

DAILY NARRATIVES

1ST JULY 1945

TO

30TH SEPTEMBER 1945

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, 30th September, 1945.

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- H.M.S. RAMEHEAD - Departs San Francisco 26th Sept.
- L.S.T. 181. - Departs Leyte Gulf 1800K/27th for Meddleburg Is.
E.T.A. 2300K/1st Oct. (9).
- H.M.A.S. DORLAINE)
" LATROBE) - E.T.A. Labuan P.M./6th Oct.
- F.S. 267 - Arrived Tacloban 0205K/27th.
- H.M.A.S. WHYALLA)
" TAMWORTH) - Depart Morotai 1000K/29 E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1800K/4th
Oct. Thence to Brisbane (10.5).
- L.S.T. 694 - Departs Morotai 1300K/29th for Agusan E.T.A. 0900K/3rd
Oct. (9).
- L.C.I. 1072 - Departs Hollandia 1825K/28th E.T.A. Manus 0600K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. M.L. 804)
816) - Departed Torokina 2210K/26th
820) E.T.A. Milne Bay 0200K/29th. Leave SAN NICHELE in
Milne Bay and proceed to mainland to pay off.
- (H.M.A.S. SAN NICHELE in tow)
- H.M.S. ULYSSES - Departs Manus 1000K/28th for Guam E.T.A. 1000K/30th (20).
- H.M.A.S. WARRANUNGA - Departs Manus 1400K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/3
Oct. (10.5).
- H.M.A.S. M.L. 431 - Departed Thursday Island 1400K/28th for Cairns. E.T.A.
P.M./2nd Oct. (11).
- H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE - Arrives Townsville 0830K/29th.
- U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM - Departed Brisbane 1500K/29th for Sydney E.T.A.
0600K/1st.
- H.S. ORANJE - Amended E.T.A. 30th Sept.
- Y.P. 280 - Departed Brisbane 0930K/28th for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/7th Oct.
Jomard Entrance 0900K/3rd Oct. (8).
- Tug ST.GILBS - Amended E.T.A. Bowen A.M.Sat./29th.
- H.M.S. APOLLO - Departs Sydney for Hong Kong via Manus and Leyte 5th Oct.
- H.M.S. SLEESVIO - Arrives Sydney 0800/30th.

COM. 5TH FLEET reports - Task group 79.9 dissolved. British ships under operational control of Com. 5th Fleet from Task Force 57 (Rear Admiral Brind) made up of T.G. 57/1 B.P.F. Ships (Rear Admiral Brind) and T.G. 57.2 Australian Squadron (Commodore Collins).

It is reported that Captain J.M. Armstrong assumed command of H.M.S. RULER as from 28th September.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA reports that owing to reduction in small craft and work in New Guinea it is intended to reduce Milne Bay to status of minor P.D. about mid. October. Complement will be reduced to total of four officers and forty-two ratings.

N.O.I.C. STAVELL - Departed _____ with two for Bougainville.

C.IN C. B.P.F. reports that a V.S.I.S. is not permanently stationed at Manus and provisions for ships visiting or passing through Manus are therefore normally not available.

N.O.I.C. LASHLEY - Departed Leyte 1800Z/27 for Rabaul, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 (202 10).

C.IN C. B.P.F. requests A.C.N.B. will consider releasing "CLEODORA" before relief by "British Unity" assuming ships in Rabaul area can embark sufficient fuel to cover interim period. The earliest possible release for "CLEODORA" would be appreciated.

N.O.I.C. MARRIOTT - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Sydney, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 October (202 10.3).

N.O.I.C. AMSTEL - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Auckland, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 October (202 11).

N.O.I.C. TITMEX - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Sydney, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 October (202 15).

N.O.I.C. LAFITIA - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Lab, N.P.A. 1800Z/27. Reports she will be at Milne Bay at 0800Z/28th, under instructions, approx. N.P.A. 1800Z/27 October (202 15).

N.O.I.C. BASS - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Darwin (via Port Moresby), N.P.A. 1800Z/27, including fuel 0800Z/28th (202 15).

N.O.I.C. WINDING - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Brisbane, N.P.A. 1800Z/28th (202 17).

THE CLYDE } - Departed Thursday Island 1800Z/27 for Darwin, N.P.A.
S.M.S. VOS } 1800Z/27 Darwin (202 17).

N.O.I.C. LAFITIA - Departed Manus 1800Z/27 for Milne Bay, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 October (202 17).

N.O.I.C. YALDA - Departed Sydney 1800Z/27 for Jarvis Bay, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 (202 17).

N.O.I.C. STYLL - Departed Sydney 1800Z/27 for Melbourne, N.P.A. 1800Z/27 (202 18).

N.O.I.C. DUFF - Departed Melbourne 0800Z/28 for Sydney.

N.O.I.C. THOMP } - Depart Adelaide 1800Z/27 for Fremantle, N.P.A.
S.M.S. TACITUS } 1800Z/27 (202 18).

N.O.I.C. WESTON } - Departed Albany 1800Z/27 for Adelaide, N.P.A.
S.M.S. WESTON } 1800Z/27 October.

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TO 0900K SATURDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER.

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- H.M.S. INDOMITABLE) Departed Hong Kong 1130K/28 for Manus, E.T.A.
H.M.S. QUEENBOROUGH) 1600K/5th October. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. STAWELL - Departed Subic Bay 1100K/26 with tow for Hong Kong.
ATA 176 - Departed Manila 1200K/27 for Balikpapan, E.T.A. 30th.
- H.M.S. STRIKER - Departed Manila 0700K/28 for Manus, E.T.A. 1100K/3rd
October. (SOA 16).
- H.M.A.S. LACHLAN - Departed Leyte 1600K/27 for Morotai, E.T.A. 0800K/30.
(SOA 10).
- H.M.S. NIZAM - Departed Guam 1400K/27 for Manus, E.T.A. 1800K/29th. (SOA 20).
- M.S.L. 706 - Departed Hollandia 0030K/27 for Biak, E.T.A. 0700K/29 for
onward routing to Morotai. (SOA 6).
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA - Departed Manus 1400K/28 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1800K/3rd
October. (SOA 16.5).
- H.M.S. ARBUTUS - Departed Manus 1630K/28 for Auckland, E.T.A. 1800K/6th
October. (SOA 13).
- H.M.S. VINDEX - Departed Manus 1800K/27 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1500K/3rd
October. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA - Departed Madang 1800K/27 for Lae, E.T.A. 1030K/28.
Departs Lae 0900K/29 to embark launch off Milne Bay
at 0800K/30th, thence Brisbane, approx. E.T.A.
1000K/3rd October. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. SWAN - Departed Rabaul 1030K/28 for Kavieng (New Britain),
E.T.A. 0800K/29, returning Rabaul 0800K/30th. (SOA 12).
- H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - Departed Langemak 1700K/26 for Brisbane, E.T.A.
1230K/30th. (SOA 17).
- TUG ELWING) - Departed Thursday Island 1605K/27 for Darwin, E.T.A.
M.S.L. 708) 1600K/1st October. (SOA 8).
- H.M.A.S. MELINGA - Departed Townsville 0830K/28 for Milne Bay, E.T.A.
1200K/2nd October. (SOA 7).
- H.M.A.S. YANDRA - Departed Sydney 1136K/27 for Jarvis Bay, E.T.A. 2100K/27th.
(SOA 10).
- H.M.S. NAPIER - Departed Sydney 1735K/27 for Melbourne, E.T.A. Port Phillip
Heads 0600K/29. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. COWRA - Departed Melbourne 0900K/28 for Sydney.
- H.M.S. TRUMP) - Depart Adelaide 1500K/29 for Fremantle, E.T.A.
H.M.S. TACITURN) 1000K/5th. (SOA 10).
- H.M.A.S. MARY CAM) - Departed Albany 1300K/27 for Adelaide, E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. OLIVE CAM) 2000K/3rd October.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane signals that discharge of Naval stores from "MERKUR" is suspended and loading of Navy and Army provisions is at a standstill through lack of labour caused by industrial dispute concerning loading of Dutch vessels.

H.M.S. "SILVER" - Departs Darwin 1500/25 for Jember S.T.A.
H.M.S. "TUMBLE" - Departs Darwin 1500/25 - to evacuate P.O.W.'s to Basilra

G.O.C. 9th Division intends using "DELOIRINE" and "LATROBE" for transport force Sandakan Area, remaining that area approximately seven days.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departs Darwin 1500/25 for Tarakan S.T.A.
0800/25 (S.O.A. 10).

Landops requests that "MANOORA" be routed with Units reinforcements and personnel from Morotal to Labuan, thence with long service troops from Labuan to Australia.

H.M.A.S. "CLINE" - Departs Darwin 1500/25 for Leyte S.T.A. 1500/25
Dutch for ... (S.O.A. 10).

Commander U.S. Fifth Fleet reports that Task Group 70.9 is dissolved. British ships under operational control of Com. 5th Fleet, form Task Force 57, made up of T.G. 57.1 (Rear Admiral Brind), and T.G. 57.2 Aust. Squadron (Commodore Collins).

H.M.S. "BANKMAN" - Departed Darwin 0800/25 for Uman S.T.A. 1500/25

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA", after adjusting compasses and storing, departs Melbourne 0800/3rd October for Sydney.

H.M.S. "BANKMAN" - Departed Darwin 1500/25 for Tarakan S.T.A. 2200/25
(S.O.A. 10)

C.C.A.S. requests that P.O.I.C. Sydney confirms that "ARUNTA" will complete refit on 15th October and will then be available to relieve "BATAAN" in Tokyo area.

H.M.S. "CARRIEAN SLYON" - Departed Darwin 0700/25 for Finschhafen S.T.A. 1500/25.

H.M.A.S. "PATRICK" - Departed Sydney 0700/25 for Moraya S.T.A. 0800/25 (S.O.A. 3,3).

H.M.S. "HEATH" - Departed Sydney 1500/25 for Uman S.T.A. 0800/25 October (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. "SQUAD" - Departed Sydney 1.0.25 for Milne Bay (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. Submarine "K.16" - Departed Fremantle 1000/25 for Batavia (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. "BUNNY" - Departed Darwin 1400/25 for Laban S.T.A. 0800/25 thence Morotal (S.O.A. 8,3).

It is reported "UTAHAN" damaged by underwater explosion probably magnetic mine in vicinity Sandakan, Borneo, 28th September. Main engine and steering gear were put out of action; 4 casualties now serious. Ship was towed back by "SABON" and "INTEGRITY". Preliminary examination reveals only minor damage which can be repaired locally.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea directs P.O. Darwin mail "GARY" to arrive Brisbane 15th October to replace broken gear and fitting of main wire measuring gear.

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To 0900K, Friday, 28th September.

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- U.S.S. "NOBLE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Okinawa 1300K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 0100K/1st October.
- H.M.S. "COLOSSUS") - Departed Shanghai 1800K/25 for Jinhua E.T.A.
H.M.S. "TUMULT") - 0900K/26 - to evacuate P.O.W.'s to Manila (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Leyte 1730K/26 for Hongkong E.T.A. 1700K/30 (S.O.A. 13).
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Morotai 1430K/27 for Tarakan E.T.A. 0930K/29 thence Labuan and return Morotai (S.O.A. 15).
- L.C.I. 700 } - Departed Hollandia 1730K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/27.
P.C. 588 }
- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" - Departs Manus 1000K/26 for Leyte E.T.A. 1600K/2nd October for onward routing to Hongkong (S.O.A. 10).
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tasker) - Departed Tanahmerah Bay 1230K/26 for Biak E.T.A. 1300K/26 for Biak E.T.A. 1300K/27.
- U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) - Departed Manus 1600K/25 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1300K/27 (S.O.A. 10.5).
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Manus 0545K/27 for Guam E.T.A. 1600K/29 for onward routing to Tokyo (S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Manus 1600K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/3rd October (S.O.A. 15.5).
- M.L. 825 - Departs Rabaul 1635K/26 for Torokina E.T.A. 2000K/26th (S.O.A. 13).
- M.L. 811 - Departed Rabaul 1630K/26 for Langemak E.T.A. 0600K/28th thence Milne Bay (S.O.A. 11).
- Tug "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" - Departed Rabaul 0700K/26 for Finchhafen E.T.A. 1200K/27.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departed Sydney 0756K/26 for Moruya E.T.A. 0630K/27 (S.O.A. 8.5).
- H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Sydney 1815K/26 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/2nd October (S.O.A. 16).
- H.M.S. "STUART" - Departs Sydney A.M./29th for Milne Bay thence Madang.
- H.N.M. Submarine "K.14" - Departs Fremantle 1000K/29 for Batavia (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Darwin 1450K/25 for Ambon E.T.A. 0920K/28 thence Morotai (S.O.A. 8.5).

It is reported "STRAHAN" damaged by underwater explosion probably magnetic mine in vicinity Hongkong, 0900K, 26th September. Main engines and steering gear were put out of action; 4 casualties none serious. Ship was towed back by "WAGGA" and "INTEGRITY". Preliminary examination reveals only minor damage which can be repaired locally.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea directs P.D. Rabaul sail "SWAN" to arrive Brisbane 15th October to replace Oropesa gear and fitting of taut wire measuring gear.

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At 0900K, Thursday, 27th September.

- H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE" - E.T.A. Fremantle 2nd October with 459 R.N. P.O.W.'s from Macassar.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Departed Newcastle 1700K/25th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 1600K/27th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - On completion refit at Adelaide about 1st October will proceed Sydney thence Morotai.
- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/25th, E.T.A. Sydney 30th September, S.O.A. 20.
- H.M.S. "VOX" - E.T.D. Sydney 2nd October for Jervis Bay, Burnie, Melbourne, Adelaide, Victor Harbour, Devonport and Georgetown.
- G.P.V. 954/5 - Departed Port Moresby 0720K/25th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/30th.
- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Sydney 0900K/26th, E.T.A. Manus 1200K/30th, S.O.A. 13.5.
- H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" - Departed Hobart 1000K/25th for Port Arthur, Twofold Bay and Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 0800K/2, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Brisbane 1200K/26th, E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/29th.
- H.M.A.S.'s "BOMBO" and "KANGAROO") - Departed Darwin 0900K/23rd, E.T.A. Koepang P.M. 25th Sept.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Morotai 1600I/25th, E.T.A. Ambon 0800I/27th thence return Morotai, S.O.A. 12;
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Darwin 1330K/25th for Ambon thence Morotai E.T.A. 8.5.
- H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Sydney 1120K/25, E.T.A. Fremantle 1400K/1st October, S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.S.'s "KING GEORGE V" and "TERMAGENT") - Departed Manus 1600K/26th, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/1st October, S.O.A. 20 and 16.
- H.M.A.S.'s "BURDEKIN" and "GASCOYNE") - E.T.D. Balikpapan 1300I/26th, E.T.A. Macassar 1400I/27th, S.O.A. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. Jacquinet Bay 1500K/26, E.T.A. Madang 1800K/27.
- H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/25, E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 3rd October, S.O.A. 5.
- V.S.S. "Y.P.233" - Departed Manus 1500K/25, E.T.A. Biak 0700K/29, S.O.A. 3.
- H.M.A.S. "STRIKER" - Departed Hongkong 1900K/25th for Manus, E.T.A. 1500K/2nd October, S.O.A. 16.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T.67" - Departed Leyte Gulf 1700K/25th for Biak, E.T.A. 1100K/30th, S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE" - Makes E.T.A. Fremantle 30th.
- H.M.S. "ST. MARGARETS" - Departed Fremantle 1224K/25th for Colombo, E.T.A. 1800K/8th October, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" - Departed Subic 1100K/26 towing M.F.V. 166 for Hongkong.
- U.S.S. "ISABEL" - Departed Manus 1300K/25th for San Francisco via Majuro. E.T.A. Majuro 30th, S.O.A. 12.

- U.S.S. "L.C.I. 62" - Departed Manus 1200K/26th for Samar. E.T.A. 1300K/2nd October. S.O.A. 10.6.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FOAM" - Departed Milne Bay 0600K/26th for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0300K/27th. S.O.A. 18.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Madang 0700K/26th for Langemak thence via Jomard to Brisbane. E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/26th, S.O.A. 20.
- H.M. S/M's "TAURUS" and "THULE" - Departed Hobart 0900K/26th for Burnie and Devonport respectively. Thence departing rendezvous off Stanley about 1300K/29 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1400K/6th October.
- H.M.A. "M.L. 825" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 0600K/25th for Rabaul E.T.A. 1600K/25th. E.T.D. Rabaul 1600K/26th for Torokina E.T.A. 0800K/27th, S.O.A. 13.
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed Sydney 1638K/26th for Manus. E.T.A. 1330K/2nd October. S.O.A. 15½.
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA", with H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" in tow departed Morotal 1700K/26th for Ambon thence Thursday Island E.T.A. Ambon 0900K/29, S.O.A. 7. "LEILANI" is to be towed to Sydney and "COOTAMUNDRA" is to proceed Melbourne for paying off.
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Manus 1900K/26th for Leyte E.T.A. 0400K/30th, thence Hongkong, S.O.A. 16.
- U.S.S. "L.C.I. 331" - Departed Leyte Gulf 1500K/25th for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/30th, S.O.A. 11.
- U.S.S. "ROCKDALE" - Departed Brisbane 2000K/25th for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/3rd October, S.O.A. 10.

N.O.I.C. Darwin recommends that, in view of imminent cessation of Clarence Strait Pilot Service, ships from Singapore and Moluccas be routed East of Sermata and West of Flinders and Parry Shoals, thence direct to Darwin via No. 1 buoy ... alternatively, vessels from Singapore could be routed via Ombai and Wetar Straits ... considerable saving of steaming would result if either or both of above were adopted.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" reports that R.A.N.L.O. at Subic took over the duties of B.N.L.O. as from 26th September.

C.C.A.S. requests F.O.I.C. Sydney signal confirmation that "ARUNTA" will complete refit on 15th October and will then be available to relieve "BATAAN" in Tokyo Area.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports that no details of a combined Commonwealth and British organisation for dealing with R.A.P.W.I. on arrival in Australia have been received.

F.O.I.C. Sydney considers that this is not a Naval commitment and that at each port where R.A.P.W.I. will arrive a Commonwealth and State Government and British High Commission combined processing authority should be constituted, Naval Authorities assisting on request with accommodation and other facilities required to the extent available.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests "LACHLAN" be made available to him for approximately 14 days in order that "BARCOO" and "BURDEKIN" may be boiler cleaned. If this is approved, "DIAMANTINA" is not required.

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At 0900K, Wednesday, 26th September.

- H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM
CRIJNSSEN") - Departed Darwin 1430K/24th to report to
H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" at Macassar S.O.A. 9½
E.T.A. to be reported.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY")
towing) - Departed Sydney 1745K/24th S.O.A. 5.
H.M.A.S. "ORARA") - Arrived Newcastle 0801K/25th.
- H.M.S. "TROUBERIDGE" - Departed Manus 1200K/24th, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/31
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.S./M "TIPTOE" - Departs Fremantle 1030K/25th, E.T.A. Esperance Bay
1400K/27th, S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.S. "EURYALUS" - Departed Manus 1500K/24th, E.T.A. Sydney 1430K/30th
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Rabaul 1730K/25th, E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay
0700K/26th. Proposed programme E.T.D. Jacquinot Bay
1000K/26th, E.T.A. Madang 1300K/27th, E.T.D. 1800K/27th,
E.T.A. Lae 1000K/28th. S.O.A. 10 knots to Jacquinot Bay
then 15.
- A.P.C. 5 - Departed Hollandia 1530K/24th, E.T.A. Manus 1300K/26th.
- L.C.I. 66 - Departed Hollandia 1215K/24th, E.T.A. Leyte 1400K/29th,
S.O.A. 10½.
- U.S.S. "KERSTEN")
A.F. 34) - Departed Manus 1200K/24th, Auckland 5th October,
S.O.A. 10½.
- L.S.M. 51 - Departed Morotai 1700K/21st, E.T.A. Talamo 0800K/23rd.
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Plymouth 1830K/24th for onward routing
to Sydney via Suez, S.O.A. 20.
- H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Forward Area 1200K/25th for Manus and
Sydney, S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Guam 1230K/24th, E.T.A. Manus 1700K/26th,
S.O.A. 21.
- U.S.S. "AREQUIPA")
(A.F.31)) - Departed Brisbane 0933K/25th, Manila 1000K/9th
October, S.O.A. 10½.
- A.P.C. 11 - Departed Milne Bay 0700K/25th, E.T.A. Manus 2200K/25th,
S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Manus 2100K/24th, E.T.A. Leyte 0600K/28th
S.O.A. 19½.
- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Fremantle for Sydney, E.T.A. 30th.
- L.S.T. 640 - Departed Balikpapan 0900K/24th, E.T.A. Zamboanga 1100K/27th
S.O.A. 10.
- L.S.T. 29 - Departed Leyte Gulf 0900K/26th, E.T.A. Wakde 1900K/1st,
S.O.A. 9.

C. in C. B.P.F. has requested P.O.W.A. B.P.F.'s remarks on
possibility of releasing "CASTLEMAINE" and "MILDURA" without relief and
thus avoiding passage of "LISHORE" and "TALGOORLIE".

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P.D. Morotai reports S.T. 457 and T.P.121 with tows each overdue 17th from Hollandia.

L.S.T. 204 - Departed Layte 1500K/24 for Morotai E.T.A. 1600K/24.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Morotai 1500K/24 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1600K/24. Reports Balikpapan 1500K/24 for Makassar for survey duties E.T.A. 1500K/24.

N.O.I.C. Darwin has directed H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" to rendezvous with "HIGHLAND CHIEFTAN" and provide escort to Darwin. Bay

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Sisk 1700K/23 for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/23.

H.S.S. "SIRIUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 0900K/23 for Layte E.T.A. 1700K (S.O.A. 19).

H.B.M.L. 1277 - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1500K/24 for Torokina E.T.A. 0900K/24 (S.O.A. 11).

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINE" - Departed Torokina 1500K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/23. E.T.A. 1200K/23 for Taveuni E.T.A. 1500K/23. E.T.A. 0900K/23 for Gona Is. E.T.A. 1500K/23.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Torokina 1500K/23 for Sabaul E.T.A. 0700K/24 (S.O.A. 18).

H.M.A.S. "SIRIUS" - Departed Torokina 1500K/23 for Madang E.T.A. 1500K/23 (S.O.A. 8).

H.M.A.S. "AIR FONE" - Departed Port Moresby 0800K/23 for Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./2324.

M.L. 451 - Departed Port Moresby 1534K/24 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. I.M.M. (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Townsville 1100K/24 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1100K/24 for onward routing to Rabaul (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. "SPRINGHEED" } - Departed Sydney 1500K/24 for Escondido E.T.A. towing "GLORIA" } - 0700K/24 (S.O.A. 9).

YAG "SY. GILLES" - Departed Sydney 1500K/24 with tow for Nova E.T.A. A.M./30th thence Townsville (S.O.A. 9).

H.B. Submarine "JOHN" } - Departed Melbourne 1100K/24 for Fremantle "SIBIRIA" } - E.T.A. 1500K/24 (S.O.A. 10). "ADZE" }

H.M.S. "AURORA" - Departed Darwin 1000K/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/24A October. (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "JUNCO" } - Departed Rabaul 1017K/24 for Madang. "SIBIRIA" } - has tow in tow.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that magnetic sweeping of Sabaul 053 complete with negative results. BMS sweepers developed defects in buoyant cable and are being called for mending where repairs can probably be carried out. Southern portion of Simpson Harbour will not be opened, except to small craft, until sweeping completed.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Tuesday, 25th September.

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- L.S.T. 694 - Departed Leyte 1000K/24 for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/27.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Morotai 1600K/24 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0800K/27. Departs Balikpapan 1300K/27 for Makassar for survey duties E.T.A. 1300K/28.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Departed Biak 1230K/24 for Tanamera Bay E.T.A. 1100K/24.
- H.M.A.S. "MANCORA" - Departed Biak 1700K/23 for Morotai E.T.A. 0730K/25.
- U.S.S. "SIRIUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 0900K/23 for Leyte E.T.A. 29th (S.O.A. 10).
- H.D.M.L. 1327 - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1300K/24 for Torokina E.T.A. 0900K/25 (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Torokina 1830K/22 for Nauru E.T.A. 1100K/25. E.T.D. 1200K/25 for Tarawa E.T.A. 1800K/26, E.T.D. 0900K/29 for Ocean Is. E.T.A. 1600K/30.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Torokina 1530K/23 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0730K/24 (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departed Torokina 1515K/23 for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/26 (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FOAM" - Departed Port Moresby 0530K/23 for Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./25th.
- M.L. 431 - Departed Port Moresby 1234K/24 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. A.M./25 (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGARKE" - Departed Townsville 1100K/24 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1100K/28 for onward routing to Rabaul (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY") - Departed Sydney 1850K/23 for Newcastle E.T.A.
towing "ORARA") - 0700K/24 (S.O.A. 5).
- Tug "ST. GILES" - Departed Sydney 1620K/23 with tow for Bowen E.T.A. A.M./30th thence Townsville (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M. Submarine "TOTEM")
"TURPIN") - Departed Melbourne 1130K/24 for Fremantle
"TAPIR") - E.T.A. 1500K/1st (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "AIMWELL" - Departed Darwin 1930K/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 1330K/5th October. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO") - Departed Rabaul 1017K/24 for Madang. "DUBBO"
H.M.A.S. "KIAMA") - has tug in tow.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that magnetic sweeping of Rabaul 60% complete with negative results. Both sweepers developed defects to buoyant cable and are being sailed for Madang where repairs can probably be carried out. Northern portion of Simpson Harbour will not be opened, except to small craft, until sweeping completed.

DAILY REPORT

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested N.O.I.C. Darwin to make one A.M.S. available from Darwin to be based at Ambon for Army surveillance of Kei, Tanimbar, Arce and adjacent islands.

N.O.I.C. Darwin proposes to sail H.D.M.L.'s 1322, 1324 and 1329 with "COONGOOLA" to southern ports approximately end of September. H.M.A.S. "PARKES" can be released on completion of current operations.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested First Australian Army issue instructions to the effect that the Navy is responsible for all ex enemy craft, in a similar manner to the Army with regard to land transport. This has arisen from reports received from N.O.I.C. Rabaul that the Army had taken over various crafts and vessels including one P.T. Boat without reference to him.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has further stated that N.O.I.C. Rabaul will supply any craft required by Army, on loan only, as final disposition can only be made by A.C.N.B.

- H.M.A.S. "LANTIER" - Departs Darwin 0700/23 for Sydney N.T.A. 1400/23 October for onward routing to Melbourne (S.O.A. 3.5).
- T.P. 207 - Departs Darwin 0800/23 for Hollandia N.T.A. 2200/24 (S.O.A. 13)
- H.M.A.S. "CONYVILLE" - Departs Darwin 1100/23 for Sydney N.T.A. 0700/24 (S.O.A. 13).
- H.M.A.S. "TERRACE" - Departs Darwin 1200/23 with small passenger ship, only in the bay for Sydney approximately N.T.A. 1100/24 October.
- H.M.A.S. "RIFLE" - Departs Darwin 1400/23 for Hollandia N.T.A. 1100/24.
- H.M.A.S. "ST. MARGARET" - Departs Darwin 1500/23 for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "TERRACE" (destroyed) - Departs Darwin 1600/23 to rendezvous with the troops in Java Sea and provide support to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "KARANG" - Departs Darwin 1700/23 for Kupang N.T.A. 1200/24 (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "DORIS" - Departs Darwin 1800/23 for Kupang N.T.A. 2000/24 (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "ANNA" (destroyed) - Departs Darwin 1900/23 for Kupang to await instructions (S.O.A. 7.3).

N.O.I.C. Moluccas informs N.O.I.C. New Guinea that "DIAMANTINA" is required in Moluccas area as soon as vessel can be freed.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that owing to lack of petrol at Makassar, N.O.I.C. Moluccas suggests that "ANNA" "DIAMANTINA" and "DORIS" remain Darwin. N.O.I.C. Darwin states there are no further requirements for these vessels in Darwin and proposes they be sailed for Makassar and if necessary tie up until fuel stocks are available.

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To 0900K, Monday, 24th September.

- H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Auckland 1548K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/30.
(S.O.A. 15).
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manila 1100K/23 for Biak
E.T.A. 28th (S.O.A. 11).
- Y.P. 283 - Departed Biak 1700K/22 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/24.
- U.S.S. "PASQUOTANK"(Tanker) - Departed Hollandia 1135K/22 for Morotai
E.T.A. 1800K/25.
- H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departed Manus 2000K/22 for Guam E.T.A. 1700K/24 for
onward routing to Tokyo (S.O.A. 20).
- Y.M.S. 314 - Departed Manus 1700K/22 for Samar via Morotai E.T.A.
1500K/27. (S.O.A. 10).
- A.P.C. 40 - Departed Manus 1300K/22 for Guam E.T.A. 0800K/27. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "AMETHYST" - Departed Manus 1000K/22 for Leyte E.T.A. 1400K/26.
(S.O.A. 15).
- U.S.S. "HESPERIA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Manus 1300K/22 for Guam E.T.A.
0800K/27 (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Manus 0700K/23 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/3rd
October for onward routing to Melbourne (S.O.A. 8.5).
- Y.P. 237 - Departed Manus 0800K/23 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2200K/24(S.O.A.10)
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departs Torokina 1530K/23 for Rabaul E.T.A.
0730K/24 (S.O.A. 13).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Rabaul 2345K/22 with small Japanese cargo
ship in tow for Sydney approximate E.T.A. A.M./3rd October.
- H.M.S. "NAPIER" - Departs Sydney P.M./27 for Melbourne E.T.A. A.M./29.
- H.M.S. "ST. MARGARETS" - Departs Fremantle A.M./25 for Colombo.
- H.M.S. "VERULAM"(Destroyer) - Departs Darwin 0730K/24 to rendezvous with
two troopers in Java Sea and provide escort to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 0700K/23 for Koepang E.T.A. 1830K/25.
(S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" - Departed Darwin 0100K/23 for Koepang E.T.A. 2030K/25.
(S.O.A. 7).
- H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" - Departs Darwin 1230K/24 for Koepang to
await instructions (S.O.A. 9.5);

N.O.I.C. Moluccas informs N.O.I.C. New Guinea that
"DIAMANTINA" is required in Moluccas area as soon as vessel can be
spared.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that owing to lack of petrol at
Makassar, N.O.I.C. Moluccas suggests that "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" and
P.M.B.'s remain Darwin. N.O.I.C. Darwin states there are no further
requirements for these vessels in Darwin and proposes they be sailed
for Makassar and if necessary tie up until fuel stocks are available.

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H.M.S. "VENETTA" - Departed Sydney 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
S.S.A. 13 N.T.A. Depart 1800/21st Home 0900/27th

N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends following programme for
"VENETTA". A.M./26 depart Madang for Langemak to fuel thence
to Brisbane arriving A.M./30th lastly to Sydney to pay off.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Sydney 1800/21st for Sydney via
S.S.A. 13 N.T.A. Depart 1800/21st Home 0900/27th

C. in C. B.P.F. signals to A.C.N.B. :- "Unless you wish
"LISMORE" and "KALGOORLIE" to relieve A.M.S. now in Hongkong area,
propose that they should revert to your operational control on
completion of present refits.

"TAMWORTH" and "WHYALLA" now on passage to Australia revert
to your control on arrival at Morotai.

H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE", on passage Hongkong-Fremantle via
Makassar Strait has been diverted to Makassar to embark released
P.O.W.'s. Made E.T.A. 0130K/24.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Sydney 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Sydney 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
for onward routing to Hong Kong S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Makassar 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
(1st 1st) 1800/21st.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Brisbane 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
(1st 1st) 1800/21st October via Jervis. S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Brisbane 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
0100K/27th S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Langemak 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
1800/21st S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Morotai 0800/22nd N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
0800/22nd S.S.A. 13.

H.M.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Home 0857K/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Morotai 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
1800/21st with part of complement force
S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Jervis Bay for sea N.T.A. Home 0900/27th

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Fremantle 0800/24th for sea via
Jervis A.S.A. 13 S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Langemak 1800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
for onward routing Jervis Bay S.S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Thursday Island 0800/21st N.T.A. Home 0900/27th
Thursday Island S.S.A. 13.

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At 0900K Sunday, 23rd September.

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- H.M.S. "ULYSSES" - Departed Sydney 1221K/21st E.T.A. Manus 0900K/27th S.O.A.15 E.T.A. Jomard 1300K/25th. Guards Bells.
- U.S.S. "ACUBENS" - Departed Manus 1500K/21st, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/ (AK55) 23. S.O.A.10.
- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Departed Tokio Bay 1300K/22nd for Sydney via Manus E.T.A. Manus 0900K/28th. S.O.A.16.
- H.M.A.S. "PARKES") - Departed Darwin 1230K/21st to rendezvous with
"KATOOMBA") "WARRNAMBOOL" off Dilliss at 1100K/23rd.
"GYMPIE")
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed Milne Bay 0400K/22nd E.T.A. Port Moresby 1700K/23rd S.O.A.8.
- G.P.V. 958) - Departed Sydney 0640K/22nd for Brisbane S.O.A.7½
M.S.L. 707) E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1500K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. "MULGRA") - Departed Port Moresby 0745K/22nd E.T.A. Cairns
towing M.L. 427) 1610K/27th. S.O.A.6.
428)
- Hospital Ship "GRANJE" - Departed Darwin 1900K/21st E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/26th thence Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/27th. S.O.A.19.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Madang 0810K/21st E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/22nd. S.O.A.16.
- H.M.A.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Manus 1630K/21st E.T.A. Leyte 1300K/26th for onward routing to Hong Kong S.O.A.13.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Hollandia 1400K/22nd E.T.A. Bisk (AUG 5) 1100K/23rd.
- U.S.S. "ALCONA" - Departed Brisbane 1000K/22nd E.T.A. Homshon (AK 157) 1500K/4th October via Jomard. S.O.A.10.
- H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI" - Departs Brisbane 0900K/24th E.T.A. Sydney 0100K/27th S.O.A.8.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Langemak 1020K/21 E.T.A. Madang 1800K/21st S.O.A.20.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departs Morotai 0900K/23rd E.T.A. Madang 0900K/28th S.O.A.10.
- H.M.S. "RULER" - Departed Manus 2037K/21st E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/27th S.O.A.15.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON") - Departed Morotai 1700K/21st E.T.A. Ambon
"COOTAMUNDRA") 1000K/23rd with part of occupation force
"LATROBE") S.O.A.11.
"JUNEE")
- H.M.A.S. "GRIFFIOEN" - Departed Jacquinot Bay for Lae E.T.A. 1800K/24.
- U.S.S. "CHANTICLEER" - Departed Fremantle 0900K/20th for Subic Bay towing A.R.D.10 S.O.A.6.
- M.L.825 - Departed Langemak 1500K/21st E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay 1400K/22nd for onward routing Torokina S.O.A.13.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FOAM" - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/22nd E.T.A. Port Moresby P.M.24th.

H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" in position 31° 18' South 153° 03' East course 019° S.O.A.4 knots at 2300K/20th delayed by weather has been instructed to amend E.T.A. Townsville.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested approval to visit mainland for about 10 days early in October for health reasons and for discussions.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports battle target hard on rocks and badly damaged and salvage prospects not good, even if reparable the cost to do so would not be less than cost of new target.

C.in C. B.P.F. has informed that if S/M 4 cannot provide a submarine to visit Victor Harbour it could be included in programme for H.M. S/M "VOX".

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested that unless shipping is available from Sydney to Nauru and Ocean Islands, refrigerators be forwarded in "STUART" for onward despatch from New Guinea Area.

N.O.I.C. Darwin intends to us H.M.S. "VERULUM" as escort for "LARGS BAY" and "ESPERANCE BAY" from position 07° 10' S. 114° 55' E. to Darwin.

N.O.I.C. Merauke reports Senior Officer Royal Netherlands Navy has requested to take over Merauke immediately, personnel have already arrived and R.M.N. are prepared with few exceptions to take over all stores and accommodation.

H.M.A.S. "TIRROGA" - Departed Calcutta 1800K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/27th S.O.A.18.

H.M.S. "SQUID" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/27th S.O.A.18
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H.M.S. "URATH" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/20th E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/27th S.O.A.18

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H.M.A.S. "CLEMENS" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/20th E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/27th S.O.A.18
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At 0900K Saturday, 22nd September, 1945.

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- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Rabaul 1730K/21st for Torokina to load and arrive Rabaul A.M. 24th. S.O.A.15.
- M.S.L. 706 - Departs Madang 1000K/21st for Wewak E.T.A. 23rd thence Hollandia E.T.A. 25th. S.O.A.6.
- M.S.L.708)
H.M.A.S. "ELWING") - Departed Cairns 0500K/21st E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1100K/26th.
- H.M.S. "OXFORDSHIRE" - Departed Brisbane 1634K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/22nd. S.O.A.13½.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departed Cairns 0500K/21st for Thursday Island.
- H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH")
" "WHYALLA") - Departed Hong Kong 0900K/21st E.T.A. Morotai 1800K/27th for onward routing to refitting port as ordered by A.C.N.B. (S.O.A.10).
- R.F.A.O."ARNDALE" - Departed Brisbane 1515K/20th E.T.A. Manus 0800K/28th S.O.A.10.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Biak 0900K/18th E.T.A. Morotai 1000K/20th S.O.A.11.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departed Caloundra 1400K/21st E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/24th S.O.A.8.
- H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" - Departed Caloundra 1200K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/23rd. S.O.A.8.
- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Guam 1000K/18th E.T.A. Manus 1000K/20th S.O.A.23 departed 1500K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/25th S.O.A.19½.
- U.S.S. "CRATER" - Departed Manus 1300K/20th E.T.A. Brisbane 1600K/27 (AK.70) S.O.A.10½.
- H.N.M.S/M. "K.15")
024) - Departed Fremantle 2000K/20th for Batavia E.T.A. 0400K/28th S.O.A.10.
- H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" - Departed Koepang 2040K/20th E.T.A. Darwin 1700K/22nd S.O.A.11.5.
- F.S. 120 - Departed Leyte 1500K/21st E.T.A. Morotai 1600K/24th S.O.A.9.
- H.M.S/M. "TRUMP" - Departed Whyalla 1200K/21st off Fairway Buoy 0830K/22nd.
- H.M.S. "HELFOED")
Hospital Ship) - Departed Manila 1800K/20th E.T.A. Manus 1000K/27th
"MAUNGANUI") S.O.A. 14.
- H.N.M.S/M. 023 - Departed Fremantle 2000K/21st for Batavia to join K.15 and 024 and proceed in company S.O.A.12.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")
" "BIRCHGROVE PARK")
" "ANACONDA")
" "NYANIE") - Departed Morotai P.M.20th for Ambon
" "KRAIT") with initial occupation force E.T.A.
" "THREE CHEERS") GLENELG 0900K/22nd, remainder
1000K/23rd.

SACSEA has been instructed to release on loan one L.S.I. and fourteen L.S.T. to Australia for use in S.W.P.A.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" reports E.T.A. Fremantle 1015K/24th and desires to give some leave to R.A.N. round trip complement H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" before taking them back to U.K.

H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Sydney 10/24/54 for Fremantle E.T.A. 10/24/54 (S.O.A. 19)

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To 0900K, Friday, 21st September.

- U.S.S. "WIZAR" (Store Ship) - Departed Manila 0700K/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 29th. (S.O.A. 16.5).
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Departed Manus 1800K/19 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/21. (S.O.A. 11.5).
- A.P.C. 11 - Departed Manus 0700K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/23.
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departed Madang 0700K/21 for Langemak E.T.A. P.M./23 thence Oro Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1200K/19 for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/21st.
- M.L. 431 - Departed Milne Bay 1000K/19 for Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M./22 (S.O.A. 10).
- M.L. 825 - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/19 for Langemak E.T.A. 1300K/22 thence Jacquinot Bay and Torokina (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Cairns 1230K/20 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/25. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Brisbane 0710K/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/21 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/24. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Sydney 1705K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/24 (S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Sydney 1842K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/25 (S.O.A. 16).
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY") - Departs Sydney P.M./23rd for Newcastle E.T.A.
towing "ORARA") - A.M./24th.
- H.M.A.S. "TAIPAN" - Departed Geraldton 0830K/20 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1830K/21st. (S.O.A. 6.5).
- H.N.M. Submarine "O.23" - Departs Fremantle 2000K/21 for Batavia.
- H.M.A.S. "OLIVE CAM") - Departed Fremantle 1530K/19 for Albany E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "MARY CAM") - 1900K/21 thence Adelaide and Melbourne. (S.O.A. 6.5)
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA")
H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA") - Departed Darwin 0800K/19 for Survey duties north
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM") of Melville Is.

"SWAN" has completed New Ireland operation and has arrived at Rabaul.

N.O.I.C. Hobart proposes to sail submarines "THULE" and "TAURUS" A.M./26 on visits covering Burnie, Devonport, Stanley and Ulverstone, submarines rendezvousing off latter port and proceeding to Fremantle in company E.T.A. 6th October.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea states that if N.O.I.C. Moluccas does not require services of "PING WO" in Moluccas area, he would like her services for Rabaul which will become a fairly large base - ships company at present living under canvas.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne reports that trials of "COWRA" will take place 26th/27th September - vessel to sail 28th if trials satisfactory.

ComPhilSeaFron states that "LAGHLAN", upon completion of current surveys Leyte Gulf, is released from duty of ComPhilSeaFron, and instructs ship to report to A.C.N.B. for instructions.

N.O.I.C. Hobart has requested C. in C. B.P.F.'s permission for submarine "VORACIOUS" to carry out a programme covering Hobart, Port Huon, Port Arthur, Twofold Bay, Wollongong and Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Darwin informs that the following Naval Forces are being made available for operation at Dilli. "WARRNAMBOOL" and "GLADSTONE" now at Koepang and "MORESBY", "KATOOMBA", "GYMFIE" to arrive Koepang P.M./23rd.

C.C.A.S. intends sailing "WARRAMUNGA" 22nd September from Tokyo Bay for Sydney.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea signals that as considerable activity will continue in area the provision of fuel oil at Rabaul is considered necessary. States one 1,200 lighter would meet requirements if periodical replenishment could be arranged. "ROCKLEA" could be spared temporarily from Madang for this purpose if replacement about end of year can be made.

N.O.I.C. "LILY" - Reports New Guinea 09/09/45 for Thursday Island for onward routing service. (S.O.S. 17).

N.O.I.C. "LILY" - Reports New Guinea 17/09/45 for Sydney S.O.S. 18/09/45. (S.O.S. 18).

N.O.I.C. Melbourne states that "LILY" has completed at Melbourne as service to include the 10th discharge - has sailed N.O.I.C. Darwin to arrange operations.

Anticipated dates vessels will be called from Darwin to maintain ports to pay off:-

- "COLUMBIAN" - 20th September.
- "KORANG" - 10th October.
- "KALING" - 10th October.

N.O.I.C. Melbourne instructs "LILY" to enter Melbourne Roads with "EVERETT" sweeping ahead. Japanese mine-sweepers will be instructed to rendezvous at 1800/45 to carry out an "U" sweep ahead of the two A.C.N.B.'s and to sweep and mark a channel to diver, submarine and a large charge. "EVERETT" will remain at Melbourne as port tender and U/V 1102.

"LILY" will be sent to survey and mark safe channels.

The primary object of the operation is to land initial occupation force, and then establish S.O.S. at Balikpapan.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Thursday, 20th September.

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- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed East Indies Station 1240K/17 for Fremantle E.T.A. 24th via Cocos Is.
- H.M.S. "EURYALUS" - Departs Subic Bay 1315K/18 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/24. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departs Samar 1400K/19 for Morotai E.T.A. 1400K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Bandjermasin 2200K/18 with P.O.W.'s for Balikpapan E.T.A. 2000K/19 (12.5)
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Bandjermasin 2200K/18 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 2200K/21st. 6 L.C.T.'s in company all with P.O.W.'s.
- H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" - Departed Manus 1800K/18 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/24. (S.O.A. 15)
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON") Departed Jacquinot Bay 1703K/18 for Torokina
H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE") - E.T.A. 1330K/19.
- H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1814K/18 for Torokina E.T.A. 1200K/19.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Tol 1330K/19 for Rabaul E.T.A. 1900K/19 - Anticipates 48 hours to discharge.
- H.D.M.L. 1341 - Departs Merauke 0600K/18 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1300K/19 (S.O.A. 7.5).
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FOAM" - Departs Thursday Island 1000K/19 for Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M./21st.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departs Townsville 0700K/19 for Thursday Island for onward routing Darwin. (S.O.A. 17).
- M.L. 807 - Departs Brisbane 1300K/19 for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/21. (S.O.A. 10).

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that Landops have requested H.M.A.S. "POYANG" on completion of discharge at Darwin be loaded for Ambon discharge - has asked N.O.I.C. Darwin to arrange accordingly.

Anticipated dates vessels will be sailed from Morotai to mainland ports to pay off :-

"COOTAMUNDRA" - 25th September.
"BUNDABERG" }
"KAPUNDA" - } - 10th October.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas instructs "BARCOO" to enter Makassar Roads with "INVERELL" sweeping ahead. Japanese minesweepers will be instructed to rendezvous at 1000K/21 to carry out an "C" sweep ahead of the two A.M.S.'s and to clear and mark a channel to closer anchorage and a berth alongside. "INVERELL" will remain at Makassar as Port Director and W/T link.

"WARREGO" will be sent to survey and mark safe channels.

The primary object of the operation is to land initial occupation force, and then evacuate P.O.W.'s to Balikpapan.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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At 0900K, Wednesday, 19th September.

