

DAILY NARRATIVES

1ST JULY 1946

TO

31ST DECEMBER 1946

DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO
Mr. Reilly
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From 0900/30th December to 0900/31st December, 1946.

"WARRAMUNGA" - Departed GUAM 1000Z/29th Dec.

"BARWON" - Departed SAMARAI 1730K/29th Dec. for DREGER.
E.T.A. 0615K/31st Dec.

R.N.O. HOBART requests services of "BARCOO" to transport approx. 50 leave ratings from BURNIE to MELBOURNE leaving BURNIE approx. 2030K/4th Jan. No normal passages available.

R.N.O. PORT MORESBY - being withdrawn 3rd January.

A.F.D. 17 - Trials completed by Cockatoo and dock now ready for operation.

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To 0900K/24th December, 1946.

"BARCOO" - Departed Survey Grounds 0800/23rd Dec. with "TALLAROOK" in tow. S.O.A. 8 knots. E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 0700K/24th Dec.

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RNNFA "BOHAIRE" - E.T.A. FREMANTLE 30th Dec. to load Naval Stores. On completion SORNH MELBOURNE requests N.B.'s concurrence for vessel to return to SOERABAJA.

"GONDAMINE" - Reports position at 1205/22nd Dec. 19° 55' South. 115° 34.5' East.

Commodore A.K. Scott Moncrieff will assume the title of Commodore-in-Charge, CRYLON on and after sunset 22nd Dec.

A.S. SYDNEY reports - intention of dry docking LST.3008 on 27th Dec. when a full report will be forwarded.

A.S. SYDNEY reports - that "ECHUGA" will enter 1002 Dry Dock 1400K/23rd Dec.

"QUADRANT" - states no stores in MANUS for U.S. Naval Attache, MELBOURNE. Vessel is proceeding.

"SPRIGHTLY" - paid off into 'E' Class Reserve A.M. Monday 23rd Dec.

"QUADRANT" - reports for duty under operational control of C.C.A.S.

"ROBINSON" - Granted availability 30th Dec. - 5th January.

"KATA" - Not available until further notice - main fuel pump defective. Availability granted by RND. PORT MELBOURNE 2nd January.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday 20th December, 1946.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/Friday 20th December to 0900K/Monday 23rd December.

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"QUICKMATCH" - Departed for DEVONPORT and thence SYDNEY E.T.A. 0600K/23rd Dec.

"WARRAMUNGA" - Departed from CAIRNS for DREGER E.T.A. 1300K/24th Dec.

"MACQUARIE" - Paid off into "E" Class Reserve 1400 Thursday 19th Dec.

Home Leave Passes not to be issued after 31st December. One Leave Concession Warrant per month to be allowed in lieu.

"BARWON" - Proposes programme to C.C.A.S. -

10th Jan.	Arrive	SYDNEY
16th "	Depart	SYDNEY
20th "	Arrive and Depart	GEELONG
	Arrive	WILLIAMSTOWN.

"MURCHISON" - Granted availability 20th Dec. - 6th January.

"KOALA" - Not available until further notice - main feed pump defective. Availability granted by NOIC. PORT MELBOURNE 2nd January.

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To 0900K/Friday 20th December, 1946.

"D.T. 2" - departed BRISBANE 0700K/19th Dec. E.T.A. COFF'S HARBOUR 0800K/20th Dec. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1400K/21st Dec. S.O.A. 9 knots.

C.C.A.S. in M.N.A.S. "CONDAMINE" has assumed duties of S.O. Force 7.

"CONDAMINE" passed 15° south A.M. Thursday 19th Dec.

M.N.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Set L.S.T. 2015 in position 20° 22' S., 153° 40' E.

"KOALA" all dockyard work completed P.M. Thursday 19th Dec.

M.N.A.S. "LATROBE" - E.T.A. anchorage off BASS ISLET 1800K Wednesday will enter INLET at 0730K/Thursday 19th Dec.

A.S. SYDNEY intends undocking "MILDURA" 1300K/Thursday 19th Dec.

"MILDURA" - carrying out Torpedo School firings.

C.in C. B.P.F. states "QUADRANT" is to transfer to operational control of C.C.A.S. at 1400Z/22nd Dec.

C.S.T., F.N.D. reports "GLADSTONE" and "LATROBE" at F.N.D. wharf. Ships' companies have been granted leave. Both ships being maintained as a group until 15th Jan.

"QUICKMATCH" to sail from PORT MELBOURNE for DEVONPORT with TASMANIAN libertymen P.M. today Friday then proceed to SYDNEY.

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Mr. Reilly R.
N.H.R.S.
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To 0900K/Thursday, 19th December, 1943.

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Departed SYDNEY 1130K/18th Dec. for CAIRNS
E.T.A. 1800/20th Dec.

C.C.A.S. in H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" has assumed duties of S.O. Force T.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Met L.S.T. 3008 in position 26° 52' S., 153° 40' E.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - E.T.A. anchorage off HANNS INLET 1900K Wednesday
will enter INLET at 0730K/Thursday 19th Dec.

"QUICKMATCH" - carrying out Torpedo School Firings.

H.M.A.S. "QUARRANT" departed HULL 16000K for HANNS and HANNS, S.O.A.
14 knots.

S/Captain S.O. WILSON assumed Command "REYAN" and as Captain D.I.C.
1400K/18th Dec.

H.M.A.S. 551 accepted into "F" Class Reserve in SYDNEY 18th Dec.

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To 0900K/18th December, 1946.

M.S.L. 708 delayed THURSDAY ISLAND for repairs. E.T.D. 1400K/18th Dec. E.T.A. CAIRNS 0900K/21st Dec.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/18TH.

H.M. Hospital Ship "EMPIRE CLYDE" departed PORT MELBOURNE 170015Z E.T.A. FREMANTLE P.M. 23rd Dec.

H.M.A.S. "BERGAMOT" - Departed SYDNEY 1000K/18th rendezvous with L.S.T. 3028 and escort her to SYDNEY E.T.A.

It is intended to pay off H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" P.M. 19th Dec. into "E" Class Reserve.

H.M.A.S. "WELLS" - Arrived AUCKLAND 0100/18.

H.M.A.S. "DEKORATOR" - Commissioned from reserve fleet 1100K/18.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. SYDNEY 4th January for DREGER and KURE. R.A.N.S. (S) in command.

C.in C. B.P.F. advises that H.M.Sub. "AURIGA" will be sailed to arrive SYDNEY by 7th February.

H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" departed KURE 150800Z for MANUS and DREGER. S.O.A. 14 knots.

A/Captain J.C. MORROW assumed Command "BATAAN" and as Captain D.I.O. 1030I/18th Dec.

M.R.L. 251 accepted into "F" Class Reserve in SYDNEY 16th Dec.

New York. Messages arriving MELBOURNE 20th Dec.

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To 0900K/14th December, 1946.

PRO. Mr Reilly N.H.S. 23/12

[Faint text: Sailed ... 1600K/15th Dec. E.T.A. ... 0700K/16th Dec.]

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/17TH.

- H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed SYDNEY 1000K/16th ^{to} rendezvous with L.S.T. 3008 and escort her to SYDNEY E.T.A. 0800K/20.
- H.M.N.Z.S. "BELLONA" - Arrived AUCKLAND 0100/15.
- H.M.A.S. "DELORAINÉ" - Commissioned from reserve fleet 1100K/16. Acting Lieutenant-Commander J.A. DOYLE R.A.N.R.(S) in command.

[Faint text: Sailed ... 1400K/15th Dec. E.T.A. ... 14/12.]

To 0900K/15th and 16th December, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" - Sailed ADELAIDE 1800K/15th Dec.
- H.M.A.S. "BURNIE" (cont) - Reporting WILSONVILLE 0800K 15th Dec. E.T.A. ... 1500K/15th Dec.
- H.M. "DOMINION BURNIE" - Sailed GARDNER 1000K E.T.A. ... 2nd Dec.

[Faint text: Due to delays "BURNIE" will not be ready to sail for ... 15th Dec.]

[Faint text: V.S.I.C., SHIPY states that "ATHEL YOUNG" now proceeding under own power to THURSDAY ISLAND. No assistance from Navy will now be required. As a result H.M.S. BURNIE has been requested to sail "ATHEL YOUNG" to THURSDAY.]

[Faint text: H.M.S. BURNIE - Intended sailing for ... on ... 14th Dec. Requested escort be provided for as much of the passage as possible. ("MURCHISON" made available. E.T.A. SYDNEY A.M. Sunday 15th Dec.)]

[Faint text: "BURNIE" - Reported ... 1700K Sunday 15th Dec. For ... with ... 15th Dec. E.T.A. ... A.M. 20th Dec.]

[Faint text: Request ... 2 days availability at ... over ... and New Year. Proposes arriving MELBOURNE 24th Dec.]

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/14th December, 1946.

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"QUIBERON" - Sailed Jervis Bay 1600K/13th Dec. E.T.A. SYDNEY
0700K/14th Dec.

"QUICKMATCH" - Sailed JERVIS BAY 2000K/13th Dec. E.T.A. MELBOURNE
0600K/15th Dec.

R.N.N.
R.P.'s 115, 116, 117 - Sailed DARWIN 9/12 for KOPANG.

"MILDURA" - A.S. SYDNEY reports intend "MILDURA" enter 1002 floating
dock 16/12. at 1000K.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - A.S. SYDNEY reports intend undocking "WARRNAMBOOL"
0930K/16th Dec.

"BARWON" } Sailed RABAUL 1400K/13th Dec. E.T.A. DREGER P.M. 14/12.
M.W.L. 255 }

To 0900K/15th and 16th December, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - secured ADELAIDE 1520K/13th Dec.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" (SOIFF) - Departing WILLIAMSTOWN 0530K 16th Dec.
E.T.A. SYDNEY 1130K/16th Dec.

H.T. "DOMINION MONARCH" - Sailed CAPE TOWN 100700 E.T.A. MELBOURNE
23rd Dec.

Due to delays "TRUNCHEON" will not be ready to sail for U.K. until after
29th Dec.

F.O.I.C., SYDNEY states that "ATHOL VICTORY" now proceeding under own
power to THURSDAY ISLAND. No assistance from Navy will now be required.
As a result H.O.I.C. DARWIN has been requested to sail "CONDAMINE" to
FREMANTLE.

L.S.T. 3008 - Intended sailing for SYDNEY - ex CAIRNS A.M. 14th Dec.
Requested escort be provided for as much of the passage as possible.
("MURCHISON" made available. E.T.D. SYDNEY A.M. Monday 16th Dec.)

"CONDAMINE" - Departed DARWIN 1730K Sunday 15th Dec. for FREMANTLE
with G.P.L. 1203 in tow. E.T.A. FREMANTLE A.M. 26th Dec.

"BARCOO" - Requests 8 days availability at MELBOURNE over Xmas and
New Year. Proposes arriving MELBOURNE 24th Dec.

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To 0900K/13th December, 1946.

- "WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. BRISBANE 112300Z ✓
E.T.A. SYDNEY 132200Z
- "OTRANTO" - E.T.A. FREMANTLE 26th Dec. ✓
" MELBOURNE 30th "
" SYDNEY 1st Jan.
- "ORMONDE" - Left SYDNEY 1815K/11th Dec. ✓
E.T.A. WELLINGTON A.M. 15th Dec.
- "MANCORA" - E.T.D. FREMANTLE 0700H/12th Dec. ✓
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/18th Dec.
- "LATROBE" - E.T.A. HANNS INLET 1100K/13th Dec. ✓
- "EMPIRE CLYDE" - Left SYDNEY 1800K/11th Dec. ✓
E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1400K/13th Dec.
- "WARRAMUNGA" - E.T.D. SYDNEY A.M. 16th Dec. for CAIRNS, DREGER ✓
and GUAM.
- "EMPIRE CLYDE" - E.T.A. PORT PHILLIP HEADS 0300Z/13th Dec. ✓

"MACQUARIE" will be accepted into reserve 19th Dec. "CULGOA" has completed trials and will be handed over by Dockyard about 20th Dec.

R.N.O. TOWNSVILLE reports "DARWIN" a 60 foot vessel with 27 persons aboard is disabled 100 miles north of COOKTOWN and requires immediate assistance.

Trades and Labour Council, TOWNSVILLE, satisfied with proposals submitted and have lifted ban.

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*15/12 P.P.O.
Mr. Reilly K.R.
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To 0900K/Thursday, 12th December, 1946.

L.S.T. 3014 - E.T.A. PORT PHILLIP HEADS 1400K/11th December.

"AIR MASTER" - Arrived COOKTOWN E.T.A. CAIRNS 1230K/11th December.

"RESERVE" - E.T.A. OUTER HARBOUR A.M./14th December.

"MANOCRA" granted availability until 20th January or until completion sick bay modifications if later.

Intended to commission "DELORAINÉ" 16th December.

"GLADSTONE" instructed to carry out Instructional Seamanship programme in PORT PHILLIP and return to F.N.D. Wharf Friday 13th December.

"WARRNAMBOOL" will enter Floating Dock 1002 1330/12th December.

Snorer pump etc. for L.S.T. 3008 despatched by air to CAIRNS.

H.P.'s 116 - Departed BASSIN 0800K/10th December for ESPERO.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 10th December, 1946.

"QUIBERON" - Intends departing Sydney 0830K/Tuesday 10th Dec. for Jervis Bay. S.O.A. 14 knots. Adjusted for E.T.A. E.T.A. 0700K Wednesday 11th Dec. - exercising on passage.

"WILCANNIA" - Intends entering BRISBANE 9th Dec. for water and engine repairs. E.T.A. Pile Light 090000Z?

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N.H.R.S.*

To 0900K/11th December, 1946.

On completion of refit "KANGAROO" is to be placed into "B" Class Reserve.

"CULGOA" - 12 and 15 knots consumption trials completed satisfactorily 9th December.

H.S.L. 708 - Departed DARWIN 0900K/10th December for SYDNEY. E.T.A. THURSDAY ISLAND 0600K/14th December.

"MACQUARIE" - Anticipates being ready for inspection to pay off into Reserve Fleet Thursday 19th December.

R.P.'s 115) - Departed DARWIN 0800K/10th December for KOEPANG.
116) E.T.A. 18th December.
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To 0900K/Tuesday, 10th December, 1946.

"QUIBERON" - Intends departing Sydney 0830K/Tuesday 10th Dec. for Jervis Bay. S.O.A. 14 knots. Adjusted for E.T.A. E.T.A. 0700K Wednesday 11th Dec. - exercising on passage.

"WILCANNIA" - Intends entering BRISBANE 9th Dec. for water and engine repairs. E.T.A. Pile Light 090000Z?

C.C.A.S. Admin. reports intention of instructing "QUADRANT" to advance preparations for paying off on passage from JAPAN.

C.M.W.D. reports intention to undock "SHOALHAVEN" 1100K Tuesday 10th Dec.

L.S.T. 3008 has developed serious leak in port shaft space - at present pumps are able to cope with entry of water. Requests F.O.I.C. SYDNEY to make available additional sonora pump and starter at CAIRNS.

L.S.T. 3008 (later report) reports water slowly gaining on pumps. May be necessary to seal compartment before arrival CAIRNS. Requests F.O.I.C. SYDNEY to issue authority for inspection at CAIRNS.

"RESERVE" - weighed and proceeded 1745K 9th Dec. after minor engine repairs. "GEORGE DINSDALE" is in tow.

Seamens Union, TOWNSVILLE and fisherman of TOWNSVILLE, BOWEN and CAIRNS say all shipping in connection with these bodies will cease from midnight 10th Dec. unless a suitable boat with gun is provided to deal with floating mines.

"CULGOA" - Intends leaving Dockyard Pier 0900K Wednesday 11th Dec. for full power and gunnery trials.

P.N.O. MARYBOROUGH reports successful full power trials of 93 feet Diesel Tug No. 2.

R.N.O. TOWNSVILLE - R.A.A.F. H.Q. N.E.A. are prepared to take over occupancy of that portion of H.M.A.S. "MAGNETIC" not required by R.N.O. and Staff. R.N.O. TOWNSVILLE requests covering approval.

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Mr Reilly
N.H.R.S.
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DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/6th December to 0900K/7th December, 1946,

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/18th Dec. for Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" Sails from Melbourne 16/12 E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/18th. E.T.D. Sydney 4/1 to relieve "BARWON" in New Guinea.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" Departed Batavia 0900K/6th E.T.A. Fremantle 0800K/11th E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/17th S.O.A. 16.

L.S.T. 3008. Departed Darwin 2359K/5th E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/11th thence Sydney.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE CLYDE" (V.S.I.S.) Departed Singapore 1630K/26th November E.T.A. Sydney a.m. 9th.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" towing "AIR CLOUD" "AIR MASTER". Departed Darwin 1330K/5th for Cairns.

H.N.M.S. RP'S 115, 116, 117. Arrived Thursday Is. 0800K/5th, departing 1710K/5th E.T.A. Darwin a.m. 8th.

"CONDAMINE" on completion of present duty to tow OPL 1203 from Darwin to Fremantle.

Babina Chamber of Commerce reports 3 undischarged floating mines in mouth of Russell River and as families will be going to this beach during Christmas holidays request immediate demolition of same.

"ARUNTA" reports D.T.933 high and dry at low tide. Attempt to refloat unsuccessful owing falling tide and leg-long length of tow rope to be passed. Another attempt will be made morning 7th with reasonable hope of refloating if suitable manilas can be obtained locally.

H.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that if "ARUNTA" unsuccessful in refloating D.T. 933, "BARWON" will be detailed.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Fremantle 0800K/11th Dec.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Departed Melbourne 16/12 E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/18th Dec.

L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Darwin 2359K/5th Dec. to relieve "CONDAMINE".

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Batavia 0900K/6th Dec.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/Saturday 7th December, 1946.

To 0900K/Sunday, 8th December, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Twofold Bay 0700K/7th for Port Adelaide.
 towing "GEORGE DINSDALE"
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Rabaul 2000K/5th for Torokina.
 E.T.A. 1530K/7th. S.O.A. 11g.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Kure 0800K/4th E.T.A. Sydney
 1200K/16th. S.O.A. 15.3.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departed Port Moresby 0900K/7th. E.T.A. Dreger
 1300K/8th.

Amended programme for "BARWON" -

Arrive	Place	Depart
1530K/7th	TOROKINA	1800K/7th.
0600K/8th	FAURO IS.	0700K/9th.
0900K/9th	FAISI IS.	1400K/9th.
1530K/9th	BUIB	0100K/10th.
0900K/10th	TOROKINA	0200K/11th.
1200K/11th	GREEN IS.	2000/11th.
0800K/12th	RABAU	-

"CONDAMINE" is to tow O.F.L. 1203 from Darwin to Melbourne via Fremantle.
 Refitting port for "CONDAMINE" - Williamstown.

H.O.I.C., New Guinea intends "BARWON" to tow O.F.L. 1207 from Rabaul to Dreger leaving P.M. 12th. M.W.L. 255 will sail in company. E.T.A. Dreger A.M. 15th Dec.

R.A.A.F. Darwin assumed surface Air Sea Rescue duties at 0930K/4th Dec.

To 0900K/9th December, 1946.

L.S.T. 3014 - Sheltering S. of Babel Island.

"BARWON" - E.T.A. Dreger 15th Dec. E.T.D. 26th Dec. for Port Moresby.

"WILCANNIA" - E.T.A. Pile Light Brisbane 1000K/9th Dec.

G.C.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Dreger 1230K/8th Dec.
 E.T.A. Yokohama 1200I/16th Dec.

"ARUNTA" - Departed Dreger 1603K/8th Dec. to overtake "SHROPSHIRE".

"CONDAMINE" - E.T.A. Darwin 1500K/11th Dec.

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From 0900K/5th December, 1946
To 0900K/6th December, 1946.

L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Brisbane 0645K/5th Dec. E.T.A. Sydney
0830K/7th Dec. S.O.A. 10.

L.S.T. 3014 - Is to be paid off into "F" Class Reserve at
Melbourne.

L.S.T. 3008 - Is to call at Cairns to load Army vehicles to
capacity for Sydney.

As from 1st January, 1947, THE NAVAL RESERVE DEPOT, WILLIAMSTOWN,
will be commissioned as H.M.A.S. "LONSDALE II" and will remain under
the administrative control of H.O.I.C., Fort Melbourne.

"CULGOA" - Trial programme 6th Dec. deferred until 0800K
Monday, 9th Dec. Full power trials and gunnery
trials 11th Dec.

On arrival Sydney "WILCANNIA" is to be destored, paid off and held for
reconversion to owners.

D.T. 933 grounded in Basilisk Passage 0230K/5th Dec. "ARUNTA" has
been detached to render assistance. E.T.A. daylight 6th Dec.

M.L's 801, 805, 810, 822 and 825 has been reduced from "E" to "F" Class
Reserve.

Java, Sumatra and the Riew Archipelago were excluded from South East
Asia Command with effect from 0230K/1st December.

~~P.B.O.~~
Mr. Reilly
N.H.R.S.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 4th December, 1946.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 5th December, 1946.

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N.H.R.S.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Hervey Bay 1445K/3rd Dec. E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/5th Dec.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Arrived Kure P.M. 2nd Dec. E.T.D. Kure 0700.I/4th Dec. E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/18th Dec.

C.C.A.S. in "SHROPSHIRE" with "ARUNTA" - Departed Hervey Bay 1445K/3rd for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 0700K/8th Dec.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Twofold Bay for Burnie E.T.A. P.M. 6th Dec.

"TRINIDAD" - Departs Sydney 20th Dec. and proceeds via Fremantle for U.S. via South America.

"HEBE" - E.T.A. [unclear] Dec.

"SIERRA" - E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/3rd Dec.

"SIERRA" - Chinese Government have agreed to "SIERRA" paying a courtesy visit to Shanghai.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/3rd December, 1946.

"CONRA" }
G.P.V. 989 } - Called from Dreyer 1500K/20th Nov. for light
- E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/2nd Dec.

H.M.A.S. "MELISSA" - E.T.D. Dreyer 1500K/20th Nov. for Sydney.

"CONDAMINE" - Despatched by H.O.I.C., Darwin to render medical assistance in L.S.T. 3008.

L.S.T. 3008 departed Sir Graham Moore Island 0600K/29th Nov. E.T.A. to "LATROBE" 0800K/29th Dec. Secured alongside "GLADSTONE" at F.M.D. at 1844K/1st Dec. ...

"BARCOO" }
"TALLAROOK" } - Departed Sydney 1330K/2nd Dec. and 0900K/2nd Dec. respectively. E.T.A. Burnie, Tasmania 0700K/5th Dec.

On passage South H.M.A.S. "DUNDON" is to see S.P.A. 1500 from Sydney.

"BARWON" - Departed Dreyer 0200K/2nd Dec. E.T.A. Rabaul 0600K/5th Dec.

S.S. 20th H.M.F. arrives Flinders Light 0800K/1st Dec. thence by air to Sydney and Melbourne.

"CULGOA" - Sea trials 3rd and 4th Dec.

To 0900K/1st December, 1946.

"LATROBE" - Detached 30th Nov. and berthed at Port Phillip.

"MELISSA" - Departed Dreyer 0600K/20th Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 0200K/10th Dec.

"MELISSA" towing "DUNDON" - Intended to call from Sydney to Adelaide direct 4th Dec.

H.M.F. 20th - Departed Townsville 0800K/1st Dec. for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0800K/4th Dec.

Proposed organization of H.M.F. Port Hardy to be dispatched on 2nd January, 1947.

To 0900K/2nd December, 1946.

L.S.T. 3008 - E.T.D. West Bay 0730K/1st Dec. E.T.A. Darwin 0700K/3rd Dec.

"WARRNAMBOOL" }
"SWAN" } - E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/1st Dec. E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/3rd Dec.

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To 0900K/30th November, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 4th Dec. towing "GEORGE DINGDALE" to Adelaide.
- L.S.T. 3017 - Arrived Townsville 1000K/29th Nov.
- H.S.L. 777 - Sailed from Dreger 1500K/29th Nov. for Light Service Duties.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. Dreger 1600K/30th Nov. for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "BARRON" - Departed Port Moresby 1100K/29th Nov. via China Straits and Kiriwinna. E.T.A. Dreger 1300K/1st Dec. S.O.A. 11 1/2 knots
- LST. 3008 departed Sir Graham Moore Island 0600IK/29th Nov. E.T.A. Lost Bay 0900IK/29th Nov. S.O.A. 7 knots.
- "GULOGA'S" trial programme - E.T.D. Dockyard Pier 0930K/3rd Dec. for anchor trial, preliminary steam trial, depth charge thrower trial, hedgehog trial and adjustment of compasses.

"ECRUCA" and "DELOHAINE" - are to recommission for service with 20th H.S.F. as soon as possible.

On passage South H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" is to tow C.F.L. 1203 from Darwin to Sydney.

S.O. 20th H.S.F. arrives File Light 0900K/1st Dec. thence by air to Sydney and Melbourne.

To 0900K/1st December, 1946.

- "LATROBE" - Undocked 30th Nov. and berthed at Port Melbourne.
- "WILCANNIA" - Departed Dreger 0600K/30th Nov. for Sydney. E.T.A. 2100K/10th Dec.
- "RESERVE" towing "GEORGE DINGDALE" - Intended to sail from Sydney to Adelaide direct 4th Dec.
- L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Townsville 0900K/1st Dec. for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0600K/4th Dec.

Proposed organisation of H.W.O. Port Moresby be disbanded as from 3rd January, 1947.

To 0900K/2nd December, 1946.

- L.S.T. 3008 - E.T.D. West Bay 0730IK/1st Dec.
E.T.A. Darwin 0700IK/3rd Dec.
- "WARRNAMBOOL") - E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/1st Dec.
"SWAN") - E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/3rd Dec.

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To 0900K/29th November, 1946.

"CONRA" } - Departed Townsville 1410K/27th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney
G.P.V. 960 } 0900K/4th December.

G.C.A.S. in "SHERPESHIRE" } - Departed Sydney 1000K/28th Nov. E.T.A.
"ARUNTA" } Hervey Bay 0700K/1st December.

M.S. 20 in "SWAN" }
H.D.W.L.'s 1323, 1326, 1328 } - Departed Townsville 0600K/28th Nov.
"WARRNAMBOOL" } E.T.A. Brisbane File Light 1600K/1st
December.
R/v "SWAN" 0600K/28th Nov. proceed
in company.

"MANGORA" - Departed Keopang 0745H/28th Nov.

"MILDURA" } - Departed Townsville 1000K/28th Nov.
A.T. 2223 } E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/4th December.

As from 30th November following titles change :-

Old

New

Hqrs. Allied Land Forces,
South East Asia (ALPSEA)

Hqrs. South East Asia Land
Forces (SEALF)

Hqrs. Air Command South East
Asia (ACSEA)

Air Command Far East (ACFE)

R.A.F. C.in C.

Air Commander-in-Chief.

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To 0900K/28th November, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Act. Commander G.L. Cant R.A.N. assumed command A.M. 27th Nov.

C. in C. E.I.S. Flag is to be shifted from "GLASGOW" to "BEACHY HEAD" at 0800 Thursday 28th Nov.

L.S.T. 3017 - Sailed Milne Bay 1330K/26th Nov. E.T.A. Townsville 0830K/29th Nov.

Signal from S.O. 20th M.S.F. - Reports mine reported to be in Cleveland Bay has been located and sunk by H.M.A.S. "CONRA".

Sailed E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/28th Nov.

Sailed E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/28th Nov.

Sailed E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 30th Nov.
Sailed E.T.A. Darwin 7th Dec.

Visitors embarked from "ASTORIA" to assist expedition disembarkation and collection of provisions and luggage.

H.M.A.S. Fort Melbourne to convene a Board of Inquiry regarding H.M.A.S. 203 & 204 breaking adrift from moorings at Coolang on 7/21/46.

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To 0900K/27th November, 1946.

<u>"BARWON"</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
	-	PORT MORESBY	A.M. 29th Nov.
	1300/1st	DREGER	0200/2nd. Dec.
	0900/2nd Dec.	ARAWA	2300/2nd. "
	0600/3rd "	GASMATA	2000/3rd "
	0600/4th "	JACQUINOT BAY	1900/4th "
	0600/5th "	RABAU	2000/5th "
	0700/6th "	FINI ISLAND	0400/7th "
	0800/7th "	GREEN (NISSAN)	1300/7th "
	1800/7th "	MADRAS IS. BUKA	0100/9th "
	0900/9th "	BOUAINVILLE STRAIT	0600/11th "
	1200/11th "	TOROKINA	1900/11th "
	1300/12th "	RABAU	1500/12th "
	1300/16th "	DREGER	-

"HOBART" - Left Milne Bay 0700K/26th Nov. E.T.A. Hervey Bay 0630K/29th Nov.

"ASTURIAS" - Left Sydney 0802K/26th Nov. E.T.A. Port Phillip 1800K/27th Nov.

