertaken by Australian port Authorities.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. reports "TOWNSVILLE" has damaged starboard propeller due to fouling next in lines float during sweeping operations - ship is still operational but will require early replacement of propeller. Requests docking be arranged as early as possible after her release from quarantine approximately 24th January.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" is now to adhere to her original programme and will be sailed from Sydney to Lae, Wewak, Rabaul, Lae and return Sydney.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 17th January, 1946.

H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - Amended E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/17th. Delay due to weather.

H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK")
towing) - E.T.A. Brisbane 1100K/19th.
"AIR REST")

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 17th for Manus for O/R to Japan.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - E.T.D. Sydney 25th January for Townsville, Madang and Rabaul.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" (S.O. 20th M.S.F.) - Departed Port Melbourne 1400K/16th to join Flotilla in Bass Strait.

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" - E.T.A. Fremantle 0930K/17th.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" requests advice of anticipates future movements in order to facilitate storing for sea.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" reports weather on 13th unsuitable for sweeping. Flotilla is anchored in Oberon Bay.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 16th January, 1946.

H.M.S. "CRANE" - Departed Manus 1300K/15th for Sydney via Dreger Harbour
E.T.A. 0900K/16th, SOA. 16.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" }
" towing } Departed Port Moresby 0600K/14th for Townsville
" "AIR SAVE" } - E.T.A. A.M. 20th, SOA. 7.
Tug St. Giles in Co. }

H.M.S. "GLORY" }
" "ARMADA" } - Departed Sydney 0900K/15th for exercises in Sydney/
Jervis Bay Area. Ships to R/V with "INDEFATIGABLE",
"IMPLACABLE" and "TUSCAN" off Jervis Bay A.M. 21st,
January.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" }
" towing } Departed Sydney 2100K/14th for Newcastle E.T.A.
" "PULGANBAR" } - 1030K/15th.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON"(SO) }
" "MACQUARIE" } - Departed Sydney 1710K/14th for Jervis Bay
E.T.A. 0500K/15th.

H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Departed Hobart 0845K/15th for Fremantle
E.T.A. 1030K/21st, SOA. 13.5.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises "WESTRALIA" undocks P.M. 15th January.
E.T.D. P.M. 17th. Delay due to other docking arrangements and
unforeseen main engine defects.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests confirmation that ALFSEA or AFNEI
will assume operational control of all Japanese shipping in Moluccas
Area on relief of A.M.F.

F.O.S.A. intends "ANSON" and "BURMUDA" visit Hobart for the
Royal Hobart Regatta. E.T.A. Hobart 7th February, E.T.D. 14th February.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 15th January.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departed Durban 1800K/13 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0830K/25th (SOA. 15.5).

U.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Morotai 0840K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. A.M./24th. (SOA. 10.5).

A.F.D. 20
in tow of
"ENTICER" and
"ENIGMA" } - Departed Manus 1430K/14 for Morotai E.T.A. A.M./22nd
for onward routing to Singapore.

H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Manus 1745K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/20th. (SOA. 15.5).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departs Madang 1730K/14 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1200K/15 - N.O.I.C. New Guinea and party embarked.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Dreger Harbour P.M./11th for Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M./14th thence Darwin.

U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) - Departs Brisbane 0930K/15 for San Francisco E.T.A. 1000K/4th February. (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINIE" - Departed Bass Strait Area for Devonport E.T.A. 0900K/14th.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Adelaide 1130K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18th. (SOA. 11).

F.O.I.C. Sydney signals that acceptance trials of "BARWON" completed satisfactorily 18th January.

Com. Hong Kong concurs in "WHANG PU" being sailed to Hong Kong for return to trade.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests early information as to whether "MORESBY" is to be paid off into "F" Class reserve for maintenance or for disposal.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas anticipates "MOMBAN" can be released by the end of January - tug to be sailed accordingly.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that E.T.D. of "KATOOMBA" to join 20th M/S flotilla is now unknown owing to difficulty in retubing boilers.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } Departs Sydney 1200K/14 for Newcastle E.T.A.
"MORNING" } 1200K/15.

H.M.S. "MORNING" - Departed Albany 1200K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" - E.T.A. Adelaide 1000K/14th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18th. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" - Departed Hobart 1200K/14th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/17th.

H.M.S. "MORNING" - Departed Darwin 1200K/14th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18th.

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From 0900K, Saturday until 0900K, Monday, 14th January.

- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - E.T.D. Auckland P.M. 29th for Sydney E.T.A. 2nd February. E.T.D. 4th February for Darwin E.T.A. 11th, E.T.D. 12th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 19th February.
- A.F.D. 20
in tow of
H.M. Tug "ENTIGER"
"ENIGMA" } E.T.D. Manus 1200K/14th for Morotai for O/R to Singapore.
- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Morotai 1800K/12th for surveillance of Vogelkop Area. Anticipated duration 9 days.
- H.M.S. "URSA" - Departed Manus 1630K/11th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/15th. SOA. 18.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Manus 1730K/12th for Leyte for O/R to Hong Kong E.T.A. Leyte 1600K/16th. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK"
towing
"AIR REST"
and barge } Departed Medang 1200K/12th for Sydney via Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 0700K/13th, Lae 1300K/13th, Milne Bay 1600K/14th, Sydney P.M. 20th.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA"
towing
G.P.V. 953 } Departed Madang 1400K/11th for Sydney via Port Moresby for fuel and Townsville E.T.A. Moresby 16th. SOA. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1635K/11th for Moresby E.T.A. 1900K/14th, SOA. 8.
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "HEROS"
towing
"AMBON" } Departed Brisbane 0800K/12th for Sydney E.T.A. 0500K/15th, SOA. 7.5.
- H.N.M.S. "PIET HEIN" - Departed Brisbane 1900K/12th for Merauke E.T.A. 0800K/15th, SOA. 14.5.
- H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Departed Sydney 1840K/10th for Auckland E.T.A. 0630K/15th, SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" - E.T.D. Westernport P.M. 14th for Port Melbourne to fuel.
- H.M.S. "TURPIN" - Departed Manus 1330K/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 1710K/22
H.M.S. "TAURUS" (SOA. 10.5.)
- H.M.A.S. "GAWLER"
"ST. GILES" } Depart Port Moresby A.M./14 for Townsville E.T.A. A.M./20th. (SOA. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departs Brisbane 1730K/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/15. (SOA. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"
towing "PULGANBAR" } Departs Sydney 1800K/14 for Newcastle E.T.A. 0500K/16.
- H.M.S. "ANSON" - Departed Albany 2200K/12 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - E.T.D. Adelaide 1030K/14th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/18th. SOA. 11.
- H.N.M.Sub.0-23 - Departed Fremantle 1306K/11th for Batavia E.T.A. 1800K/17th.
- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Darwin 1030K/11th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/18th.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports owing to operational commitments, "QUICKMATCH" cannot arrive Melbourne until 1st February.

F.O.I.C. Sydney suggests consideration be given to docking "KOALA" in Brisbane if dock is available about 24th January. Ship last docked in August, 1945.

N.O.I.C. Newcastle proposes "CONDAMINE" commences contractors trials 11th February, and anticipates ship will be ready for acceptance 22nd February.

S.O. 20th M.S.F. advises C.O. "TOWNSVILLE" landed, suffering from Chicken Pox. Ship has been placed in quarantine.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas recommends that "WILCANNIA" be sailed to mainland via Darwin for discharge of 35 tons of frozen meat which cannot be used in Moluccas Area. Had recommended that both "MERKUR" and "WILCANNIA" be withdrawn - R.A.N. L.S.T.'s being utilised to replenish requirements that area.

N.O.I.C. Hobart signals that officers in charge of Australian Army Canteen Service advises no apparent action as yet to provide reserve stock of tobacco and cigarettes.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests information that R.N.N. will take over all equipment from R.A.N. at Morotai which was originally transferred from U.S.N.

"KATON" with 20th M.S.F. Flotilla, negative "KATON" departed Sydney 1800/19 for East Strait Area. "KATON" arriving Melbourne A.M./10th.

S.S.S.S.S. Melbourne urgently requests two S.P.V. be transferred to R.A.N. for operational work in ports taken over from R.A.N.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Friday, 11th January.

