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DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K SUNDAY, 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

L.S.K.131 - Departed Espiritu Santo 0415K/30 for Tulagi;
E.T.A. 1st January.

WENZEL (Tug))
towing) Departed Colombo 1830K/28 for
ALLIGATOR (Tug)) Fremantle; E.T.A. 0900K/19 Jan.
EMPIRE JOSEPHINE (Tug)) (S.O.A.6)
towing)
M.F.V.2048)

S.C.436 - Departed Sansafor 1835K/29 for Hollandia;
E.T.A. 0900K/31.

U.S.S. SAKATSCHEE (Tanker) - Departed Sansafor 1843K/29 for Biak;
E.T.A. 0700K/31.

H.M.A.S. WARREGO - Departed Hollandia 1400K/28 for Leyte;
E.T.A. 1000K/1st Jan. (S.O.A.13)

H.M.A.S. LITHOOK - E.T.A. Hollandia 0900K/31 from Mios Woendi.

P.C.1121)
P.C.476)
S.C.732) E.T.A. Leyte 1300K/30 from Hollandia.
S.C.741)

U.S.S. PHOBOS (Cargo ship) - Departed Manus 1000K/29 for San
Francisco E.T.A. 21st Jan. (S.O.A.10).

H.M.A.S. ORARA - Departs New Guinea Area A.M./2nd Jan. for Sydney.

Y.P. 240 - Departed Madang 0700K/28 for Hollandia; E.T.A. 1600K/29

H.M.A.S. WAGGA - Departed Madang 1740K/29 and Langemak 1200K/30
for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/5.

H.M.A.S. AMCHINE - Departs Madang 1820K/29 for Aitape; E.T.A. 0900K/31.

U.S.S. GENERAL MANN (Transport) - Arrived Milne Bay 1105K/29 from
Brisbane.

H.M.S. GLENKAHN - Departed Milne Bay 1337K/29 for Sydney;
E.T.A. 0800K/2nd Jan.

H.M.S. EMPIRE SPEARHEAD) Departed Milne Bay 0417K/30 for Brisbane
H.M.S. CLAN LAMONT) E.T.A. 1400K/2nd Jan.

H.M.A.S. BEHALLA - Departed Thursday Island 1730K/30 for Snake Bay
(Melville Is.) E.T.A. 1600K/2nd Jan. (S.O.A.11)

H.M.A.S. HEROS - Towing lighter "MOMBAY" on passage Darwin -
Port Moresby, passed Thursday Is. 0725K/30.

H.M.A.S. MEDEA) Departs Cairns 0600K/31 for Sydney, calling
H.M.A.S. MERCHENS) at Brisbane for fuel and water.
towing fuel lighter)

L.C.I. 969 - Departs Mackay 1000K/30 with tow for Milne Bay;
E.T.A. 1200K/3rd Jan. (S.C.A.9)

H.M.A.S. BALLARAT)
H.M.A.S. GOULBURN) E.T.A. Sydney 0430K/31st from submarine
H.M.A.S. BURNIE) hunt and sweeping operations off Jervis
H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH) Bay.
H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE)
H.M.A.S. BATHURST)

H.M.A.S. WHYALLA - Proceeded to Sydney for Asdic repairs; E.T.A. 1300K/30.

H.M.A.S. HOBART - Departed Sydney 0830K/30 for Melbourne;
E.T.A. 1130K/31. (S.C.A.25, 23) - Exercise
Conference 1700.

U.S.S. POLLUX (Store ship) - Departed Sydney 0555K/30 for Brisbane;
E.T.A. 1430K/31 (S.C.A.15)

U.S.S. GENERAL JOHN POPE (U.S.N.T.) - Arrived Melbourne 1100K/29
from Bombay. Departs 0700K/31 for Wellington;
E.T.A. 1400K/3rd Jan. (S.C.A.19,20).

U.S.S. GENERAL RANDALL (U.S.N.T.) - On passage San Pedro - Melbourne
has been diverted to Hobart; E.T.A. 1130K/4th Jan.

U.S.S. GENERAL MITCHELL (U.S.N.T.) - On passage San Pedro - Melbourne
has been diverted to Hobart. No E.T.A. yet.

H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS - Departed Langemak 0215K/30 for Madang.
E.T.A. 1020K/31st.

A.T.A.176 (Attack Tug)) Departed Milne Bay 0230K/30
towing) for Hollandia; E.T.A. 1430K/6
U.S.S. ETAMIN (Store Carrier) (S.C.A.5).

U.S.S. ALKAID) Arrived Gro Bay 1500K/30
S.C.1267) from Munda.

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Captain (D) Fourth Destroyer Flotilla informs that "QUIBERON"
and "QUICKMATCH" have been detailed as escorts for "EMPRESS OF
SCOTLAND" from New Zealand.

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C. in C. S.W.P.A. concurs with Com. 7th Fleet in moving
forward during first part of January; the United States Port
Director unit now at Sansafor.

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H.M.A.S. BLACK SNAKE (S.R.D.) commissioned 0800K/30th as
tender to "LONSDALE".

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Captain (D) 4th Destroyer Flotilla informs that it is essential "QUILLIAN" and "QUALITY" should have 48 hours at extended notice before 7th January for self refit. He proposes the followings:- "QUALITY" goes to 12 hours notice from 0900 Wednesday, 3rd January, until 0900 Friday, 5th January, and "QUILLIAN" from 0900 Monday, 1st January, until 0900 Wednesday, 3rd January. From Tuesday, 2nd January, until Friday, 5th January, when only one destroyer will be operational, she should keep steam at four hours notice.

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N.O.I.C. Sydney has cancelled anti-submarine operations. All ships on A/S and sweeping operations have been recalled to Sydney, and "KIAMA" continued to Melbourne thence Adelaide for refit.

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N.O.I.C. Sydney reports that Cam and Sons Pty. Ltd. have requested that their steam trawlers "ALFIE CAM" and "GOONAMBER" be armed with two vickers guns each vessel. Guns can be manned and maintained by ex servicemen in ship's complement.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/30th December 1944.

N.L. 825 E.T.D. Hollandia 1400K/29 E.T.A. Madang A.M. 30/12 S.O.A. 12 knots.

CANYMEDE (U.S. Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0650K/28 E.T.A. Munda 1900K/2/1
S.O.A. 10.5 knots.

L.S.T. 708 arrived Mios Woendi 0935K/28 from Hollandia.

JATROBE E.T.A. Morotai 1800K/30 S.O.A. 11.5 knots from Mios Woendi.

KURUMBA arrived Aitape 27/12 from Hollandia.

BURDEKIN departed Hollandia 2015K/28 E.T.A. Leyte 1500K/2/1. S.O.A. 11 knots.

EUGENE) (U.S. Frigates) departed Leyte 1700K/28 escorting 3 merchant
EL PASO) vessels. E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/3/1. S.O.A. 10 knots.

GLENEARN)
CLAN LAMONT) Departed Langemak 2244K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/29.
EMPIRE MACE)

WILMARTH (U.S. Destroyer Escort) escorting CAMEL (U.S. commissioned ship,
type unknown) departed Manus 1300K/28 E.T.A. Ulithi 0700K/1/1
S.O.A. 9.5 knots.

COR CORALI (U.S. Cargo Ship) departed Bougainville (Torokina) 1640K/28
E.T.A. Russell Island 0530K/30. S.O.A. 10 knots.

ANTARES (U.S. Cargo Ship) departed Noumea 1600K/28 E.T.A. Seeadler 1500K/4/1
S.O.A. 11 knots.

CYGNUS (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Torokina 0900K/28 from Noumea.

H.D.N.L. 1326 departed Merauke 2355K/28 for Eilanden and Oetoeboewe Rivers
and return in seven days.

STELLA (Survey Ship) departed Darwin 0933K/29 E.T.A. Snake Bay 1230K/30

PARKES departed West Bay 1430K/28 E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/29.

H.D.N.L. 1324 departed Thursday Island 1435K/28 for Darwin.

BALERANG (U.S. Q net 9) departed Thursday Island 0630K/28 E.T.A. Pinschaven
P.M. 3/1.

N.L. 426 paid off in Brisbane on 26th December.

KIAMA departed Sydney 1800K/28 E.T.A. Melbourne 1800K/30 S.O.A. 10.5 knots.
KIAMA was directed to assist in Submarine hunt but has since been
ordered to resume voyage to Melbourne as she has a large quantity
of stores on deck.

HYPERION (U.S.S.) arrived Emirau 28th December.

TAGANAK (U.S. Miscellaneous Auxiliary) arrived Emirau 28th December.

LOTHIAN arrived Torokina 28th December.

EMPIRE ARQUEBUS arrived Torokina 28th December.

EMPIRE BATTLEAXE arrived Torokina 28th December.

S.C. 1267 departed Munda 0500K/28 E.T.A. Ore Bay 0900K/29.

URALBA arrived Lae 1745K/28 from Madang. Departed Lae 0610K/29 E.T.A.
Milne Bay 0900K/31 S.O.A. 6.5 knots.

COWRA is to dock in Brisbane about 15th January.

P.C. 597 departed Sydney 1341K/29 for Noumea E.T.A. 1500K/4/1. S.O.A. 14.5 knots.

NESQUITE (U.S. Lighthouse Tender) arrived Thursday Island 1257K/29 from Milne Bay.

ATHLING will be ready P.M. Saturday 30th for transfer to operational control of C. in C. PAC.

PLATYPUS E.T.D. Sydney P.M. 5/1 for Bowen, Townsville or Cairns, thence Milne Bay.

HOBART E.T.D. Sydney 0830K/30 for Port Phillip to work up.

LISMORE departed Williamstown 0305K/29 to rendezvous with COOMBAR towing Battle Practice Target from Hobart to Sydney. COOMBAR towing target departed Hobart 1830K/28, S.O.A. 5 knots, E.T.A. Sydney 3/1. LISMORE's S.O.A. until rendezvous is 11 knots.

M.L. 819 arrived Milne Bay P.M. 28/12 from Louisiade Archipelago. E.T.D. for Port Moresby A.M. 30/12.

S.O. 21 M.S.P. has been requested to detail one ship of his flotilla for temporary A/S patrol duty at Hobart for about four days from P.M. 4th January.

H.D.M.L. 1340) en route from Adelaide to Fremantle are sheltering at Port
H.D.M.L. 1352) Lincoln awaiting favourable weather conditions to proceed to
Thevenard.

SUBMARINE HUNT.

N.O.I.C. SYDNEY reported at 2240K/29 that the following dispositions had been made of the forces engaged in the Submarine hunt off the N.S.W. coast:

KIAMA, which carries a heavy load of stores on upper deck, has been ordered to proceed on her voyage to Melbourne.
WHYALLA has been ordered to proceed to Sydney as her A/S dome is leaking.
M.L. 810 has been ordered to return to Eden to refuel.

BALLARAT (S.O. 21st M.S.F.))

with)

QUIBERON)

GOULBURN)

KALGOORLIE)

BURNIS and)

MARYBOROUGH)

are patrolling on a course of 090° from position A (position where Submarine A/c attacked suspicious object the previous night) at 7 knots until 2400K; then on a course of 360° until further information is received.

The weather is bad, wind force 7. Asdic conditions are unfavourable, and the maximum operating speed is 7 knots.

At 0430K/30 a disappearing A.S.V. contact was made by aircraft in position 32 miles South of Jervis Bay. QUIBERON has been detached from BALLARAT's force to investigate the contact.

To 0900K Friday, 29th December, 1944.

- "BARCOO" - Escorting F.S. 162 and 8 merchant vessels, departed Leyte 1600K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/2. (SOA.9.5 knots)
- "WILLOUGHBY" (U.S. M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Leyte 1800K/26. E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1300K/3/1.
- "ALGONA" (U.S. Cargo Vessel) - Departed Mios Woendi 1300K/27. E.T.A. Brisbane 1500K/4/1. (SOA.11 knots)
- F.S. 167 - Departed Mios Woendi 1800K/26. E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/28.
- "BUNDABERG") - Departed Biak 2230K/27 escorting Convey B.G.508 (including
"STAWELL") USS. Oiler "SEEKONK") E.T.A. 1600K/30.
- "COOTAMUNDRA")
"COLAC") - Arrived Morotai 0800K/27 from Biak.
- "URALBA" - E.T.D. Madang 0820K/27. E.T.A. Lae 0600K/29.
- "MERCUR" (V.S.I.S.) - Departed Hollandia 0750K/27 for Madang and Langemak E.T.A. 1100K/30.
- "WAGGA" - Departed Morotai 1815K/26 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/29.
- "ALEENA" (U.S. Attack Cargo) - Departed Langemak 1630K/27. E.T.A. Humboldt 0900K/29.
- "CHEPACHET" (U.S. Oiler) - Departed Manus 1400K/27 E.T.A. Bergen Bay 2200K/28.
- "BURDEKIN" - Departed Manus 1800K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 0500K/27 (SOA.11.5)
- "RIO GRANDE" (U.S. Tanker) - Arrived Aitape 1945K/27 from Biak.
- "SARANAK" (U.S. Fleet Oiler) - Departed Hollandia 1800K/27. E.T.A. Pearl Harbour 0700K/14/1.
- "BISHOPDALE" (R.A.F.A.) - Arrived Hollandia 1825K/26 from Philippine Area.
- "VENUS" (U.S. Cargo Ship) - Departed Aitape 1001K/27 E.T.A. Sansapor 0600K/30.
- F.S. 181 - Departed Milne Bay 1430K/26. E.T.A. Brisbane 1830K/30.
- "BENALLA" - Departed Milne Bay 1537K/27. E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800K/30 en route for Darwin.
- "PARKES" - Departed Darwin 1357K/27. E.T.A. West Bay 1530K/27.
- "HEROS" (H.M.A. Tug) - towing "MOMBAH" (Coal Lighter) from Darwin E.T.A.'s now at Booby Island 0330K/30; Port Moresby 1200K/2/1.
- H.D.M.L. 1324 - E.T.D. Thursday Island 1400K/28. E.T.A. Darwin 1500K/31. (SOA. 10 knots)
- "POLARIS" - Departed Townsville 0915K/28. E.T.A. Thursday Island P.M. 5/1.
- "MEDEA") - En route from Darwin to Sydney, amended E.T.A. at Cairns
"MERCEDES") is 0800K/29.
- H.D.M.L. 1358 - Departed Gladstone 1500K/27. E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/29. (SOA. 9 knots)
- "GLEBELG" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1700K/28. E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/30, (SOA.12) thence Melbourne for refit.

- "POLLEUX" (U.S. Store Ship) - E.T.D. Sydney 30/12, for Brisbane, thence Hollandia.
- "AIR CHIEF" (A.S.R.) - Departed Sydney 1240K/27 to assist disabled fishing launch in position 35 miles south east of Newcastle. Launch was recovered and "AIR CHIEF" returned to Sydney by 1200K/28.
- "YANDRA" - E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/29 from A/S patrol - probably being retained to investigate S/M reported at 0500K/29.
- "BALLARAT")
"KALGOORLIE") - Anchored at Montague Roads, Jervis Bay, at two hours' notice for steam, except one duty ship which is at thirty minutes' notice.
"GOULBURN")
- "WHYALLA")
"BURNIE") - Departed Fort Melbourne 1600K/27. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1200K/29. (SOA. 11 knots)
"MARYBOROUGH")
- "BATHURST" - Departed Melbourne 0827K/28. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 0700K/30; temporarily attached to the 21st M.S.F.
- "LISMORE" - E.T.D. Williamstown 0300K/29 to rendezvous with "GOOMBAR" towing battle practice target, and escort to Sydney.
- "SWIFTSURE" - Departed Hobart 0900K/27 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/28. (SOA. 23 knots)
- "COR CORALI" (U.S. Cargo Ship) - Arrived Torokina 0830K/27.
- P.C. 1241 - Departed Balboa 1700K/25 for Hollandia via Galapagos and Bora Bora. E.T.A. Bora Bora 7/1. (SOA. 15 knots)
- "KHETI" (A.S.I.S.) - Departed Trincomalee 1730K/27. E.T.A. Fremantle 2000K/13/1.
- "CORINDA" (A.S.I.S.) - Departed Suez 27/12. E.T.A. Aden 1400K/1/1, SOA. 11½ knots for onward routing to Sydney via Fremantle.
- "HERMELIN" (A.S.I.S.) - Departed Colombo 27/12 for Sydney via Fremantle.
- P.C. 620 - E.T.D. Tulagi 28/12 for Sydney.
- P.C. 606 - E.T.A. Sydney 7/1 for Purvis Bay.
- "ORARA" (A/S Training Ship) is to be sailed from New Guinea to Sydney as soon as she can be released.
- MOROTAI - Air raid warning Yellow 0451K/28.

AIRCRAFT SIGHTS PERISCOPE - Aircraft on patrol at 0500K/29 bombed suspicious object in position 072° 43 miles from Twofold Bay. Oil patch appeared. Aircraft later reported sighting periscope, course 100°, speed four knots.

This position is 105 miles south of Jervis Bay and 160 miles south of Sydney. It is 20 miles south of where the attack of "ROBERT J. WALKER" was made.

N.O.I.C. SYDNEY has taken the following action:

- (i) "QUIBERON", duty destroyer, has been despatched from Sydney.
- (ii) M.L. 310 has been despatched from Eden. (Twofold Bay)
- (iii) 21 M.S.F. at Jervis Bay (comprising "BALLARAT", "GOULBURN" and "KALGOORLIE" have been ordered to proceed. One of these ships is at 30 minutes' notice. The remaining two are at 2 hours' notice.

(iv) "WHYALLA", with "BURNIE" and "MARYBOROUGH", due at Jervis Bay at 1200K/29 from Melbourne, (and at 0800K/29 plotted 60 miles north of position of sighting) have been ordered to proceed to position of sighting.

(v) "YANDRA", patrolling in vicinity, has been ordered to proceed.

Aircraft is remaining in the vicinity of sighting, and other aircraft will be despatched.

At 0620K/29 N.O.I.C. advised by secraphone that "QUIBERON" had just left and that the remaining destroyers were at 30 minutes' notice.

- USS "VALENTI" (Vessel oiler) - Departed New Zealand 0700K/27 for Hollandia N.T.A. 1200K/28.
- A.P.S.25 (Rescue Tug) with boat - Departed New Zealand 0830K/27 for India unreported N.T.A. A.M./End Jan.
- USS "GIRVIN" - Departed Hollandia 1030K/28 towing lighter to New Zealand N.T.A. 0200K/29.
- USS "VANGUARD" (Cargo ship) - Arrived Atape 1700K/28 from Hollandia.
- USS "LAURENCE" - Departed New Zealand 0900K/27 for Madang N.T.A. 1700K/28.
- USS "AGOUTI" (Hospital ship) - Departs New Zealand 0700K/27 for Leyte Gulf N.T.A. 0700K/End Jan. (SOA.10.5)
- USS "PRATT" (Destroyer) - Departed New Zealand 1100K/28 for Atape N.T.A. 0800K/27 (SOA.18)
- N.O.28 - Departed New Zealand 1700K/28 carrying V.C.B. 151 to H.M.S. N.T.A. 1700K/29.
- USS "ROBERT BRADEN" (Destroyer Escort)
- USS "ROBIN A. DONNER" " " - Departed New Zealand 1430K/28 for Hollandia N.T.A. 1600K/27 (SOA.18)
- USS "JAMES BUTTERFORD" " "
- USS "REY" " "
- USS "ANDREW H. THOMAS" " "
- USS "WALTER T. O'BRIEN" " "
- USS "BURCHARD" - N.T.A. Madang 0300K/27 from New Zealand (SOA.11)
- USS "CHAMA" - Departed New Zealand 0700K/27 for Madang N.T.A. 0800K/27.
- USS "VANGUARD" (Coast Guard Cutter) - Departed New Zealand 1200K/28 for Thursday Island N.T.A. 0700K/28 (SOA.19)
- N.O.1's 1522, 1523 - Departed Cairns 1410K/28 for Townsville. N.T.A. 1400K/27 (SOA.6)
- N.O.1-240 - Departs Brisbane 1000K/28 for Madang N.T.A. 1100K/28 for large transport New Zealand. (SOA.12)
- N.O.257 - Departs Sydney 20th Dec. for New Zealand.
- USS "LINDA" (Loop Repair) - Departed Sydney 1400K/28 for Melbourne N.T.A. 1800K/29 for coasting round Fremantle (SOA.7)

To 0900K Thursday 28th December.

- USS. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) - Departed Mirau 1300K/26 for Manus E.T.A. 0100K/27.
- USS. "REFUGEE" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Leyte 0900K/27 for Manus E.T.A. A.M./3rd Jan. (SOA.10)
- L.C.I. 334 - Departed Noemfoor 1130K/26 for Sansapor E.T.A.1900K/27.
- HMAS. "SPRIGHTLY" - Arrived Mios Woendi 0915K/26 with tows from Langemak.
- HMAS. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Mios Woendi 1857K/26 for Madang. E.T.A. 1300K/30.
- USS. "TRINITY" (Fleet Oiler) - Departed Mios Woendi 0725K/27 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/28.
- A.T.R.25 (Rescue Tug) with tows - Departed Mios Woendi 0655K/27 for Palau unescorted E.T.A. A.M./2nd Jan. (SOA.4)
- HMAS. "GYMPIE" - Departed Hollandia 1030K/26 towing lighter to Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0600K/28.
- USS. "VENUS" (Cargo Ship) - Arrived Aitape 1720K/25 from Hollandia.
- HMAS. "LAURABADA" - Departed Manus 0900K/27 for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/28.
- USS. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital Ship) - Departs Manus 0700K/27 for Leyte Gulf E.T.A.0700K/2nd Jan.(SOA.10.5)
- USS. "DRAYTON" (Destroyer) - Departed Manus 1100K/26 for Aitape E.T.A. 0600K/27 (SOA.15)
- S.C.725 - Departed Manus 1700K/25 escorting F.S. 164 to Ulithi E.T.A. 1700K/29.
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| USS. "ROBERT BRAZIER" (Destroyer Escort) | } - Departed Manus 1430K/26 for Hollandia E.T.A.1600K/27 (SOA.16) |
| USS. "EDWIN A. HOWARD" " " | |
| USS. "JESSE RUTHERFORD" " " | |
| USS. "KEY" " " | |
| USS. "LEYLAND E. THOMAS" " " | |
| USS. "CHESTER T. O'BRIEN" " " | |
- HMAS. "BUNGARKE" - E.T.A. Madang 0800K/27 from Manus(SOA.11)
- HMAS. "ORARA" - Departed Iae 0745K/27 for Madang E.T.A.0600K/27.
- USS. "MESQUITE" (Coast Guard Cutter) - Departed Milne Bay 1357K/26 for Thursday Island E.T.A.0700K/29 (SOA.10)
- H.D.M.L.'s 1322, 1323 - Departed Cairns 1410K/26 for Townsville. E.T.A. 1400K/27 (SOA.8)
- L.C.I. 969 - Departs Brisbane 1900K/26 for Mackay E.T.A.1100K/28 for barge thence Milne Bay. (SOA.12)
- P.C.597 - Departs Sydney 29th Dec. for Noumea.
- HMAS. "LIMICOLA" (Loop Repair) - Departed Sydney 1238K/26 for Melbourne E.T.A.1800K/29 for onward routing Fremantle (SOA.7)

- HMAS. "KIAMA" - E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/27 from A/S operations
- HMAS. "HOBART" - Departs Sydney 0630K/30 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1500K/31. To carry out working up programme in Port Phillip until 13th Jan.
- HMAS. "WHYALLA")
HMAS. "BURNIE") - Depart Port Phillip 1600K/27 for Jervis Bay
HMAS. "MARYBOROUGH") to join 21st Minesweeping Flotilla.
- HMAS. "BATHURST" - Departs Port Phillip 0800K/28 for Jervis Bay to join 21st Minesweeping Flotilla E.T.A. 0700K/30.
- USS. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (USNT) - To be sailed Wellington from Melbourne about 30th Dec.
- HMS. "SWIFTSURE" (Cruiser) - Departs Hobart 0900K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/28 (30A.23)
- HMS. "LONDON" (Cruiser) - Arrived Fremantle 1100K/26 from Trincomalee
- USS. "HUTCHINS" (Frigate) - Departed Darwin 0743K/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1400K/31. (30A.15)
- HMAS. "SHEPPARTON")
HMAS. "JUNES") - Departed Darwin 1155K/27 for Survey ground
HMAS. "HORSHAM") west of Cape Fourcroy (Bathurst Is.)
HMAS. "CASTLEMAINE")

Following received from merchant ship "CAPE LAMBERT" at 0600K/27. "SSSS 81° 50' E. 05° 48' N. Submarine sighted on port bow". This position approximately 60 miles south east of Ceylon.

"ARUNTA" has now surrendered all 20 m.m. aerlikons and is fitted with six single 40 m.m. mountings in lieu.

Admiralty suggests that "FORT ALABAMA" should be retained in the Pacific until arrival of "FORT KILMAR". C. in C.B.P.F. is requested to reconsider arrangements that "CITY OF DIEPPE" shall not leave Ceylon until the end of January observing that the only serviceable V.S.I.S. in the Pacific during January and February will be "FORT EDMONTON" and "FORT ALABAMA" and that there will be no H.S.I.S. in the Pacific until "BACCHUS" arrives.

HMS. "ACTIVITY", escort carrier is required to ferry aircraft to Sydney via Suez leaving the United Kingdom early January. After discharge of aircraft at Sydney, "ACTIVITY" is to proceed New York to load aircraft for shipment to United Kingdom.

HMAS. "LISHORE" is to be sailed from Melbourne to escort "COONBAR" which is expected to depart Hobart 0900K/28 towing battle practice target to Sydney.

Tanker "JOHN STAGO" on passage to Sydney reported that she had sighted a flare on the water at 2320K/27 bearing 078° distance 7 miles from Jervis Bay Lighthouse.

"ANSON BURLINGAME", liberty ship on passage Hollandia - Terokina, reported at 1556K/27 "Position 06° 50' S. 148° 50' E. sighted Submarine on surface trailing us, we have opened fire". This position is approximately 60 miles east of Langemak. Com.7th Fleet and N.O.I.C. New Guinea informed merchant that submarine was friendly. "ANSON BURLINGAME" reported that submarine was out of sight at 1700K/27. This is one result of withdrawal of small escort craft (P.C's etc.) to Philippine areas. Normally submarines would be escorted over this particular lane by P.C's from Langemak.

C.in C. East Indies informs C.in C. B.P.F. that "SPRINGDALE" is being taken in hand at Bombay for necessary overhaul, estimated duration five to six weeks. She will sail for Sydney on completion, but will not arrive by first February. She was required to augment electric power at Sydney Graving Dock.

Senior Officer, 21st Minesweeping Flotilla informs that the north and south Blue routes have been searched to 50% - result negative. Flotilla proceeding to Jervis Bay.

HMAS. "KIAMA" has been recalled to Sydney to load stores for refit at Adelphi. HMAS. "YANDRA" is carrying out A/S sweeps along both south and north Blue routes between Sydney and Twofold Bay.

"JACQUES CARTIER" liberty ship on passage Finchhafen - Hollandia states she fired on a small craft flying the American flag while on shipping route between Madang and Hollandia. Small craft failed to answer challenge - last reported lying astern showing red light. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday 27th December.

- USS. "ARKAB" (Cargo Ship)) - Departed San Francisco 1000K/23 for Brisbane
towing A.F.D. 28.) via Milne Bay and Manus E.T.A. 29 Jan.
(SOA.7)
- A.T.A. 179 (Attack Tug))
towing Y.F.14 (Lighter)) - Departed Bora Bora 0500K/24 for Finschafen
USS. "PINTO" (Fast Tug)) E.T.A. 11 Jan. (SOA.10)
- A.P.L. 19 (Barrack Ship))
- L.S.M. 131 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 25th Dec. from Bora Bora.
- USS. "WOODSON" (Destroyer Escort))
USS. "JOHNNY HUTCHINS" ")
USS. "WALTON" ") - Departed Bora Bora 1900K/27 for
USS. "ROLF" ") Hollandia E.T.A. 7th Jan. (SOA.12.5)
- USS. "PRATT" ")
USS. "ROMBACH" ")
Destroyer Escorts 359, 364.)
- USS. "LUNA" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Espiritu Santo 0900K/25 for Manus
E.T.A. 0900K/1st.
- HMAS. "MERKUR" (VSIS) - Departed Mios Woendi 0720K/24 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 1300K/25.
- Y.P.24 (Patrol Craft) - Arrived Mios Woendi 0700K/25 from Hollandia.
- USS. "SPEAR" (Minesweeper)) - Departed Ulithi 0700K/22 for Hollandia
escorting USS. "VOWANESQUE") E.T.A. 1400K/24 (SOA.14)
- USS. "VENUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/25 for Aitape
E.T.A. 1700K/25.
- USS. "NASHVILLE" (Cruiser) - Departed Manus 1600K/25 for Pearl Harbour
unescorted E.T.A. 0400K/3 (SOA.18)
- Y.M.S. 296) - Departed Manus 1700K/24 escorting "SIOUX" (Fast Tug) towing
S.C. 504) Y.O.G. 25 and "ARAPAHO" (Fast Tug) towing Y.O.186 for
Kossol E.T.A. 1st Jan. (SOA.5)
- HMAS. "POYANG" - Arrived Madang 0900K/23 from Manus.
- USS. "THETIS BAY" (Escort Carrier) - Departed Langemak 1825K/25 for
Honolulu E.T.A. 0715K/4th Jan.
- HMAS. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine) - Departed Milne Bay 0707K/25 for Oro Bay
E.T.A. 1100K/27 (SOA.9)

A.T.A. 175 (Attack Tug) }
towing dry dock and } - Depart Cairns 1500K/26 for Milne Bay
Y.T. (Harbour Tug) in company } for onward routing Hollandia.

H.D.N.L's 1322, 1323 - Depart Cairns 1200K/26 for Townsville -
proceeding from Merauke for overhaul.

USS. "GENERAL W. MANN" (Transport) - Departs Brisbane 1800K/26 for Milne
Bay E.T.A. 1200K/29 (SOA.17)

M.L. 803 - Depart Brisbane 1500K/19 for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/21 (SOA.10)

HMAS. "HOBART" - Departed Jervis Bay 0715K/25 for Sydney E.T.A. 1230K/25
(SOA. 20)

HMAS. "WHYALLA" }
HMAS. "MARYBOROUGH" } - Depart Melbourne P.M./27 for Jervis Bay to
HMAS. "BURNIE" } join S.O. 21st minesweeping flotilla.
HMAS. "LISMORE" }

HMS. K.15 (Submarine) - Departed Fremantle 23rd Dec. for Darwin
E.T.A. 2nd Jan.

HMS. "LONDON" (Cruiser) - Makes E.T.A. Fremantle 1100K/26 from
Trincomalee.

Further to details of Submarine attack on "ROBERT J. WALKER" reported in
daily narrative of 25th and 26th Dec.

From Capt (D) 4th Destroyer Flotilla at 0943K/26 - "QUICKMATCH" has 67(?)
survivors - one man probably dying and Chinese cooks were left aboard
derelict, and are presumed lost.
Ship was hit by two torpedoes at 0230K/25. Third torpedo fired and
missed at 0430K. Fourth hit at 0545K. Visibility bad - nothing seen of
"U" boat. Ship sank 0300K/26.
P.C. 597 returning to Sydney E.T.A. 1900K/26.

A Sikorsky Aircraft on a test flight from Moruya to St. George Basin reports
sighting a submarine in position 035° 35' South 150° 16' East at 0945K/26 -
R.A.A.F. grade this report B.2. This position is close inshore
approximately 50 miles south of Jervis Bay.

The four M.L's have been directed by N.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed to Jervis
Bay, carrying out an A/S search en route inside the fifty fathom line.

HMAS. "KIAMA" and HMAS. "YANDRA" were instructed by N.O.I.C. Sydney at
2145K/26 to carry out an A/S search northward along the fifty fathom line
to Sydney. Ships are to make E.T.A.

The 4th Destroyer Flotilla has been instructed by N.O.I.C. Sydney to carry out an A/S sweep along the hundred fathom line to Sydney arriving at the Heads at 0900K/27.

"BEAUFORT" and "SIKORSKY" aircraft will carry out wide searches from dawn until dusk today Wednesday 27th Dec.

Senior Officer 21st Minesweeping Flotilla sends following progress report. Searching sweep to 37% completed northbound Blue route between limits given - results negative. Have anchored in Disaster Bay. If weather remains favourable expect to complete 50% search of both routes tomorrow Wednesday.

Mership "SIRSA" at 1718K/25 reported "15° 00' North 82° 15' East periscope sighted". This position approx. 140 miles N.E. Madras - Bay of Bengal. East Indies has.

It is anticipated that H.M. destroyers "ROEBUCK" and "RELENTLESS" will be available about 6th January, to escort USS. "ADMIRAL BENSON" from Bombay

Commodore East Africa informs that A.S.I.S. "HERON" sailed for Sydney 19th Dec.

Following is a directive from C.IN C. S.W.P.A. "Because of critical shortage of shipping which will permit no delay in turn about, it is desired, whenever necessary to avoid delay, that unloaded cargo ships be returned from Leyte to rear areas without escort, Insofar as practicable the number of unloaded cargo ships sailing from Leyte without escort, should be reduced to a minimum.

C.T.C. 70.5.3 ("MORESBY") informs that HMAS. "STELLA" will be ready for service 30th Dec. This vessel immobilised at Darwin with engine defects.

From Morotai -

Air raid yellow 2217K/26
Air raid red 2220K/26
Air raid green 2233K/26

Further air-raid reported in progress at 0148K/27.

Com. 7th Fleet to C.IN C. S.W.P.A. - "Desire to move forward during first part of January U.S. Port Directorate now at Sansapor. Request your concurrence.

A.S.I.S. "KHETI" is to be sailed from Trincomalee to Fremantle for onward routing to Sydney, as soon as ready about 27th Dec.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/26th December, 1944.

BOWERS (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Mios Woendi 0900K/23, E.T.A. Manus 0900K/25.

BIRCHGROVE PARK arrived Mios Woendi 1810K/23 from Hollandia.

FAYETTE (U.S. Attack transport) arrived Manus 1500K/22.

INDUS (U.S. Net Cargo Ship) departed Manus 2000K/22. E.T.A. Hollandia 0500K/24.

SARANAC (U.S. Oiler) arrived Hollandia 0855K/23.

TRINITY (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 22/12. E.T.A. Mios Woendi 24/12.

SAKATONCHEE (U.S. Oiler) departed Hollandia 1830K/23. E.T.A. Sansapor 0700K/25.

GOOTAMUNDRA departed Biak 1900K/24, escorting one merchant vessel. E.T.A. Morotai 0600K/27.

THEFIS BAY (U.S. Escort carrier) departed Langemak 1800K/23. E.T.A. Honolulu 0715K/3/1.

POYANG transferred to operational control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea at 1200K/23rd December.

LUNA (U.S. Cargo vessel) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 1600K/25, E.T.A. Manus 0900K/1/1.

FREMANTLE escorting SWARTENHONDT departed Darwin 0728K/24, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1930K/28.

CAPE LEKUWIN E.T.A. Caloundra 0230K/25 from New Guinea.

GENERAL MANN (U.S. Naval transport) arrived Brisbane 23/12 from Bombay.

P.C. 597 departed Sydney 0756K/25 to stand by ROBERT J. WALKER, E.T.A. 1800K/25.

YANDRA departed Sydney 1211K/25 with salvage pumps on board for ROBERT J. WALKER.

BATHURST departed Adelaide 1500K/24, E.T.A. Port Phillip 1200K/26. S.O.A. 10 knots.

M.S.L. 704, en route Adelaide to Fremantle, returned to Albany at 1345K/25 because of adverse weather.

H.D.M.L. 1340) departed Adelaide 1415K/24 for Albany, S.O.A. 9 knots.
H.D.M.L. 1352) E.T.A. Thevenard 1030K/26.

PIRIE E.T.A. Fremantle 1800K/26 from Melbourne.

CARGO (H.M.A. powered lighter) paid off in Sydney 2359K/23.

QUILLIAM (Captain D.4), QUALITY and QUADRANT departed Port Phillip at 1100K/25 to hunt submarine off N.S.W. coast (S.O.A. 28 knots)

QUIBERON departed Port Melbourne 1150K/25 to rendezvous with Captain D.4. off the N.S.W. coast at dawn on 26th (S.O.A. 30 knots.)

BALLARAT (S.O. 21st M.S.F.), KALGOORLIE and GOULBURN departed Melbourne at 0830K/25 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 0700K/27. (S.O.A. 11

knots). They have been ordered to carry out a 50% sweep half a mile each side of the blue (inshore) routes from south of Gabo Island to Green Cape (20 miles north of Gabo Island.)

At 1104K/25, N.O.I.C. New Guinea issued an AF message in respect of a submarine reported by WILLIAM A. HENNY (Liberty Ship) in position 80 miles east of Humboldt Bay at 0936K/25.

A message intercepted from an aircraft in the Philippines Area at 2357K/25 stated that SOMMELSDIJK (Dutch merchant ship of 9227 tons gross) had been torpedoed in number one hold and was burning with the fire not yet under control. The ship needed a salvage tug and immediate medical assistance. The position of the ship is not known definitely, but it is probably somewhere in the Loyte Gulf area.

SUBMARINE ATTACK ON S.S. "ROBERT J. WALKER"
(All times Zone K.)

At 0255/25 (ROBERT J. WALKER Liberty Ship) on passage from Fremantle to Sydney when in position 95 miles bearing 025 from Gabo Island, reported she had been torpedoed or mined.

At 0405 she reported that a big hole had been blown in the engine room and that her rudder had gone and at 0407 the enemy again attacked. No further reports have been received from the ship.

Aircraft were despatched by Eastern Area.

The first report which was timed 0608 stated that the ship was still afloat and there were two empty life boats in her vicinity. She further reported the sea was rough, and the visibility poor owing to dust. Further report at 0855 stated that 9 life boats and 2 empty boats were in the vicinity of the ship.

Naval forces were sailed as follows:--

(a) From Melbourne -

(i) "QUILLIAM" (Captain D.4.) "QUADRANT" and "QUALITY" at about 0830 ("QUIBERON" about 1140 to overtake Captain D.4.). These ships were to search for and attack the submarine.

(ii) "BALLARAT" (Senior Officer 21st Minesweeping Flotilla) with "KALGOORLIE" and "GOULBURN" at 0830. Their orders were to proceed to Jervis Bay carrying out a searching sweep for mines along blue routes when in the vicinity of Gabo Island, and off Green Point. (The remaining four available ships of the 21st Minesweeping Flotillas were ordered to expedite boiler cleaning and report when they will be ready to proceed to join Senior Officer) (probably about Thursday).

(b) From Sydney -

(i) P.C.597 at 0830 with a salvage officer on board.

(ii) "YANDRA" at 1215 with salvage pumps on board.

(iii) "KIAMA" at 1045 prepared to assist in towing the torpedoed ship into the harbour.

(iv) "QUICKMATCH" (Who was still under refit) at 1600.

(c) From Jervis Bay -

M.L.'s 822 and 829 and H.D.M.L. 1341 as soon as "HOBART" was clear of the harbour.

(d) From Eden -

M.L. 810 about daylight.

Units should arrive (or have arrived) in the area as shown below:--

M.L.810 at 0930 (sighted by aircraft when 25 miles away from the wreck at 0730).

P.C. 597 at 1800

"KIAMA" at 2200

"QUICKMATCH" at 2245

"QUILLIAM")

"QUADRANT")

"QUALITY") at 0200/26

"QUIBERON")

"YANDRA" (with pumps) at 0600/26.

Action taken regarding merchant vessels.

- (a) An A.F. message was issued at 0410/25. Ships were ordered to switch off navigation lights; commence zigzagging and subsequent sailings will be routed by the blue routes (in shore).

Subsequent aircraft reports indicate that at 1414 the ship had almost completely foundered. Owing to bad visibility the aircraft was unable to locate any boats.

Weather.

Gabo	Noon	N.N.E. force 4 visible 2-6 miles
	1500	N.E. " 5 - - -

Wind expected to change to W.S.W. about 2000 bringing clear visibility.

Note:- Visibility is worse towards Jervis Bay due to dust.

As there was no naval tug in Sydney, it was necessary for N.O.I.C. Sydney to arrange for the commercial tug ARISTELL to be sent. Owing to the Christmas holidays, it was impossible to get the tug away without partially manning her with Naval personnel. She sailed from Sydney at about 1700, fourteen hours after the distress message had been made by ROBERT J. WALKER.

At 1954/26 P.C. 597 which had located the wreck in position bearing 038° distant 62 miles from Gabo Island, reported that its draught forward was minus ten feet and aft was sixty feet, and that the weather deck was awash amidships. Captain Fant, Salvage Officer, who was aboard P.C.597 recommended cancelling the tug, which was being got ready in Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Sydney was authorised by Naval Staff to cancel the tug. The tug, which had left Sydney, was recalled. P.C.597 was ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to sink the ROBERT J. WALKER by gunfire, and then return to Sydney.

A warning to shipping in the area that a wreck dangerous to navigation was adrift was broadcast by Naval Board.

The crew of the ROBERT J. WALKER had left the ship by 1414/25, at which time an aircraft searched the vicinity of the ship in low visibility without being able to locate any boats.

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At 2120/25 "KIAMA" reported that the ship had been abandoned and that there was no trace of any boats. At 0050/26 "QUICKMATCH" reported that there was no trace of survivors in the vicinity of the ship.

It appears then, that the ship which was torpedoed at 0255/25 was abandoned by its crew by 1414/25, although the vessel was still afloat ten hours later.

M.L.'s 810, 832 and 823 and H.D.M.L. 1341 have been ordered to refuel at Jervis Bay or Eden, and to be ready to proceed at 0700K/26 if required.

"YANDRA" and "KIAMA", which had arrived at the wreck, were ordered to remain in the area and carry out patrols as ordered by Captain D.4, who was informed by N.O.I.C. Sydney of all developments.

At 0214/27, "QUICKMATCH" commenced a search ten miles around the wreck.

During darkness, "QUILLIAM", "QUALITY" and "QUADRANT" are carrying out a sweep through a position 75 miles east of Gabo Island and to the north, closing the ROBERT J. WALKER at daylight. "QUIBERON" is sweeping adjacent to the 100 fathom line, and is to join the other three destroyers as early as possible on 27th.

Because of the renewal of submarine activity off the Australian coast, the publication of weather information has been prohibited.

Weather off Gabo Island at 0600K/26 December -

Some scattered high cloud.
Wind west to north west, 15 knots.
Sea, slight to moderate.

Delays in getting through to Sydney are considered unacceptable in cases of emergency, such as the present. Even over the holidays, calls of the highest priority were delayed on occasions as much as twenty-five minutes.

(U.S. Destroyer Escort) - With 3 Lats departed Douglasville 1000K/25. S.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/25 20A.5 knots.

(U.S. Sub) - Departed Townsville 1855K/25 for Brisbane, S.T.A. 0800K/26. 20A.10 knots.

(H.M.A. tug) which is refitting in Sydney, has been transferred temporarily to operational and Administrative control of N.O.I.C. Sydney with A/Cs in Mitchell.

(H.M.A. Sub) - Completing refit, S.T.D. Adelaide p.m. 24/12 for Melbourne.

(H.M.A. Sub) - Departed Darwin 1400K/25 - Escort Convoy G.R. 724 to Queensland - Miss Woodi.

(H.M.A. Sub) - En route Darwin to Sydney, passed Thursday Island at 0600K/26.

(Air Sea Rescue) - Departed Port Moresby 0220K/25, S.T.A. Vessel) Mind Bay p.m. 23/12.

(U.S. Navy Tug) - towing A.F.B.28 (flooding dock) - Departed San Francisco 22/12. S.T.A. 20A.1.

(H.M.A. Tug) - Towing coal bulk WHELAN - Departed Darwin 0725K/25. S.T.A. Esby Island 0730K/25, thence Port Moresby, S.T.A. 0900K/25. 20A.5 knots.

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To 0900K/25th December, 1944.

- TANGIER (U.S. Seaplane Tender) - Departed Mios Woendi 1620K/23. E.T.A. Palau 1430K/25.
- SEKONK (U.S. Oiler) - Departed Biak 21/12. Arrived Hollandia 22/12.
- RABY (U.S. Destroyer Escort) - Departed Manus 1100K/21 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Hollandia 1100K/23.
- GRASP (U.S. Salvage Vessel) - E.T.A. Manus 0800K/24 with tow.
- ATHELING) (Escort Carriers) - E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/25.
BATTLEH)
- SWIFTSURE - E.T.A. Hobart 0900K/24 from Fremantle.
- ACHILLES - E.T.D. Hobart 0930K/27 for Sydney.
- VICTORIA (U.S. Tanker) - Arrived Pt. Kembla 21/12.
- QUICKMATCH - Completing refit Sydney, proposes to depart Sydney a.m. 29/12, for Jervis Bay to work up with Hobart. E.T.A. Sydney a.m. 5/1.
- YANDRA - E.T.D. Sydney 1800K/26 for Jervis Bay towing one Patt. VI type. YANDRA to be under control of H.M.A.S. HOBART until return to Sydney. YANDRA is now to proceed 0800K/25 to search for submarine. See narrative below.
- GUDRUN MAERSK (A.S.I.S.) - Departed Suez 21/12, E.T.A. Aden 1500K/26 SOA 11 knots for onward routing to Sydney via Fremantle
- ATHLONE CASTLE - E.T.D. U.K. 24/12 with about 4,000 Naval and R.A.F. personnel for Sydney. E.T.A. 20/1 via Panama.
- CYGNUS (U.S. Shore Ship) - Departed Noumea 1400K/23, E.T.A. Torokina 0800K/28 SOA 10.5 knots.
- L.T. 454 towing T.P. 97 - Departed Funafuti 0600K/22. E.T.A. Tutuila 23/12.
- GREENWOOD (U.S. Destroyer Escort) - With 3 Lts departed Bougainville 1000K/23. E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/28 SOA 8 knots.
- M.L. 809 - Departed Townsville 1855K/23 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0800K/29. SOA 10 knots.
- WATO (H.M.A. tug) which is refitting in Sydney, has been transferred temporarily to operational and Administrative control of N.O.I.C. Sydney with A/Cs in Kuttabul.
- BATHURST - Completing refit, E.T.D. Adelaide p.m. 24/12 for Melbourne.
- STRAHAN) Departed Morotai 1400K/23 - Escort Convoy G.B. 724 to
GLADSTONE) - Mios Woendi.
- MEDEA) En route Darwin To Sydney, passed Thursday Island at
MERCEDES) - 0904K/24.
- THREE CHEERS (Air Sea Rescue) - Departed Port Moresby 0822K/23, E.T.A. Vessel) Milne Bay p.m. 25/12.
- ARKAB (U.S. Navy Tug) - towing A.F.D.28 (floating dock)- Departed San Francisco 22/12. E.T.A. Manus 29/1.
- HEROS (H.M.A. Tug) - Towing coal hulk MOMBAN - Departed Darwin 0723K/23. E.T.A. Booby Island 0730K/28, thence Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0900K/30. SOA 6 knots.

RUSHMORE (U.S. Landing Ship Dock) - Departed Espiritu Santo 0400K/24 for Hollandia, E.T.A. 1400K/26. SOA.14 knots.

POYANG - E.T.D. 1800K/23, E.T.A. Bowen 30/12.

ML.802 - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1430K/20 for Langemak.

MORESBY - Departed Darwin 1541K/23, E.T.A. Snake Bay 1130K/24.

EDWIN T. MEREDITH (Liberty Ship) - At 0930K/24 when 65 miles north of Madang reported sighting a Conning Tower. No further information has been received.

WILLIAM A. HENRY (Liberty Ship) - At 1320K/24 when 55 miles north of Madang saw what appeared to be a periscope. Ship opened fire and took evasive action. The periscope was not sighted again.

According to report from H.M.A.S. DUBBO, only the funnel main mast and small portion of superstructure of Greek Merchant Ship GOULANDRIS, aground south east of Cape Leeuwin since 23/12, are visible. DUBBO salvaged 2 air chambers and is now returning to Fremantle.

The Salvage Board tug CAMBRIAN SALVOR reported at 1220K/24 that the Merchant Ship PONCE which grounded on 20th December, 1944, 50 miles north west of Gro Bay had been refloated.

MERCHANT SHIP TORPEDOED.

At 0255K/24⁵th December, ROBERT J. WALKER (Liberty Ship), on passage from Fremantle to Sydney, when in position 025° distant 95 miles from Gabo Island reported "Torpedoed or struck mine. Air cover and immediate assistance requested".

At 0405K/25 the ship reported "Apparently not much water, rudder gone and big hole blown engine room starboard side. Air coverage and tug to tow in".

At 0407K/25 the ship reported "Enemy attacking".

The following action was taken -

(a) By Naval Staff -

(1) Admiralty Message "AF" broadcast all ships in area 5B.

(2) The following signals were made :-

(1) D.4 (R) QUILLIAM QUIBERON NOIC PORT MELBOURNE
QUALITY QUADRANT

"RAISE STEAM WITH ALL DESPATCH. REPORT WHEN
READY TO PROCEED.

(11) To Capt. D.4 (R) NOIC SYDNEY NOIC PORT MELBOURNE.

"ROBERT J. WALKER REPORTS TORPEDOED IN POSITION
36 DEGREES 05 MINUTES SOUTH 150 DEGREES 43 MINUTES
AT 1655Z/24, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ATTACKED AT
1807Z. TAKE QUILLIAM QUIBERON QUALITY QUADRANT
UNDER YOUR ORDERS AND PROCEED WITH ALL DESPATCH TO
AREA TO SEARCH AND HUNT POSSIBLE SUBMARINE.

(111) S.O. 21/M/S FLOT. (R) BALLARAT GOULBURN KALGOORLIE
(R) NOIC PORT MELBOURNE.

"RAISE STEAM WITH ALL DESPATCH. REPORT WHEN
READY TO PROCEED.

(iv) S.O. 21ST M/S FLOTILLA (R) NOIC PORT MELBOURNE
NOIC SYDNEY WEYALLA.

"PROCEED WITH BALLARAT GOULBURN AND KALGOORLIE
TO JERVIS BAY AT BEST SPEED.

2. REMAINDER OF FLOTILLA WILL BE DESPATCHED TO
JOIN YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(v) HOBART (AT JERVIS BAY) (R) NOIC SYDNEY.

"RETURN TO SYDNEY PORTSWITH".

(b) BY N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne -

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne co-operated with Captain D.4
and S.O. 21 M/SF to arrange transport for crews of ships
recalled.

(c) BY N.O.I.C. Sydney -

- (1) Arrangements were made for A.O.R. Eastern Area for
air search to be made, one Catalina and some Beauforts
were despatched to reach the area of attack about 0530K.
- (2) YANDRA and KIAMA E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/25, YANDRA with
Salvage pumps.
- (3) M.L's. 822 and 829 And H.D.W.L. 1341, patrolling off
Jervis Bay, have been ordered to proceed to area of
attack, as soon as H.M.A.S. HOBART has cleared.
- (4) M.L. 810 from Eden was to arrive at attack area 0830K/25.
- (5) P.C. 597 departed at 17 knots for area with Salvage
Officer aboard.
- (6) QUICKMATCH E.T.D. 1300K/25.

At 0800K/15th, the situation was as follows :-

MELBOURNE -

QUILLIAM)
QUADRANT) would be ready to sail at 0830K/25.
QUALITY)

QUIBERON would be delayed, but would follow the other three
ships as soon as possible.

BALLARAT)
GOULBURN) making ready. One to sail by 0830K/25.
KALGOORLIE)

SYDNEY -

YANDRA) both ready to sail by 0900K/25, YANDRA with salvage
KIAMA) pumps aboard, KIAMA with orders to stand by to tow
if necessary, as difficulty was being experienced in
obtaining a crew for a tug, and it may be necessary
to man a tug with naval personnel.

QUICKMATCH, completing refit, would be ready to sail at 1300K/25.

SYDNEY (contd.) -

P.C. 597 departed at 17 knots, with Salvage Officer (Captain Fant) on board.

M.L. 810, despatched from Eden, signalled that she would be in area of attack at 0830K/25.

Aircraft had reported at 0645K/25 "Sighted at 0610K ship damaged. Men in lifeboat. Position 36° 28' south 150° 45' east. Visibility one mile. Standing by."

A further report from aircraft was received that red and yellow flares, possibly very light, were observed off St. George Basin, just south of Jervis Bay.

MERCHANT SHIPPING -

Merchant ships have been ordered -

- (a) to zigzag between Brisbane and Adelaide.
- (b) to extinguish navigation lights.
- (c) to sail on inshore routes.

E.S.S. MERRIM (Merrim Tugboat) } Arrived New South 1900K/23 from
 departed by E.S.S. MERRIM }
 (Destroyer) }
E.S.S. MERRIM departed Newcastle 1900K/21 enroute to
 Newcastle N.T.A. 1900K/23.
E.S.S. MERRIM arrived New South 1900K/23 from Newcastle.
E.S.S. MERRIM departed Hollandia 1700K/21 for New South
 N.T.A. 0800K/23 (N.O.A.7)
E.S.S. MERRIM departed New South 0800K/23 for Madang, N.T.A. 1100K/23.
E.S.S. MERRIM departed Madang 1700K/21 for Milne Bay N.T.A. 0800K/24.
E.S.S. MERRIM departed Madang 0800K/23 for New South N.T.A. 1400K/23
 with personnel, stores, mail etc. for C.V.G.74.1,
 also "MERRIM" and "MERRIM".
E.S.S. MERRIM departs Madang 1800K/23 for Hollandia N.T.A. 1800K/24
 towing concrete lighter to New South.
E.S.S. MERRIM (ex "Merrim Tugboat") departed New South 0800K/21 for
 Madang N.T.A. 1800K/23.
E.S.S. MERRIM (E.S.S.T.) arrived New South 1700K/21 from
 Hollandia. Departed 1800K/23 for San Francisco
 N.T.A. 08th January (S.O.A. 15.3, 16.2)
E.S.S. MERRIM arrived New South 0700K/23 from Milne Bay. Departed
 1800K/23 for New South N.T.A. 0800K/24 thence Madang.
E.S.S. MERRIM (Destroyer Escort) } Departed New South 0800K/21 for
 escorting E.S.S. MERRIM (Attack cargo) } New South N.T.A. 1800K/23.
E.S.S. MERRIM (Destroyer Escort) } Departed New South 1800K/23 for
 escorting E.S.S. MERRIM (Attack cargo) } Hollandia N.T.A. 1800K/23.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 24th December, 1944.

U.S.S. MOZAMA (Ammunition Ship) departed Espiritu Santo 1312K/21 for Tulagi E.T.A. 0900K/23. (S.O.A.15)

U.S.S. GENERAL GEORGE RANDALL (U.S.N.T.) Departed San Pedro 1100K/20 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/5 January, thence Bombay (S.O.A.19,20)

U.S.S. GENERAL WILLIAM MITCHELL (U.S.N.T.) Departed San Pedro 0300K/21 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 5th January, thence Bombay (S.O.A. 18, 20)

U.S.S. GENERAL F. HASE (U.S.N.T.) On passage Manus - Espiritu Santo has been diverted to Noumea. E.T.A. 0800K/26.

L.S.M. 133, 225 departed Tulagi 1300K/21 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/24.

U.S.S. CAMEL (Unclassified) Departed Ulithi 1700K/20 for Manus escorted by S.G.725) E.T.A. 0700K/24 (S.O.A.10)

U.S.S. TANGIER (Seaplane Tender) escorted by U.S.S. BOWERS (Destroyer)) Arrived Mios Woendi 1000K/22 from Manus.

H.M.A.S. GOWRA departed Sansapor 1200K/21 escorting Mership to Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/23.

L.C.T.'s 918, 669, 393, 350 arrived Biak 1900K/22 from Noemfoor.

H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK departed Hollandia 1700K/21 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0900K/23 (S.O.A.7)

H.M.A.S. POYANG departed Manus 0800K/22 for Madang, E.T.A. 1100K/23.

F.S. 363 departed Madang 1730K/21 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/24.

H.M.A.S. LAURABADA departed Madang 0800K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/23 with personnel, stores, mail etc. for C.T.G.74.1, also "BURDEKIN" and "ARABAT".

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departs Madang 1830K/22 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/24 towing concrete lighter to Mios Woendi.

U.S.S. BRIAREUS (ex "Hawaiian Planter") departed Langemak 0611K/21 for Torokina E.T.A. 1200K/22.

U.S.S. GENERAL H. TAYLOR (U.S.N.T.) arrived Langemak 1730K/21 from Hollandia. Departed 1500K/23 for San Francisco E.T.A. 8th January (S.O.A. 15.5, 16.5)

H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE arrived Lae 0700K/22 from Milne Bay. Departed 1620K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/24 thence Madang.

U.S.S. BLACKWOOD (Destroyer Escort)) Departed Oro Bay 0840K/21 for escorting U.S.S. UVALDE (Attack cargo) Manus E.T.A. 1500K/22.

U.S.S. LOESER (Destroyer Escort)) Departed Oro Bay 1626K/22 for escorting L.E.T.'s 924, 462, 552 Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/25.

H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS departed Port Moresby 0620K/23 for Milne Bay E.T.A. PM/25. (S.O.A.6.)

U.S.S. HUTCHINSON (Frigate) Passed Thursday Is. 0850K/23 en route Darwin E.T.A. 1230K/25 thence Fremantle (S.O.A.14.16)

M.L. 809 Departed Cairns 0600K/22 for Brisbane calling Townsville for fuel and water E.T.A. 1900K/22 (S.O.A.13)

H.M.A.S. POLARIS departed Townsville 0905K/23 for Thursday Island calling Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/24 for fuel and water.

U.S.S. GENERAL BUTNER (U.S.N.T.) departed Brisbane 22nd December for San Pedro E.T.A. 5th January.

H.D.M.L. 1358 departs Brisbane 0830K/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/28 for onward routing Madang. Calling Gladstone E.T.A. 1300K/24. (S.O.A.10).

H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA arrived Brisbane a.m. 22nd from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. HOBART departed Sydney 1243K/22 for Jervis Bay for shakedown trials. Arrived 1830K/22. (S.O.A.16)

M.L. 822, 823) departed Sydney 0830K/22 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1600K/22.
H.D.M.L. 1341)

H.M.A.S. DOOMBA arrived Westernport a.m. 22nd from Port Phillip.

M.S.L. 704 (Stores Lighter) departed Esperance 0630K/21 for Albany and arrived 1600K/22. Departed 1935K/22 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1935K/24. (S.O.A.7)

H.M.A.S. PARKES arrived Darwin 1430K/22 from escort duty.

H.M.A.S. SHEPPARTON) Arrived Darwin 2107K/22 from Survey duties
H.M.A.S. SEWTH) Bathurst Is. Area.

U.S.S. TRINITY (Oiler) departed Hollandia 0805K/23 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1400K/24.

U.S.S. PERCH (Submarine)) en route Darwin via Torres Strait.
U.S.S. GABILAN ")

H.M.S. ACHILLES) E.T.A. Hobart 1830K/24 from Fremantle.

H.M.S. SWIFTSURE) E.T.D. 0800K/27 for Sydney.

Commander (D) inquires from N.O.I.C. New Guinea whether H.M.A. Ships "BURDEKIN" and "ARARAT", at present under the operational control of C.N.B. Manus, could be released for escort duty in his area. This in view of provision docking and refitting programme, and additional commitments.

It is anticipated that H.M.S. "GAMBIA" will sail from Auckland for Sydney p.m. 22nd January on completion of trials and working up.

A.S.I.S. "PACHECO" sailed from Suez 17th December for Sydney via Fremantle.

N.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" direct to Port Adelaide on 27th December. Ship to undergo annual refit.

C. in C. B.P.F. informs G. in C. East Indies Station that in the initial stages of operation of the Sydney dry dock limited electric power only will be available and the use of H.M.S. "SPRINGDALE" to augment would be of assistance. If she can be spared, it is requested she may arrive Sydney by 1st February, 1945. (Originally intended to sail her at end of January).

H.M.A. Ships "AUSTRALIA" and "SHROPSHIRE" are being assigned to fire support group vice U.S.S. Cruisers "DENVER" and "MONTPELIER". This from C.T.F. 77. Cruiser Division 12 (modified) will now consist of "AUSTRALIA", "SHROPSHIRE", "COLUMBIA" (12-6" 12-5" HA/LA).

N.O.I.C. Cairns seeks early approval to retain signal hut on Fitzroy Island. Buildings suitable accommodation for a permanent lighthouse keeper to operate O.D.O.A. It is considered probable that the department of Navigation will approach N.B. in this regard.

From Jacquinet Bay.

Air raid red 0005K/24.

Air raid Green 0027K/24.

Cruiser TROMP (D.S.) has been transferred from 4th Cruiser Squadron and will join 5th Cruiser Squadron after her return to East Indies Station. The office of C.S.5 is temporarily in abeyance. In the meantime "TROMP" will be administered by S.O. Force 61. (R.A. Read).

N.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval for outright issue of one of four lifeboats loaned to Water Transport wing of Army School of Military Engineering, who desire to retain it permanently as unit is moving north. Remaining three lifeboats will be returned within one week.

"WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL" liberty ship reported aground on Veale reef in Daily Narrative of 23rd December was refloated by "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" at 1500K/23.

H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" proceeding from Fremantle to Greek Wership "GOULANDRIS", will confirm salvage officer's confirmation of apparent situation that ship is total loss. Should have arrived about noon 23rd.

P.D. Hollandia informs:- P.C.1131, S.C.741, S.C.488(?) now ready to report Com.Amphib. Force S.W.P.F. on 23rd December for temporary duty as escort vessels to Leyte. P.C.1121, P.C.476, S.C.732 will report about 25th December for similar duties. On arrival Leyte all ships come under operational control Comphilseafon.

"HAWKESBURY". N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that boiler tube distortion in number one and number two boilers of H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" progressively worse. Maximum distortion - approximately one hundred tubes affected. Requests urgent despatch of investigating officer in view of programme of ship.

To 0900K Saturday, 23rd December.

- U.S.S. "ALHENA" (Attack Cargo) - Departs Guadalcanal 1700K/21 for Pinschafen
E.T.A. 0500K/24. (SOA.13)
- P.C. 606 - Departed Guadalcanal 21st Dec. for Sydney for leave.
- U.S.S. "MACK" (Destroyer Escort))
escorting U.S.S. "GRAPPLE" (Salvage Vessel)) - Departed Kossol 1430K/21 for
L.S.T. 618 and 1 merchant ship) Leyte E.T.A. A.M./24. (SOA.10)
- H.M.S. "CLAN LAMONT" (L.S.I.))
H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (L.S.I.)) - Departed Morotai 1000K/21 for
H.M.S. "ARIADNE" (Minelayer)) Hollandia. E.T.A. 1200K/24.
- H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (U.S.I.S.) - Arrived Mios Woendi 1235K/21 from Manus.
- F.S. 167 - Arrived Mios Woendi 1740K/21 from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "WHITEHURST" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Hollandia 0900K/21 for
Manus. E.T.A. 1200K/22 (SOA.15)
- U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) - Departed Manus 1700K/20 for
Emirau. E.T.A. 0500K/21.
- U.S.S. "TANGIER" (Sea Plane Tender)) - Departed Manus 0900K/20 for Mios
escorted by U.S.S. "BOWERS" (Destroyer)) Woendi. E.T.A. 0900K/22 (SOA.14)
- F.S. 149 - Departed Manus 1100K/21 for Biak. E.T.A. 1700K/25 (SOA.9)
- U.S.S. "CYRENE" with) - Departed Manus 0800K/19 for Hollandia and
M.T.B. Squadrons 5 & 11) arrived 1620K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Madang 1900K/21 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/23.
- M.L. 802 - Arrived Jacquinot Bay 1430K/20 from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" with 3 tows - Departed Langemak 1946K/20 for Mios
Woendi. E.T.A. P.M./26.
- P.C. 1123 - Departed Langemak 0611K/21 for Torokina. E.T.A. 1200K/22.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" - Departed Langemak 1200K/21 for Brisbane. E.T.A.
0800K/27 (SOA.12)
- H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" - Departed Langemak 1844K/21 for Mios Woendi, via
Madang. E.T.A. Madang 0800K/22.
- U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Oro Bay 0840K/21 for Manus
E.T.A. 1500/22.
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departed Cape Nelson for Cape Vogel. E.T.A. 0600K/22
thence to North Coast Ferguson Is. and Wankata Is.
E.T.A. 1700K/24 thence to Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1000K/26.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Arrived Lae 0845K/20 from Oro Bay. Departed 2000K/21
for Madang. E.T.A. 0700K/22.
- H.M.A.S. "ORARA" - Arrived Lae 1100K/20 from Madang.
- H.D.M.L. 1324 - Departed Cairns 1055K/22 for Thursday Island. E.T.A.
1200K/25 (SOA.10)
- M.L'S 822, 823) - Depart Sydney 1800K/22 for Jervis Bay for patrol during
H.D.M.L. 1341) "HOBART'S" shakedown period. To come under the
operational control of H.M.A.S. "HOBART" until return
to Sydney.

H.M.S. "STRIKER")
H.M.S. "FENCER") - Arrived Port Phillip 2155K/22 from Eastern Theatre.
 escorted by) Aircraft Carriers berthed at Gellibrand Pier and
) destroyers at Dockyard and Nelson piers
) Williamstown.
"QUADRANT")
"QUILLIAM")
"QUALITY")
"QUIBERON")

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE")
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") - Report sweeping operations completed arrived
) Williamstown 2300K/21.
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH")

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" - Sheltering off Portsea owing to weather conditions made E.T.A. Gellibrand 1430K/21.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" - Departs Adelaide P.M./24 for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM")
H.M.A.S. "MORESEY") - Departed Penguin Shoal 1447K/20 for Darwin
) E.T.A. 0500K/22.

H.D.M.L. 1340, 1352 - Depart Adelaide 1300K/23 for Albany calling Thevenard for fuel.

H.M.A.S. "PAYE C" - Departed Milne Bay 0907K/22 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1500K/23.

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" - Arrived Port Moresby 0945K/22 from Thursday Is.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT" (Transport) - To proceed San Francisco from Hollandia when ready.

U.S.S. "NAUTILUS" (Submarine) - Departed Caloundra 1000K/20.

U.S.S. "NARWHAL" (Submarine)) - Departed Caloundra 1000K/21 for
) exercises off coast returning 1800K/24.
H.M.A.S. "KYBRA")

H.M.S. "ATHELING")
) Make E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/25 from Eastern Theatre.
with H.M.S. "BATTLER")

U.S.S. "NASHVILLE" (Cruiser) - To proceed Pearl Harbour for repairs. Departs Manus when ready/

N.Z.N.B. informs V.A.(Q) B.P.F. no target ship for air torpedo training available for R.N. training at Jervis Bay.

N.O.I.C. SYDNEY informs that H.M.A.S. "HOBART'S" gun trials, 25 knot consumption trial, and progressive trials, satisfactorily completed. Draughts forward 19 ft. 3 ins. aft 20 ft. 5 inches.

O.C.H.B. is seeking approval to (A) fit 25 ft. maple cutter in "LACHLAN" with echo sounding and (B) Install A.S.49 recorders and reflector plate to dome.

From C.IN C. B.P.F. - To Flag Officer Commanding Force 'X'. "At some future date it might be necessary to use H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" as C.IN C. B.P.F. Headquarters ship. I should be grateful if an officer of my staff may visit the ship to examine its suitability. He will explain the position to you."

COM. 7th FLEET directs that one S.C. in good condition from those assigned C.S.W.P.S. to be made available at Hollandia by 23rd Dec. in exchange for S.C. 1369 in poor material condition and under the operational control of Amphib Group 3. Impending operations necessitate this exchange.

As from 1200K/Friday 22nd Dec. Royal Navy code and cypher office Sydney will accept all signal traffic, with the exception of machine codes and cyphers, for C. in C. British Pac. Flt. Fonas Australia Naval shore office and Victualling supply officer.

COMMANDER (D) proposes to sail H.M.A.S. "COWRA" for mainland on 30th Dec. and H.M.A.S. "BROOMK" on 14th Jan. 1945.

On return to mainland from New Guinea Area H.M.A.S. "URALBA" is to call at Townsville to embark approx. 26½ tons of dredging material held by Allied Works Council for passage to Sydney.

CAPT. S.S. reports that Submarine "ZWAARDFISCH" on far eastern war patrol suffered damage to periscopes and bow tube gear due to heavy depth charge attack by 3 P.Cs whilst attempting northward passage of Lombok Strait on night 5th-6th Dec. Other damage to pressure hull. "ZWAARDFISCH" arrived Fremantle 20th Dec.

"WILLIAM W. CAMPBELL", liberty ship with 300 troops aboard reported being aground on Veale Reef at 0100K/22. C.N.B. Milne Bay has despatched two L.C.I's to off-lead troops and has diverted a tug to assist. "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" also being despatched from Langemak to assist.

"TANCRED" has been despatched by N.O.I.C. New Guinea to assist merhip "PONCE" reported aground in narrative of 21st Dec. Merhip broadside to in Centre Reef, about one third starboard side and half port side aground - remainder deep water, Coral bottom. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has stated that "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" will be available to assist if required.

"MICHAEL J. GOULANDRIS", Greek Cargo ship reported aground S.E. of Cape Leeuwin in daily narrative of 22nd Dec. Appears as though she will become a total loss. Salvage officer has been sent and all crew of Greek merhip have been taken off. N.O.I.C. Fremantle states coal situation his area most serious and requests despatch of another merhip.

Following received from C.T.F. 77 -

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26TH AT 0001/I COM 7TH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IS RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONVOYING AND ESCORTING ROUTINE SHIPPING FROM THE NEW GUINEA AREA TO LEYTE GULF AT WHICH TIME THIS RESPONSIBILITY PASSES TO COM PHIL SEA FRON (CTF.75) WHO WILL ANNOUNCE TO ALL CONCERNED NEW GUINEA-LEYTE CONVOY SCHEDULE X INITIAL CONVOYS WILL BE ON WEEKLY BASIS X INSOPAR AS PRACTICABLE CTF 78 AND 79 WILL ARRANGE TO INCLUDE MERSHIPS BOUND TO LEYTE ON

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/ Friday 22nd December.

- L.C.I. 713 - Departed Noumea 1700K/20th for Manus., E.T.A. 0600K/28th (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "ALHENA" (Attack Cargo) - Arrived Guadalcanal 20/12 from Manus
- L.S.M. 130 - Departed Tulagi 1700K/19th for Manus. E.T.A. 0600K/24th (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Leyte 1200K/19th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 23/12 (SOA.14.5)
- U.S.S. "MERCY" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Leyte 1500K/20th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1000K/24th (SOA.14)
- U.S.S. "ALDERAMIN" (Attack Cargo) - Departed New Georgia 1600K/19th for Torokina. E.T.A. 1100K/20th.
- F.S. 39 escorting
L.C.T.'S 248, 298, 359, 396) - Departed Biak 0630K/21st for Noemfoor.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE")
H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ") - Departed Morotai 1900K/20th for Mios Woendi. E.T.A. 1700K/22nd.
H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG")
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME")
H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA") - Departed Biak 20/12 for Morotai. E.T.A. 2000K/22nd.
- escortng "MONTEZUMA CASTLE"
- U.S.S. "ALCONA" (Cargo Vessel) - Arrived Mios Woendi 20/12 from Manus.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HASE" (U.S.N.T.) - Departed Manus 1500K/20th for Espiritu Santo. E.T.A. 1700K/24th (SOA.16)
- F.S. 167 - Departed Hollandia 1001K/20th for Biak. E.T.A. 1600K/21st.
- U.S.S. "RIXEY" (Evacuation Transport) - Arrived Hollandia 0903K/20th from Noumea.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL H. TAYLOR" (U.S.N.T.) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/20th for Langemak. E.T.A. 1730K/21st.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" - Departed Madang 1410K/20th for Langemak. E.T.A. 0800K/21st for o/r to Brisbane.
- "BIRCHGROVE PARK" (Coaster M/S) - Departed Madang 1850K/17th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0600K/20th thence Mios Woendi.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Milne Bay 1107K/20th for Lae. E.T.A. 0300K/22nd. (SOA.9)
- U.S.S. "THEPIS BAY" (Escort Carrier) - Arrived Langemak 1400K/20th from San Francisco.
- M.L. 819 - Departed Milne Bay 20/12 to locate and render safe mine in Mann Archipelago.
- U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" (Frigate) - Arrived Milne Bay 1800K/19th. E.T.D. 0430K/21st for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1900K/22nd. (SOA.16)
- A.T.A. 175 - Departed Milne Bay 1245K/20th for Cairns. E.T.A. 1200K/22nd.
- H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEE" - Departed Cairns 1600K/20th for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1600K/24th.

H.D.M.L. 1324 - Departs Townsville 20/12 for Thursday Island calling Cairns enroute for fuel and water. E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/21st (SOA.10)

H.M.S. "STRIKER"

H.M.S. "FENCER" in company with

QUILLIAM
QUIBERON
QUADRANT
QUALITY

E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 2030K/22nd.

H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE"

H.M.S. "ACHILLES"

- Departed Fremantle 1715K/20th for Hobart. E.T.A. 1830K/24th thence as routed by N.O.I.C. HOBART to Sydney. (SOA.20). Changes to BELLS 2230K/22nd.

H.M. S/M "TRADEWIND" - E.T.A. Rottneest Island 1000K/24th.

"BISHOPDALE" (R.A.F.A. Oiler) while anchored Leyte Gulf at 1350K/14th was suicide crash dived without warning by enemy plane. Damage received, hole in No.3 wing tank and flood pump room. Nil fire. Personnel casualties reported 1 killed, 3 injured.

"MICHAEL J. GOULANDRIS" (Greek Cargo Ship) Aground reef in position 34 deg. 53 min. South 116 deg. East (approx. 50 miles S.E. Cape Leeuwin). Reports lives are at risk and want immediate help. Lowered the lifeboats but sea is very rough. Ship rolling. Crew abandoned. (Passed to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)

H.M.S. "NIZAM" undocked at 1630K/20th and is berthed dockyard pier East.

H.D.M.L. 1356 was commissioned at Sydney 1130K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "LAURUS" (Loop Repair Vessel) was commissioned at Sydney A.M. 19/12.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART'S" full power trials satisfactorily completed.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" is to proceed to Darwin on completion of present assignment (arrived Buna 0700K/20th) and to come under the orders of U.S. C.T.U. 70.5.3.

N.O.I.C. SYDNEY anticipates that "PLATYPUS" will require at least 14 days in Sydney to complete with storing.

From Commodore Commanding Aus. Squadron:

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" requested to arrive Manus as early as possible, being diverted if necessary. (E.T.A. Lae from Milne Bay 0300K/22nd).

From N.O.I.C. BRISBANE. Anticipate docking H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" A.M. 20th. Intend officers and men ships company proceed on leave.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/21st December, 1944.

- A.P.C. 11. - Departed Mios Woendi 0800K/18th for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1600K/19th.
- L.S.T. 117. - Arrived Mios Woendi 1700K/19th.
- F.S. 162. - Arrived Wakde 1125K/19th from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital Ship) - Departs Manus 0400K/23rd for Leyte.
E.T.A. 0700K/28th (SOA.10.5)
- "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) - Departed Manus 1600K/18th for Mios Woendi
(SOA.11)
- A.T.R. 56 (Rescue Tug) - Departed Manus 1700K/18th for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 0700K/19th (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "WHITEHURST" (Destroyer Escort) }
Escorting "GEO. EASTMAN", "HENRY WEIGS" } - Departs Manus 1730K/18th for
Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/20th
(SOA.10)
- F.S. 363. - Departed Manus 0900K/20th for Alexishafen.
E.T.A. 0900K/21st (SOA.10)
- Y.M.S. 259. }
Escorting "J.C. BLACKBURN" } - Departed Emirau 1500K/19th for Manus.
E.T.A. 1130K/20th. (SOA.8)
towed by "CHICSAW" }
- U.S.S. "SBEKONK" (Tanker) - Departed Hollandia 0217K/19th for Mios Woendi.
E.T.A. 1200K/20th.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL SCOTT" (U.S.N.T.) - Arrived Langemak 1800K/19th from
San Francisco and departed 2000K/19th
for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/21st.
- U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" (Frigate) - Departed Langemak for Milne Bay. E.T.A.
0400K/20th for o/r to Fremantle.
- U.S.S. "CHIWAUKUM" (Gasoline Tanker) - Departed Langemak 1016K/18th for
Hollandia. E.T.A. 1100K/22nd.
- U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Oiler) - Departed Langemak 0700K/19th for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 2000K/21st.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Milne Bay 1127K/19th for Madang. E.T.A.
1230K/21st (SOA.12)
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEBUWIN" - Departed Thursday Island 1248K/19th for Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" - Departed Thursday Island 0700K/20th for Port
Moresby. E.T.A. P.M. 23/12. (SOA.6)
- "MERCEDES" }
} - Departed Darwin 0442K/19th for Cairns for water and o/r
to Sydney. E.T.A. Booby Island 0600K/23rd (SOA.7)
"NEDEA" }
- H.M.A.S. "SLEUTH" - Departed Darwin 0848K/19th for Cape Fourcroy Area.
- H.D.M.L. 1343 - Departed Brisbane 1600K/19th for Townsville for
towing if practicable to Madang, but returned
A.M. 20th with engine defect.
- L.C.L. 653, 655. - Depart Caloundra 2000K/21st for Milne Bay. E.T.A.
1100K/25th for o/r to Finschafen and Hollandia.
(SOA.12)

L.C.I. 969. - Arrived Brisbane A.M. 20th.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - E.T.A. Newcastle 0400K/21st from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" - Departs Sydney about 22/12 for Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) - Departed Sydney 0559K/20th for Brisbane. E.T.A. Caloundra 1030K/21st (SOA.18)

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departs Port Phillip 1030K/21st for Westernport. E.T.A. 1400K/21st.

M.S.L. 704 (Store Lighter) - Arrived Esperance 1830K/19th from Adelaide enroute to Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departs Milne Bay 1015K/20th for Lae (SOA.9)

H.M.A.S. "PARKES"

Escorting "MONTORO"

} - Departed Darwin 0723K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" has been temporarily attached to Group 3 in place of H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA".

Dutch M/S "MERRABOE" is being released for Northern Areas and will depart Merauke 28/12.

"PONCE" Panamanian Cargo Ship) At 0615K/20th reports being on reef in Lat. 08° South 148° 27' East (50 miles N.W. Oro Bay). Unable to get off and requires tug boat immediately. "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" available if required. Tug A.T.R. 56 standing by and anticipates she will not require another assistance.

"EMPIRE TUDOR" reports sighting U-boat and torpedo track 015° 46' North 082° 10' East on night 17/18th (Bay of Bengal).

From N.O.I.C., PORT ADELAIDE: Have not yet been able to make good defect to propeller shaft bearing of H.D.M.L. 1352. Intend hold H.D.M.L. 1340 until H.D.M.L. 1352 is fit for sea and then sail both ships in company to Fremantle.

The following programme is intended for the 21st Minesweeping Flotilla:-

"WHYALLA" - Boiler cleaning.

"BURNIE") To boiler clean on return from present
"LISMORE") operation.

"MARYBOROUGH")

"BALLARAT") Available at 4 hours' notice as A/S and M/S
"GOULBURN") striking and searching force. They are to
"KALGOORLIE") carry out gunnery practices and sweep
adjustments in Port Phillip while other
ships are boiler cleaning.

On completion of boiler cleaning about 27/12 Flotilla is to proceed to Jervis Bay for minesweeping exercises.

- 1. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.
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- 16. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.
- 17. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.
- 18. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.
- 19. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.
- 20. HMCS "ALBATROSS" (Patrol Craft) departed Sydney Harbour 18/12/19 for Jervis Bay S.T.A. 00000/13.

To 0900K/Wednesday 20th December, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "ARABAT" departed Russelle 0540K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/23 (SOA.10.5).

APC.33 departed Emirau 0700K/18 for Torokina E.T.A. 1100K/21 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Store Ship) departed Noumea 1500K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/24 (SOA.16).

<u>U.S.S. "ALLEN TOWN"</u> (Frigate)	}	departed Leyte 1700K/18 for Hollandia
<u>U.S.S. "CHARLOTTVILLE"</u> "		E.T.A. 2100K/27 (SOA.6).
<u>U.S.S. "MACHIAS"</u> "		"KIMMEL" and "NICKEL" detach with
<u>U.S.S. "SANDUSKY"</u> "		"BISHOPDALE" and "CAPE GRASP" and
<u>U.S.S. "KIMMEL"</u> "		proceed SOA.10 E.T.A. 2000K/25.
<u>U.S.S. "T.F. NICKEL"</u> "		
escorting <u>LST 169</u> <u>LSM 25</u> and eleven merships		

YP.283 (Patrol Craft) departed Morotai 1900K/18 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0800K/21.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Sansapor 1400K/17 for Biak E.T.A. 1100K/18.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" departs Mios Woendi 1430K/18 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/19.

U.S.S. "SEVERN" (Oiler) arrived Hollandia 1430K/18 from Manus.

H.M.A.S. "GLEBELG" departed Hollandia 1900K/18 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/20 (SOA.10).

F.S. 159 departed Hollandia 1400K/15 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/17.

<u>U.S.S. "LONGBEACH"</u> (Frigate)	}	departed Manus for Bora Bora E.T.A.
<u>U.S.S. "GLENDALE"</u> "		0500K/28 for onward routing
<u>U.S.S. "SAN PEDRO"</u> "		Balboa. (SOA.15).
<u>U.S.S. "CORONADO"</u> "		
<u>U.S.S. "OGDEN"</u> "		
<u>U.S.S. "BELFAST"</u> "		

ATA.176 (Tug) departed Manus 2200K/17 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0600K/20

LCI's 616, 690 departed Manus 1000K/19 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2300K/20.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Madang 2015K/19 for Lae E.T.A. 1930K/20.

H.M.A.S. "HENALLA" departs Langemak 2200K/18 for Morobe E.T.A. 0700K/19 thence Buna 0700K/20.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Coast Guard Cutter) departed Langemak 2350K/18 for Madang E.T.A. 1300K/19.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Langemak 1230K/18 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "AMOHINE" (A.S.R.) arrived Oro Bay 1430K/17 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 819 departed Port Moresby 0924K/19 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1030K/20 (SOA.12).

HDML.1326 departed Merauke 1915K/18 for Silanden River and West Kestel River returning approx. 25th.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEBUWIN" arrived Thursday Island 1900K/18 from Milne Bay

H.M.A.S. "ESMERALDA" (A.S.R.) departed Gladstone 1130K/18 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1900K/19 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departs Brisbane 1600K/19 for Sydney E.T.A.
0600K/22 calling Newcastle E.T.A. 1200K/21 (SOA.9).

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) arrived Brisbane 17th from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" proceeding to sea A.M. 20th for exercises vicinity
Port Jackson.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) to depart Sydney A.M. 20th for
Brisbane for onward routing Los Angeles.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departed Port Phillip 1600K/19 for Fremantle E.T.A.
2030K/25 (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE") departed Cassini Island 1900K/19 for
H.M.A.S. "JUNEE") Darwin E.T.A. 0600K/21 9 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Darwin 0836K/18 for survey vicinity
Cape Fourcroy (Bathurst Island).

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE", "LISMORE", "MARYBOROUGH"
anchoring Apollo Bay until weather moderates - conditions unsuitable
for sweeping Bass Strait approaches.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that H.M.A.S.
"BUNBURY" considerably damaged and will take at least a month to
repair. This vessel in collision with submarine "SEAROVER" reported
in narrative of 18th December.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne informs that it is now
estimated that Bowens refit will not be completed before January 5th.
owing to delays incurred through boilermakers ceasing work on 21st
November owing to their unwillingness to punch the Bundy Clock at
South Wharf, and Christmas holidays.

H.M.A.S. "LARUS" (Loop repair vessel) commissioned
A.M. Tuesday 19th December at Sydney.

Admiralty informs that it has been approved for
"BATTLER" to be lent to the United States Navy for ferry duties in
the Pacific.

From Morotai -

AIR RAID WARNING 0519K/20.
AIR RAID IN PROGRESS 0525K/20.

"MILLEN GRIFFITH" Liberty Ship on passage
Fremantle - Colombo reported sighting a probable submarine
periscope at 1100K/19 in position 19°16'S 89°50'E. This position
approximately 1650 miles N.W. of Fremantle.

C.N.B. Biak reports that "VAQUERO", U.S. Army
small craft of 231 tons, en route Biak from Oia collided with H.M.A.S.
"GLENELG" en route Madang from Mios Woendi in position 146°57' 05"E
001 23' 08"S (between Cape D'Urville and Biak) at 2300K/18th.
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" only slightly damaged towed VAQUERO to Woendi and
beached her in a sinking condition. Attempting to salvage "VAQUERO".
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" is now of passage to Madang for docking for
examination E.T.A. 0800K/20.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests P.D. Hollandia to
instruct "TANCRED" to proceed Port Moresby to arrive not later than
5th January. When ready "TANCRED" is to tow lighter "MOMBAH".
from Port Moresby to Mios Woendi via Madang and is then to proceed
Sydney.

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to 0900K/Tuesday, 19th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Cargo Vessel) departed Espiritu Santo 1003K/17 for Noumea E.T.A. 0700K/19 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Bombay 2009K/16 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/29 thence United States. (SOA.19)
Partial escort from Bombay by destroyers "URSA" and "UNDAUNRED" who detach and return Trincomalee.

P.C.E. 852 (Patrol craft escort) departed Kossol 0730K/17 with convoy
P.C.E. 852 (" " ") to Leyte E.T.A. A.M.20th. (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "EBONY" (Netlayer) departed Noumea 090 OK/18 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/23 (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA") departed Mios Woendi 1630K/18 for
escorting) Palau E.T.A. 0700K/21.

U.S.S. "ACONTIUS" (M.T.B. Tender)

U.S.S. "ORANGE" (Frigate) departed Leyte 1400K/15 for Hollandia E.T.A.
USS "VAN BUREN" ") E.T.A. 1600K/21 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "PRIFFER" ") "ORANGE", "VAN BUREN", "LIDDLE", "LAMSON",
USS "TINSMAN" (Destroyer) detach with two M/V's and escort to
Escort) Kossol thence proceed Manus E.T.A. 0800K/
USS "RUSSEL" (Destroyer)) 21 (SOA.16).

S.C. 738

S.C. 748

USS "LIDDLE" (Destroyer)
Escort)

USS "LAMSON" (Destroyer))
escorting 19 merchant ships)

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT")

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA")

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE")

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN")

arrived Williamstown P.M.18th after mine
sweeping operations Wilson's Promontory
area.

APC.11 arrived Mios Woendi 1100K/17 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" to rendezvous at 1900K/18 with "TABINTA" off Owi Is.
and escort to later detach and return Mios Woendi.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Hollandia 1500K/16 for Mios Woendi
E.T.A. 1700K/17 (SOA.12).

U.S.S. "REFUGE" (Hospital Ship) departs Hollandia 0900K/19 for Leyte
E.T.A. 0700K/24 (SOA.10.5).

U.S.S. "BITTER" (Destroyer Escort)) departed Manus 1700K/15 for
escorting U.S.S. "CASTOR" (Cargo vessel)) Ulithi E.T.A. 0900K/18.
(SOA.14).

U.S.S. "VOLANS" (Stores Issuing Ship) departed Manus 1400K/15 for
Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 21st December.

U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" (Frigate) departed Manus 0900K/17 FOR Finschhafen
E.T.A. 0600K/18 (SOA.15).

U.S.S. "ALHENA" (Attack cargo) departed Manus 1310K/17 for Guadalcanal
E.T.A. 1100K/20. (SOA.15).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departed Madang 1815K/17 for Langemak E.T.A. A.M.18.
Buna A.M.21st.

H.M.A.S. "GLENEARN" (L.S.I.) departed Langemak 2015K/17 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 1530K/19.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" recall by C.T.G.70.5 to Milne Bay cancelled -
to proceed Brisbane.

HDML's 1322.) departed Thursday Island 0530K/19 for Cairns E.T.A.
 HDML 1323) A.M.26 for onward routeing to Townsville (SOA.6).

M.L. 809 departed Thursday Island 0503K/17 for Cairns E.T.A. 23/12
 for onward routeing to Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" on passage Milne Bay - Brisbane makes E.T.A.
 CALOUNDRA 0300K/22.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departs Melbourne Tuesday 19th December for Fremantle.

U.S.S. "ADMIRAL BENSON" (Transport) departed Melbourne 1100K/18
 to for Bombay E.T.A. 1900K/30 (SOA.20,21).

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") departed Port Phillip 2240K/17 for mine sweeping
 H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") operations Bass Strait area - to return on
 H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH") completion of operation to fuel.

H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" (Cruiser)) makes E.T.A. Fremantle 1600K/18 from
 H.M.S. "ACHILLES" (Cruiser)) Colombo Escort Carrier escort.

V.A.(Q) B.P.F. requests information from N.Z.N.B. whether a target ship
 for air torpedo training can be made available for use by
 R.N. at Jervis Bay, Australia. Ship would be required
 mid January complete with crew if possible.

Flag of C. in C. B.P.F. is to be re-hoisted in "HOWE" after arrival
 in harbour and is to remain flying until further orders.

C. in C. East Indies Station informs that a U-boat (German) was
 indicated by D/F between 0244K and 0409K/18th to be in
 the general vicinity of 015 S. 097°E (Indian Ocean approx.
 1,600 miles N.E. Fremantle.).

Comser Seventh Fleet instructs C.N.B. Alexishafen that complete water
 system Alexishafen need not be dismantled but left intact for
 R.A.N.

Comserfor Southwestpacific Force signal T.O.O.130849 December informs
 A.C.N.B. that above arrangement will stand provided certain
 equipment is furnished to replace that left at site.

It is intended to sail "HERON" (A.S.I.S.) from East Africa to Sydney
 on December.

N.O.I.C. Sydney informs that the estimated time of departure of
 "EMPRESS OFSCOTLAND" is 1700K Tuesday 19th December.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" placed at 48 hours' notice for boiler clean at
 Hobart. Estimated she will leave with second battle
 practice target on Thursday 28th December.

H.M.S. "HOWE" intends to clean two boilers - ship to be at 24 hours'
 notice.

"HERMELIN" (.A.S.I.S.) is to be sailed from Colombo to Fremantle for
 onward routeing to Sydney as soon as convenient.

To 0900K/Monday, 18th December, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" departed Russel Island 0900K/17th for Brisbane
E.T.A. Caloundra 0500K/20th (SOA.16).

U.S.S. "GENERAL R.L. HOWZE" (U.S.N.T.) departed San Francisco 0200K/16
for Oro Bay via Finschhafen. E.T.A. 31/12 (SOA.16.5).

U.S.S. "SUBQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Sansapor 0700K/15th from Biak.

U.S.S. "HEYWOOD" (Transport Attack APA6) arrived Aitape 1400K/15th.

U.S.S. "DIPHDA" (Cargo Attack AKA.59) departed Aitape 0530K/16 for
Noemfoor. E.T.A. 1600K/17th.

YMS.197) departed Torokina 16/12 for Manus. E.T.A.
escorting LCT.1030) 2000K/19th.

H.N.M.S. "RINDJANI" (Dutch M/S) arrived Biak 1700K/15th from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" arrived Morotai 1002K/16th from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" arrived Morotai 1002K/16th from Sansapor.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLIA" departs Manus 0600K/16th for Madang. E.T.A. 1800K/17.

H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" departed Manus 1700K/16th for Leyte. E.T.A. dusk
20/12th. (SOA.15).

LCI.610 departed Manus 1200K/15th for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 1800K/17th
(SOA.10).

U.S.S. "GENERAL McCRAE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Langemak 0800K/15th for
San Francisco. E.T.A. 31/12.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Fleet Oiler) departed Hollandia 0721K/16th for
Langemak. E.T.A. 1400K/18th.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departs Madang 1200K/19th for Lae. E.T.A. P.M.20/12.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HASE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Langemak 1300K/16th for Manus.
E.T.A. 0600K/17th.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" departed Madang 1820K/15th for Mios Woendi.
E.T.A. 0700K/19th.

HDML.1339 departed Madang 1705K/16th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0900K/18th.

U.S.S. "DARBY" (Destroyer Escort) arrived Milne Bay 0830K/17th from
Manus.

M.L. 819 arrived Port Moresby 1514K/16th from Abau.

M.L. 809 departs Thursday Island 1530K/17th for Cairns for o/r
to Brisbane. E.T.A. Cairns P.M.23/12.

H.D.M.L. 1353 departed Cairns for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1730K/19th.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" departs Darwin A.M.17/12 for Thursday Island.
E.T.A. A.M.20/12. (SOA.12).

MERCEDES) depart Darwin A.M.19/12 for Cairns/water, thence Sydney.
MEDEA)

H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (A.S.R.) departed Gladstone 0500K/16th for
TOWNSVILLE E.T.A. P.M.19/12 (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1810K/16th for escort duties.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" E.T.A. Caloundra 1900K/17th from Langemak.

P.C. 597 arrived Sydney 0600K/16th from Tulagi and departs Sydney 27/12 for Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" departed Melbourne 1820K/16th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0700K/19th (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departed Port Phillip 2100K/15th for sweeping operations.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" (Cruiser) E.T.D. Fremantle A.M.20/12 for Sydney.

H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" (Cruiser) E.T.A. daylight 25/12.

H.M.S. "RAJAH" (Escort carrier) departs Clyde for Admiraltys.

H.M. S/M "TRADEWIND" en route Fremantle. E.T.A. position (D) 006° 100°28'E. 1430K/16th (SOA approx. 10).

"VACONA" (Unclassified) departed Manus 1800K/15th for Mios Woendi via Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/17th (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" departed Milne Bay 0737K/17th for Cro Bay. E.T.A. 1800K/16th (SOA.6).

U.S.S. "LYRA" (AK 101 cargo ship) departed Espiritu Santo 17/12 towing U.S.S. "PRESERVER" (Salvage vessel).

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" escorting) departed Morotai 16/12 for Mios
LCT's 951, 952, 953) Woendi.

LST 941 departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/17th for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A. 1500K/23rd 9 (SOA. 10.5).

ATR 23 (Rescue Tug) departed Hollandia 2345K/14th for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0200K/17th.

U.S.S. "TALBOT" (Destroyer) departed Manus 1200K/15th for Aitape. E.T.A. 0900K/16th.

H.M.S. "QUILLIAN")
H.M.S. "QUADRON")
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" Destroyers "ATHELING", "BATTLER" in 35°05'S 102°
H.M.A.S. "QUALITY") 44'E. at 1400K/17th. The destroyers
were damaged and delayed by bad weather
and now are expected to rendezvous
P.M.18th. "STRIKER" and "FENCER" are
bound Melbourne. "ATHELING" and
"BATTLER" are to continue with the
destroyers to Sydney.

Inclining experiment for H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" is proposed at Sydney about 23/12.

N.O.I.C. Sydney requires 3 M.L.'s to provide A/S protection for H.M.A.S. "HOBART" whilst in Jervis Bay for working up practices and intends to use M.L. 823, M.L. 822 (at present doing patrol duties in vicinity of Coffs Harbour) and H.D.M.L. 1341. M.L. 822 will revert to patrol duties when H.M.A.S. "HOBART" returns to Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Darwin advises earliest possible time of departure of WOMBAH is P.M. 22/12 which will permit arrival at Pt. Moresby A.M.1st Jan.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MANN" (U.S.N.T.) en route Bombay to Melbourne has been re routed to Brisbane omitting Melbourne, thence Milne Bay and Los Angeles.

At 0230K/17th H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" and H.M. Submarine SEAROVER collided off ROTNEST.

By telephone at about 2000K/17th it was learned that both ships were alongside and had suffered no casualties. The outer hull of the submarine was damaged to the extent of 7 feet and BUNBURY was damaged on starboard side forward.

Commander (D) advises. H.M.S. "GLENELG" sustained underwater defects to hull necessitating docking for examination. Ship is to be sailed to Madang if examination cannot be arranged at Hollandia.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 17th December, 1944.

- L.S.M. 128 Departed Tulagi 0920K/15th for Manus, E.T.A. a.m./19th.
- U.S.S. "RIXEY" (Evacuation Transport). Departed Noumea 0700K/15th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0800K/20th. (S.O.A.17).
- L.S.M. 131 Departed Bora Bora 1000K/15th for Espiritu Santo. E.T.A. 25/12. (S.O.A. 10-11).
- U.S.S. "INGHAM" (Cruising Cutter) Arrived Bora Bora 0800K/14th and departed 0300K/15th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 27/12. (S.O.A.14).
- F.S. 172 Departed Green Island 0600K/16th for Lunga. E.T.A. 1300K/18th. (S.O.A. 9.75).
- U.S.S. "ZAURAK" (Cargo Ship) } Arrived Green Island 0600K/15th,
Escorted by } from Torokina.
CAP DES PALMES (French Fighting Ship)
- U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital Ship) Departed Leyte 1500K/14th for Manus. E.T.A. 2000K/20th. (S.O.A. 10.5).
- U.S.S. "VOLANS" (Store Issuing Ship) Departed Manus 1500K/15th for Espiritu Santo. Ship has been diverted to Noumea (S.O.A. 10).
- F.S. 172 Departed Mios Woendi 1400K/15th for Manus. E.T.A. 0900K/18th.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" }
escorting F.S. 183 } Departed Morotai 1900K/15th for Biak. (S.O.A.4).
towing Pile Driver }
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Departed Madang 1216K/15th for Hollandia, thence Mios Woendi. E.T.A. Hollandia 1500K/15th.
- H.M.A.S. "YUNKHAN" Arrived Hollandia 0800K/15th from Manus.
- P.C.1132 Departed Langemak 1316K/14th for Torokina. E.T.A.1715K/15th.
- U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) Departed Hollandia 0630K/14th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0600K/21st. (S.O.A. 15).
- U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" } (Store Ship) Arrived Hollandia 0900K/14th.
and tow }
- U.S.S. "REFUGE" (Hospital Ship) Arrived Langemak 1300K/14th from Balboa.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/16th from Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "PAYE C" Departed Port Moresby 0835K/16th for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1001K/18th. (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" Departed Milne Bay 1137K/12th for Madang, towing steel barge. E.T.A. 0600K/15th. (S.O.A. 8).
- Y.M.S. 393 Departed Cairns 0400K/16th for Brisbane. E.T.A. Caloundra 1100K/19th. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.D.M.L. 1353 Departed Townsville 1430K/15th for Thursday Island, calling Cairns en route for fuel, water and fresh provisions. E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/16th. (S.O.A. 10.)
- H.M.A.S. "LEILANI"(A.S.R.) Arrived Gladstone 0700K/15th from Brisbane.

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H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT") with H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney
H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") 1032K/16th for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0100K/18th.
(S.O.A. 11).

H.M.A.S. "GUNBAR" Departed Port Kembla 0035K/15th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0830K/15th. (S.O.A. 6.)

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") Depart Williamstown 1900K/17th for
"LYSMORE") sweeping operations.
"MARYBOROUGH")

U.S.S. "INDUS" (Net Cargo Ship) Departed Hollandia 1700K/15th for Manus, E.T.A. 0900K/17th.

The following message was received by telephone from Sydney :-

On arrival Sydney p.m./16th, "EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND" reported a fire in No. 2 Hold. Steps were taken to provide fire floats. Fire is now reported out and ship is in harbour at anchor.

Owing to the necessity of rebricking boiler, H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" due to depart Sydney for Melbourne 14/12, sailed in company with H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" and H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" a.m./16th.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" reports unexploded depth charge latitude 038°10'00" South 144°50'44" East. (Port Phillip Bay).

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" required at New Guinea at the earliest possible date in order to be available for important operational duty on 1st January. H.O.I.C. Brisbane advises "HAWKESBURY" can be docked during 28th-31st December.

Williamstown Dockyard reports that all dockyard work on "ADELAIDE" is now complete.

H.O.I.C. Townsville reports floating mine sighted 020°02'40" South 148°42'12" East at 1554K/16th. (Approximately 100 miles south of Townsville).

The following has been read from 5th Air Force, 14/12 :-

Air Raid Warning.

from Western Approaches to Pt. Phillip returning to Williamstown to fuel/complete of sweeping. To call again 1200K/17 for further sweeping.

To 0900K/Saturday, 16th December, 1944.

LGI.589 departed Noumea 1700K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/22 (SOA.10).

LSM 12B departs Tulagi 0500K/15 for Manus E.T.A. A.M.19th (SOA.11).

LST.806 departed Sepiritu Santo 0500K/15 for Manus E.T.A. 22nd.

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) arrived Morotai 1400K/13 from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" arrived Morotai 1600K/14 escorting tanker from Biak.

YP.283 (Patrol craft)) arrived Morotai 0800K/14 from Sansapor.
LCT's 629, 634, 684)

FS.172 arrived Mios Woendi 2145K/12 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "THUBAN" (Cargo attack) arrived Aitape 13th December.

U.S.S. "LARK" (Minesweeper) departed Hollandia 1245K/14 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0800K/16.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" departed Hollandia 1300K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/15
To depart Manus not later than 18th December for Madang
to report to N.O.I.C. New Guinea for duty.

U.S.S. "WILLMARTH" (Destroyer Escort) departed 1700K/13 escorting merchant ship
to Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/15 (SOA.10.5).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departs Manus 0600K/16 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/17.

YC.75 (Open Lighter) departed Madang 1845K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/14

HDML.1339 departs Madang P.M.16 for Hollandia E.T.A. 18th/12.

U.S.S. "GENERAL F.W. HASE" (Transport) arrived Langemak 0600K/14 from
TOROKINA.

U.S.S. "GENERAL J.M. McRAE" (Transport) arrived Langemak 0830K/14 from
Cro Bay.

H.M.A.S. ELLAN arrived Jacquinot Bay 0800K/15 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Coast Guard Cutter) departed Milne Bay 1847K/14 to
service coastal lights. (SOA.10).

HDML.1322, 1323 arrived Thursday Island P.M.14th from Merauke.

HDML.1358, 1357 departed Sydney 0943K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/17
for onward routing to Madang., calling Coff's Harbour
E.T.A. 1500K/15. (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "PANDEON" (Loop Repair Vessel) departed Port Kembla 2015K/14
for Sydney E.T.A. 0430K/15. (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" departed Sydney 1651K/12 for Hobart E.T.A. 1200K/16
(SOA.7).

U.S.S. "ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. BENSON" (Transport) arrived Port Phillip
0530K/16 from San Pedro. Vessel was diverted to Sydney
but apparently had not received the diversion signal.

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") returning to Williamstown to fuel/on
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") completion of sweeping. To sail
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH") again 2359K/17 for further sweeping.

M.S.L. 704 (Stores Lighter) departed Thevenard 1101K/14 for Albany
E.T.A. P.M.19. (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" departed Darwin 1107K/14 escorting convoy to
vicinity Cape Don. E.T.A. 2230K/14.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" departed Milne Bay 0327K/15 for Brisbane -
Recalled to Milne Bay by C.T.G.70.5.

M.L. 803 departed Gladstone 1500K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1700K/16
(SOA.13).

S.C. 732 arrived Hollandia 0900K/14. To be sailed Leyte when ready.
escort

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" detached from duty by Com (D) and sent Hollandia
E.T.A. 1100K/16.

In view of extended area of responsibility for
lighting and navigational aids under control of Com. Task Group 70.5,
O.C.H.B. requests approval to retain services of H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN"
until conversion of H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" is completed.

H.D.M.L.'s 1322 and 1323 which arrived Thursday Island
from Merauke for repairs will require to be slipped. N.O.I.C.
Thursday Island proposes to sail ships to Cairns as they cannot be
slipped at Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "LOLITA" (54 motor launch) was allocated to
N.O.I.C. New Guinea for general duties and was fitted in Sydney with
the new Ford V.8 engines. The launch reached Cairns on 28th November
on passage to Madang. The Base Engineer Officer Cairns has recommended
that "LOLITA" be despatched to a southern base for refitting or re-
engining. N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that "LOLITA" was ready for
passage south and requested instructions. He has been told to hold
her at Cairns pending a decision on her future movements.

Principal Naval Overseer Maryborough (Q'land)
announces that Frigate No.13 (SHOALHAVEN) was successfully launched
1045K/14 December.

H.M.A. Ships "BALLARAT", "KALGOORLIE", "GOULBURN",
"WHYALLA" to complete minimum of 50% searching sweep of shipping routes
Wilsons Promontory area before proceeding to Melbourne. Ships to
operate from Waterloo Bay.

Amended completion date of refit of H.M.A.S. "QUICK-
MATCH" now 27th December.

"STEPHEN GIRARD", liberty ship on passage Langemak -
San Francisco, reported at 0958K/5. "position 7°26'S. 150° 39'E.
Firing on submarine." This position approx. 70 miles north of Tro-
briand Islands. N.O.I.C. New Guinea confirmed from C.T.G.71.9 that
submarine was hostile and issued a general warning to all vessels that
area.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea sees no objection to "TANCRED"
towing "MOMBAH" from Port Moresby. "MOMBAH" will be coaled from
"MATTHEW FLINDERS" about 2nd January.

Motor Stores Lighter 704 on passage Thevenard -
Albany in middle of Bight will soon be experiencing gale weather

H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" requests approval to fit one
Bofors 14 MM gun on existing mounting in lieu of four inch gun now
removed from ship.

"ALCOA PIONEER" disabled in Sopacs area reported
that trouble was high and low pressure reduction gear stripped. Turbine
possibly out of line due to bomb casualty at Leyte. Patrol vessel
standing by assisting.

To 0900K/Friday, 15th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "BEBAS" (Destroyer Escort) departed Espiritu Santo 0822K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/13 for onward routing to Kessol (SOA.14).

U.S.S. "GENERAL POPE" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Bombay 1734K/11 from Melbourne

U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (Gunboat) departed Emirau 1830K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 0830K/14 (SOA.12).

P.C. 1128 escorting U.S.A.T. "SHAWNEE" departed Guadalcanal 1500K/14 for Finschhafen E.T.A. "SHAWNEE" P.M. 16. P.C. detaches at 159° (SOA.16).

H.M.A.S. "BROOME") departed Morotai 0100K/14 for Mios Woendi
H.M.A.S. "COWRA") E.T.A. 0100K/16.
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")

H.M.A.S. "COLAC") arrived Morotai 1400K/13 escorting B.G. 507
H.M.A.S. "STAWELL") from Biak.
H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA")

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE") departed Biak 1800K/13 for Morotai E.T.A.
A.P.C. 13) 0700K/16.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" departed Biak 1400K/13 for Sansapor E.T.A. 1500K/14 to escort ready ships to Morotai.

LCI.608 departed Mios Woendi 1700K/13 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 2050K/15.

APC.3 departed Mios Woendi 1400K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/14.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" to rendezvous with submarine "STINGRAY" at 0600K/15 and escort to Mios Woendi.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0545K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/14 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "COOLBAUGH" (Destroyer) departed Manus 1400K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/14. (SOA.16).

U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) arrives Manus 0730K/12 from Tulagi.

U.S.S. "GENDREAU" (Destroyer) departed Manus 0700K/13 for Purvis E.T.A. 0500K/16 (SOA.16).

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" departed Manus 1800K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/15.

U.S.S. "GRASP" (Salvage Vessel) proceeding Manus with tows E.T.A. 25th December.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" E.T.D. Manus 16th December for Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M. 27th via Madang, Langemak, Morebe and Kiriwina.

M.L. 802 delayed Madang E.T.D. now 1700K/15 for Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "WILFANNIA" departed Madang 1900K/13 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/15.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPIRITHEAD" (L.S.I.)) departed Langemak 1707K/14 escorted
H.M.S. "CLAN LAMONT" (L.S.I.)) by P.C. 1131 to rendezvous with
H.M.S. "ARIADNE" at 0600K/15
thence to Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/
19. P.C. 1131 detaches for
Hollandia.

U.S.S. "GENERAL KERSEY" (Transport) departed Langemak 1530K/13 for Noumea E.T.A. 1700K/17.

U.S.S. "GENERAL McRAE" (Transport) departed Oro Bay 2225K/13 for Langemak E.T.A. 0900K/14 (SOA.16).

YMS.393 departed Milne Bay 0507K/13 for Brisbane.

HDML.1322) departed Merauke 1030K/13 for Thursday Island for refit.
HDML.1323)

H.N.M.S. "SMEROE" (Minesweeper) arrived Merauke 1600K/13 from Biak Bian River.

M.L. 819 departed Port Moresby 0620K/13 for Abau calling at Coastal ports - to return 16th December.

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine) departed Cairns 1020K/12 for Cooktown E.T.A. 1000K/13 thence Thursday Island E.T.A. 21st Dec.

M.L. 803 departed Townsville 0020K/14 for Gladstone E.T.A. 0800K/15 thence Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/16 (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departs Brisbane 1000K/14 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/18.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departed Sydney 0926K/13 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/15.

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") departed Port Phillip 0505K/14 for
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") minesweeping operations Bass Strait
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH") area.

H.M.S. "QUILLIAM") arrived Albany 1240K/13 after "HOWE" escort.
H.M.S. "QUADRANT")
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON")
H.M.A.S. "QUALITY")

N.O.I.C. Port Moresby informs that Dutch minesweeper can be taken in hand for slipping and overhaul in early January.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" on completion, February, 1945, will be allocated to Com. Task Group 70.5 to replace H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" in Task Unit 70.5.1.

H.D.M.L.'s 1354, 1355 have been allocated to operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea. When ready at Brisbane are to be sailed Madang.

Air raid in progress at Morotai 0432K/15.