- H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE" - Departed Hong Kong 1100K/17th for Subic thence to Fremantle via Makassar and Lombok Straits (12 $\frac{1}{2}$).
- N.S./V.S.I.S.) Departed Manus 0700K/17th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/24th
"FORT LANGLEY") - S.O.A. 11.
- G.P.V. 954) Departing Thursday Island 0800K/18th, E.T.A. Port Moresby
" 955) - 25th, S.O.A. 7.5.
- M.L. 427) Departed Milne Bay 1200K/17th to rendezvous with Mulera
" 428) - for towing to mainland.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Darwin 0700K/19th, E.T.A. Morotai 27th carrying out soundings en route.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" - Departs Thursday Is. 0600K/18th, E.T.A. Cooktown 20th, S.O.A. 18.
- U.S.S. "PINTO") Departed Samar 0805K/17th, E.T.A. Morotai 1600K/19th,
A.T.F. 90) - S.O.A. 10.
- H.N.M. S/M K.14) Departing Fremantle 2000K/19th for Batavia, S.O.A.
" " 024) 10, E.T.A. to be reported. Guard Bells to 1200K/23rd and Victors from 2200K/22nd.
- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Langemak 0500K/17th, E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay 1600K/18th for onward routing to Torokina S.O.A. 10.5.
- G.P.V. 951 - Departed Coffs Harbour 1430K/17th for Brisbane.
- ✓ H.M.S. "SPRINGDALE" - Departed Manus 1130K/17th, E.T.A. Hong Kong 1000K/29th, S.O.A. 9.
- ✓ H.M.A.S. "NAPIER" - Departed Manus 1300K/18th, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/22nd, S.O.A. 16.
- L.C.I. 343 - Departed Manus 1800K/17th, E.T.A. Hollandia 1000K/19th(10)
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Morotai for Koepang E.T.A. 1000K/21st thence Darwin returning Morotai via Ambon. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "DURRAWKEN") Departed Townsville 0800K/18th, Gladstone
towing "AMOHINE") - P.M. 21st thence Sydney, E.T.A. 0800K/26th.
H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW") S.O.A. 6.
- H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI") Departed Townsville 0800K/18th, E.T.A. Brisbane
towing) - 0800K/22nd, S.O.A. 6.
"BOONOROO")
- ✓ H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departed Manus 1400K/18th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0400K/23rd, S.O.A. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$.
- V.S.I.S. "MERKER" - Arrived Madang 0630K/17th departed 0815K/17th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" - Departed Sydney 0926K/18th, E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/25th for onward routing to Milne Bay and Madang S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "ELLAN" - Departed Rabaul 1600K/17th, E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay 1100K/18th.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Sydney 1629K/18th, E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/23rd for onward routing to Jacquinot Bay, Rabaul, Madang, Morotai. S.O.A. 10.

S.T.46 with 2 barges } - Departed Townsville 1530K/18th, E.T.A. Port
in tow } - Moresby 29th thence Hollandia S.O.A. 14.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Rabaul 1600K/18th to contact Japanese H.Q.
in New Ireland returning Rabaul P.M. 20th.

F.S. 149 - Departed Hollandia 1030K/18th, E.T.A. Manus 0700K/20th.

U.S.S. "LATONA" } - Departed Auckland 0600K/18th, E.T.A. Guam
(A.F. 35) } - 0600K/4th, S.O.A. 10.2.

H.M.A.S. "MANOCRA" - Departed Rabaul 1800K/18th, E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay
0700K/19th, E.T.A. Madang 0600K/21st.

H.M.A.S. "DULLISK COVE" - Departed Darwin 0959K/18th, E.T.A. Sydney
0730K/30th, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" - Departed Manus 0700K/18th for Leyte E.T.A. 1100K/
21st for onward routing to Japan. S.O.A. 20.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has directed that "San Michele" be
towed from Torokina to Milne Bay for repairs to gear box thence passage
to mainland for paying off. A.C.N.B. being requested to denote port
of disposal.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends using "BIRCHGROVE PARK" for
transport of stores to Ambon to complete occupation in view of shipping
shortage and requests she be made available for further period of 3
weeks.

M.W.T.R. Sydney have requested that "PING WO", "WHANG PU",
"PO YANG" and "YUNNAN" be released from R.A.N. to arrive Hong Kong
about the middle of October or earlier for service on China Coast.

N.O.I.C. Townsville anticipates to complete boiler repairs
to "PING WO" on 20th September but considers if ship proceeds without
modification to full system trouble will recur in a few days with danger
to lives of personnel.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports he does not require a tow boat.

In view of the fact that no Japanese submarines are at sea,
COMNAVFOR Aust - New Guinea proposes to discontinue for roll up all
anti-submarine defence measures at Biak, Hollandia, Manus, Milne Bay
and Morotai and requests A.C.N.B.'s concurrence.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports S.T. 12 towing F.S. 23A over
due 14th from Manila.

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At 0900K, Tuesday, 18th September.

- H.M.S./M "VORACIOUS" - Departed Melbourne 0900K/17th, E.T.A. Mount Nelson 1230K/19th.
- H.M.S. "BARTHORPE")
towing) - To depart Caloundra 1600K/18th, E.T.A. Sydney
H.M.A.S. "STINGRAY") - 0600K/21st, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" - Departed Torokina 1200K/16th, E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/25th to rendezvous with M.L.'s 427 and 428 and tow to mainland.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Manus 1800K/16th, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/21st, S.O.A. 19½.
- H.M.S./M "TRENCHANT" - To depart Fremantle 1330K/21st for Aden direct and U.K.
- H.D.M.L. 1355 - Departed Hollandia 0600K/15th, E.T.A. Madang 1600K/17th, S.O.A. 10.
- U.S.S. "PALISANA" - Departed Auckland 0600K/16th, E.T.A. Guam 0600K/2nd October, S.O.A. 10.2.
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE" - Departed Balikpapan 1700K/15th, E.T.A. Zamboanga 1100K/19th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" - Departed Koepang, E.T.A. Darwin 1630K/18th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Arrived Fairway Buoy Bandjamasin 0900K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE")
H.D.M.L. 1359) - Arrived Fairway Buoy Bandjamasin 1700K/16th.
- A.T.R. 33 - Departed Manus 1700K/15th, E.T.A. Guadalcanal 19th, S.O.A. 10.5.
- U.S.S. "ISABEL")
S.C. 739) - Departed Port Moresby 1450K/16th, E.T.A. Manus 0800K/22nd, S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.S./M. "VIRTUE" - Departing Townsville 1800K/18th, E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/23rd, S.O.A. 9.5.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T. 68" - Departed Manus 1100K/17th, E.T.A. Subic 1100K/27th, S.O.A. 9.
- M.S.L. 708 - Departing Townsville 1800K/18th, E.T.A. Thursday Is. P.M. 24th, S.O.A. 8.
- L.S.T. 640 - Departed Zamboanga 1500K/15th, E.T.A. Balikpapan 1800K/18th.
- H.D.M.L. 1341 - Departed Merauke 0600K/18th, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1300K/19th, S.O.A. 7½.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reported that Minado operation has been completed, a total of 334 be evacuated.

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests that consideration may be given to the abandonment of indicator loops taking into account the cost of recovery and extent to which they have deteriorated.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests that Melinga and subsequent V.S.I.S. be placed under his orders because of the rapidly changing local conditions and the desirability of controlling the distribution of victualling stores, etc., from New Guinea.

In view of the fact that Ocean Is. and Nauru are in the South Pacific Area, C. in C. Pac. has instructed Comsopac to proceed and establish liaison officers at both places in order that co-ordination under his operational control is obtained.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Monday, 17th September, 1945.

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- H.M.S. TROUBRIDGE)
) - Depart Tokyo Bay 1300K/16 for Manus (SOA.13).
H.S. TJITJALENKA)
- F.S. 170 - departed Morotai 1800K/15 for Guiuan E.T.A. 1100K/18 (SOA.10)
- F.S. 172 - Departed Hollandia 0950K/14 for Leyte E.T.A. 0600K/19.
- L.C.I. 361 - Departed Hollandia 1500K/16 for Leyte E.T.A. 21st.
- F.S. 164 - Departed Manus 0700K/15 for Samar E.T.A. 21st.
- A.T.A. 174 - Departed Manus 1300K/15 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 19th (SOA.10).
- L.C.I. 30 - Departed Manus 1800K/15 for Iloilo E.T.A. 23rd.
- H.M.A.S. MANGORA - Departed Tol 1715K/15 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0730K/16.
- Y.P. 233 - Departed Milne Bay 0700K/15 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/18 (SOA.8)
- H.M.S. ROCKWING - Departs Brisbane 1100K/17 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/25.
- H.M.A.S. BUNBURY - Departed Melbourne 0800K/16 with tow for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/19. (SOA.7).
- Y.10 (small tanker) - Departed Fremantle 1200K/16 for Darwin E.T.A. 1100K/28 for onward routing Manila (SOA.6.5).
- H.M.A.S. KANGAROO)
) - Depart Keepang 1100K/16 for Darwin E.T.A. 1230K/18 (SOA.9).
H.D.M.L.'s 1322,1324,1329)
- H.M.A.S. MORESBY - Departs Keepang 1300K/16 for Darwin E.T.A. 1100K/18 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE reports having patrolled up to Pare Pare 100 fathom line on 8th September. Japanese commander strongly requested escort to enter but this was refused. Tugs were observed of approx. 5 to 6 ft. draft manoeuvring freely in and out of harbour.

C.C.A.S. states that C.in C.PAC has not approved supply of anything except oil to his force. Informs it will be necessary to load "MERKUR" with Naval stores, provisions, clothing etc. and sail her to Tokyo Bay as soon as practicable.

H.M.A.S. MORESBY reports that Japanese Naval commander stated there were no Japanese minefields in the vicinity of Timor.

H.M.A.S. SHEPPARTON has completed navigational aids at Rabaul. E.T.D. AM/16 for Jacquinot Bay for two days work thence to Torokina 19th.

F.O.I.C., SYDNEY reports that battle practice target from Jervis Bay in tow of "ARCHA" broke adrift and is ashore. "PATERSON" got alongside target but was unable to secure tow. Ships returning to harbour as nothing further can be done.

"SHEPPARTON" has reported to N.O.I.C., New Guinea that Commander 11th division expressed wish for one H.M.A. Ship such as "SWAN" to act as his headquarters ship and accompany army barges to take surrender at Kavieng in 4-7 days time.

Following programme has been submitted for "DIAMANTINA". Arrive Torokina 19th and depart 22nd. Arrive Tarawa 26th and depart 2nd Oct. Arrive Ocean Island 3rd October and rendezvous with "RIVER BURDEKIN".

N.O.I.C., MOLUCCAS signals intentions of taking over harbour W/T and V/S installations necessary for Port Director, Balikpapan as U.S. personnel are now unable to man this station.

N.O.I.C., TOWNSVILLE reports that there are approx. 20 mines on foreshore and 50 mines on reef in an area between Townsville and Cooktown now awaiting to be dealt with, and requests additional R.M.S. Officer be appointed temporarily to assist.

1. S. SANDERSON } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Sydney S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 10).

2. GARDNER } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 10).

3. W. W. W. } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 10).

4. INDIANICABLE } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Sydney S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 10).

5. MISS "STANLEY" } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Townsville S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 6).

6. MISS "STANLEY" } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 6).

7. MISS "STANLEY" } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 6).

8. MISS "STANLEY" } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 6).

9. MISS "STANLEY" } Departed Darwin Bay 18/10/44 for Darwin S.A.S. 18/10/44 (S.A.S. 6).

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To 0900K Sunday 16th September.

U.S.S. TAURUS (Store Ship) Departed Noumea 0700K/14 for Samar E.T.A. 2300K/24 (S.O.A. 12.5).

U.S.S. CALEDONIA (Cargo Ship) Departed Subic Bay 1100K/14 for Noumea E.T.A. 3rd October. (S.O.A.10).

U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM- Departed Leyte 1900K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/23 (S.O.A. 15.5).

H.M.A.S. MURDKIN) Departed Balikpapan 092K/15 for Bandjermasin (South
H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE) Coast Borneo) E.T.A. 0900K/18 with Occupation force.

H.M.A. Ships GLENELG, } Returned Morotai AM/12 from Menado with P.O.W.'s.
COOTAHUNDRA, JUNEE, }
LATROBE }

Y.P. 237 Departed Hollandia 1235K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/16.

U.S.S. BUTTSBURY (Netlayer) Departed Manus 1600K/13 for Leyte E.T.A. 19th (S.O.A. 10.5).

H.M.S. HART Departed Manus 1630K/13 for Hong Kong E.T.A. to be signalled (S.O.A. 15).

U.S.S. BONDIA (Store Ship) Departed Manus 1200K/14 for Manila E.T.A. 23rd (S.O.A.10).

U.S.S. HUTCHINSON (Frigate) Departed Manus 1900K/14 for Pearl Harbour
U.S.S. CORPUS CHRISTI (Frigate) E.T.A. 0200K/23 (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A.S. KANIMELA) Departed Jacquinot Bay 1800K/13 for Rabaul E.T.A.
CAMBRIAN SALVOR) 0900K/14.

U.S.S. GARYNEDE Departed Milne Bay 1600K/15 for Samar E.T.A. 1600K/23 (S.O.A.10).

H.S.L.'s 705, 706 Departed Milne Bay 0300K/13 for Lee E.T.A. AM/16.

H.M.S. INDIVIGABLE Departed Manus 1500K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/18. (S.O.A. 22).

H.M.A. SHIPS "DURRAWEN") Depart Cairns 0800K/16 for Townsville E.T.A.
"COOLGWAI" "SAMUEL MENTOU" } 1200K/17. (S.O.A. 6).
towing ANCHISE, MOONOGEO }

Tug ELWING--- Departed Townsville 1230K/14 for Thursday Island E.T.A. PM/23. for onward routing to Darwin calling Cairns E.T.A. 1100K/15 (S.O.A. 7.5).

H.M. Submarine VORACIOUS Departs Melbourne 0900K/17 for Mount Nelson (Tasmania) E.T.A. 1230K/19 (S.O.A.10).

H.M. Sub. TAURUS) Depart Launceston 0700K/17 for Hobart E.T.A. 1600K/18
H.M. Sub. THULE) (S.O.A. 11).

H.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that "MARY CAM" and "OLIVE CAM" depart Fremantle 17th September for Melbourne to form trawler minesweeping group - calling Albany and Adelaide for bunkers.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea signals general intentions for employment of following ships:- (A) "KIAMA", "DUBBO", "TOWNSVILLE", "LITHGOW" on completion of sweeping at Rabaul to embark spare minesweeping gear thence to Torokina to carry out sweeping as required by N.O.I.C. Torokina. (B) "SHEPPARDON" @ Rabaul, Jacquinot Bay, Torokina operations. (C) "SWAN" Base Ship at Rabaul until N.O.I.C. is established and then as ordered by N.O.I.C. New Guinea. "SWAN" will probably relieve "DIAMANTINA" on Nauru Ocean Island operation if ship is required for this duty (D) "DIAMANTINA" Nauru Ocean Island operation until completed or relieved by "SWAN" then to Moluccas Area if still required by N.O.I.C. Moluccas. (E) "RESERVE" to remain at Rabaul to assist in salvage operations thence as ordered by N.O.I.C. New Guinea. (F) "VENDETTA" to arrive Madang 12th September thence as ordered by N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" informs N.O.I.C. New Guinea that union flag hoisted over Nauru at 1800K/14. Preliminary estimate naval wireless station will be operating within next 48 hours. "DIAMANTINA" further states that Brigadier Stevenson desires return to Torokina for 48 hours to report. Also Gilbert and Ellice Island, resident commissioner has requested High Commissioner at Fiji for ship to visit Tarawa for few days before proceeding to Ocean Island. Considers both requests are practicable as it appears Ocean Island surrender will not take place before 1st October.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has approved return to Torokina "and subject to any direction from A.C.N.E. to Tarawa".

H.M.A.S. 1881 - Departed Port Moresby 12/09/1943, via A.S. 17th 0.0.A. 17.

H.M.A.S. "TAMAR" - Departed Mores 17/09/1943, S.T.A. Sydney 0700K/19th, 0.0.A. 20.

H.M.S./R. "TARVIN" - Departed Portland.

T.S. 202 - Departed Mores 0700K/19th, S.T.A. Brisbane 1900K/20th.

H.M.S./R. "TAMBOUR" - Departed Moresby in association with 1800K.

H.M.A.S. "OLINDA" - Departed Sydney 14/09/1943, S.T.A. Cairns 0800K/19th. For Moresby via Mores, 0.0.A. 9.

H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Arrived Moresby 1800K/19th, Departed 1900K/19th, 0.0.A. Townsville 1800K/19th.

On completion of duties, H.M.A.S. "DARK SHADOW" and "ALACRAN" have been instructed to sail Balikpapan.

Advisey suggest "British Unity" due Moresby 19th as a substitute for "Olinda" and to arrange with S.T.F. to retain latter until "British Unity" is in position.

Report from H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" indicates that operations at Nauru are going according to plan.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea anticipates being able to release "VENDETTA" in the near future and requests advice if she is to get off in order to adjust personnel.

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At 0900K, Saturday, 15th September.

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- F.S. 149 - Departed Manus 1200K/13th, E.T.A. Hollandia 1000K/15th, S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Reports E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/14th.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Torokina 1400K/13th, E.T.A. Emirau 0700K/15th, S.O.A. 13.
- U.S.S. "POLLUX" - Departed Manus 1600K/13th, E.T.A. Manila 19th, (A.K.S. 4) S.O.A. 14½.
- H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" - Departed Langemak for Lae E.T.A. 0700K/14th.
- U.S.S. "CLYTIE" - Departed Fremantle 1620K/13th, E.T.A. Balboa 1900K/8th October, S.O.A. 17.
- U.S.S. "A.T.R. 177") - Departed Manus 1200K/13th due Samar 26th,
with tows) - S.O.A. 5.
- H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" - Departed Morotai for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1900K/17, S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA")
" "HORSHAM") - Departed Koepang for Darwin E.T.A. 1100K/16th,
" "ECHUCA") S.O.A. 11.
- H.D.M.L. 1321 - Departed Fort Moresby 1155K/13th, Lae A.M. 17th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S. "TEAZER" - Departed Manus 1736K/13th, E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/18th, S.O.A. 20.
- H.M.S./M. "TAPIR" - Departed Portland.
- Y.P. 280 - Departed Manus 0700K/14th, E.T.A. Brisbane 1900K/22nd.
- H.M.S./M "TACITURN" - Departed Fremantle in accordance with 120925.
- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Sydney 1410K/13th, E.T.A. Cairns 0900K/19th for onward routing to Manus, S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Arrived Mackay 1900K/13th, Departed 1330K/14th, E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/16th.

On completion of duties, H.M.A.S. "GRASS SNAKE" and "ALATNA" have been instructed to sail Balikpapan.

Admiralty suggest "British Unity" due Fremantle 28th as a substitute for "Cleodora" and to arrange with B.P.F. to retain latter until "British Unity" is in position.

Reports from H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" indicate that operations at Nauru are going according to plan.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea anticipates being able to release "VENDETTA" in the near future and requests advice if she is to pay off in order to adjust personnel.

At 0900K, Friday, 14th September.

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H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Reported circular logs approximately 20 feet long and 2 to 4 feet in diameter may have been sent adrift from Japanese defences in Mahkab River, East Borneo, Latitude 00° 40' South, Longitude 117° 25' East and may be encountered to seaward of this area.

H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/16th.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" is expected to sail from Melbourne at 0900K/16th. North Calabar, E.T.A. 0800K/16th to embark intercom and P.O.S.'s.

H.M.A.S. "WASS SHAK" - Departed Darwin 0800K/15th, E.T.A. Manila 0800K/16th with necessary stores.

H.L. 318 } - Departed Gladstone 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Caloundra 0800K/16th.
H.L. 317 }

H.S.S. "S.L.S." - Departed Jacquot Bay 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Longmak 0800K/16th Thence Oro Bay and Milne Bay, S.O.A. S.

S.C. 734 } - Departed Marotai 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Leyte 1800K/15th,
" 692 } S.O.A. 11-8.
" 742 }
" 1087 }

F.S.I.S. "CERBER" - Departed Noumea 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/16th S.O.A. 11.

G.P.V. 957 - Departed Sydney 0700K/15th, E.T.A. Coffe Harbour 1800K/16th, E.T.A. Caloundra 1800K/16th, S.O.A. S.

F.S. 201 - Dep Marotai 1700K/15th.

H.M.S. "AMBER" - Departed Caloundra 1700K/15th, E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/16th, S.O.A. 15.

H.M.S. "ALBAT" - Departed Balikpapan 1700K/15th, E.T.A. Melbourne 1800K/15th, S.O.A. 10.

A.P.S. 5 - Departed Nice Noumea 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Marotai 0800K/16th.

H.S.S. "SILUS" - Departed Noumea 1800K/15th, Leyte 15th, S.O.A. S.O. (A.K. 15)

F.S. 107 - Departed Ballantra 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Manila 0800K/16th.

H.M.S. "HILASANI" - Departed Sydney 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Manila 1800K/17th S.O.A. 12, E.T.A. Jember 0430K/16th.

H.M.S. "BERNARD" - Departed Marotai for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1800K/16th, (H.P.V. 2010) S.O.A. S.

H.M.S./R. "TUBER" - Departs Westport 0800K/16th, E.T.A. Cebu 1800K/16th, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.N.S.S. "ARONA" - Departed Sydney 0800K/15th, E.T.A. Jarvis Bay 0800K/16th.

H.L. 427 } - Departed Longmak 1800K/15th, E.T.A. Milne Bay
" 428 } 1100K/15th.

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- H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Manus 1230K/12th, E.T.A. Sydney 0630K/17, S.O.A. 20.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" - Departed Darwin 1345K/13th, E.T.A. Morotai 0245K/18th, S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.S. "KEMPENFELT")
" "WHIRLWIND") - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/13th, E.T.A. Hainan 0900K/14th.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG")
" "ROCKHAMPTON")
" "BOWEN") - Departed Morotai 1000K/13th for Menado,
" "LATROBE") - North Celebes, E.T.A. 0800K/14th to
" "JUNEE") embark internees and P.O.W.'s.
- H.M.A.S. "GRASS SNAKE")
" "ALATNA") - Departed Morotai 0059K/13th, E.T.A. Menado 0800K/14th with necessary stores.
- M.L. 818)
M.L. 807) - Departed Gladstone 1500K/12th, E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/14th.
- U.S.S. "O.L.3" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1000K/12th, E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/14th thence Oro Bay and Milne Bay, S.O.A. 5.
- S.C. 736)
" 699) - Departed Morotai 1000K/11th, E.T.A. Leyte 1900K/13th,
" 742) - S.O.A. 11.5.
" 1269)
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Manus 1000K/12th, E.T.A. Brisbane 23rd S.O.A. 11.
- G.P.V. 957 - Departed Sydney 0709K/13th, E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1230K/14th. E.T.A. Caloundra 1230K/16th, S.O.A. 8.
- F.S. 201 - Due Morotai 1700K/15th.
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Caloundra 1700K/13th, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/15th, S.O.A. 13.
- U.S.S. "BLOUNT" - Departed Balikpapan 1700K/12th, E.T.A. Zamboanga 1300K/15th, S.O.A. 10½.
- A.P.C. 5 - Departed Mios Woendi 1030K/12th, E.T.A. Morotai 0900K/15th.
- U.S.S. "SIRIUS" - Departed Manus 1700K/12th, Leyte 15th, S.O.A. 9.8. (A.K. 15)
- F.S. 167 - Departed Hollandia 1245K/12th, E.T.A. Manus 0600K/14th.
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" - Departed Sydney 1028K/13th, E.T.A. Manus 1500K/17th S.O.A. 22, E.T.A. Jomard 0639K/16th.
- H.M.S. "EDUARDO" - Departed Morotai for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1900K/15th. (M.F.V.2046) S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S./M. "TURPIN" - Departs Westernport 0830K/14th, E.T.A. Geelong 1630K/14th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.N.Z.S. "ARCHA" - Departed Sydney 0840K/13th, E.T.A. Jervis Bay 0230K/14th.
- M.L. 427)
" 428) - Departed Langemak 1848K/11th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/13th.

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - To depart Plymouth about 23rd September for onward routing via Colombo to Sydney.

U.S.S. "O.L. 11" - Departed Langemak 1520K/12th, E.T.A. Lae 0200K/13th.

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and barge. } - Departed Morotai 1100K/12th, E.T.A. Subic 18th.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departed Townsville 2300K/12th, E.T.A. Caloundra 2300K/17th.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1445K/11th, E.T.A. Madang 1015K/12th, S.O.A. 20.

M.L. 431 - Departed Madang 1800K/10th, E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/11th, S.O.A. 12, departed Langemak 0400K/13th, E.T.A. Oro Bay 0400K/14th.

L.C.I. 27 - Departed Manus 0700K/10th, Leyte 15th, S.O.A. 12.

S.C. 748)
" 749) - Departed Hollandia 1000K/12th, E.T.A. Leyte 1900K/18th,
" 746) S.O.A. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

H.M.S./M. "TACITURN" - Departs Fremantle 1330K/14th, E.T.A. Port Lincoln 1030K/20th, E.T.D. 22nd, E.T.A. Port Adelaide 1030K/23rd, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Manus 0630K/12th, E.T.A. Tokyo 1000K/14th, S.O.A. 23.

H.M.S. "ARTIFEX")
" "LANCASHIRE") - Departed Manus 1530K/11th, E.T.A. Hong Kong 0900K/21st, S.O.A. 12.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne has directed H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" to depart for Sydney 0800K/14th with T.B.3 in tow, weather permitting.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea anticipates "Manoora" and "Kanimbla" will be released by Army approximately 21st and 26th respectively and proposes "MANOORA" be sailed Madang with 200 ratings awaiting passage at Jacquinot Bay, and requests further movements be communicated.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has recommended, in view of reported shoals, that normal peace time shipping route west of Babar Island and through Manipa Strait be now used.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 13th September.

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- V.S.I.S. "CITY OF DIEPPE" - Departs Tokyo Bay 1500K/12 for Hong Kong. (S.O.A. 12.)
- H.M.S. "QUEENBOROUGH" - Departed Hong Kong 1560K/11 for Samar, E.T.A. 1000K/12. (S.O.A. 25).
- H.M.A.S. "FOYANG" - Departed Morotai 0800K/12 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1100K/17. (S.O.A. 8.5).
- U.S.S. "QUAPAU" (Fast Tug) - Departed Biak 1500K/11 for Leyte E.T.A. towing A.T.R. 27.) - 19th, (S.O.A. 6.)
- L.C.I. 634 - Departed Hollandia 1530K/11 for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/14.
- H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" (A.S.R.) - Departed Hollandia 0930K/11 in tow for Madang, E.T.A. 1100K/13 thence Langemak.
- A.T.R. 31 - Departed Manus 1300K/12 with tows for Leyte E.T.A. 28th. (S.O.A. 4).
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1600K/11 escorting tanker to Rabaul, E.T.A. 0900K/13.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1445K/11 for Madang, E.T.A. 1015K/12 - N.O.I.C. New Guinea on board.
- Tug "Cambrian Salvor" - Departed Langemak 0800K/12 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0800K/13 for onward routing Rabaul.
- M.L. 825 - Departed Fort Moresby 0730K/12 for Milne Bay E.T.A. P.M./14th. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 1800K/19 for onward routing Hong Kong. (S.O.A. 11.5)
- H.M.S. "CHERRILY" - Departed Sydney 1156K/12 for Hervey Bay, E.T.A. 1400K/15 thence Manus E.T.A. 2100K/21. (S.O.A. 8.5).
- H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" - Departed Sydney 1146K/12 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/19. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departs Jervis Bay 1100K/12 for Sydney E.T.A. 1615K/12.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departs Westernport 0715K/17 for Fort Phillip E.T.A. 1100K/17.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Adelaide 1130K/11 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 0900K/13. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Darwin 1800K/12 for Batavia. (S.O.A. 20).

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has placed H.M.A. Ships "KIAMA", "DUBCO", "LITHGOW", "TOWNSVILLE", "RESERVE", M.L. 808, M.L. 811 under the orders of H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" for minesweeping operations at Rabaul and possibly later at Bougainville.

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N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide now anticipates refit of "ARARAT" will be completed approximately 1st October.

P.D. Samar expects to commence unloading "WESTRALIA" 13th September - estimated time completion 4 days.

C. in C. East Indies signals that an escort is desirable when possible on Australia-Singapore route to facilitate diversions and change of plans, but does not consider merchant shipping should be delayed on that account.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea anticipates being able to spare "DIAMANTINA" to N.O.I.C. Moluccas on completion of first Nauru-Ocean Is. operation approximately end of September.

- N.M.S. "SHEPHERD" - Departed Hobart 11/9/42 for Sydney N.T.A. 1400H/14 (S.O.A. 15.0)
- N.M.S. "BLACK SWAN" - Departed Hobart 0700H/14 for Hong Kong.
- N.M.S. "WINDHORN HAY" - Departed Hobart 0700H/14 for Hong Kong.
- N.M.S. "ROSE" - Departed Hobart 0900H/11 for Oahu N.T.A. 1000H/12 (S.O.A. 15).
- S.S.V. 109 - Departed Hobart 1800H/14 for Oahu N.T.A. 2100H/15 (S.O.A. 9).
- N.S.S. "OSTARA" - Departed Brisbane 1100H/12 for Manila N.T.A. 0700H/23 (S.O.A. 14).
- N.T.V. 1217 - Departed Sydney 1800H/12 for Brisbane N.T.A. 1800H/14 (S.O.A. 9.3).
- S.S.V. 109 - Departed Sydney 1800H/11 for Brisbane N.T.A. 1800H/12 for onward routing Malaga (S.O.A. 9).
- N.M. Motor Line "EMER" - Departs Portland 1800H/14 for Melbourne N.T.A. 1000H/15th (S.O.A. 11).
- N.M.S. "YACHT" - On passage Sydney - Fremantle via N.T.A. 0800H/15.

N.O.I.C. Malacca signals following to G.I.C. East

India :-

"Information has been received from Malacca Prisoner of War Camp that approximately 450 Royal Naval ratings, survivors of N.M.S. "EMER", N.M.S. "WINDHORN" and N.M.S. "ROSE" are held there. There are in all over 2,000 persons to be listed to Malacca. N.M.S. "EMER" will be entering in several days time. Will continue date and would appreciate assistance".

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 12th September.

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- Portuguese Sloops) Depart Colombo 16th September escorting
"PARTOLOMEU DIAS") - transport "ANGOLA" to Timor, E.T.A.
"GONCALVES ZARCO") 28th. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departs Tokyo Bay 1300K/11 for Manus E.T.A.
1300K/16. Departs Manus same day for Sydney E.T.A.
0830K/21st. (S.O.A. 19, 25).
- H.M. Ships "PHEASANT",)
"WHIMBREL", "CRANE",) Departed Buckner Bay (Okinawa)
"WOODCOCK", "BALLARAT",) - 2920K/10 for Subic Bay, E.T.A.
"PIRIE", "CESSNOCK") 1300K/14.
- H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Guam 1300K/10 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/12.
(S.O.A. 24).
- U.S.S. "SAKATONCHEE"(Tanker) - Departed Zamboanga 0800K/10 for
Balikpapan E.T.A. 1900K/13.
- U.S.S. "PONTOTOC"(Cargo Ship) - Departs Manus 1500K/10 for Samar
E.T.A. 16th. (S.O.A. 10.5.).
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - Departed Manus 1730K/10 for Leyte E.T.A. 1430K/14
thence Hong Kong (S.O.A. 16.5)
- H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN")
H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY") - Departed Manus 0700K/10 for Hong Kong.
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" - Departed Manus 0800K/11 for Guam E.T.A. 0800K/13
thence Tokyo (S.O.A. 25).
- L.S.T. 629 - Departed Manus 1300K/10 for Samar E.T.A. 0100K/18.
(S.O.A. 9).
- U.S.S. "OCTANS" - Departs Brisbane 1800K/12 for Manila E.T.A. 0700K/26.
(S.O.A. 12).
- M.F.V. 1017) Departed Sydney 1834K/11 for Brisbane E.T.A.
Tug "ROCKCLIFFE") - 1200K/14. (S.O.A. 6.5).
- G.P.V. 957 - Departed Sydney 1030K/11 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/14
for onward routing Madang. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M. Submarine "TAPIR" - Departs Portland 1530K/14 for Melbourne
E.T.A. 1000K/15th. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.S. "PROME" - On passage Durban - Fremantle makes E.T.A. 0900K/13.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals following to C.in.C. East

Indies :-

"Information has been received from Makassar Prisoner of War Camp that approximately 450 Royal Naval ratings, survivors of H.M.S. "EXETER", H.M.S. "STRONGHOLD" and H.M.S. "ENCOUNTER" are held there. There are in all over 2,000 persons to be lifted to Morotal. H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" will be entering in several days time. Will confirm date and would appreciate assistance".

C. in C. B.P.F. suggests that Midget Submarine X.E.4. should carry out trials over loops at Sydney to test state of defences against Midget Submarine attacks before being paid off, and requests A.C.N.B.'s remarks.

C. in C. East Indies Station states that first flight of five R.A.F.W.I. ships leaves Singapore about 15th September for Australia. H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" will provide escort and ships will be routed to Darwin unless otherwise ordered by A.C.N.B. For subsequent sailings East Indies escorts will be provided to 115° east.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that following the cessation of hostilities, there are indications of much earlier return of civilian activities than was formerly expected and it is considered most desirable that decision regarding Administrative and accommodation building be reached at earliest.

Estimated completion date of "KALGOORLIE" at Brisbane is now 22nd September - delays mainly connected with tram strike.

N.O.I.C. Darwin reports following received from S.N.O. Timor Force "Instrument of surrender signed on board H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" by Colonel Kaide Tatsuichi 1200K/11th September. Further information received beach party established.

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P.D. Oro Bay advises anticipate only duties required by R.A.N. will be routing of three further liberty ships. N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends closing V/S and W/T Station at 1000K/12th.

H.M.S. "CHIEF" - Departed Mack 1200K/11th, Leyte 12th, S.O.A. 11.5.

H.M.S. "THUNDER" - Departed Balikpapan 1200K/12th for Leyte via Samarang Bay S.T.A. 1200K/12th, S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "MANTA" - Departed Hollandia 1200K/12th, S.T.A. Mack 2100K/11th for onward routing Leyte.

T.F. 523 - Departed Mack 1200K/12th, S.T.A. Miles Bay 1200K/12th, S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "TIGER" - Departed Mack 1200K/12th, S.T.A. Sydney 2000K/12, S.O.A. 12.5.

H.M.S. "VINDICATOR" - Departed Mack 1200K/12th, S.T.A. Sydney 1200K/12, S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "AQUA" - Departed Mack 1200K/12th, Leyte 12th, S.O.A. 12.

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At 0900K, Tuesday, 11th September, 1945.

- H.M.S. "HIND" } Departed Morotai 1800K/8th, E.T.A. Subic
" "ALACRITY" } - 1100K/12th, S.O.A. 13.
- H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Amended E.T.A. Darwin 1130K/12, E.T.D. 1730K/12th.
- M.L. 813 }
807 } - Report E.T.A. Gladstone 1500K/10th.
- Y.P. 283 - Departed Mios Woendi 1845K/9th, E.T.A. Hollandia 0700K/11th.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Torokina 1500K/9th, E.T.A. Nauru
1100K/13th, S.O.A. 10.4.
- S.C. 748 }
" 749 } - Departed Manus 0900K/9th for Leyte via Hollandia,
" 746 } - E.T.A. 1100K/11th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Reported E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1700K/11th.
- U.S.S. "PINTO") Departed Morotai 2200K/9th to assist A.T.A. 179
(A.T.F.90)) - and tows at 04° 40' N., 128° 56' E., E.T.A.
1200K/10th.
- U.S.S. "VENUS") Departed Santo 1330K/7th for Samar for onward
(A.K.135)) - routing to Subic Bay, S.O.A. 10.
- L.C.I. 700 - Departed Morotai 1400K/9th, E.T.A. Hollandia 1700K/12th.
- H.M.S. "FERNMOR" - Departed Noumea for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/17,
S.O.A. 9½.
- H.M.S./M. "TRUMP" - To depart Fremantle 1330K/12th, E.T.A. Wallaroo
1030K/8th, E.T.D. 19th, Port Adelaide E.T.A. 1030K/21st.
S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FAITH" - Departed Oro Bay 0615K/10th, E.T.A. Langemak
1500K/10th, S.O.A. 18.
- A.T.R. 61 with tows - Departed Manus 1500K/5th for Manila via Subic
and Morotai, E.T.A. 0700K/13th, S.O.A. 6/7.
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Sydney 1710K/10th for Brisbane for onward
routing to Manus and Hong Kong, E.T.A. Caloundra
0900K/12th. (S.O.A. 12).
- U.S.S. "GRUX") Departed Biak 1600K/11th, Leyte 15th, S.O.A. 11.5.
(A.K.115)) -
- U.S.S. "NOBJACK" - Departed Balikpapan 1000K/10th for Leyte via
Sarangani Bay E.T.A. 1000K/12th, S.O.A. 15.
- U.S.S. "JAPARA" - Departed Hollandia 1350K/10th, E.T.A. Biak 1100K/11th
for onward routing Leyte.
- Y.P. 233 - Departed Manus 1100K/10th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1900K/13th.
S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S. "TYNE" - Departed Manus 0900K/10th, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/17,
S.O.A. 12.5.
- H.M.S. "TERPSICHOE" - Departed Manus 1800K/9th, E.T.A. Sydney
1000K/14, S.O.A. 19.
- U.S.S. "AIR" - Departed Manus 0600K/10th, Leyte 16th, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" }
escorting }
H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" } - Departed Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. Rabaul
H.T. "KATOOMBA" } - 1130K/10th.

H.M.S. "VINDEX" - Departed Leyte 1330K/4th, E.T.A. Hong Kong
1430K/7th, S.O.A. 16.

U.S.S. "POLLUX") - Departed Hollandia 0705K/10th, Manus 0959K/11th.
A.K.S. 4)

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested services of light
house steamer as soon as possible to establish navigational aids
in Rabaul Harbour and approaches.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" returned to Port Adelaide with
feed pump trouble.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" intercepted Japanese 78 foot
motor cargo vessel and from ships charts obtained location of
3 minefields in Madura Strait and eastern approaches to
Sourabaya.

H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" - Departed Darwin 1000K/8 to John Mearns
P.O. 293, S.O.A. 18.

H.M.S. "WINDWARD" - Departed Manus 1000K/10th, E.T.A. Hong Kong 2000K/10th
S.O.A. 17.

H.M.S./R "VANDERBILT" - Departed Sydney 1000K/8 for Melbourne.

U.S.S. "L.S.T. 341 and 342" - Departed Manus 1000K/10th, E.T.A. Leyte 1500K
S.O.A. 18.

U.S.S./A. "CHINA" and "ROBIN" - Departed Sydney 1000K/10th in escort
with 2000K.

H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" - Departed Darwin 1000K/8, E.T.A. Hollandia 1500K/10th,
S.O.A. 18.

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1500K/10, S.O.A. 18.

H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" - Departed Darwin 1000K/8, E.T.A. Port
Phillip 1500K/10, S.O.A. 18.

H.M.S. "WINDWARD" - Departed Sydney 1000K/8 for Melbourne.

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At 0900K, Monday, 10th September, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departs Madang 0615K/9 for Langemak, Milne Bay and Port Moresby servicing lights en route. S.O.A. 8. Approximate E.T.A. Moresby 23rd September.
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departed Wewak 0530K/9th, E.T.A. Aitape 1600K/9th.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Sydney 1112K/9th, E.T.A. Darwin A.M. 17th, S.O.A. 12.5.
- L.C.I.'s 343, 321, 324,)
578, 946) - Departed Torokina 0700K/9, E.T.A. Manus 0500K/14th, S.O.A. 5.5.
- U.S.S. "A.T.A. 174" - Departed Leyte 1200K/8th, E.T.A. Manus 1500K/14th. S.O.A. 10.
- U.S.S. "CADSEN" (A.K.182) - Departed Phillipines 2000K/8th, E.T.A. Manus 16th, S.O.A. 11.
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Balikpapan 0900K/8th, E.T.A. Morotai 1300K/11th.
- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS")
" "AIRE")
" "HIND") - Departed Morotai 1800K/8th, E.T.A. Subic 1100K/12th, S.O.A. 13.
" "ALACRITY")
- H.M.A.S. "GCOTAMUNDRA")
" "JUNEE") - Departed Morotai for Ambon to embark P.O.W. and return Morotai, E.T.A. Rendezvous 1300K/10.
" "LATROBE")
" "GLENELG")
- H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL")
" "GLADSTONE") - Departed Darwin 1030K/8 to join TOFO force P.M. 9th, S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.S. "GLENEARN" - Departed Manus 1530K/7th, E.T.A. Hong Kong 2000K/14th S.O.A. 17.
- H.M.S./M "VORACIOUS" - Departed Sydney 1628K/8 for Melbourne.
- U.S.S. "L.C.I. 341 and 71" - Departed Manus 1800K/8th, E.T.A. Leyte 15th. S.O.A. 9.5.
- U.S.S./M. "CHARR" and "BLOWER" - Departed Sydney 1057K/8th in accordance with 060640Z.
- H.D.M.L. 1355 - Departed Wewak 0800K/7th, E.T.A. Hollandia 1600K/9th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEE")
towing "AMOHINE")
H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI") - Departed Thursday Island 1100K/8 for
towing "BOONOOROO") Townsville.
H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW")
- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" with)
"TANCHRED" in tow of) - Departed Cairns 1520K/8th, E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/14, S.O.A. 8.5.
"CALEDONIAN SALVOR")
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Port Adelaide 1000K/9th, E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600K/11th, S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed 1535K/7 for Sydney.

U.S.S. "A.T.R. 33" - Departed Leyte Gulf 1000K/9th, E.T.A. Manus 0800K/15, S.O.A. 10.5.

H.M.A.S. "ELLAN" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1500K/8th to join convoy to depart Wide Bay 1600K/9th for Rabaul.

U.S.S. "BLOUNT" - Departed Taraken 1720K/8th, E.T.A. Balikpapan 1100K/9th, S.O.A. 10.5.

S.T. 471 - Departed Oro Bay 1730K/8th to assist S.160, S.O.A. 8.

H.M.A.S. "WOOLONGONG" - Departed Manus for Subic E.T.A. 1100K/15. S.O.A. 11.5.

H.M.S. "REAPER" - E.T.A. Sydney Heads 0900K/10th.

U.S.S. "ROCKDALE"(A.K.208) - Departed Hollandia 0800K/9th, E.T.A. Caloundra 1300K/17, S.O.A. 10.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Arrived Torokina 1200K/9th.

Y.P.237 - Departed Manus 1100K/9th, E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/11, S.O.A. 9.

U.S.S. "L.S.C. 66 and 67" - Departed Tacloban 1600K/8th, E.T.A. Biak 0700K/13, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - E.T.A. Nauru 0600K/13th rendezvous for "KAI KAI" now three miles east of coast at 1100K/13th.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle strongly recommends that shed recently erected be taken over for Naval purposes more especially victualling to relieve present congestion.

"KCONDOLLOO" reported becoming unmanageable in heavy swell. Aircraft sent out on search reported assistance no longer required.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle requests, in view of altered conditions, that allocation of L.U.L.508 be reviewed. Lighter not required at Fremantle.

C. in C. B.P.F. anticipates releasing R.A.N. manned ships as follows -

"NAVIER" - mid October, "NORMAN", "NEPAL" - end October, one of remaining 3 on arrival "HOGUE" mid October, last 2 on arrival "LAGOS", "FINSTINE" estimated December, earlier if reduction of present commitments allow.

One Flotilla of A.M.S.'s on arrival 8th M.S.F. mid October, remainder on arrival 10th M.S.F. late November.

C.T.C. 70.9 proposes to despatch "HOBART" for Sydney 1300K/11th.

"BATAAN" and "WARRAMUNGA" being engaged in Japan Area evacuation of released prisoners-of-war.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested approval to despatch "POYANG" to Darwin for discharge and vessel be placed under his operational control to be used as required by Advanced L.H.Q. in connection with occupation by A.M.F. of enemy held territory. Planned operations are being held up on account of shipping shortage.

Vice Admiral Kamada signed instrument of surrender for all Japanese forces in Dutch Borneo on H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" at 1300K/8th.

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TO 0900K/SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN")
- " " "WHYALLA")
- H.M.S. "EMPIRE SAM") - Departed Morotai 1000K/8 as T.U. 112.5.4
- H.M.S. "EMPIRE JOSEPHINE") for Subic Bay E.T.A. 15th (SOA.7).
- H.F.V's 1092, 1156)

- F.S. 167 - Departed Morotai 1000K/7 for Manus E.T.A. 1800K/12.

- H.L's 427, 428) - Depart Madang 0700K/7 detaching off Langemak and
- in tow of) proceeding Milne Bay E.T.A. 1900K/10. "MULGRA"
- H.M.A.S. "MULGRA") proceeds Torokina E.T.A. 0500K/11, and will later
- rendezvous with H.L's off China Strait and tow
- to mainland.

- H.M.A.S. "GRIFFITH") - Departed Torokina 0700K/7 for Jacquinot Bay
- H.D.M.L. 1327) E.T.A. 1100K/8.

- H.D.M.L. 1355 - Departs Madang 1100K/4 for Wewak E.T.A. 0600K/5 for onward
- routing Hollandia (SOA.10).

- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Langemak 1813K/7 for Torokina E.T.A.1200K/9.

- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed Lae 1601K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/11 (SOA.20.5).

- H.M.A.S. "AIR FAITH" - Departed Milne Bay 1530K/7 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1600K/8
- thence Langemak and Madang.

- H.M.A.S. "FALIE")
- in tow) - Departs Cairns 1600K/6 for Townsville.
- "CALEDONIAN SALVOR")

- H.M.S. "DESTINY" - Departed Townsville 1200K/8 for Darwin E.T.A. 1800K/14
- (SOA.11).

- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departs Townsville 2300K/9 for Brisbane E.T.A.
- 1200K/14 (SOA. 8).

- H.M.S. "VIRTUE" (Submarine) - Departs Brisbane 1400K/10 for Townsville
- E.T.A. 1500K/13 (SOA. 10).

- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/9 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/14
- for onward passage to Darwin (SOA.15).

- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Sydney 1109K/8 for Hervey Bay E.T.A. 0900K/10
- (SOA.15).

- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departed Hobart 1230K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/11
- (SOA.7).

Warship "CANTON VICTORY", at present at Balikpapan, has ten thousand tons of stores for relief of Java. C.in C. East Indies has requested A.C.N.B. arrange for ship to arrive off Batavia 17th Sept. A frigate detailed by C.S.5 will rendezvous with instructions for entry.

H.O.I.C. MOLUCCAS anticipates "COOTAMUNDRA" will be available for despatch for leave and disposal shortly, and requests destination.

H.M. Hospital Ship "OXFORDSHIRE" at present Manila, makes E.T.A. Sydney 20th Sept. Has total of 286 P.O.W's and internees - mainly British no Australian, Canadian or United States subjects.

To 1900K, Saturday, 8th September.

P.D. ORO BAY informs N.O.I.C. New Guinea that A.S.R. "LAURIANA" struck submerged object off Oro Bay - propeller badly damaged and unable to proceed. As no repair facilities available at Oro Bay, vessel will have to be towed to Milne Bay.

Reported by (Port Dept) - Reported by (Port Dept) 1407K/3 for Habsul, N.T.A. 10th, 10.0.A. 10.0. 14).

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA recommends that a salvage ship be sent to Habsul as soon as possible as it appears possible that some of the vessels are capable of being salvaged.

