

DAILY NARRATIVES

1ST FEBRUARY 1942

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 31st May, 1942.

"KARUMBA" departed Brisbane 1100K/30 E.T.A. Townsville A.M.
Tuesday, 2nd June.

"WHYALLA" arrived Sydney at 1505K/30 from Adelaide.

"MORESBY" arrived Whyalla from Adelaide 1900K/29.

"STUART" and "VOYAGER" arrived at Geraldton from Fremantle
1327K/30.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 0610K/30.

"CESSNOCK" and "GOULBURN" escorting "TAROONA" and "BONTEKOE"
arrived Port Moresby 1650K/29 from Townsville.

"TROMP" arrived Sydney from Townsville - approximately 0600K/31.

U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" returned Brisbane from trials 1030K/30.

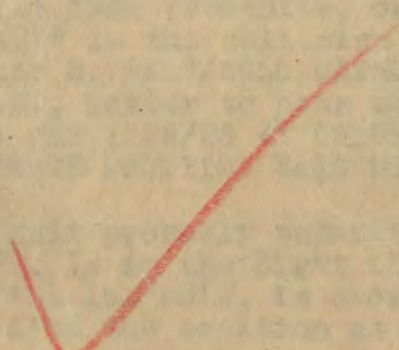
Hospital Ship "ORANJE" departed Melbourne 1230K/29 - E.T.A.
Sydney Heads 1600K/30.

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"SAGITTAS" P.M.B. was damaged by fire at mooring in Stanley
Tasmania, when engines were started up on 30/5.
Extensive damage to all with exception of hull - Board of
Inquiry being ordered.

1038J/29. Q Q Q Q Message. 'Suspicious vessel following' from
"ANGLO MAERSK" - Tanker from Fremantle to Abadan - position
1500' West of Fremantle.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 30th May, 1942.

"BENDIGO" - escorting "VAN HEEMSKIRK" and "COAST FARMER" departed Townsville 1915K/27 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 2200K/30.

"SWAN" - ordered to rendezvous with "BENDIGO" and convoy, thence to Port Moresby.

"TOWNSVILLE" - arrived Townsville 0745K/28, is to escort "BANTAM" to Port Moresby.

"COLAC" - ordered to proceed to Cairns, arriving 0800K/30, later to rendezvous with "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "BANTAM".

"CESSNOCK" } - escorting "TAROONA" and "BONTEKOL" from
"GOULBURN" } Townsville to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 2200K/29.

"STUART" - arrived Fremantle 1243H/29 from escort duty, departed 1624H/29 for Geraldton - E.T.A. 0900H/30.

"VOYAGER" - departed Fremantle 1624H/29 for Geraldton - E.T.A. 0900H/30.

"KALGOORLIE" - departed Port Phillip 1315K/29 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/1/6.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" - arrived Sydney 2006K/29 from Port Stephens.

"KANGAROO" } departed Cairns 0600K/29 for Wednesday Island -
"KARANGI" } E.T.A. P.M. 2/6, en route Darwin.
"KOALA" }

"ORARA" - arrived Melbourne 0945K/29.

U.S. Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" } arrived Sydney 0835K/29, for
U.S. Destroyer "SELFRIDGE" } Noumea.

U.S. Submarine "SPARFISH" - arrived Albany 0730H/29, from Fremantle.

U.S. Destroyer "MEREDITH" - arrived Noumea 1000L/29.

U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" - departed Brisbane 1730K/29 for engine trials to return about 1000K/30.

U.S.S. "BLACK HAWK" and "PARROTT" - departed Sydney 1655K/29 - destination unknown.

GENERAL.

SYDNEY radio received "Q000 30°10'S. 89°31'E "ANGLO MAERSK" SUSPICIOUS VESSEL FOLLOWING 0228/29. DE ZKIB 0415/29". 30°10'S. 89°31'E is about 1500 miles from Fremantle, on a bearing of approximately 275°. "ZKUS" is the call sign of "RIMUTAKA" which M.M.S. plot about 700 miles S. of "ANGLO MAERSK" signal passed to C. in C. E.F. and C.C.F., latter to pass to C.T.F. 51. N.Z.N.B's 1024Z/29 reads: "MY 1132/26 AT 0910Z/29 FIX OF UNIT REFERRED TO GIVES APPROXIMATE POSITION 3410 SOUTH 131 50 EAST (34°10'S. 151°50'E.)". N.Z.N.B's 1132/26 placed unit probably submarine in approximate position 34°10'S. 131°50'E. is in the Bight about 175 miles east of Eyre's Peninsula. 34°10'S. 151°50'E. is about 35 miles S.E. of Sydney. Code Room have J'ed the position as received in 1024Z/29.

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To 0900K/Friday, 29th May, 1942.

"WILCANNIA" - departed Noumea 1501L/27 for Art Island (about 210 miles N.W. of Noumea).

"ORARA" - returning from S.C.F. 18 - E.T.A. Melbourne 0530K/29.

"GERALDTON" - arrived Fremantle 0659H/28. Proposed, after making good defects, that she be sailed on 31st May to town of Geraldton for short visit.

"BALLARAT" }
"WARRNAMBOOL" } - arrived Townsville 1635K/27.

"MARRAWAH" - departed P.M. 25/5 for operations in S.C.F. 18.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - departed Sydney 0627K/28 for sweeping operations off Norah Head (about 30 miles south of Sydney).

"KALGOORLIE" - minesweeping trials having been satisfactorily completed she is to proceed on 29/5 from Melbourne to Sydney. After working up in Sydney for 10 days she is to proceed to Darwin.

"WHYALLA" - departed Adelaide 0119K/27 for Sydney, amended E.T.A. 1400K/30.

"WARREGO" - when ready to be sailed with despatch from Sydney to Townsville.

"STUART" - having departed Fremantle 1539H/27 escorting, until 1800H/28, "DOMINION MONARCH" bound for Sydney (E.T.A. 0800K/2/6), is now returning Fremantle.

"ORANJE" - Hospital Ship, arrived Port Melbourne 1645K/28 from Adelaide.

"MADRAS" - Full power acceptance trials satisfactorily completed in Sydney.

"CANBERRA" - arrived Sydney 1907K/28 from Melbourne.

"SWAN" - having arrived Port Moresby from Townsville, escorting "VAN HEUTZ", "SWAN", departed Port Moresby for Townsville - E.T.A. 1900K/29, but has now been ordered to rendezvous with "BENDIGO" escorting "VAN HEEMSKIRK" and "COAST FARMER", and provide additional escort to Port Moresby. E.T.A. Port Moresby 2200K/30.

"COLAC" - departed Port Moresby 2102K/27 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/30.

"TROMP" - having escorted "SWARTENHONDT" from Sydney to position F., "TROMP" is now returning Sydney with despatch; "SWARTENHONDT" is proceeding independently to Townsville. "TROMP" with U.S. Destroyer "SELFRIDGE" is required as escort for convoy leaving Sydney for Townsville via Brisbane at 0959K/31.

"JEBBIN" } - U.S. Destroyer Tender and U.S. Destroyer respectively
"SELFRIDGE" } departed Noumea 1400L/25 - E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/29.
"SELFRIDGE" with "TROMP" is required as escort
for convoy leaving Sydney for Townsville via
Brisbane at 0959K/31.

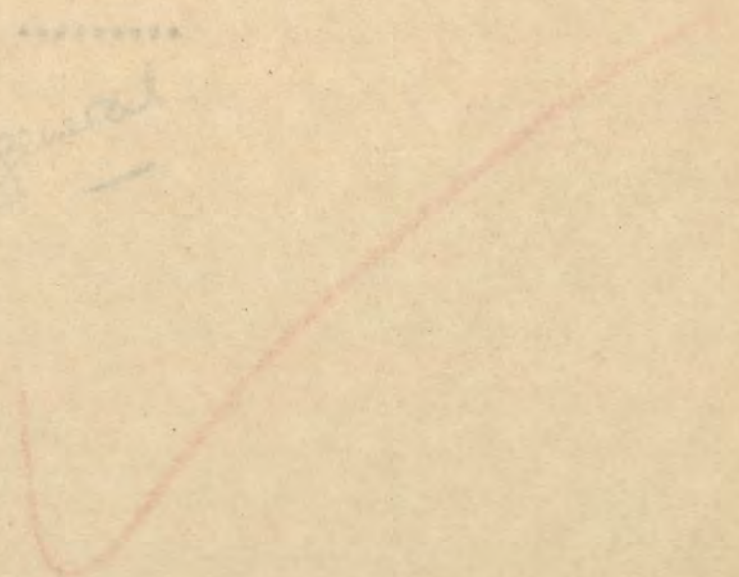
H.T. "DUNTROON" - departed Melbourne 1300K/28 - E.T.A. Sydney
2000K/30.

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N.O.C.S. reports that yellow air raid warning was
issued by Fighter Sector H.Q. at 0507K/29. One Curtis Type
Float Plane sighted over Sydney Harbour at 0420K/29. Later
reports indicated two unidentified float planes in Sydney-Newcastle
area. R.D.F. reports aircraft still in area to seaward on
Broken Bay. Fighter aircraft investigating.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 28th May, 1942.

"STUART" departed Fremantle 1739K/27 escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" until 2000K/28.

"KALGOORLIE" - berthed inner east station pier Port Melbourne 1545K/27.

"CANBERRA" - departed Port Phillip for Sydney 1159K/27. E.T.A. off Sydney 1500K/28.

"BENDIGO" - arrived Townsville from patrol 1855K/26 brick work of starboard boiler defective estimated time for repairs 24 hours.

"WHYALLA" - departed Adelaide 0119K/27 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1200K/31.

"CESSNOCK" and "GOULBURN" - escorting "TAROONA" and "BONTEKOE" departed Townsville 0558K/27 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1600K/29.

H.T. "RUYS" - departed Sydney for Panama 1332K/27.

Dutch Hospital Ship "ORANJE" - arrived Adelaide 26/5 - departed 1146K/27 due Melbourne 1201K/28.

H.T. "FELIX ROUSSEL" - departed Adelaide 25/5 - E.T.A. Sydney 28/5.

"LEANDER" with U.S. Destroyer "BULMER" - arrived Vila 1630K/26.

U.S. Submarine "SPEARFISH" - departed Fremantle 1912K/27 for Albany.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" Sydney 1030K/27.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" - departed Fremantle 1039K/27 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. P.M. 29/5.

U.S. Destroyer "MUGFORD" - arrived Brisbane 1101K/26.

U.S. Destroyer "PAUL JONES" - arrived Vila 0655K/27.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday 27th May, 1942.

X "CANBERRA" - E.T.D. Melbourne 0900K/27 for Sydney.

X "BALLARAT" }
X "WARRNAMBOOL" } proceeding to Townsville - E.T.A. late 27/5.

"STUART" - escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" arrived Fremantle 0900H/26.

"ASCANIA" - departed Fiji 0718H/26 for Auckland - E.T.A. 0400/30.

"GERALDTON" - departed Albany 0716H/26 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0700H/28.

"BUNGARIE" - arrived Sydney 0625K/28 from Noumea.

"BENDIGO" - departed Townsville 1720K/25 on A/S patrol.

"KANGAROO" }
"KARANGI" } - departed Townsville 1810K/25 arrived Cairns 1800K/26
"KGALA" } en route Darwin.

U.S. Destroyer "PAUL JONES" - departed Noumea 0627L/26 for Vila.

U.S. Destroyer "SELFRIDGE" }
U.S. Destroyer Tender "DOBBIN" } departed Noumea 1400L/25 for Sydney -
E.T.A. 0600K/29.

U.S. Destroyer "MUGFORD" - was due Cape Moreton 0300K/26.

U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" - arrived Fremantle 0728H/26 from Albany.

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N.Z.N.B.'s 1132Z/26 reports D.F. fix of Japanese unit probably submarine, in position 24°S. 165°E at 1030Z/26 - air search from New Zealand commenced dawn/27.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 26th May, 1942.

- "BALLARAT" - in seaworthy condition proceeding to Townsville
E.T.A. 0800K/27.
- "TOWNSVILLE" - proceeding to Townsville with despatch to refuel.
- "WARRENAMBOOL" - proceeding to Townsville with 7 U.S. air
personnel and salvaged aircraft parts.
- "BENDIGO" - arrived Townsville 0523K/24 from Port Moresby.
- "ARUNTA" - arrived Sydney in company with "TROMP" 2204K/24
from escorting Z.K.8. To continue working up.
- "TROMP" - arrived Sydney with "ARUNTA" 2204K/24 from escorting
Z.K.8. - Departed Sydney 1449K/25 escorting
"SWARTENHONDT" for Townsville.
- "MANGORA" - arrived Sydney 0958K/25 from Noumea.
- "KANIMELA" - arrived Sydney 0745K/25 from Auckland.
- "CESSNOCK" } - escorting "BANTAM", "BANTEKOE", "VAN HEEMSKIRK"
"COULBURN" } arrived Townsville 0800K/25 from Sydney.
- "SWAN" - escorting "VAN HEUTZ" arrived Townsville 1501K/24.
"COLAC" to rendezvous and provide additional A/S
escort. to Port Moresby.
- "SCULPIN" - U.S. Submarine arrived Fremantle 0720K/25.
- "LEANDER" - arrived Noumea 1640L/24, to depart Noumea P.M.
25/5 and arrive Vila 26/5.
- "ACHILLES" - arrived Tutuila 1410L/23.
- "FARRAGUT" - escorting "CREMER" arrived Fiji 1138M/24.
- "BARKER" - U.S. Destroyer arrived Tongatabu 1301M/24.
- "FORD" } U.S. Destroyers escorting "KASKASKIA" departed
"EDWARDS" } Fiji 0758M/24 for Pearl 1900Z/1.
- "KANGAROO" } arrived Townsville 1740K/24 en route Darwin.
"KOALA" }
"KARANCA" }
- "CARLOCK" - Tug, has been ordered to return to Brisbane.

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To 0900K/Monday 25th May, 1942.

"STUART" - departed Fremantle 1001K/24 - to escort "DOMINION MONARCH" into Fremantle.

"SWAN" - escorting "VAN HEUTZ" arrived Townsville 1501K/24.

"BALLARAT" - in seaworthy condition proceeding to Townsville - E.T.A. 0800K/26.

"WARRENAMBOOL" - proceeding to Townsville with 7 U.S. personnel and salvaged aircraft parts.

"TOWNSVILLE" - Ordered to proceed Townsville with despatch for fuel.

"COLAC" - arrived Cairns from Port Moresby 1200K/24.

H.T. "DUNTRON" - departed Adelaide 1245K/24 for Melbourne.

U.S. Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" - with U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT" arrived Sydney from Melbourne 0959K/24.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" - arrived Sydney 1356K/24.

U.S. Transport "ARGENTINA" - departed Melbourne 1030K/23 - E.T.A. Panama 11/6.

U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" - departed Albany 1901K/24 for Fremantle.

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To 0900 Sunday, 24th May, 1942.

- "PHOENIX" - arrived Fremantle 1042H/23 from escorting convoy S.U.4, which arrived Adelaide 1835/1K/22.
- "COLAC" - escorting H.T. "CANBERRA" to Grafton Passage. E.T.A. of "CANBERRA" at Cairns 1120K/24.
- "BENDIGO" - escorting H.T. "TARONGA" to Grafton Passage. E.T.A. of "TARONGA" at Townsville 0700K/24.
- "GEELONG" - arrived Sydney 0818K/23 from Noumea.
- "BINGERA" - arrived Sydney 0835K/23 from Brisbane.
- "GERALDTON" - at Albany, to proceed to Fremantle on completion of boiler cleaning about 26/5.
- "FORD" } U.S. Destroyers, escorting U.S. Tanker "KASKASKIA",
"EDWARDS" } arrived Suva 0930M/22.
- "CHEVREUIL" - departed Noumea 0558L/23.
- "ASCANIA" - escorting "WAHINE", departed Cape Brett 0200M/22. E.T.A. Suva 1800M/25.
- "ACHILLES" - departed Fiji 0907M/22. E.T.A. Tutuila 1600M/22.
- "KANIMBLA" - departed Auckland 1625/LM/21. E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/25.
- "MANGORA" - departed Norfolk Island 1250L/22 for rendezvous with "ROCKHAMPTON" at 1600K/24 and thence to Sydney. E.T.A. 0600K/25. "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney 2334K/24 for rendezvous.
- "TUCKER" } departed Port Melbourne 1001K/22. E.T.A. Sydney
"WRIGHT" } 1400K/24.
- "SCULPIN" - U.S. Submarine, departed Albany 1630H/23 for Fremantle.
- S.46 - U.S. Submarine, departed Townsville 0815K/22.
- "ARUNTA" }
"TROMP" } Escort for { "ARUNTA" and "TROMP" with convoy were to
" " } Convoy ZK8 { rendezvous about 0600K/23 with other
"GOULBURN" } Sydney to { escort vessels, and then to return to
"SWAN" } Townsville. { Sydney. "TROMP" is later to escort
"CESSNOCK" } { "SWARTENHONDT", which is to be ready to
leave Sydney at 1200K/24. At approximate-
ly 0800K/23, the Convoy was to split into
Forces C and CB; Force C, consisting of
"GOULBURN" and "CESSNOCK", escorting
"BANTAM", "BONTKOE", "VAN HEERMSKIRK",
was to proceed at 7-8 knots; Force CB,
consisting of "SWAN", escorting "VAN
HEUTZ" was to proceed at 13 knots.
- "BALLARAT" - which was aground in position 11° 23' S, 142° 53' E., was refloated at 0525K/24 by "TOWNSVILLE" and "WARRNAMBOOL". "WARRNAMBOOL" to proceed to Townsville (Port of) endeavouring, en route, to locate crashed U.S. airmen near Cape Grenville. Tug "CARLOCK" had departed Brisbane 1005K/22 to assist and was to refuel at Cairns A.M. 26/5.

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At No. 2 Tank, Williamstown Oil Installation,
petrol pipe has burst. Efforts being made to pump 4,000 tons
into tanker "PRESIDENT DE VOGUE". All possible precautions
taken. Two tugs and pilot standing by "PRESIDENT DE VOGUE",
in case of fire. Leak being brought under control.

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To 0900 Saturday, 23rd May, 1942.

"MANOORA" - arrived Norfolk Island 0700K/22, departed for Sydney 1150K/22. Is to rendezvous with "ROCKHAMPTON" in 1600K/24 who will provide A/S escort.

"CAIRNS" - returned to Maryborough after successfully completing sea trials Thursday, May 21st.

"WILCANNIA" - arrived Noumea from escort duty 1050K/22.

"KANIMBLA" - departed Auckland 1455K/21 - E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/24th.

"BUNGAREE" - departed Noumea for Sydney 0535K/21.

"BALLARAT" - another attempt to refloat will be made today Saturday at 0400K - Salvage Officer arrived by flying boat; "WARRNAMBOOL" had not arrived at 1900K/22.

U.S. Transport "MOUNT VERNON" - departed Adelaide for San Francisco 1741K/22.

U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" and aircraft tender "WRIGHT" - departed Melbourne 1001K/22 for Sydney.

U.S. Cruiser "SALT LAKE CITY" with U.S. Destroyer "FLUSSER" arrived Brisbane from Noumea 1303K/22.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "BULMER" - departed Sydney for Samoa 0937K/22.

U.S. Submarine "SAILFISH" - arrived Albany 1010K/22.

Dutch Patrol Vessel "HARMEN" - departed Thursday Island 1623K/21.

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"PING WO" - commissioned as an H.M.A. Ship at 0800K/22.

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To 0900K/Friday, 22nd May, 1942.

- ✓ "KANIMBLA" - arrived Auckland 1600L/20 to depart A.M. 21/5 for Sydney.
- × "ROCKHAMPTON" - to depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "MANCOORA" at 1600K/24.
- "GOULBURN" - departed Brisbane 0900K/21 for rendezvous with "SWAN" to escort Z.K.8.
- "GERALDTON" - Albany 0643H/21 for Adelaide.
- "BINGERA" - departed Brisbane 0910K/21 - E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/23.
- "CAIRNS" - on speed trials to return to Maryborough P.M. 21/5.
- "BLACK HAWK" } - U.S. Destroyers, departed Port Melbourne 1501K/21
 "PARROTT" } E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/24.
- "VOYAGER" - arrived Fremantle 1635H/20.
- × "BUNGAREE" - should have departed Noumea 0545L/21 for Sydney E.T.A. 0100K/26.
- "TUCKER" } - arrived Port Melbourne 0806K/21 - to depart Melbourne
 "WRIGHT" } 1000K/22 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1400K/24.
- "CANBERRA" - exercises in Port Phillip Bay.
- "FARRAGUT" - escorting "CREMER" departed Noumea 0633L/20. for Suva - E.T.A. 0600M/24.
- "ARUNTA" } - escorting Z.K.8 (Sydney to Townsville) to rendezvous
 "TROMP" } with "SWAN" and "CESSNOCK", thence to return to Sydney. "TROMP" later to escort "SWARTENHONDT" to rendezvous.
- "SWAN" } - departed Townsville 0600K/21 for rendezvous with
 "CESSNOCK" } Z.K.8.
- "CHEVREUIL" } - arrived Noumea 1104L/21.
 "MILDURA" }
- "BENDIGO" } - escorting "TAROONA" and "CANBERRA" arrived Port
 "COLAC" } Moresby 1716K/21.
- "BALLARAT" - aground 11°23'S. 142°52'E. (amended position)
 "TOWNSVILLE" made unsuccessful attempt to refloat her. "WARRNAMEOOL" to assist "TOWNSVILLE" in further attempt, then to proceed to Townsville (Port of). Salvage Officer, Captain Hurd, to arrive by plane - E.T.A. 1025K/22 to examine vessel
 Tug ready to depart Brisbane 2100K/21.

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To 0900K/Thursday 21st May, 1942.

"CANBERRA" - anchored off Mornington 0125K/20 from Sydney.

"BALLARAT" - aground 11°20'S, 142°51'E. "TOWNSVILLE"
should have arrived to assist at 2359K/19.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" - departed Sydney 0544K/20 for Port Stephens.

"BOMBAY"

"BALLARAT" } - E.T.D. Sydney P.M./20 for sweeping operations
"ROCKHAMPTON" } "BOMBAY" thence to Broken Bay for working up
exercises.

"GERALDTON" - E.T.A. Albany from Adelaide 0805H/21.

U.S. Destroyers "BULMER", "PAUL JONES" - arrived Sydney 0757K/20
from Williamstown.

U.S. Submarine "SNAPPER" - departed Albany 1650H/19 for
Fremantle.

U.S. Destroyer "HELM" - arrived Brisbane 1730K/19 from Noumea.

U.S.S. "HERON" - arrived Fremantle 0943H/20.

U.S. Cruiser "SALT LAKE CITY" } departed Noumea 1651L/19.
U.S. Destroyer "FLUSSER" }

U.S. Destroyer "FARRAGUT" - escorting "CROMER" - arrived
Noumea 1545L/20 from Brisbane.

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To 0900K/Wednesday 20th May, 1942.

- "BALLARAT" - aground in position 11°20'S. 142°51'E (South of Cape York). Efforts to refloat with assistance from "MULIAMA" and "KARSIK" at high water Tuesday were unsuccessful. Vessel which has been lightened is upright and is not making water. "TOWNSVILLE" has been instructed to assist in towing and should have arrived 2359K/19. If further efforts are unsuccessful high powered tug will be despatched from Brisbane.
- "MANOORA" - departed Noumea 1350L/16 for Vila to depart Vila 19th for Norfolk Island - E.T.A. 0800L/22, thence Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/25.
- "MILDURA" - after escorting "MANOORA" 100 miles from Noumea to return there. E.T.A. 1500L/21.
- "GEEELONG" - departed Noumea 1620L/18. E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/23.
- "BENDIGO" - arrived Townsville with U.S. submarine 46 at 1452K/18, departed 0659K/19 in company with "COLAC" escorting H.T.'s "TAROONA" and "CANBERRA" for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1600K/21.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" - departed Darwin 0303/IK/17 escorting "MAKO" E.T.A. Thursday Island 1330K/22.
- "SWAN" - E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/19.
- "CESSNOCK" - E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/19.
- "CANBERRA" - departed Sydney 1535K/18 for night firing thence to Port Phillip Bay. E.T.A. off Mornington 2300K/19.
- "FARRAGUT" - escorting "CREMER", Brisbane to Noumea - E.T.A. 1500L/20.
- "VOYAGER" - after escorting convoy S.U.4. part of way to Adelaide to return to Fremantle - E.T.A. 1515H/20.
- "PHOENIX" - escorting S.U.4. to 130°E, then returning to Fremantle.
- "ORANJE" - departed Aden 13/5 - E.T.A. Adelaide 1000K/27, thence Melbourne and Sydney.
- "HARMEN" - Naval patrol vessel (Dutch) departed Cairns 1015K/18. - E.T.A. Thursday Island 2000K/20.
- "MONOWAI" - departed Fiji 0817/17, E.T.A. Auckland A.M. 20/5.
- "CHITRAL" - departed Fremantle 1540H/19 for Mauritius - E.T.A. 0700Z/28.
- "MADRAS" - H.M.I. Ship commissioned in Sydney at 1100K/19 under command of Lieutenant G. Karmarkar, R.I.N.R.
- "STUART" - arrived Fremantle 1650H/19.

GENERAL.

German raider, probably Raider E located by D/F within 600 miles 30°S. 090°E at 0500Z/19.

Ballarat

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BOOK/Tuesday, 19th May, 1942.