N.O.I.C. Sydney informs that nine air searescue craft now ready at Sydney for shipment to northern bases. Others are becoming available shortly. There appears to be no possibility of obtaining shipping space in near future. Ends. Some of them have been ready for past two months. R.A.A.F. require these craft urgently.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 14th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" departed Biak/12th for Morotai and departed Morotai 1800K/12 for Hollandia escorted by H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA". E.T.A. 1900K/14th. Escort detaches 0000K/13th.

F.S. 164 departed Mios Woendi 1800K/11 for Manus. E.T.A. 1600K/14th.

YP.283)
LCI'S 629)
LR.684)

"GRAND TETON"

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" escorting Tanker/departed Biak 1900K/12th for Morotai ~~"GRAND TETON"~~ E.T.A. 1800K/14th.

LSM 268 departed Hollandia 1600K/2nd for Manus.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" arrived Hollandia 0700K/12th from Madang. Departed 0730K/13th for Biak.

V.S. "MERKUR" arrived Madang from Langemak 12th December.

P.C. 1131 departed Langemak 11/12th for escort duty with U.S. S/M.

H.M.A.S. "ELLAN" (Seine Net) departed Langemak 12/12 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. A.M. 14/12th.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departed Langemak 1844K/12th for Brisbane.

H.L. 809 departed Darwin 0530K/12th for Millingimbi. E.T.A. 0830K/13th thence Thursday Island, E.T.A. 0900K/15th for o/r to Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "FAYE C." arrived Port Moresby 1416K/12th from Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departs Caloundra 1700K/14th for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1600K/18th for o/r to Fremantle.

H.L. 803 departs Cairns 1500K/12th for Brisbane for o/r to Sydney calling Townsville and Gladstone for fuel. E.T.A. Townsville P.M. 12th.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" departed Sydney 1651K/12th for Hobart. E.T.A. 1200K/16th.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" arrived Sydney 1752K/12th from Jervis Bay.

U.S.S. ADMIRAL BENSON (U.S.N.T.) E.T.A. Sydney from San Pedro 0500K/16 (Passed to N.O.I.C. Sydney).

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departs Sydney A.M.13th for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departs Sydney A.M.14th for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT")
H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN")

H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (.A.S.R.) departed Caloundra 1500K/15th for TOWNSVILLE E.T.A. 1800K/19th.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" departed Browse Island area for Darwin and Thursday Island. E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/14th. (SOA.8).

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" departs Melbourne 2359K/13th to join "LISMORE" and "MARYBOROUGH" off Portsea by 0300K/14th. and communicate orders for sweeping operation commencing 0400K/14th and ending P.M.15th. The sweep has been negative to date.

P.C. 590 departed Guadalcanal 1300K/13th for Manus E.T.A. dusk 17/12 (SOA.11).

M.L. 810 proceeding Twofold Bay having taken drifting barge in tow.

M.L. 802 E.T.D. Madang 1700K/14 for Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") E.T.A. Madang 0700K/13th from escort duty.
H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN")

<u>U.S.S. "NICHOLAS"</u> (Destroyer)	)	Escorting Merchant Ships departed
<u>U.S.S. "MUGFORD"</u>	)	Leyte 0200K/9th for Hollandia.
<u>U.S.S. "DRAYTON"</u>	)	E.T.A. 1700K/4th. U.S.S.
<u>U.S.S. "OGDEN"</u> (Frigate)	)	"MUGFORD" and "DRAYTON" E.T.A. Manus
<u>U.S.S. "BELFAST"</u>	)	1700K/15th.
<u>U.S.S. "CORONADO"</u>)	
<u>U.S.S. "SAN PEDRO"</u>)	
<u>U.S.S. "GLENDALE"</u>)	

"WESTWARD HO" (U.S. Cargo ship) aground Tami Island (about 5½ miles S.E. Cape Cretin, Finschhafen) 8/12th refloated 13/12.

FROM N.O.I.C. DARWIN.

An American mine Mk. 26-1 accidentally dropped moorings in position 12 deg. 28 min. 27 sec. S. 130 deg. 50 min. 30 sec. E. 13/12. (about 10 miles from attempting to salvage.

R.A.A.F. Radar Station Cape Otway reports interference from jamming device for 2 min. at 0020K/13th bearing 170 deg. This may be accounted for by possible interference by "LISMORE" and "MARYBOROUGH" Radar operating in vicinity.

P.C. 1131 assigned to operational control COMPHILSEAFRON and is to be sailed from Langemak for Leyte as soon as ready.

<u>P.C. 1121</u>	)	assigned to operational control COMPHILSEAFRON and are to
<u>S.C. 741</u>	)	be sailed for Leyte as soon as ready.
<u>S.C. 981</u>)	
<u>S.C. 732</u>)	
<u>S.C. 746</u>)	

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 13th December, 1944.

H.M.S. "MENESTHEUS" (Minelayer)) arrived Cristobal 0400K/9th
H.M.S. "AGAMEMNON" (Minelayer)) December.

YP.283) arrived Sansapor 1800K/10th from Mios Woendi
With 9 LCT (I))

LSM. 133, 225,) arrived Segond Channel Santo 0823K/12th from Bora Bora
LSF.541)

U.S.S. "TAURUS" (Store Ship) departed New Georgia 0530K/11th for
Napier E.T.A. 1700K/19th.

U.S.S. "APACHE" (Tug) departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/12th for
Hollandia for o/r Leyte. E.T.A. Hollandia 17/12.
(SOA.14.5/15).

LCI-67 departed Manus 1800K/11th for Mios Woendi, via Hollandia.
E.T.A. Hollandia dawn 13/12. (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departed Morotai 1347K/10th for Biak. E.T.A.
1000K/2th.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" detached from Pelelieu/ Russels convoy on 12/12
to refuel Manus and rejoin convoy dusk 13/12.
E.T.A. Russel Island dawn 18/12. H.M.A.S.
"HAWKESBURY" E.T.A. Brisbane if directed 21/12.
SOA.(9).

ATR 86 towing YP.67 departed Manus 1100K/10th for Hollandia. E.T.A.
0600K/15.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departed Madang 1800K/11th for Langemak. E.T.A.
1000K/12th thence to Brisbane. E.T.A. Caloundra
A.M.18th.

APC.42 departed Hollandia 1800K/11th for Green Island.

U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Transport) departed Lae 1255K/10th for Manus
E.T.A. 1300K/11th.

YMS.393 departed Langemak 1006K/11th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/12th.

HDML.1327 departed Milne Bay 0957K/12th for Lae. E.T.A. 1700K/13th
(SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" departed Darwin 0900K/11th for Cassini Island
E.T.A. 1800K/12th.

Y5. departed Milne Bay 1100K/12th for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1800K/13th.

U.S.S. "KENWOOD" (Unclassified) Brisbane/Hollandia. Delayed Brisbane
for repairs. Substantial leakage in after peak tank.
Revised E.T.D. 1400K/12th.

H.M.A.S. "BARREGO" bound Leyte via Hollandia is delayed at Brisbane
owing defect No. 2 gun mounting.

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" in company with 2 U.S. S/M. depart Caloundra
0900K/15th for exercises returning 1800K/18th.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" departed Sydney 1425K/11th for Jervis Bay.(SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "PANDION" (Loop Repair Vessel) departed Sydney 0811K/12th for
Pt. Kembla and arrived 1705K/12th (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" departs Sydney P.M.11/12 for Hobart.

H.M.S. "HOWE" with escorts } arrived Fremantle 10/12th from Colombo.
H.M.S. "GUILLIAM" } departed Fremantle destroyers escorting
H.M.S. "QUADRANT" } to 125°E thence Albany. "HOWE" E.T.A.
H.M.S. "GUTHRON" } SYDNEY.
H.M.S. "QUALITY" }

U.S.S. "GENERAL MANN" (U.S.N.T.) departed Bombay 7/12 for U.S.A.
via Melbourne and Milne Bay. E.T.A. Melbourne
0630K/20th December.

From "BANDALIER" (U.S. Tanker) sighted and fired at but not sunk
1 cylinder 1 float Antenna 2 deg. South 140 deg.
14 min E. (40 miles N.W. Humboldt Bay) at 1312H/12
(Passed to N.O.I.C. New Guinea).

From a U.S. WARSHIP to Noumea - Submarine submerged in latitude
15 deg. 51 min. South 158 deg. 36 min. E. at 2040H/12.
(Approx. 750 miles west of Espiritu Santo) (In
N.O.I.C. Townsville's area).
(Passed to Com, 7th Fleet, N.O.I.C. New Guinea, P.D.
Milne Bay, N.O.I.C. Townsville by emergency signal).

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" reports - carried out sweep through position W
and T negative result. Continuing sweep daylight
hours 13th. H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" rendezvous
with me in position at 0400K/13th.

Master "SAN ADOLFO" reports floating mine sunk by gunfire position
16° 35' S. 145° 44' E. at 1820/26th Nov. (20 miles
north of Cairns).

M.L. 817 was paid off at Sydney 1 P.M. Monday 11th December.

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLAN" commissioned at Sydney A.M. Monday 11th December.

H.D.M.L.'s 1354 and 1355 commissioned at Brisbane at 0900K/11th
DECEMBER.

M.L. 825 comes out of dock at Hollandia A.M. 12th December. Delay
in docking due to high priority of combatant ships.
After trial ship will commence duty probably 14th December.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 12th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MANN" (Transport) departed Bombay 1431K/7 for United States via Melbourne E.T.A. 0630K/20.

APC.33 (Patrol Craft) departed New Georgia 1745K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/13 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "HYPERION" departed Green 1900K/10 for Emirau E.T.A. 0700K/12 (SOA.10.5).

U.S.S. "GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT" (Transport) departed San Francisco 3rd December for Finschhafen E.T.A. 18th December.

<u>U.S.S. "FLUSSER"</u> (Destroyer)	} Departed Leyte 1735K/9 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/13 (SOA.13.5).
<u>U.S.S. "SHAW"</u> "	
<u>U.S.S. "WHITMARSH"</u> (Artillery Transport)	
<u>U.S.S. "EPPING FOREST"</u> " "	
<u>U.S.S. "BELL GROVE"</u> " "	
<u>U.S.S. "GUNSTON HALL"</u> " "	
<u>U.S.S. "OAK HILL"</u> " "	

U.S.S. "GENERAL HASE" (Transport) on passage Pearl Harbour Milne Bay has been diverted to Torokina. E.T.A. 11th December.

U.S.S. "MERCY" (Hospital Ship) departed Leyte 1700K/9 for Hollandia

U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" (Frigate) departed Morotai 1200K/10 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1900K/12, thence Fremantle via Manus (SOA.15).

<u>U.S.S. "SAKATONCHER"</u>	} departed Biak 1800K/10 with B.G.507 for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/13.
<u>H.M.A.S. "STAWELL"</u>	
<u>H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA"</u>	
<u>H.M.A.S. "COLAC"</u>	

U.S.S. "CAPE JOHNSON" (Transport) arrived Aitape 1430K/8 from Manus.

APC.2 departed Mios Noendi 0700K/11 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1400K/12. to join Leyte convoy.

<u>H.M.A.S. "KAFUNDA"</u>	} departed Hollandia 0700K/11 for Biak E.T.A. 0900K/12. (SOA.11).
<u>H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG"</u>	

<u>H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON"</u>	} arrived Hollandia 1000K/10 from Madang.
<u>H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE"</u>	
<u>S.C. 741</u>	

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" departed Madang 1850K/10 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/2. To come under operational control of Commander "D" on arrival.

<u>H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY"</u>	} departed Peleliu for Russells 1500K/8 escorting convoy No.4 (SOA.9).
<u>H.M.A.S. "ARARAT"</u>	

<u>U.S.S. "WILSON"</u> (Destroyer)	} departed Manus 1300K/10 for Torokina E.T.A. 1300K/12/ (SOA.16).
<u>U.S.S. "LE ROY"</u>	

YMS.393 arrived Langemak 1744K/10 from Manus E.T.D. A.M.11 for Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" E.T.A. Milne Bay A.M.11 from Madang.

U.S.S. "TORCHWOOD" (Net Tender) departed Milne Bay 0320K/11 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0930K/15.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1320K/11 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0701K/14. (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "ESMERALDA" (A.S.R.) departed Cairns 0315K/11 for Brisbane for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (A.S.R.) sailing from Brisbane deferred.

YMS. 313 departs Brisbane 1200K/12 for Bellina E.T.A. 0500K/13.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) on passage Bombay - Melbourne has been diverted to Sydney via Hobart.

U.S.S. "ADMIRAL W.S. BENSON" (Transport) on passage San Pedro - Melbourne Bombay has been diverted to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" departs Sydney 1400K/11 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 0900K/12 to take in tow army hull for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" arrived Melbourne 2220K/10 from Fremantle.

M.S.L. 704 (Lighter) departed Adelaide 1225K/11 for Thevenard E.T.A. P.M.13. thence Albany.

H.M.S. "SPIRIT" (Submarine) arrived Fremantle 9th December from Trincomalee

Admiralty informs C. in C. B.P.F. - D.20 (dock, 2750 tons) allocated originally to Trincomalee to meet docking requirements of submarines, has been re-allocated for same purpose to forward area in Pacific. Dock is due to leave United Kingdom on or about 20th December.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE", H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" to sail at 0600K/today Tuesday 12th December to carry out a searching double crosepa sweep of slipping routes Bass Strait. It is anticipated that H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" will join ships A.M. Thursday on completion of engine defects.

To 0900K/Monday, 11th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) departed Tulagi 1030K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/12. (SOA.14.5).

U.S.S. "APACHE" (Tug) to depart Espiritu Santo 12th December for Hollandia for onward routing to Leyte to report to Com. 7th Fleet.

U.S.S. "CELESTIAL" departed Espiritu Santo 1600K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 16th December.

P.C. 597 departs Tulagi 1100K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/16 (SOA.13).

LST.806 arrived Espiritu Santo 10th December from Bora Bora.

U.S.S. "TAURUS" (Store Ship) departed Torokina 1700K/9 for Munda E.T.A. 1700K/10 thence Napier (N.Z.).

LSM.130 arrived Espiritu Santo 10th December from Bora Bora.

H.M.S. "ATHELING" (Escort Carrier)) Departed Cochin 1733K/8 for
escorted by) Sydney E.T.A. 1900K/24th.
H.M.S. "WAGER" (Destroyer))

H.M.A.S. "GOWRA") arrived Morotai 1200K/10 escorting B.G.506
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG") from Biak.

YP.233 (Patrol Craft) departed Mios Woendi 1900K/8 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/10.

U.S.S. "ORION" (Submarine tender) departed Mios Woendi 1100K/10 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 24th December (SOA.15).

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Mios Woendi 0715K/10 for Madang E.T.A. 1900K/12.

U.S.S. "OTUS" (Sub. Tender) arrived Hollandia 1550K/9 from Manus.

U.S.S. "ACONTIUS" (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Aitape 1500K/7 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 1400K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2200K/18 (SOA.10).

YMS.393 departed Manus 1200K/9 for Cairns via Langemak E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/10 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "GENERAL C.G. MORTON" (Transport)) departed Manus 1500K/9
escorted by U.S.S. "ENGLAND" (Destroyer Escort)) for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 0600K/12 (SOA.17).

U.S.S. "LYRA" (Cargo Ship) towing) departed Manus 1300K/9 for
U.S.S. "PRESERVER" (Salvage Vessel)) Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 0500K/16
(SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departed Milne Bay 1330K/9 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/11.

"KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) departed Milne Bay 1025K/9 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1330K/12.

H.M.S. "GLENBARN" (L.S.I.) departed Milne Bay 0507K/10 for Langemak E.T.A. 0500K/11 (SOA.17).

U.S.S. "CHIWAUKUM" (Gasoline Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1720K/9 from Espiritu Santo.

LCI.968 towing barge) depart Cairns 0900K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
LCT.254) 1700K/13 (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "ESMERALDA" (A.S.R.) departs Cairns 0300K/11 for Brisbane for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine) departed Townsville 0659K/10 for CAIRNS E.T.A. 1200K/11 thence Thursday Island for onward routing Madang.

H.D.M.L. 1324 departs Brisbane 1300K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/14 for onward routing Darwin (SOA.16).

H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (A.S.R.) departs Brisbane 1500K/10 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/16 for onward routing Madang - calling Gladstone E.T.A. 0700K/12. (SOA.17).

H.M.A.S. "WATO" amended E.T.A. Sydney from Bowen 0700K/11.

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") on passage Fremantle to Melbourne.
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH") Engaged on submarine search - result negative. E.T.A. Port Phillip 1930K/11.

M.L. 809 departs Darwin 12th December for Brisbane for refit.

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" departed Darwin 2210K/9 for Cassini Island E.T.A. 0700K/11.

H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" proceeding to Bathurst Island (Darwin area) to discharge U.S. Army ship.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" is to be detached from Com. Task Unit 70.5.3 at present operating in the Darwin area and sailed to join Com. Task Unit 70.5.2 in "CHALLENGER" operating in Torres Strait area. "ECHUCA" will be replaced by "BENALLA".

Small army craft "SWAN" reported aground Arlington Reef in the daily Narrative of 9th December. Apparently in company with three other small army craft. All have arrived safely at Cairns.

"ILLISSOS" Greek cargo ship reported attacked by submarine in the Daily Narrative of 10th December, was boarded by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne who interrogated nine members of the crew, including the Master. Report of submarine sighting was graded A.1. Merchant shipping concerned has been diverted and N.O.I.C.'s concerned have been informed of the degree of grading. H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" with H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" who were searching, have reported negative result, and are proceeding Port Phillip. E.T.A. 1930K/11. R.A.A.F. intend to carry out a search at 0800K/11 with four A.S.V. fitted Ansons.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 10th December.

- P.C. 597 - Departs Guadalcanal about 10/12 for Sydney. On arrival vessel granted 10 days' rehabilitation.
- H.M.S. "GLAN LAMONT" - Departed Cairns 1601K/7th for Milne Bay for fuel and water thence Finschafen. E.T.A. North Foreland 0800K/9th. (SOA.13.5)
- U.S.S. "CASTOR" (General Stores Issue Ship) - Departs Espiritu Santo 1400K/9th for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A. 1100K/14th. (SOA.14 - 15)
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE") - Departed Madang 1730K/8th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1700K/10th. On arrival to come under demarcation control of Commander (D).
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- S.C. 741) - Departed Madang 1730K/8th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1700K/10th. On arrival to come under operational control P.D. Hollandia.
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- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" - Departed Langemak 1033K/7th for Madang. E.T.A. 1000K/8th.
- L.S.T. ? 24, 640, 937 - Departed Espiritu Santo 8/12 for Manus. E.T.A. 1100K/15th. (SOA.10)
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Arrived Madang 1000K/8th and departed 1630K/8th for Hollandia. On arrival to come under operational control of Commander (D).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Sydney 0900K/9th for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 0900K/16th. (SOA.10)
- L.C.I. (G) 66 - Departed Manus 0300K/9th for Mios Woendi via Hollandia. E.T.A. 1800K/10th. (SOA.12)
- L.S.M. 224 - Departed Noumea 1400K/8th for Manus. E.T.A. 1200K/15th (SOA.11)
- U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) - Departs Tulagi about 8/12 for Manus.
- U.S.S. "KNOX" (Destroyer Escort))
U.S.S. "MCNULTY" " ")
U.S.S. "METIVER" " ") - Departed Tulagi 0430K/8th for Hollandia. (SOA.16).
U.S.S. "GEO. A. JOHNSON" " ")
U.S.S. "E.E. ELMORE" " ")
- U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Stores Issuing Ship) - Arrived Hollandia 0740K/8th from Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "OTUS" (Submarine Tender) - Departed Manus 1300K/9th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1700K/9th (SOA.14.5)
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Melbourne 0430K/9th for Sydney. E.T.A. 1500K/11. (SOA.9)
- Y.P. 283 with 9 L.C.Ts. - Departed Mios Woendi 1300K/8th for Sansapor. E.T.A. 0700K/10th.
- F.S. 164) - Departed Morotai 1806K/29th for Mios Woendi. E.T.A. 2100K/1st Dec. (SOA.11)
G.B. 719)

- S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) - Arrived Brisbane from Sydney 7/12.
Departed the same day for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 11/12.
- P. 415 - Arrived Hollandia 1540K/7th.
- S.T. 938 - Departed Espiritu Santo 1600K/9th for Seeadler Harbour.
E.T.A. 16/12 (SOA.10-10.5)
- S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) - Departs Manus 1200K/9th for Auckland.
E.T.A. 17/12. (SOA.13.7)
- C. 742 - Arrived Hollandia 2000K/8th from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Arrived Hollandia 0730K/9th from Madang.
- S.S. "GENERAL W. McCRAE" (U.S.N.T.) - Arrived Langemak 0600K/7th from
San Francisco and departed 1700K/7th
for Oro Bay 2100K/7th. Arr. Oro Bay
0555K/8th.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Arrived Brisbane 9/12 from Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY") - Departed Darwin 1908K/8th for Survey ground
vicinity Penguin Shoal. E.T.A. 0630K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE")
- U.S.S. "CHEPACHET" (Oiler) - Arrived Langemak 1200K/7th from Hollandia,
and departed 0830K/9th for Manus. E.T.A.
0700K/10th.
- H.N.M.S. "SMEROE" (Minesweeper) - Departed Merauke 0630K/9th for Moring
(probably Moor River off Eilander River
120 miles West of Merauke) and return
North Sydney.
- H.N.M.S. "COOTJE" (Store Ship Carrier) - Departed Merauke for Tanahmerah and
return.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" - Departed Langemak 2016K/9th to investigate ship in
position 005° 59' S. 147° 42' E. at 0504K/9th which
reports having engine trouble and requires tug.
"DELORAINÉ" thence proceeds Madang. E.T.A. 0900K/10.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (U.S.N.T.) - E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1200K/10th
from Aitape.
- H.M.A.S. "PAYE C" - Departed Thursday Island 0900K/9th for Port Moresby
and Madang. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400K/12th.
(SOA.6.7)
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" (escorting M/Ships)
"JONATHAN DOLLIVER") - Arrived Biak 7/12 from Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" "SIMON BOLIVAR")
- L.C.I. 653, 655 - Arrived Brisbane A.M. 9/12 from (?) Milne Bay.
- P.C. 596 - Departed Sydney 1513K/9th for Purvis Bay. E.T.A.
1500K/15th. (SOA.12.5)
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departs Sydney 11/12 for Jarvis Bay. E.T.A.
0900K/12th. On arrival take in tow 1 Army hull and
return Sydney.
- P.C. 1131 - Departed Langemak 8/12 to escort U.S. S/M TUNA Pipe to
Limb.
- U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Coastguard Cutter) - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/12th from
Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Sydney 1430K/9th for Brisbane. E.T.A.
Caloundra 2200K/11th. (SOA.8)

L.S.T. 720 - Departed Manus 1800K/8th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1500K/10th (SOA.9)

From N.O.I.C., NEW GUINEA. - Unknown ship in position 005° 59' S. 147° 42' (?) E.

(Vitiaz Strait) requests tug. at 0504K/9th. reports having engine trouble and P.D. Langemak despatched H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" to investigate.

Ship now confirmed as F.S. 12A which arrived Finschafen P.M. 9/12 damaged by underwater obstruction.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" refitting at Port Adelaide will be ready for sea P.M. Tuesday 26th December.

N.O.I.C., FREMANTLE intends returning to owners the following three N.A.P. boats which have been on loan to R.A.N. and are no longer required.

MIS SWAN
SEAFARER
WAI MARIE

"MAKAWAO" (U.S. Cargo Ship) enroute Melbourne/Sydney reports lost 1 barge 15 miles south Montague Island at 1442K/9th. Drifting northward.

"ILLISSOS" (Greek Cargo Ship) - reported "Being attacked by unknown submarine in position 37° 11' S. 139° 15' E. at 1220K/9th.

At 1325K "ILLISSOS" further reported that submarine submerged after firing back. Vessel was instructed to proceed on voyage.

H.M.A.S. "BURNIE", "LISMORE" and "MARYBOROUGH" enroute to Melbourne from Fremantle, were in a position estimated to be 90 miles from the position given and were instructed to search and attack. Aircraft conducted searches in the area with negative results.

"BURNIE" contacted "ILLISSOS" at 1930K when vessel had nothing further to report. "BURNIE" and "MARYBOROUGH" are continuing the search, "LISMORE" having been detached to proceed to Melbourne on one engine.

To 0900K/9th December, 1944, Saturday.

(U.S.S. "GENERAL W.F. HASE" (USNT) en route Pearl Harbour/Milne Bay has been diverted to Torokina.
(U.S.S. "FIEBERLING" (Destroyer Escort) is to depart Purvis to rendezvous with "GENERAL HASE". Detaches at 159° then returns Purvis.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (USNT) arrived Aitspe 5/12 from Oro Bay.

Y.S. 181 departed Mios Woendi 0700K/7th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/11th.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) departed Manus 0700K/7th for San FRANCISCO (SOA 12/13.5).

U.S.S. "RIKEY" (Evacuation Transport) departed Manus 0600K/8th for Noumea E.T.A. 12/12.

U.S.S. "CARONDOLET" (Tanker) departed Manus 1500K/8th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1400K/8th. (SOA.8.5).

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" departs Madang 1830K/7th for Milne Bay. E.T.A. A.M.10/12.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departs Madang 1830K/7th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0600K/9th. On arrival to come under operational control of Commander (D).

H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEE" departed Thursday Island 0900K/8th for Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/12th for boiler cleaning (SOA.7)

H.M.S. "GLENEARN") departed Townsville 1756K/7th via Grafton
H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD") Passage to Brumer Island through China St. for Milne Bay and Finschhafen respectively. E.T.A. Glenearn Milne Bay 1030K/9th (SOA 17.5). E.T.A. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" Finschhafen 1700K/10th (SOA.14).

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" arrived Newcastle 0440K/8th from Sydney - departed 1008K/8th for Sydney.

P.C. 596 departs Sydney 9/12 for Sosols for duty Purvis Bay.

U.S.S. "TORCHWOOD" (Net tender) arrived Milne Bay 0950K/7th from Manus.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Sydney 1456K/7th for Brisbane. E.T.A. Galoundra 0700K/9th. (SOA.11.5).

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) departs Melbourne 16/12 for Los Angeles.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departs Melbourne 0400K/9th for Sydney.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MANN" (U.S.N.T.) departs Bombay 7/12 for Melbourne.

U.S.S. "KENWOOD" (Classification unknown) departs Brisbane 10/12 for Hollandia for discharge and further orders.

U.S.S. "POLIUX" (Store Ship) departs Hollandia 10/12 for Sydney.

H.M. S/M 101 departs Colombo 2200K/11th for Fremantle. E.T.A. position "V" 006°S. 96°42'E 0700K/7th (SOA.10).

"PRINCE DE LIEGE" (A.S.I.S. BR.) departed Aden 4/12 for Sydney via Fremantle.

To 0900K/Friday 8th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "ROBERT BRAZIER" (Destroyer Escort)	} Departed Bora Bora 1200K/ 7 for Manus E.T.A. 20th December (SOA.13).
U.S.S. "EDWIN A. HOWARD" (" ")	
U.S.S. "JESSE RUTLERFORD" (" ")	
U.S.S. "KEY" (" ")	
U.S.S. "LEYLAND E. THOMAS" (" ")	
U.S.S. "CHESTER T. O'BRIEN" (" ")	

U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Storeship) arrived Noumea 0532K/7 from Manus.

ATR.25 (Rescue Tug)) departed New Guinea Georgia 1800K/6 for
towing 3 pontoon barges) Finschhafen E.T.A. 0500K/10 (SOA.7).

LSM.128 arrived Espiritu Santo 7th December from Bora Bora.

F.S.149 departed Espiritu Santo 1300K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 13th December.

U.S.S. "RUSHMORE" (Landing Ship Dock) arrived Espiritu Santo 2nd
December from Langemak.

APC.2 arrived Sansapor 1915K/5 from Biak.

LCI.608 departs Manus 1800K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/8 (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "NEUENDORF" (Destroyer Escort) departed Manus 1800K/6 for
Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/7 (SOA.18).

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" departed Manus 1400K/6 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1100K/8
(SOA.15.5).

P.C's 1591, 1130 departed Manus 1800K/5 escorting convoy to Ulithi
E.T.A. 1100K/9 (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY") arrived Hollandia 1600K/6.
towing U.S.S. "STONEWALL")

F.S. 180 arrived Hollandia 1430K/6 from Langemak.

F.S. 162 arrived Hollandia 0640K/6 from Mios Woendi.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" arrived Hollandia 0830K/5 from Madang.

U.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 1825K/6 for Manus
E.T.A. 1030K/8 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Madang 0900K/6 from Hollandia E.T.D.
1830K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. P.M.10.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departed Langemak 0115K/7 for Madang E.T.A. 1400K/7.

S.C. 742 departed Langemak 1505K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/8.

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (LSH) departs Milne Bay 0200K/7 for Torokina -
E.T.A. 0900K/8 (SOA.15).

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" departed Milne Bay 1327K/7 for Langemak E.T.A.
0600 K/9 (SOA.9).

HDML.1327 departed Port Moresby 1221K/7 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/8.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" departed Port Moresby 0638K/7 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
1400K/9 (SOA.5.5).

LCI's 434, 435, 436, 444, 445, 446 departed Cairns 1201K/5 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1100K/8 (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" departed Townsville 1706K/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/
10 (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "WATO" arrived Bowen 0700K/6 for bunkers - Departed 1725K/6
for Sydney E.T.A. 0500K/2 (S.O.A.8).

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departs Brisbane 2000K/7 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0800K/11 for onward routing Hollandia (SOA.12.5).

U.S.S. "LOCUST" (Net Tender) departed Sydney 1311K/6 for Noumea
E.T.A. 0500K/11 (SOA.10).

HMML's 1357, 1358 E.T.D. Sydney 11th December for Madang.

H.M.A.S. "LIMI COLA" (Loop repair vessel) departed Sydney 0840K/4
for Port Kembla arrived 1330K/5.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" departs Sydney 8th December for Milne Bay, Lae, Manus
and Madang.

U.S.S. "ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. BENSON" (Transport) departed San Pedro
30th November. E.T.D. Melbourne 17th December for
Bombay. E.T.A. 29th December.

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" E.T.A. Darwin 1700K/7 from Penguin Shoal.

American Tanker "G. HARRISON SMITH" on passage
Langemak Manus reported at 2135K/7 "Aground 1 mile off south west shore
Balman Island - ship riding steady. This position is approximately
20 miles from Manus. C.N.B. Manus has despatched tug to assist.

Comserforce south west Pacific Force informs -

"Due operational demands all shipping area U.S. Navy
tugs and rescue ships usually based Milne Bay - Finschhafen being
withdrawn. Submarine chasers probably will not be able assist future
this area in case groundings or other marine detached service.
(CSFSWFF T.O.O. 060541Z).

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U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Manus 1100K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/8.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Milne Bay 1700K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A.
0800K/7.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Small cargo ship) departed Milne Bay 1500K/4 for
Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/6 to join Laysan convoy.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Small craft) arrived Milne Bay 0500K/6 from Manus.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0500K/6 from Manus.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1200K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/8
(SOA.12.5).
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Manus 1200K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/8 (SOA.12.5).
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Manus 1200K/6 for Cape Gloucester E.T.A. 1200K/6
(SOA.12.5).
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Manus 1200K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/6.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Transport) to proceed from Finschhafen
to the Bay for complete discharge.
U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1200K/6 for Langemak
E.T.A. 0700K/8 T.O.O. 07.

To 0900K/Thursday, 7th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "THETIS BAY" (Escort Carrier) departed San Francisco 0900K/3 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 20th December (SOA.15.5).

LST. 935, 936, 1021 departed Espiritu Santo for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/16 (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "OSMUS" (Destroyer Escort)) departed Ulithi 1700K/1st for
U.S.S. "MAZAMA" (Ammunition ship)) Manus E.T.A. 1300K/4 "MAZAMA" detach
es and proceeds independently
to Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 8th
December.

U.S.S. "ATA 179" (Attack Tug) towing) departed Balboa 0900K/1st
YF.614 and APL.19 (Barrack Ship)) for Manus via Bora Bora and
accompanied by U.S.S. "PINTO") Finschhafen E.T.A. 31st Decem-
(Fast Tug)) ber (SOA 6.5).

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier)) Departed Leyte 0300K/5 for
U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" (Tanker)) Hollandia E.T.A. 0200K/11
U.S.S. "GENERAL HERSHEY" (Transport)) (SOA.9)
U.S.S. "RAIL" (Tug) towing L.C. 1124,) "CALDWELL" and "COGHLAN"
LST's 558, 560, 1057, 1058, 751, 422,) detach at 130°E. and
559, 1050, escorted by) proceed Kossol direct
U.S.S. "CALDWELL" (Destroyer)) E.T.A. 0900K/7.
U.S.S. "COGHLAN" (Destroyer))
U.S.S. "LANG" (Destroyer))
U.S.S. "ALLENTOWN" (Frigate))
U.S.S. "MACHIAS" (Frigate))
U.S.S. "GANDUSKY" (Frigate))
U.S.S. "CHARLOTTVILLE" (Frigate))
U.S.S. "R VENGE" (Minesweeper))

H.M.A.S. "WACGA") arrived Morotai 1500K/5 from Biak.
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA")
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIK")

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") departed Morotai 1100K/6 for Biak E.T.A. 1100K/8.
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA")

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" departed Mios Woendi 1700K/5 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/7.

F.S. 162 (Small cargo ship) departed Mios Woendi 1900K/4 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/6 to join Leyte convoy.

YP.233 (Patrol craft) arrived Mios Woendi 0900K/6 from Manus.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Biak 0900K/5 from Morotai.

ATA 175 (Attack Tug) departed Manus 1200K/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/8 (SOA.9.).

LST.473 departed Manus 1500K/5 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/7 (SOA.9.5).

S.G. 631 departed Manus 1500K/5 for Cape Gloucester E.T.A. 1400K/6 (SOA.12).

P.C. 476 departed Langemak 0316K/5 for Torokina E.T.A. 1000K/6.

U.S.S. "GENERAL J.H. MACRAE" (Transport) to proceed from Finschhafen to Oro Bay for complete discharge.

MSL.701 (Powered Lighter) departed Milne Bay 1517K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/8 (SOA.6).

S.C. 742 departed Milne Bay 1637K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/6
(SOA.19).

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Milne Bay 0927K/6 for Langemak
E.T.A. 1600K/7.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" arrived Port Moresby 1114K/4 from Thursday Island.

LST.743 departed Cairns 1458K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1500K/8 (SOA 9.5)

H.M.A.S. "WATO" departed Townsville 1715K/5 for Bowen to bunker
E.T.A. 1800K/6 thence Sydney (SOA.7).

YMS.313 departed Gladstone 0400K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/6.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departs Brisbane 1100K/7 with tow to Sydney E.T.A.
1400K/11 (SOA.5).

U.S.S. "LOCUST" (Net tender) departs Sydney 6th December for Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" departed Sydney 0920K/6 for Tuncurry E.T.A. 1100K/
7 (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/7 for Brisbane for onward
routing to Northern Areas. C.T.G. 70.5 aboard.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" amended E.T.A. 1300K/6 Sydney from Hobart.

M.L. 809 arrived Darwin 1820K/5 escorting Mer ship.

H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" departs Port Keats 0700K/6 for Peron Island E.T.A.
1830K/6.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" departed Darwin 1002K/6 escorting mer ship to
Cape Don vicinity E.T.A. 2130K/6.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that H.M.A.S. "PIRIE"
will complete refit 7th December - trials should be completed by
10th December. Ship cannot be docked before 10th Dec. due to
submarine docking requirements. Will be ready for sea by 13th
providing trials satisfactory.

U.S. Hospital Ship "HOPE" reported at 2020K/6
that she was under serial attack. Two bombs missed on starboard
quarter. Ship in Leyte Gulf.

From Noenfoor:

Air raid warning sounded 0439K/6.
Air raid warning clear 0455K/6.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" reported at 0950K/6 that
she was proceeding with P.C. 1131 to investigate periscope report
position 006° 57'S. 149° 05'E. This position approx. 80 miles
E.S.E. from Finschhafen.

Admiralty informs C. in C. East Indies that
fleet tugs "MARIAT" and "MASTERFUL" are detailed for towage of
AFD.17 (mobile floating dry dock) to Sydney.

To 0900K Wednesday, 6th December, 1944.

LCI.713 and LSM 224 arrived Noumea 0535K/4th.

LCS 9, LCS 10 departed Espiritu Santo for Manus E.T.A. about 1200K/10 (SOA.11).

LT.535 with tows departed Puna Futi 4/12 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 18/12.

U.S.S. "GENERAL C.G. MORTON" (AP.138) (Transport) departed Russell Is. 0700K/3 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.15).

LCI 435, 434, 436, 441, 445, 446 depart Cairns 1200K/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/8 (SOA.7) via Grafton Passage.

CGT.76.9 in H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" passes Grafton Passage 0200K/5 to Milne Bay and Bougainville. (SOA.15).

USS "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) departed Hollandia 0640K/4 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/5. (SOA.13).

U.S.S. "HARMAN" (DE.678) Destroyers Escort. Departs Manus 1300K/5 for Torokina. E.T.A. 1100K/17 (SOA.16).

H.M.S. "GLENELG") departed Morotai 1400K/4 for Biak E.T.A.
escorting "ELKEASIN") 1200K/6.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" departed Westernport 1550K/4 for Pt. Phillip on training cruise E.T.A. 1945K/4.

U.S.S. "SEVERN" (oiler) departed Hollandia 1800K/4 for Manus E.T.A. 1730K/5 (SOA.18) thence returns.

APC.2. departed Morotai 1200K/4 for Sansapor E.T.A. 2000K/5 thence Mids Woendi.

U.S.S. "LOESER" (Destroyer Escort) departs Manus 1400K/2 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1900K/3 (SOA.17).

LST.618 escorted by H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" departed Manus 1700K/2 for Leyte E.T.A. 0600K/7.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) departed Sydney 0854K/5 for Brisbane and o/r to Leyte E.T.A. Caloundra 2359K/6 (SOA.12.37).

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Coastguard cutter) departed Caloundra 1900K/5 for Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) upon arrival Manus about 6/12 is to sail for Brisbane and load for Hollandia.

U.S.S. "GUALALA" (Gasoline Tanker) departed Bora Bora 0300K/5 for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 24/12 (SOA.8).

U.S.S. "OLMSTED" (Attack Transport) arrived Lee 1555K/4 from Oro Bay.

LST.742 departed Oro Bay 1630K/3 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0800K/4.

H.M.S. "ARIADNE" departs Manus noon 5/12 for Madang. E.T.A. 0800K/6

U.S.S. "GENERAL J.H. McCrae" (U.S.N.T.) E.T.A. Finschhafen 0600K/7th from San Francisco. 12
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U.S.S. "OBERRENDER" (Destroyer Escort DE.344) departs Manus 1800K/4th (destination corrupt).

P.C. 1138 departs Purvis 0500K/5th for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/8th (SOA.13).

HMNL.1327 arrived Port Moresby 0953K/5th from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") departed Fremantle 1010K/4th for Melbourne for
H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") o/r to Sydney. E.T.A. Melbourne 1100K/11th

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" (SOA.10).

ATD.61 (towing Army Crane) departed Manus 1700K/2nd for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1300K/5th. (SOA.6).

FS.149 departed Espiritu Santo 1500K/6th for Seeadler Harbour.
E.T.A. 13th. (SOA.10/10.5).

H.M.A.S. "PATTERSON" departs Sydney 5/12 for Tuncurry via inshore route. E.T.A. 1100K/7th. On arrival will take in tow one Army hull and return to Sydney.

ATR.56 (Rescue Tug) arrived Funa Futi 1300K/4th. After fuelling departed to rejoin ATA 176 with YF 798 and YF 729 en route Manus. E.T.A. 16/12.

U.S.S. "DARBY" (Destroyer Escort) departed Manus 1200K/5th for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1000K/7th. (SOA.13.8).

U.S.S. "TORCHWOOD" (Net Tender) departed Manus 1400K/4 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0600K/7th.

"VICKSBERG" (U.S. Tanker) reports S.S.S.S. 39° 12'S. 137 05'E probable periscope. (This position is approx. 200 miles south Kangaroo Island).

A.C.N.B. made the following signal to "VICKSBERG":

"Report your position. Have you anything further to report".

"VICKSBERG" replied: "Undamaged probable periscope sighted about 1/2 miles astern in position 39°12'S. 138°05'E bearing 089°. My speed 16 knots.

AORSA does not intend to take action.

It is intended that H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" shall proceed Milne Bay, Lae, Manus and Madang so that stores for Australian cruisers and destroyers may be delivered as quickly as possible.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" is to be sailed to arrive Brisbane by the 10th January for annual refit.

From N.O.I.C. Hobart. Fully equipped raft bearing following inscription was located on the 3/12 on the beach, position approximately 4 miles south of Cape Screll, west coast of Tasmania, begins:

Built Geo. W. Kneass 3 GAL stop L1045 Stop D3175 Stop B611 Stop FEB 1942 Stop 54 Cu feet 18 persons gage 18.

Inspector CTW ends Stop.

Endeavours are being made to establish whether raft has been occupied. Inscription place is in custody of the Police and location of raft accessible from seaward only.

Liberty Ship "LINDLEY M. GARRISON" reports. S.S.S.S. 007 deg. 35 min. S. 148 deg. 40 min E. (about 60 miles east of Morobe). Suspicious object possible conning tower 1400K/5th. AORNA is despatching A/C to investigate. N.O.I.C. New Guinea made an A.F. message and ordered P.D. Langemak to despatch all available A/S vessels to search.

H.M.A. "GLENELG" sailing from Morotai delayed approx. 24 hours due to unusual emergency defence requirements.

M.L. 822 embarked patient from "JOHN J. MITCHELL CRITTENDON" close off Coffs Harbour

N.O.I.C. New Guinea considers H.M.A.S. "KILLEARN" not worth repairing for further service in New Guinea owing to very poor condition of engines and hull. Intend paying off and shipping to Brisbane.

"JOHN AINSWORTH" (U.S.) reports sinking mines in position 008 deg. 25 min.S. 154 deg. 10 min. E at 1400K/Nov(,)

N.O.I.C. Brisbane requests approval to pay off HDML.1338. Officers for leave and disposal. Expected date for completion of refit 21st February.

It is estimated that H.M.A.S. TOOWOOMBA will complete refit at Fremantle Monday 29th January. Delay occasioned by State Engineering Works being closed 12 days for Xmas.

W.S.S. Wilson's Promontory will close down at 0001K/6th December. Lighthouse Department will take over reporting duties as from time indicated to enable ships staff to pack stores for shipment in "CAPE YORK" about 11/12. Two signal ratings are being loaned to the lighthouse staff for watchkeeping duties until the Lighthouse Department can supply civilians in lieu.

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[Faint, mostly illegible text from a shipping schedule or log, including ship names and dates.]

To 0900K/Tuesday, 5th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "ACONTIUS" (MTB Tender)) departed Treasury 0500K/30th November
accompanied by 15 boats MTBRON 31) for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 1800K/2nd
and 13 boats MTBRON 20,) December (SOA 13.5).
PC 471)

U.S.S. "SUBCUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Morotai 2/12 for Biak E.T.A.
CB 721. 1100K/5.

U.S.S. "MAZAMA" (Ammunition Ship) departed Ulithi 1700K/1st December for
ESPIRITU SANTO E.T.A. 8/12 (SOA.14).

IST.595, 639, 722 departed Espiritu Santo for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A.
Manus 0900K/9th. (SOA.10).

"EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND" (Transport) departed Balboa 0700K/1st December for
December. E.T.A. 16/12.

U.S.S. "GENERAL W.F. HASE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Pearl Harbour 1100K/1st
December for Milne Bay for c/r to Finschhafen and Manus.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 11/12 (SOA 16/17).

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) arrived Mios Woendi 1200K/3rd from Hollandia.

H.M.S. "ARNDALE" (Tanker)) arrived Fremantle 0425K/3rd from Colombo.
In company with)
H.M.S. "TOONGOMBA" ("LISMORE")
"MARYBOROUGH" "BURNIE")

H.M.A.S. "KAFUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1707K/3rd for Langemak E.T.A.
0700K/5th (SOA 9.5).

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA") departed Biak 1830K/3rd for Morotai. E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") 1500K/5th.
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE")

IST.742 departed Oro Bay 1630K/3rd for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/4th.

U.S.S. "PHOBOS" (Attack cargo) departed Hollandia 1635K/3rd for Manus
E.T.A. 0830K/4th. (SOA.10).

F.S. 180 departed Langemak 1730K/3rd for Biak. E.T.A. 0900K/8th.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Madang 1615K/3rd for Hollandia. E.T.A.
0600K/5th.

F.77 departed Manus 1300K/30th November for Langemak. E.T.A. 0800K/
2nd December (SOA.7).

U.S.S. "TRYON" (Evacuation transport) arrived Langemak 1100K/3rd from
Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" arrived Manus 0850K/4th from Hollandia.

IST.640 arrived Second Channell 2/12 not having received COMSOPAC's
diversion message (290421) "Divert direct to Manus etc."

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG") arrived Morotai 1500K/3rd from Biak.
H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN")
escorting BG.505)

P.C. 1138 departs Guadalcanal 5/12 for Manus for c/r Ulithi.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" departed Cairns 0802K/4th for Townsville. E.T.A.
0800K/5th (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departs Brisbane 8/12 for Melbourne for c/r Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" departed Manus 1300K/3rd for Morotai Kossol
E.T.A. 0800K/6th (SOA.14.5).

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Cairns 1702K/3rd for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1400K/5th. (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "GENERAL H. LYFCOTT" departed San Francisco 3/12 for Oro Bay via Finschhafen. E.T.A. 18/12. (SOA 16.5).

LST. 938 } departed Leyte 1000K/1 for
U.S.S. "NEWMAN" (Destroyer) } Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/5
U.S.S. "EICHENBERGER" (Destroyer Escort) } (SOA 13.5).
 Escorting U.S.S. Mc MCKINLEY (H.Q. Ship) }
"SEVERN (A.O) "BASTONER" (not known) }

U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) departed Milne Bay 1300K/4th for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0400K/5th.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" departed Blak 0900K/3rd to rendezvous with U.S.S. "Griffin" (Submarine tender) at 1000K/5th. U.S.S. "GRIFFIN" to be escorted to Mios Woendi (SOA.14).

U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (U.S.N.T.) departed Oro Bay 0445K/4th for Aitape E.T.A. 1700K/5th.

U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Transport) departed Oro Bay 0540K/3rd for Lee. E.T.A. 1600K/4th.

P.C. 588 departs Russells about 1200K/3rd. Mership for Manus. Escort escorting Mership. to detach and proceed Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "MELBIDIT" (Submarine Tender) arrived Merauke 1435K/3rd December from Milleibridgen River.

F. 121) On Sansapor at 1235K/3rd.
LCT's 868, 897, 870, 829, 834.)

H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" On Merauke 1330K/2 from Bilanden River.

"JOHN BALL" merchant ship reported "unidentified plane dropping flares around ship. Does not respond to our signals Position 04 deg. 22 min. S. 154 deg. 15 min. E. (North of Green Is.).

"JOHN BALL" has cancelled this message in T.O.O. 041120.

YMS.313 anticipates delay of 48 hours at Gladstone due to weather conditions. Approx. E.T.D. 0800K/5th for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" is to relieve H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" at Manus "HAWKESBURY" proceed Mios Woendi on relief.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" ordered by Commander (D) to Proceed Mios Woendi on completion present operation. ("BARCOO" escorting U.S.S. "TANGIER" to Manus (E.T.A. 0800K/5th).

German U-boat by D/F reported within 120 miles of 024° S. 086° E at 2217K/3rd December.

From H.M.A.S. "WATO" - passed floating mine 017° 45' 30" S. 146° 14' E. (About 60 miles South of Cairns.

All shipping in this area has been warned.

"ST. GILES" (Tug) en route Hollandia/Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/8th for o/r to Brisbane sustained the following damage:-

Broken capstan aft. Strained towing hook
 Strained forepeak. All tow gear broken.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" on arrival Morotai ordered by Commander (D) to sail Mios Woendi.

"JAMES WALLACE" (Tug) struck a submerged object 16° 35' S. 146° 20' E at 0344K/4th causing slight damage.

"JAMES WALLACE" leaking badly. Position at 0800K/4th was near Eastern Reef Grafton Passage. Tug steaming inward. Requests N.O.I.C. Cairns send ship to stand by.

"WILLIAM PEPPER" (mer ship) reports sighting periscope in position 07° 32' S 151° 39' E (200 miles South Rabaul at 0600K/5th. New Guinea authorities and Com. 7th Fleet have the report.

Native reports indicate enemy submarine surfaced for 5 to 10 minutes 100 yards seaward of coast 1 mile north of Song River, Finschhafen of 0200K/3rd December. Natives concerned were-with-the all familiar with the appearance of Japanese submarine. Graded C.3.

- 1. "JAMES WALLACE" (Tug) departed 1200K/3 for Grafton Passage N.O.I.C. 1200K/3.
- 2. "WILLIAM PEPPER" (mer ship) departed 0600K/5 for New Guinea authorities and Com. 7th Fleet.
- 3. "JAMES WALLACE" (Tug) departed 0800K/4 for Eastern Reef Grafton Passage.
- 4. "WILLIAM PEPPER" (mer ship) reports sighting periscope in position 07° 32' S 151° 39' E (200 miles South Rabaul at 0600K/5th).
- 5. Native reports indicate enemy submarine surfaced for 5 to 10 minutes 100 yards seaward of coast 1 mile north of Song River, Finschhafen of 0200K/3rd December.
- 6. Natives concerned were-with-the all familiar with the appearance of Japanese submarine.
- 7. Graded C.3.

To 0900K/Monday, 4th December, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL W.F. HASE" (Transport) departed Pearl Harbour 1100K/1st for Milne Bay for onward routeing Finschhafen and Manus.

ISM.168, 169, 223 departed Espiritu Santo A.M.1st for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 1200K/7 (SOA.11).

LST.596 departs Espiritu Santo 1600K/3 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/10 (SOA.10,105).

U.S.S. "GENERAL C.G. MORTON" (Transport) departed Russells 0700K/3 for escorted by P.C. 1228) Manus E.T.A. 1700K/8 (SOA.16)
Escort detaches at 159° and returns Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) departed Bombay 1st December for U.S.A. via Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/12.

P.C. 588 departed Russells 1530K/3 escorting Mership to Manus E.T.A. dawn 7th (SOA.14).

ATA 177 (Ocean going Tug Attack)) departs Bora Bora 0700K/4 for towing APZ's 4, 17 (barrack ships)) Alexandria Alexishafen E.T.A. escorted by P.C. 616) 25th December (SOA.7.5).

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) on passage Milne Bay - San Pedro has been diverted to Los Angeles E.T.A. 1800K/21 (SOA.13.5).

U.S.S. "MENKAR" (Cargo Ship)) departed Morotal 1400K/30 for Peleliu escorted by S.C. 702) E.T.A. 0900K/2.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Mios Woendi 1300K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/3.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Oiler) departed Mios Woendi 0700K/1st for Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/2.

U.S.S. "PHOBOS" (Attack Cargo) departed Mios Woendi 0700K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1330K/3.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" departed Hollandia 0440K/3 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1400K/4.

S.C. 982) departs Manus 1300K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/4.
LST.1026)

U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (Landing Ship Dock) departs Manus 1100K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/3.

U.S.S. "LOUISVILLE" (Cruiser)) departed Manus 1700 K/1st for escorted by U.S.S. BELL (Destroyer)) Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/2. and H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" (Destroyer))

U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Store Ship) departed Manus 1700K/2 for Noumea E.T.A. 0500K/7 (SOA.15).

U.S.S. "WARRICK" (Attack cargo) arrived Langemak 1730K/1 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "GENERAL H. TAYLOR" (Transport) arrived Langemak 0300K/1 from Lunga.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" departed Langemak 1501K/2 for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/6.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Langemak 1006K/2 for Madang E.T.A. 0600K/3

LST.924 arrived Oro Bay 1155K/2nd from Langemak.

LST.462, 552 arrived Oro Bay 1310K/2 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) arrived Milne Bay 1640K/1 from Manus.

U.S.S. "WARREN" (Attack Transport) arrived Milne Bay 1730K/29 from Oro Bay.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Cairns 1700K/3 for New Guinea
H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" } area E.T.A. North Ireland 1400K/5.
H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" }

H.M.A.S. "GOOLGAI" departs Cairns 0800K/3 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1000K/6 (SOA.7).

U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Stores Issuing Ship) departed Brisbane 30th November for Hollandia E.T.A. 8th/12.

LCI.968 delayed 24 hours. Now departs Brisbane 1700K/3 for Cairns E.T.A. 0600K/8. Calling Mackay to take barge in tow.

P.C. 596 to be sailed from Sydney December 9th to report to C.N.B. Sosols for duty Purvis Bay.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departed Sydney 1032K/3 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/6 (SOA.8).

HDML's 1340, 1352 departed Port Phillip 0910K/3 for Port Adelaide E.T.A. 0900K/5 for onward routing Fremantle (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "MORSEBY" at 2030K/3 in the vicinity of Browse Island.

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" E.T.A. Darwin from Port Nelson 0730K/4.

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" departed Browse Island for Darwin E.T.A. 1130K/5 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" arrived Port Keats 1530K/2 from Darwin.

M.L. 807 arrived Darwin 1841K/2 escorting merchant ship.

M.L. 814 departed Darwin 0859K/3 escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS" to vicinity Cape Don.

N.O.I.C. Darwin informs aircraft reported submarine in position $010^{\circ}49'S$, $138^{\circ}32'E$ at 0600K/3. This position is approximately 100 miles east of Cape Wessel. All shipping in the area has been warned.

M.L. 822 rendezvousing with merchant ship "JOHN CRITENDEN" off Coff's Harbour to disembark sick patient.

N.O.I.C. Merauke considers that one minesweeper should be retained until forward army outposts Ellenden River are withdrawn (January, February, 1945) to carry troops in an emergency. Possibility of attempts to attack post considered a constant threat. M.L.'s are unsuitable to carry troops in open sea and army have no suitable craft. (P.O.O.0108352).

U.S. "Hospital Ship "HOPE" reported at 1700K/3 that she had been subjected to torpedo dive bomber attack in position $09^{\circ}32'N$, $128^{\circ}26'E$. This position approximately 180 miles south east of Leyte Gulf. Torpedo passed 300 yards astern and exploded at end of run. Plane, apparently land based, departed in direction of Mindanao.

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

- U.S.S. TAURUS (Store Ship) departs Noumea 1800K/1 for Terekina E.T.A. 0700K/6 (S.O.A.11).
- U.S.S. ADMIRAL WILLIAM S. BENSON (Transport) Departed San Pedro 0200K/1 for Bombay via Melbourne ETA Melbourne 15th December (S.O.A.(A) 20(B) 21).
- L.S.M. 133, 225 departed Bora Bora 1400K/2 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 12th December (S.O.A. 10,11).
- U.S.S. CHIWAUKUM (Gasoline Tanker) departs Espiritu Santo 0700K/3 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 9th (S.O.A. 8,9).
- L.S.T. 224 Arrived Espiritu Santo 1st December.
- A.P.C.2 (Patrol Craft) Arrived Morotai 1500K/1 from Mios Woendi.
- U.S.S. SUSQUEHANNA (Tanker) Arrived Morotai 2200K/30 from Biak. escorted by HMAS "BARCOO".
- U.S.S. ELKHORN (Tanker) Departed Morotai 0300K/28 for Biak. escorted by HMAS "VENDETTA" E.T.A. 1800K/29.
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" Departed Biak 1200K/1 escorting B.G.505 to Morotai E.T.A. 1600K/3rd.
- L.C.T.'s 629, 634, 668, 870, 879 Departed Biak 1500K/1 for Sansapor E.T.A. 1600K/3.
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" Arrived Hollandia 1500K/2 from Leyte E.T.D. for Manus 1900K/2 E.T.A. 1000K/4.
- U.S.S. PYRO (Ammunition Ship) Departed Manus 0900K/30 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1900K/1st. (S.O.A.12)
- U.S.S. TINSMAN (Destroyer Escort) Departed Manus 1100K/1st for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/2nd. Bombarding Kaeheo Island enroute (S.O.A.16)
- Y.P.253 (Patrol Craft) Departed Manus 0700K/2 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0600K/6 (S.O.A.8)
- H.M.A.S. "ORARA" Departed Lae 1215K/1st for Langemak E.T.A. 1815K/1.
- U.S.S. COMFORT (Hospital Ship) Departed Milne Bay 0530K/2 for San Pedro E.T.A. 21st December.
- L.S.T. 742 Arrived Oro Bay 1130K/30 from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. KASAGRANDE (Landing Ship Dock) Arrived Oro Bay 1450K/30. Departs 1600K/1 for Cape Gloucester E.T.A. 1300K/2.
- U.S.S. OLMSTED (Attack Transport) Arrived Oro Bay 1045K/1 from Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" Departed Milne Bay 0807K/1 for Langemak E.T.A. 1600K/2 (S.O.A.11)
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" Departed Thursday Island 1009K/2 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600K/5. To load vehicles for Milne Bay and Madang.

H.M.S. EMPIRE SPEARHEAD (L.S.I.) Passed Cairns Southbound E.T.A. 2100K/2nd. Townsville 2100K/2nd.

H.M.S. GLENEARN (L.S.I.) Passed Cairns Southbound E.T.A. Townsville 1900K/2.

H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS (Seine) Departed Brisbane 1200K/2 for Gladstone E.T.A. 1230K/4 thence Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/8.

U.S.S. MESQUITE (Coast Guard Cutter) Departs Brisbane 1900K/2 for Milne Bay for onward routing Langemak. To repair Frederick Light enroute (S.O.A.10)

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" Departs Sydney 1000K/3 for Melbourne-to be sailed return Sydney a.m. 9th-engaged radar trials.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" Departed Browse Is. 1600K/30th for Darwin E.T.A. 0700K/2nd.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" Departed Darwin 0636K/2nd for Port Nelson E.T.A. 0630K/4 (S.O.A.10)

L.C.I. 968 Departs Brisbane 1700K/2 for Cairns E.T.A. 0600K/8. Calling Mackay to take barge in tow. ETA 1500K/4.

U.S.S. DIPEDA (Attack Cargo) Arrived Aitape 1400K/1st.

L.S.T. 937 Arrived Espiritu Santo 2nd December.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" is to be sailed to arrive Port Adelaide by 2nd January for annual refit. H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" is to refit at Melbourne early January.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle informs that Dutch Submarine K.11, can be received Fremantle for pay and dismantling, estimated to take about six weeks. Permanent berth is not available and it is recommended she be sunk or beached, as was K.S. C.T.F. 71 and Lieut.-Commander Koming, R.N.N. concur.

Submarine reported by P.D. Hollandia in position 002° 15' S. 140° 59' E. at 0130K/2nd. This position is off entrance to Humboldt Bay.

U.S.S. "TARDIER" (Complane tender) departed Milne Bay 2000K/1st. Departed by H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" December for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/3rd.

H.M.A.S. "EMALLA" E.T.A. Hollandia now 1700K/2nd from Laite. Original E.T.A. 1200K/3rd.

U.S.S. "CHURCH" (Hospital Ship) E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/2nd E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "GRAB" departed Langemak 0800K/30th November for Lae and arrived 1150K/30th.

U.S.S. "CHURCH" (Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0845K/30th November from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "CHURCH" and U.S.S. "CHURCH" arrived Milne Bay (time corrected).

U.S.S. "CHURCH" E.T.A. Manus 1000K/2nd December from Tulagi.

H.M.A.S. "COOYAWHUNA" departs Cairns 1800K/2nd December for Milne Bay for docking. E.T.A. 0800K/4th December (S.O.A.11).

H.M.S. "ATLAS" departed Townsville 1745K/30th November for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 1800K/4th December. (S.O.A.11). Will investigate on route reported by "ATLAS" that personnel believed stranded at Packed Islet.

To 0900K/2nd December, 1944.

U.S.S. "STEERLE" (Destroyer Escort) } Departed Tulagi 0800K/1st December
U.S.S. "SEID" (Destroyer Escort) } for Kossol Roads. E.T.A. 0700K/
7th. (SOA 14.5).

LSM 130 departed Bora Bora 1000K/1st December for Espiritu Santo
E.T.A. 9/12 (SOA 10-11).

LCS(L) 48, 45, 26, 27 departed Russells 1100K/30th November for
Hollandia. E.T.A. 1200K/5th December (SOA.10).

LST's 597-594 departed Espiritu Santo for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A.
1300K/8th December. (ESOA 9.6).

U.S.S. "CHIWAUKUM" (Tanker) departs Espiritu Santo 3/12 for Milne Bay

U.S.S. "AURIGA" (Cargo Ship) arrived Aitape 0830K/30th November.

F.S.149 arrived Espiritu Santo 28th November.

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) arrived Biak 0600K/30th November from
Noemfoer.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" arrived Merotai 0845K/29th November from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" } arrived Merotai 0730K/29th November from
escorting merchant ship. } Sansapor.

P.C. 1131 departed Manus 1600K/30 November for Langemak. E.T.A.
1500K/1st December (SOA.15).

IST.1030 departed Manus 1500K/29th November for Hollandia E.T.A.
0700K/1st December. (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "GREENWOOD" (Destroyer Escort) departed Manus 1700K/30th
November for Torokina E.T.A. 1500K/2nd December.
(SOA 15.5).

U.S.S. "VENUS" (Cargo Ship) departed Manus 1700K/28th November for
Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/29th (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" departed Madang 1700K/1st December for Langemak.
E.T.A. 0700K/2nd December. E.T.D. 1500K/2nd for
Townsville. E.T.A. 0900K/6th.

U.S.S. "TANGIER" (Seaplane tender) } departed Merotai 2000K/1st
escorted by H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" } December for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/
5th.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" E.T.A. Hollandia now 1700K/2nd from Leyte.
Original E.T.A. 1800K/3rd.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) E.T.D. Oro Bay 1615K/30th E.T.A.
Milne Bay 0901K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Langemak 0550K/30th November for Lae and
arrived 1130K/30th.

U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0945K/30th November from
Hollandia.

LT.451 and 2 tows arrived Milne Bay (time corrupt).

LSM's 217, 64, 66, 68 E.T.A. Manus 1000K/3rd December from Tulagi.

H.M.A.S. "COCTAMUNDRA" departs Cairns 1200K/2nd December for Milne
Bay for decking. E.T.A. 0900K/4th December (SOA.11).

YMS.313 departed Townsville 1745K/30th November for Brisbane E.T.A.
Caloundra 1600K/4th December. (SOA.8.5). Will investigate
en route reports by "ATLAS" that personnel believed stranded
at Peaked Islet.

U.S.S. "GRIFFIN" (Submarine Tender) departs Caloundra 1400K/1st December for Mies Weendi. E.T.A. 0600K/8th December. (SOA.14).

P.C. 1132 departs Caloundra 2000K/1st December for Treasury. E.T.A. 1200K/5th. (SOA.13.5).

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" departs Caloundra 1200K/2nd December for Gladstone. E.T.A. 0800K/8th.

H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" E.T.D. Melbourne for Sydney 12th December for store. Intended sail for New Guinea on or before 22nd December.

H.M.A.S. "KOOKABURRA" departed Port Kembla 29th November for Newcastle. E.T.A. 29th.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" departed Hobart 0915K/1st December for Sydney. Towing Target 11) E.T.A. A.M.7th (SOA.5).

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) departs Bombay 2030K/1st December for Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBAR" arrived 1347K/1st from Port Phillip.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/2nd December for sweeping.

LCI(L) 968 departs Brisbane 2/12 for Mackay.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") escorting mership departed Biak 1/12 for
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG") Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Port Moresby has requested that H.M.A.S. "URALBA" en route Thursday Island/Madang via Milne Bay be routed Port Moresby to embark vehicles for Milne Bay and Madang. N.O.I.C. THURSDAY IS. informed. N.O.I.C. Thursday Island intends in the absence of further instructions from C.S.W.P.S.F. to sail "URALBA" for Milne Bay.

H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" refit in Sydney commenced 1st December. Expect complete and ready for sea 19th January 1945.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" sustained damage to hull while berthing at Port Melbourne on Thursday 30th November. Board of Enquiry has been convened and report will be forwarded in due course.

Convenient dates for gun trials H.M.A.S. "HOBART" 14th and 16th December.

Provided W/T trials of M.L. 1352 prove satisfactory on Saturday 2nd December it is intended to sail M.Ls. 1340 and 1352 from Melbourne early A.M. Sunday 3rd December to Adelaide for O/R to Fremantle.

Owing additional work on L.S.T's H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" not now required to arrive Milne Bay for docking until P.M.7th December (Repeated to N.O.I.C. Cairns).

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" E.T.D. Cairns is 1200K/2nd E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/4th December.

H.M.S. "TOOWOOMBA" in company with H.M.S. "BURNIE" H.M.S. "MARYBOROUGH", H.M.S. "LISMORE" en route Fremantle from Colombo. E.T.A. Fremantle now dawn Sunday 3rd December owing to deterioration of weather. Original E.T.A. 2nd December.

H.D.M.L. 1341 commissioned at Sydney 0900K/1st December.

JASASA 1 (radar contact with submarines about 70 miles west of NEW GEORGIA). to be terminated 1700K/1st December unless further contact made.

From N.O.I.C. Brisbane.

Two barges ex Tow LT. 57 arrived Caloundra in Tow LT. 228 A.M. 1st December. Third barge ashore in position 25 deg. 13 min. South 153 deg. 17 min. East (Sandy Cape). Tidal and weather conditions preclude salvage operations for the present. "BENDIGO" and TP.105 departed vicinity third barge 1100K/1st for Brisbane.

"EMPIRE MACE" (LSI) reports seriously damaged oil burner of one boiler. Replacement in consequence urgently required.

S.S. "MAKATONCHER" (Tug) departed Wewak 1100K/29 for Disk S.T.A.

S.S. "WVALDE" (Attack cargo) departed Manus 1500K/29 for Milne Bay S.T.A. 1500K/1st December.

S.S. "BARATONA" (Aircraft carrier) departed Manus 1200K/27.
S.S. "SPEOSTON" (Destroyer) departed Pinschhafen 1200K/28 thence Terokina.

S.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" departed Espiritu Santo 0700K/30 for Manus S.T.A. 0800K/4th December.

ATL 25 with tow S.T.D. Rendova 1840K/29 for Pinschhafen, thence Mios Wocudi.

S.S. "STEEL" (Destroyer Escort) } S.T.D. Russell Island 1/12 for
S.S. "SWIFT" (Destroyer Escort) } Konsol Seide.

D.S. 579, 591, 582, 583, 556, 580 departed Bora Bora 28th November. Diverted to Hollandia thence to Manus.

S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (U.S.S.T.) departed Guadalcanal 0600K/29 for Pinschhafen. S.T.A. dawn 1st December.

S.G. 1591, 1130, 1687 S.T.D. Guadalcanal 0500K/1st December for Manus S.T.A. 1200K/4th thence Ulithi.

S.S. "FRODO" (Cargo ship) departed Hollandia 1830K/29 arrived Mios Wocudi 0700K/30.

L.L. 555, 555 departed Hollandia 0900K/29 for Pinschhafen S.T.A. 0900K/1 Dec.

S.S. "HINSTEAD" departed Hollandia 1110K/29 for Oro Bay S.T.A. 1300K/1st December.

S.S. "VALCONA" (Cargo Vessel) departed Langemak 0710K/29 for Manus S.T.A. 30th November.

S.S. "SPENCER" (Landing Ship Dock) departed Langemak 1500K/29 for Espiritu Santo S.T.A. 3rd December.

S.M.A.S. "BINGBROVE PARK" departed Madang 0430K/30 for Manus S.T.A. 1300K/1.

S.M.A.S. "MANCORA" } Departed Pinschhafen 0630K/29
S.M.A.S. "KAPINELA" } for Terokina S.T.A.
S.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" } 1700K/30.

S.S. "ALMAK" (Attack Cargo Ship)
S.G. 470, 1179

S.S. "TITANIA" (Attack cargo ship) } departed Pinschhafen 1200K/29
S.G. 1251. } for Terokina S.T.A. 1700K/30.

To 0900K/Friday, 1st December, 1944. (a) arrived Milne Bay 1900K/30
from Oro Bay.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") departed Morotai 1100K/29 for Biak E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE") 1700K/1st December. Island 1540K/30 for Tomaville
Escorting Convoy) 1900K/3 December.

U.S.S. "AQUARIUS" (Cargo Ship) arrived Aitape 0745K/29 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Biak 1500K/30 for Morotai E.T.A. Mios Woendi
1100K/2.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" from Leyte E.T.A. Manus 1000K/4th December, refuelling
Hollandia en route.

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) departed Noemfoor 1900K/29 for Biak 0700K/30.

U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) departed Manus 1500K/29 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1500K/1st December.

U.S.S. "SARATOGA" (Aircraft carrier) departed Manus 1200K/27.
Escorted by U.S.S. "SPROSTON" (Destroyer)) E.T.A. Finschhafen 1200K/28
December thence Torokina.) Caloundra
1800K/5.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" departed Espiritu Santo 0700K/30 for Manus E.T.A.
0600K/4th December. Phillip 0900K/1st December E.T.A.
Westernport 1200K/1st December.

ATR.25 with tow E.T.D. Rendova 1846K/29 for Finschhafen, thence Mios
Woendi.

U.S.S. "STEEL" (Destroyer Escort)) E.T.D. Russell Island 1/12 for
U.S.S. "SEID" (Destroyer Escort)) Kossol Roads. 7th December for
E.T.A. via Melbourne.

D.E.579, 581, 582, 583, 686, 580 departed Bora Bora 28th November.
Diverted to Hollandia thence to Manus.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (U.S.N.T.) departed Guadalcanal 0600K/29
for Finschhafen. E.T.A. dawn 1st December.

P.C. 1591, 1130, 1587 E.T.D. Guadalcanal 0500K/1st December for Manus
E.T.A. 1200K/4th thence Ulithi.

U.S.S. "PHOBOS" (Cargo ship) departed Hollandia 1830K/29 arrived Mios
Woendi 0700K/30. (b) Bougainville 15/12.

LCL.653, 655 departed Hollandia 0900K/29 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0900K/1 Dec.
(b) Bougainville 15/12.

U.S.S. "ELMSTEAD" departed Hollandia 1110K/29 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1300K/
1st December. Depart Bougainville 15/12 for Brisbane
for repairs and liberty.

U.S.S. "ALCONA" (Cargo Vessel) departed Langemak 0700K/29 for Manus E.T.A.
30th November.

U.S.S. "RUSHMORE" (Landing Ship Dock) departed Langemak 1800K/28 for
Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 3rd December.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Madang 0430K/30 for Manus E.T.A.
1300K/1. night of 29th November. Plans were
requested to arrive daylight 30th.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA") Departed Finschhafen 0930K/29
H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA") for Torokina E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA") 1700K/30.

U.S.S. "ALMAAK" (Attack Cargo Ship))
P.C. 470, 1179)

U.S.S. "TITANIA" (Attack cargo ship)) departed Finschhafen 1200K/29
P.C. 1231.) for Torokina E.T.A. 1700K/30.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

U.S.S. "WARREN" (Attack Transport) arrived Milne Bay 1800K/29
from Oro Bay.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 1340K/30 for Townsville
E.T.A. 0800K/3 December.

U.S.S. "MEMBAR" (Cargo ship) arrived Morotai 28th November.

H.M.A.S. "URALPA" On passage Thursday Island to Madang to call at
Port Moresby for shipment of vehicles. E.T.A. Milne
Bay 7th December.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" recovered barges E.T.A. Brisbane daylight 30th
November from Townsville.

LCI, 968 E.T.D. Brisbane 1/12 for Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) proceed Brisbane from Sydney - thence
Milne Bay thence Hollandia.

U.S.S. "STINGRAY" (Submarine) U.S.S. "STINGRAY" departs Caloundra
1700K/30 for Exercise - "WHYALLA"
joins U.S.S. "STINGRAY" 1400K/1st
December. Ships return to Caloundra
1800K/5.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" E.T.D. Port Phillip 0900K/1st December E.T.A.

U.S.S. "SAKATON" Westernport 1200K/1st December. 27th November from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" amended E.T.A. Langemak 2200K/2nd December.
towing S.C. 741 to Madang.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MANN" (U.S.N.T.) E.T.D. Bombay 7th December for

Escorted by H.M. U.S.A. via Melbourne. A. 2100K/30th.

U.C.T.G. 76.9 - Programme. Carrier) arrived Guadalcanal 27th November
from Manus.

"LOTHIAN" (a) Exercising Cairns area until 5/12.

(b) Port Moresby 6/12 to 8/12. for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/2nd

(c) Milne Bay 9/12.

(d) Kiriwina 10/12.

(e) Bougainville 11/12. arrived Hollandia 0706K/28th from

"GLENKARN", "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (a) Townsville 10/12.

(b) Bougainville 13/12. from

"CLAN LAMONT"

(a) Cairns to 10/12.

(b) Bougainville 13/12. 15K/28 for

"EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" Depart Bougainville 15/12 for Brisbane

"EMPIRE WACE" (Attack Transport) for repairs and liberty. Bay 0330K/28

"EMPIRE AQUERUS" (rescue vessel) for Milne Bay E.T.D. 1900K/29.

AYR. 024372

The Accounts of H.M.A.S. "VANDRA" will be
transferred from "KUTTABUL" to "RUSHCUTTER" on 1st December. to

relay missing Navigational Buoys E.T.A. 1530K/29.

C.N.B. New Georgia reported that submarines

were contacted by radar in position 08°22'S. 157°06'E (70 miles

west of New Georgia) on night of 29th November. Planes were

requested to arrive daylight 30th.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Langemak 0700K/29 for Lae - E.T.A. 1530K/29.

LCI 432 departed Purvis 1730K/28 for Bougainville.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" on passage Cairns - Hollandia - to call at
Langemak to tow sub chaser 741 to Madang and Hollandia. E.T.A.

Langemak P.M. 2nd December.

M.L. 813 departed Darwin 0642K/28th for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0030K/30.

LCI, 1327 departed Cairns 0800K/29 for Port Moresby thence Milne Bay

and Lae - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/5th December.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" on passage Townsville - Brisbane diverted to recover
3 barges adrift and thence to Brisbane

To 0900K/Thursday, 30th November, 1944.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Morotai 29th November for Biak.

U.S.S. "MEMBAR" (Cargo Ship) arrived Morotai 28th November.

YMS.196 departed ^{Manua} for Choiseul Island E.T.A. 1630K/30 to pick up Australian Party.

ATR.25 (Escort Tug) E.T.D. Manus 0100K/1st December for Rendova Is.

LST.124 E.T.A. Manus 1500K/1 December from Noumea.

LST.934, 638, 721 departed Espiritu Santo 1205K/28 for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 1300K/5th December.

U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport) arrived Espiritu Santo November 28th from Emirau.

U.S.S. "HAMMONSPORT" (Evacuation Transport for wounded) departed Espiritu Santo 1500K/30 for Guadalcanal thence Bromide E.T.A. 0800K/2nd December.

P.C. 590 arrived Espiritu Santo 0903K/29 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) arrived Noemfoor 27th November from Biak.

U.S.S. "RIO GRANDE" (Gasoline Tanker) arrived Biak 27th November from Sansapor.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker)) departed Biak 0800K/29th for Morotai
Escorted by H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") E.T.A. 2100K/30th.

U.S.S. "HOLLANDIA" (Escort Carrier) arrived Guadalcanal 27th November from Manus.

LST.217, 64, 66, 68 departed Tulagi 0700K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/2nd December.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) arrived Hollandia 0705K/28th from Sydney.

U.S.S. "SALAMONEE" (Tanker) arrived Hollandia 28th November from Morotai.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Hollandia 0815K/28 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1400K/30.

U.S.S. "WARREN" (Attack Transport)) departed Oro Bay 0330K/28
with AYR.C24370 (Aircraft Rescue Vessel)) for Milne Bay E.T.D 1900K/29.
AYR.C24372 " " " ")

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" departed Langemak 0446K/29 for Cape Gloucester to relay missing Navigational Buoys E.T.A. 1630K/29.

U.S.S. "ALCONA" (Cargo Vessel) departed Langemak 0700K/28 for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/30.

H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Langemak 0700K/29 for Lae - E.T.A. 1530K/29.

LCI 662 departed Purvis 1730K/28 for Bougainville.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" on passage Cairns - Hollandia - to call at Langemak to tow sub chaser 741 to Madang and Hollandia. E.T.A. Langemak P.M. 2nd December.

M.L. 813 departed Darwin 0642K/29th for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0030K/30.

HDML.1327 departed Cairns 0800K/29 for Port Moresby thence Milne Bay and Lae - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/5th December.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" on passage Townsville - Brisbane diverted to recover 3 barges adrift and thence to Brisbane

U.S.S. "ACHBENS" (Stores Issuing Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1630K/30 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/8 (SOA.10).

P.C. 1132 E.T.D. Brisbane 1st December for Treasury Island.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" Sweeping off Tuncurry 0700K/30.

H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" E.T.D. Coffs Harbour 0001K/29 E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/30 (SOA.7).

M.L. 806 amended E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/29 from Caloundra.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBA") E.T.D. Hobart 1st December for Sydney.
with BP. target No.11 in tow)

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA") E.T.A. Melbourne 1400K/30.
NEI Submarine K.14.)

It is anticipated that H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" will complete refit P.M. Friday 8th December and provided gun and steaming trials are satisfactory will be ready to sail A.M. Tuesday 12th December.

The proposed dates for Gunnery Equipment Trials of H.M.A.S. "HOBART" are 8th and 9th December - Tilt Test is to be carried out on December 17th.

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" undocked on the 29th December.

H.M.A.S. "NIZAM" docked on the 29th November.

"ST. GILES" a British Tug together with U.S.S. "CINNAMON" a U.S.S. "PATOWATOMIE" are assisting U.S.S. "STONEWALL" which is aground at Cape D'Urville

"ATLAS" (merchant ship) reported sighting a light on "Perforated Island" which is approximately 10 miles S.E. from Port Clinta. "ATLAS" steamed around the island and flashed lamps but there was no answer.

and H.D.M.L.'s 1342, 1358 are allocated to the operational/administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea and when ready are to be sailed to Madang from Sydney.

M.L.'s 825, 802 are to be sailed to Sydney for refit and Accounts transferred to "RUSHCUTTER".

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Langamak 1806K/27th for Madang. E.T.A. 0700K/28th.

H.M.A.S. "YOUNG" (ASR) departed Sarakka 2200K/27th for Milne Bay River, and return approximately 4th December.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNVILLE" departed Cairns 1020K/26th for minesweeping Gaine Strait thence Blue Bay. E.T.A. 0700K/26th.

H.M.A.S. "HALSOCHLIT" departed Thursday Island 1720K/26th towing Lappenburg's Light Vessel.

U.S.S. "GENERAL L. POPE" (USN) departed Melbourne 1200K/26th for Bombay E.T.A. 2200K/11th December.

U.S.S. "GENDREAU" (Destroyer) departs Purvis daylight 23th November and proceeds large to rendezvous with "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR". About 0800K/ Unit depart escort to return Purvis at 120. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" proceeds Pineshafen. E.T.A. dawn 1st December (SOA.16).

To 0900K/ 29th November, 1944.

- U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) departs Espiritu Santo 1500K/29th for Guadalcanal. E.T.A. 0800K/1st December. (ESOA 15).
- LST's 597, 596 arrived Espiritu Santo 1100K/28th.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA") arrived Morotai 1100K/27th from
Escorting U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker)) Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" arrived Morotai 0700K/27th escorting mership from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Sansapor 2100K/27th escorting mership to Morotai E.T.A. 1900K/28th.
- LCI.754 departed Sansapor 0001K/27th for Mios Woendi. E.T.A. 1800K/28th.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" departed Biak 1700K/27th to assist U.S.S. "STONEWALL" aground at Cape D'Urville - later recalled to Biak.
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHIE" (Tanker) departed Biak 1900K/27th for Noemfoor Arrived 0700K/28th.
- U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Hollandia 0815K/28th for Oro Bay. E.T.A. 1400K/30th thence Milne Bay and San Francisco.
- U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hospital Ship) arrived Hollandia 0905K/27th from Leyte.
- U.S.S. "HARRY LEE" (Attack Transport) departed Manus 1500K/24th for Torokina. E.T.A. 1800K/26th (SOA.14.5).
- U.S.S. "POTAWATOMI" (Tug)) departed Manus 1400K/25th for Hollandia
Towing YO.S.) E.T.A. 0600K/27th.
- U.S.S. "VARBIK" (Not listed) departed Manus 1200K/22nd for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/23rd (SOA.15).
- H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departed Madang 1520K/27th for Langemak E.T.A. 1300K/28th thence Lae.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT POLK" (Transport) departed Langemak 2130K/27th for Noemfoor E.T.A. 1100K/29th.
- U.S.S. "RUSHMORE") departed Langemak 1800K/27th for Espiritu Santo.
LCT.241) E.T.A. 1200K/3rd December.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Langemak 1806K/27th for Madang. E.T.A. 0700K/28th.
- H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" (ASR) departed Merauke 2200K/27th for Eilanden River, and return approximately 4th December.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Cairns 1020K/28th for minesweeping China Strait thence Milne Bay. E.T.A. 0700K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island 1720K/28th towing Carpentaria Light Vessel.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL L. POPE" (USNT) departed Melbourne 1200K/28th for Bombay E.T.A. 2030K/11th December.
- U.S.S. "GENDREAU" (Destroyer) departs Purvis daylight 29th November and proceeds Lunga to rendezvous with "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR". About 0500K/ Unit depart escort to return Purvis at 159. "GENERAL HARRY TWYLER" proceeds Pinschhafen. E.T.A. dawn 1st December (SOA.16).

LCI (L) 1004 escorting 12 LCI (I's) 1067 to 1076 1038, 1039 departed Mios Woendi 0700K/28th for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/30th.

LST's 934, 638, 721 departed Espiritu Santo A.M. 28th for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A. 1300K/5th December (SOA 9.5).

LCI 967 departed Manus 1200K/28th for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1st December (SOA.10).

PC.596 arrived Sydney 1006K/28th from Espiritu Santo.

LCI(L) 662 departs Purvis 1700K/28th for Bougainville. E.T.A. A.M.30th. (SOA.10).

N.O.I.C. New Guinea informs:-

Following received from First Australian Army -

COMNAVFOR SOLS pressing for early decision re establishment of R.A.N. Port Directorate at Torokina in view of USN's imminent evacuation.

H.M.A.S. "AIRWATCH" (ASR 927) commissioned Sydney 0900K/Monday 27th November.

H.M.A.S. "KARINA" (SRD) commissioned Sydney 1100K/27th November.

From N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA:

Enemy minefields might be encountered between Madang and Hollandia. T.O.O. 270008Z November.

From N.O.I.C. New Guinea:

Aircraft report unidentified S/M sighted in position 07 deg. 55 min South 153 deg. 13 min (?) East. Speed 5 knots. Course 130. A-A fire encountered. Request confirmation S/M is friendly. Position as stated approximately 65 miles north Woodlark Island.

C.T.G.71.9 replies.

S/M sighted not friendly.

All shipping has been warned.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" (assisting U.S.S. "STONEWALL" aground Cape D'Urville reports:

Tow line parted at first attempt this morning destined unable to approach closer than 700 yards. Hope to make further attempt P.M. today. Advise services salvage tug be arranged immediately. Inform "STONEWALL'S" engines unworkable owing to sand blockage in condenser. Ship broadside on broken water fore and aft.

H.M.A.S. "CHIEF" (Store Ship) departs Hollandia 2200K/28th for Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) arrived Hollandia 2200K/28th from Milne Bay.

To 0900K/Tuesday 28th November, 1944. Hollandia 2205K/28th from Manus.

LST's 639, 595, 722 arrived Espiritu Santo 27th November. from Manus.

DE's 579, 581, 582, 583, 686, 580 departed Bora Bora 1000K/28th for
Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A. 10th December (SOA 12-13).

LSM. 128 departed Bora Bora 1001K/27th for Espiritu Santo E.T.A.
7th December (SOA 10-11).

LSM's 269, 67, 218, 219 depart Guadalcanal 1700K/26th for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1400K/1st December (SOA 11).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA") departs Leyte P.M./27th for Hollandia E.T.A.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEBUWIN") 1800K/3rd December. Bay calling Cairns
en route for fuel and provisions. E.T.A.

U.S.S. "STONEWALL" (Unclassified) departed Biak 1700K/26th for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0700K/28th.

U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (Landing Ship Dock) arrived Tulagi 0700K/27th.

U.S.S. "DORSEY" (FAST Minesweeper)) Recalled on passage to Manus.
Departed 1700K/27th for Manus
E.T.A. 0800K/31st (SOA 13.5).

U.S.S. "RIO GRANDE" (Tanker) departed Sansapor 1520K/26th for Biak and
arrived 1300K/27th.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departs Biak 1300K/26th for Sansapor. E.T.A.
1800K/27th. (SOA 10) thence Morotai escorting M/V.

On arrival Morotai join A/S patrol and when relieved 2nd
December return Sorido escorting ready ships.

LCI's 709, 778 arrived Mios Woendi 1600K/24th. Departed 0700K/25th
for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/26th.

LCI'710 arrived Mios Woendi 1500K/23. Departs 1900K/23rd for Hollandia
E.T.A. 2000K/24th.

APC.3 departed Mios Woendi 0800K/25th for Morotai E.T.A. 1500K/28th.

YP.283 (patrol craft) arrived Mios Woendi 0700K/26th from Morotai.

LCI's 366, 372, 373, 440, 451, 472, 475 departed Mios Woendi 0900K/26th
for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1200K/27th.

LCI's 26, 27 departed Manus 1800K/26th for Hollandia. E.T.A.
0700K/28th (SOA 11).

USS "LEYTE" (Repair Ship) departed Manus 1800K/24th for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0800K/26th (SOA 11).

USS "CETUS" (Cargo Ship) departed Manus 1200K/26th for Noumea. E.T.A.
3rd December.

ML.802 departs Jacquinot Bay 1200K/22nd for Madang. Calling Langemak
for fuel. E.T.A. LANGEMAK 0800K/25th.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 1300K/25th for Manus
E.T.A. 1300K/26th. Departed 0700K/27th for Pearl Harbour
for O/r to San Francisco. E.T.A. PEARL HARBOUR 0700K/16th
December.

U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) departed Hollandia 1720K/26th for Milne Bay E.T.A.
1100K/30th.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 2200K/26th for Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) arrived Hollandia 2200K/26th from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" (Tanker) arrived Hollandia 2205K/26th from Manus.

U.S.S. "ALCONA" (Cargo Ship) arrived Langemak 0600K/27th from Manus.

U.S.S. "VIRGO" (Attack Cargo) arrived Milne Bay 1800K/26th
Towing U.S.S. "ETAMIN" (Store Carrier) from Hollandia.

PS. 180 arrived Milne Bay 1130K/27th from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departs Cairns 1000K/28th for China Strait
for sweeping operations thence Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/30th.
(SOA 10.5).

HDML. 1327) departed Townsville 0915K/27th for Thursday
H.M.A.S. "LOLITA" (ASR)) Island for O/R to Milne Bay calling Cairns
en route for fuel and provisions. E.T.A.
Cairns 0700K/28th (SOA. 8).

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" departed Townsville 1250K/27th for Sydney for refit
E.T.A. 0600K/30th (SOA.19).

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departs Brisbane 1300K/28th for Milne Bay E.T.A.
1500K/2nd December (SOA 10.5).

M.L.806 departed Caloundra 2000K/27th for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/29th
(SOA.11).

H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" E.T.A. Sydney from Fremantle now 1000K/28th.

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (USNT). arrived Melbourne 2000K/26th from
San Francisco.

As from 0900K/27th November 1944, title of British Naval Liaison
Party (BNLP) has lapsed and is replaced by Vice Admiral (Q) (VAQ)
British Pacific Fleet with Headquarters at Melbourne.

U.S.S. "STONEWALL" (Unclassified) on passage Biak-Hollandia reported
at 0704K/27th that she was hard aground in $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms in the
vicinity of Cape D'Urville and needed assistance of a tug. PS.141
standing by.

N.O.I.C. New Guineadespatched H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" from Biak to assist.

Net Tender "CAPE AMEN" ordered by Com 7th Fleet from Hollandia
together with "CINNAMON" "SPRIGHTLY", "POTOWATOMI".

departed Capirika Santa 0600K/26 for Torokina E.T.A. 25th Nov.

departed Russellia 27th November for Peleliv via Manus.

"KISTIRAW" (Casualty Transport) arrived Manus 0500K/24 from Manus.

departed Russellia 0600K/26 for Cairns E.T.A. 1900K/29
Cairns 1800K/30 E.T.A. Longa 1800K/4th December.

"DRAGO" (Auxiliary Cargo Ship) arrived Treasury 0600K/26 from
Torokina.

25, 137, 245, 246, 267, 273, 276, 286 with P.C. 1234 as escort
departed Torokina 24th November for Cape Gloucester
E.T.A. 1700K/27.

"EMPIRE HARK" (LST),
"EMPIRE HAYMAK" (LST),
"EMPIRE HAYMAK" (LST). } Arrived Torokina from Manus.

departed Purvis 0700K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia, 0700K/29.

with H.C. 230, 231 departed Purvis 1400K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia
1400K/26.

SPIRIT

To 0900K/Monday, 27th November, 1944.

U.S.S. WILLMARTH (Destroyer Escort)) departed Asia Island 25th November
LSM 295, 314.) E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/28 via Mapia.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME") arrived Morotai 0800K/25 from Biak.
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE")

H.M.S. "GLENELG") departed Morotai 25th November for Mios Woendi E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW") 1700K/28.

ATR. 56 (Rescue Tug) departed Bora Bora 1800K/24 to rejoin ATA.176 with
YF's 728, 729 for Manus.

USS. "ELKHORN" (Gasoline Tanker)) departed Biak 1900K/25 for Morotai E.T.A.
Escorted by HMAS "VENDETTA") 0800K/27.

H.M.A.S. "LAURABADA" departed Manus 0600K/25 for Madang E.T.A. 1400K/27.

U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" (Liberty Ship converted to tanker) departed Manus 1800K/
24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1100K/26.

U.S.S. "RUSHMORE" (Landing ship dock) departed Manus 1700K/25 for
Esepi Espiritu Santo via Finschhafen E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/26

U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Aux. cargo attack) departed Manus 24th for Torokina E.T.A.
1100K/26.

U.S.S. "HOLLANDIA" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1000K/24 for Guadal-
Canal E.T.A. 0900K/27.

LCI. 745 departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/25 for Torokina E.T.A. 0800K/29.

LST. 594 arrived Espiritu Santo 1200K/26.

LST. 1035 arrived Espiritu Santo 0800K/26.

U.S.S. "CHIWRUBUM" arrived Espiritu Santo 25th November.

LST. 593 departed Espiritu Santo 1600K/22 for Seadler Harbour. E.T.A.
0700K/1st December.

LSM. 20, 168, 223 arrived Espiritu Santo 25th November.

ESM. 203, 169 arrived Espiritu Santo 1325K/26.

LCI. 745 departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/25 for Torokina E.T.A. 28th Nov.

LST. 124 E.T.D. Russells 27th November for Peleliv via Manus.

USS "KITTYHAWK" (Cavalry Transport) arrived Russells 0630K/24 from Manus.

YP. 414 and YP. 348 departed Russells 0600K/25 for Emirau E.T.A. 1900K/29
E.T.D. Emirau 1800K/30 E.T.A. Lunga 1200K/4th December.

U.S.S. "DRACO" (Auxiliary cargo ship) arrived Treasury 0600K/25 from
Torokina.

LST. 272, 23, 127, 243, 246, 267, 273, 276, 268 with P.C. 1123 as escort
departed Torokina 24th November for Cape Gloucester
E.T.A. 1700K/27.

HMS. "EMPIRE MACE" (LSI).) Arrived Torokina from Noumea.

HMS. "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" (LSI).)

HMS. "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (LSI).)

P.C. 584) departed Purvis 0700K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia. 0700K/29.

P.C. 1123)

S.C. 514 with S.C. 636, 668 departed Purvis 1430K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia
1400K/30.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL H. HERSWALT" (USNT) arrived Hollandia 1200K/25.
- U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 1050K/25 from San Francisco.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT POLK" (USNT) departed Hollandia 1725K/25 for Torokina E.T.A. 1530K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departs Hollandia 1100K/24 for Biak E.T.A. 1000K/25.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 25th November from Mios Woendi.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL M.L. HERSEY" (Transport) arrived Hollandia 25th from San Francisco.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/26 for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" E.T.A. Hollandia 2300K/26 from Milne Bay.
- U.S.S. "SUNBUNDOR" arrived Langemak 0830K/24. from Ulithi.
- H.M.A.S. "ORARA" departs Madang 27th for Langemak E.T.A. 0600K/28, thence to Lae E.T.A. 28th P.M. then return Madang.
- S.C. 981 departed Langemak 1506K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/26.
- S.C. 732 departed Langemak 0833K/26 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/27.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (USNT) arrived Guadalcanal 0900K/26. from Noumea.
- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" E.T.A. LANGEMAK 1015K/28 from Milne Bay.
- MS.313 departed Milne Bay 25th November E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/29 SOAIO.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" on completion of present operation at Kilcaster H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" proceed direct to Thursday Island to carry out exchange of light vessel. Proceed Sydney to arrive by 12th December calling at Townsville for fuel and water.
- H.M.S. "GLENEARN" (LSH) arrived Trinity Beach 0330K/25 from Townsville.
- H.M.A.S. "WATO" departed Thursday Island 0807K/26 for Cairns E.T.A. 2000K/29 SOA.6.
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departs Darwin 2204K/24 for Drysdale Area and Survey Grounds - return Darwin 29th November.
- U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY") returned Brisbane Harbour 1156K/26 Exercise
H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA") deferred indefinitely. Reason is not yet known.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" anchoring at Bermagui till 0600K/26 E.T.A. Sydney 2200K/26.
- H.M.A.S. "KOOKABURRA" arrived Port Kembla 24th November from Darwin.

The Dutch Naval Authorities do not consider N.E.I. Submarine K.11 will be satisfactory for further A/S duties in spite of refit and propose she should be paid off at Fremantle.

R.A.A.F. Aircraft in the North Western Area report sighting a submarine at 1154K/26 in position 06°40' S. 120°40' E course 190° 3 miles. The submarine crash dived. This position is approximately 65 miles due south of Cape Biera, Salayar Strait, S.W. Celebes.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" will have completed repairs on 30th November at Espiritu Santo. P/D Espiritu Santo requests authority for onward routing of this vessel.

0900K Sunday 26th November.

H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN) Departed Morotai 2359K/24 - E.T.A. Leyte 1600K/28.
 STAWELL) Escorts return Morotai with minimum delay.
 Escorting Convoy)

S.G. 729, 1012, 1327. Departed Pruvis 0500K/24. E.T.A. Hollandia 1600K/29

U.S.S. RIO GRANDE (Fuel Oil Barge). Departed Biak 24th for Sansapor.

L.C.I. 754. Departed Mios Woendi 1200K/25 for Sansapor ETA.1300K/26.

H.M.A.S. COWRA) Departed Mios Woendi 1900K/24 for Morotai
 Escorting one Ship.) ETA 0700K/26.

U.S.S. MIZAR (USN Store Ship). Departed Mios Woendi 1600K/24, for
 Hollandia ETA 0900K/25 for onward
 routing to U.S.A. via Manus.

A.T.R. 56 (Rescue Tug)) Departed Bora Bora at 1100K/24
 with YF 728, 729 (Covered Lighters)) for Manus ETA 16th.
 with ATA 176 (Ocean-going Tug))

U.S.S. CETUS (Aux. Cargo Ship). Departed Manus 1000K/25 for Noumea
 ETA 0100K/3.

U.S.S. GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON (USNT). Diverted to Noumea ETA 24th Nov.
 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. CUNNINGHAM (Destroyer). Departed Langemak 1200K/22 for Manus.

F.C. 479. Departed Langemak 0325K/25 for Treasury ETA 1200K/26.

U.S.S. CASTOR (Aux. Cargo Ship). Departed Langemak 1200K/24.
 Destination unknown.

H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA. ETD Milne Bay 0500K/26 for Madang.

S.C. 981. Departed Milne Bay 0507K/24 for Langemak.

H.M.S. EMPIRE ARQUEBUS (LSI) Departed Milne Bay 0545K/24. ETA Torokina
 1400K/28.

F.S. 181. Departs Milne Bay 0520K/20 for Mios Woendi ETA 1800K/29.

H.M.A.S. PARKES. Arrived Darwin 1903K/24 from Survey grounds.

M.L. 818. Arrived Darwin 1129K/25 from Thursday Is.

H.M.A.S. MORESBY Departed Darwin 1240K/25 for Browse Is.

H.M.A.S. HORSHAM ETA 0700K/27 (SOAII (250351)

H.M.A.S. KATOOMBA ETD Townsville 0600K/26 for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. KYBRA. Returned Sydney 0700K/25 from Broken Bay.

H.M.A.S. BERMAGUI. Arrived Paterson 0800K/23. Departed 0900K/23.
 ETA Sydney 0800K/26 (SOA 4)

H.M.S. QUEENSBOROUGH (Destroyer). Departed Fremantle 1100K/23 for
 Sydney ETA 1700K/28 (SOA 8).

NEI SUBMARINE K.15. Will exercise with R.A.A.F. & H.M.A.S. KOWRA
 as Escort from 1000K/27 until 1600K/30th.

From Noemfoor Area. Air raid warning at 0552K/25. All Clear 0680K/25.

Berthing Tugs for use at Australian Mainland Ports are being prepared
 for passage now and will be sailed as soon as ready.

The S.O. Ship of the 22nd M.S. Flotilla is H.M.S. GERALDTON.
Second S.O. Ship is H.M.S. PIRIE.

The 21st Mine Sweeping Flotilla under the command of Commander
F.B. Morris R.A.N., will be constituted as from 1000K/1st Dec.

L.C.T.745. Unable to Depart Santo due to Mechanical difficulties.

H.M.A.S. GOULBURN Is to depart Biak to arrive Sydney not later
than 12th December calling Madang if time permits.

N.O.I.C. Sydney reports that H.M.A.S. WARREGO will be in fully loaded
condition for inclining experiments on 3rd December.

The Flag of Acting Vice Admiral C.S. Daniel as Vice Admiral (Q)
British Pacific Fleet will be transferred from H.M.S. PRESIDENT
to H.M.S. GOLDEN HIND on Monday 27th November, 1944.

The title British Naval Liaison Party Australia will lapse at 0800K/27th
November and be replaced by V.A.(Q) British Pacific Fleet with
Headquarters at Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. MERCEDES) Refitting and Docking at Darwin.
H.M.A.S. MEDEA)

"GREECE VICTORY" reported sighting a submarine on the surface in
position 23° South 151° 16' E. at 1730K/25. This position is on
the recommended track inside the Barrier Reef near Cape Capricorn.

H.D.M.L. 1353. en route Brisbane to Townsville should have been in
this position at the time. Greece Victory had not been reported
in the S.W.P.A., and the Operations Staff Brisbane was of the
opinion that the position should have read 23 minutes south,
especially in view of the fact that Thursday Island Radio was the
only coastal station to intercept the report.

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON - Departed Biak 1200K/25th Nov. For Santo. (22nd M.S. Flotilla)
H.M.A.S. PIRIE - Departed Biak 1200K/25th Nov. For Santo. (22nd M.S. Flotilla)
H.M.A.S. WARREGO - Departed Biak 1200K/25th Nov. For Santo. (21st Mine Sweeping Flotilla)
H.M.A.S. MERCEDES - Departed Darwin 1200K/25th Nov. For refitting and docking.
H.M.A.S. MEDEA - Departed Darwin 1200K/25th Nov. For refitting and docking.
H.M.A.S. GOULBURN - Departed Biak 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. GERALDTON - Departed Santo 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. PIRIE - Departed Santo 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. WARREGO - Departed Santo 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. MERCEDES - Departed Darwin 1200K/25th Nov. For refitting and docking.
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H.M.A.S. PIRIE - Departed Santo 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. WARREGO - Departed Santo 1200K/25th Nov. For Sydney.
H.M.A.S. MERCEDES - Departed Darwin 1200K/25th Nov. For refitting and docking.
H.M.A.S. MEDEA - Departed Darwin 1200K/25th Nov. For refitting and docking.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Saturday, 25th November.

- U.S.S. "SPIRIT" (S/M) - Departs Trincomalee 2200K/26th Nov. for Fremantle (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "WYNDHAM BAY" (Escort Carrier) - Arrived Guadalcanal 0900K/23rd Nov. from Manus.
- U.S.S. "ZEILIN" (Transport) - Arrived Noumea 0800K/23rd Nov. from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Store Ship) - Departed Noumea 1500K/23rd Nov. for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/28th Nov. (SOA.16)
- P.C. 596 - Departed Espiritu Santo A.M./23rd Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 1400K/28th Nov.
- U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (L.S.D.)) - Recalled on passage Tulagi/Manus.
E.T.A. Tulagi 0600K/27th Nov.
- U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Fast Minesweeper)) S.O.A. 12.7)
- U.S.S. "LOCUST" (Net Tender) - Departs Noumea 1600K/20th Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 0600K/25th Nov. (SOA.10)
- U.S.M. 224) - Departed Bora Bora 1100K/24th Nov. for Noumea. E.T.A.
4th December (SOA.10.11)
- U.S.I. 713)
- P.C.I. 961, 1060, 1016, 119, 745 - Departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/24th Nov. for Torokina. E.T.A. 1900K/28th Nov. (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (Transport) - Departed Noumea 1330K/23rd Nov. for Finschafen. E.T.A. Lunga Pt. 1000K/26th Nov. (SOA.13.5)
- P.P. 283 (Patrol Craft) - Departed Morotai 1600K/23rd Nov. for Mios Woendi. E.T.A. 0600K/26th Nov.
- U.S.S. "RIO GRANDE" (Gasoline Tanker) - Departed Biak 1430K/23rd Nov. for Sansapor. E.T.A. 1430K/24th Nov.
- U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) - Departed Mios Woendi 1200K/22nd No. for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1700K/23rd Nov.
- P.P.C. 2 - Arrived Mios Woendi 0700K/23rd Nov. from Sansapor.
- U.S.S. "RUFILICUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 1400K/23rd Nov. for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/25th Nov. (SOA.9.8)
- U.S.T's 637, 933, 590 - E.T.A. Manus 0600K/27th Nov. from Torokina.
- U.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Arrived Hollandia 0700K/23rd Nov. from Madang.
- U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) - Arrived Hollandia P.M./20th Nov. from Morotai.
- U.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departed Hollandia 1100K/24th Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 0100K/26th Nov. (SOA.10.5)
- U.S. 180 - Arrived Langemak 1600K/22nd Nov. from Manus.
- U.S.S. "ASCELLA" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Langemak 2205K/23rd Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 0600K/25th Nov.
- U.S.S. "CUNNINGHAM" (Destroyer) - Departed Langemak 1200K/22nd Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 1200K/23rd Nov.

U.S.S. "OZARK" (Transport) - Arrived Langemak 0930K/23rd Nov. from Manus.

E.C. 981 - E.T.D. Milne Bay 0500K/24th Nov. for Manus, calling Langemak for fuel. E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/25th Nov. E.T.A. Manus 1500K/26th Nov. thence Hollandia. E.T.A. 1800K/28th Nov.

M.L. 802 - Departed Langemak 1842K/23rd Nov. for Madang. E.T.A. 0800K/24th Nov.

E.C. 732 - Departs Milne Bay 0500K/24th Nov. for Hollandia, calling Langemak for fuel. E.T.A. 1760K/25th Nov. and Manus E.T.A. 1100K/27th Nov. thence Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Arrived Milne Bay 1927K/23rd Nov. from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "GRUX" (Store Ship) - Departed Milne Bay 0300K/23rd Nov. for Langemak. E.T.A. 1500K/24th Nov. thence Hollandia. E.T.A. daylight 26th Nov.

H.D.M.L. 1323 }
H.D.M.L. 1326 } - Arrived Merauke 1550K/23rd Nov. from Wamal and Koembies.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" - Returned Thursday Island 1015K/24th Nov. with Light vessel. Will be sailed Cairns A.M./26th Nov. Light vessel to be anchored Thursday Island to await A.M.S.

H.M.A.S. "SLEUTH" - Departed Thursday Island 1700K/22nd Nov. for Darwin. E.T.A. 1800K/27th Nov. (SOA. 8)

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" }
H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" } - Arrived Cairns 0810K/24th Nov. from Milne Bay.

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (L.S.H.) - Arrived Cairns 0435K/23rd Nov. from Noumea.

H.M.S. "CLAW LAMONTE" (L.S.I.) - Arrived Cairns 0800K/23rd Nov. from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) - Departs Sydney 3rd Dec. for Brisbane to load, thence New Guinea ports.

P.C. 590 - Departed Sydney 1441K/23rd Nov. for Espiritu Santo. E.T.A. 1400K/28th Nov. (SOA.12)

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Sydney 0001K/24th Nov. for Broken Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/24th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Amended E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/25th Nov. from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) }
Escorted by H.M.S. "WESSEX" and H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" } - Arrived Bombay 1404K/23rd Nov.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departs Sydney 7th December for Leyte Island, calling Brisbane and Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" boiler cleaning at Mies Woendi from 1500K/20th Nov. until A.M./27th Nov. at 8 hours' notice.

It is proposed on completion of operation KILCOASTER H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" to carry out exchange of Light vessel. Carpentaria area.

Tanker "PIP" SPRING reported in position 19° 14' North, 86° 17' East. "Sub. sighted firing at same". This position Bay of Bengal route Madras Calcutta.

- "STINE" - Departed Langsam 1800K/3rd Nov. For Manus. T.T.A. 1800K/24th Nov.
- "STONEMAN" - Departed Langsam 1800K/3rd Nov.
- "SUALIA" - Arrived Leyte Gulf 1130K/3rd Nov. from survey.
- "SIAPA" - Arrived Morotai 1800K/23rd Nov. from Nink, escorting merchant vessel.
- "STAVEL" - Arrived Morotai 1800K/23rd Nov. from Nink, escorting merchant vessel.
- "SIBAK" (Transport) - Departed Manus 1800K/3rd Nov. For Langsam. T.T.A. 0900K/3rd Nov. (234.18)
- "SIBAK" - Departed Manus 1800K/3rd Nov. For Nias Nondi, T.T.A. Daylight 25th Nov. (234.11)
- "SIBAK" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Guadalcanal 22nd Nov. For Manus.
- "SIBAK" - Arrived Nias Nondi 1800K/3rd Nov. from Langsam.
- "SIBAK" - Arrived Hollandia 0700K/3rd Nov. from Madang.
- "SIBAK" - Departed Madang 1800K/31st Nov. For Hollandia. T.T.A. 0700K/3rd Nov. Change Nias Nondi.
- "SIBAK" - Arrived Milne Bay 1800K/3rd Nov. from Langsam.
- "SIBAK" - Departed Hollandia 1100K/31st Nov. For Madang. T.T.A. 0700K/3rd Nov.
- "SIBAK" - Departed Hollandia 1800K/3rd Nov. For Nias Nondi and arrived 1800K/3rd Nov.
- "SIBAK" (Supply Carrier) - Arrived Langsam 0800K/31st Nov. from San Francisco.
- "SIBAK" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/3rd Nov. For Hollandia. T.T.A. 1000K/3rd Nov. (234.9)
- "SIBAK" - Departed Thursday Island 1400K/3rd Nov. to make light ship Carpentaria locality. Later returned Thursday Island owing to weather conditions.
- "SIBAK" (Tug) - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/31st Nov. For Hollandia. T.T.A. 1000K/3rd Nov.
- "SIBAK" (Fishing Boat)

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Friday, 24th November.

- U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (L.S.D.)) - On passage Tulagi - Manus
Escorted by U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Fast Minesweeper)) has been recalled to
Tulagi.
- D.E's 353, 344, 359, 356, 357, 358 - Departed Santo for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0700K/28th Nov.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (Transport) - To proceed from Finschafen to
Oro Bay, Aitape, Morotai,
Hollandia to embark for United
States.
- H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (L.S.H.) - Departed Noumea 0400K/19th Nov. for Cairns.
E.T.A. 0600K/23rd Nov.
- U.S.S. "SIEGE" - Departed Langemak 1000K/23rd Nov. for Manus. E.T.A.
1200K/24th Nov.
- U.S.S. "STONEWALL" - Arrived Biak 1200K/21st Nov. from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Arrived Leyte Gulf 1130K/23rd Nov. from survey.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") - Arrived Morotai 1000K/22nd Nov. from Biak, escorting
merchant vessel.
H.M.A.S. "STAWELL")
- U.S.S. "OZARK" (Transport) - Departed Manus 1200K/22nd Nov. for Langemak.
E.T.A. 0900K/23rd Nov. (SOA.15)
- L.C.I. 711 - Departed Manus 1200K/22nd Nov. for Mios Woendi.
E.T.A. daylight 25th Nov. (SOA.11)
- U.S.S. "LOESER" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Guadalcanal 22nd Nov. for
Manus.
- F.S. 170 - Arrived Mios Woendi 1500K/22nd Nov. from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Arrived Hollandia 0700K/22nd Nov. from Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Madang 1600K/21st Nov. for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0700K/23rd Nov. thence Mios Woendi.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Arrived Milne Bay 1807K/22nd Nov. from
Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA") - Departed Hollandia 1100K/21st Nov. for Madang.
E.T.A. 0900K/22nd Nov.
H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA")
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) - Departed Hollandia 1805K/22nd Nov. for Mios
Woendi and arrived 1030K/23rd Nov.
- U.S.S. "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS" (Escort Carrier) - Arrived Langemak 0800K/21st
Nov. from San Francisco.
- L.S.T's 452, 555, 680. - Departed Milne Bay 0600K/22nd Nov. for
Hollandia. E.T.A. 1000K/26th Nov. (SOA.9)
- H.M.A.S. "WATO" - Departed Thursday Island 1445K/22nd Nov. to
anchor Light ship Carpentaria locality. Later
returned Thursday Island owing to weather
conditions.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug)) - Departed Milne Bay 0917K/21st Nov. for
Hollandia. E.T.A. P.M. 26th Nov.
Towing A.F.D.3 (Floating Dry Dock))

- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Hollandia 1930K/21st Nov. for Mios Woendi. E.T.A. 1100K/22nd Nov. (SOA.18)
- L.S.T's 1026, 618. - Departed Hollandia 1650K/22nd Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 1300K/24th Nov. (SOA.9)
- U.S.S. "BOOTES" (Cargo Ship) - Arrived Hollandia 0650K/23rd Nov. from Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "WINGED ARROW" (Transport) - Arrived Hollandia 1730K/22nd Nov. from Manus.
- H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" - Departed Langemak 1844K/22nd Nov. for Brisbane via Townsville. E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/27th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Departed Townsville 2140K/22nd Nov. for Milne Bay via Thursday Island for Bunkers. E.T.A. Thursday Island 0600K/28th Nov. (SOA.6)
- H.D.M.L. 1353 - Departs Brisbane 2300K/23rd Nov. for Townsville. E.T.A. 0600K/27th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departed Sydney 0907K/23rd Nov. for Hobart. E.T.A. 1800K/26th Nov. (SOA.7)
- H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" - Departed Melbourne 1100K/23rd Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 1400K/25th Nov. (SOA. 10.5)
- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY")
H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA")
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM") - E.T.A. Darwin from Port Nelson 0800K/24th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine) delayed at Brisbane due engine defect.

