

DAILY NARRATIVES

2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 1953

TO

30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1953



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/29TH JUNE TO 0900K/30TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR MASTER: Non-operational. Expected date of completion a.m. Wednesday, 1st July.

LOCH QUIOCH: Departed COCOS ISLAND p.m. 28th June. E.T.A. TRINCOMALEE 4th July.

MACQUARIE: To depart DARWIN for brief training cruise 1000K/29th June. E.T.A. DARWIN on return 1000K/1st July.

ANZAC: Intends to depart DARWIN for SYDNEY 1530K/28th June. E.T.A. 1000K/2nd July.

TELEMACHUS: Departed GUAM 28th June. E.T.A. SYDNEY 11th July.

CONRA: Paid off into Dockyard Control at WILLIAMSTOWN.

WARREN: Returning to SYDNEY. Position, course and speed at 1500K/28th June:-

BARCOO: Departed SYDNEY 1000K/29th June for DARWIN. E.T.A. GLADSTONE 0600K/2nd July. E.T.D. GLADSTONE 1000K/2nd July.

031°;  
7 knots.

WOOMERA: Non-operational. Position, course and speed at 1200K/29th June:-

WOOMERA: Position, course and speed at 1800K/28th June:-

21° 19' 14" S.  
149° 147' 24" E.;  
312° 287°;  
7.5 knots.

E.T.A. CAIRNS 0800K/1st July.

VENGEANCE: } (a) Helicopter investigated H.V. LOCHAVEN in position 35° 17' S., 152° 26' E. This 40 foot motor vessel had been disabled since Monday, 22nd June.

BATAAN: } (b) BATAAN towed LOCHAVEN to NOBEY'S HEAD

MACQUARIE: (d) Departed DARWIN 1000K/29th June for brief training cruise. E.T.A. DARWIN 1000K/1st July.

(e) F.O.I.C. E.A. passed information to the Minister for the press.

SYDNEY: Intends to depart HALIFAX 29th June for BALTIMORE 2nd July.

SYDNEY: Departed HALIFAX 29th June. E.T.A. BALTIMORE 2nd July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26TH JUNE TO 0900K/29TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR MASTER: Non-operational. Expected date of completion a.m. Wednesday, 1st July.  
AIR CHIEF:

MACQUARIE: To depart DARWIN for brief training cruise 1000K/29th June. E.T.A. DARWIN on return 1000K/1st July.

ANZAC: Intends to depart DARWIN for SYDNEY 1530K/26th June. E.T.A. 1000K/3rd July.

COWRA: Paid off into Dockyard Control at WILLIAMSTOWN.

WARREEN: Returning to SYDNEY. Position, course and speed at 1500K/28th June:-

33° 13' S.  
151° 57' E.;  
031°;  
7 knots.

AIR CHIEF: Non-operational.

WOOMERA: Position, course and speed at 1200K/28th June:-

Depart SYDNEY for GLADSTONE 27th June.  
21° 19' S.  
149° 56' E.;  
312°;  
7.5 knots.

- VENGEANCE: )  
                  ) (a) Helicopter investigated M.V. LOHAVEN in  
BATAAN:        ) position 33° 17' S., 152° 26' E. This  
                  ) 40 foot motor vessel had been disabled  
                  ) since Monday, 22nd June.  
                  ) (b) BATAAN towed LOHAVEN to NOBBY'S HEAD  
                  ) where she was turned over to pilot  
                  ) vessel.  
                  ) (c) F.O.I.C. E.A. passed information to the  
                  ) Minister for the press.

SYDNEY: Intends departing HALIFAX 29th June for BALTIMORE; arriving BALTIMORE 2nd July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH JUNE TO 0900K/25TH JUNE.  
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NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

WOOMERA: Position, course and speed at noon 24th June:-

COOTAMUNDRA:

32° 2' S.  
152° 37' E.;

037°;

7.5 knots.

BATAAN:

R.T.O. SYDNEY 0830K/24th to rendezvous with VENGEANCE.

VENGEANCE: Returned to JERVIS BAY 1830K 24th June.

WOOMERA:

Sailed SYDNEY 1800K/24th for CAIRNS.  
R.T.A. a.m. 1st July.

ARUNTA: Proposed undocking date Thursday, 25th June.

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LOCH QUIOCH: Departing SINGAPORE 1000K/21st June, E.T.A.  
COCOS ISLAND 1200K/26th June.

VENGEANCE: Departing SYDNEY 1345K/22nd June, E.T.A.  
JERVIS BAY 2100K/22nd June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD JUNE TO 0900K/24TH JUNE.  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL 1953. SUMMARY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

- VENGEANCE - Arrived Jervis Bay 2100K/22nd June.
- BATAAN - Still at Sydney. (Sailing signal cancelled).
- SHO WAGGA: )  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) E.T.D. SYDNEY 0830K/24th for BROKEN BAY,  
 returning to SYDNEY 1500K/25th.
- TACTICIAN - To remain at Sydney from p.m. 25th June  
 to 5th July (periscope defect).
- MILDURA )  
PREMANTLE ) - Started 42 days' availability (at Fremantle)  
KARA BATAAN: ) for leave from 22nd June.  
 E.T.D. SYDNEY 0830K/24th to rendezvous  
 with VENGEANCE.
- WOOMERA - Programmer:-
- |  | Arrive        | Place  | Depart         |
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|  |               | Sydney | p.m. 23rd June |
|  | a.m. 1st July | Cairns | p.m. 1st July  |
- WOOMERA: Sailed SYDNEY 1800K/23rd for CAIRNS.  
 E.T.A. a.m. 1st July.
- WARREEN - Commissioned 22nd June, 1953, as tender to  
 H.M.A.S. WARREGO for detached duty.

