

DAILY NARRATIVES

1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 1945

TO

31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 1945



From 0900K, Saturday 29th to 0900K, Monday,  
31st December.

- H.M.S. "ATHELING" - Departed Lyttleton (N.Z.) 1130K/27th for Sydney E.T.A. 0500K/31st.
- H.M.S. "LOCH GLENDHU" - Departed Singapore 26th for Morotai E.T.A. 2nd January.
- H.M.A.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Morotai 1800K/29th for Tawi Tawi to R/V with "CESSNOCK" and take over towing of "ALATNA" to Labuan. E.T.A. Tawi Tawi 0900K/31st.
- H.D.M.L.1347 - Departed Cairns 1600K/29th for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/30. SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" } Departed Townsville 2100K/28th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
towing "AIR VIEW" } 1000K/1st Jan. SOA. 8 or as convenient with tow.
- H.M.S. "SPRAKER" - Departed Brisbane 0730K/29th for Manila E.T.A. A.M. 8th Jan. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departed Sydney 0930K/28th for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 1500K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Sydney 0900K/28th for Townsville for fuel and O/R to Samarai, Madang and Dreger Harbour. E.T.A. Townsville 2200K/1st Jan. SOA. 9.
- H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Sydney 1350K/28th for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/3rd Jan. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departed Sydney 1245K/29th for Brisbane for O/R to Madang. E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/31st. SOA. 12.
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Sydney 1002K/28th for Fremantle E.T.A. 1600K/3rd Jan. SOA. 14.
- H.M. Tug "ROCKPORT" } E.T.D. Sydney 1st Jan. for Hong Kong via Cairns,  
" " "ROCKFOREST" } Thursday Is., Darwin, Morotai and Subic.
- H.M.S. "QUEEN" - Departed Fremantle 1100K/28th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/3rd. Jan. SOA. 15.5.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" ) Departed Yokohama 1115K/28 for Kure E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "URANIA" ) - 1530K/30th.  
H.M.S. "ULYSSES" )
- H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" - Departs Freetown 0330K/29 for Durban for onward routing Fremantle (SOA. 15.)
- H.M.S. "WOODCOCK" - Departed Morotai 1630K/30 escorting M.F.V. Convoy to Subic Bay (SOA. 5.5).
- H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departs Manus 1600K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0730K/5th January. (SOA. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "FOYANG" - Departed Torokina 0800K/28 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/31st.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - Departed Townsville 0600K/30 for Thursday Island for onward routing Port Moresby. Calling Cairns 1600K/31, Cooktown and Portland Roads.
- H.D.M.L. 1354 - Departs Townsville 1900K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/2nd Jan.



H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Sydney 0730K/29 for Port Kembla and arrived 1200K/29. Ship's company to visit Wollongong.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Sydney 1730K/29 for Lord Howe Island E.T.A. 0600K/31st, thence Norfolk Is. and Vila. (SOA.10.5).

H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Departs Melbourne 1400K/31st for Whyalla.

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" - Departed Adelaide 0830K/29 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0900K/31st. (SOA. 11).

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" - Departs Adelaide 1030K/31st for Fremantle thence to visit Geraldton and return Fremantle.

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R.A.N.L.O. Tarakan ceased to function P.M. 25th December, 1945.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests confirmation C. in C. E.I.S. is the Naval Authority who will relieve R.A.N. in British Borneo.

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H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" is still carrying out search for survivors of missing Dakota plane. Search of Sermata Island negative.

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M/S 20 proposes "DELORAINIE" arrive Devonport 0900K/14th Jan. departing 0900K/21st Jan.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrive Warrnambool 0900K/24th January, departing 0900K/31st January.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney anticipates that "BARCOO" can not now be docked before 21st January.

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Admiralty signals that the general policy regarding D/G ranges in peace time is under consideration - it is not anticipated that there will be any R.N. requirement for a permanent D/G range in Australia or New Zealand.

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"SPRIGHTLY" signals that anxiety is felt about the ships ability to carry out the New Guinea job without attention to the voltage regulators on main switchboard and deems it advisable to have same corrected at Garden Island before proceeding New Guinea. N.O.I.C. Townsville confirms opinion of "SPRIGHTLY" and as work is beyond capacity of engineering staff Townsville requests instructions.

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"QUADRANT", on search for missing Dakota aircraft, requires fuel and N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that instead of fuelling from "BROOME" who has a limited amount, it would be preferable for ship to arrange to break off search with sufficient fuel remaining to make Darwin, and then proceed as requisite to continue search on way north after refuelling. N.O.I.C. Moluccas has asked Darwin to hold "BROOME" pending developments 31st. "QUADRANT" asked to signal quantity of fuel remaining 1900K/31st.

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"GAWLER" reports ammunition barge and lighter in tow of "ST. GILES" sunk at 2145K/30 - probable cause of sinking 60 ft. tree sighted during search by ships. This convoy on passage Morotai-Madang.



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TO 0900K/SATURDAY, 29TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.S. VENGANCE Departed Hong Kong 1700K/28th for Labuan thence Sydney. ETA. Labuan 1001K/1st Jan. Sea. 14.
- H.M.A.S. POYANG Departed Torokina 0800K/28th for Madang ETA. A.M. 31st
- H.M.A.S. LARUS Departed Cairns 0400K/28th for Townsville ETA. 1700K/29th. Sea. 7.
- H.M.S. BEAUTY FIRTH. Departed Townsville 0900K/27th for Brisbane. ETA. 0800K/30th. Sea. 10.
- H.M.S. HOGUE Departed Townsville 0600K/28th for Port Curtis. ETA. 1200K/29th. ETD 0900K/3rd Jan. for Newcastle. ETA. 0900K/5th Jan. Sea. 14.
- H.M.S. ANKADA Departed Townsville 0600K/28th for Mackay ETA. 1200K/30th. ETD. 1800K/2nd Jan. for Sydney ETA. 1000K/5th Jan. Sea. 14.
- H.M.S. KEMPFELT ) Departed Sydney 15 45K/27th for Melbourne.  
" WIZARD ) ETA. Heads 0500K/29th. Sea. 14.
- H.M.S. FLAMBOROUGH HEAD Departed Sydney 0630K/28th for Singapore calling at Caloundra Head to embark Arabs. ETA. Caloundra 0700K/30th. Sea. 10.
- H.M.S. QUEEN ETA. Sydney 0800K/3rd Jan.
- H.L's 808 and 825. ETD. Sydney for Melbourne 18th Jan.
- H.M.S. VINDEK Departed Hobart 1300K/27th for Sydney. ETA. 0900K/29th. Sea. 15.

CTG 50.3 reports Jap. cruiser "KASHIMA" due to arrive Newak 6th Jan. will require 3000 lbs. Black coal.

MS.20 advises Flotilla will sail from Sydney for operations in the Kent group Area not later than Thurs. 10th Jan.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea sends - As all Japs in Solomon Group are concentrated on Fauro Is. Bougainville Strait, 1st Army are enquiring re feasibility of overseas shipping closing the Island when repat. begins due to minefields in this area. Requests arrangements be made to sweep area around Fauro Is. before first allocation of shipping for repat. purposes.



TO 0900K/FRIDAY, 28TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.S. ANSON - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/26th for Fremantle, E.T.A. a.m. 5th January. (SOA 15)
- H.M.S. VENGEANCE - E.T.A. Labuan 1st January, thence Sydney E.T.A. 11th January.
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA - Departed Milne Bay 1200K/27th for Sydney, E.T.A. 1800K/30th.
- H.D.M.L. 1357 - Departed Townsville 0500K/28th for Brisbane via Gladstone, E.T.A. 1100K/30th, E.T.D. 1800K/31st, E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/2nd January.
- H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS - E.T.D. Bowen 1200K/28th for Coffs Harbour, E.T.A. 3rd January, thence Sydney, E.T.A. 6th January.
- H.M. L.S.T. 419 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/29th.
- H.M.S. GLENOYLE - E.T.D. Brisbane 0730K/28th for Morotai via Westabout N/G, E.T.A. a.m. 3rd January. (SOA 18)
- H.M.S. SPEAKER - Departed Sydney 1505K/26th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0400K/28th. (SOA 15)
- H.M.S. QUEENBOROUGH - E.T.D. Sydney 1400K/29th to rendezvous with VENERABLE off Jervis Bay, then return to Sydney.
- H.M.S. ENCHANTRESS - Departed Sydney 1015K/27th for Melbourne, E.T.A. Heads 0800K/29th. (SOA 12)
- H.M.A.S. LATROBE - Departed Melbourne 2120K/27th for Devonport, E.T.A. 1400K/28th. (SOA 12)
- H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE - E.T.D. Adelaide 0830K/29th for Melbourne.
- H.M.A.S. BURNIE - Departed Adelaide 2000K/28th for Burnie, E.T.A. 1000K/29th. (SOA 10)
- H.M.S. FERNMOOR - Amended E.T.A. Fremantle 0700K/28th.
- H.M.S. VENERABLE - Departed Fremantle 1100K/26th for Sydney via Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 0500K/31st Sydney p.m. 31st.

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H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE arrived Sydney 27th. F.O.I.C. Sydney anticipates repairs to take 48 hours to complete.

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0900K Thursday 27th December, 1945.

- HMS. AMETHYST - Departs Morotai 1830K/26th for Darwin ETA. 1230K/31st (SOA.12). To carry out search for missing Dakota aircraft on route.
- BYMS. 2153 - Departs Morotai 1100K/27th for Subic Bay ETA. 2000K/31st (SOA. 9.5).
- HMS. AIRE - Departs Morotai 1700K/27th for Subic Bay ETA. 0900K/31st thence Hong Kong.
- HMAS. GERALDTON - Departs Melbourne 0100K/26th for Adelaide ETA. 2130K/27th (SOA. 12).
- HMAS. LATROBE - Departs Melbourne 1800K/27th for Devonport ETA. 1400K/28th (SOA. 12).
- HMS. LAUNCESTON - Departed Launceston 1106K/26th for Hobart ETA. 1900K/27th.
- HMAS. LISMORE - Departed Darwin 0930K/25th for Keopang ETA. 1130K/27th.
- HMS. TUSCAN - Departed Darwin 0730K/25th for Sydney ETA. PM/31st.
- HMS. REDPOLE - Departed Darwin 1400K/26th for Hong Kong ETA. 1000K/3rd Jan.

HMAS. GYMPIE on passage Darwin - Brisbane, is proceeding Townsville to fuel and effect engine repairs. E.T.A. 1500K/26th.

HMAS. WOLLONGONG will visit Port Kembla from noon 29th Dec. until 0700K/5th Jan. to enable ships company to visit Wollongong.

C.in C. B.P.F. signals that H.M.Submarines "VOX", "VIRTUE" and "VORACIOUS" are to be prepared for passage to U.K. as soon as possible and are to sail from Sydney before end of January.

HOIC. MOLUCCAS signals that "HEEMSKERK" will be sailed as required by C.in C. N.F.E. Details at present under discussion with Landops.

Following is intended program for "LABOR" -

DATE	CLASS	REMARKS
27th Dec	High Seas	2000 Tons
28th Dec	Intermediate	2000 Tons
29th Dec	Alloy	1000 Tons
30th Dec	Alloy	1000 Tons



From 0900K/24th to 0900K/26th December, 1945.

- H.M.S. REAPER - Departed Hong Kong 1900K/23 for Brisbane ETA. 1200K/3rd Jan. (SOA. 15.5)
- H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH - Departs Morotai 1000K/27th for Ternate. To return Morotai PM/28th.
- H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA - Departs Morotai 1900K/25 for Sydney ETA. 0600K/4th Jan. (SOA. 13.5)
- V.S.I.S. MERKUR - Departed Morotai 1155K/24th for Balikpapan ETA. 1930K/27 (SOA.10)
- H.M.A.S. GAWLER  
towing AIR SAVE  
and Ammunition Barge  
ST. GILES } - Departed Morotai 1200K/24th for Madang ETA.  
1300K/31st thence to Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA - Departed Madang 1130K/25th for Milne Bay ETA. 0800K/27th thence to Sydney ETA. 1400K/30th (SOA. 15)
- H.M.A.S. AIR MERCY - Departs Madang 0600K/26th for Wewak ETA. 1600K/26th thence Hollandia ETA. 1700K/27th and Biak ETA. 1600K/29th (SOA. 20)
- H.M.A.S. STERNA - Departed Port Moresby 0730K/25th for Cairns ETA. 0800K/31st (SOA. 8)
- H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY - Departed Thursday Island 0830K/24th with tow for Townsville ETA AM/29th (SOA.5)
- H.M.A.S. MANOORA - Departs Brisbane 1600K/24th for Balikpapan ETA 1600K/2nd Jan. (SOA.14)
- H.M.A.S. INVERELL - Departed Grafton 1100K/24th for Brisbane ETA. 0500K/25th.
- H.M.A.S. BURNIE - Departs Adelaide 1900K/26th for Burnie.
- H.M.S. VENERABLE - Departs Fremantle AM/26th for Jervis Bay ETA. 0500K/31st thence Sydney ETA. PM/31st.

"SWAN" reports that all duns were either destroyed or dragged badly during recent gale. Intended returning Sydney. Remaining portion of Newcastle Area will be cleared after Xmas period.

"BROOME" and "QUADRANT" have still found no trace of Dakota aircraft missing in Moluccas Area. "QUADRANT" proceeded to Ambon 24th to land sick patient.

Following is intended programme for "ANSON" -

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Hong Kong	26th Dec.
5th Jan	Fremantle	9th Jan.
10th Jan	Albany	12th Jan
18th Jan	Sydney	-



V.A.(Q) has requested "QUEEN" be held at Fremantle until arrival of "THLONE CASTLE" 27th Dec. to transfer 200 passengers for New Zealand. "QUEEN" thence to be sailed Sydney.

V.A.(Q) signals that all S.P's including Code and Cypher machines should be removed from A.M.S's before transfer to R.N.N. All radar and W/T equipment can remain.

NOIC.DARWIN requests instructions as to disposal of 13 wooden lighters and one battle practice target - all property of the Admiralty and at present moored at Darwin. With reduced number of personnel available it is difficult to accept responsibility for such craft.

"BUNGAREE" on passage Sydney - Lord Howe Is. has developed serious engine defects necessitating her return to Sydney. FOIC.Sydney has despatched "URCHIN" to tow and "GLADSTONE" to stand by.

R.N.N. assumed control of Macassar 24th Dec. under control of NOIC. Moluccas.

R.N.N. VINDEX Departed Melbourne 1800H/24th for Hobart. V.A. 1800H/24th

R.N.N. VINDEX Departed Melbourne 1800H/24th for Melville. V.A. 1800H/24th

R.N.N. VINDEX Departed Darwin 1800H/24th for Keppel. V.A. 1800H/24th

R.N.N. VINDEX Requested reports salvaged of "AIR KING" not considered practicable owing to local nature of approach from cockpit. Approach from above also difficult necessitating sea landing of things over scrubby ridges and salvaging vessel of everything possible. Work can only be carried out at low water.

V.A.(C) R.N.N. advise "LINDA" (Target vessel) is to be paid off by R.N.N. in Sydney. Requested advice re disposal procedure and what arrangements can be made for scrapping "LINDA".

R.N.N. Ships "BUNGAREE" and "URCHIN" are searching for missing DeLata plane vicinity Dohay and adjacent Islands.



TO 0900K/MONDAY, 24TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departed Tarakan 1700K/21st for Morotai ETA. 1300K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN Departed Sorong 1900K/22nd for Morotai ETA. 1200K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE Departed Madang 1700K/22nd for Rabaul via Langemak ETA. Langemak 0700K/23rd. Rabaul 1700K/25th. Sea. 12.
- H.D.M.L. 1354 Departed Thurs. Is. 1400K/23rd. for Townsville ETA. 1200K/26th. Sea. 10.
- H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA Departed Langemak 1705K/23rd. for Madang ETA. 0600K/24th.
- H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS. Departed Townsville 1100K/23rd for Sydney via Coffs Harbour for water and provisions ETA. Coffs 29th. Sydney 2nd Jan. Sea. 6. Anchors at night and shelters at intermediate ports at ships discretion.
- H.M.A.S. GUNLEAF Departed Gladstone 2200K/22nd for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. AIR MASTER. Departed Newcastle 0323K/23rd. for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. BOWEN Departed Sydney 0450K/23rd for Melbourne. ETA. Heads 0900K/25th. Sea. 10. To be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. TAMWORTH Departed Sydney 0440K/23rd. for Melbourne. ETA. Heads 0400K/25th. Sea. 11. To relieve "DOOMBA" at F.N.D.
- H.M.S. VINDEK Departed Melbourne 1855K/2nd for Hobart. ETA. 0700K/24th. Sea. 14.
- H.M.A.S. PIRIE Departed Melbourne 1600K/23rd for Adelaide. ETA. 1230K/25th. Sea. 11.
- G.P.V. 956. Departed Darwin 2330K/22nd. for Koepang. ETA. 1230K/25th.

N.O.I.C. Newcastle reports salvage of "AIR MIST" not considered practicable owing to foul nature of approach from seaward. Approach from shore also difficult necessitating man handling of salvage over scrubby ridges and stripping vessel of everything possible. Work can only be carried out at low water.

V.A.(Q) B.P.F. advise "LEWIS" (Target vessel) is to be paid off by R.N. in Sydney. Requests advice re disposal procedure and what arrangements can be made for scrapping "LEWIS".

H.M.A. Ships "BROOME" and "QUADRANT" are searching for missing Dakota plane vicinity Damar and adjacent Islands.







DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE.TO 0900K SATURDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

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- H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA - Departed Plymouth 2300K/20 for Freetown, thence Durban. E.T.A. to be reported. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. QUADRANT - Departs Morotai 1900K/22 for Ambon to relieve "BROOME", E.T.A. 0900K/24. "BROOME" on relief proceeds Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. QUIBERON - Departs Morotai 1900K/22 for Macassar, E.T.A. 1900K/24. Departs Macassar 0700K/26 for Kepingang, E.T.A. 1500K/27.
- H.M.A.S. CESSNOCK - On relief by "QUIBERON" proceeds from Macassar to Balikpapan to take "AIR REST" in tow, thence to Tarakan to escort M.S.L. 701.
- H.M.A.S. MELINGA - Departed Rabaul 1600K/21 for Madang, E.T.A. 2000K/23. (SOA 8)
- H.D.M.L. 1354 - Departed Port Moresby 0700K/21 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1700K/21. (SOA 10)
- H.M.A.S. TAMWORTH - Departed Byron Bay 1400K/21 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1100K/23. (SOA 11)
- H.M.A.S. JUNEE - Departed Brisbane 0935K/21 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1000K/23. To rendezvous with "AIR MASTER" off Newcastle and escort to Sydney. (SOA 11).
- H.M.S. ROGUE ) - Departed Sydney 1420K/20 for Townsville, E.T.A.  
H.M.S. ARMADA ) 1000K/23. (SOA 16.5)
- H.M.A.S. GERALDTON - Departed Sydney 1635K/20 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 0600K/23. (SOA 10)
- U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM - Departs Sydney 0600K/26 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 1530K/27.
- H.M.A.S. HUNGARKE - Departs Sydney 24th December for Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island and Vila - on completion returns Sydney.
- H.M.S. FERNMOOR - Departed Melbourne 1425K/20 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 1200K/27. (SOA 10)
- H.M.A.S. URALBA - Departed Melbourne 2000K/20 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1600K/25. (SOA 5)

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To obviate BERWICK proceeding to Port Melbourne, arrangements have been made to disembark Melbourne personnel at Portsea.

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Completion date of BARCOO 28th December. Ship will then have to be docked for four days and requires a further four days for trials, ammunitioning and final scoring.

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V.A(Q). signals Admiralty that target date for closing S.P.D.C. (R.N.) Sydney is 31st March, provided A.C.N.B. are willing to assume custody of any spares remaining in Australia after that date. A.C.N.B. requested to state whether spare gear can be accepted.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that R.A.A.F. reports that a message has been received from missing Dakota aircraft stating "all alive". R.A.A.F. consider survivors probably on an island. Aircraft from Darwin are carrying out search. "BROOME" instructed to continue passage on direct route until aircraft located.

N.O.I.C. "BRIDGE" Arrived \_\_\_\_\_ Reported 0700K/20  
For Darwin 22K. 1700K/20.

F.O.W.A. proposes sailing "CHALLENGER" for U.K. on 1st January. It is proposed that she call at ports in Moluccas area to carry out brief inspection. A.C.N.E. requested to comment.

N.M.S. "SWAYNDON" Departed Sydney 1900K/20 for Hong Kong.  
ETA. A.S. \_\_\_\_\_ (S.)

N.M.S. "G.C.A.S." signals that disquieting rumours have reached him concerning civil conditions in Australia such as the imposition of a curfew, a police strike, etc. States a summary of the situation would be appreciated so that R.A.N. officers and men may be informed.

N.M.S. "EMERSON" Departed \_\_\_\_\_ for Sydney 22K.  
1430K/20 (Dec. 7.)

"WESTRALIA" requests assistance on arrival Brisbane 2nd January to land twisted crankshaft from number two auxiliary generator for straightening. Time required three full days.

N.M.S. "ELLEN" Departed Newcastle 0430K/20 for Sydney.  
ETA. 1300K/20 (Dec. 10.)

N.M.S. "GERALDTON" Departed Newcastle 0540K/20 for Sydney.  
ETA. 0630K/20. (Dec. 9.)

N.M.S. "EMMA" Departed Melbourne 0000K/20 for Sydney.  
ETA. 1200K/20. (Dec. 8.)

N.M.S. "ATHELING" Departed Melbourne 0710K/20 for Wellington.  
ETA. 0430K/24. (Jan. 10.)

N.M.S. "IRVING" Departed Melbourne 1100K/20 for Sydney.  
ETA. 0000K/20nd. (Dec. 11.)

Departure from Brisbane of "PINDY" for Sydney delayed owing to adverse weather.

V.A.(C) signals that "EMERSON", "BRIDGE" and "CHALLENGER" would appreciate two nights in Melbourne if this is convenient - ships en passage from Sydney to S.A.

F.O.I.C. Sydney sends date for "BRIDGE" unopposed trials from 16th to 17th January.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends using the mooring completed at Garden Island for Shell Cove for N.M.S. ships in reserve.



TO 0900K FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.A.S. GAWLER )  
 towing "AIR SAVE" ) Depart Morotai 0900K/21 for Madang ETA.  
 and ammunition Barge ) 1600K/27 (Sea. 7.) thence Sydney.  
 H.M.A.S. "ST.GILES". )

V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" Arrived Biak 1800K/19. Departed 0700K/20  
 for Morotai ETA. 1700K/22.

H.M.S. WOODCOCK Departed Manus 1900K/20 for Morotai.  
 ETA. 1200K/24 thence Hong Kong (Sea. 12.)

H.M.S. BONAVENTURE Departed Manus 1800K/20 for Hong Kong.  
 ETA. A.M./28th. (Sea. 14.5.)

H.M.A.S. GYMPIE ) Departed Darwin 1000K/20 for Brisbane.  
 towing "AIR VIEW" ) ETA. 1030K/30. (Sea. 10.)

~~H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON Departed Rockhampton 0815/19 for Townsville.  
 ETA. 0900K/22. (Sea. 8.5.)~~

H.M.A.S. HEROS Departed Bowen 1630K/20 for Sydney ETA.  
 1430K/26 (Sea. 7.)

H.M.A.S. BOWEN ( Departed Byron Bay 1500K/20 for Sydney.  
 towing "JON JIM" ( ETA. 0100K/23.

H.M.A.S. ELLAN Departed Newcastle 0420K/19 for Sydney.  
 ETA. 1300K/20. (Sea. 7.5.)

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON Departed Newcastle 2342K/19 for Sydney.  
 ETA. 0630K/20. (Sea. 9.)

H.M.A.S. KOALA Departed Melbourne 0800K/19 for Sydney.  
 ETA. 1200K/23. (Sea. 8.)

H.M.S. ATHELING Departed Melbourne 0710K/20 for Wellington  
 ETA. 0630K/24. (Sea. 16.)

H.M.A.S. IPSWICH Departed Melbourne 1505K/20 for Sydney.  
 ETA. 2000K/22nd. (Sea. 11.)

Departure from Brisbane of "DORBO" for Sydney delayed owing to adverse weather.

V.A.(C) signals that "KEMPENFELT", "WIZARD" and "ENCHANTRESS" would appreciate two nights in Melbourne if this is convenient - Ships on passage from Sydney to U.K.

F.O.I.C. Sydney amends date for "BARWON's" acceptance trials from 10th to 12th January.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends using the mooring completed at Garden Island for Shell Cove for H.M.S. ships in reserve.







TO 0900K/THURSDAY, 20TH DEC., 1945.

H.M.S. URCHIN Departed Auckland 0700K/18th for Sydney.  
ETA. 1800K/21st. Sea. 15.

H.M.S. INDEFATIGABLE } Departed Auckland 1400K/18th for Sydney.  
H.M.S. WIZARD } ETA. 0900K/22nd.

H.M.A.S. WOLLONGONG Departed Milne Bay 2200K/18th for Sydney.  
ETA. 1200K/24th. Sea. 12.

H.D.M.L. 1357. Departed Thursday Is. 0600K/19th for Townsville  
ETA. 2400K/22nd. Sea. 10.

H.M.A.S. GUNLEAF Arrived Gladstone 0800K/19th. ETD. 1000K/19th  
for Goffs Mbr. ETA. 0900K/22nd.

H.M.A.S. STUART ETD. Brisbane 1230K/20th. for Sydney. ETA. 1730K/21st.  
Sea. 15.

H.M.S. CHASER ETD. Brisbane 1000K/20th for Manus. ETA.  
0800K/25th. Sea. 14.5.

H.M.A.S. BOWEN )  
excorting ) Arrived Byron Bay 0900K/19th. for shelter -  
JON JIM ) adverse weather.

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON To depart Newcastle to arrive Sydney not later  
than 0800K/20th.

H.M.A.S. LATROBE Departed Sydney 1400K/18th for Melbourne.  
ETA. 1200K/20th. Sea. 12.

H.M.S. PERSEUS ETA. Sydney 1130K/21st.

H.M.A.S. KOALA Departed Melbourne 0800K/19th for Sydney.  
ETA. 1200K/22nd.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea instructs "POYANG" to proceed  
Port Moresby, Torokina and Madang.

S.O.M.S. 20 advises proceeding to Broken Bay until  
weather moderates.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "AIR MIST" now ashore 6 cables  
312° from Morne Point (32° 48' S. 152° 08' E). All crew rescued  
and embarked in "AIR MASTER" and proceeding to Newcastle with  
Geraldton. Possibility of salvage being investigated. Survivors  
of "AIR MIST" to be embarked on Geraldton and sailed for Sydney.  
"AIR MASTER" to remain Newcastle awaiting favourable weather and  
suitable escort.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney instructed H.M.S. to attach 2 A.M.S. to  
station 23° 20' S. 152° 08' E. where "AIR MIST" is low and  
the vessel towing wire. "Geraldton" has "AIR MIST" in tow and  
proceeding to Newcastle. "Geraldton" has gone S.I.A. above  
station at 0800K/19th. F.O.I.C. S. later instructed H.M.S. to attach  
other "AIR MIST" to another A.M.S. to assist "GERALDTON" and "PERSEUS".



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TO 0900K/WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER, 1945.

*Glenn  
Linton  
NHRS  
Buckley*

- H.M.S. TUSCAN Departed Hong Kong 1930K/17th for Darwin. ETA. 1400K/24th. Sea. 15. thence to Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. GASCYNE EFD. Labuan 1000K/19th for Tarakan ETA. 1300K/21st. ETD. 1900K/21st for Morotai ETA. 1500K/23rd Sea. 15.
- H.M.L.S.T. 419. Departed Morotai 0700K/19th for Brisbane via Thurs. Is. ETA. Thurs. 16. 1200K/24th. Brisbane 0600K/30th. Sea. 10.
- H.M.A.S. STERNA Departed Langemak 0500K/19th for Port Moresby. ETA. 1400K/20th. Sea. 10.
- H.D.M.L. 1354. Departed Langemak 0600K/19th for Milne Bay. ETA. 1700K/21st. Sea. 8. Anchors at night.
- H.M.A.S. QUIBERON Departed Bellandia 1340K/17th for Biak ETA. 1100K/18th.
- H.M.A.S. POYANG Departed Thursday Is. 0600K/19th for Moresby. ETA. 1800K/19th. Sea. 9.
- H.M.A.S. LARUS Departed Thursday Is. 1130K/18th for Cairns. ETA. A.M. 22nd. Sea. 8.
- H.M.A.S. LUCY STAR Departed Brisbane 1130K/17th for Sydney. ETA. A.M. 24th. Sea. 7. Anchors at night.
- H.M.A.S. PIRIE ) ETD. Brisbane 1300K/18th for Melbourne ETA.  
H.M.A.S. WHYALLA ) 1200K/22nd. Sea. 11.
- H.M.A.S. BOWEN )  
towing ) ETD Brisbane 1130K/18th for Sydney. ETA. 1900K/20th  
JAN JIM ) Sea. 10.
- H.M.A.S. BOMBO Departed Brisbane 0730K/19th for Sydney. ETA. 1700K/22nd. Sea. 6.5. To be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. DJIBBO Departs Brisbane 1000K/19th for Sydney. ETA. 1000K/21st. Sea. 10.
- H.M.S. KEMPERFELT ) ETD. Sydney 27th Dec. for U.K. via Melbourne,  
H.M.S. WIZARD ) Fremantle, Colombo and Suez.
- H.M.S. CHAGER Departed Sydney 1910K/17th for Brisbane and O/R to Manus, Leyte and Hong Kong. ETA. Brisbane 0730K/19th. Sea. 14.
- H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS Departed Sydney 0900K/18th for Melbourne ETA. Port Phillip Heads 0900K/22nd. Sea. 12.
- H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE ) Departed Fremantle 1100K/18th. for Adelaide.  
" BURNIE ) ETA. 1430K/23rd.
- H.M.A.S. BERNICK Departed Fremantle 1900K/18th for Sydney. ETA. Port Phillip Heads 1130K/22nd. Sydney 1830K/23rd.

F.O.I.C. Sydney instructed M.S.20 to detach 1 A.M.S. to position 32° 53' S. 152° 07' E. where "AIR MIST" in tow of "GERALDTON" has parted towing wire. "GERALDTON" has "AIR MASTER" in tow and standing by. M.S.2. detached "ROCKHAMPTON" who gave E.T.A. above position as 0800K/19th. F.O.I.C. S. later instructed M.S.20 to detach either "SWAN" or another A.M.S. to assist GERALDTON and ROCKHAMPTON.







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TO 0900K TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- U.S.S. LANIER (Attack Transport) Departed Manus 0800K/16  
for Hollandia ETA. 0930K/17 (Soa. 16.)
- H.M.S. KURYALUS Departed Manus 1100K/17 for Hong Kong (Soa. 15.)
- H.D.M.L. 1347 Departed Madang 1830K/17 for Langemak ETA.  
1100K/18. ETD. 2200K/18 for Samarai ETA. 1200K/20  
thence Port Moresby ETA. 1000K/21 for onward  
routing to Brisbane to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. KANIMELA Departed Madang 1330K/17 for Sydney.  
ETA. 0700K/23. (Soa. 14.5)
- H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH ) Departed Madang 1300K/16 for Morotai  
H.M.A.S. QUADRANT ) ETA. 0730K/20. (Soa. 15.)  
H.M.A.S. QUIBERON ) "QUIBERON" detaches for Hollandia  
ETA. 1500K/17 thence to Biak and Morotai.
- V.S.I.S. MERKUR Departed Madang 1735K/16 for Morotai. ETA.P.M./21st.
- H.M.A.S. MELINGA Departs Madang 0830K/16 for Rebaul. ETA. 2300K/19  
thence returns Madang.
- H.D.M.L. 1357 Departed Port Moresby 0100K/17 for Thursday Is.  
ETA. 1600K/18. (Soa. 10.)
- H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY Departed Townsville 1600K/17 towing light vessel  
to Thursday Is. ETA. 1800K/21st. (Soa. 8.)
- H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE Departed Townsville 1800K/10 for Gladstone.  
ETA. 0800K/19th. Departs Gladstone 0500K/22 for  
Sydney. ETA. 1200K/24. (Soa. 12.)
- H.M.A.S. JUNEE Departed Townsville 1500K/16 for Brisbane.  
ETA. 0730K/19th. (Soa. 10.5.)
- H.M.S. GLAMBOROUGH HEAD. Departs Brisbane 1100K/18 for Sydney.  
ETA. 1200K/20. (Soa. 11.)
- U.S.S. HENNEPIN (Cargo Ship). Departs Brisbane 1830K/17 for Okinawa  
ETA. 31st Dec. (Soa. 11.)
- H.M.S. REDPOLE Departs Brisbane 1500K/17 for Darwin.  
ETA. 1530K/24th. (Soa. 13.)
- L.S.T. 321. Departs Brisbane 1830K/17 for Lae ETA. 1100K/25.  
thence Newak (Soa. 9.5.)
- H.D.M.L. 1328 Departs Brisbane 1030K/18 for Sydney. ETA.  
0800K/20. (Soa. 10.)
- H.M.A. Ships WARRNAMBOOL )  
ROCKHAMPTON ) Departed Sydney 2130K/16th to join  
LITHGOW ) M/S 20. in Newcastle Area.  
TOWNSVILLE )  
DELORAINÉ )  
ECHUCA )
- H.M.A.S. YANDRA Departed Sydney 1630K/17 for Twofold Bay.  
ETA. 0800K/18 for training exercises. Returns to  
Sydney A.M./21st.

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"SHROPSHIRE" requests approval to proceed on leave from  
20th Dec. to 3rd Jan.

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C. in C. B.P.F. requests "FORMIDABLE" be sailed from Sydney 27th Dec. for Fremantle for onward routing to Cape Town and Portsmouth.

"KOALA" has completed laying moorings in Corio Bay.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that Landops confirm "KANIMBLA" will proceed on next voyage from Sydney to Fremantle thence Labuan.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas informs R.A.N.L.O. Kuching that Kuching force will be withdrawn at end of December - All personnel being discharged to home depots for leave and disposal.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends :- "BURDEKIN" and "GASCOYNE" sail from Morotai 27th Dec. for Sydney via Townsville.

"ST.GILES" with lighters in tow for Madang sail from Morotai in company with "GAWLER" and "AIR SAVE" for Sydney 19th Dec.

"CESSNOCK" be relieved by "Q" Class destroyer 26th Dec. at Macassar. "CESSNOCK" then tow "AIR REST" to Morotai thence barge to Dreger Harbour and thereafter proceed Sydney.

"BROOME" at Ambon will be relieved by "Q" destroyer 26th Dec. Ship to return Morotai and proceed Sydney.

In view of coal situation requests early instructions for disposal of "WHANG PU".

When "MOMBAN" eventually leaves Moluccas area recommends "SPRIGHTLY" or "RESERVE" or tug of similar power effects tow.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals that Landops requests appointment of a Naval officer, rank Commander, Lieut. Commander or Lieutenant, to sit on war crimes 19th Dec. for trial of Japanese naval officer on charge of murder, one R.A.N. one R.A.A.F. member. Acting Commander Jack Donovan nominated. Requests A.C.N.B's concurrence.

H.M.S. "FERNMOR" on passage Sydney - Fremantle has been diverted to Melbourne ETA. 1830K/17.

Request requests he may be informed what land and sea transport will be available for transfer to Naval port parties in Labuan, Beking, and Jesselton when Australian forces are withdrawn.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane anticipates "DUMPER" will be ready to sail 17th Dec. for operational duties with 2/4.20.



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DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE

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TO 0900K MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.S. VENERABLE Departed Trincomalee 1400K/15 for Fremantle. ETA. 1200K/23rd.
- H.M.S. GLENGYLE Departed Balikpapan 1116K/15 for Brisbane. ETA. 1200K/23rd. (Sea. 17.)
- H.M.A.S. GESSNOCK Departed Balikpapan 1000K/16 for Macassar. ETA. 0800K/17.
- H.M.S. TYNE Departed Manus 1520K/15th for Tokyo. ETA. 1100K/23rd. (Sea. 12.5).
- H.M.S. VINDEX Departed Sydney 1545K/15 for Melbourne. ETA. 0930K/17th. (Sea. 15.)
- H.M.S. FERNMOOR Departed Sydney 1230K/15 for Fremantle. ETA. 1400K/24 for onward routing Singapore and Hong Kong. (Sea. 10.)
- H.M.A.S. SWAN } Departed Sydney 2130K/15th for Newcastle area.  
H.M.A.S. EUNBURY }  
H.M.A.S. ARARAT }  
H.M.A.S. COWRA }
- H.M.A.S. IPSWICH Departed Adelaide 1230K/17 for Port Melbourne. ETA. 1800K/19 (Sea. 9.5.)
- H.M.S. BERRICK Amends ETA. Fremantle 0830K/18.

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N.O.I.C. Sydney anticipates "MACQUARIE" will be handed over by builders on 24th Dec. - ETD. will be signalled as early as possible.

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H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" requests permission to take selected party to visit JUNEE from 26th Dec.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea signals that it would be appreciated if up to twelve in number 12 and 14 foot international sailing skiffs with sailing gear complete could be made available for use at Dreger Harbour.

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C.C.A.S. states that weather in Japan is now too cold to hold cinema programmes on upper deck. Requests two in number 16 M.M. projectors be supplied to each cruiser and one in number to each destroyer in order that programmes may be held between decks.

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SacSea requests he may be informed what land and sea transport will be available for transfer to Naval port parties in Labuan, Kuching, and Jesselton when Australian forces are withdrawn.

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane anticipates "DUBBO" will be ready to sail 19th Dec. for operational duties with M/S.20.



HMMS HEEMSKERCK E.T.D. Menado 2130K/14th. E.T.A. Tarakan 0900K/16th.  
E.T.D. Tarakan for Macassar p.m. 16th.

HMAS WOLLONGONG Departed Biak 1300K/14th for Madang. E.T.A. 1600K/16th.

H.M.S. AIRE ) Departed Hollandia 0700K/15th for Biak and Morotai.  
Escorting 2 ) S.O.A. 6.  
tugs and small )  
vessels. )

H.M.S. IMPLACABLE Departed Newak 1450K/14th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0945K/16th.  
S.O.A. 20.

H.M.S. SWIFTSURE Departed Manus 1450K/14th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0900K/20th.  
S.O.A. 15.