R.A.A.S. "MUNDANA" - Reported Habsul 1000K/3 for Balikpapan N.T.A. 1000K/3 (S.O.A. 17). To find "BARCOEN" and "INVERELL" and ...

N.O.I.C. MOLUCCAS intends retaining R.A.N. units in present locations pending probable employment as extra Port Director units, to satisfy Army operational requirements.

Reported by (Port Dept) 1100K/3 for Habsul N.T.A. 1700K/3 for Habsul pending to join R.F.F. (S.O.A. 20).

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA reports that Nauru convoy will probably sail 1900K/9th and arrive at Nauru noon/13th Sept. States E.T.D. and E.T.A. will be confirmed.

R.A.A.S. "VICTORIA" - Reported Habsul 1800K/7 for Jaquinet Bay N.T.A. 1800K/7 - N.O.I.C. New Guinea on board.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA signals that as far as can be ascertained locally about ten magnetic mines still exist in northern part of Simpson Harbour. Requests arrangements be made to make magnetic sweepers available to sweep these mines.

R.A.A.S. "TAMIRIA" - Reported Brisbane 1800K/7 for Jaquinet Bay. N.T.A. 1800K/11. (S.O.A. 14).

R.A.A.S. "MUNDANA", "INVERELL", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA", "MUNDANA" - Reported Habsul 1100K/7 for ...

An American task unit consisting of 40 ships departed Okinawa 1800K/3 for Japan (Korea), N.T.A. 1800K/5th. (S.O.A. 12).

N.O.I.C. TOROKINA advises that the E.T.D. of Nauru-Scoen Island Convoy is Monday, 10th September.

R.M. Ship "MANT" and "MANTHON" departed Jaquinet Bay for Habsul N.T.A. 1400K/0 via route west of New Britain.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne signals expected completion date of "GURRA" as 24th September.

R.A.A.S. "TAMIRIA" according to report "GURRA" from Hong Kong, but was ordered by R.A.F.F. to return to Habsul - A.R.S. to continue to Habsul.

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To 0900K, Saturday, 8th September.

- U.S.S. "SUFFOLK" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Espiritu Santo 1420K/6 for Lingayen, E.T.A. 0800K/17. (S.O.A. 15, 16).
- U.S.S. "PINTO" (Fast Tug) - Departed Leyte 1407K/6 for Morotai, E.T.A. 8th. (S.O.A. 13.5, 14).
- U.S.S. "ROBINSON" (Destroyer Transport) } - Departs Batangas 1000K/6
S.C. 1341, P.C. 1452 } escorting 59 L.S.T.'s to
Tokyo, E.T.A. 1600K/16.
(S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Morotai 0901K/6 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0700K/8 (S.O.A. 17). To fuel "GASCOYNE" and "INVERELL" and wait orders.
- U.S.S. "QUAPAU" (Fast Tug) - Departed Zamboanga 1745K/6 for Biak E.T.A. 1245K/10.
- H.M.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Manus 1100K/6 for Guam E.T.A. 1700K/8 for onward routing to join B.P.F. (S.O.A. 22).
- H.M.S. "GUARDIAN" - Departed Manus 0700K/6 for Subic Bay, E.T.A. 14th Sept. for onward routing Hong Kong.
- A.P.C. 5 - Departed Manus 1600K/7 for Morotai E.T.A. 0600K/13. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departs Rabaul 1230K/7 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1930K/7 - N.O.I.C. New Guinea on board.
- M.S.L.'s 705, 706 - Departed Port Moresby 0645K/7 for Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./10. (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN" - Departed Thursday Is. 1030K/7 for Darwin E.T.A. 1230K/10.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/7 for Jacquinot Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/11. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "MORSEY", "BENALLA",
"ECHUCA", "HORSEHAM", "KATOOMBA",
"PARKES", "KANGAROO", "BOMBO",
H.D.M.L.'s 1322, 1324, 1329.
H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSENS" } Departed Darwin 1130K/7 for
Keopang with occupation
force - E.T.A. will be
signalled when known.
(S.O.A. 6-7).

An American Task Unit consisting of 48 ships departed Okinawa 1300K/5 for Inchon (Korea), E.T.A. 1300K/8th. (S.O.A. 12).

N.O.I.C. Torokina advises that the E.T.D. of Nauru-Ocean Island Convoy is Monday, 10th September.

H.M. Ships "HART" and "AMETHYST" departed Jacquinot Bay for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/8 via route west of New Britain.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne signals amended completion date of "COWRA" as 24th September.

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" escorting Mership "EDNA" Manus Hong Kong, has been ordered by R.A.F.T. to return Mership to Manus - A.M.S. to continue to Hong Kong.

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At 0900K, Friday, 7th September.

- G.P.V. 953 - To depart Caloundra 1500K/7th, E.T.A. Townsville, 1800K/15 for onward routing to Madang, S.O.A. 7.5. Anchoring at night E.T.D. Gladstone 0700K/10, E.T.D. Mackay 0700K/13.
- H.S.L. 708 - To depart Caloundra 1500K/7th in company G.P.V. 953 to Gladstone E.T.D. 0700K/10 proceeding independently to Townsville E.T.A. 0200K/14th for onward routing to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Milne Bay 0912K/5th, E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/9th, S.O.A. 16.
- M.L. 823 - Departing Jervis Bay 0700K/7th, E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/7, S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Departed Port Kembla 2300K/5th, E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/6th, S.O.A. 4.5.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Darwin 1722K/5th, E.T.A. Position "P" 1100K/12th, S.O.A. 14½. Guards Cora until 1730K/10th thence Victor.
- H.M.S. "VASNA" - Departed Manus 1700K/4th for Tokyo via Guam 8th.
- F.S. 172 - Arrived Milne Bay 1111K/5th.
- F.S.263 - Arrived Milne Bay 1050K/5th.
- L.C.I. 343 }
 321 } - Departed Munda 0800K/5th, E.T.A. Torokina 0700K/7th.
 324 }
- L.C.I. 634 - Departed Biak 0700K/6th, E.T.A. Hollandia 1900K/7. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departing Port Phillip 0700K/7th, E.T.A. Westernport 1030K/7th.
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Sydney 1356K/5th, E.T.A. Manus 0800K/11th S.O.A. 16. E.T.A. Jomard 0800K/9th.
- U.S.S. "GUALALA" - Departed Morotai 1100K/5, E.T.A. Woendi 1900K/8th. (A.O.G. 28)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL W.C. LANGFITT" - Departed Hollandia 1840K/4th Lingayen (A.P. 151) 0900K/9th.
- H.M.S./M. "TOTEN" - Departing Fremantle 1300K/7, E.T.A. Geelong 1000K/14. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" - Departed Wewak 1130K/5th, E.T.A. Madang 1200K/6th. S.O.A. 18.
- H.M.S./M. "TURPIN" - Departing Fremantle 1330K/5th, E.T.A. "TAPIR" at Portland 1200K/11th. E.T.A. "TURPIN" at Westernport 1200K/12. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S./M. "TAPIR" }
- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Port Adelaide 1130K/5th, E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/9th, S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - To depart Hobart P.M. 7th, E.T.A. Sydney 11th.
- H.D.M.L. 1321 - Arrived Townsville 0900K/6th, Departed 1200K/6th. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0600K/10th, S.O.A. 11.
- M.L. 825 - Departed Thursday Island 0830K/6th, E.T.A. Port Moresby 1730K/7th, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.S. "OXFORDSHIRE" - Arrived Manila 1900K/4th.

P.T.'s 522)
523) - Departed Tarakan 0900K/5th, E.T.A. Tawi Tawi 1630K/5th,
525) E.T.D. 0900K/6th, Zamboanga E.T.A. 1830K/6th.
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H.M.S. "BERWICK" - Departed Fremantle 0830K/5th, E.T.A. Colombo 2200K/4th, S.O.A. 30, shifts to Victor 2200K/7th.

L.C.I. 700 - Departed Biak 1300K/6th, E.T.A. Morotai 0900K/8th, S.O.A. 11.

U.S.S. "F.S.172" - Departed Milne Bay 0915K/6th, E.T.A. Hollandia 0915K/10th, S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "LAURIANA" - Departed Langemak due Milne Bay 6th.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Lae 0815K/6th, E.T.A. Langemak 1300K/6th.

U.S.S. "WILLIAMS" - Departed Manus 1000K/6th, E.T.A. Ulithi 1600K/8th.
(D.E.372) S.O.A. 16.

S.G. 736) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/6th, E.T.A. Morotai 0700K/9th.
742) S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S./M. "VORACIOUS" - Departing Sydney 1600K/8th, E.T.A. Port Phillip 0500K/11th, S.O.A. 9.

U.S.S. "BARNWELL" - Departed Santo 1610K/5th, Lingayen Gulf 16th, S.O.A. 15/16.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Caloundra 2100K/6th, E.T.A. Jacquinot 0900K/11th, S.O.A. 12 to Jomard E.T.A. 0700K/10, thence S.O.A. 14.

U.S.S. L.C.I.26 - Departing Manus 1200K/5th, E.T.A. Guam 9th, S.O.A. 10/11.

F.S. 149 - Departed Langemak 0900K/5th, E.T.A. Manus 1700K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Sydney 1118K/6th, E.T.A. Morotai 1600K/20. S.O.A. 10.

U.S.S./M. "CHARR") Departing Sydney 1000K/8th, E.T.A. Guam 1200K/8,
"BLOWER") S.O.A. 14, E.T.A. Jomard 1000K/12th. Guards
500 K/Cs.

U.S.S./M "BESUGO" - Departing Sydney 1000K/7th, E.T.A. San Diego 0800K/27, S.O.A. 14.

C.C.A.S. has been instructed to sail H.M.A.S. "HOBART" to Sydney, "WARRAMUNGA" to follow as convenient it being decided 1. cruiser and 1 destroyer being sufficient to provide men for R.A.N. participation in Tokio Victory March.

Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser has set out his interpretation of the Commonwealth and Dutch prisoner of war policy in his 041452.

The port of Rabaul is now open, ships should be routed via Torokina or Jacquinot Bay where details of searched channels, prohibited areas, etc., will be available.

Rear Admiral Harcourt has taken over Military administration of Hong Kong with title of G. in C., Hong Kong.

Information regarding position of U.S.N. Commands in S.W.P.A. has been promulgated to all Naval Officers-in-Charge and Port Directors.

H.M.S. "GLORY" expects to complete Rabaul surrender operation and be available at Lae for orders at 1800K/7th. H.M.S.'s "HART" and "AMETHYST" proceeding to full at Jacquinot Bay and be available for orders at 1200K/7th.

C.T.F. 79 does not consider appointment of R.A.N. liaison officers to his staff necessary, but would be pleased to discuss the matter during his visit to Melbourne on 11-12 September.

H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE", on instructions from N.O.I.C. Moluccas proceeded to rendezvous off Pare Pare Harbour to take on board Commanding General 2nd Jap. Army and staff officers for transport to Balikpapan, E.T.A. at rendezvous 0001K/7th. Will also rendezvous with Vice Admiral Kamada on 8th for surrender of Balikpapan forces.

S.S. "CHRISTIAN BERGH" freed herself from reef and proceeding to Leyte Gulf S.O.A. S.5. "BARCOO" returning to Morotai.

COMSERVRON 7th Fleet has released "WESTRALIA", "MERKUR" and "YUNNAN" to control of A.C.N.B.

H.M.A.S. "PING HO" at Townsville needs repairs to port boiler estimated time to complete 14 days.

H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - Departed Singapore 1200K/7th, E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/8th.

C.T.F. 79 - Departed Townsville 0800K/7th, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "TIGER" - Departed Morotai 1200K/7th for Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - To Darwin Thursday Island 1200K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - To Townsville 1200K/7th, E.T.A. 1200K/8th.

H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - To Townsville 1200K/7th, E.T.A. 1200K/8th.

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H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - To Townsville 1200K/7th, E.T.A. 1200K/8th.

H.M.A.S. "YANKEE" - To Townsville 1200K/7th, E.T.A. 1200K/8th.

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As at 0900K, Thursday, 6th September.

- ← H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Biak 1200K/4th, E.T.A. Morotai 1100K/7, S.O.A. 7.5.
- U.S.S. "A.V.C.40" - Departed Manus 1400K/4th, E.T.A. Guam 9th.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Arrived Townsville 0800K/5th.
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Tarakan 1304K/4th, E.T.A. Balikpapan 1000K/6th. S.O.A. 11.
- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" - Departing Caloundra 1400K/6th for Leyte via Jomard E.T.A. Homohan Island 0600K/18th. S.O.A. 10.5.
- U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" - Departing Caloundra 1400K/6th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/10th. S.O.A. 10.5. Guards Bells.
- H.M.S. "BERRY PEAD" - Departing Caloundra 1700K/6th for Leyte via Jomard E.T.A. 0700K/11. E.T.A. Homohan Island 0700K/20. S.O.A. 10.
- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Langemak for Madang E.T.A. 0830K/4th.
- U.S.S. "CEPHEUS" - Departed Santo 1528K/4th, E.T.A. Lingayen 1000K/16th. (A.K.A. 18) S.O.A. 14/15.
- F.S.279 - Departed Hollandia 1230K/4th Manila, E.T.A. 0600K/12th. S.O.A. 9.5.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departed Port Kembla 1330K/4th for Sydney. with tow
- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" } Departed Darwin 1030K/4th for Morotai. S.O.A. 14.
" "AIRE" }
" "HIND" }
- U.S.S. "GENERAL E. COLLINS" - Departed Hollandia 0725K/4th. E.T.A. Leyte 1200K/7.
- Y.P. 237 - Arrived Manus 1700K/4th.
- F.S.524) Departed Langemak 1530K/3rd, E.T.A. Hollandia 0600K/7th.
S.T.403) -
- Hospital Ship) Departed Hollandia 1030K/4th, E.T.A. Morotai
"WANGANILLA") - 1500K/6th.
- G.P.V. 954) Departed Townsville 0830K/5th, E.T.A. Thursday Island
" 955) - A.M. 13th, S.O.A. 7.5.
" 956)
- H.M.S./M "VIRTUE" - Departed Newcastle 1330K/4th for Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEN" }
towing "AMOHINE" } - To depart Thursday Island 0800K/8th,
H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI" } E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/13th. SOA 6.
towing "BOONGORCO" }
H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW" }
- H.M.S. "HART") Departed Milne Bay 0910K/4th, E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay
" "AMETHYST") - 0745K/5th. S.O.A. 15.
- U.S.S. "BELLGROVE" - Departed Biak 1200K/4th, E.T.A. Leyte 7th for (L.S.D. 2) onward routing to Okinawa.
- H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" - Arrived Townsville 1630K/4th.
- M.L. 808 - Departed Torokina 1340K/4th, Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0700K/5. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Darwin 1500K/4th, E.T.A. Morotai 2200K/7th, S.O.A. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$.

U.S.S. "ISOBEL" } - Departed Darwin 0817K/5th, E.T.A. Thursday Island
" "P.C.739" } - 0930K/8th, S.O.A. 11.

U.S.S. "GENERAL D. AULTMAN" - Departed Hollandia 1900K/4th, E.T.A.
(A.P.156) Batangas 2000K/10th, S.O.A. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ /18.

U.S.S. "ACUBERS" - Departed Manila 2000K/5th, Hollandia 13th, S.O.A.
(A.K.S. 35) 9/10.

H.M.S. "BELFAST" - Departed Manus 1830K/4, E.T.A. Leyte 0600K/8,
S.O.A. 19.

H.M.S./M "THULE" } - Departed Fremantle 1330K/5th, E.T.A. Launceston
"TAURUS" } - 1200K/12th, S.O.A. 11.

H.M.S./M "STUBLOERN" - Departed Fremantle 1400K/5th, E.T.A. Geraldton
1200K/6th thence Dunbury, Albany and Fremantle.

H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Sydney 1045K/5th, E.T.A. Darwin 1700K/12th,
S.O.A. 15.

H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" - To depart Townsville 1500K/6th, E.T.A. Caloundra
0600K/12, S.O.A. 7.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN", en route Townsville to Darwin,
reports evaporation distiller defective and is proceeding Thursday
Island E.T.A. 0530K/8.

"CHRISTIAN BERGH" reported aground on Helen Reef.
N.O.I.C. Moluccas despatched "BARCOO" and "LATROBE" to assistance,
position amended to Merir Island and "LATROBE" was recalled to Morotai.

Royal Netherlands Navy have requested permission to
appoint a liaison officer to be attached to staff of N.O.I.C. Moluccas.

H.M.S. "SPEAKER" is due Manila P.M. 9th with 477 British
Commonwealth ex P.O.W. on board.

Controller A.I.B. has concurred in transfer of S.R.D.
craft to operational control of N.O.I.C. Moluccas.

Landops inform that R.A.N. Beach Commandos forming
Australian Beach Groups under First Aust. Corps have been placed under
command of N.O.I.C. Moluccas as from 0600 3rd September.

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 5th September.

- Submarine "TIJCHERAAI" - Departed Aden 2200K/3 for Fremantle. (S.O.A. 10.5)
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departs Manila 0900K/5 for Subic Bay.
- U.S.S. "HISPERIA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Ulithi 1400K/3rd for Manus E.T.A. 7th. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- F.S. 164 - Departed Leyte 1200K/3 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/9. (S.O.A. 10).
- U.S.S. "GENERAL LANGFITT" (Transport) - Departed Hollandia 1830K/4 for Lingayen, E.T.A. 0900K/9. (S.O.A. 16.5, 18).
- U.S.S. "GENERAL COLLINS" (Transport) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/4 for Leyte E.T.A. 1200K/7 for onward routing to Okinawa. (S.O.A. 16.5, 18).
- U.S.S. "HILO" (M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Hollandia 1725K/3 for Samar E.T.A. 1300K/8. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- U.S.S. "WASATCH" (M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Manus 1700K/3 for Samar E.T.A. 7th thence Manila. (S.O.A. 14, 15).
- U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Oiler) - Departed Manus 1000K/4 for Leyte E.T.A. 10th.
- H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" - Departed Manus 1500K/3 escorting "EDNA" to Morotai E.T.A. A.M./10 for onward routing Subic Bay for Hong Kong. (S.O.A. 7.5)
- A.P.C. 33 - Departed Manus 1800K/3 for Aitape via Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/5. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Milne Bay 1200K/3 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0800K/5. (S.O.A. 9).
- M.L.'s 813, 807 - Depart Townsville 0600K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/11 - Calling Gladstone for fuel. (S.O.A. 7.5).
- H.M. Submarine "VIRTUE" - Departs Newcastle 1315K/4 unescorted for Brisbane E.T.A. 1215K/6. (S.O.A. 9.5)
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Departed Sydney 2345K/3 for Port Kembla E.T.A. 0800K/4. (S.O.A. 4.5).
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - Departed Sydney 1253K/4 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/10. (S.O.A. 15.5)
- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departed Sydney 0330K/4 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1540K/5 for onward routing Darwin. (S.O.A. 18).
- H.M.S. "ALACRITY" - Departed Darwin 1300K/4 escorting Mership thence to Morotai E.T.A. A.M./7th. (S.O.A. 14).

Admiralty informs C. in C. East Indies and C. in C. B.P.F. that it is intended to issue an A.G.M. on following lines :-

"Except in particular circumstances, messages revealing the location or movement of any H.M. Ship or Seagoing Authority, or location of any R.N. Base in any part of the world, may be graded "unclassified" and sent in plain language".

S/M 4 intends sailing Submarines "TURPIN", "TAPIR", "TAURUS" and "THULE" 5th September on visits covering the following ports -

Geelong, Flinders Naval Depot, Portland, Launceston, Hobart, Melbourne.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide anticipates H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" will be ready for sea 8th September and requests instructions.

H.M. Submarine "VORACIOUS" will visit ports as follows:-

8th September leave Sydney.
Melbourne 12th-17th September.
Hobart 19th-25th September.
Melbourne 25th September-1st October.
Arrive Sydney 4th October.

Senior Naval Officer S.R.D. states that no further employment now exists for "DIAMOND SNAKE", "MISIMA", and "TAIPAN" at present on passage to Morotai and controller A.I.B. requests that if not otherwise required, these craft be returned to original port of departure for paying off.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends to carry out the following principle regarding Coastal Craft in the New Guinea Area.

Retain in the area as far as practicable only vessels fitted with diesel engines - this includes H.D.M.L.'s and G.P.V.'s. It is considered that the maintenance required by petrol driven craft does not warrant their retention in the area. A.S.R. vessels will have to be retained until no longer required by R.A.A.F.

Requests no further B Class Fairmiles be despatched from the mainland.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that urgent engine defects precludes sailing "KANIMBLA" before A.M./7th September. Ship will require minimum of six days availability in harbour with dockyard assistance on completion of forthcoming assignment.

The requested report is forwarded as above as copy and allied being directed to the Indian and Pacific Ocean is clarified.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide reports that H.M.A.S. "CALICO" grounded in Port Adelaide River Channel due to defect in steering gear - refueled with oil of tug. No apparent damage.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 4th September.

- H.M.S. "DULLISK COVE" (Hull Repair Ship) - Departed East Indies Station 1817K/1st for Darwin E.T.A. 1030K/18. (S.O.A. 9.5).
- U.S.S. "ACREE" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Leyte Gulf 1430K/31 escorting trooper to Hollandia E.T.A. 2030K/3.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departed Morotai 1900K/3 for Zamboanga E.T.A. 1100K/5 thence Lebuon E.T.A. P.M./7th.
- H.M.S. "QUEENBOROUGH" - Proceeding from a position vicinity Morotai 1900K/2 for Leyte E.T.A. 0730K/4 for onward routing Subic Bay. (S.O.A. 20).
- U.S.S. "BELLGROVE" (Landing Ship Dock) - Departed Hollandia 1100K/3 for Biak E.T.A. 0900K/4 for onward routing Leyte thence Okinawa.
- R.A.F.O. "Serbol" } Departed Manus 0800K/2 for Guam E.T.A. 1500K/6th.
H.M.S. "ERNE" } thence Tokyo.
- A.P.C. 40 - Departed Manus 1200K/3 for Guam E.T.A. 8th. (S.O.A. 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Madang 0930K/3 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/4. (S.O.A. 17).
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departed Milne Bay 1100K/2nd for Torokina. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departs Bowen 0600K/5 for Sydney E.T.A. A.M./11th - exercising en route. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.D.M.L. 1321 - Departs Brisbane 1700K/3rd for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/6th for onward routing Lae.

N.O.I.C. Cairns states he has three hundred and fifty tons of ammunition and stores for transference to Sydney and requests "MULGRA" be diverted to Cairns for uplift.

Admiralty signals the following :-

- "Consideration is being given to future degaussing policy for Merchant Ships on following lines -
- (A) Extension now to the Indian and Pacific Oceans of reduced standards for British controlled Merchant Ships already in force in European waters.
 - (B) At some future date, dependent on the progress of mine-sweeping, to discontinue the use of coil degaussing in all British controlled Merships."

Has requested a report be forwarded as soon as enemy and allied mining situation in the Indian and Pacific Ocean is clarified.

N.O.I.C. Fort Adelaide reports that H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" grounded in Port Adelaide River Channel due to defect in steering gear - refloated with aid of tug. No apparent damage.

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At 0900K, Monday, 3rd September.

- M.L. 825 - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/2nd. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100K/3rd. S.O.A. 13.
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" - Departed Thursday Is. 1351K/2nd. E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay A.M. 7th. S.O.A. 11.
- S.T. 26
 towing barge and
 lighter. } - Departed Madang 0710K/2nd, Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/4th.
- U.S.S. "CRUK" (A.K.115) - Departed Hollandia 0825K/1st E.T.A. Mios woendi 1100K/3rd.
- F.S. 181 - Departed Langemak 1435K/1st E.T.A. Manus 1600K/2nd.
- G.L.R.A. - Departed Langemak 1625K/1st E.T.A. Madang 1200K/2nd.
- H.M.A.S. "NYANIE" - Departed Milne Bay 1500K/1st E.T.A. Madang 1000K/3rd S.O.A.12. Guards N.C.I. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Sydney 1552K/1st E.T.A. Jomard 1200K/5th E.T.A. Madang 0700K/7th. S.O.A. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "NEPAL" - Departed Manus 1200K/1st to Guam for onward routing to join B.P.F. E.T.A. 1100K/3rd. S.O.A. 25.
- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Milne Bay 0600K/1st for Madang, calling Langemak for fuel E.T.A. Langemak 0300K/3rd. S.O.A. 10. Guards N.G.I. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Madang 0700K/2nd. E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/2nd. S.O.A. 21. Departing Langemak 1645K/2nd for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0730K/3rd.
- L.S.T.'s 630, 618, 623, 578, 469, 706, 468 } - Departed Hollandia 1330K/1st. E.T.A. Polloc Harbour 1900K/7th. S.O.A. 8.4.
- T.P. 97 - Departed Hollandia 1150K/1st. E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/4th.
- H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" - Arrived Cooktown P.M. 31st will proceed Townsville when weather condition improves.
- L.S.T. 465 - Departed Manus 1300K/1st. E.T.A. Samar 9th. S.O.A. 9.
- F.S. 149 - Departed Milne Bay 0630K/1st. E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/2nd. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN" - Departed Townsville 0600K/3rd. E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/8. S.O.A. 11. Guards Bells to 1600K/6th then Cora.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" towing M.L. 811 } - Departed Madang 1600K/2nd. E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay, S.O.A. 10. 100K/4th.
- M.L. 431 - Departed Manus 1200K/2nd. E.T.A. Madang 0800K/3rd. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departing Townsville 1200K/3rd for Thursday Is. and Morotai. E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1000K/6 E.T.D. 1600K/6th. E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/12. S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" en route Fremantle to Melbourne intends to make for Adelaide because of adverse weather conditions. E.T.A. Wonga Shoal Light 2130K/2nd.

H.M.S. "DESTINY" en route Darwin has starboard engine failure and electrical defects and is proceeding Townsville E.T.A. 1500K/3rd.

N.P. 24, 42, on arrival Singapore, is to hoist his flag in H.M.S. "KEDAH" as F.O. Malaya and is responsible for development operation of Naval Base and administration of all ports in Malaya. N.O.I.C.'s being established at Penang, Pasha and Port Dickson.

C.T.G. 111.2 intends to sail "OXFORDSHIRE" from Hongkong to Manila A.M. 4th with 480 liberated P.O.W.'s. Remsinder sufficiently well to travel on "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA".

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested N.O.I.C. Townsville to sail H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" to Morotai via Cairns to load machine tools at Cairns. Maintenance of machinery, transport and depot at Morotai will be essential for a few months.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Delayed at Mackay by engine defects E.T.D. for Townsville A.M. End.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports Australian Army have taken over U.S.N. water supply and additional stoker complement not now required.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has directed "MANOORA" to proceed Jacquinot Bay with all despatch. "MANOORA" acknowledged reporting E.T.A. as 1000K/6th.

N.O.I.C. Darwin reports Royal Netherlands Navy are making arrangements to set up F.D. in Keopang. Intends to establish British Port Directorate when occupying force lands which will be withdrawn when Dutch are in a position to take over.

Admiralty states that hydrographic surveys on China coast will be needed and requests whether an R.A.N. surveying ship could be sent to assist in this service.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that with concurrence of advanced L.H.Q. and Senior Officers of F.R.J.G. and S.R.D. Morotai he intends assuming operational and administrative control of all S.R.D. craft at Morotai and Latuan. Craft are required immediately for Naval and Army needs at ports where Port Directorates are contemplated. Requests covering approval.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" disembarked 153 civilian P.O.W.'s at Morotai having picked them up in conjunction with the 93rd U.S. Army Division from Miti Island.

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AT 0900K SUNDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. LATROBE)
escorting)
Com. L.S.T. Group 22) Departed Morotai 1100K/30 for Manila and Subic.
with L.S.T.'s 868,) H.M.A.S. LATROBE escorting to Philippine
204, 452, 362, 533,) Archipelago.
597, 631, 640, 696,)
911, 912, 470.)
- H.M.A.S. GYMPIE - Departed Morotai 1000K/31; E.T.A. Darwin 0800K/4
escorting merhip. S.O.A.12
- U.S.S. GRADIA - Departed Manus 0800K/1; Manila 9th. S.O.A.11/12
(AKS 11)
- F.S.149 - Arrived Milne Bay 1325K/31.
- U.S.S. SUACALA - Departed Mios Woendi 1500K/31; E.T.A. Morotai
1200K/3.
- U.S. S/M BULMER)
BUGARA) Departed Fremantle 1530K/31; E.T.A. Subic
BRIL) 1720K/8. S.O.A.15
CHUB)
- L.S.T. 573 - Departed Morotai 1500K/31; E.T.A. Leyte 0800K/4.
S.O.A.8.
- L.S.T. 741 - Departed Manus 1400K/31; E.T.A. Samar 7th
S.O.A.9.
- M.S.L. 708 - Departed Sydney 0838K/1 for Brisbane via
Coffs Harbour and onward routing to Darwin;
E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1400K/2; E.T.A. Caloundra
1500K/4. S.O.A.8.
- H.M.A.S. AIR BIRD - Departed Langemak 0610K/31; E.T.A. Madang
1500K/31.
- H.M.S. GLENEARN - Departed Caloundra for Manus; E.T.A. 2000K/5;
E.T.A. Jomard 0100K/4.
- H.M.S. HART)
H.M.S. AMETHYST) Intend depart Milne Bay 0800K/4; E.T.A.
Jacquinot Bay 0745K/5. S.O.A.15
- H.M.S. GLORY - Departed Sydney 0949K/1; E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay
1100K/5. S.O.A.20 to Jomard thence 18.
- H.M.A.S. DIAMOND - Arrived Mackay 1015K/30. Departed 1601K/31;
SNAKE E.T.A. Townsville 0900K/2.
- H.M.S. VINDEX - Departed Manus 1745K/30; E.T.A. Leyte 0900K/4
S.O.A.14.
- U.S.S. HUTCHISON - Departed Onslow 0600K/31; E.T.A. Darwin 1100K/4.
- U.S.S./M CABRILLA)
BLUEFISH) Departed Fremantle 1530K/31; E.T.A. Auckland
COD) 1230K/10.

- H.M.S. MONTCLARE) Depart position 01° 39' South 148° 58' East.
(QUEENSBOROUGH) 1705K/30; E.T.A. position A.M. 1900K/9.
S.O.A.11.4
- H.M.S. TYRIAN - Departed Hong Kong 1300K/31; E.T.A. Subic
1700K/1. S.O.A.25.
- H.M.S/M VIRTUE - Arrived Newcastle 1540K/31.
- U.S.S. CRUX
(A.T.115) - Arrived Hollandia 1525K/31.
- R.F.A. BROWN
RANGER - Departed Manus 1300K/1 to overtake and join
F.U. 112.5.3 on 5th Sept. S.O.A.13½
- U.S.S. SIR JOHN) Departed Madang 2358K/30; E.T.A. Wewak 1200K/1
FRANKLIN (A.K.95) thence Aitape.
- H.M.S. ASSISTANCE - Departed Sydney 1058K/1; E.T.A. Manus 0700K/10
E.T.A. Jomard 0600K/7. S.O.A.10.
- U.S.S. ISOBEL
S.C.730 - Departed Onslow 0400K/31; E.T.A. Darwin 0900K/4.

D. of S.T. has informed that Hospital Ships "TASMAN" and "MAETSUYCKER" should be included in British hospital ship pool and requests arrangements be made to get them ready for service - "TASMAN" being placed at the disposal of Australian Forces and "MAETSUYCKER" at disposal of S.A.C.S.E.A.

Comphlseafron stated that owing to shortage of escorts it would not be possible to furnish escorts for Hollandia Philippine convoys, and subject to concurrence of C.S.W.P.S.F. proposes to sail troopers in company with at least one other vessel.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has submitted estimated requirement of victualling stores and requests a V.S.I.S. be made available in the area for about six weeks.

N.L.O. London requests very early decision on modernisation of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", as work of stripping down is still proceeding, and it would take 3 months from now to bring ship to state required for passage.

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To 0900K, Saturday, 1st September.

- U.S.S. "SIRIUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Ulithi 1600K/29 for Manus
 E.T.A. 2nd. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" }
 H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } Departed Buckner Bay 0900K/28 for Tokyo
 H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" } - Bay E.T.A. 0900K/31st. (S.O.A. 16).
 H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" }
- U.S.S. "AREQUIPA" (Store Ship) - Departed Manila 0800K/30 for Brisbane
 E.T.A. 14th. (S.O.A. 9.5, 10.5).
- U.S.S. "KERSTIN" (Store Ship) - Departed Manus 1600K/30 for Guam
 E.T.A. 3rd. (S.O.A. 10.5, 11).
- U.S.S. "DIPHDA" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 0800K/31 for Samar
 E.T.A. 5th. (S.O.A. 15, 16).
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departed Rockhampton 1800K/31 for
 Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/2nd.
- H.D.M.L. 1321 - Departs Brisbane 1700K/1st for Townsville E.T.A.
 0800K/4th for onward routing Lae. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/1st for Townsville
 E.T.A. 1700K/4 for onward routing Morotai (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.S. "BERWICK" - Departed Sydney 1042K/30 for Fremantle E.T.A.
 0730K/3rd. (S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Melbourne 1445K/31st for Sydney E.T.A.
 0800K/2nd. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "TAIPAN" (S.R.D.) - Departed Fremantle 1200K/30 with
 "NICHOL BAY" in company for Onslow E.T.A. 1200K/4
 thence Darwin. (S.O.A. 6.5).
- U.S. Submarines "CHUB", } Departed Fremantle 1530K/31st for Subic
 "BULMER", "BUNGARA", } - Bay E.T.A. 1730K/8th September.
 "BRILL". } (S.O.A. 15).
- U.S. Submarines "CHARR", } Departed Fremantle 1930K/29 for Sydney
 "BLOWER", "BESUGO". } - E.T.A. 0630K/5th for onward routing
 Guam. "BESUGO" for San Diego. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "BOWLER" - Departed Darwin 1909K/31 escorting convoy
 D.M.6 detaching for Morotai E.T.A. 1600K/4th. (S.O.A. 12).

O.C.H.B. recommend following programme for "CAPE LEEUWIN";-

Boiler clean and short leave period Brisbane. Depart 1st October
 to carry out towage of light vessels as required by Navigation
 Department and servicing Coral Sea lights. Return Brisbane end
 of October.

C. in C. B.P.F. reports that "TROMP" will be ready to
 leave Sydney 5th of Sept. Ship to be sailed to Darwin thence as
 required by C. in C. East Indies.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE", on passage Townsville-Madang, has
 been ordered by N.O.I.C. New Guinea to proceed to Milne Bay to fuel
 thence to Torokina.

O.C.H.B. has directed H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" to cease
 sweeping forthwith and to proceed to arrive Jacquinot Bay 7th Sept.
 to rendezvous with "MANOORA" at Jomard entrance noon 5th Sept.
 to transfer motor cutter.

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To 0900K, Friday, 31st August.

H.M.S. "PROMB"(Mine Issuing Ship) - Departed Durban 2035K/28 for Fremantle E.T.A. 11th. (S.O.A. 12.5, 13.5).

U.S.S. "POLLUX"(Store Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 1400K/28 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2nd. (S.O.A. 15.5).

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs Morotai 1000K/30 for Biak E.T.A. 1400K/31st thence Madang E.T.A. 1400K/2nd.(S.O.A. 16,20).

U.S.S. "BARUNA"(M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Balikpapan 1900K/29 for Guinan E.T.A. 0900K/4th Sept. (S.O.A. 8.5).

U.S.S. "PONTOTOC"(Cargo Ship) - Departed Biak 0815K/30 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/30 thence Manus.

H.M. Ships "FLAMBOROUGH HEAD",	} Departs Manus 1100K/30 as T.U.112.5.3 for vicinity of Hongkong E.T.A. 0800K/4th Sept. "FLAMBOROUGH HEAD" detaching for Subic Bay.
"KELANTAN", "ARBUTUS",	
"GAMBIA", "SALVESTOR",	
"SALVICTOR", "LARIAT",	
"INTEGRITY".	
H.M.A. Ships "TAMWORTH",	} plus 10 ships of Fleet Train.
"LAUNCESTON", "MARYBOROUGH",	
plus 10 ships of Fleet Train.	

H.M. Ships "MONTCLARE", "PIONEER",	} Departs Manus 1400K/30 as T.U.112.5.2 for vicinity of Hongkong E.T.A. 0800K/9th Sept. (S.O.A. 12).
"RESOURCE", "DEER SOUND", "AORANGI",	
"CHASER", "GREEN RANGER", "QUEENBOROUGH",	
"FARRETT", "REDPOLE".	

H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "WHYALLA",	} Departed Manus 0800K/30 as T.U.112.5.4 for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/6 for onward routing to Hongkong via Subic Bay. (S.O.A. 7).
"BENDIGO",	
H.M. Ships "EMPIRE SAM",	
"EMPIRE JOSEPHINE".	
M.F.V.'s 1092, 1156 plus 3 Ships of Fleet Train.	

H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Manus 0900K/30 for Guam E.T.A. 0900K/1st. (S.O.A. 22).

U.S.S. "CORDUBA"(Store Ship) - Departed Manus 1200K/30 for Guam E.T.A. 3rd. (S.O.A. 10.2, 11).

U.S.S. "LATONA"(Store Ship) - Departed Manus 1200K/29 for Auckland E.T.A. 8th Sept. (S.O.A. 11, 12).

U.S.S. "MEDUSA"(Repair Ship) - Departed Manus 0800K/29 for Manila E.T.A. 7th. (S.O.A. 11, 12).

U.S.S. "LEOPARD"(Unclassified) - Departed Manus 0800K/30 for Manila E.T.A. 7th. (S.O.A. 9.5).

H.M.S. "VENGEANCE" - Departed Ponam 1100K/30 for Leyte E.T.A. 1300K/2nd. (S.O.A. 20).

U.S.S. "CRUX" (Store Ship) - Departed Torokina 1400K/28 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/2nd. (S.O.A. 10, 11).

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departs Madang 1400K/30 for Torokina E.T.A. 0700K/1st. (S.O.A. 14).

M.L.'s 813, 807 - Departed Cairns 1600K/30 for Townsville E.T.A. 1400K/31 for onward routing to Brisbane and Sydney. (S.O.A. 7.5).

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departed Townsville 1830K/29 for Langemak E.T.A. 1800K/2nd thence Madang. (S.O.A. 11).

H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departs Townsville 1800K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/5th. Sept. (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN" - Departs Brisbane 2000K/30 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/2nd for onward routing to Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Sydney 0923K/29 for Darwin E.T.A. 1200K/4th. (S.O.A. 17).

H.M.S. "GUARDIAN" - Departed Sydney 1430K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/6th. (S.O.A. 12.3).

H.M.S. "BELFAST" - Departed Sydney 1216K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 0630K/4th. (S.O.A. 19).

H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Sydney 1034K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/4. (S.O.A. 19).

In view of commitments for escort vessels in connection with occupation of enemy territory, N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends that provision of surface escort be discontinued in Moluccas area as from 1st September.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that "SWAN" has been further delayed - subject to satisfactory trials anticipate ships will be ready to sail 6th September.

Com. 7th Fleet signals that notwithstanding transfer of Command responsibilities and adjustment of boundaries S.W.P.A. recommends that current shipping control boundaries and chop lines between Marianas Area, PhilSeaFron and S.W.P.S.F. remain effective until shipping control abolished.

C. in C. B.P.F. proposes in view of changed circumstances that submarines should from now on proceed unescorted, and that submarine sanctuaries should revert to submarine exercise areas, the limit of which should be promulgated to all concerned.

It has been agreed to disband survey Task Unit 70.5.2 forthwith. "SHEPPARTON" is to be sailed to arrive Jacquinot Bay Area by 7th Sept. Remaining vessels of group are to be sailed south. This group was operating in vicinity of Torres Strait.

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As at 0900K, Thursday, 30th August, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Arrived Townsville 1700K/28 E.T.D. 1800K/29.
- A.P.C. 2 - Departed Morotai 1900K/28th. E.T.A. Zamboanga 1930K/30.
S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" - Departed Newak 1530K/26th. E.T.A. Aitape 0600K/27th.
- A.T.R. 77 and 78) Departed Morotai 1700K/28th. E.T.A. Griuan
towing pontoon barges) 1500K/2nd. S.O.A. 5.5.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL D.H. ERNST" - Departed Hollandia 1900K/28th. E.T.A.
Manila 0600K/2nd. S.O.A. 16.5/18.
- H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" - Departed Fremantle 1210K/28th for Melbourne for
onward routing to Sydney E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads
1001K/4th. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Arrived Port Kembla 0930K/29th.
- H.M.S. "KING SALVOR" - Departed Darwin 0450K/29th. E.T.A. Morotai
1515K/3rd. S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departed Manus 0900K/29th. E.T.A. Guam 0500K/31st
S.O.A. 25.
- U.S.S. "F.S. 159" - Departing Caloundra 1500K/30th to Manus E.T.A.
1100K/8th. E.T.A. China Strait 0600K/5th. S.O.A. 8.5.
- H.M.S. "CAESAR") Departed Fremantle 1500K/28 for Trincomalee
" "CAVENDISH") E.T.A. 1730K/5th. S.O.A. 16.
- U.S.S. "HUTCHISON") Departed Fremantle 2243K/27 to Darwin E.T.A.
" "CORPUS CHRISTI") Onslow 1600K/30th. "HUTCHISON" and "CORPUS
" "ISABEL") CHRISTI" 11 knots to Darwin thence 15 to
" "S.C.739") Manus. "ISABEL" and "P.C.739" 11 knots
throughout.
- U.S.S. "UNICORN" - Departed Manus 1600K/28th. Samar 3rd September.
S.O.A. 9.5.
- H.M.A.S. "NORMAN" - Departed Milne Bay 1445K/28th. Manus E.T.A.
0700K/30. S.O.A. 17.5.
- H.M.S. "WESSEX" - Departed Auckland E.T.A. Manus 1001K/4th. S.O.A.16.5.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 1432K/28 E.T.A. Bowen 1000K/3rd.
S.O.A. 9.
- U.S.S. "ALLOMAAN" - Departed Leyte Gulf 1300K/27. E.T.A. Brisbane
8th September. S.O.A. 11. Guards Manila fox until
1600K/5 then bells.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - Departed Milne Bay 0630K/28 E.T.A. Oro Bay
0800K/29. S.O.A. 18.
- L.S.T. 26) Departed Hollandia 1610K/29th. E.T.A. Zamboanga 0959K/3
L.S.T. 748) S.O.A. 10.
A.P.D. 18)
- H.M.S. "DESTINY" - Departed Sydney 1052K/29. E.T.A. Darwin 2000K/6.
S.O.A. 12. Guards 500 K/Cs. 2 op. periods.

H.M. S/M "VIRTUE" - Departs Sydney unescorted 0900K/31st. E.T.A. Newcastle 1600K/31st. S.O.A. 10.

C.T.C. 111.5 in H.M.S. "GLORY" intends to depart Sydney 0845K/1st and rendezvous off Jacquinet Bay A.M. 6th with H.M.S.'s "HART" and "AMETHYST". Conference with G.O.C. 1st Aust. Army P.M. 6th. sailing to accept surrender at Rabaul as required.

Com. 7th Fleet recommends that, notwithstanding transfer of command responsibilities and adjustment of boundaries, current shipping control boundaries and chop lines between Mariannas Area, Philseafon and S.W.P.S.F. remain effective until shipping control is abolished.

As from 30th August, S.B.N.O. Manus, assumes full responsibility as N.O.I.C.; in addition he assumes operational control of units of the fleet train, air train and escort forces to Manus as C.T.G. 112.1, G.T.G. 112, G.T.G. 112.2.

Portuguese report transport "ANGOLA" with first draft of Portuguese expeditionary force on board ready to sail forthwith.

At 0900K/28th, Commander 7th Fleet relinquished all command functions in S.W.P.A. except C.A.N.F. All task organisations 7th Fleet dissolved. Former task group 70.2 "SHROPSHIRE", "HOBART", "WARRAMUNGA", "BATAAN" re-assigned task group designation 70.9.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports a ship is required at Torokina for surrender operations about 6th September. Requesting if possible H.M.A.S. "SWAN" be sailed to arrive Torokina by 6th Sept.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has informed H.M.A.S.'s "TOWNSVILLE", "DUBBO", "LITEGOW", "KIAMA", "VENDETTA" and "RESERVE" that they will shortly be required for minesweeping operations at Rabaul. "KIAMA" and "RESERVE" to act as danlayers and "VENDETTA" as H.Q. ship. N.O.I.C. Torokina is to arrange for grenades and grenade throwers to be supplied by 2 Aust. Corps and the instruction of teams to operate them.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

HS 30/8.

M 29/8

At 0900K, Wednesday, 29th August.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Morotai 1800K/27 escorting "JOSEPH CORRIGAN" to Philippine Archipelago E.T.A. Brunei 0800K/2nd. S.O.A. 11.

C.T.G. 111.2
H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" }
" " "VENERABLE" }
" " "SWIFTSURE" }
" " "EURYALUS" } - Departed Subic 1800K/27.
" " "KEMPENFELT" }
" " "WHIRLWIND" }
" " "QUADRANT" }

Hospital Ship "ORANJE" - Departed Sydney 1800K/27 E.T.A. Colombo P.M. 6th September.

H.M.A.S. "LAURIANA" - Departed Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. Langemak A.M. 31st S.O.A. 6.

U.S.S. "WACHA PREAGUE" } Departed Tarakan 0834K/27. E.T.A. Zamboanga
(Seaplane Tender) } - 1000K/28, S.O.A. 16.

U.S.S. "GRATIA" (A.K.S.11) - Departed Hollandia 2100K/27 E.T.A. Manus 1300K/29.

H.M.S. "FERNMOOR" - Departed Sydney 1355K/28. E.T.A. Noumea 1100K/2nd. S.O.A. 9½.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" } Departed Milne Bay 0640K/28 E.T.A. Cairns
towed with "TANCRED" } - 2000K/30. S.O.A. 8.
by "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" }

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports E.T.D. Sydney of H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" 0900K/29 and E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/4th.

Com. 7th Fleet has directed COMPHILSEAFRON to assume the present duties and functions of Com. 7th Fleet as Senior Naval Officer, S.W.P.A., except that of Commander Allied Naval Forces S.W.P.A. which is retained by Com. 7th Fleet.

F.O.I.C. Sydney states that the suspension of work on R.N. buildings which dovetail into R.A.N. requirements at Radar School South Head entails considerable re-arrangement of accommodation and requests advice as to future intention regarding H.M.A.S. "WATSON".