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LOCH QUIOCH: Departing SINGAPORE 1000K/21st June, E.T.A.  
 COCOS ISLAND 1200K/26th June.

VENGEANCE: Departing SYDNEY 1345K/22nd June, E.T.A.  
 JERVIS BAY 2100K/22nd June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22ND JUNE TO 23RD JUNE, 1953.  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

VENGEANCE - Arrived Jervis Bay 2100K/22nd June.

BATAAN - Still at Sydney. (Sailing signal cancelled).

SHOALHAVEN - Arrived Sydney 1100K/22nd June.

TACTICIAN - To remain at Sydney from p.m. 25th June to 5th July (periscope defect).

MILDURA )  
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- Started 42 days' availability (at Fremantle) for leave from 22nd June.

WOOMERA - Programme:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	p.m. 23rd June
a.m. 1st July	Cairns	p.m. 1st July
11th July	Darwin	-

WARREEN - Commissioned 22nd June, 1953, as tender to H.M.A.S. WARREGO for detached duty.

LOCH QUIOCH: Departing SINGAPORE 1000K/21st June, E.T.A.  
 COCOS ISLAND 1200K/26th June.

VENGEANCE: Departing SYDNEY 1345K/22nd June, E.T.A.  
 JERVIS BAY 2100K/22nd June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/18TH JUNE TO 0900K/19TH JUNE.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH JUNE TO 0900K/22ND JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

JUNEE: Secured alongside PORT MELBOURNE 1705K/18th June. Secured alongside WILLIAMSTOWN 1540K/19th June.

RESERVE: To be docked in P.D.1002 SYDNEY, 22nd June.

SHOALHAVEN: (Restricted) Unexploded half-pattern Hedgehog fired in position 39° 37.9' S., 146° 46.5' E., on 18th June.

WARREEN: Lieutenant-Commander W.J.M. Roberts, R.N., will assume command 22nd June, 1953.

WARREEN: To commission as tender to WARREGO under command of Lieutenant-Commander W.J.M. Roberts, R.N.

WAGGA: E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/20th June.

COOTAMUNDRA: June.

WAGGA: Programme for July contained in F.O.I.C. E.A's D.T.G. 190036Z June.

SHOALHAVEN: )  
COOTAMUNDRA: )

ANZAC: To arrive MELBOURNE 0830K/8th July and commence de-ammunitioning at 1330K/8th July. Programme to be downgraded to unclassified. RUSHCUTTER on 8th July, to deal with outstanding mines disposal.

BATAAN: Departing SYDNEY 1100K/22nd June, E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 1600K/22nd June - carrying out full power trials en route.

LOCH QUIOCH: Departing SINGAPORE 1000K/21st June, E.T.A. COCOS ISLAND 1200K/26th June.

VENGEANCE: Departing SYDNEY 1345K/22nd June, E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2100K/22nd June.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/18TH JUNE TO 0900K/19TH JUNE.

1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AVENGEANCE: Departed JERVIS BAY 2245K/18th June.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0745K/19th June.

RESERVE: To be docked in F.D.1002 SYDNEY, 22nd June.  
for exercises in WILSON'S PROMONTORY  
AREA, returning to PORT PHILIP p.m.  
18th June.

WARREEN: Lieutenant-Commander W.J.M. Roberts, R.N.,  
will assume command 22nd June, 1953.

SHOALHAVEN: E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 0900K/19th June.

WAGGA: ) Will depart BROKEN BAY 0430K/20th  
June. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/20th  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) June. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1100K/22nd June.

SHOALHAVEN: Will depart PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/20th June.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 1100K/22nd June.

R.M.S. Party: Render Mines Safe Party of one Officer and  
one Chief Petty Officer being despatched  
to QUEENSLAND WATERS from H.M.A.S.  
RUSHCUTTER on 6th July, to deal with  
outstanding mines disposal.

D.O.U.W.:

Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE:

Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA:

1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI:

Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/16TH JUNE TO 0900K/17TH JUNE, 1953.

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NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.AIR MASTER:Expected to depart SYDNEY for JERVIS  
BAY a.m. 26th June.AREA:

Departs 1500Z 18th June.

E.T.A. DARWIN 0200Z 26th June.

JUNEE:Departed FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT 1550K/16th  
for exercises in WILSON'S PROMONTORY  
AREA, returning to PORT PHILIP p.m.  
18th June.AIR CHIEF:SHOALHAVEN:

E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 0900K/19th June.

LOCH QUIOCH:Will visit COCOS ISLAND 26th to 30th  
June.ARUNTA:

Will enter CAPTAIN COOK DOCK 19th June.

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D.O.U.W.:Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
a further seven days from 5th June.GLADSTONE:Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
WESTERNPORT.WOOMERA:1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.KARANGI:

Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/17TH JUNE TO 0900K/18TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

GLADSTONE:

Commenced 42 days' availability period

ANZAC:

Departs HONG KONG 2300Z 18th June.  
E.T.A. DARWIN 0200Z 26th June.