- "CANBERRA" - departed Sydney for night firing 1535K/18 - thence to Melbourne. E.T.D. 1900K/18 - E.T.A. off Mornington 2300K/19.
- "BENDIGO" - departed Townsville for rendezvous with submarine S.46.
- "WAR NAMBOOL" - escorting "MAKO" departed Darwin 0733K/18 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1330K/22 thence Cairns.
- "SWAN" and "CESSNOCK" - arrived Basilisk Beacon - departed for Townsville - E.T.A. "SWAN" 2000K/19 - E.T.A. "CESSNOCK" 1200K/19.
- "ARUNTA" with "TROMP", "ROCKHAMPTON" and "BOMBAY" in company - escorting convoy ZK8 - (negative "SWARTENHOND") departed Sydney 1530K/18.
- "BALLARAT" - grounded in position 11°20'S, 142°51'E (south of Cape York) "MULIAMA" at high water unsuccessfully attempted to tow off - Another attempt proposed at 1200K/19. Permission has been granted to jettison depth charges and heavy stones. Also oil fuel and fresh water to be reduced to a minimum. "TOWNSVILLE" ordered at 1552K/8th proceed with despatch and render assistance.
- "GEE LONG" - Noumea/Sydney. A/S equipment unserviceable - E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/23/5.
- Dutch Naval Patrol Vessel "HARMEN" departed Thursday Island 0845K/18 - E.T.A. Wednesday Island 2000K/20.
- U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "BULMER" - departed Williamstown for Sydney 1045K/18 - E.T.A. 0800K/20.
- U.S. Destroyers "PARROTT" - accompanied by U.S. Destroyer Tender "BLACKHAWK" arrived Port Melbourne 1501K/18.
- U.S.S. "PERKINS" - arrived Sydney 2300K/17 escorting S.S. "CAROLA".
- U.S. Destroyer "FARRAGUT" - escorting "CREMER" departed Brisbane 1700K/17 for Noumea - E.T.A. 1400K/20.

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To 0900 Monday, 18th May, 1942.

"PHOENIX" } Sailed Fremantle 1500H/17 with convoy S.U.4.
"VOYAGER" }

"KANIMBLA" - ordered by N.Z.N.B. (2052Z/16) proceed direct to Auckland.

"SWAN" - escorting "WANAKA" - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1700K/17.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - arrived Sydney 1730K/17.

"TOWNSVILLE" - escorting "BABINDA" - sailed Darwin 0958/IK/16 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1730K/19.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - escorting "MAKO" arrived Darwin 1318/IK/16.

"TROMP" } - returned Sydney 1613K/17.
"ARUNTA" }

H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" } escorting "WAHINE" arrived Fiji 1921M/17.
H.M.S. "ASCANIA" }

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" - departed Fiji 1718M/17 for Auckland - E.T.A. A.M./21.

H.M.S. "ALSEY" - arrived Brisbane from Melbourne 1220K/17.

"MANOORA" } - sailed Noumea 2350L/16 for Vila.
"MILDURA" }

U.S.S. "BULMER" } arrived Williamstown 0949K/17.
U.S.S. "BARKER" }

U.S.S. "BARKER" - sailed Port Phillip 1525K/17 for Tongatabu - E.T.A. 1179M/24.

U.S. Submarine "PORPOISE" - arrived Darwin 1830/IK/16, and sailed 0135K/17.

U.S.S. "FARRAGUT" escorting "CREMER" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1700K/17 for Noumea E.T.A. 1500L/20.

U.S. Destroyer "MEREDITH" - arrived Noumea 1150L/17.

U.S.S. "RIGEL" and "GRIDLEY" arrived Auckland 1705M/16.

U.S.S. "HUGHES" and "MONAGHAN" - sailed Noumea 0837L/17.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" - arrived Noumea 1825L/17.

GENERAL.

"BALLARAT" - escorting "MACDHUI" Port Moresby/Townsville ran aground 11020'S. 142051'E. approximately 40 miles S.E. of Cape York at 2300K/17. "MULIAMA" (689 tons) standing by will attempt to tow "BALLARAT" off at daylight.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/SUNDAY 17th MAY, 1942.

"SWAN" escorting "WANAKA" departed Thursday Island 0730K/16 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1700K/17.

"MANOORA" with "MILDURA", "GEELONG" and "BUNGAREE" arrived Noumea at 1510K/16.

"STUART" departed Adelaide 1039K/15 for Fremantle.

"CESSHOCK" departed Port Moresby 1500K/15 to rendezvous with "SWAN" 1600K/16 East of Rennel Island.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney 0735K/16 searching sweeps to northward.

"GERALDTON" departed Adelaide 0602K/16 for Albany.

U.S. Destroyer "MERRIDITH" arrived Noumea 1407K/15.

U.S. Cruiser "INDIANAPOLIS" departed Port Phillip 1456K/16.

U.S. Destroyer "PAUL JONES" arrived Williamstown from Fremantle 1030K/16.

H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Adelaide 15th May due Sydney 18th May.

H.T. "DENBIGHSHIRE" arrived Melbourne 16th May.

Hospital Ship "ORANJE" departed Aden 13th May due Adelaide 27th May.

Hospital Ship "WANGANILLA" arrived Sydney 15th May.

H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" (Channel Patrol Boat) commissioned at 0900K/15 - under command of Lieutenant J.B.T. Hanson R.A.N.V.R.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" (A.S. M.S.) successfully launched at 1100K Saturday 16th May.

see next page also

TO 0900K/SUNDAY 17th MAY, 1942.

SUBMARINE ATTACK 35 miles East of Newcastle
on U.S.S.R. Cargo Ship "WELLEN". 5000 TONS - 9½ knots.

- (1) At 2034K/16 an intercepted radio message reported that the "WELLEN" was being gunned. Position 33° 00' S., 152° 33' E.
- (2) At 2126K/16 "TROMP", "ARUNTA", "PERKINS" and all A/S vessels to come to immediate notice for sea.
- (3) At 2204K/16 N.O.C.S. and N.O.I.C. Newcastle ordered to stop sailings for 24 hours.
- (4) (A) At 2216K/16 N.O.C.S. ordered to organize A/S search with all available A/S craft.
(B) Air search ordered for dawn 17th.
- (5) "WELLEN" arrived off Newcastle Reports ship damaged slightly. Several of crew including Captain wounded - further detailed report of the action will follow.
- (6) At 0216K/17 N.O.C.S. advise - "ROCKHAMPTON" and "ALLENWOOD" operating off Newcastle - "ARUNTA" departed Sydney about 0200K/17 - "YANDRA" A/S patrol off Sydney Heads - "TROMP" expects to sail soon - and U.S.S. "PERKINS" 0815K/17.
- (7) At 0800K/17 - N.O.C.S. - CONVEYED BY phone this additional information obtained from the Master of the "WELLEN".
 - (A) The ship was attacked at 2020K/16.
 - (B) Position 317° - 31 miles from Nobbys Light.
 - (C) Enemy opened fire at 100 yards range and fired 7 rounds.
 - (D) "WELLEN" returned fire with low angle and M/G fire - considers were successful with M/G.
 - (E) Enemy then submerged - flooding of tanks heard.
 - (F) Submarine size estimated 200 ft. long.
 - (G) "WELLEN" injured - total 3 - Captain, Officer and seaman rating.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 16th May, 1942.

"HUNTA" - arrived Sydney from Melbourne 1428K/15.

"MANGORA"
"MILDURA"
"HUNGARIE" } E.T.A. Noumea 1600L/16.

"SWAN" - escorting "WANAKA" to rendezvous with "CESSNOCK"
at 1600K/18 and proceed to Port Moresby.

"BALLARAT" - to escort "MACDUI" to Palm Island, and thence
proceed to Townsville.

"CHITRAL" - ready for sea A.M. 18/5.

U.S.S. "BARKER" } sailed Adelaide 0931K/15 for Melbourne - E.T.A.
U.S.S. "BULMER" } 1030K/17.

U.S.S. "PAUL JONES" - E.T.A. Melbourne from Fremantle - O.M.16/5.

U.S. Destroyer No. 354. - departed Noumea 1626L/15.

U.S. Tanker "FAMIRRO" } - arrived Noumea 1507L/15.
U.S. Destroyer "MEREDITH" }

U.S. Minelayer "MONTGOMERY" - arrived Fiji 1339M/14.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" - E.T.A. Walpole Island from Auckland daybreak/16.

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To 0900 Friday, 15th May, 1942.

- "ARUNTA" departed Williamstown 1235K/14 - E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/15.
- "VOYAGER" - escorting "GOLDSTAR" arrived Fremantle 1600H/13.
- "MANCOORA" - with "MILDURA" escorting "BUNGAREE" to Noumea - E.T.A. 1500K/16. After "MILDURA" has fuelled, both ships to proceed Vila and embark civilians and A.I.F. and R.A.A.F. personnel and copra ex "MORINDA" and return to Sydney.
- "STUART" - arrived Adelaide with "BULMER" and "BARKER" escorting convoy 1531/IK/14. To fuel and proceed to Fremantle.
- "BULMER" - arrived Adelaide 1531/IK/14. To fuel and proceed to Melbourne.
- "BARKER" - arrived Adelaide 1531/IK/14. To fuel and proceed to Tongatabu in exchange for "BAGLEY".
- "TOWNSVILLE" - escorting "MATEFELL" arrived Darwin 0926/IK/13.
- "CESSNOCK" - with "BALLARAT" escorting "KARSIK" arrived Port Moresby 1551K/13. To escort "KARSIK" to Cape Cleveland, then proceed to Townsville.
- "BALLARAT" - with "CESSNOCK" escorting "KARSIK" arrived Port Moresby 1551K/13. To have rendezvoused with "SWAN" at 1600K/15 to provide additional A/S escort for "WANAKA", but see "SWAN".
- "KANIMBLA" - Brisbane to Tongatabu - E.T.A. 0840M/17 to arrive Nukualofa 0940L/16.
- "MONOWAI" - with "ASCANIA", escorting "WAHINE" departed Auckland 0730L/13. E.T.A. Suva 0800L/17.
- "GOULBURN" - to sail from Brisbane so as to arrive Townsville on 21/5.
- "HEROS" - arrived Sydney 1327K/14 from Adelaide.
- "ORARA" - arrived Melbourne 1115K/14.
- "SWAN" - escorting "WANAKA", arrived Thursday Island 1505K/14 to depart 0600K/16, rendezvous with "BALLARAT" and arrive Port Moresby 1800K/17.
- "ALSEY" - en route Melbourne to Brisbane - E.T.A. A.M. 17/5.
- "GERALDTON" - en route Melbourne to Fremantle - E.T.A. 1400H/19 arrived Adelaide 1700/IK/14.
- "WANGANELLA" - Hospital ship - departed Port Melbourne 1345K/13 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/15.
- "MINNEAPOLIS") U.S. cruisers, with 5 destroyers departed Noumea
 "ASTORIA") 1215L/13.
 "NEW ORLEANS")
- "MAHAN") U.S. Destroyers arrived Noumea 1445L/13.
 "FLUSSER")

U.S. Destroyer 368. - departed Noumea 1115L/13.

U.S. Destroyer 388 - " " 0645L/14.

U.S. Transport McCawley and cruiser escort departed Apia 1201L/13.

U.S. Transport "MANOHRAN" with escort arrived Apia 0513L/13.

H.M.N.Z.S. "KIWI" - departed Papeete 0813L/12 - E.T.A. Auckland 22/5.

"WRIGHT") U.S. Destroyers expected to depart Fremantle at dusk
"TUCKER") 14/5, to arrive Melbourne P.M. 21/5.

"CHICAGO") U.S. cruiser and destroyer, arrived Sydney 0713K/14.
"PERKINS")

"GEEBONG" departed Noumea 1616L/14 for rendezvous.

"INDIANAPOLIS" - U.S. Cruiser escorting U.S. Transports "ARGENTINA"
 and "MATSONIA" arrived Melbourne 1605K/13.

U.S. Destroyer "HUGHES" - departed Noumea 1622L/14.

"HENLEY" - U.S. destroyer with "KURUMBA" and "KYBRA" arrived
 Brisbane 1700K/14.

Convoy S.U.4. escorted by H.M.S. "CHITRAL" arrived Fremantle at
 1456H/14 and will probably be delayed.

To 0900 Thursday, 14th May, 1942.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Sydney at 1453K/11 from Brisbane.

"SWAN" escorting R.A.A.F. storeship "WANAKA" departed Townsville 1040K/12 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2100K/14, thence to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1300K/16.

"BALLARAT" is to rendezvous with "SWAN" at 1600K/15 to provide additional A/S escort for "WANAKA".

"AUSTRALIA" and U.S. Destroyer "FARRAGUT" arrived Brisbane 1650K/13.

"BENDIGO" with "COLAC" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby 0615Z/13.

"WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin 0354/1K/13 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1130K/17/5.

"TOOWOOMBA" arrived Adelaide 1540K/13 from Albany.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" returned to Fremantle 1046K/1B - reports operation unsuccessful - details being forwarded.

U.S. Destroyers "PARROT" and "PAUL JONES" with U.S. Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" departed Fremantle 1800K/10 for Melbourne - "PAUL JONES" E.T.A. A.M.16/5 - "BLACK HAWK" and "PARROT" A.M.18/5.

U.S. Cruiser "INDIANAPOLIS" and convoy arrived Port Phillip 1307K/13.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" departed Auckland for Walpole Island 0830K/13 - E.T.A. Daybreak 16/5.

Hospital Ship "WANGANELLA" departed Port Melbourne 1001K/13 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/15.

Unidentified submarine sighted 1300°S. 147.00°E. 1628K/13 - approximately 190 miles N.E. of Archers Point.

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SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To BROOK/Wednesday, 13th May, 1942.

To "AUSTRALIA" } E.T.A. Brisbane 0500K/13.
U.S. Destroyer "FARRAGUT" }

"BALLARAT" } escorting - E.T.A. Port Moresby from Townsville
"CESSNOCK" } 0900K/13.

"TOOWOOMBA" - E.T.A. Adelaide from Albany P.M./13.

"BAN HONG LIONG" - arrived Sydney from Brisbane 0752K/12.

"ALSEY" - sailed Williamstown 1757K/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. A.M./17.

"WHYALLA" - arrived Adelaide from Melbourne 1237/1K/11.

"ARUNTA" - exercising in Port Phillip to sail for Sydney for
escort duty 14/5.

"GERALDTON" - sailed Melbourne 2234K/12 for Fremantle - E.T.A.
1400H/19.

U.S.S. "RICHMOND" and three Destroyers - with convoy - arrived
Nukualofa 1500M/11.

U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" - arrived Brisbane 1713K/12.

U.S. Cruisers "MINNEAPOLIS", "ASTORIA" and "NEW ORLEANS" arrived
Noumea 0916L/12.

U.S.S. "CHICAGO" } upon completion of fuelling at Cid Harbour,
U.S.S. "PERKINS" } to proceed to Sydney.

U.S. Cruiser "PENSACOLA") arrived Vila 0900L/12.
U.S. Destroyer "CONYNGHAM")

U.S. Cruiser "INDIANOPOLIS" - escorting E.T.A. Melbourne 1630K/13.

G E N E R A L.

H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" commissioned 1530K/11 and proceeded on trial
immediately.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 12th May, 1942.

ROCKHAMPTON - arrived Sydney 1423K/11.

ALSEY - expected to undock 1400K/11 and to depart Williamstown 1600K/11 - E.T.A. Brisbane A.M./17.

BALLARAT } escorting "KARSIK" Townsville/Port Moresby - E.T.A.
CESSNOCK } 0900K/13.

SWAN - arrived Townsville 2155K/9.

BENDIGO } Port Moresby/Townsville - E.T.A. 0800K/11.
COLAC }

TOOWOOMBA - en route to Adelaide for docking departed Albany 1301H/8.

HOBART - arrived Brisbane 1830K/11.

CHICAGO } after fuelling at Cid Harbour to proceed to
PERKINS } Sydney for repairs.

AUSTRALIA } - E.T.A. Brisbane 0500K/13.
FARRAGUT }

WALKE - E.T.A. Brisbane A.M. 12/5.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS - with Dutch submarines K.9 and K.12 arrived Sydney 1532K/11.

ARUNTA - in Port Phillip - working up exercises 12th - 14th May.

INDIANAPOLIS - E.T.A. Melbourne 1630K/13.

GERALDTON - arrived Williamstown 1545K/10 - unable to proceed owing to defective engine.

MARY CAM - arrived Williamstown 1205Z/10 for fitting out.

VOYAGER - departed Albany 1508H/11 escorting "GOLD STAR" to Fremantle.

DELOIRINE - arrived Darwin escorting "MULIAMA" and "AMBON" 1652/1K/11.

WANGANILLA - Hospital ship Fremantle/Melbourne - E.T.A. 0900K/12.

PHOENIX - departed Fremantle 1600H/10 to rendezvous with convoy.

TARCONA - arrived Townsville 0808K/11.

SARGE - U.S. Submarine arrived Albany 0831H/11.

PAUL JONES } to depart Fremantle for Melbourne 1600H/10.
PARIOTT }
BLACK HAWK }

TOWNSVILLE - departed Darwin 0355/1K/10 escorting "ALAGNA" to Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0630K/15.

To 0900K/Monday 11th May, 1942.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO", U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS"
"FARRAGUT" and "WALKE" will fuel in Cid Harbour, completing
by A.M. 14th May.

"HOBART", escorted until she enters the Barrier Reef by U.S.
Destroyer "WALKE" has been ordered to proceed to Brisbane
to fuel and then to rejoin F.O.C.A.S. in Cid Harbour.

"GERALDTON" } arrived Williamstown from Sydney 1545K/10,
"STUART" } departed Port Phillip 1111K/10 to rendezvous with
convoy east of Bass Strait.

H.T. "DENBIGHSHIRE" - due Fremantle 12th May. Then intends
sailing vessel to Melbourne - Sydney thence to
Wellington.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" - arrived Auckland 1025K/10.

U.S. Submarines "SEAL" and "SEAWOLF" departed Albany 2116K/10
for Fremantle.

U.S. Destroyers "WOODEN", "HELM", "MONAGHAN", escorting U.S. Tanker
"TIPPECANOE" arrived Noumea 1023K/10.

U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" - departed Townsville for Brisbane 0700K/10.

G E N E R A L.

Enemy submarine sightings :

1. At 0950K/10 position 14.52°S. 152.20°E. Dived.
2. At 1120K/10 position 19.43°S. 157.00°E. Bombed - result
near miss.
3. At 0955K/10 position 22.20°S. 155.38°E. Bombed - result
oil observed on water.

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To 0800K/Sunday, 10th May, 1942.

"WHYALLA" - departed Port Melbourne 1552K/9 for Adelaide - E.T.A. 1200/1K/4.

"TOOWOOMBA" - en route Fremantle to Adelaide for docking - put in to Albany at 1032/8 for minor engine room repairs. Departed Albany 1301H/8.

"BUNGAREE" - departed Geelong 0800K/9 to rendezvous with "MANOORA", and "MILDURA" at 1700K/10, and thence to Noumea - E.T.A. 1500K/16.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - departed Brisbane 1600K/9 - E.T.A. Sydney 1030K/11.

"LAUNCESTON" - arrived Sydney 0715K/9.

"WARFAMBOOL" - arrived Darwin 1255K/7 with evacuees from Sawiakki.

"SWAN" - was to have proceeded from Townsville to Port Moresby as escort for "KARSIK". Port engine break down, necessitating remaining in Townsville.

"GERALDTON" - departed Sydney 1452K/8 - E.T.A. Melbourne 1500K/10.

"HEROS" - departed Adelaide 1100/1K/9 - E.T.A. Sydney 1040K/15.

"ATREUS" - arrived in Brisbane 2000K/8.

"STUART" - departed Williamstown 1300K/9 - remained Port Phillip Bay overnight, passed through Heads at 0900K/10 and is to rendezvous with convoy east of Bass Strait.

"ARUNTA" - arrived at Williamstown from Sydney 1620K/9.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Melbourne at 1025K/8 with K.9 and K.12 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/11.

"MANOORA" and "MILDURA" - departed Sydney 1324K/9 to rendezvous with "BUNGAREE", thence Noumea - see "BUNGAREE".

"KANIMBLA" - with "J.D. FORD" and "J.D. EDWARDS", departed Brisbane 0445K/9 for Tongatabu escorting "MASTVOYKER" and "PHILLIP LIVINGSTONE" - E.T.A. 0640K/17.

"CESSNOCK" - en route Port Moresby to Townsville is to rendezvous with "BALLARAT" escorting "KARSIK" at Cape Melville at 0800K/11 and accompany vessels to Port Moresby.

"COLAC" } - en route Port Moresby/Townsville.
 "BENDIGO" }

"CAIRNS" - to be commissioned 10th May.

"ALSEY" entered dry dock at Williamstown 1615K/9.

"KALCOORLIE" - undocked at Williamstown 1550K/9.

"GOULBURN" - at Brisbane at 4 hours' notice for steam.

U.S.S. "INDIANAPOLIS" - with convoy approaching Australia 18 hours' behind schedule at 1900K/9.

U.S.S. "FLUSSER" - departed Noumea 1552L/9 for rendezvous.

U.S.S. "HELM" } arrived Noumea 1526L/8.
U.S.S. "HENLEY" }

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" - E.T.A. Auckland for Noumea A.M. 10/8.

"CLAUDIUS" } Dutch Naval Patrol vessels departed Cairns 1700K/8
"HARMAN" } for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 0500K/10. "HARMAN"
 returned to Cairns at 1110K/9 and reported "CLAUDIUS"
 after striking a reef in the vicinity of Low(?)
 Woody Island (East of Cape York) sank in deep water at
 0500K/9.

U.S.S. "STINGRAY" - submarine arrived Albany 0804H/8.

U.S.S. "BARKER" } - destroyers, departed Sydney 1332K/9 for
U.S.S. "HOLMES" } rendezvous with convoy.

"PESHAWUR" - with service cargo entered Port Phillip. 1514K/8.

"BANHONG LIONG" - departed Brisbane 1200K/8. E.T.A. Sydney
 A.M. 11/8.

"KITCARSON" (L.S.T.) - departed Apia with destroyer escort 1705K/8.

U.S. "SWAN" - Aircraft tender arrived Apia 1358K/8.

"PHOENIX" - to rendezvous with S.U.4 A.M.12/8 and escorted to
 Fremantle.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900K/Saturday, 9th May, 1942.

"TOOWOOMBA" - arrived Albany 0830H/8 for minor engine room repairs.

"WHYALLA"- arrived at Williamstown 1551K/8 and is to proceed to Adelaide A.M. 9/5.

"STUART" - intends to leave Nelson's Pier at 1200K/9 to rendezvous with convoy east of Bass Strait.

"ARUNTA" - sailed Sydney 0959K/8 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1400K/9.

"ABRAHAM CRYNSENS" - escorting submarines K.9 and K.12 - departed Port Phillip 1406K/8 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/11.

"BUNGAREE" - to sail A.M. 9 for Noumea.

"ATREUS" } arrived Brisbane 2000K/8 from Newcastle.
"ROCKHAMPTON" }

"HERON" - E.T.D. from Adelaide for Sydney 1000 IK/9.

"BENDIGO" } ordered to leave Port Moresby for Townsville not later
"COLAC" } than 0300K/8.
"CESSNOCK" }

"MANOORA" } to sail from Sydney to rendezvous with "BUNGAREE".
"MILDURA" }

U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" and "BULMER" - arrived Sydney from Melbourne 1540K/8.

P.S. "CHEVREUIL" - E.T.A. Auckland from Noumea A.M./10.

To 0900K/Friday, 8th May, 1942.

"STUART" - berthed Victoria Dock 2030K/7.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - arrived Darwin 1225J/7 with 24 evacuees from Saumlaki.

"WHYALLA" - E.T.A. Melbourne 1200K/8 is to proceed to Adelaide A.M. 9/5.

"MANOORA" and "MILDURA" - will be required to leave Sydney A.M. 9/5.

"SWAN", "KYBRA" and "KURUMBA" - to remain at Cid Harbour until further orders.

"ARUNTA" - to depart Sydney for Melbourne A.M. 8/5 for working up exercises.

"LAUNCESTON" - departed Brisbane 1310K/7 for Sydney.

"MARY CAM" - sailed Sydney 1900K/6 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0300K/10.

U.S. Destroyer "J.D. EDWARDS" - arrived Brisbane 0945K/7 from Sydney.

U.S. Destroyers "BULMER" and "BARKER" - departed Williamstown 0931K/7 - E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/9.

U.S. Auxiliary "BRIDGE" - departed Nukualofa 1623M/5.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" - departed Noumea for Auckland 0701M/7.

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To 0900 Thursday, 7th May, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

- "VOYAGER" - returned to Albany 0649H/6 as ordered, fuelled and is now awaiting further orders.
- "KANIMBLA" - with U.S. destroyer "J.D. FORD" escorting "MAETSUYKER" arrived at Brisbane at 1530K/6.
- "KYBRA" - escorting "~~K~~URUMBA" departed Brisbane at 1400K/4 for Townsville, but has been instructed to proceed to Whitsunday Island and await further orders.
- "WHYALLA" - departed Sydney at 0930K/6 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1200K/8.
- "SWAN" - having left "KANIMBLA" escorting "MAETSUYKER" at Cape Moreton is proceeding to Townsville - E.T.A. 0830K/8.
- "ATREUS" - escorted by "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Newcastle 1345K/6 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1200K/8.
- "BALLARAT" - arrived at Townsville 2031K/5 and is to escort "KARSIK" to Port Moresby - E.T.D. 7/5.
- "COLAC" - with "CESNOCK" escorting "JAMES OTIS" (U.S.T.) arrived at Port Moresby by 0345K/6 and is to R.V. with "BENDIGO" at 0700K/7 escorting "TAROONA" to Port Moresby. Thereafter to escort "TAROONA" during daylight hours on day of departure then proceed Townsville.
- "GERALDTON" is to leave Sydney P.M. for Melbourne.
- "TOOWOOMBA" - departed Fremantle 1410H/6 for Adelaide for docking. E.T.A. 1130^J/₁₂
- "LAUNCESTON" - to depart Brisbane P.M. 6/5 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/9.
- U.S. Destroyers "BULMER" and "BARKER" - arrived Williamstown at 1501K/8.
- U.S. Submarine "SEAWOLF" - arrived Albany 1028K/6.
- "ABRAHAM CRYNSEN" - escorting Dutch submarines is to leave Melbourne 1001K/8 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/11.
- "MAKI MAKI" - U.S. Army Transport entered Port Phillip 1228K/6.
- "CREMER" - U.S. Transport departed Port Moresby 0912Z/6 for Townsville with 32 R.A.A.F. personnel aboard.
- "KITCARSON" - U.S. Transport with destroyer escort arrived Apia.
- U.S.S. "LAMSON" - with U.S. Aircraft tender "SWAN" departed Apia.
- "DELORAINÉ" - escorting "MULIAMA" towing "AMBON" departed Thursday Island 1320K/6 for Darwin 1930K/10.
- "BUNGAREE" - arrived at Geelong 1805K/6 - Phone Number Geelong 3714.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900 Wednesday, 6th May, 1942.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - departed Sydney 0957K/4, and arrived Newcastle 1702K/4.