"SWAN")
"COSRA") - Amended E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/26th Nov.

H.D.M.L.'s 1323 & 1328 - Amended E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/26th Nov.

R.P.'s 117, 116 - Left Brisbane 1200K/26th Nov.
E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 30th Nov.
E.T.A. Darwin 7th Dec.

Visitors debarred from "ASTURIAS" to enable expedition disembarkation and embarkation of passengers and luggage.

N.O.I.C., Port Melbourne to convene a Board of Inquiry regarding M.R.L.'s 252 & 253 breaking adrift from moorings at Geelong on 7/11/46.

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To 0900K/26th Nov. 1946.

"MANCORA" - Departed Brisbane 1700K/21st Nov. for Batavia and
Kepong.

G.P.V. 960 - Departed Brisbane (240015Z Nov.) for Townsville
on R.M.S. duties.

"HICKORY CREST" - E.T.D. Sydney Thursday 28th Nov. for Brisbane,
thence Singapore.

"GLADSTONE" - Instructed to sail about 1300 Monday 25th Nov. carry
out seamanship instructional programme and return
P.N.D. wharf P.M. Thursday 28th Nov.

L.S.T. 3008 - At 240038Z proceeding to Sir Graham Moore Island -
Loran equipment.

"CULGOA" - On completion of trials is to be placed in 'F'
Class Reserve.

"MACQUARIE" - Is to be paid off into 'E' Class Reserve.

"BANCHERT" - Intention to sail to Fremantle for small repairs,
(RNN) stering and recreation of crew. E.T.A. 19th Dec.

"KAWINDLA" - Departed Freger 1030K/25th Nov. for Kure. E.T.A.
1400I/2nd Dec.

L.S.T. 3017 - Intends to sail 1200K/26th Nov. for Townsville
E.T.A. 0600K/26th Nov. (?).

"L.S.T. 3017" paid off into 'F' class Reserve P.N. Tuesday 10th Dec.
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*L.S.T. 3017 requests permission to visit various places of
service importance in the South of West Australia.*
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To 0900K/21st November, 1946.

"CONDAMINE" - departed Darwin 2130K/19th Nov. to assist "L.S.T. 3008" on Loran operations. S.O.A. 12. E.T.A. Champagne Is. 0730K Thursday Nov. 21st.

R.P. 115 }
R.P. 116 } - departed Sydney 1500K/20th Nov. S.O.A. 8.
E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 23th Nov.

R.P. 117 } - departed ...
S.O.A. ...
E.T.A. ...

A/S Sydney reports intentions to undock "ARUNTA" and "QUICKMATCH" on Thursday 21st Nov. at 1100K and 1130K respectively.

"L.S.T. 3017" - following is approx. programme after departure Lao 0600K/20th Nov.

Port	E.T.A.	E.T.D.
DOGSHILL	0600K/21st Nov.	A.M. 22nd Nov.
LADAVA	P.M. 22nd Nov.	A.M. 24th Nov.
SAMARI	P.M. 24th Nov.	A.M. 25th Nov.
SYDNEY	1st Dec.	-

NOTE: A subsequent departure signal gives E.T.A. Samari 0600K/25th Nov.

G.C.A.S. reports intention of sailing "WARRAMUNGA" from Sydney Monday 16th Dec. to relieve "BATAAN" in Japan. E.T.A. Kure 1st Jan. 1947. Programme for "BATAAN" will be signalled later.

"D.T. 932" paid off into 'F' class Reserve P.M. Tuesday 19th Nov.

H.O.I.C. Brisbane reports Moreton Slipway unserviceable F.A. requested forthwith.

H.O.I.C. Fremantle requests approval of visit to various places of service importance in the North of West Australia.

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To 0900K/22nd November, 1946.

S.O. 20th M.S.P. - reports considerable expenditure of sweeping equipment due to the high percentage of detonations of mines in sweeps.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Arrived Sydney 21st Nov. ^{? 20th}

"HICKORY CREST" - Arrived Sydney 21st Nov. ^{? 20th}

L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Lae 0600K/20th Nov. E.T.A. Samarai 0800K/25th Nov. (via Doghill and Ladava)

"COWRA" - Departed Bougainville Strait 1600K/20th Nov. for Deboyne Lagoon E.T.A. 0800K/21st Nov. ^{22nd?}

"RAHWON" - Departs Port Moresby P.M. 24th Nov. to fuel Hobart at Samarai 1300K/25th Nov. returning to Port Moresby on completion.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - With H.D.M.L. 1326 will arrive Cairns A.M. 26th Nov. departing A.M. 27th Nov. will tow "DAGMAR" to Brisbane for disposal (200 ton steel vessel).

"SWAN" - With H.D.M.L. 1323, 1328. Ev. off Townsville 28th Nov. and proceed Brisbane, arriving P.M. 1st Dec.

D.T. 1. - Arrived Newcastle 0700K/21st Nov.

"QUICKMATCH" }
"ARUNTA" } - Undocked Sydney A.M. 21st Nov.

"HERRICK" - Arrived Sydney 21st Nov.

"HERRICK" - Departed Port Moresby 1200K/20th Nov. E.T.A. Samarai 1400K/25th Nov. No passengers with "HERRICK" 3 mines north of Samarai Strait. S.O. 1. 20 mines.
"HERRICK" - Returned to Port Moresby A.M. 20th Nov. owing to W/V failure.
"HERRICK" - Departed Samarai 1400K/23rd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 2nd Dec. (via Melbourne and Fremantle).
"HERRICK" - Departed Port Moresby 0700K/20th Nov. E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/22nd Nov.
"HERRICK" - Docked at Lae 1100K/20th Nov. Reports can recover mines and cables.

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From 0900K/Saturday 23rd November to 0900K/Monday 25th November, 1946.

- H.S.L. 708 - Departed Darwin 1100K/22nd Nov. for Drysdale River Mission for R.N.S. duties.
- L.S.T. 3017 - E.T.D. Doghill 2300K/22nd Nov. E.T.A. Ladava 1030K/23rd Nov.
- Diesel Tug No. 1 - Departed Newcastle 0915K/22nd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/22nd Nov.
- "WILCANNIA" - Arrived Port Moresby 1145K/22nd Nov.
- H.S. 20 in "SWAN" - Departed Port Moresby 1800K/21st Nov. for Deboyne Lagoon E.T.A. 0500K/23rd Nov.
- H.S.L. 708 no longer required for Light House servicing is to be sailed to Sydney and paid off to 'F' Class Reserve.
- S.O.R.F. will inspect ships in reserve at Geelong commencing Monday 2nd December.
- "RUSHCUTTER" wishes "HANKESBURY" to fire 2 patterns of squid for exercise - Requests approval.
- C.G.A.S. with small personal staff departing Hervey Bay for Japan in "SHROPSHIRE" - Expects return Sydney end of January.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" }
"CORRA" } - Departed Deboyne Lagoon 1015K/23rd Nov. for
 H.D.M.L. 1323 } Townsville via Grafton Passage. E.T.A. 1800K/26th
"1328" } Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Towing A.T. 2223 departed Port Moresby 1800K/23rd Nov. for Townsville via Grafton Passage E.T.A. 0600K/27th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" - At Yokohama until 24th Nov. thence Kure.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Port Moresby 1300K/24th Nov. E.T.A. China Strait 1400K/27th Nov. To rendezvous with "HOBART" 3 miles North of Dorsal Shoal. S.O.A. 12 knots.
- H.S.L. 707 - Returned to Dreger A.M. 24th Nov. owing to W/T Failure.
- "EMPIRE CLYDE" - departed Singapore 1400K/23rd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 9th Dec. thence Melbourne and Fremantle.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Port Moresby 0700K/24th Nov. E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/25th Nov.
- L.S.T. 3017 - Beached at Ladava 1100K/23rd Nov. Reports can recover anchor and cable.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/18th Nov. to 0900K/19th Nov. 1946.

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For D.T. 931 appearing on daily narrative 0900K/15th to 0900K/18th amend to read D.T. 1.

"LACHLAN" - Departed Fremantle 0200Z/18th Nov. E.T.A. Port Melbourne 2230Z/24th Nov.

"EROLGA" - Departed Fremantle 0200Z/17th Nov. E.T.A. Adelaide 0200Z/19th Nov.

L.S.T. 3017 - Berthed Lae Jetty 1745K/17th Nov.

"KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/19th Nov. E.T.A. Dreger 1400K/24th Nov.
E.T.A. Kure 1500K/1st Dec.

G.C.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Melbourne 0930K/18th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/20th Nov.

H.T. "ASTURIAS" - Departed Melbourne 170400, E.T.A. Sydney Heads daylight 19th Nov.

"EMPIRE CLYDE" - Now on passage to Singapore. Will visit Sydney in December to lift B.P.F. invalids.

"MANCORA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/19th Nov. E.T.A. Brisbane A.M. 21st Nov.

"ARARAT" - E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/19th Nov.

"NORTHERN WARRIOR" - Departed Fremantle 12th Nov. E.T.A. Trincomalee 24th Nov.

"SHOALHAVEN" - E.T.D. Williamstown for Sydney (app.) 15th Dec.

L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Darwin 1100K/18th Nov. E.T.A. Champagny Is. A.M. 22nd Nov.

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From 0900K/19th November to 0900K/20th November.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Sydney 1100K/19th Nov. for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/21st Nov.

H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" - Intend sail from Yokohama 1000K/19th Nov. for

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Deger 1810K/18th Nov. for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0700K/21st Nov.

D.T. SEA - Departed Brisbane 1100K/19th Nov. E.T.A. Coffe Harbour P.M. 18th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney P.M. 17th Nov

H.M.A.S. "EMMA" - Coaling.

C.in C. B.P.F. proposes "BATAAN" and "HART" should pay courtesy visit to Shanghai from 18th to 27th December.

H.S.L. YU - Departed Deger for light service duties.

"LAROSE" - To carry out seamanship training after release by "HERMES". Perth P.M. 21st Nov.

"HEAT" - Departed Shortland Harbour 1140K/19th Nov. E.T.A. Deger 0700K/19th Nov.

L.S.T. ROBY - Departed Deger for Deger 1800/19th Nov. E.T.A. 0800/19th Nov.

H.N.C. Adelaide - Intend visiting out ports from Saturday 30th Nov. to Friday 6th Dec.

P.O.I.C. Sydney - To remark on feasibility of one Frigate for A/S and Radar training.

S.S. Force "T" - No objection to C.C.A.S. in "HERMES" visiting Hong Kong provided one cruiser remains Japan.

"LABLAY" - Estimate complete Cape Horn survey 1800K/19th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" - To transfer to operational control of C.C.A.S. at 1800K/20th Nov.

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FROM 0900K/15th November - TO 0900K/18th November, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Intend sailing for Geelong 0700K/16th Nov. E.T.A. 1100K/16th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Intend sail from Yokohama 1030K/16th Nov. for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1700K/25th Nov. Will close Nuisling Island 0800K/24th Nov. to embark mail and passengers ex "TARANGAU".
NUSMIG
- D.T. 931 - Departed Brisbane 1100K/15th Nov. E.T.A. Coffs Harbour P.M. 16th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney P.M. 17th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Geelong.
- D.T. 933 - Leaving Dreger 1800K/17th Nov. with R.A.A.F. launch 1840 in tow E.T.A. Port Moresby 23rd Nov.
- M.S.L. 797 - Departed Dreger for light service duties.
- "LATROBE" - To carry out seamanship training after release by "SHROPSHIRE". Berth P.W.D. 21st Nov.
- "SWAN" - Departed Shortland Harbour 1145K/16th Nov. E.T.A. Dreger 0700K/18th Nov.
- L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Madang for Dreger 1600/16th Nov. E.T.A. 0800/16th Nov.
- R.M.C. Adelaide - Intend visiting out ports from Saturday 30th Nov. to Friday 6th Dec.
- F.O.I.C. Sydney - To remark on feasibility of one frigate for A/S and Radar Training.
- S.O. Force "T" - No objection to C.C.A.S. in "SHROPSHIRE" visiting Hong Kong provided one cruiser remains Japan.
- "LACHLAN" - Estimate complete Gage Road survey 1200K/16th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - To transfer to operational control of C.C.A.S. at 1400Z/22nd Nov.

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M. Reilly
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From 0900K/14th Nov. - To 0900K/15th Nov. 1946.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - C.C.A.S. now intends sailing "ARUNTA" from Sydney in company with "SHROPSHIRE" on 28th Nov. via Hervey Bay and Dreger. E.T.A. Kure 16th Dec. to relieve "QUADRANT".

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1600K/18th Nov. E.T.A. Brisbane A.M. 20th. E.T.D. Brisbane P.M. 20th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Departed Twofold Bay 0900K/14th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/21st Nov. Anchoring in Jervis Bay 18th and 17th. (on Radar training cruise).

L.S.T. 3017 - Arrived Madang 0700K/14th Nov. E.T.D. 1600K/15th for Dreger.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Secured Outer East Nelson Pier 1615K/14th Nov.

Delay in "ARUNTA'S" programme will prevent "QUADRANT" arriving Sydney by Christmas.

R.N.O. Port Moresby reports that oil line has been repaired effectively. Main wharf now available for fuelling purposes.

Expected arrivals at Melbourne - Nil.

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To 0900K/14th November, 1946.

H.T. "ASTURIAS" - Departed Fremantle A.M. 12th Nov. E.T.A. Melbourne
1200K/16th Nov.

H.T. "ORBITA" - E.T.A. Fremantle 1330H/21st Nov.

"KOALA" - Secured alongside Yarra St. Pier, Geelong 1030K/13th
Nov.

L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Wewak 1200K/13th Nov. E.T.A. Madang
0800K/14th Nov.

"SHOALHAVEN" - Docked Williamstown 0830K/13th Nov.

"ARARAT" - Departed Townsville 1700K/13th Nov. with "DAFNE"
in tow. E.T.A. Sydney 19th Nov. S.O.A. 8.

"DUNTRON" - E.T.A. Fort Moresby A.M. 19th Nov.

New arrivals Melbourne.

No new arrivals expected at Melbourne.

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Dr. 18/11
PRO-12/11
Mr Reilly
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/12th November, 1946.

"KOALA" - Engine Room repairs completed and ship is ready to proceed as required.

M.S.L. 707 - Commissioned as tender "TARANGAU" Light House service duties 11th November. Sub.Lt. G.W. Durham R.A.N.V.R. assumed command.

L.S.T. 3035 - F.O.I.C. Sydney reports ready to load Wednesday 13th Nov.

"WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1100/13th Nov. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800/21st Nov.

R.A.A.F. Vessel 04/16 - Arrived Eaban Is. 0700/11th Nov.

"HUMPHREY" arrived Sydney 1100/12th Nov.
"HUMPHREY" departed Port Moresby 0800/12th Nov. E.T.A. Bougainville Strait 1200/14th Nov. S.O.S. 12 Nov.
"HUMPHREY" reports excellent state ship will be ready for use in all respects 12/11.
is to be paid off into "V" class reserves in Sydney.
"HUMPHREY" reports that, due to gale force wind since Saturday 10th Nov. survey observations have been suspended and it is unlikely that work can be resumed before 14th Nov.
estimated time of completion repairs A.R. 12/11.
is to be paid off into "V" class reserves in Sydney immediately.
returned to Harbour (original) due to excessive wear to big end bearings and suspected trouble in lubrication system.

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To 0900K/15th November, 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - departed Williamstown 1405K/12th Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/14th Nov. S.O.A. 13 1/2 Kts.

C.C.A.S. in "SHROPSHIRE" - E.T.D. Melbourne 0930K/18th Nov. for Sydney carrying out sub. calibre firings in Port Phillip on passage.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - E.T.D. Yokohama 16/11 and Dreger 24/11.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - E.T.D. Sydney 27/11 for Kure via Cairns, Dreger and Guam.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - E.T.D. 0500K/13th Nov. with first set of moorings. E.T.A. Geelong 1100K.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" - Amended E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1600K/15th Nov.

M.S.L. 705 returned Dreger 10/11 from detached duty Rabaul. To be reduced to Harbour Craft Status and taken in hand for refit.

L.S.T. 3008 departed Cape Fourcray 0015K/12th Nov. E.T.A. Champagne Is. 0840K/14th Nov. S.O.A. 8 Kts.

H.M.S. "TRUNCHEON" arrived Sydney 1100K/12th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" departed Port Moresby 0930K/12th Nov. E.T.A. Bougainville Strait 1600K/14th Nov. S.O.A. 12 Kts.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" reports earliest date ship will be ready for sea in all respects 27/11.

M.S.L. 702 is to be paid off into "F" Class Reserve in Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" reports that, due to gale force wind since Saturday 9th Nov. survey operations have been prevented and it is unlikely that work can be commenced before 14th Nov.

L.S.T. 3014 estimated time of completion repairs A.M. 18/11.

L.S.T. 3501 is to be paid off into "F" Class Reserve in Sydney immediately.

G.P.V. 956 returned to Harbour (Brisbane) due to excessive wear to big end bearings and suspected faults in lubricating system.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

2/18/11

PRO. 11/11
Mr Reilly 2/11
NHRS.

To 0900K/11th November, 1946.

C.C.A.S. Commodore Farncomb assumed command of H.M.A. Squadron 9th Nov.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1500K/9th Nov. E.T.A. alongside
Port Melbourne 1000K/11th Nov.

M.S.L. 705 - Grounded off Cape Gloucester 0050K/10th Nov. Towed off
by D.T. 933 at 0900K/10th Nov. proceeding to Dreger.

"ARARAT" - E.T.A. Townsville 1630K/11th Nov.

"MURCHISON" - Departed Sydney 0900K/11th Nov. for Twofold Bay.

"HOBART" - On 7/8th Nov. proceeded to assistance of broken down
Jap. tanker and towed her to shelter.

Indications are that "ARARAT" will be delayed at home owing to
loading operations.

Ship Name	Origin	Destination	Departure	Arrival
"SHROPSHIRE"	Sydney	Port Melbourne	1500K/9th Nov.	1000K/11th Nov.
"ARARAT"	Sydney	Townsville	1630K/11th Nov.	-
"MURCHISON"	Sydney	Twofold Bay	0900K/11th Nov.	-
"HOBART"	Sydney	Off Cape Gloucester	07/8th Nov.	-

Commodore Farncomb assumed command of "ARARAT" and as C.C.A.S. H.M.A. 7/11/46

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/10th November, 1946.

- H.T. "STRATHMORE" - Departed Adelaide 0630Z/8th Nov. for Fremantle
E.T.A. 0630Z/12th Nov.
- "FORT COLVILLE" - Departed Sydney A.M. 8th Nov. for U.K. E.T.A.
Colombo A.M. 28th Nov.
- L.S.T. 3017 - Beached at Wewak 1100K/8th Nov.
- L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Darwin 1700IK/8th Nov. for Cape Foureroy
E.T.A. 0700IK/9th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Departed Sydney 0900K/9th Nov. for Melbourne
E.T.A. 1130K/11th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Dreger 0500K/9th Nov. for Wewak, Hollandia,
Rabaul.
- H.M.A.S. "BROLOA" - E.T.A. Fremantle 0730Z/9th Nov.

Indications are that "WARRAMUNGA" will be delayed 24 hours owing to
inclining experiment.

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
" <u>MILDURA</u> " with 2223 in tow	27th Nov. 4th Dec.	Port Moresby Townsville Sydney	24th Nov. 28th " -
" <u>KANIMBLA</u> "	-	To be sailed for Kure	19th Nov.
" <u>QUIBERON</u> "	-	E.T.D. Melbourne E.T.A. Sydney	1130K/11th Nov. 0700K/13th "
" <u>WILCANNIA</u> "	-	To be sailed from Sydney to arrive Fort Moresby	21st Nov.
<u>M.R.L.'s 252 & 253</u>	-	Aground Corio Bay. Vessels in no immediate danger. Will attempt to refloat	1100K/8th Nov.

Commodore Showers assumed command of "CERBERUS" and as C.S.T. P.N.D. 7/11/46

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/9th November, 1946.

L.S.T. 3017 - E.T.D. Madang 1700K/7th Nov.
E.T.A. Wewak 1100K/8th "

"GOWRA" - Intended programme:-

E.T.D. Rabaul 21st Nov.) with H.D.M.L's 1323 &
E.T.A. Townsville 26th) 1328

E.T.D. " 27th) escorting G.P.V. 960
E.T.A. Sydney 4th Dec.)

"LATROBE" - Sail high water 12th Nov. and carry out training programme in Westernport, Wilson Promontory areas. Return F.N.D. wharf 15th Nov.

"GLADSTONE" - Sail high water 11th Nov. and carry out training programme in Westernport Bay. Proceed to Port Phillip Bay 13th Nov. and fuel. Return to fuel wharf F.N.D. to discharge fuel 14th Nov. to F.N.D. tanks.

"TRUNCHEON" - E.T.D. Townsville 2100Z/7th Nov.
E.T.A. Sydney Heads 0100Z/12th Nov.

"BARWON" - Intended programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Dreger	0500/9th Nov.
1100/10th Nov.	Wewak	1300/10th "
0600/11th "	Hollandia	1700/11th "
1600/11th "	Rabaul	2100/14th "
0600/16th "	Strathord Light	1000/16th "
1400/16th "	Bright Is. Light	0800/17th "
0900/18th "	Port Moresby	-

"WARRNAMBOOL" - Intended programme:-

with H.D.M.L. 1326

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Port Moresby	25th Nov.

with H.D.M.Ls. 1326,
1323 and 1328

(28th Nov.	Townsville	29th "
(2nd Dec.	Caloundra	2nd Dec.
(4th "	Sydney	-

"SWAN" - Amended programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Port Moresby	24th Nov.

with "WARRNAMBOOL"
and 3 H.D.M.Ls.

(26th Nov.	Townsville	29th "
(2nd Dec.	Caloundra	2nd Dec.
(4th "	Sydney	-

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/SATURDAY, 26th OCT. 46.
TO 0900K/MONDAY, 28th Oct. 46.

OK 8/11
PRO
Mr. Rilly
N.H.R.S.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Reports E.T.A. Melbourne now unpredictable.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Biak 0730K/25th Oct. E.T.A. Hollandia
0630K/26th Oct. S.O.A. 14.5.

L.S.T. 3017 - Amended E.T.D. Samarai 28th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Secured alongside West side West wing of
Station Pier. 1045K/26th Oct. 'Phone Ext.
MX.3830.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Sydney 1400K/26th Oct.
E.T.A. Pt. Melbourne 1200K/29th Oct. S.O.A. 8.

L.S.T. 3014 - Departed Sydney 1500K/26th Oct.
E.T.A. Melbourne 1000K/29th Oct. S.O.A. 9.

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Departed Jervis Bay 1730K/26th Oct. E.T.A.
Melbourne not given.

G.P.V. 956 - Departed Brisbane 1445K/26th Oct. E.T.A.
Cairns will be signalled later. S.O.A. 7.5.

M.R.L. 252 - Secured to No. 3 Buoy Corie Bay 1600K/24th Oct.

C.C.A.S. reports "WARRAMUNGA" will leave Sydney 1500 28th Oct. for
Melbourne and will be available for transport of leave personnel and
small quantity of stores.

S.O. M.S.F. 20 proposes that "ARARAT" proceeds to Sydney forthwith
to pay off into 'P' class reserve and to prepare for commissioning of
"ECHUCA". Reason being that major defects to certain equipment has
immobilised "ARARAT" as a sweeper. If this is approved it is
intended that "ARARAT" should tow "DAPHNE" via Townsville to Sydney.

R.N.O. PORT MORESBY reports that no small craft was shipped on
"CRUSADER" at that port. Written report will follow.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA reports sunken lighter removed clear of wharf.
Arrival of "REYNELLA" which is at Lae is unknown.

B.C.O.F. concurs with A.C.N.B. that maintenance of R.A.N. Liaison
Officer in Japan is desirable.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/26TH OCTOBER 1946.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" ✓ Departed Westernport 1230K/25th for MELBOURNE.
"LATROBE" is to act as target ship for torpedo
school firings and target towing ship for
Gunnery School firings by "quiberon" on Monday
28th.

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" ✓ Departed Melbourne 1000K/25th S.T.A. Sydney
0630K/27th S.O.A. 13.5

H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" ✓ S.T.D. Bowen 1800K/29th S.T.A. Brisbane 1400K/31st.

R.F.A. "WAVE KING" ✓ S.T.D. Sydney 28th for Abadan.

H.R.L. 251 To be paid off into "F" class reserve in Sydney.

N.O.I.C./N.O. intends to despatch A/Cdr. A.C. Mather in DT.933 on
26th October to Rabaul. On arrival P.M. 27th Cdr Mather will assume
responsibility for the Naval Administration of the port with the
title of R.A.N.L.O. RABAUL.

(2) HSL 705 will arrive at Dreger about 7th Novr.

(3) WILL investigate practicability of withdrawing
all naval facilities (except GFL1207) from Rabaul in mid-November.

DAILY NARRATIVE.
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PRO 7/11
~~Mr. Reilly~~
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/7th November, 1946.

For "WARRE" appearing on narrative to 0900K/31st Oct. noted to read -

L.S.T. 3017 - Arrived Madang 0945K/8th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "EVAN" Departed Port Moresby 1200K/30th Oct. for Cairns

L.S.T. 3035 - To arrive Sydney Heads 0600K/8th Nov.
Disembarkation at 0900K/8th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "GORDON" Returned Darwin 0800K/30th Oct.

"ORBITA" - Departed Port Said 0630/31st Oct.

L.S.T. 3001
E.T.A. Fremantle - 21st Nov.
Melbourne - 27th " 31st Oct.
Sydney - 30th "

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" Departed Langman 1800K/31st Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 0830K/8th Nov.

"LITHGOW" with ketch "ARGA" in tow - Arrived Sydney 3rd Nov. E.T.A. 20th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "PROZA" Departed King Sound 2100K/31st Oct. for Fremantle E.T.A. 2300K/7th Nov.

"ARARAT" with "DAFNE" in tow - Departed Port Moresby 1315K/6th Nov. for Townsville via Bramble Cay. E.T.A. Tuesday 12th Nov.

ORD from ADMIRALTY - The King has approved that Sunday be observed as a National Day of Remembrance for the Wars of 1914/18 and 1939/45.

"FORT COLVILLE" - E.T.D. Sydney 8th Nov. for Colombo, Port Said and U.K.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", "QUICKMATCH" and "ARUYA" enters Captain Cook Dock A.M. Monday.

P.O.I.C. SYDNEY is despatching Commander Gellatly to Tanta 1st Nov. to investigate and report on present position of "WARRE".

L.S.T. 3035 E.T.D. Cairns 1000K/2nd Nov. to escort the damaged L.S.T. 3001 to Sydney.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

2/8/11

PRO
Mr Pitty
NARRS

To 0900K/Saturday, 2nd November, 1946.

For "SWAN" appearing on narrative to 0900K/31st Oct. amend to read -

"ARARAT".

H.V. "ARARAT" - Departed Sydney 1700K/1st Nov. E.T.A. Adelaide 0800K/4th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" Departed Port Moresby 1100K/30th Oct. for Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/2nd Nov.

"LABROR" - No further action at F.M.S.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" Returned Darwin 0600K/30th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" Arrived Kure P.M. 30th Oct.

"MOHAWK" - Transferred to disposal pool 4.11.1st Nov.

L.S.T. 3501 Anchored in Grafton Passage 2231Z/31st Oct.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Langemak 1800K/31st Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 0630K/6th Nov.

"HICKORY CREST" Departed Hong Kong for Sydney E.T.A. 20th Oct.

"HEAVEN" - Arrived Deger 1800K/1st Nov.

H.M.A.S. "BROLGA" Departed King Sound 2100Z/31st Oct. for Fremantle E.T.A. 2300Z/7th Nov.

"HURONISH" - E.T.D. Sydney for Jarvis Bay and return 11/11.

L.S.T. 3019 - E.T.D. Deger for Madang and Wauak P.M. 5th Nov.
019A from ADMIRALTY - The King has approved that Sunday be observed as a National Day of Remembrance for the Wars of 1914/18 and 1939/45.

Port of Rabaul now administered by civil power.
H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", "QUICKMATCH" and "ARUNTA" enters Captain Cook Dock A.M. Monday.

P.O.I.C. SYDNEY is despatching Commander Gellatly to Yamba 1st Nov. to investigate and report on present position of "WARRE".

L.S.T. 3035 E.T.D. Cairns 1000K/2nd Nov. to escort the damaged L.S.T. 3501 to Sydney.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/3rd November, 1946.

H.T. "STREATHMORE" - Departed Sydney 1700K/1st Nov. E.T.A. Adelaide 0800K/4th Nov.

"LATROBE" - To boiler clean at F.W.D.

"STUART" }
"MORSEBY" } Transferred to disposal pool A.M. 1st Nov.

E.T.D. Lady Elliott Island 082100Z/Nov.
E.T.A. Sydney 061900Z/Nov.