C.N.B. Manus and N.A.B. Manus have been directed to report to Commander Naval Forces Australia, New Guinea, who will direct further transfer to C. in C. Pacific's in or before establishment of new British Command Area. Com. Naval Forces Australia and New Guinea has also been directed to report for administrative control to C. in C. Pac. and for operational control direct to C. in C. S.W.P.A. until establishment of new Command Areas.

HS
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M 28/8

To 0900K, Tuesday, 28th August.

- H.M.S. "AIMWELL" - Departs Cocos Is. 27th for Darwin E.T.A. 1230K/13th September.
- U.S.S. "LATONA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Ulithi 0700K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 29th for onward routing to Auckland. (S.O.A. 9, 10).
- U.S.S. "BELL GROVE" (Landing Ship Dock) - Departed Espiritu Santo 0810K/27 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/2nd thence Okinawa (S.O.A. 13, 14).
- H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE")
 H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT")
 H.M.A. Ships "BATHURST") - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/27 as Task Unit
 "MILDURA", "BROOME") - 111.2.8 - proceeding to vicinity Hongkong
 "CASTLEMAINE", "STRAHAN") E.T.A. 0645K/29.
 "FREMANTLE", "WAGGA")
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs Leyte 1700K/27 for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/29.
- U.S.S. "JOHNSON" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Biak 1100K/27 escorting
 Hershup to Manila E.T.A. 3rd September.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA")
 U.S.S. "TATTNALL" (Destroyer) - Departed Hollandia 1825K/26 with convoy
 Transport) - for Manila E.T.A. 0600K/2nd. "WESTRALIA"
 detaches for Leyte E.T.A. 1600K/31st.
- U.S.S. "POINSETT" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 1800K/26 for Manila
 E.T.A. 3rd September. (S.O.A. 11, 12).
- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Manus 0900K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/2nd.
 (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "NYANIE" - Departed Port Moresby 0612K/26 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
 P.M./29. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departed Newcastle 0730K/27 for Rockhampton
 E.T.A. 0700K/30th thence to Townsville for onward
 routing to Darwin and Morotai. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departed Sydney 0802K/27 for Tuncurry E.T.A.
 0600K/28. (S.O.A. 5.5).
- H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Sydney 1650K/27 for Auckland E.T.A.
 0430K/31st. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" - Departed Darwin 0715K/27 for Manus E.T.A.
 0700K/2nd. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M. Submarine "SEA NYMPH" - Departed Darwin 0905K/26 for Trincomalee
 E.T.A. 0930K/8th. (S.O.A. 11).

 H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" departs Liverpool 0001K/27 for Port
 Said E.T.A. 0001K/5th September for onward routing to Australia.

Admiralty informs that it is now intended that A.F.D.31
 should be available for Singapore. Has requested dock be sailed to
 Trincomalee for onward routing as required by C. in C. East Indies.

When ready for sea at Sydney, "HAWKESBURY" is to be sailed to Darwin to provide escort for H.T. "DUNTROON" to Singapore.

R.A.F.T. intends to remove 20 depth charges and two cerlikon guns from each ship of the 22nd Minesweeping Flotilla as top weight compensation and to allow fitting L.L. sweeps.

Com. 7th Fleet has granted the release of "MANGORA" to assist the 1st Aust. Army in the surrender at Rabaul.

C. in C. B.P.F. has granted A.C.N.B. Hospital Ship "VASNA" for Singapore operation. Ship will be ready at Manus about 7th September.

Call at Thursday Is. for "NORMAN" has now been cancelled - ship to proceed to Milne Bay for fuel and onward routing to Manus.

To 0900K, Monday, 27th August.

- U.S.S. "FRAZIER" (Destroyer)) Depart Buckner Bay (Okinawa) 1400K/24 for
 U.S.S. "BAILEY" (Destroyer)) Subic Bay E.T.A. 0600K/27. (S.O.A. 16).
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Departs Tarakan 1500K/26 for Labuan E.T.A. 1000K/29.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departed Morotai 1900K/25 escorting Mer ship to
 boundary of Marianas E.T.A. 27th.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Morotai 1300K/26 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/4th
 September. (S.O.A. 13).
- U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Hollandia 1630K/26 for
 Zamboanga E.T.A. 1300K/31 (S.O.A. 9.5, 10.5).
- U.S.S. "LEOPARD" (Unclassified) - Departed Hollandia 1320K/26 for Manus
 E.T.A. 0900K/28.
- H.M.S. "QUALITY" - Departed Manus 1800K/25 for Guam E.T.A. 1600K/27.
 (S.O.A. 24).
- U.S.S. "CHARLEVOIX" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 1400K/26 for Samar E.T.A.
 1st September. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- U.S.S. "BARNES" (Escort Carrier)) Departed Manus 1500K/25 for Guam E.T.A.
 U.S.S. "PREBLE" (Light Minelayer)) 1600K/28. (S.O.A. 16).
- U.S.S. "PALISANA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Manus 1200K/25 for Auckland
 E.T.A. 5th September. (S.O.A. 10, 11).
- A.T.A. 184 (Fleet Tug) - Departed Manus 1600K/26 towing two dry-docks
 to Subic Bay E.T.A. 19th September. (S.O.A. 4).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" } Departs Madang 1200K/27 for Finchhafen E.T.A. 0800K/28 -
 towing "ROCKLEA" } to return Madang when complete with oil. (S.O.A. 9).
- L.S.T. 26 - Departed Torokina 1700K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/28.
 (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed Port Moresby 0636K/26 for Madang E.T.A.
 3rd September - servicing lights en route.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - Departed Port Moresby 0650K/24 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
 A.M./26.
- H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" - Departed Thursday Island 0700K/26 for Townsville E.T.A.
 0700K/2nd September. (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" } Departed Thursday Island 0945K/26 for survey duties.
 H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" }
 H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" }
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/27 for Townsville E.T.A.
 0800K/1st September for onward routing Morotai.
 (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" } Departed Sydney 1655K/26 for Newcastle E.T.A.
 towing "COOLEBAR" } 0700K/27. (S.O.A. 5).
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Departed Sydney 1632K/25 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/29.
 (S.O.A. 5.5).

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departed Sydney 1417K/25 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/27. (S.O.A. 12).

H.M.S. "UNDINE") Departed Sydney 1230K/26 for Melbourne E.T.A.
H.M.S. "URCHIN") - 0600K/28. (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A.S. "WAARNAMBOOL" - Departed Fremantle 1035K/25 for Onslow E.T.A. 1030K/28 thence Darwin. (S.O.A. 11).

H.M.S. "COWDRAY") Departed Onslow P.M./24 for Cocos Is. E.T.A.
H.M.S. "EGGESFORD") - 1100K/27 for onward routing to Trincomalee. (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.S. "NORMAN" - Departed Darwin 1059K/25 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1030K/28. (S.O.A. 20).

H.M. Ships "HART",) Departed Darwin 0103K/26 for Manus E.T.A.
"AMETHYST", "ERNE",) - 0830K/1st September. (S.O.A. 13).
"BLACK SWAN".)

H.M.S. "NORMAN", on passage Darwin - Milne Bay, has been ordered to proceed to Thursday Island and await further instructions.

S/M. 4 informs C. in C. B.P.F. that American Frigates and R.A.N. minesweepers are being withdrawn from Fremantle, and that a submarine target vessel is urgently required for the Fourth Flotilla exercise programme. Flotilla consists of fifteen British and Dutch Submarines with two further Dutch on passage. Two target vessels would be fully employed. Torpedo lifting arrangements in target vessels very desirable and speed of sixteen knots, but any vessel would be acceptable temporarily.

Dockyard refit of "UNDAUNTED" at Auckland is expected to complete about October 6th. - delay caused by late dry dock availability due "ACHILLES" shaft repairs.

C. in C. B.P.F. has requested that H.M.S. "HART" and H.M.S. "AMETHYST", at present on passage Darwin-Manus, be detached to Milne Bay to refuel and await instructions from C.T.G. 111.5 in "GLORY".

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that the Army operation off Sandarkan has now been cancelled and the Naval Units, "GASCOYNE", "KAPUNDA", S.R.D. Craft, have been withdrawn.

Port Directorate at Balikpapan has been transferred to R.A.N. 25th August.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas proposes that "POYANG" be unloaded and used as a store and personnel carrier in Moluccas area and "MULCRA" utilised to take ammunition to Sydney - total weight involved 772 tons. Otherwise "MULCRA" not required by "POYANG". Alternatively, proposes unload at Darwin.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

at 0900K Sunday 28th August, 1945.

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- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" - Departing Lacrosse Is. 0730K/26.
E.T.A. Darwin 0730K/27. Speed 10 knots.
- H.D.N.L. 1356 - Departed Thursday Is. 0500K/25. E.T.A. Fort
Moresby 1200K/27. S.O.A. 10.
- Y.F. 283. - Departed Mios Woendi 1900K/24. E.T.A. Hollandia
0800K/26.
- H.M.A.S. "AMACONDA" - Departed Hollandia 1317K/24. E.T.A. Morotai.
0700K/29. S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Reports E.T.A. Darwin 0900K/31st.
- U.S.S. "CORVUA"
A.K.A. 26. - Departed Manus 0700K/24. Manila 29th. S.O.A. 18/16.
- U.S.S. "OCTANS"
(A.F. 26) - Departed Subic Bay 1500K/23. Brisbane 12th Sept.
S.O.A. 12.5.
- U.S.S. F.S. 267 - Departed Tacloban 1400K/24. Manus 0800K/31st.
S.O.A. 9.5.
- A.P.C. 11. - Departed Mios Woendi 0900K/24. Hollandia 1300K/25.
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN"
escorting ATVAS - Departed Morotai 0800K/24th. E.T.A. Darwin
0100K/30. S.O.A. 7.
- U.S.S. L.C.I. 30 - Departed Tacloban 0800K/25. E.T.A. Manus 0600K/31.
S.O.A. 10.5/11.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL
BLATCHFORD" (A.P. 153) - Departed Hollandia 0900K/25. E.T.A. Lingayen.
0600K/1st Sept. S.O.A. 16.5/18.
- U.S.S. "ACREE"
(D.E. 167) - Departed Manus 0700K/25. E.T.A. Eniwetok 1000K/28
S.O.A. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG"
Escorting D.M.S. - Departed Darwin 1325K/25. E.T.A. Morotai
1300K/29 Knots 12.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Departed Manila 1845K/25 to Buckner Bay.
" "HOBART") E.T.A. 0800K/28th. S.O.A. 16.25. Intend to
" "BATAAN") depart 1600K/28th for Tokyo Bay.
" "WARRAMUNCA")

Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea requests information whether his area can be considered a non-combat area for communication purposes, such would greatly decrease delays.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin requests confirmation that "Van de Boek" can be used for operation.

Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet reports T.G. 111.5 consisting of "Glory" and two sloops is effective immediately and has been allocated for use G.O.C. 1st Aust. Army to take surrender of Rabaul, also be available for Mairu and Ocean Islands.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Moluccas has instructed "Gascoyne" and "Inverell" to remain at Balikpapan to act as required by G.O.C. 7th Aust. Div. "Kapunda" to proceed Labuan and report G.O.C. 9th Aust. Div. for similar duties.

Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet states only immediate minesweeping requirements for British Pacific Fleet are:

- (1) East Australia to Phillipines and Hong Kong.
- (2) Darwin to Phillipines and Hong Kong.

H.M.S. "ALBATROSS" - Departed Sydney 1800K/25 E.T.A. Newcastle 1800K/25

H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" - Departed Newcastle 1800K/25 E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/25

H.M.S. "ARCTIC" - Departed Newcastle 1800K/25 E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/25

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S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

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At 0900K, Saturday, 25th August, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Tarakan 1920K/23rd. E.T.A. Balikpapan 2020K/24th.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Tarakan 1900K/23rd E.T.A. Zamboanga 1830K/24th.
- H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Sydney 1129K/24 E.T.A. Manus 0900K/29th. S.O.A. 18.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Langemak 1645K/23 E.T.A. Manus 1600K/24th towing two dry docks thence Hollandia P.M. 26th.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Torokina 1400K/23 E.T.A. Madang 1700K/25. S.O.A. 11.5.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Balikpapan 1900K/23rd E.T.A. Morotai 1000K/26th. S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Departed Fremantle 1235K/23 E.T.A. Onslow 1400K/26 thence Darwin. S.O.A. 10.
- M.L. 825 - Departed Cairns 0620K/24th for Thursday Is.
- H.M.S. "PARK") - Departed Subic 1100K/24 en route Aden S.O.A. 11.
H.M.S. "STYCIAN")
- L.S.T. 748 - Departed Torokina 1100K/23rd E.T.A. Hollandia 1500K/27. S.O.A. 9.5.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" A.K. 178 - Departed Manus 0700K/23 Manila 31st. (Cargo Ship) Speed 10.5/11.5.
- H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" - Arrived Subic 22nd.
- U.S.S. "GARRICK" - Departed Hollandia 1540K/23. E.T.A. Leyte 1100K/27. (A.K.A. 89) S.O.A. 14/15.
- U.S.S. "BARNWELL"(APA 132) - Departed ULITHI 0600K/21st Espiritu Santo 28th. Speed 15½/16½.
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG") - Escorting D.M.S. departed Darwin 1230K/25 for
H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") Morotai.
- H.M.S. "KING SALVOR" - Departed Darwin 0720K/24 E.T.A. Manus 2200K/1st S.O.A. 8.
- U.S.S. "A.T.A. 176" - Departed Hollandia 1455K/23 E.T.A. Samar 0600K/ (Attack Tug) 4th. S.O.A. 5 knots. towing A.F.D.16 and A.F.D.25
- H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Sydney 0830K/24 to Townsville for onward routing to Manus E.T.A. 0800K/29 S.O.A.9½.
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - To depart Caloundra 1630K/25 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/27. Speed 12.5 knots.
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departed Sydney 1654K/24th. E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/28th thence Madang 11 knots.
- A.P.C. 33 - Departed Hollandia 1300K/24 E.T.A. Manus 1300K/26 S.O.A.10.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA")
 " " "BROOME")
 " " "BATHURST") To depart Subic 1100K/25th to wait near 18° N.,
 " " "STRAHAN") - 117° E. for further orders.
 " " "CASTLEMAINE")
 " " "STAWELL")

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departed Leyte Gulf 0800K/24th. Subic 27th. S.O.A.9.

H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departed Sydney 1445K/23rd. E.T.A. Manus 0730K/28.
 S.O.A. 20.

N.L.O. London reports overtime in dockyards will cease shortly; as result the refit of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" will substantially exceed 6 months, also that Admiralty would welcome a reduction in amount of refit. Also suggests if complement could be reduced to care and maintenance and steaming party these could all be accommodated in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" which Commanding Officer considers desirable.

H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" ready to sail from Madang approximately 27th. If not still required to contact "POYANG", N.O.I.C. New Guinea, it intends to sail to Sydney with unserviceable ammunition.

C. in C. B.P.F. states H.M.S. "GLORY" can be made available for Rabaul surrender, subject to unforeseen requirements, and should be accompanied by 2 escorts. H.M.S. "GLORY" cannot arrive Jacquinot Bay before 3rd September.

H.M.S. "WEAZEL" - Proceeding Coffe Harbour for necessary repairs.

Netherlands Authorities have protested against the proposed program for H.S. "ORANJI" and insist that it be carried out only if vitally necessary and that assurances be given.

H.M.S. "WESTMINSTER" - 1100K/25 for Sydney E.T.A.
 H.M.S. "YONK" - 1100K/25.

H.M.S. "WIMBORNE" - Departed Sydney 1445K/23 for Manus E.T.A. 0730K/28.
 S.O.A. 20.

H.M.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Melbourne 1145K/23 for Sydney E.T.A.
 1400K/24. S.O.A. 20.

H.M. Schooner "TIGER" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/23 for Madang direct.

H.M.S. "WINDHAM" - Departs Manus 0730K/28 for Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane informs that, subject to satisfactory boiler tests, "TIGER" departs for Madang area 27th August.

SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Friday, 24th August.

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H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs Manila 1600K/23 for Leyte E.T.A. 1000K/25
thence Morotai (S.O.A. 16).

H.M. Ships "INDOMITABLE"))
"EURYALAUS", "SWIFTSURE",) - Departed Leyte 0800K/23 for Subic Bay
"WHIRLWIND", "URSA",) - E.T.A. 1700K/23. (S.O.A. 19).
"KEMPENFELT".)

U.S.S. "FINNIGAN" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Leyte 1600K/22 escorting
Mership to Hollandia E.T.A. 1100K/29 (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "JUNKE" - Departed Balikpapan 1300K/22 for Morotai E.T.A.
1100K/26 (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Balikpapan 1900K/23 for Morotai E.T.A.
1000K/26.

U.S.S. "VICTORIA" (Lightship) - Departed Manus 1200K/22 for Manila
E.T.A. 1st September.

U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net Layer) - Departed Manus 0900K/23 for Samar
E.T.A. 30th. (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" - Departs Madang 2400K/23 for Wewak E.T.A.
1200K/25 thence Aitape (S.O.A. 5.5)

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Munda 1400K/22 for Hollandia E.T.A.
2100K/25 thence Samar (S.O.A. 13, 14).

U.S.S. "UNICOI" (Unclassified) - Departed Munda 1200K/22 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0900K/27 for onward routing
Samar (S.O.A. 9).

M.S.I. 706 - Departs Townsville 0600K/24 for Port Moresby E.T.A.
A.M./2nd September. (S.O.A. 6).

U.S.S. "BOOTES" (Cargo Ship) - Departs Brisbane 1530K/23 for Leyte
E.T.A. 1800K/3rd September. (S.O.A. 10.5).

H.M.S. "VINDEX" - Departs Brisbane 1230K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/29.
(S.O.A. 14.5).

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS") Depart Brisbane 1700K/23 for Sydney E.T.A.
H.M.S. "URANIA") - 1600K/24.

H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departed Sydney 1445K/23 for Manus E.T.A. 0730K/28.
(S.O.A. 20).

H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Melbourne 1145K/23 for Sydney E.T.A.
1400K/24. (S.O.A. 25).

H.M. Submarine "TUDOR" - Departed Fremantle 1330K/22 for Aden direct.

H.M.S. "KING SALVOR" - Departs Darwin 0630K/24 for Manus.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane informs that, subject to
satisfactory boiler test, "PING WO" departs for Moluccas area 29th
August.

To COME Thursday, 23rd August.

N.O.I.C. Darwin replies that "SOUTHERN CROSS" can be released for supply duties in Solomons, on completion of present duty.

H.M.A.S. "SUNSHINE" (Ship) - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Darwin S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

H.M.A.S. "SUNSHINE" (Ship) - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Darwin S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

G. in C. B.P.F. signals that arrangements are being made for "TROMP" to stay in Sydney for approximately three weeks.

H.M.A.S. "SUNSHINE" (Ship) - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Darwin S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

H.M. Ships "SUNSHINE", "TITANIC", "TITANIC" - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Darwin S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

G. in C. B.P.F. has promulgated the following ferry service to ships in the Tokyo area and on the China Coast.

"ARIADNE", "APOLLO" and "HANDMAN" to ferry between Manus and Tokyo, as directed by R.A.F.T.

"VINDEX", "STRIKER", "SLINGER" and "ARBITER" to ferry from Sydney to Hongkong calling at Manus and Leyte - to return by same route to Sydney. It is hoped to be able to continue this service by C.V.E.'s at approximately weekly intervals.

H.M.A.S. "SAFE LEWIS" - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Brisbane S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

"Officers and ships company of H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" submit felicitation upon successful conclusion of war and express pride and gratitude for the privilege of serving in the R.A.N. at this time".

H.M.A.S. "SUNSHINE" (Ship) - Departed Port Moresby 1800H/21 for Darwin S.T.A. 0600H/22 September. (S.O.A. 15)

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H.M. S intends to call submarines "SUNSHINE" and "TITANIC", one for relief, to United Kingdom via South Strait and Geyser to relieve serious congestion in "SUNSHINE". Both ready for sea 21st August.

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To 0900K Thursday, 23rd August.

- U.S.S. "CRATER" (Supply Ship) - Departed Auckland 0500K/21 for Saipan
E.T.A. 0600K/7th September. (S.O.A. 9.8)
- H.M.S. "ALACRITY" (Sloop) } Departed East Indies Station 1642K/21 for
H.M.S. "AIRE" (Frigate) } - Darwin E.T.A. 0600K/2nd September.
H.M.S. "HIND" (Sloop) } (S.O.A. 13)
- H.N.M. Submarine "023" - Departed East Indies Station for Fremantle
E.T.A. 1400K/31st. (S.O.A. 13.5)
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Arrived Munda 1200K/20 from Treasury Island.
- U.S.S. "PONTOTOC" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Leyte 0935K/21 for Biak
E.T.A. 25th.
- H.M. Ships "ANSON" } Departed Manus 0930K/22 for Leyte E.T.A. 1530K/25.
"TYRIAN", "TUSCAN" } (S.O.A. 20).
"QUIBERON" }
- H.M.A.S. "MULCRA" - Departed Lae 1645K/22 for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/23.
(S.O.A. 9)
- H.M.A.S. "LINGSA" } Departed Port Moresby 0245K/21 for Thursday Island
H.M.A.S. "AMOHINE" } E.T.A. 1600K/22. (S.O.A. 7).
- M.L.'s 803, 807 - Departed Thursday Island 0900K/22 for Cairns E.T.A.
0600K/29. (S.O.A. 7.5)
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departed Cairns 1200K/22 for Brisbane E.T.A.
P.M./7th. Servicing lights en route.
- M.L. 825 - Departs Townsville 0400K/23 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1800K/28
for onward routing Madang.
- B.Y.M.S. 2064, 2153 - Depart Townsville 1700K/23 for Brisbane E.T.A.
0800K/27. (S.O.A. 10).
- G.P.V.'s 954, 955, 956 - Depart Brisbane 1300K/23 for Townsville E.T.A.
1200K/31 for onward routing Madang. (S.O.A. 7)
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Departed Sydney 0005K/22 for Port Kembla E.T.A.
0800K/22. (S.O.A. 5)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL COLLINS" (Transport) - Departed Fremantle 1400K/22 for
Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/2nd September for onward routing
Okinawa. (S.O.A. 17)
- H.M.S. "KING SALVOR" - Departed Onslow 1400K/18 for Darwin. E.T.A.
1200K/23. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" }
H.M.A. S.R.D. Crafts } Departed Darwin 0705K/22 for Morotai
"KARINA", "KRAIT" } - E.T.A. 0630K/30. (S.O.A. 6).
"ALATNA", "M.F.V.2046" }
"GRASS SNAKE", "SEA SNAKE" }

S/M. 8 intends to sail submarines "SPARK" and
"STYGIAN", due for refit, to United Kingdom via Sunda Strait and Ceylon
to relieve serious congestion in "MAIDSTONE". Both ready for sea
21st August.

To DUNK, Wednesday, 22nd August.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide states that, due to delay caused by V.P. days and other circumstances, completion of refit of "BUNBRY" is now 8th September.

C. in C. B.P.F. reports that W/T communication has been established between Belconnen and Chungking.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" has placed marker on 5 fathom patch on which tankers "NORTHFIELD" and "MOORSFIELD" grounded P.M./21st. All ships continuing passage. E.T.A. "BARCOO" Morotai 1630K/24th.

- H.M.A.S. "KARANDA" - Arrived Darwin 13481/20.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 8000/19th E.T.A. Sydney 0800/22nd Sept. S.O.A. 18.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 8000/19th to Darwin 20th for onward routing to Sydney speed 14.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Arrived Darwin 11381/20th departed 11381/21 E.T.A. Balikpapan 12381/22.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/20th for Port Moresby.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/20th E.T.A. Darwin 0800/22nd. Speed 9.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" and "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/20 for Townsville 12381/20.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" (A.S. 123) - Reported Balikpapan 0800/20 E.T.A. Darwin 12381/20. Speed 12.5/11.0.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Morotai 12381/20 Lytle 12381/20. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/20, Balikpapan 12381/21. S.O.A. 10/11.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" (A.S. 123) - Reported Balikpapan 12381/20 for Darwin via Endeavour Bay. Speed 15.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Longreach 12381/19. E.T.A. Darwin 12381/20.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/19 E.T.A. Darwin 12381/21.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/19 E.T.A. Darwin 12381/21.
- H.M.A.S. "MURPHY" - Reported Darwin 12381/19 E.T.A. Darwin 12381/21.

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 22nd August.

H.M.A.S. "ANACONDA" - Departed Langemak 0350Z/20th for Hollandia
E.T.A. 24th.

H.M.A.S. "RADICAL" - Sailed for R.M.S. duties between Townsville and
Cape Melville.

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" - Departed Manus 0600Z/20th E.T.A. Leyte
1200Z/23rd.

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H.M.S. "BERMUDA" (C.S.2) }
" "ARGONAUT" } - Departed Manus 1730K/20th, Leyte 1800K/23rd.
" "COLOSSUS" } S.O.A. 21.
" "TUMULT" }

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Milne Bay 2100Z/21st E.T.A. Torokina
towing "STERNA" 1000K/23rd.

U.S.S. "CHEPACHET" }
" "JOHNNIE HUTCHINS" D.E.360 } - E.T.A. Subic 0700I/22nd.
" "ROMBACH" D.E.364 }

A.P.C. 33 }
A.T.A. 216 with tows } - Arrived Hollandia 19th.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Arrived Tarakan 1346I/20.

H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Balboa 2000/19th E.T.A. Sydney 0500/9th Sept.
S.O.A. 16.

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Subic 2200Z/19th to Manus 26th for
onward routing to Sydney speed 14.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" - Arrived Tarakan 1352I/20th departed 1130I/21
E.T.A. Balikpapan 1630I/22.

M.S.L. 705 - Departed Cairns 1415Z/20th for Port Moresby.

K.M.S. "KING SALVOR" - Reports E.T.A. Darwin 0200Z/23rd. Speed 9.

B.Y.M.S. 2064 and 2145 - Departed Cairns 2015Z/20 for Townsville SOA 10.

U.S.S. "STAURUS" (A.F.25) - Departed Hollandia 0130Z/20 E.T.A. Auckland
30th. Knots 10.5/11.5.

P.C. 1241 - Departed Morotai 0800/20 Leyte 2200/22. S.O.A. 11.

L.C.I. 361 - Departed Manus 0600/20, Hollandia 2200/21. S.O.A. 10/11.

U.S.S. "BEAVERHEAD" (A.K.161) - Departed Balikpapan 0300Z/20 for Davao
via Zamboanga 23rd. Knots 10.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Departed Langemak 2215Z/19. E.T.A. Lae 0300Z/29.

L.S.T. 741 - Departed Emirau 0100Z/19th E.T.A. Manus 2200Z/19th.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" - Departed Morotai 0600I/19 E.T.A. Subic 1600I/22.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departed Melbourne 0300Z/21. E.T.A. Sydney
0800Z/23. S.O.A. 11.

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"KARINA"
"KRIAT"
"ALATNA"
"GRASS SNAKE"
"SEA SNAKE"
escorted by
H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE"

- Depart Darwin 2030Z/21 for Morotai S.O.A. 6.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Manus 1800K/21st E.T.A. Guam 1400K/23rd S.O.A. 25.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Treasury 1000Z/19. E.T.A. Munda 2100Z/19.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departed on training cruise 0950K/21st E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/23rd. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.A.S. "NYANIE" - Departed Thursday Is. 0500K/22. E.T.A. Port Moresby A.M. 25. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - To depart Caloundra 1730K/22. E.T.A. Madang 1600K/26. S.O.A. 16/18.5/23.

H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Sydney 0304Z/21st, E.T.A. Caloundra 0500K/23. S.O.A. 11.5.

Announcement Admiralty intends to discontinue shipping communication to Australia and stocks here to be transferred to Singapore as soon as transport is available.

G. in C. B.P.F. gives composition of T.G.111.2.

Commander - Rear Admiral Harcourt in H.M.G. "INDOMITABLE",
H.M.S.'s "VENERABLE", "SWIFTSURE", "EURYALUS", "KEMPERFELT",
"WHIRLWIND", "URSA", "QUADRANT",
"MAIDSTONE" and Submarine Flotilla.
R.A.N. Crepsa minesweepers H.M.A.S.'s "MYLDURA", "PETHURST",
"CASTLEMAINE",
L.L. minesweepers H.M.A.S.'s "BRIGOLE", "FREMANTLE",
"STAWELL", "STRAHAN", "WAGGA".

Allocation of "OXFORDSHIRE" is provisional pending arrangements for control of fleet train ships supporting China coast forces.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" reports tankers "NORTH FIELD" and "MOOR FIELD" of D.M.4 aground in 4 1/2 fathom patch in position 06° 47' south, 133° 25' east. Both ships making water forward. Intends to render towing assistance during night and suggests powerful tug be despatched immediately. Remainder of convoy proceeding.

"NORTH FIELD" and "MOOR FIELD" refloated under own power.

Damage - "NORTH FIELD" reports leaks ascertained to date in forepeak, forward port tank and transverse bulkhead between No. 1 and 2 starboard cargo tank.
"MOOR FIELD" - leaking in 8 tanks throughout length.
Divers inspection essential - docking probably required.

Ships escorted by "BARCOO" are continuing their voyage.

B.P.F. requests that attempt to raise CHEUNG KING be continued for further 24 hours.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 21st August, 1945.

U.S.S. F.S.164 - Departed Manus 2100K/19th for Samar arriving 26th.

Cable Ship "ST. MARGARETS" - Sailed Onslow 0800Z/18 for Fremantle
E.T.A. 0800K/21st.

H.M.A. Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" - Departed Tarakan 0511Z/19 for Morotai
E.T.A. 0200Z/21st.

H.M.S. "DILIGENCE" - Departed Suez 0600G/18 for Aden E.T.A. 0400Z/23
S.O.A. 11.

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA") Departed Morotai 0000K/20 escorting L.T. 18
" "STRAHAN") - to Archipelago. L.T. 18 arrives Labuan 25th.
" "CASTLEMAINE") *ie, the Philippine gulf 24/45*

P.C. 1241 - Arrived Morotai 19th escorting "JOHN ASULE". *Leyte?*

U.S.S. "MIZAR" - Departed Caloundra 2030K/20th E.T.A. Mindoro 1800I/29th.

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Reporting for duty E.T.D. Subic 0630I/20th for
Manus and Sydney SOA 14.

H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" - Departed E.I.S. E.T.A. Darwin 2230Z/30th SOA 14.
E.T.A. Ebon Dray 1630Z/27th.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departed Onslow 2300Z/17 E.T.A. Darwin 0700Z/22.
S.O.A. 10.5.

U.S.S. "DERRICK"(Y.O.59) - Departed Hollandia 0520Z/19 E.T.A. Leyte
2000Z/24th.

U.S.S. "KERSTIN"(A.F.344) - Departed Auckland 2100/18th arriving Manus
30th. SOA 10 - 11.

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H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE"(A.C.11) }
" "VENERABLE" } Departed Manus 1830K/19 E.T.A. Leyte
" "SWIFTSURE" } - 1800I/22. S.O.A. 22.
" "EURALUS" }
" "KEMPENFELT" }
" "WHIRLWIND" }
" "URSA" }

U.S.S. "BOOTES" - Departed Sydney 0700Z/19 E.T.A. Caloundra 2200K/21
S.O.A. 9.

H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED" - Departed Sydney 0436Z/19 E.T.A. Auckland 2200Z/21st.
S.O.A. 20.

C.T.G. 37.3 in

H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" with }
" "VICTORIOUS" } Sails Manus 1400K/19th. S.O.A. 20.5.
" "IMPLACABLE" }
" "GRENVILLE" } - "VICTORIOUS" and one destroyer detach for
" "UNDINE" } Moreton Bay A.M. 23rd remainder for Sydney
" "URANIA" } E.T.A. 0900K/24th.
" "URCHIN" }

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Manus 1000K/20th E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/26th
August. S.O.A.15.

U.S.S. "ASHLAND"(L.S.D.1) - Departed Santo 1922K/19 for Okinawa
E.T.A. 0700/2nd. S.O.A. 12-13.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departed Adelaide 1000K/20th E.T.A. Sydney
0800K/24th. S.O.A. 10.5.

H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed Thursday Is. 0044Z/20 E.T.A. Port
Moresby P.M. 23rd.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Arrived Subic Bay 1600I 20th.

H.M.A.S. "BEHALLA" }
" "HORSHAM" } - Departed Thursday Is. 0045Z/20to carry out
" "ECHUCA" } survey.

A.P.C. 11 - Departed Manus 2300/19 E.T.A. Wcendi 2300/22. Speed 10-11.

Hospital Ship "ORANGE" - Departed Wellington 1952Z/19 due Sydney 22nd.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Derwin 0347Z/20th, Escorting convoy
D.M.4. S.O.A. 14.5. Morotai 0800Z/23.

H.M.S. "QUADRANT" - Departed Manus 0800K/20th. E.T.A. Leyte 0800K/23
S.O.A. 23.

H.M.A.S. "KYERA" - To depart Sydney at 0900K/22nd for Coffs Harbour
to take G.P.V. 953 in tow to Caloundra then return
Sydney forthwith.

Com. 7th Fleet reports that no enemy mines are
known to exist in the vicinity of Sandakan and gives location of
3 Allied fields.

Harman W/T reports nothing heard from CHUNG KING
and is continuing efforts to establish communication. Have
requested Chung King to listen out on 13410 K/Cs.

N.O.I.C. Darwin has been asked if he still required
"BINGARRA" considering the fact that traffic will decline after the
next two months.

D. of S.T. reports South West Pacific will become
a British responsibility partly under Australian command and partly
under S.A.C.S.E.A. Presumed that provision of sea transport staff
within Australian command will be Australian responsibility.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea anticipates cleaning up
operations in Solomons New Britain Area will create large demand
for fuel in immediate future and considers it essential that tankers
if possible be made available in this area under his operational
control.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that the departure of
"GLADSTONE" will leave no vessels fitted for providing power for
deperming of other A.M.S. vessels.

To 0900K, Monday 20th August.

- H.M.S. "VOX" }
 escorted by } - Departed Wellington 0600K/19 for Sydney E.T.A.
 H.M.N.Z.S. "ARCHA" } - 1500K/25. (SOA 8).
- U.S.S. "CORDUBA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Auckland 0500K/18 for Manus
 E.T.A. 29th. (SOA 10, 11).
- L.S.T.'s 913, 524, 880, 909, 1110 - Departed Guadalcanal 1000K/19
 for Samar E.T.A. 31st. (SOA 9).
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Arrived Balikpapan 1300K/18 escorting Mership.
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Penam 1730K/18 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/24
 for onward routing to Sydney. (SOA 12.5).
- U.S.S. "ANNE ARUNDEL" (Transport) - Departed Manus 1800K/18 for Leyte
 E.T.A.
- U.S.S. "SAN SABA" (Attack Transport) } Departed Manus 1700K/19 for
 escorted by U.S.S. "BRANNON" } - Mindoro E.T.A. 0900K/25.
 (Destroyer Escort) } (SOA 14.5).
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Langemak 0730K/17 for
 Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/19.
- F.S. 159 - Departed Milne Bay 1440K/18 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/24
 (SOA 8).
- B.Y.M.S. 2064, 2153 - Arrived Cooktown 1700K/18 with minor engine defects
 E.T.D. for Townsville 20th.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departs Townsville 0200K/21 for Sydney E.T.A.
 0900K/27. (SOA 9).
- M.S.L. 705 - Departed Townsville 1100K/19 for Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/20.
 E.T.D. 2359K/20 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1400K/30. (SOA 10).
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Townsville 1000K/19 for Madang
 E.T.A. 1000K/26 for onward routing Morotai (SOA 7).
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
 1700K/24. (SOA 11).
- H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departed Onslow 0900K/18 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/22.
 (SOA 10.5).

N.O.I.C. Torekina reports that Japanese envoys contacted by Second Australian Corps today, Saturday, guarantee safety of vessels sweeping already swept channel through field of Tokunata releasing and destroying five mines. "DUBBO" proceeds with M.L.'s 820, 804 190700L sweep to rendezvous 6 miles 265° from Moila Point. "LITHGOW" proceeds to rendezvous so as to arrive at 200800L. N.O.I.C. on board as Senior Officer. N.O.I.C. representing General Officer Commanding receives surrender of General Konda Vice Admiral name not known to Staff Officers and bring them to Torekina, N.O.I.C. signatory to surrender terms after ceremony returns two Senior Officers, one Staff Officer to rendezvous. Vessels of N.A.X. will be used extensively to assist Australian Army in all local theatres. Envoys state area mined from Tonnata eastward through western and eastern passages around Shortland and Fauro Island.

C. in C. B.P.F. states that the Foreign Office have requested early direct communication between Chungking and B.P.F. Authorities. Harman W/T will attempt to establish this communication commencing 0600K/20.

ComParCruRon has instructed "STUART" to join him at Manila.

Admiralty signals that, apart from certain escorts now on passage, it is not intended to increase the overall strength of the East Indies and British Pacific Fleets - a number of escorts will be held in the Mediterranean pending clarification of the situation.

Cruisers and Fleet Destroyer Flotillas joining either Fleet should relieve ships which have been longest on the Station.

No more submarines will be sailed from the United Kingdom but those on passage will proceed in accordance with present allocations.

MerShip "JAMES J. CORBETT" on passage Sydney to Morotai, reported at 1900K/19 that she had "sighted a surfaced submarine eastbound at excessive speed through water and in a position approximately 250 miles E.S.E. of Morotai". N.O.I.C. New Guinea, N.O.I.C. Moluccas and Com. 7th Fleet have been informed.

Com. 7th Fleet reports that "SEROPSHIRE", "ARUNTA", "BATAAN", "HOBART" and "WARRAMUNGA" are detached from T.F. 74 - to report to him as C.T.G. 70.2. This re-organization temporary, pending clarification of command relations.

Following is Intelligence Hong Kong from Secret Source, Graded C.3, dated 19th August.

"Japanese began sweeping Leiumun and Lamtung minefields 15th August. Minefields between Cheung Chay and Lamma Island also being swept. Japanese at Cheung Lamba and Lantao Island etc. remaining at their posts for Allied troops to take over".

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To 0900K Sunday, 19th August, 1945.

- H.M.S. "CONDRAV") Departed East Indies Station for Cocos Island
- H.M.S. "EGGESFORD") E.T.A. 0930K/18 thence Onslow E.T.A. 1030K/20.
- U.S.S. "HILO" (M.T.B. Tender) Departed Leyte 1702K/17 for Hollandia
E.T.A. 22nd (SOA 10.5).
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" Departed Morotai 0700K/17 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1700K/
20 (S.O.A. 12.5).
- H.D.M.L. 1343 Departed Morotai 1000K/16 for Zamboanga E.T.A. 1700K/
18 to fuel thence Labuan (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" Departs Morotai 1230K/18 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1700K/
20 (S.O.A. 20). To report to G.C.A.S. for duty.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA") Departed Morotai 1000K/18 for Tarakan E.T.A.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA") 1800K/20.
- U.S.S. "HIDATSA" (Fleet Tug) Departed Manus 1400K/17 with tows for
Subic Bay E.T.A. 5th September (S.O.A.5).
- ATA 216 (Tug) Departed Manus 1900K/17 with tows for Leyte E.T.A. 28th.
(S.O.A.6).
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" Departed Manus 1000K/18 for Finchhafen E.T.A.
1000K/19.
- Y.P. 233 Departs Brisbane 2100K/18 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/28 (SOA 8).
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" Departs Port Phillip Bay 0200K/20 for Western Port
E.T.A. 0530K/20.

Owing to decrease in port activity, H.O.I.C. New Guinea intends closing down the port directorate at Aitape on 24th August, retaining one C.B. Officer and a small staff utilising R.A.A.F. communications.

H.O.I.C. Moluccas reports that "GASCOYNE" and "KAPUNDA" will be operating 18th-28th August off Sandakan (North Borneo) in an operation controlled by G.O.C. 26th Aust. Brigade Tarakan and with S.R.B. in that area.

ComBancruzon intends to retain "MERKUR" with this group until situation clarifies in case she is needed for relief purposes.

H.O.I.C. Fremantle has found it necessary to despatch "GLADSTONE" to stand by "KARANGI" who has "LANARI" in tow hove to in heavy gale off Cape Leeuwin. No other ship available at Fremantle for this duty.

ComPhilSea From will shortly take over activities of Com. 7th Fleet in Philippines area.

H.M. Ships "CONDRAV" and "EGGESFORD", Hunt Class destroyer escorts on passage from East Indies Station to join B.P.F., have been re-allocated by Admiralty to C.-in-C. East Indies Station. If not diverted by C-in-C. East Indies, H.O.I.C. Fremantle has been instructed to return the ships from Onslow.

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As at 0900K/Saturday, 18th August, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Morotai 0900K/18th for Tarakan E.T.A. 1300K/20th.
- L.S.T. 470 - Departed Biak 1500K/16th for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/19th thence to Leyte and Okinawa. SOA 9. Guards Manila Fox.
- H.M.S. "STRIKER") Departed Manus 1200K/16th for Sydney via Jomard
" "ARBITER") E.T.A. Jomard 0600K/18th Sydney 0600K/22nd. SOA 16. Guards Bells.
- FORCE S.T. - E.T.A. Manus P.M. 18th.
- H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Manus 1400K/17th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/23rd SOA 15. Guards Bells.
- U.S.S. "PASQUOTANK"(AOG-18) - Departed Manus 1100K/17th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/19th. SOA 8.5. Guards Manila Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "NORMAN") Departed Manus 1730K/17th for Darwin E.T.A.
H.M. Sub. "SEANYMPH") 1700K/25th. SOA 11. Guarding Bells.
- U.S.S. "SAN SABA"(APA-232) - Departed Milne Bay 0700K/17th for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/19th. SOA 14.5. Guards Manila Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Milne Bay 0615K/17th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/24th. SOA 10.5. Guarding Bells.
- H.D.M.L. 1356 - Departed Cairns 0500K/18th for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1200K/23rd. SOA 9. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P. Anchoring at night.
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" - E.T.D. Townsville 0900K/20th for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1700K/22nd. SOA 12. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "NYANIE"- Departed Townsville 0700K/18th for Thursday Is. via Cairns for water. E.T.A. Cairns 2200K/18th, E.T.D. 0700K/19th. E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0700K/21st. SOA 12. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P.
- M.L. 825 - E.T.D. Gladstone 1600K/17th for Townsville E.T.A. 1800K/19th.
- H.M.S. "BERRY HEAD" - E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/19th.
- H.M.S. "ANSON" - Departed Sydney 1605K/17th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A. Jomard 0730K/20th Manus 1530K/21st. SOA 23. Bells.
- H.M.N.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" - E.T.D. Darwin 2230K/18th for Seroea, Nila and Damar Islands. E.T.A. Seroea A.M. 20th. E.T.A. Nila before dawn 20th. E.T.D. Nila 1st light 21st for Damar. Departs Damar P.M. 21st for Darwin towing lugger "KALWEDO". SOA out 12. SOA in 8.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas sends the following :-

- (1) Operation off Ambon Island withdrawn after consultation with Chief of Staff A.M.F. - - - - -
- (2) Proposes that as 7 A.M.S.'s have been removed from his command, escort for each D.M. convoy be reduced to either 1 frigate or 2 A.M.S.'s. - - - - -
- (3) Phillipine operational requirements preclude sailing "MILDURA" to Darwin for docking.

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As at 0900K/Friday, 17th August, 1945.

- U.S.S. "DIPHDA" (AKA-59) - Departed San Francisco 14th for Samar via Manus-E.T.A. Manus 0800K/30th. SOA 15.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL AULTMAN" (AP-156) - Departed Balboa 14th for Manila via Hollandia E.T.A. Hollandia 4th September. SOA 15.5/17. Shifts to Manila Fox 1001K/2nd September.
- H.M. Sub. "VOX" } E.T.D. Wellington 0600K/19th for Sydney E.T.A.
H.M.N.Z.S. "ARONA" } 1500K/25th. SOA 8. Shifts to Bells 1130K/23rd.
- A.T.A. 174 } Departed Santo 1220K/14th for Leyte via Finschafen and
plus tows } - Hollandia E.T.A. Leyte 3rd September. SOA 7. Shifts
from Lote to Manila Fox 1001K/17th August.
- A.T.R. 33 } Departed Santo 0750K/15th for Leyte via Finsch. and
plus tows } - Hollandia E.T.A. Leyte 3rd Sept. SOA 7. Shifts from Lote
to Manila Fox 1001K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "PREMANTLE" - Departed Tarakan 1554K/16th for Zamboanga for
fuel thence Subic Bay. E.T.A. Zamboanga 0900K/18th, Subic Bay
0900K/20th. Guards N.G.I.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" } Both ships have been diverted to Subic Bay.
" "BATHURST" } -
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Madang 1700K/15th for Milne Bay via
Finschafen for fuel E.T.A. Finsch. 1000K/16th Milne Bay
0700K/18th. SOA 10. N.G.I. S.O.P. To tow "STERNA" from
Milne to Torokina.
- H.M.S. "ULYSSES" - Departed Manus 0600K/16th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/21st
SOA 17.
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" }
" "ARLEITER" } - Departed Manus 16th for Sydney.
- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" - E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/17th.
- H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" }
" "VENERABLE" } Departed Sydney 1545K/15th for Manus via
" "SWIFTSURE" } - Jomard. E.T.A. Jomard 0600K/18th. Manus
" "KEMPENFELT" } 1100K/19th. SOA 23 to Jomard thence 24.
" "UKSA" } Guarding Bells.
" "WHIRLWIND" }
- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" H.M.S. "SYRIAN" } Departed Sydney 1545K/15th for
" "VENGEANCE" " "TUSCAN" } Manus via Jomard E.T.A. Jomard
" "COLOSSUS" " "TUMULT" } 1500K/18th, Manus 0900K/20th.
H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" } SOA 30 to Jomard thence 17. Guarding
Bells. "PRINCE ROBERT" to
proceed independently.
- H.M.S. "AFSON" - E.T.D. Sydney 1500K/17th for Manus.
- M.F.V. 1044 - Departed Sydney 1645K/16 for Brisbane via Coffs Harbour
E.T.A. Coffs 0700K/18th. E.T.D. 1800K/19th. E.T.A. Brisbane
0700K/21st. SOA 6.5
- G.P.V. 953 - Immobilised Coffs Harbour awaiting spare parts.
- G.P.V. 956 - E.T.D. Coffs Harbour 0630K/17th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/18.
- H.M.A.S. "KARANGI" - Departed Albany 1230K/16th for Fremantle E.T.A.
0400K/19th. SOA 6. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.S. "BELFAST" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/16th for Sydney E.T.A.
1500K/21st. SOA 19. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Returning to Darwin gives E.T.A. Onslow 1600K/17th and Darwin 1700K/22nd. SOA 10.5. Shifts to Cora at 1100K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" - Proceeding Darwin/Morotai gives E.T.A. Morotai 1230K/19th. SOA 12. Shifts to H.G.I. at 0930K/17th for O/R to Subic Bay.