JUNEE:

Arrived FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT.

AIR CHIEF:

Non-operational from 17th June.

BARCOO:

Proposed program in her signal  
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BYRNBY:

Intends to depart SPIERAD, under the  
orders of C.P.S. H.S.1, for HALIFAX  
at 1700Z/17th June. E.T.A. 2300Z/  
25th June.

MAGUARIE:

Debarked H.O.I.C. H.W.A. and proceeded  
on cruise at 1500Z/18th June. E.T.A.  
DARWIN 1130Z/19th June.

WILMBA:

Intends to depart DARWIN at  
1700Z/17th June.  
E.T.A. 1500Z/18th June.

D.O.U.W.:

Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE:

Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA:

1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI:

Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/15TH JUNE TO 0900K/16TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

TACTICIAN: }  
GLADSTONE: } (1) Programme as from July to December.  
 } Commenced 42 days' availability period  
 } in WILLIAMSTOWN DOCKYARD.  
TELEMACHUS: } (2) Correction to above - F.O.I.C. E.A.  
 } Signal D.T.G. 090002.

JUNEE: Arrived PLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT.

WAGGA: Intends to depart PORT STEPHENS for  
BROKEN BAY 1100K/12th June. E.T.A.  
1850K/12th June.  
BARCOO: Proposed programme in her signal  
 150550Z June.

JUNEE: Intends to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for  
PLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT 0930K/15th  
SYDNEY: Intends to depart SPITHEAD, under the  
 orders of C.T.G. 215.1, for HALIFAX  
 at 1700K/17th June. E.T.A. 2300K/  
 25th June.

TOBRUK: E.T.A. HONG KONG ex SINGAPORE a.m.  
18th June.

MACQUARIE: Embarked N.O.I.C. N.W.A. and proceeded  
on cruise at 1030K/15th June. E.T.A.  
DARWIN 1130K/19th June.

MILDURA: } Intends to depart GARNARVON for  
FREMANTLE 0730K/15th June.  
FREMANTLE: } E.T.A. 1230K/16th June.

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D.O.U.W.: Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE: Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA: 1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI: Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/12TH JUNE TO 0900K/15TH JUNE.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11TH JUNE TO 0900K/12TH JUNE, 1955.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

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TACTICIAN: ) (1) Programme as from July to December,  
 ) 15th 1953, in F.O.I.C. E.A. Signal  
 ) D.T.G. 080424.  
TELEMACHUS: ) (2) Correction to above - F.O.I.C. E.A.  
 ) Signal D.T.G. 090002.

WAGGA: Intends to depart PORT STEPHENS for  
BARCOO: ) BROKEN BAY 1100K/12th June. E.T.A.  
CONDAMINE: ) 1830K/12th June.

JUNEE: Intends to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for  
GLADSTONE: ) FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT 0830K/15th  
 ) June. E.T.A. 1515K/15th June.

TOBRUK: E.T.A. HONG KONG ex SINGAPORE a.m.  
 18th June.

MILDURA: ) Intends to depart CARNARVON for  
 ) FREMANTLE 0730K/15th June.  
FREMANTLE: ) E.T.A. 1230K/16th June.

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D.O.U.W.: Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
 a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE: Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
 WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA: 1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
 Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI: Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/9TH TO 0900K/10TH JUNE, 1953  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11TH JUNE TO 0900K/12TH JUNE, 1953.

SYDNEY Proposed NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY. (ca) from 0700 to 2000/9th daily for fuel and provisions.

VENGEANCE To depart Sydney 1100K/10th for Jervis Bay, ETA 1830K/10th.

MURCHISON: Intends departing SYDNEY 0930K Monday, 15th June, for BROKEN BAY AREA for N.S. Training, returning to SYDNEY p.m. 16th June. Daily running for A/S Training commences Wednesday, 17th June.

QUADRANT To slip on 10th/12th and 07th/12th for sea trials.

SHOALHAVEN En route Port Melbourne to Beauty Point ETA 1200K/13th (N.S.T.).

BARCOO: ) Arrived ~~Barcoo~~ 1600K/9th. Intended undocking date Friday, 12th June.  
CONDAMINE: ) Arrived Jervis Bay 2359K/9th from Sydney.

GLADSTONE Arrived P.N.D. 1025K/9th. To depart thence 1100K/10th for Williamstown, ETA 1715K/10th.

GLADSTONE: } Secured alongside West Wing, *Side Nelson Pier* Station  
COOTAMUNDRA } Arrived ~~1430K/9th~~ from Sydney *West Town* Pier, 11th June.

JUNEE Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/9th for N.S.T. in Port Phillip Bay.

WOOMERA Arrived Sydney 1510K/8th from Swan Island.

WARREEN Docked in A.S.D. 1002 at Sydney 9th.

AIR CHIEF Arrived Jervis Bay 1435K/9th from Sydney.

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D.O.U.W.: Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE: Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA: 1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI: Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/9TH TO 0900K/10TH JUNE, 1953  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

SYDNEY Proposes to call at Kingston (Jamaica) from 0700 to 2000/9th July for fuel and provisions.