"HAWKESBURY" - E.T.D. Brisbane 2000K/3rd Nov.

L.S.T. 3017 }
"BARWON" } Arrived Dreger 1800K/1st Nov.

"MURCHISON" - E.T.D. Sydney for Jervis Bay and return 11/11.

L.S.T. 3017 - E.T.D. Dreger for Madang and Wewak P.M. 5th Nov.

S.O. 10th L.S.T. considers inquiry should be held into loss of
Ray Boats from L.S.T. 3501. Port of Rabaul now administered by civil power.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO. #10
Ch. Riffly
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/4th November, 1946.

"ASTURIAS" - E.T.A. Fremantle 0600/12th Nov.
L.S.T. 3517 - Departed Cairns 0400K/31st Oct.

"LATROBE" - E.T.A. Hanns Inlet 1820K/2nd Nov.
"LATROBE" - To continue gunnery exercises 1900K/1st Nov.

"WARREGO" - E.T.D. Lady Elliott Island 022100Z/Nov.
"WARREGO" - E.T.A. Sydney 061900Z/Nov. S.O.I.C., Fort Melbourne.

L.S.T. 3032 - Arrived Cairns P.M. 31st Oct.

"STELLA" - Returned to orders A.M. 29th Oct.

Captain Buchanan assumed command "SHROPSHIRE" 2nd Nov.

"KORLA" - Arrived Fort Phillip P.M. 31st Oct.

S.O. 10th L.S.T. considers inquiry should be held into loss of
Bow Doors from L.S.T. 3501. ing to Cairns having lost both bow doors
in heavy weather.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOVEMENT SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

To 0900K/1st November, 1946.10TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA:

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Arrived Melbourne 30th October.
 "QUIBERON" - Arrived Melbourne 28th October.

L.S.T. 3017 - Departed Samarai 0400K/31st Oct. ✓

1ST FRIGATE FLOTILLA:

H.M.A.S. "ENCALHAVEN" - Arrives Melbourne 11th November
 from Sydney.

"QUIBERON" } "HAWKER HUPY" - Departed Brisbane 3rd November
 - To continue gunnery exercises 1000K/1st Nov. ✓

"LATROBE" } "BARCON" - Arrives 1st November from
 Port Moresby via Samarai and
 Milne Bay.

20TH M.S. FLOTILLA:

"GLADSTONE" - Placed under orders of N.O.I.C., Port Melbourne. ✓

H.M.A.S. "STAN" - Arrived Cairns 2nd November from
 Port Moresby. Departs Cairns
 4th November E.T.A. Pt. Moresby
 6th for boiler clean.

L.S.T. 3035 - Arrived Cairns P.M. 31st Oct. ✓

H.M.A.S. "CORRA" - Departed Rabaul 29/10 for West
 Bougainville. Arrived 30/10.

"ARASAT" - Departed Rabaul 1/11 E.T.A. Port ✓

"STELLA" - Returned to owners A.M. 29th Oct. ✓
 5/11 for
 Sydney to pay off. E.T.A. Sydney
 18/11.

"KOALA" - Arrived Port Phillip P.M. 31st Oct. ✓
 pay off.

10TH L.S.T. SQUADRON:

L.S.T. 3501 - Proceeding to Cairns having lost both bow doors
 in heavy weather. ✓

L.S.T. 3501 - Put into Cairns 1/11, having lost
 both bow doors in heavy weather.
 To return to Sydney.

L.S.T. 3036 - Dep. Cairns 2/11 for Sydney. E.T.A.
 8/11. ✓

L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Morotai 30/10. E.T.A. Darwin
 4/11.

L.S.T. 3014 - Arrived Melbourne 30/10. To lay
 moorings and to be used for dumping
 ammunition.

L.S.I.'S:

"MANOOKA" - Departed Langenak 31/10. E.T.A.
 Sydney 6/11.

"KANIMELA" - Arrived Kure 30/10. Departed 2/11
 E.T.A. Sydney 13th November.

MISCELLANEOUS:

"LACHLAN" - E.T.A. Fremantle 9/11 from King Sound.

078/11
 CONFIDENTIAL
 P.R.O. 1/10
 Mr. Rielly
 N.H.R.S.

Copy for : D.N.I.

MOVEMENT SUMMARY - WEEK ENDING MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

10TH DESTROYER FLOTILLA:

- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Arrived Melbourne 30th October.
 "QUIBERON" - Arrived Melbourne 28th October.

1ST FRIGATE FLOTILLA:

- H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Arrives Melbourne 11th November from Sydney.
 "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Brisbane 3rd November for Sydney.
 "BARWON" - Arrived Dreger 1st November from Port Moresby via Samarai and Milne Bay.

20TH M.S. FLOTILLA:

- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Arrived Cairns 2nd November from Port Moresby. Departs Cairns 4th November E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 6th for boiler clean.
 (Escorting GPV.960 to Cairns)
 H.M.A.S. "COWRA" - Departed Rabaul 29/10 for West Bougainville. Arrived 30/10.
 "ARARAT" - Departed Rabaul 1/11 E.T.A. Port Moresby 4/11. Sails 5/11 for Townsville, E.T.A. 9/11 thence Sydney to pay off. E.T.A. Sydney 16/11.
 "LITHGOW" - Arrived Sydney 3/11. To pay off.
 ("ARGA" in tow)

10TH L.S.T. SQUADRON:

- L.S.T. 3017 (S.O.) - Arrived Dreger 1/11. Sails 5/11 for Madang and Wewak.
 L.S.T. 3501 - Put into Cairns 1/11, having lost both bow doors in heavy weather. To return to Sydney.
 L.S.T. 3035 - Dep. Cairns 2/11 for Sydney. E.T.A. 8/11.
 (Escorting L.S.T.3501)
 L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Morotai 30/10. E.T.A. Darwin 4/11.
 L.S.T. 3014 - Arrived Melbourne 30/10. To lay moorings and to be used for dumping ammunition.

L.S.I'S:

- "MANOORA" - Departed Langemak 31/10. E.T.A. Sydney 6/11.
 "KANIMELA" - Arrived Kure 30/10. Departed 2/11 E.T.A. Sydney 13th November.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- "LACHLAN" - E.T.A. Fremantle 9/11 from King Sound.

- "WARREGO" - Departed Lady Elliott Island 3/11.
E.T.A. Sydney 7/11.
- "BROLGA" - Departed King Sound 1/11. E.T.A.
Fremantle 8/11.
- "RESERVE"
(Towing OFL.1201) - Arrived Sydney 29/10.
- "KOALA" - Arrived Melbourne 31/10 from
Sydney.

Captain H. J. Buchanan, D.S.O., R.A.N., assumed command of "SHROPSHIRE" 2/11.

Commander-in-Chief East Indies Station reports that French Naval Forces in Far East now come under their own operational control.

F.C.I.C. Sydney despatched Commander Gellatly to Yamba 1st November to investigate and report on present position of "WAREE".

Port of Rabaul now administered by Civil Power.

"STUART" and "MCRESEY" transferred to disposal pool a.m. 1/11.

PRO 6/11
 Leo McReilly -
 NHRS.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 5th November, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Kure 0600K/2nd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 1500K/13th Nov. S.O.A. 16.5. Intends to fuel all ships from Kure all night until repairs are effected.

H.M.S. "HICKORY CREST" - Departed Hong Kong 1300K/1st Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 20th Nov. S.O.A. 10.

H.M.S. "NORTHERN WARRIOR" - Departed Sydney P.M. 1st Nov. E.T.A. Fremantle 11th Nov. thence Trincomalee.

H.M.A.S. "JABIRU" - Departed Lady Elliott Is. 0700K/3rd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 0500K/7th Nov. S.O.A. 7.

H.N.M.S. "BONAIRE" - Arrived Fremantle 31/10. V.O. will be broken in 1950 that day. Broad pendant of Commodore Collins will be struck to 11th Nov.

L.S.T. 3035 escorting - Departed Cairns 1200K/2nd Nov. E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/8th Nov.

L.S.T. 3501

H.M.A.S. "MANCORA" - Amended E.T.A. Quarantine Station 1400K/5th Nov.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed King Sound 0230Z/4th Nov. E.T.A. Fremantle 0430Z/8th Nov. S.O.A. 14 kts.

H.O.I.C. Brisbane reports 31 since now awaiting R.N.S. treatment.

Departed Fremantle 0200/4th Nov. for Surabaya E.T.A. 9th Nov.

Intended programme for "MURCHISON" -

Broad pendant of Commodore Stewart will be hoisted in "MURCHISON" at 0800K Thursday 7th Nov. and transferred to F.F.D. at sunset 7th Nov. at which time the broad pendant will be struck.

	Arrive	Place	Depart
	-	SYDNEY	11th Nov.
H.O.I.C. Sydney reports	12th Nov.	TWOFOLD BAY	13th "
observed by "MURCHISON"	16th "	JERVIS BAY	17th "
	22nd "	SYDNEY	

Departed Sydney 1200K/4th Nov. E.T.A. Auckland 9th Nov.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/5th Nov. to 0900K/6th Nov. 1946.

"WARREGO" (Dep. Repet. Vessel) - Sailed Hobart 1030/5th Nov. E.T.A.

R.N.O. PORT MORESBY - reports underground fuel line to main wharf leaking. Intends to fuel all ships from Elevala oil wharf until repairs are effected.

"WARREGO" - E.T.A. 060430Z.

"ARARAT" - Departure from Port Moresby delayed 24 hours. Intends proceeding to Townsville with "DAPHNE" in tow, via Bramble Bay and E.E. Channel.

"SWAN" - Departed Cairns for Port Moresby 1430K 4th Nov. E.T.A. 0730K/6th Nov.

"DELORAINE" - Paid off into "E" class reserve Monday 4th Nov. at Sydney.

Broad pendant of Commodore Farncomb C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O. will be broken in "SHROPSHIRE" 0800 Saturday. Command of H.M.A. Squadron will be transferred at 1200 that day. Broad pendant of Commodore Collins will be struck to "ARUNTA" at sunset Saturday 9th Nov.

"KEITH CAM" - Paid off 4th Nov. in Brisbane.

"PORT DUQUESNE" - E.T.D. Sydney Saturday 9th Nov. for Townsville thence Hong Kong and Singapore.

"TRUNCHEON" - E.T.A. Townsville 0930L/7th Nov.

G.P.V. 956 - Departed Townsville 1030K/5th Nov. for Cairns for R.M.S. duties. E.T.A. 0900K/6th Nov.

Commander Gellatly D.S.C. confirms report that "WAREE" cannot be salvaged.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports 91 mines now awaiting R.M.S. treatment.

"KORTENAER" - Departed Fremantle 0900/4th Nov. for Sourabaya E.T.A. 9th Nov.

Broad pendant of Commodore Showers will be hoisted in "LATROBE" at 0800K Thursday 7th Nov. and transferred to F.N.D. at sunset 7th Nov. at which time the Broad pendant of Commodore Farncomb will be struck.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "GEORGE DINSDALE" will be ready for towing to Adelaide by "RESERVE" 22nd Nov.

"MELBORN" - Departed Sydney 1530K/4th Nov. E.T.A. Auckland 8th Nov.

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To 0900K/Friday, 8th November, 1946.

"HANAZUKI" (Jap.Repat.Vessel) - Sailed Rabaul 1630/6th Nov. E.T.A. Guam P.M./10th.

N.O.I.C., Fremantle requests instructions re docking of A.M.S. vessels in reserve in Fremantle.

Officers for Establishment of Air Branch leave U.K. by Lancastrian 10th Nov.

A.S.Sydney - "SHROPSHIRE" requests loan of 35 feet Motorboat during forthcoming Northern Cruise.

National Day of Remembrance to be observed Sunday November 10th.

General Manager, Williamstown Dockyards proposals re "GULGGA" approved.

"GULGGA" - Reported Rabaul 1630/6th Nov. E.T.A. East Pohnpei 1800/7th Nov.

"GULGGA" - To sail for Sydney via Port Moresby to pick up 1st Lt. Green going lighter for Sydney. Vessel then goes off into 1st class service.

"SHROPSHIRE" - To unload at OROK/11th Nov. and berth at No. 2 Quay.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Reported Rabaul 1630/6th Nov. E.T.A. Longwood 1800/7th Nov.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Reported remaining at Rabaul to make good heavy damage until Friday 1st Dec. Scheduled programme hereafter:-
S.S. Rabaul 1800/1st Dec.
S.S. Port Moresby 1800/2nd Dec.
S.S. OROK 1800/3rd Dec.
S.S. Pohnpei 1800/4th Dec.
S.S. Sydney 4-5/5th Dec.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Arrived S.S. 4 - Longwood 1800. Will leave 1800 Thursday 1st Dec.

"SHROPSHIRE" - Departed Milne Bay for Port Moresby via Halmahera. S.S. 4 - 1800/1st Dec.

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TO 0900K/31st October, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" - Three O/Ds. from F.N.D. Gunnery class lost overboard at 1240K when guard rail against which they were leaning carried away. Lifebuoys were dropped within 20 yards of men but one man disappeared within 2 minutes, second disappeared while boat was on the way, third was in considerable distress when recovered. Ship returned to Princes Pier to land rating while "LATROBE" carried on search. "QUIBERON" then proceeded to carry out further search. F.N.D. instructed to inform next-of-kin and convene Board of Inquiry to sit on board "QUIBERON" at 1000K Thursday 31st October. Following officers have been detailed Cdr. Cook, Lt. Cdr. Bracegirdle and Lt. Payne.
- Jap. Repat. Vessel "HANAZUKI" - Departed Sasebo 25th Oct. for Rabaul E.T.A. 3rd Nov. to embark 800 Japs. Vessel has been diverted to Port Moresby for fuel.
- L.S.T. 3035 - Cleared Red Island at 2330K/28th Oct. for Cairns for fuel, fresh water and stores. E.T.A. Cairns 1/11.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Bowen 1400K/29th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1400K/31st Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" - Departed Rabaul 1430K/29th Oct. E.T.A. West Bougainville 1700K/30th Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - To sail forthwith for Sydney via Port Moresby to pick 108 ft. ocean going lighter for towing to Sydney. Vessel then pays off into 'F' class reserve.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - To undock at 0930K/31st Oct. and berth at No. 2 Buoy.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOCRA" - Departed Rabaul 2100K/29th Oct. E.T.A. Langemak 0630K/31st Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN"
ARARAT - Proposes remaining at Rabaul to make good minor defects until Friday 1st Nov. Anticipated programme thereafter:-
E.T.D. Rabaul 1800K/1st Nov.
E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/4th Nov.
E.T.D. " " 0600K/5th "
E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/9th "
E.T.D. " " 1800K/9th "
E.T.A. Sydney A.M./16th "
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Amended E.T.A.'s - Lonsdale 1230K. Gellibrand 1630K Thursday 31st October.
- L.S.T. 3017 and HMAS. "BARWON" - Departed Milne Bay for Dreger Harbour via Kiriwina. E.T.A. 1700K/1st Nov.
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To 0800K/30th October, 1946.
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- "TRAVENBERG" - Departed Townsville 0800K/27th Oct. E.T.A. Esora 1800K/27th Oct. S.O.A. 18.
- "ARARAT" - To be sailed from New Guinea to Sydney forthwith and to be paid off. Oct. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/30th Oct. S.O.A. 18.
- "ZANONIA" - Departed Hollandia 1800K/27th Oct. E.T.A. Rabaul
- "LITHGOW" - Departed Townsville 0600K/29th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/3rd Nov. for paying off.
- "MACQUARIE" - at Melbourne.
- "QUINERON" L.S.T. 3014 - E.T.A. No. 16 North Wharf 0800K/30th Oct.
- G.P.V. 501 - E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/30th Oct.
- "QUIBERON" - 0900K/30th Oct. slipping for gunnery exercises in Port Phillip Bay.
- "DAVINE" - Departed Port Moresby 1400K/30th Oct. E.T.A. Samarai 1800K/30th Oct. S.O.A. 11.8.
- "KOALA" - Sheltering in Twofold Bay.

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"CONDAMINE" - Anchored 1.8 miles from Carslake Is. (near Darwin) with condenser trouble. Later: E.T.A. Darwin 0600K/30th Oct. (Bellair steam)

14th "	RODGAINVILLE	18th "
18th "	ESORA	19th "

L.S.T. 3055 - E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/1st Nov. (for south)

Programme is subject to slight variation when "WILCANNIA" movements are known.

"GLADSTONE" - Seamanship instruction in Port Phillip Bay.

S.O. 10th "QUINERON" reports arrival Samarai 0800K/27th Oct. Commenced discharge of cargo 28th Oct. E.T.D. 30th Oct.

"FARRAMUNA" - Departed Sydney 1800K/30th Oct. E.T.A. Melbourne 1800K/30th Oct.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
	WILCANNIA	28th Oct.
5th Nov.	HOLLANDIA	6th Nov.
8th "	BIAK	12th "
14th "	WISAK	15th "
22nd "	RABAU	25th "

"RODIA" Intends to depart Rabaul 1400K/28th Oct. for sweeping operations, Rodgainville Strait returning to Rabaul for water etc., approx. 17th Nov. depending on "WILCANNIA" movements.

S.O.S. 10th "ESORA" reports following A.N.Z. vessels have been transferred to Milne Bay: "SMASCOCK" 14th Oct. "RODGAINVILLE" 21st Oct. - Following will be transferred - "WISAK" 28th Oct. "DAVINE" 4th Nov. "HOLLANDIA" 11th Nov.

S.O. G. H.F.S. reports that French Naval Forces in Far East now come under their own operational control.

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To 0900K/29th October, 1946.

- "HAWKESBURY" - departed Townsville 0800K/27th Oct. E.T.A. Bowen 1800K/27th Oct. S.O.A. 12.
- "SWAN" - departed Rabaul 0700K/27th Oct. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1630K/29th Oct. S.O.A. 15.
- "MANOORA" - departed Hollandia 0550/27th Oct. E.T.A. Rabaul 0730K/29th Oct. S.O.A. 15.
- "MACQUARIE" }
" QUIBERON" } - at Melbourne.
- G.P.V. 956 - E.T.A. Townsville 0300K/30th Oct.
- "BARWON" - Departed Port Moresby 1400K/28th Oct. E.T.A. Samarai 1000K/29th Oct. S.O.A. 11.5.

S.O. M.S. 20 reports present intentions for "SWAN" -

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
29th Oct.	PORT MORESBY	30th Oct. (with GPV.960)
2nd Nov.	CAIRNS	4th Nov.
6th "	PORT MORESBY (Boiler clean)	12th Nov.
14th "	BOUGAINVILLE	16th "
18th "	DREGER	19th "
21st "	PORT MORESBY	23rd " (for south)

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S.O. 10th SQUADRON reports arrival Samarai 2200/27th Oct. Commenced discharge of cargo 28th Oct. E.T.D. 30th Oct.

"WARRAMUNGA" - Departed Sydney 1500K/28th Oct. E.T.A. Melbourne 1400K/30th Oct.

L.S.T. 3051 ³⁵⁰¹

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
5th Nov.	BRISBANE	28th Oct.
8th "	HOLLANDIA	6th Nov.
14th "	BIAK	12th "
22nd "	WEWAK	18th "
	RABAU	26th "

"COWRA" intends to depart Rabaul 1400K/29th Oct. for sweeping operations, Bougainville Strait returning to Rabaul for water etc., approx. 17th Nov. depending on "WILCANNIA'S" movements.

C.O.R.S. SYDNEY reports following A.M.S. vessels have been transferred to Disposal Pool: "CESSNOCK" 14th Oct. "GOULBOURN" 21st Oct. - Following will be transferred - "BENDIGO" 28th Oct. "BATHURST" 4th Nov. "BALLARAT" 11th Nov.

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To 0800K/Thursday, 24th October, 1946.

To 0900K/25th October, 1946.

H.M. Submarine "THUNDER" - Departs Hong Kong 1500K/24th Oct. for Sydney via Townsville. E.T.A. Sydney

H.T. "STRATHMORE" - E.T.D. Sydney Friday 1st Nov.

H.M.A.S. "KATOomba" - Departed Brisbane 1100K/23rd Oct. E.T.A.

L.S.T. 3008 (in tow) - Sailed Darwin 1130K/23rd Oct. for Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/28th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "KUALA" - Departed Port Moresby 1030K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/23rd Oct. S.O.A. S.

L.S.T. 3035 - Sailed Darwin 0700/24th for Sydney via Red Is. and Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "HARRINGTON" - Departed Jervis Bay 0800K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Melbourne 1230K/24th S.O.A. 12.3. E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/25th Oct.

"KATOomba" - One tow wire parted in heavy weather off Smoky Cape proceeded into sheltered water to pass fresh towing wire. Now under way again. Amended E.T.A. to be signalled later.

H.M.A.S. "KORORUA" - Departed Sydney 1040K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1040K/23rd Oct.

"GOWRA" }
"ARARAT" } - Departed Komaliai Bay 0840K/24th Oct. Rabaul 0800K/25th Oct.

L.S.T. 3009 - E.T.D. Darwin 1100K/23rd Oct.

"MACQUARIE" - Sailed Sydney 1310K/24th Oct. E.T.A. Williamstown 1400K/26th Oct. to pay off.

"LYBON" ("ARDA" in tow) - E.T.D. Port Moresby 1040K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/25th Oct.

A.S.R. "AIR SEWER" and "AIR CHIEF" accepted into modified "F" class reserve at Brisbane 21st Oct.

R.F. 503 has discontinued attempts to salvage J.L.C. 20, and arrived Deger 0800K/23rd Oct.

Following appointments have been made:-

Commander J.C. Harrow to "BATAAN" in command and Captain (D) 10th Destroyer Flotilla. Granted rank of Acting Captain whilst holding last named appointment.

Commander Sellatly from "AUSTRALIA" to "EUROPEAN" vice Harrow A/Commander sent from "KATOomba" to "AUSTRALIA" in command.

C.C.A.S. will represent R.A.N. at inauguration of Brisbane Cathedral Appeal from 24th A.M. to 26th P.M.

Commonwealth Dispatches allege "ARDA" severely damaged during tow Miling to Morotai, and doubtful whether vessel will withstand tow to Sydney.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 24th October, 1946.

H.M. Submarine "TRUNCHEON" - Departs Hong Kong 1500K/24th Oct. for Sydney via Townsville. E.T.A. Sydney 14th Nov. S.O.A. 11.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (with "EDNA" in tow) - Departed Brisbane 1100K/22nd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 25th. S.O.A. 7.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Port Kembla 1030K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/23rd Oct. S.O.A. 8.

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - Departed Jervis Bay 0300K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Melbourne 1530K/24th S.O.A. 13.5. E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/25th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney A.M./27th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" ^{Laquane} - On completion fuelling proceed to Williamstown to pay off. E.T.D. Broken Bay 1445K/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1645K/23rd Oct. _{Lurchison}

L.S.T. 3017 - E.T.D. Brisbane 0300Z/23rd Oct. E.T.A. Samarai 30th Oct.

L.S.T. 3008 - E.T.D. Darwin 1100K/23rd Oct.

L.S.T. 3035 - E.T.A. Darwin 0900K/23rd Oct.

"LITHGOW" ("ARGA" in tow) - E.T.D. Port Moresby 1645K/22nd Oct. E.T.A. Townsville 0900K/26th Oct.

A.S.R. "AIR SENSE" and "AIR CHIEF" accepted into modified "F" class reserve at Brisbane 21st Oct.

D.T. 935 has discontinued attempts to salvage A.L.C. 20, and arrived Dregor 0600K/22nd Oct.

Following appointments have been made:-

Commander J.C. Morrow to "BATAAN" in command and Captain (D) 10th Destroyer Flotilla. Granted rank of Acting Captain whilst holding last named appointment.

Commander Gellatly from "AUSTRALIA" to "SHROPSHIRE" vice Morrow A/Commander Gant from "KATOOMBA" to "AUSTRALIA" in command.

C.C.A.S. will represent R.A.N. at inauguration of Brisbane Cathedral Appeal from 24th A.M. to 25th P.M.

Commonwealth Disposals allege "ARGA" severley damaged during tow Madang to Moresby, and doubtful whether vessel will withstand tow to Sydney.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 23rd October, 1946.

L.S.T. 3501. - Departed Sydney 1045K/22nd Oct. for Biak via China Straits.

"KANIMBLA" - Departed Darwin 1230K/22nd Oct. for Kure. E.T.A. 1600K/30th Oct.

L.S.T. 3008 - E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/22nd Oct.

L.S.T. 3035 " " P.M. 22nd Oct.

"LITHGOW" Intends departing Port Moresby 0600K/22nd Oct. E.T.A. Sydney A.M. 22nd November.
with "ARGA" in tow

"WARRAMUNGA" - Required to embark long leave personnel and drafts for passages to Sydney.

Programme:-

N.S. 22 will be available at Cairns and Nov. for N.S.S.

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
	-	JERVIS BAY	A.M. Wed. 23rd.
	P.M. Thurs. 24th	MELBOURNE	1000 Fri. 25th.
	A.M. Sunday 27th	SYDNEY	P.M. Mon. 28th.
	P.M. Wed. 30th	MELBOURNE	

and then resume Programme DD2.

"WARRAMUNGA" not yet able to board. Little possibility of salvage.

"QUIBERON" - To complete working up programme at Jervis Bay and proceed to Melbourne independently.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 22nd October, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Sailed 19th Oct. for Brisbane, Maryborough and New Guinea.
L.S.T. 3017.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Sydney 1800K/14th Oct. E.T.A. Port Kembla 1900K/14th Oct.
"MURCHISON" - Departed Sydney for Broken Bay 0800K/Tuesday, 22nd Oct. (E.T.A. 1030K/Tuesday, 22nd Oct.)

S.O.A.S. - Amended Destroyer Programme D.D.S. -

"KOALA" - (a) Departed Sydney for Port Kembla 0900K/Monday 21st Oct. (E.T.A. 1500K/Monday 21st Oct.)
(b) Departed Sydney for Port Kembla 0900K/Monday 21st Oct. (E.T.A. 1500K/Monday 21st Oct.)

Gunnery and Torpedo school firings by "MURCHISON" will commence Monday 22nd October.
"WARREGO" - Departed Mackay 0430K/21st Oct. for survey ground.

"WICKHAM BLISS" - Master agrees to defer docking until arrival U.K.

H.M.A.S. "CONRA"

"ANARAT"

- Departed Rabaul 0830K/14th Oct. E.T.A. East Bougainville 1800K/15th Oct.

M.S. 20 will make G.P.V. available at Cairns 2nd Nov. for R.M.S. duties.

H.M.A.S. "L.S.T. 3501" - Intends proceeding to Brisbane thence New Guinea 1000K/22nd Oct. successful, sailing for Sydney.

"WARBE" not yet able to board. Little possibility of salvage.

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To 0900K/15th October, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1800K/15th Oct. E.T.A. Darwin 1500IK/22nd Oct.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" - Departed Sydney 1300K/14th Oct. E.T.A. Port Kembla 1900K/14th Oct.

C.C.A.S. - Amended Destroyer Programme D.D.2. -
(a) Depart Jervis Bay Sat. 26th Oct.
(b) Arrive Melbourne early A.M. Monday 28th Oct.

Gunnery and Torpedo school firings by "QUIBERON" will commence Monday 28th October.

"HICKORY GLEN" - Master agrees to defer docking until arrival U.K.

H.M.A.S. "COWRA")
"ARARAT") - Departed Rabaul 0830K/14th Oct.
M.L. 1323 & M.L. 1328) E.T.A. East Bougainville 1800K/15th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Intends slipping 0800K Tuesday 15th Oct. for sea trial and on completion, if successful, sailing for Sydney.

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To To 0900H/17th October, 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - E.T.D. Rabaul 1300H/16th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 5th Nov. via Jomard and Grafton Passages. S.O.A. 5. (Sheltering as necessary).
(with O.F.L. 1801 "ROCKLEA" in tow)
Investigation on 22nd Oct.
Total distance 120 miles - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000H/22nd Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Sailed P.M. 15th Oct. for Darwin E.T.A. Darwin P.M. 22nd Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "MAJUMBEI" - E.T.A. Sydney 1715H/Sunday 20th Oct.
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Townsville 1400H/15th Oct. (with "EMMA" in tow) E.T.A. Brisbane A.M. 19th Oct. S.O.A. 8.
- L.S.V. "BOON" - Departed Thursday Island 1815H/15th Oct. for Darwin E.T.A. 1800H/22nd Oct.
- R.P.A. "OLNA" - Departed Port Moresby 1730H/14th Oct. for Abadan via Colombo.
- H.M.A.S. "LEITHCROFT" - Departed Madang 1300H/15th Oct. (with "ARGA" in tow) E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800H/16th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1800H/26th Oct. S.O.A. 9.5.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departed Geelong 0900H/16th Oct. for exercises in Corio Bay.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 19th For Rabaul direct E.T.A. 25th Oct. thence Port Moresby.
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To 0900K/Monday, 21st October.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Intended itinerary - Depart Rabaul 0500K/19th Oct. Inspect lights 3388, 3390, 3392, on 20th Oct. 3393, 3394 and 3395 on 21st Oct. 3396 and investigate mine on Pana Boba on 22nd Oct. Total distance 930 miles - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/24th Oct.