B.Y.M.S. 2064 Departed Manus 1600K/15th for Subic Bay for C/R to  
Hong Kong. E.T.A. Subic Bay 25th. S.O.A.9.

H.M.A.S. JUNEE Arrived Cairns 1415K/15th. Departed 1655K/15th.  
Landed sick rating.

H.M.A.S. STUART Departed Townsville 1530K/15th for Brisbane. E.T.A.  
1500K/17th. S.O.A.15.

H.M.A.S. HEROS ) Departed Cleveland Bay 1530K/15th for Bowen. E.T.A.  
towing AMBON ) 0700K/16th. S.O.A. 7. Thence to Sydney on  
and FAYE C. ) completion of coaling.

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON) E.T.D. Brisbane 1630K/16th for Melbourne. AIR MIST  
towing AIR MIST ) and AIR MASTER detach off Sydney Heads 0630K/19th  
AIR MASTER ) and proceed Sydney. GERALDTON proceeds Melbourne.  
E.T.A. 1230K/21st. S.O.A. 8 whilst towing thence 10.

USS UVALDE (Attack Cargo) E.T.D. Brisbane 0900K/15th for Manus. E.T.A.  
1200K/20th. S.O.A.14.

HMAS WESTRALIA E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/16th for Morotai. E.T.A.  
1800K/24th. S.O.A. 13.5.

H.M.S. ATHELING Amended E.T.A. Melbourne 1200K/16th. Delayed by weather.

HMAS IPSWICH E.T.D. Adelaide 1230K/17th. Proceeds Melbourne, Sydney,  
Brisbane thence to Madang.

H.M.S. PERSEUS Departed Fremantle 1930K/15th for Sydney. E.T.A. a.m.21st.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" advises on present programme anticipates will not arrive Torokina before 3rd January.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" paid off into "F" Class Reserve in Melbourne 1430K/14th.

R.N.N. have taken over control of the port of Tarakan as from 0101K/13th December.

F.O.I.C. Sydney advises subject to industrial situation, acceptance trials of "BARWON" will take place 10th January. On completion of working up ship should be ready to sail 25th January.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests the following be promulgated generally: "H.M.A. Ships who are calling at Sydney with Army and R.A.A.F. personnel aboard for disembarkation are to signal F.O.I.C. Sydney at least 48 hours prior to arrival giving general details.



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H/O

TO 0900K SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 1945.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" Departed Morotai 1830K/13th for Madang thence Sydney E.T.A. Madang 0600K/17th. E.T.D. 1600K/17th E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/23rd. Sea 13.75.

H.D.M.L. 1357 Departed Milne Bay 1500K/13th for Port Moresby for onward sailing Thursday Island. E.T.A. Moresby 1700K/14th Thursday Island 1600K/17th.

H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" Departed Brisbane 1000K/14th for Launceston. E.T.A. 0600K/19th. Sea 8.5.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" Amended E.T.A. Brisbane 1300K/16th. Sea 15.6.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/15th for Grafton E.T.A. 0530K/16th. Sea 11.5.

H.M.S. "ATHELING" E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/16th.

H.M.S. "WHELP" Departed Fremantle 1100K/14th for Colombo. E.T.A. 1230K/23rd.

H.M.A.S. "SUN LEAF" Departs Townsville 1000K/14 for Sydney. E.T.A. 1.30/15th. (Sea 8.) Calling Mackay, Gladstone, Goffs Harbour, Port Stephens.

H.M.A.S. "SUN" Departs Townsville 0800K/14 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1200K/16.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea advises H.O.I.C. Moluccas there is one unserviceable G.P.V. for return to mainland from Madang and requests, if practicable, "St. Giles" tow it down.

H.M.S. "WOODCOCK" Departed Sydney 1400K/14 for Koro. E.T.A. 1700K/17 thence Hong Kong. (Sea 13.)

H.O.I.C. Brisbane intends sailing "MYALLA" and "MYLIE" in company 15th Dec. for Melbourne to fuel thence to visit New ports.

A.S. Sydney reports "MANON" progressive trials, steering and A.S. trials completed - results satisfactory. Indicated R.P. 2000 R.P.M. 100. Speed 20.4 knots. Sprung Forward 7' 11 1/2". Aft. 11' 11 1/2".

C. in S. East Indies intends "TRENDALE" proceeds from Colombo to Trincomalee thence Fremantle. E.T.D. Fremantle A.M./27th Dec. for Sydney. E.T.A. 1st Jan.

H.C.A.S. signals that experience to date indicates that the complements of communication branch ratings previously recommended for "ROBART" as flagship and for tribals are only barely sufficient. If "EUROPEAN" is again to become flagship efficient communication cannot be maintained if any reduction in complement is made below that recommended for "ROBART".

H.M.S. "SLANDERHEAD" leaves Brisbane A.M./15th for Sydney and reports that port 17th Dec. for Caloundra Head to return Arak then north about for Colombo via Singapore.



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DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 1945.

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H.M.S. EURYALUS Departed Suva 1500K/11 for Manus. ETA. 0800K/17th.  
(Soa. 17.)

U.S.S. TOWNER (Attack Cargo) Departed Guam 1200K/11 for  
Guadalcanal direct. E.T.A. 0001K/17th. (Soa. 16.)

H.M.A.S. SHERNA ) Departed Rabaul 1100K/13th for Jacquinot Bay.  
H.D.M.L. 1354 ) ETA. 0900K/14th thence Dreger Harbour.  
ETA. 1200K/17th for onward routeing to paying off  
ports.

H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE Departed Dreger Harbour 2000K/12 for Lae thence  
Madang - N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked.

G.P.V. 957. Departed Thursday Is. 0600K/13 for H.M.S. duties.  
between Thursday Is. and Townsville - calling  
Cooktown and Cairns.

H.M.A.S. JUNEE Departed Thursday Is. 1600K/13 for Townsville  
ETA. 0800K/16. (Soa. 11.)

H.M.A.S. LATROBE ) Departed Townsville 1530K/12 for Sydney.  
towing HDML 1343 ) ETA. 0600K/18. HDML 1343 detaches and proceeds  
AIR CLAN" ) Brisbane. (Soa. 9.)

H.M.A.S. GUM LEAF Departs Townsville 1000K/14 for Sydney.  
ETA. A.M./30th. (Soa. 6.) Calling Mackay, Gladstone,  
Coffs Harbour, Port Stephens.

H.M.A.S. BOWEN Departs Bowen 0500K/14 for Brisbane. ETA. 1600K/16.  
Collects "JAN JIM" at Rodd Harbour at 0500K/15  
and tows to Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. TAMWORTH Departs Brisbane 1500K/15 for Byron Bay.  
ETA. 0600K/16. (Soa. 10.)

H.M.S. WOODCOCK Departed Sydney 1430K/12 for Manus.  
ETA. 1700K/19 thence Hong Kong. (Soa. 13.)

N.O.I.C. Brisbane intends sailing "WHYALLA" and "PIRIE" in  
company 18th Dec. for Melbourne to fuel thence to visit home ports.

A.S. Sydney reports "BARWON" progressive circle, steering and  
A.S. trials completed - results satisfactory. Indicated H.P.5268  
R.P.M. 180. Speed 20.4 knots. Draught Forward 7' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Aft. 11' 11-1/8".

G. in C. East Indies intends "VENERABLE" proceeds from Colombo  
to Trincomalee thence Fremantle. E.T.D. Fremantle A.M./27th Dec. for  
Sydney. ETA. 1st Jan.

C.C.A.S. signals that experience to date indicates that the  
complements of communication branch ratings previously recommended for  
"HOBART" as flagship and for tribals are only barely sufficient. If  
"SHROPSHIRE" is again to become flagship efficient communication cannot  
be maintained if any reduction in complement is made below that  
recommended for "HOBART".

H.M.S. "FLAMBOROUGH"HEAD" leaves Brisbane A.M./18th for Sydney  
and departs that port 27th Dec. for Coloundra Head to embark Arabs  
thence north about for Colombo via Singapore.



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N.O.I.C. Fremantle states that berth in harbour for "HEEMSKERK" for two or three days after which it will be necessary for ship to anchor in Gage Roads or Cockburn Sound. Owing to scarcity of labour only repairs of urgent minor nature can be undertaken if shore assistance is required.

"MACQUARIE" twelve and fifteen knot consumption, stopping and starting, and astern trials completed satisfactorily.

H.M.A.S. FLAVINUS | Departed Townsville 1800K/15 for Sydney  
H.M.A.S. DAVENELL | and Brisbane respectively. STA. "FLAVINUS"  
Carrying "AIR HUNT" |  
"AIR HUNT" | STA. "DAVENELL" Brisbane  
1800K/15. (See. 7.15.)

H.M.A.S. BUNAYNTINE | Departs Brisbane 1800K/15 for Manus.  
STA. 1800K/15th for onward routing Hong Kong.  
(See. 15.)

H.M.A.S. FORTAN | Departs Darwin 0800K/16 for Thursday Is.  
H.M.A.S. LARKS | STA. 1800K/15th. "LARKS" for onward routing  
Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE | Departs Darwin 1100K/16 for Townsville.  
STA. 0800K/17 thence Gladstone STA.  
0800K/17th and Sydney.

H.M.A.S. DAVENELL will call Dutch Destroyer "Flet Hain" on 18th Dec. for Townsville. S.C.S.S.S. Melbourne requests that after calling Fremantle ship will be called Melbourne, Sydney and/or Brisbane as necessary to load supplies for Solomon area.

R/S reports the area off Newcastle has been swept with negative results. S.C.S.S. Sydney 0800K/15 for Fuel.

N.O.I.C. Melbourne intends withdrawing H.M.A.S. and staff from Tarakan when A.N.S. are ordered by 31st Dec.

P.O.C. informs S.O.I.C. that astern trials of "HEMISON" completed with satisfactory. Speed 8.7. 1800K. Draught forward 5 ft. 3 in. aft. 14 ft.

H.M.A.S. Darwin signals that ledger and rickrolling starts "TRIVILLIS" is being reduced to cope only with depot and local ships. Suggests that the workload of any frigates or corvettes allocated to Darwin in the transitory stage be carried by "KUTTABUL" in order to avoid confusion and conserve manpower.



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DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE

JF/4/12

TO 0900K THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS Departed Thursday Is. 2530K/12 for  
Townsville. ETA. 21st Dec. (Soa. 6.)

H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK Departed Townsville 1800K/12 for  
Sydney ETA. A.M./19th. (Soa. 7.)

H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS ) Departed Townsville 1700K/10 for Sydney  
H.M.A.S. INVERELL ) and Brisbane respectively. ETA. "PLATYPUS"  
towing "AIR MIST" ) Sydney 0700K/15. ETA. "INVERELL" Brisbane  
"AIR MASTER" ) 0800K/14. (Soa. 9.12.)

H.M.S. BONAVENTURE Departs Brisbane 1600K/13 for Manus.  
ETA. 1430K/19th for onward routing Hong Kong.  
(Soa. 14.)

H.M.A.S. POYANG ) Departed Darwin 0830K/12 for Thursday Is.  
H.M.A.S. LARUS ) ETA. 1030K/16th. "LARUS" for onward routing  
Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE Departs Darwin 1100K/12 for Townsville.  
ETA. 0900K/17 thence Gladstone ETA.  
0800A/19th and Sydney.

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N.O.I.C. Batavia will sail Dutch Destroyer "Piet Hein"  
on 13th Dec. for Fremantle. S.O.R.N.M. Melbourne requests that after  
calling Fremantle ship will be sailed Melbourne, Sydney and/or Brisbane  
as necessary to load supplies for Moluccas area.

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M/S reports the area off Newcastle has been swept with  
negative results. E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/13 for fuel.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends withdrawing N.C.S.O. and staff  
from Tarakan when A.M.F. are evacuated by 31st Dec.

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P.O.Q. informs N.O.I.C. Brisbane that acceptance trials  
of "MURCHISON" completed 11th satisfactory. Mean H.P. 5522.  
Draught forward 9 ft. 3 ins. Aft. 14 ft.

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N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that ledger and victualling  
staffs "MELVILLE" is being reduced to cope only with depot and  
local ships. Suggests that the accounts of any frigates or  
corvettes allocated to Darwin in the transitory stage be carried  
by "KUTTABUL" in order to avoid confusion and conserve manpower.

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H.M.A.S. Macquarie ... satisfactorily in Sydney.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends to withdraw H.M.A.S. "AIR GUIN"  
from Darwin on 15th Dec. "GARDNER" to be moved to Darwin. Also  
intends withdrawing "AIR WATON" from Darwin on assumption of  
responsibility by ALPURA from A.M.F. approx. 15th Jan. or if let  
A.M.F. H.M.A.S. agree about 1st Jan.



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DAILY NARRATIVE

27/14/12 B

TO 0900K/WEDNESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. WILCANNIA Departed Tarakan 1830K/10th for Morotai  
ETA. 1300K/12th. Soa. 10.
- H.M.A.S. DIAMANTINA Departed Madang 1600K/5th for Sydney calling at  
Langemak ETA. Langemak 0700K/6th Sydney  
0800K/13th. Soa. 11.
- H.M.S. GLORY Departed Manus 1600K/7th for Sydney. ETA. 0830K/12th
- H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE Amended ETA. Dreger Harbour 0600K/12th.
- H.M.L.S.T. 419 Departed Rabaul 0900K/11th for Morotai  
ETA. 2100K/17th. Soa. 10.
- H.M.A.S. HEROS Passed South Thurs. Is. 1100K/11th for Bowen.  
ETA. 1100K/15th. Soa. 8.
- H.M.A.S. GUMLEAF Departed Cairns 0430K/11th for Townsville  
ETA. 1800K/12th. Soa. 6.
- H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK. Departed Cairns 1130K/11th for Townsville.  
ETA. 0800K/18th. Soa. 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. BOMBO Departed Townsville 0700K/11th for Brisbane.  
ETA. 1100K/15th. Soa. 7.
- H.M.A.S. BOWEN ) Departed Townsville 1930K/10th for Bowen.  
towing ) ETA. 0800K/11th. Soa. 9. ETD. Bowen F.M. 13th for  
JAN JIM ) Brisbane. JAN JIM proceeds independently from Bowen  
to Rodd Harbour where Bowen will resume tow at  
approx. 0500K/15th.
- H.M.L.S.T's 324 (S) ) Departed Brisbane 1600K/11th for Tarakan  
408 and 9 ) ETA. 1200K/24th. Soa. 10.
- H.M.A.S. ELLAN Departed Brisbane 0600K/12th for Sydney ETA.  
P.M. 20th. Soa. 7. Anchoring overnight,
- H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH ) Departed Sydney 1245K/10th for Madang thence  
H.M.A.S. QUADRANT ) Morotai. ETA. Madang 0700K/16th. Soa. 15.  
H.M.A.S. QUIBERON )
- H.M.A.S. BALLARAT (So) ) Departed Sydney 1820K/10th for Melbourne.  
H.M.A.S. BENDIGO ) ETA. 0959K/13th. Soa. 10.
- H.M.A.S. YANDRA Departed Melbourne 1325K/11th for Sydney.  
ETA. 0600K/14th. Soa. 9.
- H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE ETD. Darwin 1100K/12th. for Sydney via Townsville  
for fuel and Gladstone for visit. ETA.  
Gladstone A.M. 19th.
- H.M.A.S. STUART Departed Darwin 1030K/11th for Sydney calling at  
Townsville and Brisbane.

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H.M.A.S. Macquarie trials completed satisfactorily in Sydney.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends to withdraw H.M.A.S. "AIR GUIDE"  
from Tarakan on 15th Dec. "GAWLER" to tow vessel to Morotai. Also  
intends withdrawing "AIR WATCH" from Labuan on assumption of  
responsibility by ALFSEA from A.M.F. approx. 15th Jan. or if 1st  
T.A.F. R.A.A.F. agree about 1st Jan.

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TO HQHQ/TREASURY 11TH DEC. 1942

7/4/12

Admiralty sends - Acute manpower shortage necessitates early withdrawal of British manned landing ships employed in Rehabilitation duties. Requests report as matter of urgency (a) What reduction in strength of Force 'A' is now possible and when will requirements lapse (b) Whether manning of any of these L.S.T's should be taken over by R.A.N.

N.O.I.C. Darwin sends - With reduction of naval and Army personnel and rapid reduction of army transport, it is imperative that a vessel be made available to remove ammunition at present stored in Darwin area.

R.N.A.S. KILGOURIAN Departed Hobart 1700K/24th for Sydney Harbour  
ETA. 1700K/11th. Dec. 8. SOLD H/S aboard and ship has 2 tons.

R.N.A.S. SPENCERLY Departed Launceston 2200K/24th for Townsville.  
ETA. 1200K/11th. Dec. 12.

R.N.S. FISHER Departed Tasmania 1800K/24th for Sydney.  
ETA. 0800K/11th. Dec. 15.

R.N.A.S. MARYBOROUGH Departed Maryborough 1200K/10th for Brisbane.  
ETA. 0800K/11th. Dec. 8.

R.L. ONE Departed Brisbane 1200K/10th for Sydney.  
ETA. 0400K/11th. Dec. 10.

R.N.A.S. SURRELTON RFA Brisbane 18th Dec.

R.N.S. HUNTER Departed Melbourne 1200K/10th for Sydney.  
ETA. 1000K/11th. Dec. 10.

R.N.S. MERRIM Departed Fremantle 1100K/10th. Thence proceeds Sydney.

R.N.S. ANCHERY Departed Fremantle 0900K/10th for Singapore.  
ETA. 1400K/12th.

R.N.A.S. "KILGOURIAN" reports has capacity load load service personnel and 200 tons equipment from Tasmania all for Sydney destination. Landing gear destination amended accordingly. "KILGOURIAN" intends sailing.

Admiralty requests names of ships to be transferred to R.A.N. be reported as soon as possible.

R.N.A.S. "LAFRANC" requests approval for ship to visit Melbourne 23rd Dec., departing 27th for Devonport, then allowing time home for half of ship's company. Also suggests 4 days in Devonport will be ample for all appropriate celebrating.

R.N.O.I.C. Brisbane requests R.A.N. advice "KILGOURIAN" direct regarding visit of A.S.S. to base town or nearest port.



TO 0900K/TUESDAY, 11TH DEC., 1945.

H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departed Kuching 1900K/9th for Labuan  
ETA. 2000K/10th.

H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA ETD. Tarakan 1600K/10th for Morotai  
ETA. 1300K/12th. Sea. 15.

H.M.R.N.S. J. VAN HEEMSKERK ETA. Morotai 1400K/11th. from Ambon Sea. 17

H.M.A.S. WOLLONGONG ETD. Morotai 0800K/12th for Sydney via north of  
N/G and calling at Biak. ETA. Biak 1300K/14th. Sea. 10

H.D.M.L. 1357 Departed Rabaul 1430K/9th for Brisbane via  
Jacquinot Bay and Milne Bay to fuel and water and  
O/R. E.P.A.'s Jacquinot Bay 1600K/10th, Milne Bay  
1100K/11th and Brisbane 22nd Dec. Sea. 10.

H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE Departed Rabaul 1735K/9th for Dreger Harbour  
ETA. 1700K/11th. Sea. 8. NOIC N/G aboard and ship  
has 3 tows.

H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY Departed Langemak 2310K/9th for Townsville.  
ETA. 1800K/13th. Sea. 12.

H.M.S. PIONEER Departed Torokina 1300K/9th for Sydney.  
ETA. 0815K/14th. Sea. 15.

H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH Departed Maryborough 1000K/10th for Brisbane.  
ETA. 0800K/11th. Sea. 9.

M.L. 825 Departed Brisbane 1530K/10th for Sydney.  
ETA. 0400K/12th. Sea. 13.

H.M.A.S. GERALDTON ETD. Brisbane 16th Dec.

U.S.S. BIRMINGHAM Departed Melbourne 1045K/10th for Sydney.  
ETA. 1530K/11th. Sea. 20.

H.M.S. PERSEUS ETA Fremantle 1100K/15th. thence proceeds Sydney.

H.M.S. ARGONAUT Departed Fremantle 0900K/10th for Singapore.  
ETA. 1630K/16th.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" reports has capacity load long service personnel and 400 tons equipment from Tarakan all for Sydney discharge. Landops desire destination amended accordingly. "KANIMBLA" intends complying.

Admiralty requests names of ships to be transferred to R.N.M. be reported as soon as possible.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" requests approval for ship to visit Melbourne 23rd Dec., departing 27th for Devonport, thus allowing home leave for half of ship's company. Also suggests 4 days in Devonport will be ample for all appropriate celebrating.

N.C.I.C. Moluccas requests A.C.N.B. advise "WOLLONGONG" direct regarding visit of A.M.S. to name town or nearest port.

F.O.M.F.A. intends R.M. Frigate "LORD JAMES" visit British North Borneo Ports from 6th Dec. until 23rd Dec.



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DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE *10/12*

TO 0900K, MONDAY 10th DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.S. REAPER Departed Manus 1400K/9 for Hong Kong ETA.  
1100K/16. (Soa. 16.)

H.M.S. LEONIAN ) Departed Manus 1100K/9 for Hong Kong  
towing B.P.T. ) ETA. A.M./21st. (Soa. 9.)

H.M.S. DEERSOUND Departed Manus 1515K/9 for Sydney ETA.  
1800K/16 (Soa. 13.)

H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA Departed Rabaul for Wide Bay. ETA. 1600K/9th  
thence Jacquinot Bay. ETA. 0600K/10 and  
return Rabaul ETA. 2100K/10 - G.O.C. 11th Div.  
and staff embarked.

H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA Departed Rabaul 2359K/8th Dec. for Brisbane  
ETA. 1400K/13th. (Soa. 13.)

H.M.A.S. LATROBE ) Departed Thursday Is. 0645K/9th for Townsville  
towing "AIR CLAN" ) ETA. 2000K/11th. (Soa. 10.5).  
HDML 1345 )

H.M.A.S. "CAIRNS" Departed Cairns 0900K/9 for Brisbane. ETA.  
1200K/12. (Soa. 11)

U.S.S. COLUSA (attack Transport). Departs Brisbane 1430K/9th.  
for Hollandia. ETA. 0700K/15th. (Soa. 15.)

B.Y.M.S. 2153 Departs Brisbane 0630K/10 for Manus. ETA.  
1700K/17 for onward routing to Leyte and  
Hong Kong. (Soa. 9.5).

H.D.M.L. 1328 ) Departed Newcastle 0800K/9 for Brisbane  
+ 4 M.F.V's. ) via Coffs Harbour. (Soa. 5.)

H.M.A.S. MULCRA Departed Sydney 1558K/8th for Adelaide  
ETA. 0800K/13th. (Soa. 8.5.)

H.M.S. ARGONAUT Departs Fremantle 0900K/10 for Singapore  
ETA. 1630K/16th.

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N.O.I.C. Fremantle signals that slipway will not be available  
for Dutch Submarine "K.15" until 17th Dec. at earliest. In view of  
Xmas. holidays recommends slipping be deferred until 2nd Jan..

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C. in C. East Indies has instructed "ATHELING" to proceed  
direct to Melbourne.

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N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne informs that the Lord Mayor of  
Melbourne would appreciate information as to any R.N. or R.A.N.  
ships proceeding to the United Kingdom with a view to ships assisting  
to clear 500 tons of foodstuffs raised on his account of "Food for  
Britain" appeal.

V.A.(Q) states 100 tons would be embarked in "VINDEX" at  
Melbourne for transfer to homeward bound ships at Sydney.

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F.O.M.F.A. intends H.M. Frigate "LOCH LOMOND" visit British  
North Borneo Ports from 8th Dec. until 22nd Dec.

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C. in C. B.P.F. intends "KING GEORGE V" leave Jervis Bay P.M./7th Jan. conveying their Royal Highness The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and retinue to Hobart E.T.A. P.M./9th Jan. Subject to C. in C. East Indies and A.C.N.B's concurrence proposes ship leaves Hobart A.M./15th Jan. for East Indies Station calling Fremantle 20th Jan. for fuel.

Admiralty agrees to loan of eight Bathursts to Dutch for a period not exceeding three months in first place. Admiralty are raising question of ultimate purchase with Dutch Government.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports that owing to excess boiler hours of H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" and "BURNIE" it has been necessary to clean boilers on arrival. Estimated ships will complete minesweeping of dummy minefields and be ready to sail A.M. 18th Dec.

Proposes "FREMANTLE" sails A.M. 18th in company with "BURNIE" to Adelaide E.T.A. 1430K/23rd Dec. "BURNIE" to fuel (no fuel available at Burnie) and depart P.M./26th for Burnie E.T.A. 1000K/29th/

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" and "BURNIE" intended to sail from Hobart 5th December for Darwin, Thessalon, Faradan, Macassar, and Fremantle, arriving latter port approximately 20th December and remaining about 14 days for minor repairs. Requests 1500's consumables

H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" scheduled 1145K/24th at Sydney.

Following programme is proposed by "AUSTRALIA" for return voyage:-

Port.	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
Plymouth		27th December
Freetown	10th December	29th "
Burke	6th January	15th January
Fremantle	20th "	29th "
Adelaide	2nd February	6th February
Melbourne	7th "	14th "
Sydney	15th "	

Final departure from Plymouth arranged subject to satisfactory performance of engines and other signals essential for navigating efficiently. Admiralty has no freezing requirements on Mediterranean-Colombia route but it is still possible that there may be requirements on the Cape route. Cape route also preferable from ships point of view as providing better weather and longer uninterrupted sea passage, thus affording better opportunity for repairing the usual damage of a long pull - as time has been allowed for this before departure.

H.O.I.C. Melbourne signals he was disappointed regarding Xizi project. Some vessel is required for two to four weeks depending on weather. Divers and diving equipment available locally. Vessel is required for equipment carriage and stowage boxes and should be capable of at least ten ton lift.



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DRAFT OF DAILY NARRATIVE - TO 0900K SUNDAY, 9TH  
DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.A.S. JUNEE - Departs Morotai 0700K/9th for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 0800K/14th for onward routing to Brisbane, Sydney, thence Melbourne (SOA 11).

H.M.S. BONAVENTURE - Departed Sydney 1850K/7th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0800K/9th. (SOA 13.5).

H.M.S. IMPLACABLE ) Departed Sydney 0616K/8th for Wewak, E.T.A. 0800K/  
H.M.S. QUEENBOROUGH) 13th. (SOA 18). "QUEENBOROUGH" detaches 0700K/  
19th and returns Sydney.

H.M.A.S. GLENELG - Departed Adelaide 0930K/8th for Fremantle, E.T.A. 1230K/13th (SOA 11).

H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK ) Departed Fremantle 2109K/7th for Singapore,  
H.M.S. WAGER ) E.T.A. 0830K/14th (SOA 15).  
H.M.S. WHIRLWIND )

H.M.S. LARUS - Departs Darwin 11th December for Brisbane, via Thursday Is.

SORRN Melbourne states that C. in C. N.F.E. intends to sail "HEMSKERK" from Ambon 9th December for Morotai, thence Menado, Tarakan, Macassar, and Fremantle, arriving latter port approximately 28th December and remaining about 14 days for minor repairs. Requests ACNB's concurrence.

H.M.A.S. "MACQUARIE" commissioned 1145K/7th at Sydney.

Following programme is proposed by "AUSTRALIA" for return voyage :-

Port.	Arrive.	Depart.
Plymouth	-	20th December
Freetown	28th December	29th "
Durban	9th January	13th January
Fremantle	25th "	29th "
Adelaide	2nd February	8th February
Melbourne	7th "	14th "
Sydney	16th "	-

Final departure from Plymouth arranged subject to satisfactory performance of engines and other elements essential for seagoing efficiency. Admiralty has no trooping requirements on Mediterranean-Colombo route but it is still possible that there may be requirements on the Cape route. Cape route also preferable from ships point of view as promising better weather and longer uninterrupted sea passage, thus affording better opportunity for repairing the usual damages of a long refit - no time has been allowed for this before departure.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals he was misinformed regarding Miri project. Boom vessel is required for two to four weeks depending on weather. Divers and diving equipment available Lutong. Vessel is required for replacement moorings and submarine hoses and should be capable of at least ten ton lift.



2/10/12 H/O

TO 0900K/SATURDAY, 8TH DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.S. SWIFTSURE Departed Tokyo 7th for Sydney.

H.M.S. ATHELONG Departed E.I.S. 6th for Sydney via Fremantle  
ETA. Fremantle 0900K/14th.

H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departed Labuan 1030K/7th for Kuching ETA.  
1930K/8th. ETD. Kuching for Labuan 1900K/9th.

H.M.A.S. MANOORA Departed Labuan 1800K/6th for Brisbane  
ETA. 0730K/17. Soa. 14.5

H.M.S. BLACK SWAN }  
towing }  
BARBAIN } Departed Morotai 0900K/7th for Hong Kong  
ROCKWING } via Zamboanga and Subic Bay ETA's 1300K/10th  
towing } and 1300K/14th resp. Soa. 7.  
TANAC 133 }  
MFV.1127 }

H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA Departed Madang 1815K/7th for Rabaul ETA.  
0900K/9th. NOIC N/G on board. On arrival Rabaul  
will be available to fulfil any requirements of  
G.O.C. 11th Div.

H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY Departed Rabaul 1830K/6th for Dreger Hbr.  
ETA. 0600K/8th Soa. 12.

H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA Departed Torokina 1400K/7th for Rabaul ETA.  
0800K/8th. Soa. 13.

H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS }  
H.M.A.S. BOWEN }  
towing } Departed Thurs. Is. 1000K/6th for Townsville  
JAN JIM } ETA. 1000K/9th. Soa. 9.  
INVERELL }  
towing }  
AIR MIST }  
AIR MASTER }

H.M.A.S. BATHURST Departed Townsville 1200K/4th to join 21st M.S.F.

H.M.A.S. ELLIAN Arrived Bundaberg 1900K/4th with engine defect.  
ETD. 7th for Brisbane ETA. P.M. 9th.

H.M.S. GLENGYLE Departed Brisbane 1500K/7th for Balikpapan  
ETA. A.M. 16th. Soa. 16.

H.D.M.L. 1328 ETD. Newcastle 0800K/9th for Brisbane via Coffs  
Hbr. Escorting 4 M.F.V's and return to Sydney on  
completion.

H.M.S. WHELP Departed Sydney 0935K/7th for Fremantle ETA.  
1400K/13th. Soa. 15.

H.M.A.S. YANDRA departed Sydney 1030K/6th for Melbourne ETA.  
1800K/8th. Soa. 9.5.

H.M.S. TYNE Departed Sydney 1530K/6th for Manus ETA. 1500K/13th.  
Soa. 12.5

H.M.A.S. WARREGO ETA Sydney 1600K/8th.

H.M.A.S. MULCRA Departs Sydney 1300K/8th for Adelaide ETA.  
0800K/13th.

H.M.A.S. QUIBERON Departed Devonport 2100K/6th for Sydney

H.M.A.S. GLENGLG Departed Adelaide 0830K/8th for Fremantle.  
ETA. 1230K/13th. Soa. 11.



8/10/12

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports investigation at Miri reveals that Boom vessel will be required only for 24 hours. If made available immediately, oil will be available early January. Suggests C. in C. B.P.F. be asked to make Barthorpe available if vessel cannot be provided by C. in C. A.I.S.

N.O.I.C. Thurs. Is. advises all V/S facilities at Thurs. Is. have ceased. Requests all authorities be advised and H.M.A. Ships proceeding to Thurs. Is. be instructed to communicate on Port R/T wave.

S.O. 21st M.S.F. sends - Presuming inspection by V.A. (C) is cancelled, propose a proportion of M.S.F. ratings be discharged to leave before sailing to Melbourne.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests speeds to be regarded as economical for the following classes of ships (A) "Tribal" class destroyer (B) "C" Class destroyers (C) Frigates (D) A.M.S.'s.

H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" advises, "FAYE G" in tow for Townsville. Vessel broke down off Home Island.

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TO 0900K/FRIDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- H.M.S. VENGEANCE E.T.D. Hong Kong about 5th Jan. for Sydney
- H.M.A.S. GASCORNE Arrived Labuan 1530K/5th. ETD for Kuching 7th.
- H.M.S. HIND Departed Morotai 1100K/6th for Hong Kong ETA 11th. SOA. 16.
- H.M.S. WEAZEL Departed Milne Bay 0500K/5th to overtake MFV convoy en route to Langemak.
- H.M.A.S. INVERELL ETD Townsville 1700K/9th Dec. for Grafton towing "AIR MIST" and "AIR MASTER".
- H.M.A.S. ECHUCA Departed Brisbane 1640K/5th to join 20th M.S.F. for minesweeping operations off Newcastle.
- H.M.S. REDPOLE ETD Brisbane about 15th Dec. for Hong Kong via Darwin.
- H.M.S. WOODCOCK ETD Sydney about 12th Dec. for Manus ETA 19th for G/R to Hong Kong.
- H.M.A.S. HEROS towing ) Departed Darwin 1330K/6th for Sydney via  
H.M.A.S. AMBON ) Thurs. Is., Townsville, Bowen and Brisbane.  
H.M.A.S. CHINAMPA ) ETA Thurs. Is. 1001K/12th. "CHINAMPA" to  
be detached Thurs. Is. and held for disposal. "AMBON" to pay off at either Townsville or Brisbane. "HEROS" pays off in Sydney and held pending instructions re return to owners.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas advises action being taken immediately to pay off "ANACONDA" at Morotai and to transfer vessel to Army.

- H.M.A.S. KUNDA Departed Darwin 1000K/6th for Sydney. ETA 1200K/12th.
- H.M.A.S. CHIMSON Departed Port Phillip Heads 1000K/6th for Darwin. ETA 1200K/12th.
- H.M.A.S. BUNDA Departed Port Phillip Heads 1000K/6th for Darwin. ETA 1200K/12th.

Portuguese ship "BACULADA" departed Darwin 1200K/6th for Billia ETA A.M./6th.

The following programme will be carried out by ships  
"VIRIL" and "MYALL" to depart Brisbane 10th Dec. for Port Pirie and  
"MYALL" respectively. Ships will fuel at Melbourne. "VIRIL" to  
call at Callerton "MYALL" to visit Port Augusta. Ships re-arrange  
for Callerton and Sydney, proceed Adelaide to fuel thence to Sydney.  
"MYALL" to call from Brisbane for Longman to arrive A.M.  
12th for the coast's visit. To call at Lowest Head thence proceed to Sydney.  
"MYALL" to call from Thursday Island for Sydney via Townsville. From  
Sydney to proceed to Sydney for the coast's visit thence to Brisbane  
to pay off.



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TO 0900K THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1945.

- U.S.S. HERCULES (Cargo Ship) Departed Leyte Gulf 1230K/4th for Manus ETA. 0700K/8th (SOA.17).
- H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departed Kudat 0100K/5th for Labuan ETA. 1500K/5th.
- H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN Departs Morotai 1700K/6th for Menado to embark NICA personnel thence surveillance of Celebes ports - on completion to return Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. GAWLER } Depart Morotai 1300K/5th for Labuan.  
towing "KRAIT" } "Krait" later detaches to proceed independently.  
"GAWLER" to Tarakan to fuel thence return Morotai.
- M.S.L. 705. Departed Manus 0600K/5th for Madang ETA. 1700K/6th. (SOA. 7.)
- H.M.A.S. KIAMA Departed Madang 1500K/4th for Wewak ETA. 1015K/5th. (SOA.10). To be placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 6th Division.
- H.M.S. AIRE } Departed Milne Bay 1100K/4th for  
H.M.S. ROCKCLIFFE } Finchafen ETA. 2300K/6th thence  
M.F.V. Convoy (8 MFV's, 3 tugs) Hong Kong.  
"Wenzel" departs Milne Bay A.M./5th to overtake convoy.
- H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY Departed Milne Bay 0900K/4th for Rabaul ETA. 0600K/6th (SOA.10.)
- U.S.S. TREGO (attack Cargo.) Departed Milne Bay 0700K/5th for Manus ETA. 7th. (SOA. 14).
- H.M.A.S. STUART Departed Townsville 0830K/5th for Darwin. ETA. 1000K/9th. (SOA. 15.)
- H.M.A.S. AIR SPRAY Departs Coektown A.M./7th for Thursday Is. for slipping thence to Red Island Point to relieve "AIR SENSE".
- H.M.A.S. ECHUCA Departs Brisbane 1000K/6th for Sydney. ETA. 1600K/6th. (SOA.10).
- H.M.A.S. QUIBERON Departs Port Phillip Heads 1030K/6th for Devonport ETA. 2000K/6th thence Sydney. ETA. 0700K/8th. (SOA. 20).
- H.M.A.S. DOOMBA Departs Western Port 1000K/6th for Port Phillip for coaling ETA. 1600K/6th.
- Portuguese Sloop "BARTOLOMEA DIAS" Departed Darwin 1230K/4th for Dilli ETA. A.M./6th.

The following programmes will be carried out by ships

as below :-

"PIRIE" and "WHYALLA" to depart Brisbane 16th Dec. for Port Pirie and Whyalla respectively. Ships will fuel at Melbourne. "PIRIE" to call at Wallaroo "WHYALLA" to visit Port Augusta. Ships rendezvous off Wallaroo 2nd Jan., proceed Adelaide to fuel thence to Sydney.

"LAUNCESTON" to sail from Brisbane for Launceston to arrive A.M. 19th for one week's visit. To call at Hobart thence proceed to Sydney.

"LATROBE" to sail from Thursday Island for Sydney via Townsville. From Sydney to proceed Devonport for one week's visit thence to Brisbane to pay off.



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S.O. Force "T" signals that on departure Vice Admiral Brind in "Swiftsure" from Tokyo Bay, Commodore Collins in "Hobart" becomes P.O. Force "T" C.T.F. 57, and S.B.N.O. afloat Japan. Effective 1600X/8th.

G. in C. B.P.F. informs N.O.I.C. Brisbane that docking of "Pheasant", "Crane", "Whimprel" and "Redpole" will be carried out at Hong Kong and requests the three former be sailed via Darwin earliest possible after Christmas.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane states that visit of "TOOWOOMBA" personnel to Toowoomba arranged for 11th Dec. E.T.D. "TOOWOOMBA" for Sydney 12th Dec.

N.O.I.C. Fort Melbourne intends to allocate "WAGGA" as parent ship for ships in "F" Class reserve at Corio Bay.

N.O.I.C. Melucca reports that R.N.N.L.O. Morotai intends request S.O.R.N.N. Melbourne to approach A.C.N.B. relative to taking over M.S.L. 701 at Tarakan and M.S.L. 706 at Morotai. Sees no objection to these proposals.