VENGEANCE To depart Sydney 1100K/10th for Jervis Bay, ETA 1830K/10th.

TOBRUK Arrived Labuan 1000K/9th. To depart thence at 1600K/10th for Singapore ETA 1830K/12th.

QUADRANT To slip from Williamstown 0800/10th, 0900/12th and 0730/16th June for sea trials.

SHOALHAVEN En route Port Melbourne to Beauty Point ETA 1200K/13th (N.S.T.).

MACQUARIE Arrived Darwin 1600K/9th.

MURCHISON Arrived Jervis Bay 2359K/9th from Sydney.

GLADSTONE Arrived F.N.D. 1025K/9th. To depart thence 1100K/10th for Williamstown, ETA 1715K/10th.

WAGGA )  
COOTAMUNDRA ) Arrived Port Stephens 1430K/9th from Sydney.

JUNEE Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/9th for N.S.T. in Port Phillip Bay.

WOOMERA Arrived Sydney 1510K/8th from Swan Island.

WARREEN Docked in A.F.D. 1002 at Sydney 9th.

AIR CHIEF Arrived Jervis Bay 1435K/9th from Sydney.

D.O.U.W.:

Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE:

Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA:

1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI:

Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/10TH JUNE, TO 0900K/11TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

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MILDURA: ) Sailed FREMANTLE 1000K/10th. with P.O.T.C. B.A.'s  
) E.T.A. CARNARVON 0800K/13th.  
FREMANTLE: ) Secured alongside ATH SHIP at EAST BURNUP WALL.

TOBRUK: Sailed LABUAN 1600K/10th for SINGAPORE.

VENGEANCE: Arrived JERVIS BAY 1830K/10th.  
Departing SYDNEY 0800K/9th June. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2300K/9th June.

GLADSTONE: Sailing from FLINDERS NAVAL DEPOT postponed owing to weather conditions.  
151° 14' E. Course 037° Speed 8 knots.

MACQUARIE: Arrived DARWIN 1703K/10th.  
Depart in next cruise after visit of Sub U.S.

MURCHISON: E.T.D. JERVIS BAY 0530K/12th.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 1430K/12th.



D.O.U.W.: Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE: Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA: 1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI: Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0600K/8TH TO 0900K/8TH JUNE 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/8TH - 0900K/9TH JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR MASTER: Proceeded in accordance with F.O.I.C. E.A.'s 060405 (E.T.A. SYDNEY 1300K/8th June). Secured alongside AIR CHIEF at EAST RETURN WALL. SYDNEY 1300K/8th June, 1953.

WAGGA: (LADSTO) Departing SYDNEY 1600K/8th June. E.T.A. GOOTAMUNDRA: PORT STEPHENS 1430K/9th June.

MURCHISON: Programme for period 15th-28th June amended by Fox 1's 080003Z June. Departing SYDNEY 0900K/9th June. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2359K/9th June.

WOOMERA: P.C.S. at 1200K/8th June 34° 08' S. 151° 14' E. Course 037° speed 8 knots.

MACQUARIE: N.O.I.C. N.W.A. to embark in next cruise after visit of 2nd N.M.

AIR CHIEF: To depart SYDNEY 0600K/9th June for JERVIS BAY - E.T.A. to be reported.

WOOMERA: Departed SEAS ISLAND 1615K/8th June. Fourth. 1600K 8th June 38° 53.5' S. 147° E' W. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1615K/8th June.

TACTICIAN: Amended programme:-  
Cancel 8-11th June A/S training off SYDNEY  
add 12th-16th complete docking period  
17th-19th A/S training off SYDNEY  
20th-21st at SYDNEY  
22nd-26th A/S training off SYDNEY  
27th-28th at SYDNEY  
29th-30th A/S training off SYDNEY

WAGGA & GOOTAMUNDRA: Add to FOIS E.A.'s 230402 April:-  
22-25th June H/S exercises SYDNEY BROKEN BAY AREA.  
26-28th June at SYDNEY  
29-30th June A/S training off SYDNEY.

D.O.U.W.: Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE: Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA: 1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI: Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/5TH TO 0900K/8TH JUNE 1953.

DAILY NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY. 0900K/5TH JUNE 1953.

AIR MASTER: Departed JERVIS BAY 1230K/5th June.  
E.T.A. WOLLONGONG 1600K/5th June.  
Secured alongside North Wall BELMORE BASIN  
WOLLONGONG 1500K/5th June.  
KARANGI: Depart WOLLONGONG 0900K 8th June. E.T.A.  
SYDNEY 1300K/8th June, 1953.

GLADSTONE: Intend following programme commencing  
8th June; for DEPART 1000K/4th June.  
(Investigating Jap. pearling fleet

Arrive	Place	Depart
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-	PORT MELBOURNE	0830K/8
1100K/8	PORTSEA	1230K/8
1600K/8	WESTERNPORT	0955K/9
1020K/9	HANNS INLET	1100K/10
1730K/10	PORT MELBOURNE	1500K/11
1530K/11	WILLIAMSTOWN	0800/19th June

GLADSTONE:

D.O.U.W.:

SHOALHAVEN: Connected to shore telephone at PORT  
MELBOURNE 1230K/5th June.

Intend to sail from PORT MELBOURNE 1700K/8th  
June for National Service Training in BASS  
STRAIT AREA. E.T.A. BEAUTY POINT 1200K/13th  
June. E.T.D. BEAUTY POINT 0800K/15th June.  
E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 1200K/19th June.