L.A.A.F. 53/21 Left Sydney 1715K. E.T.A. Auckland 182300K.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - E.T.A. Sydney 1715K/Sunday 20th Oct.

L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Thursday Island 1215K/19th Oct. for Darwin E.T.A. 1530K/22nd Oct.

Commonwealth Salvage Board have been asked to send an officer to inspect and advise on possibility of salvage of "BARWON".

"HAWAIIA" Transferred to operational control of Australian Shipping Board 20/10/1941.

Commander Collins suggests turnover to Commander Furness take place in "MACQUARIE" 2nd November.

"BARWON" E.T.D. Rabaul 0500K/19th Oct.
E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/24th Oct.

"MACQUARIE" E.T.D. Sydney 1715K/20th Oct.
E.T.A. Darwin 1530K/22nd Oct.

L.S.L. 1201 Due Sydney 5th November.

L.S.T. 2324 P.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail ship for Melbourne about 25th Oct.

L.S.T. 3017 Programme for voyage Si-

Port	Date of E.T.A.	Date of E.T.D.
SYDNEY	-	19th Oct.
BRISBANE	21st Oct.	23rd "
MANTROUSE	24th "	26th "
SARAI	30th "	2nd Nov.
WUSS	5th Nov.	7th "
WANG	10th "	12th "
WRAK	15th "	17th "

L.S.T. 1201 Programme for voyage Si-

Port	Date of E.T.A.	Date of E.T.D.
SYDNEY	-	20th Oct.
BRISBANE	24th Oct.	26th "
SIAM	5th Nov.	10th Nov.
WRAK	15th "	17th "
RABAU	18th "	20th "

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To 0900K/Sunday, 20th October, 1946.

"KATOOMBA"

Intends calling Brisbane for fuel and provisions, collect draft waiting in "MORRISON", and land army personnel in "EDNA". E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/20th Oct. Tow parted off Sandy Cape. Tow recovered.

R.A.A.F. 06/16

Left Sorong 171100Z. E.T.A. Manokwari 182300Z.

L.S.T. 3017

E.T.D. Sydney 1200K/19th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1400/21st Oct.

"SHROPSHIRE"

Completion of repairs now Wednesday 30th Oct. Undocking to take place on Thursday 31st Oct. C.C.A.S. intends to delete Jervis Bay period and sail "SHROPSHIRE" direct to Melbourne 9th Nov.

Commonwealth Salvage Board have been asked to send an officer to inspect and advise on possibility of salvage of "WARREN".

"WANGANELLA"

Transferred to operational control of Australian Shipping Board 0600K/17th Oct.

Commodore Collins suggests turnover to Commodore Farncomb take place in "SHROPSHIRE" 8th November.

"BARWON"

E.T.D. Rabaul 0500K/19th Oct.
E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/24th Oct.

"MANCORA"

E.T.D. Macassar 0100Z/18th Oct.
E.T.A. Biak 0630E/22nd Oct.

C.F.L. 1201

Due Sydney 6th November.

L.S.T. 3014

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends to sail ship for Melbourne about 23rd Oct.

L.S.T. 3017

Programme for voyage 2:-

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of E.T.A.</u>	<u>Date of E.T.D.</u>
SYDNEY	-	19th Oct.
BRISBANE	21st Oct.	23rd "
MARYBOROUGH	24th "	25th "
SAHARAI	30th "	3rd Nov.
DREGER	5th Nov.	9th "
MADANG	10th "	14th "
WEWAK	15th "	19th "

L.S.T. 3501

Programme for voyage 3:-

<u>Port</u>	<u>Date of E.T.A.</u>	<u>Date of E.T.D.</u>
SYDNEY	-	22nd Oct.
BRISBANE	24th Oct.	25th "
BIAK	5th Nov.	10th Nov.
WEWAK	12th "	15th "
RABAU	16th "	22nd "

To SWAN/Thursday, 19th October, 1945.

"SWAN" - E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/19th Oct.
E.T.A. Rabaul 1900K/25th Oct.

"MURCHISON" - E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/19th Oct.
The vessel was ordered to proceed to vicinity of "SWAN"
(Clarence River) and to land one officer and 2 ratings
report on possibility of salvage. Weather conditions deteriorated, and beach-
work was impossible. Instructed to return to Sydney
as soon as possible.

Australian Shipping Board request L.S.T. detailed for voyage to New
Guinea Area may include a call at Port Moresby to enable urgent
inflammable cargo to be delivered there.

"WARRNAMBOOL" - Operation West KILDUTY begun 15th Oct.

L.S.T. 2222 E.T.A. Darwin P.M. Tuesday 23rd October.

"DARWIN" - Departs Rabaul 19th October for Port Moresby visiting
lights en passage.

"FARRER" - Intends proceeding Mackay for week end. E.T.A. 0630/1945

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PRO
Mr. Kelly
NHRS

To 0900K/16th October, 1946.

To 0900K/Saturday, 18th October, 1946.

"MURCHISON" was detailed to proceed to vicinity of "WARRE" (Clarence River) and to land one officer and 2 ratings to guard wreck and stores and report on possibility of salvage. Weather conditions deteriorated, and beat-work was impossible. Instructed to return to Sydney at economical speed.

H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" Port Phillip 1100K/15th Oct.
S.T.A. Sydney 1730K/15th Oct. S.O.A. 8.

H.O.I.C. Port Melbourne reports entry forced into No. 2 Naval Store at Fisherman's Bend on night of 16/17th Oct. Minor theft occurred.

H.M.A.S. "H.O.I.C." Singapore 15th Oct. S.T.A. Singapore 15th Oct.

L.S.T. 3035 E.T.A. Darwin P.M. Tuesday 22nd October.

"BARWON" Departs Rabaul 19th October for Port Moresby visiting lights on passage.

"WARREGO" Intends proceeding Mackay for week end. E.T.A. 0920/19th

Bougainville Strait for fuel.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/17th Oct. from Port Moresby, Samarai, Ladava and Bartle Bay.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" is already committed to long distance W/T coverage to the Eastward up to 180° West E.T.N.E. suggests that A.C.N.S. W/T coverage to the Eastward conform to station limits proposed in para. 1(A) of Admiralty's 378033 Sept. and agreed to in H.M.A.S. 082322.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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PRO
Mr Rialty
NHRS

To 0900K/16th October, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

Departed Melbourne 15th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 17th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA"

Departed Port Kembla 1100K/15th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1730K/15th Oct. S.O.A. 8.

H.M.S. "PORT DUNVEGAN"
(V.S.S.)

Departed Sydney P.M. 13th Oct. E.T.A. Singapore 2nd Nov.

U.S.S. "REHOBOTH"

Departed Fremantle 1700K/14th Oct. for Manila via Lombok and Macassar Straits and Apo East Pass.

H.M.A.S. "CONRA"

Intend arriving Rabaul 1200K/26th Oct. from Bougainville Strait for fuel.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT"

H.M.A.S. "BARWON"

E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/17th Oct. from Port Moresby, Samarai, Ladava and Bartle Bay.

As N.Z. is already committed to long distance W/T coverage to the Eastward up to 120° West N.Z.N.B. suggests that A.C.N.B. W/T coverage to the Eastward conform to station limits proposed in para. 1(A) of Admiralty's 272053 Sept. and agreed to in N.Z.N.B. 062352.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

PRO. cur Kelly R. NHRS. 2/10

To 0900K/18th October, 1946.

"RESERVE" - is returning to Rabaul. O.F.L. 1201 not steering. E.T.D. Rabaul A.M. 17th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney now 5th Nov.

L.S.T. 3017 - Will be ready to sail from Sydney 19th Oct. **L.S.T. 3501** on 21st Oct.

L.S.T. 3014 - Has not resumed loading.

"NORTHERN WARRIOR" - Departure Sydney now uncertain owing to Waterside Workers Dispute.

R.P.A. **"WAVE EMPEROR"** - Arrived Fremantle 16th Oct.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane recommends urgent action be taken to complete **G.P.V. 956** with full complement of R.M.S. personnel. Ref. large number of mines awaiting treatment.

Principal Naval Overseer, Maryborough reports 3rd 93ft. Tug launched at Walker's Yard 16th Oct.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports unsuccessful attempt to raise sunken lighter at Rabaul, however, lighter has been moved to seaward 30' from face of wharf. Least depth over lighter 30'. Further attempt will be made but unlikely to be completed prior to arrival **"REYNELLA"**.

Entry was forced into No. 2 Naval Storehouse, Fisherman's Bend on night of 16th Oct.. Early investigation reveals theft of a minor nature only. (N.O.I.C. Pt.Melbourne reports).

H.M.A. Tug **"WARRE"** is ashore 1 1/2 miles North of South Head at entrance to Clarence River - crew consisting of 2 officers and 19 ratings all safe on shore at Yamba. 1 officer slightly injured.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

*PRO 14/10
Mr Reilly 14/10
NHRS -
15/10*

To 0900K/14th October, 1946.

"WARRAMUNGA"

Sailed Sydney 1900K/12th Oct. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 0700K/13th Oct.

"QUIBERON"

Intends departing Sydney A.M. 12th October for commercial operation KILPATRICK.

"WARREGO"

E.T.D. Gladstone 1000K/13th Oct. for survey ground off Cape Capricorn

"LACHLAN"

Sailed Darwin 0130Z/13th Oct. E.T.A. survey grounds King Sound 0800Z/15th Oct.

"MACQUARIE"

Sailed Townsville with lighter in tow 0800K/13th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney to be signalled later.

"KATOONBA"

Owing to adverse weather calling Townsville for fuel E.T.A. A.M. 15th Oct.

"ARGA"

Will be ready for sea 15th Oct.

R.A.A.F. Vessel 06/16

E.T.D. Kokas 0700Z/13th Oct. E.T.D. G.E. Broken Island 0800/14th Oct. E.T.D. G.E. Broken Island 2000Z/14th Oct. E.T.A. Serong 0700Z/15th Oct.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/13th OCTOBER.

BONAIRE (R.N.H.) To be sailed for Fremantle to load naval stores. E.T.A. 31st October then return Scourbays.

Air mail for Singapore posted in U.K. between 27th and 29th September is presumed lost.

RESERVE. E.T.A. Rabaul P.M. 13th October.

COWRA with ARARAT M.L.1323 M.L.1328 Intends departing Rabaul A.M. 14th October for commencement operation KILPOP.

HAWKESBURY. FOIC 62 Sydney concurs in use for Roan Cruise in Brisbane Sunday 3rd November. Departs for Sydney 4th Nov.

SHOALHAVEN. Not to be sailed until further orders. Williamstown Dockyard not ready until end of October.

WARRE. (Salvage Tug) E.T.A. Sydney 11th October.

L.S.T 3008. Departed Brisbane 1000K/12th October for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1000K/18th October.

BARWON. Departed Port Moresby 1500K/11th October for Rabaul.

The Naval Board are now to offer a limited number of Permanent Commissioners in the Permanent Naval Forces (Seagoing) to Temporary and Reserve Officers of the Executive and Supply Branches to fill existing vacancies in those branches. Any further offer is dependent on the Government decision as to post-war strength.

4th November	Spring Bay	7th November
11th November	Ballona	13th November
20th November	Spring.	

H.M.A.S. 'CORONADO' departed Brisbane 0800K/11th. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/12th. 000 11 110.

H.M.A.S. 'CORONADO' E.T.A. Spring Bay 11th November to relieve H.M.A.S. 'CORONADO'

H.M.A.S. 'CORONADO', 'WILSON', H.M.S. 1305 and H.M.S. 1306 arrived Port Moresby 0700K/10th.

H.M.A.S. 'CORONADO' departed Port Moresby 1100K/11th. E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/14th. 000 11 110.

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Mr. Budge
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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/12th. OCTOBER, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" is to be classed as non operational until full repairs are carried out. After completion temporary repairs in Sydney, ship is to be sailed to Melbourne for full repairs by Williamstown Dockyard.

LST 3014 REPORTS THAT THE Mobile Crane collapsed while loading cargo. No. 9 Fresh Water Tank and Tank Deck and Main Hatch coaming damaged.

M.S.20 Reports that completion of refit delayed, E.T.D. p.m. Monday.

SHIP MOVEMENTS.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" E.T.D. DREGER a.m. 12th. for Rabaul thence tow OPL 1201 to Sydney via Jomard and Grafton Passage. E.T.A. Sydney not later than 5th. November.

CGAS Reports the following alterations to H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" programme have been approved:

<u>ARRIVE.</u>	<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DEPART.</u>
4th. November	Jervis Bay	9th. November.
11th. November	Melbourne	18th. November.
20th. November	Sydney.	

H.M.A.S. "HAWKENBURY" departed Brisbane 0800K/11th. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/24th. SOA 11 KTS.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" E.T.D. Sydney 23rd. November to relieve H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT"

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL", "MILDURA", HDML 1326 AND OPV 960 arrived Port Moresby 0700K/10th.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA" departed Port Kembla 1100K/11th. E.T.A. Sydney 1730K/11th. SOA 8 kts.

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PRO
Mr Bailey
NHRS

To 0900K/11th October, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") - Departed Cape Capricorn 2000K/10th Oct.
) E.T.A. Broken Bay 0800K/14th Oct.
 H.M.A.S. "TALLAROOK") E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/15th Oct.
) E.T.A. Port Moresby 15th Oct.

- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Arrived Cairns 1500K/10th Oct.
 Ready for handing over 1500K/10th Oct.

- L.S.T. 3035 - Departed Singapore 1030K/10th Oct.
 E.T.A. Balikpapan 1700K/15th Oct.
 To pay off into 'F' class reserve.

- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Depart Jervis Bay - 9th Nov.
 Arrive Melbourne - 11th "
 H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Depart Melbourne - 18th "
 Arrive Sydney - 20th " Sydney.

- D.T. 931 - Departed Sydney 0900K/10th Oct. on passage
 to Darwin.
 from 'A' class to 'F' class reserve.

- H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Departed Rabaul 1100K/9th Oct.
 E.T.A. Madang 0600K/11th Oct.
 Delayed at Sydney until 15th Oct.

- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Rabaul 0800K/9th Oct. for Brisbane.
 ("EDNA" in tow) - E.T.A. repairs 10th Oct. (Singapore).

- A.L.G. 20 - Capsized whilst in tow of D.T. 933 but still
 afloat at last report.
 class reserve 5th Oct.

- L.S.T. 3501) - E.T.D. Sydney about 17th Oct. for Biak, Wewak,
) Rabaul, Dreger.
 L.S.T. 3017) - E.T.D. Sydney about 17th Oct. for Wewak.

- H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - E.T.D. Port Moresby 11th Oct. for China Strait
 Area.
 THURSDAY ISLAND
 E.T.C. Somerville withdrawn.

- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. Darwin 0800K/11th Oct. for Sydney.

Admiralty suggest \$10,000 as selling price for A.M.S.

~~PRO~~
Mr. Kelly
N.H.R.S.
10/10

To 0900K/10th October, 1946.

R.F.T. "OLNA" - Departed Darwin for Port Moresby 1030K/9th Oct.
E.T.A. P.M. 12th Oct.

M.R.L. 252 - Ready for handing over 1000K/10th Oct.

M.W.L. 256 - To pay off into 'F' class reserve. after Disb.

"WILCANNIA" - E.T.D. Darwin A.M./11th Oct. for Sydney.

M.L. 801, 805, 810, 822, 825) - To reduce from 'E' class to 'F' class reserve.

L.S.T. 3014 - Delayed at Sydney until 15th Oct.

L.S.T. 3035 - E.D.C. repairs 10th Oct. (Singapore).

O.P.V. 959 - Paid off into 'F' class reserve 8th Oct.

"LIMICOLA" - Paid off into 'F' class reserve 7th Oct.

R.N.O. Townsville withdrawn.

Admiralty suggest £10,000 as selling price for A.M.S.

THURSDAY ISLAND.

B.C.O.P. purchased part of A.M.S. to left vessel until deleted from War Establishment.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO. R
Mr Reilly
NHRS.

To 0900K/Wednesday 9th October, 1946.

"MILDURA" - Continue tow AT.2223 to Sydney after completion minesweeping Port Moresby Area.

"KANGAROO" - Departed Brisbane 0600K/8th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/11th Oct.

"MANOORA" - Requests approval to proceed Hollandia after Biak.

"MURCHISON" - E.T.D. Sydney 0840K/8th Oct.
E.T.A. Brisbane 1500K/11th Oct.

"HAWKESBURY" - Amended E.T.A. Brisbane 0300K/9th Oct.

"BATAAN" - Lieut. Commander W.J. Dovers assumed command at 1900K/5th Oct.

"LATROBE" - E.T.D. Corio Bay 0730K/9th Oct.
E.T.A. Williamstown 1130K/9th Oct.

H.M.S. "WAVE EMPEROR" (Fleet Attendant Tanker) - Departed Colombo 6th for Fremantle.

N.Z.N.B. concur with boundaries of New Zealand Station.

Senior R.I.N. Authority on the east coast of India is R.N.O. Calcutta.

Singapore is still affected Port for small-pox.

B.C.O.F. recommend post of R.A.N.L.O. be left vacant until deleted from War Establishment.

"P.V. 512" - Docked 1045K/11th Oct.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO 8/10.
Mr Reilly
NHRS

To 0900K/2nd October, 1946.

"KOALA" - Departed Sydney 0400K/1st Oct. for Port Kembla. E.T.A. 1900K/1st Oct.

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"BARCOO" - Has departed Port Moresby for Survey Grounds.

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R.A.A.F. Vessel 06/16 - Departed Semar Island 0300Z/1st Oct. E.T.A. Kaimana Bay 0300Z/2nd Oct.

FROM A. G. H. E.

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"QUICKMATCH" - Intends sailing from Guam as follows:-
E.T.D. 0200/1st Oct. for Dreger
E.T.A. 2300Z/4th Oct.

IMPORTANT.

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F.O.I.C. SYDNEY reports intention to sail "MURCHISON" on following RADAR programme:-

Leave	SYDNEY	8th Oct.
Arrive	BRISBANE	P.M. 11th Oct.
Leave	"	A.M. 14th "
Arrive	SYDNEY	17th Oct.

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"SWAN" Completion of refit delayed owing to delay in receipt of engine parts. Expected to complete now Oct. 11th.

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Lt. P. Gyllies despatched Melbourne by air A.M. 1st Oct. and is to rejoin "MACQUARIE" at Cairns 8th Oct. (Reference - Officer to assist Dockyard).

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N.O.I.C. BRISBANE anticipates Dutch civilians will vacate Parade Camp, Coolangatta on 9th Oct. and Kirri Beach Camp 30th Oct.

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"PORT DUNVEGAN" delayed owing to refrigeration breakdown E.T.D. Sydney now 15th Oct.

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G.P.U. 962 - Docked 1045K/1st Oct.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO
Mr Reilly
NHRS

To 0900K/5th October, 1946.

"BARTOLOMEU DIAS"
(Portuguese)

- Departed Darwin 28th Sept. for Singapore.

"LADY" - Arrived Darwin

NAVY OFFICE—COPY OF MESSAGE.

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TOSO 20TH M.S.F. (R) FOIC SYDNEY A.S. SYDNEY CST FND
NOIC BRISBANE.

FROM A. C. N. B.

{ P/L.
CODE
CYPHER } P/L.

METHOD OF TRANSMISSION T/P PHONE

DATE SENT

DATE REC'D

T.O.O. 030931 OCT. '46.

IMPORTANT.

ON COMPLETION OF PRESENT MINE SWEEPING OPERATION
"KATOOMBA" AND "LITHGOW" ARE TO PAY OFF INTO "F" CLASS
RESERVE AT BRISBANE .

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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~~PRO~~
Mr Reilly
NHS

To 0900K/5th October, 1946.

From 0900K/5th October, 1946.

"BARTOLOMEU DIAS" - Departed Darwin 28th Sept. for Singapore.
(Portuguese)

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Arrived Darwin -----

DUTCH R.P.'s 109,110,111, - Departed Darwin 1st Oct. for Koepang.
112,113,114.

H.M.A.S. "CONDANIAN" - Departed Townsville 1200K/4th Oct. E.T.A. Thursday
Island 5th Oct.

"LA GRANDIERE" - Arrived Vila 26th Sept. Departed 2nd Oct. for
(French) Noumea.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Broome 1200K/5th Oct. E.T.A. Port
Moresby 0900K/7th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Anchored off Port Moresby 1200K/3rd Oct.

(with OPL.1205 in tow) Departed Darwin 1230K/4th Oct. E.T.A. Mackay
1200K/7th Oct. S.O.A. 12th.

"QUICKMATCH" Programme - To proceed direct to Sydney from Port Moresby.
C.G.A.S. inspection 14th October.

H.M.A.S. "BARKER" - Departed Broome 1200K/5th Oct. for Port Moresby.
S.O.A. 11th.

"AIR BIRD" } - Accepted into modified "F" class reserve 30th Sept.

"AIR VIEW" }
H.M.A.S. "BARKER" -

H.M.A.S. "WARRANDONG" -----

"LATROBE" - E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1150K/4th Oct.
(with AT.2225 in tow) E.T.A. Melbourne 12.0th Oct.

"QUICKMATCH" - Will arrive Sydney P.M. 12th Oct.

H.P.V. 252 -----

"MACQUARIE" - Departed Darwin 1030K/3rd Oct. for Sydney via
Thursday Island, Cairns. E.T.A. Thursday Island
H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (with AT.2225 in tow) E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/6th Oct.

"KATOOMBA" - Departed Bougainville Strait 0630K/3rd Oct. for
Rabaul. E.T.A. 1000K/4th Oct.

"LACHLAN" - Correction E.T.A. Darwin now 1100K/4th Oct.

"ARABIAN" - Boiler cleaning at Rabaul.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Port Moresby 1200K/5th Oct. E.T.A.
Samoa 20. 7th Oct.

H.S.T. 3012 - Departed Sydney 1000K/5th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/6th
Oct. S.O.A. 9th.

H.S.T. 3014 - Is expected to commence loading on 5th Oct. for
Melbourne.

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Chas. Reilly
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From 0900K/Saturday, 5th October, 1946,
0900K/Monday, 7th October, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Arrived Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Townsville 1200K/4th Oct. E.T.A. Thursday
Island 6th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Dreger 0900K/5th Oct. E.T.A. Port
Moresby 0800K/7th Oct.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Darwin 1230K/4th Oct. E.T.A. Macassar
1030K/7th Oct. S.O.A. 13 1/2.

H.M.A.S. "BARWON" - Departed Dreger 1000K/6th Oct. for Port Moresby.
S.O.A. 11 1/2.

Programme for 20th M.S.P. -

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL")
"MILDURA") - Departed Rabaul 0830K/6th Oct.
(with AT.2223 in tow)) for Port Moresby. E.T.A. PM.9th Oct.
S.O.A. 8.

H.D.M.L. 1326

G.P.V. 960)
(with "ATA" in tow)) Departed Thursday Island 1300K/7th Oct. E.T.A.
Sydney to be signalled later.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" (towing "EDNA") to Brisbane on completion of boiler
clean.

H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - on completion of repairs to Madang for tow thence
Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "COVRA")
"ARARAT") - Boiler cleaning at Rabaul.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Departed Port Moresby 1200K/6th Oct. E.T.A.
Samarai PM. 7th Oct.

L.S.T. 3008 - Departed Sydney 1000K/6th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1400K/8th
Oct. S.O.A. 9 1/2.

L.S.T. 3014 - Is expected to commence loading on 9th Oct. for
Melbourne.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

8/10 PRO
2/10 Clive Reilly
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/Tuesday 8th October, 1946.

R.F.A. "OLNA" Arrived Darwin 1300K/5th October.

"CONDAMINE" Departed Thursday Island 0830K/7th Oct. E.T.A. Darwin 1830K/9th October.

"FRANCO" has been instructed to rendezvous with "BARROSO" in vicinity of Gladstone to transfer oil fuel.

D.T. 933 E.T.D. Dreger 1800K/7th Oct. for Milne Bay.

"BARROSO" will depart Brisbane 0900K/7th Oct. to carry out examination of shoal reported West Break Sea Spit.

"WAVE EMPEROR" Departed Colombo for Fremantle.

"RESERVE" position at 1200K/1st Oct. - 08° 10' S. 151° 22' E.
1200K/2nd " - 10° 45' S. 150° 3' E.

"QUICKMATCH" Departed Port Moresby 1000K/7th Oct. E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/12th October.

"QUICKMATCH" is to transfer to operational control of C.S.A.S. at 031500K.

"HAWKESBURY" Departed Sydney 1200K/7th Oct. E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/9th October.

A.S.T. 301V, 3301

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" Departed Thursday Island 1300K/7th Oct. E.T.A. Cairns to be signalled later.
(with "APA" in tow)

ARRIVE	DEPART	ARRIVE	DEPART
SYDNEY	8th Oct.	FILE LIGHT	A.M. 7th Oct.

Request has been received from U.N.R.R.A. to charter one A.M.S. to February, 1947.

TONGAREVA	A.M. 12th "	THURSDAY IS.	A.M. 10th "
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Flag of C.S.S will be transferred from "NEWFOUNDLAND" to "BERMUDA" on 10th October.

"AIR CLAN" accepted into modified 'F' reserve 30th Sept. at Brisbane.

A.S.L. 332 final acceptance trial satisfactorily completed 30th Sept.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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PRO Mr Reilly
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/Thursday 3rd October, 1946.

Deckyard authorities state that owing to labour shortages ways for safe launching of L.C.M. from L.S.T. 3008 cannot be constructed.

R.A.N. L.O. has been established at Rabaul. 1100K/3rd Oct. for Sydney.

"BARCOO" has been instructed to rendezvous with "WARREGO" in vicinity of Gladstone to transfer oil fuel.

"WARREGO" will depart Brisbane 0900K/4th Oct. to carry out examination of shoal reported East Break Sea Spit.

"RESERVE'S" position at 1200K/1st Oct. - 09° 10' S. 151° 25' E.
1200K/2nd " - 10° 45' S. 150° 5' E.

"QUICKMATCH" is to transfer to operational control of C.C.A.S. at 031500Z.

L.S.T. 3017, 3501 will undock Wednesday 9th October.

D.T. 931 programme:-

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Date</u>
SYDNEY	3rd Oct.	PILE LIGHT	A.M. 7th Oct.
PILE LIGHT	P.M. 7th Oct.	TOWNSVILLE	A.M. 12th "
TOWNSVILLE	A.M. 13th "	THURSDAY IS.	A.M. 18th "
THURSDAY IS.	A.M. 19th "	DARWIN	A.M. 20th "

"AIR CLAN" accepted into modified 'F' reserve 30th Sept. at Brisbane.

M.R.L. 252 final acceptance trial satisfactorily completed 30th Sept.

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To 0900K/4th October, 1946.

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To 0300H/Friday 27th September, 1946.

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

- "LACHLAN" - Departed King Sound 0600Z/2nd Oct. for Darwin. ✓
- "KCALA" - Departed Port Kembla 1100K/3rd Oct. for Sydney. ✓
- "HILGAVIA" - Arrived Rabaul 0210K/25th Sept.
- "SPYRING CASTLE" - Departed Fremantle 23th Sept. E.T.A. Melbourne 0300K/25th Sept.

GENERAL:

- "OLMA CS." Colombo - Called Colombo 1800 HZ 25th Sept. for Darwin 2.4.46
- A.C.N.B's 030951 - "KATOONBA" and "LITHGOW" pay off into 'P' Class reserve on arrival Brisbane.
- "KATOONBA'S" 030130 - Programme for ships of 20th M.S.
- "QUICKMATCH" 030440 - Anticipate programme:- Arrive and depart Dreger A.M. 5th October. Arrive Moresby A.M. 7th October depart P.M. 7th October. Arrive Broken Bay P.M. 12th October.
- "M.S. 20" 030004 - E.T.D. Yokohama for Hong Kong 1st October. M.S. 20 intends to depart Melbourne P.M. on Friday 11th October. Arrive Sydney 13th October and depart 15th October for Townsville and north.
- "AIR WATCH" - Paid off into 'P' Class reserve 24th Sept.
- "H.S.L. 708" - Moved back to Darwin for docking.
- "H.S.L. 852" - Acceptance trials 0300K/25th Sept.
- "PORT SAUNDY" - E.T.D. Sydney for Hong Kong A.M. 27th Sept.
- "H.P.S. 100 - 114" - Called T.I. 1100K/25th Sept. E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/25th Sept.
- "KOOLINDA" - E.T.D. Fremantle 9th October.

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To 0900K/Friday 27th September, 1946.

- R.A.A.F. VESSEL 06/16. - Arrived Fakfak 0300Z/25th Sept.