Survivors M.L. 827 are to be despatched from Langemak to Madang first available opportunity.

H.M.A. Ships "ALEXANDER THOMSON", "NEPEAN" and "WESTWIND" paid off 1200K/22nd Nov.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" expected to be ready to leave Sydney about 20th Dec.

Dutch Submarine "K.14" will be exercising with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" in the vicinity of Cape Otway from 26th to 30th November. Merchant shipping authorities have been advised.

From Jacquinot Bay:

Air Raid Warning Red 2100K/23rd Nov.
" " " Green 2145K/23rd Nov.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" expected to sail from Sydney 5th Dec. for New Guinea.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Thursday 23rd November.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL J.H. McRAE" (Transport) - Departed San Francisco 20th Nov. for Findchafen E.T.A. 6th Dec.
- U.S.S. "WASATCH" (U.S. H.Q. Communications Ship))
with U.S.S. "DEVIL" (U.S. Sub.)) - Departed Hollandia
U.S.S. "DANIEL E. JOY" (Destroyer Escort)) 0900K/21st Nov. for
 Leyte E.T.A. 0800K/25th
 Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" Escorting F.S.164 - Departed Biak 0700K/21st Nov. for
 Morotai E.T.A. 1400K/23rd Nov.
- L.C.T's 922, 260, 255 Escorting by H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") - Departed Morotai
) 1130K/20th Nov.
and H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") E.T.A. Sansapor
 1200K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (L.S.D.)) - Departed Tulagi 0500K/21st
) Nov. for Manus E.T.A.
Escorted by U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Fast Minesweeper)) 1200K/24th Nov.
- S.C. 1039 - Arrived Vila Efate 20th Nov. from Sydney.
- U.S.S. "WINDSOR" (Attack Transport))
U.S.S. "CRESCENT" (Transport)) - Departed Manus 1200K/21st Nov. for
U.S.S. "ORMSBY" (Attack Transport)) Tulagi E.T.A. 0600K/25th Nov.
- L.S.T's 590, 933, 922, 720, 637, 1034 - Diverted to Manus via Torokina
 from Espiritu Santo. E.T.A.
 Torokina 24th Nov.
- L.C.I's 961, 662, 745, 1016, 1060, 1019 - Arrived Santo 22nd Nov. from
 Noumea.
- U.S.S. "RIEGL" (Repair Ship) - Departed Manus 1000K/20th Nov. for
 Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "CHARLES J. KIMMEL" (Destroyer Escort))
U.S.S. "THOMAS F. NICKEL" (Destroyer Escort)) - Departed Manus 1500K/20th
U.S.S. "POIFFER" (Destroyer Escort)) Nov. for Hollandia
 E.T.A. 1600K/21st Nov.
- U.S.S. "PHOBOS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Espiritu Santo 1400K/20th Nov. for
 Hollandia E.T.A. 27th Nov.
- L.C.S's 7, 8 - Departed Santo 20th Nov. for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/27th Nov.
- H.M.S. "EMPIRE MACE") Departed Noumea 1700K/21st Nov. for Torokina
) E.T.A. 0800K/25th Nov.
H.M.S. "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE")
- L.C.I's 662, 961, 1016, 1019, 745 - Departed Noumea 1600K/20th Nov. for
 Torokina via Espiritu Santo
 E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1100K/22nd Nov.
- L.S.T's 592, 1034, 720 - Departed Noumea 21st Nov. for Seadler Harbour.
- U.S.S. "OCONTO" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Torokina 1115K/21st Nov. from
 Madang.
- A.P.C. 96 (Cavalry Attack))
) - Arrived Torokina 1200K/21st Nov.
Escorting L.C.T's 67, 318, 944.)

- U.S.S. "ROSEWOOD" (Net Tender) - Arrived Noumea 1615K/21st Nov. from Sydney.
- Y.M.S. 96 - Arrived Noumea 1446K/21st Nov. from Sydney.
- L.S.T. 66, 643 - E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1600K/24th Nov. from Tulagi.
- U.S.S. "KITTYHAWK" (Cavalry Transport) - Departed Manus 0700K/21st Nov. for Russel Island E.T.A. 0600K/24th Nov.
- F.S. 180 - Departed Manus 1200K/21st Nov. for Langemak 1700K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "DARBY" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Guadalcanal 22nd Nov. for Manus.
- H.M.A.S. "GUMLEAF" - Arrived Hollandia 1800K/20th Nov. - E.T.D. 1600K/22nd Nov. for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1100K/24th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Madang 20th Nov. for Mios Woendi.
- U.S.S. "OXFORD" (Attack Transport) - Departed Hollandia 0400K/21st Nov. for Noumes E.T.A. 0500K/26th Nov.
- U.S.S. "CLYDE" (Tanker) - Arrived Hollandia 18th Nov. from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "UPSHUR" (Destroyer) - Departed Hollandia 1725K/21st Nov. for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/23rd Nov.
- L.S.T's 456, 22, 777 - E.T.A. Hollandia 0900K/24th Nov. from Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" - Departed Madang 1600K/21st Nov. E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/22nd Nov. thence Townsville.
- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" - Arrived Milne Bay 1447K/20th Nov. from Jacquinet Bay.
- H.M.S. "CLAN LAMONT" - Departed Milne Bay 1417K/21st Nov. for Cairns E.T.A. 0800K/23rd Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departed Darwin 1715K/20th Nov. for Port Nelson via Snake Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" - Departed Darwin 1755K/20th Nov. for Port Nelson.
- H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" - E.T.D. Port Essington 0730K/23rd Nov. for Darwin. E.T.A. 1730K/24th Nov.
- U.S.S. GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) - E.T.D. Brisbane 1730K/22nd Nov. for San Pedro E.T.A. 1430K/6th Dec. (SOA.19)
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Sydney 2318K/21st Nov. for Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 1500K/22nd Nov. (SOA.9)
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - E.T.D. 0815K/23rd Nov. for Hobart.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - E.T.D. Watsons Bay 0500K/23rd Nov. to rendezvous off Bermagui to take over tow (SOA.11)
- H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" - E.T.A. Williamstown 1400K/22nd Nov. from Wilson's Promontory Area.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1200K/23rd Nov.
- P.C. 590 - E.T.D. Sydney 1300K/23rd Nov. for Espiritu Santo.
- H.M.A.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" - Arrived Fremantle 1200K/22nd Nov. from Addu Atol.

At 1213K on Wednesday 22nd Nov. S.S. "WILLIS VAN DEVONTER" whilst berthing at inner East Station Pier, Port Melbourne, struck H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" on the starboard quarter causing slight damage.

COMMANDER (D) IN H.M.A.S. "SWAN" is proceeding to Mios Woendi and on arrival will assume operational control of all Escort Vessels under N.O.I.C., New Guinea operating west of Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "BOWENS" refit is being delayed owing to a strike by the Boiler Makers.

An Automatic S.O.S. was heard by Thursday Island at 0700K/22nd Nov. The message was very weak and it was not possible to get a bearing. The signals ceased at 0802K/22nd Nov. and recommenced at 0840K/22nd Nov.

H.M.A.S. "HOBARTS" Trial Programme on 26th Nov. is postponed. It is intended to carry out a final inclining experiment on 10th December.

On 13th November PHILIPPINES SEA FRONTIER was established as a separate Command under Commander 7th Fleet.

H.M.A.S. "GOLDEN HIND" - was commissioned at 0900K/20th Nov. with a Temporary Office at Carrier Building, Burke Street, Sydney.

A midget submarine was sunk near Ulithi on 20th November. Commander 7th Fleet warns that Counter Measures must be taken against this form of attack in the Philippines and Northern N.Q. waters.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Wednesday, 22nd November.

- U.S.S. "WASATCH" (U.S. H.Q. Communications Ship) - Departed Hollandia
0900K/21st Nov.
E.T.A. Leyte 25th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN")
Y.P. 283) Arrived Morotai 0930K/20th Nov. from Major Island.
- H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN")
H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") Departed Morotai 1700K/20th Nov. H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN"
Sansapor thence Biak E.T.A. 1200K/23rd Nov. H.M.A.S.
Escorting G.E.711) "KATOOMBA" Biak E.T.A. 1700K/23rd Nov.
- L.C.I's 691, 662, 1016, 745,) - Departed Noumea 1600K/20th Nov. for
1060, 1019) Espiritu Santo 1100K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (Naval Transport) - On passage to Noumea,
on arrival Guadalcanal to embark troops
and proceed Finschafen.
- U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (L.S.D.)) - Departed Tulagi 2040K/20th
Nov. for Manus.
Escorted by U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Fast Minesweeper)
- Y.P. 283 - Departed Sansapor 2100K/18th Nov. for Morotai. E.T.A.
0900K/20th Nov.
- U.S.S. "WINDHAM BAY" (Escort Carrier) - Departed Manus 1100K/20th Nov.
for Guadalcanal 0900K/23rd Nov.
- U.S.S. "PURVIS" (Coastal Minelayer) - Departed Purvis 1200K/21st Nov.
for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/23rd Nov.
(SOA.20)
- U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport) - Departed Manus 1800K/19th Nov. for
Emirau E.T.A. 1300K/20th Nov.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Arrived Biak 1800K/20th Nov. from
Noemfoor.
- H.D.M.L. 1322)
H.N.M.S. "SMEROE") - Departed Merauke 0630K/21st Nov. for Amboekerah
River Patrol.
- H.D.M.L. 1323, 1326 - Departed Merauke 0900K/21st Nov. for Wamal and
return.
- A.T.R. 61 (Rescue Tug))
Towing Y.O. 93 (Fuel Oil Lighter)) - Departed Bora Bora 0700K/20th
Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 25th Nov
A.T.A. 175 (Ocean Going Tug))
Towing A.F.D. 27 (Floating Dry Dock))
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Madang 1816K/20th Nov. for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0600K/22nd Nov. thence to Mios Woendi
- U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) - Arrived Hollandia 1310K/20th Nov.
from Kossol Roads.
- U.S.S. "ZAURAK" (Cargo Ship)) Departed Manus 1800K/19th Nov.
for Guadalcanal.
with U.S.S. "CASSIOPEIA" (Aug. Cargo Ship)

- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Arrived Hollandia 1600K/20th Nov. from Madang.
- P.S. 170 - Departed Langemak 1800K/19th Nov. for Mios Woendi
E.T.A. 0600K/22nd Nov.
- L.S.T's 452, 555, 680. - Departed Milne Bay 21st Nov. for Hollandia.
- L.S.T's 456, 22, 777 - Departed Milne Bay 20th Nov. for Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Cairns 1201K/20th for Sydney.
E.T.A. 1700K/27th Nov. (SOA.8)
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - E.T.D. Sydney 0936/21st Nov. for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 0200K/23rd Nov. (SOA. 11). Departs
Caloundra 1500K/24th Nov. to exercise with
U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" from 0600K/25th Nov.
returning Caloundra 1800K/28th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Brisbane 2230K/19th Nov. for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0900K/24th Nov. for onward passage
to Lae and Madang (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Store Issuing Ship) - Arrived Brisbane 19th Nov.
from Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Anchoring Twofold Bay 0716K/21st Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") Proceeded to carry out final 100% searching sweep-
Operation Kilcoaster. On completion "KALGOORLIE"
H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE") will return Townsville thence Sydney. "Townsville"
will proceed Cairns for fuel thence Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Arrived Jervis Bay 1230K/21st Nov. E.T.D. Jervis
Bay 1700K/21st Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/22nd
Nov. (SOA.5)
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Departed Sydney 1239K/20th Nov. for Brisbane
E.T.A. 1200K/22nd Nov. for onward routing to
Milne Bay and Madang. (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "GRIFFIN" (Sub.Tender) - Departs Fremantle 1200K/20th Nov. for
Brisbane 2000K/28th Nov. (SOA.14½)
- H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" is transferred to the Operational Control of A.C.N.B.
as from 15th Nov. 1944.

On the 20th Nov. C.T.F. 77 and Com. 7th Fleet departed Hollandia in U.S.S.
"WASATCH" U.S. H.Q. Communications Ship to arrive Leyte on the 25th Nov.
Administration and Plans of Com. 7th Fleet will remain at H.Q. Hollandia.

S.R.D. are carrying out exercises on two nights, the 21st and 23rd Nov.
in Port Phillip Bay.

H.L. 827 reported aground North East of Cape Kawai, New Britain in the
Narrative of 18th Nov. was refloated at 1700K/20th Nov. by "CAMERIAN
SALVOR" but capsized and became awash at 1730K. vessel was taken in tow
by "CAMERIAN SALVOR" but the tow rope parted at 2030K and the vessel sank.
The Tug then proceeded to Langemak with the survivors - H.L. 802 was to
search the area at daybreak for M.L. 827 but the search was fruitless.

M.L's 424, 425, 804, 805, 811, 820 - Operating under N.O.I.C. Brisbane Operational Control are to be paid off.

M.L's 426, 428, 431, 816, 818 - Operating under N.O.I.C. Sydney's Operational Control are to be paid off.

An S S S was received by Broome at 1620K/21st Nov. from an unknown originator - Submarine sighted 16° 49' S. 118° 39' E. at 1520K/21st Nov. This position is approximately 220 miles from Broome and 70 miles S.W. from Sandy Island.

For the present Morotai Area between equator and Lat. 03° North East of Long. 128° will be included in the South West Pacific Sea Frontier.

"CHARLES WOOSTER" in a position 14° 32' South 123° 32' East at 0900K/20th Nov. Approx. 30 miles south of Browse Island 91 west of York Sound disembarked four Native Escapees picked up enroute, to H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" and then proceeded on passage to Colombo.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Tuesday, 21st November.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL J.H. McRAE (Transport) - Departed San Francisco 1200K/20th Nov. for Tacloban (Leyte Island via Ore Bay, Lae, Finschafen. E.T.A. Finschafen 6th Dec.
- L.S.T. 637, 933, 590 - Departed Espiritu Santo 0930K/20th Nov. for Torokina. E.T.A. 1200K/24th Nov. (SOA.10)
- L.C.M. 219 with } - Departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/20th Nov. for
L.S.M's 67, 218, 269 } Tulagi. E.T.A. 1400K/22nd Nov. (SOA.11)
- L.S.T's 592, 1034, 720 - Departed Espiritu Santo 1500K/20th Nov. for Torokina. E.T.A. 1700K/24th Nov. (SOA.10)
- L.S.T. 952 towing L.C.T. 1081)
L.S.T. 1016 towing L.C.T. 1289) Departed Noumea 1100K/20th Nov. for Torokina. E.T.A. 1000K/26th Nov. (SOA.8.)
- U.S.S. "SHADWELL" (Landing Ship Dock)) - Departs Tulagi 20th Nov. for Manus.
Escorted by U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Fast Minesweeper))
- A.P.C. 2 (Patrol Craft) - Arrived Sansapor 1500K/19th Nov. from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Biak 2300K/19th Nov. escorting merchant ship to Morotai. E.T.A. 0700K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "HASKELL" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Biak 1300K/19th Nov. from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "HARRY LEE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Mios Woendi 0900K/19th Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 1100K/21st Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" - Departed Mios Woendi 1900K/18th Nov. for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/21st Nov.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) - Arrived Hollandia 1045K/19th Nov. from Manus.
- U.S.S. "LATIMA" (Attack Transport) - Departed Hollandia 1405K/18th Nov. for Noumea E.T.A. 0900K/23rd Nov.
- U.S.S. "ALGOL" - Departed Manus 1500K/18th Nov. for Noumea. E.T.A. 23rd Nov. (SOA.15.5)
- U.S.S. "DANIEL A. JOY" (Destroyer Escort))
U.S.S. "LOUGH" (Destroyer Escort)) - Departed Manus 1500K/19th Nov. for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1600K/20th Nov. (SOA.16)
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Madang 1500K/19th Nov. for Aitape. E.T.A. 0645K/20th Nov. thence Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/20th Nov.
- U.S.S. "OCONTO" (Attack Transport) - Departed Madang 1030K/20th Nov. for Torokina E.T.A. 1001K/22nd Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departed Langemak 1845K/19th Nov. for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/20th Nov.
- H.D.M.L. 1339 - Departed Langemak 1730K/19th Nov. for Madang. E.T.A. 1000K/20th Nov.
- U.S.S. "SARASOTA" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Milne Bay 1100K/19th Nov. from Mios Woendi. Departed 0600K/20th Nov. for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/22nd Nov. (SOA.16)

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Milne Bay 0937K/19th Nov. for Sydney
E.T.A. 1800K/25th Nov. (SOA.11)

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug))
towing A.F.D.3 (Floating Dry Dock)) - Departed Milne Bay 1017K/20th Nov.
from Cairns.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (L.S.I.) - Arrived Milne Bay 0757K/20th Nov.
for Manus.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing light vessel - Arrived Thursday Island 0133K/16th
Nov. from Townsville.

M.L. 806 towing H.D.M.L. 1338 - Departed Gladstone 0900K/19th Nov. for
Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/20th Nov. (SOA.9)

M.L. 801 - Departs Brisbane 1300K/20th Nov. for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/22nd
Nov. (SOA.11)

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departs Brisbane 2230K/19th Nov. for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0001K/24th Nov. for onward routing
Lae and Madang.

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (U.S.I.S.) - E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/21st Nov. from
Manus.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departed Sydney 0755K/20th Nov. for
Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/23th Nov.
(SOA.12.5)

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Departs Sydney A.M./21st Nov. for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departs Port Kembla 1600K/20th Nov. Jervis Bay
0800K/21st Nov. thence Sydney. (SOA.6)

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Devonport 2100K/19th Nov. for Sydney via
Twofold Bay and Jervis Bay. E.T.A. Sydney
0800K/25th Nov. (SOA.9)

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON")
E.T.A. Hollandia from Manus Nov. 1100K/19th

H.M.A.S. "PARKES") - Arrived Darwin 1758K/19th Nov. Dep Milne Bay

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE") E.T.A. 1800K/20th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE") Departed Longwood 1000K/19th Nov. for Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" - E.T.A. Darwin 0730K/20th Nov. E.T.A. 0800K/22nd

Mer ship "HORORATA" on passage Balboa - Melbourne rescued the three
survivors of crashed Anson Aircraft reported down in vicinity of Gabe
Island and is proceeding to Melbourne M.L. 810 on this A.S.R. duty has
been recalled.

H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" (A.S.R.) - Commissioned in Sydney 0900K Monday 20th.

"JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER", liberty ship reported aground Dart Reef in
narrative of 20th, was refloated at 1546K/20th Nov. by tug despatched from
Milne Bay. Vessel proceeding to destination, Biak, at reduced speed. Tug
returned Milne Bay.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Monday, 20th November.

- P.C. 461 - Departed Bora Bora 1200K/18th Nov. for Noumea.
E.T.A. 25th Nov.
- L.S.T. 224 - Departs Espiritu Santo 0400K/9th Nov. for Torokina.
E.T.A. 23rd Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA")
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") Departed Colombo 1829K/18th Nov. for Fremantle.
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH") Rendezvous with "ARNDALE" at 1600K/19th Nov.
H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") E.T.A. Fremantle 1300K/2nd Dec.
- L.C.S. 9, 10. - Departed Bora Bora 0300K/19th Nov. for Espiritu Santo.
E.T.A. 21st Nov. (SOA. 10, 11)
- L.C.T's 592, 593, 720 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 18th Nov.
- L.C.M's 203, 169 - Departed Bora Bora 0400K/18th Nov. for Espiritu Santo.
E.T.A. 20th Nov. (SOA.11,12)
- L.S.M. 68 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 19th Nov. from Bora Bora.
- U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker)) - Departed Morotai 1026K/18th Nov.
Escorted by H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") "SALAMONIE" to Hollandia. E.T.A. 0600K/21st Nov. "BARCOO" to Biak
E.T.A. 1000K/20th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" - Departed Morotai 1100K/18th Nov. escorting merchant ship.
E.T.A. Biak, 1400K/20th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Arrived Morotai 0700K/18th Nov. from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" - Arrived Morotai 0800K/18th Nov. from Biak.
- Y.P.648 (Patrol Craft) - Arrived Sansapor 1450K/18th Nov. from Noemfoor.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) - E.T.A. Hollandia from Manus now 1100K/19th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Madang 1400K/19th Nov. for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 1200K/22nd Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Langemak 1003K/19th Nov. for Cairns.
E.T.A. 1000K/22nd Nov.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT JACKSON" (U.S.N.T.) - Departs Langemak 1300K/18th Nov.
for Noumea. E.T.A. 0600K/23rd Nov. (SOA. 15.6)
- P.C. 1131 - Departed Langemak 2116K/18th Nov. to escort submarine Pipe to Limb.
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Langemak 1530K/18th Nov.
for Manus E.T.A. 1330K/19th Nov.
- U.S.S. "LAURENS" (Attack Transport) - Departed Langemak 0800K/18th Nov.
for Noumea. E.T.A. 23rd Nov. (SOA.11)
- U.S.S. "OCONTO" (Attack transport) - Departed Oro Bay 0915K/19th Nov. for Finschafen.
E.T.A. 1800K/19th Nov. thence Milne Bay. (SOA.18.5)
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Milne Bay 0640K/18th Nov. for Manus.
E.T.A. 0630K/20th Nov. (SOA.14)

U.S.S. "BANNER" (Attack Transport) - Departed Milne Bay 0640K/18th Nov. for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1500K/20th (SOA.16)

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine) - Departs Brisbane 1200K/22nd Nov. for Townsville. E.T.A. 0800K/28th Nov. for onward routing Madang calling Gladstone. E.T.A. 1000K/24th Nov. (SOA.6)

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" (Aux. M/S) - Departs Port Kembla P.M./20th Nov. for Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 0800K/21st Nov. to tow two hulls to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departed Moruya 1430K/18th Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 1200K/19th Nov.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departs Sydney when ready for Hollandia.

H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJSSENS"

Escorting H.N.M.S. "K.14" (Submarine)

} - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0800K/20th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON"

H.M.A.S. "PARKES"

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE"

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE"

} - E.T.A. Darwin 1830K/19th Nov.

"JONATHAN P. DOLLIVER", liberty ship, reported at 2350K/19th Nov. that she was aground Dart Reef and needed assistance. P.D., Milne Bay reported at 0312K/20th Nov. that two tugs were being despatched to assist. Last movement of "DOLLIVER" was arrival Milne Bay A.M./11th Nov. from Balboa.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" delayed New Guinea Area. E.T.A. Brisbane for refit now 28th Nov.

M.L. 810 is proceeding from Eden at daybreak today Monday 20th Nov. to search over a wide area for crashed Anson reported down in vicinity Gabe Island, returning to base at 1600K same day. Catalinas also searching, and ships on passage between Wilson's Prom. and Eden have been asked to keep a lookout.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" arrived Morotai 0730K/18th Nov. from Sansapor. Departs 0700K/19th Nov. for Majoe Island. E.T.A. 1800K/19th Nov. Departs Majoe Island 2300K same day for return to Morotai. E.T.A. 1000K/20th Nov.

TO 0900K SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1944.

- H.M.S. BROOME } Departed Morotai 1500K/17 for Biak
 H.M.A.S. COWRA } E.T.A. 19th Nov. thence Hollandia.
 Escorting }
 Convoy }
- S.C.1266 - Arrived Guadalcanal 1334K/17.
- U.S.S. LA PORTE - Departed Hollandia 1315K/18 for Noumea
 (Attack Transport) E.T.A. 1400K/22.
- C.T.U.11. 5. 6. } If not already sailed from Guadalcanal
 A.T.A.175.A.F.D.27. } A.T.R.61 is to take Y.O.93 in tow
 A.T.R.61 } and proceed with group to Manus.
- Y.P.897 - Departed Noemfoer 1630K/17 for Sansafer
 E.T.A.1430K/18.
- P.C.1123 - When ready is to depart Noumea and proceed
 Brisbane direct for recreational leave
 E.T.D. Brisbane 6th Dec. for Treasury direct.
- H.M.S. LOTHIAN - Arrived Noumea 0640K/17 from Brisbane.
- L.S.W.'s 127, } Departed Espiritu Santo 0900K/17 for Seeadler
 63, 65 } Harbour - E.T.A. 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. GREENWOOD - Departed Tulagi 1730K/17 for Manus
 (Destroyer Escort) E.T.A. 0800K/20.
- H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE) Departed Leyte Gulf for Manus E.T.A. 24th Nov.
 Y.M.S.316, Y.M.S.393) for replenishment of stores and overhaul.
- U.S.S. OLMSTEAD - Arrived Hollandia 15th Nov. from Lae.
 (Attack Transport)
- U.S.S. SARASOTA - Departed Mios Woendi 0600K/16 for Milne Bay.
 (Attack Transport)
- L.C.I.971 - Departed Mios Woendi, 1010K/17 for Milne Bay
 E.T.A. 0700K/23.
- U.S.S. HASKELL Departed Langemak 0700K/17 for Biak.
 (Attack Transport) - E.T.A. 0700K/19.
- U.S.S. LEYTE - Departed Langemak 2350K/17 for Manus
 A.G.R.S (Repair Ship) E.T.A. 0600K/18.
- U.S.S. WIZAR - Departed Manus 0700K/18 for Hollandia
 E.T.A. 0600K/19.
- U.S.S. TRINITY (Fuel Ship) - Arrived Hollandia 17th from Woendi
- U.S.S. DAREY (Destroyer Escort) - Arrived Hollandia 17th.
- H.M.A.S. BENDIGO - E.T.A. Madang 0900K/21 from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. ANARAT) Arrived Hollandia 0915K/17. Departed
 Escorting 4 L.C.T.'s) 1200K/17 for Manus - E.T.A. 0700K/19.

H.M.A.S. PALIN - E.T.D. Jacquinot Bay 0600K/18
E.T.A. 1500K/20 Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY) E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/20
towing A.F.D.3) from Cairns.
(Floating Deck)

H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE - Arrived Milne Bay 0807K/18 for Madang.

U.S.S. CLYDE (Tanker) - Departed Langemak 17th Nov. for Humboldt
Bay - E.T.A. 18th Nov.

U.S.S. ADAIR (Attack Transport) - Departed Langemak 17th Nov. for
Manus.

U.S.S. WARWICK (Attack Cargo) - Arrived Langemak 15th from Hollandia.

H.M.S. EMPIRE ARQUEBUS) E.T.D. Manus 1600K/18 for Milne Bay
H.M.S. CLAN LAMONT) E.T.A. 1000K/20.

U.S.S. VIRGO (Fleet Tug)) Departed Hollandia 0130K/18th for
towing U.S.S. ETAMIN) Milne Bay - E.T.A. 2000K/25.
(Store Carrier))

U.S.S. BANNER (Attack Transport) - Arrived Milne Bay 1105K/17.

H.D.M.L.1339 - Departed Milne Bay 0707K/17 for Hollandia via
Langemak and Madang - E.T.A. 1800K/18.

H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG - Departed Milne Bay 0717K/17 for Langemak
E.T.A. 1700K/19.

H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE - Departed Thursday Is. 16th for Townsville.

U.S.S. CRUX (Store Ship) - E.T.D. Brisbane 1430K/18 for Milne Bay
(S.O.A.9.5)

H.M.A.S. KAPUNDA - Departs Sydney 20th Nov. for Brisbane thence
Milne Bay and Madang.

U.S.S. ROSEWOOD (net Tanker) & Departed Sydney 1533K/17 for
Noumea - E.T.A. 1200K/22 (S.O.A.9)

Y.M.S.98 - Departed Sydney 1402K/17 for Noumea - E.T.A. Noon 22nd
(S.O.A.10.5)

H.M.A.S. COOMBAR - Departed Moruya 1450K/17 with 17 small ships in tow
E.T.A. 18th Nov. Sydney.

U.S.S. GENERAL ANDERSON (U.S.N.T.) - Departed Melbourne 1900K/18 for
Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700K/21 to embark U.S. personnel
for return U.S. (S.O.A.17.3)

H.M.A.S. BALLARAT - To remain Melbourne for radar alterations.
E.T.D. for Sydney now 23rd November.

Submarine search is being maintained by JUNSE, PARKES,
SHEPPARTON and FREMANTLE with co-operation from R.A.A.F. craft,
following a sighting of submarine by SHEPPARTON mentioned in narrative
17th November.

To 0900K Saturday, 18th November.

- U.S.S. "DORSEY" (Mine Sweeper) }
 U.S.S. "BRACAT" (Attack Transport) } - E.T.D. Puna Puti 1300K/16th Nov.
 Escorting Convoy. } for Guadalcanal (SOA.16)
- A.T.A. 175 (Ocean going tug) Towing }
 A.F.D. 27 (Floating dry dock) with } - Arrived Guadalcanal from Bora
 A.T.R. 61 (Rescue tug) as Retriever } Bora Area 16th Nov. for fuel,
 T.Y.O. 93 } water and provisions - when
 ready for sea unit departs
 Tulagi for Manus.
- L.S.H. 20 L.S.H. 168 - Departed Bora Bora 1800K/16th Nov. for
 Espiritu Santo. E.T.A. 20th Nov.
- "COBRA" - Arrived Morotai 1000K/17th Nov. from Biak.
- U.S.S. "HEBON" (Seaplane Tender) - Arrived Morotai 16th Nov. from Biak.
- L.C.I. 7, L.C.I. 8 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 1421K/16th Nov. from
 Bora Bora.
- L.S.T. 64 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 2nd Nov. from Bora Bora.
- P.C. 479 }
 L.S.T's 591, 635, 636, 718, 719, 932. } Arrived Bougainville noon 16th Nov.
 from Borsola.
- U.S.S. "AGAWAN" (Gasoline Tanker) - Arrived Emirau 16th Nov.
- U.S.S. "DRACO" (Aux. Cargo Ship) - Arrived Torokina 16th Nov.
- U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport) - E.T.A. Manus 1800K/16th from Torokina.
- Y.P. 283 (Patrol Craft) - Arrived Moemfeer 0800K/17th Nov. from
 Nice Woendi.
- "BURDEKIN" Escorting B.G. 601 - Departed Sansapor. E.T.A. Morotai
 0600K/18th Nov.
- H.D.M.L. 1326 - Arrived Merauke 0715K/17th Nov. from Thursday Island.
- U.S.S. "ALNSTEAD" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Hollandia 16th Nov.
 from Lae.
- U.S.S. "OXFORD" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Hollandia 1615K/16th Nov.
 from Langemak.
- "BUNGARIE" - Departed Madang 1030K/16th Nov. E.T.A. Milne Bay
 1000K/18th Nov.
- U.S.S. "LEYTE" (ARG.S) (Repair Ship) - Arrived Langemak 0700K/16th Nov.
 from Balboa.
- "BARCOO" }
 U.S.S. "SALAMONIS" (Tanker) } - Arrived Morotai 1400K/16th Nov. from
 Biak.
- P.C. 1131 - Despatched from Langemak 1136K/16th Nov. to assist
 Crash Boat vicinity position 07° 51' S. 147° 41' E.
- U.S.S. "ADAIR" (Attack Transport) - Departed Langemak 1130K/16th Nov.
 E.T.A. Manus 1100K/17th Nov.

- "BIRCHROVE PARK" - Departed Langemak 13/Nov. E.T.A. Madang 14th Nov.
- U.S.S. "TRYON" (Evacuation Transport) - E.T.D. Milne Bay 1001K/17th Nov.
for Noumea. E.T.A. 1500K/19th Nov.
(SOA.16)
- "CAPE LEBUWIN" - Departed Hollandia 0800K/18th Nov. for Leyte.
E.T.A. 22nd Nov.
- "BUNDABERG" - Arrived Milne Bay 1007K/17th Nov. from Brisbane.
- "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Thursday Island 0809K/17th Nov. for Townsville.
E.T.A. 1600K/19th Nov. (SOA.11)
- "SPRIGHTLY" towing A.F.D.3 - Departed Cairns 1825K/16th Nov. E.T.A.
Hollandia 25th Nov.
- "GLADSTONE" with M.L.806, H.D.M.L. 1338 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0120K/16th Nov.
from Cairns.
- U.S.S. "ROSEWOOD" (Net Tender) - E.T.D. Sydney 1300K/17th Nov. for Noumea.
- "GOONBAR" - Arrived Bateman's Bay 1500K/16th Nov. E.T.D. 17th Nov.
for Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/17th Nov.
- Y.M.S. 96 - E.T.D. Sydney 1300K/17th Nov. for Noumea.
- N.E.I. Submarine "K.15" - Departed Port Phillip 1700K/16th Nov. for
Fremantle.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.R.T.) - Arrived Port Melbourne 1500K/17th
Nov. for onward routing to
Los Angeles.

"FORT LEE" was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean on 4th November. First life boat was picked up on the 7th Nov. by "ERNEBAUK". Second (Chief Engineers Boat) was picked up by "TUMACACON" on the 9th Nov. and "MARY BELL" picked up the 3rd boat at 1100Z/16th Nov. This leaves only one boat with 16 survivors to be recovered. Ample provisions and water were supplied to each life boat before "FORT LEE" sank.

M.L. 827 in a serious position grounded north east of Cape Kawai, New Britain at 1510Z/16th Nov. M.L. 802 has been standing by since 2200K/16th Nov. "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" departed Langemak 0930Z/17th Nov. to arrive Jacquinot Bay 0500Z/16th Nov. to assist M.L. 827.

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Friday, 17th November.

- H.M.A.S. "TOGWOMBA"
H.M.A.S. "MANYBOROUGH"
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE"
H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" } - Departs from Colombo P.M./18th Nov. to rendezvous with R.F.A. "ARNDALE" at 1600K/19 thence convoy proceeds Fremantle.
- H.M.A.S. "COBRA" - Departed Siak 1530K/15 escorting merchant ship to Morotai. E.T.A. 0200K/18th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Siak 2130K/15th Nov. escorting special ship to Morotai. E.T.A. 0630K/18th Nov.
- A.P.C. 2 (with dry dock in tow) - Arrived Siak 0700K/15th Nov. from Hollandia.
- P.S. 167 - Arrived Mios Woendi 1300K/15th Nov. from Milne Bay.
- U.S.S. "FORTUNUS" (M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Mios Woendi 0600K/15th Nov. for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1000K/25th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "FOYAC" - Arrived Hollandia 0730K/13th Nov. from Siak.
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEBUWIN" - Arrived Hollandia 1500K/15th Nov. from Madang.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT ADAMS" (U.S.N.T.) - Departed Manus 1100K/15th Nov. for Noumea. E.T.A. 20th Nov. (SOA.16)
- U.S.S. "PIERREY" (Evacuation Transport) - Departed Manus 1300K/14th Nov. for Noumea. E.T.A. 0600K/20th Nov. (SOA.16)
- L.C.I. 608 - Departed Manus 1600K/15th Nov. for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 0700K/18th Nov. (SOA.11)
- U.S.S. "ADAIR" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Langemak 1100K/15th Nov. from Manus.
- U.S.S. "CLYDE" (Tanker) - Arrived Langemak 0730K/15th Nov. from Milne Bay.
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (Attack Cargo) - Arrived Langemak 1630K/15th from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "HASKELL" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Langemak 0600K/15th Nov.
- U.S.S. "ROSEWEATH" (not listed) - Departed Langemak 1100K/15th Nov. for Humboldt Bay. E.T.A. 0600K/18th Nov.
- U.S.S. "OXFORD" (Attack Transport) - Departed Langemak 0700K/15th Nov. for Humboldt Bay. E.T.A. 1500K/18th.
- L.S.T. 614 - Departed Oro Bay 1500K/15th Nov. for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1800K/18th Nov.
- U.S.S. "THYON" (Evacuation Transport) - Arrived Milne Bay 1325K/15th Nov. from Langemak. Departed 1000K/16 Nov. for Noumea. E.T.A. 1500K/19 Nov. (SOA.16)
- A.P.C. 20 - Departed Milne Bay 0500K/15th Nov. for Manus. E.T.A. 2330K/17th Nov. (SOA.10)

- U.S.S. "MURZIN" (Cargo Ship) - Arrived Milne Bay 0630K/15th Nov. from Port Moresby.
- Y.O.G. 33 (Gasoline Barge) - Arrived Milne Bay 0545K/16th Nov.
- U.S.S. "BANNER" (Attack Transport) - E.T.A. China Strait 0930K/17th Nov.
- F.S. 170 - Departed Milne Bay 1510K/16th Nov. for Langemak.
E.T.A. 0800K/18th Nov. (SOA.10)
- H.D.M.L. 1326 - Departed Thursday Island 1028K/16th Nov. for Merauke.
E.T.A. 0330K/17th Nov. (SOA.12)
- H.M.S. "GLENHARE (L.S.I.) - Passed Cairns southbound. E.T.A. Townsville 2200K/13th Nov.
- M.L. 801 - Departed Gladstone 0630K/16th Nov. for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 1500K/17th Nov. (SOA.11)
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departed Sydney 2135K/16th Nov. for coastal ports.
E.T.A. Batemans Bay P.M./16th Nov. (SOA.7)
- H.M.H.S. "K.15" (Submarine) }
escorted by } - Departed Fort Phillip 1700K/16th Nov.
} "K.15" for Fremantle. E.T.A. 1200K/25th
} Nov. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" returns
H.M.H.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" } 170 miles west of Cape Gtway.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Fort Phillip 1227K/16th Nov. for
Devonport. E.T.A. 1200K/17th Nov. (SOA.9)
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" }
H.M.A.S. "JUNKE" } - Departed Darwin 0757K/16th Nov. on survey
} duties returning 1830K/24th Nov.
H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" }

N.O.I.C., Merauke sends for information. Army party consisting of five Australian soldiers and six natives were killed or captured by enemy at Otakwa and Japero, no casualties naval personnel or damage to ships concerned: Refers to H.D.M.L. 1322 and M/S "SMEROE" sighted by enemy in Obakera River. Army prau was attacked at Otakwa.

N.O.I.C., New Guinea reports disabled U.S. Crash boat 60 ft. in length sighted vicinity Buna at 0600K/16th Nov., and instructs P.D. Langemak to sail P.C. 1131 or "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" to tow to Buna. Langemak later reported that P.C. 1131 had been despatched.

"MARY BALL", liberty ship on passage Melbourne - Karachi, reported at 1100Z/16th Nov. that she had picked up seventeen survivors of "FORT LEE" which was torpedoed by German submarine in Indian Ocean. This now leaves only one boat with sixteen survivors to be recovered.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" which departed Darwin 0757K/16th Nov. in company H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" and H.M.A.S. "JUNKE" for survey duties reported at 0100K/17th Nov. possible submarine position 012° 08' South. 129° 10' East. This position is approximately 55 miles south west Bathurst Island.

S.S. "HARVIK" reported a submarine in position 001° 26' South 136° 55' East at 1657K/16th Nov. This position is between Blak and Cape D'Urville and about 45 miles from that Cape. H.O.I.C., New Guinea has asked Com. Task Force 72 to establish identity.

First and returns Sante "SINERHINI" was followed by destroyer "AULIK" at 0800K/15 proceeds to Tarvin. "AULIK" continues escort

N.L. 827 reports being aground - position not yet known. This vessel operates from Langemak.

U.S. 890, 887 arrived Espiritu Santo A.M. /15.

"CONTACT" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Messel Roads 1318K/14.

U.S. 1028, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 712, 752, 1030 } - Departed Espiritu 1800K/15 for Hollandia. (SOA.9)

U.S. 891 - Departed Espiritu 1030K/14 for Morotai. E.T.A. 1800K/15.

"HARDY" - Departed Morotai 0700K/15 for Blak. E.T.A. 1500K/17 thence Brisbane via Madang and Milne Bay.

"SINERHANI" (Tractor) - Arrived Messel Roads 0700K/15 from Blak.

"BENTON" (Ship) - Arrived Blak 1800K/14 from Hollandia.

U.S. 892, 893, 894 - Departed Messel Roads 0800K/15 for Blak. E.T.A. 1800K/15.

"BARKER" (Tractor) } - Departed Blak 0100K/15 for Morotai. E.T.A. 1800K/15. (SOA.10)

"SOLAR" - Arrived Morotai 1800K/15 escorting two boats from Blak.

"LAWSON" - Departed Morotai 0800K/15 escorting one warship to Blak. E.T.A. 1400K/17.

"HARK" (Hospital Ship) - Departs Hollandia 0600K/15 for Messel Roads. E.T.A. 1700K/21. (SOA.14)

U.S. 987, 988 - Departed Messel Roads 0700K/14 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1800K/15 (SOA.12)

"ADAM" (Attack Transport) } - Departed Messel Roads 1800K/14 for Langemak. E.T.A. 1000K/15 (SOA.15)

"ABABAT" - Departed Messel Roads escorting four warships to Hollandia. E.T.A. 0800K/17.

"MORSE" (Escort Carrier) - Departs Messel Roads 1600K/15 for Smalecanal. E.T.A. 1900K/15. (SOA.13)

"MORSE" (V.S.I.C.) - Departed Messel Roads 1800K/14 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1900K/18 (SOA.11)

"LAURIE" - Arrived Macquinet Bay 1100K/11 from Milne Bay.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Thursday, 16th November.

U.S.S. "WEST VIRGINIA" (Battleship)) Departed Espiritu Santo
Escorted by U.S.S. "FIEBERLING" (Destroyer Escort)) 0446K/15 for Manus.
U.S.S. "WILLIAM COLE" (Destroyer Escort)) "WILLIAM COLE" detaches
first and returns Santo.
"FIEBERLING" when
relieved by destroyer
"AULIK" at 0900K/18
proceeds to Purvis.
"AULIK" continues escort
to Manus. E.T.A. 0300K/19
(SOA.17)

L.S.T. 590, 637 arrived Espiritu Santo A.M./15.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Kossol Roads 1315K/14.

L.S.T's 1028, 580, 581, 628, 925,)
582, 681, 712, 752, 1029 } - Departed Emirau 1500K/15 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0600K/18. (SOA.9)
Escorted by - Y.M.S. 408, 410.)

L.C.I. 467 - Departed Mios Woendi 1030K/14 for Morotai.
E.T.A. 1800K/18.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" - Departed Morotai 0700K/15 for Biak.
E.T.A. 1500K/17 thence Brisbane via Madang and
Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Arrived Noemfoor 0700K/15 from Biak.

U.S.S. "DERRICK" (Oiler) - Arrived Biak 1200K/14 from Hollandia.

L.C.T's 248, 257, 298. - Departed Noemfoor 0200K/15 for Biak.
E.T.A. 1900K/15.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker)) - Departed Biak 0100K/15 for Morotai.
Escorted by H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") E.T.A. 1500K/16.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" - Arrived Morotai 1200K/14 escorting two boats from
Biak.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departed Morotai 0800K/15 escorting one merchant ship to
Biak. E.T.A. 1400K/17.

U.S.S. "MERCY" (Hospital Ship) - Departs Hollandia 0600K/19 for Kossol Roads.
E.T.A. 1700K/21. (SOA.14)

L.C.I. 699, 999. - Departed Manus 0700K/14 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1600K/15 (SOA.12)

U.S.S. "ADAIR" (Attack Transport)) - Departed Manus 1200K/14
Escorted by U.S.S. "OVERTON" (Destroyer Transport)) for Langemak. E.T.A.
1000K/15 (SOA.15)

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - Departed Manus escorting four merchant ships to Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0800K/17.

U.S.S. "MUNDA" (Escort Carrier) - Departs Manus 1600K/15 for Guadalcanal.
E.T.A. 1600K/18. (SOA.15)

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) - Departed Manus 1300K/14 for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 1700K/22 (SOA.11)

H.M.A.S. "LAURIANA" - Arrived Jacquinot Bay 1105K/11 from Milne Bay.

- U.S.S. "TRYON" (Evacuation Transport) - Departed Langemak 1600K/14 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1500K/15.
- U.S.S. "LAURENS" (Attack Transport)) - Arrived Lae 1600K/12 from Milne Bay. "LAURENS" Departed 1810K/12
U.S.S. "LATINA" (Attack Transport)) and proceed Oro Bay thence Langemak.
- P.C. 1131 - Departed Langemak 2306K/13 escorting Submarine "NAUTILUS" from Pipe to Limb.
- U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Lae 0800K/14. Departed 0935K/14 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0700K/16.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON")
H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE") - Arrived Milne Bay 1707K/14 from Langemak.
- H.D.M.L. 1321 - Departed Milne Bay 0847K/15 for Lae. E.T.A. P.M./17.
- H.D.M.L. 1322)
H.N.M.S. "SMEROE" (Dutch Minesweeper)) - Arrived Ellender River 0001K/15.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" towing) - Delayed Cairns for main engine repairs. E.T.D. for Hollandia now 0600K/16.
A.F.D. 3 (Floating Drydock)) E.T.A. 25th Nov. (SOA.6)
- Y.P. 516 (Patrol Craft) - Departed Townsville 0800K/14 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 0900K/17 (SOA.3.5)
- M.L. 801 - On passage Cairns - Brisbane fuelled Gladstone and departed 1213K/14.
- H.D.M.L. 1327 - Departs Brisbane 2000K/15 for Townsville. E.T.A. 1700K/18 for onward routing Milne Bay and Lae.
- Y.M.S. 96 - On passage Sydney - Noumea has returned Sydney to land sick officer. E.T.D. to be advised.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - E.T.D. Sydney for Madang A.M./20th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Departs Brisbane 2100K/16 towing "GERARD" to Sydney. E.T.A. 0600K/19. (SOA.8.5)
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" (A.S.R.) - Departed Sydney 0001K/15 to embark patient from Y.M.S. 96.
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - now departs Sydney 1500K/15 for coastal ports.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) - E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 1200K/17. To be sailed Los Angeles from Melbourne about 19th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departs Port Phillip 1500K/16 for Devonport. E.T.A. 1200K/17.
- H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" - Will rendezvous with Netherlands Submarine "K.14" off Port Phillip Heads and escort to Melbourne, also escorts "K.15" to 170 miles west of Cape Otway carrying out exercises on route.
- H.M.A.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Fremantle 1900K/13 to rendezvous with "GENERAL BURNER" at 1500K/14. After rendezvous with destroyers "SUFFOLK" proceeds direct to Trincomalee. E.T.A. 1300K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "KORSHAM") Departed Darwin 1703K/13 for Cartier thence Browse Island.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Wednesday, 15th November.

- 21st M/S FLOTILLA with)
R.F.A. "ARNDALE") E.T.D. 18th Nov. Ceylon. E.T.A. Fremantle 3rd
December.
- "QUEENSBOROUGH" - Departed Addu Atol 1930K/13 Nov. E.T.A. Fremantle
0959K/22 Nov. (SOA.14 $\frac{1}{2}$)
- "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Morotai 1300K/12. E.T.A. Biak 0900K/14.
- "BROOME" - Arrived Morotai 1600K/13 from Hollandia.
- "HAWKESBURY" - U.S.S. "KANE" (High Speed Destroyer) Departed Manus 0700K/10
Transport) for Majuro. E.T.A.
Escorting) 1700K/15. "GEORGE CLYMER"
U.S.S. "GEORGE CLYMER" (Transport) (AP.57)) and "PRESIDENT HAYES" for
U.S.S. "PRESIDENT HAYES" (Transport)) Pearl via Majuro.
- L.S.M. 66 - Arrived Santo 14th Nov. from Bora Bora.
- U.S.S. "A.S.69" (Submarine Tender) - Departed Merauke Melbidit 2330K/13 Nov.
for Eilanden River and return 14 days.
- L.S.M. 312, 30, 210, 259 Escorted by)
U.S.S. "Y.M.S. 331, 312") - Departed Tulagi 0700K/13 Nov.
E.T.A. Manus 0700K/17 (SOA.11)
- U.S.S. "A.P.A.10" (Transport Attack) - Arrived Mios Woendi 1310K/13 Nov.
- U.S.S. "S.C.722" (A.P. 722) - Arrived Torokina 13th Nov.
- U.S.S. "WEST VIRGINIA" (Battleship) - Designates daylight position
vicinity Vitiaz Strait to rendezvous
with U.S.S. "SIQUORVEY" (Destroyer)
when rendezvous completed - Fielerling
to return to Purvis.
- U.S.S. "STONEWALL" (CVE) - E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 0300K/14 from San Pedro.
Finschafen E.T.A. 18th Nov.
- U.S.S. "BARNES" (DE 353) - Departed Bora Bora 0400K/14. E.T.A. Espiritu
with D.E's 354, 355, 356,) Santo 20th Nov.
357, 358.)
- U.S.S. "ANTARES" (Aux. Cargo Ship AKS.3) - Departed Santo 2300K/13 for
Torokina (SOA.A.11. B.12)
- "BARCOO" - Departed Hollandia 1300K/13 for Biak.
- U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship))
U.S.S. "MAINHOP") Arrived Hollandia 12th Nov. from Milne Bay.
- U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Fuel Ship AO.26) - Departed Hollandia 1545K/13 for
Biak. E.T.A. 1500K/14th Nov.
- U.S.S. "A.P.A.117" - E.T.A. 14th Nov. Langemak.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT JACKSON" - Arrived Langemak 1500K/13 Nov. from Oro Bay.
- "ROCKHAMPTON")
"DELORAINIE") Departed Langemak 1431K/13. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/15.

To 0900K Tuesday, 14th November.

- H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" - Arrived Addu Atoll 1400K/13 from Ceylon.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (Transport) - Departed San Pedro 10th Nov. for Bombay via Melbourne. E.T.A. Melbourne 26th Nov. (SOA.15)
- Y.M.S. 259 - Escorting "STEPHEN HOPKINS" - Departed Emirau 2200K/12. E.T.A. Manus 1400K/13.
- L.S.M.'s 30, 210, 259, 312 and Y.M.S.'s 312, 331 - Departed Tulagi 13th Nov. for Manus.
- L.S.T. 628.)- Departed Emirau 1700K/12. E.T.A. Manus 0730K/13.
- "BARCOO" - E.T.D. Hollandia 1100K/13. E.T.A. Biak 0700K/14.
- "GYMPIE" - Escorting "MELLO FRANCO" - Departed Morotai 0800K/12. E.T.A. Sansapor 1600K/13. "GYMPIE" E.T.A. Biak 1300K/14.
- "POYANG" - Departed Mios Woendi 1800K/12. E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/14.
- U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) - Departed Hollandia 1500K/13. E.T.A. Biak 1400K/14.
- "BENDIGO" .. To depart Hollandia to arrive Brisbane 23rd Nov. for annual refit.
- L.C.I.'s 217, 67, 218, 219, 256. - Arrived Espiritu Santo 13th from Bora Bora.
- U.S.S. "OXFORD" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Langemak 1300K/12
- U.S.S. "APPLING" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Langemak 0500K/13
- "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departed Langemak. E.T.A. Madang 1200K/30.
- U.S.S. "SAKATOCHEE" (Tanker) - Arrived Biak 0730K/11 from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "HERON" (Seaplane Tender) - Escorted by "WAGGA". Departed Biak 0500K/13 for Morotai. E.T.A. 0900K/15
- U.S.S. "CLYDE" (Tanker) - Departed Milne Bay 1145K/13 for Langemak. E.T.A. 1000K/15.
- "BUNDABERG" (E.T.A. Milne Bay 17th Nov.) is to be sailed Madang via Langemak when ready.
- "ROCKHAMPTON")
"DELORAINIE") - E.T.A. Milne Bay 14th Nov. from Madang.
- "BOMBO" - Arrived Willingimbi from Darwin 1930K/12.
- "SAMUEL BENBOW", - E.T.D. Cairns 1500K/13. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1300K/16.
- "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Cairns 1332K/13 for Thursday Island.
- "TOWNSVILLE" - Arrived 11/Nov Townsville from Milne Bay.
- "COOMBA" - Departs Sydney 13th Nov. E.T.A. Batemans Bay P.M. 14th Nov. E.T.D. A.M. 15th Nov. E.T.A. Jervis Bay P.M. 15th Nov. E.T.D. A.M. 16th Nov. E.T.A. Moruya A.M. 16th Nov. E.T.D. P.M. 16th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney P.M. 17th Nov.

"DOOMBA" - Departed Westernport E.T.A. Port Phillip 1300K/13 on Training Cruise.

K. 14. - Departs Albany 1000K/13 for Port Melbourne.

H.D.M.L. 1338 at 0438K/13 became disabled with a broken piston in a position 20° 49' South, 149° 23' East.

N.O.I.C. Townsville detailed M.L. 801 and M.L. 806 to proceed to her assistance.

From 1200K/20th November, Newcastle, Townsville and Cairns will cease to be defended ports - Port Kembla is no longer a defended port.

H.M.A.S. "GARDNER" - Departed Sydney 1900K/11 escorting S.S. 728 to Perth.

H.M.A.S. "STRANER" }
H.M.A.S. "FINDICO" } - Arrived Hobart 1800K/10 escorting S.S. 528 from Perth.

H.M.A.S. "LAFROU" - Departed Perth 1800K/10 accepting warship to Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/12th.

H.M.S. "BRUCE" (Swagless Tanker) - Arrived Perth 1100K/11 from Manus.

H.M.S. "SANTONCHER" (Tanker) - Departed Fremantle 1700K/10 for Perth. E.T.A. 0700K/11th.

H.M.S. "ANIKURUA" (Tanker) - Departed Ballastia 0700K/11 for Pearl Harbour. E.T.A. 3rd Dec.

H.M.A.S. "BAROCO" - Arrived Ballastia 1800K/11 from Madang and Potadan Harbour.

H.M.S. "TANANARIVE" (Alloyed Transport) - Departed Manus 1500K/11 for Vila Vila. E.T.A. 1400K/12 (SOA. 14.3)

H.M.S. "BARRY LEE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 0900K/10 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1200K/11th. (SOA. 12.3)

H.M.S. "TANANARIVE" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 0700K/11 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1000K/12th. (SOA. 12)

H.M.S. "TANANARIVE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 0700K/11 for Perth via Hollandia. E.T.A. 1000K/12th (SOA. 12)

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEWIS" - Arrived E.T.A. Madang 1200K/11 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "YONKANTON" }
H.M.A.S. "DESSAINT" } - Departed Madang 0800K/11 for Longneck. E.T.A. 1000K/12 Madang Milne Bay.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Monday, 13th November.

- U.S.S. "REFUGE" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Balboa 0600K/11 for Pinschafen.
E.T.A. 14th Dec.
- U.S.S. "WEST VIRGINIA" (Battleship) - Departs Espiritu Santo 15th Nov. for Manus. To rendezvous in vicinity Vitiaz Strait with U.S.S. "SIGOURNEY" (Destroyer) who will escort to destination.
- U.S.S. "CHIWAUKUM" (Gasoline Tanker) - Departed Bora Bora 0500K/12 for Espiritu Santo.
E.T.A. 25th (SOA.8)
- U.S.S. "ASCHELLA" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Pearl Harbour 0700K/7 for Majuro.
E.T.A. 15th (SOA. (A) 9.5 (B) 10.5)
- L.S.T. 933 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 11th Nov.
- L.S.M.'s 63, 65, 127 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 11th from Bora Bora.
- H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" - Departed Morotai 1900K/11 escorting G.B. 716 to Biak.
E.T.A. 0700K/14th.
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN")
H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") - Arrived Morotai 1200K/10 escorting B.G.503 from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departed Biak 1900K/10 escorting mership to Morotai
E.T.A. 0700K/13th.
- U.S.S. "HERON" (Seaplane Tender) - Arrived Biak 1100K/11 from Manus.
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) - Departed Noemfoor 1700K/10 for Biak.
E.T.A. 0700K/11th.
- U.S.S. "ASHTUBULA" (Tanker) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/11 for Pearl Harbour.
E.T.A. 3rd Dec.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Arrived Hollandia 1230K/11 from Madang and Potsdam Harbour.
- U.S.S. "HAMMONDSPORT" (Aircraft Transport) - Departed Manus 1300K/11 for Vila Efate.
E.T.A. 1400K/16 (SOA.14.5)
- U.S.S. "HARRY LEE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 0900K/10 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1200K/11th. (SOA.14.5)
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 0700K/12 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1000K/13th. (SOA.15)
- U.S.S. "SARASOTA" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 0900K/12 for Biak via Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1000K/13th (SOA.16)
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Amended E.T.A. Madang 1200K/13 from Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") - Departed Madang 0625K/12 for Langemak.
E.T.A. 1000K/12 thence Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ")

- H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" - Departed Langemak 1606K/11 for Madang.
E.T.A. A.M./13th.
- U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Transport) - E.T.A. Lae 13th diverted to
Hollandia for discharge.
- U.S.S. "GCONTO" (Attack Transport) - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1530K/13 diverted
to Oro Bay for discharge.
- F.S. 170 - Arrived Milne Bay 1030K/11 from Mios Woendi.
- Y.M.S. 363, 368 - Arrived Milne Bay 2100K/10 from Espiritu Santo.
- H.D.M.L. 1323 - Arrived Merauke 1726K/12 from Mappi.
- L.S.T. 562 - Departed Cairns 0500K/12 for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 1100K/14 (SOA.9)
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departs Cairns 1000K/13 for Thursday Island.
E.T.A. 1300K/15 (SOA.11). To collect minesweeping
gear for operation "KILVER".
- U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departs Brisbane 0030K/12 for Sydney
E.T.A. 0500K/13 (SOA.13)
- H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine))
H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (A.S.R.)) - Amended E.T.A. Brisbane from Sydney
is 0600K/14.
A.M. 1496)
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departs Brisbane 1900K/11 for Laguna Bay to
assist in Army training until 0600K/13 thence
proceeds Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 0830K/17.
- H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (L.S.H.) - Departs Brisbane 1200K/14 for Noumea.
- M.L. 822 - Departed Sydney 0500K/12 to search for floating mine in
vicinity Coffs Harbour. Search unsuccessful - ship
returned to Coffs Harbour owing to weather conditions.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - E.T.A. Sydney approx. 26th/11th.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Arrived Western Port 1100K/10. Departed 1300K/10
for Port Phillip.
- M.S.L. 704 - Departed Port Fairy 1800K/11 for Adelaide.
E.T.A. 0600K/14.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL BURNER" (U.S.N.T.) - is to rendezvous off Fremantle with
H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" at 1500K/14.
Destroyers "WESSEX" and "WAKEFIELD"
will rendezvous approx. 600 miles
from Ceylon at 1900K/19.
- U.S.S. "ANTHEDON" (Submarine Tender) - E.T.A. Fremantle 0100K/17 from
Balboa.
- H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departed Darwin 0726K/12 escorting merchant vessel
to vicinity Cape Don.
E.T.A. 1850K/12.

P.D. Biak proposes to employ H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" under his operational control to transport provisions to G.H.Q. party on Majoe Island to depart Morotai about 15th. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has no objection to use ship for this purpose.

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M.L. 1338 on passage Cairns - Brisbane reported at 0438K/13 - "Disabled with broken piston in position 20° 49' South 149° 23' East" this position vicinity Mackay. N.O.I.C. Townsville has despatched two M.L.'s to her assistance.

H.M.A.S. "MARLEAN" (C.P.B.) vessel caught fire in Sydney Harbour at 5 P.M. Sunday 12th and exploded - no casualties.

M.L. 1339 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1340 arrived Brisbane 13th from Mackay.

M.L. 1341 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th
M.L. 1342 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th
To come under the operational control of Port Director, Brisbane on arrival.

M.L. 1343 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1344 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1345 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1346 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1347 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1348 arrived Sydney 12th from Brisbane.

M.L. 1349 arrived Port Moresby 12th from Sydney.

M.L. 1350 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1351 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1352 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1353 arrived Sydney 12th. Departed for Brisbane with tow 13th. M.L. 1354/15. (S.O.A. 6.)

M.L. 1355 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1356 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

M.L. 1357 departed Sydney 12th for Brisbane 13th

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0200K Sunday, 12th November.

H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" (destroyer) departs Trincomalee 2215K/11 for Addu Atoll E.T.A. 1400K/13 thence Fremantle.

L.S.M. 69 departed Bora Bora 1400K/10 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 19th November. (S.O.A. (A) 11 (B) 12).

L.S.M. 636, 719 departed Espiritu Santo 0600K/11 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/15 (S.O.A. 9.5)

L.S.T. 635, 591, 932, 718 departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/11 for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 1300K/15. (S.O.A. 9.5)

Y.P. 237 (Small Patrol Craft) departed Mies Weendi 1823K/10 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/12.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) departs Hollandia to arrive Morotai 15th for discharge thence returns.

H.M.A.S. "YUNHAI" arrived Hollandia 1400K/8th from Nadang.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" departed Nadang 1330K/10 for Potsdam Harbour E.T.A. 1700K/10 thence Hollandia E.T.A. 1530K/11 (S.O.A. 17). To come under the operational control of Port Director, Hollandia on arrival.

U.S.S. "PRESIDENT JACKSON" (U.S.N.T.) departed Langemak 1600K/9 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0600K/10.

P.S. 349 departed Milne Bay 1500K/10 for Finschafen E.T.A. 0001K/12. (S.O.A. 11).

P.S. 180 departed Milne Bay 1120K/10 for Finschafen E.T.A. 2030K/11 (S.O.A. 11).

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) departed Milne Bay 0737K/10 for Cairns E.T.A. 0800K/12.

U.S.S. "LA PORTE" (attack transport) departed Milne Bay 1430K/10 for Oro Bay E.T.A. A.M./11.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" arrived Milne Bay 1607K/10 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "BERYL II" arrived Port Moresby 1353K/10 from Daru.

Y.P. 516 departed Cairns 1000K/10 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/11. (S.O.A. 9.5).

L.S.T. 582 departs Cairns 0500K/12 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/14. (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "WATO" departs Townsville 12th towing light vessel to be moored Torres Strait area. E.T.A. Thursday Island to embark mechanic P.M./16.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" arrived Moruya 0545K/11. Departed for Sydney with tow 0910K/11. E.T.A. 0900K/12. (S.O.A. 6.)

Y.W.S. 96.) depart Sydney 13th November for Noumea.
S.C. 1266)

S.C. 1039 departs Sydney 13th November for Vila Efate.

H.M.A.S. "KYRRA" E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads from Sydney 1700K/11.

To: 0800K Saturday: 11th November.

Seventeen survivors from tanker "FORT LEE" (ship reported attacked by submarine in daily narrative 5th November) have been picked up by S.S. "TUMACORI" in Indian Ocean.

"C. in C. Eastern Fleet directs Naval Officer-in-Charge Addu Atoll, to amend route of H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" from Addu Atoll to Fremantle, so as to pass through a new position, in order to keep a lookout for three lifeboats containing survivors of "FORT LEE" which are believed to be in the vicinity of this position.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" proceeded from Madang to Potsdam Harbour (approximately 75 miles N.W. of Madang on New Guinea mainland) and successfully landed troops and stores without encountering any opposition. Thence proceeded Hollandia.

"STRECHERMAN" (Auxiliary Landing Ship) - Arrived Nias 8th Nov. from Madang.

"MISTLETS" (Store Ship) - Arrived Nias 1800K/9.

"P.T. 821" from Madang. Departed Hollandia 0800K/9. E.T.A. Nias 1400K/10.

Departed Nias 0800K/9 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 1000K/9.

Depart with "L.C.F.'s 281, 282, 245, 285" - Departed Nias 1800K/9th for Enspoor. E.T.A. 1700K/10.

Arrived Nias 0445K/9th.

Arrived Nias 0345K/9th.

"WILLIAM GOLD" (L.C.F.) - Departed Nias 1700K/9th with convoy. "U.S.S. WILLIAM GOLD" detaches midnight and returns FORT. E.T.A. convoy with "SEA SWIFE" Milne Bay dawn 11th.

Rescuing "TUNISIAN VICTORY" - Departs Nias 1800K/9th for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 0800K/11th (004.10)

Departed Hollandia 1800K/9th. E.T.A. Madang 2130K/11th (004.12)

Departed Oro Bay 1750K/9th for Tolagi. E.T.A. 0500K/7.

"SAN CARLOS" (Seaside Tender) - Departed Nias 1845K/9th. E.T.A. Newbold 1830K/10. (004.15)

Departed Hollandia 0800K/9th. E.T.A. Sorstal 0700K/10th.

"BRACO" - (Aux. Cargo Ship) - Departed Nias. E.T.A. 1800K/11th (004.10)

"SAC DES PALMES" (A.L.C.) - Departed FORT. E.T.A. Lunga dawn 11th. (004.10.0)

"B-2468" (Repair Ship - Battle Damage) - Departed Nias 0800K/10. E.T.A. Nias 1800K/10. (004.04)

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To: 0900K Saturday, 11th November.

- "BROOME" - Departs Hollandia 1900K/10.
E.T.A. Morotai 1900K/13 (SOA.12)
- U.S.S. "HERON" (Seaplane Tender) - Departed Manus 1733K/8 for Morotai
via Biak.
E.T.A. 1300K/11 (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "Y.M.S. 364" - Departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/9.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 14th.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T. 589" - Departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/9 for Seadler Harbour
to arrive 16th.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Gasoline Tanker) - Arrived Biak 8th Nov. from
Noemfoor.
- U.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) - Arrived Biak 1200K/9.
- "STAWELL" towing "P.T. 227" from Tanahmerah. Departed Hollandia 0800K/9.
E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1400K/10.
- "KURUMBA" - Departed Mios Woendi 0600K/5 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1000K/6.
- Picket Boat with "L.C.T.'s 921, 259, 245, 658" - Departed Noemfoor 1525K/9th
for Sansapor.
E.T.A. 1700K/10.
- "Y.M.S." - Arrived Munda 0445K/9th.
- "S.C.1064" with "L.C.I.549" - Arrived Munda 0345K/9th.
- U.S.S. "WILLIAM COLE" (DE.286) - Departed Munda 1700K/9th with convoy.
"U.S.S. WILLIAM COLE" detaches midnight and
U.S.S. "SEA SNIPE" (USAT) returns Purvis.
E.T.A. convoy with "SEA SNIPE" Milne Bay
dawn 11th.
- "P.C. 1124" - Escorting "DOMINICAN VICTORY" - Departs Munda 1200K/9th for
Finschafen.
E.T.A. 0900K/11th (SOA.15)
- "ROCKHAMPTON") - Departed Hollandia 1230K/9th.
E.T.A. Madang 2130K/11th (SOA.12)
- "DELORAINÉ")
- U.S.S. "BEEKNAP" - Departed Oro Bay 1750K/4th for Tulagi.
E.T.A. 0600K/7.
- U.S.S. "SAN CARLOS" (Seaplane Tender) - Departed Mios Woendi 1645K/9th.
E.T.A. Humboldt 1230K/10. (SOA.15)
- "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Hollandia 2200K/9th.
E.T.A. Morotai 0700K/12th.
- U.S.S. "DRACO" - (Aux. Cargo Ship) - Departed Emirau.
E.T.A. 1800K/11th (SOA.10)
- F.S.S. "CAP DES PALMES" (A.M.C.) - Departed Torikina.
E.T.A. Lunga dawn 11th. (SOA.10.5)
- A.R.B. C-24429 (Repair Ship - Battle Damage) - Departed Emirau 0600K/10.
E.T.A. Manus 1600K/10.
(SOA.20)

- U.S.S. "MOBILFUEL" - Departed Langemak 1800K/9th.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/10th.
- "VENDETTA")
"SWAN") - Arrived Madang 9th Nov. "BARCOO" proceeded Hollandia.
"BARCOO") E.T.A. 1530K/11th.
- "L.S.T. 742" - Departed Oro Bay 1754K/4th.
E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/5th.
- U.S.S. "SABIK" - Arrived Hollandia 1530K/9th.
- U.S.S. "ZEILLIN" (USNT) - Departed Oro Bay 0700K/10th.
E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/12th (SOA.15)
- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) - Arrived Hollandia 0740K/9th.
- U.S.S. "ALSHAIN" - Arrived Hollandia 0905K/8th.
- "WINTER" - Departed Port Moresby 0650K/10th via Gt. North East
Channel.
E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1400K/13th (SOA.7)
- "COLAC" - Departed Hollandia 1030K/10th.
E.T.A. Biak 0900K/11th.
- "WILCANNIA" - Departed Milne Bay 8th for Brisbane.
- "FREMANTLE" - Escorting "MONTORO" Special Ship Class 1. - Departed
Darwin 0735K/9th. Detaches 1930K/9th and returns to
Darwin.
- "M.L. 801")
"M.L. 806") - Departed Cairns 0701K/10th for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 0700K/14th calling at Gladstone for fuel (SOA.8)
- "H.D.M.L. 1338" - Delayed Cairns 29 hours for repairs. Amended E.T.A.
Brisbane 1400K/14th.
- "THREE CHEERS")
"LEILANI") - Departed Newcastle 0455/9th for Brisbane via Coffs
"A.M. 1496") Harbour. E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1030K/10th Caloundra
0700K/13th (SOA.6)
- "GOOMBAR" - E.T.D. Sydney 0945K/10th for Moruya.
E.T.A. Moruya River 0600K/11th.
- "KYBRA" - Expected to enter Westernport Channel A.M. Friday 10th
Nov.
- "DOOMBA" - E.T.A. Westernport 0750K/10th.
- "BOWEN" - Arrived Melbourne 1930K/9th from Sydney.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (USNT) - Departed Melbourne 1200K/10th for Bombay.
E.T.A. 1130K/23rd. To rendezvous with
H.M.S. "SUFFOLK".
- "PRESIDENT JACKSON" (A.P.37) (USNT) - Arrived Langemak 1300K/9th.
- "H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" - Departs Trincomalee P.M. 11th Nov. to arrive
Addu Atol A.M. 13th Nov. After refuelling
departs for Sydney via Fremantle for refit.

Landing of Australian Troops at JACQUINOT BAY, NEW BRITAIN - Operation
Battleaxe Phase A. has been successfully completed. Port Directorate has
been established at Jacquinot Bay. Covering and escort force was
provided by H.M.A. Ships "VENDETTA", "SWAN", "BARCOO" and M.L.'s.802 and
827. "VENDETTA" "SWAN" and "BARCOO" returned to Madang arriving 9th Nov.

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To: 0900K, Friday, 10th November.

- S.C. 747 } - Escorting Convey - Departed Manus 1300K/8.
S.C. 982 } E.T.A. Kossol 1500K/12 (SOA.10)
- Y.M.S. 364 - Departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/9.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 14th (SOA. 10 and 11)
- U.S.S. A.T.A. 177 (Attack Tug))
towing A.P.L. 8) - Departed Balboa 0200K/6 for
A.P.L. 17) Alexishaven.
with P.C. 616 as Retriever) E.T.A. 4th Dec. via Bora Bora.
- U.S.S. "CHESTNUT" (Net Tender) - Arrived Noumea 0545K/8 (SOA.7)
- U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Store Ship) - Departed Manus 0900K/5 for Noumea.
E.T.A. 10th.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Gasoline Tanker) - E.T.D. Noemfoor 2300K/8 for Biak.
E.T.A. 0800K/9.
- "COLAC" - Arrived Hollandia 0930/9th.
E.T.D. for Biak 0900K/10.
- "LATROBE" - Departed Hollandia 0930K/8.
E.T.A. Biak 1100K/9.
- "STAWELL") - Departed Hollandia 0800K/9th.
with P.T. 227) E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1400K/10th.
- "MORESBY")
"ECHUCA") - E.T.A. Darwin 0630K/10th from Browse Island.
- M.L. 801) - E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/10. E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/17.
M.L. 806) Calling at Gladstone en route for fuel and
anchoring at night as requisite. (SOA.8)
- U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departed Townsville 0630K/9 for
Brisbane.
E.T.A. 1400K/11 (SOA.13)
- "BUNDABERG" - Departed Sydney 1630K/8.
E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/10 (SOA.12)
- "COOMBAR" - Departs Sydney 10th to be in position off mouth of
Moruya River 0700K/11 to tow two 66 foot Army hulls
to Sydney.
- "BOWEN" - Arrived Melbourne 1700K/9 from Sydney.
- N.E.I. Submarine "K.14" - E.T.D. Fremantle 1830K/9.
E.T.A. Melbourne 1530K/18 (SOA.8)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTTNER" (U.S.N.T.) - Arrived Port Melbourne 0900K/8.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" - Departs San Francisco 7th Nov. for Oro
Bay. E.T.A. 22nd via Milne Bay,
Guadalcanal and Noumea (SOA.16)
- D.E. 224, 225, 230, 231, 706, 707 Escorting convoy - Departed Bora Bora
9th to arrive
Hollandia 22nd.
(SOA. A.13.5 B.14)

NEWS NARRATIVE

D.E. 589 Escorting convoy - Departed Bora Bora 0300K/9 for Seeadler. (SOA.20)

"OSMUS" - Departs Santo 0600K/10 for Seeadler Harbor. E.T.A. 1100K/14. (SOA.16)

December 5th is estimated date H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" will be ready for trials.

A signal from C.in C. Eastern Fleet says "MARION MOLLER" sank - Entire ships company is safe.

H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1357 was commissioned at Sydney on 4th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "AIR SAILOR" (A.S.R. Boat) was commissioned at Sydney, on 8th November.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" is to be sailed from Hollandia to arrive Cairns November for boiler cleaning and recreation.

- Departed Singapore 0100K/8 for Malay. E.T.A. 0800K/8.
- "PRAKASHEE" (Yacht) - Departed Malay 0700K/8 for Seeadler E.T.A. 1000K/8.
- "SYRIAS" - Departed Malay 1000K/7 escorting H.S.303 to Arabat E.T.A. 0700K/10.
- "PENION" - Departed Malay 1400K/4 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 2000K/5.
- Departed Alagoa 1800K/7 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0800K/8.
- Departed Santa 1000K/7 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 2000K/8.
- It escorted by
- "O'BANON" (Destroyer) - Departed Santa 1000K/7 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/8 (SOA.15)
- "CORAL" - E.T.A. Santa 1700K/7 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 0800K/8.
- Departed Langkai 0100K/8 to escort submarine "G" to Singapore.
- "EMERSON BOND" (Yacht) - Departed Santa Bay 0400K/7 for Cro Bay E.T.A. 1000K/7 (SOA.15)
- "LINDA" (Cargo, attack) - Arrived Santa Bay 1200K/7 from San Francisco.
- Arrived Santa Bay 1200K/7 from Langkai.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Thursday, 9th November.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL M.L. HERSEY" (Transport) - Departed San Francisco 0200K/8 for Leyte, via Oro Bay, Finchhafen, Hollandia.
E.T.A. 23rd November (SOA.16)
- L.S.T. 591, 636. - Arrived Espiritu Santo 7th November.
- L.S.T. 635, 718, 719. - Arrived Espiritu Santo 8th November.
- U.S.S. "MONADNOCK" (Minelayer) - Departed Espiritu Santo 1300K/8 for Seeadler Harbour.
E.T.A. 13th Nov. (SOA.(A) 13.5 (B) 14.5)
- L.S.T's 1028, 580, 581, 582, 628, 681, 712, 752, 925, 1029 escorted by)
Y.M.S. 410, 408.) Depart Russells 1200K/8 for Emirau, thence Los Negros, Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "SAN CARLOS" (Small Aircraft Carrier) - Departed Morotai 1900K/7 for Mios Woendi.
E.T.A. 0900K thence Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")
H.M.A.S. "WAGGA") - Departed Morotai escorting G.B. 715 dispersing vicinity Biak.
- P.S. 141 - Departed Sansapor 0120K/8 for Biak.
E.T.A. 0800K/9.
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) - Departed Biak 0700K/8 for Noemfoor
E.T.A. 1900K/8.
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN")
H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") - Departed Biak 1900K/7 escorting B.G.503 to Morotai
E.T.A. 0700K/10.
- A.P.C. 2 - Departed Mios Woendi 1400K/4 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 2000K/5.
- P.S. 119 - Departed Aitape 1210K/7 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0030K/8.
- L.C.I. 608 - Departed Manus 1000K/7 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 2200K/8.
- L.S.T. 714 escorted by)
U.S.S. "O'BANNON" (Destroyer)) - Departed Manus 1600K/7 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0800K/9 (SOA.10)
- H.M.A.S. "COLAC" - E.T.D. Madang 1700K/7 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0900K/9.
- P.C. 1131 - Departed Langemak 0100K/8 to escort submarine "GAR"
Limb to Pipe.
- U.S.S. "PRESIDENT POLK" (USNT) - Departed Milne Bay 0400K/7 for Oro Bay
E.T.A. 1900K/7 (SOA.15)
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Cargo, attack) - Arrived Milne Bay 1120K/7 from San Francisco.
- S.C. 742 - Arrived Milne Bay 1207K/5 from Langemak.

- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departed Milne Bay 1217K/7 for Madang.
E.T.A. 12th (SOA.8.5)
- H.D.M.L. 1323 - Departed Merauke 0923K/8 for Mappi - returns
approx. 12th November.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Passed Thursday Island 0956K/8. Proceeding
towing M.L. 807 Milne Bay - Townsville.
- H.D.M.L. 1338)
M.L.'s 801, 806) - Departed Coocktown 1600K/7 for Cairns.
- Y.P. 516. (Patrol Craft) - Departs Cairns 1000K/10 for Townsville.
E.T.A. 0600K/11 (SOA. 8.5)
- H.D.M.L. 1338 - Departs Cairns 0400K/9 for Brisbane for
onward routing to Sydney.
E.T.A. 1400K/13 (SOA.8)
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Cairns 0700K/8 for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 1200K/10 (SOA.9)
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departs Sydney 8th for Brisbane for onward
routing to New Guinea.
- H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (Seine)) - Departed Sydney 0508K/8 for
Brisbane for onward routing
in company H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" (N.A.P.)) Madang. Calling Newcastle.
E.T.A. 1700K/8 and Coffs
Harbour (SOA.6)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (USNT) - Arrived Melbourne 0900K/8 from San Pedro.
- H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" - Arrived South Goulburn Island 1630K/7 from
Croker Island.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SAILOR" (A.S.R.) - Commissioned in Sydney 0900K/8 Nov.

Completion date refit H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" deferred until 16th November
anticipated "BALLARAT" will sail P.M./19th Nov. for deperming at Sydney.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Wednesday, 8th November.

- L.C.S. 7, 8. - Departed Bora Bora 0200K/7 for Espiritu Santo.
E.T.A. 16th (SOA.9.5, 10.5)
- L.S.T. 932 - Arrived Espiritu Santo 7th November.
- U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug) - Departed Morotai 1600K/6 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 0600K/11.
- H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" - Arrived Noemfoor 0700K/5. Departed 0900K/6
for Morotai.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Arrived Noemfoor 1300K/6 from Biak.
- F.S. 164 - Departed Manus 1500K/6 for Morotai via Mios
Woendi. E.T.A. 1300K/9. (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "SEEKONK" (Tanker) - Arrived Hollandia 0615K/6 for Sansapor.
- F.S. 171, 18, 168. - Arrived Hollandia 0700K/6.
- U.S.S. "DERRICK" (Oiler) - Arrived Hollandia 1430K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" - Arrived Hollandia 2230K/6 from Biak.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Arrived Hollandia 0800K/7 from Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Madang 1820K/6 for Lae.
E.T.A. 0700K/8.
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departed Madang 0600K/6 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1330K/8.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA") - E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/8.
H.M.A.S. "SWAN") E.T.A. Madang 0700K/9.
H.M.A.S. "BARCOO")
- H.M.A.S. "COLAC" - Departed Langemak 1707K/6 for Madang.
E.T.A. 0800K/7.
- Y.M.S. 196. - Departed Langemak 1710K/6 for Munda.
E.T.A. 0600K/9.
- U.S.S. "ZEILIN" (Transport) - Departed Langemak 1200K/7 for Oro Bay.
E.T.A. 2200K/7.
- F.S. 53. - Arrived Milne Bay 1800K/6 from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "OZARK" (Transport) - Arrived Milne Bay 1535K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Arrived Milne Bay 2137K/6 from Lae.
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departs Milne Bay 0800K/7. E.T.A. Madang
P.M./12th., E.T.A. Hollandia P.M./14th.,
E.T.A. Leyte Island P.M./20th (SOA.8.5)
- H.D.M.L. 1322.) Depart Merauke 0800K/7 for
Bilander and Amboekeran
H.N.M.S. "SMEROE" (Dutch Minesweeper)) River Patrol.
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Sydney 1052K/7 for Melbourne.
E.T.A. 1100K/9. (SOA. 11.5)
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departs Sydney A.M./9th for Hobart.

H.M.A.S. "KYERA" - Departed Sydney 0923K/7 for Westernport.
E.T.A. 0600K/10. (SOA.9)

U.S.S. "GENERAL H. BUTNER" (USNT) - E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600K/8.

H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" - Departed Croker Island 0730K/7 for South
Goulburn Island.
E.T.A. 1800K/7.

M.L. 429. - Departed Darwin 0713K/6 escorting "JOHREN"
to vicinity Cape Don.
E.T.A. 2030K/6.

H.M.A.S. "BRIDGE" - Departed Perth 0800K/7 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1800K/7.

H.M.A.S. "JEX" - Arrived 0700K/8 Hollandia from Singapore.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Departed Langkai 0900K/8 for Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" }
Carrying H.L. 201 } - Departed Madang 0700K/8
E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/8.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Departs Treasury I.L. 4/11 for Madang. In
arrival reports to be made as escort for
"YAS" and "WARRIOR".
Departs Madang for Hollandia and departs
E.T.A. 7K for duty.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" }
H.M.A.S. "YAS" } - Departed Christmas Is. 1000K/8 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0600K/11 (SOA.10)

H.M.A.S. "YAS" }
H.M.A.S. "YAS" } - On arrival Espiritu Santo to be visited
and sailed to Manus Island to arrive
15th November.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Departs Espiritu Santo 1100K/8
E.T.A. Manus 11th (SOA. 9.5 (A) (B) 10)

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/8 from Espiritu Santo.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" (H.M.A.S. "YAS") - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/7
from San Francisco.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Departs Cairns 0700K/8 for Milne Bay
(SOA.9.) E.T.A. 1800K/10.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/8 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/10.

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Departed Milne Bay 0700K/8 for Langkai
(SOA.9.)

H.M.A.S. "YAS" }
"YAS" } - Departed Darwin 0800K/8 for escorting in
"YAS" } area between Darwin and Sydney.
"YAS" }

H.M.A.S. "YAS"

H.M.A.S. "YAS"

H.M.A.S. "YAS" - Arrived Hollandia 8/11 from Thursday Island.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 7th November.

- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Wakde 1300K/6 escorting convoy
E.T.A. Biak 0600K/7.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Departed Biak 0700K/6
E.T.A. Moemfoor 1400K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Departed Wadang 1800K/5 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0800K/7. On arrival to operational
control Hollandia.
- H.M.S. "BROOME" - E.T.D. Biak 5th for Hollandia
E.T.A. 1600K/7.
- F.S. 151 - Arrived 0700K/5 Hollandia from Sansapor.
- S.C. 753 - Departed Langemak 0901/6 for Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "STAWELL")
towing H.L.825) - Departed Wadang 0730/6
E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/8.
- P.C. 1124 - Departs Treasury P.M.4/11 for Munda. On
arrival reports C.M.B. as escort for
"SEA SHIPE" and "DOMINICAN VICTORY".
Departs Munda for Hollandia and reports
C.T.F. 76 for duty.
- Y.M.S. 363)
Y.M.S. 368) - Departed Espiritu Santo 1000K/6 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0200K/11 (SOA.10)
- L.S.T. 592)
L.S.T. 720) - On arrival Espiritu Santo to be routed
and sailed to Manus Island to arrive
18th November.
- L.S.T. 586 - Departs Espiritu Santo 1100K/4
E.T.A. Manus 11th (SOA. 9.5 (A) (B) 10)
- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/8 from Espiritu Santo.
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (AS Cargo Attack Vessel) - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/7
from San Francisco.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departs Cairns 0700K/8 for Milne Bay
(SOA.9.) E.T.A. 1200K/10.
- F.S. 170 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/9 from Mios Woendi
- L.S.T. 717 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/10.
- U.S.S. "PONTUS" - Departed Milne Bay 0700K/5 for Langemak
(SOA.5.)
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON")
" ""HORSHAM") - Departed Darwin 2221K/5 for surveying in
" ""CASTLEMAINE") area between Darwin and Drysdale.
" ""JUNKE")
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" - Arrived Brisbane 5/11 from Thursday Island.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday - 6th November.

- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Espiritu Santo 1630K/5 for Sydney.
E.T.A. 1130K/8 (SOA.23).
- U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hospital Ship) - Departs Kossol 1300K/5 for Leyte Gulf.
E.T.A. 0800K/7. (SOA.14)
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA")
U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" (Survey)) - Arrived Leyte Gulf PM/4 from survey
Hollandia Area.
- P.C. 590 - Departes Guadalcanal 0930K/5 for Sydney
E.T.A. 1100K/12. (SOA.11.5)
- L.S.M. 66 - Departed Bora Bora 1400K/ for Espiritu Santo
E.T.A. 14th Nov. (SOA.(A) 10. (B) 11.)
- L.S.T. 757 - Departes Espiritu Santo 0700K/5 for Milne
Bay. E.T.A. 10th Nov. (SOA.(A)95.(B)10)
- L.S.T. 562 - Departes Noumea 1600K/5 for Milne Bay.
E.T.A. 1600K/13. (SOA.9.5)
- L.S.T. 586 - Departes Espiritu Santo 1500K/4 for Manus.
E.T.A. 11th Nov.
- U.S.S. "KEPHARD" (High Speed Transport) - Departed Espiritu Santo
0800K/5 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0700K/10. (SOA.16)
- Y.M.S.19 - Departes New Guinea 1100K/4 escorting
"ORMISTON" to Finschafen.
E.T.A. 1730K/6. (SOA.11)
- Y.O. 120 (Oiler) - Departes New Guinea 1100K/4 for Tulagi.
E.T.A. 1500K/5. (SOA.8)
- A.P.C.96 - Departes New Guinea 1400K/4 for Torokina.
E.T.A. 1300K/5 (SOA.10)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (USNT)) - Departed Bombay 1130K/4 for Melbourne
H.M.S. "WHELP" and) E.T.A. 1430K/17. Destroyers detach
H.M.S. "WAGER".) and proceed Addu Atoll.
E.T.A. 1330K/8. (SOA.18.7)
- H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) - Departed Biak 1100K/4 for Manus.
E.T.A. 0700K/7.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Arrived Biak 1500K/4 from Hollandia.
- U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) - Arrived Biak 0500K/5 from Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "WAGGA")
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE") - Arrived Morotai 1800K/4 escorting B.C.502 from
Biak.
- U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug)) - Arrived Morotai AM/4 from Biak.
towing Y.F.613.)
- U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (Store Ship) - Departed Manus 1700K/4 for Noumea
E.T.A. 9th (SOA.16)
- U.S.S. "CALDWELL" (Destroyer) - Departed Manus 1800K/4 for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 1900K/5. (SOA.16)
- P.C.1121 - Arrived Hollandia 0830K/4 from Langemak.

- U.S.S. "DERRICK" (Oiler) - Arrived Hollandia 1520K/4.
- U.S.S. "CALVERT" (Attack Transport))
escorted by) Arrived Langemak 1130K/14 from
U.S.S. "STEMBELL" (Destroyer)) Manus.
- F.S. 149 - Departed Milne Bay 1215K/4 for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 0200K/9 (SOA.10)
- F.S.'s 180, 183, 311. - Arrived Milne Bay 1445K/4.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE")
towing M.L. 817) - Departed Milne Bay 0907K/5 for Townsville.
E.T.A. 0800K/11. (SOA.8.5)
- H.M.A.S. "COLAC". - Departed Milne Bay 0857K/5 for Langemak.
E.T.A. 1600K/6 (SOA.12)
- Y.P. 516 - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/5 for Cairns.
E.T.A. 1700K/7 (SOA.8.5)
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Arrived Milne Bay 1417K/5 from Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departed Milne Bay 0850K/5 for
Townsville
E.T.A. 1400K/7. (SOA. 12.5)
- U.S.S. "OCTANA" (Store Ship) - Departs Brisbane 2000K/4 for Sydney.
E.T.A. 0700K/6 (SOA.13)
- F.S. 19, 20 - Arrived Brisbane 2237K/30 from Sydney.
- M.L. 823 - Arrived Newcastle 1628K/5 from Sydney.
- S.C.'s 1039, 1266 - Departs Sydney for Guadalcanal 13th Nov.
- M.S.L. 704 - On passage Melbourne - Fremantle delayed
at Port Fairy - bad weather.
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- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Commencing refit 6th November at Fremantle.
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- H.M.S. "PORPOISE" - Submarine, transferred to 4th Flotilla 28th
Oct., 1944.
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- "FORT WASHINGTON" (Tanker) on passage Sydney - Abadan, promulgated
"S.S.S.S." distress signal at 2144K/5 in approx. same position as
"FORT LEE" mentioned in narrative of 5th Nov.

United States Army small ship "DUNTROON" on passage Goschen Strait
Area. Reported that her port engine had broken down and required help
or tow would have to be abandoned. P.D. Milne Bay is despatching small
tug to assist. Later "DUNTROON" reported at 2040K/5 that both engines
had failed and was in dire need of assistance, tug had not yet shown up.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K - 5th November, 1944.

- U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) - Departed Langemak 0730K/3.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 0830K/4.
- "GLADSTONE" - Departed Langemak 1800K/3.
E.T.A. Madang 0900K/4.
- M.L. 822 - E.T.D. Newcastle 0600/4.
E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 2100K/4.
- L.S.M. 217, 67, 218, 219, 269 - Departed Bora Bora 1800K/3.
E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 13th.
- H.D.M.L. 1329 - E.T.D. Cairns 0630K/4.
E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/8.
- "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Manus 1700K/28.
E.T.A. Kossol Island 0900K/1.
- F.S. 185 - Departed Milne Bay 1120K/3.
E.T.A. Lae 2130K/4.
- "ARARAT", S.C. 750 - Departed Manus 1700K/26.
E.T.A. Kossol Island 0900K/31.
- "SHEPPARTON", "CASTLEMAINE", "JUNEE", "HORSHAM" - E.T.A. Darwin 0620K/4
from survey grounds.
- P.C. 1131 - Departed Langemak 2200K/3 to escort U.S. Sub.
POLLACK through Vitiaz Strait.
- "BURDEKIN" and U.S.S. "ELKHORN" - Departed Morotai 1700K/3.
E.T.A. Biak 0900K/5.
- P.C. 1132 - Departed Treasury Island 1100K/4.
E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/8 (14 knots)
- "SAMUEL BENBOW" - Departed Thursday Island 0635K/4.
E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/7.
- "WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. Madang 1100K/4.
E.T.A. Lae 0700K/5.
- S.C. 735 - Departed Milne Bay 0900K/3.
E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/4, then Hollandia.
- L.S.T. 473 - E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/5.
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/10 (9 knots)
- "KIAMA", "LITHGOW" - Departed Morotai 1300K/4.
E.T.A. Biak 1800K/6.
- H.D.M.L.'s 1322, 1323 - Returned to Merauke from patrol 0730K/3.
- H.D.M.L. 1326 - Arrived Thursday Island from Stephens Island
1200K/3.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" - Proceeding Bombay and H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" are
to rendezvous off southwest Australia on
13th November. H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" will be
relieved by H.M.S. "WESSEX" and H.M.S.
"WAKEFUL" to enable her to proceed to
Trincomalee.
- H.D.M.L. 1322 and R.N.N.M.S. "SMEROE" - E.T.D. Merauke 6th November,
for Ambockerah River to
transport and assist small
army and native reconnaissance
party.

S.O.S. signals were intercepted by several W/T stations and ships at about 0730K/4th and at intervals thereafter. No position or originator was given. H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" proceeded from Cairns to search in Coral Sea in estimated position of originator, but was subsequently recalled as indications were that the transmissions were originated by a C.47 aircraft which crashed on Pipon Island. S.T.8 and H.D.M.L. 1329 are proceeding to assist.

ALBANY.

Seaward defences at Albany are to revert to 14 days notice.

Tanker "FORT LEE"

Following signal was received at 041154Z from "FORT LEE" by C.C.O. Colombo - "SSSS IN LIFEBOAT NEED HELP NOW POSITION 24 SOUTH 84 EAST."

"FORT LEE" (tanker - 10198 Gross) departed Abadan 1900Z 21st October for Brisbane E.T.A. 14th November.

"CONDAMINE"

- N.O.I.C. Newcastle advises that "CONDAMINE" was launched successfully 4th November.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K 4th November, 1944.

YUNNAN departed Milne Bay 1430K/2nd E.T.A. Madang 1800K/4.

P.C.590 E.T.D. Sesols 5th Nov. for Sydney.

WAGGA, GYMPIE departed Biak 1700K/1 E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/4.

VENDETTA, SWAN, BARCOO departed Langemak 0530K/2 E.T.A. Lae 1000K/2.

BERYL II departed Port Moresby 0900K/2 E.T.A. Daru 1800K/3.

M.L.822 departed Sydney 1500K/3 for Coff's Harbour to relieve
M.L.823 which is to return to Sydney, E.T.A. Newcastle
0600K/4.

F.S.389 departed Milne Bay 1140K/2 E.T.A. Oro Bay 1000K/3.

D.E.'s 584, 585. returned to Espiritu Santo 0600K/3. E.T.D. for
Manus 1400K/3 E.T.A. 1300K/7.

U.S.S. GENERAL H.L. SCOTT (Transport) departed Hollandia 0730K/2
E.T.A. Manus 0900K/3.

BUNGAREE departed Milne Bay 1000K/2 E.T.A. Madang 0600K/4.

U.S.S. SEEKONK (Coastal tanker) departed Sansapor 1500K/3 E.T.A.
Hollandia 1500K/6.

L.S.M.'s 54, 268, 319 departed Espiritu Santo 0700K/3 E.T.A.
Seeadler Harbour 1000K/9.

H.M.S. SUPFOLK arrived Fremantle 1100K/3.

P.C. 1132 E.T.D. Treasury Island 1200K/4 for Brisbane.

U.S.S. GENERAL GEO. RANDALL (Transport) departed Wellington 1300K/2.
E.T.A. Noumea 5th.

U.S.S. COMFORT (Hospital Ship) E.T.D. Hollandia 0600K/5 E.T.A. Kosool
Passage 1600K/7.

P.C. 1121 departed Langemak 1830K/2 E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/4.

A.P.C. 3. departed Morotai 0100K/3 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0900K/5.

U.S.S. GOLD STAR (Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 0600K/4 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/9.

U.S.S. CRUX (Store Ship) Departed Milne Bay 0530K/3 E.T.A. Brisbane
1930K/7.

U.S.S. A.N.11 (Netlaying Ship) departed Sydney 1300K/3 E.T.A. Noumea
1400K/8 (9 knots).

U.S.S. MIZAR (Store Ship) E.T.D. San Francisco 0500K/2 E.T.A. Manus
2300K/16.

F.S. 167 departed Milne Bay 1300K/3. E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/5.

U.S.S. GILLIAM (Attack Transport) E.T.D. Milne Bay for Oro Bay 0300K/4.

S.C. 742 departed Langemak 1500K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/5.

H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH"

Subject to confirmation by A.C.N.B. that ship can be accepted H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" should arrive Fremantle about 15th November for onward passage to refit in an Australian port.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA"

Rockhampton and Deloraine were despatched a.m. 3rd November to the assistance of "KATOOMBA" aground near Cape D'Urville (Daily Narrative 3.11.44) and air cover was arranged. "ROCKHAMPTON" reported at 1600K/3 being at anchor 3 cables from "KATOOMBA" in bad holding ground. Both ships were hemmed in by sand banks to south, west and northwest. "DELORAINÉ" had been instructed to keep well clear of the area. At 2115K/3 "ROCKHAMPTON" reported that "KATOOMBA" was clear of the reef.

HOLLANDIA : AIR PATROLS.

Due to the large concentration of shipping at Hollandia Com. 7th Fleet has requested that daylight anti-submarine air patrols and night searches with A.S.U. fitted aircraft to a minimum depth of 250 miles from the port be established as soon as practicable, and maintained until further notice.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA"

Repairs to "DOOMBA" have now been completed. Training cruise was resumed at 0900K/3.

MERAUKE - THURSDAY ISLAND - QUARANTINE.

All restrictions and precautions regarding traffic to and from Merauke and Thursday Island have now been cancelled, as the situation is now normal.

H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA"

"LIMOSA" was commissioned for trials at 1000K/3.

H.D.M.L. 1357

H.D.M.L.1357 was commissioned for fitting out a.m. 3rd.

To 0900K/Friday, 3rd November, 1944.

U.S.S. "ACONTIUS" (Motor Torpedo Boat Tender) departs Tulagi 0800K/3 for Treasury E.T.A. 1000K/4. (SOA.14).

U.S.S. "ANTHEDON" (Submarine Tender) on passage Balboa - Brisbane has been diverted to Fremantle E.T.A. 16/11.

LSM's 63, 65, 127 departed Bora Bora 0800K/2 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 11/November (SOA.10,11).

FS.151 departed Sansapor 1015K/2 for Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 0700K/5 (SOA 8.5).

H.M.A.S. "CORRA" departed Biak 1300K/2 escorting "COLUMBIA VICTORY" to Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/4.

F.S. 119 departed Hak 1800K/1 for Aitape E.T.A. 0600K/2.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA") departed Biak 1600K/1 escorting B.G. 502 to Morotai
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE") E.T.A. 0800K/4 (SOA.8).

U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet tug) towing YF.613 departed Biak 1600K/1 in BG.502 for Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/4 (SOA.8).

F.S. 160 departed Noemfoor 1930K/1 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/3.

L.C.T. 1076 departed Noemfoor 1930K/1 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1100K/2.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Wakde 1330K/2 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 0600K/3 (Ran aground Cape D'Urville at 2109K/2).

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) departed Manus 0800K/1 for Sydney via Langemak, Townsville, Brisbane. E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/2. Townsville 7th November.

U.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 2130K/1 for Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 1200K/3.

M.L. 827 departed Langemak 0706L/1 for Lae and arrived 1115K/1.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" arrived Lae 0810K/1 from Milne Bay.

F.S. 257, 349, 392 arrived Milne Bay 1301K/1.

U.S.S. "GILLIAM" (Attack Transport) E.T.A. Milne Bay from San Francisco amended to 0400K/3.

S.C. 1267 departs Munda noon 4th November escorting "ORMISTON" to Finschhafen escort then returns Munda.

HDML.1326 departed Thursday Island 2210K/1 for Stephens Island with pilot.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing H.M.A.S. "CAROO" departed Cairns 0720K/2 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200K/3 (SOA.5.5).

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" arrived Cairns 1531K/1 from Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" departed Townsville 1006K/2 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/6 (SOA.11.5).

U.S.S. "MONADNOCK" (Minelayer) on passage Brisbane - Tulagi has been diverted to Espiritu Santo.

U.S.S. "BOOTES" (U.S.N. Cargo ship) arrived Brisbane 28th October from Manus.

YMS's 94, 99 departed Sydney 1740K/1 for Noumea E.T.A. 1200K/6. YMS.94 to be onward routed to Espiritu Santo.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" departed Sydney 1640K/2 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 0700K/5 (SOA.23).

U.S.S. "GENERAL GEORGE RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.) departed Wellington 1200K/2 for Noumea E.T.A. 0400K/5 (SOA.19, 19.5).

"JOHN SWETT" liberty ship reported aground in narrative of 30th October was refloated at 1400K/1. "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" reported at 1700K/1 that she was escorting merchant ship to Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/2.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) on passage Manus - Sydney, has on board Commodore Collins and four other officers and 36 ratings discharged from base hospital Manus.

H.M.A.S. "KATCOMBA" proceeding from Wakde to Mios Woendi reported at 2109K/2 "Have run aground my position now is 001°26'S. 137°58'E" This position as given is 3½ miles off Cape D'Urville, Dutch New Guinea, in 33 feet water. Consider she is aground this Cape. N.O.I.C. New Guinea ordered P.D. Blak to despatch immediate assistance to arrive "KATCOMBA" by daylight. Air cover is being provided. At 0030K/3 "KATCOMBA" reported "Aground at 2100K/2 at high water in position 001°26'S. 137°57½'E. Drawing 11 ft. forward, 13 ft. aft. Intend attempting to refloat next high tide."

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 2nd November, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) departs Bombay 1130K/4 for Melbourne.

YMS.97 departed Emirau 2330K/31 escorting "JOE HARRIS" to Manus E.T.A. 1400K/1 (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "ACONTIUS" (Motor Torpedo Boat Tender) departs Tulagi when ready and proceeds Treasury.

LST.757) arrived Espiritu Santo 31st October from Bora
YMS's 363, 364, 368) Bora.

U.S.S. "OSMUS" (Destroyer Escort) departs Purvis 1700K/1 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/14 (SOA.15) reports C.N.B. for duty.

Destroyers 584, 585, 586, 587 (Destroyer escorts unnamed) depart Espiritu Santo 0700K/2 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/6 (SOA.15).

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") arrived Morotai 0900K/1 from Biak.
APC.3)

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Fleet oiler) departed Morotai 0900K/1 in G.B.712 E.T.A. Biak 1900K/3.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" departed Morotai 0900K/1 escorting G.B. 712 Biak 1800K/3.

H.M.A.S. "GCULBURN") departed Morotai 0900K/1 in G.B.712
U.S.S. "RIC GRAND" (Tanker) to Biak E.T.A. 1000K/3 (SOA.12).

U.S.S. "SEKONK" (Tanker) departed Morotai 0900K/1 in G.B. 712 E.T.A. Sansapor 1700K/2 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" departed Morotai 1000K/31 escorting G.B. 711 Sansapor 1900K/2 escort thence Biak.

YP.237 (Patrol craft) departed Morotai 1500K/1 for Biak E.T.A. 1200K/3 (SOA.8).

F.S. 141 departed Biak 1130K/31 for Sansapor E.T.A. 1600K/1.

H.M.A.S. "GLENEIG" escorting L.C.I.968 departed Biak 1900K/31 for Morotai E.T.A. 1700K/2.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" escorting U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Biak 0700K/31 for Morotai E.T.A. 1900K/2.

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (WIS) departed Hollandia 0900K/31 for Biak E.T.A. 0900K/1.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" departed Hollandia 0730K/31 for Biak E.T.A. 0830K/1.

APC.10 (Small coastal craft) departed Manus 1530K/31 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0530K/2 (SOA.10).

F.S. 179 arrived Milne Bay 1255K/31.

F.S. 156 departed Milne Bay 0820K/31 for Langemak E.T.A. 0330K/2nd.

U.S.S. "GILLIAM" (Attack transport) E.T.A. Milne Bay 0400K/4 from San Francisco.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" arrived Milne Bay 1107K/1 from Brisbane.

S.C. 699 arrived Milne Bay 2207K/31 from Cairns.

M.L. 819 arrived Port Moresby 1830K/29 from Daru and coastal ports.

HDML.1338 on passage Port Moresby - Cairns ordered to report to Thursday Island to transport Torres Strait pilot to submarines. On completion of duties continues to Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing H.M.A.S. "CAROO" departs Cairns 0600K/2 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200K/3 (SOA.5.5).

HDML.1329 departed Townsville 1310K/1 for Thursday Island for onward routing to Darwin. E.T.A. Cairns for fuel 0600K/2. (SOA.10) anchoring at night.

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" departs Brisbane 1430K/2 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/4 (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" (Controlled mining tender) departs Brisbane 2200K/31 for Townsville E.T.A. 1500K/5 (SOA.6).

U.S.S. "RIGEL" (Destroyer tender) departed Sydney 1113K/1 for Manus E.T.A. 0100K/2 (SOA.8).

H.M.S. "GAMBIA" (Cruiser) departed Melbourne 0700K/1 for Wellington E.T.A. 0400K/4 (SOA.22).

H.M.A.S. "NIZAM" E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads from Fremantle 0630K/2 Gellibrand Light 0845K/2.

U.S.S. "GENERAL GEORGE RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Wellington 31st October from Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" intends sailing H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" A.M.7th November to Westernport and thence Melbourne and Devonport on training cruise. N.O.I.C. Hobart is requested to sail "KYBRA" so as to arrive Sydney by 25th November.

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H.M.A.S. "STABLE" departed Longueville 1111K/29 towing concrete lighter to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1125K/31.

H.M.A.S. "STONY" (Stores ship) arrived Milne Bay 1100K/30 from Launceston departed 0700K/31 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/2 (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "STONY" arrived Milne Bay 0800K/30 from Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "STONY" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/29 from Cairns departed 1100K/31 for Launceston E.T.A. 1100K/2 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "STONY" (Stores ship) departed Milne Bay 1100K/31 for Launceston E.T.A. 1100K/2 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "STONY" departed Milne Bay 1100K/31 for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1100K/1.

H.M.A.S. "STONY" departed Port Moresby 0800K/31 for Cairns E.T.A. 1100K/3 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "STONY" departed Thursday Island 1100K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/2 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "STONY" (Stores ship) arrived Cairns 1100K/31 for Launceston. On passage Port Moresby - Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "STONY" (Stores ship) departed Brisbane 1100K/31 for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1100K/3.

H.M.A.S. "STONY" (Stores ship) departed Brisbane 1100K/31 for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1100K/3.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 1st November, 1944.

P.C. 1138 arrived Noumea 0900K/30 from Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") arrived Morotai 1300K/30 escorting B.G.501
H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") from Biak.

F.S. 151 arrived Sansapor 1555K/30 from Morotai.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") departed Morotai 0800K/29 escorting B.G.710
H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") to Biak E.T.A. 1300K/31.

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) departed Noemfoor 1330K/30 for Biak
 E.T.A. 0930K/31.

L.C.I. 612 departed Biak 0500K/30 for Noemfoor - arrived 1300K/30
 departed 1800K/31 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/1st.

L.C.I. 444 arrived Noemfoor 1300K/30 departed 1800K/31 for Hollandia
 E.T.A. 0700K/31. 1st.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store ship) departed Manus 0800K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A.
 0800K/6 (SOA.10).

F.S. 162 departed Manus 1200K/30 for Langemak E.T.A. 1700K/3 (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) departs Manus 9th November to arrive
 Hollandia 0530K/11 to join convoy to Leyte.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departed Hollandia 0630K/29 for Biak E.T.A. 0730K/30.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" departed Madang 1705K/31st for Hollandia.

M.L. 827 departed Madang 1600K/30 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/31st.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA") departed Madang 1417K/31 for Langemak E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") 1600K/1st.
H.M.A.S. "SWAN")
M.L. 802)

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Langemak 1846K/30 for Madang E.T.A. 0930K/
 31.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" departed Langemak 1811K/30 towing concrete lighter
 to Madang E.T.A. 1230K/31.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1100K/30 from Langemak
 departed 0930K/31 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2130K/3. (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" arrived Milne Bay 0937K/30 from Sydney.

F.S. 18 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/29 from Cairns departed 1445K/31 for
 Langemak E.T.A. 1800K/1 (SOA.14).

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" (Seaplane tender) departed Milne Bay 1430K/31 for
 Hollandia E.T.A. 1100K/3. (SOA.13).

F.S. 309 departed Milne Bay 1505K/31 for Oro Bay. E.T.A. 1100K/1.

M.L.'s 806, 801 departed Port Moresby 0920K/31 for Cairns E.T.A.
 1400K/8 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "FIRIE" departed Thursday Island 1400K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A.
 0700K/5 (SOA.9.5).

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing H.M.A.S. "CAROO" arrived Cairns 1731K/31 for
 water. On passage Port Moresby - Townsville.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Carrier) departs Brisbane 3rd November for
 Milne Bay Finschhafen, Hollandia, thence Manus to reload.

U.S.S. "MONADNOCK" (Minelayer) departed Brisbane 1500K/31 for Tulagi
 E.T.A. 0900/4.

YMS.94, 99 departs Sydney 1st November in company yo 160° E thence
YMS.99 sail direct Noumea and YMS.94 proceed Espiritu
Santo.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" departs Sydney 1800K/2 for Espiritu Santo
with battle damage repair gear for H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA"
E.T.A. 0730K/5 (SOA.25).

H.M.A.S. "KORONA" E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0100K/1st from Wilson's
Promontory area E.T.A. Port Melbourne 0830K/1st.

H.M.S. "GAMBIA" (Cruiser) departs Melbourne 0700K/1st for Wellington
E.T.A. 0400K/4.