"BENDIGO" - escorting "TARCOONA", departed Townsville 1528K/5 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800K/7.

"HEROS" - E.T.D. Adelaide 1000J/8 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1020K/14.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - instructed to proceed to Saumlaki (on Tanimbar Is.) to evacuate a total of 28 remaining.

"DELORAINE" - escorting "TULAGI", arrived Thursday Island 0830K/5 from Darwin.

"WHYALLA" - departed Newcastle 0830K/5 and arrived Sydney 1215K/5. Repairs to brickwork in Boiler-room and fitting of Cerlikon gun delayed her departure for Melbourne until approximately 0900K/6.

"BUNGAREE" - entered Port Phillip 0100K/6 and proceeded for Geelong

"VOYAGER" - arrived Albany 0730H/5 from Melbourne and departed 1043H/5 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1630H/6. Ordered to return to Albany, fuel and await further orders.

"ALSEY" (H.M.S.) entered Port Phillip 0111K/6 and berthed at Port Melbourne 0800K/6.

"KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) - escorted by "BINGERA" and "KYBRA" arrived Brisbane 0930K/4, and escorted by "KYBRA" departed at 1400K/4 for Townsville, E.T.A. 0200K/8.

"JAMES OTIS" (U.S.T.) - departed Townsville 1620K/3 for Port Moresby and will rendezvous with "CBSSNOCK" at 1200K/4 and "COLAC" at 0700K/5.

U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" - expects to arrive Vila 1300M/6.

U.S. Destroyer "HUGHES" } departed Pearl Harbour 1800Z/2 for Noumea,
U.S. Oiler "PLATTE" } E.T.A. 0900M/13.

U.S. Destroyer "CUMMINGS") E.T.D. Pearl Harbour 1900Z/5 for
U.S. Oiler "CUYAMA" and "KANAWHA") Noumea.

U.S. Auxiliary "BRIDGE" - arrived Nukualofa 1205M/4 from Suva.

U.S. Destroyers "EULMER" and "BARKER" - E.T.A. Port Phillip from Fremantle 1930K/6.

U.S. Destroyers "JOHN D. EDWARDS" - departed Sydney for Brisbane 1710K/5 - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0600K/7.

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" - departed Sydney for Brisbane 1632K/4 - E.T.A. 0700K/6.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 5th May, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"ATREUS" with "WHYALLA" and "ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Newcastle 0700Z/4 - "ATREUS" escorted by "ROCKHAMPTON" proposes departing for Brisbane 0600Z/6 - "WHYALLA" returns Melbourne.

"BINGERA" in company "KYBRA" and "KURUMBA" arrived Brisbane 2330Z/3.

"KYBRA" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Brisbane 0400Z/4 - E.T.A. Townsville 7th May.

"VOYAGER" - delayed by continued headwinds and heavy seas - E.T.A. Albany 0100Z/5.

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" departs from Sydney for Brisbane 5th May to arrive daylight 7th May.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" with submarines K.9 and K.12 in company arrived Port Melbourne 0130Z/4.

GENERAL.

? Submarine sighted from land one mile out to sea in a position 5 miles south of Newcastle - investigations proceeding 15°30'S. 141°20'E at 1210K/4 (Gulf of Carpentaria. Naval Townsville grading D.5.

One large enemy aircraft carrier and two battleships or heavy cruisers sighted at 0035Z/4 in position 6°50'S. 154°30' S. West Bougainville Island.

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To 0900K/Monday, 4th May, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"HEROS" arrived Adelaide 1546K/2 from Albany - After fuelling continues voyage to Sydney to reconvert to tug.

"SWAN" departed Sydney 1717K/3 to rendezvous with "KANIMBLA" and "MAETSUYKER" at 0800K/4. "SWAN" to be detached at Cape Moreton and proceed to Townsville.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney 0544K/3 from Suva.

"BUNGAREE" departed Sydney 1110K/3 for Geelong - E.T.A. Port Phillip 2300K/5, Geelong P.M. 8/5.

"COLAC" - escorting "CREMER" arrived Port Moresby 1902K/3.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - escorting "KATOGRA" to position 11°S. 134°30' E. departed Darwin 0245J/3 - "KATOGRA" continues to Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1330K/7.

"CESSNOCK" ordered to rendezvous at 1200K/4) with U.S.T. "JAMES OTIS"
 "COLAC" ordered to rendezvous at 0700K/5) and escort same to Port Moresby.

"BALLARAT" after escorting "CREMER" to Port Moresby is returning to Townsville - E.T.A. 2100K/5.

"MONOWAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.) - arrived Auckland 0120M/2 from Melbourne.

U.S. Auxiliary "BRIDGE" - departed Suva 1720M/2.

U.S. Minelayers "MONTGOMERY" and "RAMSAY", departed Suva 1441M/3.

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" - E.T.D. Sydney 1600K/4 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0700K/6. After fuelling, departs Brisbane about 7/5 with "KANIMBLA" - escorting "MAETSUYKER" and "PHILIP LIVINGSTONE" for Tonatabu.

U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT" and "PAUL JONES" with U.S. Oiler "TRINITY" in company departed Albany 0801H/3.

U.S. Submarine "PERMIT" - departed Albany 1719H/3 for Fremantle.

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" at Sydney - undocking 0700K/4; ready for sea 1400K/6.

G E N E R A L.

Commodore Sir Atwell Henry Lake, Bt., O.B.E., assumed duty as Chief of the New Zealand Naval Staff and First Naval Member of the New Zealand Naval Board on Friday, 1st May, 1942.

To 0900 Sunday, 3rd May, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" departed Fremantle 2300Z/1 in company with M.V. "THELMA" for Addu Atoll - E.T.A. 0700Z/17.

U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" departed Sydney 0235Z/2 for Vila - E.T.A. 0100Z/6.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" departed Port Melbourne for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0001Z/9.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" escorting U.S. "CRAMER" arrived Townsville 0206Z/1 and departed 0703Z/1 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800Z/3.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" to R.V. with "BALLARAT" off Fitzroy Island 1700Z/1.

H.M.A.S. "CREENOCK" to rendezvous with "BALLARAT" at 0700K/3. Returning to Townsville on completion of escort arriving 2300Z/4.

H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE" escorting "TULAGI" departed Darwin for Thursday Island 2010Z/1 - E.T.A. 0730Z/4.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" to sail 1001K/3 for Geelong - E.T.A. P.M. 6th.

U.S. Submarine "SEADRAGON" arrived Albany 0001Z/2.

U.S. Destroyers "PARSONS" and "PAUL JONES" and oiler "TRINITY" arrived Albany 0003Z/2.

U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" arrived Sydney 1957Z/1 - to dock Saturday 2nd May.

G E N E R A L.

Enemy Force of approximately 5 ships sighted in the vicinity of Tulagi A.M. yesterday.

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To 0900 Saturday, 2nd May, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "WHYALLA" - to rendezvous with H.M.S. "ATREUS" (departed Melbourne 0620K/2), and escort her to Newcastle; "WHYALLA" refuels at Sydney on return trip to Melbourne.
- "CESSNOCK" - returned to Port Moresby at 0806K/30 after escorting "TARGONA", and as ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville, proceeded at 0015K/2 to a position approximately 95 miles S.E. of Port Moresby to rescue 22 men in two boats or rafts (identity not known) sighted from the air at 1716K/1 - E.T.A. 0800K/2. "CESSNOCK" will rendezvous at 0700K/3 with "CREMER", escorted by "BALLARAT" and "COLAC" for Port Moresby.
- "ATREUS" - departed Melbourne 0620K/2 for Newcastle; E.T.A. 1600K/4. After coaling at Newcastle, ship proceeds to Brisbane.
- "HOBART" - departed Sydney 0848K/1 } for gunnery exercises off
"AUSTRALIA" - departed Sydney 1015K/1 } Sydney Heads, thence proceeding
 Hervey Bay.
- "LITHGOW" - escorting "KATOORA" and "KURIMARAU" - arrived Darwin 0431K/1 from Thursday Island.
- "SWAN" - to rendezvous with "KANIMBLA" escorting "MAETSUYKER" at 0800K/4. "SWAN" to be detached at Cape Moreton and proceed to Townsville.
- "KANIMBLA" - escorting "MAETSUYKER", departed Port Phillip 2020K/1 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1500K/5.
- "BAN HONG LIONG" (H.M.S.) - is to depart Brisbane so as to arrive Sydney by May 10th for use as a mobile ammunition storage ship.
- U.S. Destroyer "McCall" - departed Suva 0701M/30.
- U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" - departed Noumea 0525K/30 escorting U.S.T. "COLHOUN".
- U.S. Destroyer Tender "RIGEL" } departed Fanning Island 0937Z/29 for
U.S. Destroyer "GRIDLEY" } New Zealand.
- U.S. Minesweeper "MONTGOMERY" - arrived Suva 1143M/1.
- U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" } are expected to depart Melbourne
U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" } 1001K/2 for Fremantle - E.T.A. A.M. 9/5.
- U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" - reported returning to Sydney with engine defects - E.T.A. 0800K/2.
- U.S. Submarine "SNAPPER" - arrived Albany 1109K/1.
- U.S. Submarine "SALMON" departed Albany 1911K/1 for Fremantle.

Netherlands Minelayer "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Submarines
K.9 and K.12 - departed Adelaide 1800K/1 for Melbourne -
E.T.A. A.M. 4/5.

H.T. "TAROONA" - arrived Townsville 0041K/1 from Port Moresby;
expected to depart approximately 3/5 for return to
Port Moresby.

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To 0900 Friday, ^{1st. May} ~~31st April~~, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

A.M.A. Ships "HOBART" and "AUSTRALIA" sail from Sydney 0830K and 1030K today Friday - They will proceed to Hervey Bay on completion of gunnery practices.

U.S. Destroyers "WHIPPLE" and "EDWARDS" departed Sydney 0300K²/30 for Hervey Bay.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" departed Melbourne 0306Z/30 for Fremantle^{27/28} - E.T.A. 0030Z/5.

H.M.A. Ships "BINGERA" and "KYBRA" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Sydney 0735Z/30 for Platypus Bay to arrive by 0001Z/2.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departed Melbourne 0408Z/30 for A/S Patrol in Bass Strait.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" operating off Cape Melville has been ordered to proceed to Townsville with despatch - she will join "BALLARAT" and escort "CREMER" to Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" after making good defects at Townsville will escort "TAROGNA" to Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" arrived Sydney from Brisbane for repairs 2347Z/29.

U.S. Submarine "SKULPIN" arrived Albany 0040Z/30. ^{1/29} for patrol.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" arrived Melbourne 0530Z/30.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 30th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

- "GERALDTON" - to depart Sydney approximately 7/5 for Fremantle as relief during docking of "TOOWOOMBA" and "WOLLONGONG".
- "TOWNSVILLE" - escorting "TULAGI" - arrived Darwin 0448Z/29 from Thursday Island.
- "CESSNOCK" - escorting "TAROONA", arrived Port Moresby 0802Z/28 from Townsville. Both ships departed Port Moresby at 2012Z/28, "TAROONA" for Townsville, E.T.A. 2000Z/30. "CESSNOCK" escorts "TAROONA" until dark 29/4 and then returns to Port Moresby to provide additional escort for "CREMER".
- "BENDIGO" - in company with "BALLARAT" escorting "CREMER" reports her starboard engine thrust seat loose, requiring shaft and thrust block lifted and stool re-riveted. Maximum revolutions now 160. Convoy has been instructed to proceed at mean speed of advance, and "BENDIGO" at best safe speed.
- U.S. Destroyer "McCALL" - arrived Suva 0830M/29.
- U.S. Oiler "TIPPECANOE" - departed Noumea 2000Z/28.
- U.S. Submarine S.38 - departed Caloundra Head 1400K/28 for patrol.
- U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" - arrived Sydney 2115Z/28 from Melbourne.
- Netherlands Minelayer "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting submarines K.9 and K.12 expected to depart Adelaide 0900Z/1 May for Melbourne - E.T.A. May 4th.

U.S. Submarine S.38 arrived Suva 0830M/29.

U.S. Submarine S.38

A submarine was sighted by aircraft 10' south of Suva - aircraft sent to attack failed to locate submarine.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900 Wednesday 29th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" - departed Suva 0828M/28 for Sydney -
E.T.A. 0500K/3.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Brisbane 0603Z/28 for Sydney for
repairs - E.T.A. 0200Z/30.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" and "BALLARAT" escorting Transport "CREMER"
departed Brisbane 0600Z/28 for Port Moresby via
Townsville. E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/1.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" in
company departed Sydney 2244Z/27 for Melbourne.
E.T.A. 0600K/30.

U.S. Destroyer "SIMS" departed Suva 0716M/28.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "HERON" departed Albany for Fremantle 2215Z/27.

Hospital Ship "WANGANELLA" departed Colombo 26th for Fremantle.

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" arrived Auckland 0505Z/28.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" entered Port Phillip 0359Z/28.

H.M.S. "ATREUS" entered Port Phillip 0610Z/28.

Netherlands Minelayer "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting Submarines
K.9 and K.12 arrived Port Adelaide 0528Z/28 to proceed
later to Melbourne.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" arrived Noumea 2132Z/27.

GENERAL.

A submarine was sighted by aircraft 10' south of Moresby -
Aircraft sent to attack failed to locate submarine.

"ALBATROSS" - escorting "KANGARA" and "MURIMARAN" departed Bourley
Island 2105Z/28 for Darwin, E.T.A. 0301Z/30, 1st.

"MURIMARAN" - at Bristol Bay - had to be withdrawn from escorting "KANGARA"
to Port Moresby due to turbine being out of line with
gear pinion shaft, probably resulting from underwater
explosion.

U.S. Destroyer "TIGER" - arrived Suva 1830M/28.

U.S. Auxiliary "TAMM" - arrived Suva 0800M/27.

U.S. Destroyer "TAMM B. ZIPP" departed Wellington 0000M/27 for
Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/30.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 28th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

- "ACHILLES" (H.M.S.) - arrived Samoa 2100Z/25.
- "LEANDER" (H.M.S.) - with U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" - departed Suva 0826M/27 for rendezvous as ordered.
- "ADELAIDE" - arrived Suva 1530M/27 from escort duties; after refuelling, ship proceeds Sydney.
- "HEROS" - departed Albany 0415Z/26 for Adelaide - E.T.A. 0415Z/3 May.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" - arrived Sydney 2147Z/26 from Brisbane.
- "WHYALLA" - arrived Melbourne 0041Z/27 from A/S Patrol in Bass Strait.
- "BUNGAREE" - arrived Sydney 0242Z/27 from Townsville.
- "BALLARAT" - en route Sydney/Townsville, has been diverted to Brisbane, where she expected to arrive at 0700Z/28. In company with "BENDIGO", the two ships will depart Brisbane A.M. 28/4 and escort "CREMER" to Port Moresby via Townsville.
- "VOYAGER" - departed Sydney 2025Z/26 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0330Z/28.
- "MANOORA" - with U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" - arrived Sydney 2245Z/26 from Noumea.
- "MONOWAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.) - departed Williamstown 0045Z/27 for Auckland. E.T.A. 1130Z/1 May.
- "KANIMELA" - will depart Melbourne about May 1st to escort "WAETSUYKER" to Tongatabu via Brisbane.
- "CESSNOCK") departed Townsville at 0645Z/26 and 0838Z/26. respective
H.T. "TAHOONA") ly for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200Z/28.
- "ALSEY" (H.M.S.) (Controlled Minelayer) - departed Fremantle 0715Z/27. for Melbourne - E.T.A. Port Phillip 0700Z/6 May.
- "LITHCOW" - escorting "KATOORA" and "KURIMARAN" departed Thursday Island 2105Z/26 for Darwin, E.T.A. 0001Z/May. 1st.
- "WARREGO" - at Brisbane - had to be withdrawn from escorting "CREMER" to Port Moresby due to turbine being out of line with gear pinion shaft, probably resulting from underwater explosion.
- U.S. Destroyer "SIMS" - arrived Suva 1654M/26.
- U.S. Auxiliary "BRIDGE" - arrived Suva 0804M/27.
- U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" departed Williamstown 0003Z/27 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/29.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT"
U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" } were expected to depart Sydney
2200Z/27 for Melbourne - E.T.A.
2200Z/29.

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U.S. Auxiliary "GOLD STAR" - departed Sydney 0018Z/26 for
Melbourne - E.T.A. P.M. 28/4.

GENERAL.

"POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) - arrived Sydney 2115Z/26.

"MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) - arrived Fremantle 26/4, en route
Suez via Colombo.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" to sail from Sydney 2200Z/28 for Melbourne.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" escorting "TUCKER" departed Thursday Island
2200Z/26 for Darwin - E.T.A. 2200Z/28.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" sailed at 0700Z/28 to the vicinity of Cape
Melville to order all loggers or other sailing craft to
Gairns, returning not later than 0800Z/28.

U.S. Steamer "BARRY" Reported Albany for Fremantle 1011Z/28.

Hospital Ship "MAUNGANUI" to sail today from Fremantle for
Colombo en route to Suez.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" to sail from Sydney today returning 2nd May.

U.S.S. "FARRITT", "PAUL JONES" and "WISDOM" returned Fremantle from
escort duties.

To 0900 Monday, 27th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - escorting "YARRA" arrived Thursday Island
2330Z/26.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" with U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" in
company arrived Sydney 2350Z/25.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" to sail from Sydney 2000Z/26 for Melbourne.
E.T.A. 0330Z/28.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" escorting "TULAGI" departed Thursday Island
2342Z/26 for Darwin - E.T.A. 0600Z/30.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" sailed at 0700Z/26 to the vicinity of Cape
Melville to order all luggers or other sailing craft to
Cairns, returning not later than 0200Z/2.

U.S. Submarine "SAURY" departed Albany for Fremantle 1011Z/26. *Probably 26*

Hospital Ship "MAUNGANUI" to sail today from Fremantle for
Colombo en route to Suez.

R.N.N. "TROMP" to sail from Sydney today returning 2nd May.

U.S. "PARROTT", "PAUL JONES" and "ISABEL" returned Fremantle from
escort duties.

U.S. Cruiser "BISHOP" - departed Melbourne 0112Z/26 for Suez.

U.S. Tanker "VICTORIA" - arrived Sydney 1040Z/26 from Melbourne.

U.S. Auxiliary "GOLD STAR" - arrived Sydney 1120Z/26 from Brisbane.

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To 0300 Saturday, 25th April, 1942.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

To 0900K/Sunday, April 26th, 1942.

"MANCORA", with U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" in company escorting "MANTON" and "MANTON" to return to Australia.

"HEROS" - arrived Albany 1101Z/23 en route Fremantle/Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - departed Brisbane 0010Z/25 for Sydney. E.T.A. 2300Z/26.

"BALLARAT" - departed Sydney 0758Z/25 for Townsville, E.T.A. 0700Z/29.

"MANCORA" with U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" in company - departed Noumea 2046Z/23 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0001Z/27.

"MONOWAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.) with U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" in company - arrived Williamstown 0601Z/25. After refuelling, ships are to proceed - "MONOWAI" at 0100Z/27 for Auckland - "JOHN D. FORD" at 0001Z/27 for Sydney.

"CESSNOCK" - escorting H.T. "TARCOONA", is expected to depart Townsville 0300Z/26 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0700Z/28.

"ASCANIA" (H.M.S.) - departed Suva 1100Z/24 for Auckland, E.T.A. 0300Z/28.

"TROMP" (R.N.N.) - has indicated her intention of leaving Sydney at 0800K/27 and returning to Sydney 2330K/May 2nd.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" } en route from Noumea to Sydney -
U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" } E.T.A. 0300Z/26.

U.S. Cruiser "MOISE" - departed Melbourne 0101Z/25 for Samoa.

U.S. Tanker "VICTORIA" - arrived Sydney 1045Z/25 from Melbourne.

U.S. Auxiliary "GOLD STAR" - arrived Sydney 2130Z/24 from Brisbane.

To 0900, Saturday, 25th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA", with U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" in company escorting "SANTA PAULA" arrived Noumea 23/4. "MANOORA" to return to Sydney - E.T.A. 1003K/27.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" and U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" arrived Suva 1830M/24 to from Noumea.

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" arrived Suva 0829M/24 from Auckland.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" arrived Brisbane 2300Z/23 from Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. submarines arrived Brisbane 2310Z/23 from Sydney.

U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" to sail at 1100K today for Mare Island via Samoa.

H.M.S. "GERALDTON" to leave Sydney P.M. today for working up practices in Broken Bay returning P.M. Monday 4th May.

F.S. "CHEVREUIL" departed Sydney 1634K/24 for Noumea, E.T.A. 2100²/27.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" AND H.M.S. "KANIMELA" proceeded for exercises in Port Phillip.

U.S. Submarine "PORPOISE" departed Albany for Fremantle 0820Z/24.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" departed Noumea 0412Z/24 - destination
U.S. Destroyer "GENERAL"

U.S. Cruiser "HELI" Japanese newsagency in TOKYO states that 250 men from H.M.A.S. "PERTH" succeeded in reaching shore after the vessel had sunk. An officer was reported to have said that the Commanding Officer went down with the ship.

To 0900K/Friday, 24th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS : AUSTRALIA.

- CESSNOCK } arrived Townsville 2130Z/20.
COLAC }
- HEROS - departed Fremantle 0600Z/21 for Albany - E.T.A. 0900Z/23. After coaling at Albany, vessel proceeds to Adelaide en route Sydney, where she is to reconvert to a tug.
- PATRICIA CAM - departed Darwin 0558Z/22 for Napier, Broome Bay; E.T.A. 0230Z/24.
- BALLARAT - arrived Sydney 0530Z/23 from Melbourne; after deperming ship is to proceed to Townsville.
- VOYAGER - arrived Sydney 0614Z/23 from escort duties.
- WESTRALIA - returned to Sydney 1010Z/23 from firing practice.
- TOWNSVILLE - escorting "ALAGNA", "BAROSSA", "MULIAMA" and "ST. ARISTELL" arrived Thursday Island 0230Z/23 from Darwin.
- STUART - arrived Williamstown 0800K/24 from Sydney.
- U.S. Destroyer LAMSON - arrived Noumea 0600Z/21.
- U.S. Aircraft Tender SWAN - departed Apia 1709Z/21 for Pago Pago.
- U.S. Aircraft Tender WRIGHT } departed Noumea 0413Z/22 - destination
 U.S. Destroyer TUCKER } unknown.
- U.S. Cruiser BOISE - arrived Port Melbourne 0015Z/23 from Fremantle, and is expected to depart 0100Z/25 for Samoa.
- U.S. Submarine S.47 - departed Brisbane 1400K/22 on patrol.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 23rd April, 1942.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" wearing the flag of F.O.C.A.S. with U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" in company arrived Sydney 2252Z/21.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" arrived Noumea 2210Z/21.

U.S.S. "BOISE" entered Port Phillip 0705K/23.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" departed Sydney ^{0608²/22} for rendezvous with "VOYAGER" and "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" - "ADELAIDE" will escort "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" until relieved by U.S.S. "RICHMOND" on 26th. Proceeding when relieved to Suva for fuel en route to Sydney.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" and U.S. "LAMSON" en route from Noumea to Suva - ^{2048²/21} E.T.A. 0200Z/24.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" departed Sydney ^{0627²/22} for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0400K/24.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 2305Z/21 for firings.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" escorting "YARRA" and "NATAFELE" departed ^{1831²/21} Darwin for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0230Z/26.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" on completion of operation Keith, departed Townsville 1800K/22 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0500K/27.

H.M.S. "ATREUS" departed Fremantle 1625K/22 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0800K/28.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" arrived Fremantle 0623Z/22.

U.S.S. "VICTOR" ^{IA} (Tanker) departed Melbourne ^{0015²/22} for Sydney - E.T.A. P.M. 25th.

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GENERAL.

Task Force 40 under command of Rear-Admiral G.O. Cross, C.B., R.N., and comprising H.M.A. cruisers "AUSTRALIA", "CANBERRA", "STUART", U.S. Cruiser "MICHIGAN" and U.S. Destroyers "LAMSON" and "P. KELLY" became effective from 1100Z/21.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Wednesday, 22nd April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

- "ADELAIDE" - entered Port Jackson 2143Z/21, and has been ordered to fuel to capacity and depart so as to rendezvous with "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" and "VOYAGER" at 0630Z/22, and escort "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" until 2100Z/25; thence proceeds Suva for fuel, thence returns Sydney.
- "BINGERA" - escorting U.S. submarines S.37 and S.40 arrived Brisbane 0130Z/21.
- "CESSNOCK" } - escorting H.T. "TAROONA" arrived Townsville 2100Z/19.
"COLAC" }
- "STUART" - E.T.D. Sydney 0500Z/22 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1800Z/23.
- "WARREGO" - departed Sydney 0105Z/21 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0001Z/23.
- "BALLARAT" - departed Melbourne 0600Z/21 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700Z/23; ship will deperm at Sydney, and then proceed direct to Townsville.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" - arrived Darwin 0557Z/21 from Thursday Island.
- "BUNGAREE" - arrived Townsville 0625Z/20.
- "ALSEY" (H.M.S.) - arrived Fremantle 0820Z/20.
- "GOULBURN" - arrived Brisbane 0130Z/21 from Melbourne.
- "VOYAGER" - escorting "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE", departed Melbourne 0401Z/21, for rendezvous with "ADELAIDE" then proceeds to Sydney, E.T.A. 2030Z/22.
- U.S. Destroyer "HELM" - departed Nukualofa 0100Z/19 .
- U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" - departed Suva 1814M/21(?) for Nukualofa.
- U.S. Aircraft Carrier "YORKTOWN", Cruisers "ASTORIA", "PORTLAND", "CHESTER", Destroyers "HAMMANN, "ANDERSON", "WALKE", "RUSSELL", "SIMS", Patrol Boat "MORRU", and Tanker "KASKIA" - arrived Nukualofa 0201Z/20.

GENERAL.