- "WILCANNIA" - Arrived Rabaul 0210Z/25th Sept.

- "STIRLING CASTLE" - Departed Fremantle 25th Sept. E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/29th Sept.

- "OLNA CS." Colombo - Sailed Colombo 1800 HF 25th Sept. for Darwin S.O.A. 14.5 kts.

- "GLADSTONE" - Sheltering in Jervis Bay until weather moderates.

- "HOBART" - E.T.D. Yokohama for Hong Kong 1st October.
E.T.D. Hong Kong for Japan 19th October.

- "AIR WATCH" - Paid off into 'F' Class reserve 24th Sept.

- "M.S.L. 708" - Towed back to Darwin for docking.

- "M.R.L. 252" - Acceptance trials 0800K/26th Sept.

- "FORT SANDUSKY" - E.T.D. Sydney for Hong Kong A.M. 27th Sept.

- "R.P.S. 109 - 114" - Sailed T.I. 1100K/25th Sept. E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/29th Sept.

- "KOOLINDA" - E.T.D. Fremantle 9th October.

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Mr. Reilly R.
A.H.R.S.

To 0900K/Thursday, 26th September, 1946.

L.S.T. 3014

- A.S. Sydney estimates repairs will cost £700. Ship will not be ready for sea before 11th October.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE"

- Departed Sydney 0900K/25th September
E.T.A. Western Port 1200K/27th September.

"BANTAM"

- Sunk 36 miles off Sydney Heads in 1,000 fathoms at 1700 24th September.

H.M.N. EP's 108 to 114

- Arrived Darwin 1200K/25th September.

H.M.A.S. "BUNDOCK"

reported that she intended departing 1400K/26th September with 108, 109 to tow S.T.S. Darwin (7) 2.0. 1st October. H.M.I.C. New Guinea has instructed "BUNDOCK" to proceed direct to Port Darwin.

C. in C. R.P.F. concurs with C.C.A.S.' proposed procedure that when H.M.N. ships are in Japanese waters they should form part of Force '7'.

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Mr Reilly R
N.H.R.S.

To 0900K/Monday 30th September, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" - Departed Darwin 2000K/27th Sept. for Snake Bay and return Darwin. E.T.A. Darwin 0800K/30th S.O.A. 11 1/2 kts.

SNOALS in H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" departed Brisbane 1230K/28th E.T.A. Darwin 1030IK/4th October. SOA 14 1/2 kts.

"WAVE KING" - E.T.D. Bombay 1700^{EP}/28th September for Sydney. SOA. 15 kts.

R.N.N. RP's 109 to 114 - Arrived Darwin 1700IK/29th September.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" reported that she intended departing Rabaul 1400K/29th September with OFL.1205 in tow E.T.A. Darwin (?) A.M. 1st October. N.O.I.C. New Guinea has instructed "RESERVE" to proceed direct to Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S. "IDENTIFIABLE" -----

G.in C. B.P.F. concurs with C.C.A.S' proposed procedure that when R.A.N. ships are in Japanese waters they should form part of Force 'T'.

SHIP	DEPARTURE	ETA
1000	1000	1000
1100	1100	1100
1200	1200	1200
1300	1300	1300
1400	1400	1400
1500	1500	1500
1600	1600	1600
1700	1700	1700
1800	1800	1800
1900	1900	1900

TO 0900K/Sunday 29th September, 1946.

Portuguese Sloop "BARTOLOMEU DIAS" departed Darwin 1200^{IK}/28th Sept.
E.T.A. Singapore 4th October. S.O.A. 14 Kts.

H.M.A.S.'s "KATOOMEA" and "ARARAT" departed Rabaul 0700K/28th Sept.
for Bougainville Strait for M/S operations. S.O.A. 11 Kts.

"FORT SANDUSKY" departed Sydney 27th Sept. E.T.A. Hong Kong
14th October.

French Sloop "LA GRANDIERE" arrived New Hebrides 251215Z from
Noumea. For tour of New Hebrides and return Noumea 2nd October.

H.M.A.S.'s "WARRNAMBOOL", "COWRA", "LITHGOW" and "MILDURA" departed
Rabaul 0630K/27th Sept. for Bougainville Strait for M/S operations.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE"'s programme :-

<u>ARRIVE:</u>	<u>PLACE:</u>	<u>DEPART:</u>
	PORTSMOUTH	A.M. 2nd October
5th Oct.	GIBRALTAR	6th Oct.
8th "	MALTA	10th "
13th "	PORT SAID	13th "
14th "	SUEZ	14th "
17th "	ADEN	17th "
23rd "	TRINCOMALEE	24th "
28th "	SINGAPORE	

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John R. R. R.
N.H.R.S.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

- NHRS
1. **CONDAMINE** ✓ Departed Sydney 0500Z/20th to exercise with ARUNTA.
 2. **ARUNTA** ✓ Departed Melbourne 1000K/20th for Sydney (E.T.A 0800K/22nd) exercising with CONDAMINE on passage.
 3. **QUICKMATCH** ✓ Departed Sasebo for Dreger (E.T.A. 0300Z/27th)
 4. **20TH M.S.F.** ✓ Departed Torokina area 1500K/19th for Rabaul (E.T.A. 1000K/20th) - Ships KATOOMBA (S.O), ARARAT, GOWRA, LITRGOW, MILDURA, WARRNAKBOOL.

GENERAL.

1. R N C Newcastle ceased to function as from 1200K Saturday 21st September.
2. "HAIDSTONE" relieved "CYCLOPS" as depot ship 7th S N Flotilla on 17th September.
3. "WESTRALIA" paid off 19th September for reconversion.
4. "SWAN" undocked secured Williamstown.
5. "MACQUARIE" investigating landing beaches reports that Champagne and Sir Graham Moore beaches are unsuitable.
6. C.G.A.S. will proceed Broken Bay by car and inspect "SHOALHAVEN" on Friday 27th September. He will return to Sydney in "SHOALHAVEN" that night.

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To 0900K/25th September, 1946.

H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - Departed Sydney 1140/24 for Hong Kong
E.T.A. 0800K/8th October.

L.S.T. 3022 - Paid off into "F" Class reserve.

M.W.L. 256 - Paid off into "E" Class reserve 24/9th Sept.

Accounts of "MACQUARIE" transferred to "LONSDALE".

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To 0900K/23rd September, 1946.

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"WILBARIA"

- Arrived and departed Sydney Harbour A.M. 20th September for Deger

Another mine reported ashore at Cape Tribulation (Q).

"BERMUDA"

- E.T.D. Sydney 0100Z/24, E.T.A. Hong Kong 2200Z/7th Oct.

"BARWON"

- Commences Boiler cleaning at Deger 23rd Sept.

"MACQUARIE"

- E.T.A. Darwin 1530K/22nd Sept.

"KANGAROO"

- E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/23rd Sept.

"MAVAN"

- Arrived Suva 1100 15th September. Relieved "QUICKSTAR" for Koro patrol.

"S.S. 728"

- Departed Darwin 1800H 20th September for Cape Dev. E.T.A. 0900H 21st September.

P.O.I.C. SYDNEY advised proposed program for "BERMUDA" as follows:-

ARRIVE	PLACE	LEAVE
-	Sydney	1100 24th Sept.
2200 24th Sept.	Frederick Bay	0800 25th "
0200 27th "	Pt. Moresby	0200 28th "
0700 29th Oct.	Hong Kong	"

NOTE: C. in C. R.P.F. requests "BERMUDA" to adjust speed so as to arrive at Hong Kong 24th October.

"QUICKSTAR" anticipated program - Depart Deger P.M. 20th September. Arrive and depart Port Moresby P.M. 20th Sept. Arrive Broke Bay P.M. 4th October.

A.S. SYDNEY anticipated defects to D.F. 532 will be completed approx. 27th September. For sea trials it is proposed to utilize D.F. 532 for towing of hull from Wilbaria - hull will be launched next week.

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N.M.A.S.

To 0900K/22nd September, 1946.

- "WILCANNIA" - Arrived and departed SU-A-U Harbour A.M. 20th September for Dreger
- R.A.A.F. Vessel "06/16" - Arrived at Kokas 200530Z departed 202130Z E.T.A. Babo 210630Z.
- "SHOALHAVEN" - E.T.D. Broken Bay 0900K/26th September.
- "FORT PROVIDENCE" - Sailed Sydney 0700K/20th September E.T.D. Pile Light daylight 22nd September.
- "RESERVE" - Slipped and proceeded with O.P.L. 1207 in tow at 1030K 19th September.
- "BATAAN" - Arrived Sasebo 1100 19th September. Relieved "QUICKMATCH" for Korea patrol.
- "M.S.L. 708" - Departed Darwin 1900IK 20th September for Cape Don. E.T.A. 0930IK 21st September.

P.O.I.C. SYDNEY advises proposed programme for "BERMUDA" as follows:-

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEAVE</u>
-	Sydney	1100 24th Sept.
2200 25th Sept.	Frederick Bay	0200 26th "
2200 27th "	Pt. Moresby	0600 28th "
0700 8th Oct.	Hong Kong	-

NOTE: C.in C. B.P.F. requests "BERMUDA" to adjust speed so as to arrive at Hong Kong 8th October.

"QUICKMATCH" anticipated programme - Depart Dreger P.M. 20th September. Arrive and depart Port Moresby P.M. 30th Sept. Arrive Broken Bay P.M. 4th October.

A.S. SYDNEY anticipates defects in D.T. 932 will be completed approx. 27th September. For sea trials it is proposed to utilize D.T. 932 for towing of hull from Ulladulla - hull will be launched next week.

"BALLARAT", "ANTHEM", "BERGAMOT", "CORCORAN", paid off into "F" class 2200K for disposal A.M. 27th Sept.

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To 0900K/1st October, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" - Departed Sydney 1300K/30th Sept. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700K/6th Oct. thence Darwin. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO") - Departed Townsville 0600K/29th Sept. for
with H.S.L. 702 in tow) Brisbane.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900 K/1946

H.M.S. "FORT DUQUESNE" - Departed Hong Kong 0900K/30th Sept. E.T.A. Sydney 19th Oct.

Repairs to DT. 931 will be completed and craft ready to sail for Darwin at 1200K/3rd Oct.

G.I.C.R.N.W.E. intends to sail H.N.M.S. "KORTENAER" to Fremantle for small repairs, storing and for recreation of crew. Duration 2 or 3 weeks. E.T.A. 20th Oct.

Following programme for survey ships has been approved -

- H.M.A.S. "BARGOO" Arrives Sydney 15th Oct. for leave only
- " "TALLAROOK" " " " for leave and urgent operational defects
- " "LACHLAN" " Williamstown 20th Nov. for annual refit and leave
- " "BROLGA" " Adelaide 18th Nov. for leave and urgent operational defects
- " "WARREGO" " " 7th Nov. for leave and refit
- " "JABIRU" " Sydney " for leave and urgent operational defects

"BALLARAT", "BATHURST", "BENDIGO", "GOULBURN", paid off into 'F' class reserve for disposal A.M. 27th Sept.

27/9 P.R.O. Mr. Reilly N.H.R.S.

NARRATIVE FOR PERIOD ENDING 0200/28th SEPTEMBER.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

"WILGAMIA" - Departed Drogan for Rabaul (E.S.)

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Mr. Reilly
N.H.R.S.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900 K/28th.

GENERAL:

"QUICKMATCH" SAILED KURE 2300 Z/25th.

"KANGAROO" SAILED CAIRNS 0600 K/27th.

E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1000 K/28th.

Inquiries at Admiralty re ~~status~~ of E.W. A.S.S. to USNA for escort work to China.

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DATE REVISIONS

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Mr. Reilly
N.H.R.S.

NARRATIVE FOR PERIOD ENDING 0900/24TH SEPTEMBER.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS:

"WILCANNIA" - Departed Dreger for Rabaul (E.T.A. 2300Z/24th).

H.M.A.S. "RESEARCHER" - Departed Vila 2200Z/24th E.T.A. Apia 1100Z/25th S.O.A. 11 Dec.

H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" - Departed Sydney 1100Z/24th E.T.A. Hong Kong 7-8 Oct.

GENERAL:

From A.S. SYDNEY - L.S.T. 3022 can be conveniently taken in hand in February 1947 for refit.

Inquiries at Admiralty re charter of R.N. A.M.S. to UNRRA for escort work to China.

S.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA proposes "RESEARCHER" take latter party from Buna to Dreger. Amund transport to be provided to Hollandia in NOV. 25.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPHERD" is to be detached at Wellington 0800Z/24th

H.M.A.S. "ARUNDA" is to sail from Melbourne 1000Z/24th.

H.M.A.S. "RESEARCHER" is to sail from Sydney 1800Z/24th to rendezvous with "SHEPHERD" in position 08° from Cape 8 miles at 1200Z/25th for exercises. "RESEARCHER" is to be detached to arrive Jarvis Bay A.S. 0800 and to sail from there to arrive Sydney at 0800/26th.

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To 0900K/20th September, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - E.T.D. Thursday Island 0600K/20th E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/24th. S.O.A. 5 1/2 Kts.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" - Departed Vila 0600K/19th E.T.A. Aneityum Island 1000K/21st. S.O.A. 11 Kts.

H.M.S. "BERMUDA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1100K/24th E.T.A. Hong Kong P.M. 6th October.

with "ATA" in tow and

H.S.L. 708

L.S.V. 5034

- Departed Brisbane 1000K/17th Sept. E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/19th Sept. S.O.A. 10.

The expected completion date for H.M.S. "BERMUDA" is P.M. 23rd.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE"

- Departed Melbourne 1200K/17th Sept. E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/19th Sept. S.O.A. 11.

N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA proposes "BARWON" take native party from Manus to Dreger. Onward transport to be provided to Hollandia in GPV. 955.

S.O.A.S. Melbourne, has requested H.M.S. "BERMUDA" to remain H.M.S. 109 to 110 at Cairns until further orders.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" is to be undocked at Williamstown 0800K/20th

instead H.M.S. "CAVALCADE", appearing on Daily Narrative of 11/9/46, to read - "HICKORY QUEEN".

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" is to sail from Melbourne 1000K/20th.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE" is to sail from Sydney 1600K/20th to rendezvous with "ARUNTA" in position 090° Green Cape 5 miles at 1200K/21st for exercises. "CONDAMINE" is to be detached to arrive Jervis Bay A.M. 22nd and to sail from there to arrive Sydney at 0900K/23rd.

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To 0900K/17th September, 1946.

To 0900K/18th September, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "ANTONIA"

H.M.S. "OCEANWAY"

- Departed Sydney 1150K/17th Sept. E.T.A. Hong Kong 1200K/3rd October. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO"

with "APA" in tow and

M.S.L. 702

- Arrived Thursday Island 1100K/17th Sept.

H.M.A.S. "LADY"

L.S.T. 3014

- Departed Brisbane 1000K/17th Sept. E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/19th Sept. S.O.A. 10.

"AIR STAY"

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE"

- Departed Melbourne 1200K/17th Sept. E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/19th Sept. S.O.A. 11.

S.O.R.R.N. Melbourne, has requested R.N.O. Townsville to retain R.P's 109 to 114 at Cairns until further orders.

H.M.S. proceeding on acceptance trials leaving Johnston's Tyne Foundry Wharfed at 0900K/17th September and 18th September.

Amend H.M.S. "CAVALCADE", appearing on daily narrative of 11/9/46, to read - "HICKORY GLEN".

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To 0900K/17th September, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA")
 "ARARAT")
 "COWRA")
 "LITGOW")
 "WARRNAMBOOL")
 "MILDURA")

Departed Rabaul for Torokina Area 1400K/16th September.

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

Departed Rabaul 1730K/16th September for Dreger.

"AIR SPRAY" -

Paid off into 'F' Class reserve A.M. 16th September.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" -

Entered entering Port Phillip 1730K/16th Sept. and proceeded north of Newell Pile - did not return with aircraft, presumed grounded by

M.R.L. proceeding on acceptance trials leaving Johnston's Tyne Foundry Shipyard at 0800K/18th September and 19th September.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" reports Coconut Island light not burning.

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M. Kelly RL
N.I.L.

To 0900K/14th September, 1946.

Amend movements of 20th H.S.F. and "WILCANNIA", appearing on daily narrative to 0900K/13th, to read as follows:-

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| H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" | } | Departed Bougainville Strait 0800K/12th
E.T.A. Rabaul 1100K/13th. |
| "ARARAT" | | |
| "COWRA" | | |
| "MILDURA" | | |
| "WARRNAMBOOL" | | |
| ----- | | |
| H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" | - | Departed Sydney 1500K/12th E.T.A. Dreger
1600K/21st. S.O.A. 10. |
| H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" | - | Departed Vila 1600L/12th Sept. for cruise through
New Hebrides. E.T.A. Vila Efate Island 1400L/
16th Sept. |
| H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" | - | Intend proceeding Gladstone P.M. 13th Sept.
for week-end. |
| H.M.A.S. "MURCHISON" | - | Intends entering Port Phillip 1530K/13th Sept.
and exercise north of Novell File - did not
rendezvous with aircraft, presumed grounded by
weather. |
| H.M.A.S. "SWAN" | - | Will not leave dockyard until 8th October due
to extra work found on opening up. |
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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/15th September, 1946.

"DT. 931") In tow departed Newcastle 13th Sept. for Sydney E.T.A.
"ANACONDA") 0530K/14th Sept.

"MACQUARIE" - Departed Darwin 13th Sept. for Champagny Is. E.T.A.
1900/16th Sept.

"WILKINSON" Rabaul under provisional administration as from 14th September.

French authorities request Captains of British
Vessels sailing in waters along coast of Japan (particularly between
17°N and 13°N parallel north) to fly national colours and that they
may be subject to search by French warships who also may require last
part of departure and destination. This is due to extensive smuggling
of opium and arms along coast of Japan.

"ANACONDA" - All notices held Brisbane for New Guinea and Rabaul
shall this passage in "ANACONDA", sailing from
Brisbane about 15th September.

"DT. 931" - N.S.S. Depart with N.S.S. New Guinea 0900K/15th
September. N.S.S. Rabaul 1800K/15th September.

"ANACONDA" - N.S.S. Sydney 1500K/15th September. N.S.S. Port
Phillip Trade 0730K/17th September.

"WILKINSON" - N.S.S. Melbourne 0900K/16th September will
return 0900K/20th September 0900K Macquarie
Island (5 miles) for enroute with aircraft, then
Sydney. Intends carry out enroute with aircraft
in Port Phillip A.M. 18th September; will enroute
Tasmania Bay on 19th.

Captain L. Gordon assumed duties of N.S.S. at
Fremantle from 0900K/15th September.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/16th September, 1946.

- "SHROPSHIRE")
"HOBART") Proposed programme from C.C.A.S. for working up
"SHROPSHIRE" and relief of "HOBART" in Japan. C.C.A.S.
proposes to inspect "HOBART" in Hervey Bay (early
December) and transfer Broad Pendant to "HOBART"
December 4th.
- "BARCOO")
"WILCANNIA") "WILCANNIA" to rendezvous with "BARCOO" in SU-A-U
Harbour on arrival vicinity China Straits.

French Authorities request Captains of British Vessels sailing in waters along Coast of Annam (particularly between 10th and 13th parallel north) to fly national colours and that they may be subject to search by French warships who also may require last port of departure and destination. This is due to extensive smuggling of opium and arms along coast of Annam.

- "MANGORA" - All Ratings held Brisbane for New Guinea and Rabaul shall take passage in "MANGORA", sailing from Brisbane about 28th September.
- "D.T. 933" - E.T.D. Dreger with N.O.I.C. New Guinea 0200K/15th September. E.T.A. Rabaul 1630K/16th September.
- "ARUNTA" - E.T.D. Sydney 1500K/15th September. E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0530K/17th September.
- "MURCHISON" - E.T.D. Melbourne 0900K/16th September will rendezvous 0900K/20th September 090° Macquarie Light (5 miles) for exercise with aircraft, thence Sydney. Intends carry out exercise with aircraft in Port Phillip A.M. 16th September; will exercise Jervis Bay on route.

Captain L. Howden assumed duties of N.O.I.C. Fremantle from Commodore C.J. Pope 0900K/15th September.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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TO 0900/13th September, 1946.

- M. L. 1326. ✓ Arrived Rabaul 1430K/12th.

- L. S. T. 3022. ✓ Docked in Captain Cook outer Dock 12th Sept. for urgent repairs to stern compartments.

- H. M. A. D. T. 931. ✓ Arrived Newcastle 0530K/12 Sept. to tow "ANAGONDA" to Sydney. E. T. D. 1530K. E. T. A. Sydney 0530K/13.

- "KATOOMBA"
"ARARAT"
"COWRA"
"MILDURA"
"WARRNAMBOOL") } Sailed 12/9 Bougainville Strait for Rabaul. E. T. A. 13/9
~~Departed Torokina for minesweeping in Bougainville St.~~

- "KOALA". ✓ E. T. A. Melbourne 1st October.

- "RESERVE" ✓ With O.F.L. 1207 anchored Bethurst Bay for night of 9/10 Sept. to inspect tow wire. Noon position 11/9: 10° 50' S. 142° 43' W.

- "QUADRANT". ✓ Arrived Sasebo 1700 I 10th Sept.

- "WILCANNIA". ✓ E. T. A. *Dreger* Sydney 0600K/21st September.

- "MANCORA". ✓ Departed Sydney 1330K/11 Sept. E. T. A. Brisbane 1000K/13.

- "BAGGHUS". ✓ Departed Hong Kong 0700K/12th Sept. for Brisbane.

- H. D. M. L. 1326. ✓ Departed Dreger 0530K/11th Sept. E. T. A. Rabaul 1730K/12 September.

- "BERMUDA". ✓ Reports a serious leak between Starboard After Ahead and Astern Manoeuvring Valves. "BERMUDA" intends leaving Adelaide 14th September, arriving Sydney 0700K/16 Sept., for repairs before sailing for Hong Kong about 23rd Sept. E. T. A. Hong Kong 6th October. A. S. Sydney reports work will be taken in hand on arrival, but completion by 23rd cannot be guaranteed.

- "BARGOO". ✓ Departed Dreger 2200K 11th Sept. for China Strait via Cape Nelson.

- "KANBARGOO". ✓ Towing APA and with "WARRE" and M. S. L. 702 in company departed Darwin for Sydney 1800K/11 via Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane. E. T. A. Thursday Island 0700K/17th Sept. "WARRE" will proceed into Gladstone and then complete voyage unescorted. APA will be handed over to Adelaide Steamship Co. at Cairns.

- "SHOALHAVEN". ✓ Departed Vila 1600L 12th Sept. for Vila Effate Is. E. T. A. 1400L 16th Sept.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/12th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney reports intention to sail "OCEANWAY" a.m. 17th September for Hong Kong direct.

"WESTRALIA". Proposed to pay off 19th September

Admiralty requests that 2 specimens of each type of Japanese mine, (in good condition), complete with sinkers and depth charges be shipped to U.K. from Rabaul. (D.O.T.M. is on distribution).

C.C.A.S. recommends Dockyard assistance be given to carry out alterations "SHROPSHIRE".

F.O.M.A. reports E.D.C. repairs about 5th October.
(Reference: Condition and hold up of L.T.S. 3035).

A.S. Sydney has cancelled his signal with reference to "STUART" and "MORESBY" being ready for offer for sale. Further signal will be made.

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Mr. Kelly R

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TO 0900H/11TH SEPTEMBER.

- H.M.A.S. "SARAWAK". Reported ahead 2100H/8. E.T.A. Port Moresby ✓
- H.M.S. "CAVALGADE". E.T.D. Hong Kong 2330Z/9th for Sydney, E.T.A. 6th October. ✓
- H.M.A.S. "MANGORA". E.T.D. Sydney 1330K/11th for Brisbane. ✓
- D.T. 932. Departed Sydney 0600Z/9th for Woy Woy. E.T.A. Sydney on return 1130K/10th. ✓
- L.S.T. 3014. E.T.D. Cairns 1000K/10th. E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/11th. S.O.A. 9 Knots. ✓
- H.M.A.S. "GEOALHAVEN". E.T.A. Crossed Bay 1000K/22.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE". To depart Westport 17 September for Sydney. ✓
- H.M.A.S. "GREENEVILLE". E.T.A. Port Moresby 17 September. ✓
- H.M.A.S. "WOCKERA". E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0730K/10. ✓

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/10 September.

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- H. M. A. S. "BARWON". Departed Rabaul 2100K/8, E. T. A. Port Moresby 0900K/11. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "LACHLAN". Departed Darwin 1800K/8, E. T. A. King Sound 1400K/10. ✓
- H. M. S. "BERMUDA". Departed Melbourne 1530K/9, E. T. A. Adelaide 0900K/11. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "MANOORA". E. T. D. Sydney 1330K/11, E. T. A. Pile Light Brisbane 1000K/13. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "SHOALHAVEN". E. T. A. Broken Bay 1000K/28. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "GLADSTONE". To depart Westernport 17 September for Sydney. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "RESERVE". E. T. A. Port Moresby 17 September. ✓
- H. M. A. S. "WOOMERA". E. T. A. Port Phillip Heads 0730K/10. ✓

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VICTORIES & FORTRESS E.T.A. 1000K/10

Air Commodore Macfarlane, R.A.F. has required another Royal Officer for Australia Air of support has been indicated.

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P.P.O.
Mr. Riddley R
NIL

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/7TH SEP. '46

MACQUARIE Arrived Darwin 1000K/6th Sept.

R.P.'s 109 to 114 E.T.A. Townsville daylight 7th Sept.

EMPIRE CHARMAIN E.T.D. Sydney 20th Sept. for Hongkong.

WOOMERA Sheltering in Refuge Cove until weather abates.

AIR CLOUD & AIR MASTER Instrumental in rescuing entire crew of aircraft (Dakota), which crashed on test flight.

SWAN From G.M. W.D. - Intend docking Swan 0800K/9th Sep.

SHOALHAVEN Owing to damage and contaminated oil fuel, Shoalhaven requests proceeding Broken Bay via Kromanga after departure Vila - Northern part of cruise will be omitted.

L.S.T. 3008 Amended R.T.A. Sydney 0600Z/7th.

M.S.20 Operation Kiltor to be repeated to ensure 100% clearance.

INDOMITABLE, }
INDEFATIGABLE } Delayed for repairs.
VICTORIOUS }

INDEFATIGABLE E.T.D. 1st Oct. for Malta, Trincomalée and Singapore

INDOMITABLE E.T.D. Mid-October

VICTORIOUS & FORMIDABLE E.T.D. November

Air Commodore Charlesworth, R.a.a.f. has enquired whether Naval Officer for Australian Air of support has been nominated.

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TO 0900K/8TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

BARWON

E.T.A. Dreger 0300K/7. en route Rabaul E.T.A. 1200K/8 to land salvage party. On completion Rabaul proceeds Port Moresby via Kiriwina thence return Rabaul.

KOALA

Amended E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/7.

SHOALHAVEN

C.C.A.S. has assumed operational control(1.)
(2) Itinerary proposed by ship approved
(3) On receipt of report of underwater examination C.C.A.S. will signal "SHOALHAVEN" regarding inspection at Broken Bay.
(4) Ship now reports underwater examination impracticable. Further report being made.

E.G.L.C. SYDNEY

Reports the death of Captain (S) R.C. Negus R.A.N. a.m. 7th September.

GLADSTONE

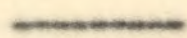
Has been instructed to sail about 1000 Monday 9th and carry out seamanship instructional programs in Corio Bay and Port Phillip Bay areas. Returns to F.N.D. wharf p.m. Thursday 12th September.

LITHGOW

Sailed 0600K/7 Torokina 1200K/9 thence Rabaul.

RESERVE

Sailed Townsville 1100K/7 with OFL 1207 in tow E.T.A. Thursday Island a.m. 13th Sept. Amended E.T.A. Samarai about 21st September.



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DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/9TH SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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HOBART } Departed Port Moresby 1000/8 September for Port Apra, Guam
E.T.A. 1100K/14th.
BATAAN } "BATAAN" will call at Dreger 10th September to disembark
draft.

VAN KINBERGEN departed Fremantle 1030I for Macassar. E.T.A. 0601Z/15th
September.

Shore Establishment at Bahrain closed down 31st August, 1946.

PRO
Mr Keilly
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To 0900/19th September, 1945.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H 6TH SEPTEMBER, 1945.

SECRET.

"BOONERA"

Departed Melbourne 5th Sept. for dumping area 1800/6 and return.

"SODALHAVEN"

Departed Manikovo Is. 5th Sept. for Vila via Rabaul.
E.T.A. 0700L 7th.

H.L. 1326

Arrived Drager 0930K/5.

L.S.T. 3501

Departed Brisbane 4th Sept. for Sydney with 3 work boats.

All H.P.'s to call at Townsville due damages propeller 23109.

E.T.A. 7th Sept. Daylight.

"AIR CLAN"

to be paid off in Brisbane.