N.O.I.C. Madang instructs N.O.I.C. Rabaul to load "SPRIGHTLY" with anchors, buoys and cable and sail to Dreger Harbour thence to Townsville to arrive not later than 13th December.

It is now estimated that "QUALITY" will not be ready to pay off before Jan. 23rd.

"QUALITY" reports aerial reconnaissance of Torres Strait completed - only two channels appear worthy of investigation by sea. "FRANKLIN" will investigate channels proposed Sydney direct. ETA. P.M./23th Dec.

When ready for service "MADON" and "MADONIA" are to be given 14 days work up then sailed from Sydney for service under N.O.I.C. Darwin and N.O.I.C. Melucca respectively.

N.O.I.C. Sydney requests information whether additional leave is to be given over the Christmas and New Year period - both N.O.I.C. and crew are being granted extra leave over these periods.



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TO 0900K WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER.

L.C.1. 869, 870 Departed Hollandia 1715K/3rd for Manus  
ETA. 5th. (Soa. 11.)

L.C.1. 866 Departed Torakina 1717K/3rd for Milne Bay  
E.T.A. 1200K/5th (Soa. 11.)

H.M.A.S. LUCY STAR Departed Townsville 0600K/4th for Brisbane  
ETA. 14th (Soa. 6). Calling at Gladstone and Mackay on passage.

H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH Departed Townsville 0500K/4th for  
Maryborough ETA. 0730K/6th thence to Sydney.  
(Soa. 10). Arrival, departure, and ETA.  
Sydney will be signalled.

H.M.S. REAPER Departs Brisbane 0900K/4th for Manus  
ETA. 0700K/9th thence Hong Kong (Soa. 15).

B.Y.M.S. 2064 Departs Brisbane 1730K/5th for Manus ETA.  
1200K/13. (Soa. 9.)

H.M.A.S. GYMPIE Departed Darwin 0930K/1st for Keopang  
ETA. 1230K/3rd.

"WESTRALIA" acknowledges diversion to Torakina making ETA.  
0900K/6th thence proceeding Rabaul.

U.S. tanker "JOSHUA TREE" reported aground off Port Moresby  
P.M./2nd, was refloated under own power 0730K/3rd. Vessel now  
anchored Port Moresby. - damage being assessed.

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests disposal of lighter "ANBON" observing  
it is desired to sail her in company with tug "HEROS" departing  
Darwin 6th Dec.

"WARREGO" reports aerial reconnaissance of Torres Strait  
completed - only two channels appear worthy of investigation by sea.  
"WARREGO" will investigate thence proceed Sydney direct  
ETA. P.M./8th Dec.

When ready for service "BARCOE" and "MACQUARIE" are to be  
given 14 days work up then sailed from Sydney for service under  
N.O.I.C. Darwin and N.O.I.C. Moluccas respectively.

P.O.I.C. Sydney requests information whether additional  
leave is to be given over the Christmas and New Year period - both  
R.A.A.F. and Army are being granted extra leave over these periods.

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TO 0900K/TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.S. GLORY Departed Tarakan 1800K/2nd for Manus ETA 0830K/7th  
ETD. Manus P.M. 7th for Sydney E.T.A. 12th December.

H.M.A.S. LATROBE ) Departed Morotai 1800K/3rd for Thurs. Is. ETA.  
H.M.A.S. AIR CLAN ) 0800K/9th Soa. 10.  
H.D.M.L. 1343 ) All 3 vessels pay off on arrival mainland ports.

H.M.A.S. KALGOORLIE Departed Rabaul 1400K/3rd for New Ireland and  
return ETA Rabaul 1800K/5th. Soa. 11.

H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK. ETA. Cairns P.M. 7th if "GUMLEAF" proceeds  
independently, otherwise P.M. 8th.

H.M.A.S. BALLARAT ) Departed Townsville 0530K/4th for Brisbane  
BATHURST ) thence Sydney. ETA Brisbane 0700K/7th and Sydney  
GOULBURN ) 1200K/9th. Requests tows be taken over off  
TOOWOOMBA) Caloundra. Toowoomba visits Brisbane and  
Bendigo will join off Caloundra for passage to  
Sydney.

H.M.A.S. BENDIGO Departed Townsville 1600K/3rd for Mackay ETA.  
0930K/4th. Soa. 11. Takes M.S.L. 501 in tow for  
Brisbane. BENDIGO then joins MSF.21 en route Sydney.

H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH ETA. Maryborough 6th Dec. ETD. 10th for Sydney.

H.M. BYMS 2064 ETD. Brisbane 5th Dec. for Manus for O/R to Hong Kong.

H.M.A.S. WARRAMUNGA Departed Sydney 1245K/29th Nov. for Madang ETA.  
0600K/5th Dec. Soa. 15.

H.M.A.S. SWAN (S.O.20 MSF)

H.M.A.S. WARRNAMBOOL LITHGOW )  
H.M.A.S. DELORAINE BUNBURY ) Departed Sydney 1130K/3rd for M/S  
H.M.A.S. TOWNSVILLE ARARAT ) operations off Newcastle.  
H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON COWRA )

H.M.A.S. WARREGO Gives ETA. Sydney P.M. 8th Dec. from Survey duty.

H.M.S. IMPLACABLE E.T.D. Sydney 0930K/8th for Wewak ETA. 13th Soa. 18.  
Embarks Aust. personnel and returns Sydney.

H.M.A.S. QUIBERON Completed refit in Melbourne P.M. 3rd Dec.

H.M.S. UNICORN Departed Fremantle 1500K/3rd for Durban E.T.A.  
1700K/15th.

Portugese Sloop  
BARTOLOMIA DIAS Arrived Darwin 1355K/2nd for provisions and fuel.

C. in C. B.P.F. advises no objection to use of "VINDEX" to  
lift service personnel to Tasmania.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states info. received from Landops that  
Tarakan will be evacuated by A.M.F. and the area handed over to  
NICA by 31st December.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas instructs "GASCOYNE" that H.M.S. "OPOSSUM"  
is anchored in Kudat Bay. If A/c search for "GRASS SNAKE" is negative,  
"GASCOYNE" to proceed Kudat Bay and assist opossum.

M.S. 21 reports divers have examined "MARYBOROUGH's"  
propellers and report Starb'd propeller blades bent 9" to 12". Port blades,  
tips only. No other apparent damage and ship proceeding with programme -  
Maryborough thence Sydney.



DAILY NARRATIVETO 0900K/MONDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1945.

H.M.A.S. MANOORA Departed Tarakan 0800K/2ND for Labuan ETA 1130K/4th.

H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departed Tarakan 1930K/2ND for Balikpapan ETA. 0700K/4th.

H.M.S. GLORY Departed Tarakan 1700K/2ND for Manus via Nth. of Morotai ETA 0830K/7th. Soa. 17.5.

H.M.A.S. JUNEE Departed Macassar 1400K/2ND for Morotai. E.T.A. 1300K/6th Soa. 10.

H.M.A.S. POTRERO Departed Madang 1100K/2ND for Langemak ETA. 1400K/3RD E.T.D. 1600K/4th for Oro Bay ETA. 1800K/5th. thence to Port Moresby E.T.A.P.M. 12th Soa. 6. To be held at Moresby pending further instructions.

H.M.A.S. BIRCHGROVE PARK. Departed Port Moresby 0500K/1st for Townsville E.T.A. P.M. 8th. Soa. 7.5.

H.M.A.S. CAIRNS Departed Thurs. Is. 1400K/1st for Cairns. E.T.A. 0900K/3RD Soa. 12.

H.M.A.S. BOMBO Departed Thurs. Is. 1730K/1st for Townsville E.T.A. 1800K/7th Soa. 6.

H.M.A.S. WESTRALIA Departed Brisbane 1800K/1st for Rabaul ETA. 1000K/6th. Soa. 13.

H.M. L.S.T. 419 Departed Brisbane 0800K/3rd for Rabaul E.T.A. 1200K/9th. Soa. 10.

H.M.A.S. MORESBY E.T.A. Sydney now 0900K/14th. Proceeding Darwin/Sydney/ direct.

H.M.S. REAPER Departed Sydney 1815K/1st for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/3rd. Soa. 14.

H.M.A.S. STUART Departed Sydney 1100K/1st for Townsville thence Darwin E.T.A. T'ville. 1630K/4th Soa. 15.

H.M.A.S. KOALA Departed Sydney 0600K/2ND for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/5th Soa. 8.5. To lay moorings in Corio Bay.

G.P.V. 962. Proceeding from Twofold Bay A.M. 2nd for Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/4th.

H.M.S. ARGONAUT Departed Port Lincoln 1800K/1st for Fremantle E.T.A. 1230K/5th. Soa. 14.5.

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Reported by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby U.S. Tanker "JOSHUA TREE" aground off Moresby. Fairly heavy damage to bow. Attempts to refloat herself unsuccessful. Moresby despatching "EDNA" to assist at 1830K/3rd. No other vessel available and more powerful ship may be required.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends "GASCOYNE", on completion of duties at Tarakan, to proceed to Labuan to exchange approx. 500 troops between Kuching and Labuan for 9th Div. On passage "GASCOYNE" to endeavour to contact "GRASS SNAKE" and tow to Labuan.

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- U.S.S. VOLAUB (Supply Ship) - Departed Wakayama 0900K/29th for Manus, E.T.A. 0630K/8th December (SOA 11).
- H.M.S. DEER SOUND - Departed Hong Kong 1500K/30 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1100K/15th December (SOA 13).
- H.M.S. PIONEER - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/30 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1100K/15th December (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. JUNEE - Arrived Macassar 1800K/3 from Kendari surveillance, E.T.D. FM/2nd for Morotai.
- U.S.S. CODINGTON (Cargo ship) - Departed Leyte Gulf 1300K/30 for Finschhafen, E.T.A. 6th December (SOA 10.5).
- L.C.I.'s 869, 870 - Departed Biak 0800K/1st for Hollandia, E.T.A. 1500K/2nd.
- U.S.S. TRIANGULUM - Departed Biak 0800K/1st December for Morotai, E.T.A. 1700K/3rd December.
- U.S.S. NEVILLE (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 1500K/28 for Hollandia, E.T.A. 1800K/29th (SOA 15).
- L.C.I. 866 - Departed Rabaul 1000K/1st for Torokina, E.T.A. 0800K/2nd thence Milne Bay (SOA 10).
- H.M.A.S. CAIRNS - Departed Merauke 1400K/30 with rear-guard embarked for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1100K/1st.
- H.M.A.S. TOOWOOMBA - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/30 for Townsville, E.T.A. 1800K/2nd December.
- H.M.A.S. BATHURST - Departed Thursday Island 0530K/1st for Townsville, E.T.A. 1800K/3rd December (SOA 11).
- H.M.A.S. AIR SPRAY - Departed Cairns 0530K/1st for Cooktown, E.T.A. 1030K/1st (SOA 20).
- H.M.A.S. KANIMELA - Departs Brisbane 1800K/30 for Tarakan, E.T.A. 2100K/9th December for onward routing to Morotai. (SOA 15).
- H.M. L.S.T.'s. 180, 149 - Depart Brisbane 0800K/1st December. L.S.T. 180 for Lae, E.T.A. 0600K/7th December. L.S.T. 149 for Rabaul, E.T.A. 0600K/7th (SOA 9.5).
- H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK ) - Departed Sydney 1155K/1st for Fremantle,  
H.M.S. WAGER ) E.T.A. 0830K/7th (SOA 15.5).  
H.M.S. WHIRLWIND )
- H.M.A.S. MORESBY - Departed Darwin 0730K/1st for Townsville, E.T.A. 1400K/6th, thence Sydney.

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H.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" reports that on arrival at Kendari found the Australian Commonwealth ensign flying without Australian force to protect it - strong possibility of its abuse by Nationalist party.

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C. in C. B.P.F. proposes following programme for "HOGUE" and "ARMADA": Leave Sydney 20th December, arrive Townsville 23rd December and leave 28th December. "ARMADA" arrive Port Mackay 29th December and leave 2nd January. "HOGUE" arrive Port Curtis 29th December and leave 3rd January. Proposes one or both ships arrive Newcastle 5th January and leave 10th January.

Townsville Harbour Board would greatly appreciate information of present position regarding suggested taking over Navy workshop Townsville by Harbour Board.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that "KIAMA" L.L. sweep is unserviceable and beyond repair locally. This vessel suggested for magnetic sweeping of Rabaul Harbour.

N.O.I.C. Darwin signals "Due to delays occasioned by transport of material from Balikpapan to Macassar, "POYANG" is now short of coal, 80 tons being supplied Darwin. N.O.I.C. Thursday Island is requested to provide sufficient coal for onward passage to Port Moresby and it is essential that full bunkers available that port. As boiler clean is necessary vessel will be delayed at Darwin for ten days."

N.O.I.C. Moluccas states that Land Ops intends requesting Land Forces that "ATLANTA" and "MYANIL" be turned out to water transport group Labuan and Lae respectively. N.O.I.C. Moluccas sees no objection to these proposals as operational duties of these vessels has now lapsed - requests early decision.

C. in C. B.P.F. states that R.A.S. "KING GEORGE V", after completion of refit late December, will proceed to join East Indian Station.

In arrival Sydney ships of West V/S Yacht are to be granted 1 day availability for leave.

S/O H. signals that "MILAN" is reporting "MANTON" was sunk around on South Reef 18/12. Probable damage to "MANTON" starboard propeller and tail shaft, hull light, no other known damage. "MANTON" was taken over by the "MANTON".

N.O.I.C. VANUATU intends "MANTON" should not be sent to ship for ships to restore at Fremantle.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests "MANTON" be sailed from Sydney 2nd December for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez Canal.



o 0900K Saturday 1st December, 1945.

U.S.S. LAURIER (attack transport) - Departed Seattle 0800K/29 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0900K/14th Dec. (SOA.16)

H.M.S. GLORY - Departed Balikpapan 1700K/30 for Tarakan E.T.A. 1530K/1st December (SOA. 17.5)

L.C.I. 866 - Departed Manus 1800K/29 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0500K/1st December thence Torokina and Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA - Departs Brisbane 1800K/30th for Tarakan.

H.M.A. Ships "SWAN")

"WARRNAMBOOL" )  
 "DELORAIN" ) - Depart Sydney 0900K/3rd December to carry out mine  
 "COWRA" ) clearance operations off Newcastle. M/S 20 states  
 "TOWNSVILLE" ) several days intensive flotilla training will be  
 "ARARAT" ) necessary before commencement of actual operations.  
 "ROCKHAMPTON" )  
 "LITHGOW" )  
 "BUNBURY" )

U.S.S. PRENTISS (attack cargo) - Departs Fremantle 1530K/30th for Samar.

H.M.A.S. WARREGO - Departed Darwin 1930<sup>K</sup>/29 for Thursday Island. E.T.A. 0930K/2nd December (SOA. 13).

Proposed that "QUIBERON" departs Melbourne 0800K/6th with service personnel for Burnie thence to Sydney E.T.A. AM/8th Dec. (SOA.20)

N.O.I.C. SYDNEY reports an explosion, probably due to a torpedo air vessel, occurred in H.M.S. "KEMPENFELT" at about 1800K/29th. Ship was berthed with "WAGER" and "WHIRLWIND" alongside "TYNE" at Kirribilli dolphins. One serious casualty, midship superstructure extensively damaged.

C.in C. B.P.F. states that H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V", after completion of refit late December, will proceed to join East Indies Station.

On arrival Sydney ships of 21st M/S Flotilla are to be granted 45 days availability for leave.

M/S 21. signals that "BALLARAT" is escorting "MARYBOROUGH" who went aground on Sunk Reef FM/28th. Probable damage to "MARYBOROUGH" starboard propeller and tail shaft, hull tight, no other known damage. "BENDIGO" has taken over tow from "MARYBOROUGH".

N.O.I.C. FREMANTLE intends "PARKES" should act as headquarters ship for ships in reserve at Fremantle.

C.in C. B.P.F. requests "WHELP" be sailed from Sydney 7th December for U.K. via Fremantle, Colombo and Suez Canal.



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To 0900K/Friday, 30th November, 1945.

- U.S.S. DON O. WOODS (Destroyer T'port) Departed Leyte 1800K/29th for Manus E.T.A. 3rd Dec. Soa. 16.
- H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS towing FAYE C. ) Departed Morotai 1300K/29th Jan.  
H.M.A.S. BOWEN " JON JIM ) Thurs. Is. E.T.A. 1200K/5th Dec.  
H.M.A.S. INVERELL " (AIR MASTER ) Soa. 9 thence Sydney and  
(AIR MIST ) Melbourne.
- H.M.S. FORMIDABLE - Departed Morotai 0930K/29th for Sydney via North of N.G. E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/6th Dec. Soa. 20.
- H.M.S. VINDEK - Departed Wewak 1200K/29th Jan. Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/5th Dec.
- H.M.A.S. SPRIGHTLY ) E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900K/2nd Dec.  
and tow )
- H.M.A.S. CAIRNS E.T.D. Merauke A.M. 30th for mainland
- H.M.A.S. BALLARAT ) Departed Thurs. Is.  
H.M.A.S. BENDIGO ) 1630K/28th for Townsville  
H.M.A.S. GOULBURN towing MAZEMBE )  
H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH towing COOMBA )
- G.P.V. 957 Departed Cairns 0500K/29th for R.M.S. duties
- M.L. 825 Departed Gladstone 1600K/29th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. GLENELG Departed Melbourne 1132K/29th for Adelaide E.T.A. 0800K/1st Dec. Soa. 11.
- H.M.S. ARGONAUT Departed Adelaide 0915K/29th for Port Lincoln.
- H.M.A.S. THREE CHEERS E.T.D. Ambon 30th Nov. for Thurs. Is. for O/R. to Sydney. To join "PLATYPUS" convoy.

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M.S.21 reports when entering Thurs. Is. 28th "BATHURST" fouled mooring of Howell Rock Buoy. Being cleared by diver and "BATHURST" will probably be ready to sail with "TOOWOOMBA" on 29th.

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S.O. Force "A" sends - It would be appreciated if an estimate of the date when Force "A" will complete operations under A.C.N.B's control could be given.

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H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" paid off into "F" class reserve in Melbourne at 1500K/28th.

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O.C.H.B. requests :- In view of interruption to work through Xmas. period and to make provision for leave, availability be extended to permit sailing from Sydney of "LACHLAN" on 15th Jan. and "WARREGO" 20th Jan.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas advise - Jap. report there were no mines laid by them in Sagwin Strait.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 29th November, 1945.

- H.M.S. "HART" (Sloop) - Departed Hong Kong 1400K/28th for Subic Bay  
E.T.A. 0600K/30th.
- H.M. "L.S.T.403" - Departed Balikpapan 1100K/27th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
9th December. SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" - Departs Labuan 1600K/28th for mainland via  
Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Morotai 1600K/28th for mainland via  
Morotai. R.N.I.A. and N.I.C.A. personnel thence proceeds  
Gorontalo to assist "GAWLER" in installing Dutch troops.  
E.T.A. Kema 0700K/29th and E.T.A. Gorontalo 1830K/29th.  
Returns to Morotai on completion of operation.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departed Kendari 1700K/28th for Macassar E.T.A.  
1700K/30th. SOA. 9. Japanese Admin. personnel aboard.
- U.S.S. L.S.T.'s 992 and 742 - Departed Manus 0800K/27th for Batangas  
via Biak E.T.A. Biak 1400K/30th. SOA. 9.
- H.M.S. "HIND" ) Departed Manus 0715K/28th for Hong Kong via Morotai  
towing ) - and Subic. E.T.A. Morotai A.M. 5th December.  
H.M.S. "BARBAIN" ) (If necessary ships to call at Hollandia, Biak  
and Zamboanga).
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Manus 1600K/28th for Wewak and Sydney E.T.A.  
Wewak 0800K/29th. E.T.A. Sydney P.M. 5th December. SOA. 15.
- U.S.S. "VINTON"(Attack Cargo) - Departed Milne Bay 1000K/27th for  
Manus E.T.A. 29th. SOA. 13.
- H.M.A.S. "LUCY STAR" - Departed Cairns 0600K/29th for Townsville E.T.A.  
1800K/30th. SOA. 6.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Townsville 1930K/27th for Sydney E.T.A.  
0800K/2nd December. SOA. 9.
- M.L.825 - Arrived Mackay 1500K/26th. Sheltering until weather  
moderates.
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Amended E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/29th.
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" )  
"WHIRLWIND" ) - E.T.D. Sydney 1020K/1st December for Fremantle  
"WAGER" ) - E.T.A. 0630K/7th December.
- H.M.S. "CAMPERDOWN" )  
"ARMADA" ) - E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/30th.  
"TRAFALGAR" )  
"HAGUE" )
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - E.T.D. Sydney 1030K/1st December for Darwin via  
Townsville E.T.A. Townsville P.M. 3rd December.
- H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" ) Departed Darwin 1330K/27th for Fremantle E.T.A.  
"BURNIE" ) - 1800K/4th December. To call either Onslow  
or Geraldton for fuel.
- H.M.S. "FLAMBOROUGH HEAD" - Departed Darwin 0730K/28th for Brisbane  
E.T.A. 1800K/8th December.



H.M.A.S. "LAURIANA" paid off in Sydney A.M. 27th for return to Owners.

H.M.A.S. "SEA SNAKE" transferred to BBCAN 0900K/27th. Stores and personnel embarked on "LATROBE" for passage to Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane advises "KANIMBLA" R.F.S. 1400K/30th and requests sailing instructions.

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" went aground on Sunk Reefs in Prince of Wales Channel at 1820K/28th. Refloated at 2000K/28th with assistance of "BENDIGO".

U.S. Tanker "PINE RIDGE" went aground on Sunk Reefs p.m./28th. Refloated and proceeding to Moresby. No damage.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports B.M.P. Coy. require use of vessel capable of 20 tons lift of pipe line end from sea bed. Boomship suggested suitable. Requests whether Boom Vessel will be provided from Darwin if available. The lifting of the pipe line will assist the prompt availability of fuel in the British Borneo Area.

V.A.(Q) B.P.F. advise intend paying off H.M.S. "BEACONSFIELD" P.M. 30th November, 1945.

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Suggested appropriate care transferred from "BENDIGO" to Catalina Aircraft for passage to Darwin. Stop enroute to Darwin Island H.M.S. 0900K/28.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests urgent action be taken to complete mine clearance at Koro, as shipping space is not permitted alongside owing to the restricted area, this involving an extensive amount of small craft transport.

N.O.I.C. Sydney intends "KANGA" carry out a relief training exercise with 1st and 2nd Divisions covering Spitz, McMoran and Towfield Bay.



To 0900K, Wednesday, 28th November.

- U.S.S. "BONDIA" (Store Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 1600K/26 for Manus 5th December. (SOA. 10.5).
- U.S.S. "NEVILLE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Truk 1300K/26 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/28 thence Hollandia (SOA. 15).
- U.S.S. "L.S.T.397" - Departed Leyte Gulf 1500K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 2nd December thence Pearl Harbour and United States (SOA 9.)
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Tarakan 1635K/26 for Morotai E.T.A. 0900K/28. (SOA. 18).
- H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - Departs Morotai 1730K/26 for Brisbane E.T.A. A.M./3rd December. (SOA. 17).
- L.C.I's 869, 870 - Departed Morotai 0800K/27 for Biak E.T.A. 2300K/29. (SOA. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" - Departed Macassar 0800K/26 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1100K/27 (SOA. 12).
- U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Transport) - Departed Biak 1900K/27 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1600K/28th thence Los Angeles.
- U.S.S. "WILLIAM P. BIDDLE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 1500K/26 for San Pedro E.T.A. 12th December.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T's 597, 452, 1058" - Departed Manus 0800K/27 for Batangas via Morotai E.T.A. 1900K/2nd (SOA 9).
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Milne Bay 0400K/27 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1800K/28.
- H.M.S. "AIRE" - Departed Cairns 1800K/27 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/29 (SOA. 12). To join M.F.V. Convoy as senior escort.
- H.M.A.S. "KLAN" - Departs Townsville 0400K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A. P.M./5th December. (SOA.7).
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" (Store Ship) - Departed Sydney 1605K/26 for Manila E.T.A. 1900K/6th December. (SOA. 16.5).
- H.M.A.S. "STELLA" - Departed Onslow A.M./24th for Fremantle E.T.A. A.M./29th.
- H.M.S. "WESSEX" } Departed Fremantle 1005K/27 for Cocos Island E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "NEPAL" } 1800K/1st December thence Colombo (SOA. 15).
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" }  
H.M.S. "WIZARD" } Arrived Wellington 0825K/27 from  
H.M.S. "URCHIN" } Sydney.

Suspected appendicitis case transferred from "TOOWOOMBA" to Catalina Aircraft for passage to Darwin. Ship continues to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0700K/29.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests urgent action be taken to complete mine clearance at Rabaul, as shipping space is not permitted alongside owing to the restricted areas, this involving an excessive amount of small craft transport.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends "YANDRA" carry out a radar training cruise from 4th to 22nd December covering Sydney, Melbourne and Twofold Bay.



C. in C. B.P.F. requests "ARGONAUT" be sailed from Fremantle P.M./10th December to Singapore to fuel and depart with "DUKE OF YORK" 17th December for Hong Kong.

"DUKE OF YORK" departs Sydney 1st December with "WHIRLWIND" and "WAGER", fuelling Fremantle 7th thence Singapore and Hong Kong.

R.A.A.F. H.Q. instruct Eastern Area Headquarters to provide one Catalina aircraft to undertake aerial survey in Torres Strait Area commencing 28th November for approximately two days. Aircraft to be under the orders of N.O.I.C. Thursday Island.

"WARREGO" confirms E.T.A. Thursday Island 0900K/2nd December.

C. in C. B.P.F. has promulgated a general signal to all concerned stating that it has been arranged with A.C.N.E. that any spaces available in B.P.F. ships, bound from Hong Kong to Sydney, should be made available for repatriation of Australian personnel from First Army Area.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea states "TAMUK" is being held at Milne Bay and requests signal authority to pay off vessel and hand her over to AGO for Civil Administration.

"TAMUK" on passage Milne Bay - Thursday Island - Sydney. She reported an operational case at Milne Bay. N.O.I.C. Darwin has instructed vessel to proceed to Darwin at best speed.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests that "TAMUK", after completion of duties at Milne Bay, may be made available to proceed to Darwin to load mailbags and proceed to Darwin Harbour to lay them.



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To 0900K/Tuesday, 27th November.

H.M.S. "EURALYUS" - Arrived Suva 0600K/26 from Brisbane.

H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed Manila 0800K/26 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1930K/28th. (SOA. 19).

H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Manus 1600K/25 for Manila E.T.A. 0800K/1st December. (SOA. 15).

H.M.S. "FERNMOR" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/29th (SOA. 11).

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals that in view of the small size of the port at Sorong and its limited use in the future, sweeping is considered unjustified.

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H.M.R.T. "WEAZEL", Senior Officer of M.F.V. Convoy on passage Townsville - Milne Bay, reports one M.F.V. broken down and in tow by "ROCKCLIFFE", one M.F.V. with Auxiliary Motor defective but proceeding under own power - remaining craft conditions satisfactory.

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"QUADRANT", "QUICKMATCH" and "QUIBERON" have been ordered to sail from Sydney about 9th December to Morotai - on arrival to be placed under the operational and administrative control of N.O.I.C. Moluccas for surveillance duties.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea states "POTRERO" is being held at Madang and requests urgent authority to pay off vessel and hand her over to ANGAU for Civil Administration.

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"TOOWOOMBA" on passage Morotai - Thursday Island - Brisbane has reported an appendicitis case on board. N.O.I.C. Darwin has instructed vessel to proceed to Darwin at best speed.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests that "SPRIGHTLY", after completion of duties at Milne Bay, may be made available to proceed to Rabaul to load moorings and proceed to Dreger Harbour to lay them.

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To 0900K/Monday, 26th November, 1945.

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- U.S.S. "OLMSTEAD" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Guam 1400K/23rd for Biak  
 E.T.A. 1400K/26th. SOA. 15.
- U.S.S. "LIVINGSTONE" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Guam 1500K/24th for Manus  
 E.T.A. 2300K/28th, SOA. 11.
- R.H.N. "SMEROK" }  
 " "RINDJANI" } - Departed Balikpapan 1000K/24th for Batavia via  
 " "MERBABOK" } - Banjarmasin, E.T.A. Banjarmasin 0900K/26th, SOA. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Macassar 1345K/25th for Tarakan E.T.A.  
 0200K/27th, SOA. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departed Macassar 0900K/25th for Kendari surveillance  
 E.T.A. 0900K/27th, SOA. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Morotai 0900K/26th to discharge Naval  
 requirements at Ambon, Macassar, Balikpapan and Tarakan.  
 E.T.A. Ambon 0900K/28th. Returns to Morotai on completion.
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - E.T.A. Morotai P.M. 28th.
- H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Arrived Hollandia 1210K/25th. Departed 2000K/25th  
 to carry out Vogelkop surveillance.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Arrived Wewak 0700K/25th. Departed 1030K/25th  
 for Sydney E.T.A. 1030K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" - Departed Madang 0945K/25th to join "SHROPSHIRE" for  
 Sydney.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - To call at Manus before Wewak thence direct from Wewak  
 to Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Torokina 1300K/24th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
 1300K/28th, SOA. 13.5.  
 (SO) 20 M.S.F.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" }  
 " "BUNBURY" } - Departed Brisbane 1000K/25th for Sydney E.T.A.  
 " "ARARAT" } - 0900K/27th.  
 " "COWRA" }
- M.L. 305 - Departed Brisbane 0930K/25th for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/27th.  
 SOA. 11. Thence proceeds Melbourne and Adelaide returning  
 to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" }  
 and tow } - Departed Sydney 1500K/24th for Milne Bay E.T.A.  
 0900K/1st December, SOA. 8.
- H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departed Sydney 1001K/25th for Fremantle E.T.A.  
 1200K/1st December. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Onslow 0630K/26th for Darwin E.T.A.  
 2030K/27th. SOA. 14. Thence to Thursday Island E.T.A. 0900K/1st  
 December.
- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" - Departed Yampi Sound 0630K/26th for Darwin E.T.A.  
 0730K/29th. SOA. 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR VIEW" - Departed Darwin 1330K/25th for West Bay to relieve  
 "AIR SAILOR" on A.S.R. Duties. E.T.A. West Bay 1001K/26th.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Darwin 1030K/25th for Koepang via Roti and  
 Semau Straits, E.T.A. Koepang 1400K/27th.



H.M.S. "AIRE" departing Cairns at 0900K/24th to join M.F.V. convoy fouled port propeller and returned to port. M.F.V. Flotilla departed Fitzroy Island without "AIRE" 1500K/24th E.T.A. North Foreland A.M. 28th. "AIRE" to be sailed to rejoin convoy at Milne Bay.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" requests permission to fuel at Thursday Island and proceed direct to Sydney. N.O.I.C. Thursday Island advises that due to shortage of fuel, only sufficient be given for trip to Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "CAROLINE" - E.T.A. Week 0700K/30th. To embark Army personnel for Milne Bay.

H.M.S. "VIGOR" - E.T.A. Week approximately 27th November to embark Army personnel for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "HUMPHREYS" - Departed Thursday 22nd for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/24th Week to Port Moresby.

H.M.S. "QUINN" - Departed Week 1700K/20th for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/24th. S.A. 13.

H.M.A.S. "ELLEN" - Departed Cairns 0800K/24th for Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/24th. S.A. 7.

H.M.A.S. "VIA CLIVE" - E.T.A. Townsville 20th November for Townsville.

H.M.A.S. "ELLEN" - Departed Brisbane 1000K/20th for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/27th. S.A. 7. To be held off.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/20th November.

O.N.V. 900 - Departed Sydney 0700K/24th for Melbourne via Norfolk Bay E.T.A. Norfolk Bay E.T.A. Norfolk Bay 1800K/20, E.T.A. Melbourne 1800K/20th. S.A. 7.

H.M.A.S. "SARAH" - E.T.A. Sydney 20th November for Home via S/B to Town via S/B.

H.M.A.S. "WYAND" - E.T.A. Sydney 1st December for Home via S/B to Home via S/B.

H.M.S. "AURE" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/20th for Aden and U.K. E.T.A. Aden 1800K/19th December. S.A. 13.5.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requested "AURE" be diverted to Milne Bay to embark full quota including approximately 14 Royal personnel awaiting passage. This was approved.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea advises unless a frigate can be made available to N.O.I.C. New Guinea for surveillance services, "AURE" will be required to be retained under operational control of Home. A frigate, however, is preferable for this duty.



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To 0900K/Sunday, 25th November, 1945.

- U.S.S. "CHATHAM" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Guam 1400K/22nd for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/27th, SOA. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Balikpapan 1915K/23rd for Macassar E.T.A. 1815K/24th. Carrying troops.
- H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" "BENDIGO" ) Departed Morotai 1430K/23rd. 1st  
 "MARYBOROUGH" "CAIRNS" ) six ships for Thursday Island  
 "TOOWOOMBA" "FREMANTLE" ) E.T.A. 1000K/28th. Cairns for  
 "GOULBURN" "BURNIE" ) Merauke E.T.A. 0800K/28th thence  
 "RATHURST" ) Cairns, Fremantle and Burnie for  
 Darwin E.T.A. 0800K/27th thence  
 to Fremantle.
- H.M.A.S. "TRINGA" - Departed Morotai 1600K/24th for Ambon E.T.A. 1500K/29th, SOA. 7. To relieve "THREE CHEERS" and carry out duties for P.D. Ambon.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - E.T.A. Wewak 0700K/28th. To embark Army personnel for mainland.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - E.T.A. Wewak approximately 27th November to embark Aust. Army personnel for Sydney.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Langemak 23rd for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/24th thence to Port Moresby/
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Manus 1700K/23rd for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/29th. SOA. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "ELLAN" - Departed Cairns 0600K/24th for Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/25th. SOA. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - E.T.D. Townsville 29th November for Torokina.
- H.M.A.S. "KIANGA" - Departed Brisbane 1630K/23rd for Sydney E.T.A. 0500K/27th. SOA. 7. To be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - E.T.A. Sydney 0930K/25th November.
- G.P.V. 962 - Departed Sydney 0730K/24th for Melbourne via Twofold Bay E.T.A. Twofold Bay E.T.A. Twofold Bay 1200K/25, E.T.A. Melbourne 1000K/28th, SOA. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA" - E.T.D. Sydney 28th November for Manus for O/R to Tokyo via Guam.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - E.T.D. Sydney 1st December for Darwin for full discharge and return Sydney.
- H.M.S. "AVON" - Departed Fremantle 1800K/23rd for Aden and U.K. E.T.A. Aden 1400K/19th December. SOA. 12.5.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requested "BATAAN" be diverted to Madang to embark full quota including approximately 50 Naval personnel awaiting passage. This was approved.

N.O.I.C. Darwin advises unless a frigate can be made available to N.O.I.C. Darwin for surveillance cruises, "LISMORE" will be required to be retained under operational control of Darwin. A frigate, however, is preferable for this duty.

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*J. Atkinson*

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DAILY NARRATIVE - TO 0900K SATURDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER.

- U.S.S. MOUNT BAKER (Ammunition ship) - Departed Leyte Gulf 1700K/22 for Manus, E.T.A. 28th. (SOA 13.5).
- U.S.S. SAKATONGCHEE (Tanker) - Departed Zamboanga 2000K/21 for Labuan, E.T.A. 1800K/24th. (SOA 10).
- H.M.S. CAUVERY escorting - ) Departed Morotai 0900K/21 for Subic  
ADVANTAGE ) Bay, E.T.A. 29th November, thence  
CHEERLY ) Hong Kong, E.T.A. 7th December.  
towing A.F.D. 18. )
- H.M.S. LST 346 - Departs Morotai 1300K/24th for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1200K/29th, thence Brisbane, E.T.A. 1000K/5th. (SOA 10).
- H.M.A.S. BURDEKIN - Departed Tarakan 1100K/22nd for Morotai, E.T.A. 0900K/24th.
- H.M.A.S. INVERELL towing - ) Departed Balikpapan 1700K/22nd for  
AIR MIST ) Morotai, E.T.A. 1900K/26th. (SOA 7).  
AIR MASTER )
- H.M.A.S. JUNEE - Departs Morotai AM/25th for Kendari for surveillance duties, returning Morotai approximately AM/1st Dec.
- L.C.1 709 - Departed Hollandia 1600K/22nd for Manus, E.T.A. 24th. (SOA 10).
- U.S.S. ALSHAIN (Attack cargo) - Departed Manus 1500K/22nd for Pearl Harbour, E.T.A. 3rd December. (SOA 13).
- H.M.A.S. YANDRA - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/23rd for Townsville, E.T.A. PM/26th. (SOA 9).
- H.M.A.S. ROCKCLIPPE ) Departed Townsville 0930K/23rd for Milne Bay,  
escorting M.F.V. ) E.T.A. 2000K/27th for onward routing to Finschafen  
Convoy (8 MPV's and ) and Hong Kong. "WEAZEL" departed Townsville  
3 tugs). ) PM/23rd to overtake convoy. H.M.S. "AIRB" will  
rendezvous off Fitzroy Island to become senior  
escort.
- M.L. 825 - Departs Townsville 0500K/24th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0700K/28th. (SOA 12).
- U.S.S. UVALDE (Attack cargo) - Departs Brisbane 1000K/24th for Saumarez Reef, E.T.A. 1000K/25th. Ship will dump torpedo air flasks and after bodies and will also board wreck of "FRANCIS PRESTON BLAIR" for salvage. E.T.D. 0700K/27th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0800K/28th. (SOA 14).
- H.M.S. INDEFATIGABLE ) Departed Sydney 1040K/23rd for Wellington,  
H.M.S. WIZARD ) E.T.A. Port Nicholson 0900K/27th. (SOA 13.5).  
H.M.S. URCHIN )
- H.M.A.S. HAWKESBURY - Departed Sydney 0700K/23rd for Melbourne, E.T.A. 1630K/24th. (SOA 15).
- H.M.A.S. GLENELG - Departs Sydney 0800K/26th for Melbourne, E.T.A. 0900K/28th.
- H.M.S. TRAFALGAR )  
H.M.S. HOGUE ) Departed Darwin 0730K/23rd for Sydney,  
H.M.S. ARMADA ) E.T.A. PM/30th.  
H.M.S. CAMPERDOWN )
- H.M.A.S. BOMBO - Departed Darwin 1730K/22nd for Cairns, E.T.A. 0700K/30th, thence Sydney.