H.M.S. "PORPOISE" (Submarine) departed Fremantle 1200K/3 for Ceylon
E.T.A. 1500K/12th November.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" departed Fremantle 1145K/30 for Darwin calling
Onslow for fuel E.T.A. Onslow 1100K/2 E.T.A. Darwin
1200K/7 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" E.T.A. Trincomalee 1800K/3rd from Fremantle.

F.S. 171 reported ashore north of Alexishafen in narrative of
27th October, has been towed into Madang harbour by
L.T. 636. She is unable to proceed under her own power but
is not seriously damaged.

From Noenfoor - Air raid warning red 0715K/31.
Air raid warning green 0725K/31.

L.T. 228 on passage Newcastle-Milne Bay is disabled with fouled barges
in tow in a position approximately 30 miles south
west of China Strait. L.T. 531 has been despatched
by P.D. Milne Bay to assist.

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" paid off 1430K/31 October at Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane informs that frigate number eleven ("MURCHISON")
was launched successfully 1000K/31st October.

"EDWARD J. O'BRIEN" liberty ship on passage
Melbourne - Colombo at 1453K/31 promulgated "S.S.S.S. position 39°
31'S. 135°15'E. SUBMARINE sighted course west". This position
is approximately 220 miles S.S.W. Kangaroo Island. A submarine
notice was immediately promulgated by C.S.W.P.S.F. to all ships
in the surrounding areas. H.M.A.S. "NIZAM" on passage Fremantle -
Melbourne and approximately 320 miles from the merchant vessel at the
time of sighting stated "Am proceeding to join "EDWARD J. O'BRIEN"
C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered the merchant vessel to break w/T silence and give
details of sighting and received the following reply. "Sighted peri-
scope with flag stayed alongside for 8 minutes. Opened fire and
periscope went astern and disappeared. No further contact". This
was passed to "NIZAM" and she was told to proceed in execution of
her previous orders.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 31st October, 1944.

LST's 592 and 720 diverted to Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 22nd November.

F.S. 181 departed Manus 1200K/29 E.T.A. Langemal 1500K/30.

LST's 717, 636 diverted to Milne Bay (E.T.A. to be reported).

PGM.2. (Gunboat) departed Green Island 1900K/28 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/30.

YMS.96 departed Noumea 0700K/29 E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/2 (10.5 knots).

F.S. 170 departed Manus 1800K/29 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1600K/1.

"AUSTRALIA" E.T.D. Manus 1800K/30 E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1200K/2 (22 knots).

"SHEPPARTON", "HORSHAM", "JUNES", "CASTLEMAINE" departed Darwin 1540K/29 for surveying between Darwin and Drysdale.

"QUICKMATCH" proceeding direct to Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/1.

LST.719 diverted to Milne Bay (E.T.A. to be reported).

S.C.'s 1266, 1039 E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/31 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/2 (10 knots).

"KIAMA" escorting APC.3 departed Biak 2230K/29 E.T.A. Morotai 0700K/1

MSL.704 en route Melbourne to Port Adelaide has been delayed at Port Fairy due to engine defect.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Manus 1300K/28 E.T.A. Hollandia 1700K/29.

"STAWELL" towing concrete lighter departed Oro Bay 1330K/29 E.T.A. Langemak 1130K/30.

"MORESBY", "ECHUCA" departed Darwin 0800K/30 for surveying vicinity Browse Island.

"YANDRA" (towing boom gate barge) E.T.D. Brisbane 1900K/31 E.T.A. Cairns 1400K/6 (6 knots).

"FALIE" departed Milne Bay 0600K/30 E.T.A. Lae 0800K/1.

"POLLACK" (U.S. Submarine) E.T.D. Mios Woendi 1400K/31 E.T.A. Pearl Harbour 16th November.

LCI.712 departed Espiritu Santo 1000K/30 E.T.A. Manus 5th November.

"PARKES" E.T.D. Fremantle 1100K/30 for Darwin.

HDML.1338 departed Port Moresby 1100K/30 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/7th.

"BENALLA" and "BUTTONWOOD" departed Hollandia 0730K/29 for survey duties.

"BROOME" reports that several minor cases of sabotage have occurred on board. Oxming is suspected. A board of enquiry has been requested.

An unidentified surfaced submarine was sighted at 1100I 30th in position 00°50'S 135°20'E. (between Noemfoor and Biak).

To 0900K/30th October, 1944.

"MERKUR" departed Madang 0200Z/28 E.T.A. Aitape 0300Z/29th.

M.L.806, HDML.1538 arrived Port Moresby 0100Z/29 from Milne Bay.

ISM.318 departed Espiritu Santo 0200Z/28 E.T.A. Manus 3rd November.

"COOTAMUNDRA", "LITHGON" arrived Morotai 0001Z/28.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MITCHELL" departed Port Melbourne 1230Z/26 E.T.A.
RUSSELL ISLANDS 0400Z/2nd November (19 knots).

U.S.S. "GENERAL POPE" E.T.D. U.S.A. 10th November E.T.A. Bombay 11th
December.

"MONADNOCK" (U.S. Minelayer) E.T.D. Brisbane 0400Z/29 E.T.A. Tulagi
0100Z/2nd. (14 knots)

F.S. 159 departed Hollandia 0725Z/26 E.T.A. Cro Bay 0900Z/30.

"RIGEL" (U.S. Destroyer tender) E.T.D. Sydney 1st November for Manus.

M.S.L. 702 departed Thursday Island 0600Z/28 E.T.A. Darwin 0200Z/3rd

HDML.1322, 1323 departed Merauke 1500Z/28 for Bilanden River Patrol.

"POTRERO" departed Langemsk 1300Z/28 E.T.A. Goodenough Island 0300Z/
2nd.

M.L.802 departed Langemak 0900Z/28 E.T.A. Madang 2000Z/28.

"WAGGA" departed Madang 2000Z/27 to assist F.S. 117 aground
Ismund Strait, thence to proceed Aitape and Hollandia.
Approximate E.T.A. Aitape 2200Z/28.

HMS. "PORPOISE" (Submarine) returned to Fremantle with engine defect
E.T.D. for Ceylon now 0200Z/30.

"GOULBURN", "STRAHAN" departed Biak with convoy B.G. 561 2330Z/27
E.T.A. Morotai 0800Z/30.

LST.384 departed Biak 0900Z/28 E.T.A. Hollandia 0100Z/30.

"BURDEKIN" escorting U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Gasoline tanker) arrived
Morotai from Biak 2200Z/27. Departed Morotai 0900Z/28
E.T.A. Biak 0100Z/30.

"QUICKMATCH" departed Fremantle 0400Z/28 E.T.A. Port Phillip 2200Z/31
(18 knots).

HMS. "GAMBIA" E.T.D. Port Melbourne A.M. 1st November for Wellington.

"BOWEN" towing "KEITH CAM" departed Thursday Island 0400Z/28 E.T.A.
Townsville" 0500Z/21 (9 knots).

"CAPE LEEUWIN" E.T.D. Brisbane 0900Z/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 5th
November (8.5 knots).

U.S.S. "COUGAL" arrived Fremantle from Darwin 0001Z/29.

"NIZAM" departed Fremantle 0001Z/29 E.T.A. Port Phillip 0400Z/2 (18
knots)

"KALGOORLIE" departed Townsville 0730Z/29 for Cairns on completion RMS duties.

V.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 2000Z/28
E.T.A. Langemak 2330Z/29.

S.C. 1039, S.C. 1266 en route for Sydney from Espiritu.Sato
arrived Brisbane for engine repairs 0900Z/28.

U.S.S. "CRUX" E.T.D. Manus 2100Z/29 E.T.A. Brisbane 2100Z/5th November
(10 knots).

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 2100Z/28 E.T.A.
Milne Bay 0300Z/30.

YMS.96 E.T.D. Noumea 2100Z/28 E.T.A. Sydney 0400Z/2nd (10 knots).

YP.233 departed Manus 0800Z/28 E.T.A. Emirau 0400Z/29.

F.S. 148 departed Biak 2200Z/26 E.T.A. Hollandia 0800Z/30.

F.S. 1847 departed Biak 0400Z/29 E.T.A. Sansapor 0900Z/30.

"LITHGOW" collided with a large log in the Sansapor - Noemfoor area
at 2007I/26 damaging the A/S dome, which is no longer
watertight, although transmission has not been affected.
No other damage is apparent.

"JOHN SMETT" (Liberty Ship) whilst on passage from Sydney to
Hollandia ran aground 20 miles off Holnicote Bay (08°19'S
148°27'E) A.M. 29th. "TANCRED" has been instructed to
render assistance after "INA COOLBRITH".

"INA COOLBRITH" (Liberty Ship) on passage from Lae to Milne Bay
ran aground 150 feet from red buoy off Cape Nelson
Government Station A.M.29th "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" and "TANCRED"
have been despatched to her assistance.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0800K 20TH OCT., 1944.

U.S.S. GENERAL PARHALL. Departed Port Melbourne 0800K/20 E.T.A. Wellington 0800K/31st. (19.8 Knots)

L.S.T. 632. Departed Sante 0800K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1st Nov.

L.S.M. 308. Departed Sante 0800K/27 E.T.A. Manus 3rd Nov.

CHALLENGER. Departed Double Island P.M. 27th E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/28.

BOWEN towing FAIRY GALL. E.T.D. Thursday Island 28th for Townsville.

P.C. 1131. Departed Milne Bay 1800K/27 E.T.A. Langemak P.M. 28th.

TOWNSVILLE. Departed Langemak 1100K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay a.m. 28th.

A.P.C.B. Departed Morotal 0800K/27 E.T.A. Sansapor 1800K/28.

P.C. 112. Departed Langemak 1800K/27 to escort U.S. Sub Marshal through Vician Strait.

A. GEMANTON and BRIGADINE. To proceed from Hollandia via Madang to arrive Milne Bay by 1st Nov. for docking, thence to Cairns for boiler cleaning.

SWAN. Departed Milne Bay 0800K/27 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/29.

P.S. 102. Departed Funa Futi 0100K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1st.

Y.M.S. 02. E.T.D. Sydney 31st Oct. for Bouma.

Y.M.S. 04. E.T.D. Sydney 31st Oct. for Sento.

U.S.S. OCTANO and TRIANGLE (Store Carriers) Departed Langemak 0800K/28 E.T.A. Manus 0800K/28.

STAVELL. Departed Milne Bay 1200K/28 E.T.A. Oro Bay 0800K/29.

WISABERIA. Departed Milne Bay 0730K/27 E.T.A. Lae 1600K/29.

FINIE To proceed from Thursday Island to arrive Brisbane by 7th Nov.

H.M.S. CLAN LAMONT. Departed Milne Bay 0800K/27 E.T.A. Cape Gloucester 1800K/29.

H.L. 802. Departed Lae 0800K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/27.

P.C. 699. E.T.D. Cairns 1100K/29 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/31.

P.S. 155. Departed Hiak 2100K/27 E.T.A. Aitape 2000K/29.

GLAISTONE in company with FLOUNDER, MOCAN and GRAVINA departed Brisbane 1800K/27. GLAISTONE to detach and proceed Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/1.

On the 6th October in position 005° 20' S 111° 20' E "ZSLARIFISCH" sank "WIFICH" (German U Boat). 27 survivors were picked up.

"STIGIAN" probably sank an enemy U-Boat north east of Sabang by torpedo on 24th October.

H.C.I.C. H.C. has directed LITROOS, KATONNA, COSMA, BRIDGEO and BROUZE to boiler clean at Nicos Woendi.

To 0900K/Saturday, 28th October, 1944.

A.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA") arrived Kossol 1001/24 from Leyte and departed
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA") 1600/24 for Manus E.T.A. 0600/27 (SOA.18).

LST. 632 departed Santo 1000K/27 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1st/11.

FS.164 departed Guadalcanal 1600/26 for Manus.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Noemfoor 2330/25 for Hollandia.
 E.T.A. 1600/27.

FS.160 arrived Noemfoor 1600/26 from Bisk.

U.S.S. "TRYON" (Evacuation Transport), U.S.S. "PINKNEY" (Evacuation
 Transport) escorted by U.S.S. "ENGLAND" (Destroyer Escort)
U.S.S. "FORMAN" (Destroyer Escort) and U.S.S. "EDWARDS" (Destroyer)
 departed Humboldt Bay 1700/26 for Leyte E.T.A. 0700/30 (SOA.16)

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") arrived Hollandia 0630/26 from Madang "GOULBURN"
H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") departed 1530/26 and "STRAHAN" 0700/26 for Bisk
 E.T.A. 1700/27.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 2315/25 from Brisbane
 Departed 1010/26 for Bisk E.T.A. 0700/27.

U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug) towing YF.613 departed Manus 1000/26 for
 Bisk E.T.A. 1300/30 (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Madang 1500/26 for Langemak E.T.A.
 0700/27 for onward routeing Lae, Oro Bay and Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPLE" departed Madang 1810/26 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600/28.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) arrived Langemak 0630K/27 from
 Bisk.

M.L. 802 arrived Lae 0830K/27 from Langemak.

LST. 742 departed Oro Bay 0925K/27 for Cape Gloucester E.T.A. 1300/28.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" arrived Milne Bay 1617/26 from Sydney.

LST. 584 E.T.A. Milne Bay from Santo 0800/29.

U.S.S. "PORTUS" (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1000/26 from Brisbane.

P.C. 1132 departed Milne 1559/26 for Torokina E.T.A. 0800/28 (SOA.11).

M.L. 806 E.T.D. Milne Bay 28th October for Port Moresby.

F.S. 17A arrived Port Moresby 0930K/26 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 819 E.T.A. Daru from Port Moresby 1700K/27.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departed Thursday Island 1342K/27 for Lockhart River
 Mission with M&S party aboard

H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" (Survey) departed Cairns 1101K/27 for Thursday Is.
 E.T.A. 0900K/29. Forced to anchor E.T.D. 0800/28
 Double Island to effect repairs to main E.T.D. 0800/28.

H.M.S. "GLENKARN" (L.S.H.) departed Townsville 1730/25 for Trinity
 Beach.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" departed Sydney 1635/26 for Brisbane for onward
 routeing to Townsville E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/30 (SOA5.5).

U.S.S. "GENERAL GEORGE RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.) on passage Bombay - Wellington
 forced to call Melbourne for fresh water due evaporation
 trouble E.T.A. 1030/27. Departs not later than 0800K/28.

M.S.L. 704 anchored Apollo Bay due bad weather. Vessel on passage Melbourne to Fremantle.

H.M.S. "PORPOISE" (Submarine) Departs Fremantle 1200K/28 for Ceylon E.T.A. 1500K/10 November.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" will be delayed in Sydney approximately 10 days to repair damaged steam generator.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" to be sailed to Darwin from Fremantle as soon as convenient to revert to operational control N.O.I.C. Darwin.

F.S. 171 still ashore on beach approximately 9 miles north of Alexishafen. N.O.I.C. New Guinea instructs P.D. Langemak to despatch U.S. Army small tug if possible, to assist.

C.T.C. 77 desires that repairs to "AUSTRALIA" be accompanied- accomplished Manus if practicable. If impracticable ship to proceed Sydney for repairs. If this is necessary it is requested that every effort be made to complete repairs in time for ship to arrive Hollandia not later than 1st December. "WARRAMUNGA" to proceed Hollandia, thence Leyte.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 27TH OCTOBER, 1944

POTRERO departed Madang 1355I/25 E.T.A. Goodenough Island 0600I/30.

Y.M.S.'s 481 and 329 escorting A.T.C.135 and Y.F.624 departed Langemak 1230K/25 E.T.A. Manus 0600K/27.

U.S.S. TALAMANCA (Store Ship) departed Noumea 1400K/25 E.T.A. Manus 0830K/30 (16 knots).

L.S.T.584 departed Santo 1400K/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay a.m. 29th.

L.C.I.608 departed Manus 1000K/25 E.T.A. Russells a.m. 29th.

GYMPIE departed Langemak 1800I/25 E.T.A. Madang 0900I/26.

H.M.S. GAMBIA departed Fremantle 1630H/25 E.T.A. Port Melbourne 0800K/29.

TOWNSVILLE E.T.D. Madang p.m. 26th for Milne via Langemak, Lae and Oro Bay. On completion docking Milne Bay to proceed to Townsville.

DOOMBA E.T.D. Port Phillip 1300K/1 E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/3 (12 knots)

L.S.M's 42, 149 and 317 departed Santo 0500K/26 E.T.A. Manus 1500K/1. (10.5 knots).

MONADUOCK E.T.D. Brisbane 28th October for Tulagi.

U.S. SUBS FLOUNDER, BASHAW AND GUAVINA in company with GLADSTONE E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/27 for Darwin.

M.L's 818 and 426 departed Brisbane 1300K/26 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/30.

L.C.I.971 E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/1 (10 knots).

L.C.I. 984 E.T.D. Caloundra 2100K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/31 (10 knots)

U.S.S. SAKATOCHE departed Noemfoor 0800I/26 E.T.A. Biak 1800I/26.

P.C.1138 departed Sydney 1440K/26 E.T.A. Noumea 0800K/29.

L.S.T.632 departed Santo 1000K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1st November (9.5 kts.)

F.S.179 departed Santo 1900K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 31st (11.5 knots)

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" will be despatched from Milne Bay to Sydney at the first opportunity for refitting of main engines.

The accounts of all ships at present tendered to

H.M.A.S. "LADAVA" (negative N.A.P. Ships) have been transferred to H.M.A.S. "MADANG".

F.S.171 is aground on southeast side of Isumrud Strait (4° 43' S 145° 51' E) FRANCIS W. PARKER, in the vicinity, is proceeding to assist.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 26th October, 1944.

LST 583 departed Santo 0200K/24 E.T.A. Manus 31st.

V.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) departed Santo 0300Z/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay 28th (12 knots).

"STRAHAN" and "GOULBURN" departed Madang 1200I/24 E.T.A. Aitape 1400I/25 thence to Hollandia.

"HAWKESBURY" escorting U.S. Submarine "NARWHAL" proceeding to Manus from rendezvous E.T.A. A.M. 26th.

P.C. 1138 E.T.D. Sydney 26th October for Noumea.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" departed Sydney 0730K/24 E.T.A. Caloundra 1500K/27 (9 knots).

"YUNNAN" departed Townsville 1730K/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27.

P.C. 1132 departed Langemak 0630K/21 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/23.

IST's 583 and 715 departed Santo 1200K/24 E.T.A. Manus Island 31st.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Hollandia 0930I/24 E.T.A. Madang 0700I/26.

D.E's 584, 587, 585, 586 and 588 departed Bora Bora 1800K/24 E.T.A. Santo 31st (15 knots).

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" (Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/30 thence Hollandia (12.5 knots).

H.D.M.L. 1353 departed Sydney 1230K/25 E.T.A. Caloundra 1500K/27 (9 knots).

M.L. 810 E.T.D. Jervis Bay 0430K/26 E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1700K/26.

"COOMBAR" (towing lighter) departed Hobart 0930K/25 E.T.A. side Sydney A.M. 31st (4 knots).

"BANGALOW" departed Townsville 1300K/25 E.T.A. Caloundra 0400K/29 (8 knots).

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (fuel ship) departed Manus 0800K/24 E.T.A. Mios Soendi 1300K/27.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT" departed Langemak 2140K/24 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/26 thence Manus and San Francisco

"RABY", "GEORGE" and "OSMUS" (Destroyers) E.T.D. South Solomons Area 26th October for Manus for duty with C.M.B.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" E.T.D. Trincomalee A.M. 27th E.T.A. Fremantle 0900H/3rd November.

Intercept signal from Commander 3rd Fleet to C.T.F. 77 states that T.G. 34.5 had finished off 1 enemy heavy or light cruiser straggler at 0200I/26th.

No 0900K/Wednesday, 25th October, 1944.

S.C.'s 1039, 1266 departed Santo 0500K/24 for Sydney for recreational leave E.T.A. 1300K/30 (SOA.10).

LST. 832 arrived Santo 0801/24.

LGI. 712, LSM. 318 arrived Santo 1100K/24.

LSM's 267, 53, 150, 52 departed Santo 0930K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/13 (SOA.11).

LST. 583 depart Santo 1100K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 31/10 (SOA 9.5, 10).

APC. 2 arrived Morotai 1100K/24 for Sansapor.

H.M.A.S. "COVRA" departed Morotai 0900K/23 escorting G.B. 705 to Sansapor E.T.A. 0700K/25 (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" departed Morotai 0900K/23 escorting G.B. 706 to Bisk E.T.A. 000K/25.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departed Morotai 0800K/25 escorting G.B. 704 to 1200K/25 escort then returns Bisk.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Wakde 1700K/23 escorting three merchant ships Hollandia.

U.S.S. "SEKONG" (Tanker) departed Hollandia 1330K/22 for Tanamerah. Bay thence Bisk for onward routing Morotai.

S.C. 738, 748 arrived Hollandia 0730K/23 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" departed Manus 0700K/23 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1900K/24 (SOA.12).

U.S.S. "GENERAL H.L. SCOTT" (Transport) arrived Langemak 0620K/24 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "AGUAEUS" (Stores Issuing Ship) departed Langemak at 1535K/23 for Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 0700K/25.

HMML. 1338 arrived Milne Bay 1547K/23 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1800K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/24.

M.L. 817 arrived Milne Bay 0917K/24 in tow of "TANCHRED" from Madang.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (USN Cargo ship) departed Milne Bay 0655K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0950K/27 (SOA.12).

P.C. 1151 arrived Milne Bay 1707K/23 from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "WATU" towing H.M.A.S. "CANOU" departed Port Moresby 0700K/24 for Townsville E.T.A. 3rd November (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" departed Cairns 1201K/24 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/26 (SOA.10).

H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" (Survey) E.T.A. Cairns from Thursday Island now 0900K/25.

H.D.M.L. 1329 departed Gladstone 1219K/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/25.

M.L. 818, 426 departed Gladstone 0900K/23 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700/25.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" departed Adelaide 1420K/24 for Bunbury E.T.A. P.M. 29. (SOA.11).

C. in C. Eastern Fleet intends to provide cruiser escort for "GENERAL BUTNER" from rendezvous off Fremantle about 12th November to vicinity 005°S. and thence destroyer escort to Bombay.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" expected to depart Bombay for Melbourne third November.

H.M.S. "TANTALIS" submarine leaves Australia mid December for Ceylon en route United Kingdom for refit.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea informs approximate E.T.D. Lae of escorts for Jacquinot Bay is second November. Intends using "SWAN", "BARCOO", "VENDETTA".

From C.T.F. 77 at 0510K/25th November. Our surface forces now engaged enemy surface forces of two battleships, three cruisers, and destroyers in Surigao Strait, entrance to Leyte Gulf. This force sighted in Strait at 0200I/25.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" (S.S.B. cargo ship) departed Sydney 1100K/25 for Brisbane N.Y.A. 0718 (001.18).

U.S.S. "LANTANA" departed Sydney 1400K/25 for Sydney N.Y.A. 1500K/25 (001.7).

U.S.S. "THURGOOD" towing U.S.S. "STANIN" arrived Hollandia 1500K/25 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "ARMING" (Stores Issuing Ship) arrived Longbeach 1500K/25 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" (Y.S.I.S.) arrived Milne Bay 1510K/25 from Brisbane departed 001100 for Longbeach N.Y.A. 1530K/25.

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN L. BOWEN" (Transport) departed Milne Bay 1530K/25 for Longbeach N.Y.A. 0000K/26.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" departed Milne Bay 001100/25 providing navigational support for 10 L.S.T.'s to Manabunan N.Y.A. 1500K/25 (001.7).

U.S.S. "MORRIS" departed Port Moresby 0020K/25 for Buna calling coastal ports en route returning approximately 250K.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" (Survey) departed Thursday Island 0020K/25 for Cairns N.Y.A. 1500K/25.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" departed Cairns 0020K/25 for Sydney N.Y.A. 1500K/25 (001.9.9).

U.S.S. "MORRIS" (LST) arrived Townsville 0020K/25 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" departs Calcutta 1700K/25 proceeding independent en route to Milne Bay N.Y.A. 1500K/27 (001.13) submarine "MORRIS" to be escorted, colored independently.

U.S.S. "MORRIS" (LST) departed Sydney 1530K/25 for Brisbane N.Y.A. 1500K/25 calling Coff's Harbour for fuel. (001.9).

To 0900K/Tuesday, 24th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "LIBRA" (attack transport) departed Francisco 1000K/21
for Milne Bay E.T.A. 7th November (S.O.A.15).

U.S.S. "AUTHEDON" (Sub Tender) departed Balboa 0200K/22 for
Brisbane E.T.A. 11th November (SOA (A) 14 (B) 16).

U.S.S. "LA PORTE" (Attack Transport) departed San Francisco 0100K/23
for Milne Bay E.T.A. 5th November (SOA.15.5).

LST.714 departs Santo 1100K/24 for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 1st
November (SOA.(A) 9.5 (B) 10).

U.S.S. "GENERAL H.W. BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) depart San Pedro 0300K/23
for Bombay via Melbourne E.T.A. Melbourne 7th November
(SOA (A) 18.2 (B) 19.5).

YT. (Harbour Tug) with tow arrived Funa Futi 22nd.

LST 584 departed Santo 1400K/22 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0500K/29
(SOA (A) 10 (B) 10.5).

FS's 363, 256, 185, 391, 393 departed Santo 1400K/23 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 0600K/28 (SOA 10).

U.S.S. APC.2. (coastal Patrol Craft) departed Sansapor 2300K/22 for
Morotai E.T.A. 2000K/23 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") arrived Morotai 1100K/21 escorting BG.704 from
H.M.A.S. "BROOME") wakde.

U.S.S. "BOOTES" (U.S.N. Cargo ship) departed Manus 1100K/20 for
Brisbane E.T.A. 27th (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "LAURANDA" departed Manus 1400K/21 for Madang E.T.A. 1300K/23
(SOA 7).

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" towing U.S.S. "ETAMIN" arrived Hollandia 1200K/
22 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "ACUBINS" (Stores Issuing Ship) arrived Langemak 1420K/23
from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) arrived Milne Bay 1515K/22 from
Brisbane departed 0001K/23 for Langemak E.T.A. 1500K/24.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HUGH L. SCOTT" (Transport) departed Milne Bay 0600K/
23 for Langemak E.T.A. 0600K/24.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departed Milne Bay 0817K/23 providing navigational
escort for 10 L.C.T's to Finschhafen E.T.A. 1200K/25
(SOA.7).

M.L.819 departed Port Moresby 0625K/22 for Daru calling coastal
ports en route returns approximately 28th.

H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" (Survey) departed Thursday Island 0830K/23 for
CAIRNS E.T.A. 1400K/25.

LST.562 departed Cairns 0630K/23 for Noumea E.T.A. 1400K/29 (SOA.
9.5).

H.M.S. "GLENEARN" (LSH) arrived Townsville 0036K/23 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "STANWELL" departs Caloundra 1700K/23 proceeding independ-
ently to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/27 (SOA.11) Submarine
"GUVINA" to be escorted, delayed indefinitely.

HDML's 1343, 1359, A.M.2094 departed Sydney 1236K/23 for Brisbane
E.T.A. 1100K/26 calling Coff's Harbour for fuel.
(SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" E.T.A. Sydney from Adelaide 1300K/23.

U.S.S. "GEORGE" (Destroyer Escort) departed Sydney 1321K/23 for Purvis
E.T.A. 0900K/28 (SOA.15).

HDML's 1340 and 1352 on passage Sydney Melbourne sheltering Eden
E.T.A. Port Melbourne be signalled.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" (Store Ship) departs Sydney 25th for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" sailed 1630K/23 from Westernport for Port Phillip
E.T.A. 2000K/23.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" will rendezvous with Dutch Submarine K.15 on
passage Fremantle to Melbourne at 1145K/24 in position
10 miles 215° from Point Lonsdale light, and escort to
Port Phillip.

H.M.A.S. "CAROO" to be paid off in arrival Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" required at Madang by P.M.25th to tow
H.L.817 to Milne Bay to arrive 30th for docking.

H.M.A.S. "AIR SLOW" (ASR) commissioned at Sydney 20th October.

H.D.M.L. 1358 commissioned at Sydney 21st October.

"ELISHA MITCHELL" liberty ship on passage Balboa-Langemak, reported
at 0110K/24 in position 08°50'S. 155°42'E
"Stalked by a suspicious vessel, possibly submarine."
Position approximately 150 miles East of Woodlark.

U.S.S. "COMFORT", (hospital ship) reported at 0316K/24 "A.A.A.A. under
aerial attack 00 50'N. 128 50'E." This
position is approximately 30 miles east of
Halmahera Island.

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0900K/Monday, 23rd October, 1944.

YMS's 329, 481 and "KINGFISHER" (Fleet Tug) towing YF.624 departed Tulagi 0200Z/21 E.T.A. Finschhafen 2300Z/24.

LST.631 departed Santo 1900K/20 E.T.A. Milne Bay 25th.

LST's 630, 585 departed Santo 0100Z/21 E.T.A. Manus 0300Z/28.

LSM 268 departed Bora Bora 2200Z/20 E.T.A. Santo 30th.

LSM.319 departed Bora Bora 0001Z/21 E.T.A. Santo 30th.

"BARCOO" departed Oro Bay P.M.22nd E.T.A. Madang 0600I/23.

FS.116 E.T.D. Langemak 0800I/21 for Weendi.

"HAWKESBURY" escorting "CURRITUCK" (Seaplane tender) departed Manus 0800K/18 for Morotal E.T.A. 0100K/23.

"COCAPON" and "NESHANIC" (Fuel ships) departed Purvis 1200L/21 E.T.A. Manus 1500K/24 (14 knots).

"BINGERA" E.T.D. Alexishafen 0600K/23 E.T.A. Weendi 0800K/26.

"ARARAT" departed Madang 1225K/21 E.T.A. Manus 1300K/22.

M.L. 817 (towed by "TANCRED") departed Madang 0430Z/21 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900Z/23.

APD's 59, 60 and 63 departed Bora Bora 1700K/21 E.T.A. Finschhafen 31st (15 knots).

APD.61 departed Bora Bora 1700K/21 E.T.A. Santo 27th.

LCI's 1020 and 605 departed Emirau 1815K/22 E.T.A. Manus 0900K/23.

P.C. 1121 departed Langemak 1000K/22 E.T.A. Gloucester 0700I/23.

"TRIANGULUM" (Store carrier) departed Hollandia 0800Z/20 E.T.A. Weendi 0800Z/21.

M.L. 802 departed Madang 1700I/22 E.T.A. Gloucester 0800I/23.

"RIEGL" E.T.D. Sydney about 1st November for Manus.

"WRIGHT" (Seaplane tender) E.T.D. Brisbane about 25th October for Milne Bay thence Hollandia.

"BUNGAREE" departed Sydney 1100K/22 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/30 (10 knots).

"STRATFORD" (Transport) E.T.D. Torokina P.M. 23rd for Treasury thence Milne Bay.

"YANDRA" (towing barge) departed Sydney 1100K/22 E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/25 (7 knots).

N.S.S. "MEI MEI ARA" (Milne Bay) was closed down on 16th October.

"FORT WILHELMAS" (Dutch) on passage north from Milne Bay reported at 1415Z/21st that she was aground on Vesale Reef (009°11.30'S. 148°29'E) and requested assistance. At 0600Z/22nd the ship was refloated with no apparent damage.

S.S. "BERING" (aground near Cape Nelson since A.M.15th) was refloated at 1520I 21st and proceeded to Manus. Only minor damage was sustained.

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To 0900K/Sunday, 22nd October, 1944.

U.S.S. "HONOLULU" (Light Cruiser) with 1 Australian destroyer and
H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA") one American destroyer are to depart
on 21st October from Leyte Gulf for
Manus. On arrival HONOLULU is to
dock, and AUSTRALIA is to undergo
emergency repairs.

"PRESIDENT POLK" (U.S. N. Transport) E.T.D. San Francisco 1100K/20.
VIA Milne Bay, Oro Bay and Finschhafen for Hollandia
E.T.A. 5th November (S.O.A. 16.6 to 152W then 15.5
knots).

"CLAN LAMONT" departed Espiritu Santo 1400K/21 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0600K/
25 (S.O.A. 13 and 14 knots).

"EMPIRE BATTLE-AXE" arrived Noumea 1145K/20 from Milne Bay.

"CACAPON") both U.S. Fleet oilers E.T.D. Tulagi 21st October for
"NEHMANIC") Seeadler.

YP.236) departed Noemfoor 1700K/20 E.T.A. Biak
"SAKATONCHKE" (U.S. Oiler) 0700K/21.

"MERCY" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Hollandia 0640K/19 for rendezvous
northward, and call forward by C.T.F. 77.

"GHETCO" (U.S. Tug) arrived Hollandia 19th October from Sansapor.

"SATINLEAF" (U.S. Net Tender) arrived Hollandia 19th October from
Milne Bay.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0710K/20 for Biak
E.T.A. 0700K/21.

"LATROBE" departed Hollandia 1900K/20 - E.T.A. Madang 0800K/22.

APG.14 departed Manus 1000K/20 E.T.A. Green Island 1100K/22 (SOA.
10 knots).

"BARCOO" towing concrete lighter from Milne Bay to Langemak E.T.A.
now 1500K/23 (SOA. 6.5 knots).

"RESERVE" E.T.A. Hollandia now 1300K/22 towing U.S.S. "EPAMIN" (Store
Ship) from Milne Bay.

"ACUBENS" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.A. Finschhafen 1600K/23.

HDML.1338 departed Langemak 1016K/21 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/23.

"ATTU" (U.S. Escort Carrier) departed Langemak 1200K/21 E.T.A. Manus
1100K/22.

"WHIPPOORWILL" (U.S. Tug) departed Milne Bay 0130K/21 for Mios Woendi

"GERARD" arrived Milne Bay 1537K/20 from Langemak.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1706K/20 escorting merchant ship Mangola.

HDML.1321 E.T.D. Cairns 1100^A/22 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1800K/26.
(SOA. 10 knots anchoring at night).

"GLADSTONE" E.T.D. Cairns 0800K/22 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/25 (SOA. 12 kts)

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/22 escorting and exercising with U.S. Submarine "GUAVINA" till 1530K/21 then "STAWELL" proceeds to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1300K/27 and "GUAVINA" proceeds to Darwin.

M.L. 428) E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/21 - E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/23
M.L. 816) (SOA.10 knots).
M.L. 431)

"YUNNAN" E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K/21 E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27 (SOA. 9 knots) "YUNNAN" is to tow "LOLITA" A.S.R. craft from Brisbane to Milne Bay.

"VENUS" (U.S. Commissioned cargo vessel) departed Sydney 1626K/21; E.T.A. Madang 1600K/31.

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. 23rd October Sydney for Brisbane; E.T.D. Brisbane 3rd November for Milne Bay.

"SWAN" departed Sydney 0927K/21 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/26 (SOA.12 kts)

HDML.1340 departed Sydney 1140K/21 E.T.A. Melbourne 1600K/23 (SOA. 10 knots).

"BUNDABERG" having completed refit departed Adelaide 1230K/20 - E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/24 (SOA 11.5 knots) en route New Guinea.

"NAPIER") departed Fremantle at 1100K/21 in company with tanker
"NEPAL") "BRITISH FUSILIER". Tanker is to proceed to
"IPSWICH") Abadan when detached by S.O. of escort "NAPIER" and
"TAMWORTH") "NEPAL" are to proceed to Tincomalee E.T.A. 1300K/1/
 11. (S.O.A. 10 knots till 29th October, then 18 kts).

"TIGER-SNAKE" auxiliary schooner (SRD vessel) departed Fremantle 1300K/20 northward on training cruise - E.T.A. FREMANTLE A.M.27/10.

"AIR CLOUD") Air Sea Rescue craft commissioned in Sydney on 20th
"AIR HOST") October.

"CHARLES L. McGROARTY" (Liberty Ship) which went aground in Goschen Strait on 19th October, while on passage from Milne Bay to Cro Bay was refloated, according to message T.O.O. 1809K/21 and is proceeding to Milne Bay.

 U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Brisbane 1800K/20 for Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/27

U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Brisbane 0815K/19 for Madang E.T.A. 1000K/21 with U.S.A.S. "GULLBIRD" survivors on board.

U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Brisbane 1800K/20 for Darwin E.T.A. 0900K/27.

U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Milne Bay 0800K/20 having received message from Darwin E.T.A. 0800K/20 (SOA. 8).

U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" arrived Port Moresby 0800K/20 from Milne Bay.

U.S.A.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Brisbane 1800K/21 for Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/27 having received message from Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/21 for Darwin (SOA.10).

To 0900K/Saturday, 21st October, 1944.

U.S.S. "APPLING" (Attack Transport) departed San Francisco 1200K/18 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 5th November.

LST. 631 departed Santo 1400K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0400K/26 (SOA9.5)

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" (Destroyer) departed Addu Attol 1130K/19 for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./27 (SOA.18).
(To be sailed from Fremantle about 28th to Sydney for refit calling Melbourne).

H.M.A.S. "NIZAM" (destroyer) departed Addu Attol 1630K/20 in company tanker for Fremantle leaves tanker 1830K/23 and proceeds independently to Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/28 (SOA(A) 14.5 (B) 17.7).

H.M.S. "LAMONT" (L.S.I.) departure from Santo cancelled.

YMS. 329, 481) returned Tulagi 0600K/20
U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (Tug towing YF.642)) tow became unseaworthy in passage Tulagi - Finschhafen.

LST. 755, 778 departed Santo 0500K/20 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/27 (SOA.9).

LST. 583, 584 arrived Santo 0600K/20.

U.S.S. "STONEWALL" departed San Pedro 0200K/19 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 18th November (SOA.8.5).

LSM. 54 departed Bora Bora 0800K/19 for Santo E.T.A. 28th (SOA.(A)10.5 (B) 11.5).

LSM's 42, 52, 140, 149, 317 arrived Santo A.M./20th.

FS. 177 arrived Wakde 0700K/19 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" arrived Wakde 0700K/19 from Hollandia. Departed 2200K/19 for Biak E.T.A. 1700K/20.

YP. 283 (Patrol Vessel) departed Wakde 2100K/18 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/19.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Sansapor 1000K/19 for Biak E.T.A. 0800K/20 (SOA.13.5).

S.C.'s 738, 748 departed Langemak 1536K/20 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/23.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" departed Langemak 0616K/20 for Madang E.T.A. 1630K/20 with H.M.A.S. "GERLONG" survivors on board.

YMS. 96 departed Langemak 1216K/20 for Torokina E.T.A. 0900K/22.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" departed Milne Bay 0907K/20 towing concrete lighter to Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/22 (SOA.8).

M.L. 801 arrived Port Moresby 0648K/20 from Milne Bay.

HDML. 1329 departs Brisbane 1500K/21 for Gladstone E.T.A. 1900K/22
Departs Gladstone 0800K/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/25 for onward routing to Darwin (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" (NAP) commissioned Sydney 0900K/20th.

M.O.I.C. Darwin informed that "EOWEN" is to be sailed to arrive Melbourne by 12th November for refit.

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" reports that "NANCY HANKS" liberty aground
"CAPE NELSON" (See Narrative 20th October) refloated
at 0618K/20.

S.S. "BERING" still aground Cape Nelson (See Narrative 16th October
Tug "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" and "OLIVER KELLY" Liberty ship
assisting. A.P.C.13 with 60 stevedores departs Milne
Bay 0200K/20 to unload part cargo of "BERING" in order
to refloat.

"CHARLES N. McGRORTY" aground in Goschen Strait (See Narrative 20th
October) unable to float off reef at high tide with
engines fuel astern. Two tugs unable to move ship.
Tanker "MOLINO DEL RAY" standing by to assist at daylight
21st. Vessel told to jettison oil fuel if necessary.

V.S.S. "SUSPENSIVA" (Tug) arrived Neenhour 1800K/18 from Blak

Y.P. 236 (Patrol Vessel) arrived Neenhour 1800K/18 from Blak.

H.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) arrived Hollandia 0610K/18 from
Pinscherhafen.

LT. 223, 1091 arrived Hollandia 1800K/18 from Longrak.

H.M.A.B. "RENALIA" arrived Hollandia 0755K/18 from Milne Bay

H.M.A.S. "COOLAN WANA" arrived Hollandia 0830K/18 from Midang departs
1800K/18 for Blak via Wakke for A/S patrol or escort
duties.

H.M.S. "RINDJANI" departed Midang 1800K/18 for Hollandia S.T.A.
0400K/20.

H.M.A.S. "MAYO" (tug) departed Milne Bay 0247K/18 for Port

H.M.A.S. "SARVO") Marasby S.T.A. P.M. 20 (S.O.A.S.).

M.L. 891 departed Milne Bay 1215K/18 for Port Marasby S.T.A. 2200K/
18.

M.L. 200, 176, 254 arrived Milne Bay 1040K/17 from Russolle.

M.L. 181 arrived Milne Bay 1245K/18 from Brisbane.

H.M. "LANTY" (L.S.L.) departs Santo 0800K/20 for Milne Bay S.T.A.
0400K/24 (S.O.A.S.).

H.M.A.S. "GEMPLE") departed Cairns 1700K/18 for Milne Bay S.T.A.
0200K/22 (S.O.A.S.).

M.L's 818, 428 departed Cairns 1800K/18 for Brisbane calling
Gladstone. Gladstone 0800K/21, Brisbane 0700K/23
(S.O.A.S.).

M.L. 708 (Store lighter) departed Cairns 0800K/18 for Thursday
Island S.T.A. 1500K/20 (S.O.A.S.). Anchoring at night.

H.C. 1151 H.M.S. Brisbane 1800K/18 for Milne Bay S.T.A. 0800K/24
(S.O.A.S.).

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U.S.S. "CAPE ESPERANCE" (Escort Carrier) departed Pearl Harbour
0230K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 0830K/24 (S.O.A.14.7).

LST.592, 720 departed Balboa 1000K/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. 23rd
November. (S.O.A. 9).

YMS. 329, YMS.481) departed Tulagi 1400K/
U.S.S. "KINGFISHER" (Fleet Tug towing YF.624)) 19 for Finschhafen
E.T.A. 0600K/24(SOA.7).

U.S.C.G. "Spencer" (Coastguard Cutter) departed Bora Bora 0600K/19
for Finschhafen E.T.A. 19th November (SOA(A)13.5 (B) 15).

YMS.363,364, 368) departed Bora Bora 1400K/18 for Santo via
LST.757) Tutuila for fuel. Tutuila 23rd October (SOA.8).

P.C. 1130 departs Russells 19th October escorting "CAPE COD" Mership
to Manus via Finschhafen escort returns after six hours.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Gasoline Tanker) departed Biak 1500K/17 for Sansapor
E.T.A. 0100K/18.

U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital Ship) departs Manus 1300K/20 for Kossol
Passage (Palau Island) E.T.A. 0800K/24 (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Noemfoor 1500K/18 from Biak

YP.236 (Patrol Vessel) arrived Noemfoor 1900K/18 from Biak.

U.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) arrived Hollandia 0810K/18 from
Finschhafen.

LCT.220, 1091 arrived Hollandia 1600K/18 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" arrived Hollandia 0755K/19 from Milne Bay
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H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Hollandia 0630K/19 from Madang departs
1030K/19 for Biak via Wakde for A/S patrol or escort
duties.

R.N.N. "RINDJANI" departed Madang 1200K/18 for Hollandia E.T.A.
0600K/20.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing) departed Milne Bay 0847K/18 for Port
H.M.A.S. "CAROO") Moresby E.T.A. P.M.20 (S.O.A.5).

M.L. 801 departed Milne Bay 1215K/18 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 2200K/
19.

FS.290, 176, 254 arrived Milne Bay 1040K/17 from Russells.

FS.181 arrived Milne Bay 1245K/19 from Brisbane.

HMS. "LAMONT" (L.S.I.) departs Santo 0900K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
0400K/24 (S.O.A.13).

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE") departed Cairns 1700K/19 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
APC.6.) 0800K/22 (S.O.A.8).

M.L.'s 818, 426 departed Cairns 1500K/19 for Brisbane calling
Gladstone. Gladstone 0900K/21, Brisbane 0700K/23
(SOA.13).

MSL.702 (Store lighter) departed Cairns 0822K/19 for Thursday
Island E.T.A. 1200K/26 (S.OA.7.5). Anchoring at night.

P.C. 1131 E.T.D. Brisbane 1500K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0800K/24
(SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" departed Sydney 1235K/19 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/27 (S.O.A.10).

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" E.T.D. Eden 0230K/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/21 (S.O.A.7).

H.M.A.S. "NAPIER" arrived Fremantle 1100K/19 from Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" departed Darwin 0445K/19 escorting Mership "SCHWEDAGON" vicinity Cape Don E.T.A. 2000K/19.

H.D.M.L. 1353 commissioned in Sydney 0900K/19.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" to transport "GEELONG" survivors to Madang as quickly as possible (NOIC New Guinea's 182257).

"CHARLES L. McGROARTY" (Liberty Ship) on passage Milne Bay - Oro Bay reported at 1910K/19 she was aground in position $010^{\circ}11'S.$ $150^{\circ}56'E$ (Goschen Strait - no danger low tide).

"NANCY HANKS" (Liberty Ship) on passage Cairns - Langemak, reported at 2040K/19 she was aground on reef in position $09^{\circ}05'S.$ $149^{\circ}20'E$ (Cape Nelson) and required assistance. Later stated she was pounding heavily and would like to get troops off. "OLIVER KELLY", Liberty, arrived to assist at 2330K/19 but was unable to do so because of bad weather - making further attempt daylight 20th. "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" assisting "BERING", aground same vicinity, instructed by N.O.I.C. New Guinea at 2220K/19 to proceed to aid of "NANCY HANKS" T.P.102 despatched by Oro Bay to arrive at daylight to assist.

Operations on S.S. "BERING" (reported aground Cape Nelson in Narrative 16th October) suspended because of rough sea. Ship tested heavily in good position upright and stern to weather. Operations will be resumed 20th.

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"HOPE" (U.S. Hospital Ship) E.T.D. Manus 1200K/20, to proceed north and await call forward by C.T.F.77 under whose operational orders she has been placed.

S.C. 703 arrived Hollandia 1500K/18 from Langemak.

S.C. 981 departed Hollandia 1900K/17 E.T.A. Langemak 0730K/20.

"LITHGOW" arrived Hollandia 0700K/17 from Madang; departed Hollandia 1900K/18 for Wakde E.T.A. 0700K/19 thence Biak.

S.C. 737 departed Wakde 1400K/17 E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/18.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Wakde 1446K/17 escorting B.G. 704 for Morotai. Townsville is to rendezvous with "BENDIGO" and "BROOME" at 1200K/18 and upon relief is to return to Wakde. "BENDIGO" and "BROOME" are to escort B.G. 704 to Morotai E.T.A. 1200K/20.

"BURDEKIN") departed Morotai 1400K/17 escorting G.B. 703 E.T.A.
 "KATOOMBA") Biak 1600K/19.
 "ROCKHAMPTON")

APC.2. arrived Sansapor 1415K/16 from Biak.

"MACHIAS" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Langemak 1706K/17 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/19.

M.L. 802 departed Langemak 1746K/17 E.T.A. Madang 0700K/18.

"GENERAL R.E. CALLEN" (U.S.N. Transport) departed Langemak 1522K/17; E.T.A. San Francisco 3/11.

"GERARD" (Store Carrier) departed Langemak 1316K/17 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 2200K/19.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Madang 2200K/17 E.T.A. ^{Manus} Langemak 1200K/18.

"ATTU" (U.S. Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 0915K/18 from San Francisco

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Madang 0620K/17 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/19. On arrival to come under operational control of Hollandia.

"ORION" (U.S. Submarine tender) E.T.D. Manus 1700K/19 - E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/23.

M.L. 801 departed Milne Bay 1215K/18 - E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1400K/20.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Milne Bay 0917K/18 E.T.A. Madang 1000K/21.

"BANGALOW" departed Port Moresby 1-35K/18 E.T.A. Townsville A.M.23/10.

M.L. 803 departed Port Moresby 1035K/18 - E.T.A. Cairns 0300K/23.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1436K/18 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 428) arrived Gladstone 1155K/17 en route Cairns to Brisbane.
 M.L. 816)
 M.L. 431)

LT.227 towing 4 barges for New Guinea arrived Gladstone 2130K/17 and will be delayed 5 days owing to boiler trouble.

"BARCOO" departed Cairns 1701K/17 for Milne Bay

"GLADSTONE" E.T.D. Cairns A.M.23/10 for Milne Bay.

"COLAC" E.T.D. CAIRNS A.M.24/10 for Milne Bay.

"MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departed Brisbane 1105K/18 for Milne Bay;
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1001K/23 thence Finschhafen.

"KAPIR"
"NEIRA" E.T.A. Fremantle from Melbourne is now 1100K/19.

"CREVALLE" (U.S. Submarine) E.T.D. Fremantle 1500K/18 for Pearl
Harbour 0730K/7/11.

"GAMBIA" departed Trincomalee 1630K/16 to rendezvous and escort
U.S. naval transports "GENERAL MITCHELL" and "GENERAL
RANDALL" to vicinity of Fremantle.
"GAMBIA'S" E.T.A. at Fremantle is 0830K/23 - "GENERAL
MITCHELL'S" E.T.A. at Melbourne is 0930K/27; "GENERAL
RANDALL'S" E.T.A. at Wellington is 1100K/30.

S.C. 1039) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 22/10 for Sydney for rehabilitation.
S.C. 1266)

LSM.51 and 41 and L.C.I.711 departed Espiritu Santo for Seeadler.

YMS.329) E.T.D. Tulagi 18/10 for Finschhafen, for onward routing to
YMS.481) Manus.

YMS.97 departed Green Island 1400K/17 escorting 1 ship E.T.A. Finschhafen
0900K/19.

"EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" R.N. L.S.I. which was aground at Cairns was re-
floated at 0915K/18 and proceeded to outer anchorage.

COLLISION IN SYDNEY HARBOUR.

"EMPIRE HAMBLE" (3,260 tons gross, British) and
"WEST CACTUS" (5,581 tons gross, United States) collided in Sydney
Harbour P.M. 16th October. "CACTUS" sustained bent stem piece,
buckled plating and leaking forepeak. Temporary repairs are being
effected. "EMPIRE HAMBLE" suffered buckled plating on starboard side.
This vessel has since proceeded to Newcastle.

H.M.A.S. "GEELONG" SUNK:

At 2007K/18th October, H.M.A.S. "GEELONG", A.M.S.
came into collision with the tanker "YORK" in position 006°04'S 147°50'E
32 miles north of Langemak. At 2020K/18 "YORK" signalled that she
was standing by "GEELONG" which was badly damaged.

"GEELONG" sank at 2151K/18 after all her crew had been
safely transferred to "YORK", which proceeded to Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" which was at Madang was made ready to
proceed to assist "GEELONG" if necessary.

"YORK" is an American tanker of 10,448 tons gross. She
was on passage in ballast to Balboa from Humboldt Bay whence she had
departed at 0005K/17th October.

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"BURDEKIN") arrived Morotai 1300K/16 escorting Convoy B.G. 703
 "KIAMA")
 "COWRA")

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Wakde 2145K/15 from Maffin Bay.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Carrier) arrived Hollandia 1000K/15 from Brisbane.

"SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Biak 1900K/11 E.T.A. Brisbane
 Hollandia 0700K/12.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Hollandia 15/10 from Milne Bay.

"INDUS" (U.S. net cargo ship) arrived Hollandia 15/10 from Milne Bay.

"CALLAWAY" (U.S. attack transport)) together with eight merchant vessels
 "CHEPACHET" (U.S. Oiler)) departed Hollandia at 0600K/16 for
 "SALAMONIE" (U.S. Oiler)) undisclosed destination.
 "SATANAC" (U.S. Oiler))
 "HERCULES" (U.S. Cargo ship))
 "QUAPAW" (U.S. Ocean Tug))

"MERCY" (U.S. Hospital Ship) E.T.D. Hollandia on 19/10 for rendezvous
 in vicinity Caroline Islands to await orders of C.T.F. 77.

M.L. 802 E.T.D. Madang 1600K/16 - E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/17.

"EMPIRE MACE" arrived Noumea 1-45K/16 from Milne Bay.

"LEYTE" E.T.D. Balboa 1000K/17 for Hollandia via Finschhafen.

"GILLIAM" E.T.D. San Francisco 0100K/17 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2/11.

"VENDETTA" departed Langemak 0606K/17 E.T.A. Madang 1500K/17.

"RESERVE" departed Milne Bay 15/10 towing U.S.S. "ETAMIN" (U.S. Store
 Ship) E.T.A. Hollandia P.M.23/10.

"SATINLEAF" (U.S. Net tender) departed Milne Bay 1435K/16 for Langemak
 E.T.A. 17/10.

"EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" departed Milne Bay 1137K/16 E.T.A. Noumea 1500K/20.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) departed Milne Bay 0900K/16
 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/18.

"WAREE" arrived Port Moresby 1458K/16 from salvaging lost aircraft
 at Vailala River.

M.S.L. 702 (Motor Stores Lighter) arrived Cairns 0645K/17 from
 Townsville en route to Darwin.

"CALAMARES" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Brisbane 1300K/17 E.T.A. Hollandia
 0800K/24.

"STAWELL" E.T.D. Brisbane 22/10 for Milne Bay to exercise with U.S.
 submarine en route.

"SWAN" E.T.D. Sydney is now A.M.21/10 for New Guinea.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1024K/17 E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/20.

"WILCANNIA" (V.S.I.S.) E.T.D. Sydney A.M.19/10 for Milne Bay.

"BUNGAREE" (temporary victualling ship) E.T.D. Sydney A.M.21/10 for
 Milne Bay and Madang.

"SNEKA" (A.S.R.) arrived Thursday Island 1415K/17 from Kintore Reef.

Top 0900K/Tuesday, 17th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) departed Port Melbourne 1100K/15
E.T.A. Bombay 1900K/28 (to rendezvous with escort in position
(H) 04°12'S, 77°27'E at 1600K/25).

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" departed Milne Bay 1100K/15 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/16
(thence Madang).

H.M.S. "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" departed Langemak 1406K/15 E.T.A. Manus Island
1245K/16.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" arrived Milne Bay 1817K/15 from Manus Island.

H.M.A.S. "GEELONG" departed Milne Bay 1347K/16 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/18
(to assist LT. 220 at Dart Reef en route).

U.S.S. "GENERAL CALLAN" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Langemak 1530K/15 from Oro Bay.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" arrived Wakde 1700K/15 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") arrived Morotai escorting BG.702 at 1200K/12.
H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON")

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" escorting BG.704 Wakde 1100K/18 for Morotai
H.M.A.S. "BROOME") (Note - Next "MOROTAI" convoy 21st/10 thence every 4
days (See P.D. Wakde's 152358Z).)

U.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) arrived Finschhafen 1400K/15 departed
2359K/15 for Hollandia 0700K/18.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) arrived North Foreland (Milne Bay) 1150K/15
departed 1355K/15 E.T.A. at Manus Island 1400K/18.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" departed Hollandia 0830K/15 E.T.A. Madang 1800K/16.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 0400K/15 E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/19.

M.L.'s 806 and 801 arrived Milne Bay 1507K/16 from Langemak.

R.N.N. (Minesweeper) "RINDJANI" arrived Madang 0900K/15 from Port Moresby.

M.L. 819 returned to Port Moresby at 1530K/15 from Daru (with R.M.S. part
aboard).

Submarine positions as at 0600K/17.

U.S. Sub. 42 southbound near 12°52'S, 155°02'E

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" E.T.D. Cairns 1700K/17 Milne Bay 0800K/19.

M.L.'s 818, 436 completed refuelling and departed Horn Island 1005K/16
E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/18).

M.L.'s 428(SO) 431, 816 departed Townsville 0140K/16 E.T.A. Gladstone
1200K/17 E.T.D. 1800K/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/
19.

M.S.L. 702 (Motor Stores Launch) departed Townsville 0924K/16 for Horn
Island (calling Cairns for fuel Etc. E.T.A. Cairns 0600K/17).

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (carrying F.O. Force "X") arrived Brisbane 2237K/12
from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" en route Sydney - Brisbane for O/R to Milne Bay
Amended E.T.A. Caloundra 1700K/17.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" (M/S) operating vicinity Wilson's Promontory (152240)
E.T.A. Pt. Melbourne 1030K/18.

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" (M/S) Amended E.T.A. Eden 0800K/18.

U.S.S. "PORTUS" (?) (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/17 - E.T.A.
Milne Bay 1200K/24.

M.L. 814 (escorting 1 M.V.) arrived Darwin 2327K/15.

H.M.A.S. "STELLA" (Survey vessel) arrived Pt. Darwin 1447K/15 from
Scott Reef.

LT. 220 (Large Tug) aground Dart Reef ($09^{\circ}35'S$, $150^{\circ}08'E$) reports -
Not in any immediate danger as long as weather holds but
will require assistance (T.O.O. 160006Z Oct.)
S.T. 386 (Tug) despatched from Milne Bay to assist (T.O.O. 160102Z/
10) H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" reported - Did not sight any ship
aground Dart Reef. My 152240 refers (160528Z). P.D. Madang
instructed "GEELONG" to proceed and render assistance to LT.
220 (160204Z).

Grounding of H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" in Cairns Channel at 1900K/14
(See Narrative to 0900K/16th October). Further attempt
to refloat unsuccessful, 2 L.C.T's being used in addition
to H.M.A. Ships "COLAC" and "GLADSTONE". Tug "UTA" and 1
Yard Tug. Ground tackle being laid 16th October and
"EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" discharging oil fuel to oil lighter to
lighten ship. Next attempt A.M. tide 17th on arrival of
tug "ST. GILES" (N.O.I.C. Cairns 151301Z).

Following from F.O. Force X. - "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" been
aground Cairns Channel 48 hours. Request salvage expert
be sent by air (T.O.O. 160558Z October). Signal passed
to N.O.I.C. Brisbane, N.O.I.C. Sydney. under T.O.O. 161128Z
Brisbane requested to contact Captain Hird (Salvage Board).
Duty Officer, Brisbane, reported by telephone at approximately
0800K/17 that Captain Hird had made arrangements to proceed
to Cairns by air today.

Quarantine restrictions at Thursday Island and Merauke are cancelled.
Normal traffic is to be resumed (A.C.N.B's 160746Z/10).

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" proceeding to vicinity Schouten Island to render
assistance to Mership "MOA MOA" (See Narrative 16th October).
"LITHGOW" reports having reached vicinity without sighting
vessel or assisting aircraft and has requested instructions
from N.O.I.C. (N.G.) T.O.O. 151935Z October. At 1455K/16
"LITHGOW" reported having contacted "MOA MOA". Vessel
not requiring assistance at present, remaining in company
until off Hollandia - E.T.A. 0800K/17.

To 0900K/Monday, 16th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "MONADNOCK" (Minelayer) departed Guadalcanal 1100K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 0800K/18.

U.S.S. "GENERAL MITCHELL" (U.S.N.T.)) departed Bombay 1229K/14
U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.)) Destroyers later detach and
 escorted by H.M.S. "RACEHORSE" (Destroyer)) proceed Addu Atoll E.T.A.
H.M.S. "REDOUBT" (Destroyer)) 1030K/20 "MITCHELL" to Melb-
 ourne E.T.A. approx. 0930K/26.

YMS. 94. 99) departed Noumea 0900K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/20.
A.N.11 (Net layer))

P.C. 1124 escorting "DUNTHOON" departed Emirau 0600K/15 for Manus E.T.A. 1900K/15.

U.S.S. "THETIS" (Escort Carrier) departed Pearl Harbour 0300K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 1900K/23.

LST. 927 departs Santo 0500K/15 for Seeadler E.T.A. 1600K/23.

YMS. 329. 481) arrived Guadalcanal 14th.
USS. "KINGFISHER" (Fleet Tug)

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Wakde 2355K/14 for Maffin Bay (To act as convoy escort or do A/S patrol).

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" arrived Hollandia 0630K/14 from Madang.

U.S.S. "JUPITER" (Cargo ship)) departed Manus 1800K/13 for
U.S.S. "LEON" (Attack Transport)) Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/15.
 escorted by U.S.S. "HOPEWELL" (Destroyer)

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" departs Madang 1300K/15 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 2200K/18.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" departs Madang 1700K/14 for Aitape E.T.A. 1900K/15 thence Hollandia.

U.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) arrived Langemak 0605K/15 from Balboa departed 1500K/15 for Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 0700K/18.

LCT's 1091. 909) departed Langemak 0800K/15 for Alexishafen E.T.A.
 escorted by S.C. 703) 0600K/16 thence Hollandia E.T.A. 19th.

M.L's 801. 806 departed Langemak 0301K/15 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/16.

U.S.S. "GENERAL R.E. CALLAN" (U.S.N.T.) departs Oro Bay 0600K/15 for Langemak E.T.A. 1600K/15.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" arrived Milne Bay 1037K/14 from Brisbane departed 1100K/15 for Langemak E.T.A. 1100K/16.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing H.M.A.S. "CAROO" arrived Milne Bay 1707K/14 from Madang.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay 0907K/15 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "GATINLEAF" (Net tender) arrived Milne Bay 0920K/15 from Brisbane.

M.L's 428. 431. 816 departed Cairns 1830K/14 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/15.

F.S. 181 departs Brisbane 1500K/15 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/19.

H.M.A.S. "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departs Brisbane 18/10 for ports New Guinea Area thence returns Brisbane.

P.C. 1138 arrived Sydney 0800K/15 from Guadalcanal.

P.C. 1128 departed Sydney 1015K/15 for Tukgi E.T.A. 1200K/20.

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" departed Sydney 0838K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/17.

H.D.M.L. 1324. departed Sydney 0834K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0900K/17.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" departed Sydney 1329K/15 for Brisbane thence Milne Bay E.T.A. Brisbane 1100K/17.

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" departed Port Phillip 0630K/15 for Sydney.
Calling Eden E.T.A. Eden 0900K/17.

H.M.A.S. "NAPIER" departed Melbourne 1000K/15 for Fremantle E.T.A.
0600K/20 thence to join Eastern Fleet.

H.N.M.S. K.15 (Submarine) departs Fremantle 1400K/15 for Melbourne
E.T.A. 1300K/24 (N.O.I.C's Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane
will inform N.C.S.O's concerned.

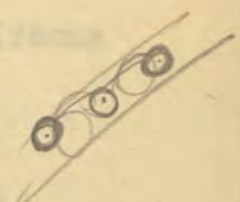
H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1843K/14 escorting "Schwedagen."

H.M.A.S. "NIZAM") leave Colombo 15th October for Addu Atoll
H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH") E.T.A. 17th to refuel thence to Fremantle
in company with tanker "UMATILLA".

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" on passage Madang - Hollandia proceeding to render
assistance to Mership "MOA-MOA" with disabled engine
vicinity Schouten Island. Aircraft co-operating.

S.S. "BERING" cargo ship approximately 7,600 tons on passage Milne
Bay-Manus reported at 0228K/15 that she was aground
vicinity Cape Nelson and required assistance of a tug.
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" being despatched to assist.

N.O.I.C. Cairns report "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" grounded in channel abreast
Number six beacon at 1900K/14. Attempts to refloat
A.M. tide using H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE", tug "UTA", and
Yard Tug unsuccessful. "COLAC" also in attendance
Vessel being lightened and further attempts to refloat
will be made P.M. tide 15th using same vessels in
attendance. Tug "ST. GILES" also proceeding Cairns
to assist.



DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER

U.S.S. MCNADNOEK (Minelayer) Departs Guadal 1100K/14 for Brisbane with Australian survivors P.G.W. E.T.A. 19th.

L.S.T. 754 departed Santo 1400K/15 for Manus E.T.A. 0700/20.

S.C. 1247 departed Enirau 1800/14 escorting "FRANK SPRAYSE" to Manus E.T.A. 1100/15.

F.S. 176, 178, 254, 390 departed Russells 1445/14 for Milne Bay.

L.S.M's 41, 51
L.C.I. 711) Arrived Santo 1458K/14.

U.S.S. GENERAL W.F. HASE (Transport) departed Manus 1200K/14 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 0500/26.

H.M.A.S. ARARAT E.T.A. Manus 0600/15 from Kaniet Is. search.

F.S. 172 departed Manus 1000K/15 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2000K/15.

M.L's 806, 801 departed Madang 1800K/15 for Milne Bay for onward routing to Sydney. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/15.

H.M.A.S. LITHGOW departs Madang p.m. 14th for Hollandia to come under his operational control.

H.M.A.S. LAURABADA departed Madang 0300K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/15.

U.S.S. STORM KING (Transport))
U.S.S. SUMPTER (Attack Transport)) departed Langenak 0905K/15
Escorted by U.S.S. TAYLOR (Destroyer)) for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/15.
U.S.S. MUGFORD (Destroyer))

U.S.S. GENERAL R. E. CALLAN (U.S.N.T.) arrived Oro Bay 0640K/15 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. ANDREW DORIA (Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0950K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 0830K/16.

M.L's 818, 426 departed Port Moresby 1140K/15 for Thursday Island thence Sydney. In view of quarantine existing at Thursday Is. vessels will now fuel at Horn Is. and sail on completion.

H.M.A.S. JOHN HARDY (C.P.B.) returned Thursday Is. 1125K/14 from servicing Coast Watching Stations.

H.M.S. CHALLENGER (Survey Vessel) departs Caloundra 1600K/15 for operations area Torres Strait ETA 0800/23.

U.S.S. CALAMARES (Store Ship) departed Sydney 0808K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500/15.

H.M.A.S. SWAN E.T.D. Sydney for New Guinea Area 23rd October.

U.S.S. GENERAL ANDERSON (U.S.N.T.) departed Melbourne 1100K/15 for Bombay E.T.A. 1900K/28.

H.M.A.S. NAPIER departs Melbourne a.m. 15th for Fremantle thence Eastern Fleet.

H.M.S. KENYA departed Fremantle 0900K/14 escorting "EUROTTAR CASTLE".
Bombay 1800/23.

H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE departed Darwin 1058K/13 escorting "LORINNA".

N.O.I.C. Sydney unable to ship H.D.M.L.'s 1340 and 1352 to Fremantle.
Intends to sail to Melbourne 20th for onward routing or
shipping to Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG departs Adelaide 17th for Sydney for onward
routing New Guinea Area.

"JAMES H. BREASTED", liberty aground Gona Bay, refloated at 0745/13
by "CALEDONIAN SALVOR". Ship proceeding Oro Bay under
own steam.

From N.O.I.C. Port Moresby: "District Officer Daru reports 12 ft.
oar marked "Matafele" painted marine blue found on Dibiri Island
on approximately 10th September. Oar similar in all respects to
that previously reported".

FRANCIS PARKMAN liberty ship on passage Cairns-Langemak reported at
0718K/14 "Fast aground on Curtis Reef (Cape Nelson Area)
Require assistance". "Caledonian Salvor" was despatched
by P.D. Milne Bay and small tug S.T. 406 despatched by
Oro Bay to assist. At 0350K/15 ship reported "Clear of
reef. Proceeding to destination. Cancel my request for
assistance".

Escorting U.S. submarine "VOLAX" Point Lind to Pipe then
return to Langemak.

Arrived Milne Bay 1845/13 from Langemak.

Left Port Moresby 14th from Murray Island.

Left Milne Bay 1300/13 for Sydney (via H.M.S. Chiswick).

Submarine arrived at 0200K/14.

U.S. submarine "PENGUIN" off Colomayo.

(Tug) departed Pt. Moresby 0645K/13 for VAILALA BAY to
salvage lost aircraft, returning to Pt. Moresby on completion
(Duration of voyage approximately 3 days).

Departed Cairns 1715K/13 H.M.S. Brisbane 0845/13.

(Motor launch - lighters) arrived Evansville 0800/13 from
Brisbane.

Departed Sydney 1800K/13 for Sydney H.M.S. Chiswick.

Arrived Sydney 1800K/13.

Departed Sydney 0700K/13 H.M.S. Chiswick Head 0800/13.

(Crane) departed Milne Bay's Promontory eastbound at 0715K/13.

Departed from Williamson for Sydney delayed until
1815K/13 (via H.M.S. Chiswick, Pt. Melbourne 1800/13).

Arrived Darwin 2000/13 (approximate).

To 0900K/Saturday, 14th October, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" } (escorting BG.703) E.T.A. Morotai 0600K/13 from
H.M.A.S. "COWRA" } Hollandia. On arrival at Morotai "COWRA" and
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" } "KIAMA" relieve "ROCKHAMPTON" and "KATOOMBA"
on A/S patrol. "BURDEKIN", "ROCKHAMPTON" and
"KATOOMBA" return to Hollandia with GB.703.

U.S.S. "NUENDORF" (Destroyer) departed Tulagi 0500K/13 E.T.A. Manus Is
1600K/15.

U.S.S. "GENERAL R.E. CALLAN" (U.S.N.T.) departed Milne Bay 1300K/12
E.T.A. Oro Bay 0700K/13.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE MACE" departed Milne Bay 1200K/12 E.T.A. Noumea 1200K/16.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" E.T.D. Madang 1700K/12 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/14.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" departed Milne Bay 0400K/13 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/15.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" amended E.T.A. Madang 0500K/14 from Aitape.

H.M.A.S. "GOULEURN" arrived Hollandia 1449K/13 from Madang.

U.S.S. "DIPHUA" (Unclassified) departed Langemak 1001K/12 E.T.A. Manus
Island 1600K/14.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) departed Hollandia 1845K/12 E.T.A.
Biak 1500K/13.

U.S.S. S.C. 738 departed Langemak 2016K/12 (for escort duties with
U.S. Submarine S. 42 - Point Limb to Pipe).

S.C. 703 escorting U.S. Submarine "POLLACK" Point Limb to Pipe then
return to Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" arrived Milne Bay 1847K/12 from Langemak.

M.L. 819 E.T.A. Port Moresby 14th from Murray Island.

M.L. 806, 801 E.T.D. Milne Bay 13th/10 for Sydney (via G.N.E. Channel).

Submarine positions at 0600K/14.

S. 42 southbound near 06°42'S, 148°27'E.

U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" off Caloundra.

H.M.A.S. "WAREE" (Tug) departed Pt. Moresby 0645K/12 for VAILALA RIVER to
salvage lost aircraft, returning to Pt. Moresby on completion
(Duration of voyage approximately 5 days).

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" departed Cairns 1716K/12 E.T.A. Brisbane 0200K/15.

M.S.L. 702 (Motor Stores -Lighter) arrived Townsville 0603K/13 from
Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" E.T.D. Caloundra 1930K/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/15.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" arrived Sydney 1200K/12.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/13 E.T.A. Caloundra Head 0500K/15.

D.S. "TROMP" (Cruiser) departed Wilson's Promontory eastbound at 0610K/13

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" departed from Williamstown for Sydney delayed until
A.M. 16th (See N.O.I.C. Pt. Melbourne 130627Z).

M.L. 814 arrived Darwin 2210K/12 (escorting L.M.V.).

To 0900K/Friday, 13th October, 1944.

U.S.S. MENOQUET at Manus Island departure for Espiritu Santo delayed owing to engine defects.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" departed Langemak 1949K/11 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/12.

U.S.S. P.C. 1624 (escorting M.V. "DUNTROON") departed Torokina 1430K/10 E.T.A. Emirau 0700K/12.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" arrived Milne Bay 0947K/12 10 from Langemak E.T.D. A.M.13th. E.T.A. Cairns A.M.15th.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" } E.T.A. Mafin Bay 0600K/9 from Hollandia.
H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" }

U.S.S. "SILVER BELL" (Net Tender) departed Milne Bay 1220K/11 E.T.A. Hollandia 1630K/15.

H.M.A.S. "GERLONG" arrived Milne Bay 1007K/12 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" (Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0900K/11 E.T.A. Hollandia 0606K/15.

LST's 38 (SO) and 39 departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/12 E.T.A. Manus Island 2200K/18.

H.M.A.S. "EMPIRE MACE" arrived Milne Bay 1127K/11.

H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" arrived Port Moresby 1341K/11 from Thursday Is.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" departed Milne Bay 1300K/11 E.T.A. Brisbane 2200K/16

U.S.S. S.C. 748 (Escorting 2 L.C.T's) departed Milne Bay 1200K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/13.

U.S.S. F.S. 164 (Small Freight Ship) departed Manus Island 2000K/11 for Espiritu Santo.

M.L's 818 and 426 departed Milne Bay 1200K/11 arrived Pt. Moresby 1057K/12.

SUBMARINE POSITIONS as at 0600K/13/10 -

S. 42 near 05°00'S, 147°25'E southbound.

U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" near 22°25'S, 156°10'E southbound

U.S. Submarine "POLLACK" near 02°52'S, 148°15'E northbound.

H.M.A.S. "GLENEARN" departed Cairns 2101K/11 arrived Townsville 0504K/12.

L.C.I. 612 E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/12 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/16.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" (Departed Caloundra 1930K/13 E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/15

H.D.M.L. 1329 arrived Coffs Harbour 0959K/12 E.T.D. A.M.12th E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/13.

H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" (Survey Vessel) departed Sydney 0909K/12 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/14.

H.D.M.L. 1324 returned Sydney with engine defect.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" departed Sydney 2017K/12 E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/15 (For O/R to Milne Bay).

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" (Auxiliary M/S) departed Sydney 1754K/12 E.T.A. Hobart A.M.17th.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" operative in Cape Otway Area from 0900K/12.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Pt. Melbourne 1730K/12 from San Pedro (For O/Routeing to Bombay).

U.S.S. "CHANTICLEER" (Submarine Rescue Vessel) departed Fremantle 1708K/12 for Darwin via Exmouth Gulf (No E.T.A. given).

<u>H.M.A.S. "MORESBY"</u>	}	departed Scott Reef 1740K/11 E.T.A.
<u>H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA"</u>		
<u>H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE"</u>		
<u>H.M.A.S. "JUNEE"</u>		
<u>H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM"</u>			Darwin 0630K/15.

Possible Submarine sighted from the air 1115K/11 position 00°30'S, 134°05'E course 159T towards MANOKWARI. No A/S patrol available here. P.D. (Noemfoor) 120300Z.

N.O.I.C. Darwin's 120409Z (from R.A.A.F. Intelligence) reported - 1 ship 3,000 tons position 05°18'S, 123°30'E heading 040° speed 12 knots (position Buton Passage, approximately 230 miles N.W. - Dilhi Harbour (Timor)).

N.O.I.C. (Darwin's) (R.A.A.F. Intelligence report T.O.O. 120537Z) 1 destroyer (?) and 7 to 9, 3,000 ton merchant ships outside breakwater at Makasser during the night 11th/12th October. This is a delayed report from R.A.A.F. Intelligence.

Following received from N.O.I.C. Brisbane under T.O.O. 100449Z begins - H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" and "CARLOCK" each with one barge in tow proceeding Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/12. Third barge adrift in position, 30°00'S, 154°29'E at 0930K/10 drifting 170° at 2.5 knots ST (Small Tug) E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 10th 070730Z refers - Ends. (070730Z refers 3 barges unattended adrift in position 27°17'S, 153°50'E at 1700K/7).

To 0900K/Thursday, 12th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "ATTU" (Escort Carrier) departed San Francisco 1800K/1 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 18/10.

U.S.S. "THOMASON" (Destroyer Escort) departed Funa Futi 1550K/10 for Manus.

P.C. 1124 departs Tokina 1400K/10 escorting "DUNTROON" to Emirau E.T.A. dawn 12th. Departs Emirau 1800K/14 and proceeds direct Manus E.T.A. dawn 16th. Depart Manus proceed Biak. Then detaches and proceeds Treasury via Woendi, Hollandia, Manus, Langemak and Milne Bay.

LST's 579, 709, 578, 777, 572 depart Santo 1500K/10 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/17.

U.S.S. "MACHIAS" (Frigate) escorting) departs Tulagi 0600K/11 for H.M.S. "EMPIRE ARQUEBUS" (L.S.I.)) Finschhafen E.T.A. 1100K/13.

U.S.S. "LOVELACE" (Destroyer Escort) departs Bougainville P.M./11 and proceeds Manus to report Com, 7th Flt. for duty.

U.S.S. "PINKNEY" (Evacuation Transport)) escorted by U.S.S. "EMERY"
U.S.S. "TRYON" (Evacuation Transport)) (Destroyer Escort)
U.S.S. "ATETAUTUS") U.S.S. "STADTFELD"
U.S.S. "VIRGO" (Attack cargo)) (Destroyer Escort)
 arrived Russells 10th.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") arrived Morotai 1410K/9 with convoy.
H.M.A.S. "BROOME")
H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE")

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" arrived Hollandia 1000K/10 and departed 1600K/10 for Manus.

L.C.I. 686 departed Manus 0900K/11 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 2300K/13.

S.C. 518 arrived Langemak 0800K/11 escorting "CARLOS CORILLA" from Green.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" departed Langemak 0806K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/13.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" departed Langemak 1846K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/12

S.C. 735 arrived Milne Bay 1607K/10 from Langemak.

H.M.S. "GLENEARN" (L.S.H.)) departed Milne Bay 2330K/9 for Cairns
H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (L.S.I.)) E.T.A. 1930K/11.

H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1300K/11 from Thursday Island.

M.Ls. 428, 431, 316 departed Thursday Island 1240K/11 for Cairns 1600K/14.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" now departs Cairns 2000K/11 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1600K/13.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departs Brisbane 1200K/11 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/15 for onward routing to Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" departs Brisbane 1500K/11 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0830K/14.

U.S.S. "VENUS" (Cargo) departed Sydney 0928K/11 for trials returning Sydney 1330K/12.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) departs Sydney 14th for Brisbane to load thence Hollandia direct.

M.L. 1324 on passage Sydney-Darwin returned Sydney due to engine defects.

H.M.A.S. "NEPAL" departed Melbourne 1540K/11 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1600K/15.

M.L. 429 departed Darwin 0718K/10.

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M.L. 814 departed Darwin 0721/ escorting Mernoo.

H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" (Survey Vessel) departs Sydney 12th for operations area, reporting to Deputy Com 7th Flt. Brisbane on passage.

"JAMES H. BREASTED" liberty ship on passage Oro Bay-Langemak reported at 2350K/40 that she was aground at Gona Bay (25 miles north west of Oro Bay) and required a tug "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" has been despatched to assist.

~~M.L. 1324 departed Darwin 1000K/9 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/11~~

~~M.L. 429 departed Langemak 1500K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/14~~

~~M.L. 814 departed Langemak 2000K/9 Langemak 1800K/10 Milne Bay 1900K/10, and docks at Milne Bay then proceeds Cairns for 7 day boiler clean and recreational leave.~~

~~M.L. 1324 (A.S.I.) departed Langemak 2000K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/11.~~

~~M.L. 429 (Escort Vessel) departed Langemak 1000K/9 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/10.~~

~~M.L. 814 (Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 0600K/9 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/10.~~

~~M.L. 1324 (A.S.I.) departed Langemak 1100K/10 for Milne Bay.~~

~~M.L. 429 arrived Milne Bay 1400K/9 from Langemak.~~

~~M.L. 814 (Cutter) arrived Milne Bay 1500K/9 from Langemak.~~

~~M.L. 1324 arrived Milne Bay 1100K/10 towing "JAMES" from Cairns.~~

~~M.L. 429 departed Port Moresby 1800K/9 for Darwin to embark H.M.A.S. party E.T.A. 1400K/10. Thence Murray Island to investigate report of radio silence. E.T.A. Port Moresby approximately 15th October.~~

~~M.L. 814 (Cutter) departed Port Moresby 0700K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/10.~~

~~M.L. 1324 (Small Freighter) arrived Thursday Island 1800K/10 from Cairns.~~

~~M.L. 429 departed Thursday Island 1100K/10 towing lighter "MORRIS" to Gona. Port Moresby 0600K/12. Darwin 1800K/16.~~

~~M.L. 814 (A.S.I.) departed Thursday Island 1800K/10 with salvage party ordered to investigate "JAMES" on reef.~~

To 0900K/Wednesday, 11th October, 1944.

A.C. 96
LST's 944, 318) departed Green 1300L/9 for Torokina E.T.A. 1400/10.

LSM, 315 departed Santo 1400/9 for Seeadler E.T.A. 0700/16.

S.C. 518 departed Green 1430/9 escorting "CARLOS CABRILLO" to Finschhafen E.T.A. 0600/11.

LSI's 654, 655, 709 arrived Santo 0600/8.

FS's 176, 178, 254, 309 arrived Guadalcanal 10th from Funa Futi.

LSM's 35, 36, 37, 40, 205) arrived Santo A.M/10.
LST. 754)

LCI's 654, 655, 709, 710 departed Santo 0900K/10 for Manus E.T.A. 1200/16.

P.C. 1121 arrived Hollandia 1544/7 escorting Monterey.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" departs Madang 1600K/9 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/11

H.M.A.S. "WATO"
with H.M.A.S. "CAROO") departed Madang 1120K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/14.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" departs Madang 2300K/9 Langemak 1300K/10 Milne Bay 1800K/12, now docks at Milne Bay then proceeds Cairns for 7 day boiler clean and recreational leave.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE MACE" (L.S.I.) departed Langemak 0055K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/11.

U.S.S. "HOLLANDIA" (Escort Carrier) departed Langemak 1430K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/10.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 0655K/9 for Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 1900K/10.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" (L.S.I.) departed Langemak 1106K/10 for Manus.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" arrived Lae 1415K/9 from Langemak.

M.L.'s 818, 426 arrived Milne Bay 1437K/9 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Cutter) arrived Milne Bay 2137K/9 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" arrived Milne Bay 1110K/10 towing "ETAMIN" from Cairns.

M.L. 819 departed Port Moresby 1730K/9 for Daru to embark R.M.S. party E.T.A. 1400K/10. Thence Murray Island to investigate report of radio antenna. E.T.A. Port Moresby approximately 14th October.

H.M.N.S. "RINDJANI" (Dutch M/S) departed Port Moresby 0700K/10 for Madang E.T.A. 1200K/16.

U.S.S. F.S. 16A (Small Freighter) arrived Thursday Island 1330K/10 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "HEROS" departed Thursday Island 1139K/10 towing lighter "MOMBAH" to Darwin. Port Melville 0800K/12. Darwin 1600K/16.

H.M.A.S. "SEKA" (N.A.P.) departed Thursday Island 1335K/10 with salvage party officer to investigate "KINTOR" on reef.

U.S.S. "ANDREW DONIA" (Unclassified) departed Cairns 1701K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/15. Calling at Langemak for escort.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departs Cairns 1100K/11 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0900K/13.

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" (L.S.H.) arrived Cairns 1730K/9 from New Guinea.

H.M.S. "GLENEARN" (L.S.H.)) E.T.A. Cairns 0930K/11 from Milne
H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" (L.S.I.)) Bay.

U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net Tender) departs Brisbane 1000K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/14.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departs Brisbane 1700K/10 towing F.T.L.609 to Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/13.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departs Brisbane 1900K/9 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/16.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) departs Brisbane 1130K/11 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/19.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" proceeding to Newcastle with rescued barge in tow E.T.A. 0600K/12.

H.D.M.L's 1329, 1324 departed Sydney 1246K/10 for Brisbane for onward routing to Darwin - E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/12.

U.S.S. "FOREMAN" (Destroyer Escort)) departed Sydney 1245K/10 for
U.S.S. "ENGLAND" (Destroyer Escort)) Treasury E.T.A. 0900K/15.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip 0900K/10 for Westernport and arrived 1338K/10.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" departed Fremantle 1700K/9 for Adelaide E.T.A. 1000K/15.

M.L. 814 arrived Darwin 1429K/10 escorting "LORINNA".

 On completion of refit approximately 17th October "BUNDABERG" to be sailed from Adelaide to Sydney for onward routing to Milne Bay and New Guinea Area.

 "YUNNAN" when ready about 12th proceed to Brisbane to load thence Milne Bay, Madang, Hollandia. Refit Hollandia until further orders.

 "POYANG" departs Hollandia about 18th and proceeds Woendi to await orders (Com Ser 7th Flt's 090932Z).

 U.S.S.H.T. "ALLEN" (Transport) withdrawn from transports 7 Phibfor - assigned Admin. Flagship to Com. 7. Phib. "KANIMBLA", "WESTRALIA" and "MANOORA" will be administered by the senior naval officer Australian Landing Ships. (Com. 7. Phib's 060726Z).

In view of recent submarine indications off Morotai - H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" to report to P.D. Wakde before 0600K/13 as escort B.C.703. A/S patrols Sansapor temporarily withdrawn. "DELOIRINE" to escort L.C.T's to and from Sansapor. "KIAMA" and "COWRA" to report to P.D. Wakde before 0600K/13 to escort duties. A/S patrols Noemfoor and Biak temporarily withdrawn.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" depart Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Bomfoor (to S.T.A. Signalled).
A/S patrols established off Morotai 9th October by "BENDIGO" and "BROOME".
H.M.A.S. "BROOME" depart Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Biak (to S.T.A. Signalled).

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Store Ship) depart off Morotai Anchorage until 10th October.
U.S.S. "MONADNOCK" (Minelayer) to be sailed to Brisbane from Guadalcanal with approximately 150 Australian survivors former prisoners of war now on board "ALCOA POLARIS" due Guadalcanal 10th October.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" departed Sorido 0800K/8 S.T.A. Midor 1100K/8.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Store Ship) depart Sorido 0700K/8 S.T.A. Sorido Island 0800K/11.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Not listed) departed Sorido 1100K/8 S.T.A. Sorido Island 1100K/13 (for S/R to Hollandia).

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1600K/8 from Langkok.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" arrived Hollandia 1400K/7 from Bedang.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Frigate) arrived Hollandia 1400K/7.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (U.S.S. Hospital Ship) arrived Langkok 0700K/8 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. P.C. 472 arrived Yapokine 1200K/8 from Langkok.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" arrived Milne Bay 1200K/8.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" (Store Ship)

H.M.A.S. 422 and 412 departed Langkok 1000K/8 S.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/8 (for S/R to Hollandia via Langkok).

H.M.A.S. 722 and 723 arrived Milne Bay 1200K/8 from Cairns (for S/R to Hollandia via Langkok) (on arrival Hollandia to come under operational control P.D. Hollandia).

H.M.A.S. 722 departed Langkok 0615K/8 S.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 10th.

H.M.A.S. 722 and 723 arrived Milne Bay 1200K/8 from Cairns Departed 1500K/8 S.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/13.

H.M.A.S. 722 and 723 departed Humboldt Bay 1700K/8 S.T.A. Sorido Is. 1200K/7

H.M.A.S. 722 and 723 to be made available to C.A.S. Hollandia for overhaul and readiness mine sweeping equipment then report to Com. Amphib Force (A.C.I.C. H.M.S. 5605472/10).

SUBMARINE POSITIONS AT 0600K/13.

U.S. Submarine "TULLOCH" and escort 14°25'N, 125°25'E northbound.
U.S. Submarine "STANLEY" 07°55'S, 121°25'E southbound (proceeding on surface without escort).

To 0900K/Tuesday, 10th October, 1944.

U.S.S. P.C. 1138 departed Guadalcanal 1100K/9 E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 15th October.

H.M.A.S. "DELOHAINE" departed Hollandia 1200K/8 to Sorido and Sansapor (No. E.T.A. Signalled).

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departed Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Noemfoor (No E.T.A. Signalled).

H.M.A.S. "COWHA" departed Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Biak (No E.T.A. Signalled).

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") On A/S patrol off Morotai Anchorage until
H.M.A.S. "BROOME") relieved by "ROCKHAMPTON" and "KATOOMBA"
approx. P.M. 12th/10. (See N.O.I.C. Hollandia's
081250Z/10).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" departed Madang 0610K/8 E.T.A. Sidor 1100K/8.

U.S.S. "WIZAR" (Store Ship) departs Woendi 0700K/9 E.T.A. Manus Island 0600K/11.

U.S.S. "DIPHUA" (Not listed) departed Noumea 1100K/8 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1100K/12 (For O/R to Hollandia).

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1610K/9 from Langemak

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Hollandia 1400K/7 from Madang.

U.S.S. "GALLUP" (Frigate) arrived Hollandia 1400K/7.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) arrived Langemak 0730K/8 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. P.C. 476 arrived Torokina 1200K/8 from Langemak.

H.M.S. "GLENNARH") arrived Milne Bay 1320K/8.
H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD")

M.L.'s 426 and 818 departed Langemak 1002K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/9
(For O/R to Hollandia via Langemak).

S.C.'s 732 and 736 arrived Milne Bay 1527K/8 from Cairns (For O/R to Hollandia via Langemak) (on arrival Hollandia to come under operational control P.D. Hollandia).

S.C. 735 departed Langemak 0611K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 10th.

U.S.S. YMS. 315 arrived Milne Bay 1907K/8 from Cairns departed 1500K/9 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/13.

U.S.S. YMS. 336 departed Humboldt Bay 1700K/8 E.T.A. Manus Is. 1900K/1

U.S.S. YMS. 334 to be made available to C.N.B. Hollandia for overhaul and readiness minesweeping equipment then report to Com. Amphib Force (N.O.I.C. N.G. 090547Z/10).

SUBMARINE POSITIONS AT 0600K/10.

U.S. Submarine "POLLACK" and escort 14°25'S, 155°23'E northbound.
U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY" 07°58'S, 151°23'E southbound (proceeding on surface without escort).

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - departed Sydney 0824K/9 E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/10.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" E.T.D. Pt. Melbourne 0900K/10 for Westport Bay.

D.S. TROMP (Cruiser) departed Fremantle 1935K/8 E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/1

H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle 1230K/8 E.T.A. Pt. Phillip Head 0600K/13.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Darwin 1508K/9 for Clarence Strait area.

M.L.'s 428, 803 and 816 returned to Pt. Moresby owing to adverse weather conditions. M.L. 428 and 816 departed again at 1235K/9 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800K/10 M.L. 816 delayed approximately 10 days with engine trouble.

Air raid warning white - Noemfoor 2031K/9 - Yellow 2036K/9.

Following from S.S. "EVANGALINE" (Merchant Vessel U.S.A.) 03030'S, 144050'E A.P.C. 13 in distress off Bam Island. Have water in fuel line, require immediate assistance (T.O.O. 081845Z/10) Signal passed to N.O.I.C. (N.G.) for action.

Following received from N.O.I.C. (Townsville) begins - Please pass to MacIlwraith McEacharn, Melbourne, cargo "KATOOMBA" No.1 hold on fire, position appears to be in hand. Further particulars when available. Captain Snowball, Ends (T.O.O. 081610Z/10).

N.O.I.C. Darwin's 090348Z - R.A.A.F. Intelligence reports - 1 F.T.D. in position 10 02'S, 123 20'E course 122° S.O.A. 12 knots at 1130K/9th (position W. Coast of Timor.)

N.O.I.C. Darwin's 091355Z - R.A.A.F. INTELLIGENCE reports - Submarine 40 miles north of Lucipara Island at 1840K/9. Submarine crash dived sighted by one member of crew only.

C.C.O. Colombo's signal received 081900Z/10 - Following has been read from "NATHAN HALE" begins S.S.S.S. torpedo crossed by position 12 59'N, 49 17'E Ends.

N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) intends to close Port Directorate at Saidor at 1101K/8/10. All stores to be transferred to H.M.A.S. MADANG (T.O.O. 060129Z/10).

Following from H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - 5 Japanese horned mines at high water found on Eastern Beach of 3rd Island (North St. Ranford Group) 10 15' 33"S, 151 52' 10"E (T.O.O. 090659Z/9).

To 0900K/Monday, 9th October, 1944.

H.M.S. "RACEHORSE", "REDOUBT" (Destroyers) } arrived Bombay at 1419K/7.
U.S.S. "GENERAL MITCHELL" (U.S.N. Transports) }
U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" }

U.S.S. "GENERAL H.L. SCOTT" (U.S.N.T.) departed San Francisco 4th October for Hollandia via Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Milne Bay 0530K/8 E.T.A. Caloundra 0830K/12.

U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (U.S.N. Transport) departed Espiritu Santo 1300K/8 E.T.A. Treasury Island 1400K/12.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" E.T.D. Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Sansapor.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" E.T.D. Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido thence Noemfoor.

H.M.A.S. "COWRA" E.T.D. Hollandia 1200K/8 for Sorido and Biak.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" arrival Hollandia 0600K/7 from Madang.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" escorting U.S.S. "CURRITUCK" (Seaplane Tender) departed Manus Island 1200K/7 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1100K/9

H.M.A.S. "LITHCOW" arrived Madang 0700K/7 from Langemak departed 1225K/8 E.T.A. Lae 0700K/9.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" E.T.D. Madang A.M. 9th for Milne Bay (For repairs).

U.S.S. "YMS's 99 and 94" departed Guadalcanal 0900K/8 E.T.A. Noumea 1200K/12.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (U.S. Coast Guard Vessel) departed Langemak 1516K/7 for Milne Bay via Efe Shoal and Tufi leads.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1030K/8 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) arrived Oro Bay 0500K/7 from Milne Bay departed 1245K/7. E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/8.

U.S.S. "PASTORES" (Store Ship) departed San Francisco 6th October for Milne Bay via Espiritu Santo.

U.S.S. YMS. 71 (SO) with YMS. 53, 49, 314, 70 and 336 departed Humboldt Bay 1800K/7 E.T.A. Manus Island 1000K/9.

U.S.S. S.C. 738 departed Langemak 0006K/8 for escort duties with U.S. Submarine "STINGRAY".

U.S.S. YMS. 393 sailed by C.T.F. 70.5 afloat to arrive Manus Island 0800K/10.

M.L. 819 arrived Pt. Moresby 1355K/7 from Milne Bay (now under operational control N.O.I.C. Pt. Moresby).

M.L's. 428, 803, 816 arrived Pt. Moresby 1355K/7 from Milne Bay departed 1515K/8 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0800K/10 (For O/R to Sydney).

U.S. SUBMARINE POSITIONS AT 0600K/9.

"POLLACK" 18°08'S, 156°10'E northbound (escorted by H.M.A.S. "GEELONG" until P.M. 10th).

"STINGRAY" 05°00'S, 147°25'E southbound.

"GAR" 25°52'S, 153°56'E southbound.

U.S.S. "ANDREW DORIA" (Unclassified) amended E.T.D. Cairns 1700K/9 for Seeadler Harbour. E.T.A. North Foreland (China Strait) 1000K/12, E.T.A. Langemak 2000K/13 (P.D. Langemak to provide escort to Seeadler Harbour) E.T.A. 0900K/15.

U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug) departed Cairns 1130K/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/10.

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" (Auxiliary M/S) E.T.D. Ft. Melbourne P.M. 13th for Sydney (on completion of trials etc.).

Commander, 7th Fleet advises taking local action with regard to Pt. contact position $01^{\circ}47'S$, $128^{\circ}31'E$ last night, evaluated as enemy submarine. (Extract from Com, 7th Fleet's 080105Z/10).

ENEMY SUBMARINE reported operating in Halmahera Area night 7th October (N.O.I.C. (N.G.) 081259Z).

NOEMFOOR - Air Raid in progress 0414K/9 - All clear 0442K/9.

LT.640 (Tug) reports main circulating pump broken down unable to make repairs at sea. Unless tug despatched to our assistance will have to let go barges (091000Z/10) N.O.I.C. (N.G.) has despatched LT.531 to assist - LT.640 to report latest position and course (072232Z/10).

AFFECTIVE immediately all YMS's at Manus Island capable of undertaking mine sweeping operations are assigned. C.T.U.77.5.1 (in U.S. Destroyer "HOVEY") for participation King 2. This takes precedence over all other requirements for YMS vessels (Extract from Com. 7th Fleet's 081121Z/10).

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 8th October.

L.S.T's 775, 707, 577, 626 depart Santo 1400K/7 for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 0700K/14.

P.C. 1592) escorting cargo ships "ZAURAK", "CETUS",
S.C. 628) "CAPE CLEARE", "HYPERION", departed
U.S.S. "ACREE") Emirau 0600/6 for sea.
(Destroyer Escort)

P.C. 1138 departs Tulagi about 9th for Sydney for recreational leave thence returns Noumea.

Y.M.S. 94, 99, depart Guadalcanal about 8th October and proceed Noumea thence for onward routeing Sydney.

U.S.S. F.S. 12A (Small Freighter) departed Morotai 1700/6 for Sansapor E.T.A. 7th.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Hollandia 1230/6 from Madang. Departs 0500/7 E.T.A. 1800/8.

M.L. 802 arrived Madang 0830/6 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" arrived Madang 1817K/5 from Hollandia.

P.C. 476 departed Langemak 1806/6 for Torokina E.T.A. 0800/8.

U.S.S. "SUMPTER" (Attack Transport) arrived Langemak 0710K/6.

P.C. 477 departed Langemak 1556/2 for Torokina E.T.A. 0600/3.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (U.S.N. Cargo Ship) departed Langemak 0740K/7 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1400K/8.

M.L's 428, 803, 816, 819, departed Milne Bay 1200/6 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1000K/7.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Milne Bay 1530/6 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 0830K/7.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" arrived Milne Bay 1307/7. Departs 0530/8 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0830K/12.

U.S.S. "SILVER BELL" (net tender) arrived Milne Bay 1041K/7.

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" arrived Thursday Island 0704K/7 from Stephens Island.

U.S.S. F.S. 16A (Small Freighter) departed Cairns 1045K/6 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 11th.

U.S.S. F.S. 17A (Small Freighter) departed Cairns 0630/6 for Cooktown, E.T.A. 1500/7, thence Thursday Island, E.T.A. P.M./10th.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 1900K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600/9.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" E.T.A. Williamstown 1630K/8 from "stand-by" at Port Phillip Heads.

M.L. 809 departed Darwin 0444K/6 escorting "MATTHEW FLINDERS".

2000/Saturday, 7th October 1944.

H.M.S. "MORNING" (Destroyer Escort) departs Tulagi to rendezvous with trooper "MORNING" at 0800K/8 and escort to Bougainville E.T.A. 10th. On arrival stand by to escort to Munda thence return to Tulagi.

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" proceeding to mainland from New Guinea area to prepare water tanks, external boiler cleaning, and improve ventilation for tropical operating conditions.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" to be sailed from Sydney about 17th October for Milne Bay to come under the operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

H.M.S. "MORNING" 479, 739, 771 arrived Santo 3/10.

H.C. 1124 arrived Darvina 1300K/6 from Brisbane.

H.T. 230 (Fleet Tug) departs Santo 0900K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/16.

H.S.S. "GALLON" (Frigate) proceeding Alexandria E.T.A. 0600K/5.

H.S.S. "WIZARD" (Store ship) arrived Hollandia 1800K/4 from Langsok.

H.S. 735 departed Hollandia 1400K/5 from Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/10 calling at rischhafen en route.

H.S.A.S. 1074 } H.T.S. Hollandia 1700K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1800K/8.
H.S. 318 }

H.S.A.S. "MORNING" arrived Madang 0800K/4 from Hollandia.

H.S.A.S. "KATONRA" arrived Madang 0745K/5 from Langsok. Departed again 1245K/6 for Hollandia calling Aitape E.T.A. Aitape 1245K/6. Hollandia 0900K/7.

H.S.A.S. "MORNING" } departs Madang 1000K/5 for Hollandia
H.S.A.S. "MORNING" } E.T.A. 1400K/6.
H.S.A.S. "MORNING" }
H.S.A.S. "MORNING" }

H.S.S. "MORNING" (Frigate)
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H.S. 318, 428 depart Madang 1030K/6 Langsok 2300K/6 Milne Bay 0800K/8 for Sydney via Port Moresby.

H.S.S. "MORNING" (Minerweeper) } Arrived Langsok 1100K/5.
H.S.S. "MORNING" }
H.S.S. "MORNING" (Unclassified) }
H.S.S. (Fighting Derrick) }

H.S.S. "MORNING" (Fleet Tug) departed 0800K/5 towing dry dock to Soondi E.T.A. 11th.

H.S.A.S. "MORNING" departed Gro Bay 1815K/5 for Langsok E.T.A. 0900K/6

H.S.S. "MORNING" (Store loading ship) } departed Langsok 1150K/5 for
H.S.S. "MORNING" (Cargo Vessel) } Manus E.T.A. 1800K/6.

H.S.A.S. "MORNING" arrived Milne Bay 0847K/6 from Langsok and departed 1800K/6 for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/8.

H.S.A.S. "MORNING" departed Milne Bay 0900K/6 for Brisbane via South East New Guinea lights. E.T.A. 18th approx.

To 0900K/Saturday, 7th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "LOVELACE" (Destroyer Escort) departs Tulagi to rendezvous with trooper "MORMACSEA" at 0800K/9 and escort to Bougainville E.T.A. 10th. On arrival stand by to escort to Munda thence return Purvis.

U.S.S. "WHITEHURST" (Destroyer Escort) departed Treasury 1500K/6
U.S.S. "WILLMARTH" (Destroyer Escort) proceeding Hollandia direct to report to Com 7th Fleet for duty E.T.A. 0900K/9.

U.S.S. "COOLBAUGH" (Destroyer Escort) departs Tulagi 7th for Manus.

L.S.T's 578, 479, 709, 777 arrived Santo 6/10.

P.C. 1124 arrived Torokina 1330K/5 from Brisbane.

L.T. 230 (Fleet Tug) departs Santo 0900K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/15.

U.S.S. "GALLUP" (FRIGATE) proceeding Alexishafen E.T.A. 0600K/5.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 1605K/4 from Langemak.

S.C. 735 departed Hollandia 1400K/5 from Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M/10 calling at Finschhafen en route.

H.D.M.L. 1074) E.T.D. Hollandia 1700K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/8.
YMS. 316)

H.M.A.S. "GLN ELG" arrived Madang 2035K/4 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" arrived Madang 0745K/5 from Langemak. Departed again 1345K/5 for Hollandia calling Aitape E.T.A. Aitape 1545K/6. Hollandia 0600K/7.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ") departs Madang 1000K/5 for Hollandia
H.M.A.S. "COWRA") E.T.A. 1400K/8.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA"

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON"

BULEBRA ISLAND

U.S.S. "OGDEN" (Frigate)

2 L.C.T's.

1 L.S.T.

M.L. 318, 426 depart Madang 1031K/6 Langemak 2300K/6 Milne Bay 0800K/8 for Sydney via Port Moresby.

U.S.S. "SCOUT" (Minesweeper)) Arrived Langemak 1100K/5.

U.S.S. "SENTRY")

U.S.S. "SUPPLY" (Unclassified))

YD. 68 (Floating Derrick))

U.S.S. "VIRGO" (Fleet Tug) departed 0600K/5 towing dry dock to Woendi E.T.A. 11th.

H.M.A.S. "LEICOW" departed Oro Bay 1915K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/6

U.S.S. "VOLANS" (Store issuing ship)) departed Langemak 1130K/5 for
U.S.S. "LUNA" (Cargo Vessel)) Manus E.T.A. 1600K/6.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" arrived Milne Bay 0847K/6 from Langemak and departed 1200K/6 for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/8.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" departed Milne Bay 0300K/6 for Brisbane via South East New Guinea lights. E.T.A. 18th approx.

M.L. 431 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1630K/5 from Daru for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" departed for Stephens Island 0405K/5 with pilot for tanker.

YMS. 315 departed Cairns 0730K/6 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/8.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/7 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug) E.T.D. Cairns 1130K/7 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/10.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1830K/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/8.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departed Sydney 1222K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0930K/8.

D.S. "TROMP" (Cruiser) arrived Fremantle 1030K/5 from Trincomalee (To be sailed Sydney for refit).

U.S.S. Y.10 (Small Tanker) departed Fremantle 1200K/5 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 0800K/10.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Scott Reef 1830K/5 for Darwin E.T.A. 1130K/8.

M.L. 429 arrived Darwin 1522K/6 escorting "MERNOO".

LIMICOLA -----

H.M.A.S. "LINA COLA" (Loop repair vessel) commissioned at Sydney 4th October.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" sails P.M./9 from New Guinea to Cairns for docking and recreation leave.

P.D. Langemak despatched small tug S.T. 408 to be the assistance of S.200 (Trawler 55 ft. 40 tons gross) aground at Point Kiaulong Island.

C. in C. E.F. informs that plane reported by "JEAN P. CHOUTEAU" was not sighted by ship but identified by sound only. Quantas planes arriving easter fleet interrogated but was not the aircraft reported. Unless this was friendly aircraft based on Australia it must be assumed aircraft was enemy.

H.M.A.S. "LIMGOW" and "BURDEKIN" to be sailed from Madang to come under operational control of P.D. Hollandia.

To 0900K/Friday, 6th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "WILKES" (Destroyer) departed Langemak 1706K/4 E.T.D. Milne Bay 0800K/6.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Hollandia 0600K/4 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/7.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" arrived Oro Bay 0730K/5 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (Gunboat) arrived Torokina 0845K/5 escorting M.V. "DUNTROON".

U.S.S. "WINDHAM BAY" } (Aircraft Escort Vessels) departed Langemak
U.S.S. "BOUGAINVILLE" } 1700K/4 E.T.A. Manus Island 1430K/5.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Langemak 2016K/4 E.T.A. Madang 1700K/5.

U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Espiritu Santo 0923K/4 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Milne Bay 1557K/4 from Lae.

U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Milne Bay 2140K/3 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1700K/4 from Manus Is.

M.L.'s 819, 803, 816, 428 arrived Milne Bay 1337K/4 from Langemak (819 for Pt. Moresby 803, 816, 428 for Sydney).

LSM's 148 (S.O.) 151, departed Espiritu Santo 1400K/4 E.T.A. Manus Is. 0300K/11.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Milne Bay 1457K/4.

U.S.S. "BULLWHEEL" (YO.46 Fuel oil barge) arrived Langemak 0930K/4 departed 1130K/4 E.T.A. Manus Island 0600K/6.

U.S.S.P.C. 283 arrived Milne Bay 1311K/5 from Townsville.

U.S.S. F.A. 181 (Coastguard Ship) departed Milne Bay 2121K/4 E.T.A. Brisbane 0130K/7.

U.S.S. S.C. 738 departed Langemak 0016K/4 for escort duties, U.S. Submarine "GAR".

H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" returns to Cairns P.M. 6th on completion of R.M.S. duties.

S.C. 732 } departed Cairns 1100K/5 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/7.
S.C. 736 }

H.M.A.S. "GEELONG" } E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/6 "GEELONG"
escorting U.S. Submarine "POLLOCK" } parts company at position (C) (12° 42'S, 155° 00'E) P.M. 10th October and proceeds Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/12 (thence Madang).

H.M.A.S. "ALLENWOOD" undocked at Williamstown 1110K/5/10.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" departed Pt. Melbourne 1125K/5 E.T.A. Caloundra 1400K/9 (thence Milne Bay).

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1405K/5 for Stephens Island with pilot for "O.B. SORENSEN" (Tanker).

H.M.S. "NEPAL" and "NAPIER" (Destroyers) to carry out working up practices at Pt. Phillip Bay 11th October (See Signal T.O.O. 050901Z/10).

Further to "JEAN P. CHOUTEAU'S" 041220Z (See Narrative to 0900K/5th) Begins - My 041220Z unknown aircraft type uncertain circled our vessel for half hour. Position now $21^{\circ}29'S$, $095^{\circ}33'E$ weather report followed Ends (T.O.O. 041448Z/10).

Missing barges (Cape Otway area) Tug "LINDFIELD" to continue search on 6th/10. Search by aircraft will also be carried out aircraft to assist tug to locate barges.

H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Guarding Bells as from 0101K/10 (050315Z October) - now part of T.O.70.5.1.

Following from N.O.I.C. Fremantle. T.O.O. 030120Z/10 Sailing of merchant shipping both inward and outward has been resumed under maximum escort possible - My. 011242Z refers.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported as follows - 1 trail sighted possibly periscope in position $18^{\circ}00'S$, $152^{\circ}22'E$ at 1045K/5 U.S. C.T.F. 72 reported (T.O.O. 050231Z/10).

(A check has been requested on the above position as it is considered that N.O.I.C. Brisbane's signal may refer to submarine sighting reported by GUADAL AIRCOM'S 050526Z - below. Longitude $152^{\circ}22'E$ in both reports Latitude $8^{\circ}18'S$ in one and $18^{\circ}00'S$ in other).

Surfaced submarine sighted by A.T.C. plane at 1205L/5 in position $08^{\circ}03'S$, $150^{\circ}00'E$ bearing ? speed 20 knots. (GUADAL AIRCOM'S 050355Z/10). A further signal from same originator T.O.O. 050526Z/10 followed - Garbled was out 050355 pilots report on landing XUTS submarine at $08^{\circ}25'S$, $152^{\circ}15'E$ course 095° speed 25 to 30.

A/F message made by N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) T.O.O. 050626Z.

Following from C.S.W.P.F. begins - This is re-encypherment for information of U.S. Submarine "GAR'S" 050100 - U.S. SUB GAR to C.T.G.72 Possible periscope position $08^{\circ}18'S$, $152^{\circ}22'E$ at 1055K/5 October. (T.O.O. 050245Z/10).

C.T.G. 70.2 (051020Z) to C.S.W.P. Regret have no planes that can cover contact reported your 020245. Suggest Comaircraft S.P.F. be requested cover.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 5th October, 1944.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) departed Oro Bay 1700K/3
E.T.A. East Cape 0600K/4.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HERSEY" arrived Russell Island 0530K/4 from Milne
Bay (Awaiting orders).

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departed Madang 1345K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/5.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/3 - E.T.A. Langemak
1400K/4 (thence proceeding Madang).

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" departed Milne Bay 0900K/4 E.T.A. Oro Bay 0800K/5
thence Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" E.T.D. Madang 2300K/3 - E.T.A. Langemak 1300K/4.

P.C. 1123 departed Langemak 1806K/3 E.T.A. Torokina 0800K/5.