"AIR MASHER"

" " " " Sydney sail 11th

L.S.T. 3008

E.T.A. Sydney 2200L 6th Sept. 1000

H.D.M.L. 1328

Departed Bougainville Strait 0700K/5 for Rabaul
E.T.A. 1000K/6.

"WILCANNIA"

Anticipated ready to sail 12th September.

"BARON"

Departed Port Moresby 1000K/Wednesday 4th Sept.
for Drager E.T.A. 1800K/6th September.

Brisbane 1st Div. 3rd Div.
Sydney 2nd Div.

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at 1800 Saturday 21st September R.F.O. Newcastle ceases to function.

R.A.A.F. Yoncal 51/24 - Arrived Marang Is. 0700K/14 sailed 0800/14
E.T.A. FAE FAE Dutch New Guinea 0130K/18.

Eng. P.M. 521 - Sailed Rabaul 1030K/10 with Army Coy A.T. 5225 in
conv. E.T.A. Drager L.M. Saturday 21/9.

DL 8/10. PRO. Mr Reilly KR NHRS

To 0900K/19th September, 1946.

"BERMUDA" - Taken in hand for minor defects 16/9. Estimated completion date 25/9.

"FORT PROVIDENCE" - E.T.D. 20/9 from Sydney for Hong Kong via Brisbane.

"LATROBE" - E.T.D. 0700K/19.

"HAWKESBURY" - E.T.D. Sydney 7th October - intended programme -

Brisbane	arrive	9th	sail	11th
Heron Is.	"	12th	"	14th
Percy Is.	"	14th	"	20th
C.D. Harbour	"	20th	"	23rd
Townsville	"	24th	"	27th
Bowen	"	27th	"	29th
Brisbane	"	1st Nov.	"	3rd Nov.
Sydney	"	5th Nov.		

As from 1200 Saturday 21st September R.N.O. Newcastle ceases to function.

R.A.A.F. Vessel 06/16 - Arrived Garong Is. 0700Z/17 sailed 0930^Z/17
E.T.A. PAK PAK Dutch New Guinea 0130Z/18.

Tug D.T. 933 - Sailed Rabaul 1030K/18 with Army Tug A.T. 2225 in tow. E.T.A. Dreger A.M. Saturday 21/9.

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McKillop
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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/30th August, 1946.

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H. M. A. S. "KOALA" Departed 1730/29th for Brisbane
E.T.A. a.m. 4th September.

H. M. A. S. "LACHLAN" Departed King Sound for Darwin
E.T.A. 2230K/30th August.

H. M. S. "GOSSUM" E.T.A. Townsville 1000K/30th.

H. M. A. S. "KATOOMBA" }
" " "ARARAT" }
" " "LITHGOW" }
" " "MILCURA" }
" " "WARRAMBOOL" }
Departed Esbeal 1400K/29th for
minesweeping operations at Terokine.

M.L. 1328
M.L. 1323

"MAGNETIC" reduced to C. & H. basis a.m. 26th August.

Rear Admiral Woodhouse with his flag in "Newfoundland"
assumed command of 5th Cruiser Squadron.

"AIR FAITH" paid off into F class reserve a.m. 29th August.

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Mr. Reilly *MR*
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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 5th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

SECRET.
"KATOOMBA" Sailed Torokina for Bougainville for sweeping.

"BERMUDA" Pilot arranged at heads 0700K/Thursday 5th
Berth at outer east Princes Pier.

A.C.N.B. Approved transfer HUON's ledger Accounts to LONGDALE
30th September.

A.C.N.B. Approved transfer reports intention to call S.S.'s 109, 110, 111, 112,
113, and 114 at 1400K 5th Sept for sweeping.

A.C.N.B. Approved transfer re...000... 3's endorsement in following tentative
programme for S.S.'s "1100K"

ARRIVE	DEPART	REMARKS
1700 Sept	1700	Sweeping
1800	1800	Delivery
1900	1900	Stores
2100	2100	Sweeping

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Mr Reilly 12/3/9
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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H/3rd SEPTEMBER, 1945.

SHIPS.

"KANGAROO" ✓ Arrived Darwin 1st Sept. with M.S.L. 702 in tow.

"O.P.V. 956" ✓ K.T.A. Thursday Island 1830H 3rd Sept.

"HICKORY CREST" ✓ K.T.S. Sydney 7th Sept. for Hong Kong.

"HOBART" } ✓
"BATAAN" } Departed Sydney at 1600H/2 Sept. for Port Moresby en route for Japan

R.N.O. Townsville reports that wharf space is available for A.R.C.A. (AK96) and 75 foot ocean going steel tug at Townsville.

R.N.O. Thursday Island reports oil fuel installations placed under civilian caretakers as from 1st Sept. Requests further instructions.

"OCEAN WAY" ✓ Takes in hand Sydney for docking and minor repairs - will complete 13th Sept.

R.N.I.C. Brisbane reports intention to sail S.P.'s 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, and 114 at 1400H 2nd Sept for Sourabaya.

R.N.I.C. NEW GUINEA requests R.S.'s concurrence in following tentative programme for R.N.A.S. "BARON"

<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>LEAVE</u>
-	Habsai	p.m. 16th Sept.
a.m. 17th Sept.	Naviang	" 17th "
" 18th "	Eniran	" 18th "
" 19th "	Manua	" 20th "
" 21st "	Dreger	-

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MR Reilly *[Signature]*
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DAILY NARRATIVE - TO 0900K 4th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "Cobra"
SECRET.

Departed Drogue 0700K/3rd Sept. E.T.A.
Belmont 1000K/3rd Sept. U.S.S. 10-9

"BERGUDA" Departed Sydney 1630K 3rd September. E.T.A. Melbourne
0700 5th September.

S.O.R.E.N. has advised that H.M.A.S. "VAN KINGSBERGEN" will be ready
to sail 6th or 7th Sept. (Presently to Essendon).

C.G.A.S. will carry out annual inspection of "QUICKMATCH" at Broken
Bay and has indicated that "QUICKMATCH" should be routed via
Port Moresby, but may call at Drogue for mail and passengers,
if required.

"WILGANNIA" is expected to be loaded and ready to sail for Forward Area
14th September.

S.M.A.S. "Esmeralda"

E.T.A. Darwin 1530K/5th Sept.

H.M.A.S. 702 anchored East side Orster Is. with serious
engine trouble. S.P.V. 355 is standing by. S.O.I.C. Darwin has
called "Esmeralda" to tow vessel to Darwin.

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S.O.I.C. requests that "Esmeralda" may be made available
for target towing duties in Orster - Jarvis Bay area during period
6th to 15th September.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K 31st August, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "Cowra" ✓

Departed Dreger 0700K/30th E.T.A.
Rabaul 1600K/31st S.O.A. 10.5

H.M.A. L.S.T. 3501 ✓

Departed Bowen 0200K/31st E.T.A.
Pile Light 1200K/2nd Sept.

H.M.A. L.S.T. 3017 ✓

Departed Cairns 1109K/30th E.T.A.
Townsville 0600K/31st to tow diesel
lighter to Sydney as L.S.T. 3008
unable to comply owing to engine
defects. ✓

H.M.A.S. Macquarie ✓

E.T.A. Darwin 1530K/5th sept.

M.S.L. 702 anchored West side Croker Is. with serious
engine defects G.P.V. 956 is standing by. N.O.I.C. Darwin has
sailed "Kangaroo" to tow vessel to Darwin. ✓

C.C.A.S. requests that "Reserve" may be made available
for target towing duties in Sydney - Jervis Bay area during period
8th to 29th November. ✓

PRO. Hk 2/9/46.

Mr Reilly - R 2/9

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(FROM 0900Z/31st August, 1946.
DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900Z/2nd September 1946.

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- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" Intends to sail from Thursday Island at 0800Z/
1st Sept, E.T.A. Sydney 1300Z/6th Sept. ✓
- L.S.T. 3017. Cleared Townsville 0230Z/31st Aug. E.T.A. Sydney ✓
5th Sept.
- L.S.T. 3501 E.T.A. Brisbane (File lights) 1100Z/2nd Sept. ✓
- H.M.A.S. "GOWRA" Departed 1930Z/31st Aug. E.T.A. Torokina 1600Z/
1st Sept. ✓
- L.S.T. 3014 Departed Darwin 1230Z/31st August for Cairns ✓
E.C.A. 9 knots E.T.A. 0700Z/6th September.

C. in C. B.P.F. advises with departure of H.M.A.S. "RASS HEAD" (Escort
maintenance ship) the title "Captain Escort Forces" with lapse.
Ships of the Escort Force will be administered by C. in C. from
1st September.

H.M.A.S. "MORSTON" Advice A.S.T. 926 (Air Sailer) accepted into
modified "Y" Reserve Saturday 31st August.

H.M.A.S. "MORSTON"

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H.M.A.S. "MORSTON"

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P.R.O. [Signature] 2/9/46.

Mr Reilly HR 2/9

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Mr. Keilly
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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/29TH AUGUST, 1946.

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H. M. A. S. "KANIMBLA" ✓

Sailed Darwin 0715K/28th. E. T. A. Thursday Island 1000K/30th.
2. Work boats B3 and B4 were loaded on board.
3. Additional lift from Thursday Island/Sydney also to be made.

H. O. I. C. NEW GUINEA

Requests A.C.N.S. to advise whether 20th S.S.F. will be working off Sepik River and if so how many ships.

G. P. V. 956. ✓

Sailed Darwin 1930/27th with H. S. L. 702 in company E. T. A. Thursday Island 12.0K/31st. Thence proceeds Townsville/Brisbane/Sydney
Fuel Requirements:

Thursday Island	G. P. V. 956	400 gals
	H. S. L. 702	1000 gals. diesel.
Townsville	G. P. V. 956	400 gals
	H. S. L. 702	800 gals.

H. R. L. 21 ✓

Delivered to "OCEANWAY" 26th August.

H. M. A. S. "QUADRANT" ✓

Arrived Sasebo 1500I/27th.

H. M. A. S. "BATAAN" ✓

Ready for sea as from 0900K/27th.

H. M. A. S. TOTEM ✓

E. T. B. Fremantle 1130K/28th E. T. A. Aden 0300K/18/9.

H. M. A. S. "SARREGO" ✓

Intends to proceed Gladstone P. M. 30th for week end.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H/28th August, 1946.

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"BUNBURY"	Accepted into "F" class reserve a.m. 26th.
"RESERVE"	Arrived Sydney day-light 27th.
"BERNUDA"	Departure date ex Melbourne amended to 9th Sept.
"MANUNDA"	E.T.B. Sydney 31st August.
L.S.T's 3008, 3017	E.T.A. Townsville 1600H/29th.
MAGNETIC	Paid off to C & M a.m. 26th.
D.T. 932	Commissioned 0800H/27th.
"LATROBE"	Berthed Geelong 1157H/27th. E.T.D. 0900H/28th for exercises in Port Phillip
"SHROPSHIRE"	Docking Sydney 0930H/5th Sept.
G.C.A.S.	Brood Pennant to be transferred from Hobart to Shropshire 1230H/30th.
E.S.A.S. "SHEPHERD"	Proceeding to Sydney 27th August 1946. E.T.A. Sydney 1200H/27th.
E.S.A.S. "SHEPHERD"	E.T.A. Sydney 1200H/27th. E.T.D. 0900H/28th. E.T.A. Sydney 1200H/27th. E.T.D. 0900H/28th.
E.S.A.S. "SHEPHERD"000.....
E.S.A.S. "SHEPHERD"	To proceed to Melbourne 7-12 September.
E.S.A.S. "SHEPHERD"	E.T.D. Sydney 0900H/28th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H/27th August, 1946.

SHIRTS

H. N. A. S. "SHROPSHIRE" ✓ Departed Melbourne 1000K/26th
E.T.A. Sydney 0530K/28th

H. N. A. S. "LACHLAN" ✓ Departed Broome 26th for King's Sound.

H. N. A. S. "KATOOMBA" ✓ Reports Operation KILNAT SERIAL 5
completed no mines swept.
Completes sweep of Bougainville area approx.
mid September, thence to Port Moresby via
Subaul to sweep that area.

L. T. Squadron
3022
3014
3501
3017
3008
3035

Disposition.
To Townsville and Brisbane
To Cairns via Darwin
To Bowen and Brisbane
To Townsville
To Townsville
Available for farther lifts.

L. C. O. 18 Crew appointed but vessel proved
unseaworthy.

H. N. A. S. "OCEANWAY" ✓ Proceeding daylight 27th without tow.
E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/29th.

H. D. M. L.'s 6 H. D. M. L.'s taken over by R. N. S. at
Brisbane now named R. F. 109, 110, 111, 112,
113, 114.

H. N. A. S. "BUNBURY" ✓ Paid off into "F" class reserve on
26th August at Sydney.

H. N. A. S. "SHOALHAVEN" ✓ To remain New Hebrides 7-21 September.

H. N. A. S. "MANUNDA" ✓ E.T.D. Sydney for Melbourne 31st August.

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~~P.R.O.~~ JHR 27/4.
Mr Reilly R. 27/4
N.I.L.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 21st AUGUST, 1946.

P.R.O. JKR
M. R. Kelly
N.I.L.
26/8

SECRET

RESERVE

When ready for sea to tow C.F.L. 1207 to Port
Horesby (N.O.L.C. Port Melbourne 190425).
E.T.D. 1000K 21/8. E.T.A. Townsville 3/9
Port Horesby 10/9.

S.P.V. 257

Departed Cairns 1400K 20/8/46 on R.S.S. operation
Lockhart Mission area.

MAGNARIN

Signal 191406 reports search completed.
50 islands searched - 53 landings made
Negative result.

KOALA

E.T.A. Cairns 1500K 20/8.

GEORGIN

E.T.D. Sydney 25/8. Fuel Townsville 31/8.
Auburn 9/9. Arrive Hong Kong 18/9.

BATAAN
HARRAHUNGA

Undock 1000K 24/8/46.

D.T. 933

E.T.A. Deger. a.m. 24/8/46.

SHROPSHIRE

Sailed Port Adelaide 20/8 E.T.A. Port Phillip
Hends 0630K 22/8. Port Melbourne 1000K 22/8.

L.S.T. 3008)
" 3017)
" 3501)

E.T.A. Darwin 0500K Wednesday 21/8.

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26/8. P. B. G. H. A.
M. R. P. H. J. R.
N. I. L.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H AUGUST 22ND 1946.

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H. M. S. "OPOSSUM" E. T. A. Sydney now 25th Aug. for Hong Kong.

H. M. A. S. "QUADRANT" }
H. M. A. S. "WICKMATER" } Returning to Kure owing to bad weather.

H. M. A. S. "SOONERA" E. T. A. Port Phillip Heads 0600H/Aug. 22nd.

H. M. A. S. "RESERVE" Departed Melbourne with OPL 1207 in tow
1045H/Aug. 21st - anchored overnight
Cape Sound Intends proceeding daylight
22nd August.

H. M. A. S. "WILCANNIA" E. T. A. Sydney p.m. 30th Aug. from New
Guinea. (subject to no diversion).

H. M. S. "NORTHERN WARRIOR" Departed Malaya 20th Aug. E. T. A.
Townsville 4th Sept. E. T. A. Sydney 9th.

LIGHTSHIP "CARPHENTARIA" has been allocated berth at Naval
Slipway wharf. Thursday Island.

L. S. T. 3017 }
" 3008 } Arrived Darwin 1200H 21st July. ^{Aug}
" 3501 }

H. M. A. S. "DIAMANTINA" Taken in hand at Melbourne for refit.
e.m. 23rd July?
(check on date requested)

H. M. A. S. "URALBA" Paid off into F. Class Reserve for
reconversion and return to owners.

H. M. A. S. "FOYARD" Handed over and accepted by BMT
Representative 19th August.

H. M. S. "BERNUDA" Minor repairs were taken in hand
19th August in Sydney. Completes 3rd Sept.

J *26/8* *PRO* *McReilly* *18/8*
NIL

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 23RD AUGUST, 1946.

SECRET

M. S. L. 708

Departed Darwin 1800K 21st August for C. BOH

KOALA

Reports one only mooring recovered to 21st August. Further search being made.

BARCOO.

Reported 210624 that HIN06/46 was completed. N. E. and S. E. extremities of Dewagan Island i. e., 2.6 miles and 3.5 miles East 142° from Kagwan Isl. Light.

MACQUARIE

Arrived Batavia 21st Aug.

"WOOMERA"

E. T. A. Port Phillip Heads 1900K 22nd August.

MAGNETIC

To pay off and reduce to C & M Party 0900K 26th August.

LATROBE

E. T. B. Port Phillip 1700K/22nd E. T. A. Devonport 1000K/23.

MURCHISON.

Departs Sydney 9th September, arrives Melbourne 14th September, depart Melbourne 16th Sept. arrive Sydney 21st September on Radar training cruise.

HARRISS

requests mail be directed to Gladstone.

H. S. 20

Considers results of operation KULSHORT (Serial 2) are not at present acceptable.

WILCANNIA

Departed Brogor 0500K 22nd. E. T. A. Brisbane 1700K/28th.

OCRAHAY

E. T. A. Port Phillip Heads 1300K /23rd.

TOTEN

E. T. A. Fremantle 1700 /23 E. T. B. 1130/27th.

RESERVE

Anchored off EYE 212250K on account of weather.

HAWKESBURY

Departed Broken Bay 1430K/22 arrive Sydney 1645K/22nd.

H. G. I. C. Darwin considers WARRIE and APA should be sailed for South as soon as possible on account of approach of N. E. season.

FORMIDABLE departs Portsmouth 1030K/24 for Singapore via Gibraltar.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/24th AUGUST.

*PROVA
M. Kelly RR
NIL*

H.M.S. "OPOSSUM". Sails from Sydney 25th August E.T.A. Townsville 31st (for fuel) thence Amboina (for fuel) and Hong Kong.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN". Gizo Is. and Kia Passage will be omitted from Solomon Is. cruise. Ship now intends remaining at Hunda on night of 22nd/23rd August, sailing for Biloa direct and remaining overnight 23rd/24th. Departs Basmata 0800K/25th E.T.A. Rabaul 1300K/26th. Departs Rabaul 0700K/27th E.T.A. Barings Lagoon 1100K/29.

LST 3017 (80). ✓ Departed Darwin 1100K/23rd E.T.A. Bowen 28th. S.O.A. 10.

LST 3008. Departed Darwin 1100K/23rd E.T.A. Townsville 28th.

LST 3501. ✓ Delayed with defects. E.T.D. 24th for Cairns.

H.M.A.S. "KANISBLA". E.T.A. Thursday Is. 26th from Darwin.

H.M.A.S. "GOWRA". ✓ Departed Bougainville Strait 0800K/22nd E.T.A. Dreger 1000K/24th S.O.A. 10. (For electrical repairs.)

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE". ✓ Departed Port Phillip Heads 1600K/23rd for Devonport E.T.A. 0900K/24th.

"MERRUR" and "TAIPING" arrived Kure 22nd August.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" and "BATAAN" sail for Kure on 2nd September.

Ships of 10th LST Squadron will be operated by the Naval Board. They will be administered by FOIC Sydney and their accounts will be carried in "KUTTABUL".

On list.

F. L. ...
M. G. ...
H. H. ...

E.M.A.S. "GOWRA" has one steam generator out of order necessitating advise and assistance of electrical experts to repair. This was reported beyond capabilities of ship's staff by electrical artificer of "SHOALHAVEN". Both Gardiner engine and Southern Cross diesel require spare parts. Expected that repairs should be completed by 31st August if spare gear available.

"BROOME" and "GERALDTON" arrived Istanbul 22nd August and will be transferred to the Turkish Flag on 24th August.

D.F.931 has developed serious engine defect in that excessive lubricating oil is passing rings. It will be at least a fortnight or longer before vessel is ready to sail for Darwin.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H/20th August, 1946.

Handwritten notes: JF 2/18, PRO JH 7/18, M. Kelly, R., N.I.L.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900H 17th. AUGUST 1946.

- H.M.S. "PENN" Departed Port Moresby 1700H/18th E.T.A. Tarakan 1900H 24th E.T.A. Hong Kong 1400H/29th.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" Sails from Macassar 1300H/20th E.T.A. Darwin 0700H/23rd E.T.A. 14.5
- L.S.T. 3022 Departed Morotai 1800H/18th E.T.A. Teaneville a.m. 27th
- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" Following programme has been arranged:-

Arrive	Place	Depart	Leave
-	Sydney via Great	18th Sept.	1900H/19
5th Sept.	Melbourne	10th	
11th	Adelaide	19th	
18th	Sydney via 21st.	20th	
- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" E.T.A. Batavia 1130H/20th.

H.M.A.S. "KATONBA" advises that one mine swept during sweep of serial 9, Bougainville Strait, and flotilla is now carrying out clearing sweep of this area. "KATONBA" states that it has been found impossible to complete sweep of area defined in serial 9, Bougainville Strait, owing to number of uncharted shoals and pinnacles with depth less than 5 fathoms. Consider this area should be classed as dangerous to navigation.

L.S.T. 3035 is delayed at Singapore with defects and will not sail for Balikpapan and Australia until approx. 30th August.

"AIR CLAN" returned to Brisbane with extensive damage to starboard engine due to piston failure. New engine will be required if vessel is to be repaired.

L.S.T. 3014 due at Morotai 0900H/20th requests Teaneville trip if practicable in order to obtain fresh food supplies as there is no refrigeration on board.

- H.M.S. "BERMUDA" arrived Sydney 1000H/18th from Port Moresby.
- H.M.S. "OCEAN WAY" is due at Melbourne 24th August from Singapore.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" has been allocated a berth at Outer West Princes Pier.

C.C.A.S. advises new frigate programme:-
 Commitments are temporarily reduced to
 1 in Darwin and
 1 in New Guinea Area.
 "MACQUARIE" to pay off and "GULGA" to be commissioned about 1st December.
 "BARSON" " " " "DIABASTIRA" to be recommissioned about 7th March, 1947.
 "CONDAMINE" " " "

H.C.I.C. Brisbane advised that a signal was received by R.A.A.F. Amberley reading:- "Broken down two miles north Sugar Leaf Point. Drifting on to rocks." Duty Staff Officer, Sydney, was contacted and advised D.S.G. Navy Office, that the ship was G.P.V. 963 which sent a further signal:- "Have taken shelter in Sugar Leaf Bay." Disregard distress message transmitted on 500 k/c's Temporary engine defect. Continue with Bells.

21/8 PRO JSK 19/6
Mr. R. R. R. 19/8
NIL.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 17th. AUGUST 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA". Departed Port Moresby 0730K/14th.
E.T.A. FINSCHAVEN 1730K/16.
- FROM N.L.O. LONDON. French Naval Attache advises that proposed
visit of "La Grandiere" to Rabaul has
been cancelled.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" Instructed to depart Port Moresby 1000K/15
for Cairns via Great North East Channel.
- L.S.T's 3017 & 3008 Intend to sail from Balikpapan 0030Z/16th
E.T.A. Darwin 21st. August.
- H.M.S. "PENN" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/17th. August.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Intend sail from Brisbane 1800K/17th. via
Frederick Reef and Jomard Entrance to
Dreger Harbor E.T.A. 1800K/22.
- H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" Sailed from Padang 15th. August.
- H.M.S. "TOTEM" Noon position 16th. August 39° 10' S
146° 20' E.
- H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" A/Capt. G.S. Stewart assumed command
A.M. 16th. August.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 19th August.

- H.M.A.S. "MOONRA" Departed Sydney 1430K/17th for Melbourne, and
F.O.I.S. Sydney has instructed her to take shelter at discretion. "MOONRA"
has reported being in position 36° 36' S. 150° 13' E. Course 187° Speed
9 knots at noon 18th.
- H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" and "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane 1400K/18 E.T.A. Sydney
0903/20th S.S.A. 12½ knots. CCAS in "ROBERT"
- H.M.S. "VENYAN BAY" E.T.S. Port Moresby 0145Z/18th E.T.A. Hong Kong
p.m. 30th S.S.A. 12 knots.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 18th AUGUST, 1946.

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H.M.S. "KEN"

E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K 17th August.

H.M.A.S. "HAKESBURY"

Departed Sydney 0915K 17th Aug. arrived Broken Bay 1130K 17th Aug. E.T.A. Sydney p.m. 22nd Aug.

H.M.A.S. T.S. 3008 }
3017 }
3519 }

At 1000K 17th Aug. in position 04° 32' S. 18° (T) 51' E. course 77 degrees. I.S.T. 3501 left in this position with defect in steam lines not serious. I.S.T. 3501 proceeding at 7 knots. I.S.T.'s 3008 and 3017 proceeding at 10 knots.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN"

Anticipates visiting Broome 24th and 25th August and Darwin for boiler cleaning 31st Aug. to 9th September.

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA"

E.T.D. Deger Harbour 1700K/20th Aug. for Brisbane or Sydney.

L.S. T5022

RANIG Morotai intends sailing ships direct to Townsville p.m. 18th August.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"

is to tow C.F.L. 1207 from Melbourne to Deger as soon as lighter is stored.

"TOTAN"

Position at noon 17th August 38° 50' S. 142° 03' E.

"AIR CLAN"

E.T.D. Brisbane 0700K 18th August E.T.A. Sydney 1800K 20th August calling at GOFFS HARBOUR for fuel

C.F.V. 957.

Intended proceeding to Cairns for fuel E.T.A. 1800K 18th August.

H.D.M.L. 1324 }
1325 }
1329 }

Payed off at Sydney into "F" class Reserve a.m. 16th August.

C.P.V. 963

Departs Maryborough 0900K 17th Aug. for Sydney.

H.M.S. "VERIAN BAY"

E.T.D. Port Moresby 1145K 18th August E.T.A. Hong Kong p.m. 30th August.

H.M.A.S. "WOOHERA"

Departed Sydney 1430K/17th August E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0600K/20th Aug. S.G.A. 9 knots.

H.M.A. D.T. 933

E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/17th Aug. E.T.A. Deger Harbour a.m. 26th Aug. Calls at Milne Bay, Oro Bay and Dava.

H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" }
"BITIAN" }
"BARCOO" }

E.T.A. Port Moresby p.m. 7th September for fuel.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 19th August.

H.M.A.S. "WOOHERA"

Departed Sydney 1430K/17th for Melbourne, and F.O.I.S. Sydney has instructed her to take shelter at discretion. "WOOHERA" has reported being in position 06° 36' S. 150° 13' E. Course 187° Speed 9 knots at noon 18th.

H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" and "ARUNTA" departed Brisbane 1400K/18 E.T.A. Sydney 0900/20th S.G.A. 12 1/2 knots. CCAS in "ROBERT"

H.M.S. "VERIAN BAY" E.T.D. Port Moresby 0145K/18th E.T.A. Hong Kong p.m. 30th S.G.A. 12 knots.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0800K 15/8/46.

*File 16/8. PRO JK 15/8
Mr Reilly R 16/8
NIL*

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H.M.A.S. "SARRAMUNGA" } Docked "Captain Cook" dock Monday 15/8.
H.M.A.S. "BARAAN" }

H.M.A.S. "VAN KINSBERGEN" E.T.A. Fremantle 17/8
E.T.D. 5/9.

H.M.A.S. "SCHOALHAVER" Departs Ft. Moresby 0800K 15/8 for
Point Cruz via China Straits E.T.A. 18/8

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" (E.T.A. Adelaide 16/8 E.T.D. 20/8
(E.T.A. Melbourne 22/8 E.T.D. 26/8
(E.T.A. Sydney 28/8

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" Secured at west side west wing Station
pier Fort Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "TOTEM" Departed Sydney 14/8 for Fremantle
E.T.A. 25/8

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16/8 PROM/JSK
Mr. Petty R
NIL

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K 16th AUGUST, 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "ROBERT") E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K 16th August
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA") E.T.A. Sydney 0900K 20th August
S.O.A. 12½ knots.

H.M.A.S. "KDALA") Departed Fort Moresby 1900K 15th August,
E.T.A. Cairns a.m. 21st August.
S.O.A. 7 knots.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA") Departed Rabaul 0700K 15th August for Bougainville
"WARRNAMBOOL") Strait
"MILDURA")
"LITGOW")
"GOWRA")

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT") Boiler cleaning in Rabaul

G.F.V. 957 - has been informed by W.O.I.C. Brisbane that (a) mine has been reported aground on S.W. Point KENNEL Island (b) mine is as laid 300 yards S.W. from ARCHER POINT light.

H.M.A.S. "SHALHAVEN") Departed Fort Moresby 0800K 15th August E.T.A. Point Cruz 0800K/18th August via China Straits.

H.S.L. 708) Returned to Darwin 0900K 15th August

H.S.A.S. "BINGERA") Payed off at Brisbane 18th August

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON") Departed Brisbane 1530K 15th August E.T.A. Sydney 0600K 17th August.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO") Completes soundings in Brisbane River a.m. 17th August. E.T.D. Brisbane 17th August E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 1800K 22nd August S.O.A. 15 knots.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

16/18
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12/19
M. Kelly
N.I.L.