N.O.I.C. Moluccas has reported that Port Directorates at Tarakan and Balikpapan have been reduced to N.C.S.O. status.

F.O.I.C. Sydney expects "STUART" will be ready to sail 1st December, and recommends ship be routed to Milne Bay, Rabaul and Madang in that order.

C. in C. N.F.E. proposes H.N.M.S. "HEMSKERCK" collects about 250 Ambonese and Menadonese for evacuation from Batavia and Sourabaya to Ambon and Menado - this with approval of A.F.N.E.I. and concurrence of A.C.N.B. Requires 600 tons fuel oil at Morotai or other convenient port.

C. in C. B.P.F. signals that, in regard to diversion of southbound ships to assist in repatriation of A.I.F. personnel, the lifts available will probably be small, but he will be glad to give all assistance possible with ships on passage from Hong Kong to Australia so long as disembarkation and diversion does not delay ships more than 48 hours.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends "KRAIT" and "GRASS SNAKE" be paid off in Labuan where transfer to B.B.C.A.U. will be effected. E.T.D. "GAWLER" towing "KRAIT" from Morotai to Labuan 3rd December.

Demilitarized cruiser "KASHIMA" will be sailed when ready from Wewak to Okinawa for onward routing to Kure.

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S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 23rd November.

H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Manila 1500K/22 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/28th.  
(SOA. 15).

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" - Departs Morotai 0800K/23rd for Menado to rendezvous  
with "BOWEN" at 0900K/24, embark NICA and RNIA detachments  
for Corontalo thence returns Menado and Morotai.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departed Balikpapan 1800K/21st for Macassar E.T.A.  
1200K/23rd. (SOA. 6.5).

H.N.M. Submarine O.25 - Arrived Macassar 1130K/22 from Batavia.  
Departed 1620K/22 for Fremantle E.T.A. 2000K/30th.

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departs Brisbane 1500K/23 for Melbourne E.T.A.  
1000K/26th.

H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departs Brisbane 1400K/22 for Sydney E.T.A.  
0600K/25th, (SOA. 8).

H.M.S. "WESSEX" ) Departed Melbourne 1952K/21 for Fremantle E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "NEPAL" ) 1000K/26 (SOA. 15.)

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C. in C. B.P.F. requests "UNICORN" be sailed from Sydney 25th  
November to U.K. via Fremantle and Capetown.

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N.C.I.C. Port Moresby requests advice as to whether closing  
down of base is to be delayed until all boats being received are  
disposed of - recommends one officer, one shipwright and three A.B.'s  
remain Moresby after closing down of base for disposal of such boats.

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Milbase Brisbane requests Landforces make a sloop available  
for evacuation Merauke - Landforces replies that a corvette is  
available E.T.A. Merauke 29th November and will land troops at  
Thursday Island.

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M/S 20 proposes "MILDURA" be granted 28 days leave, docking  
and to make good essential defects only. This should not involve  
any appreciable delay in commencement of operations as it is  
anticipated "ECHUCA" will be ready to leave Brisbane by 30th November.

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P.D. Ambon signals that CORNN Ambon has been advised by SORNN  
Melbourne that the R.A.N. has requested R.N.N. assume responsibility  
for the fuel installation at Ambon and requests instructions.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 22nd November, 1945.

H.M.S. "SWIFTSURE" - E.T.D. Tokyo 6th December for Sydney via Manus.  
At Manus 13th and 14th December.

H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Auckland 0930K/20th for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/23rd  
SOA. 16.5.

H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" }  
towing } - Departed Macassar 1630K/20th for Balikpapan  
H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" } E.T.A. 1000K/22nd, SOA. 8.

H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departed Morotai 1900K/21st for further Vogelkop  
surveillance. Ports to be visited include Sarmi, Hollandia,  
Biak, Manokwari and Sarong. E.T.A. Sarmi R/V 1300K/24th.  
Returns to Morotai on completion of operations.

H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Madang 1800K/21st for Rabaul E.T.A.  
0800K/23rd, SOA. 11.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Proceeds from Torokina to Dreger Harbour to  
discharge cable then embarks N.O.I.C. New Guinea and proceeds  
Madang.

G.P.V. 957 - E.T.D. Townsville 0500K/22nd for R.M.S. duties between  
Townsville and Thursday Island calling at Cairns and Cooktown  
for provisions and water as necessary.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Brisbane 1130K/21 for Tarakan E.T.A.  
1400K/1st December for O/R to Labuan, SOA. 14.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" }  
" "BUNBURY" } - Departure from Brisbane delayed until 25th.  
" "COWRA" }  
" "ARARAT" }

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" }  
towing } - Departed Brisbane 1530K/21st for Sydney E.T.A.  
"SAN MICHELE" } 1800K/23rd, SOA. 9.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Bruner Is. 1430K/20th for Sydney E.T.A.  
1001K/25th, SOA. 13. Survey completed.

H.M.A.S. "GLENEIG" - E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 26th for Melbourne E.T.A. A.M.  
28th, E.T.D. A.M. 29th for Adelaide E.T.A. A.M. 1st December.

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Cape Sorell (Tas.) 1415K/20th for Sydney  
E.T.A. 1100K/23rd.

M.L.'s 812 and 824 paid off in Fremantle on 19th.

S.O. Force "A" regrets unable to break down any division  
of Force "A" into individual Units.



To 0900K/Wednesday, 21st November, 1945.

H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Hong Kong 1530K/20th for Manila E.T.A. 0830K/22nd  
S.O.A. 13.5.

U.S.S. "HENNEPIN" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Leyte 1100K/19th for Melbourne  
E.T.A. 4th December, SOA. 11.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Balikpapan 0800K/20th for Tarakin E.T.A.  
1000K/21st.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Morotai 1700K/20th for Brisbane via west  
of New Guinea, SOA. 14.

H.M. Tug "ASSISTANCE" - Departed Morotai 0700K/21st for Singapore E.T.A.  
A.M. 28th, SOA. 10.2.

Y.P.233 - Departed Biak 1820K/19th for Manus E.T.A. 1800K/22nd.

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departs Rabaul 1001K/21st for Torokina E.T.A.  
0800K/22nd, E.T.D. 0600K/23rd for Madang E.T.A. 1001K/25th,  
SOA. 11.

H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" - Departed Sydney 0945K/20th for Adelaide E.T.A.  
0630K/23rd, SOA. 15.

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H.M.A.S. "LEILANI" paid off in Sydney A.M. 19th. (For disposal).

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H.M.A.S. "AVONITA" paid off in Fremantle 1300K/19th. (For disposal)

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H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" reports divers inspection reveals no damage  
to hull other than loss of dome and bent tips of two blades of Port  
propeller.

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N.O.I.C. Fremantle reports diesel schooner "TAIPAN" taken  
over from Army Ordnance 1315K/19th.

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Port Directorate at Ocean Island closed down 0610K/19th.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas advises C. in C. (Army) has required 2nd  
Jap. Army to maintain its own Admin. This necessitates Jap. employment  
of all Jap. usable craft and it is undesirable at this stage to take  
over any craft at all in order to avoid room for Jap. excuses.



S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 20th November.

- H.M. "L.S.T.'s 8, 383" - Departed Balikpapan 1800K/19 for Brisbane E.T.A. 4th December. (SOA. 9).
- L.C.I.709 - Departed Manus 1800K/19 for Hollandia E.T.A. 1000K/21. (SOA. 10).
- U.S.S. "SANCOCK"(A/C Carrier) - Departed Manus 1700K/19 for San Pedro E.T.A. 4th December. (SOA. 16).
- M.S.L.705 - Departs Wewak 0600K/20 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/23 (SOA. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departs Cairns 0900K/20 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/23 (SOA. 9).
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM"(C.L.) - Departs Brisbane 1315K/23 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1000K/26th.
- U.S.S. "GANYMEDE"(Store Ship) - Departs Brisbane 0900K/20 for Pearl Harbour E.T.A. 7th December. (SOA. 10.5).
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Sydney 1655K/19 for Manus E.T.A.0800K/25. (SOA. 16).
- H.M.S. "WESSEX" Departed Sydney 1900K/19 for Port Phillip E.T.A.
- H.M.S. "NEPAL" )- 0600K/21 thence Fremantle E.T.A.0800K/26.(SOA. 15).
- G.P.V.956 - Departed Darwin 2230K/18 for Koepang E.T.A. 1230K/21.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Yampi Sound A.M./19th for Onslow E.T.A. A.M./23rd. (SOA. 6.5).

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S.C.R.N.N. Melbourne, advises that R.N.N. will provide Naval ports parties in Balikpapan, Tarakan, Ambon, Macassar, Biak, Hollandia, Koepang and Morotai.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney proposes "QUALITY" be paid off into "F" class reserve and destored - a large care and maintenance party will be necessary if ship is not destored for refit.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 17th November, 1945.

- HMS. TRAFALGAR } - Departed Hong Kong 1930K/15th for Darwin for O/R to  
 HOGUE } Sydney. E.T.A. Darwin 0800K/22nd. SOA. 15.  
 CAMPERDOWN }  
 ARMADA }
- HMS. FLAMBORO HEAD - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/15th for Darwin for O/R to  
 Brisbane E.T.A. Darwin 1700K/26th SOA.9.
- HMAS. BALLARAT } FREMANTLE }  
 BATHURST } GOULBURN } - 21st M.S.F. Departed Hong Kong 1030K/16th  
 BENDIGO } MARYBOROUGH } for Morotai E.T.A. 1630K/22. SOA.11.  
 BURNIE } TOOWOOMBA }  
 CAIRNS }
- HMS. WIDEMOUTH BAY - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/15 for Tokyo E.T.A. 1130K/21st.
- HMAS. ELLAN - Departed Moresby 1031K/15 for Cairns E.T.A. 1200K/21st. SOA.7.
- M.L. 825 - Departed Thursday Island 0700K/16th for Cairns E.T.A. 0001K/  
 20th. SOA.12.
- HMAS. BANGALOW - Departed Townsville 1500K/15th for Brisbane servicing lights  
 en route E.T.A. Brisbane A.M. 30th for O/R to Sydney. SOA.8
- HMS. WEAZEL - E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/17th. SOA.6. Having engine trouble.
- H.D.M.L.'s 1329 and 1322 ) - Departed Gladstone 0500K/15th for Brisbane.  
 HMAS. SAN MICHELE ) E.T.A. 1300K/17th.
- HMAS. BUNBURY )  
 SWAN ) - E.T.D. Brisbane 23rd November for Sydney (20th M.S.F.)  
 COWRA )  
 ARARAT )
- HMS. AVON - Departed Sydney 0636K/16th for Fremantle E.T.A. 0900K/23rd  
 SOA. 12.5
- HMS. EURYALUS - Departed Sydney 0715K/16th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0930K/17th  
 SOA. 19.
- HMAS. URALBA - Departed Adelaide 0500K/17 for Melbourne for orders.
- HMAS. HORSHAM - Departed Darwin 1130K/16 for Fremantle calling at Onslow  
 or Geraldton for fuel. E.T.A. Fremantle 1400K/23rd. To be  
 paid off into "F" class reserve on arrival.

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HMA Ships "OLIVE CAM" and "MARY CAM" paid off into "F" class reserve A.M.  
 14th at Sydney.

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Rockhampton Harbour Board are interested in Tug "ELWING" and suggest  
 vessel call at Rockhampton on voyage south.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney requests that the torpedo recovery vessel at present on  
 loan to the R.A.N.T.F. from the R.N. may be allocated permanently to that  
 establishment if no longer required by the R.N. If not approved request  
 vessel be on loan for period of 6 months.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 17th November, 1945.

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H.M.A.S. ARUNTA Delayed by weather and parted company with "HOBART". E.T.A. Tokyo 1100K/17th.

U.S.S. TRIANGULUM Departed Hollandia 2200K/16th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0800K/20th. S.O.A. 10.5.

H.M.A.S. GUMLEAF Departed Madang 1200K/16th for Langemak E.T.A. 1550K/17th E.T.D. 1500K/18th for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1900K/19th thence to Port Moresby E.T.A. P.M. 25th S.O.A. 6. N.O.I.C. Moresby to arrange onward tow or O/R to Sydney to pay off.

H.M.A.S. KIAMA Departed Madang 1700K/18th for Wewak E.T.A. 0920K/19th. S.O.A. 12. N.O.I.C. New Guinea on board. On arrival Wewak ship to be placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 6th Div.

H.M.A.S. LACHLAN Departed Milne Bay 0800K/17th for survey grounds thence on 20th proceeds to Sydney. E.T.A. 25th.

H.M.A.S. DELORAINE Departed Brisbane 1530K/17th for Sydney E.T.A. 1730K/19th.

H.M.S. WHIRLWIND Departed Brisbane 0600K/18th to R/V with "IMPLACABLE" at 1800K/18th. S.O.A. 20.

H.M.A.S. GLENELG Departs Sydney when R.F.S. for Fremantle via Melbourne and Adelaide E.T.A. Adelaide A.M. 1st December.

H.M.S. WESSEX )  
" NEPAL ) E.T.D. Sydney 19th November for U.K. via Fremantle and Colombo. "Nepal" to fuel at Melbourne and Cocos.

H.M.A.S. URALBA E.T.A. Melbourne from Adelaide 1200K/21st. S.O.A.5.

H.M.S. DUKE OF YORK E.T.D. Norfolk Bay (Tasmania) 1600K/19th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/21st.

H.M.A.S. STELLA E.T.A. Yampi Sound now 2000K/18th. 24 hours late.

H.M.A.S. GLADSTONE Departed Darwin 0830K/17th for Koepang for Surveillance duty. E.T.A. Koepang 0900K/19th.

H.M.S. WHELP Departed Darwin 0900K/17th for Sydney E.T.A. 0900K/24th. S.O.A. 15.

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"MACQUARIE" is to be commissioned in Sydney on the 7th December, carrying out trials on 10th, 12th and 14th.

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N.O.I.C. Townsville reports since paying off "LUCY STAR", vessel has not been required for pilotage transport and as pilots association can produce at Cairns other suitable vessels for this work, he recommends "LUCY STAR" be disposed of.

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To 0900K, Monday, 19th November.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } Departs Tokyo Bay 0800K/18 for Sydney E.T.A.  
 H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" } - 0700K/30. "BATAAN" will detach to Manus to  
 fuel E.T.A. 0600K/24 then rejoin "SEROPSHIRE".  
 (SOA. 15.4).

H.M.S. "RESOURCE" - Departs Hong Kong 1100K/17 for Singapore E.T.A.  
 0800K/22. (SOA. 14).

H.N.M. Submarine "O.23" - Departs Batavia 1930K/18 for Fremantle (SOA. 12).

U.S.S. "GRANVILLE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manus 1700K/18 for  
 San Francisco E.T.A. 4th December. (SOA. 14).

Y.P.280 - Departed Manus 0600K/18 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0600K/22 (SOA. 7.5).

U.S.S. "STOCKDALE" (Destroyer Escort) } Departed Rabaul 0215K/18 for  
 U.S.S. "WANTUCK" (Destroyer Transport) } - Manus E.T.A. 1200K/19 (SOA. 16).

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departs survey ground vicinity China Strait  
 0700K/21 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/25.

H.D.M.L. 1321 } Depart Cairns 2359K/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. A.M./25th.  
 H.M.A.S. "PALUMA" } - (SOA. 8).

H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" } Depart Brisbane 1700K/17 for Sydney E.T.A.  
 towing H.D.M.L. 1074 } - 0800K/20. (SOA. 8).  
 H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE"

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departs Brisbane 1130K/18 for Torokina E.T.A.  
 1400K/22. (SOA. 13.5).

H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Fremantle 1700K/18 for Colombo E.T.A.  
 1100K/29th thence U.K. (SOA. 12.5).

A cylinder seven feet long and three feet in diameter, painted green, and containing liquid mustard gas is adrift approximately 25 miles east of Cape Moreton. "DELORAIN" has been instructed to carry out search for cylinder and sink by gun fire if located. A "W.F." message has been promulgated to warn shipping in the area.

"DELORAIN" later reported search abandoned results negative.

N.O.I.C. Hong Kong reports examination of "BALLARAT" indicates that damage is only superficial. Hull plating aft is slightly corrugated but is not fractured. A few rivets in the internal structure aft are sheared and are being renewed. Ship was undocked 15th November.

H.M.S. "WESSEX" with "NEPAL" in company departs Sydney 1800K/19 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0600K/21st to fuel "NEPAL" thence to Fremantle E.T.A. 0800K/26th for onward routing to U.K. via Cocos Is. and Colombo.

21st M/S Flotilla requests information as to intention with regard to 21st M/S Flotilla :-

- (a) Is Flotilla to be disbanded on arrival.
- (b) Are all ships of Flotilla paying off.
- (c) At what ports are ships paying off to be laid up.
- (d) Requests consideration be given to granting all officers and men not being demobilised, leave before proceeding to join new ships.

H.M.A.S. "JUVEE" assumed duties as P.D. Macassar as from 1300K/18th.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

8/16/11  
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To 0900K, Friday, 16th November.

- U.S.S. "L.S.T.'s 497, 245,452 } Depart Tacloban 0900K/16 for Manus  
742, 992,1058) E.T.A. 1100K/16 (SOA. 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departs Morotai 1300K/16 for Menado E.T.A.1000K/17  
- thence surveillance of Talaud Group.
- U.S.S. "SHELIAK"(Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 1400K/14 for Samar  
E.T.A. 18th. (SOA. 15).
- Y.P.233 - Departed Manus 1000K/14 for Mios Woendi E.T.A.1500K/17(SOA. 9)
- H.M.S. "ASSISTANCE" - Departed Manus 0900K/15 for Morotai E.T.A.  
0100K/20 for onward routing to Singapore (SOA. 13).
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Dreger Harbour 1715K/15 for Madang  
E.T.A. 0800K/16.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Departed Townsville 0800K/15 for Sydney E.T.A.  
1200K/19 (SOA. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "GLENELG" } Departed Townsville 0800K/15 for Sydney E.T.A.  
towing H.D.M.L.1359 } 1700K/20 (SOA. 8).
- H.M.S. "WEAZEL" - Departs Brisbane 1230K/14 for Townsville E.T.A.  
0600K/17. (SOA. 11).
- H.M.S. "LEONIAN" - Departs Brisbane 1630K/15 for Manus E.T.A.0800K/23rd.  
(SOA 9.5).
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - Departed Sydney 1220K/15 for exercise Jarvis  
Bay Area - returning Sydney 0530K/22.
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Beauty Point 1730K/14 for Nelson (N.Z.)  
E.T.A. 0530K/18.
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Darwin 0630K/15 for Sydney E.T.A.  
1630K/25 Nov. (SOA. 10).

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A.S. Sydney reports that it is considered that there is no likelihood of early resumption of work by crane drivers at Morts Balmain and Woolwich - this has put both these docks out of action.

Anticipates delays will be caused in completion of "MACQUARIE" and launching of 1,000 ton dock.

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane signals that other ship refit commitments will preclude "LACHLAN" being refitted and docked Brisbane ready for survey of southern waters by end of December. Recommends refit elsewhere or defer until end of January, 1946, at Brisbane.

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H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" will not be in operational state on departure from U.K. Considers two or three months work will be required on ship in Australia to complete known defects and A/S before ship will be operational.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas has been ordered to sail "BURNIE" and "FREMANTLE" to Fremantle via Darwin and to sail "BENDIGO", "TOOWOOMBA", "BATHURST", "CAIRNS", "GOULBURN" and "MARYBOROUGH" to Sydney via Townsville.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends using "FOYANG" to transfer 700 tons equipment from Balikpapan to Macassar, as she is only vessel available - delay involved six day maximum. E.T.D. Balikpapan now 19th November.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 15th November.

U.S.S. "MUSKINGUM" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Biak 0900K/14 for Leyte E.T.A. 17th. (S.O.A. 12).

L.C.I. 866 - Departed Hollandia 1730K/13 for Manus E.T.A. 0930K/15th. (SOA.10).

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Madang 1545K/14 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1200K/15 (SOA.8).

G.P.V. 957 }  
towing }  
"TANGALOOMA" } - Departed Cairns 1500K/15 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/16 (SOA.7).

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Arrived Townsville 1500K/14 from "ATLAS" survey. Departs 0800K/15 for Sydney.

H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - Departs Brisbane 1700K/14 for Labuan E.T.A. 23rd. (SOA.15) Via route west of New Guinea.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" - Departed Sydney 0945K/14 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1800K/16 (SOA 9.5).

H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Sydney 1415K/14 for Auckland E.T.A. 1630K/17 (SOA.17).

H.M.S. "WRANGLER" }  
H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" } - Departed Fremantle 2000K/14 for Colombo direct E.T.A. 2000K/23.

H.M.A.S. "STELLA" - Departed Darwin 1300K/14 for Yampi Sound E.T.A. 2000K/17, thence Onslow and Fremantle to pay off.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has signalled report of survey of "TOLGA". Most of the defects are well beyond base capabilities to repair. It is considered that any voyage outside sheltered waters would be extremely hazardous, and therefore proposal to sail for Darwin is not favoured. Recommends she be taken out to sea and sunk.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests policy regarding markings on Japanese merchant vessels operating in Moluccas Area.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 14th November, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } E.T.D. Tokyo 18th for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/30th.  
 H.M.A.S. "BATAAN" } "BATAAN" to fuel at Manus en route.
- H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - E.T.A. Labuan 23rd November, Morotai 27th, thence to Brisbane for discharge E.T.A. approximately 4th December.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departed Macassar 1600K/13th for Cecil Reef to assist in salvage of "BURDEKIN".
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Morotai 1600K/13 for Menado E.T.A. 0700K/14th thence SOA 15 to Cecil Reef to assist in salvage of "BURDEKIN". E.T.A. Cecil Reef 1900K/15th.
- H.M.A. Tug "ST. GILES" - Departed Morotai 1530K/13th to assist L.T.357 in recovery of tow in position 04°50' N., 128°45' E. On completion return to Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Madang 1730K/13 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1030K/14th, SOA 10.
- H.M.S. "AIRE" - Departed Manus 1700K/12th for Cairns E.T.A. 0700K/16th, SOA 13.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - E.T.A. Lee 1600K/13, E.T.A. Madang 0700K/14th, E.T.A. Morotai 0800K/17th, SOA 16.
- H.D.M.L.1321 ) Departed Moresby 1200K/12th for Cairns E.T.A. A.M.  
 H.M.A.S. "PALUMA" ) 17th thence to Brisbane H.D.M.L. for refit and "PALUMA" to pay off.
- M.L.505 - Departs Townsville 2359K/14th for Brisbane. R.M.S. party aboard to be landed at Mackay. E.T.A. P.M. 16th E.T.D. Mackay 0900K/17th, E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 19th.
- U.S.S. "MIZAR" - Departed Townsville 1200K/13th for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/16th, SOA 16.5.
- H.M.A. Tug "SPRIGHTLY" )  
 towing )- Departs Brisbane 1130K/14th for Sydney E.T.A.  
 H.M. Tug "AINWELL" ) 1200K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" ) Departed Sydney 1730K/12th for Cairns and O/R to  
 towing T.B.8 ) Thursday Island and Darwin. E.T.A. Cairns 1400K/19th  
 SOA 8.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departs Westernport 1200K/15th for Port Phillip E.T.A. 1600K/15th.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" was paid off in Sydney 1200K/12th November.

C. in C.B.P.F. will open up H.Q. in Hong Kong in the latter part of December, actual date to be promulgated.

Report on "BURDEKIN" - Refloated 2145K/15th. Thorough examination reveals no damage to hull except loss of dome. "BURDEKIN" and "CESSNOCK" both short of fuel. Propose "CESSNOCK" takes 75 tons fuel from "JUNEE" on her arrival 14th and on completion "BURDEKIN" and "CESSNOCK" proceed as previously arranged to Barito River.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" reports T.B.8 capsized and partially submerged. Proceeding to Newcastle E.T.A. 1000K/13th. Later "YANDRA" reported tow had parted and T.B.8 sank in position 136° 4 miles from breakwater light Newcastle. "YANDRA" intends proceeding to Cairns.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 13th November, 1945.

- H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Wellington 1335K/10th for Sydney  
- E.T.A. 1001K/13th, SOA 18.5.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departed Manus 1530K/11th for Yokohama E.T.A.  
0800K/17th, SOA 16.
- H.S.S. "GANNYMEDE" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/12th for Brisbane, E.T.A.  
16th.
- U.S.S. "GRANVILLE" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/12th for Hollandia  
E.T.A. 15th.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Departed Townsville 2145K/10th for Brisbane  
E.T.A. 0900K/13th, SOA 12. To tow H.M. Tug "AIMWELL" to  
Sydney from Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Townsville 1200K/12th for Brisbane  
E.T.A. 0600K/15th, SOA 10.5.
- H.M.S. "AVON" - E.T.D. Sydney 16th November for U.K. via Fremantle,  
Aden and Gibraltar.
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" ) Departed Fremantle 1100K/11th for Colombo via  
"NIZAM" )- Onslow and Cocos Is. E.T.A.'s - Onslow 1400K/13th  
"NAPIER" ) Cocos 2000K/16th. SOA to Onslow 15.5 thence 14.5.
- H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" - Departed Darwin 0830K/12th for Sydney E.T.A.  
0900K/24th, SOA 9.

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N.O.I.C. Darwin advises both Boom Vessels now withdrawn.  
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N.O.I.C. New Guinea sends to COMPHILSEAFRON - H.M.A.S. "LATROBE"  
at Labuan will be made available to assist in salvage of S.S.  
"AUGUSTUS MERRIMAN", if required.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas instructs H.M.S. "CESSNOCK" - On completion  
of "IMPLACABLE" duties, proceed to Banjarmasin and tow "GRASS SNAKE"  
to Balikpapan for repairs, then tow or escort "EDUARDO" to Macassar  
for slipping.

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N.O.I.C. Brisbane states - Evans Deakin advise commissioning  
of "MURCHISON" postponed owing delay in completion of wiring in  
operations room and T/S. Commissioning date now 12th December.  
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N.O.I.C. Brisbane sends - Harbours and Marine Department have  
officially advised that other than the docking of "ECHUCA" and  
"DUBBO" for 3 days 20th November, the South Brisbane dry dock will  
not be available for vessels other than those under their own  
control, until end of March, 1946.  
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H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" reports aground vicinity Cecil Reefs,  
position 02°21'S., 116°55'E. No apparent damage except loss of  
dome but is unable to get off and is lightening ship. H.M.S. "CESSNOCK"  
will arrive at 0330K/13 to tow.

Revised schedule for "BURDEKIN" - Depart Darwin 1800K/13  
for Onslow and arrive 1800K/15. Depart Onslow 2000K/15 and arrive  
Balikpapan 0800K/17th. (SOA 17.5).

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Monday, 12th November.

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- H.M.S. "WHELP" - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/9 for Darwin E.T.A. 1500K/16.  
(S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "HELFOED" - Departed Hong Kong 1500K/10 for U.K. via Singapore.
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Manila 1600K/11 for Hong Kong E.T.A. 0900K/13.  
(SOA 15).
- U.S.S. "BULL" (Destroyer Transport) - Departed Leyte Gulf 1630K/10 for  
Manus E.T.A. 1630K/14. (SOA 16).
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departs Morotai 1100K/12 for Ambon E.T.A.  
1500K/13 thence to Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/20 and Melbourne (SOA 16)
- "MERKUR" - Departed Morotai 1500K/11 for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/16 (SOA 11).
- H.M.A.S. "WOLLONGONG" - Departs Morotai to arrive Cape Tunowi at  
0800K/12 for surveillance duties - duration of operations  
five days.
- H.M.A.S. "GUMLEAF" - Departed Wewak 0600K/10 for Hausa Bay E.T.A.  
1400K/11 thence to Madang for onward routing to Sydney to  
pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Departed Thursday Island for Townsville. Will now  
embark salvage officer off Cairns to carry out survey of  
"ATLAS" thence to continue to Townsville.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departs Cairns 1500K/10 for Townsville E.T.A.  
0600K/11 (SOA 10).
- H.M.S. "AVON" - Departs Brisbane 1600K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/12th.  
(SOA 12).
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Sydney 1430K/11 for Strahan E.T.A.  
Cape Sorell 0900K/14 (SOA 10).
- H.M.S. "SLINGER" - Departed Sydney 1415K/10 for Fremantle E.T.A.  
1100K/17 (SOA 12.75).
- H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" )  
H.M.S. "WIZARD" ) - Depart Sydney 1100K/23 for Port Nicholson  
H.M.S. "URCHIN" ) (N.Z.) E.T.A. 0900K/27th (13.5).
- H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" - Departed Darwin 0930K/10 for Keepang E.T.A.  
1330K/13 for guard duties (SOA 10).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Darwin 1930K/11 for Yampi Sound E.T.A.  
1230K/13.
- H.M.S. "KEMPENFELT" )  
H.M.S. "WAGER" ) - Departed Darwin 0800K/10 for Sydney E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "WHIRLWIND" ) 0600K/17 (SOA 16.5).
- H.M.A.S. "PARKES" - Departed Darwin 1030K/11 for Browse Island thence  
to Fremantle - to call at Onslow or Geraldton for fuel.

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H.M.S. "ROCKCLIFFE" with convoy of eight M.F.V.'s and three  
tugs depart Brisbane 0900K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 16th. (SOA 6).

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Revised schedule for "ARUNTA" :- Depart Morotai 1800K/10  
for Guam and arrive 1900K/13. Depart Guam 2400K/13 and arrive  
Tokyo Bay 0800K/17th. (SOA 17.5).

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C. in C. East Indies has requested that A.C.N.B. retain the operational control of "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSENS" and keep her outside SEAC operational area until situation allows her to be called forward when she will be operated by C. in C. N.F.E.I.

E.T.D. of "WESTRALIA" from Brisbane is now 18th November - delay due to completion of essential engine and galley defects.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that "KATOOMBA's" boilers are so bad that complete re-tubing is advisable for reliable durability. Recommends substitute vessel be allocated to M/S 20.

N.Z.N.B. signals that programme as outlined by A.C.N.B. for First Naval Member of N.Z.N.B. suits him admirably.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane states that docking and essential defects only, can be undertaken on 124th L.S.T. Flotilla.

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To 0900K Sunday, 11th November.

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- U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" - (Store Ship). Departed Leyte Gulf 1206K/8 for HOLLANDIA E.T.A. 0900K/13. (SOA. 10.5)
- H.M.A.S. "CESSENOCK" - Departed ZAMBOANGA 1200K/8 for BALIKPAPAN. E.T.A. 0800K/11.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Arrived MOROTAI 0930K/10 from KALPANG - departs 1800K/10 for GUAM E.T.A. 1500K/13 (SOA.175).
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - Departed MANUS 1430K/10 for HONG KONG. E.T.A. PM/16. (SOA. 16).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs MADANG 0630K/10 for RABAU E.T.A. 1130K/11. (SOA.15). Thence to proceed SYDNEY.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs TOBOKINA 1600K/10 for LAE E.T.A. 0700K/12. (SOA.12.5).
- U.S.S. "MARQUETTE" (attack Cargo) - Departed BRISBANE 1145K/9 for SAMAR E.T.A. 19th.
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" )  
H.M.S. "RIZAM" ) Depart Fremantle 1100K/11 for COLOMBO via ONSLOW  
H.M.S. "NAPIER" ) and COCOS IS.
- H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" - Departed DARWIN 0820K/9 for YAMPY SOUND. E.T.A. 0820K/12. (SOA. 7.5).
- H.M.A.S. "HORSMAN" - Departed DARWIN 0715K/8 for LYNDOCK BANK.
- M.L.805. - Departs CAIRNS 1030K/9 for WILLIS IS. to land A.W.A. operator and stores E.T.A. 1030K/11. E.T.A. CAIRNS 1120K/12. (SOA.11).
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departed MILNE BAY 0700K/10 for TOWNSVILLE E.T.A. 0600K/14. (SOA.7).
- U.S.S. "UVALDE" - (Attack Transport). Departed MANUS 1700K/10 for BRISBANE. E.T.A. 15TH (SOA. 14.).

C.C.A.S. requests "ARUNTA" signal revised programme amending arrival at Tokyo Bay to A.M./17 to release "BATAAN" to sail with "SHROPSHIRE".

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C. in C. B.P.F. requests New Zealand Naval Board's concurrence in visits by "INDEFATIGABLE" with "URCHIN" and "WIZARD" to New Zealand from 23rd November to 2nd December.

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"MANOORA" requests A.C.N.B. Approach Land Forces to alter destination from Sydney to Brisbane - to land armament and four heavy winches.

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V.A.(Q) has approved N.O.I.C. Brisbane sailing "ROCKCLIFFE" with M.F.V. Convoy to CAIRNS to await arrival of "WEAZEL". "WEAZEL" developed electrical defects E.T.D. Brisbane 20th November.

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V.A.(Q) "WIZARD" - Departed Brisbane 1200K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/11, SOA 12.5.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 10th November, 1945.

- H.M.S. "EMPRESS" - Departed Wellington 1400K/8th, E.T.A. Colombo P.M. 23rd November.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departed Koepang 0030K/8th for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/10th SOA 15 thence Guam and Tokyo.
- H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE" - E.T.A. Balikpapan 0800K/10th thence Sydney with long service troops.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Tarakan 0800K/8th for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1100K/9th.
- H.M.S. "L.S.T.'s 9, 321, 408 - E.T.D. Morotai 1500K/10th for Brisbane via west of New Guinea and Thursday Is. E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0800K/15 Brisbane 1200K/21st.
- M.W.L.253 - Departed Biak 0700K/8th for Morotai E.T.A. 1700K/10th, SOA 8.5.
- H.M.A.S. "GUMLEAF" - Departed Hollandia 0730K/8th for Wewak E.T.A. 1400K/9th Thence to Madang for O/R to Sydney for paying off.
- H.M.A.S. "HOBART" - Departs Manus when R.F.S. for Tokyo E.T.A. 0800K/17th.
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - E.T.A. Manus 0800K/10th from Brisbane E.T.D. Manus 1300K/10th for Hong Kong.
- OLNA (RFAO) - Departed Manus 0900K/8th for Morotai for O/R to Singapore E.T.A. Morotai 0300K/12th, SOA 13.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Manus 1200K/9th for Madang E.T.A. 2100K/10th. SOA 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. "ELLAN" - Departed Milne 8th for Moresby via Samarai E.T.A. Samarai 8th, E.T.D. 10th, E.T.A. Moresby 14th Nov.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Milne Bay 1400K/8th for survey grounds.
- H.M.A.S. "GRIFFIOEN" - Departed Townsville 1200K/9th for Brisbane via Gladstone for fuel E.T.A. Gladstone 0800K/13th, E.T.D. 1200K/14th. E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/16th, SOA 7.5.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR CHIEF" - Departed Townsville 0600K/8th on local R.M.S. operations Liverpool River.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Brisbane 1730K/8th for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/10th.
- H.M.S. "DULLISK COOL" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/9th for Manila E.T.A. 1500K/26th for O/R to Hong Kong. SOA 9.25.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" } E.T.D. Brisbane 1300K/11th for Sydney E.T.A.  
"KAPUNDA" } 1000K/13th. "ROCKHAMPTON" to join 20th M.S.F.  
"KAPUNDA" to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/29th November from Tokyo.
- U.S.S. "CALAMARES" (Store Ship) - Departed Sydney 1530K/9th for Manila E.T.A. 2000K/23rd, SOA 12.5.
- H.M.S. "REAPER" - E.T.D. Sydney for Auckland 14th November with N.Z. personnel aboard. After disembarkation ship returns Sydney.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Melbourne 1055K/8th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/11th, SOA 15.5.



H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Departed Melbourne 0904K/9th for Sydney  
E.T.A. 1730K/11th, SOA 17. To dock at Captain Cook's Dock  
1000K/15th November.

H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Adelaide 1630K/7th for Beauty Point (Hobart)  
E.T.A. 1000K/9th, SOA 15.

H.M.A.S. "KYERA" } Departed Albany 1100K/8th for Fremantle E.T.A.  
G.P.V.959 } 1100K/10th, SOA 8. "KYERA" to be paid off.

Portuguese Ship } Departed Darwin 1800K/8th for Singapore  
"ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" } via Sunda and Casimata Straits.

H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" paid off at Moresby 8th. Being held pending  
decision re disposal.

M.L.815 paid off into "F" class reserve on the 7th at Fremantle.

H.M.A.S. "SEA MIST" paid off in Sydney A.M. 9th.

H.M.S. "WRANGLER" detached "WAKEFUL" to Queenscliff to land  
seriously ill patient. E.T.A. 2215K/9th. Arrangements made for  
ambulance to meet pilot boat when patient taken off.

F.O.W.A.B.P.F. proposes 21st M.S.F. return to Australia via  
Hong Kong and Morotai on completion of clearing route through  
Formosa Straits. Expects Flotilla less "BALLARAT" will be ready to  
leave Hong Kong about 15th November.

Report from "SPRIGHTLY" re "ATLAS" :-

Weather deteriorating resulting in further damage, making it  
useless to tow her off as she could not float. Captain of "SPRIGHTLY"  
considers vessel will be a total loss. "SPRIGHTLY" returning  
Townsville for fuel and water. E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/9th.

H.M.S. "HARVEY" - Departed ... ..  
E.T.A. 1000K/11th.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Friday, 9th November, 1945.

H.M.S. "EMPRESS" - Departed Wellington 1455K/6th for Fremantle, E.T.A. 15th, S.O.A. 15, then proceeds to Colombo.

H.M.A.S. "GAWLER" - Departed Morotai 1600K/7th for surveillance duties at Manokwari and Sorong. Returns Morotai on completion 15th November.

A.F.D. 18 in tow of  
H.M. tugs "ADVANTAGE" and "CHEERLY" escorted by  
H.M.S. "CAUVERY" (Sloop) } Departed Manus 0900K/9th for Hong Kong via Morotai. E.T.A. Morotai A.M. 17th, Hong Kong 30th November.

U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) - Departed Brisbane 1245K/7th for Leyte E.T.A. 1600K/17th, SOA 12.

H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" ) E.T.D. Brisbane 1230K/8th for Sydney E.T.A. towing ) 0500K/11th. "CASTLEMAINE" then to proceed  
H.M.A.S. "LAURIANA" ) Melbourne for paying off. "LAURIANA" to be paid off in Sydney.

G.P.V. 960 - E.T.D. Newcastle P.M. 8th for Coffs Harbour to effect repairs thence proceeds to Port Moresby.