Task Force 44 under command of Rear-Admiral

J.G. Crace, C.B., R.N., and comprising H.M.A. cruisers "AUSTRALIA", "CANBERRA", "HOBART", U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" and U.S. Destroyers "LAMSON" and "PERKINS" became effective from 1109Z/20.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Tuesday, 21st April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" escorted by U.S. Destroyer "FORD" departed Fremantle 0100Z/20 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0300Z/25.

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" departed Auckland 0510Z/20 for Suva - E.T.A. 2120Z/23.

Dutch Minesweeper "BANKSSEN" escorting Dutch Submarines K.12 and K.9 departed Fremantle 0735Z/20 for Adelaide - E.T.A. Adelaide 0830Z/27.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departed Melbourne 0800K/21 for A/S Patrol in Bass Strait.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting U.S. submarines S.41 and S.39 departed Sydney for Brisbane 0432Z/20 - E.T.A. 1400K/23.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" departed Albany for Fremantle 0435Z/20 - E.T.A. 0300Z/22.

U.S. Submarine "SAILFISH" departed Albany for Fremantle 0812Z/20.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" to depart Sydney for Brisbane 2330Z/20 - E.T.A. 0001Z/23.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" to depart Melbourne for Brisbane 0400Z/21. E.T.A. 0400Z/25.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" arrived Williamstown 0800K/21.

H.M.S. "ATREUS" arrived Fremantle 0104Z/19.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" arrived Brisbane 0710Z/20.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "SWAN" arrived Apia 1803Z/19.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" arrived Townsville and departed 1800Z/19.

H.M. Destroyer "VALER" departed Fremantle 0630Z/19 to Fremantle with H.M. "CITY OF SYDNEY" at 2300Z/21.

H.M. Destroyer "VALER" - Arrived Suva 0901Z/19.

To 0900K/Monday, 20th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"HARPER" - escorting H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH", departed Sydney 0010Z/19, and, after leaving "QUEEN ELIZABETH" as instructed, proceeds to Melbourne - E.T.A. 1900K/today.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - escorting U.S. submarines S.39 and S.41, arrived Sydney 0250Z/19 from Melbourne. After the submarines have calibrated on the degaussing range, the three ships proceed to Brisbane.

"AUSTRALIA"
"ADELAIDE"
U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" } were expected to depart Noumea 0230Z/19 - E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/22.

"MONOWAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.)
U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" } escorting "CITY OF LONDON" and "CITY OF PARIS" from Melbourne, have arrived at Fremantle; "MONOWAI" and "JOHN D. FORD" have been instructed to proceed to Melbourne.

"PUNJAB" (H.M.I.S.) - arrived Albany 0201Z/19 en route Melbourne/Fremantle.

"CESSNOCK"
"COLAC" } escorting H.T. "TAROONA", departed Port Moresby 2359Z/17 for Townsville - E.T.A. 2000Z/20.

"DELORAINÉ" - escorting "YARRA" and "MATAFELE", is expected to depart Darwin 1930Z/20 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2330Z/24

U.S. Auxiliary "KASASKIA" - departed Suva 0420Z/18 - destination unknown.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "RIGHT"
U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" } departed Suva 0829N/18 for Noumea. E.T.A. A.M. 21/4.

U.S. Fleet Auxiliary "SUMNER" - arrived Suva 1807N/18 from Nukualofa, and departed 1810N/19 - destination unknown.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "PARROTT" - returned to Fremantle 17/4 after escorting U.S. Tanker "HARPER".

U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle 0835Z/19 to rendezvous with H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at 2300Z/21.

U.S. Destroyer "WALKE" - arrived Suva 0901Z/19.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

To 0900 SUNDAY 19th APRIL, 1942.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" departed Sydney 0427Z/18 to rendezvous with "MARIPOSA" east of Bass Straits and escort her to a position S.W. of Suva.

U.S.S. "BOISE" departed Fremantle ^{0801³/₈} for Melbourne E.T.A. 0830Z/23.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" departed Sydney p.m. Saturday for Brisbane E.T.A. 1420K/20.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Thursday Island for Darwin E.T.A. 0600Z/21.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" and U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" departed Noumea.

U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" departed Noumea for Vila E.T.A. 1500L/19.

U.S.S. "CHICAGO" and U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" arrived Noumea 0325Z/17.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" and "CESSNOCK" escorting H.T. "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby 0721Z/17.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" departs Sydney 1000K/19 escorting H.T. "UBEN ELIZABETH" to a position east of Bass Straits, proceeding then with despatch to Melbourne. "UBEN ELIZABETH" proceeds to Fremantle.

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To 0800K/Saturday, 18th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"ASCANIA" (H.M.S.) is expected to depart Auckland P.M. 20/4.

"BENDIGO" } - owing to defective Asdic Alternator, "BENDIGO" pro-
 "BINGERA" } ceeded to Sydney for repairs, and was expected to
 arrive at 0800K/this morning; after completion of
 repairs, "BENDIGO" proceeds to Brisbane. "BINGERA"
 arrived Sydney 1515Z/16 and departed 1732Z/16 to
 continue escort of U.S. submarines S.37 and S.40 to Bris-
 bane, where she will remain for present.

"GOULBURN" - departed Port Phillip 0048Z/17 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0500Z/
 21.

"MANOORA" - departed Melbourne 0020Z/17 for Bay Anchorage, and
 cleared Port Phillip at 1113Z/17 escorting "GENERAL
 JAMES PARKER" for Brisbane, E.T.A. 2100Z/20, and
 "SANTA PAULA" for Noumea, E.T.A. 2100Z/22.

"ACHILLES" - (H.M.N.Z.S.) - is expected to depart Sydney 0300Z/18
 to rendezvous with and escort "MARIPOSA" to a position
 S.W. of Suva.

"TOWNSVILLE" - escorting "ALABAMA", "BAROSSA", "MULIAMA" and "ST. ARISTELL"
 departed Darwin 2140Z/16 for Thursday Island; E.T.A.
 0001Z/20.

U.S. Fleet Auxiliary "SIMNER" - departed Nukualofa 0010Z/16 for
 Nandi. E.T.A. 0530Z/18.

U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" - departed Sydney 0820Z/17 to rendezvous with
 "MANOORA" and escort "GENERAL JAMES PARKER" and "SANTA
 PAULA" to Brisbane and Noumea respectively; thence
 returns to Sydney in company with "MANOORA".

U.S. Cruiser "BOISE" - arrived Fremantle 0132Z/16.

U.S. Submarine "PIKE" - departed Albany 0925Z/17 for Fremantle.

U.S. Submarine "SEAL" - arrived Albany 2345Z/16 from Fremantle.

To 0900 Friday, 17th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

U.S. Submarines "PARMIT" arrived Albany dawn 16th.

U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" and "BULMER" arrived Fremantle 0050Z/15.
From escort duties.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "PARROTT" departed Fremantle 0112Z/15
to locate and escort tanker "H. HANPER".

U.S. Submarine "SKIPJACK" departed Fremantle 0936Z/14 and U.S. Submarine "PICKEREL" departed 1007Z/15. Both for extended patrol northward.

U.S. Submarine "SEAL" departed Fremantle 1000Z/15 for Albany. E.T.A. dawn 17th.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting 2 U.S. submarines (S.39 and S.41.) departed Port Phillip 0201Z/16 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0500Z/16. 2200²/18

U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" has been ordered to sail from Sydney at 0900Z/17 to rendezvous with "MANOORA" 290' south Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "COULBURN" has been ordered to proceed at 0800K today for Brisbane.

H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Fremantle 0800Z/15 for Trincomalee.

S.S. "FIRETHORN" reports having been attacked by a submarine in position 45°36' S. 174°10' W. at 0615Z/16, near Chatmay Islands.

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To 0800K/Thursday, 16th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - escorting U.S. Submarines S.39 and S.41 is expected to depart Port Melbourne 1200K/today for Sydney, where submarines will calibrate on degaussing range; thence continue to Brisbane; E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/19.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - escorting "FIONA" departed Darwin 1820Z/14 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2230Z/17.

"CESSNOCK" } departed Thursday Island 0500Z/15 to rendezvous with
"COLAC" } "TARCOONA" and escort her to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800Z/17.

U.S. Auxiliary "GOLD STAR" - returned to Brisbane 0203Z/14.

U.S. Submarine Tender "GRIFFIN" with 6 U.S. Submarines - arrived Brisbane 0905Z/15.

U.S. Gunboat "TULSA" } arrived Brisbane 0020Z/15 from Melbourne.
U.S. Submarine S.38. }

U.S. Destroyer "TUCKER" } arrived Fiji 0952N/15.
U.S. Aircraft Tender "WRIGHT" }
U.S. Auxiliary "KASKASKIA" }

U.S. Light Minelayer "GAMELE" - departed Fiji 1249N/15 for Pearl Harbour.

G E N E R A L.

H.T. "GUERN MARY" departed Fremantle 0802Z/12 for Capetown - E.T.A. 0500Z/21.

Hospital Ship "ORANJE" arrived Durban 0936Z/14.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 15th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" and U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" arrived Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" and U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" arrived Sydney 2045Z/13. "WESTRALIA" to carry out firings during next seven days.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" arrived Noumea 2025Z/12.

U.S.S. "GRIFFIN" and six submarines, expect to arrive off Cape Moreton A.M. today Wednesday.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" escorting "ISLANDER" and tug "TOORANGA" with "VENDETTA" in tow entered Port Phillip at 1704K/14.

H.T. "TAROONA" departed Townsville for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0730Z/17. H.M.A.S. "COLAC" and "CESSMOCK" are to rendezvous in vicinity of Thursday Island at 0600K/16 and escort her to Port Moresby.

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To 0900K Tuesday, 14th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"KALGOORLIE" - arrived Williamstown 0825Z/13 from Whyalla.

"PUNJAB" (H.M.I.S.) - departed Williamstown 0825Z/13 for Fremantle, calling Albany en route if necessary. E.T.A. Fremantle 0200Z/21.

"GOULBURN" - escorting U.S. submarines S.39 and S.41 arrived Melbourne 0650Z/13.

"KANIMBLA" - escorting U.S.S. "GENERAL PARKER" from Brisbane arrived Williamstown 0823Z/13.

"BINGERA" } - escorting U.S. submarines S.37 and S.40 departed
"BENDIGO" } Port Phillip 0855Z/13. "BINGERA" proceeds to Sydney, E.T.A. 1700K/16. "BENDIGO" and Submarines continue to Brisbane, E.T.A. 2000K/18. "BENDIGO" to remain at Brisbane.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "PARROTT" returned to Fremantle 0325Z/11, after escorting H.T. "QUEEN MARY" to westward.

U.S. Destroyers "BARKER" and "EULMER" departed Fremantle 0935Z/11 to locate and escort U.S. oiler "TRINITY" to Fremantle. The three ships were sighted by Air Patrol at 0400Z/13 in position 33°55'S. 107°48'E.

U.S. Auxiliary "GOLD STAR" departed Brisbane 0200Z/13 for Melbourne.

U.S. Submarine Tender "GRIFFIN" escorting 6 U.S. Submarines due to arrive Brisbane A.M. 15/4.

G E N E R A L.

Auxiliary Minesweeper "MEDUSA" now at Fremantle has been renamed "MERCEDES".

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To 0900 Monday, 13th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" with U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" in company departed Melbourne at 1649Z/12, escorting 3 ships to Noumea. E.T.A. 2015Z/19.

H.K.H.Z.S. "MONOWAI" with U.S. Destroyers "FORD" in company, escorting "CITY OF PARIS" and "CITY OF LONDON" departed Melbourne for Fremantle, 0639Z/12 - E.T.A. 1100Z/20.

H.M.A.S. "HUNGAREE" departed Geelong for Townsville 0259Z/12 E.T.A. 0900K/20.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" and "BENDIGO" escorting U.S. submarines S.37 and S.40 are to sail at 1300K/13 from Melbourne - "BINGERA" to proceed as far as Sydney and "BENDIGO" to continue to escort to Brisbane where she will remain.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" arrived Sydney 0252^Z/12 with a defective boiler.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" arrived Noumea 0050Z/12.

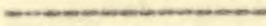
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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday 18th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "KALGOORLIE" - departed Whyalla 0530Z/10 for Williamstown, E.T.A. 0330Z/13.
- "ST. GILES" - arrived Sydney 1454Z/10 from Adelaide.
- "CESSNOCK" } - departed Port Moresby 0226Z/10 and arrived Thursday
"COLAC" } Island 0620Z/11 to await H.T. "TAROONA".
- "BENDIGO" - escorting U.S. Submarines S37 and S40, arrived Williamstown 0900Z/11.
- "PUNJAB" (H.M.I.S.) - departed Port Melbourne 0815Z/11 for exercises in Port Phillip Bay; returns to Williamstown 0630Z/12, and sails for Fremantle 2000Z/12.
- "LEANDER" - E.T.A. Noumea 2100Z/12.
- "FALKEFJELL" (Tanker) - arrived Sydney 1501Z/10 from Noumea to return to trade.
- "WESTRALIA" } - departed Townsville 0640Z/10 for Sydney, E.T.A.
U.S. Destroyer } - 0200Z/14.
"WHIPPLE"
- "MONOWAI" } - expected to depart Port Phillip P.M. today with
U.S. Destroyer } - convey for Fremantle.
"JOHN D. FORD"
- U.S. Seaplane departed Fremantle 0659Z/10 for Shark Bay, via
Tender "CHILDS" - Geraldton.
- "VENDETTA", in } - departed Adelaide 1136Z/10 for Port Phillip,
tow of "ISLANDER" } E.T.A. A.M. 15/4.
"WHYALLA" as }
escort.
- U.S. Submarine "PICKEREL" } - departed Albany 0601Z/11 for Fremantle.
" " " "SKIPJACK" }



To 0900 Saturday, 11th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"SHEPHERD" arrived Fremantle 0800Z/8.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" departed Brisbane 1032Z/10 for Noumea, E.T.A. 2100²/12.

H.M.S. "KANIMELA" and H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Brisbane 1540Z/9 for Melbourne escorting U.S. Ship "GENERAL PARKER" - E.T.A. 0740Z/13.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" towed by "ISLANDER" and escorted by "WHYALLA" departed Port Adelaide 1830K/April 10th for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" to sail A. . today for firing off Sydney and to Jervis Bay to complete working up programme.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" intends sailing from Geelong 0300K/12/4 for Palm Passage - E.T.A. 0900K/20.

U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" arrived Cleveland Bay 0430Z/10. U.S. ships have been ordered to proceed to

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" E.T.A. Cleveland Bay 0630Z/10.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Geelong 0700Z/8 from Sydney.

"COLUMBUS" departed Adelaide 0300Z/8 to S.V. with U.S. submarines S.39 and S.41 at 0700Z/10, and escort same to Melbourne.

"GESSHOCK" } escorting "ADRIANA" arrived Port Moresby 0812Z/8
"COLAC" } from Thursday Island.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" departed Sydney 2045Z/8 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0500Z/11.

U.S. Submarine "TULSA" } departed Melbourne 0630Z/9 for Brisbane.
U.S. Submarine S. 38- }

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" anchored off Williamstown late last night, ordered to sail P.M. today with "ADLAIDE" to escort "VAN HOUTE", "CORNER" and MARSBYKEN" to Noumea.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "FARQUHAR" departed Fremantle 0600Z/9 to provide A/S escort for H.L. "JAMES HAY".

"HONOLULU" arrived Williamstown 1448Z/9, and moved to Bay Anchorage at 2115Z/9.

GENERAL.

H.M.S. "ALGER" (Controlled Minelayer) is expected to arrive Fremantle A.M. 21/4.

H.M.S. "ATHENE" (Controlled Minelayer) is expected to arrive Fremantle A.M. 20/4.

H.M.A.S. "LANCASTER" (A.M.S.) was commissioned at Brisbane A.M. yesterday under command of Lieutenant F.G. Collins, R.A.N.R. (S).

U.S.S. "CRIFFIN" escorting six U.S. submarines - E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 14/4.

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To 0900 Friday, 10th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"ATHENE" arrived Fremantle 0800Z/9.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney 2115Z/8 from Noumea.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Sydney 0435Z/9 from Jervis Bay.

"KANIMBLA" } escorting "GENERAL PARKER" were expected to sail from
"SWAN" } Brisbane at 1500Z/9 for Melbourne.

"ADELAIDE" with "BINGERA" and "ROCKHAMPTON", escorting "VAN HEUTZ", "CREMER" and "MAETSUYKER" from Sydney, anchored off Williamstown 1815Z/9. "ADELAIDE" later today sails with same three ships for Noumea with U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" as escort.

"STUART" arrived Sydney 0533Z/9 from Melbourne.

"WESTRALIA" } after arrival at Townsville with 2 U.S.
U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" } Ships have been ordered to proceed to
Sydney.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Geelong 0800Z/9 from Sydney.

"GOULBURN" departed Adelaide 0327Z/9 to R.V. with U.S. submarines S.39 and S.41 at 0700Z/10, and escort same to Melbourne.

"CESSNOCK" } escorting H.T. "TARONA" arrived Port Moresby 0831Z/9
"COLAC" } from Thursday Island.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" departed Sydney 2245Z/8 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0500Z/11.

U.S. Gunboat "TULSA" } departed Melbourne 0030Z/9 for Brisbane.
U.S. Submarine S. 38. }

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. EDWARDS" anchored off Williamstown late last night, ordered to sail P.M. today with "ADELAIDE" to escort "VAN HEUTZ", "CREMER" and "MAETSUYKER" to Noumea.

U.S. Destroyers "PAUL JONES" and "PARROTT" departed Fremantle 0802Z/9 to provide A/S escort for H.T. "QUEEN MARY".

"MONOWAI" arrived Williamstown 1448Z/9, and moved to Bay Anchorage at 2115Z/9.

GENERAL.

H.M.S. "ALSEY" (Controlled Minelayer) is expected to arrive Fremantle A.M. 21/4.

H.M.S. "ATREUS" (Controlled Minelayer) is expected to arrive Fremantle A.M. 20/4.

H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" (A.M.S.) was commissioned at Brisbane A.M. yesterday under command of Lieutenant P.G. Collins, R.A.N.R.(S).

U.S.S. "GRIFFIN" escorting six U.S. submarines - E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 14/4.

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H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" is overhauling defects and working up in Port Phillip Bay until 12/4, and sails for Fremantle 0600K/13.

Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart Radio Stations intercepted CQQQ at 1715Z/9 from a vessel giving her position as 34°48' S. 81°44' E. but no name. This position is approximately 1,800 miles W. of Fremantle. The S.S. "EMPIRE PAKHA" en route from Wellington to Durban should have been near this position at the time indicated.

U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN", delayed by bad weather, arrived at Melbourne 12/4. Transport "MARIFUSA" and "WHELAN" on survey P.T. 5055 had already arrived.

U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN" ordered to rendezvous with "WHELAN" and survey S.T. 5051 on 7th, failed to make contact and has been ordered to proceed to Melbourne.

U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN" and U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN" escorting 2 U.S. ships to Townsville departed Brisbane 12/4/4.

U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN" and Auxiliary S.S. depart Melbourne 12/4/4 for Brisbane. E.T.A. F.T. 14th April.

U.S. Destroyer "WHELAN", at Hobart, commissioned April 7th April and will sail for Melbourne on 10th April.

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to 0900 Thursday, 9th April, 1948.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" and 4 destroyers returned to Fremantle at 0559Z/7 from patrol.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" berthed at Williamstown 0620K/9.

U.S. Destroyer "FORD", delayed by bad weather, berthed at Williamstown 0830K/9. Transports "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" ex convoy PW.2055 had already arrived Melbourne.

U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" ordered to rendezvous with "MONOWAI" and convoy B.T.201 on 7th, failed to make contact and has been ordered to proceed to Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" and U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" escorting 2 U.S. Ships to Townsville departed Brisbane 1750Z/7.

U.S. Gunboat "TULSA" and Submarine S.38 depart Melbourne 1000K today for Brisbane. E.T.A. P.M. 14th April.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE", at Whyalla, commissioned A.M. 7th April and will sail for Williamstown on 10th April.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 8th April, 1948.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"PUNJAB" (H.M.I.S.) - E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600K/8 en route to Fremantle.

"KALGOORLIE" - E.T.D. Whyalla P.M. 10/4 for Williamstown.

"ST. GILES" - departed Adelaide 0341Z/8 for Sydney. E.T.A. 1941Z/9.

"BENDIGO" - departed Adelaide 0105Z/7 to rendezvous at 0500Z/8 with U.S. Submarines S. 37 and S.40 and escort same to Melbourne.

"PING WO" - arrived Port Melbourne 2130Z/8; now at 24 hours' notice.

"CESSNOCK" } departed Thursday Island 0500Z/7 to rendezvous with
 "COLAC" } H.T. "TARCONA" en route Port Moresby. E.T.A. 0830Z/9.

"STUART" departed Melbourne 2015Z/7 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0500Z/9.

"WARANAMBOOL" arrived Darwin 0902Z/7 from Thursday Island.

"BRITISH SAILOR" (R.A.F.A.) arrived Brisbane 1215Z/7 from Townsville.

U.S. Submarine S. 39 and S.41. departed Albany 0301Z/7 for rendezvous thence Melbourne.

U.S. Gunboat "TULSA" } arrived Port Melbourne 2201Z/8.
 U.S. Submarine S. 38. }

U.S. Destroyer "JOHN D. FORD" delayed by weather - present E.T.A. Port Phillip P.M. 9/4.

U.S. Destroyer "HELM" escorting Tanker "CUYAMA" departed Noumea 2304Z/8.

"AUSTRALIA" with U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LAMSON", arrived Noumea 2048Z/8 and departed 0558Z/8.

U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" departed Noumea 0715Z/8.

GENERAL.

Dutch Submarine Depot Ship "JANSSENS" is to shift from Williamstown to Bay Anchorage this morning.

H.M.S. "RECOIL" was instructed at 0202Z/7 by C. in C. East Indies to proceed to Fremantle.

The tow of H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" by "ISLANDER" and escorted by "MORESBY" has concluded satisfactorily; including tug "WOONDA", all ships arrived at Port Adelaide at 0410Z/7.

U.S.A.T's "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" entered Port Phillip at 0950Z/7 and will berth at Port Melbourne this morning.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 7th April, 1942.

To 0900/Wednesday, 8th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" escorting hired transport "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Sydney 0230Z/6.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" and U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" escorting "SANTA CLARA" and "SANTA LUCIA" and "GENERAL PARKER" arrived Brisbane 0410Z/6.

H.M.S. "KANIMBLA" arrived Brisbane 0145Z/6.

U.S. Destroyer "ALDEN" having lost touch with "ACHILLES" at 1900K/5 arrived Sydney 0748Z/6.

U.S. Gunboat "TULSA" and U.S. Submarine S.38 entered Port Phillip 1302Z/6.

"PING WO" entered Port Phillip 0535Z/6.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER", in company with U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS", departed Sydney 0135Z/6, escorting H.T. "QUEEN MARY" - Returned to Sydney 1200Z/6 with a defective steering engine, and is at present at 40 hours' diminishing notice. U.S. Destroyer "EDWARDS" to part company at 1100Z/6 to rendezvous with "MONOWAI" and convoy B.T.201.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE", "BINGERA", "ROCKHAMPTON", escorting "MARTSUYCHER", "CREMER" and VAN HEUTZ" departed Sydney 1300Z/6 for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" departed Noumea 2100Z/4 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0200Z/9.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" escorting R.F.A. "BISHOPDALE" departed Sydney 2000Z/6 for Noumea. E.T.A. 0400Z/11.

U.S.S. "POINT" is expected to depart Melbourne today for Wellington.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" commissioned at 0930K/6 under command of Lieutenant-Commander H. Mayo-Harris, R.N.R.

H.T. "TAROONA" departed Townsville 2000Z/5 for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 0820Z/9.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" and "CESSNOCK" at Thursday Island have been ordered to rendezvous with "TAROONA" at daylight on Wednesday 8th and escort her to Port Moresby.

The R.A.A.F. Airbase at Darwin was raided at 0232Z/6 by 7 bombers escorted by 7 fighters. The runway was damaged, and several drums fuel; no other damage or casualties. "All clear" sounded at 0310Z/6.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

To 0900K/Monday, 6th April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"PING WO" E.T.A. Port Phillip 0800Z/6 from Albany.

"BENDIGO" } arrived Adelaide 2330Z/4 from Fremantle; after
 "GOULBURN" } fuelling, are to escort U.S. Submarines to
 Melbourne.

"VOYAGER" arrived Sydney 2043Z/4 from Jervis Bay, and sails
 today on escort duties.

"STUART" completes trials after refitting today. E.T.A. Victoria
 Dock 0830Z/6, sails for Sydney 8/4.

"BRITISH SAILOR" (R.A.F.A.) departed Townsville 0725Z/4 for
 Brisbane, E.T.A. A.M. 7/4.

"PATRICIA CAM" arrived Darwin 0840Z/5. *Priority 15th*

U.S. Submarine "PORPOISE" arrived Albany 0115Z/2 from Fremantle.

U.S. Submarines S.37 and S.40. passed Albany 0459Z/5 en route
 from Fremantle to Melbourne.

U.S. Destroyer "HELM" escorting Tanker "CUYAMA" arrived Noumea
 0035Z/5.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" contacted "ISLANDER" successfully
 towing H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" in position 34°54' S. 134°43' E at 0300Z/5,
 course then being 155° at 4 knots. "MORESBY" has sent food
 aboard "VENDETTA".

U.S.S. "WEST POINT" is expected to depart Melbourne today.
 for Wellington.

Store Ship "GORGON" arrived Sydney 1956Z/4.

INTELLIGENCE.

Panamanian Tanker "PROMETHEUS" (8,890 tons gross)
 reported sighting a submarine, but no position was received.
 Darwin radio picked up the intercept at 0936Z/5. - No details
 of her movement known - probably freak reception.

The R.A.A.F. Aerodrome at Darwin was raided at 0259Z/5 by
 7 bombers escorted by 7 fighters. The runway was damaged, and
 several drums fuel oil destroyed; no other damage or casualties.
 "All clear" sounded at 0316Z/5.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TOP SECRET.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 10 5th APRIL, 1942.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" arrived Sydney 0022Z/4 to commence refit.
Will complete by 21st April.

"HOBART" departed Williamstown 2300Z/3 for Sydney, E.T.A.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney a.m. yesterday.