- H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Arrived Durban 1445K/9 from Freetown.
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - Departed Morotai 1430K/10 for Darwin E.T.A. 1400K/13 (SOA. 14).
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Macassar 0800K/8 for Morotai E.T.A. 11th.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Vila 1930K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/16. (SOA. 10.5).
- H.M.S. "HOGUE" - Departed Newcastle 0645K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1115K/10. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.S. "QUEEN" - Departed Sydney 1645K/10 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1200K/16 thence to U.K. (SOA. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Sydney 1530K/7 for Macassar E.T.A. 1900K/16 thence Labuan and Morotai.
- H.N.M.S. "PIET HEIN" - Departed Sydney 0830K/11 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/11 (SOA. 18).
- H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" - Departed Melbourne 1752K/9 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/11 (SOA. 11.5).
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Departs Port Augusta 1100K/10 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0600K/13.
- H.M.S. "BERWICK" - Departed Fremantle 1000K/10 for Colombo E.T.A. 1430K/17.
- H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Fremantle for Sydney E.T.A. 0130K/15th.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne signals that Dutch Submarine "O.23" will be ready to sail from Fremantle 11th January for Batavia and requests sailing orders be provided.

"SWAN", with 20th Minesweeping Flotilla, negative "KATOOMBA" departed Sydney 1500K/9 for Bass Strait Area. "SWAN" arrives Melbourne A.M./15th.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne urgently requests two G.P.V. be transferred to R.N.N. for operational work in ports taken over from R.A.N.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 10th January.

H.D.M.L.1356 - Departed Langemak 0910K/9 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1000K/10 (SOA. 10).

H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1740K/8 for Madang E.T.A. 1200K/9.

U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) - Departs Sydney 1800K/9 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1700K/11. E.T.D. Brisbane 0800K/15th for San Francisco.

H.M.S. "ANSON" - Departed Fremantle for Albany E.T.A. 1600K/10 thence Sydney E.T.A. 2200K/17th.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Makes E.T.A. Fremantle 1300K/10th.

C.T.F. 50.3 plan to send aircraft carrier "KAT SURAGI", capacity 5,000, from Japan about 16th January to load remaining Wewak Japs thence to Torokina where load to capacity.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne intends to sail on Dutch destroyer "PIET HEIN" for inspection of all Dutch Naval Authorities and establishments in the area under his command. Has submitted a sailing plan for A.C.N.B.'s approval from 11th January until 23rd February.

F.O.S.A. has promulgated programme for Sydney-Hong Kong ferry run from 17th January until 10th May.

Admiralty signal that retention of L.S.T.'s for Japan lift will involve a considerable additional manning commitment which is most undesirable at present time. Concur, however, in the retention of the L.S.T. subject to review in mid January when over-all shipping position should be clearer.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 9th January, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" }
towing "AIR WATCH" } - Departed Labuan 2000K/7th for Morotai,
E.T.A. P.M. 11th.
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" }
towing "AIR REST" } - Amended E.T.D. Morotai for Madang
and barge } 0900K/9th.
- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departs Langemak 0900K/9th for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A.
1000K/12th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1640K/7th for Townsville
E.T.A. 1700K/12th, SOA. 9.
- H.M.S. "HOGUE" - E.T.D. Newcastle 0630K/10th for Sydney E.T.A. 1130K/10th
SOA. 14.
- H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Departed Sydney 1732K/7th for Hobart E.T.A.
1730K/9th, SOA. 13.5.
- H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" - Departed Sydney 0830K/8th for Pittwater to act
as target vessel. E.T.A. 1000K/8th. Completes exercises
11th January and returns Sydney.
- H.M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Sydney 1205K/8th for Fremantle for O/R
to U.K. E.T.A. Fremantle 2100K/13th, SOA. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" - Departed Exmouth Gulf 0700K/8th for Fremantle
E.T.A. 2200K/10th.

M.S. 20 intends sailing 20th M.S.F. for Bass Strait at
1400K/9th January.

Rabaul W/T Station closed 0959K/8th. Army W/T Channels
are to be used for future communications.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas regrets to report final search by
"QUADRANT" on 7th January for missing Dakota aircraft proved
negative. Air and sea search has now been abandoned.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne advises docking facilities for
"TAMWORTH" available about 15th or 16th January.

Handwritten initials/signature

To 0900K/Tuesday, 8th January, 1946.

H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/7th for Sydney via Manus SOA. 15.5.

H.N.M.S. "JACOB VON HEEMSKERCK" - Departed Morotai 1730K/5th for Fremantle E.T.A. 1000K/11th, SOA. 13.