G.P.V. 961 - Departed Coffs Harbour 1400K/7th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/9th SOA 7.

H.M.S. "REDPOLE" - Departed Sydney 1005K/7th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0700K/9th SOA 12.

H.M.S. "WRANGLER" ) Departed Sydney 1130K/8th for Fremantle E.T.A.  
" " " " ) " " " " ) 1200K/14th, SOA 15.

H.M.S. "INDEFATIGABLE" - E.T.D. Sydney 23rd November, Wellington 27th till 4th December. Queen Charlotte Sound 4th till 10th. Auckland 12th till 18th, E.T.A. Sydney 22nd December.

H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Sailing delayed until 0500K/9th due to high wind.

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Port Phillip Heads 1130K/8th for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/11th.

H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" - E.T.A. Darwin 1001K/10th from Hong Kong

S.O. Force 'A' intends to dock all L.S.T.'s of 12th Flotilla and carry out essential repairs at Brisbane. Requires period 16th Nov. until 5th December. Earliest date of concentration at Morotai is therefore 18th December.

Report from "SPRIGHTLY" re "ATLAS" - Inspection on 7th reveals "ATLAS" is right on top of reef and remains hard and fast. Taking a terrific pounding. The entire buoyancy of her double bottom, engine room and stoke hold compartments is negative. Will endeavour to move head to seaward to reduce pounding. On 8th will also attempt to raise steam. There is a good chance of salvage if she can be moved.

H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" contacted L.T.530 and "WBEROONA" in position 21°34' S., 154°15' E. at 0730K/7th and found tug had effected 100% repairs and was proceeding to Sydney direct with tow. "ROCKHAMPTON" R/Vd with "KAPUNDA" at 1945K/7th and both ships proceeded Brisbane E.T.A. 0300K/9th.



S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Thursday, 8th November.

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- U.S.S. "UVALDE" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Guam 1000K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1630K/9 thence Brisbane (S.O.A. 13).
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Manila 1930K/6 for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1300K/8 (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departs Morotai 0700K/8 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 0900K/12 thence to Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - Departs Morotai 1100K/8 for Macassar to relieve "INVERELL" as Port Director, E.T.A. 1100K/11th "INVERELL" to proceed Morotai on relief with "AIR MASTER" and "AIR MIST" in tow.
- U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" (Store Ship) - Departed Hollandia 1400K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1500K/8, (S.O.A. 10.5).
- L.C.I. 709 - Departed Hollandia 1700K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/8. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.D.M.L. 1347 - Departed Wewak 0400K/6 for Madang E.T.A. 1700K/7th. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.D.M.L. 1342 - Departs Rabaul 0200K/7 for Finchhafen E.T.A. 0900K/8th. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" - Departs Rabaul 0530K/7 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/9th, E.T.D. 0300K/10 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/14. (S.O.A. 7.5).
- H.M.S. "WESSEX" - Arrived Townsville for fuel 0700K/7. Departed 1130K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/9 (SOA 20).
- H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - Departed Brisbane 0900K/7 for Platypus Bay to take H.D.M.L. 1074 in tow for Brisbane.
- M.L. 802 - Departed Sydney 0900K/6 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1700K/8th. (SOA 12).
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departs Sydney P.M./11th for Strahan E.T.A. 0900K/14.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Melbourne 1627K/7th for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/10th (SOA 9). Departs Sydney P.M. 12th with T.B.S in tow for Thursday Island via Cairns.
- H.M.S. "VOX" } Depart Melbourne 1200K/8  
H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" } for Sydney.
- H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Adelaide 1530K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 0930K/10 (SOA 15).
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departs Adelaide 1530K/7 for Beauty Point.
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Fremantle 0956K/6 for Colombo E.T.A. 1630K/12 (SOA 21).
- H.M.A.S. "CASCOYNE" - Departed Darwin 2230K/7 for Morotai E.T.A. 1700K/9th. (SOA 14.5).
- H.M.A.S. "ARUETA" - Arrived Koepang 1815K/7 without incident. To proceed Morotai E.T.A. A.M./10th. E.T.D. P.M./10th for Guam E.T.A. 14th depart same day for Tokyo E.T.A. 18th. (SOA 15).



Programme of C. in C. B.P.F. in "DUKE OF YORK" is as follows :-

Leave Sydney A.M./1st December.  
Arrive Albany A.M./5th to refuel.  
Arrive Singapore A.M./13th. Depart 17th.  
Arrive Hong Kong A.M./21st.

Following programme is intended for H.M. destroyers "CAMPERDOWN", "TRAFALGAR", "HOGUE" escorting "THRACIAN" as far as Hong Kong :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
-	Tokyo	6th Nov.
8th	Kagesunt	10th "
14th	Hong Kong	16th "
22nd	Darwin	23rd "
30th	Sydney	-

"ARMADA" will probably join at Hong Kong for onward passage.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports that H.T. "STIRLING CASTLE" has been declared black by all unions concerned. Naval docks operating party are discharging mail, storing and generally preparing ship for return voyage under the direction of S.T.O.

C.T.F. 57 informs C.T.F.112 that it is not now desired to sail "SHROPSHIRE" for Hong Kong. She will wait at Tokyo for "HOBART".

M/S 21 signals that "BALLARAT" was damaged by magnetic mines while entering Amoy Harbour 1850<sup>h</sup>/6th. No casualties. Mine exploded about 20 ft. right astern, minor damaged - towed into harbour by "BENDIGO". A later signal stated that mine may have been acoustic. Ship expects to be able to proceed under own steam to Hong Kong 10th November after temporary repairs with own resources.

"MARYBOROUGH" continuing sweep with remainder of flotilla.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports that a preliminary survey of "STRAHAN" shows considerable structural damage. Ship is considered serviceable to undertake passage to and from Strahan.



To 0900K, Wednesday, 7th November.

- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departs Batavia 0230K/5th via Lombok Strait for Koepang - E.T.A. P.M. 7th. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSJENS" - Departed Bali 2130K/4th for Macassar with 3 tows E.T.A. A.M./8. (S.O.A. 4).
- H.M. "L.S.T.324" - Departed Labuan 0745K/4 for Morotai E.T.A. 1100K/8.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" - Departed Macassar 0930K/5 for Tarakan for fuel E.T.A. 1100K/7th thence Balikpapan.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departs Rabaul 1300K/6th for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/8th. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" - Departs Brisbane 0700K/6 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/9th. (S.O.A. 7) - to pay off.
- H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departs Melbourne 1630K/7 for Sydney.
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" ) Departed Melbourne 1308K/5 for Fremantle E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "NAPLIER" )- 1000K/10 for onward routing to East Indies Station  
H.M.S. "NIZAM" ) thence U.K. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" - Departs Hobart P.M./14th for Norfolk. Departs Norfolk P.M./19 for Sydney, E.T.A. A.M./21st.
- H.M.S. "RULER" - Departed Fremantle 0830K/5th for Aden E.T.A. 1500K/19th (S.O.A. 15).

N.O.I.C. Brisbane recommends that "BARCOO" be despatched elsewhere for docking and defects - this in view of other high priority work.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests that "SLINGER", when ready about 8th November be sailed from Sydney to Fremantle for onward passage to Aden and Greenock.

In order to ease the personnel shipping difficulty, Admiralty intends using the following ships for Naval trooping between the U.K., East Indies and Australia :- "BERWICK", "SUFFOLK", "DEVONSHIRE", "LONDON", "CUMBERLAND", "ENTERPRISE", "VICTORIOUS", "RANGER", "RAJAH", "QUEEN", "PATROLLER", "ATHELING" and "FENCER".

C. in C. B.P.F. requests "DUKE OF YORK" now be refuelled Albany on 5th December.

"Atlas" aground :-

"WESSEX" reports that she succeeded in passing lines to "ATLAS's" stern at high tide, but her eight inch Manila parted before towing wire could be passed - attempts abandoned as tide was falling and breeze freshening. Little change in "ATLAS's" condition. "WESSEX" intends proceeding to Townsville for fuel, after meeting "SPRIGHTLY".

H.M.S. "STRIKER" reported U.S. Army Tug L.T.530 towing "WEERGONA" broken down in vicinity Frederick Reef - both vessels require towing. N.O.I.C. Townsville has despatched "ROCKHAMPTON" and "KAPUNDA" to assist.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Tuesday 6th November, 1945.

- U.S.S. WANTUCK (Destroyer T'port) - Departed Guam 1800K/4th for Manus for  
O/R to Rabaul E.T.A. Manus 1100K/7th.
- H.M.A.S. MANOORA - Departed Balikpapan 1900K/4th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
1400K/14. S.O.A. 13.5.
- H.M.A.S. GLENELG } - Departed Morotai 1300K/5th for Sydney via Townsville  
towing } for fuel. E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/15th. S.O.A. 8.  
H.D.M.L. 1359 }
- U.S.S. JESSE RUTHERFORD (DE) - E.T.D. Hollandia 1300K/6th E.T.A. Manus 0700K/8th  
E.T.D. Manus 1300K/8th E.T.A. Milne Bay  
1000K/11th.
- H.M.S. MANXMAN - Departed Manus 1400K/4th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1100K/11th  
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.S. TERPSICHORE - Departed Manus 1800K/4th for Hong Kong E.T.A. 0900K/12th  
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.S. UNDAUNTED - Departed Manus 1800K/4th for Tokyo via Guam for fuel  
and O/R. E.T.A. Guam 0700K/8th. SOA. 15.
- H.M.S. VINDEX - Departed Manus 1700K/4th for Leyte for O/R to Hong Kong  
E.T.A. Leyte 0800K/9th.
- H.M.A.S. BINGERA - Departed Thursday Island 1400K/4th for Darwin. E.T.A.  
P.M. 7th. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. STUART - Departed Milne Bay 1130K/5th for Lae E.T.A. 1200K/6th  
E.T.D. Lae 1400K/6th for Madang E.T.A. 0730K/7th.
- H.D.M.L.'s 1329, 1322 } - Departed Townsville 0600K/5th for Brisbane via  
} Gladstone for water and provisions. E.T.A.  
H.M.A.S. SAN NICHELE } Gladstone P.M. 11th. S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.A.S. ROCKHAMPTON - Departed Townsville 1600K/5th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
0900K/8th. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.S. STRIKER - Departed Brisbane 0900K/5th for Manus for O/R to Hong  
Kong E.T.A. Manus 0800K/10th. S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. WAGGA - Departed Sydney 1415K/5th for Melbourne E.T.A. 1500K/7th  
S.O.A. 12. To be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. HOBART - Departed Sydney 1600K/5th for Manus for O/R to Tokyo.  
E.T.A. Manus 0700K/11th S.O.A. 16.
- H.M.S. KING GEORGE V. - E.T.D. Melbourne 1500K/8th for Sydney E.T.A.  
1000K/10th S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. URALEA - Sheltering in Apollo Bay.
- H.M.S. RULER - Departed Fremantle 0830K/5th for Aden E.T.A. 1500K/19th.
- H.M.A.S. BENALLA - E.T.A. Geraldton for fuel 0900K/9th.
- H.M.A.S. MORESBY } - Departed Cambridge Gulf 2130K/4th for Darwin.  
} E.T.A. 0730K/6th.  
" STELLA }

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W.S.S. at Fort Moresby closed down at 0800K/5th.

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H.M.A.S. "RADICAL" unslipped at Cairns A.M. 3rd. Awaiting generator before becoming operational.

Portugese authorities intend sloop "ALFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE" to call at Darwin within next few days for fuel and provisions before proceeding to Singapore.

N.O.I.C. MOLUCCAS instructs Landops to request 2nd Jap. Army Commander be instructed to order divisional commanders to complete sweeping Jap. minefields in Moluccas area particularly Kau Bay and Kema.

H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" reports H.M.A. Ships "MOTHER SNAKE", "TIGER SNAKE" and "BLACK SNAKE" were paid off at Labuan on 3rd Nov. and transferred to B.B.C.A.U.

Report from "WESSEX" re "ATLAS". Conditions unsuitable for towing this morning (5th) at high tide. Intend trying again A.M. 6th. Submits an aerial photograph of "ATLAS" and surrounding reef would materially assist tugs to approach her. "WESSEX" remaining until "SPRIGHTLY" arrives.



S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

Handwritten notes: "H 9/11" and "1/11" with a checkmark.

To 0900K/Monday, 5th November, 1945.

- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Departed Morotai 1300K/4th for Sydney via Thursday Island for fuel E.T.A. Thursday Is. 0800K/9th, S.O.A. 11. To join 20th M.S.F.
- U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE"(Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 0940K/3rd for Manila E.T.A. 1300K/10th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departed Madang 0800K/4th for Manus E.T.A.1400K/5th S.O.A. 7. To embark stores and R.A.A.F. personnel for Madang.
- U.S.S. "VINTON"(Cargo Ship) - Departed Manus 0900K/3rd for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1300K/5th, S.O.A. 14.
- M.L.809 - Departed Townsville 0830K/3rd for Brisbane to be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" } Departed Townsville 1200K/4th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
towing } - P.M. 8th, SOA 7.5. "KAPUNDA" then proceeds Sydney  
H.D.M.L.1074 } to be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departed Bundaberg 0800K/5th for Brisbane E.T.A. 0500K/6th. To be paid off.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMELA" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1100K/4th for Torokina E.T.A. 1120K/8th. SOA 15. Thence proceeds Lae and Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" } Arrived Brisbane 1930K/3rd. "SPRIGHTLY" departed  
towing } - 2230K/3rd for Bougainville Reef E.T.A.2200K/6th.  
"AIMWELL" } To assist "ATLAS".
- M.L.808 - Departed Brisbane 0845K/3rd for Sydney to be paid off.
- H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" - Departed Sydney 1215K/3rd for Hobart E.T.A. 0900K/5th, S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Training itinerary E.T.D. Sydney P.M. 12th for Cairns E.T.A. A.M.18th. E.T.D. A.M. 20th for Thursday Is. E.T.A. A.M. 22nd, E.T.D. P.M. 23rd for Sydney E.T.A. P.M. 1st December.
- H.M.A.S. "BERYL II" - Sheltering in Twofold Bay en route Melbourne to Sydney with T.B.8 in tow.
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - E.T.D. Melbourne 7th for Brisbane E.T.A. 10th, E.T.D. Brisbane 23rd for Melbourne, E.T.A. 26th.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Departed Melbourne 2022K/3rd for Adelaide E.T.A. P.M. 9th, S.O.A. 5.

H.M.A.S. "AMOHINE" paid off in Sydney for disposal P.M. 1st November.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" proceeds from Lae to Rabaul to provision ships and shore establishments, thence to Madang.



## SIGNAL DEPARTMENT (N.I.D.)

The following is an outline of the above department in N.I.D.  
SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION.

Signals arrive in N.I.D. in duplicate from the code room on the second floor and it is your responsibility to retain one copy of every signal marking it P (for pack filing) and the relevant duplicate marked D (for distribution) is placed on B.1's desk. In this connection the night duty officer keeps signals relating to submarine action and G.H.Q. sitreps apart from the general pack of D signals placed upon B.1's desk (this is of considerable assistance to Lt. Hambleton in the speedy preparation of his submarine appreciation)

### DAILY SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTING.

A daily signal addressee A.I.G.115 prepared by this Department reports the arrivals and departures of all fighting ships within the S.W.P.A. Fighting ships qualifying for this signal are A.M.S's and upwards.

The preparation of this signal is made from relevant signals accumulated over the proceeding 24 hours, and material extracted there from is noted down in the red book. From this red book Miss Guthrie enters up the permanent ledger recording ship movements.

Approximately 3 months ago ComSeventh Fleet instructed that port authorities were to cease signalling the arrivals of commissioned naval units, and the following system was instituted.

- (1) The N.O.I.C. signals departure and E.T.A. next port of call of a Naval Unit.
- (2) Unless the Naval Unit concerned breaks W/T silence and signals an expected variation in its original signal E.T.A. we, here presume that the E.T.A. in fact has been made.

### WEEKLY DISPOSITION AND SHIP MOVEMENT REPORTING.

Every Wednesday a signal is despatched to A.I.C. 114 etc. (see file pack 5-4) in which the dispositions and movements of Commissioned Naval Units in S.W.P.A. is shown. In this signal the least important type of ship are sloops.

For the preparation of this signal reference is made to "Staff Daily Narrative" and to G.H.Q.'s C.O.I.C.'s Daily Naval Summary, and to the red book referred to in the previous sub-heading above.







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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K SUNDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1945.

*Handwritten initials and numbers: 7/11, A/S/11, and another symbol.*

- U.S.S. "STOCKDALE" - Departed Guam 1600K/1 for Manus for onward routing Rabaul; E.T.A. 1000K/4 (SOA.16)
- (Destroyer Escort)
- H.M.C.S. "ONTARIO" - Departed Manila 2300K/1 for Guam; E.T.A. 0800K/5.
- H.M.A.S. "HOWEN" - Departs Morotai 0800K/4 with Sultan of Ternate embarked for Ternate, thence to rendezvous with "HAWKESBURY" at Sanana at 0900K/6 thence return Morotai.
- U.S.S. LCI.564 - Departed Morotai 1700K/2 for Guinan; E.T.A. 1700K/5 (SOA.9).
- H.M.A.S. "CESSNOCK" ) Departed Balikpapan 1100K/2 for Zamboanga;
- escorting 6 LCI's ) E.T.A. 7th. LCI's for escort to Leyte.
- H.M.S. "WESSEX" - Departed Manus 0700K/2 for Sydney; E.T.A. 1830K/6 (SOA.20) - has been diverted to assist s.s. "ATLAS" at Bougainville Reef.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" Departed Wewak 0900K/2 for Madang; E.T.A. 0600K/3 (SOA.9).
- H.W.L. 253 - Departs Madang 0900K/3 for Wewak; E.T.A. 1200K/4 thence Hollandia for onward routing Morotai. (SOA.8).
- H.M.A.S. "PING VO" - Departed Langenak 1445K/2 for Madang; E.T.A. 0800K/3.
- H.L.825 - Departed Langenak 0850K/2 for Milne Bay; E.T.A. A.M./4th.
- H.L.805 - Departed Thursday Island 0900K/2 for Girms; E.T.A. 1400K/6 (SOA.12).
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" - Departed Townsville 1600K/2 for Brisbane; E.T.A. 1300K/5 (SOA.10.5).
- H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" ) Departed Townsville 1700K/3 for
- towing "COONGoola" ) Brisbane; E.T.A. A.M./8th.
- H.L.808. - Departs Brisbane 0630K/3 for Sydney; E.T.A. 1700K/5 (SOA.10).
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - Departed Sydney 0650K/3 for Brisbane; E.T.A. 1600K/4 (SOA.15).
- G.P.V.961. - Departed Sydney 1330K/2 for Brisbane; E.T.A. 1100K/6 (SOA.8).
- H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" - Departed Sydney 1635K/2 for Melbourne; E.T.A. Heads 0500K/5 (SOA.9).
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" ) Departed Sydney 1730K/2 for Melbourne;
- H.M.S. "NIZAN" ) E.T.A. Heads 0800K/4 (SOA.15).



To HQ, Canberra, 2nd November.

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H.M.S. "HUNTER" - Departs Hong Kong 1000/24 for Darwin, N.T.A.

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departs Melbourne 0830K/7 for Brisbane; E.T.A. 1130K/10.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930K/2 for Fremantle;

E.T.A. 0900K/10 - to refuel at Gnslow or Geraldton.

H.M.S. "L.S. 171" - Departs Darwin 1000/14 for Brisbane N.T.A. 24 (S.S.A. 8).

H.M.A.S. "TONGAR" - Departs Darwin 0900/3 for Sydney N.T.A. 1000/10 (S.S.A. 8).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930/2 for Fremantle N.T.A.

C.-in-C. R.P.F. proposes to visit Singapore 14th/18th Nov. whilst on passage to Hong Kong in "DUKE OF YORK". Ship will probably call at Fremantle arriving 7th and departing 8th November - requests a tanker be made available to supply fuel.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930/2 for Sydney N.T.A. 1000/10 (S.S.A. 8).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930/2 for Fremantle N.T.A.

Admiralty signals that H.M.S. "LEWES", target ship, is no longer required in the R.N., and if no service is found for her she will be scrapped - requests whether any use could be found for her in the R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930/2 for Fremantle N.T.A.

Collier s.s. "ATLAS" is still aground in the vicinity of Bougainville reef.

"WESSEX" on passage Manus/Sydney has been diverted to stand by, and Tug "SPRIGHTLY" is proceeding from Brisbane to assist.

"BUNGAREE" will stand by until "ROCKHAMPTON" arrives from Cairns, then will proceed to Cairns. States "ATLAS" badly holed. 80% of collier's crew will be taken aboard "BUNGAREE".

R.S.S. Brisbane reports that latest list received for "ATLAS" indicates that work is beyond the capacity of Brisbane until completion 20th N/S Fleetilla early in December - docking can possibly be arranged but no other service can be provided.

Battle practice target at Darwin S. in C. R.P.F. requests early confirmation that A.V.M.S. which this target is to be transferred to R.A.N. subject to Admiralty approval which has been sought.

H.L.C. London signals that the post war policy of R.N. has been defined in all present policy considerations by Admiralty. Present proposals are to max service with Active Service officers and men as far as possible.



9/11 G

To 0900K, Saturday, 3rd November.

H.M.S. "ENCHANTRESS" - Departed Hong Kong 1800K/2nd for Darwin, E.T.A. 1900K/10 for onward routing to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAINE" ) Depart Morotai 1200K/3 for Thursday  
escorting ) - Island E.T.A. 0800K/9 thence Brisbane  
H.M. L.S.T.'s 303,419,160 ) E.T.A. 1200K/15. (S.O.A. 9.5).

U.S.S. "L.S.T.171" - Departed Biak 1400K/1st for Zamboanga E.T.A. 6th (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departs Madang 0800K/3 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/13. (S.O.A. 8).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Milne Bay 0530K/1st for Cairns E.T.A. 1700K/3rd. (S.O.A. 11).

M.L.809 - Departs Cairns 2400K/31st for Townsville E.T.A.1300K/1st. (S.O.A. 13).

H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Townsville 1800K/31 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/4. (S.O.A. 12).

H.M.A.S. "BERYL II" - Departed Melbourne 1116K/1st with T.B.8 in tow for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/5 (S.O.A. 6).

H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" - Departed Yampi Sound 0725K/2nd for Lacrosse Is. (Cambridge Gulf) E.T.A. 1630K/4th. (S.O.A. 7.5).

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" - Departs Darwin 0930K/2nd for Onslow thence Fremantle.

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U.S.S. "COLONIAL", landing ship dock, on passage Leyte Gulf - Espiritu Santo has acknowledged diversion to Guadalcanal making E.T.A. 0800K/6th November.

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S.S. "ATLAS" reported at 2218K/2nd that she was aground 5 miles east of Bougainville reef and was pounding heavily. Vessel was on passage Hong Kong-Sydney but had been diverted to Cairns on 30th October.

N.O.I.C. Townsville has diverted "BUNGAREE" to assist E.T.A. 0600K/3, and will despatch "ROCKHAMPTON" from Cairns after fuelling. Later at 0205K/3 "ATLAS" reported that there was no immediate danger, but it was impossible for her to do anything on her own as her condensor had broken down.

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N.L.O. London signals that the post war policy of H.M. Boom Defences is at present under consideration by Admiralty. Present proposals are to man service with Active Service officers and men as far as possible.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

At 0900K, Friday, 2nd November.

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- H.M.A.S. "QUALITY" - Departed Melbourne 1740K/31st, E.T.A. Sydney  
0900K/2nd, S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departed Williamstown 0800K/1st, Westernport  
1500K/1st.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" }  
with } Departed Townsville 1600K/31st, E.T.A. Sydney  
H.M.R.T. "AIMWELL" } - 1600K/5th, S.O.A. 9.  
in tow }
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Sydney 1545K/31st, E.T.A. Fremantle  
1100K/5th, S.O.A. 19. Guards Bells and 500 K/Cs.
- H.M.A.S. "BERYL II" - Departs Melbourne 0630K/1st for Sydney, sheltering  
towing T.B.8 as necessary.
- H.M.A.S. "KAFUNDA" }  
towing } Departed Cairns 1630K/31st for Townsville E.T.A.  
H.D.M.L.1074 } - 1500K/1st, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Sydney 1040K/31st, E.T.A. Biak  
1600K/11th thence Morotai. E.T.A. China Strait 0600K/7th.
- H.D.M.L.1321 - Departed Wewak 0830K/1st, Madang 0600K/2nd.
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Manus 0700K/1st, E.T.A. Manila 0700K/7th,  
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departed Manus 1300K/31st, E.T.A. Sydney 1400K/6th,  
S.O.A. 14 1/2.
- H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" - Reports amended E.T.A. Pile Light 1000K/1st.
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Sydney 1630K/31st, E.T.A. Port Phillip  
Heads 1900K/2nd, S.O.A. 10.5.
- H.M.S. "TROUBRIDGE" (80) }  
" "TERMAGENT" } Departed Manus 1800K/31st, E.T.A. Hong Kong  
" "TEAZER" } - 1300K/8th, S.O.A. 15, calling Manila or  
" "TENACIOUS" } Subic for fuel.
- M.L.818 - Departed Gladstone 0800K/1st, E.T.A. Caloundra 1100K/2nd.
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Departed Thursday Island 0131K/1st, E.T.A. Brisbane  
0830K/4th.
- M.L.809 - Departed Cairns 0015K/1st for Townsville.
- A.P.C. 33)  
L.S.T. 63) Departed Wewak 1445K/31st, E.T.A. Manus 1101K/2nd,  
" 914) S.O.A. 7.  
" 927)
- U.S.S. "F.S.172" - Departed Manus 0600K/1st Hollandia E.T.A. 1500K/2nd,  
S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD" ) To depart Brisbane 0800K/2nd for Sydney E.T.A.  
in tow of A.T.440 ) - A.M. 6th. Calling Coffs Harbour A.M. 4th,  
E.T.D. P.M. 4th, S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.S. "WEAZEL" towing } Departed Sydney 1745K/31st E.T.A. Newcastle  
"MOA MOA" to Newcastle } - 0600K/1st, S.O.A. 6. Departed Newcastle  
0945K/1st, E.T.A. Pile Light 1700K/2nd,  
S.O.A. 11.4.



A.M.S./M "VOX" - Departed Devonport 0300K/1st, E.T.A. Launceston 1100K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Morotai for survey grounds. E.T.A. Kitaua Island 1700K/7th then Milne Bay 0400K/8th survey Brumer Is. until 19th thence Milne Bay for fuel and Sydney E.T.A. 1001K/25th.

V.A.(Q) has requested that the two sets of portable pulsing units and miniature magnetic sweeping gear now being assembled in Sydney be made available to B.P.F. for Hong Kong where there is an urgent requirement for such gear.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests confirmation that R.N.N. will take over Hollandia Port Directorate on or about 15th November.

V.A.(Q) states lighters B4, B5 and B6 are urgently required at Hong Kong and requests they may be lifted at Sydney for on shipment first opportunity.

F.O.I.C. Sydney requests approval to allocate G.P.V.'s 966, 967 and 968 for survey work in lieu of 963, 964 and 965 which are nearly completed. Estimate saving in alterations to work already completed £400 for vessel.

F.O.I.C. Sydney intends taking H.M.A.S. "QUADRANT" in hand for essential repairs. Time required approximately 14 days and ship will be at 7 days notice for sea.

C. in C.E.I. states H.M. Ships and H.N.M. Ships are not to land armed parties in Netherlands E.I. without permission of Gen. Christenson and when landed such forces are to be under his operational control.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea has requested that H.M.A.S. "STUART" be diverted to Rabaul from Lae.

N.O.I.C. Darwin requests approval to backload to Sydney LL sweep outfit and heavy cables surplus requirements in "BINGERA".

N.O.I.C. Moluccas is inferring that Aircraft Carriers will make approximately 4 trips between mainland and Borneo ports and Morotai and requests confirmation.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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At 0900K, Thursday, November 1st.

- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Madang 0700K/30th, E.T.A. Newak 1800K/31st, S.O.A. 9. To embark stores ex wireless station and personnel not required then return Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departed Manus 0700K/30th, Madang E.T.A. 1000K/31st, S.O.A. 9.
- M.L.805 - Departed Port Moresby 1855K/30th, E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500K/1st, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Devonport 1300K/30th to rendezvous with Barfleur.
- A.S.R.921 - Departed Tarakan 0830K/29th, Balikpapan 1800K/31st.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" - Departed Sydney 0830K/30th for Balikpapan E.T.A. (A.K.178) 1000K/14th, E.T.A. Thursday Island to disembark pilot 1300K/6th, S.O.A. 10g.
- U.S.S. "MUSKINGUM" - Departed Manila 0900K/29th, Hollandia 5th, S.O.A. 11. (A.K.196)
- G.P.V.957 - To depart Cairns 0500K/31st for Thursday Island S.O.A. 8. E.T.A. to be advised.
- H.M.S. "EMPRESS" - Departed Melbourne 0845K/31st, Wellington, New Zealand 1430K/4th, S.O.A. 15.
- U.S.S. "VINTON" - Departed Guam 1400K/30th for Manus S.O.A. 14, for (A.K.A.73) onward routing to Milne Bay 1600K/2nd.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 0930K/30th, E.T.A. Port Phillip 2100K/1st, S.O.A. 9.
- U.S.S. "MIZAN" - Departed Subic 1900K/30th, E.T.A. Sydney 10th via Jomard Strait, S.O.A. 16.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" )  
with lugger "BOSTON" ) - Departed Thursday Island 0945K/30th, S.O.A. 6,  
in tow. ) E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 2nd.
- H.D.M.L.1321 - Departed Langemak 0210K/30th, E.T.A. New Britain 30th.
- U.S.S. "F.S.172" - Departed Hollandia 0100K/29th, Manus 1700K/30th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "NORMAN" )  
" "NIZAN" ) - To depart Sydney 1700K/2nd for Melbourne, speed and E.T.A. to be reported.
- H.M.A.S. "GRIFFIDEN" )  
" "TANGALOOMA" ) - Departed Thursday Island 1230K/30th, E.T.A. Cairns A.M. 4th, S.O.A. 7 anchoring at night.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" )  
G.P.V. 959 ) - Departed Port Adelaide 1021K/31st for Fremantle E.T.A. Albany 2130K/5th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "PATERSON" - To depart Brisbane 0800K/1st, E.T.A. Sydney 2000K/4th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Morotai for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1300K/2nd, S.O.A. 12 then Brisbane direct with long service personnel.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Sydney 0815K/30th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1500K/4th thence Lae and Madang S.O.A. 15.
- U.S.S. "F.S.190" - Departed Leyte 0809K/31st, Manus E.T.A. 1709K/6th, S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S./M "VORACIOUS" - To depart Sydney 1600K/2nd, E.T.A. Port Phillip 0500K/5th, S.O.A. 9.



H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" reports having made limited repairs to Kinchela and proposes departing Coffs Harbour for Sydney at 0600K/1st with reasonable chance of successful tow in good weather. Kinchela requires extensive repairs including slipping.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested P.D. Balikpapan co-ordinate with 7th Division of coal dumps and mines at Stagen Laut Is., it being necessary to obtain coal to enable maximum use of Jap. ships.

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N.O.I.C. Port Moresby proposes closing down war signal station.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested approval to hand over to R.N.N. equipment now held by P.D. Balikpapan and P.D. Tarakan not required on reduction to N.C.S.O. status.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas does not require services of "HINGERA" as store carrier.

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C. in C. B.P.F. is assuming A.C.N.B. will wish to arrange programme for First Naval Member, N.Z.N.B.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends to remove mobile port directorates at Ambon and Macassar in near future also reduction of Tarakan and Balikpapan to N.C.S.O. status.

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H.D.M.L. 1327 at Brisbane is no longer required by A.I.B. and requires refit. SIGNEA requests instructions.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney reports "KINCHELA" suction lines blocked, ship leaking and making more water than portable pumps can control at 33a.

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H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" requests 7 days availability in Brisbane for routing overhaul of engines.

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N.O.I.C. Fremantle requests advice whether "KYBERA" is to be taken in hand for reconversion and refit on arrival.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested anticipated draughts of "IMPLACABLE", "GLORY" and "FORMIDABLE".

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H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" arrived Kindari 1330K/30th. Japanese Naval representative states he believes entrance into Kindari Harbour clear of mines. Last sweep carried out in September, 1944.

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S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Wednesday, 31st October.

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- H.M.S. "TERPSICHORE" - Departed Suva 1000K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/4th November. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "CANVERY" (Sloop) - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/7th November. (S.O.A. 12).
- U.S.S. "COLONIAL" (L.S.D.) - Departed Leyte 1400K/29 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A. 0800K/7th Nov. - COMSOPAC has requested diversion to Guadalcanal. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Manus 1630K/29 for Sydney E.T.A. 0730K/4th November. (S.O.A. 16).
- A.P.C. 33 ) Departed Rabaul 1600K/29 for Singapore E.T.A. 1200K/5th  
L.C.I.341 ) - November.
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Rabaul 1600K/29 for Singapore E.T.A. 1200K/5th November.
- H.M.A.S. "MELINGA" - Departs Madang 1300K/29 for Langemak E.T.A. 1100K/3rd. thence Dreger Harbour, Lae and return (S.O.A. 7.5).
- M.S.L.707 - Departed Langemak 1415K/29 for Madang E.T.A. 0400K/30.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departs Thursday Is. 0930K/30th with lugger in tow for Cairns E.T.A. A.M./2nd Nov.
- H.D.M.L.1329 ) Depart Cairns 0600K/30 for Townsville E.T.A. 1800K/31.  
"SAN MICHELE" ) (S.O.A. 7).
- H.D.M.L.1322 - Departs Cairns 0100K/30 for Townsville E.T.A. P.M./30th. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "BARTHORPE" - Departed Newcastle 1200K/30 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/2nd. (S.O.A. 6).
- H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" - Departed Sydney 1500K/29 for Adelaide E.T.A. 1030K/1st. Nov. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Sydney 1720K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 0730K/4th. (S.O.A. 15.6).
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Darwin 1630K/29 for Koepang for guard duties E.T.A. 1130K/31st.

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C. in C. B.P.F. requests "WRANGLER" and "WAKEFUL" be sailed from Sydney 8th November for Fremantle for onward passage to Colombo and U.K. - requests ships may top up with fuel at Onslow.  
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First Naval Member, N.Z.N.B., intends visiting Australia arriving Sydney in "NEWFOUNDLAND" on 14th November - requests discussions with V.A.(Q) and A.C.N.B. and also calls on C. in C. B.P.F.  
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N.O.I.C. Moluccas intends to withdraw all of mobile port directorates at Ambon and Macassar in the near future, and reduce the staffs at Tarakan and Balikpapan to N.C.S.O. status. This will release two or three A.M.S.'s for paying off.  
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N.O.I.C. N.G. signals that H.M.A.S. "TOIGA" has reached a dangerous position where repairs are beyond the facilities of the New Guinea Area. Vessel has not docked since June, 1943, and is considered unseaworthy - requests instructions.



To 0900K, Tuesday, 30th October.

- U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO" (Tanker) - Departed Morotai 1000K/28 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1400K/1st November. (S.O.A. 8).
- Y.P.283 - Departed Mios Woendi 1500K/28 for Manus E.T.A. 0800K/1st. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departed Manus 1300K/28 for Sydney, E.T.A. 0630K/2nd November. (S.O.A. 19).
- V.S.I.S. "GLENARTNEY" - Departed Manus 1430K/28 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/2nd (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Manus 1300K/28 for Sydney E.T.A. 2100K/3rd. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "REDPOLE" ) Departed Manus 1130K/27 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "WOODCOCK" ) - 0600K/1st. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "DUNCANBY HEAD" - Departed Darwin 0630K/29 for Trincomalee E.T.A. 1700K/10 November. (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" - Departed Thursday Is. 0900K/29 for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/31st. (S.O.A. 12.5).
- H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" ) Departed Thursday Is. 2000K/28 for Brisbane  
towing "COORGOOLA" ) - E.T.A. A.M./6th November (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" ) Departed Townsville 1020K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
towing "LAURIANA" ) - 0900K/2nd November (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Newcastle 0947K/29 for Sydney E.T.A. 1515K/29 (S.O.A. 10.5).
- H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED" - Departed Sydney 0840K/29 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/2nd November. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "VINDEK" - Departed Sydney 1000K/29 for Manus, E.T.A. 0730K/4th, (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Departed Fremantle 1030K/29 for Colombo, E.T.A. 1230K/7th November.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Departs Koepang 2100K/29 escorting "ESPERANCE BAY" to Soerabaya. For voyage to Soerabaya an armed guard of 100 Aust. Army and 50 from "ARUNTA" remain on board "ESPERANCE BAY". After disembarkation of Indonesian passengers at Soerabaya, "ARUNTA" proposes to embark Aust. Army guard from trooper, fuel at Batavia, return to Koepang to disembark Army, thence proceed Morotai and onwards.

Nauru Force signals that the Civil Administrator will undertake duties of Admiralty reporting officer upon withdrawal of Force.

"STRAHAN" has requested permission to proceed independently from Thursday Island to Sydney, calling at Townsville to fuel, as he considers ship is quite seaworthy and without need of escort.



N.O.I.C. Moluccas recommends that A.S.R. vessels in Moluccas Area be withdrawn forthwith. Very little activity occurred during period when operational flying was great. This has now ceased and Catalinas provide better and quicker results. A.S.R. vessels are deteriorating through lack of proper facilities for maintenance, and morale is suffering from lack of proper employment.

V.A.(Q) has requested "EMPRESS", after disembarkation of personnel for Australia, be sailed as soon as possible to Wellington and onward routing to Colombo.

S.O. R.N.N. Melbourne has received orders from C. in C. Netherlands Forces, East Batavia, serving under SACSEA that "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" has to remain Bali until further orders - has suggested A.C.N.B. take up this matter with S.E.A.C.