"H.M.S. "ASCANIA" arrived Auckland 2121Z/3. from Townsville.

"H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" arrived Jervis Bay 0020Z/4. in arrived Thursday
Island 0052Z/3.

U.S. Destroyer "WHIPPLE" departed Sydney 1940Z/3 to rendezvous
with "LEANDER". out adjustment of compasses under weigh
and sea and gun trials in Port Phillip from P.M.

U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "FORD" departed Sydney 0040Z/4 to
rendezvous with "ACHILLES" and Convoy BT.2055.

"H.M.N.Z.S. "MOKONAI" departed Auckland 0931Z/4 escorting portion
of Convoy BT.201. E.T.A. Port Phillip 0400Z/9.

"VALKEFJELL" (Tanker) departed Napier 1813Z/3 for rendezvous with
U.S. Subs. "PORPOISE", S.37, S.40 departed Fremantle for Albany
E.T.A.a.m. today.

"MOKONAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.) escorting U.S. convoy to Melbourne has been
"ISLANDER" in position 34° 17' South, 133° 30' East at
0300Z/4 has "VENDETTA" in tow steering 125° at 3 knots. until
"MOKONAI" is ready.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILD" departed Albany 0815Z/3 for Fremantle,
E.T.A. 0800Z/4.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" arrived Albany 2230Z/1.

U.S. Submarine "PIKE" arrived Albany 0001Z/1.

GENERAL.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" departed Sydney at 0455Z/3 for Fremantle, calling
at Jervis Bay and Melbourne via route.

"ISLANDER" reports that her port propeller is now working at half
power, and that she was recovering the gear from H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA"
in the hope of continuing to tow the "VENDETTA" direct to Adelaide
yesterday morning. H.M.A.S. "HURSEY" expected to arrive with
"ISLANDER" at daylight this morning. "ST. GILES" reports did not
receive Naval Board's signal 0809Z/1 due to defective W/T receiver;
she entered Backstairs Passage at 1205Z/2.

H.M.A.S.'s "BRIDGES" and "COULBURN" now due Adelaide tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE.

Bromo and Derby report 4 unidentified Aircraft seen over these
towns at 0145Z/3 and 0230Z/3 respectively; last seen heading N.W.
from Derby.

M.V. "GLENSHIEL" (2415 tons gross) reported having been torpedoed
at 2157Z/3 in position 09° 48' S. 78° 20' E. (approximately 480 miles
S.S.W. of Colombo.).

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, April 4th, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "HOBART" departed Williamstown 2300Z/2 for Sydney, E.T.A. 0030Z/4.
- "WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 0045Z/3 from Townsville.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting "YOCHOW" from Darwin arrived Thursday Island 0505Z/3.
- "STUART" carries out adjustment of compasses under weigh and sea and gun trials in Port Phillip from P.M. today until P.M. Monday: proceeds for Sydney A.M. 8/4, and returns to Port Phillip 15/4.
- "KURUMBA" (R.A.F.A.) arrived Brisbane 0030Z/3 from Sydney.
- "FALKEFJELL" (Tanker) departed Noumea 1815Z/2 for rendezvous with squadron.
- "MONOWAI" (H.M.N.Z.S.) escorting U.S. convoy to Melbourne has been delayed at Auckland for twentyfour hours by urgent defect. Convoy has been held at Auckland until "MONOWAI" is ready.
- U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" departed Albany 0915Z/2 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 0800H/4.
- U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" arrived Albany 2230Z/1.
- U.S. Submarine "PIKE" arrived Albany 0001Z/1.

GENERAL.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" departed Sydney at 0455Z/3 for Fremantle, calling at Jervis Bay and Melbourne en route.

"ISLANDER" reports that her port propeller is now working at half power, and that she was recovering the gear from H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" in the hope of continuing to tow the "VENDETTA" direct to Adelaide yesterday morning. H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" expected to arrive with "ISLANDER" at daylight this morning. "ST. GILES" reports did not receive Naval Board's signal 0809Z/1 due to defective W/T receiver; she entered Backstairs Passage at 1205Z/2.

H.M.A.S.'s "BENDIGO" and "GOULBURN" now due Adelaide tomorrow.

INTELLIGENCE.

Broome and Derby report 4 unidentified Aircraft seen over these towns at 0145Z/3 and 0220Z/3 respectively; last seen heading N.W. from Derby.

M.V. "GLENSHIEL" (9415 tons gross) reported having been torpedoed at 2137Z/2 in position 00° 48' S. 78° 30' E. (approximately 480 miles S.S.W. of Colombo.).

To 0900 Friday, 3rd April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne 0830K/2 for Sydney.
E.T.A. 0530K/4.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" departed Melbourne 0100Z/2 for Brisbane
E.T.A. 2000Z/5.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" arrived Melbourne 2345Z/1. Estimated that
defects will be completed by 20th April.

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" departed Adelaide 2318Z/1 with Tug "WOONDA" in
company. Tug unable to make way against heavy weather.
"MORESBY" proceeding alone to join "ISLANDER". E.T.A. dawn
tomorrow Saturday.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" has been ordered to proceed to Sydney for
15 days' refit to make good damage defects. E.T.A. A.M.
Saturday 4th.

U.S. Submarine "SEA RAVEN" departed Fremantle yesterday for Patrol.

U.S.S. "HERON" and U.S. Submarine "PIKE" departed Fremantle yesterday
for Albany.

GENERAL.

"MILDURA'S" anti-submarine unit now installed in
"GEELONG" and operated satisfactorily.

One A/S vessel is being sent to Noumea to relieve
"MILDURA" which ship is to proceed to Sydney for docking repair.

"BENDIGO" and "GOULBURN" have been ordered to
Adelaide since they did not receive the signal to return to Albany.
These ships will escort U.S.A. Submarines from a position 200 miles
west of St. Vincent Gulf to Melbourne.

Dutch Patrol Vessels "EUREKA" and "CLAUDINE" arrived at Karumba
(S.S. Corner Gulf of Carpentaria) at 0140Z/31.

H.M.A.S. "ISLANDER" towing "VENDETTA" from Fremantle to Melbourne
reports at 0400Z/1 the parting of the tow-line and the
fouling of her port propeller. Requiring immediate
assistance, H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" and tug "WOONDA" have
been instructed to proceed from Adelaide, E.T.A. 0700Z/2.
H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES" en route from Fremantle to Adelaide
has been ordered to proceed to stand-by and escort.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" reports her grounding on Anodes Island at
2000Z/30 and was refloated at 2000Z/31. Examination
shows her A/S Deck damaged beyond local repair; this
unit is being exchanged with the "GEELONG". A diver
examined the ship's bottom, reporting both propellers
chipped. Ship sound and seaworthy. Internally, the
underline, hull and boilers show no damage.

INTELLIGENCE.

Daka Passage is reported as occupied by the enemy with
approximately 500 troops. One heavy cruiser, one light cruiser,
one destroyer and one transport are stated to be at anchor, with
two heavy cruisers on patrol east of the passage. No I/A guns
were seen.

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SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 2nd April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WARRENAMBOOL" departed Darwin 2214Z/30 March, escorting
"YOCHOW" as far as Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1030Z/3.

"CESSNOOK" } arrived Thursday Island 0730Z/31 from Port Moresby.
"COLAC" }

"KANGAROO" } Arrived Brisbane 0005Z/1 from Darwin via ports.
"KARANGI" }
"KOALA" }

"PATRICIA CAM" - E.T.A. Darwin 0500Z/5.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Port Melbourne 0111Z/31, and sails for
Sydney 2230Z/1; E.T.A. 1930Z/3.

"KANIMBLA" proposes to depart Melbourne P.M. 2/4 for Brisbane,

"BENDIGO" } en route from Fremantle to Hobart have been
"GOULBURN" } instructed to return to Albany for escorts for U.S.
Submarines.

"WESTRALIA" departed Townsville 2030Z/31 for Brisbane - E.T.A.
2100Z/2.

"MANOCRA" full calibre firings in Port Phillip - E.T.A. Port
Melbourne 0100Z/2.

"HOBART" escorting "MONTEREY" entered Port Phillip 0708Z/1; E.T.A.
Williamstown 2300Z/1.

U.S. Destroyers

"ALDEN" } arrived Sydney 2316Z/31 from Melbourne.
"JOHN D. FORD" }

GENERAL.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" departed Sydney 0936Z/31 for Brisbane. E.T.A.
2130Z/2. She is to relieve the "BRITISH SAILOR" as
a Fleet Tanker.

Dutch Patrol Vessels "HARMEN" and "CLAUDIUS" arrived at Karumba
(S.E. Corner Gulf of Carpentaria) at 0145Z/31.

H.M.A.S. "ISLANDER" towing "VENDETTA" from Fremantle to Melbourne
reports at 0400Z/1 the parting of the tow-line and the
fouling of her port propeller. Requiring immediate
assistance, H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" and tug "WOONDA" have
been instructed to proceed from Adelaide, E.T.A. 0700Z/3.
H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES" en route from Fremantle to Adelaide
has been ordered to proceed to stand-by and escort.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" reports her grounding on Amedee Island at
2000Z/30 and was refloated at 2000Z/31. Examination
shows her A/S Dome damaged beyond local repair; this
unit is being exchanged with the "GEELONG". A diver
examined the ship's bottom, reporting both propellers
chipped; Ship sound and seaworthy. Internally, the
underline, hull and boilers show no damage.

INTELLIGENCE.

Buka Passage is reported as occupied by the enemy with
approximately 500 troops. One heavy cruiser, one light cruiser,
one destroyer and one transport are stated to be at anchor, with
two heavy cruisers on patrol east of the passage. No A/A guns
were seen.

To 0900 Wednesday, 1st April, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" escorting Monterey arrived Adelaide and departed 0745Z/31st for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0730Z/1.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" departed Suva for rendezvous with convoy B.T.201 south of Tonga Tabu.

H.M.S. "ATHENE" departed Brisbane 0225Z/31 for Colombo, calling Fremantle en route. E.T.A. Fremantle 1000Z/9.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" arrived Jervis Bay 0950Z/30 for working up practices.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" and "CESSNOCK" departed Port Moresby 2330Z/29 for Thursday Island.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" departed Fremantle 0800Z/30 for Patrol.

U.S. Ships "BULMER" and "BARKER" departed Fremantle 0915Z/31. for patrol.

U.S. Submarine "SALMON" arrived Albany 0100Z/31.

U.S. Submarine S.38 and Gunboat "TULSA" departed Albany 0215Z/31 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 2130Z/6.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" grounded on south side of Amedee Island at 2010Z/30. Ship is fast but not making water. Attempts were to be made to tow her off at next high water.

It is believed that Faisi Island in Bougainville Straits, was occupied at 0800/31.

3 light cruisers, 4 destroyers and 2 transports made apparently unopposed landing Flying Fish Cove, Christmas Island A.M. 31st. U.S. Submarine "SEAWOLF" put one torpedo in cruiser flagship and is continuing action there. 4 small Dutch vessels have arrived Karumba having run blockade of East Indies.

Report from U.S.I.C., Port Moresby, gives information from a coast watcher on Bougainville Island that nine warships, probably cruisers, were seen leaving N.E. Free Papua Island at the E.E. of Bougainville Island (Solomon Group) at 1700Z/yesterday. A second message reports two more warships having been seen by natives to be near Funao.

To 0900K Tuesday, 31st March, 1942.

To 0000 Monday, 30th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"KANGAROO" } Arrived Townsville 0950L/28, and sailed 1350L/28
"KARANGI" } for Brisbane for refit. E.T.A. Brisbane 1005K/1
"KOALA" } April.

"VOYAGER" departed Sydney 1430K/30 for Jervis Bay.

"ADELAIDE" entered Port Phillip Heads at 0618K this morning. E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1100K/31.

"ARUNTA" was commissioned at Sydney yesterday under the command of Commander J.C. Morrow, D.S.O., R.A.N.

U.S. Destroyers } Arrived Sydney 0625K/29.
"J.D. EDWARDS" }
"WHIPPLE" }

U.S. Submarines } Arrived Albany 1209K/30.
S.38. }
S.41. }

U.S. Destroyers } Departed Port Phillip Heads 1313K/30 for
"ALDEN" } Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/1 April.
"JOHN D. FORD" }

H.M.S. "TARMA", grounded off Port Moresby, was refloated at 0800K/29, and is proceeding to Townsville as soon as complete with fuel and GENERALly undamaged.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" reports having dragged her anchors during working-up exercises in Broken Bay on Friday, March 27th. The ship touched her starboard side forward on a rocky ledge, but an examination by divers showed no apparent damage, and it is not anticipated that the programme for her voyage to Colombo will be affected. A Board of Enquiry is to be held by H.O.I.C., Sydney.

INTELLIGENCE.

Darwin was raided at approximately 1548K yesterday by 7 T97 bombers escorted by an unknown number of zero fighters. Reports state no damage to naval personnel or property, the attack being directed at the H.A.A.F. aerodromes.

A report from H.O.I.C., Port Moresby, gives information from a coast watcher on Bougainville Island that nine warships, probably cruisers, were seen steaming N.E. from Fauro Island at the S.E. of Bougainville Island (Solomon Group) at 1730K/yesterday. A second message reports two more warships having been seen by natives to be near Fauro.

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To 0900 Monday, 30th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

A.M.S. "ASCANIA" departed Port Melbourne 0330Z/29 for Auckland.
E.T.A. 2000Z/3.

H.M.A. Ships "BENDIGO", "GOULBURN" departed Fremantle for Hobart
0400Z/29, escorting Tanker "GEORGE G. HENRY" to position
S.E. of Albany. E.T.A. Hobart 7/4.

H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" departed Haraki Gulf to rendezvous with
"LEANDER" and convoy B.T.201. south of Tonga Tabu.
"LEANDER" to escort 3 ships to Brisbane "MONOWAI" to
escort remaining 2 to Melbourne.

2 Minesweepers (N.E.I.) arrived Fremantle 28th March.

GENERAL.

H.M.S. "PING WO" reports "ISLANDER" hove to with "VENDETTA",
at 2100Z/28. "PING WO" in position 34°42'S. 127°30'E.
at 0400Z/29. Unable to heave to and steering 060
at 5 knots. When weather moderates intends proceeding
alone towards Coffin Bay.

S.S. "TAROOHA", aground off Port Moresby, was refloated at 0830K/29,
and is proceeding to Townsville as soon as complete with
fuel and water - apparently undamaged.

An unidentified vessel acting suspiciously was sighted at 0740Z/29
from Cape Otway, bearing 230° - distance 20' steering east.
At 0815Z/29 vessel was bearing 240° and steering west.

U.S. Destroyers) arrived Williamstown yesterday from escort duty and
"W. B. HOWARD") depart A.S. tomorrow Monday for Sydney. E.T.A.
"ALLEN") 0600/April 1st.

TRANSPORTS.

"CORSE FAYE" arrived Sydney 1655 yesterday from Fremantle. Her escort
(U.S. Destroyers "W. B. HOWARD" and "SHIFFLE") was
compelled to reduce speed in Eastern Bass Strait on
account of heavy weather and did not reach Sydney until
0625 this morning.

GENERAL.

Summer time in Australia terminated at 0900 this morning when
clocks were retarded one hour.

MOST SECRET.

To 0800 Saturday, 28th DAILY NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

To 0800 Sunday, 29th March.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Townsville 0830 yesterday from Suva.

"BUNGARKE" will be sailed from Sydney so as to load mines at Geelong 9th April.

"CESSNOCK" } escorting H.T. "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby 1830/28.
"COLAC" } "TAROONA" when leaving harbour early in the morning
26th April grounded in the entrance. Efforts were made
by "COLAC" and "CESSNOCK" to refloat her without success.
One of the A.M.S. also grounded but was refloated with
a damaged propeller.

"GOULBURN" } Depart Fremantle 1400 today escorting U.S. tanker
"BENDIGO" } "GEORGE G. HENRY" to a position approximately 155 miles
south east of Albany, when the tanker will proceed to
Melbourne independently arriving 8th April.
"GOULBURN" and "BENDIGO" proceed in company to Hobart.
E.T.A. P.M./7th April.

"TOWNSVILLE" escorting Convoy T.D.1 ("YARRA" and "FIONA") arrived Darwin 1557 yesterday from Thursday Island.

"ST. GILES" departed Fremantle 1400/27 for Adelaide (.E.T.A. 3rd April) en route to Noumea.

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" departs Port Melbourne about 1200 today for Auckland. E.T.A. 0600/4th April.

U.S. Destroyers } arrived Williamstown yesterday from escort duty and
"JOHN D. FORD" } depart A.M. tomorrow Monday for Sydney. E.T.A.
"ALDEN" } 0800/April 1st.

TRANSPORTS.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney 1655 yesterday from Fremantle. Her escort (U.S. Destroyers "J. D. EDWARDS" and "WHIPPLE") was compelled to reduce speed in Eastern Bass Strait on account of heavy weather and did not reach Sydney until 0625 this morning.

GENERAL.

Summer time in Australia terminated at 0200 this morning when clocks were retarded one hour.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 28th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" escorting "MONTEREY" (U.S.) sailed from Fremantle for Adelaide and Melbourne 0800Z/27.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE", escorting "WEST POINT" (U.S.) sailed from Fremantle 1015Z/26. "WEST POINT" for Adelaide. "ADELAIDE" for Melbourne.

H.M.A. Ships "TOOWOOMBA" and "BURNIE" returned Fremantle 27th from escort duties.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "SWAN" departed Apes for Pago Pago 25th March.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "THORNTON" departed Fanning 25th March.

Dutch Sub Depot Ship "JANSSEN" arrived Port Phillip 0043Z/27.

U.S. Submarine -

"GENERAL" 1130/26 from Fremantle.

Admiral Sir James Somerville assumed full charge of Eastern Fleet at 0800F/Thursday 26th March, hoisting his flag in H.M.S. "WARSPITE".

Anticipated "LAUNCESTON", building in Brisbane, will commission on 9th April, and carry out acceptance trials on 17th.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB" dragged her anchor and grounded on rock in Flint and Steel Bay on Friday. She got off under her own power and appears to have sustained no damage. She has lost her port cable and anchor.

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To 0900 Friday, 27th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

Antar Squadron sailed from Brisbane 0300/24 to cover passage of
"CANBERRA" refitting at Sydney proposes to dock 1st April.

"BALLARAT" departed Fremantle 1030 yesterday for Melbourne
E.T.A. 1700/2nd April.

"KYBRA" returned to Brisbane yesterday from escort duty.

U.S. Destroyers "J.D. EDWARDS" and "WHIPPLE" departed Williamstown
1800 yesterday to R.V. with H.T. "QUEEN MARY" in a
position about 140 miles to the westward of Cape Otway
at noon today and escort her to Sydney.

U.S. Submarines -

"SAILFISH" } arrived Albany 1130/26 from Fremantle.
"PICKEREL" }

H.M.A. SHIPS

"TARPON" } departed Albany 1600 yesterday, for Fremantle.
"SWORDFISH" }

"HMSI POLAR" arrived Fremantle 0700.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" escorted by U.S.C. "WILSON" and "BARKER" sailed
from Fremantle 0300/24.

H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "BALLARAT" and "BERNICE" have been
allocated to Anzac Force and ordered to proceed
to Melbourne.

A/C report an unidentified submarine in position 084° - 18' S. - 153°
25' E. at 0000Z/25.

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MOST SECRET. DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 26th March, 1942.

To 0900 Wednesday, 25th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

Anzac Squadron sailed from Noumea 0300Z/24 to cover passage of Task Force 13 to Vila.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" towed by "ISLANDER" and escorted by "PING WO" departed Albany 0921Z/24 - speed 6 knots. E.T.A. Melbourne - 3rd April.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 0630Z/25.

U.S. Submarines "SAILFISH" and "PICKEREL" sailed from Fremantle, 1000Z/24 for Albany. E.T.A. dawn 26th.

Hospital Ship "ORANJE" arrived Melbourne 0912Z/25.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" has been allocated to Anzac and ordered to sail for Melbourne escorting "WEST POINT" (U.S.) to Adelaide.

"WEST POINT" arrived Fremantle 25th.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" escorted by U.S.S. "EULMER" and "BANKER" sailed from Fremantle 0900Z/24.

H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "BALLARAT" and "BENDIGO" have been allocated to Anzac Force and ordered to proceed to Melbourne.

A/C report an unidentified submarine in position 024° - 12'S. - 160° 53'E. at 0005Z/25. One aircraft attacked and the submarine dived. A warning message was broadcast to shipping and H.M.A.S. "MYRA" has been ordered to escort two southbound merchant vessels departing Brisbane this morning until dark tonight.

An air search will be carried out if circumstances are favorable.

To 0800 Monday, 23rd March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

To 0800 Tuesday, 24th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" arrived Melbourne 0441Z/23 - Reverting to 24 hours' notice for 48 hours. 1130 today after escorting "YARRA" to Lockhart's Passage from the westward.

H.M.A. Ships "CESSNOCK" and "COLAC" departed Thursday Island 0639Z/23 to rendezvous with hired transport "TAROONA" at dawn 24th thence to Port Moresby.

U.S. Destroyers "J.D. EDWARDS" and "WHIPPLE" arrived Melbourne 0451Z/23. "WHIPPLE" departed from Port Moresby yesterday.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" arrived Fremantle 0225Z/23. "QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney at 0800 yesterday.

S.U.I.A. consisting of 4 ships arrived Adelaide 0430Z/22. "YARRA" arrived at Albany at 1107 yesterday from Fremantle.

GENERAL.

U.S. Naval Ship "YARRA" arrived Melbourne 1230 yesterday. H.M.S. "HEERMES" and H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" expected to sail for Fremantle P.M. today, Tuesday.

A large Japanese Naval Force was reported in Flores Sea on 21st March moving east. "YARRA" and "COLBY" escorted by "ALBION" and "JUNO C. FORD", departed Fremantle for the westward.

U.S. S.U.I.A. arrived Adelaide at 1500 yesterday.

TRANSPORTS.

"YARRA" departed Port Melbourne for Halifax via Panama yesterday at 1612.

GENERAL.

C. in C. R.F. advises that 13 survivors of H.M.A.S. "YARRA" have arrived in Colombo. They were picked up from Carley Floats by Dutch Submarine K.10 on Monday 8th March. "YARRA" was attacked at 0630 on 4th March by three enemy cruisers and four destroyers and "abandon ship" was ordered at 0700. Twenty eight survivors got away in two Carley Floats, but of these, fifteen died from exhaustion.



To 0900 Monday, 23rd March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"ADELAIDE", accompanied by U.S. Destroyers "PARROTT" and "PAUL JONES" escorting "MONTER Y" from Melbourne, arrived Fremantle at 2300 yesterday.

"MANOORA" expects to arrive Melbourne at 1130 today after escorting convoy S.U.1A. to Backstairs Passage from the westward.

"WARRECO" arrived Sydney from Fremantle at 1050 yesterday.

"ATHENE" from Noumea, expects to arrive Brisbane 0630 25th March.

"CESSNOCK" } arrived Thursday Island from Port Moresby yesterday.

"COLAC" } arrive Adelaide 1800 today. "MANOORA" will leave

"WESTRALIA" departed Suva for Brisbane at 1600 yesterday. E.T.A. S.U.2. at 0600 27th March.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "PRESTON" arrived Sydney at 0820 yesterday.

U.S. Submarine "SAURY" arrived at Albany at 1107 yesterday from Fremantle.

U.S. Naval Auxiliary "TALAMANUA" arrived Melbourne 1252 yesterday.

CONVOYS.

Convoy S.U.2. together with "SEA WITCH" and "GOLDSTAR" escorted by H.M.A.S. "HOBART", "BURNIE", "TOOWOOMBA" and U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "JOHN D. FORD", departed Fremantle for the westward.

Convoy S.U.1A. arrived Adelaide at 1500 yesterday.

TRANSPORTS.

"ANDES" departed Port Melbourne for Halifax via Panama yesterday at 1412.

GENERAL.

C. in C. E.F. advises that 13 survivors of H.M.A.S. "YARRA" have arrived in Colombo. They were picked up from Carley Floats by Dutch Submarine K.10 on Monday 9th March. "YARRA" was attacked at 0630 on 4th March by three enemy cruisers and four destroyers and "abandon ship" was ordered at 0700. Twenty eight survivors got away in two Carley Floats, but of these, fifteen died from exhaustion.

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To 0900 Sunday, 22nd March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"SWAN" expects to be ready for sea 8th April on completion repairs at Brisbane.

Dutch Submarine K.12 arrived Fremantle 20th March.

"MERABOE"
"SHERCE"
"RENDJANI") Dutch minesweepers departed Carnarvon 20th March for Geraldton - E.T.A. today Sunday or tomorrow.

CONVOYS.

S.U.1A. comprising 4 vessels escorted by H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" is due to arrive Adelaide 1200 today. "MANOORA" will leave convoy in Backstairs passage and proceed to Melbourne.

S.U.2. comprising 5 vessels together with U.S. Storeship "GOLDSTAR" and tanker "SAWITCH" escorted by H.M.S. Ships "HOBART", "BURNIE", "TOOWOOMBA" and U.S. Destroyers "FORD" and "ALDEN" leave Fremantle 1200 today. On arriving at a position about 200 miles S.E. of Albany convoy will disperse and ships proceed independently to their destinations. H.M.A. escort returns to Fremantle and U.S. Destroyers proceed to Melbourne.

GENERAL.

Summertime in Australia will terminate at 0300L on Sunday, 29th March when clocks will be retarded one hour.

"ALDEN" expects to be ready for sea 22nd March. At Melbourne.

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H.M.S. "ASCALA" will require 10 days to make good defects to turbines from 20th March, 1942.

"EMERALD" (A.S.S.) launched at Maryborough 1100L/14.

H.M.S. "EMERALD" intends to sail Auckland 0800L/23 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800L/28 speed 24 kts.

It is expected that "EMERALD" (A.S.S.) will carry out preliminary sea trials 25th and 27th March and if satisfactory, commissioning should take place in South Australia 7th April.

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To 0900 Saturday, 21st March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

I.A. SHIPS.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Suva 1545L/20 from Vila.

"ACHILLES" arrived Noumea 1755L/19 and intends to arrive Suva 29th March in company with "LEANDER", both for separate convoy duty. Thence both ships to Australia.