H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Madang 1700K/7th for Langemak for O/R to Rabaul via Jacquinot Bay thence returns to Madang. E.T.A. Langemak 1300K/8th, SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "STERNA")
towing) - Departed Mackay 0630K/7th for Brisbane, SOA. 6.
H.D.M.L. 1347) E.T.A. to be reported.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1530K/8th for Morotai via Joumard and Vitiaz Straits. E.T.A. Morotai 0500K/18th. SOA. 12.

H.M.S. "CRANE" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/8th for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/14th, SOA. 12.

H.M.S. "BERWICK" - E.T.A. Fremantle 1000K/9th. Delayed by heavy weather.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle requests if there is any further information available re H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON".

N.O.I.C. Townsville reports H.D.M.L. 1347 on passage Mackay reported striking submerged object damaging port screw and "A" bracket. "STERNA" directed to tow to Brisbane.

H.M.S. "VIGOR" - Departed Sydney 1400K/8 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/15. (SOA. 12).

H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Departed Darwin 1400K/7th for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/11th (SOA. 13).

H.M.S. "KORANGAL")
H.M.S. "WIND") - Departed Darwin 1100K/7th for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/11th (SOA. 13).

H.M.S. "BERGAMOT" - Departed Darwin 1100K/7th for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/11th (SOA. 13).

H.M.A.S. "GILBERT" - Departed Darwin 1100K/7th for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/11th (SOA. 13).

"WIND" signals that clearance of Sydney has been completed 1.15/14. E.T.A. 23 H/B fleet at Sydney 1400/14. Depart Sydney 1400K/14 for East Strait Area. "WIND" will be detached to arrive Darwin 0600K/14 for visit of seven days. "WIND" will arrive Melbourne 1.15/15 for discussion with Army Staff.

S.O.N.M.N. Melbourne states that it would be appreciated if following four services can be transferred to S.O.N.M.N. "WIND", "GILBERT", "BERGAMOT" and "KORANGAL". Details of transfer of further four services is invited.

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From 0900K/5th until Monday, 0900K/7th January.

- H.M.A.S. "HOBART")
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA") Departed Ishimizu P.M./6th exercising en route
- H.M.S. "URANIA") to Yokohama E.T.A. 1530K/7th (SOA. 13).
- H.M.S. "ULYSSES")

- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/4th January for Darwin E.T.A. 1400K/10th (SOA. 17).

- H.M.S. "TYRIAN" - Departed Hong Kong 2000K/5th January for Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/10th for onward routing to Darwin and Sydney (SOA. 14)

- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK") Departs Morotai 0900K/6 for Madang E.T.A. 1500K/12
- towing "AIR REST")- for onward routing Dreger Harbour thence Sydney
- and barge) (SOA. 8).

- H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Balikpapan 1830K/4th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1900K/14th (SOA. 15).

- H.M.S. "TUMULT" - Departed Manus 0900K/5th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/11th. (SOA. 15).

- H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departs Madang 1800K/6th for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1300K/7 thence Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/12 (SOA. 9).

- H.M.A.S. "BUNGARBE" - Departed Norfolk Is. 1530K/5th for Vila E.T.A. 1730K/8th (SOA. 9.7)

- H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Port Kembla 0630K/5th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/5th (SOA. 10).

- H.M.S. "TUSCAN" - Departed Sydney 1655K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/7th (SOA. 14).

- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departed Sydney 1215K/ 6th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/8th.

- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Sydney 1805K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/12. (SOA. 15).

- H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" - Departed Burnie 1400K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/6th (SOA. 10).

- H.M.S. "KEMPENFELT") Departed Fremantle 1130K/5th for Trincomalee
- H.M.S. "WIZARD") E.T.A. 1400K/14 (SOA. 14).

- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - Departed Darwin 1130K/5th for Sydney E.T.A. 0630K/12th.

- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Darwin 0700K/6th for Ambon E.T.A. 1000K/8th.

"SWAN" signals that clearance of Newcastle Area will be completed P.M./5th. E.T.A. 20 M/S flotilla at Sydney 0600K/6th. Depart Sydney 1400K/9th for Bass Strait Area. "DELORAIN" will be despatched to arrive Devonport 0900K/14 for visit of seven days. "SWAN" will arrive Melbourne A.M./15 for discussion with Naval Staff.

S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne states that it would be appreciated if following four corvettes can be transferred to R.N.N. - "CAIRNS", "WOLLONGONG", "CESSNOCK" and "TAMWORTH". Decision as regards transfer of further four corvettes is awaited.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested N.O.I.C. Darwin sail "QUADRANT" for Ambon - to carry out further search of Timor Area for missing Dakota aircraft en route. All air searches for missing aircraft have been abandoned.