To 0900K/14th. August.

H.M.A.S. "WILCARNIA" ✓

E.T.D. Port Moresby 0730K/14 E.T.A. Finschafen 1730K/16. S.O.A. 10½ knots.

L.S.T. 3014 ✓

E.T.D. Singapore 1500GH/12 for Morotai and Darwin S.O.A. 9 knots.

H.M.S. "VANGALEN" ✓

Departed Fremantle 0940Z/12 E.T.A. Sourabaya P.M. 17th. August S.O.A. 14 knots.

H.M.A.S. "EAMIMBLA" ✓

Arrived Macassar 0900H/12th. Expected Time to discharge 7 days.

D.T. 933 ✓

E.T.D. Brisbane 2000K/12th. E.T.A. Townsville A.M. 17th. S.O.A. 7½ knots.

L.S.T. 3022 ✓

E.T.A. Morotai 0200Z/14th.

H.M.S. "BERNUDA" ✓

Arrived Port Moresby 0630K/13 departed 1400K/13 for Sydney.

L.S.T.'s 3017)
3501) ✓

E.T.A. Balikpapan Light Vessel 0230Z/14th.

H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY" ✓

E.T.D. Lunga Roads, Guadalcanal 0200Z/14th. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0400Z/17th. S.O.A. 12 knots.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports that as no labour is available "URALEA" is to commence paying off forthwith.

S.O., 1st. F.F. requests permission to proceed at 15 knots on occasions during forthcoming cruises to make arrivals in little anchorages by day.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/13th. August 1946.

S.P.O. J.H. 17/4
M. Kelly R
N.I.L.

- H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" ✓ Departed Port Moresby 1400K/11th.
E.T.A. Sydney 2000K/16th. S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" ✓ Departed Fremantle 1200K/12th. E.T.A.
Port Adelaide 1600K/16th. S.O.A. 13½.
- H.M.S. "COMET" ✓ Departed Fremantle 1800K/12th. E.T.A.
Singapore a.m. 19th. S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" ✓ Departed Sydney 1700K/12th. E.T.A.
Brisbane 0730K/14th. S.O.A. 13.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" ✓ Arrived Port Moresby 1700K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" ✓ Arrived Port Moresby 1500K/11th.
and has been diverted to Finschafen.
- H.M.A. L.S.T. 3014. ✓ E.T.D. Singapore 12th. August.
- H.M.A. D.T. 931. ✓ Departed Sydney 1630K/12. E.T.A.
Uladulla 0600K/13th. S.O.A. 8.
To tow 66 foot hull to Sydney.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/10/8/46.

Handwritten notes:
JF
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S.M.J.
PRO 1/14
M. Rully
NIL

"MURRON" On arrival Sydney commences 45 days availability to include refit and 21 days leave to each watch.

SO 10TH LST SQUADRON advises discharge of stores and engine defects will delay sailing of LST 3035 from Singapore probable date of departure for Balikpapan 16th August.

CGAS WAY E.T.D. Singapore 0630z/9/8 for Melbourne will carry LCB(L) 18 and LCT 7027 one of foregoing craft to be off loaded Melbourne to make room for refrigeration lighter HNL21 cans.

HANKENBURY CCAS advised ship following programme approved

- (A) On completion of his inspection 22/8/46 commence 45 days availability to include 21 days leave to each watch
- (B) Monday 7th October sail from Sydney for Barrier Reef.
- (C) Tuesday 5th November approx. return to Sydney.
- (D) Details cruise 4th Queensland waters will be communicated later.

WARRAGO Has requested CCAS's approval to revert to 24 hours notice on arrival in order boiler clean and give 48 hours leave to each watch - commencing A.M. Monday 12/8 and for ship to be out of routine during boiler clean period.

OPOSSUM. A.S. Sydney reports now delayed until 21/8 to make good major defects to rangefinder.

QUIBERON Arrived Drager 0930K/9 sailed 1350K/9 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/11.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

JH
12/8
PRO 15/9/8
Mr. H. H. H. 9/8
N.I.L.

To 0900K/9th. August.

- "BUCARSE" Paid off into "F" class reserve a.m. 7th.
- "TOWNSVILLE" Paid off into "F" class reserve a.m. 5th.
- "FORT DUQUESNE" E.T.D. Sydney for Hong Kong 13/8.
- "NORTHERN TRAVELLER" E.T.D. Sydney for Singapore 17/8.
- D.T. 933 Departed Sydney 2355K/7th. E.T.A. Brisbane (Pile Light) 1100K/10th.
- "KALGOORLIE" Arrived Darwin 0700 1K/8th. E.T.D. 0700 1K/10th. R.P.'s. 005, 106, 107, 108, in company.
- "TOTEM" Sailing delayed until 14th. Programme not effected beyond Fremantle.
- "WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Rabaul 1700K/8th. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/11th.
- "BERNUDA" E.T.A. Port Moresby 0630K/13th.
- "LATROSE" Arrived Devonport 1245K/8th. Intends remaining until weather moderates.
- "OPOSSUM" E.T.D. Sydney a.m. 23rd. for Hong Kong.

2. "TOTEM" has approximately 150 tons water remaining and also a reserve of 1100 tons of for coal shifting.

1. E.T.A. Melbourne 11/8/8.

Reports that the special mineral oil was shipped in "WILCANNIA" from Darwin and 2000 G.P. is immobilized in Rabaul. Engine No. 10 in boiler down. Port Moresby and "LATROSE" proceed to Inver for 20 days special mineral oil.

DF 12/8
PPS 1/8/8
M. H. Hill 1/8/8
N.I.L.

H.M.A. L.S.F. 3022

Departed Singapore 0700K/7th. E.T.A. Morotai a.m. 14th. thence Darwin S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART"

E.T.D. Hervey Bay 1800K/8th. E.T.A. Brisbane 1245K/9th. S.O.A. 13-1/2.

H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN"

Arrived Port Moresby 1530K/4th.

H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY"

Departed Port Moresby 0700K/7th. E.T.A. Hong Kong 1000K/19th. S.O.A. 11.

H.M.A.S. "BARCOO"

Departed Sydney 1750K/6th. E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/8th. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "OCEAN WAY"

E.T.D. Singapore 9th. Will carry LCG (L) 18 and LCF 7027. One of these craft will have to be off loaded at Melbourne to make room for M.R.L.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"

1. reports that "RONA" 's foremast broken at cross tree sleeve, carrying away top mast and smashing No.2 hatch. Side pierced in 3 places whilst resecurring to her in Bass Strait. Holes plugged approximately 1 to 3 feet above present water line. Estimated "RONA" has now 400 tons water in hold. Approximately 70 tons per hour is being pumped.
2. That while entering Rip 6 feet from eye of 6-1/2 inch steel wire hawser parted setting "RONA" adrift. Proceeded to Portsea with "RONA" on a short Manila.
3. "RONA" has approximately 150 tons water remaining and also a seven degrees list to Starboard due to coal shifting.
4. E.T.A. Cellibrand Light 2030K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMRA"

Reports that no special mineral oil was shipped in "WILCANNIA" from Dreger and 20th.E.S.F. is immobilized in Rabaul. Intend Flotilla boiler clean forthwith and "ABARAT" proceed to Dreger for 50 drums special mineral oil.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

Pho. J.R. 2/8
M. H. H. 2/8
NIL.

To 0900 Wednesday 7th. August.

"WHITESAND BAY"

Arrived Port Moresby 0930K/6th.
E.T.D.0700/7.

M.R.L. 253.

completed acceptance trials satisfactorily Monday 5th. August.

"ECHUCA"

E.T.D. Brisbane for Sydney 0900K/7th. August.

"RESERVE"

with "ROMA" in tow anchored Waterloo Bay and proceeded 1220/6th. August. N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne advised delays due to weather could be accepted.

"KATOOMBA"

reports operations KILSHORT, KITBALL, and KILEOM completed. No mines swept.

"ROCKHAMPTON"

Paid off and accepted "F" class reserve Monday 5th. August.

"KALGOORLIE"

with R.P.105,106,107,108 in company E.T.A. Darwin 0600Z/6th. August.

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PRO [Signature]
MR Hinkley 8/6/46
N.I.L.

SECRET. DAILY NARRATIVE
To 0900K/6th. August 1946.

G.P.V. 957 E.T.D. Cairns 5th. R.M.S.
operations Cape Direction south to
Cape Sidmouth.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" Departed Korotai 1830K/4 S.O.A.
13 knots. E.T.A. Rabaul 0900K/9 August.

"BROLOA" Departed Darwin 0930K/5. S.O.A. 8
knots. E.T.A. North Mary Island
2100K/ 8 August.

"RESERVE" with "RONA" in tow anchored Waterloo
Bay. E.T.D. 1200K/6 August for
Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. "LATOCHE" E.T.A. Devonport 0900K/6 August.

"KATONBA" with "WARRHAMBOL" and
"CONRA" Departed Bougainville Straits
E.T.A. Rabaul 1000K/6 August.

G.P.V. 957 E.T.A. Cairns 5th. R.M.S. 4th August -
R.M.S. Phoenix Bay 7.30. 6th August.

"MIDLAND" arrived Sydney 1100K 6th August.

"ANTHONY" at Sydney Harbour.

G.P.V. 957 arrived Sydney 1100K 6th August with Captain Taylor E.T.D. Sydney
4th August.

Progress for "ANTHONY" in connection with Gunery and Torpedo School firing
is reported as follows:

- E.T.A. Sydney 1100K 6th.
- E.T.A. Melbourne 17th.
- E.T.A. Melbourne after completion of firing 12th
or 13th Sept.

H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" reports G.P.V. Phoenix's report that "ANTHONY" has
developed a 50 degree list to starboard. List appears to be increasing daily.

DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K. SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST, 1946.

PRO 4/2/46
11/8 M. H. H. H. H.
NIL

"RESERVE" with "RONA" in tow departed Sydney 0020Z 2nd August S.O.A. 5 knots E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 6th August.

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"QUADRANT" arrived Kure 0100Z 1st August.

"LATROBE" E.T.A. Devonport 1500K 2nd August.

"TALLAROOK" arrived Gladstone 2300Z 1st August.

"SWAN" E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 0200K berthing 0700K Saturday 3rd August.

"WOOMERA" H.M.A.S. "SWAN" reports sighting this vessel close N.E. Wilson's Promontory "WOOMERA" reports all well and intends sailing for Sydney Saturday 3rd August.

"HOBART" departed Sydney 2nd August for Hervey Bay S.O.A. 13 knots E.T.A. 1330K 4th August.

"MILDURA" departed Port Moresby 31st July E.T.A. Rabaul 2100Z 3rd August.

G.P.V. 963 E.T.A. Urangan Jetty P.M. 3rd August E.T.D. a.m. 4th August -
E.T.A. Platypus Bay p.m. 4th August.

"WILCANNIA" arrived Dreger 1130K 2nd August.

"QUICKMATCH" has reached Yokohama.

G.P.V. 966 reached Darwin 1400K 1st August with Survey Tower E.T.D. Monday 5th August.

Programme for "ARUMTA" in connection with Gunnery and Torpedo School Firing is proposed as follows -

- E.T.A. Sydney 15th Sept.
- E.T.A. Melbourne 17th.
- E.T.D. Melbourne after completion of Firing 19th or 20th Sept.

H.O.I.C. New Guinea repeats S.T.C. Rabaul's report that "NARUTO" has developed a 20 degree list to Port. List appears to be increasing daily.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports target moorings located and buoyed for rapid recovery by "KOALA" - Location vicinity of Pile Light.

S.O. 1st F.F. reports Dutch M.L.'s delayed at Thursday Island till Sunday 4th August owing to death of member of crew.

"BINGERA" expected to pay off 12th August.

Bonatu Point Light is now operating correctly.

"MAYOR" reported Max 12000/ton. S.F.A. Report 12000/ton.

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Flag of S.A. 1st with transfer to S.F.A. "MAYOR" 14/8.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K 3RD AUGUST TO 0900K.
5TH AUGUST, 1948.

"BINGERA" Estimated date of paying off 12th August.

M.S.L. 252 Acceptance trials completed satisfactorily.

"SHOALHAVEN" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1330K/4th.

"MOONDOOLOO" Returned to owners 1200K/2nd.

"QUIBERON" Departed Kure 1500K/1st E.T.A. Dreger 1500K/9th.

"KANIMBLA" E.T.A. Macassar 0900K/12th.

"AIR TRAIL" Paid off into 'E' class reserve a.m. 2nd.

L.S.T. 3014 Arrived Singapore 0200Z/1st.

"MANGORA" Departed Biak 1730K/2nd. E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/4th.

"SHROPSHIRE" Granted 63 days' availability on arrival Sydney.

"WOOMERA" E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/5th.

Flag of R.A.(D) will transfer to H.M.S. "ARMADA" 14/S.

"WILCANNIA" Sailed Dreger 0630K/4th E.T.A. Rabaul 1630K/5th.

"BONAIRE" E.T.A. Fremantle now 11th August.

"KATGOMBA" Sailed Bougainville Strait 4/S with "LITHGOW", "ARARAT"
H.D.M.L.'s 1323, 1326, 1329 - E.T.A. Rabaul 0800K/6th.

"EMPIRE CHARMAIN" Sailed Hong Kong 1230K/3rd E.T.A. Sydney 24/S.

"RESERVE" and hulk "RONA" "RESERVE" reports tow "RONA" broken adrift bearing 188°
2.5 miles from S.E. point with no lights or personnel
aboard.

(2) Shipping in Area warned.

(3) Later report from "RESERVE" - proceeds Waterloo Bay
until daylight.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/2nd. August 1946.

pro 2/8/46
M. H. H. H. H. H.
NIL

H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

Departed Sydney 0045Z/31st. July
E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads P.M.
Friday 2nd. August.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises Fleet Oiler "KURUMBA" destored and placed in Caretaker Status 29th. July..

From D.N.O. Victoria. M.R.L. 253 completed manoeuvring and anchor trials 1st. August. Anticipate speed and acceptance trials be held Monday 5th. August.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO"

Intends to arrive Gladstone a.m. 3rd. August for the weekend.
(WARREGO" surveying in the vicinity of Gladstone).

S.O. 1st. Frigate Flotilla reports H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" with M.L's and "LILY" in company E.T.D. 0800K Friday 2nd. August for Merauke.

N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne advises it is anticipated that H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" will pay off into "K" class reserve by Friday 9th. August.

Requesting transfer to Civil Control on 15th. July when Senior Officer, R.A.F. will withdraw.

S.O. 1st. Frigate Flotilla proposes following S.O. 1st. Frigate Flotilla

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| 1st. August. | Inspection by S.O. 1st. Frigate Flotilla |
| 2nd. August. | Inspection of cargo availability to include all cargo to each ship. |
| 3rd. August. | Will for arrival about 1 month in port. |
| 4th. August. | Inspection of cargo availability to include all cargo to each ship. |
| 5th. August. | Inspection of cargo availability to include all cargo to each ship. |

Handwritten: PD 6/8
M. H. H. H. H. H.
18/8
N.I.L.

To 0900K/1st. August 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" Departed Melbourne 1750K/30th. E.T.A. Sydney 0640K/1st. August. S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" Departed Townsville 0900K/31st. E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K/3rd. August.
- H.M.A.S. "KEITH CAM" Departed Thursday Island 0600K/31st. E.T.A. for Townsville S.O.A. 6.
- H.M.S. "WHITESAND BAY" Departed Vila 1100K/1st. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K/5th. S.O.A. 12. E.T.D. Port Moresby 0900K/7th. for Hong Kong.
- G.P.V. 955. Departed Samarai 1200K/30th. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/31st. S.O.A. 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" E.T.A. Kure 1100K/1st. August.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" Arrived Port Moresby 1800K/31st. E.T.D. 0700K/1st. August for Rabaul.

S.O.R.N.E. advises that H.M.S. "VAN KINSBERGEN" will arrive at Fremantle on 16th. August. Because of engine trouble H.M.S. "BONAIRE" will arrive at Fremantle approximately 15th. August and will return direct to Java.

Rear Admiral A.B.M. Bridge, C.B.E., assumed command, 30th. July as Rear Admiral Air Craft Carriers and Air Stations B.P.F. and S.I. in succession to Rear Admiral C. H. L. Woodhouse, C.B. Rear Admiral Air Craft Carrier B.P.F.

It is anticipated that D.T.932 will be completed and ready for trials on 9th. August.

Keopeng reverted to Civil Control on 15th. July when Senior Officer, R.N.E. was withdrawn.

G.C.A.S. proposes following cruise for H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" :-

- 22nd. August. Inspection by G.C.A.S.
- 23rd. August. Commence 45 days availability to include 21 days to each watch.
- 7th. October. Sail for cruise about 1 month in New Guinea area.
- Mid-November. Resume A/S training with next B.P.F. submarine.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/12th. August.

Mr. Reilly
N.I.L.

- L.S.T.3014. Delayed mechanical defect R.T.D. 9th. or 10th. August for Morotai.
- D.T.932. Completed towing and anchor trials. Engine trials abandoned due defects, intend completing trials 13/8.
- "LATROBE" ✓ Departed Devonport 1602K/9 R.T.A. Pt.Lonsdale 0930K/10.
- Captain S.4. ("ADAMANT") - "PENN" only
"ADAMANT" etc depart 12/8 for Kave. Departed Suva 1730/10 for Hong Kong calling Pt.Moresby and Tarakan for fuel. R.T.A. Pt.Moresby 1130K/17 R.T.A. Hong Kong 1200H/29.
- OPL. 1207. Handed over to H.O.I.C. Port Melbourne a.m./9th.
- L.S.T.3022. Departed Singapore 6/8. diverted to Kuching for medical assistance 8th. August. Departure from Kuching not yet reported.
- L.S.T.'s. 3008)
3017)
3501.) Departed Singapore 9th. August for Balikpapan.
- L.S.T. 3035. R.T.D. Singapore 17th. August for Balikpapan.
- "KAIGOOELIE" Escorting R.P's. departed Darwin 0900K/10. for Keopang.
- "GLADSTONE" R.T.D. 1130K/12 seamanship instructional programme Pt.Phillip returns F.N.D. 16th. August.
- "MANOORA" ✓ Departed Rabaul 1800K/9 S.O.A. 14.5 knots. R.T.A. Sydney 1730K/15.
- L.S.T.3017 ✓ R.T.A. Sydney 1st. September.
- L.S.T. 3022. ✓ Departed Kuching 1740Z/8 R.T.A. Morotai a.m. 15/8.
- "DIAMANTINA" ✓ Paid off into "B" class reserve on 9th. August by H.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.
- "VERYON BAY" ✓ Tour of Solomon Islands by Resident Commissioner ends 13 August. Ship then sails for Port Moresby and Hong Kong.
- S/M. Penn D.D. Departed Suva 10 August for Port Moresby.
- "ARARAT" ✓ Departed Dreger for Rabaul R.T.A.1600K/12.
- "WILCANNIA" ✓ Arrived Port Moresby 1400K/11.
- "BARWON" ✓ Will depart Sydney 28 August and arrive Port Moresby 3 September.
- L.S.T.'s. 3017) ✓
3008)
3501) At 1030Z/11 August -
02 - 23 South.
109 - 07 East.
Course 143, Speed 10.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

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PRO
Mr. Hill
N.I.L.

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To 0900K/31st. July. 1946.

H.M.A.S. "SHEROPSHIRE"

C.G.A.S. recommends 63 days availability be granted on arrival Sydney for making good urgent defects and to include 28 days leave to each watch.

H.M.A.S. "KOALA"

Departed Dreger for Port Moresby (E.T.A. 11/8) servicing lights enroute. Vessel then to be sailed for Cairns, Moreton Bay and Sydney. (N.O.I.C., N.G. intends vessel service port lights and R.A.A.F. seaplane moorings whilst at Port Moresby).

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE"

E.T.A. Padang. 1130Z/30th. July to embark War Crime Investigating Team thence extend search.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

At Sydney, intends to slip at 1000K/31st. July and proceed to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m. 2nd. August.

D.T. 931.

Commissioned a.m. Tuesday 30th. July.

H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"

Armoury forcibly entered during night 29/30 July. Items stolen :- 4 Thompson Sub-machine guns (less magazines) 2 cylinders for Weby pistols and 3 boxes 455 ammunition. Civil Police are investigating.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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PRO
MAR 4/12
NIL
24/7

To 0900K/29th. July 1946.

- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" Arrived Brisbane 26th. July.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CLAW" Sailed from Townsville 0800K/27th. July
E.T.A. Brisbane to be advised. S.O.A. 16
Knots.
- H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY" Departed Sydney 0645Z/26th. E.T.A. Kukum
Guadalcanal 1200K/1st. August. S.O.A. 12 Knots.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" Departed Melbourne 0100Z/27th. E.T.A. Sydney
0800K/29th. S.O.A. 12 Knots.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" Arrived Guam 1200K/25th. E.T.D. 0700K/27th.
- H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" Departed Guam 1130K/27 direct for Kure S.O.A.
14 Knots.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" Arrived Darwin 0630K/26th. July.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" Departed Darwin 2330K/27 S.O.A. 15 Knots.
E.T.A. King Sound 1400H/29/7.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" Departed Townsville 1600K/27th. E.T.A. Cairns
0800K/28th. thence for Shortland Harbour,
Bougainville, via Jomard Passage.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" Requested approval to call at Cairns to embark
10 x 44 gallon drums of Special Mineral oil
G.Y.1 (Approved).
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" E.T.A. Thursday Island 1900K/30 July.
- F.O.M.A. has reported that "OCEANWAY" is delayed Colombo with defects
E.T.C. mid August.
- "OCEANWAY" F.O.M.F.A. has instructed vessel to sail from
Colombo 1200K/12 for Singapore S.O.A. 12
Knots.
- N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that 100 gallons AC and 140 gallons TM
oil have been shipped in G.P.V. 955 E.T.D. Dreyer 27th. E.T.A. Port
Moresby.
- C.C.A.S. has proposed following programme for "BARWON". Week commencing
18th. August, prepare for sea. Week commencing 25th. August working up
at Sydney and Jarvis Bay, passage to Geelong E.T.A. 30th. August, E.T.D.
Geelong 4th. September, E.T.A. Sydney 6th. September and E.T.D. for New
Guinea 9th. September.
- S.A.C.S.E.A. has recommended that Java, the Coeco Islands and Christmas
Island be excluded from the Australian Naval Station until the present
boundaries of S.E. Asia Command are settled.
- M.S.L. 708 Departed Darwin 1400K/27 for Cape Bon, Elcho
Is. and St. Goulbourn Is. S.O.A. 7 Knots.
E.T.A. Cape Bon 0900K/29.
- H.M.S. "WRITESAND BAY" Departed New Plymouth 2330Z/24 S.O.A. 11
Knots. E.T.A. Vila 2230Z/29.
- H.M.S. "ACHILLES" Arrived Darwin 0645K/23.
- Captain (s) Foley proceeding to Gibraltar in H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" 29 July.
- H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" Departed Melbourne 0607Z/27 for Sydney
"WOOMERA" will signal E.T.A.
- H.M.A.S. "SHEALHAVEN" E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1700K/29 S.O.A. 12.1/2 Knots

DAILY NARRATIVETO 0900K/27TH JULY.

J 30/7 *PRO 46K 29/7*
MR R. J. R.
N.I.L.

H.M.S. SWIFTSURK

Departed Fremantle 1800K/25 July for Colombo, S.O.A. 15 knots, E.T.A. Colombo 1130K/3 AUG. '46.

H.M.A.S. HANFOORA

Departed Langemak 1700K/24TH July '46.

H.T. ORBITA

Departed Fremantle 25th July, E.T.A. Melbourne noon 30th July, total of 231 will disembark at Melbourne.

H.M.A.S. ECHUCA

Departed Rabaul 1500K/26 July for Sydney.

H.M.S. WHITESAND BAY

E.T.A. Vila 0830K/30th July.

ARRIVALS 23RD JULY

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|---------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (A) Fremantle | COMET |
| (B) Sydney | VERYAN BAY |
| (C) Brisbane | KANIMBLA |
| (D) RABAU | EMPIRE LAW, KATOOMBA, ECHUCA, WARRNAMBOOL. |

DEPARTURES 23RD JULY

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| (A) DREGER | SHOALHAVEN for Rabaul. |
| (B) Pt. Moresby | CONDAMINE for Sydney. |

H.M.A.S. KATOOMBA, owing to having to steam on one boiler, is 24 hours late at Townsville.

As from midnight 13/14 July Dutch Authorities have taken over control, from S.E.A.C. of the whole of the N.E.I., outside Sumatra, Java, Rioun Archipelago.

H.M.A.S. MILDURA has been instructed to proceed to Townsville with all convenient despatch, adjusting speed to arrive at daylight.

RESERVE intends to sail 0830K Wednesday 24th July. S.O.A. 9 knots, E.T.A. SYDNEY 27TH.

10th L.S.T. Flotilla has been congratulated by C in C E.I. on the speed and efficiency of the taking over and working up of the L.S.T.'s.

N.O.I.C. Pt. Melbourne intends sailing WOOMERA 1100K Saturday 27th July.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO IS TO SLIP at 0800K Saturday 27 July and proceed to Sydney carrying out engine room trials on passage.

H.M.S. KATOOMBA. Departed Bougainville Straits with Warrnambool, Lithgow and Ararat in company at 0700K/26 July.

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To 0900K/26th. July.

"LACHELAN"

Slipped "BOOLGA" off Booby Island.
E.T.A. "LACHELAN" at Darwin 0700K/26 July.

"FREMANTLE"

Will be towed to Geelong 26th. July.

F.O.I.C. (S) reports that approval has been given for tiger cubs to go to Taronga Park Zoo.

M.O.I.C. Rabaul (Shoalhaven) reports that 50 tons contaminated oil still remain in "MARUTU", that there is no further suction on pumps and vessel is listed 7° opposite direction to previous list.

"EMPIRE LAR"

E.T.D. Rabaul for Port Moresby 0800K/26.
E.T.A. Port Moresby 1200K/28 15 Knots.
Sufficient bunkers to proceed to Abadan.
Cargo 6470 tons. Requires fresh water, vegetables and Torres Strait Pilot.

"WESTRALIA"

E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/27 July.

"SEAN"

Departed Townsville 24 July E.T.A. Sydney 28th. July.

"WILCANNIA"

Departed Sydney 1700K/25th. July, E.T.A. Dreger Harbour 2100K/2nd. August. 10.25 Knots.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/25th. July 1946.

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P.R. 25/7
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H.M.A. L.S.T.'s. 3017(S.O.))
3501)
3014)
3008)
3022.)

Depart Trincomalee 1700K/25th. for
Singapore. S.O.A. 10.

H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON"

Departed Yokohama 0830k/23rd. E.T.A.
Kure 0830K/25th.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"

Departed Melbourne 1530K/24th. E.T.A.
Sydney 27th. S.O.A. 9.

H.M.S. "VERYAN BAY"

E.T.D. Sydney p.m. 26th. for Talagi
direct. E.T.A. 1st. August.

H.M.S. "BIOBURY BAY"

Departed Sydney 1210Z/24th. E.T.A.
Townsville 0900K/28th. thence Singa-
pore direct. S.O.A. 12.

H.M.S. "COMET"

E.T.D. Fremantle a.m. 12th. August.
E.T.A. Singapore a.m. 19th. August.
E.T.D. Singapore a.m. 20th. August.
E.T.A. Hong Kong a.m. 25th. August.

H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE"

E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/29th.

H.M.M.S. "KALGOORLIE"

Departed Merauke 0900K/24 E.T.A.
Gairns 1200K/27th. S.O.A. 10
(For fuel).

N.O.I.C. New Guinea advises that 10th. August is suitable date to
withdraw S.T.O. from Rabaul. Also desired to withdraw M.W.L.255
on this date. Intend that moorings at Massava Bay be left until
departure of 20th. M.S.F. from area.

On completion of present duties - servicing lights - H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"
is to be sailed to Brisbane for paying off and disposal.

S.C.R.N.W. has been withdrawn as from Keepang 15th. July. Port has
been handed over to Civil authorities.

S.O., 1st. F. F. reports that fuelling from "EMPIRE LAW" at Rabaul
has been completed and that "EMPIRE LAW" will depart for Port Moresby
0800K/26th.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

PRO 4/18/46
M. H. [unclear]
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N. I. L.

To: 0900K/24/7/46.

"TAURUS"

Ex Fremantle 1330Z/ 19.
E.T.A. Aden 9/8/46.

"WILCANNIA"

E.T.D. Sydney now p.m. 25/7.
E.T.A. Dregor 3/8/46.

"QUADRANT"

Reports proceeding Guam to effect
urgent major repairs to distiller
pump.
E.T.A. 2200 I. 24/7.