- S.S. "EMPEROR PAT" - Arrived Sydney 1800/27th.
- S.S. "COCA" - Departed Sydney 1700/26th. E.T.A. Townsville 1800/27th. S.O.A. 10.5.
- S.S.A.S. "EMERSON" - Departed Island 1100/25th. E.T.A. Townsville 1800/26th. S.O.A. 11.
- S.S.A.S. "VIRGINIA" - Departed Darwin 0800/26th. E.T.A. Ice 0400/26th. S.O.A. 8.5.
- S.S. 825 - Departed Jacquot Bay 0700/26th. E.T.A. Longport 1800/26th.
- S.S. "ARAB" - Departed Hollandia 1800/26th. E.T.A. Wauke 1800/27th.
- S.S.A.S. "MUSKOGEE" - Departed New York 0700/25th. E.T.A. Norfolk 1700/26th. Proposed departing for Balikpapan at 1800/26th. S.O.A. 10.
- S.S.A.S. "TONGAREVA" - Departed Townsville for Brisbane. E.T.A. File Eight 1800/27th. S.O.A. 10.
- S.S.A.S. "VIRGINIA" with S.S. 830 - To depart Port Adelaide 0700/26th for Albany.
- S.S. "BATHURST" - Departed Sydney 1100/26th. E.T.A. Brisbane 1800/26th. S.O.A. 6.
- S.S. 1.0.1. 864 with S.S. 1022, 1023, 1024, 1025, 1192, 707 - Departed Layte 0800/27th. Norfolk 1800/27th. S.O.A. 6.
- S.S.A.S. "HONGKONG" - Departed Darwin 1800/26th. E.T.A. Haining 1800/26th. and has been instructed to refuel A.S.R.'s and can supply limited fresh provisions.
- S.S.A.S. "HONGKONG" - Departed Thursday Island 0800/26th. E.T.A. Townsville 0900/26th. S.O.A. 9.
- S.S. 805 - Departed via Bay 1800/26th. E.T.A. Sims Bay 0800/26th. S.O.A. 10.
- S.S. "HONGKONG" - Departed Sydney 1800/27th for Eliff. E.T.A. 0800/28th via Milford Sound. E.T.A. 1800/28th. S.O.A. 10.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

At 0900K Sunday, 28th October, 1945.

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- U.S.S. F.S. 311 - Departed Langemak 1810K/26th E.T.A. Brisbane 0400K/3rd S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "AIR FAITH" - Departed Langemak 0545K/26th E.T.A. Jacquinet Bay 1800K/26th.
- G.P.V. 954 )  
G.P.V. 955 ) - Departed Langemak 0606K/26th E.T.A. Arawe 1700K/26th thence Gasmata and Jacquinet Bay S.O.A. 8.
- G.P.V. 960 - Departed Sydney 0640K/26th E.T.A. Coffs Harbour 1300K/27 thence Caloundra E.T.A. 1500K/29. S.O.A. 8. For onward routing to Port Moresby arrived Newcastle 0808K/26th with engine defects.
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" - Departed Koepang 2100K/25th E.T.A. Darwin 1000K/27th S.O.A. 14.5.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" )  
escorting ) - Arrived Koepang 1600K/27th.  
S.S. "ESPERANCE BAY" )
- H.M.S. "OLNA" - Departed Subic 1700K/25th. E.T.A. Manus 1900K/31st S.O.A. 14.5.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Departed Rabaul 1100K/26th. E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/30th. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "PALUNA" - Departed Torokina 2300K/24th. E.T.A. Lae 0400K/26th S.O.A. 8.8.
- N.N. 825 - Departed Jacquinet Bay 0700K/25th. E.T.A. Langemak 1600K/26th.
- U.S.S. "ARAYAT" - Departed Hollandia 1520K/26th. E.T.A. Manus 1000K/27th.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Departed Wewak 2300K/26th. E.T.A. Morotai 1700K/29th propose departing for Balikpapan at 1800K/30th. S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Townsville for Brisbane. E.T.A. Pile Light 1600K/27th. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" )  
with ) - To depart Port Adelaide 0900K/28th for Albany.  
G.P.V. 959 )
- H.M.S. "BARTHORPE" - Departed Sydney 1125K/26th. E.T.A. Brisbane 1800K/29th. S.O.A. 6.
- U.S.S. L.C.I. 564 with )  
L.C.Fs. 1022, 1023, 1025, ) Departed Leyte 0900K/27th Morotai 1400K/1st S.O.A.6.  
1222, 1152, 787 )
- H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" - Departed Darwin 1830K/26th. E.T.A. Koepang 1030K/29th. and has been instructed to refuel A.M.S's and can supply limited fresh provisions.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" ) - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/27th. E.T.A.  
H.D.M.L. 1074 ) Townsville 0900K/31st. S.O.A. 9.
- N.L. 805 - Departed Oro Bay 1530K/25th. E.T.A. Milne Bay 0200K/26th. S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S. "NEWFOUNDLAND" - Departed Sydney 1010K/27th for Bluff. E.T.A. 0800K/30th via Milford Sound. E.T.A. 1500K/29th. S.O.A. 19.



N.O.I.C., MOLUCCAS reports H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" can now be released and requests destination port.

N.O.I.C., DARWIN proposes to keep H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" during surveillance trip after which he has requested N.O.I.C., Moluccas to release one frigate for Darwin area to meet unforeseen commitments in movement of evacuees.

V.A.(Q) now intends M.F.V. convoy to proceed to Leyte from Morotai because no fuel is available at Zamboanga.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" has been instructed to proceed to arrive at Port Stephens at 0700K/28th to assist "BARTHORPE" in towing 4 immobilised R.N. M.V.F.'s to Newcastle, after inspection there, may also be required to tow one or two to Sydney.

P.O.I.C., SYDNEY has been instructed to sail H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" P.M. 31st to Fremantle for onward routing to Colombo.

S.S. "ESPERANCE BAY" has been instructed to land 44 Indonesians at Keopang thence escorted by H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" proceed to Sourabaya.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 27th October.

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H.M.S. WIZARD departed Guam 1700K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 2100K/27th (S.O.A. 17).

H.M.S. LOTHIAN departed Manila 2300K/25 for Singapore E.T.A. 1630K/29th  
(S.O.A. 16).

U.S.S. L.S.T.'s 354, 1081 departed Manila 1500K/25 for Noumea E.T.A. 11th  
November (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. GUMLEAF (M.P.B.) departs Morotai 1900K/25 for Biak E.T.A. 1900K/29  
thence Hollandia and Madang for onward routeing to  
Sydney to pay off (S.O.A. 6.)

H.M.S. QUICKMATCH departed Manus 0800K/25 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/29.  
(S.O.A. 20).

H.M.S. ARIADNE departed Manus 1800K/25 for Guam E.T.A. 0630K/27 for fuel  
thence Tokyo.

H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE departs Madang 1700K/25 for Dreger Harbour E.T.A. 1000K/26  
thence Milne Bay (S.O.A. 10.5)

H.M.A.S. MANGORA departs Madang 1100K/25 for Wewak E.T.A. 0630K/26th  
(S.O.A. 12).

H.M.A.S. TANGALOONA ) departed Port Moresby 0743K/26 for Thursday Island  
" GRIFFIEN ) E.T.A. 0900K/28 (S.O.A. 6)

M.L. 809 departed Port Moresby 0446K/26 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/27  
(S.O.A. 12).

G.P.V. 957 departs Townsville 0800K/26 for H.M.S. duties between Townsville  
and Thursday Island - calling Cairns and Cooktown.

H.M.A.S. BUNDABERG arrived Townsville 1100K/26. Departed 1430K/26 for  
Bundaberg E.T.A. 1200K/28 (S.O.A. 11).

M.L. 818 departs Townsville 0600K/27 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1400K/31st. (10).

H.M.A.S. LITHGOW ) departs Brisbane a.m./28 for Sydney.  
towing KINCHELA )

H.M.A.S. BINGERA departed Sydney 0816K/26 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/  
2nd for onward routeing to Darwin (S.O.A. 10.5).

H.M.S. TROUBRIDGE )  
H.M.S. TENACIOUS ) departed Sydney 1650K/25 for Manus E.T.A. 1200K/31  
H.M.S. TERMAGENT ) (S.O.A. 15).  
H.M.S. TEAZER )

H.M.A.S. PATERSON ) departed Sydney 1310K/25 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0100K/  
escorting convoy ) 29th (S.O.A. 6).  
of 7 M.F.V.'s 3 tugs )

H.M.A.S. ARUNTA departed Darwin 1900K/25 escorting "ESPERANCE BAY" to  
Keopang E.T.A. 1500K/27 to await orders (S.O.A. 13).

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Escort Carrier "EMPRESS" on passage to Fremantle thence to Melbourne from East Indies Station is now proceeding direct to Melbourne E.T.A. p.m./29th. C. in C., B.P.F., has requested C. in C. East Indies seek Admiralty approval to retain ship for passage to New Zealand as no accommodation exists in Melbourne for New Zealand personnel carried.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas informs N.O.I.C. Darwin that an urgent need exists for a surveillance of the East Coast of Celebes and intends using "HAWKESBURY" for this purpose. "LISMORE" will be released to Darwin if required.

M.F.V. Convoy escorted by "PATERSON" on passage Sydney - Brisbane has experienced engine trouble in four of the M.F.V.'s. Convoy proceeding Newcastle but if no dockyard facilities are available there, convoy will have to return to Sydney.

H.M.A.S. WAGGA signals that a statement made in the A.B.C. news that that ship would pay off in Melbourne and requests confirmation - no official news on ship.

O.C.H.B. has directed "LACHLAN" to carry out sketch survey of route across sunken barrier China Strait, on release by N.O.I.C. Moluccas - ship to arrive Sydney by 25th November.

C.O.C.H. informs that H.M.A.S. "SQUID" was ordered to paint entire hull with blue grey, superstructure grey and topside white - recommend this be adopted as peace colour scheme.

H.M.A.S. requests fiscal markings be allocated to both "SQUID" and "MORRIS".

C. in C. B.P.F. requests "MORRIS" be called from Sydney and "SQUID" be called from Melbourne in fuel tanks in company with "LACHLAN" and "WAGGA" for S.I. via Colombo calling Ceylon and West India for fuel.

H.M.A.S. requests approval to grant "SQUID" and "MORRIS" availability until 25th November for leave subject to ships being fully operative by that date.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Friday, 26th October,

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U.S.S. "YOKES" (Destroyer Transport) - Departed Manila 1800K/24 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/30. (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" } Departed Thursday Is. 0800K/24 for Brisbane  
H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" } E.T.A. 29th (S.O.A. 11). "WAGGA" proceeding  
H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" } to Melbourne - E.T.A. will be signalled.  
H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" }

M.L.S18 - Departed Cairns 0500K/25 for Townsville, E.T.A. 2000K/25th - To pay off.

H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE (M.P.B.) - Departed Townsville 0430K/25 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1st November (S.O.A.7) - To pay off.

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" } Departs Brisbane 1530K/25 for Sydney E.T.A.  
towing "LEILANI" } - 1600K/28 (S.O.A.7) - To pay off.

H.M.S. "RULER" - Departed Sydney 1928K/24 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/26. (S.O.A. 13g).

H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departed Sydney 1815K/24 for Rabaul E.T.A. 1700K/28 (S.O.A. 20).

H.M.S. "URCHIN" - Departed Melbourne 0925K/25 for Devonport E.T.A. 1700K/25 (S.O.A. 25.5).

H.M.S. "VOX" - Departed Victor Harbour 1700K/24 for Stanley E.T.A. 1730K/26 (S.O.A. 9.5).

H.M.S. "MAIDSTONE" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/25 for Capetown E.T.A. 12th November thence U.K.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Yampi Sound 1510K/24 for Darwin E.T.A. 0730K/27.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests early information as to whether A.C.N.B. has any objection to Commodore Collins assuming command of British Imperial Naval Forces in Japan for a short period - this to allow Admiral Brind a change from Japanese waters.

Also whether "SHROPSHIRE" is to visit China for a short period before ship is relieved in Japan by "HOBART" approximately mid-November.

C.C.A.S. informs that H.M.A. Squadron was ordered to paint entire ships side blue grey, upperworks grey and topmasts white - recommends this be adopted as peace colour scheme.

M/S 20 requests funnel markings be allocated to 20th Minesweeping Flotilla.

C. in C. B.P.F. requests "NORMAN" be sailed from Sydney 2nd November to Melbourne to fuel thence in company with "NIZAM" and "NAPIER" for U.K. via Colombo calling Onslow and Cocos Island for fuel.

M/S 20 requests approval to grant "LITHGOW" and "ECHUCA" availability until 20th November for leave subject to ships being fully operative by that date.



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As at 0900K, Thursday, 25th October.

- U.S.S. "L.C.I.341" )
- " "L.C.T.'s 60, 68, ) - Departed Wewak 1300K/23rd, E.T.A. Manus
- 159, 65, 70, ) 1800K/25th, S.O.A. 4.5.
- 62 )
  
- U.S.S. "FREESTONE" ) - Departed Manus 1200K/23rd, E.T.A. San Francisco
- A.P.A. 167 - ) 6th, S.O.A. 16.
  
- M.L. 805 - Departed Langemak 1030K/23rd, E.T.A. Oro Bay 1000K/24th.
  
- M.L.818 - Departs Cairns 0500K/24th, E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/24th,
- S.O.A. 12.
  
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Reports E.T.A. Rabaul 1700K/28th, S.O.A. 20.
  
- M.L.808 - Departed Townsville for Brisbane call Gladstone for fuel
- E.T.A. Gladstone 1200K/25th, E.T.D. 0600K/28th, E.T.A.
- File Light 1200K/27th, S.O.A. 10.
  
- M.S.L.707 - Departed Milne Bay 1015K/23rd, E.T.A. Langemak 0900K/25th,
- S.O.A. 7.
  
- H.D.M.L.1358 ) Departed Townsville for Brisbane call Gladstone for
- "MARTINDALE" in ) - fuel, E.T.A. Gladstone 1500K/27, E.T.D. 0600K/29th,
- Company. ) E.T.A. File Light 1000K/31st, S.O.A. 7.
  
- M.L.804 - Departed Gladstone 0600K/23rd, E.T.A. File Light 1000K/24th.
  
- U.S.S. "CHARLES LAWRENCE" ) Departed Manila 2000K/23rd for Subic
- A.P.D.37 ) - thence Manus. E.T.A. Manus 28th, S.O.A.
- 20.
  
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departed Milne Bay 0800K/23rd for Samarai E.T.D.
- A.M. 25th then Port Moresby P.M. 28th, S.O.A. 7.
  
- U.S.S. "L.T. 793" ) Departed Morotai 1000K/23rd, E.T.A. Ilegan
- towing barges ) - 1500K/28th, S.O.A. 6.
  
- H.M.A.S. "BARCOO" - Intends departing Pontianak P.M.23rd for Balikpapan
- Makassar and Thursday Is. thence Brisbane arriving A.M.5th.
  
- U.S.S. "BULL"(A.P.D.78) - Departed Manila 1500K/24, E.T.A. Manus
- 1300K/28, S.O.A. 16.
  
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LESUWIN" - Departed Thursday Is. 1100K/24 for Brisbane,
- S.O.A. 9.
  
- M.L.818 - Delayed sailing from Cairns 24 hours because of defect.
  
- H.M.S. "CHASER" - Departed Sydney 1612K/24th, E.T.A. Manus 0730K/30th,
- S.O.A. 16.
  
- V.S.I.S. "MERKUR" - Departed Morotai 1000K/24th, E.T.A. Labuan 29th,
- S.O.A. 11.
  
- H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" - Departed Thursday Is. 1200K/24th, E.T.A.
- Caloundra 2200K/29th, S.O.A. 10.
  
- H.M.S. "WEASEL" - To depart Sydney P.M. 29th towing "MOA MOA" to
- Newcastle for laying up arriving daylight 30th.



N.O.I.C. Darwin reports "GONCLAVES ZARCO" is deferring sailing with view to obtaining Army 40 ft. workboat and requests earliest decision.

C. in C. B.P.F. has requested subject to concurrence of A.C.N.B. and N.Z.K.B. that H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" leave Sydney 1100K/3rd arrive Hobart 0900K/5th depart P.M. 12th arrive Port Lyttleton A.M. 16th depart P.M. 20th arrive Sydney A.M. 24th.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports number of Jap. craft in Newak area unseaworthy and engines in bad condition. Proposes water transport take any part required from engines and hulls be sunk in deep water.

COMPHILSEAFRON has informed P.D. Brunei that he is now under control of S.W.P.S.F. and Com. U.S. Forces Aust.-New Guinea and requests for instructions should be addressed accordingly.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports petrol oil lubricant situation in Balikpapan has become acute and proposes to sail "POYANG" to Balikpapan for lift approx. 700 tons thence Darwin approximate extra time 6 days, E.T.A. Darwin will be 10th November.

"SONTAY" due Adelaide 24th has been allocated to lift Indians from Rabaul to India. A.C.N.B. requested to arrange ship be sailed to Rabaul when ready then Singapore

N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested that a high priority be given to "GLENGYLE" repairs in Brisbane in view of her heavy commitments.

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" has requested that Fremantle, Adelaide and Melbourne may be included in ports of call, staying approximately 48 hrs. to permit native leave.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports no advantage for "PING WO" to proceed Madang until "BUNGAREE" arrives and unloads also until after conference between N.O.I.C. and works officer.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Wednesday, 24th October.

- H.M.A.S. "CESSHOCK" - Departed Morotai 1700K/23rd for Balikpapan 1800K/26th, S.O.A. 11, for duties with Port Director and general duties in 7th Division area.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Reported amended E.T.A. File Light Brisbane 1130K/23rd.
- U.S.S. "ALSHAIN" - Departed Okinawa 1800K/21st, E.T.A. Manus 27th. (A.K.A. 55) S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" - Departed Hobart 0730K/23rd, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/25th. S.O.A. 15.
- U.S.S. "L.C.I. 709" - Departed Milne Bay 22nd, Manus 25th.
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Reported amended S.O.A. 29 knots and new E.T.A. Darwin 2200K/24th.
- H.M.A. "M.L. 804" - Arrived Gladstone 0700K/22nd.
- U.S.A.T. T.P. 246 - Departed Manus 1200K/22, E.T.A. Finschaven 0200K/24, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - Departed Morotai 1400K/22nd, S.O.A. 15 knots for Brisbane, H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" to report E.T.A.
- G.P.V. 953 - Departed Langemak 1220K/22nd, E.T.A. Madang 25rd.
- H.D.M.L. 1342 - Departed Langemak 2310K/22nd, E.T.A. Rabaul 1300K/23rd.
- U.S.S. "CLAIRBORNE" - Departed Langemak 1030K/22nd, E.T.A. Hollandia 1300K/24th, S.O.A. 10.5.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departs Madang 2200K/22nd for Jacquinot Bay, E.T.A. A.M. 25th then Torokina, Lae and Madang, S.O.A. 7.5.
- U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO" - Departed Zamboanga 1400K/22nd, E.T.A. Morotai (A.O.G. 30) 0900K/25th, S.O.A. 8.5.
- H.M.A. "M.L. 816" ) - Departed Townsville for Brisbane calling Gladstone  
"M.L. 820" ) for fuel and anchoring at night, E.T.A. Gladstone 1700K/25th, E.T.D. 1500K/26th, E.T.A. File Light 1500K/27th, S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Reports E.T.D. Thursday Island for Brisbane 0600K/24th remaining 3 days in CITY of BUNDABERG en route.
- H.M.S. "FORMIDABLE" - Departs Sydney 1700K/24th via West Gate to Rabaul after embarkation at Rabaul of Indian RAMP to proceed Singapore. S.O.A. and E.T.A. to be reported.
- U.S.S. "L.T. 356" - Departed Manila 1300K/23rd, E.T.A. Hollandia 30th, S.O.A. 11.

Only one A.K.A. being required in 7th Division area, H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" has been ordered to proceed to Morotai on completion of delivery of H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA".



**Force A - Temporary organisation and projected movements.**

First Division - H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" E.T.D. Morotai 1300K/22nd E.T.A. Brisbane P.M. 30th for 10 days availability thence return passage Morotai or Balikpapan, Townsville, Morotai.

**12th L.S.T. Flotilla (A) Second Division**

H.M.S. "L.S.T.324 (50)	) E.T.D. Labuan 2nd November, E.T.A.
" "L.S.T. 9	) Morotai 7th, E.T.D.9th, E.T.A.
" "L.S.T.321	) Townsville via West of New Guinea
" "L.S.T.408	) 19th November, E.T.D. Townsville
	thence Lae, Newak, Morotai
	arriving not later than 7th Dec.

**(B) THIRD DIVISION**

H.M.S. "L.S.T.303"	)
" "L.S.T.419"	)
" "L.S.T.160"	)

H.M.S. "L.S.T.160" E.T.A. Labuan 26th, E.T.A. Morotai 27th. All three E.T.D. Morotai End, E.T.A. Brisbane via Jomard 16th thence two to Torokina Morotai, one to Rabaul or Jacquinot Bay Morotai all arriving Morotai by 7th December.

**4th L.S.T. Flotilla Fourth Division**

H.M.S. "L.S.T.199"(50)	)
" "L.S.T. 9"	)
" "L.S.T. 11"	)
" "L.S.T.163"	)
" "L.S.T.346"	)
" "L.S.T.383"	)
" "L.S.T.403"	)

L.S.T. 11 and 163 are unserviceable and will probably not be available. E.T.A. Balikpapan approximately 26th October, E.T.D. 29th, E.T.A. Morotai 2nd November, E.T.A. Brisbane via west of New Guinea 18th thence return Morotai.

SAGSEA reports proposed system of X Command will not be practicable until French take over full responsibility of F.I.C. and British Forces engaged in occupational duties and R.A.F.W.I. have been withdrawn.

French and Dutch Naval Forces in SEAC are to remain under the general strategic direction of SEASEA and under operational control of C1 in C. E.I.F.

Dutch Forces in the area of S.W.P.A. under Australian Control will correspondingly be under strategic direction of Australian Chiefs of Staff.

F.O.I.C. Sydney reports intention to disband P.W.S.S. at South Head, Sydney, on Monday, 29th October.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports defects to windlass of "BANGALOW" beyond capacity of Madang base and suggests it be taken in hand on return of "BANGALOW" to Townsville.

Only one A.M.S. being required in 9th Division area, H.M.A.S. "DEBORAINS" has been ordered to proceed to Morotai on completion of handover to H.M.A.S. "LATROBE".



C. in C. B.P.F. has requested if any of the 3 pdr. HA/LA mounted guns fitted to 7 H.D.M.L.'s could be transferred to B.P.F. for saluting purposes.

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" has reported sufficient materials carried to re-establish base at Langemak and has requested all materials off loaded at Sydney and refrigerators and furniture be despatched to Langemak.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" has entered Manila for repairs to steering engine. Anticipates 48 hours late on E.T.A. Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Hobart reports Launceston not suitable for destroyers on account of draught and lack of wharfage, but suggests H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" could berth at Beauty Point and transport facilities could be provided.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports Civil Administration assuming control of Nauru on 1st November, and requests arrangements be made for all personnel and equipment to be carried out in "TRIENZA".

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departs Darwin 1100/23 for Darwin Bay E.T.A. 1200/23 (N.O.I.C. 11).

H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Arrived Langemak 0600/23 from Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departs Darwin Bay 0800/23 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0900/23 (N.O.I.C. 11).

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Arrived Townsville 0400/23. Departed 1100/23 for Darwin E.T.A. 1200/23 - has been ordered to adjust speed to arrive Darwin A.E./23th.

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departed Townsville 0800/23 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100/23 (N.O.I.C. 10).

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departed Sydney 1100/23 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200/23 (N.O.I.C. 10).

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departs Sydney 1100/23.

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departs Melbourne 0800/23 for Sydney.

H.M.A.S. "CONVENT" - Departed Adelaide 0800/23 for Port Victor E.T.A. 1100/23 (N.O.I.C. 9).

C. in C. B.P.F. has instructed "CONVENT" to proceed on a cruise leaving Sydney at early as convenient after refit, and visiting Brisbane, Fiji Is. and Noumea (New Caledonia) - ship will proceed four 3 pdr. equipments and all rounds of black ammunition to Tongan Government.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Tuesday, 23rd October.

- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" - Departs Wakayama 1500K/22 for Tokyo Bay E.T.A. 1500K/23 (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "WIZARD" - Departs Wakayama 1100K/22 for Guam E.T.A. 0800K/23 for onward routing to Manus and Sydney (S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" - Arrived Morotai 1400K/21st.
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" - Departs Morotai 1700K/23 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800K/28 thence Brisbane and Sydney (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" )  
H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" ) - Depart Morotai 1100K/23 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1200K/28. (S.O.A. 11). "STRAHAN" thence to Brisbane and "CASTLEMAINE" to Melbourne.
- H.M.A.S. "BROOME" - Departs Morotai 1300K/23 to survey port facilities at North Celebes thence return to Morotai.
- U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) - Departed Mios Woendi 1200K/21 for Brisbane E.T.A. 29th (S.O.A. 14, 15).
- U.S.S. "QUAPAW" (Tug) }  
towing } - Departed Hollandia 1415K/22 for Manus  
U.S.S. "CLYDE" (Unclassified) } - E.T.A. 1900K/24th. (S.O.A. 7.5).
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" )  
towing "BANGALOW" ) - Departs Madang 1200K/21 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0800K/24th (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" - Departs Torokina 1500K/22 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 1200K/23 thence Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/27 and Sydney E.T.A. P.M./31st (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Arrived Langemak 0535K/22 from Port Moresby.
- M.L.809 - Departed Milne Bay 0600K/22 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 2000K/23 (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" - Arrived Townsville 0630K/22. Departed 1100K/22 for Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/25 - has been ordered to adjust speed to arrive Darwin A.M./25th.
- H.D.M.L.1327 - Departed Townsville 2000K/22 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1100K/27. (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" - Departed Sydney 1115K/22 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1100K/23 (S.O.A. 15½).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departs Sydney 31st October.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/23 for Sydney.
- H.M.S. "VOX" - Departed Adelaide 0630K/22 for Port Victor E.T.A. 1800K/22. (S.O.A. 9.5).

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C. in C. B.P.F. has instructed "EURYALUS" to proceed on a cruise leaving Sydney as early as convenient after refit, and visiting Brisbane, Fiji Is. and Nukualofa (Tonga) - ship will present four 3 pounder equipments and 21 rounds of blank ammunition to Tongan Government.



F.O.W.A. B.P.F. requests "ROCKCLIFFE" may be sent from Milne Bay to Manus to assist "ROCKWING" and "CHEERLY" with towing of A.F.D. 18 to Hong Kong.

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S.O. Force "A" signals that "GLENGYLE", on arrival Brisbane, will require period estimated at ten days for engine repairs, cleaning of water tanks and possibly docking - ship has not been decked for twelve months. Requests arrangements be made observing "GLENGYLE" is required to sail from Morotai for Balikpapan for second lift of long service personnel on 18th November.

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R.A.(D) states that "NIZAM" and "NAPIER" will be ready to sail for U.K. about end of October and requests they be sailed in Company.

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"MULCRA" signals that it is considered that the ship is unfit to proceed again to sea until extensive repairs to main and auxiliary generators are undertaken - requests special survey and instructions.

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"MURCHISON" inclining experiment and acceptance trials delayed until 16th and 20th November respectively.

H.M.S. 707 - Departed Port Moresby 0800/21 for Milne Bay N.Y.A. 1800/22 (S.O.A. 71).

H.M.A.S. "CROCODILE" - Departed Townsville 0700/22 for Sydney N.Y.A. 1700/23 (S.O.A. 8-2).

H.M.A.S. "HATFIELD" - Departed Townsville 1000/21 for Brisbane N.Y.A. 1800/22 (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. "ALBATROSS" (Light Cruiser) - Departs Brisbane 1800/22 for Melbourne N.Y.A. 0800/23 - will carry out full calibre R/A and A/A firings en route.

H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" - Departed Fremantle 1800/21 for Colombo N.Y.A. A.S/W 18.0.23).

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S.O.I.C. Darwin reports that Portuguese G. M. C. at DIRM desires to purchase two type 40 ft. work boat. Army can release suitable vessel - requests instructions.

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S.O.I.C. Fremantle stated that as all submarines have now departed from West Australia where the submarine practice areas are no longer required and retention of searched channels does not now appear to be necessary. It is intended to sweep up a field of enemy flange mines, when a minesweeping vessel becomes available, as these practice minefields are now not required for exercises.

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S.O.I.C. Sydney reports that general condition of "CORIANT" is satisfactory with no major defects - last refit Auckland, April, 1945.

S.O.S.(D) of H.M.S. "HMS" is of the opinion that "QUADRANT" is superior to "QUALITY".



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Monday, 22nd October. *22/10*

- 22/10*
- H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Departed Hong Kong 1600K/20 for Morotai E.T.A. 1700K/26 for onward routing Sydney. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Morotai 0900K/22 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/30 via route west of New Guinea. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Morotai 0800K/22 for Tarakan E.T.A. 1100K/24 to establish entrance aids, Macassar for similar purpose, thence to Darwin.
- H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" - Departed Manus 1530K/21 for Sydney E.T.A. 0930K/27th. (S.O.A. 15.5).
- L.C.I.1072 - Departed Manus 1800K/20 for Hollandia E.T.A. 0700K/22.
- U.S.S. "MARQUETTE" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Manus 0900K/21 for Brisbane E.T.A. 26th. (S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Arrived Madang 0700K/21 from Wewak. Departs Madang 1600K/22 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1230K/27 thence Sydney (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Madang 0830K/20 for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/28 (S.O.A. 10).
- M.L.825 - Departs Rabaul 0600K/22 for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0200K/23 for fuel thence to Lengemak, Milne Bay, Port Moresby, Thursday Island and Cairns (S.O.A. 14).
- M.S.L. 707 - Departed Port Moresby 0040K/21 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/22 (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "SOUTHERN CROSS" - Departed Townsville 1715K/20 for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/27 (S.O.A. 6.5).
- H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Townsville 1645K/21 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/24 (S.O.A. 10).
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" (Light Cruiser) - Departs Brisbane 1000K/22 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0600K/25 - will carry out full calibre H/A and L/A firings en route.
- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/21 for Colombo E.T.A. A.M./27 (S.O.A. 21).

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N.O.I.C. Darwin reports that Portuguese C. in C. at Dilli desires to purchase Army type 40 ft. work boat. Army can release suitable vessel - requests instructions.

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N.O.I.C. Fremantle states that as all submarines have now departed from West Australian waters the submarine practice areas are no longer required and retention of searched channel does not now appear to be necessary. It is intended to sweep up a field of dummy Vickers mines, when a minesweeping vessel becomes available, as these practice minefields are now not required for exercises.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney reports that general condition of "QUADRANT" is satisfactory with no major defects - last refit Auckland, April, 1945.

S.E.O.(D) of H.M.S. "TYNE" is of the opinion that "QUADRANT" is superior to "QUALITY".



C. in C. B.P.F. has requested "MAIDSTONE" be sailed from Fremantle 25th October for Capetown and U.K.

N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide states 'IPSWICH' taken in hand for refit 16th October - anticipated period two months with labour at present available.

H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" arrived Townsville 1700K/20 with "LAURIANA" in tow from Milne Bay. "DUBBO" has departed independently for Sydney (since diverted to Brisbane) - "LAURIANA" will have towing gear overhauled and be despatched in tow of first A.M.S. "DUBBO" has acknowledged diversion making E.T.A. 2000K/23rd.

C.C.A.S. signals A.C.N.B. that as "SHROPSHIRE" would be the last ship of the squadron to arrive Sydney from Tokyo, he would like to advance her date by 14 days by sailing her to meet "HOBART" at Manus.

This proposal would result in R.A.N. representation in Japanese waters being temporarily reduced to one destroyer but Com. Fifth Fleet has no objection and C.C.A.S. feels that the gain of 14 days makes the proposal worthy of consideration.

Broad pendant of C.C.A.S. would be transferred to a destroyer pending "HOBART's" arrival at Tokyo.



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DAILY NARRATIVE TO 0900K SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER.

- H.M.S. UNDAUNTED Departed Auckland 0900K/18 for Sydney. E.T.A.1600K/21st.
- H.M.S. URSA Departed Shanghai 1100K/19 for Wakayama. E.T.A.1900K/12 (S.O.A.15).
- U.S.S. AREQUIPA (Store Ship) Departed Manila 2100K/19 for Manus. E.T.A. 27th (S.O.A.10.5).
- U.S.S. GANYMEDE (Store Ship) Departed Samar 1815K/19 for Hollandia. E.T.A. 2000K/24th (S.O.A.10.5).
- H.M.S. GLENGYLE Arrived Tarakan 1200K/19.
- H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE Departs Balikpapan 1700K/20 for Bima. E.T.A.0800K/22nd to evacuate internees and P.O.W's (S.O.A.12).
- KURUMBA Departed Macassar 0800K/20 for Brisbane. E.T.A.1300K/1st Nov. (S.O.A.10).
- U.S.S. LST.204 Departed Morotai 1800K/19 for Agusau. E.T.A.2000K/22 (S.O.A.10).
- H.M.S.UNDINE Departed Manus 1800K/18 for Guam. E.T.A.1900K/21 for onward routing Tokyo (S.O.A.16)/
- H.M.S.SLINGER Departed Manus 1800K/18 for Brisbane. E.T.A.0800K/24 (S.O.A.12.5).
- U.S.S.QUAPAN (Tug) Departed Manus 0700K/20 for Hollandia. E.T.A.1300K/22 (S.O.A.14).
- APC's 1, 3, 5, 11. Departed Manua 1500K/18 for Majuro. E.T.A.25th thence Pearl Harbour (S.O.A.9.5).
- H.M.A.S.KAIGOORLIE Departed Langemak 0515K/20 for Lae. E.T.A.1000K/20.
- H.M.A.S.SPRIGHTLY } Departed Langemak 1910K/19 for Madang. E.T.A.1500K/20.  
towing "BANGALOW" } (S.O.A.8).
- HDML's 1322,1329 } Departed Thursday Island 0900K/19 for Cairns.  
HMAS "SAN MICHELE" } E.T.A.p.m 25th (S.O.A.7).
- HMAS WARRNAMBOOL Departed Thurs.Is. 0530K/20 for Sydney. E.T.A.0830K/26. (S.O.A.11).
- HDML.1327 Departs Cairns 1700K/19 for Townsville. E.T.A. 0900K/20 (S.O.A.10).
- M.L.431 Departed Townsville 0300K/20 for Brisbane. E.T.A.1430K/23 carrying out R.M.S. Duties, en route. Calling Bowen and Gladstone (S.O.A.12).
- M.L.804 Departed Townsville 0918K/19 for Brisbane. E.T.A.1000K/24 (S.O.A.11).
- HMAS ARUNTA On passage Sydney-Manus has been diverted to Townsville to fuel thence Darwin for escort duties. From vicinity of Cape Byron at 1030K/20 proceeding Townsville. E.T.A. 0630K/22. E.T.D.for Darwin 1100K/22 (S.O.A.18).
- HMS RAME HEAD Acknowledges diversion to Brisbane making E.T.A.0600K/22.



HMS KING GEORGE V Departs Sydney 1300K/27 for Melbourne. E.T.A. Heads 0500K/29.

HMS ARIADNE } Departed Sydney 1430K/19 for Manus. E.T.A. 0630K/24  
HMAS ARUNTA } (S.O.A. 19) - "ARUNTA" has since been diverted to Darwin for escort duties.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that there is no essential surveying work to be done in New Guinea Area in connection with current operations.

C.in C. B.P.F. signals that H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" is expected to leave Sydney late in November for China. On her way he would like her to visit Adelaide and Fremantle for about a week each. Requests A.C.N.B's comments.

C.in C. B.P.F. intends "FORMIDABLE" proceed from Sydney 24th Oct. for Rabaul to embark Indian R.A.M.P. for Singapore, India thence return Sydney.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests N.O.I.C. Darwin sail "GASCOYNE" for Morotai on completion of present surveillance duty. "HAWKESBURY" will be sailed as required by N.O.I.C. Darwin for further surveillance trips.

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Approved and sent to N.O.I.C. Darwin to call  
N.O.I.C.'s 100 and 107 to Brisbane for 10/28.

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N.O.I.C. "LADY" completes present operations (10/28).  
(Surveillance duty).

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N.O.I.C. "MANTON" is to be diverted to Darwin on passage  
to Sydney, by alternate instructions and on 10/28.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 20th. October, 1945.

- H.M.S. "UNDAUNTED" Departed Auckland 0900K/18th. for Sydney, F.T.A. 1600K/21st. Sea.15.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKSBURY" Departed Tarakan 1800K/19th. for Darwin, E.T.A. 1100K/22nd. Sea. 15.5.
- H.M.A.S. "JOH JIH" Departed Morotai 1500K/18th. for Ternate Is. On completion of disembarkation of N.Y.C.A. personnel, returns to Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" Departed Madang 0830K/20th. for Horesby, E.T.A. 0700K/23rd. From Horesby, "BUNBURY" to tow "SAN MICHEL" (Seine) to mainland.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIN" ) To be sailed to Madang. After overhaul at Madang T.B.6  
T.B. 6 in tow ) to be towed to Rabaul.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" Departed Horesby 0652K/19th. for Langenak, E.T.A. 1200K/22nd. Sea. 8.
- H.W.L. 253 Departed Townsville 1300K/18th. for Madang, E.T.A. 0900K/25th. Sea. 7.
- H.L. 818 Departed Thursday Is. 1430K/18th. for Cairns, E.T.A. P.M. 22nd. Thence to Brisbane for paying off. Sea 10.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" E.T.D. Brisbane 0800K/21st. for Morotai via Madang and Wewak. Departure delayed due to loading.
- H.M.S. "LEWIS" E.T.D. Brisbane 1500K/20th. for Sydney, E.T.A. 0600K/22nd. Sea 13.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" ) Departed Sydney 1606K/19th. for Adelaide via Waterloo Bay,  
G.P.V. 959 ) E.T.A. Waterloo Bay 2100K/21st. E.T.A. Adelaide 0430K/27th  
Sea. 8. "KYBRA" proceeds to Fremantle for disposal.
- H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Sydney about 29th. for Morotai. To remain in Moluccas Area.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" Departed Sydney 0630K/19th. for Newcastle. E.T.A. and  
(AE-178) speed not known.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" Returned to Williamstown 1600K/19th. Dumping completed.
- H.M.A.S. "HORNSEY" Departed Cambridge Gulf 19th. for Yampi Sound, E.T.A. 1930K/21st.

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Approval has been given to H.O.I.C. New Guinea to sail R.D.M.L's 1321 and 1327 to Brisbane for refit.

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H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" completes present operation 21st. (on surveillance duty).

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H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" is to be diverted to Birma on passage to Keopang, to evacuate Internees and ex P.O.W's.

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H.O.I.C. Townsville advises all V/S facilities at Townsville will cease at 1800K/21st. H.M.A. Ships to communicate on Fort R/T wave for berthing instructions.