"KANGAROO", "KOALA", "KARANGI" arrived Cairns 0900L/20.

"WARRAGO" passed Wilson's Promontory eastwards 0822L/20.

"HUNGAREE" sailed Auckland 0800L/20 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0400L/26.

"CORNWALL" sailed Fremantle 1800L/18 for Colombo.

"HOBART" arrived Fremantle.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Destroyer "DALE" sailed Suva 0800L/19 for Vatea with "KASKASKIA", U.S. Naval Tanker, in company.

U.S. Minesweepers "WHIPPORWILL" and "LARK" arrived Albany 2100Z/16 from Fremantle.

TRANSPORTS.

"ANDES" expects to be ready for sea 22nd March. At Melbourne.

GENERAL.

H.M.S. "ASCANIA" will require 10 days to make good defects to turbines from 20th March, 1942.

"TAMWORTH" (A.M.S.) launched at Maryborough 1100L/14.

H.M.S. "ANSONIA" intends to sail Auckland 0800L/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 0400L/26 speed 9½ kts.

It is expected that "KALGOORLIE" (A.M.S.) will carry out preliminary sea trials 26th and 27th March and if satisfactory, commissioning should take place in South Australia 7th April.

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To 0900 Friday, 20th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" departed Vila for Suva at 1945 18th March. E.T.A. 1800 today.

"KANIWELA" engine room repairs are being undertaken by ship's staff and will be completed P.M. 25th March.

"VENDETTA" S.S. "ISLANDER" was being despatched from Fremantle to Albany P.M. yesterday to tow "VENDETTA" to Melbourne.

"TOWNSVILLE", escorting "HANYANG", arrived Thursday Island 0940 yesterday from Darwin.

<u>"CORNWALL"</u>	} on completion sweeping operations will arrive Port Moresby 20/3 and after fuelling proceed to Thursday Island so as to arrive P.M. the following day and
<u>"MARYBOROUGH"</u>	
<u>"BALLARAT"</u>	
U.S. Destroyers	
<u>"WHIPPLE"</u>	
<u>"PAUL JONES"</u>	} departed Fremantle 1800 18th March escorting Convoy S.U.1(B) to eastward. orders to proceed from Fremantle to Noumea catch require 5 weeks' refit and boiler respectively.
<u>"J.D. EDWARDS"</u>	

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departed Williamstown for Sydney at 0900 yesterday. E.T.A. 0700 22nd March. Thursday

U.S. Submarine Tender "HOLLAND"

U.S. Submarine "SWORDFISH", "SKIPJACK", "SEARAVEN", "SPARFISH", "TARPON"

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS"

U.S. Destroyer "PARROTT"

U.S. Minesweepers "WHIPPOORWILL", "LARK"

At Albany yesterday.

GENERAL.

Two naval casualties occurred in the air raid at Darwin yesterday, one Supply Assistant being killed and another slightly injured.

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To 0900 Thursday, 19th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"ACHILLES" } arrived Vila 0600 yesterday.
"WESTRALIA" } "WESTRALIA" after disembarking troops proceeds
to Suva to embark service personnel and equipment
for Townsville. "ACHILLES" will rejoin Flag of
F.O.C.A.S.

"ADELAIDE" escorting U.S.A.T. "MONTERREY" departed Port Phillip-
1936 yesterday for Fremantle. E.T.A. 2100/22nd
March.

"KANINBLA" at Port Melbourne is at 12 hours' notice for E.R.
repairs requiring 7 working days' from yesterday.

"COLAC" } on completion sweeping operations will arrive Port
"CESSNOCK" } Moresby 0600/21 and after fuelling proceed to
Thursday Island so as to arrive P.M. the following
day and await arrival "TABOONA".

"HEROS") under orders to proceed from Fremantle to Noumea
"ST. GILES") with despatch require 5 weeks' refit and boiler
cleaning respectively.

"PATRICIA CAM" with stores embarked departed Brisbane 1230
yesterday for Townsville. (E.T.A. 23/3.), Thursday
Island (E.T.A. 28/3) en route to Darwin.

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departs Port Melbourne 0830 this
morning for Sydney to effect repairs.

"ALANAK" (U.S. Naval Auxiliary) arrived Wellington 1800L/15.

"WANT TONER" arrived Wellington 15th March, thence San Francisco.

"CHICAGO", "LAWSON" and "FRANKLIN" arrived Noumea 0700L/15, last two
ships are upon 4/15 for self refit.

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" arrived Willoughby 1400L/17. Will fuel
A.M. today and sail P.M. today for Sydney for repairs.

U.S. B/A "MAG" arrived Fremantle 0812L/17.

Dutch B/A "K.S." arrived Fremantle 1900L/17.

TRANSPORTS.

"TABOONA" sailed Melbourne 1800L/15 for Townsville.

"MONTERREY" arrived Port Melbourne 0730L/15.

"ANNE" secured Inner East Station Pier 0630L/15.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0600 Monday, 16th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

TOP SECRET.

"AUSTRALIA" escorting U.S. Transport "JOHN ERICSON" arrived
Sydney 1045 yesterday from Melbourne.

To 0900 Tuesday 17th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"CHIEF" arrived Port Moresby yesterday from Townsville
and sailed later for U/S operations.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA", towed by H.M.S. "PING WO" has arrived at
Albany.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX", "ALDEN", "FORD", departed Fremantle 16th
March to Rendezvous with "HOBART" and escort convoy
S.U.2 to Fremantle.

U.S. Submarines "SARGO" and "STINGRAY" departed Fremantle 16th
March.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Auckland 0215Z/15.

U.S.S. "LAMSON" intends sailing from Noumea today Tuesday for
Brisbane for 10 day refit.

GENERAL.

14 Japanese Bombers attacked Darwin 0400Z/16. Bombs
were dropped on aerodrome and adjoining roads. Buildings were
considerably damaged and one Hudson slightly damaged. Casualties
R.A.A.F. 2 killed, 10 wounded, 1 U.S.A. wounded, 1 Aborigine wounded.
No naval casualties or damage.

2 aircraft from each U.S.S. "ASTORIA" and "LOUISVILLE"
failed to return to ships in position 13.08 S. 156.36 E. at
0715Z/12.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA's" aircraft badly damaged during
alighting and cannot be repaired on board.

To 0900 Monday, 16th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" escorting U.S. Transport "JOHN ERICSON" arrived Noumea 1045 yesterday from Melbourne.

"LEANDER" } arrived Noumea 0810 yesterday from Brisbane.
"ACHILLES" }

"ASCANIA" amended E.T.A. Melbourne 0700 tomorrow.

"COLAC" } arrived Port Moresby yesterday from Townsville
"CESSNOCK" } and sailed later for M/S operations.

"BANHONGLIONG" arrived Brisbane 2115 yesterday from Bowen.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" arrived Fremantle 1200 yesterday.

CONVOYS.

8 vessels forming portion of convoy S.U.1., escorted by H.M.S. "CORNWALL" arrived Fremantle 1620 yesterday. Remaining 5 vessels of the convoy escorted by H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" are proceeding to Adelaide direct.

GENERAL.

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Numerous/ from Table Cape area on the N.W. coast of Tasmania reported gunfire about 1900 yesterday. As S.S. "NAIRANA", bound from Burnie to Melbourne, was the only vessel in the vicinity at the time, she was told to break W/T silence and report her position. On arrival at the Heads this morning "NAIRANA" reported she had fired 6 rounds from her 12 pdr. gun at 1900 yesterday.

The mine reported ashore at Mapoon (near Thursday Island) on 13th March, has been inspected and is definitely of Japanese origin.

A floating mine, covered with barnacles, was sighted late yesterday afternoon, about 6 miles S.S.E. of Sydney, but owing to darkness was lost. W.F. message was issued and the search was to continue at daylight this morning.

..... being 1 burnt on ground and 1 missing.

Commander Williams R.N.R. assumed duty as S.C.O. Sydney A.M. Friday, 15th March.

"HONGKONG" proposed to sail from Fremantle to Albany the following:- Submarine Tenders "BELLARD" and "CHILLY" and 2 submarines, U.S. Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" and 2 Destroyers, 1 Destroyer type auxiliary tender and 2 Minersweepers "LARK" and "SHIFFORD".

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 15th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

- "KANIMBLA" Sailed Brisbane 2203L/14 escorting "MONTEREY" to Melbourne.
- "BANHONGLIONG" Sailed Bowen 1050L/12 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000L/15.
- "MEDUSA" and "CIRCE" arrived Fremantle 0200L/14.
- "ASCANIA" Sailed Fremantle 1330L/11 for Melbourne E.T.A. 2030L/16.
- "PATRICIA CAM" Towing lighter to Townsville, will later proceed alone to Cairns and Darwin. Arrived Brisbane 1315L/14.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

Dutch Submarine K.8 arrived Geraldton 2035L/12.

TRANSPORTS.

"Q.M." with 8086 U.S.A. troops on board E.T.A. Fremantle 23rd March and when fuelled etc. is to sail for Sydney.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

- "WANGANELLA" Sailed Sydney 1705L/13 for Colombo due 31st March.
- "MAUNGANUI" On passage Sydney to Wellington.

GENERAL.

Horn Island was raided by 8 Heavy Japanese Bombers escorted by 9(?) Fighters at noon 14th March lasting 30 minutes, resulting in 1 enemy bomber and 1 fighter shot down in flames, 1 was rammed and crashed, our losses being 1 burnt on ground and 1 missing.

Commander Williams R.N.R. assumed duty as N.C.S.O. Sydney A.M. Friday, 13th March.

'COMSOWESPAC' proposes to sail from Fremantle to Albany the following:- Submarine Tenders "HOLLAND" and "CHILDS" and 5 submarines, U.S. Destroyer Tender "BLACK HAWK" and 3 Destroyers, 1 Destroyer type seaplane tender and 2 Minesweepers "LARK" and "WHIPPOORWILL".

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 14th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

OP. RAZING - AUSTRALIA STATION.

0900 Saturday, 14th March.

"ALLERDA" departed Brisbane 1730 yesterday for Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" arrived Brisbane 0730Z/12.

H.M.A. Ships "MILDURA" and "GEELONG" arrived Noumea 1900Z/11.
to continue sweeping approaches until arrival of

"WESTRALIA".
departed Noumea 12th March for Brisbane,
12.7.42 1030 tomorrow.

arrived 12th March and 10th March
resp ALLIED SHIPS.

U.S.S. "WHIPPLE" departed Fremantle for Escort duties 1300Z/11.

U.S. Submarine No. 38 arrived Fremantle 13th from Patrol.

U.S.S. "BARKER" and "BALMER" departed Fremantle 13th for
Escort duties.

Dutch Submarine K.9 arrived Fremantle from Java A.M. 13th.

GENERAL.

Convoy Z.L.7. arrived Noumea 1245 yesterday.

16 Survivors from M.M.S. 51 and "ANKING" have
been landed in Fremantle, stated that "YARRA", "ANKING",
"FRANCOL" and M.M.S. 51 sunk by gunfire by 3 Japanese Cruisers
(two NATI Class) and 2 Destroyers on March 3rd. H.M.S.
"BIRMINGHAM" and "FOXHOUND" have formed part of Eastern Fleet.

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To 0900 Friday, 13th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. & H.M.A. SHIPS.

- "LEANDER" } departed Brisbane 1730 yesterday for Noumea.
- "ACHILLES" } arrived Fremantle 1600/14 from South Gulf.
- "ASCANIA" (.A.M.C.) departed Fremantle 11th March for Melbourne, to undergo repairs. E.T.A. 2030/16.
- "BARR HONG LEONG" departed Bowen 12th March for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1000 tomorrow.
- "MEDUSA" } arrived Geraldton 9th March and 10th March
- "CIRCE" } respectively.
- "COLAC" } departed Townsville 0125 yesterday for Port
- "CESSNOCK" } Moresby. E.T.A. 0800 Monday, 16th March.
- "KATOOMBA" arrived Brisbane 1150 Wednesday, 11th March for repairs.
- "MARYBOROUGH" arrived Fremantle 2200 Tuesday, 10th March, from Java area.

Dutch Minesweeping Flotilla comprising 3 ships arrived Broome 11th March, en route to Fremantle.

CONVOYS.

Convoy Z.K.7. arrived Noumea 1245 yesterday.

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- "YAMUDA" arrived Adelaide 1300L/10 from Fremantle.
- "YAMAGUCHI" arrived Sydney 0730L/10.

GENERAL.

Comodoro Collins, R.A.N. has assumed duties of H.S.I.C. Fremantle from noon Monday 9th March.

Commander L.D. Caussey (Retd.), promoted to A/Captain (Retd.) 25th February, 1942.

To 0900 Thursday, 12th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

N.M.A. SHIPS.

"KANIMBLA" sailed Sydney 0045L/11 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1030L/12

"ADELAIDE" arrived Melbourne 1855L/10.

"WOLLONGONG" } arrived Fremantle 1400L/10 from Exmouth Gulf.
"TOOWOOMBA" }

"PING WO" towing "VENDETTA" sailed Fremantle 1300L/10 for Melbourne due 23rd March.

"WHYALLA" arrived Adelaide 2110L/10.

"MILDURA" } due to arrive Noumea 0800L/12.
"GESLONG" }

"ACHILLES" } are to sail Brisbane for Noumea noon today.
"LEANDER" } E.T.A. Noumea 0700L/15.

"WARREGO" sailed Fremantle 1800L/11 for Sydney due P.M. 22nd March.

Reports indicate that Japanese have landed at Finakofu

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" and U.S. Fuel ship "GUADALOUPE" arrived Suva 0805L/10 and sailed 1114L/11 with U.S. Tanker "KASKASKIA".

"BULMER" and "BARKER" U.S. Destroyers arrived Fremantle 1340L/11 escorting "GOLD STAR".

^{? Aircraft Tender}
U.S. Destroyer "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" sailed Fremantle 1625L/10 for Melbourne due 16th March.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"MANUNDA" arrived Adelaide 1306L/10 from Fremantle.

"MAUNGANUI" arrived Sydney 0733L/10.

GENERAL.

Commodore Collins, R.A.N. has assumed duties of N.O.I.C. Fremantle from noon Monday 9th March.

Commander L.D. Causey (Retd.), promoted to A/Captain (Retd.) 25th February, 1942.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 11th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" arrived Port Phillip 0545Z/10.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" arrived Maryborough 2315Z/10.

Intended that "PINGWO" with "VENDETTA" in tow should leave Fremantle Tuesday 10th for Melbourne.

F.F.S. "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney from Brisbane 0402Z/10.

U.S. SHIPS.

U.S.S. "PORTLAND" arrived Fiji 1557N/9.

U.S.S. "CURTISS" and "WORDEN" arrived Fiji 1302N/9.

U.S. Tanker "NEOSHCO" and U.S. Destroyer "DRAYTON" arrived Fiji 1132N/9.

GENERAL.

Reports indicate that Japanese have landed at Finschafen New Guinea.

SHIPPING.

U.S. Troopship "MOUNT VERNON" arrived Adelaide 2045 yesterday.

Hospital Ship "ORANGE" arrived Sydney yesterday from Melbourne.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 10th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. AND H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WARSPITE" departed Spencer Gulf 0930 Sunday, 8th March for Indian Ocean rendezvous with H.M. Destroyers "FORTUNE" and "DECOY" en route to Trincomalee.

"ACHILLES" escorting U.S. transport "MONTEREY", forming portion of convoy 2034, arrived Brisbane yesterday.

"WESTRALIA" escorting U.S. "JOHN ERICKSON" departed Melbourne 1530 yesterday for Noumea.

"GERLONG" departed Brisbane 2250 Sunday, 8th March to R.V. with "MILDURA" in position 26°40'S, 159°00'E at 1630 today, whence both ships proceed to Noumea to sweep approaches ahead of Convoy Z.K.7.

"BALLARAT" } arrived Fremantle 1800 yesterday from Exmouth
"GOULBURN" } Gulf.

U.S. Cruiser "NEW ORLEANS" } escorting U.S. vessels "PERIDA"
Destroyer "MUGFORD" } and "PENNANT" departed Brisbane 1130 yesterday to R.V. with Convoy Z.K.7. escorted by "HONOLULU" at 0800 this morning.

1. Jap force landed on east coast of New Guinea I.S. - 8th.

SHIPPING.

2. U.S. Troopship "MOUNT VERNON" arrived Adelaide 2045 yesterday.

3. Hospital Ship "ORANJE" arrived Sydney yesterday from Melbourne.

4. One unidentified Destroyer sighted by aircraft 300 N.E.W. of Oranje. Bearing 180° at 2800Z/Y.

5. Three unidentified vessels, apparently warships, reported in vicinity of Vila. at 0830Z/S.

To 0900 Monday, 9th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.S. "LANDER" escorting "MATSONIA" (U.S.A.) and "MOFFACSEAL" "PERT" (U.S.A.) arrived Brisbane 1330Z/8. "MONTEREY" lost touch with convoy night of 7/8 during cyclone, and has been sighted off Moreton Bay in company with "ACHILLES".

H.M.A. SHIPS "WOLLONGONG" and "TOOWOOMBA" arrived Shark Bay route to 2020I/7.

H.M.A. SHIPS "BURNIE" and "BENDIGO" arrived Fremantle yesterday.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" (at Sydney) and H.M.A.S. "GEEELONG" (at Brisbane) have been ordered to proceed to Noumea to sweep approaches ahead of convoy ZK7. "MILDURA" sailed 0744Z/8.

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" escorting "GENERAL VERSTYCK" expects to arrive Fremantle 0100Z/10. "GENERAL VERSTYCK" at 0800Z/10.

U.S.S. "ISABEL" and U.S.S. "PARROTT" arrived Fremantle 7th March.

U.S.S. "CHILDS" arrived Geraldton.

GENERAL.

1. Jap Force landed on east coast of New Guinea A.M. 8th. Salamaua and Lae are reported to be in enemy hands.
2. Admiral Helfrich arrived Colombo by air on 3rd and plans to base Remnant ships naval force on Colombo.
3. S.O. China Force arrived Fremantle in "BURNIE".
4. One unidentified Destroyer sighted by aircraft 360 N.N.W. of Onslow. Steaming 160° at 2200Z/7.
5. Three unidentified vessels, apparently warships, reported in vicinity of Vila. at 0635Z/8.

CONVOY 217. U.S. "PERIMA" and "PERMANA", escorted by U.S.S. "HEM" "ORLEANS" and "MONROE" sailed from Brisbane so as to rendezvous with Convoy 217 at 0800 19th March, and, after arrival at Noumea, will proceed to U.S.A.

INTELLIGENCE.

An air patrol sighted the following enemy Convoys-

- 1 Cruiser
- 4 Destroyers
- 8 Transports

In a position approximately 85 miles N.E. of, and proceeding towards Buna, at 1615 yesterday. (Buna is approximately 90 miles N.E. across the Papua Peninsula from Port Moresby).

GENERAL.

Commander J.A. Collins, C.R., H.M.A.S. expects to arrive Fremantle in H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" at 1000 today.

Captain B. Gilmore, R.N., in Fremantle from N.E. Indies.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 8th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"PERTH". A signal received from S.O. China Force states that "PERTH" and U.S.S. "HOUSTON" left Batavia in company about 2300, 28th February en route for Tjilitjap: at 0200 1st March "PERTH" reported one unknown destroyer, later amplified to one cruiser. No further report was received. About 1330 on 1st March "PERTH" and "HOUSTON" were ordered to avoid Tjilitjap and pass position 015° S. 113° E. en route to Fremantle.

"BUNGAREE" departed Port Phillip for Auckland at 2214 6th March ETA 0900 14th March.

"WESTRALIA" escorting Convoy of 2 U.S.A. Merchant ships berthed at Port Melbourne at 0700 today.

"STUART" } When ready for service, are to work up under orders of
"VOYAGER" } N.O.C.S.

"WHYALLA" departed Sydney for Adelaide at 1427 yesterday.

"WARREGO" arrived Fremantle at 2100 6th March from ABDA Area, and reports that, owing to engine room defects, maximum sea-going speed is reduced to 10 knots.

"BURNIE" with S.O. China Force embarked, expects to arrive Fremantle at 1000 today.

"LITHGOW" arrived at Darwin from escort duty to the Eastward at 0822 5th March.

? H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" } expect to arrive Fremantle at 1101 today from
 H.M.C.S. "OTTAWA" } ABDA Area. (?"OTTAWA" reported by Burnie but believed to be a corrupt group).

H.M.S. "HERMES", it is expected, will be sailed by C. in C. E.F. for Fremantle in mid March.

F.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT", escorting "TRIENZA", successfully completed Operation G.R., arriving Brisbane at 2315 yesterday.

CONVOYS

CONVOY ZK7. U.S. "PERIDA" and "PENNANT", escorted by U.S.S. "NEW ORLEANS" and "MCUFORD", are to be sailed from Brisbane so as to rendezvous with Convoy ZK7 at 0800 10th March, and, after arrival at Noumea, will proceed to U.S.A.

INTELLIGENCE

An air patrol sighted the following enemy Convoy:-

- 1 Cruiser
- 4 Destroyers
- 6 Transports

in a position approximately 56 miles N.E. of, and proceeding towards, Buna, at 1615 yesterday. (Buna is approximately 90 miles N.E. across the Papua Peninsula from Port Moresby).

GENERAL

Commodore J.A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N. expects to arrive Fremantle in H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" at 1000 today.

Captain D. Gilmour, R.N. in Fremantle from N.E. Indies.

To 0900 Saturday, 7th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"KAHIMBLA" on completion refit carried out gunnery firings off Sydney yesterday.

"KATOOMBA" on passage to Brisbane for repairs has been delayed and now expects to arrive P.M. tomorrow Sunday.

"WHYALLA" has orders to complete with fuel at Sydney and proceed to Adelaide with despatch.

"TOOWOOMBA" } arrived Exmouth Gulf (W.A.) 1427 yesterday from
"WOLLONGONG" } ABDA area where they will embark sufficient fuel from S.S. "ISLANDER" to enable them to reach Fremantle.

"GOULBURN" } from ABDA area departed Exmouth Gulf 1630 yesterday
"BALLARAT" } for Fremantle.

H.M.S. "SPRINGALE" mobile deperming vessel, arrived Fremantle Thursday, 5th March from Batavia.

Commander South West Pacific Force (~~CINCPAC~~) intends to operate Asiatic Fleet from Fremantle.

Reported from Noumea that "MERKUR" went aground on E patch during cyclone at 2300Z/d. Attempts to refloat vessel have so far been unsuccessful, but vessel is apparently undamaged.

SHIPPING.

V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" aground at Noumea was refloated at 2300 yesterday. Cargo is being reloaded and a further report is awaited as to any damage she may have sustained.

Dutch Hospital Ship "ORANJE" arrived Adelaide yesterday from Suez whence she proceeds to Melbourne.

CONVOYS.

U.S.S. "HONOLULU" departed Williamstown 0610 this morning to escort 7 U.S. merchant vessels ex convoy B.T.200 and H.M.S. "ATHENE" to Noumea.

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To 0900 Friday, 6th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" departed Brisbane at 1800 yesterday for Fremantle 0800I/6 and escort "MOUNT VERNON" to the vicinity of Kangaroo Island and then proceed to Melbourne.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" arrived Fremantle 0625Z/5.

U.S.S. "NEW ORLEANS" and convoy arrived Brisbane 0800Z/5.

H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Auckland 2112Z/4. at 1712 yesterday.

GENERAL.

An unidentified cruiser has been reported in position $17^{\circ}35' S. 114^{\circ}10' E.$

200 survivors from U.S.S. "PECOS" have been picked up.

"DELORAINNE" attacked by 4 engine flying boat in approximate position 70 miles W. Darwin.

Reported from Noumea that "MERKUR" went aground on 2 fathom patch during cyclone at 2300Z/4. Attempts to refloat vessel have so far been unsuccessful, but vessel is apparently undamaged.

A large submarine, possible U.S.A., was sighted on surface at 0402Z/5 in position $29^{\circ}05' S. 112^{\circ}5' E.$ Course North, Speed 10 to 15 knots. Submarine failed to answer signals and began to submerge. A/C dived to attack but bombs failed to drop.

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To 0900 Thursday, 5th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" departed Brisbane at 1030 yesterday for Melbourne escorting U.S. vessels "TASKER H. BLISS" and "HUGH L. SCOTT".

"BUNGAREE" arrived Port Phillip from Sydney at 1707 yesterday.

"VENDETTA", in tow of "PO WING", arrived Fremantle at 0415 yesterday.

"ATHENE" arrived Port Phillip from Westward at 1712 yesterday.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" arrived Sydney for refit at 0937 yesterday.

U.S. SUBMARINE TENDER "HOLLAND" and U.S. Submarines "SNAPPER", "SKIPJACK" and "SCULPIN" arrived Fremantle 3rd March.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" arrives Sydney 0830 this morning for port. GENERAL.

R.M.A.S. "PATRICIA" A shot fired from the Examination Battery at Moreton Bay yesterday at H.M.A.S. "TAMBAR", killed one officer and one rating and seriously injured one rating.

INTELLIGENCE.

Cocos Island was shelled by a raider at 0018 this morning. The Cable Office was hit but there were apparently no casualties.

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S.S. "TONGAKIN" (British, 8,730 tons) was attacked by a submarine at 15:1 yesterday in a position approximately 100 miles S.W. of Fremantle. Following a running fight "TONGAKIN" reported that she believed the submarine was sunk.

Breese and Synihan were attacked yesterday forenoon by Japanese aircraft resulting in the loss of S.S. "KODOLAKA" at Synihan Jetty.

To 0900 Wednesday, 4th March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. AND H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WARSPITE" owing to enemy submarines operating off Fremantle, has been ordered to proceed Spencer Gulf to refuel from tanker "BRITISH CHEMIST" due there Saturday, 7th March, whence she will proceed to Colombo direct.

"ADELAIDE" escorting convoy S.J.3 Z. has arrived Fremantle and has been granted 72 hours' in harbour for boiler cleaning before proceeding to Melbourne with convoy.

"KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 1130 March 2nd for Brisbane. E.T.A. , contingent upon weather conditions, 0700 Friday 6th March.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Brisbane 1214 yesterday and is expected to sail 0930 this morning escorting U.S. vessels "TASKER H BLISS" and "HUGH L SCOTT" to Melbourne.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" arrives Sydney 0930 this morning for refit.