H.M.S. "CAESAR") Departed Cocos 1329K/15th for Fremantle E.T.A.
" "CAVENDISH") 1001K/18th. SOA 18. Shifts to Bells 0830K/15th.

N.O.I.C. Meluccas reports "BARCOO" and "BURDEKIN" to proceed vicinity Ambon Is. E.T.A. 1900K/16th. 3 A.M.S.'s will also arrive Ambon 0800K/17th to R/V with "BUNDABERG". Object of operation is to embark Australian Prisoners of War. at first opportunity and return them to Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Townsville reports air search for missing S.T. 76 on the 15th proved negative. Continuing search on 16th.

COMSERVON 7th Fleet advises Zambeanga opens as a fuelling harbour for Black and Diesel Oils as from 20th August.

H.M.S. "TIGRIS" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Darwin 1400K/15 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/16 (SOA 15).

H.M.S. "CORAL") Departed Darwin 1400K/15 for forward operational
H.M.S. "CORAL") SOA E.T.A. 2400K/20. (SOA 18.25)

H.M.S. "MILNE" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Darwin 0900K/15 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1400K/16. (SOA 16).

H.M.S. "WARRIOR" - Departed Darwin 1400K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/24 (SOA 19.5).

H.M.S. "VALLEY" (Tug) - Departed Darwin 1100K/14 with load for Swalla E.T.A. 3/9. (SOA 9)

H.M.S. "SUNNY" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Darwin 0900K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/24 (SOA 19.5).

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Reports leaving 1700K/17 for sea with stores for "MILNE" E.T.A. 1400K/16. (SOA 16).

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departed Darwin 0800K/14 for Treasury E.T.A. 1200K/16 through 1600K (SOA 15.25)

H.M.A.S. "MOUNTAIN" - Departed Darwin 1400K/14 for Lonsdale E.T.A. 1800K/16 through 1800K.

H.M.A.S. "HEALTH" - Reports leaving 1700K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 2400K/20.

H.M.A.S. "FISH" - Departed Sydney 0800K/15 for Swalla Bay E.T.A. 1800K/16. (SOA 16)

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To 0900K Thursday, 13th August.

H.M.S. "WIDEMOUTH BAY" (Frigate) - Departed East Indies Station 2130K/13 for Darwin E.T.A. 0800K/24 (SOA 14.5).

H.M.S. "FENCER" - Departed Cochin 1830K/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 0400K/31 (SOA 16).

U.S.S. "OBERON" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Russells 0900K/14 for Samar E.T.A. 21st. (SOA 14.5).

H.M. Ships "VICTORIOUS" }
"IMPLACABLE" }
"ACHILLES" } Departed forward operational area 1500K/12
"ARCONAUT" } - for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/18. (SOA 19.5)
"EURYALUS" }
plus ten destroyers }

U.S.S. "BEAVERHEAD" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Tareken 2300K/13 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0900K/15. (SOA 10).

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" - Departed Morotai for Balikpapan E.T.A. 18th.

U.S.S. "HAAS" (Destroyer Escort) } Departed Hollandia 1830K/15
U.S.S. "GENERAL STURGIS" (Transport) } for Manila E.T.A. 0600K/20 (SOA 16).

U.S.S. "BAGSETT" (Destroyer Transport) } Departed Hollandia 0905K/15
L.S.T. 471 } escorting convoy to Subic Bay E.T.A. 0600K/24. L.S.T. detaches for Leyte E.T.A. 1900K/31.

U.S.S. "TINSMAN" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Manus 1400K/14 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/15 (SOA 15).

H.M.S. "SPEAKER" } Departed Manus 1830K/14 for forward operational
H.M.S. "QUEENSBOROUGH" } area E.T.A. 0400K/20. (SOA 15.25)

U.S.S. "BRENNON" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Manus 0900K/15 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/16. (SOA 16).

H.M.S. "WEAVER" - Departed Manus 1030K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/24 (SOA 10.5).

U.S.S. "TAKLEMA" (Tug) - Departed Manus 1500K/14 with tows for Manila E.T.A. 8/9. (SOA 5)

U.S.S. "CORVUS" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Leyte 0900K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 18th. (SOA 15, 16).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGARIE" - Departs Madang 1700K/12 for Lae with spares for "MULCRA" E.T.A. 1430K/13. (SOA 11).

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Torokina 0500K/14 for Treasury E.T.A. 1300K/14 thence Banda (SOA 13,14)

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Lae 1430K/14 for Langemak E.T.A. 1900K/14 thence Madang.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/15 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/19.

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" - Departed Sydney 0825K/15 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1600K/15. (10).

H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Melbourne 0745K/15 for Sydney R.T.A. 0630K/16. (SOA 18).

H.M.S. "BERWICK" - Departed Fremantle 0625K/15 for Sydney R.T.A. 0615K/20. (SOA 20).

H.M.A.S. "SPRAHAN")
H.M.A.S. "BOWEN")- Departed Darwin 0926K/15 escorting convoy D.M.3
H.M.A.S. "WAGGA") to Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/19. (SOA 12).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA")
H.M.A.S. "ECHENGA")- Departed Hotham Bay (Darwin) 0600K/15 for
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM") Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1300K/17 (SOA 12).
H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE") "CASTLEMAINE" has now been ordered to
proceed Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide reports that owing to delay caused by VP days, sailing of "ROCKHAMPTON" has been delayed until 19th August.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that need for "PING WO" in Moluccas Area appears more essential than its presence at Torokina.

N.O.I.C. Townsville reports the small tug, S.T.76, with two tows is now overdue 5 days on passage to Milne Bay. All shipping and aircraft in the area have been requested to report sightings. Air search continuing.

"CASTLEMAINE", "MILDURA" and "BATHURST" and three L.L. sweepers are to be sailed with all despatch by N.O.I.C. Moluccas to join G.C.A.S. at Subic Bay - primary object, minesweeping. Remainder of ships need not wait for "CASTLEMAINE" who is proceeding from Darwin.

H.M.S. "AINWELL", on passage from East Indies Station to Darwin, arrived at Cocos Is. 9th August with engine defects.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea states that the General Officer Commanding the First Australian Army has requested services of a suitable vessel (cruiser or larger), to convey he and his staff from Lae to Rabaul to accept surrender of Japanese forces, if and when preliminary negotiations now being put in hand are completed. Only vessel available locally is "DIAMANTINA" which is considered unsuitable for this occasion. N.O.I.C. New Guinea suggests C. in C.B.P.F. may be able to make a suitable vessel available - one now in passage through the area. N.O.I.C. intends accompanying the G.O.C.

H.M.A.S. "HANKESBURY", on passage Sydney to Melbourne, has been ordered to return Sydney forthwith. F.O.I.C. Sydney has been requested to carry out essential repairs to enable ship to return to service without refit.

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To 0900K, Wednesday 15th August.

- H.M.S. "HART")
- H.M.S. "ERNE") - Departed East Indies Station 2220K/11 for
- H.M.S. "AMETHYST") - Darwin E.T.A. 0700K/23. (SOA 13).
- H.M.S. "BLACK SWAN")

- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Subie Bay 0800K/13 for Morotai E.T.A. 16th. (SOA 13.5, 14.5).
- U.S.S. "JAMESTOWN" (M.T.B. Tender) - Departed Mindoro 1900K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1900K/20 (SOA 10).
- U.S.S. "MANOKIN" (Tanker) - Departed Mios Woendi 0845K/11 for Morotai E.T.A. 2100K/13.
- U.S.S. "ORCA" (Seaplane Tender) - Departed Hollandia 1725K/13 for Samar E.T.A. 0600K/16th.
- H.N.M.S. "TROMP" - Departed Manus 1200K/14 for Tarakan E.T.A. 1700K/19 (SOA 15).
- H.M.S. "PLYM") - Departed Manus 1200K/14 for forward operational area
- "CEDARDALE") - E.T.A. 0400K/24 (SOA 9).
- U.S.S. "SAN SABA" (Attack Transport.) - Departed Manus 1100K/14 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0600K/16. (SOA 14.5, 15.5).
- M.L.'s 427, 428 - Departed Torokina 1500K/13 in tow for Langemak E.T.A. 1500K/16 (SOA 6.5).
- H.M.A.S. "AMOHINE" - Departed Milne Bay 0632K/13 for Port Moresby E.T.A. A.M./17 for onward routing to mainland. (SOA 7).
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departed Port Moresby 0605K/14 for Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./17. (SOA 7).
- B.Y.M.S. 2064, 2153 - Departed Thursday Island 0700K/15 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/19. (SOA 9).
- M.L. 825 - Departs Brisbane 1700K/14 for Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/17 for onward routing Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Sydney 1830K/14 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0700K/16 (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" - Departed Sydney 0925K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/17 for onward routing Morotai (SOA 7.5)

- H.M. Ships "INDOMITABLE")
- "BERMUDA", "KEMPENFELT",)
- "VENERABLE", "VENGEANCE",) - Depart Sydney P.M./15th for Manus.
- "COLOSSUS", "SWIFTSURE",)
- "WHIRLWIND", "URSA",)
- "TYRIAN", "TUSCAN", "TUMULT".)

- H.M.S. "VIRTUE") - Depart Jervis Bay 2145K/15 for Sydney E.T.A.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA") - 0730K/16 (SOA 9).

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH", H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" departed Milne Bay 1600K/13 escorting force "S.T." (A.P.D. 18 and tugs) to Manus. Proceeding east of Normanby Is. "INTEGRITY" towing independently with "SALVICTOR" standing by. S.O.A. 5.

A.S. Sydney reports that H.S. "TASMAN", after inspection by dockyard and medical officers, is considered suitable for further hospital ship service and for service in tropical waters.

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AS AT 0000/Tuesday, 14th August, 1944.

C. in C. B.P.F. has instructed R.A.F.T. to sail submarine "SEANYMPH" from Manus to Darwin with escort thence unescorted to Onslow or Exmouth Gulf for fuel. S/M 4 has been requested to arrange onward routing and sailing to Ceylon.

H.M. Sloop "ENCHANTRESS" which departed Colombo 9th August for Darwin, has been forced to return because of defects.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle regrets "CAIRNS" delayed owing to damage to propellers and shaft caused through striking sunken coal hulk in Fremantle harbour.

- U.S.S. "DORIS" (SS) - Departed Manus 1900K/15th for Leyte and Manila 1900K/15th. Sea 9.
- U.S.S. "AIDUN" (SS-2) - Departed Hollandia 0930K/15th for Manila S.T.A. 0900K/15th.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 0800K/15th for Darwin S.T.A. 0800K/15th. Sea 10. Guarding Manila Fox.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 1800K/15th for Hollandia S.T.A. 0800K/15th. Sea 10. Guarding 8910 S/Co.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 0800K/15th for Milne Bay S.T.A. 1800K/15th. Sea 9. Guarding Manila Fox S.O.P.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 0800K/15th for Jacquinot Bay S.T.A. 1800K/15th. Sea 9.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 1800K/15th for Manus S.T.A. 1800K/15th. Sea 9. Guarding Delta.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Manus 1800K/15th for Hollandia S.T.A. 0800K/17th. Throat G/S to Leyte. Sea 9. Guarding Manila Fox.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/15th for Manus S.T.A. 1800K/15th. Sea 10. Guarding Manila Fox.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/15th for Sydney S.T.A. 0800K/15th. Sea 9. Guarding 890 S/Co.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Brisbane 1800K/15th for Sydney S.T.A. 1800K/15th. Sea 11. Guarding Delta. For W/S to Darwin.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Sydney 0800K/15th for Darwin S.T.A. 0800K/15th. Sea 9. Carrying 800 S/Co. S.O.P. to see 2 Army Delta to Sydney.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Sydney 0800K/15th for Townsville S.T.A. 0800K/15th. Sea 9. Guarding 800 S/Co. S.T.P. Townsville for Sydney S.T.A. 15th cruising en route.
- U.S.S. "S" - Departed Sydney 1800K/15th for Jarvis Bay S.T.A. 1800K/15th.

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- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" (Sloop) - Departed E.I.S. 9th for Darwin E.T.A. 1130K/23rd. SOA 14. Shifts to Bells 2130K/17th.
- U.S.S. "GEN. LANGFITT" - Departed Balboa 12th for Hollandia E.T.A. 4th Sept. SOA 15/16. Shifts to Manila Fox 1001K/2nd September.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/13th for Morotai E.T.A. 1630K/17th.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" (AK-178) - Departed Celeu 1300K/12th for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/19th. SOA 10/11. Guarding Manila Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "CASCOYNE" - Departed Morotai 0700K/11th for Darwin E.T.A. 1100K/14th. SOA 15. Shifts from New Guinea Int. to Cora 2100K/12th Reports for escort duty Darwin/Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departed Morotai 2400K/13th for patrol duties on standard Darwin/Morotai route.
- 7 L.S.T.'s escorted by)
U.S.S. "DENNIS" (DE)) - Departed Biak 1700K/13th for Leyte and Manila E.T.A.'s Leyte 1600K/18th Manila 1100K/21st. SOA 9.
- U.S.S. "ALHENA" (AKA-9) - Departed Hollandia 0915K/13th for Manila E.T.A. 0600K/18th.
- 12 L.S.M.'s - Departed Manus 0900K/13th for Samar E.T.A. 0900K/19th. SOA 10.5. Guarding Manila Fox.
- Y.M.S. 8 - Departed Manus 1600K/13th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/15th. SOA 10. Guarding 2716 K/Cs.
- F.S. 159 - Departed Manus 0900K/13th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1500K/16th. SOA 8. Guarding Manila Fox S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "TANGALOOMA" - Departed Langewak 0625K/13th for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1500K/14th. SOA 8.
- A.P.C. 1 - Departed Torokina 1400K/12th for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/15th. SOA 9. Guarding Bells.
- 4 L.S.T.'s - Departed Torokina 1600K/12th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0200K/17th. Thence O/R to Leyte. SOA 9. Guarding Manila Fox.
- F.S. 149 - Departed Milne Bay 0430K/11th for Manus E.T.A. 1800K/15th. SOA 10.5. Guarding Manila Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Milne Bay 0607K/13th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/21st. SOA 9. Guarding 500 K/Cs.
- H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/14th for Cairns E.T.A. 1600K/17th. SOA 11.5. Guarding Bells. For O/R to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departed Sydney 0027K/13th for Bermagui E.T.A. 0600K/14th. SOA 6. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P. to two 2 Army Halls to Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 0629K/13th for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/18th. SOA 9. Guarding 500 K/Cs. E.T.D. Townsville for Sydney P.M. 18th exercising en route.
- H.M.S. "VENGEANCE")
" " "COLOSSUS") - Departed Sydney 013K/13th for Jarvis Bay E.T.A.
" " "TUMULT") 1530K/13th.

H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Diverted to Melbourne E.T.A. 1030K/14th.

H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departed Darwin 0906K/13th for Fremantle via Onslow for fuel if necessary. E.T.A. Fremantle 1730K/19th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells 1230K/15th.

H.M.S. "GASTORP" - Departed Darwin 1100K/13th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/19th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells 1230K/15th.
Comser 7th Fleet reports effective from 15th August.
Mios Woendi discontinues as a fuelling harbour.

H.M.S. "TRIAS" - Departed Darwin 1100K/13th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1800K/19th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells 1230K/15th.
New York Force Organisation as from 12th August. T.G. 38.5
"KING GEORGE V" (VABFF. C.T.G. 38.5) "INDEFATIGABLE", "NEWFOUNDLAND" (C.S.4) "GAMBIA", "TROUBRIDGE", (D.24), "TUPSICHOPE", "TENACIOUS", "TERRAGENT", "TEAZER", "NAPIER" (D.7), "BARFLEUR", "WRANGLER", "WAKEFUL" "NIZAM". T.G. 37.3 consists of ships of T.F. 37 not in T.G. 38.5, C.T.G. 37.3, ACl, in "FORMIDABLE".

H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" - Departed Darwin 1200K/13th for Sydney via Townsville E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/17th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells.

H.M.S. "MILNE" - Departed Milne Bay 1200K/13th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1800K/19th. Sea 11.5.

H.M.A.S. "MADAGASCAR" - Reporting Force S.T. A.V.O. 16 based by H.M. Tug "MADAGASCAR" & "MADAGASCAR" H.M. Tug "LARK" is so. Reports Milne Bay P.N. 10th for U.S. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells and 300 K/Cs.

H.M. Tug "SALVATOR" - Departs Milne Bay 0600K/13th to join Force S.T.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINE" - Departed Townsville 0800K/13th for Lae E.T.A. 0900K/14th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells.

H.M.A.S. "DIN WID" - Departed Thursday Is. 1100K/13th for Hervey Bay E.T.A. 1200K/14th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells.

H.M.A.S. "DIN WID" - Departed Sydney 0800K/13th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/14th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells.

H.M.S. "RESEARCH" - Departed Sydney 1300K/13th for Darwin via Townsville E.T.A. Darwin 1800K/17th. Sea 11.5. Shifts from Cora to Bells.

H.M.S. "RESEARCH" - Departed Fremantle 1700K/13th for Colombo E.T.A. 1800K/14th. Sea 11.5.

H.M.S. "RESEARCH" - Departed Fremantle 0800K/13th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/14th. Sea 11.5. If necessary "RESEARCH" detached to fuel at Melbourne.

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- H.M.S. "CALGAR") - Departed E.I.S. 10th for Fremantle via Cocos Is. for
" "CAVENDISH") fuel. E.T.A. Cocos 1130K/14th. SOA. 18.
- L.C.I. 26 - Departed Leyte 1600K/11th for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/17th SOA. 11.
Guarding Manila Fox S.O.P.
- U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" - Departed Zamboanga 0700K/11th for Brisbane E.T.A.
1500K/24th. SOA 9.5/10.5. Guarding Manus Fox.
- L.C.I. 27 - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/11 for Guinan for 24 hours thence
Manus E.T.A. Guinan 12th Manus 18th. SOA 11/12. Guarding Manila
Fox.
- U.S.S. "HAAS" (D.E.424)) Departed Ulithi 0900K/12th for Hollandia E.T.A.
" "ODUM" (A.P.D.71)) - 14th. SOA 16.
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (A.K.A.12) - Departed Biak 0700K/12th for Manila E.T.A.
17th. SOA 14.5/16.
- L.S.T. 395 - Departed Hollandia 1745K/11th for Langemak E.T.A. 1400K/14th.
- H.M.A.S. "PIRIE") Departed Manus 1800K/11th for forward Ops. Area
" "CESSNOCK") E.T.A. 2200K/16th. SOA 10.5.
- H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE") Departed Manus 1600K/12th for Sydney via Jomard
" "UNDAUNTED") E.T.A. Jomard 0900K/14th Sydney 1000K/17th.
SOA 20. Guarding Bells.
- 4 L.S.T.'s - Departed Milne Bay 1220K/12th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/17th
SOA 8.5.
- H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH")
" "TOOWOOMBA")
escorting Force S.T.) Departs Milne Bay P.M. 13th for Manus.
A.F.D. 18 towed by) - SOA 4.5. Guarding Bells and 500 K/Cs.
- H.M. Tugs "SALVIATOR" &)
"INTEGRITY")
H.M. Tug "LARIAT" in Co.)
- H.M. Tug "SALVESTOR" - Departs Milne Bay 0600K/14th to join Force S.T.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Torokina 2025K/12th for Lae E.T.A.
0800K/14th. SOA 14. Guarding New Guinea Int.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - Departed Thursday Is. 1155K/12th for Moresby E.T.A.
1600K/14th. SOA 16. Guarding 2990 K/Cs.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Sydney 2022K/12th for Brisbane E.T.A.
0500K/15th SOA 9. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.S. "RESOURCE" - Departed Sydney 1548K/12th for Manus via Jomard
E.T.A. Jomard 1000K/17th Manus 1600K/19th. SOA 13. Guarding
Bells.
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Fremantle 1012K/12th for Colombo E.T.A.
1930K/18th. SOA 20.
- H.M.S. "GLORY") Departed Fremantle 0847K/11th for Sydney E.T.A.
" "WIZARD") - 0945K/16th. SOA 19. If necessary "WIZARD" detaches
to fuel at Melbourne.

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- U.S.S. PASSACONWAY (net layer) - Departed Bora Bora 0600K/11 for Manus, E.T.A. 26th (S.O.A. 10).
- L.S.T's. 462, 470 - Departed Munda 1200K/9 for Hollandia, E.T.A. 1300K/14 (S.O.A. 85).
- U.S.S. WETTANKE (tanker) - Departed Balikpapan 1211K/7 in Morotai convoy. Y.P. 639 Detaching Y.P. for Tarakan E.T.A. 2000K/9, WETTANKE for Zamboanga E.T.A. 1200K/11.
- U.S.S. ORCA (Seaplane tender) - Departs Hollandia p.m./13 for Samar, E.T.A. a.m./18.
- U.S.S. CHARLEVOIX (Cargo ship) - Departed Hollandia 1705K/10 for Manus, E.T.A. 1300K/12.
- U.S.S. WHIMBREL - Departed Manus 1430K/11 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0730K/16 (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. BLACK PRINCE - E.T.A. Manus 0900K/12 from forward ops. area.
H.M.S. UNDAUNTED - BLACK PRINCE departs 1600K/12 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1000K/17 (19.20).
- U.S.S. DAVIS (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Manus 0700K/10 for Hollandia, E.T.A. 0900K/11 (S.O.A. 16).
- H.M.A.S. YUNNAN - Departed Manus 1000K/11 for Leyte, E.T.A. 1100K/18.
- U.S.S. SUSQUEHANNA (tanker) - Departed Torokina 1500K/10 for Langenak, E.T.A. 1400K/12 (S.O.A. 11).
- U.S.S. CHETCO (Tug) - Departed Torokina 0800K/9 with tows for Manus, E.T.A. 16th (S.O.A. 4).
- H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH - Arrived Milne Bay 1117K/10.
towing H.M.A.S. NALIE
- H.M.A.S. ANACONDA (S.R.D.) - Departs Townsville 1300K/11 for Finschhafen, E.T.A. 1800K/16 for onward routing to Hollandia and Morotai (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK - Departed Sydney 0120K/11 for Bowen for bunkers thence Townsville for onward routing to Madang and Morotai (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. BENALLA
H.M.A.S. BHIRCA
H.M.A.S. BORSHAM
H.M.A.S. CASTLEMAINE
- Depart Cape Don area 1930K/11 for Darwin, E.T.A. 0500K/12.
- H.M.S. ARIADNE - Departed Fremantle 1855K/10 for Sydney, E.T.A. 0700K/16.
- H.M.S. GLORY - Departed Fremantle for Sydney, E.T.A. 0900K/16.
H.M.S. WIZARD
- M.L. 813, 817 - Departed Darwin 0740K/11 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1230K/14 for onward routing to Brisbane, thence M.L.807 to Sydney. Both for refit. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN - Departed Darwin 1942K/10 escorting BERSHIP - detaching for Morotai, E.T.A. 2200K/14. (S.O.A. 11, 15).

H.O.I.C. New Guinea states that a recent inspection of officers and accommodation at Torokina shows these to be in a deplorable state. All personnel under canvas, which is quite rotten and leaking badly. No accommodation is available for stores and galley and messing arrangements are most unhygienic - camp is widely scattered and difficult to administer. Army is carrying out certain improvements to officers' quarters but cannot undertake that for ships' company or offices.

As the urgent necessity for "PING-BO" at Moluccas appears to have diminished with taking over U.S. facilities, H.O.I.C. New Guinea strongly recommends ship should be sent Torokina for about two weeks before proceeding Moluccas area.

H.D.M.L. 1356 departed Cairns 0530K/11 for Willis Island to transport seriously injured man to Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" destroyed three enemy ammunition barges Koeang Passage on night of 8/9th - four native survivors. Specimen projectiles captured considered to be Japanese mortars.

H.M.S. "WESSEX" departs Auckland when ready for sea Friday 24th August for Sydney.

C. in C. B.P.F. has requested C.T.F. 112 to sail H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED" from Manus Direct to Auckland for refit.

Her ship "WILLIAM FOSTER COWAN", who was disabled due to lost rudder, has arrived Milne Bay in tow of H.M.S. "SALVATOR".

H.O.I.C. New Guinea has instructed V.D. Milne Bay to investigate the possibility of "FALIE" being towed in tandem with "TANCRED" on arrival of "CALEDONIAN SALVOR". If not practicable, "FALIE" to remain at Milne Bay until other arrangements can be made.

Com. Ser. 7th Fleet has directed "MERRAUR" to proceed from Morotai to Subic Bay to replenish forces of C.T.G. 74.1. Upon completion to proceed Brunei Bay, Tawi Tawi, Tarakan, Balikpapan and Morotai.

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To 0900K Saturday, 11th August.

- U.S.S. "PASSIAC" (Netlayer) - Departed Tutuila 0500K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/21 (SOA 10).
- U.S.S. "BARNWELL" (Attack Transport) } - Departed Leyte 1000K/10 for
U.S.S. "CHARLES BRANNON" (Destroyer Escort) } - Manus E.T.A. 1300K/14.
(SOA 15.5).
- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) - Departed Hollandia 0905K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1400K/18 (SOA 9.9).
- U.S.S. "GENERAL FREEMAN" (Transport) } Departed Hollandia 1118K/10 for
U.S.S. "GENTRY" (Destroyer Escort) } Leyte E.T.A. 1600K/13 for onward
routing Okinawa (SOA 16.5).
- A.P.C. 13 - Departed Hollandia 1515K/9 for Leyte E.T.A. 1100K/15.
- H.M.S. "INTEGRITY" - Departed Manus 1148K/9 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/12 (SOA 10).
- A.P.C. 98 - Departed Manus 0800K/10 for Guam E.T.A. 15th (SOA 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" } Departs Milne Bay 0800K/11 for Torokina
towing } - E.T.A. 1200K/15 (SOA 9.)
H.M.A.S. "GRIFFIN" }
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Milne Bay 0715K/10 for Madang E.T.A. 1400K/11. (SOA 17).
- H.M.A.S. "NYANIK" - Departs Brisbane for Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/15 for onward routing Morotai.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departs Brisbane 1900K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/12 (SOA 13.5).
- M.S.L. 706 - Departs Brisbane 1000K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/16 for onward routing Morotai.
- F.S.181 - Departs Brisbane 1500K/11 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/18 (SOA 11).
- H.M.S. "LEWES" - Departed Sydney 0730K/10 for Jarvis Bay E.T.A. 1700K/10 (SOA 15).
- H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" - Departed Sydney 0828K/9 for Jarvis Bay E.T.A. 1645K/10 exercising on route (SOA 20).
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Departed Port Kembla 1130K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1930K/10 (SOA 4.5).
- H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departs Darwin A.M./13 for Fremantle. To restore navigational aids along coast en route - calling at Onslow if necessary for fuel.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departs Morotai 0800K/11 for Darwin E.T.A. 1630K/15. (SOA 11).
- H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" - Departed Langemak 0855K/9 for Lae E.T.A. 0600K/9.

ComSer Seventh Fleet informs C.T.G. 74.1 that "MERKUR" could not arrive Subic Bay by 14th August. Has allocated U.S.N. stocks at Subic Bay to replenish H.M.A. Ships.

ComSer Seventh Fleet has amended "KANIMBLA's" programme as follows. After completion of loading at Subic Bay to proceed Morotai and embark reinforcements for Tarakan. To embark long service personnel at Tarakan and again at Balikpapan thence proceed to Brisbane.

*A. M. Baker**5/CK-M 1073*

as at 0900K/Friday 10th August, 1945.

- H.M.S. CONDRAY } E.T.D. Colombo 11th Aug. for Enslow via Cocos for fuel.
EGGSFORD)
- H.M.S. BLACK PRINCE } Departed forward Ops. Area 6th for Manus via Guam.
UNDAUNTED) E.T.A. Guam 0600K/10th. Departs for Manus 0800K/10th.
SOA. 18.
- H.M.S. ARBITER }
CHASER } Departed forward Ops. Area 7th for Manus. SOA. 14.5.
WOODCOCK }
H.M.A.S. QUIBERON }
GLENARTNEY }
WAVE KING }
- H.M.S. REDFOLK }
BERG } CORINDA }
H.M.N.Z.S. ARBUTUS } ROBT. MAERSK } Departed forward Ops. area 7th for Manus
DINGLEDALE } S.O.A. 8.5.
- 9 L.S.T's - Departed Leyte 0900K/9th for Emirau E.T.A. 17th thence to
Hollandia. SOA. 9. Guard Manus Fox until 1000K/10th then
Manila Fox. 1 L.S.T. No.26 detaches at Emirau and proceeds
to Torokina thence Hollandia E.T.A. Torokina 19th.
- U.S.S. POINSETT (AK-205) Departed Leyte 0800K/8th for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/14th
S.O.A. 10/11 shifts from Manus Fox to Manila Fox
1000K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. RESERVE Departed Morotai 1000K/9th for Madang E.T.A. 1000K/14th
S.O.A. 10. Guarding New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. STRAHAN } Departs Morotai 0700K/10th for Darwin E.T.A. 1900K/13th
BOWEN } SOA 12. Shifts from New Guinea Int. to Cora approx.
2000K/11th. On arrival to report for escort duty Darwin
to Morotai.
- U.S.S. LAVACA (APA-180) Departed Blak 1100K/9th for Lingayen E.T.A. 14th.
escorted by } SOA. 15/17.5. Guards Manus Fox.
PARLE (DE-708) }
- H.M.A.S. TANGALOONA Departed Oro Bay 0715K/9th for Langemak E.T.A. P.M.11th
SOA.8. Anchoring at night.
- L.S.T's 557 and 774 Departed Russells 0700K/9th for Ulithi E.T.A. 18th
SOA. 9. Guarding Manus Fox.
- H.M.S. HELFORD Departed Brisbane 1600K/9th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A.
Jomard 0600K/13th Manus 1300K/15. SOA.12. Guards Bells.
- TUG ST.GILES } Departed Newcastle 0955K/8th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1400K/13th
with tows } SOA. 6.
- H.M.A.S. BINCHGROVE PARK Departs Sydney for Bowen to arrive about 16th Aug.
- H.M.SUB. VIRTUE } Departs sub. R/V position 1600K/10th for Jervis Bay
escorted by } E.T.A. 0030K/11th SOA. 8.
H.M.A.S. KYBRA }
- H.M.S. GLORY } E.T.A. Fremantle 1100K/10th.
WIZARD }
- H.M.S. ARIADNE E.T.A. Fremantle 45 hours late.

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N.O.I.C. MOLUCCAS advises change over date of activities at Morotai to R.A.N. 1st Sept. Departed Celebes 7th for Fommelle S.T.A. 0700K/4th. Sea 10. Sailing to Dala 1000K/12th.

V.A.(Q) B.P.F. propose to commission tug "ROCKWING" as an H.M.Ship for service at Manus. Ship now at Brisbane.

U.S.S. "ANSON" (AG-38) - Departed Celebes 7th for Fommelle S.T.A. 0700K/4th. Sea 10. Sailing to Dala 1000K/12th.

C.IN C. B.P.F. requests we continue to employ H.M.S. "BARTHORPE" at Brisbane or elsewhere in Australia as we may require.

"VENUS" (U.S.L.S.) - Departed Davao 1200K/7th for Morotai S.T.A. 1000K/10th.

C.IN C. B.P.F. advise Flag of Rear Admiral Daniels, as B.S.I., will be hoisted in "ANSON" at 0800K/12th August.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/5th to assist "TANCRED" Sea 10. Sailing to Dala 1000K/12th.

N.O.I.C. MOLUCCAS advises "STRAHAN" sank 1 barge in vicinity of Biere Is. 3 survivors.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" - Departed Morotai 0800K/5th for Thursday Is. S.T.A. 0800K/7th. Sea 7. Sailing to Dala 1000K/12th.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA reports that engine room of "TANCRED" is badly damaged but it may be possible later to get starboard engine going. "FALIE" is still standing by and if possible "TANCRED" will proceed Oro Bay. Badly burnt 2nd Eng. has been flown ashore by Catalina for medical attention. "CAMERIAN SALVOR" has been despatched from Langemak to give any possible assistance. R.T.A. 0400K/9th.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" - Departed Morotai 0800K/5th for Brisbane for 8/12 to Dala S.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/12th. Sea 7.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" - Departed Morotai 0800K/5th for Thursday Island S.T.A. 1000K/12th Sea 7. Sailing to Dala 1000K/12th. Thursday Is. 10

N.O.I.C. MOROTAI reports U.S.S. "VENUS" reflected at 0600K/7th.

N.O.I.C. MOROTAI advises the taking over date of "VENUS" (0800K/12th) is about 12th August.

Cdr. Vth Fleet advises it is satisfactory to substitute "TANCRED" in P.S. for 2nd Sept. for 2nd Sept. and to grant "AUSTRALIA" availability of 1 month.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" New Guinea reports "TANCRED" severely damaged by fire. Engines reported inoperable. All fires out and "FALIE" standing by. Casualties not yet known.

R.M.A.S. "TANCRED" reports also the date of transfer of "TANCRED" to Dala 1000K/12th.

As at 0900K/Thursday, 9th August, 1945.

- H.M.S. "BELFAST") - Departed Colombo 7th for Fremantle E.T.A. 0700K/4th.
 " "BERWICK") - SOA 20. Shifts to Bells 1900K/11th.
- H.M.S. "HART")
 " "ERNE")
 " "AMETHYST") - E.T.D. Colombo 11th August for Darwin.
 " "BLACKSWAN")
 " "WIDEMOUTH BAY")
- U.S.S. "ANNE ARUNDEL" (Transport)) Departed Leyte 0900K/8th for Manus
 " "TINSMAN" (DR)) - E.T.A. 1200K/12th. SOA 15.
- U.S.S. "SAN SABA" (Attack Transport) - Departed Leyte 0900K/7th for Manus
 E.T.A. 11th. SOA 15/16. Shifts to Manila Fox 1001K/10th.
- "MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) - Departed Hollandia 1900K/7th for Morotai E.T.A.
 1400K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA") Departed Madang 0600K/8th for Milne Bay E.T.A.
 towing) - 1200K/10th SOA 9.5. Guarding New Guinea Int.SOP.
 H.M.A.S. "AMOHINE")
- H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" - Departed Milne Bay 0954K/8th to assist "TANCRED"
 SOA 13. Guarding New Guinea Int.
- H.M.S. "SALVESTER" - Departed Milne Bay 0730K/8th to assist Liberty Ship
 "W.F. COWAN" disabled in position 12°18' S., 152°05' E., SOA 11,
 Guards 500 K/Cs.
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed Moresby 0621 K/7th for Thursday Is. E.T.A.
 0800K/9th. SOA 7. Guards 500 K/Cs SOP.
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departed Thursday Is. 0800K/8th for Moresby E.T.A.
 1500K/11th. SOA 7. Guarding 500 K/Cs S.O.P.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - E.T.A. Brisbane 1500K/9th August.
- U.S.S. "TAURUS" - Departed Auckland 0500K/6th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1001K/
 17th. SOA 11.2/12.2. Shifts from Late to Manus Fox 2200K/11th.
- G.P.V.'s 954 and 955 O Departed Sydney 0650K/8th for Brisbane for O/R
 to Madang E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/11th. Soa 7.
- B.Y.M.S.'s 2064 and 2153 - Departed Darwin 0804K/8th for Thursday Island
 E.T.A. 1030K/11th Soa 9.5. Guarding Cora. 2 O.P. N.O.I.C.
 Thursday Is. to provide O/R to Brisbane.
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- N.O.I.C. Torokina reports U.S.S. "UNICOI" refloated at 0800K/
 7th.
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- N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises the taking over date of "BINGARRA"
 (coal hulk) is about 12th August.
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- Com. 7th Fleet advises it is satisfactory to substitute
 "MANCORA" (R.F.S. 5th Sept.) for 2nd lift and to grant "WESTRALIA"
 availability of 1 month.
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- N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports "TANCRED" severely damaged by fire.
 Engines reported unserviceable. All fires out and "PALIE" standing by.
 Casualties not yet known.
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- N.O.I.C. Townsville reports time and date of transfer of
 "MATTHEW FLINDERS" was 0900K/8th August.

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 8th August.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL ERNST"(Transport) - Departed Balboa 0900K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 28th thence Philippines.
- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS"(Sloop) - Departs Colombo 9th August for Darwin to join B.P.F.
- U.S.S. "POLANA"(Attack Cargo) - Departed Espiritu Santo 0610K/6 for Samar E.T.A. 1300K/15 (SOA 14, 15).
- U.S.S. "ANTRIM"(Cargo Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 14th (SOA 10, 11).
- U.S.S. "BASSETT" (Destroyer Transport) - Departed Leyte 1900K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/10 (SOA 14.5).
- A.T.A. 177 - Departed Leyte 1600K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/11 (SOA 10.5).
- U.S.S. "CORCAROLI"(Cargo Ship) - Departed Leyte 1300K/4 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 1600K/15 (SOA 9.5).
- P.C. 492, P.C.E. 842) Departed Brunei Bay in convoy 1100K/6
L.S.T.473) detaching L.S.T. for Leyte E.T.A.
U.S.S. "BEAVERHEAD"(Cargo Ship)) - 0800K/10.
U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO"(Tanker)) L.S.T. for Leyte E.T.A.0800K/10.
"BEAVERHEAD" for Tawi Tawi E.T.A. 0800K/9.
"KALAMAZOO" for Zamboanga E.T.A. 1800K/9.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Departs Balikpapan 1100K/7 with convoy for Morotai E.T.A. 1200K/10.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departs Morotai 0700K/8 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0800K/11.
- H.M.A.S. "GLEMELG" - Departs Morotai 0700K/8 for Darwin E.T.A.1300K/12 for docking.
- A.T.A. 123) Departed Hollandia 1120K/7 for
towing barge and) - Leyte E.T.A. 1900K/17 (SOA 5.5).
U.S.S. "ANTELOPE"(unclassified))
- U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Hollandia 2215K/6 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 0600K/11.
- U.S.S. "ALHENA"(Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 1200K/6 for Finchafen E.T.A. 0700K/7.
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK") Departed Manus 1600K/6 for Guam E.T.A.
H.M.S. "WAGER") - 0930K/9 (SOA 18).
H.M.S. "WHELP")
- U.S.S. "CHARLES CARROL"(Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 1600K/6 for San Francisco E.T.A. 23rd (SOA 14.5, 15.5).
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA"(Tanker) - Departed Emirau 1000K/6 for Torokina E.T.A. 0700K/8 (SOA 11).
- U.S.S. "CHETCO"(Tug) - Departed Treasury 0700K/6 with tows for Torokina E.T.A. 0800K/7.
- H.M.A.S. "MULCRA" (A.S.C.) - Departed Madang 1200K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 1800K/6 for onward routing to Lae, Jacquinot Bay and Torokina.

H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" - Departs Townsville 0600K/8 for Cairns E.T.A. 1700K/9. (SOA 8).

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1517K/6 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/11 for onward routing to East Indies Station (SOA 19).

M.L.'s 813, 807 - Depart Darwin 11th August for Brisbane and Sydney respectively for refit.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" reported at 0605K/8 that tug "TANCRED" was on fire and ships company were aboard "FALIE" - "will attempt to board again if fire lessens. Assistance is urgently required" also medical assistance for patient with burns. Position one mile from Ham Reef. No departure signal from Langemak yet received but "TANCRED" was to tow "FALIE" Langemak to Townsville. All interested Authorities informed.

C.C.A.S. informs F.O.I.C. Sydney that at present rate of failure due to erosion and wastage, "HOBART" will have no spare evaporator coils by end of October. Unless coils are supplied to ship in November she will no longer be operational.

N.O.I.C. Darwin states that the provision of a water lighter would greatly accelerate traffic of "GOLDEN MEADOWS" at present broken down at Darwin would suit admirably and could be prepared in one week. Requests A.C.N.B.'s earnest consideration.

C. in C. B.P.F. states that the extent of operations from now until at least the end of October will be primarily governed by the availability of fleet attendant fuel tankers. Priority of all categories of work required to make these ships operationally available in the shortest time is to be given before work in all other B.P.F. and fleet train ships except C.V.'s and C.V.L.'s.

N.O.I.C. Torokina reports that U.S.S. "UNICOI", unclassified, is aground at Green Is. Tug "CHETCO" has been despatched from Torokina to assist - no further assistance required at present. "UNICOI" was on passage Manus-Torokina via Green Is.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests N.O.I.C. Brisbane sail "VENDETTA" and "SWAN" to Madang when ready.

C.E.F. proposes refit of "TAMWORTH" be postponed in order to meet other requirements and also in view of the number of escort vessels expected on station.

To 0900K Tuesday, 7th August. *6/18* *1/18* *11/18* *11-7/18*

A.T.R.'s 77, 87 (Rescue Tugs) Departed Russells 1200K/4 for Manus E.T.A.
 A.T.A. 216 (Ocean Tug)) 11th for fuel thence Leyte E.T.A. 22nd.
 All with tows (SOA 6).

U.S.S. "TALITA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Ulithi 1500K/5 for Manus E.T.A.
 9th.

U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Store Ship) - Departed Tarakan 1600K/4 for Tawi Tawi
 E.T.A. 1000K/5.

U.S.S. "TOWNER" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Hollandia 2200K/5 for Manila
 E.T.A. 1100K/10 (SOA 15. 16).

12 L.S.T.'s) - Departed Hollandia 1800K/5 in convoy for Manila E.T.A.
 11 L.C.T.'s) - 1600K/16.

L.S.T. 66 - Departed Hollandia 1015K/5 for Batangas E.T.A. 0600K/13
 (SOA 9).

H.M.S. "STRIKER") On passage Manus - forward operational area, have
 H.M.S. "NEPAL") - been ordered to return to Manus forthwith.

F.S. 149 - Departed Manus 1000K/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/8 (SOA 9).

F.S. 159 - Departed Manus 1100K/6 for Emirau E.T.A. 0700K/7.

U.S.S. "TAMALPAIS" (Oiler) - Departed Manus 1000K/6 for Leyte E.T.A.
 10th. (SOA 14.5, 15.5).

L.S.T. 458 - Departed Manus 1300K/5 for Samar E.T.A. 12th. (SOA 9).

U.S.S. "TODD" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Langemak 1115K/5 for Hollandia
 E.T.A. 0700K/7.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/7 for Torokina E.T.A.
 1700K/11. (SOA 14).

H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departs Brisbane 2100K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/13.
 (SOA 11.5).

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 0920K/6 for exercises in Twofold
 Bay Area. (SOA 9).

H.M.S. "TUSCAN" - Departed Sydney 1405K/6 for exercises in Jervis Bay
 Area E.T.A. 1830K/6. (SOA 20).

H.M.A.S. "STELLA" - Departed Darwin 1405K/6 for Wyndham E.T.A. 0630K/8
 for survey duties.

 C. in C. B.P.F. has requested that B.Y.M.S. 2053 and 2064
 be sailed to Brisbane to join "KELAUTAN" - V.A.(Q) to arrange necessary
 refit and repairs. -----

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports following completion dates :-

"VENDETTA" 17th August

"SWAN" E.T.D. will be nearer end of August or early

September.

"DELORAIN" E.T.D. 14th August subject to satisfactory
 sea trials commencing 10th August.

Suspected influenza epidemic :-

"SHROPSHIRE" reports incidents of cases is falling and severity of infection is generally less.

N.O.I.C. Townsville informs O.C.H.B. :-

"In view of reduction of N.C.S. officers in the north-eastern area to a minimum, and the fact that Townsville Chart Depot issues charts to other N.C.S.O.'s in the area and also effects correction, it is considered premature at this stage to close down the depot. Such a step has previously been contemplated and will again be considered if present requirements decrease to any extent".

C. in C. B.P.F. states that when trawlers "AROMA" and "WAIPU" join the B.P.F. shortly, it is intended that they shall be employed on exercise duties at Jervis Bay, returning normally to Port Kembla for coal and provisions.

It is also intended that "LEWES" and "GUARDIAN" should visit Port Kembla during gaps in exercise period when they do not require to return to Sydney for fuel and stores. A.C.N.B.'s concurrence is requested in the use of Port Kembla for these ships.

R.A.F.T. informs C.E.F. B.P.F. that "TAMWORTH" can be sailed for refit at Adelaide, after return to Manus on completion of present duty about 12th August providing her absence does not interfere with future escort requirements.

C. in C. B.P.F. regrets that 180th B.Y.M.S. Flotilla cannot be made available for minesweeping of Balikpapan harbour and approaches. It has been found that the first two B.Y.M.S. are in need of a refit after their long boyage, also at the period after such refit it will not be possible to divert the necessary support (including "SPRINGDALE") for these vessels - further the B.Y.M.S. themselves will be required for service in B.P.F. anchorages.

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AS at 0900K/Monday, 6th August, 1945.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL BLATCHFORD" - Departed Balboa 0700K/3rd for Philippines via Hollandia E.T.A. Hollandia 26th Soa 15/16 shifts to Manus Fox 1001K/24th.
- H.M.S. "SPEAKER")
"QUEENBOROUGH") - Departed forward Ops. Area for Manus 1st. Soa 14.5
- H.M.S. "YLYSSES")
H.M.A.S. "PIRIE") - Departs forward Ops. Area for Manus 12th Soa 9.
- H.M.S. "ODZANI")
"WAREL" EMPEROR") - Departed forward Ops. Area for Eniwetok 2nd. Soa 14.5.
- U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammunition Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/4th for Manus E.T.A. 15th Soa 8. Guarding Manus Fox.
- 4 P.G.M.'s - Departed Leyte 1400K/4 for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/6th. Soa 15. Guarding Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departed Balikpapan 1700K/3rd for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/7th.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Morotai 0701K/6th for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/11th. Soa 10.5. Guarding Bells cont.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE")
towing "TRINGA" and) - Departed Hollandia 1400K/4th for Morotai E.T.A. 1900K/8th. Soa 9.5. Guarding New Guinea Int. S.O.P. L.C.M.
- A.P.C. 3 - Departed Hollandia 1510K/5th for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/7th Guarding Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "ADMIRAL HUGHES" - Departed Hollandia 1810K/4th for San Francisco E.T.A. 17th August. Soa 18.5/20.5.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Manus 1400K/5th for Torokina E.T.A. 1100K/7th. Soa 15. Guarding New Guinea Int.
- H.M.A.S. "TANGALOOMA" - Departed Milne Bay 0715K/4th for Langemak thence Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. Langemak P.M. 9th Soa 7. Guarding New Guinea Int. S.O.P.
- L.S.T. 465 - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1001K/4th for Emirau thence Manus E.T.A. Emirau 1100K/6th Soa 9. Guarding Manus Fox.
- A.P.C. 33)
escorting) - Departed Green Is. 1145K/4th for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/7th 4 L.C.T.'s) Soa 5. Guarding 2716 K/es.
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" - Departs Thursday Island 0800K/6th for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/9th Soa 9. Guarding Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "ANACONDA" - Departed Brisbane 1900K/5th for Townsville for O/R to Morotai. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/9th. Soa 8. Guarding 500 K/Cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Sydney 0945K/5th for Milne Bay, Madang, Woendi and Morotai. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/9th. Soa 17. Guarding Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA")
H.M.A.S. "BATHURST") - Departed Darwin 0731K/5th for Morotai E.T.A. 1900K/9th. Soa 10. Shifts from Cora to New Guinea Int. 1630K/7th. Escorting Mership.
- H.M.A.S. "STELLA" - Departs Darwin 1400K/6th for Wyndham E.T.A. to be reported. Guards Cora. To carry out survey operations Wyndham Area.