U.S.S. "CURRITUCK" (Seaplane tender) arrived Langemak 0830K/3 departed
1315K/3 - E.T.A. Manus Island 1200K/4.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Carrier) departed Manus Island 1300K/3 -
E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/4.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) departed Langemak 0745K/2 E.T.A.
Manus Island 1001K/3.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Carrier) departed Townsville 2212K/3 E.T.A.
Caloundra Head 0700K/6.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Lae 1930K/2 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/
4.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") operational Control P.D. Hollandia See
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") (N.O.I.C. N.G.) (030707Z) (on release from
H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE") escort duties October 8th.
H.M.A.S. "COWRA")

U.S.S. "HIDATSA" (Fleet Tug) departed Milne Bay 0400K/3 E.T.A. Biak
0700K/12.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" departed Hollandia 1230K/3 E.T.A. Madang 1300K/5.

U.S.S. P.C.(E) 841 arrived Hollandia 0913K/30.

6 P.T. BOATS (MTB RON.36) departed Manus Island 1200K/3 E.T.A. Hollandia
0100K/5th.

S.C. 732) E.T.D. Cairns 1100K/5 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/7.
S.C. 736)

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" (towing "LOLITA" (C.P.B.) departed Sydney 1049K/4
E.T.A. Caloundra Head 1200K/8.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0900K/5 for Milne Bay
(via Brisbane for fuel).

Following from N.O.I.C. Darwin T.O.O. 040829Z
Begins - "Advise that interpretation of photos taken reveals presence
of one large fish approximately 40 feet long (My 031535 R.A.A.F.
Intelligence) Ends. Reference possible submarine sighting.

H.M.A.S. "JOHN HARDIE" (C.P.B.) returned to Cairns at 1245K/4.

"GASCOYNE" is to be placed under the operational control of C.T.G.
70.5 (T.O.O. 040420Z).

Aircraft reports one barge adrift in position 38° 03' S, 149° 28' E at 0803K/4 and in position 38° 05' S, 149° 28' E at 1420K/4. A second barge adrift was sighted by aircraft in position 37° 56' S, 149° 33' E at 0909K/4 (both positions south west of Gabo Island). (See narrative to 0900K/2/10 - Barges lost by Liberty Ship "CHRITSY MATHEWSON" (Liberty Ship). (N.O.I.C. Pt. Melbourne's 040207Z) Tug "LINDFIELD" has proceeded from Sydney to recover barges -

Merchant Ship "JEAN P. CHANTEAU" reports aircraft circling position 21° 24' S, 95° 37' E (approximately 1350 miles from Fremantle) (T.O.O. 141220Z/10).

N.O.I.C. Merauke reports Beaufort aircraft sighted lighter or barge aground west of Cape Kooe, position 08° 24' S, 138° 51' E on Swampy desolate coast. Army Merauke informed (030500Z/10).

HMLL.1343 commissioned at Sydney 3rd October, 1944.

- U.S.S. "ALBANY" (Miner) departed Hobart 1400K/3 for Blue Islands
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" arrived Milne Bay 1600K/3 from Cairns.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" departed Milne Bay 1600K/3 for Longuek, N.T.A. 0800K/5.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1610K/3 from Brisbane departed 1600K/3 for Hollandia and arrived Longuek 0800K/5 - N.T.A. Hollandia 1400K/4.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" arrived Milne Bay 1600K/3 from Cairns.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" arrived Milne Bay 1107K/3 from Cairns.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1100K/3 for Cairns N.T.A. 1500K/4.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" departed Port Moresby 1400K/3 for Buna N.T.A. 1400K/5 thence to Thursday Island for onward routing to Sydney.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" departed Cairns 0800K/3 towing "WILSON" to Milne Bay N.T.A. 1400K/4.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" (Store Ship) departs Sydney 4th for Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" arrived Port Phillip 1200K/3 from Sydney.
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" (Grubber) arrived Fremantle 0600K/3 from Adelaide for escort duties with "DONALD CASSELL".
- U.S.S. "ALBANY" arrived Darwin 1600K/3 operating N.O.I.C. from Thursday Island.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 4th October, 1944.

A.R.E.C. 26652 departed Guadalcanal 0800K/2 for Manus stopping over at Russells, Munda, Treasury, Torokina, Emirau, E.T.A. Russells 1400K/2.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE BATTLEAXE" (L.SI.) departed Santo 0900K/3 for Rinschhafen E.T.A. 0900K/10.

U.S.S. "WITTER" (Destroyer Escort) departs Treasury 3rd October for Hollandia.

P.C. 1130 arrived Guadalcanal 3rd October from Sydney.

P.C. 477 arrived Torokina 1200K/3 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO") E.T.D. Hollandia 1800K/4 for Wakde E.T.A. 0500K/5
H.M.A.S. "BROOME") (to be used Morotai convoy escorts).

U.S.S. "ORESTES" (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Hollandia 0710K/2.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departs Hollandia 0600K/4 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/7.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" arrived Madang 0945K/2 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" arrived Madang 0900K/3 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "LARK" (Minesweeper) departed Manus 1400K/2 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 5th.

S.C. 748) arrived Milne Bay 1657K/3 from Cairns.
APC. 12)

M.L.'s 428, 803, 816, 819 departed Langemak 0846K/3 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1300K/4.

S.C. 703 departed Milne Bay 1030K/3 for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/5.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store ship) arrived Milne Bay 1015K/2 from Brisbane departed 1400K/2 for Hollandia and arrived Langemak 0930K/3 - E.T.A. Hollandia 1430K/4.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" arrived Milne Bay 1337K/2 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" arrived Milne Bay 1107K/3 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "RAIL" (Fleet Tug) departed Milne Bay 1110K/3 for Cairns E.T.A. 1800K/4.

M.L. 431 departed Port Moresby 1834K/2 for Daru E.T.A. 1400K/3 thence to Thursday Island for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" departed Cairns 0801K/3 towing "ETAMIN" to Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./7th.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departs Sydney 4th for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "NEPAL" arrived Port Phillip 1525K/3 from Sydney.

H.M.S. "KENYA" (Cruiser) arrived Fremantle 0530K/3 from Colombo for escort duties with "DUNOTTAR CASTLE".

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1432K/3 escorting T.D.75 from Thursday Island.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 3rd October, 1944.

U.S.S. "BOWERS" (Destroyer) departed Emirau 2300K/1 escorting merchant ship "ANNMCKIM" to Biak E.T.A. 0600K/4.

U.S.S. "LUNA" (Cargo vessel) departed Santo 0800K/30 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 1500K/5 for onward routing to Manus.

U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (Gunboat) departs Treasury A.M./2 to rendezvous with "DUNTROON" and escort to Torokina.

U.S.S. "SABANAC" (Oiler)) departed Tulagi 1700K/1 for
U.S.S. "ASTABULA" (Oiler)) Finschhafen for onward routing
U.S.S. "OSMAUS" (Destroyer)) to Hollandia E.T.A. Finschhafen
U.S.S. "SPANGLER" (Destroyer)) 0600K/4th. Escorts return at
 159 East.

U.S.S. "WILLMARTH" (Destroyer) arrived Torokina 1430K/2 escorting merchant ship "LEW WALLACE"

U.S.S. "WINDHAM BAY" (Escort Carrier)) E.T.D. Guadalcanal 0500K/2 for
 escorted by U.S.S. "MANNING" (Destroyer)) Manus E.T.A. Finschhafen for
 onward routing 1600K/4. Escort
 detaches at 159 east and returns
 Purvis.

"LA GRANDERE" (French Escort Vessel)) departed Manus 0700K/1st for Purvis
 P.C. 1586) Bay E.T.A. 1100K/4th.

U.S.S. "GENDREAU" (Destroyer)) departed Manus 1400K/1st for Purvis
U.S.S. "WILLIAM C. COLE" (Destroyer)) Bay E.T.A. 0900K/4th.

U.S.S. "GENERAL HASE" (Transport) arrived Manus 0600K/30.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" arrived Manus 0600K/30.

U.S.S. "MISSISSINEWA" (Oiler)) arrived Manus 0700K/30.

U.S.S. "MARIAS" (Oiler))

U.S.S. "MANATEE" (Oiler))

U.S.S. F.S. 154 (Small freight ship) departed Manus 0800K/1st for Aitape E.T.A. 1500K/2.

U.S.S. "WHIPPOORWILL" (Minesweeper) departed Hollandia 0815K/1st for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1300K/5.

H.M.A.S. "COLAC" arrived Hollandia 0700K/1 from Noemfoor - departed for Madang 1000K/1 - E.T.A. 1800K/2.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" arrived Hollandia 0700K/1 from Noemfoor. Departed for Madang 1300K/29 - E.T.A. 2100K/2.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" arrived Hollandia 1630K/1 from Madang - E.T.A. E.T.D. 1200K/2 from Noemfoor - E.T.A. 1800K/3.

U.S.S. "OTUS" (towing floating dock)) arrived Hollandia 1300K/1st
U.S.S. "ACHILLES" " " ") from Madang.

U.S.S. "CABLE" " " ")

escorted by H.M.A.S. "BROOME",)

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG", H.M.A.S. "BINGERA")

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" detached from above convoy with condenser trouble - proceeding independently.

U.S.S. "SEFKONK" (Tanker)) arrived Hollandia 1300K/1.
 P.C. 1132

H.M.A.S. "SPEARHEAD" escorted by) departed Langemak 1501K/1 for Hollandia
U.S.S. "CHARLOTTESVILLE" (P.F.)) E.T.A. 0600K/3.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 2030K/1 for Oro Bay and arrived 0820K/2.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1300K/27 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 1500K/29.

U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net tender) departed Milne Bay 1200K/1 for Brisbane
E.T.A. 2100K/5.

S.C. 741 arrived Milne Bay 1557K/1 from Manus.

M.L. 1323 } departed Merauke 1600K/1 for army operations Eilanden
M.L. 1322 } River - returns 7th October.

H.M.A.S. "HEROS" returned to Thursday Island 0700K/2nd from Red Island
Point towing barge "EURO" (to be used for "MOMBAH" discharge).

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" with "ETAMIN" delayed. Now departs Cairns for
Milne Bay 0800K/3.

U.S.S. YP.283 (Patrol craft) departed Townsville 1210K/2 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1200K/5.

H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEE" departed Townsville 1147K/2 for Thursday Island
E.T.A. 1200K/6.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departed Townsville 0830K/2 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/6
for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" departed Townsville 0840K/2 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/6

U.S.S. "CRUX" arrived Brisbane 30th from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "GEELONG" departs Brisbane 6th for New Guinea area.

H.M.A.S. "NEPAL" departed Sydney 1130K/2 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0700K/4.

U.S.S. "ORCA" (Seaplane tender) departed Sydney 1328K/1 for Manus E.T.A.
0500K/7.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" with H.M.A.S. "LOLITA" in tow departs Sydney P.M. 3rd
for Brisbane "YANDRA" then returns Sydney. Brisbane arrange
onward tow "LOLITA" to Madang.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports a further periscope sighting 302°
17 miles Rottnest Light at 1032Z/1st October. "Hunt" proceeding with
available A/S vessels and aircraft. Outward sailings postponed Monday
(N.O.I.C. Fremantle 011242Z).

N.O.I.C. Newcastle informs that S.S. "DOMINION PARK" at
1045K/30 when in a position 32°20'S. 154°28'E (approx. 220 miles N.E.
Sydney) received S.O.S. considered to be from lifeboat transmitter.

S.S. "LADY ISOBEL" at 1110K/30 in position 29°03'S. 153°41'E
(off Cape Byron) received loud and clear distress signals from automatic
transmitter for 12 minutes - no D/F bearings obtained.

Established by N.O.I.C. Brisbane that P.361. (American small
army boat) sent distress message when short of fuel and a patient aboard.
Craft now at Brisbane

An explosion occurred in the forward magazine of "BURDEKIN"
while hoisting 4" Mark XIX H.A. practice ammunition in port hoist.
No damage to ship or injury to personnel. (N.O.I.C. New Guinea's
020235Z).

To 0900K/Monday, 2nd October, 1944.

"GENERAL M.L. HERSEY" (U.S.N.T.) departed Milne Bay 1300K/1st. E.T.A. Noumea 2000K/14th October (Comsopac has requested Com 7th Fleet to divert transport immediately to Russell Island (T.O.O. 011001Z/10).

H.M.S. "GLENBARN") T.G. 70.7 departed Langemak 1700K/30 - E.T.A.
H.M.S. "LOTHIAN") Hollandia 0700K/2nd.
U.S.S. "ALLEN TOWN")
U.S.S. "SANDUSKY")

H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" arrived Hollandia 1800K/30 from Manus Island.

U.S. Submarine "FLOUNDER" position at 0600K/2nd 16°30'S. 155°55'E proceeding Brisbane.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (cargo carrier) arrived Langemak 1010K/30 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" arrived Hollandia 1500K/30 from Blak.

M.L's. 819, 803, 428 and 816 departed Madang 1600K/1 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/2, thence Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0800K/4.

L.T's 220 and 297 departed Manus Island 1113K/30 E.T.A. Hollandia 1400K/2 - E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1400K/3.

U.S.S. S.C. 703 (with picket boat in tow) arrived Milne Bay 1600K/29 from Langemak.

U.S.S. S.C. 737 arrived Hollandia 1000K/30 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Cairns 1721K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/2nd.

H.M.A.S. "LITHCOW" departed Cairns 1000K/1 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/3rd.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" (Tug) with U.S.S. "ETAMIN" (Store Carrier) in tow E.T.D. 1600K/1 from Cairns E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 5th/10.

U.S.S. YP. 283 departed Cairns 1525K/30 arrived Townsville 1615K/1st.

U.S.S. S.C. 748) departed Cairns 0800K/1 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/3.
U.S.S. APC.12)

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" arrived Townsville 1912K/1 from Milne Bay.

U.S. Submarine "POLLACK" departs Caloundra 1000K/2nd to carry out deep submerges tests in approximate position 090° Caloundra Head 25 miles. Reut Returning to harbour at night (N.O.I.C. B.010052Z/2nd).

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" E.T.A. Williamstown 1300K/2 from Wilson's Promontory Area.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" (Auxiliary Minesweeper) en route Hobart - Sydney sheltering Schouten Island owing to adverse weather.

rendezvous position (D) 35°01'S, 107°35'E.

(H.M.S. "NIGERIA" (Cruiser) (F.O. 4th. C's) departed Fremantle 1700K/27 for/)
(U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL")
(U.S.S. "GENERAL MITCHELL") (U.S.N.T's) at R.V. position at 1800K/28/9 for escort to Bombay E.T.A. 1400K/7.

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY") arrived Darwin 1407K/1 from Scott Reef.
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM")

H.M.A.S. "KAZEMBE" (A.S.R.) departed Thursday Island at 0840K/1 proceeding to Core Island with R.M.S. officers.

Contacts by H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" - N.O.I.C. (Fremantle's 010139Z, 291231Z) No further developments. Normal shipping movements being resumed with outward sailing restricted to A.M. hours and maximum degree of escort.

Barges adrift from "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" reported in Narrative to 0900K/1/10. (N.O.I.C. Townsville 300441Z). H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" ordered to search and stand by 4 missing barges. Following received from "WHYALLA" under T.O.O. 302228Z/9. Begins - Have searched radius 25 miles to leeward. Request "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" indicate his position for rendezvous. Ends. At 1139K/1 "WHYALLA" reported having located three barges in approximately position 18°10'S, 153°22'E. (010139Z/10). "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" informed "WHYALLA" that her E.T.A. this position was 1800K/30 (300647Z/9). At 1407K/1 "WHYALLA" reported having 2 barges in tow, proceeding to stand by third.

Following received from "WHYALLA", begins - Position 2100K/1, 17 59'S, 153 09'E set 330, drift 1.5 knots, Request tug be expedited. Full stock remaining 80 tons, Ends (011104Z).

"CHRISTY MATHEWSON" (Liberty Ship) en route Melbourne - Sydney with 2 barges in tow reported having lost one barge in position 38°15'S, 148°50'E. in very rough sea (approximate position 35 miles south west of Cape Everard). All ships in B.A.M.S. area 5B. notified. Arrangements are being made for an air search to be carried out in area from daylight 2nd. Vessel reported at 0115K/2 that she had lost the second barge in position 37°57'S, 149°38'E. Sea very rough.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday, 1st October, 1944.

U.S.S. GENERAL M.L. HENSEY (U.S.N.T.) departed Manus Is. 1300K/29,
E.T.A. Finschafen Harbour 0930K/30.

U.S.S. P.C. 1123 departed Tulagi 1830K/29 for Sydney, E.T.A. 0700K/5
October.

U.S.S. COMFORT (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) departed Manus Is. 0600K/28,
E.T.A. Finschafen Harbour 0600K/29.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" departed Noemfoor 1800K/29.
E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/1st October, thence Cairns.

U.S.S. SATINLEAF (Net Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1440K/25 from
Manus Is. departed 1500K/29, E.T.A. Noumea 5th
October.

U.S. Submarine BASHAW position at 0600K/1 - 08°15'S, 151°55'E
en route Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. FALIE arrived Lae 1455K/29 from Milne Bay (thence
Langemak and Madang) Departed 0708K/30, E.T.A.
Langemak 1700K/30.

H.M.A.S. WATO)
towing) arrived Madang 0840K/29 from Hollandia
" KOOPA)

M.L. 741 departed Langemak 0817K/30, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/1st
October.

H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK departed Langemak 2216K/29, arrived Lae
0745K/30.

H.M.A.S. LITHGOW E.T.D. Cairns 1000K/1, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/3rd.
October.

H.M.A.S. RADICAL (A.S.R.) departed Cairns 0416K/30, E.T.A. Cooktown
2000K/30.

U.S.S. Y.P. 421 E.T.D. Caloundra 2300K/29, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/5
(For O/R to Finschafen Harbour.)

U.S.S. GCTANS (Store Carrier) departed Caloundra 2000K/29, E.T.A.
Sydney 1100K/1st October.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA subject to satisfactory trials, E.T.D. for Milne
Bay 9th October (N.O.I.C. Sydney's 290806Z)

M.L. 702 (Motor Stores launch) departed Sydney 0835K/30, E.T.A. Brisbane
1200K/2nd October (For O/R to Darwin).

H.M.A.S. TIGERSNAKE (S.R.D. Auxiliary Schooner) arrived Fremantle
1226K/29 from Albany.

H.M.A.S. BANGALOW departed Darwin 0720K/30 for Thursday Island,
E.T.A. 0930K/4 thence Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S. HEROS (Tug) departed Thursday Island 0845K/30, E.T.A.
Mutee Head. Making further attempt to tow "EURIA",
weather having moderated (N.O.I.C. Thursday Is.
292350Z)

NAVY BULLETIN

0000/Saturday, 20th September, 1944.

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"LEW WALLACE" (Liberty Ship) with disabled boiler position at 1200K/29 - 13°18'S, 155°42'E, course 015°T S.O.A. 5 knots. C.T.G. 70.8 (291802Z) instructed U.S.S. WILLMARTH (D.E.) to effect rendezvous and escort until relieved. (See C.S.W.P.S.F. T.O.O. 300926)

N.O.I.C. Townsville reports - CAMBRIAN SALVOR (Salvage Tug) in difficulties with tow of 5 barges in approx. position 18°45'S, 153°45'E, 4 barges adrift. "WHYALLA" ordered to stand by drifting barges, "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" to anchor remaining barge at Marian Reef and return and endeavour to take 4 barges in tow. CAMBRIAN SALVOR to report on situation, if services of tug required "RESERVE" will be made available from Cairns to assist (300441Z).

Following received from N.O.I.C. Fremantle under T.O.O. 291231Z -

"TAMWORTH" reported contacts at first doubtful then with more confidence in position 11 miles north of Rotneest beginning at 1645H/29/9 and has made several attacks. Available A/S vessels sent to reinforce hunt. Day and night aircraft search proceeding. All sailing suspended and only known incoming ship diverted to Albany.

From S.O.O. Fremantle by Secraphone -

If no contacts before 0800K/1 intend revert to normal sailings etc. and carry out usual U.S.N. convoy exercises with U.S. Submarines. At present all bombing restrictions etc. lifted and aircraft authorised to attack all submarines sighted.

Air raid RED, Noemfoer 1845K/30. Raid in progress 1928K/30.

L.T. (U.S. Army Tug) has lost one steel barge near Cape Bowling Green (approx. 25 miles south east of Townsville) (N.O.I.C. (T) 291335Z, 291337Z)

To 0900K/Saturday, 30th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) departed San Pedro 1800K/26 for Bombay via Melbourne E.T.A. Melbourne 1200K/12th October.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE"ARQUEBUS (L.S.I.)) arrived Guadalcanal 0800K/29 from
escorted by U.S.S. "MACHIAS" (P.F.)) Santo.

U.S.S. "BULLWHEEL" (Fuel Oil barge) departs Guadalcanal 0500K/30 for Manus via Finschhafen E.T.A. 1200K/3.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") depart from Survey West Coast Morotai Island
U.S.S. "MESQUITE") 1200K/29 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/3rd October.
YMS. 316, 393)
HMML. 1074)

U.S.S. "COPAHEE" (A/C Carrier Escort)) Departed Manus 0600K/27 for
escorted by U.S.S. "DARBY" (Destroyer)) Majuro E.T.A. 1600K/1st Oct.

U.S.S. "EICHENBERGER" (Destroyer)) Departed Hollandia 1630K/27 for
U.S.S. "JAMES E. CRAIG" (Destroyer)) Manus E.T.A. 1700K/28.

U.S.S. "SCULPTOR" (Cargo Ship) departed Manus 0800K/29 for San Francisco E.T.A. 25th October.

S.C. 741 departed Manus 0600K/28 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/30.

S.C. 737 departed Langemak 1116K/28 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/30th.

M.L. 802 departed Langemak 0432K/28 on S/M escort duties.

U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport)) arrived Milne Bay 2015K/27
escorted by U.S.S. "WITTER" (Destroyer)) from Manus.

YMS. 73 departed Milne Bay 0430K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/1st.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0600K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/3rd October.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 1230K/28 for Brisbane calling lighthouses Sandy Cape, Double Island Point, Cape Moreton Byron Bay. E.T.A. Hervey Bay 18 OK/1st E.T.A. Brisbane to be signalled when known.

YMS. 73, 313 arrived Milne Bay 1507K/28 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1400K/28 for Townsville thence Sydney E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/1st October.

H.D.M.L. 1321 arrived Milne Bay 0807K/28 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "WITTER" (Destroyer) departs Milne Bay 1500K/29 for Treasury E.T.A. 1700K/30.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" departed Thursday Island 0200K/29 escorting T.D. 75 to Darwin. E.T.A. 1030K/3rd October.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departs Cairns 1000K/3 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/2nd October.

H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN" arrived Townsville 1100K/29 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" (Store Ship) departs Brisbane 1700K/28 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/30.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 28th from Townsville.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 2130K/29 for Finschhafen calling Milne Bay E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/2nd Finschhafen 0900K/3

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

- P.C. 584 Departs Sydney 1400K/30 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 1800K/6th October.
- U.S.S. "SCOUT" (Escort Carrier) departed San Pedro 0800K/31
- H.M.A.S. "STELLA" departed Darwin 0810K/29 for Scott Reef survey ground E.T.A. 1530K/2nd October.
- U.S.S. "TOS" (T-12) departed Santo 1300K/27 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/4th October.
- H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE") arrived Darwin 1452K/29 from Scott
H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA") Reef survey ground.
H.M.A.S. "JUNEE") Oro Bay via Milne Bay E.T.A. 10th October.
- Providing trials are satisfactory "VENDETTA" is to be sailed from Sydney to Milne Bay via Brisbane, Monday 9th October.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL R.L. HOWZE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Manus 1200K/24 for San Francisco E.T.A. 23rd October.
- P.C. 1274 departs Manus 1500K/25 for Milne E.T.A. 0600K/28.
- U.S.S. "VANUNA" (S.T.S. Tender)) + 12 P.T.'s) depart Vondel 1800K/27 for
U.S.S. "DARWIN" (Minelayer)) Logos Passage E.T.A. 1200K/30.
- U.S.S. "FZD" (Assault Ship) departed Misk 1900K/25 - arrived Hollandia 1100K/26.
- P.C. 1131 escorting "CHASSETTI" arrived Hollandia 1130K/26 - departed for Langsack 1150K/27 E.T.A. 0800K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNVILLE" departed Hollandia 0730K/27 for Misk via Koodli E.T.A. 0800K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "KAVIRIA" E.T.A. Madang 1530K/27 for Aitape E.T.A. 1300K/28.
- H.M.A.S. "BORUSSIA" arrived Madang 1000K/28 from Manus.
- U.S.S. "OTUS") with floating dry) departed Madang 1200K/28 for
U.S.S. "CLIPPER") docks in tow) Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/1st
U.S.S. "AMERICAN") October.
U.S.S. "CANEY")
 escorted by
H.M.A.S. "BENICO"
H.M.A.S. "WILSON"
H.M.A.S. "WILSON"
H.M.A.S. "BROOKS"
- U.S.S. "TITANIA" (Attack cargo) arrived Langsack 1030K/27 from Milne Bay.
- U.S.S. "INDUS" (Pet cargo ship) arrived Milne Bay 1030K/27 from Coconags.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUDAI" arrived Milne Bay 1637K/27 from Lae.
- U.S.S. "GODEN" (Private) arrived Milne Bay 1117K/27 from Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "VALIE" departed Milne Bay 1000K/27 for Madang via Lae and Langsack E.T.A. Lae 1200K/30.
- H.M.A.S. "MORGAN" departs Milne Bay 1730K/28 for Townville, thence Sydney - E.T.A. Townville 0800K/1st October.
- H.M.A.S. "KALAMORIE" departed Thursday Island 0830K/28 for Townville E.T.A. 3020K/30.
- H.M.A.S. "PIER" departed Thursday Island 0830K/28 for Cairns E.T.A. 0730K/30.
- H.M.A.S. "JOHN BAXBY" (C.P.S.) departed Thursday Island 0630K/28 for Gore Island to service Coast Watching posts returning approximately 2nd October.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" E.T.A. Williamstown 0900K/28 from Prom. area.

H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" towing lighter departed Hobart 0730K/28 for Sydney
E.T.A. A.M. 4th October.

M.L. 809 arrived Darwin 0857K/27 from Millingimbi.

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H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" (Destroyer) arrived Ballantia 1845K/28 from
Hobart 1845K/28. H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" (Destroyer) arrived Ballantia 1845K/28 from Langmuir.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" (Tugboat) arrived Venus Island from
Sedang at 1800K/28.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" departed Uru Bay 1000K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" arrived Milne Bay 1000K/27 from Sedang.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" (U.S.S. T.) arrived Milne Bay 1000K/27 from Brisbane
(for G/R to Ballantia).

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" arrived Milne Bay 1000K/27 from Sedang.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Sedang 0800K/27 E.T.A. Langmuir
0800K/27.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" departed Uru Bay 1000K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" (Store ship) departed Langmuir 0700K/28 arrived
Milne Bay 1100K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" (Store ship) departed Milne Bay 1345K/28 E.T.A. Brisbane
1400K/28.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" } Report Sedang so as to arrive at Alexishafen by
H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" } 0800K/28 reporting to U.S.S. "OTUS" for
H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" } escort duties. (See S.O.I.C.(S.C.) 2700012.
H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" } September).

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" E.T.A. Uru Bay 1400K/27 E.T.A. Langmuir 0600K/28.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" E.T.A. Cairns for Townsville 0900K/28 E.T.A. 0100K/1st
October.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Townsville 1400K/28 E.T.A. Thursday
Island 1400K/28.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Sydney 1500K/28 E.T.A. Pt. Phillip Heads
1500K/28.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Sydney 1015K/27 arrived Pt. Keesla 1900K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Sydney 1800K/27 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 1800K/28
October.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" departed Pt. Adelaide 0930K/27 E.T.A. Fremantle
End October.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" (U.S.S. Aux Schooner) departed Albany 1025K/27
E.T.A. Fremantle A.M. 29th.

H.M.A.S. "WANKERBY" arrived Onslow 1000K/27 E.T.A. for Fremantle 1700K/27
E.T.A. 1800K/28.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

to 0900K/Thursday, 28th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "EDWARDS" (Destroyer) arrived Langemak 1735K/26.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" } arrived Madang 1440K/26 from Hollandia.
H.M.A.S. "COWRA" }
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" }
H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" }

U.S.S. "JAMES E. CRAIG" } (Destroyers) arrived Hollandia 1800K/24 from
U.S.S. "EICHENBERGEN" } Seeadler Harbour, 1200K/25 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" (Escorting 1 M.T.) arrived Manus Island from
Madang at 1000K/25.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departed Lae 0910K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1020K/27.

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" arrived Milne Bay 1207K/27 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "H.T. Allen" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Milne Bay 1447K/26 from Brisbane
(for O/R to Hollandia).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" arrived Milne Bay 1257K/27 from Madang.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Madang 0630K/27 E.T.A. Langemak
0600K/28.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" departed Oro Bay 1630K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1740K/27.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 0740K/26 arrived
Milne Bay 1125K/27.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1345K/26 E.T.A. Brisbane
1400K/30.

H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" } depart Madang so as to arrive at Alexishafen by
H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" } 0600K/28 reporting to U.S.S. "OTUS" for
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" } escort duties. (See N.O.I.C.(N.G.) 270001Z.
H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" } September).

U.S.S. S.C. 703 E.T.D. Oro Bay 1400K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/28.

U.S.S. Y.P. 283 E.T.D. Cairns for Townsville 0900K/30 E.T.A. 0100K/1st
October.

H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW" departed Townsville 1422K/26 E.T.A. Thursday
Island 1200K/30.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" departed Sydney 1822K/26 E.T.A. Pt. Phillip Heads
1800K/28.

H.M.A.S. "GUNBAR" departed Sydney 1015K/27 arrived Pt. Kembla 1930K/27.

U.S.S. S.C. 1130 departed Sydney 1500K/27 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 1600K/3rd
October.

H.M.A.S. "WARRENAMBOOL" departed Pt. Adelaide 0930K/27 E.T.A. Fremantle
2nd October.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAK" (S.R.D. Aux Schooner) departed Albany 1025K/27
E.T.A. Fremantle A.M. 29th.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" arrived Onslow 1030K/27 E.T.D. For Fremantle 1700K/27
E.T.A. 1100K/30.

M.L. 809 arrived Darwin 0857K/27 from Millingimbi.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" (C/Guard and Survey Vessel) arrived Milne Bay 1807K/26 from Thursday Island.

"RICHARD HENRY DANA" (Liberty Ship 7176 tons) aground at Porlock Harbour.

P.D. Milne Bay 260529Z to N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) begins - Tug "TANCRED" departed 0300K/26 for Saidor. Suggest she be diverted to assist "RICHARD HENRY DANA" aground Curtis Reef. Ends. N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) reported having despatched Tug "JOHN R. CAM" and S.S. "GENERAL MACARTHUR" to assist "R.H. DANA" (260633Z).

At 1615K/27 "R.H. DANA" was reported by P.D. Milne Bay to have cleared reef undamaged and proceeding to Madang (271151Z).

- "WARRIOR" R.T.A. Hollandia 27th September.
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- "WARRIOR" arrived Madang 0200K/26 from Langgak.
- U.S.S. P.V. 1111 R.T.A. Thursday Island 27th September for Sydney.
- U.S.S. S.U. 757 departed Milne Bay 1430K/26 from E.T.A. Langgak 0600K/27.
- U.S.S. S.G. 738 departed Thursday Island 1100K/26 E.T.A. Langgak 1400K/26.
- U.S.S. S.G. 1874 departed Borneo Island 1700K/26 E.T.A. Saidor 0800K/26.
- U.S.S. L.S. 7512 departed Spiritu Santo 0900K/26 E.T.A. Hollandia 4th October.
- U.S.S. L.S. 288 departed Spiritu Santo 0800K/26 E.T.A. Hollandia 1400K/4th October.
- U.S.S. L.C. 1.532 arrived Borneo Island 0800K/26 from Langgak.
- U.S.S. Y.S. 72 } departed Milne Bay 1000K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/26.
- U.S.S. Y.S. 212 }
- "CATOCHA" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27 (from Milne Bay Island assistance to U.S.S. "Y.S. 72") "CATOCHA" will dock in APD.3 at approximately 1800K/27.
- U.S.S. "STARS" (Store Carrier) departed Townsville 0700K/26 E.T.A. Brisbane 1300K/26.
- U.S.S. "WIZARD" (Store Ship) departed Port Phillip 2000K/26 E.T.A. Caloundra 1300K/26.
- "WARRIOR" en route Sydney to Port Adelaide, ascended E.T.A. 1100K/26 (thence Fremantle).
- "WARRIOR" } departed Darwin 0800K/26 arrived Onslow 1500K/26 -
- "WARRIOR" } departed 1200K/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0800K/26.
- "WARRIOR" discontinue standing by U.S.S. "Sancti" (U.S.S. hospital ship) and is proceeding on assigned duties (S's narrative to 0800K/26 and Comopac's 1500K/26).
- "RICHARD HENRY DANA" (Liberty Ship) 7176 tons - en route Langgak & Milne Bay - (E.T.A. 1700K/27. Vessel reported aground at Curtis Reef (Porlock Harbour) (See - Signals 260450Z, 260513Z). U.S.S. "WARRIOR" reported the grounding at 0815K/26 and was standing by and endeavoring to assist (260513Z). N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) instructed "CALUMNIA" (260633Z) to proceed and render assistance (260633Z). "R.H. Dana" later reported that the Tug Tancred was a line to the ship and that the U.S.S. Transport "STARS" was standing by to disembark troops. (261233Z).

To 0900K/Wednesday, 27th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL M.L. HERSEY" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Langemak from Milne Bay 1300K/25 arrived Manus Island 1700K/26.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Aitape 1700K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/26.

"KIAMA" departed Langemak 1746K/25 arrived Madang 0800K/26.

U.S.S. "P.C. 1121" (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Manus Island 0900K/25 - E.T.A. Hollandia 1300K/26.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store carrier) arrived Milne Bay from Manus Island 0950K/25 (thence Brisbane).

U.S.S. "CHEFACHET" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Hollandia from Langemak 1600K/25.

"WARREGO" E.T.A. Hollandia 29th September.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Madang 0900K/26 from Langemak.

U.S.S. P.C. 1128 E.T.D. Guadalcanal 27th September for Sydney.

U.S.S. S.C. 737 departed Milne Bay 1430K/25 from E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/27.

U.S.S. S.C. 738 departed Manus Island 1100K/24 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/25.

U.S.S. S.C. 1274 departed Manus Island 1730K/25 E.T.A. Emirau 0930K/26.

U.S.S. L.S.T. 980 departed Espiritu Santo 0900K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 4th October.

U.S.S. L.S.T. 986 departed Espiritu Santo 0800K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 1400K/4th October.

U.S.S. L.C.I. 686 arrived Manus Island 0200K/26 from Langemak.

U.S.S. YMS. 73) departed Cairns 1031K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/28.
U.S.S. YMS. 313)

"KATOOMBA" E.T.D. Cairns 1000K/27 (from Fife Island assistance to S.S. "EDNA") "KATOOMBA" will dock in APD.3 at approximately 1300K/27.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) departed Townsville 0726K/26 E.T.A. Brisbane 1300K/28.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Port Phillip 2039K/25 E.T.A. Caloundra 1900K/28.

"WARRNAMBOOL" en route Sydney to Port Adelaide, amended E.T.A. 1100K/26 (thence Fremantle).

"INVERELL") departed Darwin 0602K/26 arrived Onslow 1500K/26 -
"BUNBURY") departed 1900K/26 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/29.

"BOSCHFONTEIN" discontinues standing by U.S.S. "Samaritan" (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) and is proceeding on assigned duties (See Narrative to 0900K/26 and Comsopac's 250349Z).

"RICHARD HENRY DANA" (Liberty Ship) 7176 tons - en route Langemak to Milne Bay. (E.T.A. 1700K/27. Vessel reported aground at Curtis Reef (Porlock Harbour) (See - Signals 260420Z, 260511Z). H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" reported the grounding at 1815K/26 and was standing by and endeavouring to assist (260815Z). N.O.I.C. (New Guinea) instructed "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" to proceed and render assistance (260932Z). "R.H. DANA" later reported that the Tug Tancred was a line to the ship and that the U.S.N. Transport "STRATFORD" was standing by to disembark troops. (261235Z).

H.M.S. "WHITE BEAR" (Survey Vessel) is not required for the Torres Strait survey. Fleet Hydrographic Officer (in H.M.S. "CHALLENGER") proposes that "WHITE BEAR" be ordered to join Eastern Fleet after meeting "CHALLENGER" to transfer stores and personnel (231217Z, 250115Z).

Grounding of S.S. "EDNA" at Fife Island reported in Narrative to 0900K/24. Vessel now reports being refloated at 1745K/25 by H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" and proceeding on passage to Darwin E.T.A. "INCE POINT 1000K/28 ("KATOOMBA'S" 251945Z).

COLLISION - "MISSIONERY RIDGE" and "DON MARQUIS".

"DON MARQUIS" (Liberty Ship) 7176 tons en route Langemak to Seeadler Harbour (E.T.A. at 0600K/27) in collision with "MISSIONERY RIDGE" (Tanker) 10,195 tons in position 02°25'S. 147°15'E (approximately 18 miles S.W. of Kelana Harbour (Admiralty Island) at 1900K/26. "DON MARQUIS" on fire and requires immediate assistance H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" proceeding to position (H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN'S" 261031Z, N.O.I.C. (N.G.) 261042Z, 261046Z).

At 2136Z "BURDEKIN" reported picking up survivors, vessel on fire foreward of bridge and requested C.N.B? Manus Island to despatch Salvage Tug (261136Z) C.N.B. Manus Island signalled - Salvage Tug on way, should arrive 2300K (261316Z).

Report from Tanker "MISSIONERY RIDGE" stated that she had rammed another ship in position referred to above at 1900K and requested immediate assistance be sent including fast ship with medical aid. "DON MARQUIS" reported to be burning badly.

"BURDEKIN" later reported that she was proceeding to Seeadler Harbour with approximately 500 survivors including 20 cot cases aboard (261318Z).

"JAMES A. WILDER" (Liberty Ship) reported being in collision about 124 miles from HOLLANDIA (T.O.O. 251815Z) No other particulars available.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 26th September, 1944.

"D.S. THOMP" (Cruiser) now departs Trincomalee 1330K/25 for Fremantle
E.T.A. 1600K/5th October.

LSM.139.34) departs Santo 1100K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 0400K/2nd October.
LCI.701)

LST.986 departs Santo 0800K/25 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1400K/4th October.

LST.705 departs Santo 1500K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/2nd October.

U.S.S. "DIXIE" (Destroyer Tender) arrived Woendi 0600K/24 from Finschhafen

U.S.S. "CACHE" (Oil tanker)) arrived Manus 0800K/21.

U.S.S. "SANGATUCK" (Oil tanker))

U.S.S. "LACKAWANNA" (Oil tanker))

P.C. 1121 escorting "KIMMATH" and "ABIGNA" arrived Manus 0700K/16 from
Langemak.

YMS's 53, 71 departed Hollandia 2000K/23 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/25.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" departed Hollandia 0700K/23 for Woendi E.T.A. 0800K/25.

H.M.A.S. "HINGERA") arrived Madang 0820K/24 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "TOLGA")

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" departed Madang 1800K/24 for Lae - E.T.A. 0700K/26.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) departed Madang 1030K/24 - arrived
Finschhafen 0815K/25.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" departed Madang 1010K/25 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/
27.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" departed Madang 1800K/24 for Aitape E.T.A. 2300K/25.

H.M.A.S. "GUNLEAF" departed Langemak 0826K/25 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/26.

PT's 74, 80, 76, 82, 83 departed Dreger 0600K/26 for Aitape thence
Woendi - E.T.A. 0900K/29.

U.S.S. "GENERAL E.M. HERSHEY" (Transport) departed Milne Bay 1320K/24
for Langemak E.T.A. 1200K/25.

U.S.S. "INDUS" (Net Cargo Ship) departed Milne Bay 1700K/21 for Goodenough
E.T.A. 1900K/25.

H.M.A.S. "HEROS" departed Thursday Island 1030K/25 for Red Island Point
to tow barge "EURA" to Thursday Island for discharging
"MOMBAH".

U.S.S. "H.T. ALLEN" (Destroyer) departed Brisbane 23rd for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 26th.

H.M.A.S. "GUNBAR" departed Port Kembla 2330K/24 for Sydney E.T.A.
1100K/25.

U.S.S. "MIZAN" (Store Ship) departs Port Phillip 2100K/25 for Brisbane
E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/28.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" (S.R.D) departed Albany 1027K/24 for Fremantle
but returned 2100K owing to bad weather.

H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" towing M.L. 815 arrived Fremantle 0530K/24 from Onslow.

U.S.S. Y.10 (Small tanker) arrived Fremantle 0940K/24 from Sydney.

1934/Monday, 25th September, 1934.

N.O.I.C. Sydney reports that subject to trials being satisfactory expect H.M.A.S. "NEPAL" will be ready to sail from Sydney 2nd October.

H.M.A.S. H.D.M.L. 1359 commissioned at Sydney 22nd September.

N.O.I.C. Cairns informs that "EDNA" aground on Fife Island has been refloated by H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA". No damage sustained. Proceeding Darwin.

"SUVA" aground on Dart Reef has been refloated by tug "TANCRED". Two propeller blades damaged but hull intact. Proceeding to Lae under own power.

(Destroyer) escorts departs Manus 1900K/34 for Milne Bay. S.I.A. 1900K/37.

(Aircraft Tender) arrived Madang 1400K/33 from Uro.

(Net Tender) departed Manus 0900K/33 for Milne Bay S.I.A. 25th.

departed Manus escorting "MUSKIE" to Cairns S.I.A. 0700K/33. 28 depart through to Guadalcanal.

"DORIS" (Cargo vessel) arrived Madang 0800K/34 from Hollandia.

"RANGER" (Tug) departed Manus 0800K/34 for Hollandia S.I.A. 0800K/33.

"JOE JIM" (Sloop) arrived Madang 0100K/33 from Uro Bay.

departed Madang 1400K/33 for Langkok calling Saidef S.I.A. Langkok 1600K/34.

"VALMARE" (Store ship) arrived Madang 1700K/33 from Hollandia.

"HARKISS" departed Madang 0200K/34 for Escuderie Harbour 1800K/33.

1521 arrived Madang 1000K/33 escorting "CAPE ST. BIAS" from Guadalcanal.

"UNIPACET" (tiller) arrived Madang 1700K/33 from Uro. Departed 0700K/34 S.I.A. Humboldt Bay 1900K/33.

"STONEMAN" (Destroyer) departed Madang 0700K/34 for Hollandia S.I.A. 1800K/33.

1522 departed Madang 1800K/34 for Suma S.I.A. 1800K/33.

"ORIX" (Store ship) arrived Madang 1300K/33 from Uro.

1151 departed Milne Bay 1100K/33 for Brisbane S.I.A. 1800K/33.

"S.S. 322" (Small cargo ship) departed Thursday Island 0800K/34 for Port Moresby S.I.A. 1400K/33.

"ASTORIAN" departed Cairns 0800K/34 to assist "EDNA" (aground Fife Island) arrives daylight 25th.

"HOLY" departed Townsville 1100K/34 for Thursday Island. S.I.A. 1800K/33. "SAMUEL BENSON" stayed 48 hours - furnace (out).

(Patrol Boat) departed Brisbane 500K/34 for Hollandia S.I.A. 0800K/33.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Monday, 25th September, 1944.

H.M.S. "KENYA" - departs Ceylon P.M. 25th to report Fremantle for escort duties E.T.A. 0830K/2nd October.

U.S.S. "FOR MAN" (Destroyer) } departs Treasury 1200K/24 for Sydney direct
U.S.S. "ENGLAND" ") with leave party E.T.A. 0900K/29. Departs Sydney 1200K/10 to return Treasury.

U.S.S. "DURREY" (Destroyer) departed Santo 0600K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/28.

F.S.'s (Small cargo ships) 173, 170, 174, 253 departed Guadalcanal 0800K/ for Milne Bay E.T.A. 27th.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing } arrived Hollandia 1730K/21 from Madang.
H.M.A.S. "KOOPA" }

U.S.S. "WITTER" (Destroyer) escorting) departs Manus 1300K/24 for Milne
U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport)) Bay - E.T.A. 1200K/27.

U.S.S. "HERON" (Seaplane Tender) arrived Manus 1400K/23 from Green.

U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net Tender) departed Manus 0900K/22 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 25th.

P.C. 606 departed Manus escorting "BOSCHPONTAIN" to Emirau E.T.A. 0700K/22 Escort thence to Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Cargo Vessel) arrived Madang 0600K/24 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Manus 0600K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/25.

H.M.A.S. "JON JIM" (Seine) arrived Madang 2121K/23 from Oro Bay.

M.L. 802 departed Madang 1430K/23 for Langemak calling Saidor E.T.A. Langemak 1000K/24.

U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store ship) arrived Madang 1700K/23 from Hollandia.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" departed Madang 0230K/24 for Seeadler Harbour 1200K/25.

P.C. 1589 arrived Langemak 1040K/22 escorting "CAPE ST. ELIAS" from Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "CHEPACHET" (oiler) arrived Langemak 1730K/22 from Wakde. Departed 0705K/24 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1800K/25.

U.S.S. "EICHENBERGER" (Destroyer) departed Langemak 0716K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/25.

YMS. 314, 336 departed Langemak 1506K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/25.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1345K/23 from Manus.

P.C. 1131 departed Milne Bay 1100K/23 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/27.

U.S.S. F.S. 823 (Small cargo ship) departed Thursday Island 0930K/24 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1430K/25.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Cairns 0846K/24 to assist "EDNA" (aground Fife Island) arrives daylight 25th.

H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI" departed Townsville 1152K/24 for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1600K/27 ("SAMUEL BENSON" delayed 48 hours - furnace defect).

P.C.E. (Patrol Escort Craft) 848 departed Brisbane 0800K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/30.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" departs Brisbane 1900K/24 towing barges to Cairns
E.T.A. 1500K/30.

M.L. 810 E.T.A. Sydney from Twofold Bay 1300K/25.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departed Sydney 0937K/24 on Smoky Cape patrol
returns Sydney 0900K/26.

U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" (U.S.N. Transport)) departed Melbourne 1409K/
U.S.S. "GENERAL MITCHELL" (U.S.N. Transport)) 24 to rendezvous with
H.M.S. "NIGERIA" off
Fremantle E.T.A. Bombay
1400K/7th October.

"MISSION SOLEDAD" (U.S. Tanker approx. 10,000 tons) proceeding from
Seedler reported at 0322K/24. "Aground on East Side of
Long Island send tug". Later at 0456K/24 ship reports.
"Cancel my request for tug am afloat." Ship now
proceeding Mangemak.

Army Tug "WYBIA" arrived Thursday Island 0705K/23 from Merauke.
Owing to heavy weather trouble was experienced and tow of
four boats had to be cut adrift and left. Air force
Merauke requested to search for boats and if located tug
"HEROS" will be despatched from Thursday Island to
pick them up.

Comsopac reports that U.S.S. "SAMARITAN" (Hospital Ship) with 600
patients aboard in distress in position 04°44'S. 157°13'E.
(Approximately 135 miles N.E. Bougainville Island). Bow
stove in to frame fifteen. Bulkheads not holding.
Vessel ordered to stop. Mership "BOSCHFONTEIN" diverted
to scene to assist. Also "EMERY", "STADFORD", "DEMPSEY"
(all destroyer escorts) "POELAU LAUT" and tug "YULA".

U.S.S. SCENE (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0835K/24, E.T.A. Tronville
1700K/24.

U.S.S. FLEET reported East Cape (northbound) at 0900K/24.

U.S.S. Y. S. S. B. C. arrived Milne Bay 1200K/24 from Cairns,
departed 0800K/24, E.T.A. Longport 0700K/24, Thanda
Borneo Island.

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0800K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay
(via South Harbour) 1200K/24 (via West Harbour).

U.S.S. B. C. arrived Longport 1200K/24, departed for Milne Bay
morning 0800 at 1200K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/24.

U.S.S. B. C. departed Milne Bay 1200K/24, E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/24.

U.S.S. B. C. arrived Milne Bay 1200K/24 from Cairns.

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0800K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay
via South Harbour 1200K/24 (via West Harbour).

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0800K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay
via South Harbour 1200K/24 (via West Harbour).

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Sydney 0800K/24 for Port Moresby, E.T.A.
Port Moresby 1200K/24.

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Sydney 1200K/24, E.T.A. Tronville 1200K/24.

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) departed Port Phillip 0800K/24.

U.S.S. B. C. (Store Ship) (U.S.N. Transport) E.T.A. Melbourne for
Melbourne 1200K/24.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To:- 0900K/Sunday, 24th September, 1944.

- D.S. TROMP (Cr.) E.T.D. Bombay 2030K/25, E.T.A. Fremantle 1130K/4th October.
- U.S.S. GENERAL M.L. HERSEY (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Milne Bay 1645K/21 from San Francisco.
- H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON)
" COWRA) E.T.A. Madang 1600K/26 from Hollandia.
" GLENELG)
" DELOIRINE)
- U.S.S. CHEPACHET (Fleet Oiler) departed Wakde 1400K/20, E.T.A. Langemak 1200K/22.
- U.S.S. SHIKELLAMY (Fleet Oiler) departed Wakde 2130K/20, E.T.A. Hollandia 1001K/21.
- U.S.S. DIXIE (DD. Ten.) departed Finschaven 1700K/21, E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0800K/24 (unescorted).
- U.S.S. GANNYMEDE (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 1030K/22, E.T.A. Manus Island 0600K/24.
- U.S.S. CALAMARES (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0700K/22, E.T.A. Madang 0300K/24.
- U.S.S. ELKHORN (Gasolene Tanker) departed Hollandia 0615K/22, E.T.A. Manus Island 1800K/24.
- U.S.S. OCTANS (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0555K/22, E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/24.
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" reported East Cape (northbound) at 0900K/21.
- U.S.S. Y.M.S. 314 and 336 arrived Milne Bay 1557K/21 from Cairns, departed 1300K/22, E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/24, thence Manus Island.
- U.S.S. CRUX (Store Ship) departed Manus Island 0800K/22, E.T.A. Milne Bay (via Finsch Harbour) 1400K/23 (thence Brisbane).
- H.M.A.S. BINGERA arrived Langemak 1846K/22, departed for Madang escorting TOLGA at 1800K/23, E.T.A. Madang 1800K/24.
- U.S.S. S.C. 732 departed Milne Bay 1530K/21, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/23.
- U.S.S. S.C. 737 arrived Milne Bay 1257K/23 from Cairns.
- U.S.S. OGDEN (S.F. 39 Frigate) E.T.D. Caloundra 0400K/23, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/26 (For O/R to Hollandia).
- U.S.S. H.T. ALLEN (U.S.N.T.) E.T.D. CALOUNDRA 1700K/23, E.T.A. Milne Bay 2000K/26 (For O/R to Hollandia).
- H.M.A.S. WARRNAMBOOL departed Sydney 2316K/22 for Port Adelaide, E.T.A. Outer Harbour 1800K/27.
- H.M.A.S. DURRAWEE departed Sydney 1642K/23, E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/30.
- U.S.S. GENERAL MITCHELL (U.S.N. Transport) entered Port Phillip 0957K/23.
- U.S.S. GENERAL RANDALL) (U.S.N. Transports) E.T.D. Melbourne for
" GENERAL MITCHELL) Bombay 24th September.

H.M.A.S. PARKES departed Darwin 0810K/23, E.T.A. Onslow 1130K/27, thence Fremantle, E.T.A. 0900K/30.

" COOLEBAR arrived Darwin 1645K/23.

" BOWEN (escorting D.T.83) arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 0432K/23.

Aircraft sighted barge (U.S. Army) dangerous to navigation adrift position 33000' S, 151056' E at 1720K/23, drifting towards Newcastle. (W/F message made at 2126K/23/9).

EDNA (Cargo Ship) approximately 2274 tons, reported being aground on Fife Island (Claremont Group). Expect refloat noon 23rd September, if not will require further assistance. At 1227K/23 R.A.A.F. Aircraft reported :- Ship on reef just off Iron Range - Oil coming away larger freighter approximately 3000 tons position 13030' S, 143045' E (N.O.I.C. Thursday Island 230227Z September) (See N.O.I.C. (C) 230711Z September) reference:- assistance. At 1520K/23 from "EDNA":- Still aground, making further attempt to refloat tonight. N.O.I.C. (C) 230827Z/9 Intend despatch H.M.A.S. KATOOMBA to assist EDNA a.m. 24th September, to arrive Fife Island daylight 25th September.

H.D.M.L. 1359 commissioned at Sydney a.m. 22nd September - Lieutenant E.M. Sodersten, R.A.N.V.R., in command.

On arrival Manus Island, Y.M.S. 10 to report to C.N.B. Manus for duty under C.S.W.P.S.F. operational control for duty with C.T.F. 76 complete. (C.N.B. Manus 210351Z September).

H.M.A.S. PARKES departed Fremantle 1200K/30 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1300K/30.

H.M.A.S. COOLEBAR departed Fremantle 1200K/30 for Onslow 27K.

H.M.A.S. BOWEN (escorting D.T.83) departed Darwin 0432K/23 for Thursday Island. Report immediate assistance (N.O.I.C. Thursday Island) at 1100K/23. Pt. Director Wm Day reported having called H.M.A.S. BOWEN for further assistance. N.O.I.C. (C) has instructed "TAMAR" (Salvage vessel) to proceed to position and assist H.M.A.S. BOWEN. (N.O.I.C. Sept.).

H.M.A.S. KATOOMBA has not arrived Sydney. Still from Sydney 1200K/23. H.M.A.S. KATOOMBA has been instructed to break 2/2 allways, 2100K/23. (N.O.I.C. Sept.).

Report from U.I.C. 77, 23 - 2100K/23. "TAMAR" will arrive for Japanese aircraft shot down 19th Sept.

To 0900K/Saturday, 23rd September, 1944.

"GENERAL O.H. ERNST" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Langemak 1348K/21 from Guadalcanal departed Langemak 1600K/21 - E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 1500K/23.

U.S.S. "GAMBLE" (Minelayer)) departed Langemak 1700K/21 - E.T.A.
U.S.S. "DIXIE" (Destroyer Tender) Mios Woendi 1900K/23.

U.S.S. "JAMES E. CRAIG" (escorting "CHARLESTOWN" and "M.T.HOOD") departed Langemak 1700K/21 - E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 1500K/23.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1030K/22 for fuel.

U.S.S. P.C. 1131 arrived Milne Bay from Langemak at 0847K/22.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Langemak 1400K/21 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. S.C. 738 (escorting "ESSO BALBOA") departed Langemak 1230K/21 for Manus Island E.T.A. 0700K/23.

U.S.S. YMS.10 departed Humboldt Bay 1400K/22 E.T.A. Manus Island 1100K/24.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" departed Thursday Island 1150K/22 for Bramble Cay G.N.E. Channel to inspect light E.T.D. Bramble Cay for Milne Bay 2359K/23 E.T.A. 1600K/25.

U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (towing YF.11) arrived Manus Island 2359K/22 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. YT.369 (Tug) arrived Manus Island 1500K/21.

U.S.S. S.C. 732 departed Milne Bay 1530K/21 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/23.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.D. Sydney P.M. 22nd for Pt. Adelaide for O/R to Fremantle after fuelling.

M.T. 822 departed Sydney 0950K/22 for Jervis Bay and Eden E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1715K/22.

U.S.S. "ORCA" (Seaplane Tender) arrived Sydney 0838K/21 from Mios Woendi.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" departed Fremantle 0900K/22 E.T.A. Port Adelaide for refit 0630K/28.

U.S.S. YT.286 departed Fremantle 1216K/22 for Exmouth Gulf.

LT. 528 (Tug) reports - Am on fire 9 miles, bearing 280°T from Spear Island. Request immediate assistance (T.O.O. 220205Z Sept.) At 220435Z. Pt. Director Oro Bay reported having sailed L.T.471 to render assistance. N.O.I.C. (N.G) has instructed "TANCRED" (Salvage vessel) to proceed to position and assist L.T.528. (220349Z Sept.).

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" has not arrived Madang. E.T.A. from Sydney 1500K/21 "BINGERA" has been instructed to break W/T silence, giving position, course and speed (See N.O.I.C. N.G's 221219Z Sept.) (See. N.O.I.C. N.G's 211205Z Sept.).

Extract from C.T.U.77.3.2. - 201407Z/Sept. "WARREGO" gets credit for Japanese aircraft shot down 18th Sept.

To 0900K/Friday, 22nd September, 1944.

- LCI's 702 and 1072 departed Santo 1400K/22 for Seeadler E.T.A. 0700K/23
- LST's 220, 341 departed Santo 0800K/22 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1400K/1st Oc
- U.S.S. "DIXIE" (Destroyer Tender) departed Finschhafen 1700K/21 for Woendi E.T.A. 2200K/23.
- U.S.S. "KITTYHAWK" (Aircraft Transport) departed Manus 0700K/20 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 0700K/23.
- P.C. 1131 departed Manus 1400K/19 and arrived Langemak 1100K/20 then departed 1646K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1900K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" arrived Madang 0700K/20 from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 1530K/8 and arrived Milne Bay 1315K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME") arrived Madang 1050K/21 from Hollandia.
H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO")
- "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) departed Milne Bay 0940K/20 for Langemak E.T.A. 2100K/21.
- S.C. 736 departed Milne Bay 1400K/20 for Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/23.
- U.S.S. F.S. 159 (Small cargo ship) departed Port Moresby 19th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 20th.
- M.L. 431 arrived Port Moresby 1530K/21 from Daruat.
- H.M.A.S. "HEROS" towing lighter "MOMBAH" arrived Thursday Island 1115K/21 from Cairns.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE") departed Thursday Island 1335K/20 for mine-
H.M.A.S. "PIRIE") sweeping operations (operation KILNAT).
- H.M.A.S. "STELLA" departed Thursday Island 1200K/21 for Darwin E.T.A. 1430K/26.
- U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" (Survey Vessel) arrived Thursday Island 1047K/21 from Cairns.
- H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" departed Townsville 1702K/20 for Sydney for onward routing to Melbourne - E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/25.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/22 from Thursday Island.
- H.M.A.S. "WARRENAMBOOL" arrived Sydney 0640K/21 from Twofold Bay.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Melbourne 1545K/21 from Suva.
- H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1100K/22 from Wilson's Prom.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Port Phillip 0425K/22 from Brisbane.
- H.M.S. "CLYDE" (Submarine) E.T.D. Fremantle 2000K/24 for Ceylon calling at Exmouth Gulf for fuel.
- H.M.A.S. "INVERELL") escorting T.D. 74 arrived Darwin 1721K/21
H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY") from Thursday Island.

FROM NOEMFOOR:

Air Raid Warning Red 0351K/21.
All clear 0400K/21.

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.)	} commissioned at Sydney A.M. 20th. October.
H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" (A.S.R.)	
H.M.A.S. "AIR SAVE" (A.S.R.)	
H.M.A.S. "AIR REST" (A.S.R.)	
H.M.A.S. "AIR WAVE" (A.S.R.)	

"SUVA" (Cargo Vessel) still aground on Dart Reef. Sends at 2015K/21 "Am I to receive tug assistance now broadside on to reef and pounding heavily - propeller badly damaged."

N.O.I.C. New Guinea sends to "SUVA" at 2109K/21 "TANCRED" being despatched your assistance from Saidor".

Milne Bay reported at 1503K/20 that "DAVID E. HUGHES" (Liberty Ship) was reported pounding on reef "JOHN CLAYTON" and three L.T's standing by.

From "DAVID E. HUGHES" to Milne Bay at 1450K/20 - Vessel afloat at 1430 proceeding Gamadodo.

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H.M.A.S. "KAKUA" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 0700K/19 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "KATOBICHEZ" (Tanker) arrived Hollandia 0835K/19 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "KUMINGOYA PAIR" arrived Madang 1100K/19 from Lae.

H.M.A.S. "KORNIK" (Oiler) departed Madang 1600K/19 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "LATHOKE" departed Lae 1500K/19 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/20.

H.M.A.S. "LINA") escorting five merchant vessels departed Lae 1715K/19 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/20.

H.M.A.S. "LINTAS" (Oiler) departed Milne Bay 1800K/20 for Lae E.T.A. 0800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "OLISTAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1415K/19 for Brisbane 1800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "OPE LINDIA" departed Milne Bay 0200K/19 to land navigational aids, Morobe then return Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "ORANGE" arrived Morobe 0815K/19 from L.S.R. Duties.

H.M.A.S. "PARKER" arrived Thursday Island 1450K/19 escorting D.T. 51 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "PARKER" departed Thursday Island 0920K/19 for Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/21.

H.M.A.S. "PETER" departed Cairns 1100K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "PETER" departed Townsville 1800K/19 for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/20.

H.M.A.S. "PETER" (Submarine) departed Brisbane 1800K/21 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 5th October.

H.M.A.S. "PETER" (Submarine)) depart Brisbane 1400K/21 for Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "PETER")

H.M.A.S. "PETER" departed Sydney 1100K/20 to take over tow of two barges from "PETER".

H.M.A.S. "PETER" departed Sydney 0800K/21 to relieve H.M.A.S. 510 at Telford Bay E.T.A. 8th to return Sydney.

To 0900K/Thursday, 21st September, 1944.

U.S.S. "ALTAMAHA" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1400K/20 for San Diego E.T.A. 1400K/7th October.

U.S.S. "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS" (Escort Carrier) departed Langemak 1730K/19 for San Diego E.T.A. 5th October.

U.S.S. "BOWERS" (Destroyer) escorting) arrived Manus 1200K/19 from
U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport)) Emirau.

P.C. 1589 departed Guadalcanal 1500K/19 escorting "CAPE ST. ELIAS" to Finschhafen for onward routing to Manus.

S.C. 1047 escorting "EDMUND C. ROSS" departs Guadalcanal 1000K/20
Escort later detaches and returns. M/V proceeds Finschhafen E.T.A. 1200K/23.

LST's 574, 751, 748, 922, 623) departed Santo 1100K/21 for Seeadler
YMS's 6, 39, 340) harbour E.T.A. Manus 2200K/28.

LST's 258) depart Santo 1000K/21 for Seeadler E.T.A. Manus
LCI's 622, 701, 1047) 0300K/28.

U.S.S. "MERKUR" (Store Ship) arrived Hollandia 0755K/19 from Madang

U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Tanker) arrived Hollandia 0955K/19 from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Madang 1125K/19 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "DERRICK" (Oiler) departed Madang 1600K/19 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/21.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" departed Langemak 1900K/19 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/20.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") escorting five merchant vessels departed Langemak
U.S.S. "ARTCHENGERNA") 1712K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/20.

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) departed Milne Bay 1300K/20 for Langemak E.T.A. 0600K/22.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1415K/19 for Brisbane 1800K/24.

H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" departed Milne Bay 0200K/19 to lend navigational aids, Morobe thence return Milne Bay.

HMML.1323 arrived Merauke 0815K/19 from A.S.R. duties.

H.M.A.S. "PREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island 1450K/19 escorting D.T. 81 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" departed Thursday Island 0938K/19 for Darwin E.T.A. 1330K/23.

S.C. 737 departed Cairns 1116K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" departed Townsville 1800K/19 for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/20.

U.S.S. "PLUNGER" (Submarine) departed Brisbane 1800K/21 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 9th October.

U.S.S. "SEA WOLF" (Submarine)) depart Brisbane 1400K/21 for
In company with H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA") Seeadler.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departed Sydney 1239K/20 to take over tow of two barges from "WARRNAMBOOL".

M.L. 322 departs Sydney 0800K/22 to relieve M.L. 810 at Twofold Bay
M.L. 810 to return Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" (S.R.D. Vessel) arrived Albany 1301K/20 from Adelaide.

H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON") escorting tanker "EUROPE" arrived Fremantle
H.M.A.S. "BATHURST") 0800K/20 from Addu Atoll.

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" departed Darwin 1807K/10 to join "MORESBY" on survey at Scott Reef.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Darwin 0810K/19 to join "MORESBY" on survey at Scott Reef E.T.A. 0800K/22.

"SUVA" (Cargo vessel approximately 5,000 tons) on passage Moresby to Lae reported at 1030K/20, that she was aground on Dart Reef (S.E. Goodenough Island) and required a tug. Milne Bay advises at 1734K/20 that tug was being despatched to assist Suva.

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H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (Fuel Oil Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1734K/19 E.T.A. 0800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (Fuel Oil Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1807K/19 E.T.A. 0800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (Store Ship) arrived Longuek from Milne Bay at 0745K/19.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Longuek 1030K/19 E.T.A. Manus Island 1800K/19

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" arrived Manus Bay 1125K/19 from Longuek.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (Store Ship) and tug, departed Milne Bay 0800K/19 E.T.A. Manus Island 0800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (O/B Vessel) departed Madang 1700K/19 E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 0800K/19 for Madang via Oro Bay, Lae and Longuek E.T.A. Oro Bay 1800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (O/B Vessel) en route Longuek-Brisbane diverted to Milne Bay position at 1700K/19 - 154°30' E, 1°45' S on reverse course (C.S. No. P. S. 191257) (C.S. No. P. S. 1914612)

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" arrived Madang at 1415K/19.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Cairns 1100K/19 E.T.A. Georgetown 1100K/20 (To load stores and return to Cairns).

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" and "SHEPPARTON" returned to Cairns leaving APC 18 for repairs. Both H.M.A.S. departed at 1200K/19 en route E.T.A. at Milne Bay 1800K/21.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (And. H/S) E.T.A. Caloundra 1400K/19 E.T.A. 1800K/21

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON") Lewisville 1800K/21 (for onward passage to Thursday Is.)

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (Store Ship) departed Caloundra 1600K/19 E.T.A. Pt. Melbourne 0800K/22.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Townsville 1030K/19 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/21 (anchoring at night).

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" departed Trobriand Bay 0800K/19 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/21.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 20th September, 1944.

- U.S.S. P.C. 1131 escorting 1 M.V.) departed Langemak 1730K/17 E.T.A.
 U.S.S. "CASTOR" (Aux. Cargo Vessel)) Manus Island 1600K/18.
 U.S.S. "KITTYHAWK" (A/C T'port))
- U.S.S. "GENERAL O.H. ERNST" (U.S.N.T.) E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1700K/19
 E.T.A. Finschhafen Harbour 1400K/21, (for onward routing
 to Manus Island).
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/18 E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour
 1000K/19.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Milne Bay 0800K/19 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/25.
- U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 0930K/18 from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Carrier) departed Biak 0900K/17 E.T.A.
 Hollandia 1800K/18.
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" (Fuel Oil Tanker) departed Biak 1700K/17 E.T.A.
 Hollandia 0900K/19.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Fleet Oiler) departed Hollandia 1900K/17 E.T.A.
 Biak 1830K/18.
- U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) arrived Langemak from Mios Woendi at
 0745K/18.
- U.S.S. S.C. 750 departed Langemak 1421K/18 E.T.A. Manus Island 1500K/19
- U.S.S. S.C. 736 arrived Milne Bay 1127K/18 from Langemak.
- U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net Tender) and tow, departed Milne Bay 0900K/18
 E.T.A. Manus Island 2359K/22.
- U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (C/G Vessel) departed Madang 1700K/18 E.T.A.
 Hollandia 0700K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "GUMLEAF" departed Milne Bay 0907K/19 for Madang via
 Oro Bay, Lae and Langemak E.T.A. Oro Bay 1800K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "SHAWNEE" (C/G Vessel) en route Langemak-Brisbane diverted
 to Milne Bay position at 1730K/19 - 23°39'S. 154°05'E on
 reverse course (C.S.W.P.S.F. 191357Z) (C.S.W.P.S.F. 191441Z)
- M.L. 428 arrived Madang at 1414K/18.
- LCT. 254 departed Cairns 2100K/19 E.T.A. Cooktown 1100K/20 (To load
 stores and return to Cairns).
- YMS's 314 and 316 returned to Cairns towing APC.12 for repairs. Both
 YMS's departed at 1200K/19 amended E.T.A. at Milne Bay
 1600K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENSON") (Aux. M/S) E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/19 E.T.A.
 H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI") Townsville 2200K/23 (For onward routing
 to Thursday Is.).
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Caloundra 1600K/19 E.T.A. Pt.
 Melbourne 0500K/22.
- "ESMIRALDA" departed Townsville 1025K/19 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/21 (anchoring
 at night).
- H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" departed Twofold Bay 0500K/19 E.T.A. Wilson's Prom;
 0300K/20.

0800K/19th September, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Twofold Bay with 2 U.S. Army barges in tow P.M.19th E.T.A. Sydney P.M.20th.

H.M.A.S. "LOWEN" (escorting D.T. 83) departed Darwin 0539K/19 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800K/23.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" detached from Convoy T.D. 74 with instructions to proceed Darwin with all despatch. (NOIC Darwin's 1913Z to "INVERELL".)

H.M.A.S. "STELLA" arrived Thursday Island 1840K/18 from Townsville.

"J. STERLING MORTON" (Liberty Ship) afire off Flat Top (Mackay) reported in narrative to 0900K/19/9, now cancels all distress messages, reporting:- "Fire apparently under control" (T.O.O. 18:215Z Sept.).

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" arrived Thursday Island at 1605K/18 with survivors of "KINTORE" (Small Army cargo vessel). Ship on Warrior Reef, position 09 40'S. 143 09'E) Master considers that vessel is a total loss, but that the cargo can be salvaged by barge. Heavy swell and surf at location. Personnel being despatched to Townsville by air.

H.M.A.S. "KORONA" (with 2 U.S. Army barges in tow) E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1800K/18.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 1800K/18 for Twofold Bay to tow 2 U.S. Army barges to Sydney - E.T.A. Twofold Bay 0800K/18.

H.M.A.S. "GENERAL GEORGE B. RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.) departed Fiji 14:00K/18 E.T.A. Melbourne 1800K/18.

H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" (escorting tanker "EUROPA" en route Aden Atoll - Fremantle. Both escort vessels fuelled at sea from tanker, speeded E.T.A. at Fremantle 0800K/18. (Delay caused by heavy seas).

H.M.A.S. H.L. 302 (escorting 1 S.V.) arrived Millingham 1700K/17 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" (escorting T.D. 74) position at 0800K/18 (10°44'S 139°11'E) speed reduced to 7 knots ("SAN RAPAZ" with boiler defect, which she is endeavouring to make good).

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" with all survivors from "KINTORE" and "P. 154" (small Army cargo vessel) wrecked on Warrior Reef on 14th. (See narrative to 0800K/17th) returning to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1700K/18.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" escorting "EUROPA" arrived Thursday Island 1110K/18 from Darwin.

"MIA T. BERGMAN" (Liberty Ship) in collision with S.S. "ARON" (coastal freighter) off Barronjoe Road at approx. 1800K/18. "BERGMAN" proceeding to Newcastle reports making water in fore peak. "ARON" reported steering gear damaged and requested assistance of tug. S.A.S. Sydney reported that two tugs would depart at approximately 0200K/19 to render assistance and tow to port.

"STERLING MORTON" (Liberty Ship) en route from Sydney to Townsville reports being on fire off Mackay at approx. 0415K/18. Master requested supplies of G.O.S fire gas and a boat to disembark passengers. It is anticipated that the vessel may have to be beached. H.C.I.C. Townsville has all signals for action. Policing received at 0500K/18. "S.O.S. Unless immediate assistance is rendered we have to beach vessel please at least send boat for passengers.

0900K/Tuesday, 19th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (U.S.N.T.) departed Langemak 1300K/15 E.T.A. San Francisco 27th September.

U.S.S. "THOMASON" (Destroyer) departed Milne Bay 0800K/17 E.T.A. Port Purvis 1400K/18

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Madang 1435K/17 from Humboldt Bay.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" departed Madang 1800K/16 E.T.A. Aitape 2000K/17.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" departed Milne Bay 1130K/16 arrived Madang 0600K/18.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" arrived Madang 0825K/18 from Hollandia (For boiler clean).

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/18 E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 1000K/19.

U.S.S. S.C. 750 departed Langemak 1421K/18 E.T.A. Manus Island 1500K/19.

U.S.S. S.C. 732 departed Langemak 0918K/18 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/19.

YMS. 314) departed Cairns 1200K/18 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/20.

YMS. 316)

APC. 12)

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" (with 2 U.S. Army barges in tow) E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1200K/18.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 1416K/18 for Twofold Bay to tow 2 U.S. Army barges to Sydney - E.T.A. Twofold Bay 0900K/19.

U.S.S. "GENERAL GEORGE M. RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.) departed Fiji 1400K/16 E.T.A. Melbourne 1200K/21.

H.M.S. "LAUNCESTON") (escorting Tanker "EUROPE" en route Addu Atoll -
H.M.S. "BATHURST") Fremantle. Both escort vessels fuelled at sea from
Tanker, amended E.T.A. at Fremantle 0900K/20th.
(Delay caused by heavy seas).

H.M.A.S. M.L. 809 (escorting 1 M.V.) arrived Millingimbi 1700K/17 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL") (escorting T.D. 74) position at 0800K/18 (10°44'S
H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY") 139°11'E) speed reduced to 7 knots ("SAN RAFAEL"
with boiler defect, which she is endeavouring to make
good).

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" with all survivors from "KINTORE" and "F. 154" (small Army cargo vessels) wrecked on Warrimist Reef on 14th. (See narrative to 0900K/17th) returning to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1730K/18.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" escorting "THEDENS" arrived Thursday Island 1111K/18 from Merauke.

"EDWIN T. MEREDITH" (Liberty Ship) in collision with S.S. "AEON" (coastal freighter) off Barrenjoey Head at approx. 2230K/18. "MEREDITH" proceeding to Newcastle reports making water in fore peak. "AEON" reported steering gear damaged and requested assistance of tugs. D.S.O. Sydney reported that two tugs would depart at approximately 0200K/19 to render assistance and tow to port.

"J. STERLING MORTON" (Liberty Ship) en route from Sydney to Townsville reports being on fire off Mackay at approx. 0615K/19. Master requested supplies of C.O.2 fire gas and a boat to disembark passengers. It is anticipated that the vessel may have to be beached. N.O.I.C. Townsville has all signals for action. Following received at 0659K/18. "S.O.S. Unless immediate assistance is rendered may have to beach vessel please at least send boat for passengers.

"DAVID E. HUGHES" (Liberty Ship) reports having grounded in position
10 18'S. 150 52'E and requires immediate assistance
(T.O.O. 180930Z).
U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport) E.T.A. 0800K/18.

U.S.S. "ETNA" (Distilling Ship) Departed Balboa 14th September for
Pinschhafen E.T.A. 18th October.

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U.S.S. "HANNING" (Destroyer) departed Manus 0900K/18 escorting U.S. "HOMER" to
Langemak thence proceeding Purvis Bay E.T.A. 0800K/18.

U.S.S. "CASABLANCA" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1000K/18 for San Diego.
E.T.A. 5th October.

U.S.S. "MERRICK" (Oiler) departed Humboldt 1600K/18 for Madang E.T.A. 1200K/
18.

U.S.S. 657 arrived Hollandia 1050K/18 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "SUSCUMHANA" departed Madang 1800K/18 for Humboldt. E.T.A. 1100K/17.

U.S.S. "MUSKIE" (Store Ship) arrived Madang 0640K/18 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "BETHANAR" arrived Madang 0000K/18 from Langemak. Departs 1800K/18
for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/18.

U.S.S. 733 departed Madang 1800K/17 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/18.

U.S.S. "POLINA" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 1000K/18 for San
Francisco E.T.A. 3rd October.

U.S.S. "SEAN" departed Langemak 0000K/18 for Milne Bay and arrived
0937K/17.

U.S.S. 736 departed Langemak 1800K/18 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/18.

U.S.S. 780 departed Milne Bay 0900K/18 for Langemak E.T.A. 2000K/17.

U.S.S. "AURORA" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Milne Bay 1810K/18 from Thursday Is.

U.S.S. "PIRIE" departed Madang 1500K/17 escorting "THEMIS" (Special
Ship) to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0900K/18.

U.S.S. "INVERELL") departed Thursday Island 0900K/18 escorting L.B. 74
U.S.S. "LEBURY") to Larua E.T.A. 1800K/20.

U.S.S. "BALLARAT" departed Thursday Island 1700K/18 for Townsville E.T.A.
0500K/20.

U.S.S. "PARKER" departed Thursday Island 0745K/17 for Yorke Island
to render assistance to "KINDRE" survivors.

U.S.S. "MUTTERHOOP" (Survey Vessel) departed Cairns 1155K/17 to service
lights thence Thursday Island.

U.S.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed Townsville 1137K/17 for Thursday Island
E.T.A. 1800K/18. On arrival commences minesweeping operations
with "PIRIE".

U.S.S. "GENERAL" (A.S.R.) arrived Townsville 1800K/18 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "GOOLWAI" arrived Brisbane 1550K/18 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "SAMUEL BENSON" arrived Brisbane 1840K/18 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "BRADOLF" (Submarine)) departed Brisbane 1800K/17 for Seattle
U.S.S. "WYALBA") "WYALBA" detaches and proceeds Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1200K/20.

To 0900K/Monday, 18th September, 1944.

Francisco.

U.S.S. "ADMIRALTY IS." (Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 0805K/15 from San/
U.S.S. "BOWERS" (Destroyer) escorting) departed Green 1800K/16 for Emirau
U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (Transport)) E.T.A. 0600K/18.

U.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) Departed Balboa 14th September for
Finschhafen E.T.A. 16th October.

U.S.S. "MANNING" (Destroyer) departed Manus 0900K/16 escorting S.S. "MONMOUTH"
to Langemak thence proceeding Purvis Bay E.T.A. 0800K/19.

U.S.S. "CASABLANCA" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1000K/16 for San Diego.
E.T.A. 5th October.

U.S.S. "DERRICK" (Oiler) departed Humboldt 1600K/16 for Madang E.T.A. 1200K/
18.

S.C. 637 arrived Hollandia 1035K/15 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "EUSQUEHANNA" departed Madang 1200K/16 for Humboldt. E.T.A. 1130K/17.

U.S.S. "MERKUR" (Store Ship) arrived Madang 0640K/16 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" arrived Madang 0830K/16 from Langemak. Departs 1600K/16
for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/18.

S.C. 703 departed Madang 1300K/17 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/18.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 1000K/16 for San
Francisco E.T.A. 3rd October.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Langemak 0005K/16 for Milne Bay and arrived
0937K/17.

S.C. 736 departed Langemak 1902K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/18.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay 0900K/16 for Langemak E.T.A. 2000K/17.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) arrived Milne Bay 1910K/16 from Thursday Is.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" departed Merauke 1500K/17 escorting "THEDENS" (Special
Ship) to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0900K/18.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL") Departed Thursday Island 0900K/16 escorting T.D. 74
H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY") to Darwin E.T.A. 1930K/20.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" departed Thursday Island 1704K/16 for Townsville E.T.A.
0500K/20.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" departed Thursday Island 0745K/17 for Yorke Island
to render assistance to "KINTORE" survivors.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" (Survey Vessel) departed Cairns 1155K/17 to service
lights thence Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed Townsville 1137K/17 for Thursday Island
E.T.A. 1800K/19. On arrival commences minesweeping operations
with "PIRIE".

H.M.A.S. "ESMERALDA" (A.S.R.) arrived Townsville 1330K/15 from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI" arrived Brisbane 1555K/16 from Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW" arrived Brisbane 1940K/16 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "BEAWOLF" (Submarine)) departed Brisbane 1800K/17 for Seeadler
in company H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA") "WHYALLA" detaches and proceeds Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1400K/23.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K Sunday 17th September.

- H.M.S. WHITEBEAR (Survey Ship) departed United Kingdom 14/9 for Australia via Panama Canal.
- U.S.S. GENERAL MUTNER (Transport) departed Melbourne 1200k/16 for Los Angeles E.T.A. 1400Z/2nd October.
- U.S.S. GAMBLE (Minelayer) escorted by) departed Santo 0500K/17
U.S.S. DIXIE (Destroyer)) for Finschafen E.T.A. 2000/29.
- U.S.S. VEGA (Cargo Ship) escorted by) departed Russells 16th for
P.C.S. 1402.) Manus E.T.A. 20th.
- U.S.S. KILLEN (Destroyer) departed Manus 0800K/16 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1300K/18.
- U.S.S. HOWORTH (Destroyer) departed Manus 1600K/4 for Alexhafen to rendezvous with "Remus" and escort to Hollandia.
- U.S.S. KICHEMBERGER (Destroyer Escort) arrived Manus 1300K/4 from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN arrived Madang 0735/15 from Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. STRAHAN departed Langemak 1902K/15 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/16.
- U.S.S. PROMETHEUS (Repair Ship) arrived Langemak 1425K/14 from Guadalcanal
- U.S.S. GENERAL JOHN POPE (Transport) departed Langemak 1220K/15 from San Francisco E.T.A. 27th September.
- U.S.S. MERKUR (Store Ship) departed Langemak 1530K/15 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/16.
- U.S.S. TULSA (Gunboat) arrived Milne Bay 1157K/15 from Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. LITHGOW. departed Milne Bay 1530K/15 for Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/17.
- H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE. Departed Milne Bay 1130K/15 for Madang E.T.A. 1000K/18.
- H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK departed Milne Bay 0730K/16 for Langemak thence Madang E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/18.
- H.M.N.S. RINDJANI arrived Port Moresby 1707K/15 from Thursday Island.
- H.M.A.S. PIRIE departed Merauke 1300K/15 for rescue operations vicinity Hakeke Island.
- H.M.A.S. INVERELL. E.T.D. Thursday Island 0830K/17 escorting "San Rafael" to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. SHEPPARTON departed Thursday Island 0800K/16 for Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/19.
- H.M.A.S. RADICAL (A.S.R.) arrived Cairns 1316K/15 from Townsville.
- U.S.S. BUTTONWOOD (Survey vessel) E.T.D. Cairns 0800K/17 for Thursday Island E.T.A. P.M./23. Thence Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. GEELONG. departed Townsville 2118K/15 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300K/17
- U.S.S. MIZAR (Storeship) arrived Townsville 0145K/16 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. PERMIT (Submarine) with WHYALLA) depart Brisbane 1400K/17
U.S.S. SEAWOLF (Submarine)) for Seeadler.

H.M.A.S. RESERVE (Tug) departed Sydney 1444K/16 for Brisbane
E.T.A. 2000K/18.

P.C. 1130. arrived Sydney 1000K/16 from Purvis.

H.M.A.S. DOOMBA. E.T.D. for exercise ground 0900K/20.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO. departed Darwin 0920K/15 escorting "Katoomba"
to Thursday Island E.T.A. 1500K/17 thence BARCOO
proceeds Sydney.

M.L. 809. departed Darwin 0452K/16 escorting "Lorinna" to
Millingimbi E.T.A. 1630K/17.

H.M.A.S. MORESBY
H.M.A.S. JUNEE
H.M.A.S. CASTLEMAINE
H.M.A.S. ECHUCA. } departed Darwin 0755K/15 for
Survey Scott Reef E.T.A. 0900K/17.

From Noemiocr.
Air Raid Warning red. 0412K/16.
Air Raid Warning white 0430K/16.

U.S. Submarine "SANDLANCE" on passage Fremantle to Pearl Harbour
was sighted vicinity Cape Otway by Tanker SCHENECTADY at 1145K/16.
Tanker promulgated distress message and opened fire. Submarine
not hit. Later Merchant vessels "DILGA" and "PHILLIP DODDRIDGE"
sighted "SANDLANCE" and promulgated distress messages at 1412K
and 1745K respectively. The vessels were then warned that the
submarine was friendly.

On 15th September, H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" despatched by N.O.I.C. Merauke
to rescue survivors of "CAMBRIA". M.L. 1323 recovered 28
survivors and Pirie requested to embark them (N.O.I.C. Merauke's
151040Z)

Thursday Island informed by V.A.O.C. Yorke Island that "KINTORE"
and F.154 (Small Army cargo vessels) both wrecked on Warrimist
reef at 0400 Sept. 14th. All personnel saved - 19 survivors.
V.A.O.C. require assistance (food, clothing etc.) N.O.I.C.
Thursday Island sending H.M.A.S. PARKES at daylight 17th
(N.O.I.C. Thursday Island's 160950Z).

H.M.A.S. ... departed Darwinville 0700K/16 E.T.A. ...
... operating in Cape Dwyer area (conducting search for ...
... (Small Army's ... departed Port Adelaide 1700K/16
... Thursday Island ...

to 0900K/Saturday, 16th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "HOWARTH" (Destroyer).) Arrived Manus Island 1100K/13 from
U.S.S. "WHITNEY" (Dest. Tender) Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "THOMASON" (D.E. 203) departed Langemak 1530K/14 E.T.A. Milne Bay
 1430K/15.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" departed Langemak 1907K/14 for Madang.

H.M.A.S. U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Fuel Oil Tanker) E.T.A. Hollandia 0830K/10
 from Aitape.

U.S.S. P.C. 854) departed Milne Bay 0959K/14 E.T.A. Hollandia 2200K/16.
U.S.S. P.C. 850)

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" E.T.D. Madang 1600K/14 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/16.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Manus Island 1100K/14 for
 Langemak (M.V. to proceed from Langemak to Melbourne un-
 escorted.)

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Cargo Ship) E.T.D. Aitape 1000K/13 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K
 15.

U.S.S. "PHOBOS" departed Langemak 1520K/14 E.T.A. Manus Island 1900K/15.

U.S.S. "PROMETHEUS" (Repair Ship) departed Langemak 1546K/14 E.T.A. Manus
 Island 1630K/15.

U.S.S. "TITANIA" (Aux. Cargo Ship, Attack) arrived Milne Bay 1537K/14
 from Aitape.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Carrier) departed Milne Bay 1350K/14 E.T.A.
 Townsville 0200K/16.

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) AMENDED E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/15 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (C/Guard Vessel) E.T.D. Madang 1400K/14 E.T.A. Cape
 Gloucester 0700K/15.

L.C.I. 1008 (Com. L.C.I. Grp. 71) & L.C.I. 634 departed Espiritu Santo 1430K/15
 at Seeadler Harbour 0900K/22.

U.S.S. S.C. 736 E.T.D. Madang 1600K/15 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/16 thence
 Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/18.

U.S.S. A.P.C. 13 departed Manus Island 0700K/14 E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 1600K/15

U.S.S. S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay 0857K/15 from Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - departed Lae 0645K/14 arrived Madang 1135K/15.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" departed Townsville 0722K/15 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/19.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" operating in Cape Otway Area (conducting search for 2
 barges (U.S. Army) adrift (NOIC Pt. Melb. 150250Z) See
 reference below.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" (SRD Aux'y Schooner) departed Port Adelaide 1730K/14
 E.T.A. at Albany A.M. 20th Sept.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" (escorting D.T. 81) departed Darwin 0647K/15 E.T.A.
 Thursday Island 2000K/18.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) departed Thursday Island 0815K/14
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/16 (Routed via Great North East
Channel and China Strait).

H.M.S. "LAUNCESTON" (escorting Tanker "EUROPE" from Addu Atoll to Fremantle, Launceston gave her position at 1500K/15 as 21°24'S. 21-2-103°17'E. course 115° speed 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots and reported that she was unable to fuel at sea owing to wind and heavy swell and was proceeding to Shark Bay to fuel from "EUROPE" not having sufficient to reach Fremantle direct. (T.O.O.150516Z Sept.).

Tug "MULCRA", on arrival Brisbane reported the loss of a barge during the night of the 13th between Cape Byron and Point Lookout. (NOIC (B) 142042Z and NCSO(S) 110223Z) NOIC Brisbane instructed "SAMUEL BENBOW" and "GOOLGWAI" to keep lookout and aircraft reported these two vessels with barge in tow at 1313K/15.

NOIC Merauke intends to sail H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" at 1300K/15 to rescue 20 personnel from AS.9 "CAMBRIA" (small army vessel) in the vicinity of Habeeke Island. Vessel is reported to be leaking badly. W/T communication minimum R.A.A.F. aircraft are co-operating. (NOIC Merauke 150045Z). Aircraft reported sighting "CAMBRIA" 3 miles west of Habeeke Island. 12 survivors seen 3 on mainland, remainder swimming ashore. (NOIC (M) 150615Z to "PIRIE". HDML 1323 departed Merauke at 1030K/15 to assist "CAMBRIA" now reported to be sinking. (NOIC (M) 150059Z).

LT.218 (Tug) reports - Two barges broke adrift during night exact time unknown. Present position 37°57'S. 149°33'E 33"E, previous course 054°T, now steering 235°T to endeavour to locate missing barges - wind and sea moderate (142130Z). W/F message issued. At 1000K/15 L.T.218 reported wind and sea increasing, continuing voyage northward. H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" (On sweeping operation in Cape Otway area instructed by NOIC Pt. Melbourne to conduct search and endeavour to take barges in tow if successful, proceeding to Towfold Bay or Wilson's Prom. R.A.A.F. requested to conduct search, and two "Ansons" have been allotted to the task (NOIC Pt. Melbourne 150250Z). At the request of NOIC Pt. Melbourne these two aircraft will carry out a further search of the area on Saturday 16th September (150614Z). Aircraft reported having sighted two objects believed to be the two barges at 0915K/15 in position 38°10'S 149°14'E (NOIC Pt. Melbourne 150536Z).

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" while on patrol 5 miles off Sorida, struck a submerged object at 0025K/14 (position 01°15'S. 136°04'E) A/S underwater gear damaged causing serious leak. E.T.A. Madang for boiler cleaning 0800K/17 ("KAPUNDA" - 141249Z).

PWSS. "HOBART" closes down as from 1200K/15 (NOIC Hobart's 150705Z).

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Friday, 15th September, 1944.

U.S.S. REPUBLIC (U.S.N.T.) departed Milne Bay 0630K/13, E.T.A. San Francisco 2nd September.

H.M.A.S. STRAHAN departed Milne Bay 0500K/14, E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/15, thence Madang.

H.M.A.S. KIAMA E.T.D. Madang 1700K/13, E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/14.

U.S.S. EICHENBERGER (DE))
U.S.S. JASON (Repair Ship)) E.T.A. Manus Island 1100K/14 from
and 2 M.V.'s.) Langemak.

U.S.S. COMFORT (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 0730K/12, E.T.A. Aitape 0830K/14.

U.S.S. MIZAR (Store Carrier) departed Finschaven 1400K/13, arrived Milne Bay 1030K/14, departed 1400K/14, E.T.A. Townsville 0200K/16.

U.S.S. P.C. 620 (escorting 6 L.C.I.'s comprising T.U.55.1.12) departed Guadalcanal 1500K/13, E.T.A. Manus Is. dawn 18th September.

U.S.S. P.C. 585, escorting) departed Espiritu Santo 0700K/13, E.T.A.
" MANDANAO (Repair Ship)) Finschaven Harbour 0730K/17, P.C. to
return Purvis Bay, MINDANAO for onward
routing to Seeadler Harbour.

H.M.A.S. SWAN arrived Manus Island 1600K/13 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. LITHGOW arrived Milne Bay 1157K/14 from Langemak.

S.C. 736 escorting) E.T.D. Madang 0900K/14, E.T.A. Mios
U.S.S. REMUS (Floating Dock)) Woendi 0900K/19.

H.M.A.S. GERARD arrived Lae 0730K/13 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. WATO en route Madang to Mios Woendi amended E.T.A. 1500K/16.

U.S.S. MESQUITE (C/Guard Vessel) departed Langemak 1600K/13, arrived Madang 1701K/14.

H.D.M.L. 1339 arrived Milne Bay 1257K/13 from Langemak.

Y.M.S. 315 departed Milne Bay 1300K/12, arrived Cairns 1512K/14.

L.S.T. 700 (SO), 749, departed Espiritu Santo 1100K/13, for Seeadler Harbour.

M.L. 431 departed Port Moresby 1800K/14, E.T.A. Daru. 1101K/15 (To investigate wreckage, possibly "Matafele". To return to Port Moresby approx. 19th September).

H.M.A.S. CAPE LEEUWIN departed Cairns 1701K/13, E.T.A. Bougainville Reef 0800K/14, E.T.A. Jomard Entrance 1000K/16.

H.M.A.S. STELLA (Survey Vessel) departed Townsville 1151K/13 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1400K/20. (Anchoring at night as necessary) for onward routing to Darwin.

H.M.A.S. LATROBE unslipped p.m. 13th, E.T.D. Townsville a.m. 15th for Langemak direct.

U.S. Submarine PLUNGER arrived Brisbane 0619K/14.

H.M.A.S. YANDRA departed Sydney 0859K/14 on Sandy Cape Patrol.
(To return Sydney 0900K/16.)

U.S.S. P.C. 584 en route Tulagi to Sydney amended E.T.A. 1200K/15.

U.S.S. GENERAL BUTNER (U.S.N.T.) arrived Port Melbourne 1045K/14 from
Bombay.

H.M.S. IPSWICH departed Port Adelaide 1200K/14, E.T.A. Fremantle a.m.
19th.

H.M.A.S. BOWEN arrived Onslow 1330K/13, E.T.D. for Darwin 1100K/14,
E.T.A. 1730K/18.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO (escorting T.D. 73) arrived Darwin 1407K/13 from
Thursday Island.

H.M.N.S. RINDJANI departed Thursday Island 0730K/13, E.T.A. Port
Moresby 1200K/16.

H.M.A.S. PIRIE (esc. "Thedens") arrived Merauke 1000K/13 from Thursday
Island (See note below reference damage to PIRIE by
grounding)

H.M.A.S. NAPIER undocked at Williamstown 1500K/13.

H.M.A.S. STAWELL docked at Williamstown 0815K/14.

H.M.A.S. PIRIE reports having struck bottom in approximate position
280°, 4 miles from the Merauke Bell Buoy at 0634K/12.
A/S underwater fitting carried away, top of aft rigging
pillar fractured. No further visible damage.
(T.O.C. 130001Z/9)

H.M.A.S. YUNNAN to commission in Sydney a.m. 20th.
(N.O.I.C. Sydney 130542Z/9)



S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Thursday, 14th September, 1944.

L.C.I.'s 626, 635, 700 departed Noumea 1300K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/20.

U.S.S. GOLDSTAR (Storeship) departs Humboldt 1700K/12 for Aitape, E.T.A. 0700K/13.

U.S.S. GENERAL JOHN POPE (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Langemak 1045K/12.

H.M.A.S. SWAN escorting "Peter Lassen" and "Ovid Butler" departed Langemak 1325K/12, E.T.A. Manus 1600K/13.

P.C. 1131 escorting "Louis Sullivan" departed Manus 1400K/12 for Lae E.T.A. 0600K/14.

U.S.S. MERKUR (Storeship) departed Milne Bay 1145K/13 for Langemak, E.T.A. 2000K/14.

H.M.A.S. LITHGOW escorting "Charles Lummis" arrived Langemak 1258K/11 departed 1936K/12 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1200K/14.

H.M.A.S. GERARD departed Langemak 1637K/12 for Lae, E.T.A. 0700K/13.

H.M.A.S. GEELONG arrived Milne Bay 1107K/12 from Lae, departed 0600K/13 for Brisbane via Townsville, E.T.A. Townsville 2100K/15 E.T.A. Brisbane 1300K/18.

H.M.A.S. STRAHAN arrived Milne Bay 0957K/12 from Cairns.

M.L. 431 departed Milne Bay 1400K/13 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1100K/14

H.M.N.S. HINDJANI departed Thursday Island 0730K/13 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1200K/16.

H.M.A.S. PARKES arrived Thursday Island 0558K/13 escorting D.T.80 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. BUNBURY arrived Thursday Island 1425K/12 escorting D.T.79 from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. CAPE LEEUWIN arrived Cairns 2238K/12 from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. SHEPPARTON departed Cairns 0800K/13 for Thursday Island thence Darwin, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500K/15.

H.M.A.S. HEROS towing lighter MOMBAA departed Bowen 0910K/13 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. Ince Point 0800K/18.

U.S.S. PONTUS (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Brisbane 0355K/13 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. POLLAC (Submarine) arrived Brisbane 0635K/12.

P.C.E. 850 arrived Milne Bay 1157K/13 from Brisbane.

N.A.P. MARLEAN departed Port Kembla 0405K/13 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1000K/15

H.M.A.S. SAMUEL BENDOW) departed Sydney 1310K/13 for Brisbane for
H.M.A.S. GOOLGWAI) onward routing to Thursday Island, E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/16.

H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE arrived Darwin 0912K/12 escorting T.D.72 from Thursday Island.

Y.M.S. 71 and S.C.608 depart Milne Bay 1100K/13 for Langemak E.T.A. 2200K/14.

L.C.I.'s 678, 604, 605, 606, 1020 and 944 escorted by P.C.620:-
E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1200K/13 for Manus, E.T.A. dawn 18th.

<u>H.M.A.S. MORESBY</u>)	
" ECHUCA)	
" CASTLEMAINE	)	arrived Darwin 1004K/13 from surveying
" JUNEE	)	Scotts Reef.
" HORSHAM.)	

M.S.L. 703. departed Port Phillip 1540K/13 for Sydney, E.T.A.p.m.16th.

"Esso Buffalo" (U.S. Tanker) at 2030K/13 in position approximately 100 miles south east Guadalcanal reported "Suspicious Craft Blinking Light" later "Firing on suspicious craft following vessel" finally at 2235K/11 "Ceased firing, friendly craft".

"Pendleton" (U.S. Tanker) reported sighting periscope in position 38 54'S 147 04'E (35 miles E.N.E. Wilsons Promontory) at 1819K/13. A.S.V. fitted aircraft conducted search - Nil sightings.

H.M.S. 1001 departed Langemak 1110K/13 escorting Y.M.S. 71 to Manus E.T.A. 1900K/14.

H.M.S. 1002 (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0800K/13 for Milne Bay calling Misshafen, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1130/14.

H.M.S. 1003 departed Hedong 1700K/13 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 0800/14.

H.M.S. 1004 arrived Hedong 1830K/13 from Langemak.

H.M.S. 1005 arrived Hedong 0730K/14.

H.M.S. 1006 departed Milne Bay 0800K/13 for Langemak, thence Hedong, E.T.A. Langemak 0900/14.

H.M.S. 1007 arrived Thursday Island 0700K/13 escorting "Islander" (Special Ship) from Morawa. Departed 1100K/13 escorting "Islander" (Special Ship) to Morawa, E.T.A. 1400K/13.

H.M.S. 1008 departed Cairns 1800K/13 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1100K/14.

H.M.S. 1009 arrived Brisbane 0800K/13 from Milne Bay.

H.M.S. 1010 arrived Brisbane 0800K/13 from Sydney.

H.M.S. 1011 departed Sydney 0800K/13 for Thursday Island via Gladstone, Townsville and Cairns.

H.M.S. 1012 departed Sydney 1400K/13 for Hedong, E.T.A. 1800/14.

H.M.S. 1013 arrived Port Phillip 1100K/13 from Westernport.

H.M.S. 1014

H.M.S. 1015 departed Scott Head 0800K/13 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1800/14.

H.M.S. 1016

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Wednesday, 13th September, 1944.

- P.C. 585) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 0700K/13 for
) Finschafen, E.T.A. 0730K/17 (MINDANAO
"MINDANAO" (Repair Ship)) to be onward routed Seeadler Harbour
P.C. 585 return Purvis Bay)
- U.S.S. ROCHAMBEAU (Transport) departed Langemak 0630K/11 for Oro Bay
E.T.A. p.m. 11th.
- U.S.S. "MUNDA" (Esc. Carrier) E.T.D. Manus 1300K/11 for San Diego.
- P.C. 584 departs Tulagi 1200K/11 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1200K/17.
- U.S.S. "ROI" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1100K/11 for San Diego,
E.T.A. 28th.
- L.S.T.'s 700 and 749 E.T.D. Santo 1100K/13 for Seeadler Harbour.
- P.C. 1589 escorting) Departed Guadalcanal 0800K/12 for Finschafen
PROMETHEUS (Repair Ship)) E.T.A. 1700K/14.
- P.C. 1131 departed Langemak 1615K/10 escorting MISSION SOLEDAD to Manus
E.T.A. 1305K/11.
- U.S.S. JAMES E. CRAIG (DE) departed Langemak 1310K/11 escorting
NEWBERG to Manus E.T.A. 1000K/12.
- U.S.S. MIZAR (Store Ship) departed Hollandia 0600K/12 for Milne Bay
calling Finschafen, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1130/14.
- H.M.A.S. WATO departed Madang 1700K/11 for Mios Woendi, E.T.A. 0800/15.
- H.M.A.S. POTRERO arrived Madang 1335K/10 from Langemak.
- H.D.M.L. 1338 arrived Madang 0955K/11.
- H.M.A.S. TOLGA departed Milne Bay 0600K/12 for Langemak, thence Madang,
E.T.A. Langemak 0600/14.
- H.M.A.S. PIRIE arrived Thursday Island 0730K/12 escorting "Islander"
(Special Ship) from Merauke. Departed 1105K/12
escortng "Thedens" (Special Ship) to Merauke,
E.T.A. 1001K/13.
- S.C. 750 departed Cairns 1600K/12 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1100K/14.
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" arrived Brisbane 0401K/12 from Milne Bay.
- H.D.M.L. 1327 arrived Brisbane 0555K/12 from Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. SAMUEL BENBOW) E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/13 for Thursday Island via
H.M.A.S. GOOLGWAI) Gladstone, Townsville and Cairns.
- H.M.A.S. BINGERA departed Sydney 1400K/12 for Madang, E.T.A. 1500/21.
- H.M.A.S. DOOMHA arrived Port Phillip 1130K/12 from Westernport.
- H.M.A.S. MORESBY)
H.M.A.S. ECHUCA)
H.M.A.S. CASTLEMAINE) Departed Scott Reef 0905K/11 for Darwin,
H.M.A.S. JUNEE) E.T.A. 1120K/13.
H.M.A.S. HORSHAM)

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Tuesday, 12th September, 1944.

U.S.S. S.C.584 E.T.D. Tulagi 1200K/11 for Sydney.

U.S.S. GENERAL RANDALL (U.S.N.T.) arrived Suva 0930K/11 from San Pedro.

U.S.S. HOWORTH (DD)) departed Guadalcanal 1100K/10, E.T.A.
U.S.S. WHITNEY (Dest.Tender)) Seeadler Harbour 0600K/14th.

U.S.S. GAMBLE (Minelayer)) departed Purvis Bay 1100K/11, E.T.A.
U.S.S. JASON (Repair Ship)) Finschhaven Harbour 1100K/13.

H.M.A.S. HAWKESBURY escorting 1 M.V. departed Manus Is. 0800K/8 for
Madang E.T.A. 1800K/9.

U.S.S. WRIGHT (S/Plane Tender) departed Milne Bay 1300K/10, E.T.A.
Brisbane 0600K/14.

U.S.S. VARUNA (M.T.B. Tender) with 24 M.T.B.'s (C.T.U.30.9.1) departed
Humboldt Bay 2200K/10, E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1200K/12.

U.S.S. P.C.1589 escorting) E.T.D. Purvis Bay 0500K/12, E.T.A.
" PROMETHEUS (Repair Ship)) Finschaven 1230K/14 (For onward
routeing to Seeadler Harbour).

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" E.T.D. Madang 1700K/10 arrived Langemak 0815/11.

H.M.A.S. KIAMA departed Langemak 1436K/10 arrived Madang 0655K/11.

U.S.S. EICHENBERGER (DE) arrived Langemak 1206K/10 from Manus Island.

U.S.S. A.P.C.11 departed Manus Is. 0900K/11, E.T.A. Finschaven Harbour
1700K/12.

H.M.A.S. GERARD arrived Langemak 0945K/11 from Madang.

H.M.A.S. GEELONG departed Lae 2020K/10, E.T.A. Milne Bay 2359K/11.

U.S.S. MESQUITE (C/Guard Vessel) arrived Langemak 2346K/10 from Madang.

U.S.S. P.C.1131 escorting 1 M.V. departed Langemak 1615K/10, arrived
Manus Is. 1200K/11.

L.S.T. 910 arrived Milne Bay 1417K/11 from Brisbane.

H.D.M.L.1339 arrived Saidor 1530K/10 from Madang departed 1600K/10
for Langemak arrived daylight 11th departed at
1101K/11, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1001K/13.

U.S.S. Y.D.G. 5. departed Cairns 1200K/11, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/14.

HINGERA E.T.D. Sydney a.m. 12th for Madang (Sailing direct)

RADICAL (A.S.R.) proceeding to Cairns for repairs.

H.M.A. Tug HEROS (with lighter in tow) arrived Bowen 1200K/10 from
Newcastle.

KOROWA departs Port Melbourne 1100K/13 for sweeps and patrol in Cape
Otway and Wilson's Promontory areas.

DOOMBA E.T.D. Westernport 0710K/12 on training cruise to Port Melbourne
E.T.A. 1100K/12.

H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG arrived Port Adelaide 1618K/10 from Sydney
(for refit)

H.M.A.S. BARCOO escorting T.D.73 departed Thursday Island 2000K/10, E.T.A. Darwin 1230K/13.

H.M.N.S. RINDJANI arrived Thursday Island 1349K/10 from Merauke.

H.M.A.S. PIRIE escorting "Islander" departed Merauke 0700K/11, E.T.A. Thursday Island 0300K/12.

" " escorting "Thedens" E.T.D. Thursday Island for Merauke approximately 1100K/12.

R.A.A.F. Intelligence reports Japanese Battleship (Fuso Class) alone in position 05°10'N, 123°24'E, course 340° speed 15 knots at 1015K/10/9. (Position 480 miles S.W. of Palau Island. (N.O.I.C. Darwin's 102357Z September)

M.S.L.703 (Motor Stores Lighter) taken over from builders a.m. 11th September, estimated time of departure for Sydney a.m. 13th September. (N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne's 110420Z September)

Aircraft report large barge drifting in position 102°34 miles from Barrenjoey Light at 1530K/11. YANDRA has been instructed to proceed to position and carry out search until noon Tuesday 12th September returning to harbour on completion. (N.O.I.C. Sydney's 111017Z September)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... instructed to proceed ... search for ... (N.O.I.C. ... 1100K/10)

H.M.S. ... departed ... 0500K/11, E.T.A. ... 1200K/11 (N.O.I.C. ... 1100K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

H.M.S. ... (Departed ... 1200K/10, E.T.A. ... 1200K/10)

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Monday, 11th September, 1944.

U.S.S. ALDEBAREN (Store Ship) departed San Francisco 0400K/8, E.T.A. Manus Is. 25th September.

U.S.S. LONG ISLAND (escorting Carrier) departed Manus Is. 1000K/10, E.T.A. San Diego 28th September.

U.S.S. REPUBLIC (U.S.N. Transport) departed Langemak 1300K/9, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/10.

U.S.S. KITTYHAWK (Esc. Carrier) diverted to Finschaven, E.T.A. 17th September, thence Manus Is. for onward routing to Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. P.C. 1130) E.T.D. Purvis 1200K/10, escort to
esc. U.S.S. DIXIE (Dest. Tender)) detach and proceed to Sydney.
U.S.S. DIXIE to proceed Espiritu Santo

U.S.S. MESQUITE (C/Guard Vessel) departed Madang 2345K/9, E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/10.

GERLONG arrived Langemak 1342K/9 from Madang, departed 1701K/9, E.T.A. Lae 2200K/9 thence Milne Bay.

HAWKESBURY arrived Madang 1500K/9 from Manus Island.

GLENELG arrived Hollandia 0715K/8 from Madang.

U.S.S. HIDATSA (Tug) departed Manus Is. 1800K/8, E.T.A. Mios Woendi, 1800K/10.

KIAMA instructed to proceed Madang, search for H.D.M.L. 1339 cancelled. KIAMA arrived Langemak 0546K/9 en route to Madang.

S.C. 734, departed Langemak 0946K/10 E.T.A. Aitape 0630K/12, E.T.A. Hollandia p.m. 12th September (On arrival to come under Operational Control, P.D. Hollandia)

U.S.S. ELKHORN (Gasolene Tanker) arrived Hollandia 0625K/8 from Langemak.

L.S.T.'s 569(SO), 573, 703 and 673, departed Espiritu Santo 1233K/9, E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 15th September.

U.S.S. SONOMA (Fleet Tug)) arrived Hollandia 0920K/8 from Langemak.
towing 2 barges.)

U.S.S. COMFORT (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) departed Milne Bay 1300K/10, E.T.A. Lae 1300K/11.

Y.M.S. 315 arrived Milne Bay 0930K/10 from Manus Island.

L.S.T. 24 departed Guadalcanal 1400K/8, E.T.A. Finschaven 11th September.

L.C.I. 983 departed Manus Is. 1000K/9, E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/10 (thence Milne Bay).

L.S.M. 23 (Landing Craft) departed Noumea 1400K/9, E.T.A. Manus Is. 1100K/16.

S.C. 505 esc. - 1 M.V. arrived Torokina 1045K/10 from Guadalcanal, departed 1500K/10, E.T.A. Green Islands 0600K/11.

L.S.T.'s 700 and 749 arrived Espiritu Santo 0800K/10.

H.M.S. RINDJANI arrived Thursday Is. 1358K/10 from Port Moresby.

STRAHAN departed Cairns 1200K/10, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/12.

P.C. 1124 arrived Brisbane 2315K/9 from Milne Bay

P.C. (E) 850 E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/9, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0830K/13
(for onward routing to Hollandia)

YANDRA departed Sydney 0930K/10 on Smoky Cape Patrol, returning Sydney at 0900K/12.

H.M.L. 1327 departed Newcastle 1359K/10 for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" (SRD Vessel) arrived Port Adelaide 1005K/10
from Melbourne.

PARKES escorting D.T.80 departed Darwin 0831K/10, E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1030K/13.

PIRIE escorting "Islander" E.T.D. Merauke 0700K/11, for Thursday Island.

TOOMEREE (C.P.B.) arrived Merauke 1330K/9 from Okaba.