WOOMERA:

Departed SWAN ISLAND 1615K/5th June.  
Postn. 1200K 6th June 38° 53.5' S,  
147° 3' E. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1615K/8th June.

TACTICIAN:

Amended programme:-

Cancel 8-11th June A/S training off SYDNEY )FO  
)IC  
add 12th-16th complete docking period )EAs  
17th-19th A/S training off SYDNEY )24  
20th-21st at SYDNEY )01  
22nd-26th A/S training off SYDNEY )40  
27th-28th at SYDNEY )Apr  
29th-30th A/S training off SYDNEY )Re-  
fers

WAGGA &  
COOTAMUNDRA:

Add to FOIC E.A.'s 230402 April:-

22-25th June M/S exercises SYDNEY BROKEN BAY  
AREA.  
26-28th June at SYDNEY  
29-30th June A/S training off SYDNEY.

D.O.U.W.:

Captain Armstrong remain sick on shore for  
a further seven days from 5th June.

GLADSTONE:

Departs PT. MELBOURNE 0830K/8th June for  
WESTERNPORT.

WOOMERA:

1200K/7th June 37° 14.6' S 150° 7.6' E  
Co. 000° Sp. 8 knots.

KARANGI:

Arrived FREMANTLE 5th June from ALBANY.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/4TH JUNE TO 0900K/5TH JUNE 1953.  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/3 TO 0900K/4 JUNE 1953

## NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

KARANGI:

E.T.D. ALBANY 1300K/4th June.  
E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1230K/5th June.

TACTICIAN:

Proposed by S.M.4 that TACTICIAN  
short SYDNEY-KUNGLAND departing

MACQUARIE:

SYDNEY Departed for DARWIN 1000K/4th June.  
(Investigating Jap. pearling fleet  
en route. Position reported 11° 24'  
S. 130° 02' E.)

GLADSTONE:

Departed alongside MELBOURNE.  
via MOLUCCA and SALABAC STRAITS.  
E.T.A. LABUAN 1000K/9 June.

D.10 IN ANZAC:

Programme: Depart HONG KONG 0800/19th June  
Arrive DARWIN 1130/26th June.  
Depart on refuelling  
Arrive SYDNEY 1100/3rd July  
Depart SYDNEY 1330/6th July  
Arrive MELBOURNE 0730/8th July.

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the month approx.

DEPARTURE:

Departed Port Melbourne 1000K/25th May. E.T.A. Westport  
1400K/25th May.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST JUNE TO 0900K/3RD JUNE 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/3 TO 0900K/4 JUNE 1953

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

WOODRFA:

TACTICIAN:

Proposed by S.M.4 that TACTICIAN BROKEN BAY  
snort SYDNEY-AUCKLAND departing 4 June.  
SYDNEY 8th August.

SNODHAVEN:

Intends to depart MELBOURNE for BASS  
STRAIT AREA for N.S. training 0800K/3rd  
June. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1200K/5th June.

TOBRUK:

Departed DARWIN 1500K/3 for LABUAN  
via NOLUCCA and SALABEC STRAITS.  
E.T.A. LABUAN 1000K/9 June.

MURCHISON:

Intends to depart SYDNEY for BROKEN BAY  
at 0830K/3rd June.

KARANGI:

Arrived ALBANY.

GLADSTONE:

Intends to depart PORT MELBOURNE for  
exercises in PORT PHILLIP at 1000K/3rd  
June. anchoring off GELLIBRAND overnight.

JURKE:

Arrived PORT MELBOURNE.

HAWKESBURY:

Intends to depart BRISBANE for SYDNEY at  
1530K/3rd June. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1100K/5th June.

the weather approx.

GLADSTONE:

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westport  
1400K/26th May.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST JUNE TO 0900K/3RD JUNE 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY JUNE, 1953.

WOOMERA: Arrived SWAN ISLAND.

WAGGA: ) Intends to depart SYDNEY for BROKEN BAY  
COOFAMUNDRA: ) 1130K/3rd June. E.T.A. 1500K/3rd June.

HAWKESBURY: Intend to sail from SYDNEY 1000/30th May.

SHOALHAVEN: Intends to depart MELBOURNE for BASS STRAIT AREA for N.S. training 0800K/3rd June. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1200K/5th June.

WAGGA: ) Intend sailing from FORT STEPHENS 1030/31st May  
COOFAMUNDRA: ) for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 0800/1st June.

MURCHISON: Intends to depart SYDNEY for BROKEN BAY at 0830K/3rd June.

KARANGI: Arrived ALBANY.

GLADSTONE: Intends to depart PORT MELBOURNE for exercises in PORT PHILLIP at 1000K/3rd June. Anchoring off GELLIBRAND overnight.

JUNEE: Arrived PORT MELBOURNE.

HAWKESBURY: Intends to depart BRISBANE for SYDNEY at 1530K/3rd June. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1100K/5th June.

Standard engine to be repaired, will not be operational for  
the month approx.  
Departed Port Melbourne 1000/30th May. E.T.A. Sydneyport  
1000/30th May.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/29TH TO 0900K/1ST JUNE, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

KARANGI: P.C.S. at 0330Z/31. 34° 15' S Course 255  
127° 27' E Speed 9.5  
E.T.A. FREMANTLE 0700/3rd June.