H.M.A.S. "PATRICIA CAR" commissioned at Sydney yesterday and has orders to sail for Townsville with stores embarked.

INTELLIGENCE.

Cocos Island was shelled by a raider at 0028 this morning. The Cable Office was hit but there were apparently no casualties.

S.S. "TONGARIRO" (British, 8,720 tons) was attacked by a submarine at 1301 yesterday in a position approximately 150 miles S.W. of Fremantle. Following a running fight "TONGARIRO" reported that she believed the submarine was sunk.

Broome and Wyndham were attacked yesterday forenoon by Japanese aircraft resulting in the loss of S.S. "KOOLANA" at Wyndham jetty.

Intended H.M.A. Ships "COLUBRUS", "ROSEBUD", "THURLEY", "MAHINDRAN", "MALDEN", Report P.M. and from Y/1111/12 for Fremantle. S.S. in service.

Admiral Selfridge and 24 Staff Officers will arrive Colombo in 4 P.M.E. boats. First boat probably expected 2nd March - 3 others uncertain.

S.S. Ships "WATERLOO" and "ALAN" are due under the orders of C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Tuesday, 3rd March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" }
U.S.S. "CHICAGO" } departed Noumea 0715Z/1.
U.S.S. "LAMSON" }

H.M.S. "LEANDER" }
H.M.S. "ACHILLES" } departed Suva 0812N/2.

H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" sailed from Noumea for Auckland, E.T.A. 1200Z/4.

H.M.S. "ATHENE" ordered to return to Melbourne. E.T.A. 0800Z/4.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" sailed from Sydney 2241Z/1 for Geelong. E.T.A. 0800Z/5.

"FALKEFJELL" ordered to remain at Noumea until further orders.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

Four U.S. Destroyers and tender "OTUS" are proceeding from N.W. to Esnouth Gulf.

R.A.A.F. reports U.S. Submarine tender "HOLLAND" and 3 submarines sighted in position 26° 25' S. - 112° 40' E. Course 210° at 0910H/2.

U.S.S. "LANGLEY" bombed by 9 aircraft on 27th February, and sank approaching Tjilitjap.

GENERAL.

S.S. "NARBADA" 9,000 tons, reported being shelled by submarine 90 miles W.N.W. of Fremantle at 1238Z/2. Later report states after engagement submarine submerged possibly hit. Vessel then continued on voyage.

H.M.A.S. "BANDIGO" sailed from Java P.M. 1st with survivors from "JUPITER" and naval personnel for Fremantle.

Intended H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "TOOWOOMBA", "BURNIE", "MARYBOROUGH", "BALLARAT", depart P.M. 2nd from Tjilitjap for Fremantle. S.O. China force in Burnie.

Admiral Helfrich and 24 Staff Officers will arrive Colombo in 4 P.B.Y. boats. First boat probably expected 3rd March - 3 others uncertain.

H.M. Ships "HOTSPUR" and "ARROW" are now under the orders of C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Monday, 2nd March, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" departed Sydney for Brisbane at 1440 yesterday.

"SWAN" arrived Brisbane from Darwin yesterday for repairs, and it is anticipated will be in dock for four weeks.

"CESSNOCK" passed Archer Point en route for Townsville at 1025 yesterday.

"COLAC" has been ordered to remain at Townsville.

"KATOOMBA" en route from Darwin to Brisbane for repairs, arrived Townsville at 1725 yesterday.

"LITHGOW" departed Darwin yesterday escorting "TULAGI" towards Thursday Island.

"BERMACUI" departed Newcastle for Sydney at 0600 yesterday and arrived at 1823.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. DESTROYER "LAMSON" escorting Fleet Oiler "FALKEFJELL" arrived Noumea from Suva at 1801 28th February.

GENERAL.

ABDA Area - C.Z.M. at 1425 yesterday resigned command of the allied naval forces. With his consent CUCF ordered withdrawal of British Naval Forces, and the U.S. Naval Force, excepting submarines, is being withdrawn. C.Z.M. is endeavouring to send his remaining forces to Colombo.

The mine washed ashore at Byron Bay (north coast of N.S.W.) recently is of German origin.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 1st March.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS -

"BUNGARBE" intends to leave Sydney 0900 tomorrow for Port Phillip. E.T.A. 0901 March 5th.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Darwin 1218 February 27th to escort U.S. vessel "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD", bound for Fremantle, until 2100 yesterday.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departs Sydney tomorrow for working up exercises in Broken Bay, returning to Sydney P.M. 11th March.

Dutch Cruiser "TROMP" departed Fremantle 2000 February 27th for Sydney to effect after action repairs.

U.S. Ship "SHEP" sailed Melbourne 0715/27 for Fremantle.

SHIPPING.

U.S. Destroyer "CHARLES F. SMITH" arrived Brisbane 1150L/26 and sailed 2000/26.

V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" arrived Noumea 0710 yesterday, where she is expected to issue stores and provisions to Anzac Squadron today. Tender "MERSE" sailed from Brisbane 25th February.

"TROMP" arrived Fremantle from ANZA area 1100L/27.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"MAURANDI" arrived Melbourne 2210 February.

GENERAL.

H.M. Ships "CRIFTON" (Destroyer 1325 tons) "PORTER" (1370 tons) and "SPOON" (1375 tons) all 28 knots are to form part of the Eastern Fleet as from 25th February.

Convoy H.M.S. escorted by U.S.S. "WASHBURN" will be relieved by H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE" as escort, 2000/28 in position 15° 30' S. - 151° 30' E.

S.O.C.F. reports at 0100L/28 strong enemy force with large number of transports are approaching Sorsabaya - Striking Force includes "WARRNAMBOOL", "WARRNAMBOOL", "WARRNAMBOOL" and "WARRNAMBOOL" under Dutch Admiral in "DE KUYTER" and have been in action, "WARRNAMBOOL" speed being reduced to 18 knots. Action appears to have taken place at about 2100L/27 20' from Sorsabaya.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900 Saturday, 28th February, 1942.

H.M.A. Ships.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) and U.S.S. "CHICAGO" in Company arrived Vila 1132L/27.

"ADELAIDE" is to proceed to Melbourne after re-fuelling at Fremantle.

"VENDETTA" in tow of H.M.S. "PO WING" will proceed to Melbourne from Fremantle in due course.

"KATOOMBA" E.T.A. Townsville 1700L/2.

"CESSNOCK" Sailed Cooktown 1345L/27 for Thursday Island ordered to return.

"MARRAWAH" Secured Port Melbourne 1020L/27.

"WHYALLA" Sailed 27th February for Broken Bay for working up returning Sydney 8th March.

"PATRICIA CAM" will Commission 3rd March and sail for Darwin PM/5th March.

H.M. Ship "ATHENE" sailed Melbourne 0715L/27 for Fremantle.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Destroyer "CHARLES F. HUME" arrived Broome 1130L/26 and sailed 2000L/26.

U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" sailed from Suva 1340L/27.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "HERON" sailed from Broome 25th February.

"TROMP" arrived Fremantle from ABDA area 1100L/27.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"MAUNGANUI" arrived Wellington 26th February.

GENERAL.

H.M. Ships "GRIFFEN" (Destroyer 1335 tons) "FORTUNE" (1375 tons) and "DECOY" (1375 tons) all 36 knots are to form part of the Eastern Fleet as from 25th February.

Convoy M.S.5 escorted by U.S.S. "PHOENIX" will be relieved by H.M.S. "ENTERPRISE" as escort, 2000L/28 in position 10° 58' S. - 91° 30' E.

S.O.C.F. reports at 0100L/28 strong enemy force with large number of transports are approaching Soerabaya - Striking Force includes "EXETER", "PERTH", "ELECTRA", "JUPITER" and "ENCOUNTER" under Dutch Admiral in "DE RUYTER" and have been in action, "EXETER's" speed being reduced to 16 knots. Action appears to have taken place at about 2100L/27 30' from Soerabaya.

Tandjong Prick bombed frequently during 27th.

Another Enemy Force reported 110° North of Batavia and British Ships "HOBART", "DRAGON", "DANAE", "SCOUT" and "TENELOS", forming a Striking Force have been ordered to attack, but in second part of the signal it appears after attack, with little fuel remaining at Batavia, ships will proceed through Sunda Strait at daylight today to Trincomallee. S.O.C.F. is remaining at Batavia for the present, with nucleus operational staff, remainder having been transferred to Tjilatjap.

A report from D.N.O. W.A. by intercept message states U.S. Aircraft Tender "LANGLEY" was attacked 27th February by 16 bombers and appears to be badly damaged. Position of attack not known.

Departed Newcastle 25th February for Thursday Island and has been ordered to return to Newcastle.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" departed Sydney for Fremantle 0800 yesterday.

H.M.S. "HORNBI" departed Sydney for Noumea arriving sunrise 1st March, to disembark aircraft, stores and personnel for Antio Squadron, thence to Suva. Upon completion of discharge U.S.N. personnel and equipment, proceeds to Auckland preparatory to reporting "BIRGASIA" from Auckland to Suva about 24th March.

U.S.S. "MAGELLAN" and seven U.S. transports arrived Port Phillip 1912 yesterday. "MAGELLAN" berthed at Williamstown.

U.S. Destroyers "JERTIS" and "MORRIS", escorting four U.S. transports arrived Brisbane 1803 25th February.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 27th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "KANIMBLA" expects to be ready for service P.M. 7th March.
- "WESTRALIA" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1525 yesterday.
- "CESSNOCK" departed Townsville 2054 26th February for Thursday Island and has been ordered to return to Townsville.
- H.M.S. "WARSPITE" departed Sydney for Fremantle 0800 yesterday.
- H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed Sydney for Noumea arriving sunrise 1st March, to disembark aircraft, stores and personnel for Anzac Squadron, thence to Suva. Upon completion of discharge U.S.N. personnel and equipment, proceeds to Auckland preparatory to escorting "RANGATIRA" from Auckland to Suva about 8th March.
- U.S.S. "HONOLULU" and seven U.S. transports arrived Port Phillip 1915 yesterday. "HONOLULU" berthed at Williamstown.
- U.S. Destroyers "JERVIS" and "MUGFORD", escorting four U.S. transports arrived Brisbane 1603 25th February.
- U.S. Seaplane tender "PRESTON" } Arrived Brisbane Tuesday, 26th February.
- U.S. Aircraft tender "HERON" }
- F.F. "CHEVYCHILL" with "CAP BOB PALMER" arrived Sydney early this morning.

TRAFFIC.

H.M. "LUNN ALASKAN" arrived Esquimaux 26th February.

GENERAL.

The lark "KILAT" at Darwin has sunk with 8,000 tons coal. R.S.I.C. requests a collier be sent as soon as possible as Naval coal remaining at Darwin is only 40 tons.

R.S.I.C. "PUNJAB", the first A.M.S. completed for Indian Government, built by Harza Dock and Engineering Company, commissioned at Sydney Tuesday, 26th February.

INCIDENTS.

An unidentified merchant vessel was shelled yesterday afternoon by an enemy submarine in Corio Strait. No further details have been received.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 26th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

Anzac Squadron, arrived Suva this morning. F.O.C.A.S. has requested V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" be diverted to Noumea so that provisions can be issued while Squadron fuels there on Sunday, 1st March from "FALKEFJELL". The Admiral has also requested that H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" now at Sydney be instructed to arrive Noumea in order to disembark aircraft by P.M. 1st March.

"BUNGAREE"

arrived Sydney 1720 Tuesday, 24th February, from Noumea.

"WARREGO"

departed Darwin 0133 yesterday for Batavia via Sunda Strait.

"SWAN"

on passage from Darwin to Brisbane expects to arrive 1730 Saturday, 28th February, for refit and immediate docking to make good hull defects.

"CESSNOCK"

arrived Townsville 0615 yesterday.

"MILDURA"

returned to Sydney yesterday after escorting V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" to the Eastward.

H.M.S. "ATHENE" after embarking 50 crated aircraft will leave Port Melbourne 1100 tomorrow and proceed to Batavia with all despatch.

U.S. Destroyer "LANSON" escorting "FALKEFJELL" departed Suva yesterday for Noumea.

U.S. Seaplane tender "PRESTON"

U.S. Aircraft tender "HERON"

} Arrived Broome Tuesday, 24th February.

P.F. "CHEVREUIL" with "CAP DES PALMES" arrived Sydney early this morning.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Esquimalt 24th February.

GENERAL.

The hulk "KELAT" at Darwin has sunk with 3,000 tons coal. N.O.I.C. requests a collier be sent as soon as possible as Naval coal remaining at Darwin is only 40 tons.

H.M.I.S. "PUNJAB", the first A.M.S. completed for Indian Government, built by Morts Dock and Engineering Company, commissioned at Sydney Tuesday, 24th February.

INTELLIGENCE.

An unidentified merchant vessel was shelled yesterday afternoon by an enemy submarine in Sunda Strait. No further details have been received.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Wednesday, 25th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. Ships.

"MILDURA" Arrived Sydney 0725L/24 from A/S Escort of "MERKUR".

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

"CHEVREUIL" Sailed Noumea 1500L/22 for Sydney and probably has "CAP DES PALMES" in company.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" Sailed Nauru 1945L/23 for Port Sandwich E.T.A. 0600L/26.

GENERAL.

A mine is reported ashore 6' North of Cape Byron.

American Ship "SHARK" 4400 tons struck a mine at 1000L/24 near Anedee Lighthouse 13' South East from Noumea and is being towed to Harbour by a warship, probably "CHEVREUIL". Ship was bound from Sydney to Noumea.

Programme for H.M.S. "WARSPITE".

<u>Arrive.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Depart.</u>
	Sydney	A.M./26th February.
A.M./5th March.	Fremantle.	P.M./5th March.
A.M./14th March.	Trincosallee	

"HUNDEEN B." - 513 tons - part of auxiliary flotilla which was bombed and sunk approximately 20' North of Batavia Island on 13th February. The captain and crew of a U.S. Catalina shot down on the same day and picked up by "HUNDEEN B." were also rescued.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Tuesday, 24th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "WARREGO" S.O. China Force has requested that "WARREGO" be sailed from Darwin for Batavia via Sunda Strait.
- "LITHGOW" departed Thursday Island for Darwin 0800 yesterday. E.T.A. 1030 26th February.
- "MILDURA" departed Sydney 2024 22nd February for Suva escorting V.S.I.S. "MERKUR".
- "MORESEY" arrived Whyalla from Adelaide 1830 yesterday.
- "VAMPIRE" which has recently been at Colombo, has engine room and other defects, and is proceeding to Fremantle.
- "COLAC" arrived Townsville from Gladstone with lighter in tow.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

Dutch "TROMP" has been damaged in action. Abdafloat proposes, as soon as she is seaworthy, to sail her for Fremantle for repair at an Australian port.

INTELLIGENCE.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" returned to Darwin yesterday with some survivors of U.S. "FLORENCE D." (2638 tons - port of registry Manila) which was bombed and sunk approximately 30' North of Bathurst Island on 19th February. The captain and crew of a U.S. Catalina shot down on the same day and picked up by "FLORENCE D." were also rescued.

A.S.G. Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, reported that at 1400 yesterday an unidentified force comprising 4 destroyers, 1 submarine and 2 transports had been sighted off South Point.

Captain G. J. Pope, R.A.N. arrived Darwin 20th February to assume duties of R.O.I.C. today.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Monday, 23rd February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "PERTH" having dispersed Convoy MS.4 with orders to return Fremantle is proceeding to Batavia with despatch arriving dusk today or dawn tomorrow as directed by C.C.C.F.
- "ADELAIDE" was expected to rendezvous at noon yesterday with Convoy S.J.3.Z. comprising 4 merchant vessels and H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" in tow all from Batavia escorted by H.M.A.S. "YARRA". "ADELAIDE" escorts convoy to Fremantle and "YARRA" returns to ABDA area.
- "KATOOMBA" departed Darwin 0544 yesterday for Thursday Island (E.T.A. 0800/26) en route to Brisbane for repairs.
- H.M.S. "ATHENE" arrived Williamstown 1152 yesterday; on completion of short refit she will proceed to Batavia with crated aircraft.
- H.M.N.Z.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Sydney 1310 yesterday from Melbourne whence she proceeds to Suva with surveying party ex "BURGAREE".

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

- U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" escorting Convoy M.S.5 and U.S. Seaplane tender "LANGLEY" departed Fremantle 1800 yesterday for Bombay.
- F.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Port Sandwich (New Hebrides) Saturday, 21st February, whence she will carry out operation C.R. in conjunction with S.S. "TRIENZA". Both vessels expect to leave Port Sandwich 3rd March for Brisbane.

INTELLIGENCE.

- H.M.S. "WARRHAMBOOL" reported at 1507 yesterday that she was being bombed by one or two flying boats in a position approximately 100 miles north of Darwin and appealed in vain for fighter assistance.
- A.R.O. Christmas Island, Indian Ocean, reported that at 1400 yesterday an unidentified force comprising 4 destroyers, 1 submarine and 2 transports had been sighted off South Point.

GENERAL.

- Captain C. J. Pope, R.A.N. arrived Darwin 20th February to assume duties of H.O.I.C. today.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

(All times "L").

TO 0900 SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"BUNGAREE" sailed Noumea 1600L/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 1600L/25.

"CESSNOCK" sailed Sydney 1745L/20 for Townsville.

H.M. Ships "MEDUSA" (Coastal Minelayer), and "CINGER" (Auxiliary Patrol Vessel), sailed Batavia in company for Fremantle calling at Tjilatjap and Carnarvon for fresh provisions speed 7 knots.

"PERTH" escorting Convoy M.S.4 have been ordered to return to Fremantle.

"WESTRALIA" will R.V. at 1400L/22 with "HONOLULU" when she will proceed to Brisbane at 13 knots accompanied by U.S. Destroyers "HUGFORD" and "JARVIS" with 4 ships in Convoy, remaining 7 ships escorted by "HONOLULU" (U.S. Cruiser) will proceed to Melbourne 14 knots.

GENERAL.

Darwin reports "WARRENAMBOOL" landed 73 survivors on 21st February from "DON ISIDRO" beached Bathurst Island. Ship is considered to be a total loss.

ABDACOM reports Japanese landing from 6 Transports about 1000L/20 on South coast of Timor, 12' S.W. of Koepang.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" due Derby 21st February.

U.S. A/C Tender "LANGLEY" arrived Fremantle 1655L/19.

CONVOYS.

Convoy M.S.5 escorted by U.S.S. "PHOENIX" will depart Fremantle this morning for Bombay.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

"MANUNDA" sailed Darwin 2320L/20 for Fremantle speed 14 knots due 26th February.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

(All times 'L').

To 0900 Saturday, 21st February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M., H.M.A. and H.M.N.Z. Ships.

- "WARSPITE" arrived Sydney at 1300 yesterday, and intends to sail at 1800 today for Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 0700/22.
- "MONOWAI" departed Port Phillip for Sydney 1502 yesterday. E.T.A. 1200 tomorrow.
- "BUNGAREE" intended departing Noumea for Sydney at 1600 yesterday E.T.A. 1600 25th February. Lost to which was damaged below the waterline during the air attack on Darwin, has been ordered to proceed to Brisbane.
- "SWAN", which was damaged below the waterline during the air attack on Darwin, has been ordered to proceed to Brisbane.
- "COLAC", departed Sydney 1400/19 for Brisbane to convoy four with lighter in tow, departed Gladstone for Darwin at 1430 yesterday.
- "WHYALLA" arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 2215 19th February.
- "FOR/CEPUL", (H.M.A. Tug) with lighter "URIBES" in tow, expects to sail Fremantle for Darwin today.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

- U.S. Aircraft Tender "LANCLEY" arrived Fremantle from Darwin at 1655 19th February.
- F.F. "CHEVREUIL" intends sailing from Noumea for Sydney, probably today, for refitting.
- HOSPITAL SHIP. "MANUNDA", being practically full, with 300 patients, was sailed yesterday by District Naval Officer, Northern Territory from Darwin for Fremantle, to avoid danger of further bombing.

INTELLIGENCE.

E.V. "KOOLAMA" (4068 tons gross, owned by Western Australian Government) en route from Fremantle to Darwin via ports, was bombed by an aircraft at 1536 yesterday in position 15° 40' South 127° 30' East, (approximately midway between Broome and Darwin). A signal intercepted at 1710 advised that the vessel was being beached in the vicinity of Drysdale Mission. (approximately 205 miles E.N.W. of Darwin) course 080° speed 15 knots at 1030/19. A later message from Darwin gave a similar force as being in position 015° 10' S. 128° E. (approximately 130 miles E.N.W. of Darwin) at 1900/19. Reconnaissance and striking forces were being despatched from Darwin.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 20th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M., H.M.A. & H.M.N.Z. Ships.

"MONOWAI" arrived Williamstown 1130/19 from Suva, and intends to sail at 1200 today for Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney 0700/22.

"WARSPITE" E.T.A. Sydney 1130/today.

"ALSEY" }
"ATREUS" } Admiralty has requested C. in C. Eastern Fleet to
"DIAMOND" } sail these three Controlled Mining Ships to Fremantle.

"WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 1406/19 for Rendezvous to convoy four U.S. ships to Brisbane, then returns Sydney.

"DELORRAINE" arrived Darwin 1749/18 with "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD".

"GEELONG" - departed Sydney 0950/19 for Brisbane.

"LITHGOW" returned to Thursday Island at 1242/19 with Boiler trouble.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Destroyers "ALDEN" and "EDSALL" arrived Koepang 0900/16 escorting "BARR HONG LEONE".

U.S. Destroyer "WORDEN" and U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS" departed Suva 0624/19.

U.S. Destroyer "PEARY" arrived Darwin 0406/19 to be sunk during the Air Raid later in the day.

SHIPPING.

"KURUMBA" (R.A.F.A.) - arrived Sydney 1408/19.

"FALKEFJELL" (Oiler) - arrived Suva 0701/19.

"TAIPING" (V.S.I.S.) - departed Port Phillip 2247/19 for Fremantle. E.T.A. 0600/26.

ENEMY SIGHTINGS.

A message from Batavia reported 1 Aircraft Carrier, 4 Cruisers and 3 Destroyers in position 009° 16' S. 128° 33' E. (approximately 225 miles N.N.W. of Darwin) course 080° speed 15 knots at 1030/19. A later message from Darwin gave a similar force as being in position 013° 15' S. 129° E. (approximately 130 miles W.S.W. of Darwin) at 1200/19. Reconnaissance and striking forces were being despatched from Darwin.

INTELLIGENCE.

Australia experienced her first air raid at 1025/19 when Darwin was bombed by 27 twin-engined Bombers escorted by fighters. The 'All Clear' was sounded at 1111, but a second raid took place at 1220, with the 'All Clear' at 1408. From reports to hand, extensive damage appears to have been done to shipping, the jetty, post-office, two R.A.A.F. hangars, two Oil Tanks and stores. The reports give the following losses:-

S.S. "NEPTUNA"	5,944 tons gross	- sunk;
S.S. "MEIGS" (U.S.)	12,568 "	" " " " " "
S.S. "BRITISH MOTORIST" (tanker)	6,891 "	" " " " " "
S.S. "MAUNA LOA" (U.S.)	5,436 "	" " " " " "
S.S. "ZEALANDIA"	4,685 "	" " " " " "
U.S. Destroyer "PEARY"	<u>1,193</u>	" " " " " "
	<u>36,715</u>	
S.S. "BAROSSA"	4,240 "	- extensively damaged;
S.S. "PORTMAR" (U.S.)	5,551 "	" " " " " "
S.S. "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship)	9,115 "	- minor damage;
H.M.A.S.'s "SWAN", "PLATYPUS" "GUNBAR", "COONGoola",		- all minor damage.

No. 5 Oil Tank (only small quantity fuel) seriously damaged; No. 6 Oil Tank holed near top. "SWAN" has given her casualties to date as 11 killed and 16 injured. (Exact numbers still doubtful).

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 19th February.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. Ships.

- "MORESBY" Arrived Adelaide 0800L/18.
- "CESSNOCK" Intended sail Sydney 20th February for Darwin, calling Townsville on passage.
- "WESTRALIA" Intends to sail from Sydney 1330L/19 for convoy duties.
- "GEMLONG" To sail Sydney 0900L/today for Brisbane.
- "WHYALLA" Passed Wilson's Promontory bound East 0700L/18.
- "FALKEFJELL" R.A.N. Fleet Tanker sailed Suva 0846L/18, escorted by U.S.S. "LAMSON".
- "KURUMBA" R.A.F.A., passed Gabo Island North bound 1145L/18.
- "ADELAIDE" To rendezvous with Convoy S.J.3. Z. Sunday 22nd February. 19⁰⁵
- "KWATO" Requisitioned at Port Moresby 18th February.
- "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) "LEANDER", "ACHILLES", "CHICAGO" and "PERKINS" sailed from Suva with U.S.A. Tanker "PLATTE" in company 1720L/18.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

- U.S. Aircraft Tender "CURTISS" and U.S. Destroyer "WORDEN" and "PLATTE" Tanker, arrived Suva 1230L/18.
- CINCPAC advises U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" 840 tons 1918 is proceeding to Suva for mining operations.
- U.S. "PEARY" sailed Darwin 1707L/18 for Tjilatjap.
- U.S. "HOUSTON" sailed Darwin 1707L/18 to join striking force vicinity of East Java.

CONVOYS.

- U.S.S. "HOUSTON", H.M.A. Ships "WARREGO", "SWAN" and U.S.S. "PEARY" escorting "MEIGS", "MAUNA LOA", "PORTMAR" and "TULAGI" arrived Darwin 1006L/18 from vicinity of Koepang.
- D.T.2. arrived Thursday Island 0945L/18.

GENERAL.