Submarine Search

Search for submarine reported in Narrative to 0900K/10 was unsuccessful and was discontinued at 1200K/10 (N.O.I.C. N.G.100137Z)

"PARKES" departed Longman 0600K/9 E.T.A. Padang 1500K/9.
H.M.S. "RINDJANI" (M/S) departed Merauke 0900K/9 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1100K/13.
H.M.S. "YANDRA" departed Cairns 1400K/9 E.T.A. Darwin 0900K/10.
H.M.S. "STRAHAN" departed Darwin 1500K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/12.
"PARKES" arrived Darwin 0830K/10 escorting "TOOMEREE" from West Bay.
"PIRIE" departed Thursday Island 0700K/11 escorting "Islander" E.T.A. Darwin 1030K/13.
"TOOMEREE" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1330K/9 escorting "Okaba" to Merauke.
"STRAHAN" E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/12.
"YANDRA" E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/12.
H.M.S. "RINDJANI" (Transport) arrived Brisbane 2315K/9 from Altoppa.
"PARKES" E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/9 escorting D.T. 80 "D.T.80" (E.T.A. Darwin 1030K/13) E.T.A. Padang 1500K/12.
H.M.S. "YANDRA" (Transport) E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/12.
H.M.S. "STRAHAN" departed Sydney 1200K/10 E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/11.
"TOOMEREE" departed Merauke 1330K/9 E.T.A. Okaba 1400K/12 to take over the run of the ship.

Submarine Sighting
 Aircraft reported at 1400K/9 an unidentified submarine in position 0.35 South 129.05 East (32 miles S.E. of Longman). Submarine crash dived. N.O.I.C. New Guinea instituted an air and surface search. A.F. message issued 2332K/9.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/10th September, 1944.

U.S.S. "JAMES E. CRAIG" (DE) departed Langemak 2044K/6 for Manus.
Departed Manus 1800K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/9.

"SWAN" departed Hollandia 2300K/7. Arrived Madang 1400K/9.

"KIAMA" E.T.D. Lae 0100K/9. E.T.A. Dreger 0530K/9.

"GEE LONG" E.T.D. Madang 1700K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 1000K/9.

U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage vessel) departed Milne Bay 0640K/7 E.T.A.
Woendi 1600K/10.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store ship) arrived Langemak 1800K/8 from Milne Bay.
Departed 1940K/8 E.T.A. Woendi 0900K/11.

P.C. 1131 arrived Langemak 0010K/8 from escorting S/M.

M.L. 816) arrived Madang 1800K/8 from Mios Woendi.
M.L. 426)

H.D.M.L. 1339 departed Madang 1000K/9 E.T.A. Saider 1530K/9, Langemak
0700K/10.

Y.M.S. 85 departed Manus 0900K/8 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 12/9.

Y.M.S. 71) arrived Milne Bay 1207K/9 from Cairns.
S.C. 738)

"POTRERO" departed Langemak 0506K/8 E.T.A. Madang 1800K/9.

H.N.M.S. "RINDJANI" (M/S) departed Merauke 0900K/9 E.T.A. Thursday Island
1100K/10.

L.S.T's 1027, 1026, 619 departed Santo 1400K/9 E.T.A. Manus 0700K/16.

S.C. 1274 E.T.D. Torekina 1600K/9 E.T.A. Emirau 1700K/11.

M.L. 809 arrived Darwin 0922K/9 escorting "DUNDULA" from West Bay.

"FREMANTLE" departed Thursday Island 0900K/9 escorting T.D. 72 E.T.A.
Darwin 1830K/12.

"BARCOO" E.T.D. Thursday Island 2000K/10 escorting "KATOOMBA" to Darwin.

"STRAHAN" E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/12.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" E.T.A. Cairns now 0600K/13.

U.S.S. "HENRY T. ALLEN" (Transport) arrived Brisbane 1023K/9 from Aitape.

"BURDEKIN" E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/9 escorting U.S. S/M "CERO" (E.T.A.
Darwin 0600K/18) E.T.A. Madang 0700K/16.

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) E.T.D. Caloundra 1330K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay
0900K/14.

H.D.M.L. 1327 departed Sydney 1230K/9 E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/11.

"DUBBO" departed Fremantle 1530K/9 E.T.A. Onslow 1400K/12 to take
over tow of M.L. 815.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING.

Aircraft reported at 1645K/9 an unidentified submarine in
position 6.53 South 148.06 East (22 miles S.E. of Langemak). Submarine
crash dived. N.O.I.C. New Guinea instituted an air and surface search.
A.F. message issued 2232K/9.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/9th September, 1944.

U.S.S. GENERAL M.L. HERSHEY (Transport) E.T.D. San Francisco 1100K/6
E.T.A. Milne Bay 21/9 thence Finschhafen, Manus.

U.S.S. MURDA (Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 0700K/7 from Santo.

U.S.S. ROCHAUBEAU (Transport) departed Milne Bay 1140K/7 E.T.A. Langemak
1200K/8.

HAWKESBURY departed Manus 0800K/8 E.T.A. Madang 1800K/9.

COVHA E.T.D. Madang 1700K/8 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/10.

GEELONG arrived Madang 1110K/7 from Hollandia.

WHYALLA E.T.D. Milne Bay 0930K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/12.

U.S.S. GOLD STAR (Store Ship) departed Biak 1800K/5 E.T.A. Hollandia
0700K/7.

U.S.S. CABLE (Salvage Vessel) arrived Milne Bay 0905K/6 from Cairns.

P.C. 1131 departed Langemak 2206K/6 to rendezvous with U.S. S/M BEAVER
and escort through Vitiaz Strait.

S.C. 734 arrived Langemak 0900K/7 from Milne Bay.

GERARD departed Madang 0800K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/9.

M.L. 819 arrived Madang 1300K/8.

WILLMARTH (DE) arrived Torokina 0800K/8 escorting STRATFORD (M.T.B.
Tender) from Emirau.

L.S.T.'s 569, 573, 673 and 703 E.T.D. Santo 1300K/9 E.T.A. Manus 0600K/16.

L.S.T. 24 departed Guadalcanal 1430K/8 E.T.A. Finschhafen p.m. 11/9.

TOOMEREE (A.S.R.) departed Merauke 1030K/8 for Okaba (30 miles N.W.
Merauke) and return.

M.L. 807 arrived Darwin 1941K/7 escorting LONINNA.

BOWEN departed Darwin 1931K/7 towing M.L. 815 E.T.A. Onslow 13/9 .
M.L. 815 to come under operational control N.O.I.C. Fremantle
on arrival at Onslow.

INVERELL arrived Thursday Island 0818K/7 escorting D.T. 78.

BALLARAT arrived Thursday Island 0630K/8 escorting D.T. 77.

FREMANTLE E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0900K/9 escorting SHWEDAGON to Darwin.

KATOOMBA arrived Townsville 0610K/8 from Milne Bay for boiler clean,
recreation and slipping.

BURDEKIN E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/9 escorting U.S. S/M CERO. (BURDEKIN to
Milne Bay, CERO to Darwin).

WARRNAMBOOL E.T.D. Caloundra 1300K/8 E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/10.

VAN DER LIJN (Aground at Saider).

Salvage officer reports VAN DER LIJN broadside on to heavy
swell. Forward holds and engine room dry. Nos. 3 and 4 holds flooded.
Salvage operations difficult owing to exposed position and continuous
heavy seas.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Friday, 8th September, 1944.

U.S.S. GENERAL W.M. MITCHELL (U.S.N.T.) departed Balboa 0645K/5 for Bombay via Melbourne, E.T.A. Port Melbourne 22nd September.

WARREGO) E.T.D. Aitape 1800K/8, E.T.A. Hollandia 0830K/9.
Y.M.S. 316)

U.S.S. BREEZE (DE) escorting 1 M.V. departed Torokina 1200K/7, E.T.A. Lunga 0900K/9.

U.S.S. NICHENBERGER (DE) arrived Langemak 1406K/5 from Hollandia.

WHYALLA arrived Milne Bay 1557K/6 from Brisbane.

BARCOO arrived Langemak 0900K/6 departed 0930K/6. Arrived Milne Bay 1227K/7 and departed at 1600K/7, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1400K/9.

U.S.S. WHIGHT (Seaplane Tender) arrived Langemak 0922K/5 from Manus Island departed Langemak and arrived Milne Bay at 0947K/7.

KIAMA returning Lae from Jacquinot Bay Area (New Britain), E.T.A. 1600K/8. KIAMA reports operation successful, no opposition.

P.C. 588 escorting 6 U.S. Army Crash Boats, departed Guadalcanal 0734K/7 for Finschaven.

U.S.S. CRUX (Store Ship) arrived Langemak. 0700K/7 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. SUSQUEHANNA (Tanker) arrived Hollandia 1400K/3 from Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" escorting) departed Langemak 1001K/7, E.T.A.
U.S.S. PYRO (Ammunition Ship)) Humboldt Bay 1100K/9.

U.S.S. TRIANGULUM departed Langemak 1257K/7, E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1500K/9.

P.C. 1124 departed Milne Bay 1730K/6, E.T.A. Brisbane 1700K/9.

U.S.S. CHETCO (Tug) towing barge - departed Milne Bay 0600K/5, E.T.A. Sansapor 0600K/7.

M.L. 825 departed Langemak, 1506K/6, arrived Madang 0730K/7.

Y.M.S. 71) E.T.D. Cairns 0800K/7, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/9.
S.C. 738)

SHEPPARTON arrived Cairns for docking at 0701K/7 from Thursday Island.

STRAHAN departed Townsville 1455K/6, arrived Cairns 0630K/7 (for docking)

KALGOORLIE arrived Townsville 0220K/7 from 2nd Three Mile Opening.

BURDEKIN arrived Brisbane 0713K/7 from Sydney.

WARNAMEPOOL returned to Brisbane 0433K/7 on completion of escort duties with U.S. Submarine.

M.L.805 arrived Brisbane 1730K/6 from Cairns.

U.S.S. Y.10 (Small Tanker) departed Sydney 2130K/6, E.T.A. Fremantle p.m. 20th September.

YANDRA arrived Sydney 0859K/7 from Broken Bay.

BUNDABERG departed Sydney 1432K/7, E.T.A. Port Adelaide 1400K/10.

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" (S.R.D. Vessel) departed Pt. Phillip 1100K/7, E.T.A. Pt. Adelaide a.m. 10th September.

LOWEN towing M.L.815, E.T.D. Darwin for Onslow p.m. 7th September.

HUNBURY escorting D.T.79 departed Darwin 0707K/7, E.T.A. Thursday Island 2000K/11.

PIRIE escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island 1922K/6, arrived Merauke 1700K/7.

U.S. Submarines "DACE" and "DARTER" in company, passed westbound from Thursday Island at 1515K/7 (Pilots disembarked.)

FREMANTLE arrived Thursday Island 1655K/7 from Bramble Cay.

P.D. Langenak reports H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" ready for sea (T.O.O.030101Z/9)

H.M.A.S. "TIGERSNAKE" commissioned 0800K/5 as tender to "LONSDALE"

AIR RAID WARNING Higgins field 0201K/8, ALL CLEAR 0214K/8

At 0145K/8 in position 355⁰, distance 9 miles from Montague Island (60 miles North of Two Fold Bay) S.S. WEAR sank after collision with M.V. ANATINA. ANATINA reported all survivors picked up, one man unconscious proceeding to Eden for medical assistance. N.O.I.C. Sydney instructed BUNDABERG to render any assistance necessary. (070615Z/9) later this signal from N.O.I.C. SYDNEY was cancelled and BUNDABERG was ordered to continue passage to Adelaide (071729Z/9).

ANATINA advises that she has one body on board and requests instructions. Ship has been advised to proceed to Melbourne.

N.O.I.C. Sydney has arranged for a search of the area by air from dawn until 0830K/8. (N.O.I.C.(S) 071701Z).

ANATINA - Norwegian Cargo Vessel of 4986 tons proceeding Newcastle to Melbourne with General Cargo.

WEAR - Australian Cargo ship of 1892 tons proceeding Melbourne to Newcastle in ballast.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Thursday, 7th September, 1944.

U.S.S. WILLOUGHBY (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Manus Is. 1100K/5 from Tulagi, departed at 1200K/6, E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1400K/8.

U.S.S. MDI (esc. Carrier) departed Langemak 1808K/4, E.T.A. Manus Island 1500K/5.

U.S.S. BOOTES (Aux. Cargo Ship) departed Hollandia 1800K/5, E.T.A. Manus Is. 1001K/7.

U.S.S. M.T. ALLEN (D.D.) departed Milne Bay 0500K/6, E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/10.

BARCOO (esc. 2 M.V.'s) departed Langemak 1130K/4, E.T.A. Manus Is. 1100K/5.

GLENELG arrived Madang 1820K/5 from Saidor. E.T.D. 1700K/6, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/8.

KATOOMBA arrived Milne Bay 0930K/5 from Langemak, departed for Townsville at 1500K/5, E.T.A. 0700K/8.

P.C.1131 arrived Langemak 0136K/6 from Manus Is. departed to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "POLLOCK" and escort to Melville Island.

U.S.S. TRIANGULUM (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 2050K/5 from Brisbane, departed at 0505K/6, E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/7.

U.S.S. CHUX (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1545K/5, E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/7.

BIRCHGROVE PARK departed Langemak 1716K/2, arrived Milne Bay 1407K/6

M.L.825 arrived Langemak 0546K/5 from Milne Bay.

Y.M.S.53 departed Humboldt Bay 1900K/5, E.T.A. on Wakde A/S patrol 0700K/6.

H.D.M.L. 1321 arrived Langemak 1600K/31 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S.PT.122 departed Dreger Harbor 0800K/6, E.T.A. Aitape 1900K/7.

H.D.M.L.1326 arrived Cairns 1626K/6 from Thursday Island.

H.D.M.L.1325 " " 1012K/6 " " "

Y.P.283 arrived Cairns 1031K/6 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. ALGERAB (Aux. Cargo Ship) towed by "South West Pass"(Tug) departed Caloundra, 1235K/5, E.T.A. San Francisco 12th October.

L.S.T.910 E.T.D. Brisbane 1700K/6, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/11.

ESMERALDA (N.A.P. launch) arrived Gladstone 0300K/3 from Brisbane.

URALBA arrived Sydney 0503K/6 from Brisbane.

H.M. Submarine P.218 arrived Fremantle 1100K/5.

PARKES) escorting T.D. 71 arrived Darwin 1501K/5 from Thursday
M.L. 813) Island.

INVERELL escorting D.T. 78 departed Darwin 0720K/5, E.T.A. Thursday
Island 0800K/8.

PIRIE escorting "ISLANDER" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1900K/6 for
Merauke. (PIRIE arrived Thursday Island 1135K/6
from Minesweeping operations).

FREMANTLE departed Thursday Island 0855K/6 for Bramble Cay with
pilots for U.S. Subs. DARTER and DACE.

U.S.S. CAPT (Cargo Ship) departed Darwin 1500K/5 E.T.A.
San Francisco 15/5.

U.S.S. SAS (Supply Tender) arrived Darwin 0100K/4 from
Green Island.

U.S.S. SAG arrived Langkat 1515K/5 from Ternau.

U.S.S. SAG) arrived Balidar 0300K/5 from Langkat and Ternau
U.S.S. SAG) respectively.

U.S.S. SAG departed Ternau 0700K/5 E.T.A. Balidar 0700K/5.

U.S.S. SAG departed Langkat 1500K/1 escorting Sgt. GRIFFIN and CLADSTONE
to join off Balidar at 1500K/5, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/4.

U.S.S. SAG (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1500K/3 E.T.A. Balidar
0700K/4.

U.S.S. SAG (Store Ship) E.T.A. Langkat 1500K/5 E.T.A. Hollandia
1500K/6.

U.S.S. SAG (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1500K/3 E.T.A. Langkat 1500K/4
Hollandia 0700K/4.

U.S.S. SAG (Frigate) departed Milne Bay 1500K/4 E.T.A. Balidar
U.S.S. SAG (Tug)) 0500K/7.

U.S.S. SAG (S.L.S. Tender) departed Milne Bay 0500K/5 E.T.A.
Brisbane 1500K/12.

U.S.S. SAG departed Milne Bay 1500K/5 E.T.A. Langkat 0500K/7.

U.S.S. SAG 1521 arrived Balidar 1500K/21/5 from Balidar.

U.S.S. SAG (Tug) arrived Waukena 1500K/5 escorting U.S.S. SAG
(Misc. Aux) from Green Is.

FREMANTLE E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0800K/6 for Bramble Cay with pilots for
U.S. S/S's DARTER and DACE.

U.S.S. SAG) arrived Merauke 1500K/5 from Milne Bay patrol.
U.S.S. SAG)

U.S.S. SAG 1522 departed Thursday Is. 0700K/5 E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/8.

PIRIE E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1700K/6 from sweeping operations.

U.S.S. SAG arrived Gladstone 0800K/4 from Cairns. E.T.A. 0700K/5
E.T.A. Brisbane 1500K/5.

FREMANTLE departed Gladstone 0800K/4 E.T.A. Balidar 1500K/7.

S E C R E T.

CAPE LINDA E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/3 with light vessel in tow
E.T.A. Cairns DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/6th September, 1944.

U.S.S. GENERAL JOHN POPE (Transport) departed Langemak 0528K/3
E.T.A. Humboldt 0900K/4.

U.S.S. GENERAL R.L. HOWZE (Transport) arrived Manus 1300K/4 from
Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. HIJATA (Tug) arrived Manus 1300K/4 from Santo.

U.S.S. CAPE ESPERANCE (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Langemak 1300K/3 E.T.A.
San Francisco 19/9.

U.S.S. SAN CARLOS (Seaplane Tender) arrived Manus 0530K/4 from
Green Island.

BARCOO arrived Langemak 1316K/4 from Manus.

GLENNIE) arrived Saidor 0600K/5 from Langemak and Madang
LOWRA) respectively.

ARARAT departed Manus 0700K/3 E.T.A. Biak 0700K/6.

S.C. 698 departed Langemak 1800K/1 escorting Bg.L. GYMPIE and GLADSTONE
to join off Madang at 1000K/2, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/4.

U.S.S. SAKATOCHEE (Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1500K/3 E.T.A. Biak
0700K/5.

U.S.S. MIZAR (Store Ship) E.T.D. Langemak 1100K/5 E.T.A. Hollandia
1500K/6

U.S.S. SONOMA (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1400K/3 E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/5
Hollandia 0800K/8.

U.S.S. LOCKFORD (Frigate) departed Biak 2000K/4 E.T.A. Sansapor
U.S.S. CHETCO (Tug)) 0600K/7.

U.S.S. PONTUS (M.T.B. Tender) departed Milne Bay 0925K/5 E.T.A.
Brisbane 1500K/12.

S.C. 734 departed Milne Bay 2200K/5 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/7.

H.D.M.L. 1321 arrived Dreger 1600K/31/8 from Saidor.

U.S.S. BREEZE (DE) arrived Torokina 1205K/5 escorting U.S.S. TAGANAK
(Misc. Aux) from Green Is.

FREMANTLE E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0800K/6 for Brasble Cay with pilots for
U.S. S/M's DACE and DARTER.

H.D.M.L. 1322) arrived Merauke 1500K/5 from Bilanden River patrol.
H.D.M.L. 1323)

H.D.M.L. 1325 departed Thursday Is. 0700K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/8.

PIRIE E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1700K/6 from sweeping operations.

M.L. 805 arrived Gladstone 0801K/4 from Cairns. E.T.D. 0700K/5
E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/6.

ESMERALDA departed Gladstone 0600K/4 E.T.A. Mackay 1300K/7.

CAPE LEEUWIN E.T.D. Caloundra 1300K/6 with light vessel in tow
E.T.A. Cairns 11/8 thence Milne Bay.

U.S.S. COMFORT (Hospital Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 0900K/6 E.T.A.
Milne Bay 1120K/9.

U.S.S. ALGORAH (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/5 towed by
"South West Pass" (Tug) E.T.A. San Francisco 4/10.

URALDA E.T.A. Sydney now 0600K/6.

BINGERA departed Westernport 1420K/4 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/7.

LAUNCESTON) (E.F.) departed Addu Atoll 2230K/3 escorting Tanker
BATHURST) EUROPE E.T.A. Fremantle p.m. 17/9.

VAR DER LIJN AGROUND AT SAIDOR.

CGWRA reported at 0752K/5 that VAR DER LIJN is ashore
broadside on inside of dock. Dock is demolished and ship is holed
with No.3 hold full of water. Beyond capacity of salvage by CGWRA
and GLENELG who are standing by.

U.S.S. SABINE (US) departed Torokina 1411K/4 escorting U.S.S. BUNN
(Tanker) E.T.A. Green I. 1540K/5.

U.S.S. STANTON (US) arrived Uroan Is. 1200K/4 escorting Red Rover
from Torokina.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Milne Bay 1207K/4 from Woodl.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Milne Bay 1427K/4 from Port Moresby.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Darwin 1542K/4 escorting T.D.70.

U.S.S. JENNY departed Survey Ground 1813K/4 A.T.A. Townsville 1800K/7.

U.S.S. JENNY (Salvage vessel) E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/4 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/5.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Townsville 0600K/4 from Cairns for slipping.

U.S.S. JENNY departed Sydney 1225K/4 escorting BUNN to vicinity
30 South 127.25 East thence proceeding Brisbane
E.T.A. 0700K/7.

U.S.S. JENNY (Repair Ship) arrived Sydney 0800K/4 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Sydney 0600K/4 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. JENNY departed Sydney 0700K/4 for Broken Bay.

U.S.S. JENNY arrived Sydney 1340K/5 from Newcastle.

U.S.S. JENNY E.T.A. Westernport 1420K/5 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/7.

U.S.S. JENNY) E.T.A. Fremantle now 1200K/4.
U.S.S. JENNY)

VAR DER LIJN (2,424 tons) reported herself in distress at Saidor at
1752K/4, and requiring immediate assistance.
GLENELG departed Langkai at 2115K/4 to render
assistance. 2 tugs were being dispatched and
expected to arrive at Saidor soon after.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0300K/5th September, 1944.

U.S.S. CASABLANCA (Escort Carrier) departed San Francisco 0300K/25/8
E.T.A. Manus 11/9.

U.S.S. EICHENBERGER (DE) departed Hollandia 2100K/3 for Langemak.

LITHGOW departed Hollandia 1730K/3 to relieve KAPUNDA and S.C. 742
on Wakde A/S patrol.

GOULBURN arrived Madang 0800K/4 from Langemak.

U.S.S. HIZAR (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1255K/4 E.T.A. Langemak
1100K/5, Hollandia 1600K/6.

H.D.M.L. 1074 E.T.D. Aitape 0700K/5 E.T.A. Hollandia 1700K/5.

Y.M.S. 48 arrived C. Cretin 0300K/4 from Milne Bay.

Y.P. 237 departed Humboldt 1900K/3 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0700K/5.

U.S.S. MARTIN (DE) departed Torokina 1630K/4 escorting U.S.S. AGAWAM
(Tanker) E.T.A. Green Is. 0540K/5.

U.S.S. STADFIELD (DE) arrived Green Is. 1500K/4 escorting Red Rover
from Torokina.

P.C. 1124 arrived Milne Bay 1257K/4 from Woendi.

GUMLEAF arrived Milne Bay 1437K/4 from Port Moresby.

LOWEN arrived Darwin 1545K/4 escorting T.D. 70.

SHEPPARTON departed Survey Ground 1813K/4 E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/7.

U.S.S. CAMEL (Salvage vessel) E.T.D. Cairns 1100K/4 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/6.

STRAHAN arrived Townsville 0659K/4 from Cairns for slipping.

BURDEKIN departed Sydney 1257K/4 escorting RIMUTAKA to vicinity
36 South 157.40 East thence proceeding Brisbane
E.T.A. 0700K/7.

U.S.S. RIGEL (Repair Ship) arrived Sydney 0824K/4 from Milne Bay.

BUNDABERG arrived Sydney 0607K/4 from Brisbane.

YANDRA departed Sydney 0705K/4 for Broken Bay.

M.L. 822 arrived Sydney 1540K/3 from Newcastle.

HINGERA E.T.D. Westernport 1420K/5 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/7.

NIGERIA) E.T.A. Fremantle now 1300K/4.

WALDSTONE

VAN DER LIJN (2,464 tons) reported herself in distress at Saidor at
1755K/4, and requiring immediate assistance.
GLENELG departed Langemak at 2116K/4 to render
assistance. 2 tugs were being despatched and
expected to arrive at Saidor dawn 5th.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 4th September, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "QUEENSDONOUGH") escorting U.S.S. GENE BUTLER (U.S.N.T.)
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON") departed Bombay 1752K/1, E.T.A. Pt. Phillip
Heads 0730K/14.

(Destroyers will part company position (E)04°59'S,
069°30'E proceeding Addu Atoll and Trincomalee.)

U.S.S. MATANIKAU (A/C Carrier) Arrived Espiritu Santo 1607K/2 from
Manus Island.

U.S.S. GENERAL JOHN POPE (U.S.N. Transport) E.T.D. Oro Bay 0600K/2,
E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/2 (thence Hollandia)

U.S.S. MUNDA (Escort Carrier) departed Espiritu Santo 1300K/3, E.T.A.
Pinschaven 0700K/7.

"LAUNCESTON") (Escorting Tanker "EUROPE") E.T.D. Addu Atoll 2230K/3,
"BATHURST") E.T.A. Fremantle P.M. 17th September.

"COOTAMUNDRA")
"WAGGA") departed Madang 1850K/2, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/4.
"GLADSTONE")

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) arrived Madang 1600K/1 from Langemak,
E.T.D. 1001K/3, E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/4.

U.S.S. LONG ISLAND (Aux. A/C Carrier) E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 0730K/3
from Espiritu Santo.

U.S.S. EL PASO (PF. 41 Frigate) esc.:) Arrived Manus Island 1100K/3
U.S.S. WRIGHT (Seaplane Tender)) from Mios Woendi.

"BHOOME" E.T.D. Madang 1300K/1, E.T.A. Hollandia 1600K/2nd.

"HAWKESBURY" departed Madang 1600K/31, E.T.A. Manus Island 1100K/1.

"GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 1015K/3, E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/4
(thence Madang)

U.S.S. SANOMA X (Fleet Tug) towing 2 barges, arrived Milne Bay 1800K/2
from Mackay.

S.C. 1121 departed Langemak 1130K/3, arrived Manus Island 1030K/3rd.
(esc. 1 M.V.)

M.L. 825 arrived Milne Bay 1200K/2 from Port Moresby, E.T.D. for
Langemak 1400K/3 E.T.A. 0700K/5 (thence Madang)

U.S.S. Y.M.S. 313. arrived Cairns 1239K/3 from Milne Bay.

"STRAHAN" departed Cairns 1515K/3, E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/4.

U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage vessel) E.T.D. Cairns 1400K/3, E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/5.

"LATROBE" arrived Townsville 0522K/3 from Cairns (for slipping)

U.S.S. COMFORT (U.S.N. Hospital Ship) arrived Brisbane 1940K/2 from
Milne Bay.

M.L. 822 departed Newcastle 0935K/3 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/3.

"DOOMBA" arrived Westernport Bay at 1120K/2 from Port Melbourne.

DAILY DISPATCH

TO 0900K/0900 2. 5th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

"MORESBY")
"ECHUCA") Arrived Scott Reef (220 miles west of Admiralty Gulf)
"HORSHAM") at 1730K/2 from Darwin. (On survey operation).
"JUNEE")

"BALLARAT" (esc. D.T.77) departed Darwin 0717K/3, E.T.A. Melville Is. 0730K/5, thence Thursday Island.

"INVERELL" departed West Bay 1130K/2, arrived Darwin 1124K/3.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" and "PIRIE" - OPERATION "KILCOASTER"

Total number of mines swept now 76. Estimated time of completion of clearing and search, p.m. 5th September (T.O.O.030910Z Sept.)

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - ARMY RECONNAISSANCE TO JACQUINOT BAY AREA.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" departed Lae 0930K/3 for Dreger Harbour departing latter port at 0100K/4 for Jacquinot Bay. (New Britain area) E.T.A., dawn 5th. Lands army reconnaissance party and remains in the area for 2-3 days as requisite. On completion of reconnaissance re-embarks party and returns to Lae (Soa. 12 knots). A.O.R. Northern Command have been requested to provide day fighter cover during "KIAMA's" stay in the area.

(Extract from N.O.I.C.(N.G.'s):-010705Z Sept)

L.S.S. 313 dep. Milne Bay 1230K/1, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/3rd.

HEMLOCK arrived Langkok 0930K/31 from Madang.

USS WILSON (S.T.C. Tender) dep. Salagi 0800K/2nd, E.T.A. Manus Is. 0800K/3.

USS TANABA (Fleet Tug) arrived Punduluan 1900K/2nd from Manus Island.

ALBA dep. Madang 1000K/2nd, E.T.A. Lae 0800K/3 E.T.O. 1000K/3 arriving Dreger Hbr. for fuel at 1500K/3. E.T.O. Dreger Hbr. 0100K/4.

L.S.T. 92 departed Soyrito-Santo 1400K/1, E.T.A. Seaside Hbr. 1700K/7.

L.S.T. 122 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/1 from Brisbane.

S.S. 922 dep. Alapa 1800K/1, E.T.A. Manus Island 2000K/3.

S.S. 801) arrived Langkok 0800K/30 from Milne Bay.
S.S. 802)

L.S.T.'s 221, 211, 212, 213 dep. Manus Island 1800K/31, E.T.A. Finck Hbr. 2000K/1, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0200K/2.

LADDER dep. Cairns 1500K/2, E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/3.

HEBURN dep. Brisbane 1800K/2nd, E.T.A. Sydney 0000K/4.

USS OCTAVE (Store ship) E.T.O. Brisbane 1800K/3, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/7 (thence Finckoven).

S E C R E T

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1944.

H.M.A.S. ARUNTA arrived Milne Bay 0830K/1 from Sydney, departed 1600K/1 for Manus Island.

MARCOO dep. Manus Island 1300K/1, E.T.A. Langemak 1200K/2.

GLENELG arrived Milne Bay 1137/1 from Cairns.

USS CAPE ESPERANCE (Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 0950K/1 from Manus Island.

HAWKESBURY dep. Madang 1600K/31, E.T.A. Manus Is. 1100K/1.

USS GANYMEDE (Store Ship) arrived Madang 1430K/1 from Langemak.

USS GOLDSTAR (Store Ship) E.T.D. Madang 1600K/31, E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0600K/3.

COWRA departed Langemak 1906K/1 arrived Madang 0626K/2.

MESQUITE (USN Coastguard Vessel) arrived Manus Is. 1500K/31 from Madang.

KATOOMBA arrived Madang 0720K/2 from Langemak, dep. 1500K/2, E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/3 thence Townsville (via Milne Bay E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/8).

Y.M.S. 313 dep. Milne Bay 1330K/1, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/3rd.

BIRCHGROVE PARK arrived Langemak 0930K/31 from Madang.

USS WILLOUGHBY (M.T.B. Tender) dep. Tulagi 0600K/2nd, E.T.A. Manus Is. 0800K/5.

USS TAWASA (Fleet Tug) arrived Guadalcanal 1800K/2nd from Manus Island.

KIAMA dep. Madang 1000K/2nd, E.T.A. Lae 0600K/3 E.T.D. 1000K/3 arriving Dreger Hbr. for fuel at 1500K/3. E.T.D. Dreger Hbr. 0100K/4.

L.S.T. 99 departed Espiritu Santo 1400K/1, E.T.A. Seeadle Hbr. 2300K/7.

L.S.T. 993 arrived Milne Bay 1207K/1 from Brisbane.

S.C. 982 dep. Aitape 1300K/1, E.T.A. Manus Island 2000K/5.

M.L. 801)
803) arrived Langemak 0806K/30 from Milne Bay.

L.C.I's 983, 611, 612, 613, dep. Manus Island 1500K/31, E.T.A. Finsch Hbr. 2000K/1, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0200K/3.

LATHOBE dep. Cairns 1550K/2, E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/3.

BUNDABERG dep. Brisbane 1605K/2nd, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/4.

USS OCTANS (Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/3, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/7 (thence Finschaven).

MUNGAREE dep. Sydney 0955K/2, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/9, thence Madang.

DURRAWEE arrived Sydney 0930K/2 from Melbourne.

HEROS towing lighter "MOMBAA" dep. Newcastle 0945K/2, E.T.A. Bowen approx. 10th September.

M.L. 822 arrived Newcastle 1505K/2 from Sydney.

DOOMBA E.T.A. Westernport Bay 1115K/2 from Port Melbourne.

<u>MOESBY</u>)) For survey duties in vicinity Browse Island and Scott Reef.
<u>HORSHAM</u>) Dep. Darwin 0834K/31	
<u>JUNEE</u>)	
<u>ECHUCA</u>)	
<u>CASTLEMAINE</u> dep. Darwin 1522K/1)

INVERELL) esc. 1 M.V. arrived West Bay 1100K/2nd from Darwin.
M.L. 802)

PARKES esc:- R.A.F.A. KURUMBA (Tanker) towing M.L. 813 T.D. 71.
Dep. Thursday Island. 1400K/2 for Darwin. E.T.A. 1630K/5.

H.D.M.L. 1325 arrived Thursday Island 1837K/1 from Townsville.

H.D.M.L. 1326 dep. Thursday Island 1614K/2nd, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/6.
(Anchoring at night).

... (Dep. Sydney 1000K/2, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/9, thence Madang.)

... (Tanker) arrived Sydney 1115K/2 from Port Melbourne.

... dep. Darwin 0834K/31

... dep. Darwin 1522K/1

... esc. 1 M.V. arrived West Bay 1100K/2nd from Darwin.

... (Tanker) towing M.L. 813 T.D. 71. Dep. Thursday Island. 1400K/2 for Darwin. E.T.A. 1630K/5.

... arrived Thursday Island 1837K/1 from Townsville.

... dep. Thursday Island 1614K/2nd, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/6. (Anchoring at night).

... (Dep. Sydney 1000K/2, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/9, thence Madang.)

... (Tanker) arrived Sydney 1115K/2 from Port Melbourne.

... dep. Darwin 0834K/31

... dep. Darwin 1522K/1

... esc. 1 M.V. arrived West Bay 1100K/2nd from Darwin.

... (Tanker) towing M.L. 813 T.D. 71. Dep. Thursday Island. 1400K/2 for Darwin. E.T.A. 1630K/5.

... arrived Thursday Island 1837K/1 from Townsville.

... dep. Thursday Island 1614K/2nd, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/6. (Anchoring at night).

... (Dep. Sydney 1000K/2, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/9, thence Madang.)

... (Tanker) arrived Sydney 1115K/2 from Port Melbourne.

... dep. Darwin 0834K/31

... dep. Darwin 1522K/1

... esc. 1 M.V. arrived West Bay 1100K/2nd from Darwin.

... (Tanker) towing M.L. 813 T.D. 71. Dep. Thursday Island. 1400K/2 for Darwin. E.T.A. 1630K/5.

... arrived Thursday Island 1837K/1 from Townsville.

... dep. Thursday Island 1614K/2nd, E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/6. (Anchoring at night).

To 0900K/1st September, 1944, Friday.

- DAILY NARRATIVE. arrived Milne Bay 0800K/30 from Sydney - departed 1800K/30 E.T. A. Manus 1800K/1.
- To 0900K/2nd September, 1944.
- U.S.S. LONG ISLAND (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Santo 0700K/30 E.T.A. Finsch. 0700K/3.
- U.S.S. GENERAL B.A. HOWZE (Transport) departed Guadalcanal 0900K/1 Langemak 1st E.T.A. Finsch 1800K/3.
- WARREN arrived Madang 0800K/31. E.T.D. 1800K/31 E.T.A. Aitape by bombardment 1800K/1. Destroyers "DAMU" "STARK" "MURRAY".
- WAUGA E.T.D. Milne Bay 1800K/31 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/2. 0800K/29 from San Francisco - departed Madang 1st E.T.A. Oro Bay 1700K/31.
- GOULBURN arrived Langemak 0800K/31 from Manus.
- BROOME arrived Madang 0920K/31 from Langemak.
- KIAMA E.T.D. Madang 1000K/2. E.T.A. Lae dawn 3/3. E.T.D. 1000K/3. E.T.A. Dreger 1500K/3. Madang 1100K/31.
- U.S.S. J.E. CRAIG (DE) departed Milne Bay 1800K/2 for Langemak. To come under operational control P.D. Langemak.
- U.S.S. RICHENBERGER (DE) when ready, to come under operational control P.D. Langemak.
- U.S.S. HERON (Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Manus 1400K/31. E.T.A. Green Is. 1500K/2.
- U.S.S. CHEPACHT (Tanker) arrived Madang 1130K/31 from Hollandia.
- S.C. 981 departed Manus 0700K/31 E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/1.
- P.C. 1132 arrived Manus 1300K/31 escorting 1 M/V from Langemak.
- S.C. 982 departed Manus 0700K/31 E.T.A. Aitape 1200K/1.
- YMS 313 arrived Milne Bay 1137K/31 from Manus.
- YMS 316 E.T.D. Humboldt 0700K/1 E.T.A. Aitape 1200K/1.
- LSF 919 E.T.D. Santo 1200K/31 E.T.A. Seeadler 6/9.
- LSF 899 E.T.D. Santo 1200K/1 E.T.A. Seeadler 7/9.
- M.L. 825 departed Port Moresby 0800K/1 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/2.
- INVERELL) departed Darwin 0038K/1 escorting Dundale E.T.A. West
E.L. 809) Bay 1230K/2.
- CASTLEMAINE departed Darwin 152K/1 to join MORESBY on survey operations vicinity Scott Reef.
- PARKES E.T.D. Thursday Is. 1400K/2 escorting KUPUMBA towing M.L. 813 for Darwin.
- M.L. 803 departed Cairns 0638K/1 E.T.A. Gladstone 1500K/4.
- APC 2 departed Cairns 0700K/1 E.T.A. Milne 1200K/3.
- HUNDAMBERG arrived Brisbane 1155K/1 from Townsville.
- URALBA E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/3 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/7.
- YP 283 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/2 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/6.
- YDO 5 E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/2 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/8.
- M.L. 823 arrived Port Stephens 1830K/31 from Sydney.
- HUNGARIE E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/2 for Milne Bay and Madang.
- BINGERA E.T.D. Westernport 3/3 for Sydney.
- IP 388 departed Bournemouth 1128K/1 E.T.A. Fremantle 1000K/4.

To 0900K/1st September, 1944, Friday. *for operations LILACASTER*

U.S.S. "PHOENIX"	U.S.S. "AMMEN") arrived Milne Bay 0800K/30 from Sydney - departed 1530K/30 E.T. A. Manus 1200K/1. From Sydney.
U.S.S. "BOISE"	U.S.S. "MULLANEY"	
"AUSTRALIA"	U.S.S. "ABNER READ"	
U.S.S. "BEALE"	U.S.S. "DALY"	
U.S.S. "BACHE"	"WARRAMUNGA"	
U.S.S. "HUTCHINS"		

U.S.S. "CAPE ESPERANCE" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1330K/31 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/1.

"ARIADNE" will reinforce Wewak minefield night 31/8 - 1/9 covered by bombardment from U.S. Destroyers "LANG" "STACK" "MURRAY".

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (Transport) arrived Milne Bay 0925K/29 from San Francisco - departed 0600K/31 E.T.A. Oro Bay 1700K/31.

"BROOME") arrived Langemak 1316K/30 from Milne Bay.
S.C. 698)
YMS. 335)

"BROOME") departed Langemak 2036K/30 E.T.A. Madang 1100K/31.
M.L. 801)
M.L. 803)

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Langemak 1030K/29 escorting GB.10 from Hollandia.

"COWRA" departed Milne Bay 1000K/31 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/1 thence Madang.

U.S.S. "PONTUS" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/2 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" E.T.D. Sek Harbour 0600K/31 E.T.A. Woendi 1800K/2.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Langemak 0001K/31 E.T.A. Hollandia 1500K/1

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1815K/30 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/1.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0600K/31 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/1.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Milne Bay 1520K/30 E.T.A. Brisbane 1900K/2.

S.C. 732 departed Manus 1715K/30 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/1.

U.S.S. "SEA HOI" (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Santo 0700K/31 E.T.A. Finsch 1700K/3.

U.S.S. MAUNA LOA (Ammunition Ship) departed San Francisco 0530K/29 for Manus.

HML.1325 departed Port Moresby 1230K/31 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1800K/1

"MORESBY") departed Darwin 1209K/31 for survey duties vicinity Scott
"HORSHAM") Reef (220 miles west of Admiralty Gulf).
"JUNEE")
"ECHUCA")

"BUNBURY" arrived Darwin 0812K/31 from Onslow.

"BOWEN" departed Thursday Island 1900K/30 E.T.A. Darwin 1630K/30 escorting T.D. 70.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island 1033K/31 escorting T.D. 76.

"KURUMBA" arrived Thursday Island 2202K/30 from Townsville.

"KALGOORLIE" departed Cairns 1336K/31 for operation KILCOASTER.

S.C. 748 arrived Cairns 1416K/31 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 805 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/1 E.T.A. Gladstone 1500K/4 - Caloundra 1500K/6.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Brisbane 0938K/31 from Sydney.

"WHYALLA" arrived Brisbane 1905K/30 from Wide Bay.

"DARTER")	(U.S. S/MS)	) E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/1. 2 S/MS E.T.A.
"DACE" )	) Darwin 10/9. "WARRNAMBOOL" detaches at 1800K/4	
"WARRNAMBOOL"	) and returns Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/7.	
"WHYALLA"	) "WHYALLA" detaches at 1800K/5 and proceeds	
	) Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/6.	

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/1 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/5.

U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammunition Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 2300K/1 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1600K/6.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Sydney 1400K/31 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/4.

M.L. 823 departed Sydney 0958K/31 E.T.A. Port Stephens 1715K/31 thence Coffs Harbour.

U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" (Transport) E.T.D. San Pedro 0800K/31 E.T.A. Melbourne 11/9.

"DOOMBA" arrived Melbourne 1315K/31 from Sydney.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport 1738K/31 from Port Phillip.

"DURRAWEE" departed Port Phillip 1703K/30 E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/2.

"COOMBAR" arrived Hobart 0230K/31 from Sydney.

HMS "SPITEFUL" (S/M) arrived Fremantle 1801K/30 from patrol.

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S.C. 738 departed Milne Bay 1300K/30 E.T.A. Cairns 1300K/31.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Milne Bay 0815K/30 from Brisbane.

M.L. 805 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/1 E.T.A. Gladstone 1500K/4 - Caloundra 1500K/6.

U.S.S. "GENERAL RANDALL" (Transport) E.T.D. San Pedro 0800K/31 E.T.A. Melbourne 11/9.

"WHYALLA" arrived Brisbane 1905K/30 from Wide Bay.

U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammunition Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 2300K/1 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1600K/6.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Sydney 1400K/31 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/4.

M.L. 823 departed Sydney 0958K/31 E.T.A. Port Stephens 1715K/31 thence Coffs Harbour.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/1 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/5.

"DOOMBA" arrived Melbourne 1315K/31 from Sydney.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport 1738K/31 from Port Phillip.

"DURRAWEE" departed Port Phillip 1703K/30 E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/2.

0900K/Thursday 31st August, 1944.

U.S.S. "MOUNT HOOD" (Ammunition Ship A.E.11) departed Balboa 0500K/29
E.T.A. Finschhafen 22nd September.

U.S.S. "ADMIRALTY ISLANDS" (CVE Escort Carrier) departed San Francisco
0300K/28 - E.T.A. Finschhafen 15th September.

U.S.S. "VAN BUREN" (Destroyer) escorting 16 L.C.I.'s departed Langemak
H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") 1706K/28 - E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/30.

"DELORAINIE" (escorting BG.13) departed Langemak 1930K/28 E.T.A. Humboldt
Bay 31st September.

"BARCOO" arrived Langemak 0746K/29 from Mios Woendi.

U.S.S. "REPUBLIC" (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Milne Bay 0750K/28 from
San Francisco.

U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (P.G.55 Gunboat) departed New Georgia 1800K/29 E.T.A.
TREASURY IS. 0700K/30.

"KAPUNDA") departed Hollandia 1800K/29 to relieve A/S patrol off Wakde
S.C. 637) ("Bendigo" and "Katoomba" to return to Hollandia forthwith).

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1230K/29 from Brisbane.

"GASCOYNE" arrived Madang 1455K/29 from Mios Woendi departed 1830K/29
E.T.A. Hollandia 1730K/30.

U.S.S. "HEBON" (S/Plane Tender) arrived Manus Island 1200K/29 from
Langemak.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) arrived Sek Harbour 1200K/29 from
Langemak.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (AO.26 oil fuel tanker) arrived Langemak 0830K/28
from Townsville.

"WAGGA" arrived Milne Bay 1027K/30 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "MOBJACK" (M.T.B. Tender) towing barges - en route Aitape to
Mios Woendi amended E.T.A. 1800K/31.

S.C. 748 departed Milne Bay 1330K/29 E.T.A. Cairns 1300K/31.

"COWRA" arrived Milne Bay 0817K/30 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. P.C. 606 escorting LST.124 departed Torokina 1600K/30 E.T.A.
Lunga 1130K/1st September.

U.S.S. "MINK" (?) E.T.D. Humboldt Bay 0800K/30 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0900K/31

"GERARD" arrived Madang 1505K/29 from Langemak.

YMS. 313 escorting APC15 departed Manus Island 1600K/28 E.T.A. Finsch-
hafen 0400K/30.

"LAURABADA" departed Madang 0630K/30 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/1st Sept.

U.S.S. "TAWASA" (Fleet Tug) departed Manus Island 1400K/29 E.T.A.
Guadalcanal 0500K/1 September.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Coastguard Vessel) departed Langemak 2132K/29 arriv
Madang at 1300K/30 (thence Manus Island).

HDML.1321 departed Saidor 1000K/30 E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 1600K/31.

H.M.A.S. "GUMLEAF" departed Port Moresby 0630K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1800K/31 (anchoring at night).

To 0900K/Wednesday, 30th August, 1944.

H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH") escorting U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.)
H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON") arrived Bombay 1132K/26 from Port Melbourne.

U.S.S. "WILLMARTH" (Destroyer)) arrived Torokina 0915K/29 from Treasury
U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (U.S.N.T.)) Island departed Torokina 1500K/29 for
 Green Island - E.T.A. 0800K/30.

"DELORAINÉ" (escorting BG.13) departed Langemak 1930K/28 E.T.A. Humboldt
 Bay 0900K/1/9.

"BROOME" departed Milne Bay 0815K/29 E.T.A. Langemak 1430K/31 thence
 Madang - E.T.A. 1200K/31.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 2000K/28 E.T.A. Sek
 Harbour 0959K/29.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Hollandia 1800K/29 E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/31 - thence
 Madang.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Madang 1300K/29 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/30.

U.S.S. APC. 3 departed Aitape 0915K/29 E.T.A. Madang 1530K/30.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Fleet Tanker) arrived Langemak 1305K/26 from Dreger
 Harbour.

S.C. 698) departed Milne Bay 0900K/29 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/30.
YMS. 335)

YMS. 48 arrived Milne Bay 1307K/29 from Cairns.

"GERARD" arrived Langemak 1536K/28 from Milne Bay - departed at 1946K/28
 E.T.A. Madang 1500K/29.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1207K/28 from Madang.

U.S.S. "MOBJACK" (MTB Tender) (towing barges) departed Aitape 1500K/28
 E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1000K/30.

U.S.S. "SEAKONK" (Tanker) towing:-) departed Langemak 1725K/28 E.T.A.
U.S.S. S.C. 703) Madang 0600K/30.

LT. 637 (Tug) towing BD.544 departed Guadalcanal 1200K/27 - E.T.A. Milne
 Bay 30th August.

M.L.'s 801 and 803 departed Milne Bay 1800K/28 E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/30
 (thence Madang).

LCT. 481 arrived Torokina 1130K/29.

M.L. 825 arrived Port Moresby 1550K/29 from Thursday Island.

HMML. 1325 arrived Port Moresby 1147K/29 from Milne Bay.

"GLENELG" E.T.D. Cairns 1400K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/1.

U.S.S. S.C. 737 arrived Cairns 1737K/29 from Milne Bay.

H.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Oiler) departed Townsville 1642K/28 E.T.A.
 Thursday Island 0600K/31 (For O/R to Darwin).

M.L. 811 arrived Brisbane 0709K/29 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0300K/29 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/5/
 9. (For O/R to Finschhafen and Manus Island).

"URALEA" arrived Brisbane 0308K/29 from Townsville.

"INNISFAIL" departed Sydney 0743K/29 for Broken Bay.

"DOOMBA" departed Sydney 0830K/29 E.T.A. Port Melbourne 0930K/31.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney 0830K/29 from A/S patrol. Departed for Brisbane at 1338K/29 - E.T.A. Caloundra Head 1000K/31.

"ARUNTA" departed Sydney 1541K/29 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/1/9 E.T.D. 1500K/1st E.T.A. at Manus Island 1800K/2.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney from A/S patrol 1647K/29.

"INVERELL" (escorting T.D. 69) arrived Darwin 1655K/28 from Thursday Is.

"WARRNAMBOOL" (Store ship) E.T.A. Sydney 0830K/29 from Brisbane.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 1200K/29 escorting "U.S. AIRCRAFT" to Darwin.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Milne Bay 1700K/29 from Darwin.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Milne Bay 1800K/29 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/30 thence Cairns.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Darwin 0440K/28 escorting "U.S. AIRCRAFT" to Thursday Island 0450K/28.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Thursday Island 0701K/28 for survey grounds.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Cairns 1200K/28 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/29.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Cairns 1740K/28 from E/S operations Torres Strait area.

"WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.D. Gladstone 0700K/28 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/29.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Brisbane 0720K/28 from Townsville.

"WARRNAMBOOL" (Store ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/28 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/29.

"WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.D. Sydney 0830K/29 for Melbourne.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Fremantle 1300K/28 locally escorting "U.S. AIRCRAFT" (Submarine Tender) from Brisbane.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Esmond Gulf 1900K/28 from Fremantle.

OPERATION KILGASHER

Northern portion clear. Total 104 mines swept, 8 exploded in sweep. "WARRNAMBOOL" proceeding to Townsville to relieve U/S ops. "WARRNAMBOOL" to Lockhart River (near Cape Direction) on 1st duties.

WEST SEA RANGE (Arrived Port Moresby).

"WARRNAMBOOL" reports that "POINT SEA RANGE" was refueled at 1700K/27 slightly damaged. Being despatched to Esmond Gulf 1900K/28.

"WARRNAMBOOL" at 2200K/28 reported sighting an unidentified vessel when in position approximately 30 miles west of Admiralty Gulf. Vessel did not reply to challenge. Only friendly vessel known to be in vicinity is "WARRNAMBOOL" returning to Darwin from Esmond.

"WARRNAMBOOL" is to assume responsibility under U.S. E.S. S.S. for sea frontier duties in Admiralty Sub. area at 0600K/1/29.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 29th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "MATANIKAU" (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Manus 0600K/28 E.T.A. Santo 1200K/2.

U.S.S. "RIGEL" (Destroyer Tender) E.T.D. Milne Bay 0600K/27 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/6.

"BUNDABERG" departed Milne Bay 0600K/28 E.T.A. Townsville 2200K/30.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Langemak 2100K/28 E.T.A. Sek Harbour 1200K/29 E.T.D. Sek 0600K/31 for Woendi.

U.S.S. "MURZIM" (Store Ship) E.T.A. Madang 0900K/28 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "SUSCUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Lae 1230K/27 from Langemak - Departed 0825K/28 E.T.A. Dreger 2215K/28.

P.C. 1121 departed Manus 1330K/27 escorting "E.W. SINCLAIR" as far as Langemak.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay 1720K/27 from Manus.

HDML.1325 departed Milne Bay 1800K/27 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/29 thence Cairns.

"FREMANTLE" departed Darwin 0440K/28 escorting DT.76 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0430K/31.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Thursday Island 0801K/28 for survey ground.

"WAGGA" departed Cairns 1201K/28 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/30.

"KALGOORIE" arrived Cairns 1740K/28 from M/S operations Torres Strait area.

M.L. 811 E.T.D. Gladstone 0700K/28 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/29.

M.L. 424 arrived Brisbane 0729K/28 from Townsville.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/5.

"DOOMBA" E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/29 for Melbourne.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Fremantle 1059K/28 locally escorting U.S.S. "EURYALE" (Submarine Tender) from Brisbane.

Y.P. 286 arrived Exmouth Gulf 0900K/28 from Fremantle.

OPERATION KILCOASTER

Northern portion clear. Total 104 mines swept, 8 exploded in sweep. "KALGOORIE" proceeding to Townsville to replenish M/S gear. "PIRIE" to Lockhart River (near Cape Direction on RMS duties.

POINT SAN PEDRO (Aground Ipoteto Reef).

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" reports that "POINT SAN PEDRO" was refloated at 1700K/27 slightly damaged. Being despatched to Finschhafen 28th.

M.L. 807 at 2220K/28 reported sighting an unidentified vessel when in position approximately 30 miles west of Admiralty Gulf. Vessel did not reply to challenger. Only friendly vessel known to be in vicinity is "BUNBURY" returning to Darwin from Onslow.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUIN A. is to assume responsibility under C.S.W.P.S.F. for Sea Frontier duties in Admiralties Sub. area at 0001K/1/9.

To 0900K/Monday, 28th August, 1944. *Milne Bay 1100K/26.*

U.S.S. "CAPE ESPERANCE" (Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 1221K/25 from Guadalcanal.

U.S.S. "JOHN RODGERS" (Destroyers) arrived Humboldt 27/8 from Santol.

U.S.S. "RINGGOLD"

U.S.S. "SCHROEDER"

"SIGSBEE"

"HARRISON"

"MCKEE"

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U.S.S. "FANSHAW BAY" (Escort Carrier) } E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1700K/25 E.T.A.

U.S.S. "RAYMOND" } Manus 1200K/28.

U.S.S. "R.M. ROWELL" (Destroyer

U.S.S. "J.F. BUTNER" Escorts) }

"HAWKESBURY" arrived Madang 1430K/26 from Milne Bay.

"GOULBURN" } arrived Manus 0600K/26 escorting 2 M.V's from Hollandia.

P.C. 1121 }

"BROOME" arrived Milne Bay 0907K/27 from Brisbane.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Milne Bay 1310K/27 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "VARUNA" (MTB Tender) arrived Manus 1300K/26 from Green Island.

U.S.S. "ALBIREO" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1245K/26 E.T.A. San Francisco 20/9.

U.S.S. "INDUS" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 0800K/26 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/28.

U.S.S. "MIDAS" (Store Ship) departed Manus 0800K/26 E.T.A. Sek Harbour 1200K/27.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1140^A/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/29.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) departed Manus 0700K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/28.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Manus 1630K/25 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/26.

U.S.S. "PORTUS" (MTB. Tender) arrived Dreger 0537K/27 from Aitape.

YMS. 335 } arrived Milne Bay 1037K/26 from Cairns.

S.C. 698 }

S.C. 734 }

S.C. 737 E.T.D. Milne Bay 1300K/27 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/29.

M.L. 803 arrived Milne Bay 1430K/27 from Port Moresby.

HMML. 1321 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/25 from Langemak.

"GERARD" E.T.D. Milne Bay 0930K/26 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/28.

"POTRERO" departed Milne Bay 0630K/27 E.T.A. Oro Bay A.M. 30/8.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Port Moresby 1320K/27 from Thursday Island.

"BALLARAT" arrived Darwin 1717K/27 escorting T.D. 68.

"INVERELL" departed Thursday Island 1630K/25 escorting TD. 69 E.T.A. Darwin 1500K/28.

M.L. 825 departed Thursday Island 0900K/27 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1600K/29
thence Milne Bay.

YMS. 48 departed Cairns 0851K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/29.

YMS. 314) arrived Cairns 1353K/27 from Milne Bay.
YMS. 336)

"KURUMBA" arrived Townsville 1412K/27 from Brisbane.

M.L. 811 arrived Gladstone 1000K/27 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "DARTER" (Submarine) E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/28 for exercises off Caloundra Head returning P.M. 28th.

"WHYALLA" E.T.D. Caloundra now 1700K/27 E.T.A. Wide Bay bay 0900K/28.

U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammunition Ship) arrived Brisbane 0649K/27 from Sydney.

P.C. 1122 E.T.D. Caloundra 2300K/27 E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/1/9.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 0910K/27 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

"DOOMBA" arrived Sydney 1105K/27 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (Transport) departed Port Phillip 1131K/27 E.T.A. Los Angeles 1100K/12/9.

"ALLENWOOD" arrived Westernport 1615K/27 from Melbourne.

F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (Sloop) departed Fremantle 1730K/27 E.T.A. Colombo 2100K/9/9.

"NIGERIA" departed Colombo 2230K/25 escorting HMS "MAIDSTONE" (S/M Tender) and "DUNOTTAR CASTLE", "NIGERIA" and "MAIDSTONE" E.T.A. Fremantle 0830K/5/9.

SUBMARINE SIGHTED BY YP. 288 (26/8). (Approx. 30-M. west of Cape Wessell).

"BALLARAT" reports that she was in the position (approx. 30 Miles west of Cape Wessell) indicated by YP. 288 at 0100K/26. No submarine was sighted by "BALLARAT". Both vessels had been informed that they would pass at that time.

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S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To:- 0900K, Sunday, 27th August, 1944.

KAPUNDA)
S.C. 744) (escorting B.G.12) departed Langemak 1810K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia
Y.M.S. 53) 0600K/28. (Y.M.S. 53 to join convoy at 1400K/26.)

U.S.S. OCTANS (Store Carrier) departed Milne Bay 1500K/25, E.T.A.
Brisbane 0300K/29.

U.S.S. WILLMARTH (D.E.) departed Milne Bay 1200K/23 E.T.A. Treasury
Island 1000K/25.

U.S.S. WACHAPREAGUE (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. Dreger Harbour 1200K/25 E.T.A.
Mios Woendi 0900K/30.

BUNDABERG)
P.C. 1131.) arrived Langemak 0816K/25 from Madang.

U.S.S. HENRY T. ALLEN (USNT) arrived Milne Bay 1750K/25 from Torokina.

HAWKESBURY departed Milne Bay 0500K/25, E.T.A. Madang 1430K/26.

U.S.S. SEA KONK (Tanker) arrived Madang 1100K/24 from Langemak.

U.S.S. CHILDS) (Seaplane Tenders) E.T.D. Manus Island 1100K/26,
U.S.S. W.B. PRESTON) E.T.A. Funa Futi A.M. 1st September, thence proceed
to Pearl Harbour.

U.S.S. ELKHORN (Gasolene Tanker) departed Langemak 2100K/23 E.T.A.
Humboldt Bay 1001K/25.

U.S.S. CARTER HALL (Mechanised Artillery Transport) towing 2 L.C.T.'s and
escorted by U.S.S. ABARENCA, departed Manus Island 1703K/25 for Langemak.
S.C. 732)

U.S.S. CHEPACHET (Tanker) departed Manus Island 0830K/26, E.T.A.
Hollandia 1200K/27.

GASCOYNE escorting U.S.S. WRIGHT (Seaplane Tender) departed Manus Island
0700K/25, E.T.A. Mios Woendi 0700K/27.

U.S.S. MURZIM (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0620K/26 E.T.A. Langemak
1800K/27, thence Madang.

S.C. 748 departed Manus Island 0625K/26 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. Raven
Channel 1400K/26.

L.S.T. 699 arrived Tutuila 24th August.

H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY (Tug) E.T.D. Madang 1400K/25, E.T.A. Milne Bay 2000K/29.

Y.M.S. 314) departed Milne Bay 1400K/25, E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/27.
Y.M.S. 336)

U.S.S. HIDASTA (Fleet Tug) (towing Y.R.D.H. 5 and Y.R.D.M. 5) departed
Espiritu Santo 0900K/26, E.T.A. Manus Island 0300K/5 Sept.

H.D.M.L. 1321 departed Langemak 1100K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay 2200K/25.

COOTAMUNDRA)
KIAMA) arrived Madang 1717K/24 from Hollandia.
GLADSTONE)

Y.M.S. 53 escorting L.C.T. 1136 departed Langemak 0636K/25, E.T.A.
Alexishaven 0700K/26.

U.S.S. VENT (Salvage Vessel) departed Manus Island 0830K/26, E.T.A.
Guadalcanal 1700K/30.

H.D.M.L. 1338 departed Madang 0030K/25, E.T.A. Hollandia 0400K/27.

M.L.802 arrived Langemak 2147K/22nd from Madang.

LATROBE) arrived Cairns 0816K/26 from Langemak.
STRAHAN)

U.S.S. SONOMA (Fleet Tug) departed Cairns 0959K/26 for Mackay to take in tow two barges for Milne Bay, E.T.A. Mackay 0800K/27, E.T.D. to be signalled.

Y.M.S. 73 arrived Cairns 1238K/26 from Milne Bay.

WAGGA E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/28, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/30.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Tanker) en route Brisbane to Milne Bay diverted Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/27.

M.L.424 departed Gladstone 0600K/26, E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/28 (Anchoring night at Hervey Bay).

U.S.S. ANDREW DORIA (Fleet Tanker) E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/26 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/30.

U.S.S. POLLUX (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/26, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/29.

WHYALLA (escorting A.L.C.40) E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/26 to Wide Bay Bar, E.T.A. 0900K/27. Whyalla, then returns to Brisbane.

L.S.T. 993 E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/27 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0830K/1st September (for O/R to Madang).

ESMERALDA (N.A.P.) departed Newcastle 0814K/26 for Coff's Harbour.

COOMBAR departed Sydney 1058K/26, E.T.A. Hobart a.m. 30th August.

U.S.S. MIZAR (Store Ship) arrived Sydney 0649K/25 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. LYNX (U.S.N. Cargo Ship) departed Sydney 0922K/26 for Pearl Harbour and San Francisco. E.T.A. at Pearl Harbour 11th Sept.

<u>U.S.S. PHOENIX</u> (C.R.) CTF.75)	}	departed Sydney 0947K/26, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/30 for fuel. E.T.D. Milne Bay 1600K/30, E.T.A. Manus Island 1200K/1st.
<u>H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA</u> (C.R.)		
<u>U.S.S. D.D. BEALE</u>	}	XX. H.M.A.S. ARUNTA returned to Sydney arriving at 1507K/26 for docking and repairs to the starboard stern tube bearing (Estimated time for this work being 4 to 5 days).
" " <u>BACHE</u>		
" " <u>HUTCHINS</u>		
" " <u>MULLANY</u>		
" " <u>ABNER READ</u>		
<u>H.M.A.S. ARUNTA</u> XX.	}	
" <u>WARRAMUNGA</u>		

U.S.S. BOISE (C.R.) departed Sydney 1607K/26 to join T.F.75.

MILDURA departed Port Adelaide 0930K/25, E.T.A. Fremantle 1630K/30.

U.S.S. GENERAL ANDERSON arrived Port Melbourne 1331K/26 from Bombay.

SHEPPARTON arrived Thursday Island from Survey Grounds (Booby Island) at 1750K/26 to refuel.

H.N.M.S. MERBABOE departed Merauke at 1900K/25 for Eilanden River and patrol.

BUNBURY arrived Onslow 1830K/25 and departed for Darwin 0800K/26, E.T.A. 0800K/31.

Port Director Langemak reports explosion occurred in No. 4 hold of "JOHN CALHOUN" (Merchant Ship) at 1930K/23, whilst berthed at Finschaven. Vessel badly holed at the waterline and was consequently beached at Madan Islands. One known casualty. (231401Z August)

District Officer at Daru reports one oar painted blue over green branded "MATAFELE" and two life boats were found near Old Mawatta about 6th August. One other life boat found at Kubira Kiwai, boat was the same colour as the oar.

(Extract from N.O.I.C. Port Moresby's 252240Z/August).

Y.P. 288 reported sighting unidentified submarine in position 11°10' S, 135°45' E. Admiralty A/F message originated by N.O.I.C.(D) at 252350Z/August.

- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Store Ship) departed Calcutta 0400Z/23 S.T.A. Sydney
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1015K/24 from Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" escorting } departed Milne Bay 1700K/24 S.T.A.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Tanker) } Langemak 1930K/24.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } (Escorts) departed Milne Bay 1500Z/23
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } S.T.A. Bougainville Harbour 1100K/24.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Coastguard vessel) arrived Milne Bay 1000K/24.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" en route Langemak - Cairns S.T.A. 0900K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" escorting U.S.S. "WILSON" and U.S.S. "WILSON" departed Torokina 0800K/23 S.T.A. Milne Bay 0700K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Store Ship) S.T.A. Calcutta 1200K/23 S.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Store Ship) arrived Sapitua Santa 1150K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" arrived Torokina 1700K/23 departed Milne Bay 2500K/23 S.T.A. S.T.A. 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" departed Pt. Moresby 1200K/23 S.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 0700K/23. To conduct investigation at Ferguson Point (see footnote to Narrative).
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } escorting U.S.S. "WILSON" departed Cairns 0800K/24 S.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/24.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } S.T.A. 1100K/24.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" departed Cairns 0800K/23 S.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" departed Townsville 0340K/23 S.T.A. Brisbane 1150K/23 (Calling Gladstone for fuel and water S.T.A. 0600K/23) U.S.S. "WILSON" arrived Gladstone at 0700K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } U.S.S. "WILSON" Calcutta 1200K/23 S.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } S.T.A. 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" } S.T.A. 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" S.T.A. Calcutta 1200K/23 for Milne Bay S.T.A. 1200K/23.
- U.S.S. "WILSON" (Store Ship) departed Sydney 1200K/23 for Brisbane S.T.A. 1200K/23.

To 0900K/Saturday, 26th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (Gunboat) departed Santo 1200K/24 E.T.A. Tulagi 1200K/26.
 "GOULBURN" } (Escorting 2 M.V.'s) departed Humboldt Bay 1700K/24 E.T.A.
 P.C. 1121 } Seeadler Harbour 1600K/26.

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (U.S.N.T.) en route San Francisco to Milne Bay E.T.A. China Strait 0800K/29 August.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Manus Island 1400K/24 from Langemak.

"SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) E.T.D. Madang 1400K/25 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2000K/29.

U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (HOSPITAL SHIP) arrived Manus Island 0935K/24.

"GYMPIE" arrived Madang 0625K/24 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Caloundra 0400K/25 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/26.

"BUNDABERG" E.T.D. Madang 2000K/24 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/25.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" Departed Milne Bay 0600K/25 to tend navigational aids Jombard Ent. on completion to proceed to Langemak.

U.S.S. "MURZIM" (Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1015K/24 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. S.C. 732 escorting } departed Manus Island 1700K/23 E.T.A.
 U.S.S. "ABARENDA" (Tanker) } Langemak 1800K/25.

U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON" } (Seaplane Tenders) departed Milne Bay 1530K/22
 U.S.S. "CHILDS" } E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 1100K/24.

U.S.S. "SHAWNEE" (Coastguard vessel) arrived Milne Bay 1030K/24.

"LATROBE" en route Langemak - Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/26.

YMS.147 escorting U.S.S. "JAGUAR" and YOG.33 departed Torokina 0800K/25 E.T.A. Tulagi 0700K/27.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/29.

LST.1018 (Com.Group 23), 618, 919 and 1025 arrived Espiritu Santo 1152K/25.

U.S.S. P.C. 584 arrived Torokina 1730K/25 departed 2115K/25 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Munda 1200K/26.

M.L. 803 departed Pt. Moresby 1330K/25 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M. 27th/8. To conduct investigation at Paramana Point (See footnote to Narrative).

YMS.335) escorting L.C.I.341 departed Cairns 0800K/24 E.T.A. Milne
 S.C. 698) Bay 1100K/26.
 S.C. 734)

M.L. 811 departed Cairns 0825K/25 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/29.

M.L. 424 departed Townsville 0345K/22 E.T.A. Brisbane 1159K/28 (Calling Gladstone for fuel and water E.T.A. 0600K/25th) M.L.424 arrived Gladstone at 0745K/25.

P.C. 1122(S)) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/31.
 P.C. 1119)
 P.C. 476)

"COWRA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/26 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/30.

U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammo. Ship) departed Sydney 1400K/25 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/27.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0845K/25 from Smoky Cape Patrol.

"COOMBAR" E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/26 for Hobart.

HMML.1329 arrived Sydney 1214K/25 from Melbourne (for O/R to Darwin).

"INNISFAIL" arrived Sydney 1022K/25 from Broken Bay.

"URALBA" departed Townsville 0630K/25 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0630K/31.

"MORESEY" arrived Darwin 1357K/24 from Townsville.

M.L.809 (escorting 1 M.V.) arrived Darwin 1853K/24 from Snake Bay.

YP.288 departed Darwin 0806K/24 for Milne Bay via Thursday Island
E.T.A. destination 1500K/31. E.T.A. at Booby Island 0700K/28.

"PARKES" arrived Thursday Island 0440K/25 from Darwin escorting 1 M.V.

M.L. 813 E.T.D. Thursday Island 27th August for Darwin.

N.C.I.C. Pt. Moresby reports considerable flotsam including tinned meat, biscuits, rubber, glass, jugs, oil drum fuel tank, tin trunk 1 door and a quantity of timber on beach at Paramana Point (80 miles East of Pt. Moresby) (240653Z) M.L. 803 enroute Pt. Moresby to Milne Bay to investigate and report. (250303Z/Aug).

HMML.1326 returned to Thursday Island from BOICU with three (3) survivors of crashed aircraft. Search was conducted along reefs for missing personnel with negative results, search being abandoned after ship struck reef which apparently caused no damage. Natives at BOICU have agreed to make a thorough search for the missing men (250210Z and 221038).

R.A.A.F. reports 6 ships in approximate position $06^{\circ}04'S$, $125^{\circ}23'E$ course $240^{\circ}20K(?)$ at 1125K/25th. (NOIC (D) 250415Z) Convoy attacked by R.A.A.F. aircraft in position $04^{\circ}43'S$, $125^{\circ}23'E$. at 1148K/25. Convoy taking evasive action. One 6000 ton merchant ship sustained possible 3 direct hits and was left smoking heavily. A submarine surfaced about half a mile away and fired at the aircraft then submerged. This aircraft also reports sighting a possible submarine in position $02^{\circ}20'S$, $127^{\circ}34'E$ at 0938K/25 (N.O.I.C. (D) 251235Z/Aug).

U.S.S. "WILLMARTH" (Destroyer Escort) reported/0345K/25 August reported that when in position $08^{\circ}50'S$, $154^{\circ}27'E$, challenged a merchant ship which gave no recognition signal. When challenged a second time, the merchant ship opened fire. WILLMARTH did not return fire as the merchant vessel was probably friendly. This was evidently the case as the position given by WILLMARTH is about 12 miles from where "MARCUS DALY" reported at 0324K/25 having fired at a surfaced enemy submarine.

To 0900K/Friday, 25th August, 1944. Brisbane.

- ✓ "WESTRALIA" departed Torokina 1500K/24 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0500K/26.
 U.S.S. "HENRY T. ALLEN" (Transport) departed Torokina 1500K/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/25.
- ✓ "LATROBE") departed Langemak 1720K/22 E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/26.
 ✓ "STRAHAN")
- ✓ "BUNDABERG" arrived Madang 1240K/24 from Hollandia E.T.D. 2000K/24 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/25.
 U.S.S. "MIDAS" (Store Ship) arrived Manus 1100K/23 from Langemak.
 U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Langemak 1730K/23 E.T.A. Manus 1530K/24.
- ✓ "HAWKESBURY" arrived Milne Bay 0907K/24 from Sydney.
LST. 746 departed Tituila 0900K/23 E.T.A. Finschhafen 3/9 thence Manus.
YMS. 314 arrived Milne Bay 1400K/23 from Langemak.
S.C. 737 arrived Milne Bay 1600K/23 from Langemak.
S.C. 744 returned Langemak 1536K/23 with engine trouble.
MSL. 701 arrived Milne Bay 1437K/23 from Port Moresby.
M.L. 802 departed Langemak 1829K/23 E.T.A. Madang 1030K/24.
YMS. 73 departed Milne Bay 1800K/24 E.T.A. Cairns 1530K/26.
 U.S.S. "WITTER" (Destroyer.) departed Green Island 0530K/21 E.T.A.
 U.S.S. "VARUNA" (MTB. Tender) Manus 1330K/26.
 U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. Santo 1200K/24 E.T.A. Tulagi 1200K/26, Treasury 0700K/29.
- ✓ "MORESBY" arrived Darwin 1357K/24 from Townsville.
M.L. 807 departed Darwin 0742K/22 escorting "LORINNA" calling at neighbouring islands.
M.L. 429 arrived Darwin 1307K/24 from operations.
YP. 288 departed Darwin 0806K/24 E.T.A. Booby Island 0700K/28 - Milne Bay 1500K/31.
- ✓ "BALLARAT" departed Thursday Island 0800K/24 escorting T.D. 68 E.T.A. Darwin 1730K/27.
"GUMLEAF" departed Thursday Island 0926K/23 for Port Moresby.
M.L. 825) arrived Thursday Island 1510K/24 from Cairns.
M.L. 813)
- M.L. 811 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/25 E.T.A. Caloundra 0800K/29.
 U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) departed Townsville 1330K/24 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0600K/27.
"URALBA" E.T.D. Townsville 0630K/25 E.T.A. Caloundra 0630K/31.
 U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0259K/24 from Milne Bay E.T.D. Caloundra 0400K/25 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/26.
"KURUMBA" departed Brisbane 1330K/24 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0430K/29.

"YONETTA" arrived Sydney 1040K/24 from Brisbane.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0912K/23 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

P.C. 1122) E.T.D. Caloundra 2000K/25 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/31.
P.C. 1119)
P.C. 476)

LST.910 arrived Brisbane 1650K/24.

YP.286 departed Fremantle 1415K/24 for Exmouth Gulf.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (Transport) E.T.D. Bombay 31/8 for Melbourne.

"LAUNCESTON") E.T.D. Colombo to arrive at Addu Atoll about 1/9 thence
"BATHURST") to proceed Fremantle in company with tanker "EUROPE".

SUBMARINE SIGHTINGS SOLOMON SEA.

S.S. "SELMA VICTORY" en route San Pedro to Finschhafen (17 knots) reported 2 torpedoes fired at her at 1700K/24 while in position 40 miles east of Pocklington Reef (east of Louisades).

S.S. "MARCUS DALY" en route San Pedro to Finschhafen (11 knots) at 0408K/24 reported that she was firing at an enemy surfaced submarine in position 75 miles east of Woodlark Island.

(Note: these two positions are 190 miles apart).

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S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

to 0900K/Thursday, 24th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "CAPE ESPERANCE" (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1200K/23
E.T.A. Finschhafen 1730K/25.

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON") (Seaplane Tenders) arrived Milne Bay
U.S.S. "CHILDS") 1100K/22 from Darwin - departed 1530K/22
E.T.A. Seeadler 1100K/24.

U.S.S. "CALABARES" (Store Ship) E.T.D. San Francisco 0500K/23 E.T.A.
Manus 13/9.

U.S.S. "GENERAL R.L. HOWSE" (Transport) departed Pearl Harbour 0600K/22
E.T.A. Finschhafen 1/9.

"BUNDABERG" E.T.A. Madang 1230K/24 from Hollandia.

"SWAN") arrived Langemak 0946K/23 from Madang.

"DELOIRINE")

"WOLHAMPTON")

"BARCOO")

"BARCOO") departed Langemak 1201K/23 to escort U.S.S. "OHION" (S/M
"SWAN") Tender) to Mios Woendi. On return to Hollandia "SWAN" to
come under operational control of P.D. Hollandia.

U.S.S. "EUSCUMMANA" (Tanker) departed Lae 1008K/22 E.T.A. Dreger 1400K/
22.

U.S.S. "VENT" (Salvage Vessel) arrived Manus 0800K/22 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "TRIMWOOD" (Net Tender) arrived Manus 0800K/22 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "LARK" (Tug) departed Madang 1810K/21 with tow E.T.A. Hollandia
1500K/23.

U.S.S. "PORTUS" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. Aitape 1000K/23 E.T.A. Dreger
1900K/25.

S.C. 744 arrived Langemak 1520K/20 from Manus.

"GELONG") departed Langemak 1800K/21 escorting B.G. 11 E.T.A. Hollandia

S.C. 637) 0600K/24.

S.C. 744)

S.C. 749)

P.C. 1121 arrived Langemak 1721K/22 from escorting U.S. Submarine.

S.C. 737 departed Langemak 0636K/22 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/22 thence
Cairns.

S.C. 742 departed Langemak 1616K/22 arrived Madang 0830K/23. On arrival
Hollandia to come under operational control P.D. Hollandia.

YMS. 314 departed Langemak 1746K/21 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/23 thence
Cairns.

HMML. 1074 E.T.D. Madang 0600K/23 E.T.A. Aitape 1200K/24.

"POTREBO" arrived Milne Bay 1837K/22 from Port Moresby.

HMML. 1326 departed Thursday Island 0140K/23 to search for crashed
aircraft vicinity Turu Cay. Later instructed to proceed
Boigu to bring survivors to Thursday Island.

"KALCOORLIE") departed Thursday Island 0900K/22 for M/S operation.

"PIPIE")

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 23rd August, 1944.

"GASCOYNE" arrived Madang 0915K/20 from Hollandia.

"SWAN" E.T.D. Madang 1600K/21 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/22.

U.S.S. "MATANIKAU" (Auxiliary A/C Carrier) arrived Finsch Harbour 1228K/22 from Espiritu Santo.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1350K/21 E.T.A. Brisbane 0100K/24.

U.S.S. "SILVER BELL" (Net Tender) towing YOG.19) departed Manus Island
U.S.S. "CUAPOW" (Fleet Tug)) 1300K/21 - E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1100K/24

M.L. 802 departed Milne Bay 1230K/21 - E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/22 (thence Madang).

U.S.S. "OYSTER BAY" (MTB. Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1100K/21 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "SCULPTOR" (?) departed Milne Bay 1420K/19 arrived Langemak 0600K/21.

V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" arrived Milne Bay 0745K/22 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "DEMPSEY" (Destroyer) escorting LST.124 arrived Torokina
U.S.S. "STADFIELD" ") 0830K/22.

YMS. 336 arrived Milne Bay 1607K/22 from Madang.

YMS. 53 escorting LCT.1136 - departed Milne Bay 1300K/22 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/24.

"WAHREGO" E.T.D. Aitape 1830K/23 E.T.A. Hollandia 0630K/24.

"SPRIGHTLY" arrived Madang 1300K/21 from Hollandia.

"MUNDABERG" } escorting GB.9 departed Biak 20th/8 for Hollandia.
"COOTAMUNDRA" }
"GLADSTONE" }

"TOWNSVILLE" } escorting GB.10 departed Hollandia 21/8 for Sorido.
"LITHGOW" }

P.C. 1121 departed Langemak 0446K/22 to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "GUAVINA" and escort through Vitiaz Strait.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Thursday Island 1428K/21 from Cairns.

"URALBA" (Con. Min/Vsl.) E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/23 from Thursday Is.

U.S.S. "GOLDSTAR" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 2300K/22 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0830K/27 (thence Sek. Harbour via Finschhafen).

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" (Fleet Tanker) E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0830K/28.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/23 E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/24.

"BROOME" E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/27.

"GUNBAR" (Gate Vessel) departed Sydney 1130K/22 E.T.A. Pt. Kembla 1830K/22.

U.S.S. "WARD" (Destroyer) (C.T.D. 22.) } departed Sydney 1509K/22
" " "KILTY" " } E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/27.
" " "CROSBY" " }
" " "HERBERT" " }
" " "SCHLEY" " }

"MILDURA" departed Pt. Melbourne 0830K/22 E.T.A. Port Adelaide 0600K/24.

"PARKES" (escorting D.T. 75) departed Darwin 0511K/22 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0630K/25.

Q.S.3. (U.S. Army Crash Boat Aground at Arlington Reef).

At 1831K/21 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that Q.S.3 was not seriously damaged, proceeding Cairns piloted by M.L. 811. E.T.A. 1100K/22.

SEARCH FOR CRASHED AIRCRAFT.

HDML.1326 to search west of long. 142°20'E to vicinity Turn Again Island for crashed aircraft. Area to be covered by aircraft during daylight 23rd and will direct HDML.1326 and two R.A.A.F. launches (N.O.I.C. Merauke's - 221038Z/August).

- "LAURENCE" departed Darwin 1000K/21
- U.S. Submarine "USS Gato" departed Darwin 1000K/21 near 12°07'S, 133°01'E
- U.S.S. "T-28" (Destroyer) departed Purvis Bay 1400K/21 E.T.A. Darwin Bay 1800K/21
- U.S.S. "USS Murre" (Tender) departed Milne Bay 0800K/21 E.T.A. Townsville 1300K/21
- U.S. 381 (escorting R.A.A.F.) departed Longmak 1500K/20 E.T.A. Scauder Harbour 0700K/21
- U.S.S. "USS Murre" (Destroyer) departed Darwin 0800K/21 E.T.A. Longmak 1500K/21
- U.S. 737 on route Longmak - arrived E.T.A. 0800K/21 (24 hours' late)
- U.S. 71 (Tide Oil) departed Longmak 0800K/20 - E.T.A. Scauder Harbour 1300K/21
- U.S.S. "USS Murre" (Salvage Vessel) departed Longmak 0700K/20 E.T.A. Scauder Harbour 1300K/21
- U.S.S. "USS Murre" (Salvage Vessel) arrived Cairns 0800K/21 from Milne Bay.
- U.S. 471 arrived Brisbane 0710K/21 from Sydney.
- U.S. 285 arrived Brisbane 0800K/21 from Padang.
- "FARRARBOUL" departed Sydney 0510K/21 on A/S patrol.
- "MURRAY" (towing assistance lighter) arrived Sydney 0810K/21 from Robert, with "JUBILEE" (NAP) in company.
- "MURRAY" (escorting "PETER HILVERTON" U.S.A.) departed Darwin 0800K/21 to position (U) 21°30'S, 113°32'E E.T.A. position (U) 1900K/23 "MURRAY" detaches at position (U) proceeds to GBRLOW to fuel - E.T.A. 0800K/23 - thence direct to Darwin.
- "LAVINIA" (escorting - 01.74) departed Darwin 0450K/19 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0500K/21
- U.S. 282 (escorting I.S.V.) - departed Darwin 1500K/20 E.T.A. Mook Bay 0600K/21
- "SERRANON" arrived Thursday Island 1450K/21 from Townsville (Moosee Islet Island).

0900K/Tuesday, 22nd August, 1944.

U.S.S. "JOHN RODGERS" (Destroyer) (Comdesron.25).) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo
 U.S.S. "RINGGOLD" (Destroyer) (Comdesdiv.50)) 0700K/22 - E.T.A.
 U.S.S. "SCHROEDER")) Humboldt Bay
 U.S.S. "SIGSBEE") (Destroyers).) 1200K/27.
 U.S.S. "HARRISON"))
 U.S.S. "MCKEE"))

"BENDIGO") (escorting BG.10) departed Mangemak 1800K/18 E.T.A.
 "TOWNSVILLE") Humboldt Bay 0800K/21.

"GASCOYNE" departed Madang 1630K/20 E.T.A. Manus Island 1200K/21.

U.S.S. "JAMES E. CRAIG" (DE.201) arrived Milne Bay 1846K/20 from
 Torokina.

U.S.S. "WIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Finsch Harbour 1300K/20, arrived
 Milne Bay 0930K/21, E.T.D. Milne Bay 1300K/21 for Brisbane
 E.T.A. Caloundra Head 0400K/24.

"LAURABADA" departed Mangemak 0936K/21 - E.T.A. Madang 1000K/22.

U.S. Submarine "SEA WOLF" position at 0600K/22 near 22°07'S. 156°02'E.

U.S.S. "LANG" (Destroyer) Comdesdiv.4) departed Purvis Bay 1430K/21 E.T.A.
 Humboldt Bay 0800K/25.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0830K/21 E.T.A. Townsville
 2200K/22.

S.C. 981) (escorting N.A.43) departed Langemak 1500K/20 E.T.A. Seeadler
 YMS.52) Harbour 0700K/22.

U.S.S. "EMERY" (Destroyer)) departed Torokina 0930K/21 E.T.A. Lunga
 escorting LCI's.223 and 336) 0600K/23.

S.C.737 en route Madang-Langemak - amended E.T.A. 0800K/21 (24 hours' late

YO.77 (Yard Oiler) departed Langemak 0830K/20 - E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour
 1800K/21.

U.S.S. "VENT" (Salvage Vessel) departed Langemak 0900K/20 E.T.A. Seeadler
 Harbour 0800K/22.

U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage Vessel) arrived Cairns 0835K/21 from Milne Bay.

LST.471 arrived Brisbane 0713K/21 from Sydney.

LST.993 arrived Brisbane 0937K/21 from Madang.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 0915K/21 on A/S patrol.

"COOMBAR" (towing ammunition lighter) arrived Sydney 0911K/21 from
 Hobart, with "JESTER" (MAP) in company.

"BUNBURY" (escorting "PETER SYLVESTER" U.S.A.) departed Darwin 0829K/21
 to position (G) 21°20'S. 113°52'E E.T.A. position (G) 1900K/25
 "BUNBURY" detaches at position (G) proceeds to ONSLOW to
 fuel - E.T.A. 2359K/25 - thence direct to Darwin.

"INVERELL" (escorting - DT.74) departed Darwin 0458K/19 E.T.A. Thursday
 Island 0930K/22.

M.L.809 (escorting 1 M.V.)- departed Darwin 1549K/20 E.T.A. Snake Bay
 0400K/21.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Thursday Island 1454K/21 from Townsville (thence
 Booby Island).

HMML.1322) departed Merauke 0700K/21 for Eilanden River patrol.
HMML.1323)

"KLIPFONTEIN" AGROUND AT JOMBARD PASSAGE -

U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage Vessel) instructed by COMSERV 7TH FLEET to proceed to assistance of "KLIPFONTEIN" aground N.W. entrance to Jombard Passage. (T.O.O. 210419Z AUG).

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" at present with "POINT SAN PEDRO" (aground at Ipoteto Reef, Cape Vogel) to proceed Jombard Passage to assist "KLIPFONTEIN" (N.O.I.C. N.G. 210257Z). and P.D. Milne Bay's 210607Z AUG).

"KLIPFONTEIN" reports being off reef and proceeding at 2205K/21, and requests permission to divert to Milne Bay to check damage to ship, apparently water tight. (211205Z/Aug).

Q.S.3. (U.S. Army Crash Boat) aground 18 miles North of Cairns (Arlington Reef) will attempt to clear position at 1000K/22, require pilot to proceed into Cairns. (T.O.O. 210915Z/Aug).

M.L. 811 should arrive Arlington Reef from Cairns at 1600K/21 to render assistance. (N.O.I.C. Cairns 210510Z.Aug.).

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E.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Store Ship) E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/20 E.T.A. San Francisco 11/2.

"ALBATROSS" departed Merauke 1100K/19 E.T.A. Langkat 1900K/20.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/20 from Port Moresby.

E.C. 731 departed Madang 1800K/19 E.T.A. Langkat 0800K/20.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Langkat 0800K/20 from Milne Bay.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Langkat 0800K/20 from Honus.

E.C. 732 departed Langkat 1200K/19 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/20 thence Hollandia.

E.C. 733 departed Madang 1800K/19 E.T.A. Hollandia 2100K/20.

E.C. 734 arrived Langkat 0800K/19 from Madang.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Madang 1800K/19 from Fremantle.

"ALBATROSS")

"ALBATROSS" arrived Madang 1800K/19 escorting "W. PROBERT" from Port Moresby.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Madang 1800K/19 escorting "W. PROBERT".

"ALBATROSS") arrived Madang 1800K/19 from Thursday Island.

"ALBATROSS")

"ALBATROSS" (s/s) arrived Merauke 1100K/20 from patrol.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Thursday Island 0700K/20 escorting "W. PROBERT".

"ALBATROSS") arrived Thursday Island 0700K/20 from Merauke.

"ALBATROSS") proceed to carry out operation "ALBATROSS", thence "ALBATROSS" to Tomsville, "ALBATROSS" to Cairns.

E.C. 421 departed Cairns 1700K/19 arrived Tomsville 0700K/20 for cargo routing to Brisbane.

E.C. 422 arrived Cairns 0700K/19 departed 1100K/20 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/20.

To 0900K/Monday, 21st August, 1944.

"WESTRALIA" E.T.A. Alexishafen 26/8 E.T.D. 27/8 for Aitape in company with "KANIMBLA" and "MANOORA".

"WARREGO" departed Seeadler 1300K/18 for Hermit Island.

"ARARAT" departed Manus 1500K/19 escorting "JOHN HOPE" E.T.A. Emirau 0600K/20.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" (Seaplane tender) departed Langemak 1515K/19 E.T.A. Seeadler 1600K/20.

U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage Vessel) arrived Milne Bay 0840K/19 from Manus.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 0840K/19 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "LARK" (Tug) departed Langemak 1300K/19 with tow E.T.A. Madang 1300K/20.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Survey Vessel) arrived Milne Bay 1009K/20 from Dreger.

U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (MTB. Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1230K/20 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Manus 1630K/19 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1100K/20.

U.S.S. "FRIDANUS" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Milne Bay 1200K/20 E.T.A. San Francisco 11/9.

"MERKUR" departed Manus 1130K/19 E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/20.

M.L. 802 arrived Milne Bay 1137K/20 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 737) departed Madang 1800K/19 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/20.
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YMS. 52 arrived Langemak 0656K/18 from Milne Bay.

E.C. 732 arrived Langemak 2349K/17 from Manus.

S.C. 749 departed Langemak 1516K/19 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/20 thence Hollandia.

S.C. 743 departed Madang 1800K/19 E.T.A. Hollandia 2100K/21.

S.C. 742 arrived Langemak 0946K/19 from Madang.

"HORSHAM") arrived Darwin 1327K/20 from Fremantle.
"CASTLEMAINE")

"PARKES" arrived Darwin 1819K/20 escorting "W. PROUSE" from West Bay.

"BUNBURY" arrived Darwin 1429K/20 escorting T.D. 67.

"ECHUCA") arrived Darwin 1748K/19 from Thursday Island.
"BANGALOW")

HMMS "RINDJANI" (M/S) arrived Merauke 1155K/20 from patrol.

"BOWEN" arrived Thursday Island 0550K/20 escorting D.T. 73.

"KALGOORLIE") arrived Thursday Island 0950K/20 from KILHOP. To
"PIRIE") proceed to carry out operation KILCOASTER, thence
"KALGOORLIE" to Townsville, "PIRIE" to Cairns.

M.L. 424 departed Cairns 1731K/19 arrived Townsville 0700K/20 for onward routeing to Brisbane.

LST. 468 arrived Cairns anchorage 2230K/19 departed 1145K/20 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/22.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0850K/20 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "CERO" (S/M) arrived Brisbane 0550K/20 from patrol.

"PHOENIX"	"AMMEN"	}	E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/26 E.T.A. China Strait
"BOISE"	"MULLANY"		0900K/30 E.T.D. Milne Bay 1600K/30.
"AUSTRALIA"	"ABNER READ"	}	E.T.A. Manus 1200K/1/9.
"BEALE"	"DALY"		
"BACHE"	"ARUNTA"	}	
"HUTCHINS"	"WARRAMUNGA"		

"HAWKESBURY" departed Sydney 2355K/19 E.T.A. China Strait 0700K/24.

U.S.S. "FRATHEN" (Destroyer) departed Sydney 0840K/20 E.T.A. Purvis Bay 0800K/24.

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Melbourne 0800K/22 E.T.A. Adelaide 0600K/24 E.T.D. 0800K/25 E.T.A. Fremantle 1600K/30.

HMS "NIGERIA"	}	E.T.D. TRINCOMALEE 25/8 to rendezvous with "DUNOTTAR"
HMS "MAIDSTONE"		CASTLE" (bound Colombo to Melbourne) with escort
(S/M Depot Ship)		to vicinity Fremantle. "NIGERIA" and "MAIDSTONE" then to proceed to Fremantle.

KLIPFONTEIN AGROUND -

"KLIPFONTEIN" (10,544 tons) en route Langemak to Brisbane (122 personnel) reported herself aground at 0130K/21 on reef on N.W. side of Jomard Entrance (Louisiades). Has 12 deg. list and requires assistance.

"POINT SAN PEDRO" (aground Ipoteto Reef near Cape Vogel) has Naval tug and Liberty Ship standing by. Vessel heavily aground amidships; Naval tug has not sufficient power and wire hawser from Liberty ship is broken. "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" should have arrived at Ipoteto Reef at 1900K/20.

U.S.S. "ABARENDA" (Tanker) departed Langemak 1430K/19 for Seeadler but engines broke down. Returned Langemak 1700K/20 in tow of U.S.S. "WHIPPOORWILL" and LT. 227.

Q.S.3. (U.S. Small Craft).

L.T. 225 departed Brisbane 1255K/14 towing QS. 3 and 4 barges due Rinschhafen 28/8. At 1030K/20 LT.225 reported while in position about 50 miles north Cairns, that QS.3 was proceeding Cairns under own power. At 2019K/20 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that a message had been picked up from QS.3 that she was aground about 18 miles north of Cairns and required immediate assistance. NOIC Cairns despatched ML.811 at 2345K/20 to investigate.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 20th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "ROCHAMBEAU" (Transport) departed San Francisco 0700K/18
E.T.A. Milne Bay 4/9.

"KANIMBLA") at Alexishafen until 24/8 then at Aitape until 15/9.
"MANOORA")

"VENDETTA" arrived Milne Bay 0907K/19 from Oro Bay - Departed 1630K/19
E.T.A. Caloundra 1430K/22.

U.S.S. "J. E. CRAIG" (Destroyer) E.T.D. Torokina 1400K/19 E.T.A. Milne
Bay 1600K/20.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" (Seaplane Tender) arrived Langemak 2030K/17 from Milne
Bay.

"GEELONG" departed Langemak 2330K/17 to escort U.S. S bmarine "SEA WOLF"
through Vitiaz Strait. Arrived Langemak 1706K/18.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Langemak 1626K/17 from Madang.

"ARARAT") departed Manus 0600K/18 escorting H.M. STEPHENS to
S.C. 744) Hollandia.

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Survey Vessel) departed Dreger 0600K/18 for
IPOTETO light.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Manus 1600K/19 E.T.A. Finschhafen
1000K/20. Milne Bay 0900K/21 - Caloundra 0400K/24.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) departed Manus 0835K/19 E.T.A. Langemak
0800K/20.

U.S.S. "ABARENDA" (Tanker) arrived Langemak 0930K/18 from Noumea.
Departed 1820K/18 E.T.A. Manus 1400K/20.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) departed Langemak 0900K/18 E.T.A. Milne
Bay 1000K/19.

P.C. 1121) departed Milne Bay 1230K/18 E.T.A. Langemak P.C. 1121 at
S.C. 648) 1400K/19, S.C. 648 at 1800K/19.

S.C. 735 departed Langemak 1121K/19 E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/21.

HDML.1074 departed Milne Bay 0500K/19 E.T.A. Oro Bay 0200K/20,
Langemak A.M.21/9, Madang P.M.22/9 - Aitape P.M.23/9.

YMS.53 arrived Milne Bay 1527K/18 from Cairns.

M.L. 802 departed Port Moresby 1130K/19 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1030K/20.

HDML.1326 arrived Thursday Island 0959K/18 from Cairns.

U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON") Seaplane Tenders) arrived Darwin 1416K/17 from
U.S.S. "CHILDS") Fremantle - Departed 0753K/18 E.T.A.
Thursday Island. 0730K/20 - Milne Bay 1830K/21.

"KOOKABURRA") arrived Darwin 1538K/18 from Millingimbi.
M.L. 815)

"GLENELG" arrived Cairns 0808K/19 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 750 arrived Cairns 1216K/18 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 805 arrived Cairns 1540K/19 from Thursday Island.

"MORESBY" departed Townsville 1226K/19 E.T.A. Darwin 1700K/24.

"WHYALLA" arrived Brisbane 0457K/19 from patrol.

U.S.S. "MURZIM" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1130K/19 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0600K/24.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0930K/19 from patrol.

"COOMBAR" arrived Twofold Bay 0300K/19 to adjust tow - E.T.D. 1500K/19 E.T.A. Sydney 21/8.

"COWRA" departed Port Phillip 1216K/19 E.T.A. Caloundra 1700K/24.

"MILDURA" arrived Port Phillip 0933K/19 from Sydney.

F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (Sloop) departure Fremantle delayed until 27/8 owing to engine defect.

"BATHURST") anticipated will arrive Fremantle about 15/9 to
"LAUNCESTON") refit in Adelaide and Fremantle respectively.

OPERATION KILHOP completed 19/8. 45 mines swept of which 3 exploded in sweep.

BARGES ADRIFT

"TANCRED" reported having recovered barges adrift off Barrenjoey - E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/19.

POINT SAN PEDRO (Aground on Ipoteto reef near Cape Vogel)

Latest reports state that strong S.E. wind and heavy seas and swell have made position dangerous. Towing assistance urgently required.

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TO 0900K/19TH AUGUST, 1944.

WARREGO departed Hermit Is. 1215K/18 for Madang. (YMS. 393 calling YMS. 316 Hollandia for stores and mail.)

VENDETTA departed Oro Bay 0906K/18, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/19.

U.S.S. HUSH (DD) dep. Tulagi 1402K/17 E.T.A. Seadler Hbr. 0830K/20.

U.S.S. LONG (DD. 399) ETD Tulagi 18th Aug. for Humboldt Bay.

AATOOMBA departed Langemak 1700K/17 arrived Madang 0700K/18.

TOWNSVILLE arrived Langemak 1100K/17 from Madang.

H.D.M.L. 1375 E.T.D. Milne Bay 24th Aug. for Sydney.

U.S.S. SILVER BELL (Net Tender) (towing YOG. 19) departed Manus Is. 1405K/17
U.S.S. UAFOW (Fleet Tug)) ETA at Mios Woendi 1200K/20.

U.S.S. CABLE (Salvage Vessel) departed Manus Island 072K/17 for Cairns.
E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0600K/21.

MIRCHGROVE PARK (and tow) arrived Madang 0900K/18 from Milne Bay.

U.S. SUB. "SEA WOLF" enroute N.C. Area to Brisbane position at 0600K/20 -
11° 32' S. 154° 42' E. SOA. 13-5K.

S.C. 744 (esc. 1 M.V.) departed Langemak 1320K/18 ETA Seadler Hbr. 0600K/18.

S.C. 637 departed Manus Island 1110K/17 ETA Langemak 1800K/18.

LST. 742 (SO), LST. 910 ETD Balboa 1400K/20, ETA Sydney 27th August.

LST. 1017 ETD Espiritu Santo 1300K/15 ETA Manus Is. 0500K/23rd.

M.S. 701 (Motor Store Lighter) arrived Pt. Moresby 1001K/18 from Thursday Island.

U.S.S. NATAIKAU (Aux. A/C Carrier) dep. Santo 0830K/18 ETA Finsch Hbr. 0600K/22.

M.L. 424 arrived Cairns 1418K/18 from Thursday Island.

SHEPPARTON departed Townsville 1132K/18 for survey grounds (vicinity Booby Is.) ETA 1500K/21 (anchoring at night).

M.L. 813 departed Townsville 2211K/17 arrived Cairns 1418K/18 for fuel and stores thence Thursday Is. and Darwin.

MORESBY arrived Townsville 1548K/18 from Sydney (for onward routing to Thurs. Is. and Darwin).

U.S.S. CHUX (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0930K/18 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. ORION (Sub. Tender) departed Caloundra 1200K/19 ETA Mios Woendi a.m. 27th Aug.

DOOMBA E.T.D. Brisbane for Sydney 24th Aug. (subject to satisfactory trials)

U.S.S. EURYALE (Sub Tender) ETD Caloundra 1330K/20 ETA Fremantle 1200K/28.

MILWAUKEE departed Sydney 1220K/17 ETA Melbourne 1200K/19.

WARRHAMBOOL arrived Sydney 0924K/18 from Brisbane.

To 0900K/Friday, 18th August, 1944.

"GASCOYNE" (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Manus Island 0745K/17 - E.T.A. Hollandia 0900K/18.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Manus Island 0946K/17 from Finschhafen.

"GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 0600K/17 E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/19.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Milne Bay 1600K/16 arrived Langemak 1100K/17.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0720K/16 E.T.A. Brisbane 1730K/20.

"MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) arrived Manus Island 0815K/16 from Langemak.

U.S.S. YP.504 departed Madang 2100K/16 E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/19.

"WARREGO") E.T.D. Hermit Island approximately 21st August for Madang.
YMS.316) (YMS.393 to be sailed to Hollandia for stores and Mail).
YMS.393)

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay 1445K/16 E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/18.

S.C. 732 departed Manus Island 1300K/17 E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/17.

YMS.52 departed Milne Bay 1500K/16 E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/18.

LCI. Group 45 - L.C.I.'s 612, 613, 615, 586, 688, 980, 983, 1000, 1001, 1064, 1065 and 999 arrived Seeadler Harbour 0800K/15.

APC.5 arrived Manus Island 1350K/16 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "CARTER HALL" (LSD.3) departed Espiritu Santo 1251K/16 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1400K/21.

U.S.S. "PHOBOS" (Cargo Ship) departed Balboa 2359K/15 E.T.A. Finschhafen 19th September.

HML.1074 E.T.D. Milne Bay 18th August, E.T.A. Manus Island 23rd August.

LCI's 618 (S.O.) 616, 617, 619, 687 and 689 arrived Noumea at 1444K/18.

"GUNLEAR" departed Cairns 1601K/16 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500K/21. (Anchoring at night).

"BUTTONWOOD" arrived Cairns 1209K/17 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 825 arrived Cairns 1025K/17 from Townsville.

"MORESBY" E.T.A. Cape Cleveland now 1400K/18 - from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (MTB. Tender) E.T.D. Brisbane 2030K/17 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/20.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0910K/17 on A/S patrol.

"SEPAL" departed Port Melbourne 0900K/17 E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/18.

U.S.S. "CHILDS") (Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Darwin A.M.17th

U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON") E.T.A. Milne Bay A.M.19th.

"URALBA" (Con.M/Tender) departed Thursday Island 0920K/16 E.T.A. Townsville 1830K/22.

M.L. 424 departed Thursday Island 1624K/16 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/18 (Anchoring at night).

"KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island at 0700K/16 for minesweeping operations. "PIRIE")

"ECHUCA" (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Thursday Island 1237K/16 E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/20.

M.L. 805 departed Thursday Island 2322K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/19.

S.S. "NARRABEEN" (Small Wooden Steamer) belonging to the British Phosphate Commission aground off Geraldton.

The Phosphate Commission have requested that ROBANOR (N.A.P.) be made available to run stores between Pelsart Island and Geraldton for 3 trips (approximately duration 3 weeks). N.O.I.C. Geraldton is being instructed to make "ROBANOR" available for these duties. Navy Department is to be reimbursed by the Phosphate Commission.

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"[Faint text]" (Yankee) departed Longbeach 1300K/15 E.T.A. Humboldt 1300K/15.

"[Faint text]" (Tug) arrived 184K/14 from Longbeach.

"[Faint text]" arrived Ore Bay 1800K/15 from Milne Bay departed 0700K/15 E.T.A. Fitzroy 0100K/17.

S.G. 742 arrived Longbeach 1800K/15 escorting U.S.C.

S.G. 752 departed Milne Bay 1800K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/15.

"[Faint text]" departed Milne Bay 1800K/15 E.T.A. Longbeach 0800K/17.

"[Faint text]" departed Port Moresby 0800K/15 E.T.A. Milne Bay 22/5.

"[Faint text]" departed Thursday Island 0700K/15 for operation KILSOP.

S.L. 312 arrived Thursday Island 0800K/15 from Port Moresby - departed 1800K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/15.

"[Faint text]" departed Thursday Island 0800K/15 E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/15.

"[Faint text]" } departed Thursday Island 1800K/15 E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/20. "[Faint text]" }

S.L. 302 departed Thursday Island 1800K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/15.

S.L. 302 departed Cairns 0700K/15 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/15.

S.L. 302 arrived Cairns 1800K/15 from Milne Bay.

"[Faint text]" departed Cairns 1800K/15 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1300K/17.

S.L. 302 departed Cairns 1800K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/17.

"[Faint text]" arrived Cairns 1800K/15 from Milne Bay.

S.L. 302 (S.A. Tug) arrived Brisbane 0800K/15 from Cairns.

S.L. 302 (S.A. Tug) departed Brisbane 0800K/17 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/17.

"[Faint text]" S.A. Tug Sydney 0800K/17 for Milne Bay.

"[Faint text]" (S.A. Tug) arrived Newcastle 1800K/15 from Sydney.

"[Faint text]" arrived Melbourne 1800K/15 from Fremantle and calls for Sydney 0800K/17.

"[Faint text]" - at 0800K/17 when in position 30 miles S.E. of

Milne Bay "MILNE & BULLOCK" (military ship) bound Brisbane to Milne Bay, reported star shells fired across her bow. U.S.C. "MILNE" (S.A. Tug) bound Milne Bay to Brisbane could have been in vicinity.

To 0900K/Thursday, 17th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "GENERAL JOHN POPE" (Transport) E.T.D. San Francisco 0500K/15
E.T.A. Milne Bay 29/8.

U.S.S. "WILLOUGHBY" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. San Francisco 0500K/16
E.T.A. Manus 4/9.

U.S.S. "CARTER HALL" (L.S. Dock) E.T.D. Santo 120 K/16 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1400K/21.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Finschhafen 1300K/16 E.T.A. Manus 0600K/17.

U.S.S. "CHEPACHET") (Tankers) arrived Langemak 0800K/15 from Milne
U.S.S. "SALAMONIE") Bay.

U.S.S. "ARAYAT" (Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1503K/14 from Oro Bay.

U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" (Tanker) departed Langemak 1330K/15 E.T.A. Humboldt 0900K/18.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Lae 1845K/14 from Langemak.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Oro Bay 1950K/15 from Milne Bay departed 0700K/16 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0100K/17.

S.C. 749 arrived Langemak 1330K/15 escorting GB.6.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay 1445K/16 E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/18.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Milne Bay 1600K/16 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/17.

"POTRERO" departed Port Moresby 0656K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 22/8.

"PIRIE" departed Thursday Island 0700K/16 for operation KILHOP.

M.L. 424 arrived Thursday Island 0900K/16 from Port Moresby - departed 1624K/16 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/18.

"URALBA" departed Thursday Island 0920K/16 E.T.A. Townsville 1830K/22.

"ECHUCA") departed Thursday Island 1237K/16 E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/20.
"BANGALOW")

M.L. 805 departed Thursday Island 1322K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/19.

YMS. 53 departed Cairns 0715K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/18.

YMS. 71) arrived Cairns 1401K/16 from Milne Bay.
S.C. 738)

"GUMLEAF" departed Cairns 1601K/16 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500K/21.

M.L. 825 departed Cairns 1647K/16 E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/17.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns 1036K/16 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "EURYALE" (S/M Tender) arrived Brisbane 0653K/16 from Manus.

U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Brisbane 2030K/17 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/20.

"HAWKESBURY" E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/17 for Milne Bay.

"ESMERALDA" (N.A.P.) arrived Newcastle 1550K/15 from Sydney.

"NEPAL" arrived Melbourne 0957K/16 from Fremantle and sails for Sydney 0900K/17.

"SAMUEL K. BARLOW" - At 0045K/17 when in position 90 miles S.E. of

Lihou Reef "SAMUEL K. BARLOW" (Liberty Ship) bound Brisbane to Milne Bay, reported star shells fired across her bows. U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) bound Milne Bay to Brisbane could have been in vicinity

To 0900K/Wednesday, 16th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "SALAMAUA" (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Langemak 1400K/14 E.T.A. Santo 0800K/18.

"KAPUNDA") departed Langemak 1800K/14 escorting BG.9 E.T.A. Humboldt.
"LITHGOW") 0600K/17.
S.C. 731)

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Madang 0500K/15 to R.V. BG.9 at 1200K/15.

"GLENELG" departed Langemak 0855K/14 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0001K/16 for onward passage to Cairns.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1300K/15 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1100K/16 - E.T.D. 1400K/16 for Manus.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) arrived Langemak 0800K/14 from Port Moresby departed 1300K/14 E.T.A. Lae 1800K/14.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Langemak 2030K/14 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/16.

S.C. 981 departed Manus 0922K/14 escorting A.N.39 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/16.

"SAN PABLO") departed Manus 0922K/15 E.T.A. Woendi 0300K/18.
S.C. 748)

YMS. 71) departed Milne Bay 1200K/14 E.T.A. Cairns 1400K/16.
S.C. 738)

P.C. 1121 arrived Milne Bay 0230K/15 from Brisbane.

S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay 1437K/14 from Langemak.

S.C. 735) arrived Langemak 0800K/15 from Madang.
S.C. 744)

S.C. 731) arrived Langemak 1101K/13 from Milne Bay.
S.C. 742)

"POTRERO" arrived Port Moresby 1200K/15 with "KOOLBURY" (both 3 days' overdue from Thursday Island).

M.L. 424 departed Port Moresby 1730K/14 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/15.

LST. 1017 E.T.D. Santo 1300K/16 E.T.A. Manus 0500K/24.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" (Survey Ship) arrived Thursday Island 1050K/14 departed 1030K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/17.

"KALGOORLIE") arrived Thursday Island 0920K/14 from operation KILBUCK
"PIRIE") E.T.D. 0630K/16 for operation KILHOP.

"ECHUCA") arrived Thursday Island 1625K/14 from Milne Bay.
"BUNBURY")

"PARKES" arrived West Bay 1745K/14 escorting "W. PROUSE" from Darwin.

"KOOKABURRA") Arrived Millingimbi 2000K/13 from Darwin.
M.L. 815)

YMS. 53 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/18.