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As at 0900K/Sunday, 5th August, 1945.

- H.M.S. "GLORY") - Departed E.I.S. 1600K/3rd for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/11th
 " "WIZARD") SOA.17. Shifts to Bells 0800K/8th.
- H.M.S. "BERWICK") - Depart Colombo 7th and 8th Aug. resp. for Fremantle.
 " "BELFAST")
- H.M.S. "PINDHORN") - Departed Eniwetok 1630K/3rd for forward Ops.Area
 " "WAVE EMPEROR") E.T.A. 0400K/9th SOA. 12.75.
- U.S.S. "BUTTERNUT" (net tender) - Departed Leyte 1354K/2nd for Manus E.T.A.
 9th SOA. 10. Guards Manus Fox.
- A.T.R. 80 - Departed Leyte 0900K/4th for Manus 1400K/10th SOA. 10. Guards
 Manus Fox.
- L.S.T's 397 & 395 - Departed Morotai 1800K/3rd for Wakde thence Hollandia
 E.T.D. Wakde 0700K/7th. Hollandia 9th SOA. 8.5
 Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" - Departed Morotai 1130K/3rd for Tarakan E.T.A. 6th.
- L.C.I. 448 - Departed Biak 1200K/3rd for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/5th thence
 Leyte. SOA. 12. Guarding C.T.F. 76 Dog.
- H.M.S. "STRIKER") - Departed Manus 0600K/4th for forward Ops. Area E.T.A.
 H.M.A.S. "NEPAL") 0400K/12th SOA. 14.5.
- U.S.S. "LUNA" - Departed Manus 1600K/3rd for Eniwetok E.T.A. 8th.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" - Departed Manus 1400K/4th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/8th
 SOA. 17/18. Shifts from Manus Fox to Bells 1000K/6th.
- H.M.A.S. "POPRERO" - Departed Langemak 0703K/3rd for Madang E.T.A. 6th.
 Guards New Guinea Inter S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed Milne Bay 0430K/3rd for Port Moresby E.T.A.
 P.M. 4th. SOA. 8. Guarded New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.
- L.S.T. 920 - Departed Russells 0700K/3rd for Ulithi E.T.A. 13th SOA. 8.5
 Shifts from Lote to Manus Fox 1000K/5th.
- Y.P. 233 - Departed Wunda 1100K/2nd for Brisbane 1800K/8th. SOA. 8. Guards
 Manus Fox to 12° S. thence Bells.
- H.M.A. Lugger CATHERINE R. - Departed Thursday Is. 1200K/3rd. R.M.S. party
 aboard to investigate mines in Area and also
 to search for missing U.S. small ship "VEIYA".
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departed Thursday Is. 0934K/3rd for Cairns E.T.A.
 26th Aug. Guards 500 K/cs S.O.P. servicing
 lights enroute.
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA") - Departed Thursday Is. 1015K/4th for survey
 " "HORSHAM") between Melville Is. and Carpentaria light
 " "ECHUCA") vessel. To call at Thursday Is. or Darwin for
 " "CASTLEMAINE") stores and fuel as necessary.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Townsville 1430K/3rd for Sydney E.T.A.
 1100K/6th SOA. 16. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA") - Departs Townsville 1000K/5th for Brisbane E.T.A.
 towing "STINGRAY") A.M. 10th. SOA. 6. "URALBA" guards 500 K/cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - Departed Sydney 0936K/4th for Adelaide E.T.A. 1000K/8th
 SOA. 12. Guarding Bells.
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Sydney 1706K/3rd for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/5th.
 SOA. 11.5. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Melbourne 1445K/4th for Fremantle E.T.A.
 0300K/11th. SOA. 10.5.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" - Departed Melbourne 2035K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/7th SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") - E.T.D. Darwin for Morotai 0730K/5th Escorting
" "BATHURST")
" "GYMPIE") - Escorting merchant ship.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) - Departed Melbourne 1800K/31 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/31 SOA 8.2

COM. 7TH FLEET reports an enemy hospital ship was boarded and found with contraband munitions. Vessel was seized and is being brought to Morotai escorted by 2 destroyers.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Melbourne 1800K/31 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/31 SOA 11

H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) - Departed Melbourne 1700K/30 for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/30 SOA 11

O.C.H.B. asks N.O.I.C. Thursday Island can "GLORIA" be made available to assist "CAPE LEEUWIN" in servicing lights vicinity Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) - Departed Melbourne 1700K/30 for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/30 SOA 11

H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" requests she be sailed via Sydney to enable Gardner Diesel, which has been repaired in Sydney to be installed.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) - Departed Melbourne 1800K/31 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/31 SOA 11

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H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) - Arrived on day 1800K/31 after transport had been collected from port.

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S. In G. East India includes U.S. Transport "GENERAL CHILMOT" and "GENERAL PATRICK" will from California about 300 degrees for Trincomalee. "GENERAL PATRICK" should be New York via West and "GENERAL CHILMOT" to Trincomalee.

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C/S*To 0900K Saturday, 4th August.

- H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed East Indies Station 1137K/2 for Cocos Is. E.T.A. 0930K/5 thence Fremantle E.T.A. 1000K/8 (SOA 23).
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" - Departs Samar 1800K/2 for Manila E.T.A. 0900K/4.
- U.S.S. "HIMATSA" (Fleet Tug) - Departed Subic Bay 1200K/2 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/9 (SOA 12.5, 13.5).
- U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Supply Ship) - Departed Davao 1900K/31 for Tarakan E.T.A. 1300K/3 (SOA 9.5).
- U.S.S. "GENTRY" (Destroyer Escort) - Departed Leyte 1100K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/5 (16).
- H.M.S. "SEANIMPH" (Submarine)) Departed Leyte 0700K/3 for Manus escorted by) - E.T.A. 0600K/9 (SOA 11)
U.S.S. "DAVIS" (Destroyer Escort)
- U.S.S. "SAKATONGHEE" (Tanker) - Departed Balikpapan 1707K/30 for Tamboanga E.T.A. 0700K/2.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" - Departs Morotai 1430K/2 for Tarakan E.T.A. 2030K/4 (SOA 12). To relieve "STRAHAN" who sails for Morotai.
- U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Supply Ship) - Departed Manus 1700K/2 for Manila E.T.A. 7th (SOA 15.16)
- U.S.S. "VIRGO" (Tug) - Departed Manus 1800K/2 with tows for Leyte E.T.A. 12th (SOA 7).
- U.S.S. "LUNA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Manus 1600K/3 for Eniwetok E.T.A. 8th (SOA 10. 11)
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE") Departed Wewak 1100K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. towing) - 1500K/3 (SOA 10).
H.M.A.S. "TRINGA")
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- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Torokina 1118K/31 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1700K/5(1).
- U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" (Attack Transport) - Arrived Oro Bay 1045K/2 after Tugs "TANCRED", "CAMBRIAN SALVOR") - transport had been refloated from reef.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departs Brisbane 1200K/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/9 for onward routing Torokina (SOA 11).
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - Departed Sydney 2230K/2 for Swansea E.T.A. 0700K/3 to collect tows for return Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" - Departed Port Kembla 0001K/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/3.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departs Melbourne 1200K/4 for Fremantle for refit.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departed Hobart 0900K/3 for Port Arthur. Departs Port Arthur 0900K/4 for Port Phillip E.T.A. 2200K/5 via Banks Strait (SOA 12).

C. in C. East Indies intends U.S. Transports "GENERAL COLLINS" and "GENERAL PATRICK" sail from Calcutta about 6th August for Trincomalee. "GENERAL PATRICK" thence to New York via Suez and "GENERAL COLLINS" to Fremantle.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends following training programme for "YANDRA".

- A.M. 13th sail for Townsville
- P.M. 18th sail for Sydney
- A.M. 27th arrive Sydney

ship exercising en route as necessary.

N.O.I.C. Darwin informs N.O.I.C. Fremantle that "PARKES" operational commitments will be completed by 11th August and ship will be available for restoration of navigational aids along coast.

V.A.(Q) requests that H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS", when ready about 10th August, be sailed from Fremantle north-about to Manus.

C.N.S.B. Balikpapan requests date R.A.N. personnel will be available to take over Port Director duties at Balikpapan and also advice what U.S.N. material and equipment will be required by R.A.N.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has ordered H.M.A.S. "STANWELL" to cease search for submarine sighted in Celebes Sea.

O.C.H.B. instructs H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" at present on passage Port Moresby - Manus, to proceed forthwith to Thursday Island to assist "CAPE LERUWIN" in inspection and maintenance of Torres Strait Lights.

- H.M.A.S. "TERRIBLE" departed Sydney 1800/2nd for exercises
- H.M.A.S. "TIGER" departed Sydney 1800/2nd for Jervis Bay R.A.N.
- H.M.A.S. "KORANGAL" departed Port Moresby 1800/1st with base for Sydney R.A.N. 1/10/42
- Arrival of "YANDRA" from Townsville to Sydney delayed owing to inability to provide ballast for superstructure. 2/10/42 for 1/10/42.
- H.M.A.S. "TERRIBLE" after trials departed Depotown 1800/2nd for Cackin
- H.M.A.S. "TERRIBLE" departed Depotown 1800/2nd for Sydney R.A.N. 1/10/42
- H.M.A.S. "TERRIBLE" departed 1800/3 for Townsville R.A.N. P.M. 1/10/42 for onward routing to Manus (10/10/42).

Following lists for "AUSTRALIA" and "SIRIBINA" have been set out by Under 7th Class

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To 0900K/Friday, 3rd August, 1945.

U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" (Store Ship) departed Subic Bay 1800K/1st for Hollandia E.T.A. 9th (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "ALHENA" (Cargo ship) departed Leyte 0748K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 5th (SOA.14).

P.C. 495 } Departed Brunei Bay 1100K/2 for Leyte E.T.A. A.M./7th.
S.C. 982 }
+ 5 LCM's }

H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" Departed Balikpapan 1700K/29 for Morotai E.T.A. 1300K/2nd.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" Arrived Balikpapan 1200K/31st escorting mership.
6 LST's departed Morotai 1000K/2nd for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0800K/9.
(SOA.8.5).

U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE" (Cargo ship) departed Hollandia 0745K/1st for Manila E.T.A. 0600K/9.

U.S.S. "TODD" (Attack cargo) departed Manus 1000K/2nd for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0900K/3. (SOA.15.16).

H.M.A.S. "STERNA" Departed Townsville 1215K/1st for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/5th. (SOA.8).

H.M.A.S. "HAWK" (Departs Townsville 1200K/3 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/7 (SOA.7.5).

M.S.L. 706 departed Sydney 1338K/2nd for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/5 for onward routing Morotai (SOA.7).

H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE") Departed Sydney 1000K/2nd for exercises
H.M.S. "TUSCAN") Sydney - Jervis Bay area.

H.M.S. "GUARDIAN" Departed Sydney 0829K/2nd for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1800K/2nd. (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" Departed Port Kembla 1530K/1st with tows for Sydney E.T.A. 1530K/2nd.

Sailing of "URALBA" from Townsville to Sydney delayed owing to inability to provide ballast for seaworthiness. E.T.D. now 6th August.

H.M.S. "FENCER" after refit departed Capetown 1540K/31 for Cochin.

H.M.S. "WHIRLWIND" Departed Auckland 0800K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/5 (SOA.18.5).

M.S.L. 705 departs Brisbane 1600K/3 for Townsville E.T.A. P.M.7th. for onward routing to Madang (SOA.6).

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Following lifts for "WESTRALIA" and "KANIMBLA" have been set out by ComSer 7th Fleet.

"WESTRALIA" (A) From Brisbane to Morsol ports to Leyte then return Australia, as required by Australian Army.

(B) To proceed Fremantle to Philippines thence return Australia, as required by Australian Army.

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"KANIMELA" (A) After present lift at Subic to return to Brisbane as required by Australian Army to load for Manus and Philippine discharge. Thence to Milne Bay Subic Bay, Manus and return Philippine after which available to Australian army for southbound trip to Australia.

(B) To proceed with Australian personnel for New Guinea and Leyte discharge collecting U.S. personnel at Milne Bay, Hollandia and Morotai. After Philippine discharge return Australia as required by Australian Army.

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N.O.L.C. Fremantle reports that E.T.A. at Darwin of "WINNILYA" under tow and escort of "WARRNAMBOOL" is 1st September and requests O.C.H.B. confirms "WINNILYA" is to be sailed Darwin and not Wyndham.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that target date of change over of Port Directorate at Tarakan is 5th August - personnel have been despatched.

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Mer ship "REIJNST" on passage Morotai - Tarakan reported sighting a periscope at 0825K/2nd in a position approx. 310 miles east of Tarakan. N.O.I.C. Moluccas has instructed H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" to proceed to the position of sighting and investigate and has also requested action by air authorities.

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H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" proposes boiler cleaning at Townsville E.T.A. A.M./9th.

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In view of the fact that H.M.A.S. "PARKES" cannot be accepted at Fremantle for refit until August 20th, N.O.I.C. Fremantle requests N.O.I.C. Darwin's reconsideration as to use of "PARKES" for restoration of navigational aids on Australian coast to peacetime conditions, otherwise this job must remain in abeyance until some other suitable vessel is available.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 2nd August, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" } Departed Eniwetok 1500K/31st for forward
 H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" } operational area E.T.A. 0400K/8th August.
 H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" } SOA.9.5. "TAMWORTH" to be relieved by "USK"
 "SAN AMBROSIO" } delayed 12 hours.
 H.M.A.S. "ADOLFO" }
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (AKA-12) Departed Leyte 1700K/31 for Pinschhafen E.T.A. 1300K/5th August SOA.15/16. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "TAKELMA" (ATF-113) departed Leyte 0805K/31st for Manus E.T.A. 4th August. SOA.14.5/15. Guards Manus Fox.
- F.S. 159 departed Hollandia 0915K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/3rd August. Guards Manus Fox S.O.P.
- U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) Departed Manus 1400K/31st for Terokina E.T.A. 0600K/3rd August. SOA.10.5/11.5. Guards Manus Fox.
- ATR. 31) Departed Manus 1500K/31st for Subic Bay via Morotai. E.T.A. and tows) Morotai 1100K/10th August.
- U.S.S. "LAVACA" (APA-180) departed Manus 1200K/1st for Lee E.T.A. 1300K/2nd SOA.15/16. Guards Manus-Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" Departed Madang 1400K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/2nd. SOA.9. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" departed Madang 1300K/1st for Wewak E.T.A. 0700K/2nd thence to Hollandia and Morotai. Guards N/G Inter. S.O.P.
- U.S.S. "TRINITY" departed Milne Bay 1425K/31st for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/4th SOA.10. Guards Manus Fox.
- LST. 694 departed Russells 1300K/31st for Ulithi for O/R to Okinawa E.T.A. Ulithi 9th SOA.9. Shifts to Manus Fox from Lote.
- 12LEM's departed Tulagi 0600K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 5th thence to be O/R to Samar. SOA.10.5. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/3rd. Position at 1815K/1st 10°34'S. 142°07'E. SOA.16.
- H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR") Departed Cairns 1500K/1st for Townsville E.T.A. towing) 2000K/3rd. Anchoring at nights.
 H.M.A.S. "STINGRAY")
- H.M.A.S. "HAWK" departed Cairns 1015K/1st for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/2nd.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" Departed Townsville 0600K/2nd for Thursday Island. via Cairns, Cooktown, and Portland Roads for fuel E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/2nd. SOA.16. Guards 2990K/cs. 2 O.P. Thursday Island to provide O/R to Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" Departed Townsville 1800K/1st for Darwin E.T.A. 1500K/5th SOA.15. Shifts from Bells to Core 0600K/4th.
- HMML.1356 departed Brisbane 1100K/2nd for Townsville via Gladstone. E.T.A. Gladstone 1700K/3rd. Townsville 1730K/7th for O/R to Madang. SOA.9. Guards 500K/cs S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" E.T.D. Melbourne was 0900K/2nd. Not to clear port now till weather moderates after Radar trials with "URSA" on 4th.

"DUKE OF YORK" reports destroyers "WHELP" and "WAGER" delayed by weather and is proceeding ahead to maintain schedule Destroyers to report amended E.T.A.'s JOMARD and MANUS, SOA. "DUKE OF YORK" 20 Destroyers 14 at present.

U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" refloated 2137K/1st and proceeding to Finschhafen.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests confirmation the following is allocation of escort vessels to New Guinea area. "VENDETTA", "DIAMANTINA" (until relieved by "SWAN") "BROOME", "COLAC" (on completion of refit), "DUBBO", "KIAMA" and "LITHCOW".

U.S.S. "WATER" departed Sydney 2200K/1st for Finschhafen E.T.A. 23rd 1st August. Guards New Guinea Intercept S.O.P. "WATER" will be tow ship to large S.A.S. or Townsville. "WATER" will call to Sydney for refit.

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As at 0900K/Wednesday 1st August, 1945.

H.M.S. "AIMWELL" } Departed Trinco 1830K/30th for Darwin E.T.A. 1830K/16th
towing B.P.T. 7 } August SOA.9.

APC.98 Departed Ulithi 1600K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 3rd August. SOA.9.5.
Shifts from N.P.M. Sec. to Manus Fox 1700K/2nd.

U.S.S. "ADMIRAL HUGHES" (AP-124) Departed Leyte 0730K/31st for Biak
E.T.A. 1730K/2nd August for O/R to San Francisco. SOA.18.5/
20/7. Guards Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "TOWNER" (AKA-77) departed Leyte 1500K/30th for Hollandia E.T.A.
2400K/2nd August SOA.13.5/16.5. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" } Departed Morotai 2100K/30th for Leyte 2200K/2nd August
escorting 2 LST's } SOA.9. Guards New Guinea Intercept.

YP.283 departed Hollandia 0930K/31st for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/2nd August.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" Departed Madang 0600K/31st for Finschhafen E.T.A. A.M.
1st August. Guards New Guinea Intercept S.O.P. "TANCRED"
then to tow ship to Barge B.K.S. or Townsville. "FALIE"
then sails to Sydney for refit.

M.L. 818 Departed Madang 2200K/30th for Langemak E.T.A. 1200K/31st
thence to Jacquinot Bay and Torokina. Guards New Guinea
Intercept. S.O.P. Comes operational control of N.O.I.C.
Torokina on arrival.

U.S.S. "KERSTIN" (AF 34) Departed Manus 1200K/30th for Auckland E.T.A.
9th August. SOA.11/12. Shifts from Manus Fox to Lote
1001K/4th.

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" } Departed Manus 1100K/31st for Milne Bay E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "TOGWOMBA" } 1100K/3rd August. SOA.9. Guards Bells.

ATR.68 departed Manus P.M. 31st to assist U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" on reef
north of Oro Bay.

2 LST's departed Russells 1100K/30th for Ulithi E.T.A. 8th August.
SOA.8.5. Shifts from Lote to Manus Fox 1001K/31st.

LST.465 departed Guadalcanal 0600K/31st for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 2nd
August SOA.9.

H.M.A.S. "ANACONDA" Departed Sydney 1647K/30th for Brisbane for O/R
to Morotai. E.T.A. Brisbane 0400K/2nd August. SOA.8.
Guards 500K/cs S.O.P.

H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" } Departed Sydney 0938K/31st for Manus via
H.M.S. "WHELP" } Jomard E.T.A. Jomard 1600K/3rd August. E.T.A.
H.M.S. "WAGER" } off Manus 0930K/5th SOA.18. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" Departed Melbourne 1740K/30th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/
2nd August. SOA.9.

H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" departed Adelaide 1400K/31st for Sydney E.T.A.
1600K/4th. August SOA.10. Guarding Bells.

BYMS's 2064 and 2153 departed Gnslow 1800K/29th for Darwin E.T.A.
0700K/4th August. SOA.9. 9 Shifts from Bells to Cora 0900K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" } E.T.A. Normanby Sound 0100K/2nd August.
escorting } SOA.7.5.
H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" }

In 1902/1903, 2nd July, 1944.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests N.O.I.C. Townsville sail "BURDEKIN" when ready for Darwin. On arrival Darwin Ship available for escort duty Darwin/Morotai. "BATHURST" to remain Darwin for escort duty.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports following escort disposition effective on receipt Moccasarr area. 3 A.M.S.'s and 1 frigate available for Balikpapan and Tarakan. 1 A.M.S. for ready use and guard ship duty at Tarakan (viz "STRAHAN"). 2 vessels for Harbour defence and guard duties Balikpapan and 1 vessel for sea lane patrol between Balikpapan and Tarakan and also for escort duty ("BARCOO", "MILDURA" and "KAPUNDA").

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports that an accident to the ship "BURDEKIN" necessitating replacement has delayed departure of "BURDEKIN" to Morotai, P.O. on 4th August.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports that the transport "BURDEKIN" was aground on an uncharted reef in a position approx. 10 miles north of the bay, and required assistance. Com. 7th Flot. has directed his ships to assist in discharge of cargo from transport and P.O. Langkat has dispatched the "BURDEKIN" to assist - N.O.I.C. at "BURDEKIN" 0200/1944. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has also ordered "BURDEKIN" at present on passage Brisbane - Finakhafoe to the point of crowding.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports that the transport "BURDEKIN" on passage from Australia to Moluccas to fuel the transport for rail, has been damaged during depth charge exercises, and will require dockyard assistance to make temporary repairs at Balikpapan.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 31st July, 1945.

H.M.S. "PLYM") Departed forward operational area 27th for
H.M.S. "PARRETT") Eniwetok.
"WAVE EMPEROR")

U.S.S. "GILLIGAN" (Destroyer Escort) Departed Leyte 1900K/29th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/2nd (SOA.16).

U.S.S. "OBERON" (Attack cargo) departed Leyte 0800K/30 for Russells E.T.A. 1500K/6th August (SOA.14.15).

HMML.1357 departed Hollandia 0400K/30 for Madang via Aitape E.T.A. 1600K/30 and Wewak (SOA.8.5).

U.S.S. "POLLUX" Departed Hollandia 0740K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/31.

ATA.175 departed Hollandia 1550K/29 with tows for Leyte E.T.A. 0700K/8th August (SOA.6).

U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE" (Cargo ship) departed Lae 0755K/29 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2000K/31st. (SOA.10.)

YP.233 departed Torokina 1700K/29 for Treasury E.T.A. 0700K/30 (SOA.8).

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" Departed Sydney 0138K/29 for Port Kembla and arrived 0800K/30.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" makes amended E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/31st.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" Departed Port Phillip 0400K/30 for Hobart via Banks Strait E.T.A. 1600K/31 (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" departs Adelaide A.M. 31st for Sydney.

H.M.S. "MULL OF GALLOWAY" Departed Darwin 0802K/30 for Trincomalee E.T.A. 2200K/13th August (SOA.10.5).

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that an accident to L.L. sweep generating set necessitating replacement has delayed departure of "DUBEO" to Torokina. E.T.D. now 4th August.

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U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" attack transport, reported at 1005K/30 that she was aground on an uncharted reef in a position approx. 20 miles north of Oro Bay, and required assistance. Com. 7th Phib. has directed two LST's to assist in discharge of cargo from transport and P.D. Langemak has despatched tug "TANCRED" to assist - E.T.A. at "BARNSTABLE" 0900K/31st. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has also ordered "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" at present on passage Brisbane - Finschhafen to the scene of grounding.

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H.M.A.S. "LIEMORE" on passage from Auckland to Melbourne to fuel thence Fremantle for refit, has been damaged during depth charge exercises, and will require dockyard assistance to make temporary repairs at Melbourne.

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To 0900k Monday 30th July.

U.S.S. ROCKDALE (Cargo Ship) Departed Balboa 1600k/28 for Hollandia E.T.A. 3rd September. (SOA. 9.10)

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" }
H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" } Departed forward operational area 27th July for
H.M.A.S. "CEDARDALE" } Manus. Approx. E.T.A. 8th August.
H.M.A.S. "EAGLESDALE" }

U.S.S. "MATHEWS" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Ulithi 0900K/27 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 1st August. (SOA 13.5. 14.5).

U.S.S. "CHARLES CARROL" (attack Transport) - Departed Samar 1200K/28 for Manus E.T.A. 1st August (SOA 14 15)

5 L.S.T. 's - Departed Morotai 0900K/28 for Torokina E.T.A. 1700K/6.

U.S.S. "BULLOCK" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Morotai 1400K/28 for Zamboanga E.T.A. 30th (SOA 10.5).

U.S.S. "CREON" (Landing Craft Repair Ship) - Departed Morotai 0911K/28 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 2nd August.

U.S.S. "BANSHEE" (unclassified) - Departed Blak 1300K/28 for Leyte E.T.A. 4th August (SOA 8).

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" } - Departed Blak 0700K/29 for Zamboanga E.T.A. 1200K/3
L.S.T. 452 } (SOA 9). L.S.T. for onward routing to Agasen and Leyte.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" } Departed Hollandia 2135K/28 in
U.S.S. "GENERAL BREWSTER" (Transport) } -Convoy T.2. for Manila E.T.A. 1800K/2
U.S.S. "GILMER" (Destroyer Transport) } "KANIMBLA" detaches for Leyte E.T.A. 1400K/1st August (14.5).

U.S.S. "FENTRESS" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 1045K/29 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1100K/5th August.

H.M.S. "ARMITER" } Departed Manus 0800K/29 for forward operational area
H.M.S. "NIZAM" } E.T.A. 0400K/5. (SOA 14.5)

U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Manus 1400K/29 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 13th August. (SOA 10.5)

U.S.S. "PROPUS" (Cargo Ship) - Departs Manus 0900K/30 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 13th August thence San Francisco.

P.C.E. 840 - Departed Manus 1200K/28 for Leyte E.T.A. 0900K/2nd.

H.M.A.S. "POTREPO" - Departed Langemak 0450K/28 for Lae E.T.A. 1800K/28.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Departed Enirau 1700K/28 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/29 (SOA 14).

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Milne Bay 1230K/27 for Torokina E.T.A. 1200K/29. (SOA 10).

H.M.S. "BARBAIN" - Departed Port Moresby 123K/28 for Manus E.T.A. 1745K/2nd. (SOA 8).

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Sydney 0935K/29 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/1st for onward routing to Morotai via route west of New Guinea (SOA 15.5).

H.M.A.S. "NYANIE" - Departed Sydney 1145K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/31 for onward routing Morotai.

U.S.S. "GENERAL FREEMAN" (Transport) - Departed Fremantle 1600K/29 for Hollandia E.T.A. 2300K/9th August. (SOA 16.5) for escort and onward routing to Okinawa.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" } Depart Darwin 1830K/30 to carry out survey
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" } between Melville Is. and Carpenteria. Light
H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" } - vessel returning to Thursday Is. or Darwin as
H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" } necessary for fuel and stores.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" - Departs Darwin 0600K/1st for Morotai E.T.A. P.M./4th via route west of New Guinea.

U.S.S. "PRESIDENT MONROE", transport, on passage Ulithi to Guadalcanal, has been diverted to Noumea.

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N.O.I.C. Milne Bay anticipated that repairs to A.F.D. 18 will be completed 3rd August. R.A.F.T. is arranging escort of dock to Manus.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea strongly recommends to ComSerFor 7th Fleet that H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" should dock on arrival at Manus. Ship has been eleven months out of dock and is heavily coated with marine growth with speed reduced two knots.

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C. in C.B.P.F. intends H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" leaves Sydney for United Kingdom via Fremantle and Colombo as early as practicable.

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C.N.B. Hollandia informs Com. 7th Fleet that Army have withdrawn radar surface watch net, and states he concurs with C.S.W.P.S.F. that a corvette is necessary in view of above, for efficient A/S patrol and surface radar watch.

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As at 0900k/Sunday, 29th July, 1945.

- U.S.S. ARA (AK-136) Departed Auckland 0500k/27th for Saipan E.T.A. 0600k/13th August. Soa 9.8. Shift from Lote to NFM Sec. 2100k/2nd August.
- U.S.S. CRATER (AK-70) Departed Leyte 1932k/26th for Auckland E.T.A. 12th August. Soa 10. Shifts from NFM. Jump Fox to Manus Fox 1001k/28th thence to Lote 1001k/5th August.
- U.S.S. BOUTETOURT (APA-136) Departed Manila 2000k/27th for Manus thence Hollandia E.T.A. Manus 2nd August. Soa 15/16 Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. TOWNER (AKA-77) Departed Leyte 1100k/30 for Biak E.T.A. 2nd August SOA 15.5/16.5. Guards Manus Fox.
- 6 L.S.M's. Departs Leyte 1100k/30th for Morotai E.T.A. 0800k/2nd August. Soa. 9.5. Guarding Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Departed Morotai 1800k/27th for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0800k/31st.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" Departed Morotai 1900k/27 to R/V with and relieve S.C.738 escorting F.S.201 to Balikpapan. "KAPUNDA" guards New Guinea Int.
- U.S.S. FRENCH) Departed Morotai 2000k/27th for Hollandia E.T.A. escorting) 1500k/31st Soa.9. French guarding Honolulu Fox A.T.A.176 towing) A.T.A. Manus Fox. F.S.151)
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG") Departed Morotai 1900k/27th escorting ship H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA") as far as Biak E.T.A. Forenoon 30th?
- H.M.A.S. "WAGGA"- Departed Morotai 0700k/28th for Darwin E.T.A. 1900k/31st Soa.12 Shifts from New Guinea Int. to Cora 1900k/29th.
- A.T.R.56) Departed Morotai 2200k/27th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700k/1st and tow) August. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" Departed Manus 1200k/28th for Madang E.T.A. 1200k/29th Soa.10 Guards Bells S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" Departed Langemak 1700k/27th for Torokina E.T.A. 0900k/29th.
- M.L.816) Departed Saposia (B'ville) for operations on East Coast - M.L.808) Kieta Peninsular Area.
- Y.P.288- Departed Brisbane 1700k/28th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A. Jomard 0500k/2nd August. Manus 0800k/5th August. Soa. 9.5 Shifts Bells to Manus Fox 0500k/2nd August. 20.P.
- U.S.S. "BOOTES" Departs Brisbane 1300k/29 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700k/31st Soa.11.5. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "KOOPA" Handed over to R.N. at Brisbane 1100k/28th.
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" Departed Sydney 0930k/28th for Melbourne E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 1100k/30th Soa 11. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" E.T.D. Sydney for Morotai 12th August. Delay due to Hull defects.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" E.T.D. Westernport 2359k/29th for Hobart E.T.A. 1600k/31st. Soa. 12.

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESEURY") Departed Boo Is. 2000k/27th for Thursday Is.
escorting) E.T.A. 0700k/1st August Soa. 10. Shifts from
CAPE LEEUWIN) New Guinea Int. to Bells 0900k/28th.

S.N.O.A.L.S. requests information whether transfer of A.L.S.I's
to Comser 7th Fleet will be permanent.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" reports dockyard assistance will be required
to make temporary repairs on arrival Melbourne. E.T.A. is 1st August.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Cape Horn 0800k/27th for Hawaii via C/S
to arrive at Honolulu 1000k/28th. E.T.A. 11/12. Shifts
from 1000k/28th.

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H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Hawaii 1700k/28th for Hollandia N.Z. 1800k/
29th. E.T.A. 10/1. Arriving Manus 1700k

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Hawaii 1100k/27th for Saipan.
E.T.A. 14/1. Shifts from Manus 1700k to N.Z. 1800k/
29th.

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H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Saipan 1200k/27th for Hollandia.
E.T.A. 10/1.
Arriving 10/1.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Saipan 1200k/27th for Saipan N.Z. 1800k/
29th. Shifts from Manus 1700k.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Saipan 1200k/27th for operations on East
Coast New Guinea.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed at Good Bay (S.E. of Manus) 1000k/27th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Thursday Island 0800k/28th for Saipan
E.T.A. 14/1. Shifts from Manus 1700k to Saipan. E.T.A. 14/1. Arriving
Saipan 14/1. May call at Coonara for unicef.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed from El Estero delayed by weather.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Brisbane 1100k/27th for Saipan.
E.T.A. 14/1. Shifts from Manus 1700k.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON" departed Melbourne 1100k/27th for Sydney
E.T.A. 14/1. Shifts from Manus 1700k.

H.M.A.S. "MORNINGTON") Departed Fremantle 1100k/27th for Saipan N.Z. 1800k/
29th. Shifts from Manus 1700k.

R.O.I.C. has advised requests "MORNINGTON" be made available as
Radar Repair Vessel in the Manusville area for as long as she can
be operated by R.O.I.C. personnel.

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As at 0900K/Saturday, 28th July, 1945.

H.M.S. "ASSISTANCE" Departed E.I.S. 25th for Sydney E.T.A. 1050K/16 August SOA.10. Shifts to Bells 1800K/2nd August.

H.M.S. "VINDEX" departed Trinco 1300K/25th for Brisbane via Torres Strait E.T.A. Brisbane 0500K/10th August SOA.15.5. Shifts to Bells at 1700K/30th.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT") Departed Eniwetok 1500K/26th for forward opera-
H.M.A.S. "BURNIE") tions area E.T.A. 1300K/4th August. SOA.8.5.
H.M.S. "BARLE") Guarding Jump Fox.

U.S.S. "KERSTIN" (AF.34) Departed Guam 0600K/29th for Manus for O/R to Auckland E.T.A. Manus 1700K/29th. SOA.11/12. Shifts to Manus Fox 1000K/28th.

U.S.S. "LAVACA" Departed Manila 2300K/25th for Manus thence Lae and Biak E.T.A. Manus 31st. SOA.15/16. Guarding Manus Fox.

LST.18 departed Leyte 1600K/26th for Hollandia for O/R to Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. Hollandia 1100K/1st August. SOA.9. Guards Manus Fox.

4 LST's departed Hollandia 0800K/27th for Woendi E.T.A. 1200K/28th. SOA.10. Departs Woendi towing 5 LCT's to Manila. SOA.8. Guarding Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" E.T.A. Hollandia from Manus 1700K/28th.

U.S.S. "LEOPARD" Departed Manus 1200K/26th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/28th SOA.9.5. Guarding Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "HELLENA" (AKA-32) Departed Manus 1100K/27th for Saipan. E.T.A. 30th SOA.14.5/15.5. Shifts from Manus Fox to N.P.M. See 1000K/28th.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" Departed Madang 1100K/27th for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/1st August SOA.10.5. Guards Bells.

U.S.S. "FRENCH")0 Departed Helen Reef 2000K/27th for Hollandia. ATA.176) towing F.S. 151)

U.S.S. "SUSQUHANNA" Departed Torokina 1600K/26th for Emirau E.T.A. 0500K/28th thence to Manus SOA.14. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" Departed Torokina P.M. 27th for operations on East Coast Bougainville.

H.M.A.S. "GRIFFOEN" Anchored at Hood Bay (S.E. of Moresby) 1045K/27th.

H.M.A.S. "HAWK" Departed Thursday Island 0925K/26th for Townsville E.T.A. P.M. 2nd August for O/R to Sydney. SOA.7. Guarding 500K/cs. S.O.P. May call at Cooktown for water.

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" Departed from Gladstone delayed by weather.

Tug. "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" departed Brisbane 1115K/27th for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 1100K/1st August SOA.12.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMOND SNAKE" Departed Melbourne 1314K/27th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M. 30th SOA.8. Guarding 500K/cs S.O.P.

H.M.S. "APOLLO") Departed Fremantle 1117K/27th for Geelong E.T.A.
H.M.S. "MAMFMAN") 1100K/31st. Guarding Bells.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests "STERNA" be made available as Radar Repair Vessel in the Bougainville area for as long as she can be spared by N.O.I.C. Moluccas.

A U.S. Army small tug "ESPERANCE" en route Sydney/Newcastle ran aground on Bar Beach, Newcastle and is likely to become a total wreck. No casualties.

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To 0900K/Friday, 27th July, 1945.

PC. 598 } Departed Guadalcanal 0600K/26 for Hollandia
ATA.189 (Tug) towing } E.T.A. 4th August for onward routing to Leyte.
AFD.13 and YF.679 }

U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO" (Tanker) Departed Tarakan 1200K/25 for Zamboanga
E.T.A. 1400K/27.

YMS.11, 52, 315, 339 departed Morotai 1500K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/31
E.T.A. 0800K/31 (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" Departs Morotai 0700K/28 for Darwin for docking.

U.S.S. "GILMER" (Destroyer Transport) Proceeding Hollandia after
assisting P.S. 151 at Helen Reef. E.T.A. 1800K/27 (SOA.19).

U.S.S. "French" (Destroyer Escort) } Proceeding Morotai from Helen Reef
H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" } E.T.A. 0900K/27 (SOA.10).
ATA.176 towing P.S. 151 }

U.S.S. "J.E. CAMPBELL" (Destroyer Transport) Departed Blak 1300K/26
escorting merchant ship to Batangas E.T.A. End August.

U.S.S. "TINSMAN" (Destroyer escort) } Departed Hollandia 1900K/25
U.S.S. "BROOKINGS" (Attack Transport) } for Leyte E.T.A. 0600K/29
(SOA.15.5).

U.S.S. "AREQUIPA" (Supply Ship) departed Manus 0700K/26 for Morotai
E.T.A. 0600K/31 (SOA.10.11).

H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" Departs Madang 1700K/26 for Langenak E.T.A. 0700K/27
thence Torokina.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" Departed Lae 2310K/24 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/29
(SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" Departed Port Moresby 0650K/26 for Milne Bay E.T.A.
31st servicing lights en route. To call at Madang for
bunkers before proceeding Manus.

H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" departs Cairns 2359K/26 for Crowley Beach
E.T.A. 0800K/27 for R.M.S. duties thence returns Cairns
E.T.A. 2000K/27. (SNO.8).

H.M.A.S. "BARARAT" departs Townsville 1700K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/
31 (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "STUART" Departs Sydney A.M./3rd for Milne Bay, Madang, Mios
Woendi and Morotai thence as desired by C.C.A.S. if necessary.

H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" } Departs Jervis Bay 2145K/28 for Sydney E.T.A.
escorted by } 0730K/29 (SOA.9).
H.M.S. "GUARDIAN" }

H.N.M. Submarine K.15 departed Darwin 1707K/25 for Fremantle E.T.A.
0900K/3rd (SOA.10).

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N.Z.N.B. intend sailing A/S trawler "ARONA" as
escort to H.M. Submarine "VOX" departing Wellington 17th August for
Sydney.

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H.M.S. "RANEE" escort carrier after shake down in
Clyde sails for South Africa thence Sydney to join the B.P.F.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 26th July, 1945.

- U.S.S. "GENERAL STURGIS" (Transport) Departed Balboa 0500K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 15th August thence Manila (SOA.15.5 17).
- U.S.S. "PASSAIC" (Net layer) Departed Bora Bora 0400K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 10th August (SOA.10).
- H.M.S. "SCOTEMAN" (Submarine) Departs Trincomalee 2000K/29 for Subic Bay (SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. "LISHORE" Departed Auckland 0730K/25 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0500K/1st to fuel thence Fremantle (SOA.10).
- U.S.S. "HOLTON" (Destroyer Escort) Departed Leyte 1900K/24 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/28.
- U.S.S. "DAUPHIN" (Attack cargo) Departed Leyte 0900K/24 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 29th.
- U.S.S. "SAINT CROIX" (Attack Transport) Departed Leyte 1500K/24 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0600K/29.
- U.S.S. "TODD" (Attack cargo) Departed Manila 1300K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 30th thence Finschhafen.
- F.S. 149) Departed Bisk 1600K/23 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/25.
towing APC.13)
- U.S.S. "COLEBRA ISLAND" (Repair Ship) departed Morotai 1200K/24 towing A.R.D. 20. to Leyte E.T.A. 29th.
- U.S.S. "DANSHEE" (Unclassified) Departed Morotai 1500K/24 from Bisk E.T.A. 1100K/27.
- U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO" (Tanker) Departed Morotai 1030K/22 for Tarakan E.T.A. 1230K/24.
- U.S.S. "SMITH" (Destroyer)) Departed Morotai 1700K/24 for Leyte
U.S.S. "HOWARD" (Destroyer Escort)) E.T.A. 1200K/26 (SOA.16).
- H.M.S. "WOODCOCK") Departed Manus 1200K/25 for forward operational area
H.M.S. "WAVE KING") E.T.A. 0400K/21 (SOA.14.5).
- ATA.176 (Attack Tug)) Departed Manus 1200K/25 for Russell's E.T.A.
ATR's 77, 87 (Rescue Tugs)) 1700K/29. To tow barges to Okinawa via
Leyte (SOA.10).
- H.M.S. "CHASER") Departed Manus 1300K/24 for forward
H.M.S. "QUEENBOROUGH") operational area E.T.A. 0400K/20 (SOA.14.5).
- U.S.S. "VENUS" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 1400K/25 for Torokina E.T.A. 1500K/28 (SOA.10.11).
- LST.932 departed Port Moresby 0830K/25 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/30. (SOA.9).
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" Departs Brisbane 1900K/25 for Townsville E.T.A. 0630K/31 (SOA.7.5).
- H.M.S. "ACTIVITY" Departs Brisbane 1100K/26 for Colombo (SOA.15.3).
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" Departed Fremantle 0945K/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 1500K/28 (SOA.22).
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN") Departed Darwin 0858K/25 for Morotai
H.M.A.S. "MOTHERSNAKE" (S.R.D.)) E.T.A. 1900K/20 via route west of New
Guinea (SOA.8.5).
- H.M.S. "MULL OF GALLOWAY" Departs Darwin A.M. 20th for Colombo.

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Com, 7th Fleet states that at an early convenient date he proposes to transfer to Australian Authorities the Port Directors Department at Balikpapan. Has instructed Com Ser Seventh Fleet to render all practicable assistance.

U.S. 151 small U.S. Army supply ship approx. 500 tons on passage Hollandia - Manila reported at 0654K/24 that she was aground on Helen's Reef (approx. 200 miles N.E. Morotai) and required assistance. H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" was despatched from Morotai and U.S. Destroyer Escort "FRENCH", Destroyer Transport "GILMER" and an attack tug are standing by. Efforts to refloat so far unsuccessful and another tug has been requested. Ship has no holes yet, but is aground for most of her length and as long as wind remains generally westerly she is in no danger of breaking up.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 25th July, 1945.

U.S.S. "CLEARFIELD" (APA-142) Departed Manila 1300K/23rd for Oro Bay
E.T.A. 30th SOA.14/15. Guards Manus Fox.

ATR.31. departed Samar 1230K/23rd for Manus E.T.A. 30th SOA.9. Guards
Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN") Departed Morotai 0900K/23rd for Labuan E.T.A. 27th
escorting) SOA.10. Guards New Guinea Intercept. "STRAHAN"
LSM.39) detaches at Zamboanga LSM and LCI proceed to Labuan
LCI.701)

H.M.A.S. "BLACK SNAKE" with tow departed Morotai 0800K/25th for Tawi Tawi
E.T.A. 0800K/30th SOA.5. Guards New Guinea Intercept S.O.P.

U.S.S. "TAMALPAIS" (AO-96) Departed Ulithi 1400K/23rd for Manus E.T.A.
26th SOA.14/15. Shifts to Manus Fox 1001K/25th.

ATR.27 with tow departed Hollandia 1430K/23rd for Leyte E.T.A. 2000K/31st
SOA.7. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "FALIE" Departed Aitape 1800K/23rd for Madang E.T.A. 1100K/26th
SOA.5.5. Guards New Guinea Intercept S.O.P.

U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (AKS-5) Departed Manus 0700K/24th for Davao E.T.A. 30th
SOA.10/11. Guards Manus Fox.

HML.1347 departed Madang 2000K/23rd for Wewak E.T.A. 1700K/24th
thence Aitape and Hollandia. Guards New Guinea Intercept
Comes under operational control of P.D. Hollandia and
relieves HML.1357 which is to be sailed for Madang.

LST.465 departed Langemak 2030K/23rd for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 1600K/27.
SOA.9. Guards Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "CHETCO" and tow departed Treasury 0900K/23rd for Manus E.T.A.
28th SOA.5.5. Guards Manus Fox.

YF.1050) Departed Russells 1200K/23rd for Hollandia E.T.A. 29th for
YTL.619) O/R to Leyte. SOA.8. Guards 2716 Voice.

HMS. "ACTIVITY" departed Sydney 1703K/23rd for Brisbane for O/R to
E.I.S. E.T.A. Brisbane 0300K/25th SOA.14.25. Guards Bells.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" departed Sydney 0627K/23rd for Melbourne E.T.A.
Port Phillip Heads 2000K/26th. SOA.9. Carries out exercises
in Bay and departs for Sydney A.M.30th.

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" E.T.A. Sydney 154K/28th.

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" Departed Sydney 1105K/24th for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
1700K/25th SOA.4.5. Guards 500K/cs S.O.P. Towing 2 targets.

H.M. Submarine "TERRAPIN" departed Fremantle 1900K/23rd for Aden and
U.K. Shifts from Bells to Victor 1001K/25th.

H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" Departed Onslow 1450K/23rd for Darwin E.T.A.
1400K/27th Shifts to Cora at 0400K/25th.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea proposes A/S patrol off Hollandia by
HML's be discontinued after 31st July, as all HML's now transferred
to Moluccas area and no suitable replacements are in New Guinea's command.

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports coal hulk "BINGERRA" will
remain in reasonably good condition for 12 to 18 months if minor
defects are made good now.

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To 0900K/Tuesday 24th July, 1945.

H.M. Submarine "VOX" } Arrived Auckland 1130K/23.
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" }

U.S.S. "BARNSTABLE" (APA-93) Departed Manila 1200K/22nd for Oro Bay thence Lae Finschhafen and Hollandia E.T.A. Oro 28th SOA.13.5/15. Guarding Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "DAUPHIN" (APA-97) Departed Leyte 0730K/24th for Finschhafen E.T.A. 0700K/29th SOA.15/15.5. Guarding Manus Fox.