2 Cruisers, 2 Destroyers and 3 other ships probably transports sighted 65° W.S.W. of Ambon. Course 260° speed 10 knots at 1330L/17.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Wednesday, 18th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

<p><u>"AUSTRALIA"</u></p> <p><u>"ACHILLES"</u></p> <p><u>"LEANDER"</u></p> <p>U.S. Cruiser <u>"CHICAGO"</u></p> <p>U.S. Destroyer <u>"LAMSON"</u></p> <p>" " <u>"PERKINS"</u></p> <p><u>"ADELAIDE"</u></p> <p><u>"PERTH"</u></p> <p><u>"WYALLA"</u></p> <p><u>"GEELONG"</u></p>	}	<p>arrived Suva 0815 this morning from Fremantle.</p> <p>arrived Suva 1800 yesterday and after fueling arrived Suva 1845 yesterday.</p> <p>arrived Suva at 1845 yesterday.</p> <p>arrived Suva 0800 this morning for to embark depth charges.</p> <p>departed Fremantle at 0245 yesterday to rejoin convoy N.S.4, but has now been ordered to return to Melbourne.</p> <p>Arrived Fremantle at 1620 and departed at 2000 yesterday to rendezvous with Convoy N.S.4.</p> <p>departed Port Phillip at 1634 yesterday for Sydney E.T.A. 1000 tomorrow.</p> <p>when ready is to be sailed from Sydney to Brisbane, where she will operate under orders of D.N.O. Queensland.</p>
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SHIPPING.

Troop convoy from Darwin to Koepang, escorted by U.S.S. "HOUSTON" has, on review of the situation yesterday, been ordered by Abdacom to return to Darwin.

"ROYAL STAR", a Blue Star Line vessel (7900) which was reported aground in Spencer Gulf on 16th February, has been refloated with apparently no damage, and has arrived at Port Pirie.

R.F.A. "FALKERJELL" arrived Suva 1555 18th February.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Tuesday, 17th February.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

- "CANBERRA" arrived Sydney 0615 this morning from Fremantle.
- "ADELAIDE" arrived Fremantle 1820 yesterday and after fuelling will rejoin Convoy M.S.4.
- F.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0600 this morning for operation G.R.
- "WHYALLA" departed Williamstown 0600 this morning for Swan Island to embark depth charges, thence to Sydney for working up.

SHIPPING.

- U.S. R.F.A. "KURUMBA" departed Port Melbourne 2030 yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 1200 Thursday, 19th February.
- R.F.A. "TAIPING" berthed Victoria Dock, Melbourne, at 2000 yesterday.
- S.S. "MALAITA", with 18 Service personnel and 322 evacuees embarked, departed Port Moresby yesterday for Cairns due 1400 tomorrow. Remainder of evacuees will be embarked in "WANAKA" now at Port Moresby and in "MALAITA" on her return from Cairns.

INTELLIGENCE.

U.S. Cruiser "HOUSTON", escorting troop convoy from Darwin to Koepang was again heavily attacked yesterday. There were numerous attacks lasting more than an hour. No hits but slight damage to "MAUNA LOA".

Palembang in South Eastern Sumatra was occupied by the Japanese on 15th February. It is reported the Dutch have destroyed the oil installation.

MOST SECRET.DAILY NARRATIVE.To 90 Monday, 16th February, 1942.OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.H.M.A. Ships.

'ANZAC SQUADRON' sailed Suva 1210L/14 (Australia Flag, "ACHILLES", "LEANDER", U.S.S. "CHICAGO" and U.S. Destroyers "PERKINS" and "LAMSON").

"LITHGOW" has been ordered to return to Darwin after escorting two ships to Thursday Island unless Westbound convoy is ready to leave in near future.

"CANBERRA" passed Wilson's Promontory Eastwards 2147L/15.

"BINGERA" arrived Sydney 0333L/15.

ALLIED WARSHIPS AND AUXILIARIES.

U.S. Destroyer "PEARY" arrived Darwin 1751L/14.

U.S. Naval Auxiliary "CHAUMONT" arrived Sydney 0907L/15.

CONVOYS.

M.S.4. All tankers and "MELAMPUS" in this convoy are ordered to Fremantle.

GENERAL.

Convoy escorted by U.S.S. "HOUSTON" and "PEARY" and H.M.A. Ships "WARREGO" and "SWAN" comprising Tulagi, "MEIGS" "PORTMAR" and "MAUNALOA" proceeding Darwin to Koepang with troops and stores is probably returning to Darwin consequent on being bombed in position 117° West of Darwin at 1415L/15. No damage reported. From further reports it appears "PEARY" was attacked and also "HOUSTON"; attack repulsed by gunfire, 1 aircraft believed crashed well astern but not known whether bomber or own fighter.

ABDACOM reports Singapore, owing to water, petrol, food and ammunition being practically finished, unable to fight any longer, Tokio radio announcing a cessation of hostilities agreed on 2200L/15.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 15th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"PERTH" departed Fremantle 0240 yesterday for RV with H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" and Convoy M.S.4.

"KANIMBLA" arrived Sydney from Brisbane 0706 13th February.

"MORESEY", which departed Sydney for Adelaide at 1428 yesterday, was ordered by N.O.C.S. to carry out A/S patrol in Port Kembla until dawn today, subsequent to a report of possible enemy submarine unit indicated by R.D.F. from Port Kembla.

"LITHGOW" escorting "VERA" and "CAPE LEEUWIN", departed Darwin for Thursday Island 1049 yesterday.

Fleet Oiler "KURUMBA" arrived Melbourne from Fremantle 0235 today.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" arrived Suva 0900 12th February.

P.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney from Auckland 0945 yesterday.

P.F. "CHEVREUIL" arrived Noumea from Suva 1345 13th February.

GENERAL.

Captain C.J. Pope, R.A.N., has been appointed to H.M.A.S. "MELVILLE" as N.O.I.C. Darwin on joining. Captain E.P. Thomas, R.N., N.O.I.C. Darwin, is appointed to H.M.A.S. "BRISBANE" additional on relief joining.

To Sydney made a distress message at 0330 this morning reporting that she had been rescued by an unidentified vessel off North Head and was sinking. H.M.A. ships "WARROCK" from Broken Bay and "HINGHAM" from Sydney were at once despatched to the assistance of "GEMINI" and were expected to arrive at the coast at daylight this morning.

S.S. "EMERALD" having fitted out at Sydney for service as a V.S.I.S. on East Indies Station was expected to sail yesterday for Melbourne.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 14th February.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. Ships.

- "AUSTRALIA" (Flag) }
 "ACHILLES" } arrived Suva 1442 Thursday, 12th February.
 U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" }
- "MONOWAI" with U.S. Naval personnel embarked departed Suva 0600 yesterday for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0700 Thursday, 19th February.
- "EUNGARRE" arrived Noumea 1300 Thursday, 12th February.
- "MORESBY" leaves Sydney P.M. today for Spencer Gulf via Adelaide to act as Guard Ship for the defence of "WHYALLA" under operational and administrative control of District Naval Officer, South Australia.
- "CESSNOCK" is to visit Newcastle for 24 hours from noon tomorrow to receive Mayoral party from Cessnock. When ready she will proceed to Darwin for service in ABDA area.
- "COLAC" with lighter in tow departed Sydney 1035 yesterday for Gladstone en route to Darwin.
- "DELORAIN" escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin 0805 February 12th.

OPERATIONS ABROAD.

H.M.S. "NORMAN" departed Simonstown 7th February, for Mauritius and Colombo.

SHIPPING.

S.S. "GWYDIR", a vessel of 1929 tons gross owned by the Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, bound from Newcastle to Sydney made a distress message at 0330 this morning reporting that she had been rammed by an unidentified vessel off Norah Head and was sinking. H.M.A. Ships "CESSNOCK" from Broken Bay and "BINGERA" from Sydney were at once despatched to the assistance of "GWYDIR" and were expected to arrive at the scene at daylight this morning.

S.S. "TAIPING" having fitted out at Sydney for service as a V.S.I.S. on East Indies Station was expected to sail yesterday for Melbourne.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 13th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. Ships.

"CANBERRA" Sailed Fremantle 1730L/11 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500L/17.

"LEANDER" Arrived Suva 0735L/12.

"GOOLGHAI" Sailed Newcastle for Sydney E.T.A. Noon 12th February.

"NARANI" and "PATERSON" in company arrived Newcastle 2125L/11 from Sydney.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" Sailed Auckland 0350L/12 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900L/14.

"CHEVREUIL" Sailed Suva 0740L/11 for Noumea via Bulari Passage due Bulari Passage 1700L/13.

"CHICAGO" U.S. Cruiser arrived Suva 0735L/12.

"PERKINS" U.S. Destroyer arrived Suva 0735L/12.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "HERON" sailed Darwin 1722L/10 for Tjilatjap.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" sailed Darwin 0319L/12 for Fremantle due 21st February with Fleet Tanker "G.G.HENRY" escorted to a position 170' North of Broome by U.S. Destroyer "PEARY".

CONVOYS.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" escorting M.S.S. sailed Port Phillip 1834L/12 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1800L/13, comprising "KATOOMBA", "POLYPHEMUS", "HOLBROCK" and "DUNTROON".

GENERAL.

ABDACOM reports photographs show 3 probable submarines alongside at Penang 9th February.

A mine was washed ashore 3' South of Scotts Head (20' North of Smoky Cape) and has been secured by an Army Guard pending the arrival sent by N.O.C.S. of a R.M.S. Party by road transport.

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TOP SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

(All times "L").

To 0900 Thursday, 12th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. and H.M.A. Ships.

"LITHGOW" intends departing Darwin for Thursday Island escorting "VERA" and "CAPE LEEUWIN" 13th February.

"ATHENS" (Aircraft transport vessel) sailed from Batavia for Fremantle 10th February.

Allied Warships.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "TANGIER" expects to arrive Fiji about 20th February.

F.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT" intends proceeding from Auckland to Sydney at 25 knots for Asdic repairs.

F.F. "CHEVREUIL" arrived Suva 10th February.

INTELLIGENCE.

An unidentified loop crossing was reported from Fremantle at 0845 yesterday. Sailings were delayed until 1700; A/S searches proved negative.

GENERAL.

Admiral H. F. Leary, U.S.N. Commander-in-Chief, Anzac Force, arrived Melbourne yesterday afternoon.

According to a press report Rear-Admiral Helfrich, Commander-in-Chief, Netherlands East Indies, has been appointed acting Commander-in-Chief, South West Pacific replacing Admiral Hart who has been relieved owing to ill health.

Vice-Admiral H. F. Leary, U.S.N., who is expected to arrive Melbourne by air from Sydney this forenoon, assumed command of "ANZAC" Force (short title COMANZAC) on 7th February. Rear-Admiral J. G. Crace, C.B., has assumed command of Anzac Squadron with short title F.O.C.I.A.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Wednesday, 11th February.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. and H.M.A. Ships.

- "CANBERRA", escorting "WARWICK CASTLE" from Sunda Strait, arrived Fremantle 0930 yesterday and has orders to proceed Sydney.
- "PERTH" arrived Fremantle 1410 yesterday.
- "ACHILLES" departed Auckland 2010 Monday, 9th February, for rendezvous with F.O.C.A.S. at 1700 yesterday.
- "MONOWAI" departed Auckland Monday, 9th February for Suva (E.T.A. 1700/12) whence she will proceed to Melbourne with U.S. Naval personnel ex U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO".
- "DELORAINE" will escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD", due Thursday Island 13th February, so as to arrive Darwin not later than Monday next, 16th February.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "AGUITANIA" departed Sydney 1716 yesterday for Honolulu - E.T.A. A.M. 23rd February.

INTELLIGENCE.

One transport in a convoy south of Macassar was sunk by U.S. Submarine "THRUST" on 8th February. Bad weather prevented an air attack on this convoy.

Bomber en route Darwin to Malang was attacked by 3 Japanese fighters on 9th February, possibly indicating presence of aircraft carrier in Banda Sea, based on Ambon.

Enemy shipping was attacked by aircraft at Gasmata (New Britain) yesterday with doubtful success.

GENERAL.

Vice-Admiral H. F. Leary, U.S.N., who is expected to arrive Melbourne by air from Sydney this forenoon, assumed command of "ANZAC" Force (short title COMANZAC) on 7th February. Rear-Admiral J. G. Crace, C.B., has assumed command of Anzac Squadron with short title F.O.C.A.S.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

(All times "L").

To 0900 Monday, 9th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. and H.M.A. Ships.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) accompanied by U.S. Destroyer "LANSON" will depart Wellington at 1101 today for Suva.

"ACHILLES" will rendezvous with Flag at 1700 tomorrow.

"LEANDER", which departed Brisbane 8th February, escorting "FALKEFJELL" to rendezvous with "BUNGARRE", is now proceeding direct to Suva E.T.A. A.M. 12th February. "BUNGARRE" is proceeding to Noumea, and "FALKEFJELL" to Suva, both unescorted.

U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO" and U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" have been ordered to arrive Suva 1000 12th February.

NOTE: The above movements are consequent to indications that a Japanese southward advance and occupation in New Hebrides, New Caledonia and other positions is imminent.

"PERTH" intends sailing Fremantle at 1230 today for Batavia. E.T.A. 2100 13th February.

"ADELAIDE" after sub-calibre firing in Port Phillip departs for Fremantle P.M. today escorting Convoy M.S.4. E.T.A. Boom 0900 17th February.

"TOWNSVILLE", escorting "NEPTUNA", departed Thursday Island 0835 yesterday for Darwin. E.T.A. 1101 12th February.

"MONOWAI" arrived Auckland 7th February. She will tranship from U.S. Cruiser "CHICAGO", (which is due at Suva 12th February) officers, ratings and stores for Melbourne and Sydney.

"DELORAINNE" escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" departed Darwin for Thursday Island 7th February. A.C.H. Darwin report that "BRITISH SAILOR" was bombed yesterday 60 miles North West of Darwin. (Apparently undamaged).

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Aircraft Tender "HEBON" arrived Darwin 7th February.

U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" arrived Wellington 7th February.

" " "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" arrived Darwin 7th February.

F.F. "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Auckland 1225 yesterday.

CONVOYS.

Convoy M.S.4. is to be sailed from Melbourne P.M. today to rendezvous in vicinity of Fremantle. H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" will provide escort, and, on H.M.A.S. "HOBART" joining convoy about 200' to southward of rendezvous will proceed to Fremantle to refuel and then rejoin convoy.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

"WANGANILLA" arrived Sydney 1437 8th February.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 SUNDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1942.

SHIPPING.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Sydney 1135 yesterday for Auckland whence she proceeds to R.V. with U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" in vicinity of Marquesas Islands at 0400 February 16th.

U.S. Transport "MARIPOSA" departed Port Melbourne at noon yesterday to R.V. in Bass Strait with H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" for escort to Brisbane.

Arrived Auckland 2000L/4.

GENERAL.

Repairs to Number 3 loop Sydney has been completed and loop is now in operation.

ABDAFLOAT reports the prospective use of the Seaplane Tender "LANGLEY" is to transport Crated or assembled land planes from Australia to ABDA Area.

GENERAL SHIP.

"MARIPOSA" Secured No. 3 Victoria Dock, Melbourne 1015L/3 and called 2030L/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400L/3 (14.3 knots)

GENERAL.

Officer-in-Charge A.V.L. Kieta having arrived at Port Korozy by 2000L/3 reports A.V.L. W/T installation at Kieta demolished.

Report Dive Boat attack when Convoy approaching Singapore "MARIPOSA" 17,000 tons was set on fire, but personnel on board were mostly landed by Navy.

"MARIPOSA" reports U.S.A. cruisers "HARLEIGH" and "HUNTER" were damaged considerably by air attack 4th February east of Fisher Island (entrance to Sourabaya) and are returning to harbour not stopped.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 7th February, 1942.

(All times "L").

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. Ships.

- "HUNGAREE" Called Sydney 0815L/6 then proceeded for R.V. with "LEANDER".
- "PERTH" Williamstown to Fremantle E.T.A. Boom 1415L/8.
- "DELORAINE" Sailed Darwin 0900L/5 for Thursday Island escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" (Tanker) and "PERIOD", but have returned to Darwin owing to heavy weather.
- "ACHILLES" Arrived Auckland 2026L/4.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

- "LE TRIOMPHANT" Sailed Sydney 1837L/5 for Auckland E.T.A. 1030L/8.
- "CHEVREUIL" Arrived Raratonga 1531L/6.

TRANSPORT.

- "ZEALANDIA" Arrived Darwin 1010L/6.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

- "WANGANILLA" Secured No. 3 Victoria Dock, Melbourne 1012L/6 and sailed 2027L/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400L/8 (14.3 knots).

GENERAL.

Officer-in-Charge A.W.A. Kieta having arrived at Port Moresby by Schooner reports A.W.A. W/T installation at Kieta demolished.

During Dive Bombing attack when Convoy approaching Singapore "EMPRESS OF ASIA" 17,000 tons was set on fire, but personnel on board were mostly landed by Navy.

'ABDACOM' reports U.S.A. cruisers "MARBLEHEAD" and "HOUSTON" were damaged considerably by air attack 4th February east of Madura Island (entrance to Sourabaya) and are returning to harbour not stated.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Thursday, 5th February, 1942.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

(All times "L").

To 0900 Friday, 6th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. and H.M.A. Ships.

- "PERTH" departed Williamstown for Fremantle at 1800 yesterday.
- "KANIMBLA" expects to arrive Melbourne 1650 tomorrow.
- "ADELAIDE" undocked yesterday, and berthed at Port Melbourne.
- "LEANDER", escorting "HAMMONDS PORT" (American), arrived Brisbane 2100 yesterday.
- "SWAN" }
"WARREGO" } are to remain in Darwin area.
- "COLAC" departed Sydney A.M. yesterday for Broken Bay for 5 days working up exercises.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Submarine "PIKE" departed Darwin on patrol to Northward yesterday.

Admiralty remarks that the title "F.O.J." is dead. The title "Commander Commanding China Force (Short title F.O.J.F.)" is substituted for this authority.

To 0900 Thursday, 5th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. & H.M.A. SHIPS.

"LEANDER" escorting U.S. "HAMMONDS COURT", with aircraft and stores embarked, expects to arrive Brisbane 0300 tomorrow.

"KANIMBLA" on passage Fremantle to Sydney has been diverted to Melbourne, whence she will escort one troopship to Cape Morton (probably sailing tomorrow), and then proceed Sydney to refit.

"SWAN" escorting U.S. vessel "PORT MAR" laden with petrol and oil departed Darwin yesterday for Wyndham.

"MARYBOROUGH" } arrived Singapore 31st January.
"WOLLOONGONG" }

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" returned to Sydney yesterday having assisted with the salvage of S.S. "BIDELIA" now being towed to Sydney by the tug "HEROIC".

SHIPPING

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" will be met by U.S. Destroyer "MOFFETT" in the vicinity of Marquesas Islands at 0400 Monday 16th February.

H.T. "AORANGI" will be ready to leave Sydney 11th February. D.S.T. has confirmed that she returns to U.K. via Panama.

INTELLIGENCE.

Japanese flying boat circles over Nauru yesterday morning and proceeded towards Ocean Island without dropping bombs.

Reconnaissance was carried out, over Koepang at 1130 yesterday by 4 enemy fighters.

GENERAL.

Admiralty remarks that the title "F.O.J." is dead. The title "Commodore Commanding China Force (Short title C.C.C.F.)" is substituted for this Authority.

Admiral Leahy, C. in C. China Force is reported to arrive Darwin today en route to Wellington.

..... at Darwin will soon take over today.

H.O.C.F. reports Motor Boat "WICKED" taken west 1200/L.

To 0900 Wednesday, 4th February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"KANIMBLA" arrived Fremantle 1215L/2 and sailed 1935L/2 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0600L/9

"BUNGAREE" sailed Melbourne 1400L/3 for Brisbane.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) arrived Wellington 1130L/3.

"PERTH" arrived Melbourne 0700L/4 berthing Williamstown.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

U.S. Destroyer "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" sailed Darwin 0950L/3 for Alor (Ombay Island N. of Timor).

CONVOYS.

U.S.S. "PHOENIX" and H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" arrived Melbourne 1st February.

TRANSPORTS.

"AORANGI" sailed Melbourne 2200L/1 for Sydney and arrived 1750L/3

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"WANGANELLA" sailed Fremantle 0220L/1 for Melbourne.

"ORANJE" sailed Fremantle 2nd February for Aden due noon 12th February.

GENERAL

General Patrick J. Hurley is proceeding to Townsville from Suva via Noumea by air leaving Suva 0430L/3.

Admiral Leary, C. in C. Anzac Force is expected to arrive Suva today en route to Wellington.

The Boom Gates at Darwin will come into operation today.

N.O.C.S. reports Motor Boat "PICTON" taken over 1000L/1.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 3rd February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M. AND H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) arrives Wellington P.M. today.

"PERTH" expects to arrive Melbourne P.M. today from North Eastward.

"LEANDER" escorting "HAMMONDPORTE" expects to arrive Brisbane late P.M. 5th February, or early A.M. 6th February from eastward.

"ACHILLES" arrives Auckland A.M. tomorrow for boiler repairs, and anticipates being ready for sea A.M. 8th February

"MONOWAI" returns Auckland from escort duty to the eastward P.M. 6th February, sailing A.M. 6th February, on escort duty, and carrying reinforcements to Suva. E.T.A. 12th February.

"BUNGAREE" is to be sailed for Brisbane A.M. today.

"WARREGO" } were to sail from Darwin yesterday, to assist
"SWAN" } escort of American Base Force unit proceeding to Tjilatjap.

"DELOIRINE" intends sailing from Darwin at 1830 today, for Thursday Island, escorting "BRITISH SAILOR" and "PERIOD".

HOSPITAL SHIP.

"ORANJE" departed Fremantle for Aden yesterday. E.T.A. 12th February.

INTELLIGENCE.

Portuguese sloop "GONCALO VELHO" escorting "JOAO BELO" with reinforcements for Dilli left Laurencos Marques 28th January for Timor.

Port Moresby experienced its first air raid this morning at 0410. One casualty to naval personnel occurred, a Leading S.B.A. being injured, Army having one killed one injured.

The Qantas flying boat reported missing en route from Darwin, was shot down, and has been discovered at the mouth of the Noelbina River near Koepang. Fifteen were killed, probably 3 injured and 2 unhurt. Paymaster Lieutenant Westbrook, R.A.N.V.R. was amongst the survivors.

To 0900 Monday, 2nd February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" } escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT
U.S. Cruiser "PHOENIX" } COOLIDGE" arrived Port Melbourne yesterday
afternoon. "ADELAIDE" docks at
Williamstown 1400 today.

"WARRENAMBOOL" escorting Z.K.6. departed Thursday Island 2300
yesterday for Darwin. E.T.A. 1400 February, 4th.

"GEELONG" sails from Sydney P.M. today for 7 days' working up
exercises at Broken Bay.

"KATOOMBA" estimated by N.O.I.C. Darwin that temporary repairs
will be completed by 1st April.

"GUNBAR" arrived Darwin 31st January from Fremantle to join Group
70 Auxiliary M/S.

"GENERAL" sailed Melbourne 24th/1 for Escort Duty to
GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral H.F. Leary, U.S.N. has been appointed
C. in C. Anzac Force. He was expected to leave Honolulu yesterday
by flying boat for Auckland and for the present will make his
headquarters at Wellington.

"ADMIRAL" Admirals have directed ship to remain
Pacific Area.

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"ADMIRAL" and "GENERAL" escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE" passed Wilson's Promontory 24th/1
towards Melbourne.

TRANSFERS.

"ADMIRAL" Arrived Sydney 16th/1.

ARRIVAL NEWS.

"ADMIRAL" Sailed Melbourne 24th January for Fremantle,
thence Aden due 15th February, Suez 15th February.

"ADMIRAL" Arrived Fremantle 10th/1.

GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral Puller is establishing his staff headquarters
at Leasing C North of Darwin.

Abdson reports 3 Cruisers, 3 Destroyers, 4 Transports
appeared off Aceh, and after a preliminary air attack by 15
Bombers and Fighters enemy effected a landing 30th January.

An enemy 4-engine flying boat bomber circled Sumatra
and adjacent islands for 30 minutes, apparently at about
1800/1.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 1st February, 1942.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" (Flag) } Sailed Sydney 1750L/31 for R.V.
"LEANDER" } " " " " " "
"PERTH" } E.T.A. Melbourne 2000L/6th ("PERTH" only).
"ACHILLES" Sailed Suva 1845L/30 to R.V. with "HAMMONDS PORT"
and escort to R.V. with F.O.C.A.S. thence to
Auckland E.T.A. Noon L/4.
"ADELAIDE" Docks Melbourne Tuesday 3rd February.
"MONOWAI" Sailed Auckland 0547L/31 for Escort Duty to
Eastward thence Auckland due P.M./6.
"KANIMBLA" E.T.A. Boom Fremantle 1310L/2, intends to sail
1930L/2 for Sydney to refit.

ALLIED WARSHIPS.

"LE TRIOMPHANT". Admiralty have directed ship to remain
Pacific Area.

CONVOYS.

"ADELAIDE" and "PHOENIX" escorting "MARIPOSA" and "PRESIDENT
COOLIDGE" passed Wilson's Promontory 0624L/1
towards Melbourne.

TRANSPORTS.

"AGUITANIA". Arrived Sydney 1645L/31.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"ORANJE" Sailed Melbourne 29th January for Fremantle,
thence Aden due 12th February, Suez 15th February.

"WANGANELLA" Arrived Fremantle 1005L/31.

GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral Palliser is establishing his staff Headquarters
at Lembang 6' North of Bandoeng.

Abdacon reports 3 Cruisers, 6 Destroyers, 4 Transports
appeared off Ambon, and after a preliminary air attack by 13
Bombers and Fighters enemy effected a landing 30th January.

An enemy 4-engined Flying Boat Bomber circled Samarai
and adjacent Islands for 25 minutes, apparently at about
1500L/31.

A message received from Wau to the Prime Minister's Department states Japanese Flying Boat 4-engined Type 97 over Wau from 1110 to 1145L/31 and dropped one bomb near hangar on Aerodrome, not yet exploded. A/C came from direction of Salamaua.

Civil Flying Boat G-AMUH on passage Darwin to Keepang signalled she was about to land Keepang 30th January and has not since been seen or reported. Two Naval personnel Paymaster Lieutenant D. W. McCulloch and Paymaster Lieutenant B. L. Westbrook were on board proceeding to Batavia for duty.

Dutch Destroyers are changing their silhouettes by removing after mast and plane platform abaft it.

A message received from the Department of Information states having received the following from Singapore:- "All troops withdrawn from the Mainland and Causeway blown up. (2300L/31)."