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H.O.I.C. New Guinea advises H.O.I.C. Port Moresby that "POTRERO" will be available Moresby early November.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney Reports M.L's 301, 510 and 822 are the only operational M.L's in Sydney command, and are employed to maintain safety patrols for R.N.A.S. "HOWRA" at Jervic Bay. "HOWRA" consider it essential for these patrols to be maintained until February or March. If these duties to be carried will be unable to sail M.L's to Fremantle for paying off until relieved by suitable craft from R.N. Sources.

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H.O.I.C. Moluccas advises "POYANG" will complete his operational commitments by approximately 29th. October. Requests instructions for disposal. Requires boiler clean.

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H.M.A. "MISSISSIPPI" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Malacca S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 8.5).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Malacca S.T.A. 1800K/19.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Report Depart 1800K/19 for Thursday Island  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } S.T.A. 1800K/19 (S.O.A. 9). "MUSKIE" Command Sydney. H.M.A. 80 Indicated by A.C.S.N.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Report Depart 1800K/19 for Thursday  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Island S.T.A. 1800K/19 (S.O.A. 11)  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } - "MUSKIE" for command Malacca.  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Other A.M.A.'s for Brisbane.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Thursday Island S.T.A. 1800K/19 through Brisbane (S.O.A. 12).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Sydney S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 13).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Sydney S.T.A. 1800K/19.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Report Depart 1800K/19 for Townsville,  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } Report Depart 1800K/19 for Brisbane  
H.M.A. "MUSKIE" } S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 6).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Brisbane S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 11.8).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Malacca S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Malacca, S.T.A. 1800K/19. (S.O.A. 16). 20 call.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Kempt Pass S.T.A. 1800K/19 through Darwin.

H.M.A. "MUSKIE" - Report Depart 1800K/19 for Cambridge Gulf S.T.A. 1800K/19.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Friday, 19th October.

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- H.M.S. "EMPRESS" (Escort Carrier) - Departed Colombo 2127K/16 for Fremantle - to return Colombo by 16th November.
- U.S.S. "KIRSTIN" (Store Ship) - Departed Auckland 0500K/17 for Manus E.T.A. 1400K/28 (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "QUICKMATCH" - Departed Sasebo 1430K/17 for Guam, E.T.A. 1800K/20 for fuel and onward routing to Manus. (S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.A.S. "DELOIRINE" )  
H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" ) - Arrived Sandakan 0900K/17.  
H.M.A.S. "MOTHER SNAKE" (S.R.D.) )
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Sandakan 0900K/18 for Morotai, E.T.A. 1300K/20.
- U.S.S. "LYCOMING" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manila 1600K/16 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 23rd.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" ) Departed Bandjermasin 1800K/18 for Balikpapan  
H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" ) - E.T.A. 1530K/19. (S.O.A. 17).
- U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY" (Tanker) - Departed Zamboanga 0900K/17 for Balboa E.T.A. 2nd December. (S.O.A. 8.5).
- H.N.M. Minesweepers "SMEROK" )  
"RINDJANI" ) - Depart Morotai 1300K/16 for  
"MERBAROL" ) Balikpapan E.T.A. P.M./20th.  
(S.O.A. 8.5).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departs Morotai 1500K/18 for Madang E.T.A. 0700K/24.
- H.M.A.S. "KAPUNDA" ) Departs Morotai 1500K/18 for Thursday Island  
H.D.M.L. 1074 ) - E.T.A. 1800K/24 (S.O.A. 9). "KAPUNDA" thence  
Sydney. H.D.M.L. as indicated by A.C.N.B.
- H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" )  
H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" ) Depart Morotai 1200K/18 for Thursday  
H.M.A.S. "PIRIE" ) - Island E.T.A. 1400K/23 (S.O.A. 11)  
H.M.A.S. "STAWELL" ) "WAGGA" for onward routing Melbourne.  
H.M.A.S. "WAGGA" ) Other A.M.S.'s for Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNDABERG" - Departs Morotai 0800K/19 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800K/23 thence Brisbane (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.S. "GAMBIA" - Departed Manus 2350K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/23. (S.O.A. 18).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Lengemak 1745K/17 for Madang E.T.A. 0800K/18.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" ) Departed Milne Bay 0400K/18 for Townsville,  
towing "LAURIANA" ) - E.T.A. 2200K/20. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" ) Departed Townsville 0830K/18 for Brisbane  
towing "LEILANI" ) - E.T.A. A.M./23rd. (S.O.A. 6).
- H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" - Departed Townsville 1050K/17 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2400K/20. (S.O.A. 11.5).
- H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departs Brisbane 1800K/19 for Manus E.T.A. 0930K/24 (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "QUIBERON" - Departed Sydney 1750K/18 for Melbourne, E.T.A. Heads 0630K/20. (S.O.A. 15). To refit.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departed Onslow 1230K/18 for Yampi Sound E.T.A. 1830K/23 thence Darwin.
- H.M.A.S. "MOHESBY" - Departed Darwin 1630K/17 for Cambridge Gulf E.T.A. 1830K/18.



N.O.I.C. New Guinea requests position of Naval personnel at Naura observing Administrator has informed Department External Territories that with the agreement of the Military Governor, he proposes to assume full Administrative powers as from 1st November.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas signals that the U.S.N. expect to move from Balikpapan shortly. Proposes making one A.M.S. available as immobile Port Directorate and take over minimum requirements ashore, e.g., V/S tower and P.D. Office. Requests approval to proceed accordingly.

V.A.(Q) informs A.C.N.B. that tug "AINWELL" has broken down at Townsville while on passage to Sydney for refit. A month will be required to make good defects before she can proceed - requests arrangements be made to tow her to Sydney to expedite refit.

"QUADRANT" and "NIZAM" paid off and re-commissioned A.M./18th - "QUADRANT" recommissioned under A.C.N.B. administration.

- H.M.A.S. "..." - Departed Thursday Is. 1800X/17 for Townsville, N.Y.A. 1800X/18.
- H.M.A.S. "..." - Departed Darwin 1800X/17 with mail Army craft in tow for Brisbane, N.Y.A. 1800X/21. (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "..." (Light Cruiser) - Departs Brisbane 0800X/22 for Balikpapan, N.Y.A. 1800X/22.
- H.M.A.S. "..." - Departed Darwin 0800X/23 for survey operations north of Melville Is.

"ATLAS" reports full group trials were satisfactory carried out 18th October.

H.M.A.S. "..." has arrived West Australia for operations and paying off.

N.O.I.C. F.O.B. points out that the bridge plan of the previous trials show significant degree forward of pattern - the visibility of aft bearings from the latter is thus reduced by 40 degrees adversely affecting the navigation and target indication capabilities of this instrument. Requests approval to place pattern in the correct position.

Design of bridge structure is not yet in hand in "RESEARCH".



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, Thursday 18th October.

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U.S.S. "OCTANS" (Store Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 0200K/16 for Mios Woendi E.T.A. 21st to collect boat, thence Brisbane E.T.A. 29th. (S.O.A. 14, 15).

U.S.S. "FREESTONE" (Attack Transport) - Departed Manila 1600K/16 for Manus, E.T.A. 21st. (S.O.A. 16.5).

U.S.S. "MARQUETTE" (Attack Cargo) - Departed Guam 1400K/16 for Manus E.T.A. 1700K/19 thence Brisbane. (S.O.A. 14.5).

H.N.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" - Departs Makassar 17th October for Bandjermasin.

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departs Morotai 1500K/18 for Ambon, E.T.A. 1500K/20 - to return Morotai on completion of discharge.

U.S.S. "L.S.T.'s 67, 473, 206 - Arrived Morotai 1000K/16 from Leyte.

U.S.S. "LARK" (Tug) - Departed Manus 1800K/16 for Majuro, E.T.A. 22nd thence Pearl Harbour. (S.O.A. 10).

U.S.S. "L.C.I.709" - Departed Manus 1100K/17 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 0700K/20. (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. "NEPAL" - Departed Manus 1300K/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/22. (S.O.A. 17.5).

M.L.808 - Departed Thursday Island 1400K/17 for Townsville, E.T.A. A.M./23. (S.O.A. 12).

H.M.A.S. "KATOONBA" - Departed Thursday Is. 0700K/17 for Townsville, E.T.A. 1200K/19.

H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" - Departed Townsville 1330K/17 with small Army craft in tow for Brisbane, E.T.A. 1500K/21. (S.O.A. 7).

U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" (Light Cruiser) - Departs Brisbane 0830K/22 for Melbourne, E.T.A. Heads 0600K/25th.

H.M.A.S. "BENALLA" )  
H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" ) - Departed Darwin 0830K/16 for survey operations north of Melville Is.

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"NIZAM" reports full power trials were satisfactory carried out 16th October.

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H.M.A.S. "FALIE" has arrived Port Adelaide for destoring and paying off.

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N.O.I.C. F.N.D. points out that the bridge plan of the modified frigate shows Magnetic Compass forward of pelorus - the visibility of aft bearings from the latter is thus reduced by 40 degrees adversely affecting the navigation and target indication capabilities of this instrument. Requests approval to place pelorus in the forward position.

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Wiring of bridge structure is not yet in hand in "SHOALHAVEN".

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"NEPAL" reports intended to proceed around Cape Horn to Suez in company with "LAVANT". Will leave Sydney 1000K/18, arrive Port and depart Manus 1500K, arrive Port and depart Guam 1700K, arrive Tokyo 2000K. "NEPAL" sailing back to try off with fuel to avoid adverse weather between straits of Japan, when ship short of fuel and in light condition.



N.O.I.C. Brisbane reports that "TAMWORTH" and "WHYALLA" anticipate duration of refit 42 days - ships' company will proceed on 21 days leave in two watches.

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"COLAC" proposes destoring programme from 17th October to 1st November - vessel commences preparation for acceptance into reserve fleet 2nd November.

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C. in C. B.P.F. informs C. in C. East Indies that four "N" Class Destroyers will shortly be proceeding from Australia to U.K. and requests information as to whether fuel is available at Coocs Is.

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N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide requests advice as to whether two oerlikon guns on quarter deck of H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" should be removed - these are additional to her normal armament complement.

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Admiralty signals A.C.N.B. :-

"UNDER CONSIDERATION AT ADMIRALTY TO DISPOSE BY SCRAPPING THE GUNS Q.F.4.7 INCH MARK 12, 12 STAR IN 4.7 INCH C.P.10 MOUNTINGS. AS THESE EQUIPMENTS ARE FITTED IN YOUR DESTROYERS, REQUEST INFORMATION WHETHER ANY FURTHER SPARE "E" GUNS AND/OR GUN MOUNTINGS NOW BECOMING SURPLUS, ARE REQUIRED.

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P.D. Milne Bay recommends all U.S.N. water and power supply at Ladava be taken over by R.A.N.

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N.Z.N.B. requests C. in C. B.P.F. sails "GAMBIA" to arrive Auckland 0630K/30th October.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas proposes vessels under his operational control be reduced to following as from end of October :-

Morotai	-	One frigate, one A.M.S.
Ambon	-	3 A.M.S.
Macassar	-	1 A.M.S.
Brunei	-	1 frigate.
Balikpapan	-	1 A.M.S. as port director, 1 A.M.S. general duties.

In addition, one frigate as required by Lesser Sundas and as for unforeseen commitments and one additional frigate as relief for boiler cleaning and docking.

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"ARUNTA" seeks approval to proceed onward from Manus to Tokyo in company with "ARIADNE". Proposes depart Sydney 1400K/19, arrive fuel and depart Manus 24th, arrive fuel and depart Guam 27th, arrive Tokyo 30th. "ARIADNE" calling Guam to top off with fuel to avoid chance meeting typhoon south of Japan, when ship short of fuel and in light condition.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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*5/17/10*  
*24/10*  
*17/10*

To 0900K/Wednesday, 17th October, 1945.

- U.S.S. "L.S.T.'s 742 )  
and 245 ) - Departed Leyte 1700K/15th for Morotai, E.T.A.  
1600K/18th. S.O.A. 9.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T.204" - Departed Agusan 15th for Morotai, E.T.A. 18th.  
S.O.A.-10.
- U.S.S. "L.S.T.806" - Departed Morotai 1700K/16th for Agusan, E.T.A.  
1100K/20th. S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" - To depart Morotai to R/V with "LACHLAN" at Kabarei  
Bay, Waigeo Is. at 0800K/19th. Transfers fuel and oil, then  
returns to Morotai.
- H.M.S. "DUNCANSSY HEAD" - Departed Suva 0730K/16 for Port Moresby, E.T.A.  
23rd October. S.O.A. 11.
- H.M.A.S. "NORMAN" - Departed Manus 1200K/15th for Sydney, E.T.A.0800K/21st  
S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.H.S. "VASNA" - Departed Manus 1400K/15th for Sydney, E.T.A. 22nd  
October. S.O.A. 12.5.
- M.L.805 - E.T.D. Madang 18th October for mainland paying off.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Madang 0900K/16 for Morotai, E.T.A.  
1700K/18th. S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departed Langemak 0625K/16th for Arawe thence  
Gasmata, Jacquinet Bay, Rabaul. E.T.A. Arawe 1600K/16th.
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA")  
and tow ) - Departed Langemak 0935K/16th for Madang, E.T.A.  
T.B.5 ) 0800K/17th.
- H.D.M.L.1321 - Departed Langemak 1625K/16th for Rabaul, E.T.A. 0600K/18th.
- "TANGALOOMA" - Departed Milne Bay 1000K/16th for Port Moresby for O/R  
A.S.R. to Brisbane. E.T.A. Moresby P.M. 23rd. S.O.A. 8. To pay off.
- M.L.808 - Departed Port Moresby 1317K/16 for Thursday Is. E.T.A.  
1730K/17th. S.O.A. 12.
- G.P.V.957 - Departed Townsville 15th for R.M.S. duties between Townsville  
and Bowen. Returns to Townsville on completion.
- M.L.'s 816 and 820 - Departed Thursday Is. 0900K/15th for Townsville via  
Cairns for fuel E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/20th. S.O.A. 12. To pay  
off.
- H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 1640K/16th for Melbourne, E.T.A.  
2100K/18th. S.O.A. 10. Training course.
- H.M.A.S. "KYBRA") - E.T.D. Sydney for Adelaide 19th October. "KYBRA"  
G.P.V.959- ) - to Fremantle for disposal.
- H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" - Departed Sydney 1759K/16th for Hobart, E.T.A.  
0730K/18th. S.O.A. 15.
- M.L.'s 426 and 802 - Paid off into reserve at Sydney A.M. 15th.
- H.M.A.S. "JOHN HARDY" - Paid off at Sydney A.M. 16th.
- H.M.A.S. "NAPIER" - Propose docking at Williamstown at 0830K/19th.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Request docking be deferred until 23rd P.M. due to  
change in programme.



H.M.A.S. "FALIE" - Departed Melbourne 1220K/12th for Adelaide E.T.A. 1200K/16th. S.O.A. 5. For disposal.

H.M. Sub. "VOX" - Departed Melbourne 1337K/16th for Adelaide via Kingston, E.T.A. Kingston 0900K/18th. E.T.D. for Adelaide 1600K/19th. S.O.A. 8.

H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed Fremantle 2030K/16th for Sydney, E.T.A. 0900K/21st. S.O.A. 20. Trooping.

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" - Departed Darwin 1830K/16th for Thursday Island for O/R to Sydney. E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1330K/19th. S.O.A. 11. To join 20th M.S.F.

N.O.I.C. Hong Kong sends to C. in C. B.P.F. :-

"PROPOSE 'REDPOLK' AND 'WOODCOCK' VISIT AUSTRALIAN PORT FOR REHABILITATION".

Requests name of port. Reply sent - Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "GILOLO" Base Ship, Morotal, commissioned at 1012K/15th October.

H.M.A.S. "LIMOSA" to be paid off into reserve A.M. 24th October.

M.L.'s 807 and 823 to be paid off into reserve at Sydney A.M. 23rd October.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas advises "HAWKESBURY" has been detailed to escort "ESPERANCE BAY".

H.M.A.S. "URALBA" advises due to weather, no prospect of dumping for several days.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 16th October, 1945.

- U.S.S. "KALAMAZOO"(AOG 30) - Departed Tarakan 1012K/13th for Rabaul?  
E.T.A. 1300K/17th. S.O.A. 8.
- U.S.S. "PINTO" (Tug) ) - Departed Tarakan 1035K/14th for Zamboanga E.T.A.  
and tows ) - 1020K/18th. S.O.A. 4.
- L.C.I.700 (U.S.) - Departed Hollandia 0230K/15th for Morotai, E.T.A.  
1900K/17th.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departed Madang 1600K/15th for Milne Bay, E.T.A.  
0400K/18th. S.O.A. 10. To join 20th M.S.F.
- L.C.I. 328 (U.S.) - Departed Manus 0700K/12th for Guam, E.T.A. 1300K/16th.  
S.O.A. 11.5.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Milne Bay 0600K/15th for Sydney, E.T.A.  
1100K/19th. S.O.A. 15.
- M.L.808 - Departed Port Moresby 1317K/15th for Thursday Island E.T.A.  
1700K/16th. S.O.A. 12. To pay off.
- H.M.A. Tug "ST. GILES" - Departed Thursday Island 1001K/15th for Morotai  
E.T.A. A.M. 21st. S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "SOUTHERN CROSS" ) - Departed Thursday Island 0715K/15th for  
" " "MALANDA" ) - Townsville E.T.A. A.M. 20th. S.O.A. 6.  
To pay off.
- M.L. 804 - Amended E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/16th. To pay off.
- H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" - Departed Sydney 1130K/15th for Fremantle E.T.A.  
1130K/20th. S.O.A. 19. Trooping.

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N.O.I.C. Townsville considers, as a result of examination,  
that boiler cleaning of "COOTAMUNDRA" is essential.  
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F.O.I.C. Sydney intends, if trials are satisfactory, to sail  
H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" on the 19th October for Manus in company with  
"ARIADNE".  
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N.O.I.C. Moluccas requests confirmation that H.M. L.S.T.'s  
and "GLENGYLE" may be used for evacuation of long service personnel  
to the mainland.

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H.M.A.S. "WALTHAM" - Departed Hollandia 1500K/15 ending E.T.A. to Sydney  
E.T.A. 1700K/16.  
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H.M.A.S. "WALTHAM" - Departed Hollandia 1500K/15 ending E.T.A. to Sydney  
E.T.A. 1700K/16.  
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G. in G. L.S.F. anticipates "INDIAN" will leave Sydney  
25th October for United Kingdom.



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To 0900K, Monday, 15th October.

- H.M.A.S. "STRAHAN" )  
H.M.A.S. "CASTLEMAINE" ) - Departed Hong Kong 1000K/14 for Morotai, E.T.A. 1900K/20 for onward routing to Melbourne. (S.O.A. 10.5).
- H.M.S. "ARGONAUT" - Departed Hong Kong 1430K/14 for Manus, E.T.A. 1400K/21 for onward routing Sydney. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Hong Kong 1510K/14 for Sydney, E.T.A. 27th. (S.O.A. 16).
- U.S.S. "CLAIBORNE" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Manila 0900K/8 for Finchafen, E.T.A. 17th. (S.O.A. 10.5).
- L.S.T.'s 67, 475 - Departed Leyte 1600K/13 for Morotai, E.T.A. 1700K/16. (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Leyte 1450K/14 for Hong Kong, E.T.A. 1000K/17.
- H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" )  
H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" ) - Depart Balikpapan 1200K/14 for Bandjermasin, E.T.A. 1000K/15.
- L.S.T. 66 - Departed Morotai 1200K/14 for Agusan, E.T.A. 1600K/17. (SOA 10).
- Y.M.S. 339, 11, 52 - Departed Manus 1600K/13 for Leyte via Morotai, E.T.A. 1400K/18.
- H.M.S. "GRENVILLE" )  
H.M.S. "URANIA" ) - Departed Manus 0800K/14 for Guam, E.T.A. 1500K/17 for onward routing.
- U.S.S. "MONITOR" (L.S.V.) - Departed Manus 1500K/14 for San Francisco, E.T.A. 28th. (S.O.A. 16).
- H.M.A.S. "STERNA" - Departs Madang 0800K/14 for Rabaul, E.T.A. P.M./18. (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Jacquinot Bay 1930K/13 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1300K/14.
- H.M.R.T. "ADVANTAGE" - Departed Milne Bay 0630K/14 for Manus, E.T.A. 1000K/17.
- H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" )  
towing )  
H.M.A.S. "BANGALOW" ) - Departed Port Moresby 1425K/13 for Langemak, E.T.A. P.M./18th. (S.O.A. 5).
- H.M.A.S. "TOOMAREE" (M.P.B.) - Departed Thursday Island 0600K/12 for Townsville, E.T.A. A.M./20 (S.O.A. 7).
- H.D.M.L. 1324 - Departed Townsville 0600K/14 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 1400K/17. (S.O.A. 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. "OLIVE CAM" - Departed Melbourne 1340K/13 towing T.B.9 to Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/16.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea directs "BUNBURY", at present on passage Townsville-Jacquinot Bay with T.B.6 in tow, to proceed Langemak and transfer two to "KALGOORLIE" who will tow to Rabaul.

C. in C. B.P.F. anticipates "INDOMITABLE" will leave Sydney 25th October for United Kingdom.



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TO COMNAV HONOLULU

SacSea advises that owing to extreme delicacy of situation now in Java and Sumatra, both from point of view of food supplies and political situation, it is impossible to permit any disembarkation of repatriated Indonesians in these Islands until further notice.

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P.D. Milne Bay reports that after examination by diver the hull of "ADVANTAGE" was found to be sound. This vessel grounded in Raven Channel A.M./12 whilst on passage to Manus and put back to Milne Bay for examination.

- USS HINCHINBROOK (AGC-12) - Departed Milne Bay 1200/12 for Honolulou S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS GARDNER (LST-100) - Departed Honolulou 1200/12 for Manus S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS HANCOCK (LST-100) - Departed Honolulou 1200/12 for Manus S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Milne Bay 1200/12 for Port Moresby S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Port Moresby 0800/12 for Thursday Island S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Townsville 1200/12 with small crew vessels in tow for Brisbane S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Port Moresby 1200/12 for Suva S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Townsville 0800/12 for Brisbane S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Sydney 1200/12 for Melbourne S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Sydney 1200/12 for Manus S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)
- USS LST-100 - Departed Darwin 1200/12 for Koroheke S.F.A. 1200/12 (200-11)

"ADVANTAGE" after grounding in Raven Channel whilst on passage Townsville to Manus, was refloated 1200/12 and has proceeded to Milne Bay to inspect bottom.

It is noted that the Honolulou Naval authorities confirm that since our visit in this area no further progress has been made. "ADVANTAGE" will investigate.

USS LST-100 has assigned "SANDY" to proceed to Koroheke for surveillance duties, on completion of Balikpapan assignment on 10th or 15th October.

S. J. C. has instructed USS LST-100 to sail for Manus, Pohnpei to Balikpapan after refueling.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday 14th October.

- HMAS WARREGO )  
" KAPUNDA ) - Arrived Tarakan PM/12th.  
" BUNDABERG )
- L.S.T. 205 - Departed Morotai 1900K/11 for Agusan E.T.A. 2100K/15.
- R.A.F.A. BISHOPDALE - departs Morotai 0800K/12 for Subic Bay E.T.A. 1200K/16  
(SOA. 10).
- HMAS NYANIE - Departs Morotai 0700K/13 for operations Halmaheras returning  
approx. PM/20.
- HMAS FOYANG - Departs Morotai 16th Oct. with stores for Ambon thence return  
Morotai.
- RNN Minesweepers SMEROE ) - Departed Biak 2100K/12 for Morotai E.T.A.  
RINDJANI ) 1300K/15 (SOA. 8)  
MERBABOE )
- USS ONEIDA (attack transport) - Departed Terokina 1400K/12 for Manus E.T.A.  
0800K/14 (SOA.14).
- HMAS LYSANDER - Departed Langemak 2059K/12 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1600K/15,  
Milne Bay 20th thence Port Moresby.
- M.L.'s 808, 818 - Departed Milne Bay 1200K/13 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/  
14th for onward routing mainland (SOA. 12).
- M.L. 816, 820 ) - Departed Port Moresby 0621K/13 for Thursday Island  
HMAS SAN MICHELE ) E.T.A. 1600K/15 (SOA 8).
- HMAS WHYALLA ) - Departed Townsville 1345K/13 with small army vessels in  
" TAMWORTH ) tow for Brisbane E.T.A. 1400K/17 (SOA. 7.5).
- HMML. 1327 - Departed Port Moresby 1315K/13 for Cairns E.T.A. PM/19th  
(SOA.10).
- ML. 811 - Departed Townsville 0640K/13 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/16 (SOA.11)
- HMAS QUALITY - Departed Sydney 1224K/12 for Melbourne E.T.A. Heads 0600K/14  
(SOA. 13).
- HMS. ARIADNE - Departs Sydney 19th Oct. for Manus E.T.A. 24th thence Tokyo.
- HMAS KATOOMBA - Departed Darwin 0730K/12 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0930K/16  
thence Brisbane (SOA.11)
- HMAS KANGAROO - Departed Darwin 1105K/13 for Keepang E.T.A. 1800K/15.

HMRT "ADVANTAGE" after grounding in Raven Channel whilst on passage Townsville-  
Manus, was refloated 1500K/12 and has proceeded to Milne Bay to inspect  
bottom.

P.D. AMBON states that Japanese Naval authorities confirm that mines were  
laid in that area but doubts present existence - "GYMPIE" will investigate.

NOIC. MOLUCCAS has ordered "GASCOYNE" to proceed to Keepang for surveillance  
duties, on completion of Bandjermasin evacuation on 18th or 19th October.

G.IN C. EAST INDIES has instructed NOIC. BATAVIA to sail 4th L.S.T. Flotilla  
to Balikpapan after forming.



S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 13th October.

- H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE" } Departed Tokyo 1400K/12 for Wakayama, E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "WIZARD" } - 1601K/13th.
- H.M.S. "DEVONSHIRE" - Departed E.I.S. 10th for Fremantle, E.T.A.  
1100K/16th.
- A.T.R.27 - Departed Leyte 1500K/11th for Guadalcanal, E.T.A. 0100K/22nd.  
S.O.A. 10.
- H.M.S. "GLENYLE" )  
L.S.T.303 ) - E.T.A. Balikpapan 1000K/13th.  
" 419 )  
" 160 )
- L.S.T.324 )  
" 321 ) - E.T.A. Labuan 1000K/14th.  
" 408 )
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Proceeding to Tarakan 12th thence to Sandakan on  
the 13th. E.T.A. Sandakan A.M. 15th. S.O.A. 9.
- H.M.A.S. "BOWEN" - Departed Morotai 2300K/12th for surveillance of  
Taland Islands E.T.A. 1400K/13th. Duration of operations -  
4 days.
- P.C.588 - Departed Manus 1100K/11th for Guadalcanal, E.T.A. 14th.  
S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Rabaul 1700K/12th for Jacquinot Bay E.T.A.  
0700K/13th. E.T.D. 0900K/13th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/14  
- S.O.A. 15.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departed Rabaul 0758K/12th for Madang escorting  
"HOTO MARU".
- H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" ) Departed Moresby 0440K/11th for Thursday Is.  
H.D.M.L. 1358 ) - E.T.A. A.M. 14th. S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" } - Departed Thursday Island 1250K/11th for Townsville  
and tows } - E.T.A. 1500K/14th. S.O.A. 8.
- M.L.804 - Departed Thursday Island 1530K/12th for Townsville via Cairns  
for fuel E.T.A. Cairns P.M. 15th. S.O.A. 12.
- H.M.A.S. "MULGRA" )  
towing M.L.'s 427 ) - Departed Cairns 0900K/11th for Brisbane.  
and 428 )
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEUWIN" - Departed Townsville 1620K/12th. E.T.A.  
Frederick Reef 0600K/15th. E.T.A. Lahou Reef 1600K/16th.  
E.T.A. Bougainville Reef 0600K/18th. E.T.A. Thursday Is.  
0600K/21st.
- H.M.A.S. "PING WO" - Departs Townsville 0800K/13th for Moresby thence  
Milne Bay, Madang and Morotai. E.T.A. Moresby 0800K/18th.  
S.O.A. 8.
- U.S.S. "CRATER"(A.K.70) - Departed Brisbane 1040K/11th for Eniwetok,  
E.T.A. 0500K/22nd. S.O.A. 10.
- M.W.L.253 - Departed Brisbane 1000K/12th for Townsville E.T.A. 0900K/16th  
for O/R to Madang. S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" - Departs Brisbane 0630K/13th for Sydney E.T.A.  
1600K/16th. S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.S. "QUALITY" - Departed Sydney 1130K/12th for Melbourne.



U.S.S. "MIZAR" - Departed Sydney 1940K/11th for Subic Bay E.T.A. 0700K/22  
S.O.A. 16.

H.M.A.S. "MARY CAM" - Departed Melbourne 1325K/11th for Sydney E.T.A.  
P.M. 14th. S.O.A. 6.5.

H.M.A.S. "OLIVE CAM" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/13th for Sydney. Has  
T.B.9 in tow.

H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" ) Departed Fremantle 1006K/11th for Onslow E.T.A.  
and tows ) - 1400K/16th. S.O.A. 5.5.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departs Darwin 0730K/13th for Thursday Island  
thence Brisbane.

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M.L.806 and M.L.817 paid off to reserve at Sydney A.M. 10th.

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H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" reports "AEME" (Small Army Tug) sank in  
position 10°33.1'S., 142°24.7'E. at 1645K/11th.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney advises "LORINNA" taken over 1500K/9th and  
docked at 0800K/10th for Survey.

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H.M.S. "ADVANTAGE" reports aground in Raven Channel. Will  
endeavour to refloat at high water. Damages sustained.

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Australian Army advises N.O.I.C. Thursday Island that it is  
understood two sloops (Corvettes) will be available from Darwin for  
Merauke if requested by Australian Army and local Authorities are  
requesting confirmation.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Friday, 12th October.

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- H.M.S. "GAMBIA" - Departs Tokyo 1800K/12 for Auckland (48 hrs. late).
- H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" "WOLLONGONG" )  
 "GAWLER" "WAGGA" )  
 "LAUNGESTON" "BROOME" ) - Departed Hong Kong 0930K/10th  
 "PIRIE" "STAWELL" ) for Morotai, E.T.A. 1900K/16th,  
 "CESSHOCK" ) S.O.A. 11.
- L.C.I. 634 - Departed Hollandia 1845K/10th for Manus E.T.A. 1300K/12th.
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departed Madang 2200K/9th for Langemak thence Milne Bay and Port Moresby, E.T.A. Langemak 1800K/11th. (To be paid off on arrival at Moresby).
- M.L. 808 - Departed Rabaul 10th for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1700K/12th, S.O.A. 8.
- H.M.S. "PHEASANT" - Departed Manus 0900K/11th for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0600K/16th, S.O.A. 14.
- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Manus 1600K/10th for Leyte E.T.A. 0900K/14th, S.O.A. 17.5.
- M.S.L.707 - Departed Townsville 1700K/10th for Port Moresby, E.T.A. P.M. 19th, S.O.A. 7.
- H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - Departed Sydney 0932K/11th for Melbourne, E.T.A. 1300K/14th, S.O.A. 7.

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From C. in C. B.P.F. to A.C.N.B.:-

To reduce the need for retaining tankers at Manus and freighting fuel to that port, it has been suggested that those ships of B.P.F. which have insufficient endurance to proceed direct between Australia and China or Australia and Japan should refuel at Darwin rather than at Manus. This would involve Darwin handling approximately the same B.P.F. Fleet Units as is now handled at Manus, less B.B.'s C.V.'s, C.V.L.'s, C.V.E.'s and about half the B.P.F. cruisers. V.A.(Q) is requested to estimate what proportion of the Fleet Train would require to use Darwin. Requests A.C.N.B.'s comments.

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F.O.W.A.(B.P.F.) advises "STRAHAN" escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" to depart Hong Kong about 11th. "MILDURA" on relief by "CAIRNS" about 18th. "BATHURST", "FREMANTLE" and others of 21st M.S.F. as they can be spared.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Thursday, 11th October.

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- H.M.S. "VASNA" ) Departed Okinawa 0800K/7 for Manus, E.T.A. 0700K/14.  
H.M.S. "NORMAN" ) -
- U.S.S. "PASIG" (Distilling Ship) - Departed Eniwetok 1200K/9 for Manus  
E.T.A. 12th. (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.S. "MANXMAN" - Departed Guam 1630K/9 for Manus, E.T.A. 0700K/12.  
(S.O.A. 18).
- H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed Morotai 1300K/7 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
0800K/15. (S.O.A. 14.5).
- U.S.S. "QUAPAW" (Tug) - Departed Hollandia 1720K/10 for Langemak E.T.A.  
0900K/11.
- H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departed Manus 1200K/19 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300K/14.  
(S.O.A. 14).
- H.M.S. "CRANE" - Departed Manus 1100K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/16.  
(S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departs Rabaul 0700K/12 escorting "HOTO MARU" to  
Madang E.T.A. 1200K/14.
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Madang 0800K/10 for Rabaul E.T.A. 1230K/11  
thence Jacquinot Bay and Milne Bay (S.O.A. 15).
- M.L.804 - Departed Port Moresby 0626K/10 for Thursday Island E.T.A.  
1300K/11th (S.O.A. 12).
- "MULGRA" )  
towing ) - Depart Cairns 0500K/11 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
M.L.'s 427, 428 ) - 1600K/15 (S.O.A. 8).
- M.L.811 - Departs Cairns 0500K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 2000K/11.  
(S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.R.T. "ADVANTAGE" - Departed Townsville 1820K/9 for Manus E.T.A.  
1700K/14 (S.O.A. 10).
- H.D.M.L. 1341 - Departed Townsville 1145K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1400K/15  
(S.O.A. 9.5).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" - Departed Townsville 0830K/10 towing T.B.6 to  
Jacquinot Bay E.T.A. 0900K/17 thence Rabaul - "COWRA" in  
company to vicinity Trobriands.
- H.M.A.S. "COWRA" - Departed Townsville 0830K/10 towing T.B.5 to Langemak  
E.T.A. 1700K/17 - "BUNBURY" in company to vicinity Trobriands.
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departed Townsville 1530K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
1200K/15. (S.O.A. 6).
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departs Brisbane 1000K/11 for Madang E.T.A.  
0600K/16 (S.O.A. 14.5).
- H.M.S. "UNDINE" - Departed Sydney 0936K/10 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/16  
thence Tokyo (S.O.A. 15).
- H.M.A.S. "MARY CAM" - Departs Melbourne 0900K/11 for Sydney.
- H.M.S. "VOX" - Departed Burnie 1245K/10 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1600K/11.  
(S.O.A. 8).



C.T.F. 112 has requested that the visit of "SHROPSHIRE" from Tokyo to Hong Kong be held in abeyance owing to harbour congestion and expected arrivals of further ships.

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H.M.A.S. "LISMORE", on passage Fremantle-Darwin with tows, has returned Fremantle owing to parting of tow - will be sailed again as soon as repairs are effected.

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H.M.S. "SUFFOLK" is to be sailed to Fremantle for onward routing to Colombo and U.K.

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As from 1200K/10, H.M.A.S. "KURAMIA" will cease to act as gate vessel at Sydney, and will be removed from east channel.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas expects that on arrival of "BUNGAREE" on 12th October there will be sufficient personnel to commission "GILCLO". Requests directions as to whether this should be done on 15th October, when C.N.S.B. has agreed to turn over port directorate and radio station, or defer until the U.S.N. evacuates and turns over its other facilities to R.A.N.

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N.O.I.C. Darwin signals that to carry out surveillance duties required by Landops, three A.M.S.'s or one frigate and one A.M.S. is needed. As Darwin has only two A.M.S.'s, one of which has been turned over to N.O.I.C. Moluccas, he requests a frigate be made available to carry out the duties required.

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"QUIBERON" has been transferred to administration of A.C.N.B. as from P.M./9.

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F.O.I.C. Sydney anticipates "COLAC" completes refit 12th October.

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V.A.D. proposed "QUALITY" sails from Sydney for Melbourne A.M./12th October. C. in C. B.P.F. has instructed F.O.I.C. Sydney to comply.

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V.A.(Q) has made M.F.V.413 available for experiments to investigate whether this class would be suitable for magnetic mine-sweeping in shallow water.

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N.O.I.C. Moluccas has requested "GLENELG" to endeavour to arrange the cleaning of oil fuel storage tanks at Ambon and the restorage of the pipe lines to wharves with the object of making Ambon a fuelling port at an early date.

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"GASCOYNE" signals that no safe channel has been established in Pare Pare Bay but Japanese Craft use the harbour freely. All Japanese mines were controlled and have been exploded - no notice is taken of Allied mines by Japanese tugs.

N.O.I.C. Newcastle proposes date for trials of "CONDAMINE" - Contractors trials beginning 3rd December. Acceptance trial 18th December.

P.D. Milne Bay signals that bulk of U.S.N. activities at Ladava will move out on 15th October and requests permission to take over from U.S.N. as much equipment of domestic water supply and power plant as necessary for maintenance of R.A.N. Port Directorate after 15th October.

F.O.W.A. B.P.F. has instructed N.O.I.C. Hong Kong to sail 22nd Minesweeping Flotilla, less "STRAHAN", at 0800/11th for Morotai. "STRAHAN" and "CASTLEMAINE" will leave in company about 11th.



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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900K, 9th October, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "PO YANG" - Arrived Morotai 7th October.

L.S.T. 9 - Departed Hong Kong 1430K/7th. E.T.A. Labuan 11th October.

H.M.S. "GAMBIA" - Departs Tokyo Bay P.M./9th. E.T.A. Manus A.M./16th,  
E.T.D. Manus P.M./16th, E.T.A. Sydney A.M./22nd, E.T.D.  
Sydney P.M./24th, E.T.A. Auckland A.M./28th.

H.M.A.S. "MARY CAM" }  
" " " " " " } - Arrived Melbourne 1100K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Manus 1730K/7th, E.T.A. Sydney 0630K/12th.  
(20).

H.M.S. "LEWES" - Departed Sydney 0853K/7th. Escorts T.R.S.B.421032 to  
Brisbane (12).

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departs Cairns 1130K/8th, E.T.A. Townsville  
1400K/9th (6).

H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/8th, "LEILANI"  
in tow for Townsville for O/R. E.T.A. 0900K/14th (5).

M.L.'s 806 }  
817 } - To be paid off into reserve A.M. Wednesday 10th.