H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE") Departs Subic Bay 1600K/24th for Brunel Bay
U.S.S. "SHIELDS" (DD)) SOA.13.
U.S.S. "METCALF" (DD))

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" E.T.A. Zamboanga 25th thence to relieve "MILDURA" at Tarekan. On relief "MILDURA" proceeds to Balikpapan. E.T.A.'s to be reported.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" Departed Morotai 1100K/23rd for Helen Island E.T.A. 0700K/24th. To assist F.S. 151 aground on Island.

U.S.S. "THEERIM" (AKA-63) Departed Manus 1200K/22nd for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 25th. SOA.14.3/16. Guarding Manus Fox. Later diverted to Esiritu Santo. E.T.A. to be reported.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" Departed Manus 0700K/23rd for Lae E.T.A. 1200K/24th. SOA.13.5. Guarding Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "PINTO" with tow departed Manus 1400K/23rd for Subic Bay via Morotai E.T.A. Morotai 1400K/2nd August. SOA.5. Guarding Manus Fox.

YP.289) Departed Manus 0800K/23rd for Leyte via Biak E.T.A.
YP.1043) Biak 1400K/27th SOA.7. YP.shifts from Bells to Manus Fox S.O.P.'s 1001K/24th.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") Departed Manus 1100K/23rd for Eniwetok E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH") 0600K/29th SOA.10.
H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO")

ML.820 departed Madang 0400K/23rd for Langemak E.T.A. 1400K/23. thence to Jacquinot Bay and Torokina. Guards New Guinea Intercept. Guards-New S.O.P. To come under operational control of S.O.I.C. Torokina.

M.L. 431 departed Madang 0400K/24th for Wewak E.T.A. 1800K/24th. Guards New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" Departed Langemak 1500K/22nd for Townsville E.T.A. 1300K/26th. Intends investigating 2 shoals en route.

U.S.S. "CALEDONIA" Departed Milne 1330K/22nd for Leyte E.T.A. 2200K/31 SOA.11.

U.S.S. "CHARLEVOIX" Departed Jacquinot Bay 0800K/23rd for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/25th.

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA") Departed Townsville 0600K/24th for Manus
H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK") E.T.A. North Foreland 1200K/26th. Manus 1200K/27th. SOA.11. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" Departed Brisbane 1600K/23rd for Townsville E.T.A. 1200K/28th. SOA.5.5. Guards 500K/cs S.O.P.

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H.M.A.S. "COWRA" Departed Brisbane 1700K/23rd for Sydney E.T.A. 0500K/26th. SOA.8. Guards Bells. Escorting "GEO. DIMSDALE".

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" Departs Brisbane 1300K/24th for Townsville via Gladstone and Mackay for fuel. E.T.A's Gladstone 1000K/25th Mackay 1200K/27. Townsville 1600K/28th. Escorting Guards 2990K/cs 2 G.P. SOA.16. Townsville to provide O/R to Madang.

BYMS's 2064 and 2153 E.T.D. Onslow for Darwin. 26th. Delayed at Onslow owing to engine defects.

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN") E.T.D. Darwin for Morotai 1600K/25th E.T.A. H.M.A.S. "MOTHERSNAKE") P.M. 30th. SOA.8.5.

Com, 7th Fleet advises as at 22nd July a Naval Section Base is established at Balikpapan.

H.M.A.S. "LATROME" reports that 2 A.E.S's will be sufficient for local defence duties at Balikpapan.

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H.M.A.S. "....." (Cargo ship) departed ..

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H.M.A.S. "GENERAL PATRICK" (Transport)) .. H.M.A.S. ".....") ..

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- U.S.S. "MELLENA" (Attack cargo) departed Guam 1600K/20 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/24.
- U.S.S. "DRACO" (Cargo ship) departed Ulithi 0400K/20 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 27th July (SOA.9.5).
- U.S.S. "RONWAY" (Destroyer) } Departed Leyte 1400K/22 for Morotai
 escorting 6 landing craft) E.T.A. 0900K/25 (SOA.10).
- U.S.S. "BOUNTIFUL" (Hospital ship) departed Leyte 1130K/22 for Hollandia E.T.A. 27th.
- U.S.S. "GILMER" (Destroyer Transport) Departed Leyte 1100K/21 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/24 (SOA.16).
- U.S.S. "INGRAM" (Destroyer Transport) } Departed Leyte 1100K/22 for
 U.S.S. "TINSMAN" (Destroyer Escort) } Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/25.
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" Departs Morotai 1100K/22 for Madang E.T.A. 1100K/28 (SOA.8.5).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departs Morotai 1700K/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/31 (SOA.11.5).
- U.S.S. "FOINSETT" (Cargo ship) departed Morotai 1800K/21 for Leyte E.T.A. 24th.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" Departed Manus 2100K/21 for Emirau E.T.A. 1300K/22 (SOA.10).
- U.S.S. "FENTRISS" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 1800K/21 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/22.
- M.L. 805 departed Wewak 1100K/21 for Aitape E.T.A. 1900K/21 - expected to return to Wewak 24th (SOA.12).
- H.M.L.1343 departed Hollandia 1130K/22 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1700K/23 for onward towing to Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" departs Madang 1600K/21 for Langemsk E.T.A. 1800K/22 thence Townsville Sydney and Adelaide for refit (SOA.12).
- H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" Departed Langemsk 1120K/21 for Madang E.T.A. 1000K/22.
- U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE" (Attack cargo) Departed Milne Bay 1230K/21 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0800K/22.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) Arrived Milne Bay 0910K/20 - departed 1230K 20 for Torokina E.T.A. 0800K/22.
- U.S.S. "TAURUS" Departed Milne Bay 0910K/21 for Auckland E.T.A. 1600K/29 (SOA.10.5. 11.5).
- LST.932 departed Milne Bay 1340K/21 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600K/23 (SOA.9).
- M.L. 806 departed Milne Bay 0900K/21 for Torokina E.T.A. 0900K/24 (SOA.11)
- H.M.S. "WHELP" } Departed Sydney 0915K/22 for Jervis Bay E.T.A.
 H.M.S. "WAGER" } 1400K/22 - exercising en-route.
- U.S.S. "GENERAL PATRICK" (Transport) } Departed Fremantle 1200K/21 as
 U.S.S. "GENERAL COLLINS" " } convoy O.W.S. for Calcutta E.T.A. 0200K/31 for SOA.17).

H.M.S. "TERRAPIN" (Submarine) departs Fremantle 1900K/23 for Aden and United Kingdom.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" Departed Onslow 0930K/21 for Darwin E.T.A. 1730K/25.

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"CAMBRIAN SALVOR" Reports that there is no possibility of salvaging merchant ship "FRANCIS PRESTON BLAIR" aground on Saumarez Reef. Crew have been transferred to Liberty ship "JAMES IVES" and proceeding Sydney. Valuable gear is being dismantled from the grounded vessel.

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New Zealand Naval Board report that H.M.S. "WHILRWIND" will be ready for sea 1st August and intend sailing vessel to Sydney.

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Merchant ship "E.C. GARDNER" on passage Morotai - Hollandia, reported sighting submarine at 2050K/22 in a position approximately 60 miles east of Blak. N.O.I.C. Moluccas ordered H.M.A. Ships "WAGGA", "JUNEE" and "FREMANTLE" to take necessary action and ships departed Mios Woendi 0008K/23 to proceed to the vicinity of sighting to search SOA.14.

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Duties of Oboe 2 operation having been completed H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" is proceeding to Tarakan for harbour defence duties. Has reported to N.O.I.C. Moluccas for duty.

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H.M.A.S. "WINDSOR" departs Mios Woendi 0930K/24 for Darwin E.T.A. 1730K/25.

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Com. 7th Fleet has ordered the 1st Fleet to assume the task of conducting mine clearance of Philippines Sea Frontier. Has instructed Com. 7th Fleet to direct all ships to report to COMFLANTFLT from completion of duty completed area.

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The 1st Fleet has instructed that unless otherwise ordered by COM 7th Fleet, all ships "WINDSOR" are to remain in place and operations to be reported to COMFLANTFLT for operational control.

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N.O.I.C. Moresby advises "BARBAIN" unable to proceed to Manus due to leaking boiler tubes. Requests services of a boilermaker be made available. Townsville despatching by air.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests that on completion of present duties H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" be returned to his operational control and be instructed to report to P.D. Tarakan for harbour defence duties.

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Conserv. 7th Fleet advises effective 15th July, Milne Bay discontinued as diesel feeding harbour and tanks at Gili will be dry by 1st August.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas despatched "LATROBE" to Balikpapan for local defence duties. After investigation, "LATROBE" is to report if two A.M.S. vessels will be sufficient for this duty. "STAWELL" joining on 23rd.

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To 0900K/Friday, 20th July, 1945.

LCI.808 departed Leyte 1400K/18th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/23rd. SOA. 10/10.5. Guarding Manus Fox.

H.M.S. "SPEAKER") Departed Manus 1600K/18th for forward operations are
H.M.A.S. "NORMAN") E.T.A. 0700K/25th. Average SOA.13.

LCI.263 departed Manus 1700K/18th for Subic Bay via Hollandia and Leyte E.T.A. Hollandia 0900K/20th. Guards Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "CORDEBA" (AF-32) Departed Manus 1400K/18th for Auckland E.T.A. 29th SOA.10.5/11. Shifts from Manus Fox to Lote at 1001K/22.

APC.11. Departed Manus 1300K/18th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/22nd. SOA. 10/11. Guards Manus Fox S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN") Departed Milne Bay 0815K/18th. "GOULBURN" for
H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH") Manus E.T.A. 0900K/21st. "TAMWORTH" detaches and
proceeds Lae thence Manus. E.T.A.'s to be reported.
SOA.10.5. Guarding Bells. Route from Milne Bay -
South of Normanby Island.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" Departed Milne Bay 1100K/18th for Sydney.

HML.1342 departed Milne Bay 1200K/18th for Langemak thence Madang E.T.A. Langemak 0600K/20th. SOA.9. Guards New Guinea broadcast S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" Departed Jacquinet Bay 2015K/18th for Lae via Langemak E.T.A. Langemak P.M. 22nd SOA.6. Guarding New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.

U.S.S. "CALEDONIA" Departed Port Moresby 18th for Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "COWRA" E.T.A. Townsville 0900K/20th.

H.M.S. "LEONIAN") Departed Townsville 0700K/20th for Brisbane E.T.A.
H.M.S. "BARTHORPE") 0800K/24th. SOA.7. "LEONIAN" guards Bells and Barth
500 K/cs. S.O.P.

H.M.S. "WOODCOCK" Departs Brisbane 1300K/20th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A. Jomard 0600K/23rd. Manus 0800K/25th SOA.14.5. Guards Bells.

LCI.967 departed from Brisbane 24 hours late E.T.D. now 1400K/20th and E.T.A. Manus 0830K/31st.

H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" Detaches from H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" both en route Syd Townsville, to land patient at Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "AIR HIRD" Departed Newcastle 0314K/18th for Coffs Harbour thence Brisbane E.T.A. Coffs 1514K/19th SOA.18. Guarding 2990K/cs 2 O.P.

H.M.A.S. "BUMBURY" Departed Sydney 1626K/18th for Adelaide E.T.A. 0630K/23rd SOA.10. Guards Bells.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" Departed Sydney 1530K/18th for Milne Bay for O/R to Torokina E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/25th SOA.19. Guards 500 K/cs S.O.P.

H.M.S. "QUILLIAM" Departed Sydney 1030K/19th for Suva E.T.A. 0800K/25th SOA.18. Shifts from Bells to N.P.M. jump Fox at 1830K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" Departed Melbourne 1400K/19th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/22nd SOA.9.

H.M.S. "ANSON" Departed Albany 1345K/18th for Sydney E.T.A. 0830K/22nd. SOA.20.

H.M.N.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" Gives E.T.A. Ashmore Reef 1700K/20th.

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To COMNAV/Thursley, 19th July, 2. 12.

H.M.A.S. "HAWK" Departed Darwin 0808K/19th for Thursday Island for O/R to Sydney. E.T.A. Thursday Island 0800K/23rd SOA.8.5. Guards Cora S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "..." Departed East Indies Station 1800K/17 for Otoro Island F...
E.T.A. 1800/18 (SOA.10).

H.A.A.F. advise that N.O.I.C. New Guinea has ordered H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" (en route Moresby/Milne Bay) to return to and be stationed at Port Moresby. N.O.I.C. Townsville requests confirmation from N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

U.S.S. "..." Departed Darwin 0800K/18 for ...

U.S.S. "..." Comserv. 7th Fleet concurs with Com. 7th Fleet's proposal to roll up U.S. Navy facilities at Morotai.

U.S.S. "..." Departed Darwin 1800K/17 for ...

Admiralty advise U.S. Navy Department have now agreed to the transfer of R.F.A. "BISHOPDALE" to C. in C. B.P.F.

H.M.A.S. "..."
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C. in C. B.P.F. advises that the R.A.N. A.M.S.'s attached to B.P.F. may be released at the end of the year in favour of larger escorts.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Supply Ship) departed Hollandia 1100K/17 for Milne Bay

H.M.A.S. "..." Departed Hollandia 1700K/17 for ...
E.T.A. 1800/18 (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "..." Departed Manus 1800K/17 for Green Island E.T.A. 0700K/18 (SOA.13).

U.S.S. "..." (Tug) Departed Manus 1100K/18 for Treasury E.T.A. 1800K/18 to collect ... or return Manus.

H.M.A.S. "..." Departed Darwin 0700K/14 for ... E.T.A. 1800K/15.

H.M.A.S. "..." Departed Darwin 0700K/17 to assist ...
Sub. sweeps on east and west coasts of Duke Island, ...
... to Caroline ICH.

H.M.A.S. "..." (Base Defense Vessel) departure for Manus) Delayed at
H.M.A.S. "..." departure for Milne Bay) Philoreby
due to
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conditions.

H.M.A.S. "..." arrived Thursday Island 1300K/17. Departed 1700K/17 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/18.

H.M.A.S. "..." departs Brisbane 1800K/18 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/20 (SOA.6).

H.M.A.S. "..." departs Brisbane 0800K/18 for Manus.

H.M.A.S. "..." departed Sydney 1100K/18 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/19 for onward routing to Manus (SOA.11.3).

H.M.A.S. "..." departs Sydney 0800K/18 for Jarvis Bay submarine escorting ...
H.M.A.S. "..." also ... E.T.A. 0800K/18 (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "..." departed Darwin 1800K/18 for ... E.T.A. 1800K/20 (SOA.10).

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To 0900K/Thursday, 19th July, 1945.

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" Departed East Indies Station 1356K/7 for Fremantle
E.T.A. 1830K/23 (SOA.21).

H.M.S. "APOLLO") Departed East Indies Station 1607K/17 for Cocos
H.M.S. "M. NEMAN") Island E.T.A. 1400K/21 thence Fremantle
E.T.A. 1200K/23 (SOA.14).

ATA.184 (Attack Tug) departed Russell Island 0700K/17 with tows for
Leyte E.T.A. 12th August (SOA.4).

U.S.S. "CORVUS" (Attack Cargo) departed Russell Island 0600K/18 for
Samar E.T.A. 25th (SOA.15).

U.S.S. "AUDUBON" (Attack Transport) Departed Guadalcanal 1700K/17 for
Hollandia E.T.A. 21st (SOA.15).

U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hospital Ship) departed Morotai 1500K/17 for Leyte E.T.A.
1500K/20 (SOA.14).

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL") arrived Morotai 0730K/17 from Darwin.
H.M.A.S. "STAWELL")
H.M.A.S. "RIVER SNAKE")

H.M.A.S. "TROMP" departed Morotai 1100K/17 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/20
(SOA.15.5).

U.S.S. "TAURUS" (Supply Ship) departed Hollandia 1140K/17 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1200K/20.

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" Departed Hollandia 1710K/17 for Mios Woendi E.T.A.
1700K/18 (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" departed Manus 1600K/17 for Green Island E.T.A.
0700K/19 (SOA.13).

U.S.S. "CHETCO" (Tug) Departed Manus 1100K/18 for Treasury E.T.A.
1500K/21 to collect tows & return Manus.

M.L. 431 departed Wewak 0730K/14 for Madang E.T.A. 1600K/15.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" Departed Torokina 0700K/17 to assist 2nd
Aust. Corps on east and west coasts of Buka Island.
Returning to Torokina 20th.

H.M.S. "BARBAIN" (Boom Defence Vessel) departure for Manus) Delayed at
H.M.A.S. "GRIFPION" departure for Milne Bay) Pt. Moresby
due to
adverse
weather
conditions.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" arrived Thursday Island 1345K/17. Departed 1720K/17
for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/23.

LCI.967 departs Brisbane 1400K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 0830K/20 (SOA.8).

H.M.S. "WOODCOCK" departs Brisbane 0900K/20 for Manus.

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA") departed Sydney 1130K/18 for Townsville E.T.A.
H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK") 0800K/22 for onward routing to Manus (SOA.11.5).

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN") departs Sydney 2200K/19 for Jervis Bay submarine
escorting) sub exercises area E.T.A. 0830K/20 (SOA.9).
H.M.S. "VORACIOUS")

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" departed Geraldton 1200K/18 for Onslow E.T.A. 1700K/20.
(SOA.10).

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Com, 7th Phib directs that on arrival at Morotai
19th H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" is released from his operational control -
to report to C.T.G. 70.5. for duty.

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that H.M.A.S. Ships "DELORAINI
and "VENDETTA" will be completed about 7th and 17th August respectively;

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Mership "FRANCIS PRESTON BLAIR" still aground Saumarez
Reef but in no immediate danger. Liberty Ship "JAMES IVES"
standing by until arrival of tug "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" due at reef
at 1600K/19. H.M.A.S. "STUART" has reported situation to N.O.I.C.
Townsville and continued to Sydney E.T.A. 0730K/20.

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U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Cargo ship) departed Hollandia 1400K/18 for Pina
E.T.A. 1000K/20.

R.P.A.S. "MURPHY" departed Frank 1200K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/20
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To 0900K/Wednesday, 18th July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "MULL OF GALLOWAY" (Escort main vessel) departed Tulagi 1300/16 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 20th thence Darwin E.T.A. 24th. (SOA.11).
- U.S.S. "BRISCOE" (Attack Transport) Departed Guadalcanal 0600K/16 for Hollandia E.T.A. 19th for onward routeing Manila (SOA.15).
- BYMS 2064) Departed Cocos Island 1930K/16 for Onslow E.T.A. 1130K/22.
BYMS 2153) (SOA.9).
- ATA.218 (Attack Tug)) Departed Leyte 1200K/6 for Manus E.T.A.
ATR.77,87 (Rescue Tugs)) 1700K/22 for onward routeing Russell Island
(SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" departs Morotai 0700K/18 for Darwin E.T.A. 0500K/22 via route west of New Guinea ~~1222K/12xxx~~ (SOA.10).
- U.S.S. "EDMONDS" (Destroyer Escort)) Departed Biak 1300K/16 for
LST's 824, 828) Batangas E.T.A. 1000K/24. (SOA.9).
- U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE" (Cargo ship) departed Hollandia 1230K/16 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/20.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" Departed Wewak 1345K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/25 (SOA.13).
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" Departs Wewak 1200K/17 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/18 (SOA.13.5)
- H.M.S. "EMPIRE SPEARHEAD" Departed Manus 1730K/16 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 1000K/22 for onward routeing Panama (SOA.12.5).
- U.S.S. "BOOTES" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 1000K/16 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/23 (SOA.9.5).
- U.S.S. "DREW" (Attack Transport) Departed Manus 1700K/16 for San Francisco E.T.A. 2nd August.
- U.S.S. "BULLOCK" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 2200K/16 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/18 thence Morotai (SOA.11.12)
- H.M.L.1343 departs Madang 0600K/18 for Wewak E.T.A. 1800K/19 thence Hollandia and Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" departed Torokina 0600K/16 for Jacquinet Bay E.T.A. 1700K/17 thence Langemak and Lae (SOA.6).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" Departed Milne Bay 1015K/16 for Sydney - To render assistance to merchant ship aground on Saumarez Reef on passage.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" Departed Port Moresby 0700K/16 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 19th (SOA.10).
- H.M.S. "RADICAL" (A.S.R.) departed Townsville 1115K/17 for R.M.S. duties between Townsville and Cape Melville - approximately 40 mines to be rendered safe.
- H.M.A.S. "LISHORE") departed Sydney 0806K/17 for Auckland E.T.A.
escorting H.M.S. "VOX") 0800K/23 (SOA.9).
- H.M.A.S. "KARANGI" Departed Fremantle 1346K/17 for Albany E.T.A. 1000K (SOA.8.5).
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" Departed Fremantle 1100K/16 for Darwin via Geraldton E.T.A. 1200K/17 and Onslow E.T.A. 1800K/19 (SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" Departed Darwin 0642K/17 for Morotai E.T.A. 2300K/22 via route west of New Guinea (SOA.12.5).

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 17th July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "VINDEK" E.T.D. Colombo 23rd July for Sydney via Torres Strait.
APC.2. Departed Leyte 1400K/15th for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/18th
SOA.12. Guards Manus Fox.
- F.S. 172 Departed Leyte 1000K/15th for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/21st SOA.10.
Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" departed Morotai 1000K/16th for Hollandia, Madang thence
to Adelaide E.T.A. Hollandia 0800K/19th. SOA.12. Guarding
New Guinea Inter.
- APC.5. Departed Manus 1200K/15th for Torokina via Green Island.
E.T.A. Green 1700K/17th SOA.9. Guarding Manus Fox S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" Departed Madang 0900K/16th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/
17th. E.T.D. Hollandia P.M.17th for Woendi E.T.A. P.M.18th
E.T.D. A.M.19th for Bisk E.T.A. A.M.19th. SOA.13. Guarding New
Guinea Inter. Has N.O.I.C. Moluccas on board.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" Departed Langesak 0610K/15th for Port Moresby
E.T.A. 0800K/17th. Guards Manus Fox.
- F.S. 159 departed Oro Bay 0945K/15th for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/17th. SOA.8.5.
Guards Manus Fox.
- LST.204. departed Milne Bay 0515K/15th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/19th.
SOA.9. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "CALEDONIA" (AK-167) passed North at Ince Point 1001K/16th E.T.A.
Port Moresby 1630K/17th.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY") Departed Thursday Island P.M.15th for Red Island
H.M.A.S. "AIR SENSE") Point to await arrival of R.A.A.F. personnel to fit
Radar equipment.
- "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" E.T.D. Cairns 1200K/17th to assist mership aground
Saumerez Reef.
- H.M.A.S. "ANACONDA" E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/19th from Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" Sheltering at Newcastle.
- H.M.S. "WAGER" E.T.A. Sydney 1001K/17th.
- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" departed Sydney 1209K/16th for exercises in the Sydney/
Jervis Bay area.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" Departed Sydney 0945K/16th for Twofold Bay E.T.A. 0700K/
17th. SOA.9. Guards 500K/cs.
- H.M.S. "WHELP" Departed Melbourne 0900K/16th for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/17th.
SOA.23.
- H.M.S. "VENERABLE") Departed Fremantle 2025K/16th. ANSON to fuel at
H.M.S. "VENGEANCE") Albany and E.T.A. Sydney to be signalled on
H.M.S. "COLOSSUS") departure. "VENERABLE", "TYRIAN" and "TUSCAN"
H.M.S. "ANSON") for Sydney E.T.A. 1001K/22nd. "COLOSSUS" and
H.M.S. "TYRIAN") "VENGEANCE" for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 0700K/22nd.
H.M.S. "TUSCAN") Guarding Bells.

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Com, 7th Fleet, concurs in the transfer of the Port
Directorate at Merauke from R.A.N. to N.E.I.

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Com, 7th Fleet advises as at 0101K/22nd July, C.S.W.P.S.F. will relieve Com, 7th Phib. of responsibility for routing, control and protection of shipping to Balikpapan and for local naval defence this area.

V.A.(Q) E.P.F. advise R.N. Repair Base Woolloomooloo was commissioned on Thursday 12th July as H.M.S. "WOOLLOOMOOLOO" as an independent command.

Com, 7th Fleet advise H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" is to report to N.O.I.C. New Guinea on 25th July.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" departed Madang 1800K/18th for Langkai, Uluken, Pristana, Sydney and Melbourne. S.E.A. Langkai 0700K/18th. Pristana 1200K/18th. Guarding Malls.

S.M.S. "SPECIAL" departed 1800K/18th for Melbourne S.E.A. 0700K/18th S.A.S. Guarding Malls.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" departed from Brisbane delayed due bad weather.

H.M.S. "MORNING" S.E.A. Brisbane 1800K/18th for Madras S.E.A. 1800K/18th. S.A.S. Guarding Malls - Route - East of Russell Island.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" S.E.A. Sydney 1800K/18th.

The S.M.S. "SPECIAL" departed Singapore 1800K/18th for Brisbane S.E.A. 1800K/18th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" departed Sydney 1800K/18th for Madang via Island S.E.A. 1800K/18th. Madang 1800K/18th S.A.S. Shifts from 1800K/18th to New Guinea interest 01K at 1800K/18th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" departed Sydney 1800K/18th for Brisbane for S.A.S. to Russell Island S.E.A. Brisbane 0700K/18th S.A.S. Guarding Malls/for S.A.S.P.

H.M.S. "MORNING" S.E.A. 1800K/18th cancelled. P.C. & A. MORNING 1800K/18th S.A.S. to Madras, advised S.E.A. to be signalled.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" S.E.A. Madras 1800K/18th. S.E.A. Madras 1800K/18th. Shifts from Madras to Gore 0100K/18th.

H.M.S. "MORNING" departed Sydney 1800K/18th for Madras S.E.A. S.A.S. Madras 1800K/18th. Shifts from Madras to Victoria at 1800K/18th.

H.M.A.S. Brisbane has directed H.M.S. "MORNING" (1st) as passage Brisbane/Madras to proceed forthwith to Madras Reef (0100K/18th) and render assistance to merchant vessel ground. S.E.A. position 1800K/18th.

Com 7th Fleet requests COMNAV to undertake at a convenient future date, further sweeping operations as required in the Balikpapan area.

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To 0900K/Monday, 16th July, 1945.

H.M.S. "APOLLO" } E.T.D. Colombo 17th July, from Cocos Island thence
H.M.S. "MANXMAN" } to Fremantle. Fuel at sea on 18th.

U.S.S. "BOSQUE" (APA-135) Departed Noumea 1400K/14th for Hollandia for
O/R to Cebu and Manila. E.T.A. Hollandia 1000K/20th
SOA.15/16. Shifts from Lote to Manus Fox 1001K/15th.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (AO-13) Departed Hollandia 0950K/15th for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/17th. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" Departed Manus 0530K/14th for Eniwetok E.T.A. 0600K/16th. thence to rejoin T.F. 37. SOA.28.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART") Departed Manus 0900K/18th for Leyte E.T.A. 0900K/
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") 20th. SOA.16.5.
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA")

H.M.A.S. "COWRA" Departed Madang 1600K/15th for Langemak thence Brisbane
Sydney and Melbourne. E.T.A. Langemak 0700K/16th. Brisbane
A.M.22nd. Guarding Bells.

5 LST's departed Lae 1035K/15th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/18th SOA.9.
Guarding Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" Departed from Brisbane delayed due bad weather.

H.M.S. "UNICORN" E.T.D. Brisbane 1930K/16th for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/21st.
SOA.15. Guards Bells. Route - East of Rossell Island.

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" E.T.A. Sydney 0500K/17th.

Tug "ST. GILES" Departed Newcastle 0938K/13th for Brisbane E.T.A. 2130K
16th SOA.7.

H.M.A.S. "MULCRA" Departed Sydney 1615K/15th for Madang via Jomard E.T.A.
Jomard 1918K/21st. Madang 1218K/24th SOA.9. Shifts from
500K/cs S.O.P. to New Guinea Intercept SOP at 1918K/21st.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" Departed Sydney 0942K/15th for Brisbane for O.R. to
Townsville E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/19th SOA.5. Guards
500K/cs S.O.P.

H.M.S. "WAGER" E.T.A. 1940K/16th cancelled. P.C. & S. 34°22'S. 170°41'E
272 10 knots. Amended E.T.A. to be signalled.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" E.T.A. Broome 1100K/17th. E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/20th.
Shifts from Bells to Cora 0159K/18th.

H.M.S. "BEACHY HEAD" departed Darwin 1030K/15th for Colombo E.T.A.
A.M.31st SOA.10. Shifts from Bells to Victor. at 1330K/23rd

N.O.I.C. Townsville has directed U.S.S. "VIRRO" (Tug)
on passage Brisbane/Manus to proceed forthwith to Saumarez Reef (21°49'S.
153°39'E) and render assistance to merchant vessel aground. E.T.A.
position 1500K/16th.

Com 7th Fleet requests CSWPSF to undertake at a
convenient future date, further sweeping operations as required in the
Balligapan area.

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To 0900K Sunday, 15th July.

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- U.S.S. "GENERAL FREEMAN" (Transport) - Departs Bombay 1930K/15 for Trincomalee E.T.A. 0930K/18 thence Fremantle.
- H.M.S. "WAGER" - Departed Auckland 0716K/14 for Sydney E.T.A. 1940K/16 (SOA.22)
- U.S.S. "MEDEA" (attack Cargo) - Departed Noumea 0600K/15 for Samar E.T.A. 23rd. (SOA 13.5 15)
- U.S.S. "POLLUX" (Supply Ship) - Departed Cebu 1800K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/17 (S.O.A. 15.5)
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 1300K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 18th (SOA.16.5, 17.5)
- U.S.S. "SATINLEAF" (Net Tender) - Departed Leyte Gulf 1815K/12 for Manus E.T.A. 18th. (SOA 9)
- U.S.S. "PINTO" (Fast Tug) - Departed Leyte 1600K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/18 (SOA 13.5)
- U.S.S. "LEOPARD" (unclassified) - Departed Morotai 1800K/13 for Biak E.T.A. 0700K/16.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departs Morotai 0730K/14 for preliminary investigation of Jiew and Boo Islands returning to Morotai 18th (SOA 15). To be available to escort "CAPE LEEUWIN" to establish lights on these islands.
- U.S.S. "LAVACA" (attack Transport)) Departed Morotai 0900K/13 for Manila
H.M.A.S. "ARARAT") E.T.A. 16th. Escort detaches 14th and returns Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Morotai 2100K/13 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/16 thence Newak E.T.A. dawn/17th; Lae and Sydney (SOA 12)
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" - Departed Morotai 1100K/12 for Green Island thence Manus (SOA 12.6)
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Proceeds Morotai, Newak, Manus thence Lae and Brisbane.
- U.S.S. "STAG" (Distilling Ship) - Departed Morotai 0900K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 18th (SOA 11 12).
- H.M.A.S. "GOWRA" - Departed Hollandia 1800K/13 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/15 (SOA 11).
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (attack Cargo) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/14 for Manila E.T.A. 0600K/19.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) - Departed Manus 1200K/13 for Pinehafen E.T.A. 1200K/14.
- H.M.S. "BON AVENTURE" - Departed Manus 1736K/13 for Subic Bay (SOA 13).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs Madang 0630K/14 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1500K/15 (SOA 15)
- M.L. 427 - Departed Torokina 0500K/14 for Treasury E.T.A. 1300K/14.
- Tug "TANCRED" - Departed Treasury 0700K/14 with docks in tow for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/19 (SOA 6).
- Tug "CAMBRIAN SALVOR" - Departed Milne Bay 0625K/13 for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/15.

- H.D.M.I. 1342 - Departed Port Moresby 0637K/13 for Milne Bay E.T.A.a.m./15
- H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" - Departed Port Moresby 0635K/13 for Langemak
E.T.A. a.m./19th (SOA 7).
- M.L.809 - Departed Thursday Is. 0845K/13 for Port Moresby E.T.A.1600K/14
(SOA 12).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Townsville 1400K/14 for Thursday Island
E.T.A. 1400K/17 for onward routing to Milne Bay and Madang
(SOA 10).
- L.C.I. 709 - Departs Brisbane 1730K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/22(SOA 9)
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - Departs Brisbane 1600K/15 for Townsville E.T.A.
1600K/20 for onward routing Darwin(15).
- H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - Departed Sydney 1332K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A.
1300K/17. (SOA 16).
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Departs Darwin 0600K/17 for Morotai E.T.A. P.M./20
via route west of New Guinea.

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ComSevSeventh Fleet request A.C.N.B. advise when it would be convenient to remove the U.S.N. personnel from Port Directorate, Tarakan. Also to advise what Port Director equipment and material is desired.

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Tanker "SAN ANTONIO", on passage Manus-Morotai reported at 1158K/14 that she had sighted a submarine on the surface in a position approximately sixty miles east of Biak Island. Commander(D) has ordered A.M.S.'s "JUNEE", "WAGGA" and "FREMANTLE" to proceed to the position and carry out a search of the area - Aircraft will co-operate 15th.

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H.M.A.S. "LITHGO" boiler cleaning at Torokina until 21st July.

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H.M.A.S. "LITHGO" - Departed Sydney 1332K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300K/17. (SOA 16)

M.L. 809 - Departed Thursday Is. 0845K/13 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/14 (SOA 12)

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Townsville 1400K/14 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1400K/17 for onward routing to Milne Bay and Madang (SOA 10)

L.C.I. 709 - Departs Brisbane 1730K/14 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/22(SOA 9)

H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - Departs Brisbane 1600K/15 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/20 for onward routing Darwin(15)

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - Departed Sydney 1332K/14 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300K/17. (SOA 16)

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" - Departs Darwin 0600K/17 for Morotai E.T.A. P.M./20 via route west of New Guinea.

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To 0900K Saturday, 14th July.

- U.S.S. "CORDUBA" (Store Ship) - Departed Peleliu 1100K/12 for Manus
E.T.A. 1200K/16 for onward routing Auckland (SOA 10)
- U.S.S. "McNULTY" (Destroyer Escort) } Depart Leyte 0800K/13 with convoy for
L.S.T. 1024 } Morotai E.T.A. 0900K/16. L.S.T.
Detaches at 1700K/14 for Davao E.T.A.
0900K/15. (SOA 9)
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Morotai 1300K/12 for Wewak thence Manus
and Brisbane (SOA 14)
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Morotai 0900K/13 for Green Is. thence Manus.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" } Departed Biak 1400K/13 for
U.S.S. "SHERBURNE" (attack Transport) } Zamboanga E.T.A. 1400K/16.
- U.S.S. "MERCY" (Hospital Ship) - Departed Biak 1800K/12 for Manila
E.T.A. 1600K/17 (SOA 14)
- Destroyer Transport 73. } Departed Hollandia 1815K/13 with
U.S.S. "BOUETOURT" (attack Transport) } convoy for Manila E.T.A. 1900K/21.
"BOUETOURT" detaches for Leyte
E.T.A. 0900K/18 (SOA 9.5)
- U.S.S. "TOWNER" (attack Cargo) - Departed Hollandia 1900K/12 for Manila
E.T.A. 1000K/17 (SOA 15.16)
- U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 1200K/12 for Manila
E.T.A. 1200K/17.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" } Depart Manus A.M./16 as T.U.74.1.4 for Leyte
H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" } to arrive A.M./20. Exercising en route. Thence
H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" } "WARRAMUNGA" for Manila and "HOBART" and
"BATAAN" for Subic Bay to arrive 22nd July.
- H.M.S. "TYNE", H.M.S. "KELANTAN" }
H.M.S. "ODZANI", H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" } As T.G. 112.3 departed Manus
H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT", H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" } 1500K/12 for Eniwetok E.T.A.
"BACCHUS", "FORT WRANGLE" } 0600K/19. (SOA 8.6)
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" } As T.U. 37.2.1 departed Manus 0600K/13 for
H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" } forward operational area (SOA 22)
H.M.S. "WRANGLER" }
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Torokina 1700K/12 for Treasury E.T.A.
0500K/13.
- M.L. 818 - Departed Thursday Is. 1155K/12 for Port Moresby E.T.A.
1800K/13. (SOA 12)
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" } Departs Sydney 0800K/17 for Auckland E.T.A.
escorting } 0800K/23 (SOA 9.)
H.M. Submarine "VOX" }
- H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" - Departed Sydney 0706K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/17.
(SOA 20, 21.5)
- U.S.S. "GENERAL PATRICK" (Transport) - On passage San Pedro - Fremantle
makes E.T.A. 1800K/19.
- U.S.S. "CALEDONIA" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Darwin 0829K/13 for Milne Bay
E.T.A. 1400K/18. (SOA 11. Guard Balls)

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" on passage Townsville - Langemak reported at 0752K/13 that she was anchored in China Strait to effect condenser repairs. Approximate delay 24 hours.

U.S.S. "BROOME" (AG-18) -----

Com. 7th Fleet signals ComSer 7th Fleet that in view of early transfer to R.A.N. of Port Directorate, Morotai, he proposes to roll up all U.S. Naval facilities except P.T. Base and to effect defence aid transfer of base radio equipment to Australian Authorities as requested by A.C.N.B. and requests comment.

P.D. Biak reports that a transport command pilot sighted a suspected submarine in a position approximately 120 miles north west of Biak Island at 0900K/13. Aircraft have been despatched to investigate and Commander (D) has ordered P.D. Biak to sail two A.M.S.'s to assist in search.

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As at 0900K/Friday, 13th July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "APOLLO")
" "MANXMAN") - E.T.D. E.I.S. 16th July for Onslow for fuel.
- H.M.S. "TYNE" - E.T.A. Eniwetok about 18th July to act as lease ship for oilers and escorts.
- U.S.S. "SIRIUS" (AK-15) - Departed Eniwetok 1200K/10th for Manus via Saipan, Guam and Ulithi E.T.A. Saipan 14th Soa 10/11. Guards NPM Sec.
- U.S.S. "DAWSON" (APA-79) - Departed Subic Bay 1000K/10 for Hollandia E.T.A. 13th. Soa 15. Guarding Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departed Tawi Tawi 1900K/11th for Morotai E.T.A. 0830K/13th thence Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M. 18th thence Sydney E.T.A. P.M. 22nd. Soa 15.5 to Milne Bay thence 16.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Morotai 1900K/12th for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/15th Soa .20.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Arrived Madang 1215K/11th. Departed 1630K/12th for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/13. Soa 10. Guarding Bells.
- L.S.T. 204 - Departed Manus 1100K/10th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/13th. Soa.9. Guarding Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "CHARLEVOIX" (AK-168) - Departed Manus 0900K/12th for Finsch. E.T.A. 1600K/13th. Soa 10. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.S. "PLYM" - Departed Manus 1200K/12th for forward Ops. Area E.T.A. 0600K/25th. Soa.8.
- M.L. 428)
H.D.M.L. 1327) - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1000K/12th for Torokina E.T.A. 0600K/13th. Guarded New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA")
" "LITHGOW") - Departed Torokina 0700K/11th for Operations
M.L. 816) - in Buka Area. Estimated time 2 days.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - Departed Darnley Is. 1450K/12th for Yule Is. E.T.A. 1700K/12th.
- M.F.V. 1069)
in tow of) - Departed Sydney 1730K/11th for Brisbane.
St. Giles)
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" - Departed Sydney 1552K/12th for exercises in Jervis Bay Area.
- H.M. Sub. "VOX")
escorted by) - E.T.D. Sydney for Auckland 17th July. Soa.9.
H.M.A.S. "LISMORE") - "Lismore" to be sailed for Fremantle after arrival.
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Considers it unsafe to proceed. Returned and anchored. Intends sheltering until weather moderates.
- H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE")
escorted by) - Arrival Sydney 7 hrs. early. E.T.A. now
H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA") - 1100K/13th.
- H.M.A.S. "MOTHER SNAKE" - Departed Fremantle 1000K/11th for Darwin E.T.A. 1620K/20th. Soa 8.5. Shifts from 500 K/cs to Cora 1500K/17th.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Amended E.T.A. Onslow 1000K/14th.

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As at 0900K/Thursday, 12th July, 1945.

- H.M. Sub. "TURPIN" - Departed Aden 0030K/11th for Fremantle Sea 10.5.
- 12 L.S.T.'s - Departed Leyte 1500K/12th for Guadal for O/R to Tulagi
E.T.A. Guadal 1400K/23rd. Sea 9.5. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "BROOKINGS" (APA-140) - Departed Samar 1455K/10th for Manus E.T.A.
14th. Sea 14/15. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departed Tawi Tawi 11th for Sydney to arrive P.M.
22nd. Route via Morotai and Milne Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE")
U.S.S. "CHARRETTE") - Departs Tawi Tawi 1000K/12 for Subic Bay
" "A.W. GRANT") E.T.A. 1000K/14th. Sea 14.
" "KILLEN")
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Morotai 0700K/11th for Darwin via west of
New Guinea E.T.A. 1900K/14th. Sea 12. Shifts from New Guinea
Inter. to Cera 0900K/12.
- U.S.S. "OKALOOSA" (APA-219) - Departed Biak 1900K/10th for Parang E.T.A.
" "GILLETTE" (DE-681)) 1200K/13th. Sea 15. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "TODD" (AKA-71) - Departed Hollandia 1605K/10th for Manila E.T.A.
0930K/15th. Sea 14.5/16. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "ALHENA" (AKA-9) - Departed Hollandia 0955K/11th for Manila E.T.A.
0600K/15th. Sea 15. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "THREE CHEERS" - Departed Hollandia 1100K/9th for Biak thence
Morotai E.T.A. Biak 1500K/11th. Sea 7. Guards New Guinea Inter.
- M.L.805 - Departed Madang towing L.C.V.P. at 0900K/11th. Detaches
tow at Hansa Bay thence proceeds Wiwak E.T.A. 1800K/12th.
Guarding New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON") - Departed Manus 1100K/10th for forward Ops.Area
" "WHYALLA") E.T.A. 0600K/21st. Sea 10.
- U.S.S. "TOWNER" (AKA-71) - Departed Lae 1905K/10th for Hollandia E.T.A.
1200K/12th. Sea 15.5. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBRO" - Departed Torokina 1700K/10th for Brisbane E.T.A.
1600K/15th. Sea.11. Guards Bells.
- U.S.S. "WARRICK" (AKA-89) - Departed Milne Bay 1450K/10th for Hollandia
E.T.A. 0700K/13th. Sea.15. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" - Departed Cairns 0630K/11th for Night Is.
(13°10'S., 143°35'E.) E.T.A. P.M.14th. To tow "STINGRAY"
(immobilised) to Thursday Is.
- U.S.S. "VIREO" (Tug) - Departing from Brisbane delayed until weather
moderates.
- H.M.S. "CHASER") E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/12th for Manus E.T.A.
" "QUEENBOROUGH") 1600K/16th. Sea 17.5. Guards Bells.
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departed Sydney 0715K/11th for Brisbane via Coffs
Harbour. E.T.A. Coffs 1730K/12th Caloundra 0800K/15th. Sea.7.
Guarding 500 K/cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.S. "QUILLIAM" - Departs Sydney about 15th for U.K. via Funa Futi,
Pearl, San Diego and Panama.

H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" - Sailing from Sydney delayed due to engine breakdown. E.T.D. now A.M. 15th.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Sailing from Melbourne further delayed pending results of further stability investigations.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Fremantle 1615K/10th for Darwin via Onslow and Broome. E.T.A. Onslow 1800K/13. Sea 10. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" }
" " "INVERELL" } Departed Darwin 0858K/11th for Morotai via
- towing } West of New Guinea. E.T.A. 1900K/15th.
H.M.A.S. "RIVER SNAKE" } Sea.10.

As from 1001K/14th July, Com. 7th Fleet opens Headquarters at Manila and closes Headquarters at Leyte.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departed Darwin 1000K/11th for Melbourne via Ballina E.T.A. 1000K/11.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" } Departed Darwin 1000K/9 for forward operational
H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" } area E.T.A. 0800K/10 (SEA.10).

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H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" } Departed Darwin 1000K/9 for Leyte
E.T.A. 1000K/9 (Unclassified) } E.T.A. 1000K/9 (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" (Cargo ship) departed Darwin 0700K/10 for Onslow
E.T.A. 1000K/10 (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departed Darwin 1000K/9 for Onslow E.T.A. 0700K/10 (SEA.10)

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departed Darwin 1000K/9 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/10

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" (Attack transport) departed Darwin 0800K/10 for Ballina E.T.A. 0800K/10 (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departs Darwin A.M. 11 for night island to New Guinea with engine breakdown to Onslow.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departed Darwin 0800K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/10 - calling Mackay to land sick patients (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departs Darwin 1000K/10 for Onslow E.T.A. 1000K/10 to Onslow (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departs Brisbane 1000K/11 for Onslow E.T.A. 0800K/11 for forward routing Leyte. Calling Mackay E.T.A. 1000K/11 to take in the four barges (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departs Brisbane 0800K/11 to Melbourne with assistance "WARRIOR" at 0800K/11 and arrival at Sydney (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departed Sydney 1100K/10 for Onslow E.T.A. 0800K/10 (SEA.10).

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" departs Darwin 1000K/10 for Onslow.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 11th ^{July} June, 1945.

U.S.S. "GENERAL OMAR BUNDY" (Transport) Departed Balboa 0900K/8 for Hollandia E.T.A. 13th thence Manila (SOA.14.5. 16).

U.S.S. "TAMALPAIS" (Oiler) Departed Eniwetok 1200K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 12th (SOA.14.15).

U.S.S. "BASSETT" (Destroyer Transport) departed Ulithi 1600K/8 for Hollandia E.T.A. 10th. (16).

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" departs Tawi Tawi 2000K/10 for Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/12 thence Manus E.T.A. A.M/15th (SOA.16).

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE") Depart Balikapapan area 2000K/9 for Tawi Tawi
U.S. Destroyers) E.T.A. 1000K/11 (SOA.12.7).
"KILLEN", "GRANT")
"CHARENTE")

H.M.A.S. "COWRA" Departed Morotai 1100K/10 for Melbourne calling Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/13 and Madang (SOA.11).

U.S.S. "BULL" (Destroyer Transport)) Departed Morotai 0700K/9 for
U.S.S. "GILLETTE" (Destroyer Escort)) Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/11. "GILLET
detaches for Biak E.T.A. 1900K/10
(16).

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" departed Morotai 1800K/9 escorting merchant ship to Zamboanga E.T.A. 1600K/11.

H.M.S. "STRIKER") Departed Manus 1800K/9 for forward operational
H.M.S. "ARBITER") area E.T.A. 0600K/18 (SOA.13).
H.M.S. "NAPIER")
H.M.S. "NIZAM")
"GLENARTNEY")

ATA.174 towing) Departed Manus 1800K/9 for Leyte
U.S.S. "A.E. "POE" (Unclassified)) E.T.A. 18th (SOA.7.5).

U.S.S. "BEAVERHEAD" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 0700K/10 for Cebu E.T.A. 16th (SOA.11.5 12.5).

U.S.S. "PROPUS" Departed Emirau 1500K/9 for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/10 (SOA.9

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" departed 1535K/9 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/15.