Re mines in Greet Harbour Rabaul. N.O.I.C. New Guinea considers that a mark five explosive sweep of these mines which are coming up fairly frequently would be more suitable for that area as there is no manouvering room for cropesa.

"MANOORA" requests permission to proceed Sydney direct on return voyage from Balikpapan to remove five ton winch.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has instructed R.A.N.L.O. Macassar to sail "VAN HEEMSKERK" to Fremantle.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends that "KANIMBLA" proceed to Morotai en route to Macassar to land mails and personnel.

M.W.T.R. Sydney requests advice when "PING WO" will be redelivered to Ministry and where.

F.O.S.A. requests "ATHELING" be sailed from Sydney 1100K/8th January for U.K. via Fremantle, Aden, Port Said.

Ship	Class	ETA
1st Jan.	Aden	1942 January
2nd Feb.	Fremantle	1942 "
1942 "	Aden	1942 February
1st March	Fremantle	1942 "

N.O.I.C. Brisbane sends - feasibility of floods predicted for February adds to desirability of early disposal of barges stored or beached along river bank.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests information if N.O.I.C. L.S.I. will be included in Japan lifting force as difficulty is being experienced in planning operational program of force 'at' point of uncertainty of date of mounting of Japan campaign force from Morotai. If "KANIMBLA" not available as Reg. ship, equivalent ship should be provided.

To 0900K/Friday, 4th January, 1946.

- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Colombo 3rd for Fremantle for O/R to Sydney. SOA. 20.
- U.S.S. "UVALDE" - Departed Hollandia 31st December for Brisbane E.T.A. 6th January.
- G.P.V. 955 towing } Departed Torokina 2115K/3rd for Jacquinot Bay
H.M.A.S. "AIR FAITH" } E.T.A. 1710K/4th, SOA. 8.
- H.D.M.L. 1547 - Departed Townsville 0530K/3rd for Brisbane via Mackay for fuel E.T.A. 1700K/4th, E.T.D. 1400K/5th. Brisbane 1400K/7th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "LARUS" - Departed Townsville 1200K/3rd for Brisbane E.T.A. 12th. SOA. 7. Overnight stops may be made at Bowen, Mackay and Gladstone.
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Townsville 1500K/3rd for Samarai and Madang E.T.A. Samarai 0400K/6th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.S. "ARMADA" - Departed Mackay 1700K/2nd to R/V with "HOGUE" thence to Sydney.
- H.D.M.L. 1354 - Departed Mackay 0800K/3rd for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/5th.
- H.M.S. "HOGUE" - Departed Gladstone 0900K/3rd for Newcastle E.T.A. 0300K/5th.
- H.M.S. "RAME HEAD" - E.T.D. Brisbane 0630K/4th for Hong Kong E.T.A. A.M. 23rd January.
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Brisbane 0800K/3rd for Madang E.T.A. 0500K/9th, SOA. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" (M.S.20) }
" " "BUNBURY" } Departed Sydney 2030K/2nd for Sweeping
" " "COWRA" } Operations off Newcastle.
" " "ARARAT" }
- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" - Departed Melbourne 1919K/2nd for Fremantle E.T.A. 1800K/8th, SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" - Departed Hobart 1700K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/5th, SOA. 10.5.

F.O.S.A. advises following programme for "KING GEORGE V" at SOA. 13.5 :-

<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
-	Hobart	15th January
21st Jan.	Fremantle	22nd "
7th Feb.	Capetown	8th February
18th "	Freetown	19th "
1st March	Portsmouth	-

N.O.I.C. Brisbane sends - Possibility of floods predicted for February adds to desirability of early disposal of barges moored or beached along river bank.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests information if R.A.N. L.S.I. will be included in Japan lifting Force as difficulty is being experienced in planning operational programme of Force 'A' owing to uncertainty of date of mounting of Japan occupation force from Morotai. If "GLENGYLE" not available as H.Q. ship, equivalent ship should be provided.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 3rd January, 1946.