"SHOALHAVEN"

Departed Dregor 0700K/23 for Rabaul
E.T.A. 1200K/24.

"CONDAMINE"

Departed Moresby 0845K/23.

From S.O.R.R.N.

Requests approval for "KALGOORLIE"
to return from Mareuke to Cairns
for refuelling. E.T.A. Cairns approx.
26th. July.
(A.C.E.B. approval given Signal 230743).

"WOONERA"

Loading complete. Owing to continuous
storm warnings N.O.I.C Port Melbourne
intends postponing sailing date until
weather moderates.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/23rd. July.

PRO
M. Kelly
N.C.L.

"KANIMBLA"

Departed Sydney 1650K/21st. E.T.A. Brisbane 0630K/23rd.

"VERYAN BAY"

Reported serious steering defect at 1212K/22nd. Intends proceeding to Sydney for repairs. E.T.A. 0700K/23rd. July.

"QUADRANT"

E.T.A. Kure amended to 29/7.

S.S. "DUNTROON"

Departed Sydney 20/7. E.T.A. Hong Kong 3/8.

"LA GRANDIERE"

To call at Rabaul in August in lieu of "BARONZAN DE BRAZZA". French to advise E.T.A.

"JUNEE"

Docked Williamstown 1000K/22nd.

"BARCOO"

E.T.D. Melbourne 27/7. E.T.A. Sydney 29/7.

"ORARA"

Docked Newcastle 0900K/22nd.

"KATOOMBA"

Departed Bougainville 0600K/22nd. E.T.A. Rabaul 1000K/23rd.

"ARARAT"

"COWRA"

"ECHUCA"

"WARRNAMECOOL"

"LITHGOW"

Detached in Bougainville area.

"ARUNTA"

Departed Sydney 1600K/22nd. E.T.A. Melbourne 0400K/24th.

"MILDURA"

Departed Sydney 1730K/22nd. E.T.A. Townsville 1015K/27.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

From 0900K/20th. July to 0900K/22nd. July.

PRO
M. H. H. H. H.
NIL
23/7

"MANOORA"

E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K 20 July for Biak via Langemak.

H.S.L. 702)
G.P.V. 956.)

G.P.V. 956 returned Darwin 1300(1) 19/7 and to be sailed Darwin for Sydney in company with H.S.L.702 when an officer is available for H.S.L.702.

"SHOALHAVEN"

Departed Massava Bay 1200K/20 July E.T.A. Rabaul, 1600K 20 July. Departed Rabaul 0700K/21st. E.T.A. Dreger 1700K/22.

"LACHLAN"

Reports "BROLGA" taken in tow off South Percy Island, 20/7/46.

"VERYAN BAY"

Departed Port Phillip Heads 1300K/21st. July E.T.A. Caloundra 1100K/23th. July.

"SWAN"

Departed Bouganville Strait 20/7 E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/24/7.

"MILDURA"

E.T.D. Sydney 1400K Saturday 20/7 E.T.A. Townsville 0700K Thursday 25/7 E.T.D. Townsville 0500K Thursday 25/7. E.T.A. Rabaul 0800K Tuesday 30/7.

"TOTEM"

Proposes sailing Sydney for U.K. 12/8 E.T.A. Fremantle 23/8 thence via Aden and Suez to arrive U.K. 6/9.

"CONDAMINE"

Departed Dreger 1800K 19/7 E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 0800K 22/7.

"OPUSSUM"

E.T.A. Sydney from Tuesday 23/7. En route N.Z./Aust. reports diesel generator broken down. "OPUSSUM" 29306Z gives plans for wireless communication if repairs cannot be effected.

"QUADRANT"

Departs Rabaul 0900K Sunday 21/7 for Kure direct. E.T.A. 30/7.

"KALGOORLIE"

Sailed Townsville.

H.V. "KATOORA"

Handed back to owners as from midnight Friday 19th. July.

"DIAMANTINA"

Preparations for paying off into "E" class reserve completed except for 3 weeks work in engine room.

D.T.933

F.O.I.C.(S) states ship will be ready to proceed to New Guinea 6/8/46.

10th.L.S.T. Sqn.

Signal T00 191631 July from S.O. 10th. L.S.T.Sqn. gives intended programme Sqn. except L.S.T.3035 departs Trincomalee 25/7 E.T.A. Singapore 31/7.

L.S.T.3035 E.T.D. Colombo 28/7 E.T.A. Singapore 3/8 Regent of Johore offers 3 tiger cubs to Taronga Park Zoo. S.O. 10th. L.S.T. Sqn. offers to bring them if approved.

"WARRAMUNGA"

5 (No) Oil tanks leaking and must be repaired and filled before docking in order vessel may be at same draft and trim as "BATAAN". Approval and F.A. requested by A.S. Sydney to do this work.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/19th. July 1946.

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H.M.S. "COMET" Departed Billi 1030K/18th. E.T.A. Fremantle 1030K/23rd.

H.M.S. "KALGOOLIE" Departed Townsville 0700K/18th. E.T.A. Merauke 0700K/23rd. S.O.A. 10.

H.M.S. "EMPIRE LAW" Departed Sydney p.m. 17th. E.T.A. Rabaul a.m. 23rd.

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H.M.S. "FORT COLVILLE" has been diverted to Fremantle (for Naval Stores) en route to Sydney from Trincomalee.

C.S.2 will transfer his flag from "BERMUDA" to "NEWFOUNDLAND" about 29th. July.

"AIR CLOUD" returned to Darwin 1515K/17th. with three persons who had been stranded on beach east coast of Melville Island, for three weeks.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea intends sailing "KOALA" to Cairns about end of July, servicing lights en route.

C.S.T., F.H.D. requests a destroyer for torpedo school firings in Port Phillip Bay during week commencing September 22nd.

C.S.T. desires that "LATROBE" tow target for Gunnery school firings in Port Phillip Bay 25th. July.

After discharge of cable at Brisbane, "WESTRALIA" is to load commercial cargo for Sydney owners, Huddart Parker Ltd., will act as agents for Department, and will request A.U.S.N. Col to care for loading.

Departure of "SWAN" delayed indefinitely for repairs to main circulating pumps.

C. in C. B.P.F. agrees "VERYAN BAY" be placed at disposal of Resident Commissioner for official tour of Solomon Is. Ship is now to proceed from Brisbane to Tulagi omitting Vila.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" Intends proceeding Gladstone P.M. 19 July for work.

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H.M.S. "KALGOOLIE" Departed Auckland 1800K/17 July E.T.A. Darwin 1100K 20 July via Capricorn Channel and Indian Barrier Reef. S.O.A. 13.5 hours.

H.M.S. "KALGOOLIE" Departed Fremantle 1800K/19 July E.T.A. Botavia 1100K/24 July.

R.P.V. 1000 Departed Darwin 1700K 17 July E.T.A. Cape Horn 1800K 18 July, returns Darwin 19th. July.

H.M.A.S. "WARRIOR" S.O. 100. 10 requests approval to grant 21 days leave in two instalments during period of availability.

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To 0900 18th. July 1946.

- "FORT COLVILLE" F.O.I.C. Sydney requests A.C.N.B. divert vessel to Fremantle to load naval Stores. (E.T.D. Trinco 1900 15 July for Sydney via Torres Strait E.T.A. Sydney 6 August E.T.A. T.l. 1700/30 July.)
- H.M.A.S. "SHOALHAVEN" S.O. 1st. F.F. intends vessel to be at Massaia Bay from 1000K 17 July to 1000K 23 July.
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" 1. To undock "FREMANTLE" 19 July and tow her to Geelong.
2. To tow "JUNEE" from Geelong to arrive at Dock by 0900 22 July.
3. On completion of 2, to sail for Sydney 22 July to tow coal hulk "RONA" to Melbourne.
- C.C.A.S. Strikes broad pennant in "ARGENTA" and rehoists in Hobart 1000K 18 July.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" Departed Sydney 1646K 16 July E.T.A. Darwin 1600K 26 July.
- H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" E.T.D. Melbourne 1100K 21 July for Sydney. Drowns ammunition on passage. E.T.A. Sydney will be signalled later.
- R.P. 106 (S.O)
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108. E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K 16 July E.T.A. Thursday Island 26 July, Call at Gladstone, Bowen and Cairns.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" Reports diesel engine out of order and requests E.T.D. be delayed 48 hours. Approved by M.S.E.20.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" Departed Suez 2240 B 16 July E.T.A. Aden 1200K 20 July.
- A.S.R. "AIR CLOUD" Departed Darwin 0035K 17 July to search Eastern end of Melville Island for man and wife reported wrecked on 5th. July.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" E.T.D. Jervis Bay with Pattern 6 target 1400K 18 July E.T.A. Sydney 0700K 19 July.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" Intends proceeding Gladstone P.M. 19 July for weekend.
- H.M.N.Z.S. "ACHILLES" Departed Auckland 1405K/17 July E.T.A. Darwin 1100K 29 July via Capricorn Channel and inside Barrier Reef. S.O.A. 13.5 Knots.
- H.N.M. "TIJGERHAAL" Departed Fremantle 1400K/17 July E.T.A. Batavia 1130K/24 July.
- G.P.V. 956 Departed Darwin 1720K 17 July E.T.A. Cape Don 0750K 18 July. Returns Darwin 19th. July.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" S.O. M.S. 20 requests approval to grant 21 days leave in two watches during period of availability.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 17th. July 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "CONDAMINE". Departs Rabaul 0400K 16th. July. Dreger
E.T.A. 1800K 17th. S.O.A. 12 Knots.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" Departs 1400K, 16th. July for Darwin, E.T.A.
1600K 26th. July.

H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" E.T.A. Rabaul 1800K, 20th. July.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" Intended Programme includes arriving Melbourne
2nd. August.

DEPARTURES.

FREMANTLE. H.M.S. "TURPIN" for Aden.

RABAU. H.M.A. Ships, "SWAN", "KATOOMBA", "WAHRNAMBOOL"
"LITHGOW", "ARARAT", "ECHUCA", "CONRA", for
Bougainville Strait.

L.S.T. 3035. commissioned 15th. July 1946.

H.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested "QUADRANT" be diverted to Rabaul
as there is no fuel at Dreger.

If trials are completed satisfactorily "BARCOO" intends sailing
for Sydney A.M. Saturday 27th.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" is to be sailed for Sydney on completion of next
fueling.

H.M.N. Submarine ^{J? h?} Sygertaal will be ready to sail Wednesday 17th.
July.

"WILCANNIA" is to be sailed, to arrive Dreger 2nd. August and Rabaul
6th. August, thence to return Sydney.

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TO

0900K 16th July, 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" Departed Sydney 0045Z/15 for Kure E.T.A. Deger
1800K/20.

H.M.S. "EUREYALUS" Departed Auckland 0318Z/14 for Port Moresby E.T.A.
1400K/21.

"AIR GLAN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0630K/15 for Cocktown E.T.A.
A.M. 17th.

"VENYAN BAY" Departed Sydney 0645Z/15 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1030K/17

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" E.T.A. Sydney 1400Z/18, Townsville 0700K/23 Rabaul
0800K/28.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" Departed Port Moresby 0800Z/15 for Sydney E.T.A.
2330Z/17.

H.S.20 states "SWAN" is no longer in an operational condition. She
is to be sailed to Melbourne forthwith.

O.P.L.1297 allocated to H.C.I.S. New Guinea.

"GLADSTONE" undocked "FREMANTLE" docked at Williamstown today Monday.

H.M.L.S.T.3035 Commissioned as unit of R.A.N. at 0800/15.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

TO

0900K 12th July, 1946.

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"HARKINSBURY"

A Departed Sydney 11/7 for Jervis Bay H.T.A. 0700K 12/7.
Returns Sydney 16/7.

"VICTORIOUS"

Delayed 48 Hours by bad weather.

H.N.M.S. "PIRE HEIN"

Departed Darwin 1600K 11/7 for Sourabaya
H.T.A. 14/7.

H.N.M.S.

- R.P. 106)
- R.P. 106)
- S.O. 107)
- S.O. 108)

Departed Sydney 11/7 H.T.A. Brisbane (File Light)
1600K/13/7.

"MILDURA"

H.T.D. Sydney 1300K 22/7 for Rabaul via Townsville.

"H.N.A.L.S.T. 3022"

Commissioned with H.A.N. crew at 0230K 11/7 -
Lt. Cdr. D.M. Richards H.A.N.R.(S) in command.

Transport plane departed Sydney 11/7 for Melbourne Sydney H.T.A.
1600K/13/7.

Cdr. S.F. Pope arrived Melbourne 1600K 13/7 departing for Sydney
1600K/13/7 by

Darwin signal station - Darwin closed 0800K 12/7.

Chief Officer of "Mildura" to contact via message in private on
disturbance of July 12th.

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Mr Reilly
N.I.L.

TO

0900K/14th July, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "EROLGA" (S.O.) "JABIRU" AND "TALLABOOK" Departed Sydney 0600Z/13th July for Queensland survey grounds.

"EMPIRE CANYON" departed Port Moresby 0700K/12. E.T.A. Sydney 20th.

C.C.A.S. intends departing Port Moresby in "ARURTA" at 130000Z.
E.T.A. Sydney 14 2330Z.

"H.M.S./M. TURPIN" departed Fremantle 0400Z/13th for Aden.

S.O.M.S.F.20. departed Rabaul in "SWA" with "KATOOMBA", "WARRHARBOOL", "LITROG", "ANARAT", "BCHUCA", "GOWRA", RNLI's 1323, 1326, 1328 for Bougainville Strait E.T.A. 15th July.

"H.M.A.S. HILDORA" expects to depart Sydney for Townsville 1400K/
18th July.

TO 0900K 15th July.

H.S.L.723 returned Darwin 0900K 14th.

H.M.S./M ~~SWA~~ departed Fremantle 0230/2 14th for Aden E.T.A. 0001/2
TAMR 4th August.

Transport Orbita departed Ceylon 14th for Melbourne Sydney E.T.A.
Fremantle a.m. 23rd.

Cdre. C.J. Pope arrived Melbourne 2230K 14th departing for Sydney
1630/15th by aircraft.

Darwin signal station - Porthill closed 0001K 14th.

Chief Justice of Gibraltar to conduct an enquiry in private re
disturbances of July 5th.

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TO 0900K/13.

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At present it is not considered necessary by N.O.I.C. New Guinea to retain H.M.A.S. Condamine.

H.M.A.S. LACHLAN. E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/16 for survey.

H.M.A.S. SHROPSHIRE to sail from Malta at 1000B/12 for Pt. Said, S.O.A. 13.4. E.T.A. 0900B/15 passage through canal is to be made on 16th July.

H.M.S. OPOSSUM E.T.D. Auckland 18th July.

G.M.W. Dockyard intends undocking H.M.A.S. Gladstone at 0730K/15. Ship to arrange pilot tugs as considered necessary.

DT.933. E.T.D. Newcastle 1030K/12, E.T.A. 1730K/12.

H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA DEPARTED RABAUL 1700K/12, E.T.A. Pile Light Brisbane 0700K/17. S.O.A. 13.5.

H.M.A.S. HOBART departed Sydney 12th for Jervis Bay. | ?

Sailed 9th arrived Jervis Bay 10th
Departs 18th for Sydney.

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TO 0900K - 11TH JULY.

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ACHILLES Departs Auckland 17th July for Portsmouth via Darwin
Colombo Aden Port Said Malta Gibraltar.

HOBART. Departure Sydney 2315Z 9th July for Jervis Bay for exercise
programme. Arrived 1600K/10. Returns Sydney
completion exercises.

Signal received from Commander Spurgeon through N.O.I.C. Auckland
N.Y.A. of party at Melbourne now delayed until p.m.
Friday 12th. Requests U.S. Legation be informed.

H.M.S. "TYNE" C. IN C. B.P.F. reports this ship will not now be
visiting Australia.

"TANSWORTH" Arrived Darwin 9/7

From S.O.1st P.F. Informs New Guinea, that if arrangements can be
made consider C.C.A.S. should visit Rabaul view
under ground H.M.S.O. dump found. Oil fuel can
be provided. Brigadier in command concurs.

F.O.I.C. Sydney (1) Reports all Sydney G.M. are cancelled, the
contents of S.O.M's still applicable will be
promulgated as Sydney Temp. mem.

(2) Request received from Kanihla for temporary
modifications to all, which are carrying women and
children. Estimated cost is £300. A.S. Sydney
requests instructions and F.A. if work is to be
undertaken by dockyard.

"VAN CALEN" C. in C. H.M.S. intends to sail ship from Saibabays
12th July by direct route to Fremantle N.Y.A. 16th
July Van Calen remain Fremantle 3 weeks for stowey
boiler cleaning, small repairs including repair of
rider 285 and 293 and for recreation of crew.
A.C.N.S. concurrence requested.

S.O.H.S.P.20. Departed in Swan with Katoomba Warnambool Lithgow
Ararat Echuca Cowra for Rabaul. N.Y.A. 0700K 12th
July thence Bouganville.

FROM M.S.20 to A.C.N.S. Consider after experience in Rabaul and
Kabieng areas mark 12 magnetic mines are now
sterile. Intend therefore to take no action
regarding serials 10 and 11, acoustic mines serial
12 are also considered sterile.

H.M.A.S. "HOBART" referring to his 270001 June reports ship now
ready for sea.

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N.I.L.

To 0900K - 10th July, 1946.

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"BURNIE", "TOOWOOMBA", "IPSWICH" - with R.A.N. crews paid off and transferred to R.N.N.

"KALGOORLIE" - Departed Sydney 2130Z 8th July. E.T.A. Brisbane 0700K 11th July.

H.D.M.L. 1342 - Paid off and accepted into "F" class reserve for maintenance A.M. Tuesday 9th July.

"VICTORIOUS" - Delayed in Fremantle by bad weather. Conditions permitting ship will sail 10th July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO

0800 8th July.

R.M.S. "BRYALON" arrived Auckland 2115Z 6th July.

R.C.A.S. has requested "QUADRANT" be sailed for Kure Monday 15th July.

M.V.L. 256 commissioned 28th June, 1946.

L.S.Y. 3014 paid off R.S. crew and commissioned with R.S.S. crew.
8th July, 1946.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO

0900K/ 8TH JULY.

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G.P.V. 957

Cooktown 1330K/5 E.T.D. Lockhart River 0500K/6th.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" Arrived Batavia

D.T. 933

Departed Sydney 1100Z/6 for Ballina E.T.A. 1400K/8

H.M.A.S. "KOALA"

Departed Rabaul 150K/7 for Dreger E.T.A. 0800K/9

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS"

Amended E.T.A. Fremantle p.m. 8th due to heavy weather.

The title of H.M.O. Mandapain will lapse on 15/7/46.

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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K/Sun. 7/7/46

"DELOIRINE"

Sailed with "ELWIG" in ton from Townsville at 1330K. 6th July for Rockhampton and Brisbane E.T.A. off Rockhampton 1000K 8th.

"SWIFTSURE"

E.T.D. Cocos Islands 1200Z 6th July E.T.A. Fremantle 0300Z 11th July.

"AIR VIEW"

Sailed Townsville for Brisbane 0900K 6th July. Intends fueling Mackay and Gladstone en route. S.O.A. 15 knots E.T.A. a.m. 11th July.

C.IN C. B.P.F. requests that when ready for sea about 24th July, "BIGBURY BAY" be sailed to Singapore.

F.O.I.C. Sydney, reports intention to dock "MILDURA" in 1000 ton Floating Dock at Garden Island 9th July. P.A. required.

Informal visit to Australia between Tests. Plane with visitors expected to arrive Melbourne July 12th. Hotel Reservations required for U.S. Visitors.

"MOMBA" Paid off into F. Clan Reserve for disposal a.m. Saturday 6th July.

"BURNIE" "TOOWOOMBA" and "IPSWICH" paid off with R.A.N. crews and transferred to R.Netherlands Navy 5th July, 1946.

H.O.I.C. Newcastle reports intention to retain H.W.L. 256 for transhipment of stores.

F.O.I/C B.P.F. has ordered FINISTERRE to Fremantle to fuel.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K /6th JULY 1946.

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H.M.A.S. "Tasworth" Departed Townsville at 1300K 4th July
S.T.A. Darwin 0900K 9th July S.O.A. 12 knots.

H.M.A.S. "Sprightly" Departed Townsville 0930K 5th July towing
"Air Bird" "Air Chief" and "Rona" for
Caloundra and Sydney S.T.A. Caloundra A.M. 9th
July S.T.A. Sydney P.M. 11th July SOA 8 knots.

H.M.A.S. "Koola" With "Rocklea" in tow arrived Rabaul 2000K
4th July.

H.M.A.S. "Adament" Capt. S/M 4 in Adament accompanied by HMS "Penn"
and HMS "Trancheon" Departed Sydney 0645Z
5th July S.T.A. Rotuma 0600 13th July S.O.A.
10 knots point 5 knots.

H.M.S. "Cossack" Departed Geraldton 0500Z 5th July for Terakan
via Lombok Strait S.O.A. 14 knots
S.T.A. Entrance buoy Terakan 0440Z 11th July

L.S.T. 3017 Commissioned as tender to H.M.A.S. "Kuttabul"
0800 4th July. Commander G.M. Dixon in Command
as Senior Officer 10th Australian L.S.T.
Squadron.

Following received from C.C.A.S.

"For External Canberra from Commodore Collins. Ceremony of the
insauguration of the Phillipines Republic completed this forenoon stop
Prime Minister's message handed personally to President Roxas A.M.
yesterday Wednesday and was Broadcast in English at 1900 Manils time
last night stop Treatment at all functions most cordial and courteous"

C.C.A.S. Intends departed Manila in Aranta 060030 Proceeding to Sydney
via Port Moresby at 14½ knots in order to arrive Sydney afternoon
18th July as planned. This was approved by immediate signal from
ACNB.

H.M.A.S. "Farrego" Arrived Gladstone to land hospital case (050800)

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/5TH JULY, 1946.

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H.M.A.S.L's 424 to 431) Admiralty enquires whether A.C.N.S. desire
801 to 812) to retain these craft for further service
with R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "MANOONA" ready for service at Brisbane 6th July.

H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" Departed Sydney 1700K 3rd July R.T.A.
Fremantle 0630K 6th July S.O.A. 20 knots.

"NA HUTO" H.O.I.C. New Guinea considers, not possible
to use again for storing oil.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" Arrived Rabaul 1330K/4th July.

Dep. R.A. Field Service Australia by train 10th
Sydney 10th July.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" R.T.A. Sydney 10th/11th July 0630K/2. Dep.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" R.T.A. Sydney 10th/11th July 0630K/2. Dep.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" arrives Rabaul 1330K/4th July.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" departs Sydney 10th/11th July 0630K/2. Dep.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO

0900K/4th July, 1946.

H.M.S. "SWIFTBURN" E.T.D. Singapore 1800K/2 July, E.T.A. Cocos Island 7th July thence Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "SMITH BAR" To be sailed to Brisbane not later than the 7th July and to be paid off and held for disposal.

H.M.A.S. "SHIRSHIRE" Victory contingent re-embarked 1st July.

Cdr. H.E. Reed departs Adelaide by train Wed. arrives Melb. Thursday.

H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" E.T.D. Melbourne 1800K/30th July E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/1 Aug.

B.T. 935. E.T.D. Ulladulla 1400K/3 E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/4 S.O.A. 7 knots.

C.C.A.S. Intend "QUADRANT" relieve "QUISERON" in Japan about 30th July.

"SERVALUS" Departed Sydney 0845K/3 for Auckland. E.T.A. 0900K/8 7th S.O.A. 14 knots.

"WARRANDOOOL" Departed Townsville 1600K/3 S.O.A. 10 knots E.T.A. Breger 1600K/7.

"SPRIGSTLY" With "Air Bird", "Air Chief" and "ROSA" arrived Townsville, Departure delayed approx. 48 hrs. for repairs.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO

0900K/3rd July.

H.W.L. 708 departed Darwin 1800K/1 E.T.A. Sir Graham Moore 1000K/3 thence Champagny and Cape Fourcroy. S.O.A. 7 1/2 knots.

H.M.E.S. "PIST HISS" departed Sydney 2348Z/1 E.T.A. Pile Light 1500K/3. S.O.A. 15 kts.

"NORTHERN TRAVELLER" departed Hong Kong 0800Z/30th June E.T.A. Sydney 18th July.

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" departed Sydney 0413Z/2 E.T.A. Cape Koroeton 0700Z/4 and Curtis Channel 0800K/6 for Surveying duties in Queensland Area. S.O.A. 10 1/2 knots.

"ORMINION" departed Rabaul 2330Z/1 E.T.A. Sydney 2200Z/3 S.O.A. 12 knots.

B.T. 933 departed Sydney 0700Z/2 E.T.A. Villadulla 0800K/3 thence to tow 106 ft. hull to Sydney S.O.A. 8 kts

H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE" departed Rabaul 2nd E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/6. S.O.A. 11 kts. She is to be sailed Sydney and paid off into "E" class Reserve on arrival.

"MAHENDA" departed Sydney 1st E.T.A. Darwin 9th.

S.O. 20th M/S. Flotilla reports that operations in the Kavieng Area are now completed.

L.S.T. 3501 was commissioned as tender to "KUYTABUL" 0060/1st July

On completion of loading at Rabaul "WESTRALIA" is to sail to Brisbane thence Sydney for paying off and reconversion.

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" is placed temporarily under operational control M.O.I.C. Port Melbourne for docking A.M.S. Vessels.

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R.N.S. "GLORY" had requested permission from R.A.A.F. H.Q. to fly a formation of aircraft over Adelaide at minimum height of 500 feet. This was refused on the grounds of regulations requiring minimum height over cities to be 1,500.

N.O.I.C. Newcastle reports H.W.L. 256 completed 2 hour trial satisfactorily. Speed at full power 9.28 knots.

"KUTTASUL" has intended transferring accounts of "TOWNSVILLE" to "LEESWIN" as from 8th June.

Admiralty has decreed that all ammunition supplied to R.N.S. should be dumped in deep water on 1st July or as soon thereafter as possible. Reports to be rendered.

Commanding Officer "MANGORA" proposes visiting Navy Office after ships arrival at Brisbane.

"ARUNTA'S" programme :-

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

L.S.T. 3003 commissioned 25/6/46

"PING WO" decommissioned 24/6/46

D.T. 932 launched 25/6/46

S.O. 20th H.S.F. has completed sweeping operations in Rabaul area.

"BARROC" arrived June Bay 25th June. Proceeding to Sydney with "AIR SPRAY" in tow as soon as convenient.

H.M.S. "TANWORTH" departed Sydney for Brisbane 1330 25th June
E.T.A. 0600 29th.

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0900K Tuesday 2nd July.

H.M.A.S. "TALLY HO" (SO)) Departed Sydney 0105Z/1 for Vila
H.M.S. "TALENT") E.T.A. 1200K/7th July

H.M.A.S. "BATAAN") Departed Mackay 0900K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/4th.

H.M.A.S. "YAGUWA" (SO)) Departed Sydney 0105Z/1 for Fremantle
H.M.S. "TERRIS") E.T.A. 0900K/10
H.M.S. "TAVIR")

D.T. 953 - E.T.D. Tuncurry 0800K/1 for Newcastle E.T.A. 0330 29th.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOBELIK" E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/1 July.

H.M.A.S. "TANBORTH" E.T.D. 1500K/1 July for Teaneville
E.T.A. 0100K/4.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN")
H.M.A.S. "KATONUA")
H.M.A.S. "LITHOR") Departed Kavieng for Finschafen
H.M.A.S. "SUNDA") E.T.A. 1700K/2.
H.M.A.S. "GOWNA")

Naval Control Service Sydney closed down p.m. 29th June.

From 2.0. 29th H/S.F. - Operations in Kavieng Area completed.
"Deloraine" with "ARARAT" 3 R.M.S.'s departed for Rabaul E.T.A. 0700K/2.

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TO 0900K/25th JUNE, 1946.

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D.S. in H.M.A.S. "COSSACK" intends leaving Fremantle at 1200K/
30th June E.T.A. Geraldton 0915K/1st July thence Tarakan and Hong
Kong E.T.A. 16/7.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" intends departing Sydney 28th June - E.T.A.
Townsville for fuel 3rd July. E.T.A. Dreger
P.M. 10th July.

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" is expected to return Brisbane about 6th July.

H.M.N.S. "TAMWORTH" SOFNN Melbourne outlines following sailing plan:-

<u>Port.</u>	<u>E.T.A.</u>	<u>E.T.D.</u>
Sydney	-	25th June
Brisbane	29th June	30th June
Thurs. Isl.	6th July	6th July
Darwin	10th July	10th July
Keppang	13th July	15th July
Maccassar	18th July	18th July

"LATROBE" and "GLADSTONE" can be taken in hand for refit as
desired on 26th June - "GLADSTONE" can be docked approx. 6th July.
(Dockyard Williamstown).

N.Z.N.B. Con curs re. visit to Auckland of H.M.S. "EURYALUS"

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