HAWKESBURY: Intend to sail from SYDNEY 1000/30th May.  
E.T.A. BRISBANE 0830/1st June.

WAGGA: ) Intend sailing from PORT STEPHENS 1030/31st May  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 0800/1st June.

GLADSTONE: Intend to sail PORT MELBOURNE 1000/31st May  
for EDEN. E.T.A. 1500/1st June.

TACTICIAN: Will not be ready for service until Monday  
16th June due to defects discovered in  
sailing.

SPRIGHTLY: On completion of refit is to commission  
as replacement for RESERVE.

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for  
two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport  
1600K/25th May.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH MAY TO 0900K/28TH MAY, 1953.  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/28TH TO 0900K/29TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.  
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H.M.S. SKELLIS: Anticipated she will be docked in  
KARANGI: E.T.D. PORT ADELAIDE p.m. Thursday 29th  
for FREMANTLE.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside Inner West Station Pier  
1030K/28th. 0800K/3th June.

Programme -

<u>VESSEL:</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>in</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>30K/27th</u>	<u>Depart</u>
	-		PT. MELBOURNE		1000K/31 May
	1500K/1		EDEN		0800K/4 June
	June				
<u>SECOND NAVAL MEMBER</u>	1500K/5		PT. MELBOURNE		D.-of P.
	June				

and Sec. 2nd H.M. will be absent from Navy Office from 7th  
June to 15th June, 1953 whilst visiting DARRIN.

TACTICIAN: Will not be ready for service until Monday  
15th June due to defects discovered in  
docking.

SPRIGHTLY: On completion of refit is to commission  
as replacement for RESERVE.

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for  
two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport  
1600K/25th May.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26TH TO 0900K/27TH MAY, 1953

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH MAY TO 0900K/28TH MAY, 1953.

"MURCHISON"

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

N.S.T. in Broken Bay 26th-27th May deleted from proposed programme. Arrived Sydney 22nd May from Westernport.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS:

Anticipated she will be docked in BRISBANE a.m. 1st June for approx. 10 days.

"JURSE"

Arrived Melbourne 22nd May. Sailing Melbourne 0830/26th May to exercise in Port Phillip and Westernport areas.

"FR BARWON:"

Arrived Fremantle E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN under tow from GEELONG 0800K/8th June.

"MILDURA"

"WOONERA"

VENGEANCE: arrived Melbourne Undocked in SYDNEY 1030K/27th May.

"KARANGI"

Arrived Port Adelaide 1930K/25th May, leaking boiler tubes, remaining Adelaide 48 hours.

SECOND NAVAL MEMBER accompanied by D.E.(N), D.N.W., D. of P.

"GLADSTONE"

and Sec. 2nd N.M. will be absent from Navy Office from 7th

Arrived F.N.D. 1045K/26th May sailing F.N.D. 1125K/27th May, June to 13th June, 1953 whilst visiting DARWIN.

"MACQUARIE"

Sailed Darwin for Port Moresby 25th May.

"AIR MASTER"

Now fully operational.

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport 1600K/25th May.



NIL  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26TH TO 0900K/27TH MAY, 1953

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"MURCHISON"

N.S.T. in Broken Bay 26th-27th May deleted from proposed programme. Arrived Sydney 22nd May from Westernport.

"JUNEE"

Arrived Melbourne 22nd May. Sailing Melbourne 0830/26th May to exercise in Port Phillip and Westernport areas.

"FREMANTLE") Arrived Fremantle 22nd May.

"MILDURA" )

"WOOMERA" Self-refit approved 4th-17th July.

"AIR MASTER" Arrived Melbourne 1400K/25th May.

"KARANGI" Non-operational to make good engine defects 0800K 26th May to 0800K 27th May.

Arrived Port Adelaide 1930K/25th May, leaking boiler tubes, remaining Adelaide 48 hours.

"GLADSTONE"

Arrived F.N.D. 1045K/26th May sailing F.N.D. 1125K/27th May, E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1800K/27th May.

"MACQUARIE"

Sailed Darwin for Port Moresby 25th May.

"AIR MASTER"

Now fully operational.

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport 1600K/25th May.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/25TH TO 0900K/26TH MAY, 1953.  
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"WOOMERA"

"TOBRUK" Departed Sydney 0630K/25th May for Melbourne. To transfer to operational control of M.O.T.C. S.E.A. on rounding Gabo Island.  
Departs Sydney 1000K 26th May. E.T.A. Darwin 0800  
3rd June.

"WOOMERA" Departed Newcastle 2015K/22nd May. E.T.A. Sydney 1715K/22nd May.

"TOBRUK" Arrived Swan Island 2325 24th May, 1953. E.T.A. Melbourne 1645K 25th May.

Amended progress as follows :-

"CULGOA"

Arrive	Place	Depart
Self-refit approved 4th-17th July.		
	Sydney	26th May
	Darwin	3rd June
9th June	Labuan	10th June
12th June		10800K June
26th May to 0800K 27th May.	Hong Kong	

"MACQUARIE"

To sail from Darwin 1200K/25th May. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400K/29th May.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

Departed Sydney 0615K/23rd May. E.T.A. Broken Bay 1200K/23rd May.