- H.M. Sub. "TURPIN") Departed Hong Kong 1001K/1st for Manus and Sydney
 " " "TAURUS") - E.T.A. Manus 1200K/12th, Sydney 0800K/22nd,
 SOA. 10.5.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Lord Howe Is. 1800K/1st for Norfolk Is.
 E.T.A. 0430K/4th, SOA. 8.5.
- L.S.T.'s 324, 9, 408 - Departed Morotai 1630K/1st for Brisbane via west
 of New Guinea. E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/11th.
- H.D.M.L. 1354 - Departed Townsville 1400K/1st for Brisbane via Mackay
 for fuel. E.T.A. 1100K/2nd, E.T.D. 0800K/3rd, E.T.A.
 Brisbane 1000K/5th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN") Departed Townsville 1500K/1st for Sydney,
 " " "GASCOYNE") - SOA. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/3rd.
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Departed Melbourne 1655K/31st December for Whyalla
 E.T.A. 1100K/3rd, SOA. 10.5.
- H.M.S. "FERNMOOR" - Departed Fremantle 2040K/1st for Singapore E.T.A.
 1600K/11th.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" - Departed Darwin 1330K/1st for Fremantle via Broome,
 Onslow and Exmouth Gulf. E.T.A. Broome 0900K/4th.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises "TUSCAN" can be accepted for
 docking subsequent to completion "KURUMBA". Docking estimated 15th
 January.

V.A.(Q) B.P.F. advise - In order to implement the Admiralty
 instructions to expedite the closing down of R.N. commitments in
 Australia, it is now intended :-

- (A) That Woolloomooloo should not sponsor any more ships or take
 on any work that cannot be completed by 31st January.
- (B) Woolloomooloo packs up during February.

From 0900K, Monday 31st December to 0900K 2nd January.

H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - Departed Hong Kong 1200K/30th for Darwin E.T.A. 1730K/4th January. (S.O.A. 18).

U.S.I.S. "MERCURY" - Departed Balikpapan 30th for Macassar E.T.A. 1700/31st.

H.M.S. "K. PENFELT" } Departed Melbourne 2035K/30th for Fremantle
H.M.S. "LIZARD" } - E.T.A. 1430K/4th January. (SOA. 14).

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Departed Adelaide 1916K/30th for Wallaroo and Port Pirie.

H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" } Departed Balikpapan 0800K/28 for Tarakan.
towing "ALATNA" } - "ALATNA" for Tawi Tawi and "AIR REST" for
and "AIR REST" } Morotai.

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departs Brisbane 1000K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/3rd. (SOA. 17).

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" - Departed Port Adelaide 1130K/31st for Fremantle E.T.A. 1400K/5th. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 2230K/30 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600K/5th January thence Dreger Harbour.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne requests Dutch destroyer "PIET HIEN" be sailed from Melbourne P.M./3rd January for Sydney.

C. in C. B.P.F. approves for "INDEFATIGABLE" to visit Melbourne with "GLORY" and two destroyers from 23rd January to 31st January.

Admiralty signals that if in the near future a rescue tug of the "BUSTLER" class or perhaps one or two of the Assurance Class or one or more ocean going salvage vessels of the King Salvor Class become available, would the Australian Government wish to acquire any of them?

N.O.I.C. Moluccas directs "QUADRANT", on search for missing Dakota aircraft, to complete search of eastern tip of Timor thence proceed Darwin for fuel or if limit of safe endurance has been reached to proceed direct to Darwin. Further instructions regarding search areas on return passage to Ambon will be signalled. H.M.A.S. "BROOME" is to be sailed from Darwin to Fremantle when ready.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne directs "WAGGA", "COOTAMUNDRA" and "CASTLEMAINE" to move from South Wharf on 3rd, 4th and 7th January, respectively to buoys at Corio Bay.

V.A.(Q) requests A.C.N.B. will nominate some other port to which "TUSCAN" could be sent for docking - refitting work is not involved. This vessel was to refit Auckland.

F.O.S.A. requests F.O.I.C. Sydney sail "IMPLACABLE" P.M./6th January for Labuan.

N.Z.N.B. signals that as from 1st January, 1946, skeleton Naval control staff only will be retained Auckland, Wellington, Lyttleton and Dunedin.

"QUICKMATCH" signals that at 1030K/1st Jan. in a position north of Borneo, Mership "MARINE RUNNER", while overtaking in maximum visibility put his wheel over and rammed "ALATNA" in tow. Regret one able seaman missing. Considers negligence criminal.

"QUICKMATCH" had relieved "CESSNOCK" of tow of S.R.D. Craft off Tawi Tawi and was towing to Labuan.