HDML. 1326 departed Cairns 0506K/15 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/19.

"OYSTER BAY" (Seaplane Tender) } E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/16 in company
 "GUAVINA" (Submarine) } E.T.A. OYSTER BAY at Milne Bay 0900K/16

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 1103K/15 from Milne Bay.

"WHYALLA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1230K/16 for Sandy Cape patrol. Returns 0600K/19.

LST.168 E.T.D. Caloundra 0400K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/22.

"MORESBY" departed Sydney 1616K/14 E.T.A. Cape Cleveland (Townsville) 1700K/18.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney 0030K/15 from Brisbane.

"KYBRA" departed Newcastle 0010K/15 arrived Sydney 0659K/15.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0814K/15 from patrol.

"HEROS" departed Port Phillip 1647K/14 with lighter "MOMBAH" in tow E.T.A. Newcastle 1800K/19.

"COOMBAR" departed Hobart 1053K/15 towing ammunition lighter and "JESTER" (NAP) E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 21/8.

LOSS OF M.L. 430 13/8.

At 2100K/13 M.L.'s 430 and 819, while patrolling Warsa Bay (north side Biak Island) intercepted an "I" class submarine answering a signal from shore. M.L. 430 was accidentally fired on by M.L. 819 and was destroyed by resulting fires and was seen to sink 6 miles north of Warsa Bay. There were no casualties. M.L. 819 remained in the area until 0500K/14. The submarine remained surfaced during the action. There was no gunfire from the submarine, and no attack was effected on the submarine.

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U.S.S. "MORRIS" (U.S. Submarine Tender) arrived Brisbane 0950K/14 from Fremantle.

(U.S. Submarine) E.T.D. Caloundra northbound 1900K/15 approximate position 0300K/15 - 15°45'N 115°31'E.

"MORRIS" departed Sydney 0200K/15 E.T.A. Newcastle 1500K/15 (thence Coff's Harbour, Gladstone, Mackay and Townsville for onward routing to Darwin).

"MORRIS" arrived Newcastle 0730K/14 from Brisbane E.T.A. for Sydney 0900K/15 E.T.A. P.M. 15th August.

"MORRIS" (towing lighter "MOMBAH") departed Pt. Melbourne 1150K/14 E.T.A. Newcastle 1800K/19.

U.S.S. "FAVORABLE DE WAZEM" (Sleep) departed Pt. Adelaide 1815K/15 E.T.A. Fremantle 2100K/16.

"MORRIS" (escorting "MORRIS") departed Darwin 0715K/15 - "MORRIS" to escort to position (B) 21°30'N, 115°30'E, detaching that point and proceeding to Gaslow for fuel, thence Darwin. E.T.A. of position (B) 1300K/17.

"MORRIS" (escorting "MORRIS") departed Thursday Island 0600K/16 E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/16.

0900K/Tuesday, 15th August, 1944.

"WAGGA" arrived Milne Bay 1500K/13 departed Milne Bay 1200K/14 - E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/16.

"SWAN" arrived Madang 0750K/14 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0832K/14 E.T.A. Brisbane 1500K/18.

U.S.S. "ORESTES" (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Mios Woendi 1428K/14 from Langemak.

U.S. Submarine "CERO" approximate position 0600K/15 - 04°20'S. 147°50'E en route Seeadler Harbour to Brisbane.

U.S.S. "NUENDORF" (Destroyer) (escorting GB.5H) arrived Langemak 0800K/13 from Hollandia.

U.S.S. "SALAMONIE" (Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1030K/13 from Balboa.

U.S.S. "CHAPACHET" (Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1020K/13 from Balboa.

YMS. 71 } departed Milne Bay 1200K/14 E.T.A. Cairns 1400K/16
S.C. 738 }

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" (towing lighter) departed Milne Bay 1130K/14 - E.T.A. Madang 0700K/19.

PGM.6. (Motor Gunboat) escorting U.S.S. "STRATFORD" (U.S.N.T.) E.T.D. Treasury Island 0558K/14 E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1800K/15.

M.L. 424 arrived Milne Bay 0900K/12 from Langemak - departed Milne Bay and arrived Port Moresby 1026K/14.

S.C. 750 departed Langemak 0610K/13 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/14.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Townsville 2018K/13 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/15 (E.T.D. Milne Bay 1300K/15 for Rinschhafen E.T.A. 1100K/16.

U.S.S. "ORION" (U.S. Submarine Tender) arrived Brisbane 0950K/14 from Fremantle.

S. 47 (U.S. Submarine) E.T.D. Caloundra northbound 1000K/15 approximate position 0600K/15 - 26°44'S. 153°31'E.

ASR "ESMERALDA" departed Sydney 0840K/13 E.T.A. Newcastle 1500K/13 (thence Coff's Harbour, Gladstone, Mackay and Townsville for onward routing to Darwin.

"KYBRA" arrived Newcastle 0720K/14 from Brisbane E.T.D. for Sydney 0001K/15 E.T.A. P.M. 15th August.

"HEROS" (towing lighter MOMBAAH) departed Pt. Melbourne 1125K/14 E.T.A. Newcastle 1800K/19.

F.F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (Sloop) departed Pt. Adelaide 1815K/13 E.T.A. Fremantle 2100K/18.

"JUNEE" (escorting "VIRGINIAN") departed Darwin 0713K/13 - "JUNEE" to escort to position (E) 21°20'S. 113°52'E. detaching that point and proceeding to Onslow for fuel, thence Darwin. E.T.A. at position (E) 1500K/17.

"FREMANTLE" (escorting T.D.66) departed Thursday Island 0600K/14 E.T.A. Darwin 1230K/18.

MSL. 701. departed Thursday Island 1820K/14 E.T.A. Pt. Moresby P.M. 17th
(via G.N.E. Channel).

HML. 1326 E.T.D. Cairns 0500K/15 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/19
(anchoring at night).

"BALLARAT" (escorting "ISLANDER") arrived Thursday Island 0653K/14
from Merauke.

OPERATION "KILBUCK"

N.O.I.C. Townsville (T.O.O. 132314Z/8) reports
minesweeping operation "KILBUCK" completed. Total number of mines
swept 20, of which 12 exploded in sweeping.

A.S.R. Boat No. 918 "AIR CHIEF" commissioned at Sydney 1100K/12
(Skipper H.M. Manning in command).

H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" and U.S.S.S. "KOOLBURY" - overdue.

No sighting or information of these two ships since
their departure. M.S.L. 701 departs tomorrow 14th/8, for Port Moresby
and has been instructed to keep a good lookout. (N.O.I.C. Thursday
Island - 131026Z/8). "POTRERO" and "KOOLBURY" departed Thursday
Island at 0630K/7 for Port Moresby via the G.N.E. Channel their E.T.A.
being P.M. 12th/8.

R.A.A.F. launch 0313 reports sighting "POTRERO" at anchor near Bramble
Cay P.M. on Saturday 12th/8. and "KOOLBURY" near Yule Island
A.M. Sunday 13th/8. (N.O.I.C. Pt. Moresby's 140043Z/8).

DRIFTING STEEL BARGE.

N.O.I.C. Pt. Moresby reports 80 feet steel well deck
barge lost from tow by U.S. Army Tug "CARBEEN" (S.T. 18) adrift in
approximate position 30 miles south east of Dibiri Island (mouth
of Bamu River, S.W. of Port Moresby).

H.S. 202 departed Langkok 0815/15 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/15.

H.S. 203 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/15 from Langkok.

H.S. 204, 205, 206, 207 and 208 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/15 E.T.A.
arriving 1800K/15.

H.S. 209 and 210 arrived Terapina at 1800K/15.

"MAGNET" arrived Langkok 0800K/15 escorting H.S. 202.

H.S. 211 "MAGNET" (S/Vine Tender), arrived Milne Bay 1100K/15 from Sydney.

H.S. 212 and 213 departed Langkok 1030K/15 escorting H.S. 211 E.T.A.
arriving Milne Bay 1700K/15.

"MAGNET" arrived Brisbane 0810K/15 from Milne Bay.

H.S. 214 arrived Sydney 1800K/15 from Port Melbourne.

"MAGNET" E.T.A. Sydney P.M. 14th for Townsville and onward routing to
Darwin.

"MAGNET" returning to Sydney from Rocky Cape Patrol (conducting search
for barge on 20th).

H.A.F. "MAGNET" arrived Port Moresby 1400K/15 from Sydney.

H.S. 215 "MAGNET" (U.S.A.F.) departed Port Melbourne 1700K/15
E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/15 in P.V. with escort at position
"C" at 1100K/15.

To 0900K/Monday, 14th August, 1944.

H.M.S. "RAPID" } escorting U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S.N.T.) depart-
H.M.S. "ROCKET" } ed Bombay 2031K/12 E.T.A. "GENERAL ANDERSON" Pt.
 Phillip Heads 1016K/26 (Escorts to detach and proceed
 to Addu Atoll.

U.S.S. "EDMONDS" (Destroyer) (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Lunga 1000K/13
 (M.V. to Russell Island) E.T.A. Manus Island
U.S.S. "EDMONDS" 0900K/16.

✓ U.S.S. "DALY" (Destroyer) arrived Sydney 0907K/13 from Milne Bay.

✓ U.S.S. "ABNER READ" } (Destroyers) arrived Sydney 0842K/13 from
 ✓ U.S.S. "TRATHEN" } Milne Bay.
 ✓ U.S.S. "BACHE" }

"VENDETTA" } departed Madang 0515K/12 to R.V. with B.G.8 at 1200K/12
"KATOOMBA" } for Humboldt Bay.

"SWAN" departed Langemak 1500K/13 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/14.

✓ "ECHUCA" } E.T.D. Milne Bay 1330K/12 (Via G.N.E. Channel) E.T.A.
 ✓ "BUNBURY" } Thursday Island 1800K/14.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0730K/12 E.T.A.
 Brisbane 1001K/15.

"WAGGA" arrived Milne Bay 1500K/15 from Langemak.

U.S.S. "ARAYAT" (Tanker) E.T.A. East Cape 0630K/14 from Oro Bay.

"GEELONG" arrived Langemak 0915K/13 from Madang.

U.S.S. Submarine "PERMIT" arrived Brisbane 0615K/13 from New Guinea
 area.

M.L. 424 departed Milne Bay 1500K/12 E.T.A. Pt. Moresby A.M. 14th/8
 (anchoring at night) (For onward routing to Brisbane).

S.C. 750 departed Langemak 0610K/13 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/14.

S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay 1659K/12 from Langemak.

P.T.'s 332, 338, 342, 343 and 350 E.T.D. Mios Woendi 1800K/1/3 E.T.A.
 Amsterdam 1000K/14.

L.C.I.'s 26 and 27 arrived Toronkina at 1330K/13.

"GLENELG" arrived Langemak 0800K/12 escorting GB.5G.

U.S.S. "COOS BAY" (S/Plane Tender) arrived Noumea 1100K/12 from Sydney.

S.C.'s 732 and 637 departed Langemak 1030K/13 escorting N.A.41 E.T.A.
 Seadler Harbour 1730K/14.

"BENALLA" arrived Brisbane 0310K/13 from Milne Bay.

HMAL.1327 arrived Sydney 1832K/12 from Port Melbourne.

"MORESBY" E.T.D. Sydney P.M. 14th for Townsville and onward routing to
 Darwin.

"YANDRA" returning to Sydney from Smoky Cape Patrol (conducting search
 for barges en route).

N.A.P. "MISCHIEF" arrived Port Kembla 1432K/13 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (U.S.N.T.) departed Port Melbourne 1300K/13
 E.T.A. Bombay 1001K/26 to R.V. with escort at position
 "C" at 1100K/17.

F.F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (Sloop) departed Port Adelaide 1815K/13
E.T.A. Fremantle 2100K/18.

U.S.S. "CHILDS" (Seaplane Tender) departed Fremantle 2002K/12 E.T.A.
Darwin 1500K/17.

U.S.S. "WM B PRESTON" (Seaplane Tender) thence Milne Bay Manus Island
and Pearl Harbour.

H.M.S. "NEPAL" departed Fremantle 1100K/12 for Sydney via Melbourne
E.T.A. 0700K/16. E.T.A. Sydney 0959K/18.

U.S.S. YP.288 delayed at Geraldton with engine defects E.T.D. now 1000K/13
E.T.A. Darwin 22nd/8.

"HORSHAM") Departed Fremantle 2000K/12 E.T.A. Darwin 1900K/20
"CASTLEMAINE") (calling at Onslow for fuel. E.T.A. Onslow 1800K/15
E.T.D. 0900K/16.)

"PARKES" (escorting 1 M.V.) departed Darwin 1338K/13 for West Bay
E.T.A. 1830K/14.

"BALLAHAT" (escorting ISLANDER) departed Merauke 0730K/13 E.T.A. Thursday
Island 0600K/14.

U.S.S. "BUTTONWOOD" departed Dalrymple Island 1705K/13 E.T.A. Thursday
Island 1300K/14.

"PARKES") (escorting T.D.65) arrived Darwin 1630K/12 from Thursday
"INVERELL") Island.

"POTRERO" and U.S.S. "KOOLBURY" E.T.A. Pt. Moresby P.M.12th/8 from
Thursday Island - overdue.

"SWAN" arrived Langenak from Wide Bay at 0900K/13 reported operation
successful.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/13th August, 1944.

and

USS SALAMAU (Escort Carrier) arr. Dreger 1100K/12 from Espiritu.

SWAN dep. Langemak 2128K/10 to carry out bombardment of enemy positions at Wide Bay.

ROCKHAMPTON) arr. Langemak 1330K/11 from Hollandia. Dep. Langemak
DELORAINE) 2325K/11 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/12.

GOULBURN dep. Langemak 2325K/11. Arr. Madang 1000K/12.

LITHGOW arr. Langemak 1800K/10 from Madang.

GYMPIE) E.T.D. Langemak 1810K/11 escorting BG 8 E.T.A. Humboldt
S.C. 737) Bay 0800K/14.

GEBURG E.T.D. Madang 1600K/12 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/13.

WAUGA) arr. Langemak 0830K/12 from Madang.
GLEBELU)

ARARAT dep. Manus 0900K/12 escorting 1 MV E.T.A. Hollandia 0100K/14.

BENDIGO) arr. Langemak 1040K/11 from Madang.
KAPUNDA)

ECUCA) dep. Milne Bay 1330K/12 E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1800K/14.
HUMBURY)

USS POLLUX (Store Carrier) arr. Milne Bay 1010K/10 from Langemak.

USS CRUX (Store Ship) arr. Langemak 1330K/11 from Hollandia.

USS SUSCUMMANA (Tanker) dep. Port Moresby 1500K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/13.

USS TRIANGULUM (Store Ship) arr. Milne Bay 0930K/12 from Langemak.

USS ARAYAT (Tanker) E.T.D. Oro Bay 1830K/12 E.T.A. East Cape 0630 K/13.

USS WHIPPOWILL (Tug)) arr. Madang 0830K/11 with ARD 7.
S.C. 743)

S.C. 736 . E.T.D. Madang 1600K/12 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/13.

P.C. 1131. arr. Langemak 1400K/10 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 738. E.T.D. Langemak 0900K. 11. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K. 12.

S.C. 648) arr. Milne Bay 1107K/12 from Cairns.
APC 15)

S.C. 981 dep. Langemak 1900K/11 escorting 1 LCI E.T.A. Manus 0600K/13.

S.C. 732. arr. Langemak 0730K/11 from Madang.

S.C. 742. E.T.D. Madang 1500K/12 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/13.

M.L. 424 arr. Milne Bay 0900K/12 from Langemak

USS PHOENIX (Cruiser) dep. Espiritu 0500K/12 E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/15.

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MALLARAT E.T.D. Herauke 0700K/13 escorting ISLANDER E.T.A. Thursday I.S. 0600K/15.

URALBA arr. Thursday Is. 0620K/12 from Port Moresby.

BANGALOW arr. Thursday Is. 1040K/12 from Townsville.

LOWEN arr. Darwin 1722K/11 escorting 1 MV from West Bay.

USS CUCAL (S/M Rescue vessel) arr. Darwin 0857K/12 from Milne Bay.

BUOKABURRA } dep. Darwin 0845K/11 E.T.A. Millingimbi 1080K/12.
M.L. 851 }

M.L. 813 arr. Townsville 1244K/12 from Brisbane.

WARRENABOOL E.T.D. Caloundra 2359K/12 E.T.A. Broken Bay PM 14/8.

KYBRA dep. Brisbane 1300K/12 for Newcastle.

USS DACE (S/M) arr. Brisbane 0531K/12 from patrol.

USS GOLDSTAR (Store Ship) arr. Brisbane 1335K/12 from Milne Bay.

IDG 5 arr. Brisbane 0556K/12 from Sydney.

P.C. 1119 arr. Brisbane 0745K/12 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 1122 (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1615K/10 E.T.A. Longmak 080K/12.

WARD (UX) (Tugs) departed Longmak 085K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay

KILTY) 1000K/12.

CROSBY) (US Destroyer Transports) arr. Sydney 1030K/12 from Milne Bay.

MENDENT) (US Destroyer Transports) arr. Sydney 1030K/12 from Milne Bay.

CHLEY) departed 1200K/11 E.T.A. Hollandia 1705/11.

HML 1327 E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/12 from Melbourne.

COOMBAR dep. Hobart 1031K/12 towing ammunition lighter E.T.A. Sydney A.E. 18/8

BEFAL dep. Fremantle 1100K/12 E.T.A. Melbourne 0700K/16, Sydney 0959K/18

USS WILLIAM E PRESTON } (US Seaplane Tenders) dep. Fremantle 1620K/12

USS CHILDS } for Darwin (en route Pearl Harbour).

YP 286 (en route Darwin) arr. Geraldton 1000K/11 for shelter STD 1000K/12.

M.L. 812 departed Longmak 1800K/10 escorting P.L.C.T's E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/12.

"FALD" arrived Sadang 153K/10 from Nicos Soandi.

"SHEARD" arrived Milne Bay 2130K/11 from Sadang.

M.L. 814 arrived Longmak 0800K/10 from Sadang.

HML 1074 E.T.D. Milne Bay A.E. 18/8 to join "WARRENBOOL".

Y.P. 271 E.T.D. Hobart 0700K/11 E.T.A. Finchhafen 0800K/12.

M.L. 808 arrived Port Moresby 0300K/11 from Milne Bay.

"FENHASTLE" arrived Thursday Island 0342K/12 escorting Y.P. 271.

M.L. 791 arrived Thursday Island 1007K/11 from Cairns.

"MALLARAT" arrived Port Moresby 1700K/10 escorting "ISLANDER" from Thursday Is.

To 0900K/Saturday, 12th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "ROCHAMBEAU" (Transport) departed San Francisco 1100K/9
E.T.A. Milne Bay 26/8.

U.S.S. "DALY" (Destroyer) departed Milne Bay 1200K/10 E.T.A. Sydney
0900K/13.

U.S.S. "WHITNEY" (Destroyer Tender) arrived Santo 10/8.

U.S.S. "COMFORT" (Hospital Ship) arrived Langemak 8/8 from Hollandia.

"BARCOO") arrived Madang 0720K/11 from Manus.
"WAGGA")

"KATOOMBA" arrived Madang 0650K/11 from Manus.

"ARARAT" E.T.A. Manus now 0600K/11.

"KIAMA" departed Madang 1220K/10 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/12.

"BENDIGO") E.T.D. Madang 1600K/10 E.T.A. Langemak. 1800K/11.
"KAPUNDA")

"HUNBURY" arrived Milne Bay 1437K/10 from Langemak.

"ECHUCA" arrived Milne Bay 1317K/10 towing "AMOHINE" (ASR) from Langemak.

U.S.S. "PAPAW" (Tug) departed Milne Bay 1615K/10 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/12.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 0830K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay
1000K/10.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1645K/9 from Milne Bay.
Departed 2220K/9 E.T.A. Hollandia 1730K/11.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1450K/7.

S.C. 703 departed Langemak 1030K/9 escorting N.A. 40 E.T.A. Seeadler
1700K/10.

S.C. 750 departed Manus 0700K/11 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Finschhafen
1500K/12.

S.C. 732 departed Madang 1700K/10 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/11.

S.C. 731 departed Milne Bay 1300K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/13.

YMS. 336 arrived Madang 1630K/10 from Langemak.

YMS. 314 departed Langemak 1600K/10 escorting 2 L.C.T.'s E.T.A. Hollandia
1800K/14.

"WATO" arrived Madang 1525K/10 from Mios Woendi.

"GERARD" arrived Milne Bay 2130K/11 from Madang.

M.L. 424 arrived Langemak 0601K/10 from Madang.

HDML. 1074 E.T.D. Milne Bay A.M. 12/8 to join "WARREGO".

YO. 77 E.T.D. Santo 0700K/11 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0300K/18.

M.L. 803 arrived Port Moresby 0900K/11 from Milne Bay.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island 0848K/10 escorting DT. 72.

MSL. 701 arrived Thursday Island 1007K/11 from Cairns.

"BALLARAT" arrived Merauke 1700K/10 escorting "ISLANDER" from Thursday Is.

"JUNEE" arrived Darwin 1454K/11 escorting T.D. 64.

"JUNEE" } E.T.D. Darwin P.M.12/8 escorting "VIRGINIAN" to vicinity
M.L. 814 } N.W. Cape E.T.A. Onslow 19/8.

APC.1. departed Cairns 0700K/11 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/13.

HDML.1326 E.T.D. Cairns A.M.14/8 for Merauke.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Townsville 1322K/11 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 825 arrived Townsville 0755K/11 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) arrived Brisbane 1510K/11 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "COOS BAY" (Escort Carrier) departed Sydney 0757K/9 E.T.A. Noumea
A.M./12/8.

U.S.S. "GENERAL BUTNER" (Transport) arrived Melbourne 1215K/11 from San
Pedro. (en route Bombay).

"STAWELL" arrived Melbourne 1027K/11 from Sydney (for refit).

"HEROS" arrived Melbourne 1615K/10 from Sydney.

"CUMBERLAND") arrived Fremantle 1135K/11 from Trincomalee (NEPAL
"NEPAL") arrived for refit).

HMS "PORPOISE" (Submarine) arrived Fremantle 0900K/10.

BARGES ADRIFF.

N.O.I.C. Sydney reported at 1545K/11 that a tug
was being despatched from Newcastle to join "YANDRA" and take in tow
barges lost by L.T. 218. off Fort Macquarie 8/8.

U.S.S. "DUL" (Submarine) position at 0200K/11 - 23° 30' S, 152° 00' E.
Course South.

U.S.S. "FRANCO" (Gasoline Tanker) arrived Langkai 1500K/11 from Hollandia.

S.S. 527 E.T.D. Manus Island 1100K/8 E.T.A. Langkai 1800K/8.

MS. 71 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/8 from Langkai.

S.S. 528 en route Milne Bay to Fort Moresby sheltering inside reef at Iban
Island.

MS. 72 departed Milne Bay 1800K/8 - E.T.A. Langkai 0800K/10.

MS. 73 (escorting S.S. 528) departed Langkai 1400K/8 E.T.A. Scudder
Harbour 1800K/8.

S.S. 741, S.S. 742 (escorting "STRATTON" with tow) departed Langkai
1100K/8 E.T.A. Scudder Harbour 1800K/11.

MS. 122 arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0700K/10.

APC. 15 departed Cairns 0800K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/13.

S.S. 529 departed Milne Bay 1100K/10 E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/11.

U.S.S. "FRANCO" (U.S.N. Tender) arrived Brisbane 0745K/10 from
Kororua Bay.

"YANDRA" cruising with U.S.S. Submarine S. 43 off Cape Moresby.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 11th August, 1944.

"GASCOYNE" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/9 E.T.A. Manus Island 1200K/10.

"AMNER READ") Destroyers (T.U. 78.2.1) departed Milne Bay 1530K/9 -

"TRATHEN") E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/13.

"BACHE") E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/12.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Manus 1307K/9 from Hollandia.

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Madang 2200K/9 E.T.A. Langemak 1300K/10.

"MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departed Madang 2000K/5 for Hollandia.

"ARARAT" E.T.D. Madang 2200K/9 E.T.A. Manus Island 1600K/10.

P.C. 1131 departed Milne Bay 1200K/9 - E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/10.

U.S.S. "ABARENDA" (Fleet Tanker) E.T.D. Noumea A.M. 10th/8 for Manus Is.
(via Finschhafen) E.T.A. Manus Island 19th/8.

"FREMANTLE" (escorted D.T. 72) arrived Thursday Island 0848K/10 from Darwin.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Fleet Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1230K/9 - E.T.A.
Port Moresby 0800K/10.

"VENDETTA" arrived Madang 1800K/9 from Humboldt Bay.

U.S.S. "ARAYAT" (Tanker) arrived Oro Bay 0515K/9 from Langemak. (Thence
Milne Bay.

L.S.T. 697 amended E.T.A. and destination 1900K/13 at Seeadler Harbour
from Noumea.

U.S.S. "PERMIT" (Submarine) position at 0600K/11 - $19^{\circ} 30' S$, $156^{\circ} 10' E$
Course South.

U.S.S. "DACE" (Submarine) position at 0600K/11 - $22^{\circ} 26' S$, $156^{\circ} 05' E$.
Course South.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Gasolene Tanker) arrived Langemak 1600K/9 from Hollandia.

S.C. 637 E.T.D. Manus Island 1110K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/9.

YMS. 71 arrived Milne Bay 1600K/9 from Langemak.

M.L. 803 en route Milne Bay to Port Moresby sheltering inside reef at Abau
Island.

M.L. 424 departed Madang 1600K/9 - E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/10.

YMS. 70) (escorting N.A. 39) departed Langemak 1400K/6 E.T.A. Seeadler
S.C. 440) Harbour 1300K/11. 0600K/8.

S.C. 741, S.C. 746 (escorting "STRATFORD" with tow) departed Langemak
1100K/9 E.T.A. Seeadler Harbour 1300K/11.

HMML. 1326 arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0730K/10.

APC. 15) departed Cairns 0601K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/12.
S.C. 648)

M.L. 825 departed Wide Bay A.M. 8th E.T.A. Townsville 0900K/11.

U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (M.T.B. Tender) arrived Brisbane 0748K/10 from
Espiritu Santo.

"WARRNAMEOOL" exercising with U.S.S. Submarine S. 47 off Cape Moreton.

U.S.S. "HOISE" (Cruiser)) Arrived Sydney 0748K/10 from
 U.S.S. "BEALE") Milne Bay.
 U.S.S. "MULLANY") (Destroyers) }
 H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA")

U.S.S. "LYNX" (Cargo Ship) arrived Sydney 0828K/10 from Brisbane.

HMML.1327 departed Port Melbourne 1924K/10 E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/12.

"BALLARAT" (Escorting "ISLANDER") departed Thursday Island 1810K/9
 arrived Merauke 1700K/10.

"KALGOORLIE" } departed Thursday Island on M/S operations at 0900K/10.
 "PIRIE" }

Departed Longwek 1800K/9 for Milne Bay (E.T.A. not given).

"ARRIVED" arrived Longwek at Hollandia.

"ARRIVED" arrived Milne Bay from Townsville at 1200K/9.

U.S.S. "OLYMPIA" (Stores Ship) departed Milne Bay 1400K/9 E.T.A.
 finished 14-11/9.

U.S.S. "SAB" 532, 536 and 538 departed Milne Bay 1000K/9 for Darwin
 E.T.A. 2800K/10.

U.S.S. "T" (Escorting U.S.M.) arrived Longwek 1500K/9 from Hollandia.
 15-11/9

U.S.S. "T" departed Longwek 0510K/9 for Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "SUB" (Submarine) approximate position 0600K/10 - 17°15'S, 156°00'E
 Course South.

U.S.S. "SUB" (Submarine) approximate position at 0800K/10 - 17°35'S,
 156°10'E Course South. (This position is an assumed one -
 Permit has reduced speed owing to engine trouble).

U.S.S. "T" arrived Cairns 1200K/9 from Cape Tribulation (40 N. of Cairns).

U.S.S. "T" E.T.A. Cairns now 0700K/10 assumed E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/10.
 U.S.S. "T"

U.S.S. "T" en route Milne Bay to Townsville assumed E.T.A. 0900K/11.

"ARRIVED" departed Townsville 0800K/9 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0700K/12
 (for onward routing to Darwin).

"ARRIVED" arrived Brisbane 0500K/9 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "T" (Auxiliary Ship) departed Sydney 0800K/9 E.T.A. Noumea
 0800K/12.

U.S.S. "T" (Auxiliary) departed Sydney 1800K/9 E.T.A. Caloundra 1600K/11

"ARRIVED" departed Sydney 0800K/9 for A/S patrol to Seaky Cape ("YANTRA"
 ordered by U.S.F.C. Sydney to proceed to approximate position
 21°25'S, 151°17'E and search area for 3 (three) barges lost
 by SS. "T" (Tug) during night of 6th August).

U.S.S. "T" (Albatross) departed Port Melbourne 1400K/9
 E.T.A. Port Adelaide 1600K/11 (for onward routing to
 Fremantle).

"ARRIVED" (A.S.) arrived Port Adelaide 0800K/9 from Fremantle (for visit).

U.S.S. "T" departed Fremantle 1100K/9 E.T.A. Darwin 1400K/10 (for
 onward routing to Milne Bay).

0900K/Thursday, 10th August, 1944.

U.S.S. "CARSON CITY" (Frigate) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 1100K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/13.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Hollandia 0900K/9 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1300K/11 (for onward routeing to Brisbane).

P.C. 1586 (escorting 1 M.V.) E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1100K/9 (escort to detach after 24 hours, M.V. to proceed to Finschhafen unescorted).

"COLAC" departed Langemak 1730K/8 E.T.A. Madang 0900K/9 (for boiler clean).

"KIAMA" departed Langemak 1830K/7 for Madang (E.T.A. not given).

"BUNBURY" arrived Langemak 2015K/7 from Hollandia.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Milne Bay from Townsville at 1030K/9.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Carrier) departed Milne Bay 1450K/8 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1400K/9.

L.S.T's 562, 666 and 740 departed Espiritu Santo 1000K/9 for Seeadler Harbour E.T.A. 0500K/17.

YMS. 70) (escorting GB.5B) arrived Langemak 1800K/5 from Hollandia.
YMS. 314)

YMS. 71 departed Langemak 0615K/8 for Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "DACE" (Submarine) approximate position 0600K/10 - 17°13'S. 156°06'E
Course South.

U.S.S. "PERMIT" (Submarine) approximate position at 0600K/10 - 15°35'S.
155°50'E Course South. (This position is an amended one - Permit has reduced speed owing to engine trouble).

M.L. 811 arrived Cairns 2230K/8 from Cape Tribulation (40 N. of Cairns).

APC. 15) E.T.D. Cairns now 0700K/10 amended E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/12.
S.C. 648)

M.L. 825 en route Brisbane to Townsville amended E.T.A. 0900K/11.

"BANGALOW" departed Townsville 0801K/9 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0700K/13
(for onward routeing to Darwin).

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Brisbane 0528K/9 from Sydney.

U.S.S. "SAN GAY" (Ammunition Ship) departed Sydney 0657K/9 E.T.A. Noumea 0600K/12.

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) departed Sydney 1655K/9 E.T.A. Caloundra 1600K/11

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0905K/9 for A/S patrol to Smoky Cape ("YANDRA" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed to approximate position 31°35'S. 153°17'E and search area for 3 (three) barges lost by L.T. 218 (Tug) during night of 8th August).

F.F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (Sloop) departed Port Melbourne 1430K/9 E.T.A. Port Adelaide 1400K/11 (for onward routeing to Fremantle).

"IPSWICH" (E.F.) arrived Port Adelaide 0857K/9 from Fremantle (for refit).

U.S.S. YP. 288 departed Fremantle 1100K/9 E.T.A. Darwin 1400K/20 (for onward routeing to Milne Bay).

"BALLARAT" (escorting "ISLANDER") E.T.D. Thursday Island 0400K/10 for Merauke.

"PARKES") (escorting T.D. 65) departed Thursday Island 1400K/9
"INVERELL") E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/12.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" - DAMAGE:

"INVERELL" reports damage to shell plating 3 (three) minor leaks being apparent. Dry docking considered necessary on arrival at Darwin for further examination and to effect repairs externally. (Damage caused by heavy bumping whilst alongside S.S. "CAMBERMA" at Normanby Sound (See Narrative 8/8/44) ("INVERELL"s" 080455Z).

BARGES ADRIFT.

Following received from Y.10 - Position 31° 35' S. 153° 17' course South (203°T) 5 knots. Please give plane assistance to locate 3 barges lost during night, radius approximately 40 miles (T.O.O. 090205Z). H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed to area and endeavour to locate barges (N.O.I.C. Sydney 090724Z).

- "ALMA" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/8 from Langkok.
- "MALLA" arrived Milne Bay 1700K/7 from Langkok departed 1400K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1600K/12.
- "ALIN" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/8 from Langkok.
- "MARA" E.T.O. Milne Bay 1500K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/11.
- H.M.S. "ARAY" (Tug) departed Langkok 1800K/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/8.
- H.M.S. "COLEMAN" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1400K/7 E.T.A. Brisbane 1600K/11.
- H.M.S. "MURPHY" (Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0800K/7 from Milne Sound.
- H.M.S. "CUBAN" (Submarine Rescue Vessel) departed Milne Bay 1800K/7 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1800K/8.
- H.C. 1113) departed Milne Bay 1800K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/12.
- H.C. 1112)
- H.C. 991 E.T.O. Milne Bay 1600K/8 E.T.A. Langkok 0800K/8.
- H.C. 725 arrived Milne Bay 1100K/8 from Langkok.
- H.C. 724) departed Langkok 1400K/8 escorting A.A. 23 - arrived Soodler
- H.C. 637) 0800K/8.
- H.C. 746) arrived Langkok 1800K/8 escorting A.A. 251.
- H.C. 705)
- H.L. 212 arrived Soodler 8/8 from Mitape.
- H.L. 201 departed Milne Bay 1800K/8 E.T.A. Port Moresby A.M. 8/8.
- H.C. 10 arrived Milne Bay 1700K/7 from Langkok.
- "MALLA" departed Milne Bay 0800K/8 E.T.A. Thursday Island 8/8/11/8.
- H.M.S. "ALBERTA" (Motor Carrier) arrived Guadalcanal 1800K/7 from Milne.
- H.M.I. 322, 740, 602 E.T.A. Milne 1000K/8 E.T.A. Manus 0900K/12.
- "MARRA" departed Thursday Island 0800K/8 E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/12.

10 0900K/Wednesday, 9th August, 1944.

"WARD") (U.S. Destroyer Transports) departed Milne Bay 0400K/8
 "KILTY") E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/12.
 "CROSBY")
 "HERBERT")
 "SCHLEY")

U.S.S. "DALY" (Destroyer) E.T.D. Manus 1500K/8 for Milne Bay and Sydney.

U.S.S. "REPUBLIC" (Transport) departed San Francisco 0800K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 25/8.

U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.A. Brisbane now 0600K/10.

"SWAN" (with N.O.I.C. New Guinea on board) E.T.D. Madang 1500K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/9 E.T.D. 2030K/9 to arrive Wide Bay to commence bombardment at 0630K/11. To commence retiring at 1130K/11 to Langemak.

"HUNDABERG") departed Langemak 1745K/7 escorting B.G. 7 E.T.A. Hollandia
 "GLADSTONE") 0600K/10.

"KIAMA" arrived Madang 1100K/8 from Langemak.

"BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay 1716K/7 from Langemak departed 1415K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 0400K/13.

"FALIE" arrived Milne Bay 1130K/8 from Langemak.

"GERARD" E.T.D. Madang 1500K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/11.

U.S.S. "ARAYAT" (Tanker) departed Langemak 1630K/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/9.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1400K/7 E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/11.

U.S.S. "WHIPPOORWILL" (Tug) arrived Madang 0655K/7 from Mios Woendi.

U.S.S. "COUCAL" (Submarine Rescue Vessel) departed Milne Bay 1830K/7 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1600K/9.

P.C. 1119) departed Milne Bay 1525K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/12.
 P.C. 1122)

S.C. 981 E.T.D. Madang 1600K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/9.

S.C. 735 arrived Madang 1130K/8 from Langemak.

YMS. 70) DEparted Langemak 1400K/6 escorting N.A. 39 - arrived Seeadler
 S.C. 637) 0915K/8.

S.C. 746) arrived Langemak 2000K/6 escorting A.N. 38A.
 S.C. 703)

M.L. 819 arrived Noemfoor 6/8 from Aitape.

M.L. 803 departed Milne Bay 1300K/6 E.T.A. Port Moresby A.M. 8/8.

APC.10 arrived Manus 1700K/7 from Langemak.

"URALBA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/6 E.T.A. Thursday Island A.M./11/8.

U.S.S. "ALTAMAHA" (Escort Carrier) arrived Guadalcanal 1612K/7 from Manus.

L.S.T. 562, 740, 666 E.T.A. Santo 1000K/9 E.T.A. Manus 0500K/17.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Thursday Island 0945K/8 E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/12.

"HERO" departed Thursday Island 0630K/7 E.T.A. Port Moresby P.M.12/8.

"BALLARAT" departed E.T.D. Thursday Island 0400K/10 escorting "ISLANDER" to Merauke.

M.L. 811 departed Cairns 0816K/8 for Cape Tribulation (50 miles N. Cairns on RMS duties).

M.S.L. 701 departed Cairns 0904K/8 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800K/11.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) arrived Townsville 0052K/8 from Milne Bay.

"BANGALOW" arrived Townsville 1900K/7 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "DARTER" (Submarine) arrived Brisbane 0630K/8 from patrol.

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/13 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/15 thence Fremantle via Melbourne and Adelaide.

P.C. 1121 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/15.

M.L. 813 E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/9 E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/12 thence Darwin.

U.S.S. "LYNX" (Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/8 E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/10.

U.S.S. "HUTCHINS" (Destroyers) arrived Sydney 1032K/8 from Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "AMEN"

U.S.S. "TULSA" (Gunboat) E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/9 for Brisbane.

"INNISFAIL" departed Sydney 1156K/7 for Broken Bay.

"HEPOS" departed Sydney 1038K/8 E.T.A. Melbourne 1600K/10.

"STAWELL" departed Sydney 1735K/8 E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600K/11.

YDG.5. departed Sydney 1654K/8 E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/12 thence Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "GENERAL ANDERSON" (Transport) arrived Bombay 1949K/7 from Melbourne.

M.L. 811 (Store Ship) arrived Cairns 0816K/7 from Townsville.

M.S.L. 701 E.T.A. Cairns for Thursday Island 0800K/11 August.

"BANGALOW" en route Brisbane to Townsville arrived E.T.A. 1200K/7 (11 hours early).

M.L. 813 arrived Brisbane 0600K/7 from Sydney.

M.L. 811 arrived Brisbane 0600K/7 from Gladstone.

"BANGALOW" departed Sydney 1156K/7 E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/7.

U.S.S. "BAYBURNIAN DE BRUYNE" arrived Melbourne 1115K/7 from Sydney.

"HEPOS" arrived Port Phillip 1600K/7 from Westport Bay.

"STAWELL" arrived Fremantle 0600K/7 from Port Adelaide.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Fremantle 1900K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/8.

"BANGALOW" (escorting M.L.) arrived West Bay 1000K/8 from Darwin.

"MILDURA" (escorting M.S. 701 from Darwin) arrived E.T.A. Thursday Island 1600K/8 (14 hours late).

"BANGALOW" E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800K/8 E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/11.

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U.S.S. "WACHAPREAGUE" (M.T.B. Tender) departed Espiritu Santo 0800K/6 E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/9.

U.S.S. "BOISE") (Destroyers) departed Milne Bay 1530K/6 E.T.A. Sydney
U.S.S. "MULLANY")
0800K/10.

U.S.S. "BEALE")
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA")

U.S.S. "AMNER READ") (Destroyers) (T.U.78.2.1) E.T.D. Manus Island 0300K/8
U.S.S. "BACHE")
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/9.

U.S.S. "TRATHEN")

"GASCOYNE" arrived Milne Bay 1000K/7 from Brisbane, departed 1600K/7 for Madang E.T.A. 0600K/9.

U.S.S. "SUSUUEHANNA" (Fleet Tanker) departed Lae 1650K/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1650K/8.

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) departed Langemak 1100K/6 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1300K/8.

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1340K/6 E.T.A. Townsville 0200K/8.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Langemak 1242K/2 from Milne Bay.

"MUNDABERG" departed Madang 1700K/6 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/7.

S.C. 735 (escorting 2 L.C.T.'s) departed Langemak 1001K/7 for Alexishafen E.T.A. 0700K/8.

U.S.S. "PERMIT" (Submarine) en route Brisbane approximate position 0800K/8 - 09°30'S. 154°05'E.

S.C. 743 departed Langemak 1710K/6 E.T.A. Madang 0900K/7 (for repairs).

"LAURABADA" arrived Langemak 0846K/1 from Milne Bay and departed at 0446K/2 E.T.A. Morobe 1430K/2.

M.S.L. 701 (Motor Store Lighter) arrived Cairns 0816K/7 from Townsville.

"GUMLEAF" E.T.A. Cairns for Thursday Island A.M. 12th August.

"BANGALOW" en route Brisbane to Townsville amended E.T.A. 1900K/7 (11 hours early).

M.L. 813 arrived Brisbane 0045K/7 from Sydney.

M.L. 820) arrived Brisbane 0010K/7 from Gladstone.

M.L. 804)

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 1131K/7 E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/9.

R.F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" arrived Melbourne 1115K/7 from Sydney.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip 1859K/7 from Westernport Bay.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Fremantle 0928K/7 from Port Adelaide.

U.S.S. "ORION" (Submarine Tender) departed Fremantle 1800K/6 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/4.

"BOWEN" (escorting 1 M.V.) arrived West Bay 1059K/5 from Darwin.

"FREMANTLE" (escorting D.T. 72 from Darwin) amended E.T.A. Thursday Island 1830K/9 (24 hours late).

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0900K/8 E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/12.

"POTRERO" departed Thursday Island 0630K/7 E.T.A. Port Moresby P.M.12th/8 (via G.N.E. CHANNEL).

H.N.M.S. "MERBABOE" (Aux M/S) arrived Merauke 1629K/5 from Bilanden River).

"BALLARAT") escorting "TAROONA" departed Merauke 1700K/6 E.T.A Thursday
"PARKES") Island 1200K/7. "BALLARAT" and "PARKES" arrived Thursday
Island at 1227K/7 "TAROONA" at 1108K/7.

"INVERELL" (escorting D.T. 71) arrived Thursday Island 1008K/6 from Darwin.

"JUNEE" (escorting T.D. 64) departed Thursday Island 0600K/7 E.T.A. Darwin 1230K/11.

SUBMARINE CONTACT BY H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" IN POSITION 03°27'S. 144°51'E AT 1940K/6.

"GLENELG" patrolling area until 0800K/8 - arrangements are being made for A.S.V. fitted aircraft to search area. (N.O.I.C. New Guinea's 070329Z/8.).

SIGHTING OF STAR SHELLS BY F.F.S. "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (See Narrative 6th/8).

R.A.A.F. advises that the flares were flame floats and were dropped by training aircraft from Bairnsdale in position and time indicated. (N.O.I.C. Pt. Melb's 070458Z/8.).

"CANBERRA" departed Milne Bay 1800K/8 E.T.A. Thursday Island 11/8.

Owing to weather conditions examination of "CANBERRA" impossible. Master has requested permission to proceed to Townsville where examination can be carried out. (N.O.I.C. Townsville Thursday Island 070742Z). Further report from "INVERELL". "INVERELL" received severe bumping while alongside "CANBERRA", causing minor engine defects in engine room, pumping was therefore discontinued at 2100K/7. "INVERELL" returns to harbour at 1000K/8.

"INVERELL" departed Milne Bay 1700K/8 E.T.A. Longman 0600K/7.

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"SHEPPARD" arrived Thursday Island 1400K/8 from Bramble Cay.

H.S.S. "VICTORIANO" (S.T.M. Tug) E.T.A. Espirito Santo 0300K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/8.

H.S.S. "CORONA" (Tug) arrived Cairns 1838K/8 from Milne Bay.

S.M. 542 E.T.M. Cairns 0700K/8 112 APC.15 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/13.

P.231 departed Cairns 0600K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/8.

M.S. 1221 arrived Townsville 1115K/8 from Brisbane.

S.M. 541 departed Townsville 1800K/8 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/7.

"MILWAUKEE" arrived Brisbane 0815K/8 from search for barges.

"MAYALL" arrived Brisbane 0500K/8 from Milne Bay.

S.M. 543 (on route Brisbane to Townsville) anchored South Island Bay 0500K/8 awaiting favourable weather.

S.M. 544 arrived Brisbane 0045K/7 from Sydney.

S.M. 545) arrived Brisbane 0025K/7 from Gladstone.
S.M. 546)

"HARRIS" arrived Sydney 1200K/8 from Espirito Santo.

"TASMAN" arrived Sydney 0800K/8 from patrol.

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U.S.S. "HOLLANDIA" (Escort Carrier) departed Manus 0800K/6 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 0800K/9.

"ARIADNE" arrived Milne Bay 1130K/5 from Cairns - departed Milne Bay 0630K/6 E.T.A. Seeadler 1430K/7.

"VENDETTA") departed Langemak 1946K/5 escorting 16 L.C.I's E.T.A.
"COOTAMUNDRA") HOLLANDIA 1400K/7.
"GLENELG")

"LATROBE") E.T.D. Madang 2000K/5 escorting "MERKUR" E.T.A. Hollandia
"STRAHAN") 1400K/7.

"BENDLLA" departed Madang 1755K/5 arrived Langemak 0930K/6 E.T.D. 1100K/6 for Nuakata Island thence Milne Bay E.T.A. 1900K/7.

U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Carrier) arrived Milne Bay 1300K/5 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "GOLD STAR" (Store Carrier) arrived Milne Bay 0712K/5 from Langemak

U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Carrier) departed Langemak 2130K/4 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/5 E.T.D. 1300K/6 E.T.A. Townsville 0100K/8.

U.S.S. "TEACHERY" (Net Tender) departed Langemak 1300K/4 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1600K/8.

U.S.S. "ELKHORN" (Tanker) departed Langemak 1800K/4 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 0600K/6.

"URALBA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/6 E.T.A. Thursday Island A.M. 11/8.

S.C. 732 departed Langemak 1726K/4 E.T.A. Madang 0700K/5 for repairs.

YMS. 52 arrived Milne Bay 2200K/4 from Cairns.

YMS. 316) E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/5 E.T.A. Hermit Island 1600K/6.
YMS. 393)

YMS. 71 departed Madang 1730K/6 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/7.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Thursday Island 1425K/6 from Bramble Cay.

U.S.S. "WACHARREAGUE" (M.T.B. Tender) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 0800K/6 E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/9.

U.S.S. "SONOMA" (Tug) arrived Cairns 1838K/6 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 648 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/8 with APC.15 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/10.

YP. 291 departed Cairns 0651K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/8.

HML. 1326 arrived Townsville 1211K/6 from Brisbane.

MSL. 701 departed Townsville 1321K/6 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/7.

"MILDURA" arrived Brisbane 0619K/6 from search for barges.

"WHYALLA" arrived Brisbane 0557K/6 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 825 (en route Brisbane to Townsville) anchored Double Island Bay A.M. 6/8 awaiting favourable weather.

M.L. 813 arrived Brisbane 0045K/7 from Sydney.

M.L. 820) arrived Brisbane 0010K/7 from Gladstone.
M.L. 804)

"STAWELL" arrived Sydney 1250K/6 from Townsville.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0842K/6 from patrol.

H.M.A.S. "ASSAULT" reduced to a care and maintenance basis 4th August 1944 under the command of Lieutenant-Commander (E) Nicol.???

"GLENELG" - SUBMARINE CONTACT.

At 1940K/6 "GLENELG", while escorting a straggler from a convoy of L.C.I's proceeding from Langemak to Hollandia, reported a definite submarine contact in position 42 miles north of Hansa Bay. Depth charges were dropped. "VENDETTA" (S.O. Escort) ordered "COOTAMUNDRA" to escort the straggler, and "GLENELG" was ordered to continue the attack. N.O.I.C. New Guinea issued an A.F. message at 2236K/6.

"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA"

It is now ascertained that the sighting of star shells by "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" South West of Gabo P.M. 5/8 were parachute flares dropped by aircraft training in Bass Strait area.

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- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" arrived Langemak 0300K/4 from Madang.
- U.S.S. "FARIGHT" (Supply Tug) departed New Guinea 0500K/4, E.I.A. Main Is. 0800K/10, escorted to Hollandia Bay by P.C.'s 1130 and 1204.
- H.M.A.S. "SAGE" departed Langemak 0500K/5, E.I.A. Madang 1800K/5.
- H.M.A.S. "MILNE" arrived Langemak 1840K/51 from Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "SCHUGA" arrived Langemak 1800K/4 from Solomon Sea Patrol. (Patrol to be discontinued as from 2200K/4th August.)
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA")
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA") departing Langemak to arrive Hollandia by 1900K/5
- H.M.A.S. "MILNE") for escort duties during A.G.S. to Hollandia.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")
- U.C.I.'s 610, 611, 604 and 605. departed Espiritu Santo 0300K/4 for Hansa Is.
- "LAURANAU" departed Langemak 0440K/5, E.T.A. Torobe 0020K/4.
- U.S.S. "POLARIS" (Submarine) departed Madang 1700K/4, E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/5.
- U.C.839 arrived Sape Island 1700K/4 from Russell Islands.
- U.C.705 and U.C.706 (com. A.S.100) departed Honua Is. 0800K/5, E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "FRANKLIN" (com. P.T.72) departed Darwin 0300K/5, E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1800K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "BALCHER") arrived Sorlake 1800K/4 from Milne Bay River.
- H.M.A.S. "FRANKLIN") E.T.A. Sorlake for Thursday Is. 1800K/6 (Escorting E.S. 1400K/4)

ARMY SIGNINGS

One corvette or Sub-Chaser reported by A.S.A.F. pilot in position 01°53'S, 121°15'E, Coura Bay. Last sighted 7 miles North of Sorlake Island. (N.O.I.C. Darwin's 040030Z/6)

OPERATION "PINKIE"

Operation completed. Total number of mines swept 22, of which 21 known exploded in areas. "PINKIE" now boiler cleaning in Thursday Island. "KALGOOLIE" is making final search of area. Further mine-sweeping operations ordered in A.C.S.A.'s 280754-July. Will commence on 10th August. (S.O.I.C. Townsville's 040432Z/8).

To 0900K/6th August, 1944.

H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE" (Sub. Depot Ship) E.T.D. Bombay 24th August for Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" arrived Langemak 1846K/1 from Lae.

U.S.S. "HUTCHINS" (DD) Comdesron 48 in "HUTCHINS" departed Milne Bay
U.S.S. "AMMEN" (DD) 0700K/5. E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/8.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE") Esc. "Mercur" (V.S.I.S.) E.T.D. Madang.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") 2000K/5, E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/7.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departed Hollandia 1800K/3. Arrived Madang 1100K/5.
(thence Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/14.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Arrived Manus Is. 0852K/4 from Biak.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" Arrived Langemak 0856K/4 from Madang.

U.S.S. "WRIGHT" (Seaplane Tender) departed Mios Woendi 0800K/4, E.T.A.
Palm Is. 0600K/10, escorted to Humboldt Bay by P.C.'s
1120 and 1134.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Langemak 0200K/5, E.T.A. Madang 1600K/5.

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" arrived Langemak 1842K/31 from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA") Arrived Langemak 1359K/4 from Solomon Sea Patrol.
H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE") (Patrol to be discontinued as from 2359K/4th
August.)

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA")

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA") Departing Langemak to arrive Hollandia by 7th/8th

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") for escort duties Convoy B.G.6 to Noemfoor.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")

L.C.I.'s 610, 611, 684 and 685. departed Espiritu Santo 0600K/4 for
Manus Is.

"LAURABADA" departed Langemak 0446K/2, E.T.A. Morobe 0030K/3.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Store Ship) departed Madang 1700K/4, E.T.A. Langemak
0700K/5.

S.C. 650 arrived Manus Island 1700K/4 from Russel Islands.

S.C. 703 and S.C. 746 (esc. A.N. 38C) departed Manus Is. 0800K/5, E.T.A.
Langemak 1400K/8.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" (esc. D.T. 72) departed Darwin 0503K/5, E.T.A.
Thursday Is. 1830K/8.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT") Arrived Merauke 1500K/4 from Eilanden River.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES") E.T.D. Merauke for Thursday Is. 1800K/6
(escorting M.V. TAROONA)

ENEMY SIGHTINGS

One corvette or Sub-Chaser reported by R.A.A.F. pilot in position
01°53'S, 126 12'E, Course North. Last sighted 7 miles North of Mangole
Island. (N.O.I.C. Darwin's 042355Z/8)

OPERATION "KILNICK"

Operation completed. Total number of mines swept 92, of which 31
known exploded in sweep. "PIRIE" now boiler cleaning in Thursday Island.
"KALGOORLIE" is making final search of area.

Further minesweeping operations ordered in A.C.N.B.'s 260754 July.
Will commence on 10th August.

(N.O.I.C. Townsville's 040415Z/8).

DAILY NARRATIVE.

1300K/Saturday, 5th August, 1944.

"ALTAMBA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) 21.D. Manus 1300K/4 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 1300K/7.

STAR SHELLS SIGHTED BY "SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (French Sloop en route Sydney to Melbourne. Carrier) arrived Manus 0800K/4 from Langemak.

"Savorgnan de Brazza" reports having seen 4 apparent star shells in position 40 miles South West of Gabo Island between 2020K/5 and 2140K/5.

Ship altered course to investigate and proposes to continue investigation until daylight 6th. AOR.EA. are checking on aircraft which may have been operating in the vicinity at that time as it appears most likely that the apparent star shells were signals from an aircraft on a training flight.

Amended E.T.A. of ship will be signalled later by V/S through Wilson's Promontory.

(Sig. T.O.C. 051205Z/8)

"STRANAN" arrived Langemak 0800K/8 from escorting U.S. Submarine "DART" thru N.L.O. is investigating and initiating a signal.

Y.M.S.48 arrived Cairns 1347K/5 from Milne Bay (to boiler clean ship) departed Cairns 1300K/5 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/4

Y.P.291 arrived Cairns 0821K/5 from Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" arrived Brisbane 1342K/5 from Sydney E.T.A. Milne Bay

P.C.475 arrived Brisbane 0730K/5 from Milne Bay

M.L.804 and M.L.820 E.T.D. Gladstone 1500K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A.0300K/7

M.L. 825 departed Caloundra 1309K/5 E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/5 (for onward routing to Milne Bay) 1600K/3 from Aitepa.

M.L. 820 arrived Gladstone 1445K/5 from Brisbane. (to from Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney 125K/5 from Pittwater, departs 7th August for Brisbane for exercises with submarine.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" arrived Sydney 0642K/5 from Port Kembla.

"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (French Sloop) departed Sydney 1640K/4, E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/7 thence Adelaide, Fremantle to Eastern Fleet.

M.L.813 departed Sydney 1148K/5 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0530K/7

H.M.A.S. "MURDEKIN" arrived Sydney 1527K/5 from Port Kembla.

H.T. CANBERRA. HULL DAMAGED.

Salvage Officer with 3 divers are departing Brisbane 0035K/6 for Townsville thence via Cape York to Thursday Island.

M.L. 824 arrived Gladstone 1348K/4 from Townsville.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 0607K/4 E.T.A. Pittwater 0700K/4.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1342K/4 on V/S patrol to Rocky Cape.

"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (French Sloop) departed Sydney 1640K/4 E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/7 thence Adelaide and Fremantle (for Eastern Fleet).

0900K/Saturday, 5th August, 1944.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Manus 1300K/4 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 1530K/7.

"HOLLANDIA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) arrived Manus 0822K/4 from Langemak.

"WASATCH" (U.S. Hq. Communications Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1437K/31 from Balboa. Has been instructed to hold "CAMBERRA" in Harbour pending examination of tank tops. A salvage pump is being sent by air.

"BENALLA" departed Hollandia 1800K/3 E.T.A. Madang 0900K/5 thence Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/14.

"WAGGA" (Salvage Representative) E.T.D. Manus 1330K/4 for Langemak.

"WHITNEY" (U.S. Destroyer Tender)

"SWAN") arrived Langemak 1815K/3 escorting BG.104 from Hollandia.

"LATROBE")

"STRAHAN" arrived Langemak 2013K/2 from escorting U.S. Submarine "DARTER" through Vitiaz Strait.

"GEELONG" departed Langemak 2016K/3 arrived Madang 0815K/4 (to boiler clean)

"GLENELG" departed Madang 1700K/3 escorting 1 M.V. to Langemak.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Madang 2200K/3 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/4 thence Milne Bay.

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 1200K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/5.

"ARAYAT" (U.S. Tanker) E.T.D. Madang 1600K/3 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1300K/4.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 1615K/2 from Milne Bay.

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 1600K/3 from Aitape.

"TEABERRY" (U.S. Net Tender) arrived Langemak 1130K/30 from Milne Bay.

HM.L. 1321 arrived Lae 1040K/28 from Milne Bay.

Y.P. 278 arrived Milne Bay 1630K/30 from Cairns.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Pt. Moresby 1252K/3 from Bramble Cay departed 1245K/4 E.T.A. Bramble Cay 1730K/5.

"BALLARAT") arrived Merauke 1500K/4 from Eilanden River.

"PARKES")

"FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1839K/3 escorting 2 M.V.'s from Snake Bay.

"ARIADNE" departed Cairns 0100K/4 E.T.A. China Strait 0900K/5 thence Milne Bay.

"BROOME" arrived Brisbane 1530K/4 after relief by "MILDURA" (search for barges).

M.L. 804 arrived Gladstone 1945K/4 from Townsville.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 0607K/4 E.T.A. Pittwater 0730K/4.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 1941K/4 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape.

"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (F.F. Sloop) departed Sydney 1640K/4 E.T.A. Melbourne 2000K/6 (thence Adelaide and Fremantle (for Eastern Fleet).

"PINGERA" arrived Westernport 1800K/3 from Pt. Phillip.

"IPSWICH" departed Fremantle 1800K/3 E.T.A. Pt. Adelaide 1030K/9 (to refit).

H.T. "CANBERRA" DAMAGED HULL:

At 2320K/4 N.O.I.C. Townsville requested the despatch of a salvage representative to Thursday Island to inspect the ship. N.O.I.C. Thursday Island has been instructed to hold "CANBERRA" in harbour pending examination of tank tops. A salvage pump is being sent by air from Cairns to Thursday Island in response to a report from the ship that a bad leak had developed.

Salvage Representative will proceed from Brisbane.

"BOCHOSU" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Milne Bay 1400K/2 from Cairns.

"YONKIN" (U.S. Desl. Tender)) S.T.D. Mexichafen 1800K/3 E.T.A.

"YANUORI" (U.S. Desl. Escort)) Hollandia 0700K/3.

"MOULBURN") departed Noerfoor 1500K/2 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/4.

"TOWASTON")

"SYMPLE")

"INDUS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langsack 0920K/31 arrived Milne Bay 1120K/3.

"TRAIL" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1050K/2 from Langsack.

"COLOSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Madang 1250K/1 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/2.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1445K/2 from Pt. Moresby, departed 1300K/2 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0940K/4.

"WIZARD" (U.S. Store Ship) S.T.D. Madang 2200K/3 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/4.

"SOBONA" (U.S. Tug) departed Milne Bay 0700K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/3.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tender) departed Milne Bay 1000K/2 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0800K/4.

MS. 212 departed Madang 1800K/3 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/3.

MS. 746) departed Langsack 1200K/2 escorting RA. 28 E.T.A. Manus 0600K/4.
MS. 702)

MS. 48 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/3.

MS. 477 departed Noerfoor 22/7 E.T.A. Disk 23/7.

MS. 830 arrived Langsack 2030K/2 from Manus.

MS. 732 arrived Langsack 1800K/2 escorting A.R. 37 from Kuma.

MS. 781 arrived Langsack 2040K/2 from escorting 4 L.C.I.'s to Hollandia (engine repairs).

"YANUORI" departed Millingitai/P.A./2 escorting D.E. VI E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0500K/3.

"YANUORI" arrived Cairns 1800K/3 E.T.A. 0100K/4 E.T.A. Cairns St. 0300K/3 (Change Milne Bay).

"YONKIN" arrived Milne Bay 1200K/3 from Townsville.

"YANUORI" departed Townsville 1800K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/3.

"YONKIN" departed Brisbane 1800K/3 to assist L.E. 322 to recover barges lost off Brisbane (23°18'S. 154°13'E.).

"YONKIN" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0700K/3 from Sydney.

2. REAGAN arrived Westport 1800K/3 from Ft. Phillip.

"YPSWICH" departed Fremantle 1800K/3 E.T.A. Ft. Adelaide 1000K/3 (to relief).

E.T. "CORNERA" DAMAGED HULL:

At 2300K/4 E.O.I.C. Townsville requested the dispatch of a salvage representative to Thursday Island to inspect the ship. E.O.I.C. Thursday Island has been instructed to hold "CORNERA" in harbor pending examination of tank tops. A salvage pump is being set up in from Cairns to Thursday Island in response to a report from the ship that a bad leak had developed.

Salvage Representative will proceed from Brisbane.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 4th August, 1944.

"NATANIKAU" (U.S. Escort Carrier) E.T.D. San Diego 0700K/2 E.T.A. Santo 0700K/16 thence Manus.

"HOLLANDIA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) arrived Langemak 0730K/2 from Santo.

"WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/2 E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/6.

"STRAHAN" departed Langemak 2046K/1 to R.V. with U.S. Submarine "DARTER" and escort through Vitiáz Strait.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Langemak 2300K/29 escorting 1 M.V. from Madang.

"ROCHFORD" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Milne Bay 1400K/2 from Cairns.

"DOBBIN" (U.S. Dest. Tender)) E.T.D. Alexishafen 1800K/3 E.T.A.

"NEUENDORF" (U.S. Dest. Escort)) Hollandia 0730K/5.

"GOULBURN") departed Noemfoor 2200K/2 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/4.

"TOWNSVILLE")

"GYMPIE")

"INDUS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 0930K/31 arrived Milne Bay 1125K/2.

"RAIL" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1050K/2 from Langemak.

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Madang 1630K/1 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/2.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1445K/2 from Pt. Moresby, departed 1330K/3 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0945K/4.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Madang 2200K/3 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/4.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Milne Bay 0730K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/5.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1650K/2 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0600K/4.

YMS. 313 departed Manus 1600K/3 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/5.

S.C. 746) departed Langemak 1345K/2 escorting NA. 38 E.T.A. Manus 0600K/4.
S.C. 703)

YMS. 48 E.T.D. Milne Bay 0800K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/5.

P.C. 477 departed Noemfoor 28/7 E.T.A. Biak 28/7.

S.C. 650 arrived Langemak 2036K/2 from Manus.

S.C. 732 arrived Langemak 1600K/2 escorting A.N. 37 from Manus.

S.C. 737 arrived Langemak 2046K/2 from escorting 4 L.C.I.'s to Hollandia (engine repairs).

"INVERELL" departed Millingimbi P.M./2 escorting D.T. 71 E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0530K/5.

"ARIADNE" arrived Cairns 1501K/2 E.T.D. 0100K/4 E.T.A. China St. 0900K/5 thence Milne Bay.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Cairns 1946K/2 from Townsville.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Townsville 1200K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2000K/6.

"BROOME" departed Brisbane 1630K/2 to assist L.T. 225 to recover barges lost off Brisbane (28°18'S. 154°13'E.)

"MURZIM" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0746K/3 from Sydney.

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1900K/2 to relieve "BROOME" in search for barges.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/4 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/8.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney 0749K/3 from Newcastle, departed 1719K/3 E.T.A. Brisbane 2200K/5.

"COOMBAR" departed Sydney 1444K/3 E.T.A. Hobart A.M./7.

"SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA" (F.F. Sloop) E.T.D. Sydney P.M.4 for Melbourne, Adelaide, Fremantle (thence E.F.).

"BINGERA" departed Pt. Phillip 1409K/3 E.T.A. Westernport 1800K/3.

"CASTLEMAINE" departed Adelaide 1730K/2 E.T.A. Fremantle P.M./7 (thence Darwin).

"CUMBERLAND" E.T.D. Trincomalee 1500K/3 E.T.A. Fremantle 1500K/11
"NEPAL") "NEPAL" to refit in Australia.

H.T. CANBERRA DAMAGED HULL:

At 2231K/3 N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported that "CANBERRA" (en route Red Island to Thursday Island carrying troops had sustained damage to hull when passing between Meddler and Possession Island. The Ship arrived Normanby Sound 2032K/3 and disembarked troops with assistance from "JUNEE" "PIRIE" and small craft. Extent of damage to hull is not yet known.

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"....." departed Langkai 1500K/1 escorting convoy U.S. 1001
E.T.A. Husholm Bay 1700K/4/8.

"....." departed Langkai 0800K/1 escorting 4 L.M.L.'s for Hollandia
E.T.A. 1500K/3/8.

"....." arrived Langkai 1500K/29 with convoy U.S. 1001 from Hollandia.

"....." departed Langkai 1900K/1/6 for sea returning same day.

"....." departed Langkai 0500K/1/6 to overtake and join convoy U.S. 1001 for Hollandia.

"....." departed Langkai 1100K/1/8 E.T.A. Swadlow 1200K/8.

"....." (U.S. Tug) arrived Langkai 1400K/31/7 - E.T.D. 1700K/31/7
going U.S. 15 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/4/8.

"....." (U.S. Tug) arrived Langkai 1100K/1/6.

"....." arrived Madang 0810K/31/7, from Langkai.

P.C. 473 departed Milne Bay 0800K/1/6 E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/4/8.

"....." departed Milne Bay 0450K/2 E.T.A. Langkai 1000K/2.

"....." departed Milne Bay 0700K/2 from Milne Bay.

"....." arrived Cairns 1200K/2 from Milne Bay.

"....." departed Townsville 0810K/2 E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/6.

"....." arrived Townsville 0810K/2 from Sydney.

"....." E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/2 for Townsville, E.T.A. 0800K/8.

To 0900K/Thursday, 3rd August, 1944.

"WACHAPREAGUE" (Small U.S. Seaplane tender) departed Pearl Harbour 0400K/24/7; E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 4/8 for onward routing to Brisbane.

"WAGGA" arrived Manus 1555K/1 from Langemak.

"WINK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Manus 0800K/1 for Finschhafen.

YP.240 departed Wakde 31/7 for Biak E.T.A. 1/8.

"WRIGHT" (U.S. Seaplane tender) E.T.D. Mios Woendi 0900K/4 for Langemak.

"PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) departed Mios Woendi 1000K/2 for Espiritu Santo, E.T.A. 1500K/6. "AMMEN" and "HUTCHINS" (U.S. Destroyer) to escort as far as Milne Bay.

"SWAN") departed Hollandia 31/7 escorting convoy GB.5 to Langemak.

"LATROBE")

"LITHCOW")

"KAPUNDA")

"BENDIGO")

P.C. 1119 departed Biak 31/7 for Hollandia.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Carrier) arrived Madang 1300K/30 from Manus E.T.D. Madang 1500K/2 - E.T.A. Finschhafen. 0700K/3.

"ARARAT" arrived Madang 1030K/28 from Langemak.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Madang 1300K/30 from Aitape.

"DELORAINIE") departed Langemak 1210K/31/7 escorting convoy B.G.105;
 "ROCKHAMPTON") E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1730K/2/8.

S.C. 737) departed Langemak 0936K/1 escorting 4 L.C.I's for Hollandia
S.C. 745) E.T.A. 1500K/3/8.

"GEELONG" arrived Langemak 1530K/29 with convoy G.B.102A from Hollandia.

"VENDETTA" departed Langemak 1200K/1/8 for Lae returning same day.

"BUNBURY" departed Langemak 0525K/1/8 to overtake and join convoy H.105 for Hollandia.

"ALTAMAHA" departed Langemak 1100K/1/8 E.T.A. Seeadler 1300K/2.

"RAIL" (U.S. Tug) arrived Langemak 1410K/31/7 - E.T.D. 1700K/31/7 towing APC.13 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/2/8.

"SEEKONK" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 1130K/1/8.

"GLENELG" arrived Madang 0615K/31/7, from Langemak.

P.C. 476 departed Milne Bay 0900K/1/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/4/8.

"MERKUR" departed Milne Bay 0455K/2 E.T.A. Langemak 1001K/3.

YMS. 52 departed Cairns 0744K/2 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 335) arrived Cairns 1131K/2 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 734)

S.C. 698)

"STAWELL" departed Townsville 0810K/2 E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/6.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville 0515K/2 from Sydney.

"BANGALOW" E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/3 for Townsville, E.T.A. 0600K/8.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0848K/2 from Smoky Cape A/S patrol.

YDG.5 (U.S. Degaussing Unit) which departed Sydney 1600K/31/7, for Brisbane en route for Milne Bay and Hollandia, returned to Sydney at 1115K/2/8 owing to engine defect.

"NAPIER" arrived Melbourne 1045K/2 from Fremantle, having returned from Eastern Fleet for refit.

"TAMWORTH") arrived Fremantle 1410K/2/8 from Addu Atoll, returning
"IPSWICH") from Eastern Fleet for refit.

"PASADENA" (U.S. Tanker) departed Takde 30/7 E.T.A. Aitape 30/7.

"COBURNIANA" departed Hollandia 30/7, E.T.A. Wick 30/7.

Y.S. 97) arrived Manus 1130K/31 from New Georgia (ATR. - large tug,
Y.S. 25) 100 - oil barge).

YDG 12)

"HARRIS" E.T.O. Scauder 0830K/31/7 for survey ground between Wumdu Island and Nemut Island.

YPC.11 departed Manus 0810K/31 - E.T.A. Finschhafen 1700K/2.

S.C. 742) arrived Manus 1545K/31 from Langemak with convoy S.A.37.
S.C. 837)

S.C. 732) arrived Manus 1300K/31 with convoy S.A.36, S.C. 732 and S.C. 731
S.C. 732) departed Manus 0800K/1/8 with Convoy S.A.36, E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/2/8.

"KATONDA" with M.L.'s 818, 817, 816, 819, 4261, 4281, 429 departed Madang 1300K/31 for Aitape 1300K/1/8, thence Rice Bend E.T.A. 1000K/2.

"WILIE" E.T.O. Madang 1300K/31 - E.T.A. Langemak 0300K/1/8.

"WAGA" departed Langemak 1415K/31 - E.T.A. Manus 1500K/1.

"STRAN" arrived Langemak 1500K/31 from investigating enemy activity in vicinity of Vasse Island (Arase).

"YUNCA" arrived Langemak 1400K/31 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

"ALBATRA" U.S. Aircraft Carrier arrived Finschhafen 1000K/1/8 from Espirito Santo - E.T.A. 1300K/1 for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/2/8.

"ORIENT" (U.S. M.T.B. tender) departed Milne Bay 0800K/1/8 - E.T.A. Langemak 0300K/2.

"YEMPORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Milne Bay 1110K/1/8 for Langemak 1500K/2.

"YAMA" arrived Milne Bay 0345K/31 from Cairns.

"YINER" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0600K/31 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1500K/1/8.

"YERKUP" arrived Milne Bay 0600K/31 from Brisbane.

"YANK" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1230K/31 from Manus.

"YILLARAT") departed Waraka 0800K/31 for Milne Bay River E.T.A. 1400K/2
"YAWER") to evacuate troops.

YANL.1225 arrived Waraka 0800K/1/8 from Thursday Island.

To 0900K/Wednesday 2nd August, 1944.

"HUTCHINS" } U.S. Destroyers E.T.D. Mios Woendi 1000K/2 to escort U.S.S.
"AMMEN" } "PHOENIX" to Milne Bay.

P.C. 1119 departed Noemroor 30/7 E.T.A. Hollandia 2/8.

YF.240 arrived Wakde 30/7 from Milne Bay.

"SWAN") arrived Wakde 30/7 from Biak.

"LATROBE")

"LITHCOW")

"KAPUNDA")

"PASCUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Wakde 30/7 E.T.A. Aitape 30/7.

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Hollandia 30/7, E.T.A. Biak 30/7.

YMS.97) arrived Manus 1130K/31 from New Georgia (ATR. - large tug,
ATR.25) YOG - oil barge).
YOG 19)

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Seeadler 0630K/31/7 for survey ground between Wunulu Island and Hemit Island.

APC.11 departed Manus 0610K/31 - E.T.A. Finschhafen 1700K/2.

S.C. 742) arrived Manus 1545K/31 from Langemak with convoy N.A.37.
S.C. 637)

S.C. 732) arrived Manus 1920K/31 with convoy N.A.36, S.C. 732 and S.C. 742
S.C. 738) departed Manus 0800K/1/8 with Convoy A.N.36, E.T.A. Langemak
1400K/2/8.

"KATOOMBA" with M.L.'s 816, 817, 818, 819, 4261, 4281, 430 departed Madang 1300K/31 for Aitape 1300K/1/8, thence Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1000K/3.

"FALIE" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/31 - E.T.A. Langemak 2300K/1/8.

"WAGGA" departed Langemak 1416K/31 - E.T.A. Manus 1500K/1.

"STRAHAN" arrived Langemak 1306K/31 from investigating enemy activity in vicinity of Vasse Island (Arawe).

"ECHUCA" arrived Langemak 1426K/29 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

"ALTAMAHA" U.S. Aircraft Carrier arrived Finschhafen 1001K/1/8 from Espiritu Santo - E.T.D. 1200K/1 for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/2/8.

"ORESTES" (U.S. M.T.B. tender) departed Milne Bay 0800K/1/8 - E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/2.

"COMFORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Milne Bay 1110K/1/8 for Langemak 1001K/2.

"KIAMA" arrived Milne Bay 0945K/29 from Cairns.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0600K/31 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1800K/1/8.

"MERKUR" arrived Milne Bay 0600K/31 from Brisbane.

"LARK" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1330K/31 from Manus.

"BALLARAT") departed Merauke 0600K/31 for Bilanden River E.T.A. 1400K/2
"PARKES") to evacuate troops.

HML.1323 arrived Merauke 0959K/1/8 from Thursday Island.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Port Moresby 0840K/1/8 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1230K/2.

"INVERELL" arrived Millingimbi 1430K/29 with convoy D.T. 71 - E.T.A. for Thursday Island 1530K/2/8.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Thursday Island 1045K/1/8.

"GUMLEAF" departed Townsville 1041K/1/8 - E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/2/8 - thence Thursday Island.

M.L. 804 } departed Cairns 1539K/31/7 - arrived Townsville 1215K/1/8.
M.L. 820 }

YMS. 52 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/2/8 for Milne Bay.

"ROCHFORD" (U.S. Frigate) departed Cairns 1526K/31/7 for Milne Bay.

APC. 15 arrived Cairns 1439K/31 from Brisbane.

HDML. 1326 E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/2/8 - E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/6/8, thence Merauke.

"GASCOYNE" E.T.D. Caloundra 1830K/1/8 for Milne Bay, "GASCOYNE" is to depart in company with U.S.S. "COUCAL" (U.S. Submarine Rescue Ship) and U.S. Submarines "FLYING FISH" and "FLOUNDER" "COUCAL" is to depart company of other vessels to arrive Milne Bay 1700K/6 "GASCOYNE" is to part company with submarines to arrive Milne Bay 1000K/7. Submarines are to proceed on patrol.

"KYBRA" departed Newcastle 1925K/31 for Broken Bay.

YDG. 5 (U.S. Degaussing vessel) departed Sydney 1600K/31/7 E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/4/8, thence Milne Bay and Hollandia.

"BURDEKIN" departed Sydney 0845K/30/7 for Jervis Bay for working up.

"MURZIM" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Sydney 0748K/1/8 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/3/8.

HDML. 1324 arrived Sydney 1006K/1/8 from Melbourne.

"CASTLEMAINE" E.T.D. Adelaide P.M. 2/8 for Fremantle. 1100K/1 August.

"GENERAL BUTNER" departed San Pedro 0100K/28/7 for Bombay via Fremantle.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 1st August, 1944. A/S patrol to Rocky Cape.

- "WHYALLA" arrived Milne Bay 1030K/30 from Langemak.
- "STAWELL" arrived Milne Bay 1000K/29 from Langemak (thence to Brisbane and Melbourne).
- "BUNBURY" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/30 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/31.
- "STRAHAN" departed Langemak 0202K/31 to investigate enemy activity at Vasse (near Arawe) return P.M./31.
- "GLENELG" departed Langemak 1801K/30 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/31 (repairs).
- "BUNDABERG" arrived Madang 1730K/29 from Langemak.
- "KATOOMBA" arrived Madang 1630K/30 from Langemak.
- "ECHUCA" departed Langemak 1730K/30 for Solomon Sea Patrol.
- "YUMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Milne Bay 1600K/30 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 0900K/2.
- "PAWNEE" (U.S. Tug) arrived Manus 29/7 departed 30/7 E.T.A. Guadalcanal 2/8
- "GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Sek Harbour 1730K/1 E.T.A. Langemak 1000K/2.
- "JON JIM" arrived Madang 1345K/30 from Langemak.
- "SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 0800K/29 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/1.
- "SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 0200K/28 arrived Milne Bay 0739K/30.
- "FALIE" arrived Madang 1230K/26 from Langemak and Milne Bay.
- "GERARD" arrived Madang 0700K/25 from Milne Bay.
- "SHIKELAMY" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 0905K/30 from Langemak and Hollandia.
- "SHEPPARTON" E.T.D. Bramble Cay 1700K/1 E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1100K/2.
- YMS. 335) departed Milne Bay 1100K/30 E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/1 August.
S.C. 734)
S.C. 698)
- HMML. 1321 departed Lae 1535K/30 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/31.
- S.C. 745 departed Madang 1001K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0200K/28.
- S.C. 746 departed Hollandia 28/7 escorting GB.4A. to Langemak.
- HMML. 1322 arrived Merauke 2000K/30 from Wamal.
- "JOHN HARDY" arrived Thursday Island 0840K/31 from Cairns.
- HMML. 1323 departed Thursday Island 1017K/30 E.T.A. Merauke 1400K/31.
- "BALLARAT") arrived Merauke 0600K/31 from Thursday Island E.T.D. 0600K/1
"PAKES") for Eilanden River E.T.A. 1400K/2 and return Merauke E.T.A. 0200K/5.
- "GASCOYNE" arrived Brisbane 0404K/31 from Sydney.
- "LYNX" (U.S. Cargo Ship) arrived Brisbane 0705K/31 from Milne Bay.
- "GANYMEDE" (U.S. Cargo Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 2100K/31 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/5.

to 0900K/Monday, 31st July, 1944.

"STAWELL" departed Milne Bay 1245K/29 E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/1 August (refit Melbourne).

"ORESTES" (U.S. M.T.B. Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1501K/27 from Hora Hora.

"KATOOMBA" departed Langemak 1718K/29 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/30.

"WHYALLA" departed Langemak 1400K/28 for Milne Bay thence Brisbane.

"BARCOO" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/29 E.T.A. Manus 1001K/30.

"KIAMA" departed Milne Bay 1200K/30 E.T.A. Oro Bay 0600K/31 (thence Langemak and Madang).

"MESQUITE" (U.S. Survey Ship) departed Milne Bay 1300K/30 for Langemak.

S.C. 732) departed Langemak 1410K/29 escorting NA. 36 E.T.A. Manus
S.C. 738) 1700K/31.

S.C. 637) departed Langemak 0945K/30 escorting N.A. 37 E.T.A. Manus
S.C. 742) 1800K/31.

"YUMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Langemak 1300K/28 arrived Milne Bay 1315K/29 (thence to Guadalcanal).

"WATO" E.T.D. Madang 1400K/29 towing "KOOPA" to Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1001K/3.

M.L. 801 departed Pt. Moresby 0618K/30 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M/1.

"VICTORIA" (U.S. Tanker)) departed Hollandia 28/7 arrived Biak 29/7.

"DERRICK" " ")

"VILLALOBOS" " ")

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Biak 28/7 E.T.A. Hollandia 29/7.

S.C. 703 departed Milne Bay 1100K/30 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/1 August.

"BALLARAT") departed Thursday Island 0931K/30 E.T.A. Merauke 0600K/31

"PARKES") thence Milanden River to ferry troops.

HDML.1322)

"RINDJANI" (R.N.N.M/S) departed Merauke 0600K/30 for Milanden River.

"ROCKFORD" (US..Frigate) E.T.D. Cairns 1500K/31 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/1.

M.L. 804 E.T.A. Cairns 1700K/29 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 820 E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/31 E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/1 August (thence Brisbane).

M.L. 811 E.T.D. Cairns 10th August for Brisbane.

M.L. 808 arrived Brisbane 2305K/29 from Gladstone.

"MILDURA" arrived Brisbane 1022K/30 from Gladstone.

"HAWKESBURY" departed Sydney 0750K/30 for Jervis Bay (to work up).

"KYBRA" arrived Newcastle 1359K/29 from Assault.

M.L. 823 departed Newcastle 0910K/30 arrived Sydney 1413K/30.

"TOKEN" (U.S.M/S) departed Sydney 1349K/30 E.T.A. Pu vis P.M/4 August.

HDML.1324 departed Pt. Phillip 0915K/30 E.T.A. Sydney P.M/1 (thence Darwin)

"TAMWORTH") E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/2 August from Addu Attol.

"IPSWICH")

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/ Sunday 30th July, 1944.

HOLLANDIA (U.S. Escort Carrier) departed Espiritu Santo 1000K/29
E.T.A. Finschaven 0830K/2/8

WHITEHURST (U.S. Destroyer escort) Arrived Treasury Islands
1540K/28 from Espiritu Santo, en route for Finschaven

INDUS (U.S. Net cargo Ship) departed Manus 1200K/29; POLLUX
POLLUX (U.S. Store Carrier) E.T.A. Madang 1300K/30; INDUS
WAGGA (U.S. Store Carrier) and WAGGA E.T.A. Langemak 30/7;
then INDUS to proceed to Milne Bay

BOOTES } U.S. Store ships, departed Hollandia 28/7; E.T.A.
TRIANGULUM } Nios Woendi 29/7

S.C. 746 departed Hollandia 28/7; E.T.A. Langemak 30/7

BARCOO arrived Manus 1725K/27 from Langemak

GEELONG departed Wakde 25/7 for Hollandia E.T.A. 25/7

RAIL (U.S. Fleet Tug) arrived Hollandia 27/7; departed
28/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2/8/44.

SWAN } Departed Biak 1400K/29 with 3 ships; E.T.A. Wakde
LATROBE } 1400K/30
LITHGOW }
KAPUNDA }

Y.M.S. 316 } arrived Hollandia 1900K/29 from Biak
Y.M.S. 393 }

COOTAMUNDRA } departed Hollandia 27/7; E.T.A. Madang 29/7
GLENSIDE }

GLADSTONE departed Langemak 1700K/28 for Solomon Sea Patrol

BUNDABERG departed Hollandia 27/7; E.T.A. Madang 1600K/29

BENDIGO departed Madang 1300K/26; E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/27

GYMPIE } E.T.D. Madang 1800K/26; E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/27
STANWELL }

VENDETTA arrived Madang 1430K/28 E.T.D. 1800K/28 for Dreger,
E.T.A. 0600K/29; thence Langemak E.T.A. 0900K/29

TOWNSVILLE departed Langemak 2046K/25 for Madang

GOULBURN } departed Langemak 1804K/28; escorting Convoy B.G.
TOWNSVILLE } 104 to Hollandia, E.T.A. 0600K/31; except S.C. 749,
GYMPIE } which detaches and proceeds to Aitape E.T.A. 1730K/30
BENDIGO }
S.C. 749 }

H.D.M.L. 1321 departed Lae 1455K/28; E.T.A. Dreger 1900K/28

Y.M.S. 335 arrived Milne Bay 1530K/28 from Manus

JUNEE arrived Thursday Island 0430K/29 with Convoy D.T. 80
from Darwin

M.L. 804 arrived Cairns 1621K/29 from Thursday Island

DAILY NARRATIVE

ORACE/saturday, 29th July, 1944.

- "VENUSTIA" departed Wakde 26/7 - 2 - Hollandia E.T.A. 28/7.
- "MILNER" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langsnek 24/7 for Humboldt Bay;
 MILDURA arrived Gladstone 1130K/29; departed 1435K/29;
 E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/30
- "YMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Hollandia 27/7. Langsnek 27/7.
- ARIADNE E.T.D. No. E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/29; E.T.A. CAIRNS 1500K/2/8
 thence to Milne Bay.
- H.D.M.L. 1326 arrived Brisbane 0946K/29 from Sydney
- Y.P. 291 (U.S. E.T.D. Caloundra 1930K/30; E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/5/8
- OCTANS arrived Brisbane 1558K/29 from Milne Bay
- HALF MOON (U.S. Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Brisbane with tow 1800K/28;
 E.T.A. Palm Island 1000K/31; E.T.A. Samarai 0800K/3/8
 to detach tow; thence Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M. 4/8
- M.L. 822 (U.S. Frigate) arrived Coffe Harbour 1950K/28 from Newcastle
- GOOS BAY (U.S. Seaplane tender) arrived Sydney 1139K/29 from
 Espiritu Santo
- GASCOYNE S. Fleet departed Sydney 1359K/29 from Brisbane; E.A. 0400K/
 31, thence Milne Bay
- WARRNAMBOOL (U.S. Frigate) departed Sydney 1512K/29 for Snacky Cape A/S Patrol
 and return.
- H.D.M.L. 1324 E.T.D. Port Melbourne A.M. 30/7 for Sydney
- KOROWA (U.S. Seaplane tender) departed Sydney 1100K/29 for Bass Strait sweeping
- HAPIER (U.S. Frigate) departed Fremantle 1100K/28 for Melbourne E.T.A.
 0800K/2/8
- "USPORT" (U.S. Hospital ship) departed Langsnek 1800K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay
 0900K/28.
- "TEIRITI" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1500K/27 E.T.A. Finschhafen
 0700K/28.
- "MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Milne Bay 1500K/27 from Cairns;
- "ALLIANCE" arrived Milne Bay from Langsnek.
- E.C. 827 departed Milne Bay 0800K/27 E.T.A. Langsnek 1800K/28.
- "MUSQUITE" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) arrived Milne Bay 1000K/27 from
 Langsnek.
- "TEXA" departed Milne Bay 1800K/27 towing lighter to Sading E.T.A.
 A.M. 1/8.
- E.C. 724 arrived Milne Bay 0800K/28 from Langsnek.
- "YAMBERT" (U.S. Net tender) departed Milne Bay 0800K/28 for Finschhafen
 E.T.A. 1800K/30.
- "MADDERA" arrived Milne Bay 0800K/28 from Sydney.
- "KILNA" arrived Milne Bay 0840K/28 from Cairns.
- "BHUCA" departed Milne Bay 0800K/28 for Langsnek E.T.A. 1000K/28.
- E.L. 801 arrived Port Moresby 1700K/28 from Milne Bay.

To 0900K/Saturday, 29th July, 1944.

- "VENDETTA" departed Wakde 26/7 for Hollandia E.T.A. 26/7.
- "WIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 24/7 for Humboldt Bay; departed Hollandia 26/7 for Biak E.T.A. 26/7.
- "YUMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Hollandia 26/7 E.T.A. Langemak 27/7.
- "WARREGO" E.T.D. Hollandia 1800K/28 E.T.A. Seeadler 0700K/30.
- APC.5 departed Manus 1430K/27 E.T.A. Madang 1830K/28.
- "SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Seeadler 0630K/28 for Emirau.
- "WAGGA" arrived Manus 1237K/27 from Wakde.
- YMS. 315) arrived Manus 1500K/27 from Langemak. S.C. 735 departed
S.C. 735) Manus 0700K/28 escorting convoy A.N.36 for Langemak. E.T.A.
 1700K/29.
- "SAN PEDRO" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Biak 26/7 and departed 27/7 for
 Noomfor.
- "BISBEE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Biak 27/7 for Hollandia.
- "RAIL" (U.S. Fleet Tug) arrived Hollandia 26/7 from Langemak departed
 Hollandia 28/7 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 2/8.
- "CORONADO" (U.S. Frigate) E.T.D. Madang 0800K/28 E.T.A. Hollandia
 1600K/29.
- YMS. 314) escorting "POYANG" departed Langemak 0900K/27 E.T.A. Mios
YMS. 70) Woendi E.T.A. 1100K/31.
- "ARARAT" departed Langemak 1624K/27 E.T.A. Madang 1100K/28.
- "TRIANGULUM" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 22/7 for Humboldt Bay. —
 E.T.A. 24/7.
- "COMFORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 1930K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay
 0900K/28.
- "TRINITY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1545K/27 E.T.A. Finschhafen
 0700K/29.
- "MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Milne Bay 1530K/27 from Cairns.
- "ALCIBIADES" arrived Milne Bay from Langemak.
- S.C. 637 departed Milne Bay 0930K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/28.
- "MESQUITE" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) arrived Milne Bay 1000K/27 from
 Langemak.
- "TERKA" departed Milne Bay 1300K/27 towing lighter to Madang E.T.A.
 A.M.1/8.
- S.C. 734 arrived Milne Bay 0930K/28 from Langemak.
- "TEABERRY" (U.S. Net tender) departed Milne Bay 0850K/28 for Finschhafen
 E.T.A. 1850K/30.
- "MANOORA" arrived Milne Bay 0900K/24 from Sydney.
- "KIAMA" arrived Milne Bay 0945K/28 from Cairns.
- "ECHUCA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/28 for Langemak E.T.A. 1500K/29.
- M.L. 801 arrived Port Moresby 1704K/28 from Milne Bay.

"MERKUR" departed Brisbane 1445K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/31.

M.L. 823 E.T.D. Coff's Harbour 0200K/29 E.T.A. Newcastle 1615K/29.

"KYBRA" arrived Assault 0128K/28 from Sydney.

M.L. 822 departed Newcastle 0535K/28 for Sydney.

"AUSTRALIA") arrived Sydney 0750K/28 from Milne Bay.

"WARRAMUNGA") (rigate) departed Manus 0730K/28 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/27.

M.L. 825 departed Sydney 1023K/28 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/30 thence
thence Milne Bay.

"GENERAL RANDALL" (U.S. Naval Transport) departed Port Phillip 1745K/28
for Los Angeles - E.T.A. 1600K/13/8.

YMS.11) arrived Fremantle 1915K/27 from Exmouth Gulf and Geraldton.
YMS.72)

"PAPAW" (U.S. Tug)) and tows (Y.O.99, YOG.30, BD.1162, BG.1647
"SATINLEAF" (U.S. Net tender)) departed Funafuti 1600K/27 for Milne Bay
L.T.57 (large tug)) E.T.A. 1200K/6/8.

U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" (Tanker) which was aground five miles south east
of Cape Cretin was refloated at 0430K/26. There is no
apparent damage to the hull. The rudder and propeller
have yet to be examined.

U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (U.S. Store ship) departed Milne Bay 1150K/28 E.T.A. Brisbane
0700K/31.

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ATR.25) departed 1100K/27 for Milne, thence Manus E.T.A. A.S./1 August.
YMS.11)
YMS.72)

E.C. 741) departed Langkok 2200K/28 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Hollandia
E.C. 742) 2200K/28.

YMS.513) departed Langkok 1200K/28 escorting 2 M.V. E.T.A. Manus
E.C. 735) 1200K/28.

A.C.3 arrived Manus 1400K/28 from Melang.

E.C. 732 departed Manus 0700K/28 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Russell's 0800K/28.

E.C. 734 departed Langkok 2200K/28 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/28.

"PANGLOSS" departed Fort Moresby 1515K/28 for Bramble Cay.

M.L. 822 departed Assault 0600K/27 for Wual.

"WARRAMUNGA" (rigate) arrived Warake 1000K/27 from Okaha.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Darwin 0700K/28 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0700K/28 escorting
D.T. 70.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Snake Bay 1200K/28 escorting 2 M.V.'s from Darwin.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Darwin 0800K/27 escorting D.T. 71 to Thursday Is.
via Millingimbi, E.T.A. 1700K/28.

A.C.17 departed Cairns 0700K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/28.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Waukey 0100K/27 from Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Brisbane 0700K/27 from Sydney.

To 0900K/28th July, 1944, Friday.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Santo 1200K/28 E.T.A. Finschhafen 1001K/1 August.

"GOULEURN" arrived Langemak 0601K/26 from Oro Bay area.

"KATOOMBA" E.T.D. Madang 1800K/27 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/28.

"EUGENE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Manus 0730K/26 E.T.A. Hollandia 1200K/27.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Mios Woendi 1100K/27 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/28 thence Manus (to boiler clean).

"CORONADO" (U.S. Frigate) E.T.D. Madang 0800K/28 E.T.A. Hollandia 1600K/29

"PAWNEE" (U.S. Tug) } departed Purvis 23/7 for Manus via Emirau E.T.A.
YMS.99 } 1500K/28. "PAWNEE" towing YO.164. YMS to be relieved
 by S.C. 747.

S.C. 747 departed Manus 1841K/27 E.T.A. Emirau 1400K/28 (to relieve YMS. 99 and escort "PAWNEE" to Manus.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 0900K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/29.

"SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Milne Bay 0500K/25 arrived Manus 1115K/27.

"LYNX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1120K/26 E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/31.

ATR.25 } departed 1715K/27 for Emirau, thence Manus E.T.A. A.M/1 August.
YOG.19 }
YMS.97 }

S.C. 741 } departed Langemak 2200K/25 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Hollandia
 S.C. 746 } 0600K/27.

YMS.313 } departed Langemak 1020K/26 escorting N.A. 36 E.T.A. Manus
 S.C. 735 } 1800K/27.

APC.5 arrived Manus 1400K/26 from Madang.

S.C. 650 departed Manus 0700K/23 escorting 1 M.V. E.T.A. Russels 0800K/26.

S.C. 734 departed Langemak 2326K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/28.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Port Moresby 1315K/24 for Bramble Cay.

HDML.1322 departed Merauke 0630K/27 for Wamal.

"RINDJANI" (RNN M/S) arrived Merauke 1005K/27 from Okaba.

"JUNEE" departed Darwin 0751K/25 E.T.A. Thursday Island 0700K/28 escorting D.T. 70.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Snake Bay 1630K/25 escorting 2 M.V.'s from Darwin.

"INVERELL" departed Darwin 0850K/27 escorting D.T. 71 to Thursday Is. via Millingimbi, E.T.A. 1330K/29.

APC.17 departed Cairns 0700K/27 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/29.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Mackay 0100K/27 from Brisbane.

"BERMAGUI" arrived Brisbane 0755K/27 from Sydney.

To "HALF MOON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/28 E.T.A. Milne Bay A.M/s August, thence Manus (to call Mackay 0600K/30 for tow).

M.L. 808 arrived Gladstone 1015K/27 from Brisbane E.T.D. 0600K/28 for Urangan.

"FLYING FISH" (U.S. Submarine) E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/28 for exercises and return.

"ARIADNE" arrived Brisbane 1124K/27 from Sydney.

"LOESER" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) } departed Sydney 1256K/27 E.T.A. Purvi
"GREENWOOD" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) } 0900K/1 August.

"COOMBAR" arrived Sydney 0757K/27 towing lighter from Hobart.

M.L. 822 departed Sydney 0829K/27 arrived Newcastle 1401K/27 (to Coff's Harbour).

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0851K/27 from A/S patrol.

"HIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Sydney 1001K/27 for Milne Bay via Townsville E.T.A. 0930K/2nd August.

HM1.1326 departed Sydney 1128K/27 E.T.A. Caloundra 0830K/29, thence Townsville and Merauke.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1629K/27 for Pt. Stephens.

"GENERAL H.W. BUTNER" (U.S. Transport) E.T.A. Melbourne 0800K/11 August from Los Angeles.

"NAPIER" (Eastern Fleet) 1100K/27 from Addu Atoll (to refit).

"CLYDE" (H.M. Submarine) departed Exmouth Gulf 1938K/25 E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/29 (to dock).

PORCUPINE AGROUND.

At 1715K/25 N.O.I.C. Langenak reported that efforts to tow "PORCUPINE" (U.S. Tanker) aground 5 miles S. of Cape Cretin off had been unsuccessful. Cargo would be discharged and further efforts made. "ROCKHAMPTON" and ATR. 31 (U.S. Rescue Tug) are assisting.

To 0800K/Thursday, 27th July, 1944.

"SHROPSHIRE") E.T.D. Hollandia A.M./28 for Woendi.
 "ARUNTA")

"MANUORA" departed Milne Bay 0600K/25 E.T.A. Cape Cretin 0700K/26.

"SWAN") departed Langemak 1730K/24 escorting B.G.103 to Hollandia
 "LATROBE") E.T.A. 0800K/27.
 "KAPUNDA")
 "LITHGOW")
 "HUNDABERG")
 S.C. 743)

"ECHUCA" arrived Milne Bay 1700K/25 from Brisbane.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1900K/25 E.T.D. 0500K/26
 E.T.A. Caloundra 000K/30.

"TRIANGULUM" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 1730K/22 E.T.A. Hollandia
 0800K/25.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 0400K/24 E.T.A. Hollandia 1900K/
 25.

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Aitape 1730K/26 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/28.

"SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 1030K/24 E.T.A. Lae 1730K/24

S.C. 742 departed Manus 0900K/25 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/28 escorting
 A.N.35B.

HMML.1074 arrived Milne Bay 1400K/26 from Pt. Moresby.

S.C. 698 arrived Milne Bay 1400K/25 from Langemak.

S.C. 736 departed Langemak 0806K/23 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/24.

P.C. 1138 departed Manus 1000K/26 E.T.A. Tulagi 1000K/29.

YMS.335 departed Manus 0340K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/28.

APC.19 departed Manus 0630K/25 E.T.A. Langemak 1730K/26 (thence Milne Bay).

"CRUZ" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Pt. Moresby 0800K/25 from Milne Bay.

"BOWEN" arrived Darwin 1457K/26 escorting T.D. 63.

YMS.53 arrived Cairns 1816K/25 from Milne Bay.

"KIAMA" departed Cairns 0900K/26 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/28.

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Caloundra 0500K/27 for Laguna Bay (Army Amphibious
 exercises) thence Gladstone E.T.A. 0930K/29.

"NASHVILLE" (U.S. Cruiser) departed Sydney 1152K/26 E.T.A. China Strait
 1530K/29. (to Biak).

HMML.1326 E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/37 for Brisbane and Townsville (to Merauke).

"CHALLENGER" arrived Sydney 0900K/26 from Fremantle.

M.L.810 arrived Twofold Bay 1600K/25 from Sydney.

"ARIADNE" departed Sydney 1319K/26 E.T.A. Brisbane 1600K/27.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/27 for Townsville (to Milne Bay).

"GENERAL G.M. RANDALL" (U.S.N. Transport) arrived Melbourne 1201K/26 from Bombay E.T.D. 0800K/29 for Los Angeles.

"MONTEREY" REFLOATED -

At 0855K/26 N.O.I.C. New Guinea reported that "MONTEREY" (U.S. Army Transport aground off Cape Nelson) had been refloated at 2355K/25. The vessel was proceeding to its destination (Oro Bay).

ARRIVED SAUNDERS 1151K/25 FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS.

"PASCOPY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 23/7 for Minc.

"VENDETIA" } arrived Mank 0800K/25, escorting "PASCOPY" (U.S. Tanker) and 2 merchant ships; departed Mank 1500K/25, "GLENGLO" for Hollandia, E.T.A. 0700K/27, "VENDETIA" for Mank E.T.A. 0700K/27. When Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/27.

"BARRETO" E.T.A. Minc 20nd 1200K/26.

"P. 336" departed Hollandia 0900K/24 for Langensk.

"ARAYAT" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langensk 1500K/25 E.T.A. Madang 1500K/24.

"DORF" departed Madang 0400K/24 - E.T.A. Aitape 0500K/25 with war correspondents.

"DINA" (U.S. Fleet Tug) with tow, departed Langensk 1100K/24 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/27.

"BARABOCH" (U.S. Minesweeper) departed Langensk 0600K/24 E.T.A. Tulagi 1500K/26.

"OCTAVE" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langensk 1440K/24 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/25.

S.C. 281 departed Langensk 1700K/24 - E.T.A. Madang 2200K/24.

"BRIVALLA" } departed Langensk 1200K/24 for Solomon Sea Patrol.
"GLADSTONE" }

H.M.S. 1332 departed Langensk 1440K/24 - E.T.A. Madang A.P. 25/7.

"TOMLIN" (U.S. Destroyer tender) departed Milne Bay 1600K/25 for Madang.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Milne Bay 1500K/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/28.
"PACIFIC" }

"GRAY" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0700K/25 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K/28.

"HIMMEL" (Dutch Minesweeper) departed Merauke 0700K/25 for Orakant.

"BUTTSWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Thursday Island 1430K/24 from towing "MIAJAK TANAB" off Throck Reef.

"MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Cairns 1531K/25 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27.

"ALBA" E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/26 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/28.

P. 278 arrived Cairns 0830K/25 from Townsville departed Cairns 1611K/25 for Milne Bay.

PG. 15 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/27 - E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/28.

To 0900K/Wednesday 26th July, 1944.

"COOS BAY" (Small U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Espiritu Santo A.M. 25/7.

S.C. 737 } arrived Manus 1600K/24 escorting Convoy N.A.35 from Langemak.
S.C. 742 }

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Carrier) arrived Manus 24/7 from Langemak.

P.C. 1138 arrived Manus 1151K/25 from Solomon Islands.

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 23/7 for Biak.

"VENDETTA" } arrived Bosnik 0800K/25, escorting "PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker)
"GLENELG" } and 2 merchant ships; departed Bosnik 1500K/25, "GLENELG"
for Hollandia, E.T.A. 0700K/27, "VENDETTA" for Wakde E.T.A.
0730K/27 then Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/27.

"WARREGO" E.T.A. Mios Woendi 1300K/26.

YP.236 departed Hollandia 0900K/24 for Langemak.

"ARAYAT" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 1500K/23 E.T.A. Madang 1600K/24.

"GYMPIE" departed Madang 0400K/24 - E.T.A. Aitape 0900K/25 with war correspondents.

"RAIL" (U.S. Fleet Tug) with tow, departed Langemak 1100K/22 E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/27.

"MANADNOCK" (U.S. Minelayer) departed Langemak 0630K/24 E.T.A. Tulagi 1300K/26.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 1445K/24 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1700K/25.

S.C. 981 departed Langemak 1700K/25 - E.T.A. Madang 2200K/24.

"WHYALLA" } departed Langemak 1306K/24 for Solomon Sea Patrol.
"GLADSTONE" }

HMML.1338 departed Langemak 1442K/24 - E.T.A. Madang A.M.25/7.

"DOBBIN" (U.S. Destroyer tender) departed Milne Bay 1600K/16 for Madang.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Milne Bay 1500K/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/28.
"WARRAMUNGA" }

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0710K/25 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K/26.

"RINDJANI" (Dutch Minesweeper) departed Merauke 0700K/25 for Okaband.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Thursday Island 1455K/24 from towing "MINJAK TANAH" off Thrush Reef.

"MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Cairns 1531K/25 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/27.

"KIAMA" E.T.D. Cairns 0900K/26 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/28.

YP.278 arrived Cairns 0936K/25 from Townsville departed Cairns 1611K/25 for Milne Bay.

APC.15 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/27 - E.T.A. Cairns 0500K/31.

M.L. 808 E.T.D. Caloundra 1030K/26 - E.T.A. Gladstone 1200K/27.

"LOESER") U.S. Destroyers E.T.D. Sydney 27/7 - E.T.A. Port Purvis
 "GREENWOOD") A.M. 1/8.

"NASHVILLE" (U.S. Cruiser) E.T.D. Sydney 1230K/26 for Finschhafen and Biak.

"SAMUEL BENBOW" arrived Sydney 0717K/25 towing 2 Army Hulls from Port Kembla.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0905K/25 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

"GASCOYNE" will be ready for sea A.M. 29th July.

"GENERAL ANDERSON" (U.S. Naval Transport) departed Melbourne 1001K/24 for Bombay E.T.A. 2146K/7/8.

YMS. 72) departed Exmouth Gulf 1100K/24 - E.T.A. Fremantle 1200K/27.
YMS. 11)

"PORCUPINE" AGROUND.

A.T.R. 31 (U.S. Ocean Tug) has been despatched to assist "PORCUPINE" (U.S. Tanker) aground 5 miles south of Cape Cretin.

"MONTEREY" AGROUND.

It is reported from S.S. "MONTEREY" (U.S. Army Transport aground off Cape Nelson) that the vessel is aground on starboard side of engine room, but otherwise is surrounded by deep water. The vessel has a 100 list, but is not making water, and the weather is fine. Troops are being transferred to vessels which are standing by. An attempt to refloat was to be made at 2200K/24; no report as to the success of the attempt has yet been received.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" which was patrolling to seaward of the stranded vessel, is not now required and is returning to Langemak E.T.A. 1200K/26.

SUSPECTED ENEMY SUBMARINE OFF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COAST.

As a result of a report that U.S. Submarine "RASHER" at 1222K/24 sighted the periscope of an unknown submarine 70 miles west of Shark Bay (Western Australia), N.O.I.C. Fremantle at 1618K/25 issued an A.F. message warning shipping in the vicinity.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 25th July, 1944.

- "COOS BAY" (Small U.S. Seaplane Tender) E.T.D. Esiritu Santo A.M. 25/7
E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 29/7 for recreation.
- S.C. 650 departed Manus 1000K/22 - E.T.A. Russell Island 0800K/24.
- "WHIPOORWILL" (U.S. Tug) with tow arrived Mios Woendi 1357K/23 from
Milne Bay.
- "PASCUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 23/7 for Biak.
- "ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 22/7 E.T.A. Langemak 24/7.
- "SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) departed Hollandia 22/7 E.T.A. Langemak 24/7.
- "BENDIGO" departed Hollandia 2000K/23 escorting convoy GB.3 "BENDIGO"
"ARARAT" detached and proceeded to Aitape to embark 3 War Correspondents,
departed Aitape 1400K/24; E.T.A. Madang 1700K/25. "ARARAT"
proceeding with convoy E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/26.
- "VENDETTA" departed Hollandia 1800K/23 E.T.A. Biak 0700K/25.
"GLENELG")
- "GEELONG" departed Hollandia 1800K/23 for Wakde.
- "MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1020K/23 from Brisbane -
departed Milne Bay 1555K/23 - E.T.A. Langemak 1001K/24.
- "CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 0715K/24 from Langemak.
- "TEABERRY" (U.S. Net Tender) arrived Milne Bay 1530K/22 from Noumea.
- "CHETCO" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 1025K/24 from Cairns.
- "FREMANTLE" departed Darwin 1237K/24 escorting 2 ships to Snake Bay
E.T.A. 1230K/25.
- "PARKES" arrived Thursday Island 0755K/24 escorting Convoy D.T. 69 from
Darwin.
- YP. 278 departed Townsville 1543K/24 for Cairns E.T.A. 0600K/25; thence
Milne Bay 1600K/27.
- "GUMLEAF" arrived Gladstone 1150K/24 from Brisbane en route for Townsville.
- M.L. 425 arrived Brisbane 2059K/24 from Townsville, for refit.
- "ECHUCA" departed Brisbane 20th July E.T.A. Milne Bay 0600K/25.
- "SAMUEL BENBOW" departed Sydney 2043K/23 towing 2 army hulks to Ulladulla.
- M.L. 810 arrived Sydney 0910K/24 from Jervis Bay.
- *"QUIBERON" departed Fremantle 1600K/23 via Geraldton for Trincomalee,
to rejoin Eastern Fleet. Arrived Geraldton 1045K/24; departed
Geraldton 1530K/24 - E.T.A. Trincomalee 1030K/1/8.
- HMML. 1342 commissioned in Sydney 24th July.
- U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" AGROUND:
- U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" (Tanker) went aground off Tamis Island
(five miles south of Cape Cretin) at 0520K/24. N.O.I.C. Langemak has
sent a tug to assist.

"MONTEREY" AGROUND: July, 1944.

S.S. "MONTEREY" (18,000 ton U.S. Army transport, en route from Milne Bay to Oro Bay) is still aground six miles north east of Cape Nelson. However, the master has reported that the vessel is not damaged and that he has every hope of refloating her, with the assistance of a tug.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" arrived in vicinity of "MONTEREY" at 1900K/23 and is patrolling the area while troops are being disembarked. There are a number of ships and landing craft standing by.

"ROYAL" arrived Langemak 1445K/21 from Aitape.

"POLARIS" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Sorobe 1001K/23 from Sento.

"POLARIS" arrived Langemak 0745K/23 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

"POLARIS" arrived Langemak 0745K/23 from Madang.

"POLARIS" arrived Langemak 1445K/21 from Manus.

S.S. 101 arrived Langemak 0800K/23 from Milne Bay.

S.S. 102 departed Milne Bay 0800K/23 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/23. Tomkina.

S.S. 103 departed Milne Bay 0800K/23 E.T.A. Sorobe 1800K/23 & return

"POLARIS" departed Madang 1200K/21 E.T.A. Cape Gloucester 1400K/23

(to establish Port Directorate and return Madang).

"POLARIS" (U.S. seaplane tender) arrived Samarai 1830K/23 from Palm Island.

S.S. 104 departed Langemak 1200K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/23.

"POLARIS" arrived Sorobe 1800K/23 escorting T.U. 62.

"POLARIS" (U.S. survey ship) E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/23

from Cape Grenville assisting Minjak Touch.

S.S. 105 departed Sorobe 0700K/23 escorting 1 M.V. to Langemak.

S.S. 106 arrived Langemak 1300K/21 from Aitape.

S.S. 107 departed Langemak 0800K/23 escorting S.S. 35 E.T.A. Manus

S.S. 108 1200K/24.