"JUBEE"

Secured alongside Outer East Wing Station Pier 1128K/22nd May.

"BARCOO"

Will now dock in Captain Cook Dock, Sydney. on 29th May.

"VENGEANCE"

To be undocked 27th May.

"MANGI"

Departed Portland Bay 1315K/22nd May. E.T.A. Adelaide 1100K/24th May. 0745K/23rd May returned to Portland Bay for shelter.  
Departed Portland Bay 1030K/24th May. E.T.A. Adelaide 1000K/26th May.

H.M.L.1324 (At Manus)

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport 1600K/25th May.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22ND TO 0900K/25TH MAY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22 TO 0900K/25 MAY, 1953.

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"WOOMERA"

Departed Sydney 0630K/22nd May for Melbourne. To transfer to operational control of N.O.I.C. S.E.A. on rounding Gabo Island.

"HAWKESBURY"

Departed Newcastle 1215K/22nd May. E.T.A. Sydney 1715K/22nd May.

"TOBRUK" CONFIDENTIAL

Amended programme as follows :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	26th May
3rd June	Darwin	3rd June
9th June	Labuan	10th June
12th June	Singapore	14th June
18th June	Hong Kong	-

"MACQUARIE"

To sail from Darwin 1200K/25th May. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400K/29th May.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

Departed Sydney 0915K/23rd May. E.T.A. Broken Bay 1200K/23rd May.

"JUNEE"

Secured alongside Outer East Wing Station Pier 1128K/22nd May.

"BARCOO"

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S.D.M.L.1324 (At Manus)

Starboard engine to be replaced, will not be operational for two months approx.

"GLADSTONE"

Departed Port Melbourne 0900K/25th May. E.T.A. Westernport 1600K/25th May.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/21 TO 0900K/22 MAY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22 MAY TO 0900K/23 MAY, 1953.

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JUNEE: Sheltering Wilson's Promontory Area at 1800K/20 while en route SYDNEY-WILLIAMSTOWN.

CULGOA: Expected docking and self refit at HONG KONG 4-17 July.

WOOMERA: Departed SYDNEY for MELBOURNE 1100K/21  
Returned harbour because of bad weather 1330K/21.

KARANGI: At PORTLAND will proceed ADELAIDE when weather suitable.

SHOALHAVEN: E.T.D. PORT MELBOURNE 1700K/25 N.S. Training Cruise, in PORT PHILIP BASS STRAIT AREAS returning MELBOURNE 1000K/29.

GLADSTONE: Programme for week commencing 25th May in signal 210610Z.

MURCHISON: E.T.A. SYDNEY from MELBOURNE 0900K/22.

Depart	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/17
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/19
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0800K/22
Depart	SYDNEY	1300K/24



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/20TH MAY TO 0900K/21ST MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

COWRA: Commenced paying off as from 19th May. moderates.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside inner west wing station pier.

HAWKESBURY: Intends to depart SYDNEY for NEWCASTLE at 0800K/21st May. E.T.A. 1400K/21st May.

MILDURA: ) Intend to depart ABROLHOS for FREMANTLE at  
FREMANTLE: ) 1200K/21st May. E.T.A. 1700K/22nd May.

arrive	EDEN	1800K/18
Depart	EDEN	1800K/18
Depart	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/17
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/19
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	0800K/22
Arrive	SYDNEY	1300K/24

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH MAY TO 0900K/20TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

KARANGI: Remaining at PORTLAND until weather moderates.

KANGAROO: Arrived SYDNEY.

AIR MASTER: Now fully operational. Sailing from PORTLAND delayed due to weather.

JUNBE: Intends to sail SYDNEY AREA p.m. 18th for

COWRA: Secured outer east dockyard pier - WILLIAMSTOWN p.m. 19th May.

MURCHISON: Intends to sail from MELBOURNE 0800/19th for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 0900/22nd May.

BATAAN: ) Intends to depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY  
TOBRUK: ) 1800K/19th May. E.T.A. 1430K/20th May.

Not operational until 5th June.

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TWOFOLD BAY AREA  
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1800K/17  
0900K/19  
0800K/22  
1300K/24



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DAILY D.N.I. FROM 0900K/18TH TO 0900K/18TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/18TH TO 0900K/19TH MAY, 1953.

E.T.A. DARWIN from cruise 1130K/18th May.  
E.T.D. DARWIN 1200K/25 for PORT MORESBY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

... control of  
N.O.I.C. N.W.A. until further orders.  
Japanese pearling fleet expected in area  
... about 4th June.

KANGAROO:

Arrived SYDNEY.

WAGGA:

Sailed SYDNEY 0830K/18th for BROKEN BAY.

COOTAMUNDRA:

E.T.A. 1700K/16 returning SYDNEY p.m. 17th May.

KARANGI:

Sailing from PORTLAND delayed due to weather.

MURCHISON:

Arrived MELBOURNE 1430K/15.

JUNEE:

Intends to sail SYDNEY AREA p.m. 18th for  
WILLIAMSTOWN. E.T.A. 0800/22nd May.

JUNEE:

E.T.D. SYDNEY 18th May for W/S exercises with  
WAGGA and COOTAMUNDRA. Then to sail for

MURCHISON:

Intends to sail from MELBOURNE 0800/19th  
for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 0900/22nd May.