U.S.S. "BOTETOURT" (Attack transport) Departed Lae 0830K/10 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/12 (SOA.16.5).

H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" Departs Cairns A.M/11 for Night Island to tow "STINGRAY" immobilised with engine breakdown to Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" Departed Townsville 0630K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/14 - calling Mackay to land sick patient (SOA.11).

H.M.A.S. "BROOME" Departs Townsville 1600K/10 for Langemak E.T.A. 1800K/14 thence Madang (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "VIREO" Departs Brisbane 1400K/11 for Manus E.T.A. 0600K/27 for onward routing Leyte. Calling Mackay E.T.A. 1500K/12 to take in tow four barges (SOA.10. 5).

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" Departs Brisbane 2300K/10 to rendezvous with submarine "VIRTUE" at 0600K/11 and escort to Sydney (SOA.7).

H.M.S. "GLENBARN" departed Sydney 1150K/10 for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/15 thence Manus (SOA.16).

H.M.S. "BEACHY HEAD" Departs Darwin 0830K/14 for Colombo.

*to Seattle 7/17
filed 7/15*

Dutch Submarine "O. 19" reported ashore on Ladd Reef in daily Narrative of 9th July is reported by submarine 4 to be undamaged. U.S. Submarine "COB" will attempt to tow if practicable. No other salvage units organized yet. Submarine 4 states vessel requires refit and does not intend pressing for salvage effort in view of risk involved to salvage units.

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A.F.D. 18, floating drydock of force "ST" at present at Milne Bay, is reported to have portion of bottom plating to forward scow end torn away approx dimensions 8 by 6 feet. M.O.I.C. Milne Bay reports dock can be temporarily repaired and made seaworthy in approx twelve days, and if towed stern first no further damage likely.

- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Attack Transport) Departed Leyte 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" Departed Leyte 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Landing Ship Dock) Departed Leyte 1500K/8 for escorted by U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Destroyer) ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Attack Transport) Departed Leyte 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" Departed Leyte 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Survey vessel) departed Hollandia 1500K/8 for Leyte ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } Departed Hollandia 1500K/8 in survey for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } and "ALBATROSS" detach for Leyte U.S.S. 1500K/8.
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Supply Ship) departed Manus 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (Storeship) departed Manus 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Langkai 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed Langkai 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" departed ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } Depart Thursday Island 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } 1500K/17 for fuel water and stores (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } Departed Sydney 1500K/8 for ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } 1500K/11 (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } Departed Sydney 1500K/8 as ... (SOA. 11).
- U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" } 1500K/15 for ... (SOA. 11).

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 10th July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "VENERABLE") Departed East Indies Station 1839K/7 for
- H.M.S. "ANSON") Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/16. (SOA.17).
- H.M.S. "COLOSSUS")
- H.M.S. "VENGEANCE")
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN")
- H.M.S. "TUSCAN")

- U.S.S. "GENERAL BREWSTER" (Transport) Departed Balboa 0700K/6 for
Hollandia E.T.A. 27th thence to Manila (SOA.15.5. 17).

- ATR. 27 (Rescue tug)) Departed Espiritu Santo 0515K/7 for
- towing) Hollandia E.T.A. 1300K/19. (SOA.7).
- U.S.S. "MAJABA" (Unclassified)

- U.S.S. "SHERBURNE" (Attack Transport) Departed Leyte 1200K/8 for
Biak E.T.A. 1100K/11. (SOA.15.16).

- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" Departed Leyte 2130K/8 for Morotai E.T.A. 1600K/11.
(SOA.10).

- U.S.S. "CARTER HALL" (Landing Ship Dock)) Departed Leyte 1000K/9 for
- escorted by U.S.S. "EATON" (Destroyer)) Morotai E.T.A. 0900K/11. (SOA.
14).

- U.S.S. "AUDUBON" (Attack Transport) Departed Samar 0800K/9 for Guadalcanal
E.T.A. 14th (SOA.16.17).

- H.M.A.S. "STUART" Departed Morotai 1200K/9 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 1600K/
10. thence Madang E.T.A. 1500K/12.

- U.S.S. "MESQUITE" (Survey vessel) departed Hollandia 1855K/8 for Leyte
E.T.A. 0700K/14. ~~R(x)~~ (SOA.10).

- U.S. Destroyer Escorts) Departed Hollandia 1300K/8 in convoy for
- "RILEY" "BEVIN") Manila E.T.A. 0600K/18. "PRESIDENT HAYES"
- escorting transports) and "CLEARFIELD" detach for Leyte E.T.A.
- "PRESIDENT HAYES", "GALLATIN") 0700K/15.
- "CLEARFIELD" + 15 LST's)

- U.S.S. "TALITA" (Supply Ship) departed Manus 1300K/8 for Ulithi E.T.A.
0700K/12.

- U.S.S. "BOREAS" (Storeship) departed Manus 1600K/9 for Ulithi E.T.A.
1300K/13 (SOA.9.5).

- HMML.1327 departed Langemak 0930K/8 for Jacquinet Bay E.T.A. 1000K/9
(SOA.11).

- HMML.1347 departed Langemak for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/9.

- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" Departed Langemak 0950K/7 for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/9.

- U.S.S. "ALHENA" Departed Oro Bay 1210K/8 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/10.
(SOA.15).

- H.M.S. "LEONIAN") Depart Thursday Island 0700K/10 for Townsville E.T.A.
- H.M.S. "BARTHOPE") 0700K/17. for fuel water and stores (SOA.4.5).

- H.M.S. "CHASER") Departed Sydney 1730K/9 for Brisbane E.T.A.
- H.M.S. "QUEENBOROUGH") 0500K/11. (SOA.13).

- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") Departed Sydney 1442K/9 as T.U. 74.1.5 for Manus
- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA") E.T.A. 1200K/15 for onward routing Subic Bay
(SOA.15).

H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" Departed Port Kembla 1120K/9 with tow for Sydney E.T.A. 2000K/9 (SOA.5).

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" Delayed due to non-completion of work. Now departs Port Phillip P.M/11 for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" } Depart Darwin 0830K/11 for Morotai
H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" } E.T.A. P.M/15 (SOA.10) via route west
towing } of New Guinea.
H.M.A.S. "RIVERSNAKE" (S.R.D.) }

Com, 7th Fleet intends to direct C.S.W.P.S.F. to relieve Com 7th Phib about 20th July of responsibility for routing control and protection of shipping to Balikpapan and for the local naval defence of the Balikpapan area.

H.M.A.S. "CORSE" Departed Darwin 0830K/11 for Morotai E.T.A. P.M. 15th SOA.12. Guards New Guinea Inter.

S.O. 725 Departed Morotai 1200K/11 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/11th. Guards Manus for S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Manus 0800K/11 for Lee Muench Brisbane E.T.A. Lee 1600K/11th Brisbane 1600K/11th SOA.10. Guards Balla.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } Departed Manus 1200K/11th for operations area S.O.P.
H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } 0600K/11th SOA.8.2.
H.M.A.S. "MORNING" }

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" (AS-8) Departed Manus 1200K/11th for United S.O.P. SOA.10th SOA.8.2. Shifts from Manus Port to S.O.P. SOA. 1200K/11th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Goro Bay 0800K/11th for Amboina E.T.A. 1400K/11th SOA.8. Guards New Guinea Inter-S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } arrived Milne Bay 1200K/11th according to
H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } SOA.
towing S.O. for "MORNING"

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Milne Bay 0800K/11th for Goro Bay, Longbeak and Madaya E.T.A. Goro Bay 1600K/11th. SOA.17. Guarding New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/11th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Thursday Island 0700K/11th for Port Moresby E.T.A. Port Moresby 0700K/11th SOA.8. Guards SOA/ea. S.O.P.

L.C. 307 arrived Cairns 0800K/11th. Departed South 1400K/11th.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/11th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/11th. SOA.12.5 Guards Balla.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Port Stephens 0800K/11th for Goffs Moresby Moresby Brisbane. E.T.A. Goffs Moresby 1400K/11th SOA.16. Guarding Port M/T New S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/11th for Manus E.T.A. P.M/15th for O/S to 14th S.O.P. 07.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } Departed Sydney 1200K/11th for Manus via Jervis
H.M.A.S. "MORNING" } E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/11th Manus 1000K/11th. SOA. 10 to Jervis Moresby 17. Guarding Balla.

H.M.A.S. "MORNING" Departed Melbourne 1200K/11th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/11th SOA.12.

S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

A Scarlett

"H'barle"

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To 0900K/Monday 9th July, 1945.

"VASNA"

H.M. Hospital Ship/departed Trinceo 1220K/6th for Fremantle or Darwin as ordered. E.T.A.'s Fremantle 1001K/17th Darwin 1200K/18th.

3 ATA's and 1 ATF with tows departed Santo 1140K/7th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/20th. thence to Leyte SOA.6. Shifts from Lote to Manus Fox 1001K/10th.

5 LST's departed Leyte 0900K/8th for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0700K/17th SOA.9. Guarding Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "DEVOSA" (AKA-27) Departed Leyte 1200K/7th. for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/11. Guarding N.P.M. Sec.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST" departed Leyte 1600K/9th for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/11 SOA.10.5. Guards New Guinea Inter.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" departed Morotai 1045K/8th for Tarakan E.T.A. P.M. 10th SOA.12. Guards New Guinea Inter.

S.O. 748 departed Morotai 1900K/7th for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/12th. Guards Manus Fox S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" Departed Manus 0630K/8th for Lae thence Brisbane E.T.A. Lae 1600K/9th Brisbane 1800K/15th SOA.10.5. Guards Bells.

H.M.S. "PARRET") Departed Manus 1800K/7th for operations area E.T.A.

H.M.S. "CRANE") 0600K/21st SOA.8.3.

H.M.A.S. "PIRIE")

U.S.S. "TALITA" (AKS-8) departed Manus 1300K/8th for Ulithi E.T.A. 0700K/12th SOA.9.6. Shifts from Manus Fox to N.P.M. Sec. 1001K/10th.

HMML.1347 departed Oro Bay 0625K/7th for Langemak E.T.A. 1430K/8th SOA.9. Guards New Guinea Inter S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "GOULEURN") arrived Milne Bay 1200K/8th escorting Force
H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH") S.I.
towing H.M. Tug "LARIAT")

H.M.A.S. "AIR SPEED" Departed Milne Bay 0617K/8th for Oro Bay, Langemak and Madang E.T.A. Oro Bay 1630K/9th. SOA.17. Guarding New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.

H.M.S. "SALVICTOR" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/10th.

H.M.S. "BARBAIN" Departed Thursday Island 0715K/7th for Port Moresby thence to Manus E.T.A. Moresby 0700K/9th SOA.5. Guards 500K/cs. 2 O.P.

LCI. 967 arrived Cairns 0937K/8th. Departed South 1445K/8th.

H.M.. "SLINGER" E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/9th for Sydney E.T.A. 0615K/11th. SOA.11.5 Guards Bells.

H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" Departed Port Stephens 0630K/8th for Coffs Harbour thence Brisbane. E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1700K/8th SOA.16. Guarding Port W/T Wave S.O.P.

H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/13th for Manus E.T.A. P.M./17th for O/R to join C.T.F. 37.

H.M.S. "INDEPATIGABLE") Departed Sydney 1700K/7th for Manus via Jomard
H.M.S. "WAKEFUL") E.T.A. Jomard 1500K/10th Manus 1000K/12th. SOA. 20 to Jomard thence 17. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" Departed Melbourne 1320K/8th for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/12th SOA.5.

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As at 0900K/Sunday 8th July, 1945.

St. Seabell
"McIntyre" *5/* *14/17* *11/17*

H.M.S. "ARIADNE" E.T.D. U.K. 17th July for Gibraltar E.T.A. P.M.19th
E.T.D. Gibraltar A.M. 20th for Malta E.T.A. A.M.
22nd. Has 14 days working up at Malta thence
proceeds E.I.S. for O/R to Sydney to join B.P.F.

H.M.S. BERRY HEAD Departs Esquimalt 0100K/10th for San Francisco for O/R
to Pacific E.T.A. San Francisco 1200K/13th S.O.A.10.

H.M.S. GLAMBOROUGH HEAD Departed Pearl 1400K/3rd for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/18th
S.O.A. 10. Guards N.P.M. Fox. To call at Majuro
for fuel if necessary.

U.S.S. GENERAL FREEMAN E.T.D. Calcutta 15th July to Trinco for fuel thence
Fremantle.

H.M. Sub. TOTEM Departs Trinco 2100K/11th for Fremantle S.O.A. 11.5.
Shifts from Victor to Bells 0100K/21st.

U.S.S. BRISCOE (AP-65) Departed Manila 1900K/5th for Guadal E.T.A.13th
S.O.A. 15/16.5. Guards Manus Fox.

U.S.S. MERCY (Hospital Ship) Departed Manila 1400K/6th for Biak E.T.A.10th
S.O.A. 14. Guarding Manus Fox.

L.C.I. 971 Departed Samar 0900K/7th for Manus E.T.A. 13th
S.O.A.10.

U.S.S. MEDUSA (Repair Ship) Departed Leyte 0800K/6th for Manus E.T.A.
1200K/11th S.O.A. 12. Guards Manus Fox.

Y.M.S. 316 Departed Woendi 1200K/6th for Leyte E.T.A. 0900K/11th.
S.O.A. 9.5. Guards 2716 K/es.

U.S.S. ST. CROIX (APA-231)) Departed Hollandia 1400K/7th for Manila
" M.H.McINTYRE (APA-129)) E.T.A. 0600K/12th. S.O.A. 16. Guarding
D.E. 561) Manus Fox.

M.L. 604 Departed Wewak 1300K/7th for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/8th.
Guards New Guinea Inter S.O.P.

H.M.S. UNDAUNTED Departed Manus 1830K/6th to join T.F.37 daylight 11th
and proceed in company S.O.A. 15.

Y.P. 504 Departed Manus 0700K/7th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700K/10th
S.O.A. 7. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.S. RESOURCE Departed Manus 1130K/7th for Sydney E.T.A.0700K/14th.
S.O.A. 13.5. Guarding Bells.

F.S. 159 Departed Manus 0900K/7th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/10th
S.O.A. 8.

U.S.S. LAVACA Departed Manus 0900K/7th for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/10th.
S.O.A.16/17. Guards Manus Fox.

Y.P. 288 Departed Manus 1000K/7th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/14th
S.O.A. 9.5. Guards Bells 2 G.P.

H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY Departed Madang 2200K/6th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/5th
S.O.A. 10. Guards Bells S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. BENDIGO Departed Milne Bay 0607K/6th for Manus routed East of
Normanby Is. E.T.A. Manus 1600K/8th S.O.A. 11.
Guarding Bells.

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H.M.A.S. BUNBURY Departed Milne Bay 0405K/7th for Townsville E.T.A. 1400K/9th S.O.A. 11. Guarding Bells.

U.S.S. BOPETOURT (APA-136) Departed Milne Bay 1100K/7th for Lae E.T.A. 1200K/8th S.O.A. 17. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M. Sub. VIRTUE escorted by H.M.A.S. TOOWOOMBA } From position 14° 40' S. 152° 40' E at 2101K/5th proceeds to Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/13th S.O.A. 6.

H.M.A.S. TAMWORTH Pos. Course and Speed:- 10° 53' S. 149° 05' E - 092° - 3.

H.M.S. BONAVENTURE Departs Brisbane 1500K/8th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A. Jomard 0900K/11th, Manus 1300K/13th. S.O.A. 14.5. Guarding Bells.

H.M.A.S. AIR CHIEF Departed Newcastle 0634K/7th for Coffs Harbour. Sheltering in Fort Stephens. E.T.A. Coffs Harbour was 1700K/7th.

H.M.S. ARGONAUT E.T.A. Jervis Bay from Sydney was 1115K/7th.

P.D. Blak reports - effective from 0900K/6th functions of P.D. Blak are assumed by R.A.N.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports departure of H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" delayed. Necessary to dock ship for renewal of keeper ring damaged by wire fouling S'board propeller. Repairs may be completed by 10th, contingent upon favourable weather for docking. Later advice states vessel likely to be delayed until about 11th.

N.O.I.C. Darwin proposes to sail "INVERELL" with "STAWELL" and "RIVER SNAKE" about 11th July and retain "KAPUNDA" until materials arrive to effect necessary Repairs. This will bridge the gap in the turnabouts which would otherwise occur. Approval for this action has been granted by C.S.W.P.S.F.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

9/7/45
H. Karlett
H. A. Baker
9/7/45

To 0900k/Saturday, 7th July, 1945.

U.S.S. "OBENON" (Attack cargo) departed Noumea 1400K/5 for Samar E.T.A. 15th (SOA.14.15).

H.M.A.S. "STUART" departs Tawi Tawi 1800K/6 for Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/8 (SOA.15).

U.S. Destroyer escorts) Departed Hollandia 0800K/6 in convoy to
"MACK", "MANUEL") Manila E.T.A. 0700K/10 (SOA.15).
escorting U.S. Ships) "DAUPHIN" and "JAMES O'HARA" detach for
"OLMSTEAD", "MENIFEE") Leyte E.T.A. 1900K/9.
"FON DE LA" , "ARTEMIS"
"HARRY LEE", "DAUPHIN"
"JAMES O'HARA"

APC.3. Departed Hollandia 0735K/6 for Leyte E.T.A. 1530K/11.

U.S.S. "TOWNER" (Attack cargo) departed Manus 1500K/5 for Lae E.T.A. 1600K/6.

H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" Departed Manus 0700K/5 for Lae E.T.A. 0600K/6 thence Sydney (SOA.13. Guarding Bells).

U.S.S. "CLIFTON" (unclassified) departed Manus 1500K/5 for Leyte E.T.A. 0700K/12 (SOA.9.5).

M.L. 808 departed Madang 1800K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 0600K/6.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" departed Torokina 1400K/5 to assist Second Aust. Corps vicinity west coast Buks returning Torokina A.M./7th.

M.L. 816) Departed Langemak 1800K/4 for Jacquinet Bay E.T.A. 1400K/5
M.L. 427) thence Torokina.

U.S.S. "LAVACA" (Attack Transport) Departed Lae 0945K/5 for Manus E.T.A. 1130K/6 thence Hollandia (SOA.16).

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" (Tanker) Departed Lae 0830K/5 for Finschhafen E.T.A. 1300K/5 (SOA.14).

HML.1347 departed Milne Bay 1417K/5 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1400K/6 thence Langemak E.T.A. 1500K/8 and Madang E.T.A. 1200K/9 (SOA.9).

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Oiler) Departed Milne Bay 1430K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 0730K/9 (SOA.9.5).

HML.1342 departed Thursday Island 0730K/6 for Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M/8 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "LIMONSA" departed Thursday Island 1026K/6 for Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M/8.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" departed Sydney 1002K/6 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/11 for onward routing to Thursday Island Madang and Morotai (SOA.10).

H.M.S. "SLINGER" Departed Sydney 1228K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/8 (SOA.11.5).

H.M.S. "LEWES" departs Jervis Bay P.M/9 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/10.

H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" Departed Sydney 1335K/6 for Newcastle E.T.A. 1700K/6 thence Coffs Harbour and Brisbane.

M.S.L. 708 (Lighter) Departed Port Phillip Heads 1030K/5 for Sydney E.T.A. P.M/8 (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "JRALBA" departs Melbourne 7th July for Sydney for onward routing to Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" departs Port Phillip 0430K/7 for Western Port E.T.A. 0730K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" }
U.S.S. "GRANT" (Destroyer) } Departed Tawi Tawi 1900K/5 for
U.S.S. "KILLEN" " } Balik Papan area E.T.A. 0900K/7 (SOA.12.5)

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N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that S.R.D. intend to transfer all activities from Fremantle to forward area in about three weeks time. "MOTHER SNAKE" and "TAIPAN" will be loaded to capacity but transport wikk for about 70 tons to Morotai will be required. Proposes using ketch "NICHOL BAY" which appears to be only vessel suitable. Ship will be manned by present civilian master with crew supplied by S.R.D.

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H.M. Submarine "VIRTUE" on passage Manus-Sydney escorted by H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" reports one engine out of action and speed reduced to six knots. Amended E.T.A. Sydney is 1800K/13.

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H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" taken in hand for refit at Adelaide 5th July period six weeks.

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H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN", S.O. Force "ST" (AFD 18, tugs 2 A.R.S.) on passage Darwin - Manus, reported at 1400K/6 that tug "LARIAT" was in tow of H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" with both engines out of action (new reduction shaft required). Dock in tow of "SALVESTOR" and "CAMBRIAN SALVOR". Force now proceeding to Milne Bay E.T.A. North Foreland 1700K/7 and "GOULBURN" has requested towing arrangements be made for remainder of passage.

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- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Manus 1700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Manus 0700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1000K/6 (SOA.10, 11, 12).
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 1700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10, 11, 12).
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Manus 1700K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Manus 1700K/6 for Longman E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18).
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Longman 0700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" (Attack transport) departed Longman 0700K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" (Attack transport) departed Longman 1700K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" (Attack transport) departed Longman 0700K/6 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1700K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Port Moresby 0700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/6.
- H.M.A.S. "MANTON" departed Manus 1700K/6 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18).

*St Scoble adds 2/7
H.A. 9/7 5/7/7*

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9/6/7*

To 0900K/Friday, 6th July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "VENABLE" - with A.C.11 departs Colombo 1130K/7.
- H.M.S. "COLOSSUS" Departs Madras 1900K/6 to rendezvous with
- H.M.S. "ANSON") who depart Trincomalee 1100K/7. All
- H.M.S. "VENGRANCE") vessels then rendezvous with "VENABLE"
- H.M.S. "TYRIAN") at 2230K/7 and proceed in company to
- H.M.S. "TUSCAN") Fremantle E.T.A. 1700K/16. To exercise
aircraft over Cocos Island en route

U.S.S. "AREQUIPA" (Supply ship) departed Zamboanga 1600K/5 for Leyte thence Manus E.T.A. 1100K/13 (SOA.10.11).

U.S.S. "ACUBENS" (Store ship) departed Subic Bay 1700K/4 for Hollandia 11th (SOA.10).

- U.S.S. "SUWANNEE" (Escort carrier)) Depart Oboe 2 operations area
- U.S.S. "BLOCK ISLAND" " ") 2000K/3rd July for San Pedro
- U.S.S. "GILBERT ISLAND" " ") Bay, Leyte E.T.A. 1700K/6th.
- U.S.S. "DONALDSON" (Destroyer)) (SOA.15).
- U.S.S. "DALE" " ")
- U.S.S. "MITCHELL" (Destroyer Escort))
- U.S.S. "CLONES" " ")
- U.S.S. "KYNE" " ")
- U.S.S. "LAMONS" " ")

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" Departed Morotai 0800K/4 escorting warship to Zamboanga E.T.A. 0600K/6.

H.M.A.S. "BATHURST") Departed Morotai 1800K/4 for Leyte E.T.A.
P.C. 1120+5 L.S.T's) 1500K/7.

U.S.S. "BOSQUE" (Attack Transport) Departed Hollandia 0805K/3 for Noumea E.T.A. 0730K/8 (SOA.14.15).

U.S.S. "BARNSTAPLE" (Attack Transport) Departed Hollandia 1210K/4 for Manila E.T.A. 1500K/8 (SOA.17.18).

H.M.S. "RULER") Departed Manus 1145K/5 as T.U. 112.2.12 for operation
H.M.S. "NEPAL") forward area E.T.A. 1700K/16. (SOA.13).

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" departed Manus 1700K/5 for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/6 (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" Departed Manus 0700K/5 for San Francisco via Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 1100K/14 (SOA.16.5. 17.5).

U.S.S. "PROPUS" (Cargo ship) departed Manus 1500K/4 for Emirau E.T.A. 0700K/5 (SOA.11.12).

U.S.S. "MESQUITE" Departed Manus 1600K/4 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/6 (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "MUNBURY" Departs Madang 1700K/4 for Langemak E.T.A. 0700K/5. thence Milne Bay, Brisbane, Sydney and Adelaide (SOA.10. Guards Bells).

HMML.1327 departed Langemak 0908K/5 for Lae E.T.A. 1500K/5.

U.S.S. "ST. CROIX" (Attack transport) Departed Langemak 0800K/4 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1400K/5.

U.S.S. "JAMES O'HARA" (Attack transport) Departed Langemak 1700K/4 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/6.

U.S.S. "McINTYRE" (Attack Transport) Departed Milne Bay 0620K/5 for Hollandia 1730K/7.

H.M.S. "BEACHY HEAD" Departed Port Moresby 0700K/5 for Darwin E.T.A. 9th

H.M.A.S. "HEROS" Departs Thursday Is. 1000K/5 for Darwin E.T.A. 1400K/8 (SOA.10. Guard Cora S.O.P.).

H.M.S. "DESTINY" departed Thursday Island 1045K/for Sydney E.T.A. A.M. 17 (SOA.6).

H.L. 818 departed Townsville 1517K/4 for Cairns E.T.A. 0700K/5 thence Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800K/17 for onward routeing Madang (SOA.12).

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 1108K/5 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 2100K/5 - exercising on passage.

H.M.S. "WESSEX" Departed Sydney 1816K/3 for Auckland E.T.A. 0630K/6 (SOA.22).

H.M.S. "UNICORN" Departed Sydney 0744K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/6 (SOA.16.5).

H.M.S. "BROOME" Departed Sydney 1159K/5 for Townsville E.T.A. 1400K/9 for onward routeing Madang (SOA.11. Guarding Bells).

H.M.S. "FERMOOR" Departed Darwin 1120K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/15. (SOA.9).

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" will escort H.M. Submarine "VOX" from Sydney to Auckland about 16th July for exercises. Submarine to return to Sydney by 24th August.

C. in C. E.P.F. has instructed VA.(9) to provide three HMML's for the use of F.O.I.C. Sydney as anti-submarine defences until Royal Naval A.S.R. launches are available.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 5th July, 1945. *244 4/7* *11/6/7*

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" Departs Esquimalt (Canada) 1500K/5th for San Francisco for O/R to Pearl and S.W.P. E.T.A. San Francisco 0800K/7th SOA.20.

BYMS's 2064 (SO), 2018, 2153 departed Colombo 2030K/3 for Onslow E.T.A. 0900K/15th SOA.10. Shifts from Victor to Bells 0400K/11th.

H.M.S. "WESSEX" Gives E.T.A. Auckland 0630K/6th SOA.22.

U.S.S. "MERCY" (Hospital Ship) departed Manila 1900K/3rd for Biak E.T.A. 8th.

H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" E.T.D. Morotai for Darwin 0700K/7th July.

H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" Departed Aitape 0300K/4th for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/4th. Guards N/G Inter S.O.P.

H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" Departed Madang 0600K/3rd for Wewak E.T.A. 1800K/3rd thence Aitape, Hollandia and Biak. Guards N/G Inter.

LCI.27 departed Manus 1700K/3rd for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/5th. SOA. 11/12. Guards Manus Fox S.O.P.

U.S.S. "CLAIMORNE" (AK-171) Departed Manus 1600K/3rd for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/5th. SOA.9.5. Guards Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "GALLATIN" (APA-169) Departed Manus 1900K/3rd for Finschhafen E.T.A. 1700K/4th. SOA.14/15. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH") Departed Manus 1730K/3rd to join T.U's 112.2.2
H.M.S. "WEAZEL") and 112.2.5 respectively. E.T.A. R.V. point 0600K/
16th. SOA.8.3.

U.S.S. "HARRY LEE" (APA-10) Departed Langemak 0735K/3rd for Hollandia E.T.A. 1800K/4th. Guarded Manus Fox.

MIML.1355 departed Langemak 0810K/4th for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1400K/6th.

U.S.S. "ARTEMIS" (AKA-21) Departed Lae 1410K/3rd for Hollandia E.T.A. 0800K/5th. SOA.13. Guarding Manus Fox.

U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" Departed Oro Bay 1605K/3rd for Lae E.T.A. 0600K/4th. SOA.15. Guarded Manus Fox.

M.L.'s 805 and 428 departed Milne Bay 1645K/4th for Madang E.T.A. 1200K/6th SOA.10. Guarding N/G Inter S.O.P.

H.M.S. "BARBAIN" arrived Thursday Island 0943K/4th.

H.M.A.S. "GULBURN" Possible course and speed of Force S.T. at 1200K/4th
10°07'S. 146°33'E 110°3

M.L. 809 departed Townsville 0800K/4th for Thursday Island via Cooktown for fuel and to embark R.M.S. party. E.T.A. Cooktown 1500K/6th. E.T.D. 0700K/7th. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1100K/10th. SOA.9. Guards 500 K/cs S.O.P.

H.M.S. "SPEAKER" Departed Sydney 1637K/3rd for Manus via Jomard E.T.A.'s Jomard 0600K/7th Manus 0600K/9th SOA.17. Guard Bells.

H.M.S. "QUILLIAM" E.T.A. Sydney from Manus 1500K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "LISHORE" Departed Sydney 0759K/4th for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1530K/4th. SOA.11.

H.M.S. "ARETUS" Departed Sydney 0938K/4th for Manus via Jomard E.T.A.'s Jomard 0600K/9th, Manus 1400K/11th. SOA.13. Guarding Bells.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" } Departs Sydney for Manus A.M. 7th July.
H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" }

H.M.N.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Darwin 1520K/4th July.

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N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reports H.M.A.S. "GRIFFIOEN" sheltering at Coconut Island and H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" at Darnby Island.

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N.O.I.C. Townsville reports air searches proved negative. "BERDIGO" and "TAMWORTH" to discontinue search for missing aircraft. "BERDIGO" to proceed Milne Bay to refuel and then continue passage to Manus. "TAMWORTH", fuel permitting, is to rejoin Force S.T. and only if essential is she to proceed Milne Bay for fuel before rejoining.

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H.M.S. "SALVICTOR" signals unable to maintain speed due to adverse weather conditions. Adjusting speed to arrive Booby Island dawn 7th.

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- H.M.S. "SALVICTOR" (AFA-100) Departed Sydney 1520K/4th July for Manus A.M. 7th July.
- H.M.S. "BERDIGO" (AFA-100) Departed Sydney 1520K/4th July for Manus A.M. 7th July.
- H.M.S. "TAMWORTH" (AFA-100) Departed Sydney 1520K/4th July for Manus A.M. 7th July.
- H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" (AFA-100) Departed Sydney 1520K/4th July for Manus A.M. 7th July.
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" (AFA-100) Departed Sydney 1520K/4th July for Manus A.M. 7th July.
- H.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" (AFA-100) Arrived Darwin 1520K/4th July.
- H.M.S. "GRIFFIOEN" (AFA-100) Sheltering at Coconut Island.
- H.M.S. "TRINGA" (AFA-100) Sheltering at Darnby Island.
- H.M.S. "SALVICTOR" (AFA-100) Adjusting speed to arrive Booby Island dawn 7th.
- H.M.S. "BERDIGO" (AFA-100) Proceeding Milne Bay to refuel.
- H.M.S. "TAMWORTH" (AFA-100) Rejoining Force S.T.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 4th July, 1945. Morotai 7th July. To be ...

- H.M.C.S. "ONTARIO" departed 0630K/3rd for Gibraltar thence Malta for O/R to East Indies Station thence to join B.P.F. E.T.A. Gibraltar 2000K/5th.
- H.M.S. "AVONDALE" Departed U.K. 0200/3rd for Gibraltar E.T.A. 1600K/6th. To be O/R to join B.P.F.
- AFD.31 E.T.D. Durban for towage S.W. Pacific via Darwin and Port Moresby - end of August.
- H.M.S. "MULL OF GALLOWAY" departed Pearl 1330K/2nd for Guadalcanal for O/R to Darwin thence Colombo. SOA.10.5.
- U.S.S. "TAURUS" (AF-25) Departed Auckland 0700K/2nd for Hollandia E.T.A. 1200K/13th SOA.11.2/12.2. Shifts from Lote to Manus.-Fox 1500K/7th.
- U.S.S. "TINSMAN" (DE-589) Departed Leyte 1300K/2nd to R.V. with U.S. Sub. "CAVALLA" at 1300K/4th. On relief by escort from Marianas at 1300K/7th. ship to proceed to Ulithi.
- ATA.207 departed Leyte 1900K/2nd for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 13th. SOA.10. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" Departed Morotai 1300K/3rd for Tawi Tawi E.T.A. 1900K/4th. SOA.18.5. Guard Bells.
- U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hospital Ship) departed Morotai 1000K/1st for Tarakan E.T.A. 0900K/3rd. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" Departed Woendi 1600K/2nd for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/6th Guards New Guinea Inter. S.O.P.
- 8 Attack Transports) Departed Hollandia 0800K/3rd for Manila E.T.A. escorted by 2 D.E.'s) 0700K/9th. SOA.13. Guarding Manus Fox.
- YMS.316 departed Manus 1200K/2nd for Leyte via Biak E.T.A. Biak 1500K/5th SOA.9.5. Guards 2716K/cs.
- U.S.S. "VOLSTEAD" (APA-188) Departed Lae 1735K/2nd for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/4th SOA.15. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "FOND DE LAC" (APA-166) Departed Oro Bay 0955K/2nd for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/4th SOA.16. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "MENIFEE" (APA-202) Departed Milne Bay 0530K/2nd for Hollandia E.T.A. Daylight 5th. SOA.17. Guards Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "NAPIER") Departed Milne Bay 0607K/2nd for Manus E.T.A. 1000K/
H.M.A.S. "NEPAL") 4th. Guarding Bells.
H.M.A.S. "NIZAM")
H.M.A.S. "NORMAN")
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD" Departed Milne Bay 0607K/3rd for Port Moresby E.T.A. A.M. 5th SOA.5. Guarding 500 K/cs S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" Detached from Force S.T. to search for crashed Douglas aircraft E.T.A. position 12°35'S. 149°25'E. 1200K/4th SOA.7.
- H.M.S. "UNICORN" E.T.D. Sydney dawn 5th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/6th. To complete docking by P.M.15th July and sail for Manus at 1200K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" to tow targets at Jervis Bay about 4th July. E.T.D. Sydney for Fremantle 12th July.
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" departed Melbourne 1200K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 1300K/11th. SOA.12.
- H.M.S. "SALVICTOR" Departed Darwin 0410K/3rd for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/12th. SOA.10. Guards Bells.

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to Seattle 28/4/7
A. Foster

To 0900K/Tuesday, 3rd July, 1945.

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H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" arrived Balikpapan area 1st July.

U.S.S. "CLEARFIELD" (Attack Transport) departed Manila 1100K/30 for Hollandia E.T.A. 4th (SOA.15.16).

U.S.S. "LIBRA" (Attack cargo) departed Leyte 0400K/1st for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1200K/6th (15.16).

U.S.S. "VENUS" (Cargo ship) departed Manila 1200K/30 for Manus E.T.A. 10. (SOA.9.10)

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO")
H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY") As T.C. 76.20 departed Brunel Bay
U.S.S. "BANCROFT") area 1200K/2 for Morotai E.T.A.
U.S.S. "EDWARDS") 0900K/7. (SOA.9). "BANCROFT" and
U.S.S. "PINTO") "EDWARDS" detach for Subic Bay E.T.A.
U.S.S. "CALDWELL") 0800K/5. "PINTO", "CALDWELL", "SHIELDS
U.S.S. "SHIELDS" + 11 LST's) detach for Leyte E.T.A. 1000K/6.

H.M.A.S. "GLENELG") Departed Misk 1700K/1 for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/4.
LST 739, 990)

U.S.S. "PARLE" (Destroyer Escort) Departed Hollandia 1525K/1st escorting special ship "FURNIFOLD & SIMMONDS" to Ulithi E.T.A. 1900K/4 for onward escort to Saipan (SOA.10).

U.S.S. "ARTEMIS" (Attack Transport) Departed Manus 1100K/1st for Lae E.T.A. 1300K/2nd (SOA.15.16).

U.S.S. "NEDEA" (Attack cargo) departed Manus 1200K/1st for Noumea E.T.A. 0600K/7 (SOA.13.5. 14).

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER", H.M.S. "FINNHORN") As T.U. 112.2.2 departed Manus
H.M.S. "DEMG", H.M.S. "BAMLE") 1800K/1st for Northern
"WAVE" "MONARCH") operations area E.T.A. 0600K/14
"SAN ADOLFO", "SAN AMBROSIO") (SOA.8.3. Guard Jump-Fox).

H.D.M.L. 1327 departs Madang 1800K/1st for Langemak E.T.A. 1400K/2nd thence Lae.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" (Oiler) Departed Langemak 2120K/30 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/2nd.

U.S.S. "GAGE" (Attack Transport) Departed Langemak 1700K/1 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/3.

U.S.S. "MKNIFEE" (Attack Transport) Departed Milne Bay 0600K/2nd for Hollandia E.T.A. 0600K/6 (SOA.17).

H.M.S. "TYNE" Departed Sydney 1252K/2nd for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/10 (SOA.11.5. Guarding Bells).

H.M.S. "GLENHARN" Departed Melbourne 1300K/30 for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/2nd (SOA.14).

H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" Departs Melbourne 1200K/2nd for Sydney (Bells).

H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" Departs Melbourne 0400K/2nd and Port Phillip Heads 0600K/2nd for exercises in Wilson's Promontory area.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" Departed Melbourne 1300K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/5th (9).

H.M.S. "BERMUDA" Departed Fremantle 1207K/2 with C.S. 20. for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/7 (Guarding Bells).

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C.T.F. 112 asks C. in C. B.P.F. if it can be confirmed that "SPRIGHTLY" is available for service in Fleet Train. States only other rescue tug available is "WEAZEL" who has developed engine defect. If it can be confirmed the "SPRIGHTLY" available it is desired to send her to forward areas.

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Com, 7th Fleet suggests that formation of Task Unit 70.5.1 be continued for the present. States that he cannot yet suggest most appropriate employment of "WARREGO" after refit.

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Royal Australian Navy port director unit arrived Biak A.M./1st July.

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Commander (D) intends sailing H.M.A.S. "DOWEN" to arrive Darwin for docking A.M. 10th July. "BATHURST" to arrive A.M./19th July. N.O.I.C. Darwin has requested that the sailing of these A.M.S.'s be deferred until the departure time of the two vessels at Darwin has been determined.

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N.O.I.C. Port Moresby signalled that R.A.A.F. report a C.47 aircraft crashed between Townsville and Milne Bay - last known position of aircraft being approx. 100 miles from New Guinea mainland. N.O.I.C. Townsville has warned shipping in the area to keep a lookout for survivors and has instructed H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO", on passage Brisbane-Manus to proceed to the position and carry out a square search. N.O.I.C. New Guinea instructed "GOULBURN" with force "ST" to detach "TAMWORTH" to search. Aircraft are co-operating.

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To 0900K/Monday, 2nd July, 1945.

U.S.S. "TOWNER" (AKA-77) departed Leyte 1000K/30th for Manus for O/R to Lae E.T.A. Manus 4th July. SOA.15.5/16.5. Guards N.P.M. Sec.

U.S.S. "PRESIDENT HAYES" (APA-20) departed Leyte 1200K/30th for Finschhafen E.T.A. 5th July SOA.15/16.5 Guards Manus Fox.

S.C. 650 departed Morotai 1800K/30th for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1900K/4th July. SOA.11. Guards Manus Fox 2 O.P.

U.S.S. "MARIVELLE" Departed Biak 1700K/1st July for Lingayen via Subic E.T.A. 1700K/9th July. SOA.9.

U.S.S. "TALAMANCA" (AF-50) Departed Guam 1200K/30th for Manus for O/R to Auckland E.T.A. Manus 1300K/3rd July. SOA.16.5/18 Shifts to Manus Fox 1001K/2nd July.

LST's 1024 and 1026) Departed Hollandia 1800K/30th for Manila
U.S.S. "THOMASON" (DE-203)) E.T.A. 0800K/10th July. SOA.8. Guarding
P.C. 1119

ATR.81 with tows departed Manus 1100K/30th for Leyte via Morotai E.T.A. Morotai 1300K/7th July. SOA.7. Guards Manus Fox.

LST.22 Departed Manus 0900K/30 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 0600K/10th July. SOA.9. Shifts from Manus Fox to C.T.F. 76 Dog circuit 1001K/8th.

H.M. Sub. "VIRTUE") Departed Manus 0800K/30th for Sydney
escorted by H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA") E.T.A. 1400K/10th SOA.8.5. Guarding
Bells.

LCI.920 Departed Manus 0800K/1st July for Leyte E.T.A. 1000K/8th July. SOA.9. Guards Manus Fox 2 O.P.

H.M.A.S. "POTRERO" Departed Langemak 1325K/30th for Jacquinot Bay thence Torokina E.T.A. Jacquinot Bay A.M. 3rd July.

U.S.S. "OXFORD" (APA-89) Departed Lae 1220K/30th for Hollandia E.T.A. 0400K/2nd July. SOA.15. Guards Manus Fox.

H.M.S. "EURYALUS" Detached from T.G. 37.3 at 1000K/1st July for Jomard thence Manus E.T.A. Jomard daylight 2nd Manus about 1000K/3rd. Best SOA. Guards Bells (Has leaking boiler tubes).

M.L.'s 805 and 428 departed Port Moresby 0740K/30th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/2nd July. SOA.10. Guards 2890K/cs. S.O.P.

H.M.S. "WRANGLER" Departs Brisbane 0730K/2nd July for Manus E.T.A. 1530K/5th. SOA.21. Guards Bells.

H.M.S. "CHASER" E.T.D. Sydney for Brisbane thence Manus 9th July.

H.M.S. "LEWES" Departed Sydney 1721K/30th for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 212 2315K/30th S.O.A. 15.

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" Departs Melbourne 1200K/2nd July for Cape Otway area until nightfall 5th thence to Wilson's Promontory area until recalled.

H.M.S. "UNICORN" Required at Manus not later than 21st July N.O.I.C. Brisbane is to sail her accordingly.

H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" Reports "SALVESTOR" and "LARIAT" now towing A.F.D. 18 and intends to continue as routed. Expected SOA.2.5.

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Com 7th Fleet directs H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" and YMS.160 to report for temporary duty to Comphlseafron.

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If c.t.o. Melbourne advises "GERUSALHEM" will commence tests on 4th July. If satisfactory will enable vessel to sail on 7th.

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As at 0900K/Sunday, 1st July, 1945.

- H.M.S. "BARPAIR" - Departed U.K. 1940K/28th for Gibraltar for O/R to E.I.S. thence to join B.P.F.
- H.M.S. "SEARCHER") - Departs U.K. 1st July for Port Said for O/R to E.I.S.
 "VINDEK") thence to join B.P.F. SOA "SEARCHER" 17.5 "VINDEK" 15.5.
- H.M.Sub. "VISIGOTH" - E.T.D. Colombo about mid July for Fremantle via Onslow for fuel thence to Sydney.
- H.M.Tug "AINWELL" - Departs Colombo 2nd July for Trince thence Darwin for O/R Manus.
- U.S.S. "FENTRESS" (AK-180) - Departed San Fran. 1100K/28th for Samar via Manus and Hollandia E.T.A. Manus 0800K/29th July. Shifts from NPM Sec. to Manus Fox 16th July.
- H.M.S. "WAGER" - E.T.D. Auckland for Sydney 14th July.
- 12 L.S.M's - Departed Leyte 1600K/29th for Guadal. E.T.A. 1800K/9th July. SOA. 10.3 Guarding Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "CHARLEVOIX" (AK-168) - Departed Samar 0800K/29th for Manus E.T.A. 5th July SOA. 9/10. Manus Fox.
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Morotai 2000K/29th for Tarakan E.T.A. 1300K/2nd July. SOA. 10.
- U.S.S. "HOPE" (Hosp.Ship) - Departed Biak 1900K/29th for Morotai E.T.A. 0900K/1st July. Guards Manus Fox.
- U.S.S. "CALEDONIA" (AK-167) - Departed Manus 1100K/29th for Darwin via Moresby E.T.A. Moresby 1100K/3rd July SOA. 10.5/11.5. Shifts from Manus Fox to Bells 1001K/2nd July.
- F.U. 112.2.1)
 F.U. 112.2.5) - Departed Manus 1800K/30th for operations.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Madang 1200K/29th for Biak and Morotai E.T.A. Biak 0800K/1st July E.T.A. Morotai 1800K/2nd. Guarding Bells.
- H.D.M.L. 1355 - Departed Madang 1600K/29th for Langemak thence Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/30th. Guards New Guinea Inter S.O.P.
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departed Milne Bay 1000K/29th for Madang via Lae and anchoring at night as necessary. E.T.A. Lae P.M. 3rd July. SOA. 7.5. Guards 2999 K/cs. for 1st 15 min. each 4 hours from 1000K/to 2200K/.
- H.M.S. "BARLE" - Departed Lae 1406K/29th for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/30th SOA. 16.
- H.M.S. "BEACHY HEAD" - Departed Guadal 0700K/30th for Darwin via Moresby E.T.A. Moresby 0500K/4th. E.T.A. Darwin 0400K/8th SOA. 11. Shifts from NPM Sec. to Bells at 1001K/30th.
- H.D.M.L. 1347 - Departed Moresby 0630K/29 for Milne Bay E.T.A. P.M.1st SOA. 8. Guards 2999 K/cs. S.O.P.
- H.M.R.S. "ARR. CRIJNSSEN" - Departs Thursday Island 0700K/1st July for Darwin. E.T.A. 1400K/4th.
- U.S.S. "ALCONA" (AK-157) - Departed Brisbane 1003K/30th for Subic Bay. E.T.A. 0700K/15th July SOA. 10. Shifts from Bells to Manus Fox 1500K/4th.
- L.L. 809 - Departed Brisbane 1700K/30th for Townsville via Gladstone for fuel E.T.A. Gladstone 1800K/1st July. E.T.D. 1300K/2nd. E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/4th SOA. 10. Guards 500 K/cs. S.O.P.

H.D.M.L. 1161 - Departs Brisbane 1200K/1st July for Sydney via Coffs Harbour E.T.A. Coffs 1800K/2nd E.T.D. 0600K/3rd E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/4th. SOA. 8. Guards 500 K/ea. S.O.P.

U.S.S. "GEN. FREEMAN" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/29th for Calcutta E.T.A. 0100K/9th. SOA. 16.5. Shifts from Bella to Victor 1100K/2nd July.

H.M.S. "LEONIAN") - Departed Darwin 0820K/30th for Thursday Island.
H.M.S. "BARTHORPE") E.T.A. 0830K/4th July SOA. 7.5. "BARTHORPE" to be towed as requisite. For O/R by N.O.I.C. Thursday Island to Brisbane.

P.N.O. Victoria advises H.S.L. 708 will be ready for handing over at 1900K/2nd July.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle advises Commodore C. J. Pope assumed duties as N.O.I.C., Fremantle as from 1700K/29th.