S.S. 109 departed Thursday Island 1800K/23 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/23.

"POLARIS" departed Sorobe 1700K/23 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/24.

"POLARIS" arrived Sorobe 1800K/23 from Thursday Island.

"POLARIS" departed Thursday Island 2000K/23 escorting T.U. 63 E.T.A.

Darwin 1800K/23.

S.S. 110 departed Pt. Moresby 0800K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2.3/23.

"POLARIS" (U.S. frigate) arrived Cairns 1800K/23 from Sento (to

7th Fleet).

"POLARIS" arrived Hollandia 0700K/23 escorting S.S. 35 from Langemak.

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"POLARIS" departed Cairns 0845K/23 E.T.A. Thursday Island 2.4/23

(allocated to Thursday Island).

S.S. 111 E.T.A. Trobriand Bay 0800K/23 E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1800K/23.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 24th July, 1944.

"ALTAMAMA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) departed Manus 1104K/21 E.T.A. Santo 1130K/25.

"MOBJACK" (U.S. MTB Tender)) departed Santo 1500K/23 E.T.A.
"WHITEHURST" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) Dreger 0400K/27. "MOBJACK" to report C.T.G. 70.1 for duty.

"WAGGA" departed Manus 0900K/23 E.T.A. Wakde 0900K/25 escorting 1 M.V.

"POYANG" arrived Langemak 1445K/21 from Aitape.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Morobe 1001K/22 from Santo.

"COLAC" arrived Langemak 0736K/22 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Langemak 0746K/22 from Madang.

"BARCOO" arrived Langemak 1448K/21 from Manus.

S.C. 736 arrived Langemak 0809K/22 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 53 departed Milne Bay 0800K/23 E.T.A. Cairns 1200K/25. Torokina.
S.C. 732 ETD Torokina AM/24 escorting 1 MV ETA Morobe AM/26 & return

"FALIE" departed Madang 1200K/21 E.T.A. Cape Gloucester 1400K/22 (to evacuate Port Directorate and return Madang).

"SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Samarai 1630K/22 from Palm Island.

S.C. 698 departed Langemak 1512K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/25.

"INVERELL" arrived Darwin 1544K/23 escorting T.D. 62.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/24 from Cape Grenville assisting Minjak Tanah.

S.C. 650 departed Manus 0700K/23 escorting 1 M.V. to Langemak.

S.C. 743 arrived Langemak 1502K/21 from Aitape.

S.C. 737) departed Langemak 0925K/23 escorting N.A. 35 E.T.A. Manus
S.C. 742) 1700K/24.

M.L. 804 departed Thursday Island 1200K/23 E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/30.

"BALLARAT" departed Merauke 1700K/23 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/24.

HMML. 1322 arrived Merauke 1600K/23 from Thursday Island.

"LOWEN" departed Thursday Island 2000K/23 escorting T.D. 63 E.T.A. Darwin 1230K/26.

HMML. 1074 departed Pt. Moresby 0850K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M./25.

"ROCKFORD" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Cairns 1931K/23 from Santo (to 7th Fleet).

"VENDETTA") arrived Hollandia 0700K/23 escorting B.G. 3 from Langemak.

"BENDIGO")

"ARARAT")

"GL. NELG")

"GEELONG")

YMS. 334)

"JOHN HARDY" departed Cairns 0546K/23 E.T.A. Thursday Island P.M./30 (allocated to Thursday Island).

M.L. 810 E.T.D. Twofold Bay 0600K/23 E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1800K/23.

"BERMAGUI" arrived Ft. Stephens 0730K/23 from Sydney.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0857K/23 from Smoky Cape.

"GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON" (U.S.N. Transport) E.T.D. Pt. Melbourne 1001K/24 E.T.A. Bombay 2146K/8 August.

"CLYDE" (R.N. Submarine) E.T.A. Exmouth Gulf 1230K/25 from Eastern Fleet.

"CUIBERON" departed Fremantle 1600K/23 E.T.A. Geraldton 1002K/24, thence Trincomalee E.T.A. 1030K/1 August (to rejoin Eastern Fleet).

"MONTEREY" AGROUND OFF CAPE NELSON.

At 1801K/23 S.S. "MONTEREY" (1,800 tons, en route to Oro Bay from Milne Bay) reported being aground in approximate position 8°56'S. 149°18'E. (6 miles N.E. of Cape Nelson). Later "MONTEREY" reported that she was not in any immediate need of assistance but had so far failed to get off with engines. At that time ship had a slight list to port and wind was moderate southerly. "COMAC MEADOWS" (tanker) is standing by 2 miles to the north.

At 1949K/23 C.N.B. Milne Bay reported that U.S.S. "LARK" (800 ton tug) and U.S.S. "CABLE" (1600 ton salvage vessel) were being despatched. In addition all L.C.I's and "CALLEDONIAN SALVOR" are being despatched from Milne Bay to "MONTEREY'S" assistance.

At 0005K/24 N.O.I.C. Oro Bay reported that 2 Liberty Ships ("W.A. White" and "B.F. Irvine") were being despatched to disembark troops as the ship was reported to be breaking up.

- E.T.A. Langueak 0700K/22.
- E.T.A. Langueak 1100K/22.
- arrived Milne Bay 1000K/23 from Langueak.
- arrived Langueak 0600K/23 escorting 1 A.V. from Cape
- (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0200K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay
- (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0200K/23 E.T.A. Milne Bay
- arrived Langueak 1700K/19 escorting A.M. 23 from Milne.
- departed Langueak 1700K/19 with escorts E.T.A. Hollandia
- (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1100K/22 E.T.A. Langueak
- departed Milne Bay 1100K/22 for Hading E.T.A. 0700K/23.
- (U.S. Cargo Ship) } arrived Milne Bay 0700K/22 from Milne.
- } arrived Milne Bay 0700K/22 from Milne.
- arrived Port Moresby 1500K/22 from survey.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 23rd July, 1944.

AUSTRALIA } E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/24 from Aitape (to Sydney).
WARRAMUNGA }

VENDETTA departed Langemak 0922K/21 to join B.G.102 E.T.A. Aitape 0900K/22.

LARK (U.S. Tug) arrived Manus 1430K/21 from Milne Bay.

NEVENDORF (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Hollandia 1800K/21 E.T.A. Wakde 0700K/22.

MESCUITE departed Madang 1630K/21 for Langemak.

GLADSTONE departed Madang 1630K/21 for Langemak.

COOTAMUNDRA } departed Humboldt at 0600K/21 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/22.
ROCKHAMPTON }

BENALLA arrived Hollandia 1015K/22 from Biak.

SPRIGHTLY arrived Miss Woendi 1301K/22 from Dieger Harbour.

STAVELL) departed Langemak 1801K/21 E.T.A. Madang 1800K/22
BUNBURY) (to boiler clean).

S.C. 737 departed Langemak 1630K/20 E.T.A. Lae 2115K/20.

S.C. 745 departed Langemak 1712K/20 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/21.

S.C. 741 departed Madang 1800K/21 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/22.

Y.M.S. 314 departed Madang 1800K/21 E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/22.

P.C. 1131 arrived Milne Bay 1000K/20 from Langemak.

M.L. 430 arrived Langemak 0630K/22 escorting 1 M.V. from Cape Gloucester.

CHEPACHET (U.S. Tanker) departed Balboa 0900K/19 E.T.A. Milne Bay 12th August.

SALAMONIE (U.S. Tanker) departed Balboa 0800K/20 E.T.A. Milne Bay 12th August.

GLENELG) arrived Langemak 1700K/19 escorting A.N.33 from Manus.
GEELONG)

SUSQUEHANNA) departed Langemak 1705K/19 with escorts E.T.A. Hollandia
ELKHORN) 0600K/21.

PORCUPINE (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1130K/22 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/23.

GERARD departed Milne Bay 1100K/22 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/26.

LYNX (U.S. Cargo Ship) }
ERIDANUS { " " " } } arrived Milne Bay 0700K/22 from Manus.
SCULPTOR { " " " } }

SHEPPARTON arrived Port Moresby 1500K/22 from survey.

BUTTONWOOD (U.S. Survey Ship) departed Thursday Island 1036K/22 to go to the assistance of MINJAK TANAH (Small Dutch Ship) aground on Thrush Reef. (15 miles North of Cape Granville) E.T.A. P.M./22.

H.D.M.L. 1322 departed Thursday Island 1240K/22 E.T.A. Merauke 1200K/23.

M.L. 425 departed Townsville 2101K/20, E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/24 (to refit).

PORTRERO arrived Thursday Island 0957K/21 from Milne Bay.

Y.P. 278 arrived Townsville 0726K/21 from Cairns.

Y.P. 504 departed Manus 0530K/22 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0700K/23 (thence Milne Bay).

OYSTER BAY (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Brisbane 2325K/21 from Milne Bay.

OGDEN (U.S. Frigate) arrived Brisbane 0610K/21 from Milne Bay.

GUMLEAF E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/22 E.T.A. Townsville 1400K/26.

ARIADNE arrived Sydney 1347K/22 from Melbourne.

BERGAGUI departed Sydney 1316K/22 for Port Stephens E.T.A. 0700K/23 thence Brisbane.

M.L. 822 arrived Sydney 1503K/22 from Port Kembla.

GENERAL A. E. ANDERSON arrived Melbourne 1731K/22 from Balboa.

COOMBAR departed Hobart 0955K/22 E.T.A. Sydney A.M./28 (towing lighter).

AIR RAID.

Air Raid Red Milne Bay 0721K/22.

To 0900K/Saturday, 22nd July, 1944.

"AUSTRALIA") E.T.D. Aitape 1300K/22 E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/28.
"WARRAMUNGA")

"VELOCITY" (U.S. Minesweeper) escorting 1 merchant ship E.T.D. Guadalcanal P.M. 20/7 for Morobe.

"LUNGA POINT" (U.S. Escort Aircraft Carrier) arrived Espiritu Santo 20/7 from Langemak.

YP.504 arrived Manus 1800K/20 from Langemak.

"BARCOO" departed Manus 0800K/21 escorting 1 Merchant Ship to longitude 159 East.

S.C. 734) arrived Manus 1420K/20 escorting Convoy N.A.34 from Langemak
S.C. 981) departed Manus 1028K/21 escorting Convoy A.N.34 to Langemak
E.T.A. 1600K/22.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Aircraft Carrier) departed Manus 1300K/20 E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 1130K/24.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Hollandia 18/7 for Langemak; departed Langemak 1350K/21 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/23.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Madang 1830K/17 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1800K/19.

"WATO" arrived Madang 1700K/20 towing "RONA" (Hulk) from Milne Bay.

"COMFORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) departed Langemak 1530K/20 - E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 0600K/22.

S.C. 745 departed Langemak 1622K/20 - E.T.A. Madang 0800K/21.

P.C. 1131 departed Langemak 0631K/19 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 2200K/20 for engine repairs.

"WHYALLA" arrived Langemak 1011K/16 from Madang.

"OYSTER BAY" (U.S. P.T. Boat Tender) departed Milne Bay 0700K/19 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/21.

S.C. 737 departed Lae 20/7 - arrived Langemak 2150K/20.

S.C. 736 departed Milne Bay 1200K/20 for Langemak E.T.A. 0500K/22; thence Madang, on completion of engine repairs to come under operational control of M.O.I.C. Langemak.

"POTRERO" arrived Thursday Island 0957K/21 from Cairns.

"SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane tender) E.T.D. Palm Island 0600K/21 E.T.A. Samarai 1630K/26.

"TRIANGULUM" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 0920K/20 from Brisbane departed Milne Bay 0720K/21 - E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/22.

YP.278 departed Cairns 0814K/21 for Townsville to load stores - E.T.A. 2200K/21.

"CHETCO" (U.S. Ocean Tug) departed Cairns 1057K/21 for Milne Bay.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 0930K/21 E.T.A. Milne Bay 2100K/23 - thence Finschhafen, Hollandia and Mios Woendi.

"GANYMEDE" arrived Brisbane 1336K/20 from Sydney.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0921K/21 for A/S Patrol Smoky Cape and return

M.L. 810 arrived Twofold Bay at 1700K/20 from Jervis Bay.

"ARIADNE" departed Port Phillip 1001K/21 - E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/22.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip 1819K/20 from Flinders Naval Depot.

"GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON" (U.S. Naval Transport) E.T.A. Port Phillip 1615K/22 from Balboa.

"WOLLONGONG") arrived Addu Atoll 2330K/20 from Fremantle, to rejoin
 "CAIRNS") Eastern Fleet after refits in Australia.

"WIGERS" (U.S. Frigate) arrived 1831K/19 for repairs to steering engine and bilge keels.

"BERALLA" E.T.D. Mink 0800K/21 - E.T.A. Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/22.

"GUSTANBERG") departed Hollandia 19/7 - E.T.A. Langsnek 0800K/20.

"DELOFJER")

"ROCKLIVIA")

S.C. 746) departed Hollandia 1800K/19 escorting convoy 08.15 (including
 S.C. 735) W. 200); E.T.A. Langsnek 1100K/20.

S.C. 734) departed Langsnek 1001K/19 escorting Convoy N.A. 24; E.T.A.
 S.C. 931) Swedish 0600K/21.

S.L. 639 departed Langsnek 1700K/19 escorting convoy N.A. 22 to Cape
 Good Hope.

H.M.L. 1343 arrived Cape 1800K/19 from Milne Bay.

"GOULBURN" departed Milne Bay 1812K/20 E.T.A. Langsnek 1700K/21; on
 arrival to come under operational control of S.O.I.C. Langs-
 nek.

H.B.M.S. 1074 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0600K/23 for Milne Bay to fit E/S gear
 and adjust armament; then to join BERALLA surveying in Mink
 area.

S.L. 607 arrived Darwin 1827K/20 from Thursday Island.

"UNSEI" departed Snake Bay 1830K/19; E.T.A. Darwin 1410K/20.

"TAKEKI" departed Darwin 0507K/20, escorting Convoy D.T. 60; E.T.A.
 Thursday Island 2000K/20.

"RAMALAI" departed Thursday Island 1138K/19 escorting 1 merchant ship to
 Seruwa arrived 1600K/20.

S.L. 511 arrived Cairns 1830K/19 from S.A.S. duties.

"YELBY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Cairns 0711K/20 for Milne Bay.

"CHITON" (U.S. Ocean Tug) E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/21 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
 1000K/24.

F. 271 departed Gladstone 1100K/20; E.T.A. Milne Bay 2300K/22.

"ALAN" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.A. Caloundra 0601K/21; E.T.A. Milne Bay
 1030K/22.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Sydney 1801K/21 E.T.A. Port Purvis
 0600K/22.

S.L. 510 E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1800K/20 from Sydney.

"FRANK BROWN" arrived Sydney 0400K/21 towing one army hull from Port
 Kembla.

"BERAGUI" E.T.D. Sydney 2/7 for Port Stephens.

To 0900K/Friday 21st July, 1944.

"MOBJACK" (U.S. Small seaplane tender) arrived Espiritu Santo 1618K/19 from West coast of America, to proceed to New Guinea area.

"CHEPACHET" (U.S. Oiler) departed Balboa 0300K/19 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 12th August.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Aircraft Carrier) E.T.D. Manus 1300K/20 for Espiritu Santo, "BARCOO" escorting to Langemak.

"EUGENE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Manus 1531K/19 for repairs to steering engines and bilge keels.

"BENALLA" E.T.D. Biak 0900K/21 - E.T.A. Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/22.

"COOTAMUNDRA") departed Hollandia 19/7 - E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/20.

"DELORAINE")

"ROCKHAMPTON")

S.C. 746) departed Hollandia 1900K/19 escorting convoy GB.1B. (including
S.C. 735) YP.280); E.T.A. Langemak 1100K/22.

S.C. 734) departed Langemak 1001K/19 escorting Convoy N.A.34; E.T.A.
S.C. 981) Seeadler 0600K/21.

M.L. 430 departed Langemak 1700K/19 escorting convoy N.A.32 to Cape Gloucester.

HDML.1338 arrived Lae 1543K/17 from Milne Bay.

"GOULBURN" departed Milne Bay 1015K/20 E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/21; on arrival to come under operational control of N.O.I.C. Langemak.

H.D.M.L. 1074 E.T.D. Port Moresby 0800K/23 for Milne Bay to fit E/S gear and adjust armament; then to join BENALLA surveying in Biak area.

M.L. 807 arrived Darwin 1627K/20 from Thursday Island.

"JUNEE" departed Snake Bay 1230K/19; E.T.A. Darwin 1410K/20.

"PARKES" departed Darwin 0507K/20, escorting Convoy D.T. 69; E.T.A. Thursday Island 2000K/23.

"BALLAFAT" departed Thursday Island 1133K/19 escorting 1 merchant ship to Merauke arrived 1600K/20.

M.L. 811 arrived Cairns 2324K/19 from R.M.S. duties.

"TRINITY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Cairns 0711K/20 for Milne Bay.

"CHETCO" (U.S. Ocean Tug) E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/21 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/24.

YP.237 departed Gladstone 1100K/20; E.T.A. Milne Bay 2200K/25.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Caloundra 0001K/21; E.T.A. Milne Bay 1020K/23.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Sydney 1351K/20 E.T.A. Port Purvis 0600K/28.

M.L. 810 E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1900K/20 from Sydney.

"SAMUEL BENBOW" arrived Sydney 0402K/20 towing one army hull from Port Kembla.

"BERMAGUI" E.T.D. Sydney 22/7 for Port Stephens.

"ARIADNE" E.T.D. Geelong 0700K/21; E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/22.

"BINGERA" departed Flinders Naval Depot 1230K/21, on training cruise to Port Phillip E.T.A. 1600K/20.

"KANIMBLA" - REFLOATED:

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" which went aground at Cape Cretin on 18th July was refloated on 20th. There is no structural damage. A diver is to examine the hull and underwater fittings which also appear undamaged.

"POONBAR" AT ROCKHAMPTON:

S.S. "POONBAR", whose engines broke down off Cape Capricorn on 19th July, arrived at Sea Hill Anchorage, Rockhampton at 1200K/20.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING IN SOLOMON SEA:

At 1012K/20th July, S.S. "STEPHEN FURDEK" (en route Balboa to Morobe) reported a sighting of a suspected submarine 40 miles north of the Trobriand Islands (Solomon Sea).

N.O.I.C. New Guinea took the following action:-

(1) At 1110K/20, he directed N.O.I.C. Milne Bay to divert H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" and "COLAC" (which were carrying out the Solomon Sea patrol) to search the area of the sighting and also to arrange for air co-operation.

(2) At 1113K/20 he issued an A.F. message warning shipping in the vicinity.

No further information is to hand.

To 0900K/Thursday, 20th July, 1944.

- "ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) arrived Manus 1300K/18 from Langemak.
- "SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Palm Island 1620K/18 from Sydney E.T.D. 21/7 for Samarai.
- "GEELONG" } departed Manus 0730K/18 A.N.33 to Langemak E.T.A. 1530K/19.
 "GLENELG" } A.N.33 including U.S. Store Ships "LYNX", "SCULPTOR" and "ERIDANUS"
- "STAWELL" arrived Manus 1550K/17 escorting N.A.33.
- "STRAHAN" arrived Langemak 0731K/17, departed 1526K/17 for Solomon Sea Patrol.
- "KATOOMBA" departed Langemak 1751K/17 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/18.
- "ROCHFORD" (U.S. Frigate) departed Manus 0700K/19 E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/24.
- "BARCOO") E.T.D. Madang 1800K/18 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/19.
 S.C. 742)
 S.C. 737)
 M.L. 426)
- YMS. 313) departed Manus 1500K/19 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/21 escorting A.N.
S.C. 747) 33C.
- "GOULBURN" arrived Milne Bay 1030K/19 from Cairns.
- "LATROBE") departed Langemak 1606K/16 arrived Madang 1300K/17. "LATROBE"
 "PING WO") departed 1730K/17 E.T.A. Langemak 1130K/18 escorting "ARAYAT"
 (U.S. Tanker).
- "ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 1900K/16 from Hollandia.
- "PAWNEE" (U.S. Tug)) E.T.D. Purvis 23/7 for Morobe and Manus.
YO. 164)
- "SHEPPARTON" E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1200K/22 from Bramble Cay E.T.D. on return A.M. 25.
- M.L. 807 departed Melville Bay 2130K/17 E.T.A. Darwin 1830K/19.
- "INVERELL" departed Thursday Island 0600K/19 E.T.A. Darwin 1230K/23 escorting T.D. 62.
- "BOWEN" arrived Thursday Island 0452K/19 escorting 1 M.V. from Melville Bay.
- "BALLARAT" departed Thursday Island 1133K/19 escorting 1 M.V. to Merauke E.T.A. 1400K/20.
- M.L. 811 departed Cairns 2359K/18 on R.M.S. duty.
- "HALF MOON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Brisbane 1020K/19 from Townsville.
- "BANGALOW" arrived Brisbane 2205K/18 towing "GRIFFOEN" from Townsville.
- "TRINITY" (U.S. Tanker) E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/20 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/22.
- P.C. 1121 arrived Brisbane 1250K/18 from Milne Bay.
- YP. 237 arrived Gladstone 1030K/18 with fuel trouble (en route to Milne Bay).
- "CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Brisbane 0452K/19 from Milne Bay.
- "ARISTAEUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Sydney 1140K/19 E.T.A. Santo 1100K/27
- "PROMETHEUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) arrived Purvis 1514K/18 from Sydney.

1900K/18 Tuesday, 19th July, 1944.

"MURZIM" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Sydney 1544K/18 from Brisbane.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 1333K/18 escorting 6 landing craft from Assault.

M.L. 810 returned to Jervis Bay 0715K/19 (weather conditions).

"WINBAH" departed Newcastle 0505K/19 for Sydney.

"MANOORA" departed Sydney 1439K/19 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/24.

"NAPIER" E.T.A. Fremantle P.M./27 from Addu Attol (to refit in Melbourne from Eastern Fleet).

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" ASHORE.

At 1925K/18 N.O.I.C. New Guinea ordered Milne Bay to despatch "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" to the assistance of "KANIMBLA". On the arrival of the tug it is intended to lighten the ship as efforts by "WHYALLA" and "BUNDABERG" have so far proved unsuccessful. "KANIMBLA" reported no further change in the situation.

"POONBAR" BROKEN DOWN NEAR CAPE CAPRICORN:

At 1054K/19 "POONBAR" (909 tons) en route Brisbane-Bowen, reported being disabled in the vicinity of Cape Capricorn. Later a request was made to be towed to Sea Hill. At 1737K/19 N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered the Tug "ST. GILES" to proceed to the spot and tow "POONBAR" to a safe anchorage.

"HEWITT" arrived Sydney 1000K/18 towing "CALIX" (powered lighter) from Milne Bay.

M.L. 1221 departed Sea Hill 1200K/18 for Langwauk and Keating.

"PACIFIC" (S.S. Steamer) departed Sydney 18/7 for Langwauk.

"ANDROMEDA" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Langwauk 1400K/17 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/19.

"MORRIS" (U.S. Frigate) E.T.A. Brisbane 1100K/18 for Pensacola, for onward routing to Yuma.

"LINDA" departed Milne Bay 1200K/18 E.T.A. Keating 0700K/19.

M.L. 811 departed Melville Bay 2100K/17 - E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/18.

"EGRET" departed Melville Bay 1900K/17 escorting 1 merchant vessel to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0800K/18.

"HILDA" (Ocean Steamer) arrived Darwin at 1200K/18 from Milne Bay.

"PIPER" arrived Thursday Island 2100K/18 with Convoy 57.08 from Darwin.

"HYDRA" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) departed Thursday Island 1000K/17 to resume lighthouse work.

M.L. 812 arrived Thursday Island 0800K/18 from Townsville.

"MILK" arrived Thursday Island 0900K/18 from Townsville E.T.A. 1100K/18 escorting 1 merchant vessel to Darwin.

"MORNING" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Cairns 1200K/18 from Darwin.

M.L. 813 arrived Cairns 1500K/17 from Milne Bay.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 19th July, 1944.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Carrier) departed Espiritu Santo 0900K/18 E.T.A. Morobe 21/7.

"GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" arrived Russel Island 17/7 from Milne Bay.

"WAGGA" arrived Manus 5/7 from Russell Island.

"SWAN") departed Hollandia 1800K/16 escorting Convoy GB.1A E.T.A.
S.C. 749) Langemak 0700K/19.

"ELKHORN" arrived Hollandia 13/7 from Langemak.

"TOWNSVILLE") departed Hollandia 15/7 E.T.A. Langemak 17/7.

"LITHGOW")

"KAPUNDA")

YMS. 70)

ATR 31 (U.S. Tug) departed Hollandia 15/7 E.T.A. Madang 16/7.

"EICHENBERGER" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Hollandia 15/7 E.T.A. Biak 15/7.

YP. 516 departed Hollandia 15/7 - E.T.A. BIAK 15/7.

"POYANG") departed Hollandia 1900K/17 E.T.A. Aitape 0600K/18.
S.C. 743)

"BISBEE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Langemak 1001K/15 escorting Convoy B.G.1A. for Humboldt Bay.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Madang 0730K/18 from Langemak.

"BENDIGO" arrived Madang 0830K/18 towing "CAROO" (powered lighter) from Milne Bay.

HDML. 1338 departed Lae 1010K/18 for Langemak and Madang.

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Saidor 12/7 for Langemak.

"ANDERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Langemak 1400K/17 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1830K/19.

ATR. 25 (U.S. Tug) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 1100K/19 for Rendova, for onward routeing to Manus.

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay 1030K/18 E.T.A. Madang 0700K/20.

M.L. 807 departed Melville Bay 2130K/17 - E.T.A. Darwin 1830K/19.

"BOWEN" departed Melville Bay 1915K/17 escorting 1 merchant vessel to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0630K/19.

"RINDJANI" (Dutch Minesweeper) arrived Merauke at 1001K/18 from Eilanden River.

"PIRIE" arrived Thursday Island 0150K/18 with Convoy DT.68 from Darwin.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. lighthouse tender) departed Thursday Island 0809K/17 to resume lighthouse work.

M.L. 805 arrived Thursday Island 0850K/18 from Townsville.

"BALLARAT" arrived Thursday Island 0944K/18 from Townsville E.T.D. 1100K/19 escorting 1 merchant vessel to Merauke.

"MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Cairns 1016K/18 from Noumea.

S.C. 648 arrived Cairns 1501K/17 from Milne Bay.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 20/7 for Port Purvis.

"MANGORA" E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/19 for New Guinea.

"ARISTAEUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) E.T.D. Sydney 19/7 for Espiritu Santo.

"GANYMEDE" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Sydney 1606K/18 E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/20.

"NASHVILLE" (U.S. Cruiser) } arrived Sydney 0830K/18 from Espiritu
 "LOESER" (U.S. Destroyers) } Santo.
 "GREENWOOD" }

"PYRO" (U.S. Ammunition Ship) arrived Sydney 0713K/18 from Milne Bay.

"YANDRA" departed Assault 0036K/18 with 6 landing craft E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/18.

"BINGERA" arrived Flinders Naval Depot 1357K/18 from Sydney.

M.L. 810 departed Sydney 1146K/18, arrived Jervis Bay 2000K/18.
 E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1800K/19.

"CHALLENGER" (H.M. Survey Ship) departed Fremantle 0900K/17 for Sydney.

"QUIBERON" arrived Fremantle 2210K/17 from Melbourne - returning to Eastern Fleet.

"CORPUS CHRISTI" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Fremantle 2331K/17 from Darwin.

"NAPIER") returning from Eastern Fleet for refit, departed Addu Atoll
 "TAMWORTH") 1200K/17 escorting tanker "AMERICAN ARROW" E.T.A. Fremantle
 "IPSWICH") P.M. 31/7.

C.S.W.P.S.F. RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING AND PROTECTION OF SHIPPING TO BIAK.

As from 26th July C.S.W.P.S.F. is to assume responsibility for routing and protection of shipping to Biak.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" ASHORE:

According to a report from N.O.I.C. Langnak timed 1520K/18, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" is aground amidships at Cape Cretin broadside on to the shore with her hull as yet undamaged. The wind is force 6 N.O.I.C. Langemak has despatched H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" and "WHYALLA" and 2 small tugs to render assistance, and has requested C.T.F. 76 (under whose operational control "KANIMBLA" is) to despatch a seagoing salvage tug. A later report from "KANIMBLA" stated that "WHYALLA" had made two unsuccessful attempts to tow "KANIMBLA" off.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 18th July, 1944.

"LUNGA POINT" (U.S. Escort Carrier) departed Langemak 1700K/16 E.T.A. Santo 0700K/20.

"STANELL") departed Hollandia 11/7 escorting 9 M.V.'s arrived Langemak 13/7
P.C. 1122) "STANELL" departed Langemak 1015K/16 E.T.A. Manus 1745K/17
escortng N.A. 33.

"ROCKHAMPTON") departed Langemak 1805K/16 escorting B.G.2 to Hollandia.
"COOTAMUNDRA") E.T.A. 0600K/19. "BUNBURY" to escort Aitape Section of
"BUNBURY") Convoy.
"DELOKALNE")

"GULEBRA ISLAND" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Baihoa 0100K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 17/8.

"COLAC" departed Langemak 0700K/16 for Solomon Sea Patrol.

"WARREGO" arrived Milne Bay 1845K/16 from Townsville.

"WHYALLA" E.T.A. Madang 1400K/15 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/16.

"GYMPL") departed Hollandia 14/7 "ELKHORN" E.T.A. Langemak
"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker)) 16/7.

"WATU" departed Milne Bay 0700K/17 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/21 (towing hulk "RONA").

APC.20 arrived Manus 1445K/16 from Langemak.

"PING WU" arrived Langemak 0849K/16 from Milne Bay.

"FOYANG" E.T.D. Hollandia 1700K/17 E.T.A. Aitape 0600K/18.

"PASCUOTANA" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 1805K/11 for Saidor.

"FALIE" arrived Madang 0830K/14 from Langemak.

"VIRKO" (U.S. Tug)) arrived Manus 0755K/17 from Tulagi. "VIRKO" towing
S.C. 1047) Y.08.

APC.22 departed Langemak 0900K/14 E.T.A. Alexishafen 0530K/15.

YP.415 departed Langemak 0830K/14 E.T.A. Hollandia 1001K/17.

S.C. 898 departed Madang 1730K/13, arrived Langemak 1231K/14.

S.C. 732) departed Langemak 1805K/15 escorting "OCTANS" and 1 M.V.
S.C. 738) to Madang E.T.A. 1001K/16.

P.C. 620 E.T.D. Russell Island 0500K/17 escorting 1 M.V. to Manus via
Repipitu Emirau E.T.A. 1300K/20.

M.L. 430 arrived Langemak 0926K/17 from Madang.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) departed Thursday Island 0809K/17 for lighthouse work.

"CHETCO" (U.S. Tug) arrived Cairns 0305K/17 towing APC.1.

"GOULBURN" arrived Cairns 0305K/17 departed 1217K/17 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/19.

"BHOOME" arrived Brisbane from Cairns 0701K/17.

P.C. 1121 E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/19 from Milne Bay.

"SAMUEL BENBOW" departed Sydney 0815K/17 for Moruya (to tow army hulls to Sydney).

"GENERAL G.M. RANDALL" (U.S.N.T.). E.T.A. Melbourne 0800K/26 from Bombay.

"KOROWA" E.T.D. Pt. Melbourne 0900K/19 for firing practice and compass adjustment.

"CHALLENGER" departed Fremantle 0900K/17 for Sydney.

YMS.11) arrived Exmouth Gulf 1315K/17 from Fremantle.
YMS.72)

"GREEN FLARE SIGHTED SOUTH WEST OF CHINA STRAIT.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reported that at 1200K/15 U.S.S. "LARK" sighted a green flare rising from the surface of the sea in a position approximately 90 miles south east of China Strait.

An air search was arranged for A.M/17 for indications of wreckage as the flare was thought to be from a raft or boat.

Later ships in the area were told to keep a look out for possible survivors.

"WALTON" arrived Langsnek 1045/15 from Solomon Sea patrol.

"WILSON" arrived Langsnek 1045/15 escorting M.G.1 from Langsnek. "WILSON", "ALBUQUERQUE", "ROSSVILLE" with YMS.72 departed Langsnek 1045/15 escorting U.S.S. E.T.A. Langsnek 0700K/15.

"WILSON" arrived Langsnek 1415/15 from Milne Bay.

"WILSON" arrived Langsnek 1015K/15 escorting A.S.35.

"WILSON" arrived Hollandia 12/7 escorting "ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) from Langsnek.

"WILSON" arrived Langsnek 115K/15 from Milne Bay.

"WILSON" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langsnek 1805K/15 from Milne Bay.

"WILSON" (U.S. Repair Ship) arrived Milne Bay 11/7 (towing Y.334) from Parvia.

"WILSON" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langsnek 0630K/15 from Milne Bay.

"WILSON" arrived 0700K/15 from Langsnek.

"WILSON" (U.S. S/S) arrived Milne Bay 1200K/15 from Cairns.

"WILSON" arrived Madang 0750K/15 from Langsnek.

L.C. 1121 arrived Langsnek 1800K/15 escorting 7 M.V.'s from Hollandia.

L.C. 472 departed Cape Cretin 1200K/15 escorting 1 L.S.T. and 1 L.C.L. E.T.A. Aitape 1500K/17.

L.C. 1532 departed Milne Bay 0300K/15 E.T.A. Langsnek A.M/17 (thence Madang)

L.C. 415 arrived Milne Bay 1440K/11 from Brisbane.

L.C. 781 arrived Milne Bay 1800K/15 from Thursday Island.

"WILSON" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langsnek 1240K/14 from Milne Bay

MS.72 arrived Milne Bay 1500K/14 from Langsnek.

To 0900K/Monday, 17th July, 1944.

- "LYNX" (U.S. Cargo Ship) comprising with Point Arguello (Tug) convoy P.W.
 "ERIDANUS" (" ") 2411. Towing ABSD2 - a large floating dock in
 "SCULPTOR" (" ") 4 sections - arrived Manus 1430K/15 from U.S.A.
- "ANDERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Oro Bay 1800K/15 E.T.A. Langemak 0100K/16.
- "ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Aircraft carrier) arrived Morobe 0900K/15 from Santo E.T.D. 0700K/16 for Manus 1300K/18.
- "GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR" (U.S.N. Transport) departed Milne Bay 0900K/15 E.T.A. San Francisco 1630K/1 August.
- "BISBEE" (U.S. Frigate) departed Langemak 0930K/15 escorting 1 M.V. to Hollandia E.T.A. 1330K/17.
- "ROCKFORD" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Santo P.M/15 from Cairns.
- "REICHTENBERGER" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Hollandia 1800K/15 escorting 2 M.V.'s to Biak E.T.A. 0600K/16.
- "GEELONG") departed Langemak 1200K/15 to R.V. with and escort convoy P.W.
 "GLENELG") 2411 to Manus.
- "COLAC" arrived Langemak 1041K/15 from Solomon Sea patrol.
- "SWAN") arrived Hollandia 1030K/15 escorting B.G.1 from Langemak.
 "TOWNSVILLE") "LITHGOW", "KAPUNDA", "TOWNSVILLE" with YMS.70 departed
 "LITHGOW") 1800K/15 escorting G.B.1. E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/18.
 "KAPUNDA")
- "LATROBE") arrived Langemak 1411K/13 from Milne Bay.
 "COOTAMUNDRA")
- "BUNDABERG") arrived Langemak 1015K/15 escorting A.N.32.
 "KATOOMBA")
- "GYMPIE" arrived Hollandia 13/7 escorting "ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) from Langemak.
- "ARARAT" arrived Langemak 1121K/15 from Milne Bay.
- "SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 1605K/15 from Milne Bay.
- "CABLE" (U.S. Repair Ship) arrived Milne Bay 11/7 (towing Y.024) from Purvis.
- "SEEKONK" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 0830K/15 from Milne Bay.
- "GLADSTONE" arrived 0730K/13 from Langemak.
- "LARK" (U.S. M/S) arrived Milne Bay 1200K/13 from Cairns.
 YMS.336 arrived Madang 0730K/13 from Langemak.
- P.C. 1131 arrived Langemak 1235K/15 escorting 7 M.V.'s from Hollandia.
- P.C. 478 departed Cape Cretin 1200K/15 escorting 1 L.S.T. and 1 L.C.I. E.T.A. Aitape 1500K/17.
- ADML.1338 departed Milne Bay 0800K/15 E.T.A. Langemak A.M/17 (thence Madang)
- XP.415 arrived Milne Bay 1440K/11 from Brisbane.
- S.C. 731 arrived Milne Bay 1200K/15 from Thursday Island.
- "OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1245K/14 from Milne Bay
- YMS.73 arrived Milne Bay 1500K/14 from Langemak.

APC. 29 departed Langemak 1930K/14 E.T.A. Alexishafen 0900K/15.

M.L. 817 arrived Biak 0900K/16 from Hollandia 0800K/17 for Hollandia.

S.C. 698 arrived Langemak 1231K/14 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 648 departed Milne Bay 1500K/15 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/17.

"JUNEE" arrived Snake Bay 1800K/15 from Darwin (escorting 1 M.V.).

M.L. 804 arrived Thursday Island 1330K/15 from RMS duties.

M.L. 804

"GOULBURN" departed Cairns 1711K/16 to assist "CHETCO" thence Milne Bay.

YP. 237 E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/23.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0323K/16 from Milne Bay.

"MURZIM" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 0630K/16 from Manus, departed 1430K/16 E.T.A. Sydney 1430K/18.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 0204K/16 from Brisbane.

"BINGERA" departed Sydney 0729K/16 E.T.A. Melbourne 0900K/18.

"YANDRA" arrived Pt. Stephens 1106K/16 from Sydney.

"GENERAL G.M. RANDALL" departed Bombay 11th July for Melbourne thence U.S.A.

"CHALLENGER" (Survey Ship) arrived Fremantle 1140K/16 from Exmouth Gulf.

"CLYDE" (Submarine) E.T.D. Trincomalee A.M./16 on operations.

"CHETCO" (U.S. Tug) towing A.P.C.I.:

At 1200K/16 "CHETCO" (towing A.P.C.I. from Stephen Island to Cairns for repairs reported that the vessel was taking water badly.

The position given was 40 miles N. of Grafton Passage Fire pumps were asked for. At 1545K/16 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that "GOULBURN" would be despatched with pumps to render assistance. At 2345K/16 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that the weather had not been suitable for the transfer of pumps, the tug and tow were inside the Passage and making 5 knots. It was reported that their E.T.A. at the Fairway buoy was 0600K/17.

"CHIEF JOSEPH" AGROUND ON REEF WARD HUNT STRAIT:

At 2015K/16 "CHIEF JOSEPH" (Liberty Ship) reported being aground on Darts Reef in Ward Hunt Strait. At 2045K/16 the ship reported that an attempt would be made to float off with the tide. Later an urgent request for a tug was made. All signals were passed to authorities concerned.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, 16TH JULY, 1944.

SECRET

TEABERRY (U.S. Net Tender) - departed Noumea 1535K/14, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0700K/21.

P.C.595 - E.T.D. Guadalcanal 1100K/14 escorting 1 merchant vessel for Morobe. Escort is to detach after 24 hours and return to Tulagi.

S.C.650)
Y.M.S.335) - arrived Manus 0930K/14 escorting Convoy H.A.31A from Langemak.

BARCOO - departed Manus 1240K/15 escorting Convoy A.N.32B to Langemak.

S.C.702 - arrived Manus 0700K/13 Treasury Islands.

S.C.745 - departed Hollandia 0800K/14 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/17.

VENDETTA - E.T.D. Madang 1800K/14, E.T.A. Dreger for fuel 0600K/15, E.T.A. Langemak 0830K/15.

L.C.I.436 - escorting L.C.T.'s 29, 46, 61, 102 departed Langemak 0730K/14; E.T.A. Alexishaven 1400K/15.

L.C.I.227 - departed Gretin 1600K/14; E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 2200K/16.

SHIKELLAMY (U.S. Tanker) - arrived Langemak 0330K/14 from Oro Bay.

GALLUP (U.S. Frigate) - departed Langemak 1315K/14 escorting SHIKELLAMY for Humboldt Bay; E.T.A. 1500K/17.

P.C.1122 - arrived Langemak 1330K/14 from Hollandia escorting 8 merchant ships and one tug; E.T.D. Langemak 2200K/14; E.T.A. Alexishaven 1000K/15.

FALIE - departed Langemak 0816K/14; E.T.A. Madang 1200K/15.

S.C.982 - departed Langemak 1615K/14 for Seeadler; E.T.A. 1600K/16.

S.C.742 - arrived Langemak 1026K/11 from Aitape.

MIZAR (U.S. Store Ship) - departed Milne Bay 1050K/13; E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/16.

S.C.637 - arrived Milne Bay 1613K/14 from Cairns.

BENDIGO - arrived Milne Bay 1400K/14 from Brisbane; departed Milne Bay 1200K/14 towing CAROO (H.M.A. powered lighter) E.T.A. Madang 1600K/18.

Y.M.S.73 - arrived Milne Bay 1046K/15 from Langemak.

BUTTONWOOD (U.S. Lighthouse Tender) - arrived Thursday Is. 1115K/15 from lighthouse work.

POTRERO - departed Cairns 0737K/14 for Thursday Island.

GOULBURN - E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/16 for Milne Bay; E.T.A. 0900K/18

M.L.805 - departed Cairns 1401K/15; E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1000K/18.

M.L.820 - arrived Cairns 1259K/14 from Thursday Island.

WARREGO - departed Townsville 1756K/14 for Milne Bay.

- BALLARAT** - departed Townsville 1240K/15; E.T.A. Thursday Island 0900K/18.
- COMFORT**
(U.S. Hospital Ship) - departed Brisbane for Langemak and Hollandia.
- BUNGAREE** - E.T.A. Sydney now 0200K/16 from Townsville.
- YANDRA** - departed Sydney 0858K/15 for 4/S patrol Smoky Cape and return; was ordered at 1053 to stand by s.s. "FORT WASHINGTON" (tanker of 10,422 tons gross, bound San Pedro to Sydney), which was disabled off Sydney, and render such assistance as necessary. A tug was also despatched from Sydney. "FORT WASHINGTON" has now arrived in Sydney.
- SAN PABLO**
(U.S. Seaplane Tender) - departed Sydney 1432K/15 for Seeadler; E.T.A. Palm Island en route 1200K/19.
- QUIBERON** - departed Port Phillip 1730K/14; E.T.A. Fremantle 1007K/18.
- ARIADNE** - E.T.D. Geelong A.M. 21st July, for Sydney.
- COOMBAR** - arrived Hobart 0831K/15 from Sydney.
- CHALLENGER**)
(H.M. Survey Ship)) - departed Exmouth Gulf 1900K/13; E.T.A. Fremantle 1100K/16.
- Y.M.S.11**) - departed Fremantle P.M. 14th July for
Y.M.S.72) Exmouth Gulf.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIP OFF FREMANTLE.

The 6,000 ton ship 65 miles south west of Fremantle reported by an R.A.A.F. patrol plane on 13th July, has now been identified as "ANDREW T. HUNTINGDON", a Liberty Ship, which approached Fremantle from Colombo 70 miles south of her original course. Delay in identification was caused by incorrect description given by the plane.

To 0900K/Saturday, 15th July, 1944.

"BUNDABERG") escorting Convoy N.A. 52 arriving Manus 1153K/13 from
 "KATOOMBA") Langemak; escorting convoy A.N. 52 departed Manus 0700K/14
 E.T.A. Langemak 0950K/15.

"EMERY" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) arrived Manus 0628K/14 from Espiritu Santo

"WAGGA" at Russell Island on 13th July, reported that bracket was un-
 reliable and likely to fracture without warning. She requested
 spare part be sent without delay. "WAGGA" is thus immobilised
 at Russell Island, where she arrived on 1st July escorting a
 merchant vessel from Manus. No information is available to
 indicate the cause of the damage.

"VENDETTA" arrived Madang 1130K/14 from Milne Bay.

"BERKONK" (U.S. Tanker) E.T.D. Madang 1200K/14 E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/15.

"ANDERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Oro Bay 0545K/13 from SouPac.

S.C. 982 arrived Langemak 1650K/13 from Manus.

P.C. 479 arrived Langemak 0731K/13 from Aitape.

S.C. 749 escorting "CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 1300K/13.
 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1600K/15.

S.C. 743 escorting "VILLALOBOS" (U.S. Tanker) and "DERICK" (U.S. Tug)
 departed Langemak 1330K/13 E.T.A. Humboldt Bay 1830K/16.

"ORARA" arrived Madang 1330K/12 E.T.D. 1800K/12 with S.C. 749 for Langemak
 1100K/13.

"FALIE" arrived Langemak 0846K/13 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 70 arrived Langemak 2206K/10 from Milne Bay.

"SPRIGHTLY" towing pontoons barges E.T.D. Dreger Harbour 1300K/14 E.T.A.
 Hollandia 1800K/18.

"PING WO" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1230K/14 E.T.A. Langemak 1200K/16 - thence
 Madang.

S.C. 648 arrived Milne Bay 1100K/13 from Langemak.

M.L. 431 arrived Milne Bay 1700K/13 from Langemak.

GENERAL HARRY TAYLOR U.S. Naval transport, arrived Milne Bay 1131K/12
 from San Francisco.

P.C. 1121 departed Milne Bay 0730K/14 E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/17.

"ARARAT" departed Milne Bay 0800K/14 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/15. On
 arrival to come under operational control of N.O.I.C. Langemak.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Port Moresby 0830K/14 from Townsville E.T.D. for
 Bramble Cay 0800K/15 for survey duties in area.

"ALATNA" (Services Reconnaissance Department vessel) departed Darwin
 1721K/13 for Ashmore Reef E.T.A. 15/7; E.T.A. Darwin on
 return 17/7.

"PARKES" escorting Convoy T.D. 59 arrived Darwin 1614K/9 from Thursday
 Island

"PIRIE" departed Darwin 0730K/14 escorting Convoy T.D. 68 E.T.A. Thurs-
 day Island 2130K/17.

"JUNEE" departed Darwin escorting 1 merchant ship to Snake Bay E.T.A. 1030K/15.

M.L. 804 reported that while engaged on R.M.S. duties, vessel drifted across mud bank in vicinity of Pera Head, on 14th July. Examination by diver reveals starboard propellor chipped but performing satisfactorily, while port propellor is chipped and has been moved aft. Vessel can proceed at 10 knots on starboard propellor. One mine has been rendered safe; after rendering second mine safe, M.L. 804 expects to arrive Thursday Island on 16th July.

"BROOME" departed Cairns 2016K/13 for Brisbane.

"BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1949K/13 for Townsville; arrived 1152K/14.

"BANGALOW" towing "GRIFFIOEN" departed Townsville 0929K/14 for Brisbane.

"MISS GLADYS" (N.A.P.) arrived Brisbane 2118K/13 from Bowen.

Y.P. 283 arrived Brisbane 0845K/14 for Cairns.

"KYBHA" departed Assault 2130K/13 arrived Sydney 1040K/14.

"ARLADNE" departed Williamstown 1329K/14 E.T.A. Geelong 1600K/14.

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Fremantle 0950K/14 from Geraldton.

UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL OFF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COAST.

At 1133K/13th July, an R.A.A.F. plane on patrol sighted a 6,000 ton vessel in position 65 miles S.W. of Fremantle course 140° speed 10 knots. SHE asked the plane for the letter of the day and ran up flags "R.I.H.". These were not the correct identification letters nor did the ship otherwise identify itself; from the description given by the crew of the plane when they reported at 1445K/13, the ship could not be identified. A.C.N.B. has informed N.O.I.C. Fremantle that the ship could not be identified by the description, and the identification signal is incorrect for any ship likely to be in the vicinity.

"MILNE" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langkok 1800K/13 from Milne Bay.

"MILNE" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langkok 18 from Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/13 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/14 (towing Y.P. 283).

"MILNE" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langkok 1800K/13 from Milne Bay.

"MILNE" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1001K/13 from Brisbane departed 0929K/13 E.T.A. Langkok 1400K/14.

"MILNE" (U.S. Examination Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1800K/11 from Langkok, departed 1800K/13 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/13.

"MILNE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Uru Bay 0815K/13 E.T.A. Langkok 0800K/14.

"MILNE" departed Milne Bay 0800K/13 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/13.

"MILNE" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langkok 0815K/13 from Milne Bay.

"MILNE" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1815K/13 from Cairns.

To 0900K/Friday 14th July, 1944.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker)) departed Langemak 1050K/11 E.T.A. Hollandia
 "GYMPIE") 1001K/13.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Escort Carrier) departed Santo 1200K/12 E.T.A. Morobe
 1030K/16.

"MUSKOGEE" (U.S. Frigate) E.T.D. Noumea 1100K/13 E.T.A. Cairns 1001K/18.

"GLADSTONE" departed Langemak 1431K/12 E.T.A. Madang 0700K/13.

"DELORAIN" arrived Langemak 1715K/12 escorting A.N.31.

"BUNBURY" arrived Langemak 2300K/12 escorting A.N.31B (to Milne Bay).

"VENDETTA" departed Milne Bay 0930K/13 E.T.A. Madang 1200K/14.

"ORESTES" (U.S. M.T.B. Tender) departed Bora Bora 0400K/13 E.T.A. Milne
 Bay 28/7.

"SWAN") departed Langemak 1800K/12 escorting B.C.1. to Hollandia

"TOWNSVILLE") E.T.A. 1700K/15. Convoy including "SAKATONCHEE"

"LITHGOW") (U.S. Tanker) 2 S.C.'s to detach and escort to Aitape

"KAPUNDA") 1 M.V.

S.C. 742)

S.C. 981)

"LATHOBE") departed Milne Bay 1000K/12 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/13

"COOTAMUNDRA") (to operational control Langemak).

S.C. 743 arrived Langemak 1706K/12 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 336 departed Langemak 1731K/12 E.T.A. Madang 1100K/13 (to repair).

S.C. 732 departed Cape Gloucester 0901K/13 E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/13.

YMS. 73 arrived Langemak 1046K/12 from Hollandia, departed 0401K/13
 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/14.

"THOMASON" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) arrived Langemak 0800K/12 from Manus.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship)) "MIZAR" departed 1145K/12 arrived
 Milne Bay 0845K/13.

"CRUZ" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langemak 0920K/12 from Milne Bay.

"RAIL" (U.S. Tug) arrived Langemak 0930K/12 from Hollandia E.T.D. 1200K/
 12 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/14 (towing YT.236).

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1200K/12 from Milne Bay.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1001K/12 from Brisbane
 departed 0930K/13 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/14.

"PYRO" (U.S. Ammunition Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1545K/11 from Langemak,
 departed 1400K/12 E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/18.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Oro Bay 0915K/13 E.T.A. Langemak 0530K/
 14.

"MERKUR" departed Milne Bay 0850K/13 E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/17.

"VILLALOBOS" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak 0615K/13 from Milne Bay.

"SUSCUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 0915K/12 from Cairns.

"VIREO" (U.S. Tug) } departed Tulagi 13/7 E.T.A. Manus 1600K/17.
S.C. 1047 (Escort) }

APC.3 departed Manus 0700K/13 E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/14.

"TRIANGULUM" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/15 E.T.A. Milne Bay
0830K/20 thence Hollandia.

"KIAMA" arrived Cairns 0551K/13 from Langemak (to dock)

"BROOME" arrived Cairns 0940K/13 from Milne Bay E.T.D. 1900K/13 E.T.A.
Brisbane 0700K/17.

"BANGALOW" E.T.D. Townsville 0800K/14 E.T.D. Brisbane 0600K/18 (towing
GRIFFIOEN).

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/14 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/16.

"LARK" (U.S. Mine/s) departed Cairns 1100K/13 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/16.

"BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1934K/13 for Townsville (to Thursday Island).

YP.421 arrived Brisbane 1320K/13 from Santo.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 1022K/13 from A/S patrol.

"PROMETHEUS" (U.S. M/S) departed Sydney 1618K/13 E.T.A. Purvis 1800K/10.

"BINGERA" arrived Sydney 1111K/13 from Melbourne.

"ARIADNE" E.T.D. Melbourne 1330K/14 E.T.A. U long 1600K/14.

"QUIBERON" E.T.D. Melbourne P.M/14 for Fremantle E.T.A. 18/7 (to Eastern
Fleet).

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Geraldton 1600K/13
E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/14.

"ELVE" (U.S. Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1600K/11 from Cairns.

"SALAD" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1310K/11, arrived Oro Bay
1837K/12.

"SALAD" arrived Milne Bay 1800K/11 from Langemak.

"SALAD" departed Milne Bay 1200K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/12; on
arrival to come under operational control of U.S. Langemak.

"WESTALL" departed Milne Bay 1300K/11 arrived Lee 1200K/12.

"ARAND" arrived Milne Bay 1300K/11 from Brisbane.

"TOMBA" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0700K/11 from Langemak.

"DOLAN" arrived Darwin 1830K/11 from Thursday Island.

"DOWN" arrived Melville Bay 1140K/11 escorting one ship from Darwin.

"TOMBA" departed Thursday Island 1000K/12 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/13
for refit.

"TOMBA" departed Cairns 1730K/12 for Thursday Island E.T.A. P.M. 18/7.

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"STACK" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Funafuti 0600K/10 escorting U.S. Army Transport "MAUI" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/15.

"NASHVILLE" (U.S. Cruiser)) E.T.D. ESPIRITU SANTO 14th July E.T.A. Sydney
 "LOESER" (U.S. Destroyer)) A.M. 18th July, for 9 days' rest and
 "GREENWOOD" (U.S. Destroyer)) recreation.

"DELORAINÉ" escorting Convoy A.N.31A (3 ships) departed Manus 1100K/11.
 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 1700K/12.

"BUNBURY" escorting Convoy A.N.31B (1 ship) departed Manus 1400K/11,
 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/14.

U.S. "THOMASON" (Destroyer Escort) escorting A.N.31C (U.S.S. "MIZAR",
 store ship) departed Manus 1415K/11 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0805K
 /12.

S.C. 982 departed Manus 1455K/12 E.T.A. Finschhafen 0600K/14.

M.L. 817 E.T.D. Madang 2359K/13 for Hollandia.

ATR. 317 (U.S. Ocean Tug) departed Langemak 1524K/11 towing dredge "D. YORK"
SYME" E.T.A. HUMBOLDT BAY 1430K/16.

"SWAN" arrived Langemak 1246K/11 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

S.C. 981 arrived Langemak 1501K/11 from Cape Gloucester.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Langemak 1606K/11 from Milne Bay.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Langemak 0941K/11 from Milne Bay.

"BUNDABERG") departed Langemak 1031K/12 escorting Convoy N.A.32 E.T.A.
 "KATOOMBA") Manus 1000K/13.

S.C. 650) departed Langemak 0600K/12 escorting Convoy N.A.31A. E.T.A.
 YMS. 335) Manus 1800K/14.

M.L. 431 departed Langemak 1100K/12 E.T.A. Morobe 1600K/12 thence Milne Bay
 E.T.A. 1400K/13.

"BLUE RIDGE" (C.T.F. 76 Hq. Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1600K/11 from Cairns.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1310K/11, arrived Oro Bay
 1237K/12.

P.C. 1121 arrived Milne Bay 1400K/11 from Langemak.

S.C. 743 departed Milne Bay 1200K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/12; on
 arrival to come under operational control of N.O.I.C. Langemak.

"WESTRALIA" departed Milne Bay 1200K/11 arrived Lae 1215K/12.

"ARARAT" arrived Milne Bay 1300K/11 from Brisbane.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Tug) arrived Milne Bay 0700K/11 from Langemak.

"COOLEBAR" arrived Darwin 1933K/11 from Thursday Island.

"BOWEN" arrived Melville Bay 1145K/11 escorting one ship from Darwin.

S.C. 731 departed Thursday Island 1000K/12 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/13
 for refit.

"POTRERO" departed Cairns 1758K/11 for Thursday Island E.T.A. P.M. 18/7.

S.C. 637 departed Cairns 1031K/12 for Milne Bay.

YMS.52 arrived Cairns 0131K/12 from Milne Bay.

"MILDURA" arrived Brisbane 0530K/12 from Milne Bay via Gladstone.

"COMFORT" (U.S. Hospital Ship) arrived Brisbane 0900K/12 from West Coast of America.

"PROMETHEUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) E.T.A. Sydney 13/7 for Port Purvis.

"FLYING CLOUD" (N.A.P.) arrived Sydney 1430K/11 from Port Kembla.

"LONDON" flying flag of F.O. 5th C.S. departed Fremantle at 1730K/11 escorting "HIGHLAND PRINCESS", E.T.A. Trincomalee 2000K/23.

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Exmouth Gulf 1030K/11 arrived Fremantle 1600K/12.

YP.286 arrived Fremantle 1915K/12 from Exmouth Gulf.

..... departed Milne Bay E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/12 (for repairs Brisbane).

..... (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0800K/11 E.T.A. Langkat 1400K/12.

..... arrived Langkat 0800K/11 from Milne Bay (for repairs).

..... departed Milne Bay 0900K/11 E.T.A. Langkat 0900K/12 (for repairs).

..... arrived Langkat 1700K/10 from Milne Bay.

..... departed Milne Bay 1800K/10 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/11.

..... departed Cairns 1800K/10 E.T.A. Langkat 0700K/12.

..... arrived Milne Bay 1900K/12 from Thursday Island.

..... arrived Langkat 1800K/10 escorting A.S. 200K.

..... arrived Langkat 1400K/8 from Milne Bay, departed 1700K/10 E.T.A. Langkat 0800K/11.

..... departed Milne Bay 1800K/10 E.T.A. Langkat 0800K/12.

..... arrived Langkat 0800K/11 from Milne Bay.

..... departed Langkat 0800K/11 E.T.A. Korala 1200K/11 from Milne Bay.

..... (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1000K/10 from Brisbane, departed 0800K/11 E.T.A. Langkat 0800K/12.

..... (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0500K/11 E.T.A. Langkat 1800K/12.

..... arrived Cairns 1800K/10 escorting Y.A. 61.

..... (U.S. Frigate) arrived Cairns 1800K/10 from Thursday Island, departed 1800K/11 E.T.A. Fremantle 1800K/12.

..... arrived Cairns 2000K/10 from Thursday Island.

..... arrived Cairns 0800K/12 from Milne Bay.

..... departed Cairns 1800K/10 arrived Thursday 0800K/11 (12/10).

To 0900K/Wednesday, 12th July, 1944.

"EMERY" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) E.T.D. Russel Island 0700K/8 E.T.A. Emirau 1200K/11, thence when ready to Manus escorting M.V. "W.A. COULTER".

"GEELONG" arrived Langemak 1046K/9 from Solomon Sea patrol.

"BUNBURY") arrived Manus 1205K/10 escorting N.A. 31.
"DELOIRINE")

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship)) E.T.D. Manus 1500K/11 E.T.A. Finschhafen
"THOMASON" (Dest. Escort)) 0800K/12. "MIZAR" to proceed Brisbane via Milne Bay.

"SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker)) arrived Langemak 0850K/10 from Manus.
S.C. 650

"BUNDABERG") arrived Langemak 1025K/10 escorting convoy of 6 vessels
"GLADSTONE") from Hollandia (ncluding "SPRIGHTLY").
"GYMPIE")
S.C. 738)

"BROOME" departed Milne Bay 0600K/11 E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/13 (for repairs Brisbane).

"VILLALOBOS" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0650K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1400K/12.

"WHANGPU" arrived Langemak 0846K/8 from Milne Bay (for Madang).

"FALIE" departed Milne Bay 0630K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/13 (for Madang)

M.L. 819 arrived Langemak 1701K/10 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 52 departed Milne Bay 1400K/10 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/13.

P.C. 1132 departed Manus 1800K/8 E.T.A. Wakde 0700K/10.

"URALBA" arrived Milne Bay 1900K/10 from Thursday Island.

YMS. 336 arrived Langemak 1515K/10 escorting A.N. 30B.

YMS. 314 arrived Langemak 1456K/9 from Milne Bay, departed 1721K/10 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/11.

"ORARA" departed Milne Bay 1630K/10 E.T.A. Madang 0900K/12.

M.L. 431 arrived Langemak 0300K/11 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 648 departed Langemak 0626K/11 E.T.A. Morobe 1300K/11 thence Milne Bay.

"GOLDSTAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Milne Bay 1050K/10 from Brisbane, departed 0500K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/12.

"CRUZ" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 0530K/11 E.T.A. Langemak 1200K/12.

"PIRIE" arrived Darwin 1935K/10 escorting T.D. 61.

"CORPUS CHRISTI" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Darwin 1511K/10 from Thursday Island, departed 1005K/11 E.T.A. Fremantle 1800K/17.

M.L. 807 arrived Darwin 2340K/10 from Thursday Island.

APC. 13 arrived Cairns 0505K/11 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 425 departed Cairns 1816K/10 arrived Townsville 0630K/11 (refit).

0900K/Tuesday, 11th July, 1944.

"STRAHAN" } departed Milne Bay 1000K/10 to relieve "SWAN" and "GEELONG"
"COLAC" } on Solomon Sea patrol. "SWAN" and "GEELONG" to proceed
Langemak when relieved.

"ALTAMAHA" (Escort Carrier) E.T.D. Santo 12/7 for Manus.

"HOBBY") (U.S. Destroyer) Departed 0200K/9 escorting 4 M.V.'s to
"LAVALETTE") " Biak E.T.A. 1900K/10.
"GRAYSON") "

"WESTRALIA" arrived Milne Bay 1800K/9 from Cairns.

"GLENELG" arrived Langemak 2225K/9 from Madang.

"KIAMA" departed Langemak 0600K/10 for Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/13 (dock etc.).

"DELOIRINE" } departed Langemak 1015K/9 escorting N.A.31 E.T.A. Manus
"BUNBURY") 1745K/10.

"WABATCH" (U.S. Communications Ship) departed Balboa 0100K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1/8.

"KATOOMBA") arrived Langemak 2200K/8 escorting 2 M.V.'s from Aitape.
S.C. 648)

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Milne Bay 1000K/10 E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/11.

"BROOME" arrived Milne Bay 1000K/10 from Langemak.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker).) arrived Langemak 1730K/8 from Hollandia.
"LITHGOW")

YMS. 70) departed Langemak 1700K/9 escorting 1. M.V. to Saidor E.T.A.
S.C. 737) 0600K/9.

P.C. 1132 departed Hollandia 1800K/8 escorting 2 U.S. Army Craft E.T.A. Wadke 1300K/9.

M.L. 431 arrived Langemak 2151K/8 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 430 departed Langemak 1001K/9 E.T.A. Madang 2300K/9.

YMS. 335 arrived Langemak 1200K/9 from Manus.

APC. 3 arrived Langemak 1615K/9 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 819 arrived Lae 1041K/10 from Morobe departed 1232K/10 E.T.A. Langemak 1700K/10.

YMS. 70 departed Saidor 1137K/10 E.T.A. Langemak 2000K/10.

"PYRO" (U.S. Ammunition Ship) departed Langemak 1310K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1001K/12.

"MERKUR" departed Langemak 1345K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0930K/12.

"SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Cairns 0819K/10 from Brisbane departed Cairns 1500K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/12.

"BUNGAREE" departed Townsville 0700K/10 E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/14 (refit).

YP. 283 departed Cairns 0823K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/14.

M.L. 425 arrived Cairns 1812K/9 from Thursday Island (refit Townsville).

"BLUE RIDGE" (T.F. 76 Hq.) departed Townsville 2128K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/11.

APC.15 arrived Brisbane 0615K/10 from Ballina.

"BENDIGO" E.T.D. Brisbane 1500K/10 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500K/14.

"SAMUEL BENELOW" departed Sydney 0035K/10 for Shoalhaven R. (to tow army hulls to Sydney).

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney 0843K/10 from Pt. Stephens with 6 ALCV's.

"NAHANI") departed Sydney 0944K/10 arrived Pt. Kembla 1530K/10.
"PATERSON")

"KINGERA" E.T.A. Pt. Melbourne 2000K/10 from Westernport E.T.D. Melbourne 1200K/11 E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/13.

"NORMAN") departed Fremantle 1001K/9 in company with tanker,
"CAIRNS") "NORMAN'S" E.T.A. Trincomalee 1200K/19, "CAIRNS" and
"WOLLONGONG") "WOLLONGONG'S" E.T.A. Addu Atoll 1900K/21.

YP.286 departed Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. Fremantle 1001K/13.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING GREAT AUSTRALIAN BIGHT.

At 1830K/3 the Master of the "FREDERICK J. TURNER" (U.S. Army Transport) en route to Fremantle from Bora Bora, sighted a submarine about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles on the port quarter travelling on a westerly course. It was sighted for about 20 minutes and then disappeared or was lost to sight without taking any hostile action (Reported by N.O.I.C. Fremantle 1855K/9). The position given was $07^{\circ} 40' S$. $129^{\circ} 30' E$ is approximately 360 miles S.W. of Kangaroo Is.

APC.1 BROKEN DOWN AT STEPHEN IS. (G.N.E. CHANNEL).

At 1612K/9 N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported that APC.1 (a small U.S.N. coastal ship for refrigerated stores) had broken down en route to Milne Bay from Thursday Island. Later Comserv 7th Fleet ordered C.N.B. Milne Bay to tow APC.1 to Cairns for repairs.

"BOWEN" arrived Langkok 1100K/9 reporting Convoy A.S. 20 from Malakally Islands. Departed Langkok 1000K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/10. "BOWEN" has two diesel propellers and is to be sailed from Milne Bay for Cairns E.T.O. 17/9 for repairs.

"BOWEN" arrived Langkok 1410K/9 reporting Convoy A.S. 20 from Malakally Islands.

"BOWEN" E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/9 E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/9.

"BOWEN" arrived Langkok 1340K/7 from Milne Bay.

"BOWEN" departed Langkok 1500K/9 E.T.A. Call Bell Beach 11.

"BOWEN" arrived Call Bell 1800K/8 from Langkok.

"BOWEN" E.T.A. Call Bell 0800K/10 from Langkok.

"BOWEN" returning to Eastern Fleet departed Fremantle 1100K/9 for Addu Atoll, in company with tanker "SAMUEL BENELOW".

"BOWEN" departed Milne Bay 1200K/9 arrived Fort Moresby 1200K/9.

"BOWEN" (U.S. State Ship) departed Milne Bay 1200K/9 for Moresby.

"BOWEN" U.S. Frigate, arrived Milne Bay 1200K/7 from Cairns.

"BOWEN"

To 0900K/Monday 10th July, 1944.

"SPRINGDALE" (H.M.S.) (Deperming Ship) arrived Trincomalee 8th July from Fremantle.

TASK UNIT 16.13.7 escorting Convoy 4233A to Oro Bay E.T.A. China Strait 0800K/11.

L.C.I's 970, 971, 972, 968 departed Espiritu Santo 0500K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 13/7.

"HILO") Motor Boat tenders, arrived Biak 1200K/9 with 8 P.T. boats
"PORTUNUS") from Aitape.

"GLENDALE") U.S.) escorting 11 merchant vessels departed Langemak at
"CORONADO") Frigates) 1810K/8. P.C. 1131 escorting one merchant vessel
) from Saidor joins the convoy at 0100K/9. One
"STAWELL") merchant vessel, escorted by P.C. 479 detaches and
) proceeds to Aitape E.T.A. 1800K/10. Remainder of
P.C. 479) escort vessels and convoy proceeds to Humboldt Bay
 E.T.A. 0600K/11.

"PYRO" (U.S. Ammunition ship) departed Manus 8/7; E.T.A. Langemak 10/7.

"MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departed Manus 8/7; E.T.A. Langemak 10/7.

"SPRIGHTLY" (H.M.A. Tug) departed Manus 8/7; E.T.A. Langemak 10/7.

"SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 5/7 E.T.A. Seeadler 6/7.
departed Seeadler 8/7 E.T.A. Finschhafen 10/7.

APC.13 departed Langemak 2215K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/8.

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"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 7/7 arrived Seeadler 8/7.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Fleet Tug) E.T.D. 2200K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/10.

"WHYALLA") departed Langemak 1400K/8 escorting "WHANG PU" and 2 merchant
S.C. 741) vessels E.T.A. Madang 0600K/9.

"BROOME" arrived Langemak 1415K/8 escorting Convoy A.N. 30 from Admiralty
Island. Departed Langemak 2006K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/
10. "BROOME" has two damaged propellers and is to be
sailed from Milne Bay for Cairns E.T.D. 13/7 for repairs.

YMS.70 arrived Langemak 1415K/8 escorting Convoy A.N. 30 from Admiralty
Islands.

M.L..818 E.T.D. Oro Bay 0930K/8 E.T.A. Morobe 1530K/9.

"BUNBURY" arrived Langemak 2345K/7 from Madang.

P.C. 1121 departed Langemak 1831K/9 E.T.A. Gili Gili 2000K/11.

P.C. 1131 arrived Saidor 1832K/8 from Langemak.

M.L. 426 E.T.D. Saidor 0600K/10 from Langemak.

"NORMAN") returning to Eastern Fleet departed Fremantle 1142K/9 for
"HOLLONGONG") Addu Attol, in company with tanker "ESSO ROCHESTER".
"CAIRNS")

M.L. 802 departed Milne Bay 1200K/8 arrived Port Moresby 1334K/9.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1350K/8 for Morobe.

"BISBEE") U.S. Frigates, arrived Milne Bay 1900K/7 from Cairns.
"GALLUP")

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Milne Bay 1230K/9 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/11.

M.L. 819 departed Milne Bay 1400K/8 for Madang via Oro Bay, Lae, Langemak and Saidor E.T.A. Oro Bay 0700K/9.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/9 from survey grounds.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin 1453K/9 escorting convoy T.D.60 from Thursday Island.

"LOWEN" departed Darwin 0747K/9 escorting one merchant vessel to Melville Bay E.T.A. 0930K/11; thence Thursday Island.

S.C. 731 departed Merauke 1600K/8; arrived Thursday Island 1007K/9.

"INVERELL" arrived Thursday Island 0400K/9 escorting Convoy 67 from Darwin.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) departed Thursday Island 1022K/9 to carry out lighthouse work in Great North Eastern Channel.

"LARK" (U.S. Tug) arrived Cairns 1842 with 1 steel barge and 1 steel lighter in tow from Brisbane.

YF.283 E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/10 E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/14.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Townsville 1404K/9 from Sydney.

"BUNGAREE" E.T.D. Townsville 0700K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/14.

"BLUE RIDGE" (C.T.F. 76 Hq. Ship) arrived Townsville 1556K/9 from Brisbane.

"MILDURA" arrived Gladstone 0800K/9 from Milne Bay E.T.D. Gladstone 0700K/10 with "MISS GLADYS" (a launch) in tow E.T.A. Brisbane 1600K/11.

"OCTANS" departed Brisbane 8/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 12/7.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 0856K/9 from A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) arrived Sydney 1104K/9 from Espiritu Santo.

"NAPIER") returning from Eastern Fleet for refit, E.T.D. Addu Atol
 "TAMWORTH") 17/7 for Fremantle; to fuel as necessary from American
 "IPSWICH") Arrow, which sails in company, "NAPIER" to part company
 when fuel allows and proceed independently to Fremantle,
 "TAMWORTH" and "IPSWICH" remain in company with
 "AMERICAN ARROW" to Fremantle.

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0900K/Sunday, 9th July, 1944.

S.C. 1047 escorting U.S.S. "CABLE" (Salvage vessel) towing oil barge, E.T.D. Purvie Bay 0600K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/11.

Com. L.C.I. Flotilla 15 in L.C.I. 972 with L.C.I.'s 970, 971 and 968 E.T.D. Espiritu Santo for Milne Bay 0500K/9.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 6/7 arrived Milne Bay 7/7.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langemak 1130K/7 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 430 E.T.D. Madang 0800K/8 E.T.A. Saidor 1200K/8; E.T.A. Langemak 2100K/8.

M.L. 827 departed Langemak 1216K/7 E.T.A. Manus 1330K/8.

YMS. 335 escorting "MURZIM" (U.S. Cargo Ship) departed Manus 1000K/8 E.T.A. Lae 1800K/9; "MURZIM" to proceed to Brisbane E.T.A. A.M. 15/7.

S.C. 650 escorting "SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Manus 1600K/8; E.T.A. Finschhafen 1200K/10.

YMS. 71) Departed Langemak 1200K/7 escorting 2 merchant vessels A.T.R.
S.C. 744) 31 (tug) and tow, and 3 small freighters; S.C. 731 detaches
S.C. 735) and proceeds with A.T.R. 31 and tow to Alexishafen E.T.A. 1400K/8; S.C. 744 detaches and proceeds with 1 Merchant vessel and 3 small freighters to Aitape E.T.A. 1200K/10; YMS. 71 with one merchant vessel proceeds to Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/11.

S.C. 732) escorting "SONOMA" (U.S. Tug) arrived Langemak 0800K/8 from
S.C. 737) Humboldt Bay.

S.C. 741 arrived Langemak 0415K/7 escorting Convoy A.N. 29B from Manus.

P.C. 1121 arrived Langemak 0215K/7 escorting Convoy A.N. 29A from Manus.

S.C. 745 departed Langemak 1716K/7 E.T.A. Bogia Harbour 1700K/7; is then to escort 39 L.C.M.'s, 3 picket boats, 3 C. boats and 1 tug from Bogia E.T.D. 0400K/9 to Aitape E.T.A. 1800K/10.

P.C. 1131 departed Langemak 0631K/8; E.T.A. Saidor 1500K/8.

"PASQUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1710K/7 from Port Moresby.

"TEAK" (U.S. Net tender) departed Milne Bay 1055K/7 E.T.A. Sydney 1335K/13.

"MARTINDALE" (N.A.P.) arrived Milne Bay 2100K/7 from Cairns.

YMS. 314 departed Milne Bay 0800K/8 E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/9 thence Madang for docking.

YMS. 52 arrived Milne Bay 1000K/8 from Langemak.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1130K/9 from installing lights north of Milne Bay.

"PIRIE" departed Thursday Island 0630K/7 escorting Convoy T.D. 61 (2 ships) for Darwin.

"COOLEBAR" departed Thursday Island towing M.L. 807; M.L. 807 is to detach and proceed to Melville Bay E.T.A. 1100K/9; "COOLEBAR" is to proceed to Darwin E.T.A. 1930K/11.

"CORPUS CHRISTI" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Thursday Island 0715K/8 from Cairns; departed Thursday Island 1429K/8 E.T.A. Darwin 1500K/10 thence Fremantle.

To M.L. 820 departed Thursday Island E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/16.

"WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 1816K/7 E.T.A. Lae 2100K/10.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville 1825K/8 from Milne Bay.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Townsville 1412K/8 with "POLARIS" in tow from Great North East Channel survey.

"BANGALOW" towing "GRIFFIOEN" departed Thursday Island 0933K/8 E.T.A. Townsville 0933K/12.

APC.1 departed Thursday Island 0753K/8 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/11.

YP.240 E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/9 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/16.

"OCTANS" E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/8 E.T.D. Milne Bay 1000K/12, thence
(U.S. Store Ship) Finschhafen.

"GANYMEDE" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Brisbane 6/7 arrived Sydney 1742K/8.

"ARISTAEUS" (U.S. repair ship) arrived Sydney 0812K/8 from Soupac.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1842K/7; arrived Port Stephens 0621K/8.

"BURDEKIN" arrived Sydney 0800K/8 from Hervey Bay.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. repair Ship) E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/9 from Espiritu Santo.

"NORMAN") E.T.D. from Fremantle now 1001K/9; owing to delay
"CAIRNS") in arrival of "CAIRNS" due to bad weather and certain
"WOLLONGONG") urgent defects.

"TAMWORTH") E.T.D. Addu Atoll now 17th July for Fremantle.
"IPSWICH")

DURRAWEEEN SALVAGES DRIFTING BARGE:

When a barge which was being towed by M.S. RAMO from Melbourne to Sydney broke adrift 9 miles south of Wilson's Promontory on 8th July, H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN", which was minesweeping in the vicinity, salvaged the barge, took it in tow, and restored it to RAMO.

AIR RAID WARNING:

Red Warning at Nadzab 0452K/9.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 8th July, 1944.

"HILO" (U.S. Gunboat) } arrived Aitape 2100K/6 E.T.A. 1700K/7
 "PORTUNUS" (U.S.M.T.B. Tender) } with 8 M.T.B's E.T.A. Biak 1700K/9.

"SAKATONCHEE" (U.S. Tanker) } arrived Manus 0001K/7 from Langemak.
 YMS. 336

"KIAMA" departed Langemak 0407K/7 to R.V. with U.S. Submarine 45.

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay 1500K/6 E.T.A. Townsville 1730K/8 (surveying).

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Langemak 1701K/6 from Milne Bay.

"GLENDALE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Langemak 0900K/6 escorting convoy from
 "CORONADO" (" ") Hollandia.
 "VAN BUREN" (" ")

"LITHGOW" } departed Hollandia 1630K/6 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/8
 "ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) } 8.

YMS. 73 departed Biak area 1200K/6 E.T.A. Hollandia 1800K/7.

S.C. 703) E.T.D. Milne Bay 7/7 for Langemak.
 S.C. 736)
 S.C. 743)

"KAPUNDA" E.T.D. Milne Bay 8/7 for Langemak arrived Milne Bay 0930K/7
 from Cairns.

"LATROBE" } E.T.D. Milne Bay 10/7 for Langemak.
 "ROCKHAMPTON" }

"BROOME") arrived Manus 1330K/6 from Langemak (escorting N.A. 30)
 YMS. 701) departed 0800K/7 escorting A.N. 30 to Langemak E.T.A. 1600K/8.

"COLAC") E.T.D. Milne Bay 10/7 for Solomon Sea Patrol.
 "STRAHAN")

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1500K/6 E.T.A. Langemak 1001K/
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"MESQUITE" (U.S. Survey Ship) departed Langemak 1730K/5 E.T.A. Alexishafen
 A.M./6.

YMS. 336 departed Manus 1300K/7 E.T.A. Langemak 1900K/9 escorting A.N. 30B.

YMS. 52 departed Langemak 1806K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/8.

M.L. 430 departed Langemak 1906K/5 E.T.A. Madang 0800K/6.

P.C. 477 departed Hollandia 1930K/6 E.T.A. Biak 1400K/8.

"WHANG PU" departed Milne Bay 1330K/6 E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/8 (for Madang).

"PIRIE" departed Thursday Island 0600K/7 E.T.A. Darwin 2000K/10 escorting
 T.D. 61.

"FREMANTLE" departed Thursday Island 1630K/6 E.T.A. Darwin 1500K/9 escorting
 T.D. 60.

S.C. 731 arrived Merauke 1630K/6 towing "SMEROE" (RNN.M/S) from Eilanden
 River. E.T.D. 1700K/8 for Thursday Island.

"MERBADOE" (RNN.M/S) arrived Merauke 1500K/6 from Eilanden River.

"SHIKELAMY" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1340K/6 from Pt. Moresby.

S.C. 745 arrived Langemak 1026K/7 from Madang.

M.L. 425 departed Thursday Island 0858K/7 E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/9.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Thursday Island 0515K/7 from Cairns.

"COOLEBAR" departed Thursday Island 1500K/7 E.T.A. Darwin 1930K/11 from Cairns towing M.L. 807. M.L. 807 E.T.A. Darwin 1100K/9 independently.

"CORPUS CHRISTI" (U.S. Frigate) departed Cairns 1500K/6 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/8 (for Fremantle via Darwin).

"WESTRALIA" arrived Townsville 0600K/7 from Sydney.

APC.1 arrived Thursday Island 1010K/6 from Pt. Moresby.

YP.283 arrived Cairns 1335K/7 from Milne Bay.

"BLUE RIDGE" (U.S. T.F. Hq. Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/7 E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/9 (to Milne Bay).

YP.421 departed Santo 1700K/7 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2300K/13.

"ECHUCA" arrived Brisbane 0459K/7 towing "TOPSY A" and "ALLURA" (A.S.R.'s) from Gladstone.

"ARARAT" departed Brisbane 1235K/7 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/11.

"SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Tanker) E.T.D. Brisbane 1900K/7 E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/10.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 0905K/7 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1459K/7 E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/9 (to Milne Bay).

"COOMBAR" E.T.D. Sydney A.M/11 for Hobart.

"BINGERA" departed Pt. Phillip 0745K/7 E.T.A. Westernport 1200K/7.

"CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Fremantle 0755K/7 from Heron Haven.

"CAIRNS" arrived Fremantle 1545K/7 from Adelaide.

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To 0900K/Friday, 7th July, 1944.

"WITTER" (U.S. Destroyer Escort) departed Hollandia 0500K/6 E.T.A. Biak
 YP233 } 1700K/7, escorting 3 M.V.'s.
 PCL134 }

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Milne Bay 1445K/5 from Thursday Island (control of N.G.)

"DELORAINÉ" departed Langemak 1605K/3 E.T.A. Alexishafen 1600K escorting large tug towing A.R.D.7, A.P.C.18 and A.P.C.20.

"GLENELG" E.T.A. Madang 0600K/8 towing target from Milne Bay.

"BROOME") departed Langemak 1001K/5 escorting N.A.30 E.T.A. Manus
 P.C.1131) 1500K/6.

P.C. 1121 departed Manus 1200K/5 escorting A.N.29A to Langemak/1001K/7. E.T.A.

P.C. 479 arrived Langemak 1700K/5 escorting 3 M.V.'s from Aitape.

"MESQUITE (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Langemak 0921K/4 from Madang.

M.L.430 arrived Lae 0746K/5 from Milne Bay (via Morobe).

"WHYALLA" arrived Langemak 1301K/5 from Manus.

M.L. 827 arrived Langemak 1301K/5 from Madang area.

YMS.316) arrived Biak area 1630K/5 from Hollandia.
 YMS.393)

YMS.52 arrived Langemak 1621K/5 from Hollandia (from surveying).

YMS.314 arrived Milne Bay 1545K/5 from Langemak.

"CRUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Langemak 1130K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1930K/7.

"PASCUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) departed Pt. Moresby 0630K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1730K/7.

"JUNEE" arrived Darwin 1454K/5 escorting 1 M.V. from "WEST BAY.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Thursday Island 1223K/5 escorting 1 M.V. from Merauke.

M.L. 425 arrived Thursday Island 1740K/5 from Pt. Moresby.

M.L. 820 departed Thursday Island 1837K/5 to R.V. with "BUNGAREE" - returned later for fuel and engine repairs.

"BALLARAT" arrived Cairns 2016K/5 from assisting "SOUTH WEST PASS".

"BISBEE" (U.S. Frigates) } departed Cairns 0700K/6 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/7.
 "GALLUP" }

"GANYMEDE" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 2340K/5 from Milne Bay.

"TULSA" (U.S. Gunboat) arrived Sydney 0659K/6 from Brisbane.

"WILCANNIA" arrived Sydney 1849K/6 from Thursday Island.

"GEN. A.E. ANDERSON" (U.S. Transport) departed Balboa 1100K/5 E.T.A. Melbourne 22/6.

To 0900K/Thursday, 6th July, 1944.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Carrier) arrived Noumea 5/6 en route to Espiritu Santo.

"MARTIN" } (U.S. Destroyers escorting 2 Merchant Vessels departed Hollandia
 "RUSSEL" } 0500K/4 for Biak E.T.A. 1700K/5.

"GYMPIE" departed Saidor 0915K/3 escorting one merchant vessel arrived Langemak 2200K/3.

"BUNDABERG" } departed Langemak 1630K/4 escorting 2 merchant vessels, 2
 "KATOOMBA" } U.S. Army tugs, 4 L.S.T.'s and 12 L.C.I.'s. L.C.I.'s under
 "GYMPIE" } escort of "GLADSTONE", S.C. 648 and S.C. 746 detach and
 "GLADSTONE" } proceed to Aitape E.T.A. 1800K/6. Remainder of escorts
 P.C. 1119 } and convoy proceed to Humboldt Bay E.T.A. 0600K/7.
 S.C. 648 }
 S.C. 746 }

"OGLALA" departed Langemak 4/7 for Humboldt Bay.

"GERARD" arrived Milne Bay 2230K/4 from Langemak.

"PING WO" arrived Milne Bay 2000K/4 from Port Moresby.

Y.P. 283 departed Milne Bay 0630K/5 E.T.A. Cairns 1900K/7.

"WAREE" (Tug) arrived Port Moresby 1400K/4 from operations with "PING WO" off Point Romilly.

"GLENELG" departed Milne Bay 0700K/5 with target in tow E.T.A. Madang 1600K/7.

"PASCUOTANK" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Port Moresby 1608K/4 from Milne Bay.

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Milne Bay 0700K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1900K/9.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1400K/6 E.T.A. Townsville P.M. 8/7.

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Milne Bay 0125K/2 from search of Coral Sea for "MATAFELE". "TOWNSVILLE" departed Milne Bay 1600K/5 E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/6 on arrival to come under operational control of N.O.I.C. Langemak.

"SHIKELLAMY" departed Port Moresby 0830K/5 for Milne Bay.

"INVERELL" departed Darwin 0430K/4 escorting Convoy D.T. 67 E.T.A. Thursday Island 2330K/8.

"VIGILANT" arrived Thursday Island 1519K/5 from survey operations in the Great North Eastern Channel.

M.L. 820 departed Thursday Island 1837K/5 to rendezvous with "LUNGAREE" and then to proceed to Cairns.

"BANGALOW" (Loop Laying Vessel) towing "GRIFFIOEN" (formerly commissioned launch) arrived Thursday Island 1620K/4 from Darwin.

S.C. 731 towing H.N.M.S. "SMEROE" (Dutch Minesweeper) departed Cooks Bay 1520K/4 for Merauke, returning from punitive expedition to Eilanden River.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Townsville 1030K/5 E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/11.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns 0721K/5 for Milne Bay.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Lighthouse tender) departed Cairns 1226K/5 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1400K/7.

"ECHUCA" towing "TOPSY A" and "ALLURA" E.T.D. Gladstone 1440K/5 E.T.A. Brisbane 0200K/8.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 5th July, 1944.

P.C. 1121) arrived Manus 0600K/4 escorting Convoy N.A. 29 from
SC. 741) Langemak.

S.C. 741 departed Manus 1100K/4 E.T.A. Langemak 2100K/6.

P.C. 1131 departed Manus 1225K/3 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 1100K/4.

"WHITNEY" arrived Manus 3/7 from Langemak.

YMS. 316) departed Hollandia 1600K/3 for Biak escorting 4 Y. tankers
YMS. 393) and 4 barges.

"PANDA" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Hollandia 1830K/29/6 from Buna.

"VICTORIA" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Hollandia 0600K/28 from Seeadler.

"WHYALLA" arrived Manus 1535K/3 departed Manus 0900K/4 E.T.A. Langemak.
1105K/5.

"GLENDALE") U.S. Frigates with S.C. 744 and S.C. 745 departed Hollandia
"VAN BUREN") 2154K/3 escorting 7 merchant vessels and 2 tugs E.T.A.
"CORONADO") Madang 1800K/5. Escorts are to proceed to Langemak.

"BUNBURY" arrived Langemak 1606K/3 from Hollandia, departed Langemak
2030K/3 E.T.A. Madang 1030K/4.

YMS. 314 arrived Langemak 1606K/3 from Hollandia and departed
Langemak 0916K/4 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/5.

"LITHGOW" arrived Langemak 1116K/3 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 981 departed Langemak 1846K/3 arrived Cape Gloucester 0712K/4.

"STAWELL") arrived Langemak 0835K/3 escorting U.S.S. "PORCUPINE"
"KIAMA") (U.S. Gasolene tanker) and 3 ships from Humboldt Bay.
"GLADSTONE")

A.C.C. 13 arrived Manus 1355K/3 from Langemak.

"PASCUOTANK" (U.S.S. tanker) departed Milne Bay 0825K/3 E.T.A. Pt.
Moresby 1800K/4.

M.L. 430 departed Milne Bay 1145K/3 with N.O.I.C. Madang aboard
for Morobe, thence Lae, Langemak and Madang.

"SAKATONCHEE" departed Milne Bay 0800K/3 E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/5.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Milne Bay 0500K/3 from Langemak.

"MILDURA" arrived Milne Bay 1530K/3 from Brisbane.

"STRAHAN") arrived Milne Bay 1130K/3 from Langemak.
"COLAC")

"PARKES" departed Thursday Island 0300K/4 escorting Convoy T.D. 59
E.T.A. Darwin 2000K/7.

"COOLEBAR" (H.M.A.A. Store Carrier) arrived Thursday Island 1138K/4
from Townsville.

"KALGOORLIE" E.T.D. Merauke 1404K/4 escorting "MULIAMA" E.T.A. Thursday
Island 0959K/5.

"BUNGAREE" E.T.D. Great North Eastern Channel 1200K/5 E.T.A. Townsville
1600K/8. "VIGILANT" is to proceed to Thursday Island
for survey operations and M.L. 820 is to proceed to
Cairns via Thursday Island.

"BURDEKIN" which has been repairing defective condenser at Hervey Bay
expects to depart at 0800K/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/8
for fitting out.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 4th July, 1944.

"HILO" (Gunboat)) E.T.D. Dreger Harbour 1800K/4 E.T.A.
 "PORTUNUS" (M.T.B. Tender)) Aitape 0800K/7 with 8 M.T.B's.

"WHITNEY" (U.S. Destroyer Tender) arrived Langemak 0650K/2 from
 Milne Bay.

"THOMASON" (Destroyer Escort) arrived Langemak 1905K/2 escorting 2 M.V's
 from Hollandia.

x "VENDETTA" departed Langemak 1046K/2 arrived Milne Bay 0800K/3.

x "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Dreger Harbour 1100K/2 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/3.

x "GYMPIE" arrived Langemak 1330K/2 from Solomon Sea patrol 1730K/2
 escorting 1 M.V. to Saidor E.T.A. 0400K/3.

"OGLALA" (U.S. Repair Ship) arrived Langemak 0700K/3 from Milne Bay
 E.T.D. 1001K/3 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0615K/6 escorted by
 S.C. 734 and 738.

x "BUNDABERG" arrived Langemak 0700K/3 from Madang.

"EUGENE" (U.S. Frigate) arrived Milne Bay 1230K/3 from Cairns.

x M.L. 827 departed Langemak 0750K/3 for Madang area.

S.C. 746) departed Langemak 1135K/1 escorting N.A. 28A to Manus
 P.C. 1131) E.T.A. 1730K/2.

S.C. 738 arrived Langemak 1610K/2 from Madang.

"PORCUPINE" (U.S. Tanker) departed Langemak 1205K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay
 0900K/4.

S.C. 981 arrived Langemak 0850K/3 escorting 3 M.V's from Cape
 Gloucester.

x "PING WO" departed Pt. Moresby 0642K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/4.

"BOOTES" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Langemak 30/6 from Buna.

APC. 20 departed Manus 1155K/2 E.T.A. Finschhafen 2300K/3.

x M.L. 425 departed Milne Bay P.M/2 arrived Pt. Moresby 1042K/3 (to
 Townsville).

YP. 236 departed Langemak 1345K/1 E.T.A. Aitape 0600K/4.

x "URALBA" departed Thursday Island 1030K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M/10.

APC. 1 arrived Darwin 1649K/2 from Thursday Island.

"BUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Ship) arrived Cairns 0831K/3 from Brisbane.

x "GOULBURN" arrived Cairns 0551K/3 from Milne Bay (boiler clean).

x "ARARAT" arrived Brisbane 0825K/3 from Melbourne (to Milne Bay).

"MIZAR" (U.S. Store Ship) E.T.D. Brisbane 0800K/4 for Manus via
 Milne Bay E.T.A. 2100K/6.

"OCTANS" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Sydney 1501K/3 E.T.A. Brisbane 0300K/5.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Santo 0600K/1 E.T.A. Sydney 1001K/8.

"TRIANGULUM" (U.S. Store Ship) arrived Brisbane 1033K/3 from Milne Bay.

X "GUMLEAF" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 0137K/3.

"BLUE RIDGE" (T.F. 76 HQ. Ship) departed Sydney 1659K/3 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/5.

"PROMETHEUS (U.S. Repair Ship)) departed Purvis 1001K/28 arrived Sydney
"TOKEN" (U.S. Minesweeper)) 0822K/3.

X "WESTRALIA" departed Sydney 1600K/3 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/7.

X "YANDRA" departed Sydney 0910K/3 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape.

"ALLENWOOD" E.T.D. Pt. Melbourne 0830K/5 for sweeping duty in Pt. Phillip.

X "LONDON" arrived Fremantle 1020K/2 from Ceylon.

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To 0900K/Monday, ^{3rd} July, 1944.

"WHYALLA") departed Langemak 1015K/1 escorting
 "WHITNEY" (U.S. Destroyer tender)) Convoy N.A. 29A. E.T.A. Seeadler 1615K/2

"BENALLA" arrived Mios Woendi at 0615K/2 from Hollandia to continue survey.

"VENDETTA") escorting U.S.S. "PORCUPINE" (U.S. Gasolene tanker) and
 "STAWELL") 5 merchant vessels, departed Humboldt Bay 0800K/29/8 E.T.A.
 "KIAMA") Langemak 0600K/2/7.
 "GLADSTONE")

"YUMA" (U.S. Tug) departed Hollandia 0700K/1 E.T.A. Biak 0600K/3

"MORRIS") four U.S. Destroyers departed Humboldt Bay 0600K/29
 "RADFORD") escorting four ships E.T.A. Wadke Island 2200K/29.
 "FLETCHER")
 "GRAYSON")

"BUNDABERG" departed Langemak 1710K/1 arrived Madang 0700K/2 - E.T.D. Madang 1800K/2 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/3.

"STRAHAN") departed Langemak 0611K/2 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/3.
 "COLAC")

S.C. 738 and another S.C. departed Langemak 0611K/2 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300K/3.

S.C. 749 departed Langemak 100K/2 E.T.A. Madang 0600K/3 for repairs by U.S. "OTUS" (repair ship).

"SWAN" departed Milne Bay 0600K/2 for Solomon Sea patrol.

"GEELONG" E.T.D. Milne Bay 2/7 for Solomon Sea patrol.

"GYMPIE") on Solomon Sea patrol when relieved by "SWAN" are to
 "KATOOMBA") proceed to Langemak and come under operational control of
 P.C. Langemak. "KATOOMBA" departed Langemak 0631K/2
 arrived at Langemak 0631K/2.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Langemak 1830K/1 from Solomon Sea Patrol.

"PASQUETANK" (U.S. Naval Tanker) arrived Milne Bay 1645K/1 from Admiralty Island.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Ship) departed Milne Bay 1530K/1 E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 5th July.

"DELOBARINE" departed Milne Bay 0900K/2 for Langemak E.T.A. 1500K/3. On arrival "DELOBARINE" comes under operational control of P.D. Langemak - she then proceeds to Madang.

"GANYMEDE" departed Milne Bay 1430K/1 E.T.A. Brisbane 100K/5.

"PING WO" arrived Port Moresby 1540K/2 from Daru and Bramble Cay

"LATROBE" arrived Milne Bay 1545K/2 from search of Coral Sea for "MATAFELE"

S.C. 648 departed Milne Bay 1044K/1 escorting 1 merchant ship to Saidor

M.L. 425 departed Milne Bay 1200K/2 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/3.

"SHIKELLAMY" (U.S. Naval Tanker) departed Milne Bay 0800K/2 E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1300K/3.

S.C. 731 with R.N.M.S. "SHEROE" (dutch minesweeper) departed Eilanden River 2100K/1 - E.T.A. Cooks Bay 0955K/4 thence Merauke.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/3 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1000K/6 - E.T.A. Langemak 1200K/7.

- "MUTTONWOOD" (U.S. Survey Vessel) E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/3 from Brisbane
 "BIRCHROVE PARK" arrived Townsville 1027K/2 from Cairns.
 "KAPUNDA" E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900K/7.
 "BALLARAT" E.T.D. Cairns 0949K/2 to assist "SOUTH WEST PASS" (U.S. Army Tug aground on Opal Reef (40 miles north of Cairns).
 "ECHUCA" towing "ALLURA" and "TOPSY A." (N.A.P. Launches) arrived Gladstone 0830K/2, en route from Townsville to Brisbane.
 "COWRA" arrived Sydney 0637K/2 from Brisbane, departed Sydney 1756K/2. E.T.A. Melbourne 2300K/4 for refit.
 "BENDIGO" E.T.D. Sydney now delayed until 7th July, due to defective condenser. "BENDIGO" has just completed refit at Sydney and is to return to New Guinea area.
 "SAMUEL BENSON" (Auxiliary Minesweeper) arrived Sydney 2239K/1 from Port Kembla.
 "MARLEAN" (N.A.P. Launch) departed Sydney 0930K/2 arrived Port Kembla 1600K/2.
 "WILLIAM S. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Fremantle 1130K/1 for Exmouth Gulf.

H.M.A.S. "MATAFELE" STILL MISSING:

There is still no news of the H.M.A.S. "MATAFELE" (R.A.N. Store Carrier of 335 tons gross) loaded with ammunition and naval stores, which sailed from Townsville at 1745K/18th June and was due at Milne Bay A.M. 22nd June.

The following details summarise the searches which have been conducted for the missing vessel:-

- 1825K/23 "MATAFELE", 36 hours' overdue, N.O.I.C. New Guinea orders her to break W/T silence and report position and E.T.A.. No reply. Air search organised for 24th.
- 1515K/24 Aircraft reported to have sighted "MATAFELE" west of China Strait, making slow speed against heavy weather. (It has now (2nd July) been revealed that this was probably not a sighting of "MATAFELE").
- 2046K/26 N.O.I.C. New Guinea again orders "MATAFELE" to report her position. No answer.
- A.M./27th Air search within 60 miles radius of China Strait is without result.
- 1350K/27 N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports to date, and states that surface and air searches of "MATAFELE'S" route are to be made on 28th All aircraft and ships traversing Coral Sea are to be asked to keep good lookout.
- 28th H.M.A.S. "COULMURN", "GEELOG" and "TOWNSVILLE" proceed to search an area 250 miles south west to south east of China Strait. H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" proceeds to search area up to 310 miles west of China Strait.
- M.L. 819 proceeds to search reefs and harbours on southern New Guinea coast for 170 miles west of Milne Bay.
- H.D.M.L.'s 1338 and 1339 proceed to search reefs and harbours on southern New Guinea Coast for 35 miles west of China Strait. 4 Beauforts search "MATAFELE'S" route for 200 miles south of China Strait.
- 2 Catalinas search from west to east of China Strait.

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All searches are negative. Searches somewhat hampered by poor visibility.

29th Searches proceeding.

30th 4 Catalinas search area between China Strait and Cairns.

2217K/30 N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that triangle within lines joining Port Moresby, Louisiade Archipelago and Grafton Passage has been searched by all available surface and air craft from New Guinea and the mainland, without result.

WEATHER. From 18 to 28 June. Normal South East weather for 3 days. Gradual increase of wind to force 4 and up to force 5, with a slight backing to the east at times, with rain and thick weather generally in vicinity of China Strait lasting 21/22 June to 24 June. On 25 June the weather cleared considerably and until 28 June winds were light freshening locally up to force 3-4 in the afternoon with showers. Visibility moderate to good.

VESSELS AGROUND:

"CHAPULTETEC"

The Tanker "CHAPULTETEC" of 10195 tons gross, which went aground off Morobe on 29th June, remains fast on the northern end of Waria Patches, in spite of the efforts of H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" and "COLAC" to tow her off. The vessel is not making water and is not in immediate danger.

On 1st July, the Salvage Tub "CALEDONIAN SALVOR", which was in the vicinity of Cairns was ordered to proceed with all despatch to the assistance of the "CHAPULTETEC".

"SOUTH WEST PASS".

At 0425K/2nd July the U.S. Army Tug "SOUTH WEST PASS" (1117 tons gross) bound from Milne Bay to Townsville, reported that she was aground 10 miles south of Grafton Passage. At 0705K/2 she reported she was on Baines Patches (35 miles east of Cairns) and was in need of immediate assistance as she was working further on to the reef and her engines could not free her.

An air search of the locality indicated by the vessel could not find her on the morning of 2nd July, but later she was located on Opal Reef (40 miles north of Cairns) and was reported by aircraft to be breaking up.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" left Cairns A.M. 2nd to render assistance.

The "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" was also directed to assist until relieved about 0600K/3rd by L.T. 226 (American Large Tug) whereupon she proceeds to the "CHAPULTETEC".

"CALEDONIAN SALVOR" has now been ordered to proceed direct to Morobe.

TO 0900K/END JULY, 1944.

H.M.S. CHALLENGER (Survey Ship). Departed Colombo 2231K/30. ETA Exmouth Gulf 13th July (thence Fremantle and Sydney).

U.S.S. LONGBEACH (Frigate)

" WHITTER) Esc. 18 MV's USS ELKHORN (Gasolene Tanker)
" VAN BUREN (Frigate)) departed Langemak at 1700K/30.

P.C.'s 479, 556.)

S.C. 742.)

Y.M.S.'s 316 & 393.)

P.C.'s 479 and 556 and S.C. 742 together with 5 MV's to detach at point "Nan" and proceed Aitape, ETA 1830K/2. Remainder of convoy for Humboldt Bay. ETA 0630K/3.

HUNDABERG Departed Milne Bay 1400K/30 arrived Langemak 1521K/1 (thence Madang) (Now under Op/Ccn'l of P.D. Langemak).

GOULBURN ETD Milne Bay 0800K/1 ETA Cairns 0700K/3.

LITHCOW Departed Milne Bay 1828K/1 ETA Langemak 0400K/3 (Op/Ccn'l P.D. Langemak).

USS. WHITNEY (Destroyer Tender) Departed Milne Bay 1525K/30 ETA Langemak 0600K/End July (For onward convoy to Manus Island).

S.C. 698.)

U.S.S. ARAYAT (Tanker)) Arrived Madang 0900K/29 from Langemak.

U.S.S. YUMA (Fleet Tug))

KATOOMBA Arrived Langemak 0615K/1 from Solomon Sea Patrol (Refuelling).

WHYALLA) Arrived Langemak 2101K/30 from Morobe Area.
COLAC)

U.S.S. OGLALA (Repair Ship) Towing AFD. 25 departed Milne Bay 0927K/1 for Langemak. ETA 1700K/2 (For escort to Hollandia).

BENALLA Arrived Hollandia 1000K/30 from Manus Island ETD. 1600K/1 ETA Mios Woendi 1100K/2.

USS POLUX (Store Ship) Arrived Milne Bay 1215K/30 from Langemak.

USS PATHFINDER (Survey Ship) ETD Seeadler Hbr. 1200K/1 ETA Purvis Bay 1700K/5.

M.L. 827 Arrived Langemak 0815K/1.

S.C. 747 Arrived Manus Island 0630K/1 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 648 (Esc. 1 MV) Departed Langemak 1745K/30. ETA Saidor 0600K/1.

GEELONG Arrived Milne Bay 1100K/1 from Humboldt Bay.

US SUBMARINE "SLYING FISH" Southbound from Milne Bay to Brisbane SOA 4 knots. ETA Off Caloundra drawn 5th July (Approx. pos. at dusk 2nd July - 13° 47' S. 155° 13' E) (CIR 72. 010134Z/7).

S.C. 698 Returned to Madang 1500K/30 reported broken shaft.

USS EUGENE (Frigate) Departed Cairns 1615K/1 ETA Milne Bay 1000K/3.

MIRCHGROVE PARK Departed Cairns 1231K/1, ETA Townsville 2000K/2.

Y.P. 516 ETD Caloundra 1400K/2 ETA Milne Bay 1100K/3.

USS LARK (Towing 1 steel lighter and 1 steel barge) Brisbane for Milne Bay. Departure delayed pending favorable weather conditions.

U.S.S. BLUE RIDGE (Com. O. H. ers Ship) Departure Sydney for Brisbane delayed.

WARRBAMBOOL Arrived Sydney 0858K/1 from Smoky Cape A/S Patrol.

USS OCTANS (Store Ship) ETD Sydney 1800K/2 ETA Caloundra 0500K/4.

BENDIGO Departure Sydney for Brisbane delayed 24 hours owing to leaking condenser. ETD now P.M. 2nd.

HMS ARIADNE (Minelayer) Arrived Melbourne 1115K/1 from Brisbane.

HMS CAIRNS Departed Port Adelaide 1300K/1 ETA Fremantle daylight 7th July.

Y.M.S.11 Departed Fremantle at 1740K/1 for Exmouth Gulf.

HANGALOW (With Griffec, lugger, Departed Darwin 0807K/30 ETA
in tow) Thursday Is. 1830K/4 (thence Brisbane).

KALGOORLIE (Towing M.L.807) Arrived Thursday Island 1119K/1 from Cairns.

COOTAMUNDRA Arrived Thursday Island 0647K/1 from Darwin.

HMAS MATAFELE (Following received from N.O.I.C. New Guinea
T.O.C. 301217Z/7).

Coral Sea Area between line joining Cape Siri to Grafton Passage to Port Moresby to Discretion Bay, has been searched for Matafele with all air and surface craft available from New Guinea and the Mainland. Negative results. Regret I consider further search unwarranted.

R.A.A.F. (Aircraft Report) See destroyer, 2 large merchant ships. Course 200° 20 kts. at 0945K/1 (position corrupt but A/craft should be in approx. posn. 02° 40' S., 127° 00' E. (65 miles N.W. of Ceram) at time of sighting. (N.O.I.C. Darwin's 010201Z/7) Corrupt position now 02° 50' S., 126° 38' E. (N.O.I.C.(D) 010229Z/7).

R.A.A.F. (Report from Aircraft) Sighted submarine at 0900K/1 in position 00° 09' N., 134° 01' E. (120 miles N.W. of Biak) Course 180° - Crash dived). (N.O.I.C. Darwin's 010217Z/7).

U.S. Army Tug. South West Pass Aground. At 0441K/2 vessel advised she was aground on reef 10 miles South from entrance to Grafton Passage. Caledonian Salvor has been despatched at 0830K/2 from Cairns to render assistance. Ballarat is to be despatched from Cairns and will also assist.

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15 0900K/Saturday, 1st July, 1944.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Sydney at 1449K/30 for Seeadler - E.T.A. 1730K/5.

"MANNING" (U.S. Destroyer escort) towed by "WOOD ISLAND" (Tug) arrived Espiritu Santo 30/6 from Milne Bay.

"OCEANUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Espiritu Santo at 1900K/30 for Sydney for recreation and rehabilitation

L.C.I's 964, 965, 966, 967 and 969 departed Espiritu Santo at 1230K/30 for Milne Bay.

"BENALLA" arrived Hollandia at 1021K/30 from Seeadler. E.T.D. 0600K/1 for Bjak area.

"GANYMEDE" (U.S. Cargo Ship) departed Langemak at 1115K/29 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1915K/30.

S.C. 742) arrived Langemak at 1340K/29 escorting "SPARROWS POINT" from
S.C. 746) Seeadler.
S.C. 648)

S.C. 735 arrived Langemak at 1018K/29 from Seeadler.

"ELKHORN" (U.S. Tanker) arrived Langemak at 0900K/30 from Milne Bay.

"STRAHAN") arrived Seeadler at 1425K/29 from Langemak escorting N.A. 28
S.C. 738) including "MEDUSA" (U.S. Repair Ship).
S.C. 748)

S.C. 698 departed Madang at 1730K/29 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0700K/30.

YMS. 316 and 393 E.T.D. Langemak P.M/30 as additional escort to convoy for Hollandia, E.T.A. A.M/3.

"POLLEX" (U.S. Stores Ship) departed Langemak at 1230K/29 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1030K/30.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Milne Bay 0700K/1 for Cairns for boiler cleaning and recreational leave.

"PIRIE" arrived Thursday Island at 1040K/30 escorting D.T. 64 from Darwin.

"FRIMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island at 0528K/30 escorting D.T. 65 from Darwin.

S.C. 731 departed Merauke at 1825K/29 escorting HMMS "RINDJANI" to Cooks Bay and Eilanden River.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Cairns 2200K/1 for Townsville. E.T.A. 2000K/2,

"COLEMAN" departed Townsville at 0805K/30 for Thursday Island.

"COUCAL" (U.S. Submarine Rescue Ship) arrived Brisbane at 1533K/30 from Milne Bay.

"LARK" (U.S. Minesweeper) E.T.D. Caloundra 1700K/1 towing one steel lighter and one steel barge to Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/9 - thence for onward routing to Seeadler.

"NDRA" arrived Sydney at 0856K/30 from Smoky Cape A/S patrol.

"WAHRNAMBOG" departed Sydney at 0921K/30 on A/S patrol to Smoky Cape and return

"BENDIGO" when ready P.M/1 to depart Sydney for Brisbane.

"BLUE RIDGE" (U.S. Comb. Ops. H.Q. Ship) when ready 1/7 departs Sydney for Brisbane.

"ARIADNE" (Fast Minelayer) E.T.A. Port Phillip A.M/1 from Brisbane.

FURTHER TO CHAPULTEPEC (10195 tons - tanker) aground off Morobe.

At 1010K/29 N.C.S.O. Morobe reported to N.O.I.C. New Guinea that the ship was aground on the northern end of WARIA PATCHES. No immediate danger - making no water - tugs required immediately.

At 1541K/30 "WHYALLA" reported "WHYALLA" and "COLAC" together could not move ship. Suggest heavy tug to assist. Am proceeding to Langemak.

Enemy Submarine sighted by P.T. boats at 0830K/29 in position 7 miles north Tendanye Island (03°12'S. 143°17'E). Destination has been assumed as Palau by C.T.G. 70.2 and "HUTCHINSON" and "BELFAST" (U.S. Frigates) with P.C. 1123 and P.C. 1124 will depart Seeadler about 1830K/29 to patrol along the estimated track. Aircraft are co-operating in the hunt.