H.M.S. S/M "VOX" - Arrived Launceston 1430K/7th.

H.M.A.S. "GRIFFOEN" - Arrived 1530K/6th Newak.

Tanker "CLEODORA" - Departs Torokina 8th October, E.T.A. Manus 10th.

H.M.S. S/M "TERPSICHOE" - Departs Sydney 9th, E.T.A. Suva 13th, E.T.D.  
18th. Arrives Apia 20th, E.T.D. 25rd. Arrives Suva 25th.  
E.T.A. Manus 31st.

H.M.S. "TEAZER" - Departs Sydney 12th. Arrives Tonga 18th, E.T.D. 20th.  
Arrives Suva 22nd. Departs in company "TERPSICHOE" 25th.

H.M.S. "TENACIOUS" - Departs Sydney 16th, E.T.A. Hobart 18th, E.T.D.  
23rd, E.T.A. Sydney 25th.

H.M.S. "TROUBRIDGE" }  
" " " " " " } - Departs Sydney 25th, E.T.A.  
" " " " " " } - Manus 31st.

H.M.S. "GRENVILLE" - Departed Sydney 1800K/8th for Manus O/R Tokyo  
E.T.A. 1730K/13th, Jomard 0200K/12th.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Townsville for Sydney 1300K/8th, E.T.A.  
1000K/14th (9).

M.L. 804 - Departed Milne Bay 1200K/8th, Moresty E.T.A. 1600K/9th,  
O/R Brisbane.

U.S.S. "L.C.I. 709" - Departed Langemak 2200K/7th, E.T.A. Milne Bay  
1200K/9th.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Ambon 1700K/8th for Brisbane E.T.A.  
1400K/16th. (14).

H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" - Departed Manus 1300K/7th for Hong Kong E.T.A.  
1000K/15th.



H.M.A.S. "KURUMBA" advises that Seamen's Union may take legal action against the Department for non-compliance Navigation Act, Section 134. Later reports differences adjusted and crew agreed to sail on condition vessel proceeds direct to Brisbane on discharge present cargo Macassar.

C.C.A.S. reports temporary transfer of broad pendant of C.C.A.S. to H.M.A.S. "BATAAN". Requests administrative signals still to C.C.A.S. in H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE".

C. in C. E.I.S. reports N.O.I.C.'s, established and to be, in Java, Sumatra, French Indo China and Siam will be administered by C. in C. E.I.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports (addressed H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") "JOHN CATRON" has done it again this time three miles to seaward of first grounding. Proceed to assistance and find him some deep water".

P.D. Biak reports U.S. Army Authorities have offered to hand over 9 L.C.M.'s, 6 in running order, 3 slight repair needed and requests advice.

- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Arrived Darwin 24th, Departed Darwin for Darwin 24th
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Actual 2100K/7th, E.T.A. Darwin 2200K/24th, E.T.A. For Sydney 1800K/18th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/15th
- U.S.S. "TIGER" - Arrived Balikpapan 08/10/42
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Moluccas for Darwin 7th October.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Darwin 1800K/7th. Rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "WARREGO".
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Thursday Island 0600K/6th for Cairns.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Darwin 0700K/6th surveying on route. E.T.A. Thursday Island October 19th.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Townsville 0800K/7th for H.M.A.S. "WARREGO".
- U.S.S. "TIGER" - Arrived Sydney from Hollandia 17th October.
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Reported Fremantle 1800K/7th to Darwin via Guelow and Tampi Sound. E.T.A. Darwin 2100K/11th (7).

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" reports facilities and equipment of all fuel and water installation at Malaga handed over to R.A.N. 6th October by U.S. Authorities. R.A.N. will commence operation 7th October.

C. in C. E.I.S. reports arrangements are in hand for "QUALITY" and "QUINCY" to exchange crews with "LAFAYETTE", "MIDWAY" and "WASHE". The R.A.N. will then be sailed for U.K. Dates to be signified later. "MIDWAY" will be taken over by R.A.N. crew and sailed for U.K. "QUINCY" and "WASHE" will be transferred to R.A.N. on their next return to Australia. V.A.(3) will make proposals for transfer of spare gear.



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To 0900K, Monday, 8th October.

- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed Leyte 1900K/6th, E.T.A. Corregidor Island 0800K/7th (17).
- L.S.T. 204 - Departed Subic Bay 1700K/6th, E.T.A. Morotai 10th. (9.5).
- H.M.S. "WRANGLER" - Departed Guam 1400K/6th, E.T.A. Manus 1800K/8th (20).
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA"  
A.S.V. "JULIUS"  
" " "COOROO" } in tow } - Departed Thursday Island 0800K/7th, E.T.A. Townsville P.M. 11th October (7).
- H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH"  
"PAPPRA" and "NORA"  
in tow }
- L.S.T. 462 - Arrived Morotai 1200K/6th October.
- H.M.A.S. "URALBA" - Arrived Port Phillip Heads 1500K/6th.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Arrived Morotai 1400K/6th, Departed Morotai for Brisbane 1300K/7th, E.T.A. 1200K/15th (14.5).
- H.M.H.S. "OXFORDSHIRE" - Arrived Manus 6th October.
- A.S.R. 492 - Departed Manus 1600K/6th, E.T.A. Rabaul 1800K/7th (15).
- U.S.S. "PINTO" - Arrived Balikpapan 0900K/5th.
- G.P.V. 955, 954 - Departed Lae 0700K/6th, E.T.A. Langemak 1500K/6th, thence Madang.
- H.M.A.S. "KURUMBA" - Arrived Morotai 5th, departed 5th for Sansapor.
- H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Departed Rabaul 0100K/7th, E.T.A. Torokina 0900K/8th (13), E.T.D. for Sydney 1200K/10th, E.T.A. Brisbane 0900K/15th (12).
- U.S.S. "PICKWAY" - Departed Hollandia for Manus 7th October.
- M.S.L. 706 - Departed Morotai 1500K/7th. Rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON".
- H.M.A.S. "M.L.611" - Departed Thursday Island 0605K/6th for Cairns .
- H.M.A.S. "BENALLA"  
"HORSHAM"  
"ECHUCA" } Departed Darwin 0730K/6th surveying on route. E.T.A. Thursday Island October 10th.
- H.M.A.S. "M.L.431" - Departed Townsville 0530K/7th for R.M.S. duties.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" - Arrives Sydney from Hollandia 17th October.
- H.M.A.S. "LISMCRE" - Departed Fremantle 1330K/7th to Darwin via Onslow and Yampi Sound. E.T.A. Onslow 2130K/11th (7).

N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reports facilities and equipment of oil fuel and water installation at Madewa handed over to R.A.N. 6th October by U.S. Authorities. R.A.N. will commence operation 7th October.

G, in C. B.P.F. reports arrangements are in hand for "QUALITY" "QUADRANT" and "QUEENBOROUGH" to exchange crews with "NAPIER", "NIZAM" and "NORMAN". The N.A.N.S. will then be sailed for U.K. Dates to be signalled later. "NEPAL" will be taken over by R.N. crew and sailed for U.K. "QUIBERON" and "QUICKMATCH" will be transferred to R.A.N. on their next return to Australia. V.A.(D) will make proposals for transfer of Depot spare gear.



P.D. Tarakan, through N.O.I.C. Moluccas, reports S.S. "JOHN CATRON" aground off Tarakan. Cargo being discharged into barges and it is anticipated ship will refloat after partial discharge. H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" is proceeding to her assistance.

N.O.I.C. Moluccas reports that C. in C. has required Japanese Army to maintain its own administration, necessitating Japanese employment of all Japanese usable craft; undesirable at this stage to take over any craft in order to avoid room for Japanese excuses. N.O.I.C. Moluccas therefore unable implement N.B.'s 020521 (Japanese Craft to be turned over Naval Authorities).

C. in C. E.I. reports considers Naval ports parties not necessary when takes over Borneo, Celebes, Moluccas, Halmaheras etc. ports from you. Requests confirmation and advice whether sloop or frigate is initially required when C. in C.E.I. takes over from you.

- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Sydney 1500K/S for Darwin E.T.A. 0200K/15 (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Darwin 1500K/S for Rabaul E.T.A. 1100K/6 (S.O.A. 10)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Darwin 1500K/S for Lae E.T.A. 0200K/7 (S.O.A. 12)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Lae 1500K/S for Wau E.T.A. 0200K/7 (S.O.A. 12)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Wau 1500K/S for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0200K/7 (S.O.A. 12)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Port Moresby 1500K/S for Brisbane E.T.A. 0200K/9 (S.O.A. 9)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Brisbane 0200K/S for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/10
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Brisbane 1000K/S for Lae E.T.A. 1700K/10 (S.O.A. 10)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Lae 1000K/S for Wau E.T.A. 1000K/11 (S.O.A. 10)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Wau 1000K/S for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/6 (S.O.A. 10)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departed Sydney 1000K/S for Sydney E.T.A. 0200K/6 (S.O.A. 9)
- H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" - Departs Fremantle A.H./Y for Darwin via Darwin and Traps Sound.

In view of the decline of signalling activities, R.O.I.C. Fremantle requests information if and when ceasing and maintenance and repair operations may be discontinued. Direction is sought as to action to be taken to recover detector units and cables.



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To 0900K, Sunday, 7th October.

- L.S.T.68 - Departed Subic Bay 1400K/5 for Leyte thence Morotai E.T.A. 11th (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" - Departed Subic Bay 1100K/6 for Leyte thence as ordered
- "KURUMBA"(Fleet Oiler) - Departs Morotai 1300K/7 for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1600K/10 (S.O.A.10).
- H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" ) Departed Morotai 1700K/6 for surveillance of  
H.M.A.S. "JUNEE" ) - Halmaheras. Estimated duration "ROCKHAMPTON"  
12 days; "JUNEE" 4 days.
- U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 0700K/6 for Sydney  
E.T.A. 1300K/17 (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.S. "INDOMITABLE" ) Departed Manus 0700K/6 for Sydney E.T.A.0700K/11  
H.M.S. "QUEENBOROUGH" ) - (S.O.A. 18).
- H.M.S. "FERNMOOR" - Departed Manus 0500K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/14.  
(S.O.A. 9).
- S.C.739 - Departed Manus 1800K/6 for Leyte via Morotai E.T.A. 0700K/11.  
(S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departs Madang 0700K/8 for Morotai E.T.A. 0900K/12  
(S.O.A. 12).
- M.L.825 - Departed Torokina 1505K/5 for Rabaul E.T.A. 1100K/6 (S.O.A.10)
- M.L.818 - Departed Torokina 1630K/5 for Langemak E.T.A. 0800K/7 thence  
Milne Bay and mainland. (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Departed Milne Bay 1400K/6 for Oro Bay E.T.A.  
0730K/6. E.T.D. Oro 1300K/6 for Madang E.T.A. 0900K/7  
(S.O.A. 12).
- H.D.M.L. 1353 - Departed Townsville 1800K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/9  
(S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" - Departed Townsville 0600K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 15th.
- H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE" - Departed Townsville 1600K/6 for Langemak E.T.A.  
1700K/10 thence Madang (S.O.A. 10).
- H.M.S. "URANIA" - Departed Sydney 0956K/6 for Manus E.T.A. 1600K/11 thence  
Tokyo (S.O.A. 17).
- H.M.S. "UNDINE" - Departed Melbourne 1200K/5 for Sydney E.T.A. 1700K/6.  
(S.O.A. 20).
- H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" - Departed Melbourne 1400K/6 for Sydney E.T.A.0600K/9.  
(S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "LISMORE" - Departs Fremantle A.M./7 for Darwin via Onslow and  
Yampi Sound.

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In view of the decline of degaussing activities, N.O.I.C.  
Fremantle requests information if and when coiling and maintenance  
and range operations may be discontinued. Direction is sought as to  
action to be taken to recover detector units and cables.



N.O.I.C. Brisbane signals that "MURCHISON" progressive and full power trials satisfactorily completed 4th October. Mean speed 19.5 knots.

H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" reports that it is not practicable by reason of capacity to load any ammunition at Madang and Townsville - Manus consignment will make total of over two thousand tons.

F.O.W.A. B.P.F. reports examination of "STRAHAN" after mine explosion on 26th September indicates distortion to a depth of 6 inches between shaft tubes and brackets. Vessel can steam and it is intended to sail her to Morotai for onward routing to an Australian port. As it is desirable that "STRAHAN" should proceed in company with another ship, "CASTLEMAINE" will be delayed to accompany. E.T.D. both ships 11th October.

H.M.S. "..." - Departed ... for ...

H.M.S. "..." - Departed ... for Brisbane ...

H.M.S. "..." - Departed ... for ...

H.M.S. "..." - Departed ... for Port ...

H.M.S. "..." - Departed ... for ...

"..." will carry out a training programme from 10th October until 10th November between Sydney and Melbourne.

C. in C. East Indies promulgated the following export policy. All shipping may now proceed without escort from the East Indies Station except:

- (a) That escorts will be provided for initial convoys in operation of ...
- (b) To restrict shipping in the ... to ...
- (c) To control mail ...

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that ...

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K, Saturday, 6th October.

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- U.S.S. "QUAPAW"(Tug) - Departed Manila 1700K/4 for Finhafen thence Manus E.T.A. 15th. (S.O.A. 12.5).
- L.S.T. 606 - Departed Leyte 1600K/4 for Wakde E.T.A. 0700K/10 thence return Manila (S.O.A. 9).
- L.S.T. 452 - Departed Leyte 0900K/4 for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/7 (S.O.A.9).
- L.C.I.'s 713, 620 - Departed Biak 1500K/2 for Agusan E.T.A. 8th (S.O.A.9)
- M.S.L. 705 - Departed Langemak 1640K/4 for Madang E.T.A. 1000K/5th (S.O.A. 7).
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departs Langemak 1600K/4 for Rabaul E.T.A. 0900K/6.
- G.P.V. 957 - Departed Gladstone 0700K/5 for Townsville E.T.A. 0500K/9.
- H.M.A.S. "KOALA" } - Departs Brisbane 1500K/5 for Sydney E.T.A.  
towing "SEAMIST" } - 0600K/8 (S.O.A. 8).
- H.M.S. "APOLLO" - Departed Sydney 1023K/5 for Manus E.T.A. 0900K/10 thence Leyte and Hong Kong (S.O.A. 19.5)
- U.S.S. "BIRMINGHAM" - Departed Sydney 0952K/5 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0830K/7. (S.O.A. 12).
- H.M.S. "VOX" - Departed Jervis Bay 1430K/5 for Burial E.T.A. 1430K/7 (S.O.A. 9).
- H.M.A.S. "OLIVE CAM" } - Departed Adelaide 1030K/5 for Fort Phillip  
H.M.A.S. "MARY CAM" } - E.T.A. 0800K/8 (S.O.A. 6.5).
- H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" - Departed Darwin 0030K/5 for Keepang E.T.A. 1730K/6.

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" will carry out a training programme from 16th October until 10th November between Sydney and Melbourne.

C. in C. East Indies promulgates the following escort policy. All shipping may now proceed without escort from the East Indies Station except :-

- (A) That escorts will be provided for initial convoys in operation of recovered territories at the discretion of C. in C. East Indies.
- (B) To control shipping in the approaches to recently re-opened ports at the discretion of local Naval Authorities.
- (C) To escort small craft, floating docks and other non-ocean going craft on long sea passages at the discretion of C. in C. East Indies.

F.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that W/T Stations at Torokina, Jacquinot Bay and Ise are to close down at 1000K/10. Anticipates "BIRCHGROVE PARK" will arrive Torokina about 18th October and Jacquinot Bay about 24th October to load stores etc. for Madang.

C.T.F. 57 informs R.T.D. of "NEPAL" from Tokyo is now 12th October.



To 0900K, 5th October.

- H.M.A.S. "MANGORA" - Departed 1400K/3rd Labuan, E.T.A. Morotai 1700K/6th. (14).
- H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" - Departed Manus 1430K/4th, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/11th. (15).
- U.S.S. "L.C.I. 1072" }  
634" } - Departed Manus 0600K/4th, E.T.A. Hollandia 5th.
- H.M.S. "NORMAN" }  
H.M.S. "VASNA" } - E.T.A. Manus 4th October.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" - Departed Morotai 1700K/3rd for Ambon 1050 troops, E.T.A. Ambon 0900K/5th.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Morotai 1700K/4th for Madang.  
U.S.S. "FAIRFIELD" Arrived Hollandia 2nd October.
- H.M.S. "STRIKER" - Departed Manus 1500K/3rd for Sydney, E.T.A. 0700K/9 (16).
- H.M.S. "BONAVENTURE" - Departed Manus 1300K/3rd for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1900K/11th (14).
- A.P.C. 5 )  
L.C.T. 300 ) - Arrived Emirau 0700K/2nd from Torokina.  
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- U.S.S. "L.S.T. 462" - Departs Tacloban 1500K/3rd, E.T.A. Morotai 1600K/6th (9).
- H.M.A.S. "LYSANDER" - Departs Langemak 0650K/3, E.T.A. Madang 1700K/5th.
- H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" - Search for H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" completed. Arrives Thursday Island 1700K/4th.
- A.S.R. 492 - Arrived Rabaul 1630K/3rd.
- Y.F.233 - Departs Hollandia 1515K/4th, E.T.A. Manus 1800K/6th.
- U.S.S. "ANTHEDON" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/2nd for Subic Bay, E.T.A. 2000K/11th (18).
- H.N.M. S/M 021 - Departed Fremantle 2000K/3rd for Batavia.
- H.M.A.S. "CONRA" - Departs Sydney 1746K/3rd, E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/8th (11) for O/R New Guinea.
- M.S.L. 707 - Departs Brisbane 0800K/4th.
- H.M.A.S. "IPSWICH" - Departs Sydney 9th October for Adelaide.
- H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" - Departed Darwin 0800K/3rd for Koepang thence Ambon E.T.A. Ambon 0800K/5th.
- H.M.A.S. "FALIE" - Departed Sydney 1330K/3rd for Melbourne O/R Adelaide E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads A.M./8th (5).
- H.M.A.S. "RESERVE")  
and Tow ) - Departs Brisbane 1000K/4th for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/6th.
- H.M.S. "ADVANTAGE" - Departed Sydney 1715K/3rd for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/8th (10).
- H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" - Departed Brisbane 1030K/4th for Townsville. Light vessel in tow, E.T.A. 0800K/10th (10). E.T.A. Breaksea Spit 1600K/5th.

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U.S.S. "ALCOL" } - Arrived Torokina 1100K/4th.  
" " "ONUDA" }

H.M.A.S. "WARRNAMBOOL" - Departed 2359K/4th from Darwin for Koepang  
E.T.A. Koepang P.M./6th.

H.M.S. "DESTINY" - Departed Darwin 1630K/3rd for Colombo, E.T.A.  
2000K/16th (11).

H.M.A.S. Tug "ST. GILES" - Arrived Townsville towing H.M.S. "AIMWELL".

H.M.A.S. "M.L.811" - Departed Port Moresby 0915K/4th, E.T.A. Thursday  
Island 1000K/5th (12).

N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports air search for T.P.121 will be  
carried out between Hollandia and Morotai; 11th Group searching  
Biak to Morotai.

N.O.I.C. Townsville reports H.M.A.S. "TOOMEREE" located  
by Mariner Aircraft 1545K/4th. H.M.A.S. "TAMWORTH" to escort  
"TOOMEREE" to Thursday Island.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" sailed Morotai for Ambon with 1050  
troops and 300 tons equipment.

C. in C. B.P.F. reports 11th Aircraft Carrier Squadron is  
abolished and all Fleet and light Fleet Carriers will belong  
to 1st Aircraft Carrier Squadron.

C. in C. B.P.F. reports Flag of Rear-Admiral C.S. Daniel,  
C.B., was struck in Anson 1st October from which date Captain  
A.C.G. Madden assumed command of T.G.112.2. Office of B.S.I.  
remains in Anson.

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To 0900K, Thursday, 4th October.

- H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - Departed Rabaul 1600K/2nd for Jacquinot Bay, E.T.A. 1700K/3rd.
- L.S.T. 597 - Departed Manila 1300K/2nd for Morotai E.T.A. 1000K/8th (9).
- U.S.S. "PINTO" - Departed Manila 1830K/2nd for Balikpapan E.T.A. 1530K/5th.
- H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" - Departed Ambon A.M./4th October.
- L.C.I. 713 }  
720 } - Departed Biak 1500K/2nd for Agusan.
- H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" }  
L.C.T. 742 } - Arrived Morotai 1000K/2nd.  
S.T. 76 }  
M.S.L. 703 }
- Tug "ST. GILES" - Departed Townsville 0800K/3rd to assist H.M.S. "AINWELL".
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Ocean Is. 1700K/2nd E.T.A. Nauru 0530K/3rd, E.T.D. 0900K/3rd for Torokina.
- H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Morotai 1400K/3rd with W.M.F. and N.Y.C.A. Surveillance Party, E.T.A. Sorong (Headquarters Jap. 25th div.) 1000K/14th.
- H.M.A.S. "KIAMA" - Departed Madang 1600K/3rd for Langemak E.T.A. 1700K/4th.
- H.M.A.S. "KARINA" }  
"SEA SNAKE" } - Departed 1600K/3rd Morotai for Labuan, calling  
M.S.L. 701 } - Tamboanga E.T.A. 1300K/6th, E.T.D. Tamboanga 0800K/7th, E.T.A. Labuan 1000K/10th.
- H.M.A.S. "M.L.S. 805 }  
809 } - Departed Newak 1130K/2nd for Abrishafen.
- H.D.M.L. 1353 - Departed Cairns 0400K/2nd for Townsville, E.T.A. 1500K/3rd.
- H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" - Departed 0941K/3rd Sydney for Westernport E.T.A. 1500K/5th.
- H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS" - Departed Fremantle 1700K/2nd E.T.A. Colombo 1130K/11th (15).
- L.S.T. 473 - Departed Morotai 1800K/3rd, E.T.A. Agusan 0900K/7th.
- H.M.S. "REAPER" - Departed Manus 1500K/3rd, E.T.A. Leyte 1200K/7th for O/R Hong Kong.
- H.M.S. "DESTINY" - Departed 1630K/3rd for Colombo.
- L.S.T. 742 - Departed Morotai 1800K/3rd for Agusan E.T.A. 0900K/7th. (8.5).
- G.P.V. 957 }  
A.B. 20 } - Arrived Gladstone 0800K/3rd.
- H.M.S. "ROTHAM" - Departs Portsmouth 0400K/4th for Hong Kong.
- H.M.S. "LOTHIAN" - Departed Manus 0700K/3rd for Manila E.T.A. 1600K/8th. (15)
- H.M.A.S. "H.D.M.L. 1341" - Departed Thursday Island 1200K/3rd, E.T.A. Cairns 1000K/7th thence Townsville (9).
- H.M.S. "GLORY" - Departed Manus 1800K/2nd for Leyte.



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H.M.S. "TOOMEREE" on passage from Merauke to Thursday Island reported - 1615K/3rd October - making water and asking for assistance. Later reported water being held. H.M.A.S. "WHYALLA" speeding to her assistance.

H.M.S. "DART" (Supply Boat) - Reported Milne Bay 1500K/3 for Hollandia  
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"MORETON" advises change over to dispersal centre Redbank will take place 15th October.

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C. in C. E.I.S. reports F.W.S.S. Calcutta closed down 30th September.

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H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" reports Garrison troops ashore, P.D. staff established ashore, Union flag hoisted Ocean Island 1st October.

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N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports Harbour Signal Station at Shioma, Milne Bay, has closed down.

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P.D. Morotai reports T.P.121 still overdue since 17th September.

H.M.S. "DART" (Supply Boat) - Reported Sydney 1500K/1st for  
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To 0900K, Wednesday, 3rd October.

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- U.S.S. "PICKAWAY" (Attack Transport) - Departed Leyte 1900K/1st for Hollandia thence Manus E.T.A. 0800K/4th (S.O.A. 15).
- U.S.S. "GRATIA" (Supply Ship) - Departed Subic Bay 0800K/2 for Hollandia E.T.A. 8th. (S.O.A. 11).
- H.M.S. "WAKEFUL" - Departed Guam 1700K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 0700K/4th. (S.O.A. 18).
- U.S.S. "ALGOLA" (Attack Cargo) } Departed Hollandia 1545K/1st for  
U.S.S. "ONEIDA" (Attack Transport) } - Torokina E.T.A. 1300K/4th. (S.O.A. 14).
- U.S.S. "GADSEN" (Cargo Ship) - Departed Hollandia 1100K/1st for Leyte E.T.A. 1100K/6th. (S.O.A. 10.5).
- H.D.M.L. 1358 - Departs Madang 1800K/1st for Langemak E.T.A. 1200K/2nd thence Port Moresby and Brisbane to pay off.
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departed Langemak 0850K/1st for Rabaul E.T.A. 1200K/2nd.
- M.L. 811 - Departed Milne Bay 1400K/2nd for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1700K/3rd for onward routing to Brisbane.
- G.P.V. 955 - Departs Thursday Is. 1130K/2nd for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1800K/4th for onward routing Madang (S.O.A. 7.5).
- M.S.L. 707 - Departs Brisbane 0800K/3 for Townsville E.T.A. 1500K/7 thence Madang (S.O.A. 7.5).
- H.M.S. "LEWES" } Departed Sydney 0909K/2nd for Jervis Bay E.T.A.  
H.M.S. "VOX" } - 1800K/2nd. (S.O.A. 9).  
H.M.S. "KYBRA" }
- H.M.S. "ARIADNE" - Departed Sydney 1428K/2nd for Manus E.T.A. 0630K/7th. (S.O.A. 19).
- H.M. Submarines "TOTEM" } Depart Fremantle 1530K/6 for Hong Kong  
"TAPIR" } - E.T.A. A.M./21st.  
"TURPIN" }
- U.S.S. "ANTHEDON" - Departed Fremantle 1200K/2nd for Subic Bay E.T.A. 2000K/11th. (S.O.A. 18, 16).
- H.D.M.L.'s 1322, 1324, 1329 } Departed Darwin 0830K/1st for Thursday  
H.M.A.S. "COONGOOLA" (M.P.B.) } - Island E.T.A. 2230K/5th for onward routing Brisbane.
- H.M.A.S. "HAWKESBURY" - Departed Darwin 1230K/1st for Koepang E.T.A. 1830K/2nd thence Dilli and Morotai.
- H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" - Departed Darwin 1030K/1st for Koepang E.T.A. 1830K/3rd. (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSENS" will begin sweeping enemy mines at Macassar 1st October.



H.M. Tug "AINSWELL" on passage Darwin - Sydney reported at 0730K/2nd, while in a position approximately 90 miles north of Townsville, that a crank case explosion had occurred in main engine and that vessel was at anchor and immobilised. It was thought that temporary repairs could be effected but a tug was requested in case weather deteriorated. H.O.I.C. Townsville is despatching "ST. GILES" to stand by when that vessel arrives Townsville A.M./3rd.

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Melbourne 1800K/28 for Darwin  
H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - -----

H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" reports that surrender of Japanese on Ocean Island was signed on-board at 0820K/1st October.

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H.O.I.C. Moluccas states that an urgent need exists for a surveillance of Japanese concentration areas in north west New Guinea. As the endurance of a Frigate is required he intends using H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" for operation which is expected to take 14 days.

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F.O.W.A. B.P.F. confirms that "IL" sweepers of 22nd Minesweeping Flotilla are useless against magnetic mines at Hong Kong. Proposes to employ 22nd M/S Flotilla on anti-piracy patrol duties until arrival of 8th M/S Flotilla. Ships will be released earlier as escort vessels become available for this patrol. Intends to release "CASTLEMAINE" without relief about 8th October and "MILDURA" on arrival of "KALGOORLIE". "LISMORE" is not required. Other ships will be released as they can be spared.

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Darwin 1800K/1st for Sydney A.M./3rd

H.M.A.S. "LACHLAN" - Departed Darwin 0800K/30 for Darwin A.M./1st  
Y.S.S. 7th Minesweeping (S.O.A. 7)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Reports Brisbane 1800K/1st for Darwin A.M./1st  
(S.O.A. 12)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Sydney 0800K/1st for Townsville A.M./1st  
1800K/1st, Reports Townsville A.M./1st for Sydney  
A.M./1st, 1800K/1st (S.O.A. 9)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Adelaide 1800K/1st for Sydney A.M./1st  
1800K/1st, (S.O.A. 11)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Reports Fremantle 0800K/3 for Sydney A.M./1st  
Adelaide, (S.O.A. 12)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Darwin 1800K/1st for Singapore A.M./1st  
0800K/1st (S.O.A. 12)

H.M.A.S. "MERRILL" - Departed Darwin 0800K/1st for Darwin A.M./1st  
1800K/1st

F.O.I.C. Sydney considers that it is impracticable to refuel fully damaged battle vessels target which is exposed after having broken drift while in tow - recommends that target be offered for sale at and where the ship.

S. in C. S.Y.F. signals will be used to transfer S.Y.F. target to H.M.A.S.



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To 0900K, Tuesday, 2nd October.

U.S.S. "THURSTON" (Transport) - Departed Manila 1500K/30 for Guadalcanal E.T.A. 6th October. (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departed Leyte 1200K/30 for Hong Kong E.T.A. 1200K/3rd.

H.M.A.S. "BURDEKIN" ) - Departed Balikpapan 1600K/30 for Makassar  
H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" ) - E.T.A. 1100K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "DELORAIN" ) - Departed Morotai 1158K/1st for Menado with  
H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" ) - initial occupation force. On completion of discharge, vessels proceed Labuan to relieve "KAFUNDA" and "BUNDABERG" who will proceed to Tarakan thence Menado and Morotai, E.T.A. Menado 0800K/2nd, E.T.D. 1900K/2nd, E.T.A. Labuan 1300K/6th.

Y.M.S. 315 - Departed Manus 0800K/1st for Morotai E.T.A. 0800K/6th. (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.S. "BARFLEUR" ) - Departed Manus 1800K/30 for Sydney E.T.A. 1800K/6th,  
H.M.S. "QUALITY" ) - (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" - Departed Manus 1745K/30 for Guam E.T.A. 0600K/3rd thence Tokyo (S.O.A. 18.5).

H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" - Departed Madang 0600K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/10th (S.O.A. 10).

H.M.A.S. "MARTINDALE" (A.S.R.) - Departed Madang 1400K/26 for Langemak E.T.A. 1000K/27 for onward routing to Port Moresby thence mainland to pay off.

M.L. 811 - Departed Langemak 0730K/30 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/1st. (S.O.A. 13).

G.P.V. 954, 955 - Departed Milne Bay 0200K/30 for Langemak E.T.A. P.M./6th thence Madang (S.O.A. 7).

H.M.S. "UNICORN" - Departs Brisbane 1600K/1st for Manus E.T.A. 1100K/6th (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A.S. "YANDRA" - Departed Sydney 0930K/1st for Townsville E.T.A. 1200K/7th. Departs Townsville A.M./8th for Sydney E.T.A. A.M./16th (S.O.A. 9).

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" - Departed Adelaide 1500K/1st for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/5th. (S.O.A. 11).

H.N.M. Submarine "O.21" - Departs Fremantle 2000K/3 for Sydney E.T.A. Batavia. (S.O.A. 12).

H.M.S. "VERULAM" - Departed Darwin 1630K/1st for Singapore E.T.A. 0930K/7th (S.O.A. 15).

H.M.A.S. "POYANG" - Departed Darwin 0005K/1st for Ambon E.T.A. 1230K/3rd.

F.O.I.C. Sydney considers that it is impracticable to refloat badly damaged battle practice target which is aground after having broken adrift while in tow - recommends that target be offered for sale as and where she lies.

C. in C. B.P.F. signals willingness to transfer R.N. target to R.A.N.



N.O.I.C. New Guinea reports that "LL" cables in "DUBBO" are beyond repair locally and will probably require replacement while fitting out for mine clearance flotilla.

Repairs to "KIAMA's" cable can be completed in New Guinea - ship will be sailed about 2nd October to Rabaul to complete magnetic sweep of Simpson Harbour.

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C.C.A.S. will transfer his broad pendant to "BATAAN" during "SHROPSHIRE's" absence at Hong Kong. Cruiser departs Tokyo Bay 9th October arriving Hong Kong 13th October, arriving back at Tokyo Bay 25th October.

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Sailing of "KALGOORLIE" from Townsville has been delayed pending completion main engine repairs.

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C.E.F. informs that the following ships are temporarily allocated to 21st and 22nd minesweeping Flotillas:-

21st M.S.F. "MILDURA", "CASTLEMAINE", "BATHURST" and "FREMANTLE".

22nd M.S.F. "WAGGA", "STRAHAN", "BROOME", "STAWELL".

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"NAPIER" will be taken in hand 5th October and is expected to complete 9th November - only certain items of defect list to be undertaken.

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To 0900K, Monday, 1st October.

- H.M.S. "KING GEORGE V" - Arrives Sydney from Manus E.T.A. 0900K/1st.
- H.M.S. "ARBITER" - Departs Leyte 1200K/Sept. 30th for Hong Kong, E.T.A. 1200K/4th (16).
- H.M.S. "USK" - Departed Hong Kong 1900K/28th Sept. for Brunei Bay E.T.A. 1600K/30th Sept.
- H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" } - Departed Macassar 1330K/29th Sept. E.T.A.  
 " "BURDEKIN" } - Balikpapan 0800K/30th Sept. (17). Depart  
 Balikpapan 1500K/30th Sept. E.T.A. Macassar  
 1100K/1st.
- M.V. 1368 }  
 L.C.T. 1301 } - Departed Macassar 2nd October for Balikpapan.  
 " 1289 }
- A.V. 2058 - Departed Macassar for Balikpapan.
- H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" - Arrived Tarakan 1000K/29th Sept. Departed Tarakan 1700K/29th Sept. E.T.A. Labuan 1800K/1st October.
- U.S.S. "SUSQUEHANNA" - Arrived Biak 27th, Departed Biak 28th September. E.T.A. Manus 30th September.
- U.S.S. "BLOUNT" - Arrived Biak 28th. Departed 28th. E.T.A. Manus 2nd October.
- H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" - Departed Tarawa 0800/29th. Arrived Ocean Island 0700K/30th.
- U.S.S. "CLETEO" (Tug) - Arrived Oro Bay 1230K/27th.
- H.M.A.S. "M.L. 811" - Departed Langemak 0100K/28th to search for "H.M.5" Cape Boli Area.
- H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - Departed Lae 0900K/29th, E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800K/30th. Departed Milne Bay 1400K/30th, E.T.A. Caloundra 0530K/4.
- L.C.T. 928 - Departed Hollandia 1650K/29th, E.T.A. Aitape 0800K/30th.
- H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA" } - Departed Ambon for Thursday Is. 1845K/29th,  
 towing "LEILANA" } - E.T.A. 1700K/5th October.
- H.M.A.S. "GERARD" - Departed Moresby 0700K/29th, E.T.A. Cairns A.M./6th October.
- H.M.A.S. "TOOMERIK" - Departed Merauke A.M./2nd October for Thursday Is.
- Y.P. 637 - Departed Leyte Gulf 0800K/29th, E.T.A. Balikpapan 1400K/2nd October.
- H.M.S. "NIZAM" - Departed Manus 1700K/29 E.T.A. Sydney 1800K/5th (15).
- H.M.S. "TAURUS" - Departed Burnie 1000K/29th for Fremantle.  
 (S/M)
- H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" - Departed Madang 1700K/29th E.T.A. Langemak 0800K/30 thence Jacquinot and Rabaul.
- H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" } - Departed Sydney 1710K/27th, E.T.A. Townsville  
 T.B.6 in tow) } - 0800K/6th October for O/R Madang.
- H.M.S. "MISA" - Arrived Shanghai 1330/22nd September.



H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Departed Torokina 0700K/29th, E.T.A. Madang 0900K/1st.

Tug "GABRIAN SALVOR" - Arrived Rabaul 0830K/29th.

H.M.A.S. "PO YANG" - E.T.A. Ambon from Darwin 2nd October.

H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" - Departed Korpang 4th October. Surveillance trip (Liner Sundas)

H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY" - Departs Brisbane 1300K 1st October, E.T.A. Port Moresby A.M./6th (10).

H.M.A.S. "G.P.V. 975" - Departs Brisbane 0930K/1st October, E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/7th (7).

F.S. 149 - Arrived Hollandia 0600K/29th.

H.M.S. S/M "TAUTURN" ) - Departed Port Adelaide 1500K/29th.  
"TRUMP" ) - E.T.A. Rottneest 0900K/5th.

L.C.I. 1072 - Arrived Manus 1000K/1st.

H.M.A.S. "VENDETTA" - Departed Brisbane 0830/1st, E.T.A. 1100K/2nd.

A.P.C. 33 )  
Escorting L.C.T. 322 )  
327 ) - Departed Torokina 0900K/29th September,  
367 ) E.T.A. Lae 0900K/3rd.  
370 )

M.S.L. 706 - Departed Biak 0300K/30th, E.T.A. Morotai P.M. 2nd Oct.

H.M.A.S. "ROCKWING" - Departed Townsville 1500K/30th, E.T.A. Manus 1800K/7th (8.5).

H.M.S. "BLACK PRINCE" - Departed Sydney 1136K/29th Sept., E.T.A. Manus 2000K/6th (14).

Tug "ST. GILES" - Arrived Bowen 0800K/29th.  
(T.B.5 in tow)

L.S.T. 473 - Departed Leyte Gulf 1800K/29th to load 73rd Inf.Division.

H.M.A.S. "H.D.M.L.1354" - Departed Madang 1930K/29th for Langemak E.T.A. 1000K/30th, thence to Jacquinot and Rabaul.

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A.S. Sydney reports H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" will complete refit, trials and ammunitioning and be ready to sail 19th October.

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"KAPUNDA" reports port screw damaged by striking submerged log. One blade is badly bent and one is slightly bent. Excessive vibration at 11 1/2 knots. Commanding Officer considers ship operative at moderate speed.

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H.O.I.C. McCluscas reports L.C.T.'s from Singapore and Hong Kong to be sailed as follows. 4 to Labuan, 3 to Balikpapan, H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" to Balikpapan. Whole force to regroup eventually at Morotai.

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It is reported that V/Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings in Flagship "KING GEORGE V" will arrive Sydney 0900K/1st October.

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H.O.I.C. New Guinea reports Ocean Is. should be operating as P.D. within a few days; that H.O.I.C. is established ashore at Rabaul since 18th September; that P.D. is operating ashore at Nauru since 18th September.