KANGAROO:

Sailed SYDNEY 2000K/15th for JERVIS BAY.  
Arrived JERVIS BAY 0800K/15.

AIR CHIEF:

Non operational until 5th June.  
at 2000K/17th. E.T.D. 0700K/18th.

AIR CHIEF:

Sailed JERVIS BAY 0300K/15th.  
Arrived SYDNEY 0830K/15th.

ASHTA:

Commander W.J. Dovers D.S.C., R.A.N. assumed  
command p.m. 18th May.

TACTICIAN:

Intended date of docking 22nd May.

BARCOO:

Intended date of docking 27th May.

GENERAL:

Departed SYDNEY for MELBOURNE.

SEALHAVEN:

Intended programme commencing 25th May.

Depart	Port MELBOURNE	1700K/25
Arrive	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/27
Arrive	EDEN	0900K/31
Depart	EDEN	1800K/31
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/2nd June
Depart	PORT PHILLIP AREA	0900K/3
Return	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/6
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	1700K/8
Arrive	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/9
Arrive	EDEN	1200K/13
Depart	EDEN	0900K/15
Depart	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/17
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/19
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	0800K/22
Arrive	SYDNEY	1300K/24



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/15TH TO 0900K/18TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

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FRASER: E.T.D. DARWIN 0800K 18th May for cruise.  
MACQUARIE: E.T.A. DARWIN from cruise 1130K/21st May.  
KARANGI: E.T.D. DARWIN 1200K/25 for PORT MORESBY.  
 E.T.A. PORT MORESBY 1400K/29. Adelaide.  
 To remain under the operational control of N.O.I.C. N.W.A. until further orders. Japanese pearling fleet expected in area North of DARWIN about 4th June.

Lieutenant-Commander R.A. Wild D.F.C. Commanding officer 850  
WAGGA: Sailed SYDNEY 0830K/16th for BROKEN BAY.  
COOTAMUNDRA: E.T.A. 1700K/16 returning SYDNEY p.m. 17th May.  
 E.T.D. SYDNEY 18th May for M/S exercises.

MURCHISON: Arrived MELBOURNE 1430K/15.

GLADSTONE: Secured Inner West Wing Station Pier PORT MELBOURNE 2045K/15th.

JUNEE: E.T.D. SYDNEY 18th May for M/S exercises with WAGGA and COOTAMUNDRA. Then to sail for MELBOURNE from seaward on completion of exercises Tuesday 19th May.

KANGAROO: Sailed SYDNEY 2000K/15th for JERVIS BAY. Arrived JERVIS BAY 0800K/16. Intends to sail from JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY at 2000K/17th. E.T.D. 0700K/18th.

AIR CHIEF: Sailed JERVIS BAY 0300K/15th. Arrived SYDNEY 0830K/15th.

ARUNTA: Commander W.J. Dovers D.S.C., R.A.N. assumed command p.m. 15th May.

TACTICIAN: Intended date of docking 22nd May.

BARCOO: Intended date of docking 27th May.

COWRA: Departed SYDNEY for MELBOURNE.

SHOALHAVEN: Intended programme commencing 25th May.

Depart	Port MELBOURNE	1700K/25
Arrive	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/27
Arrive	EDEN	0900K/21
Depart	EDEN	1800K/31
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/2nd June
Depart	PORT PHILLIP AREA	0900K/3
Return	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/6
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	1700K/8
Arrive	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/9
Arrive	EDEN	1200K/13
Depart	EDEN	0800K/15
Depart	TWOFOLD BAY AREA	1800K/17
Arrive	PORT MELBOURNE	0900K/19
Depart	PORT MELBOURNE	0800K/22
Arrive	SYDNEY	1300K/24



MILDURA and Intend to sail from FREMANTLE at 1230K/18th May  
FREMANTLE: for ABROHLOS ISLAND. E.T.A. 1400K/19th.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

KARANGI: Intends, subject to weather, to sail from  
PORTLAND at 1000K/18th May for ADELAIDE.  
E.T.A. will be signalled later.

GLADSTONE: To depart F.M.S. at 1400K/18th May for PORT  
MELBOURNE. E.T.A. 2030K/18th May.

Lieutenant-Commander R.A. Wild D.F.C. Commanding Officer 850  
Squadron was fatally injured when his Sea Fury crashed at  
FOREST HILL N.S.W.

QUADRANT: Is to commission at WILLIAMSTOWN on  
Wednesday 1st July as a unit of the First  
Frigate Squadron.

KARANGI: Anchored in PORTLAND BAY. Developed R.R.  
defects beyond capacity ship's staff.  
Ordered to remain PORTLAND until arrival  
Port Engineer Officer and Dockyard Officers.

BARCOO: Docking on 14th May cancelled.

BARACAN: } To depart SYDNEY at 1600K/18th May for  
BRUNYA: } Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 0300K/19th May.

Have and urgent defects.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/14TH MAY - 0900K/15TH MAY 1953. 1953

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

GLADSTONE: CHIEF To depart F.N.D. at 1400K/15th for PORT MELBOURNE. E.T.A. 2030K/15th May.

TOBRUK: KARANGI To depart SYDNEY at 1200K/15th for JERVIS BAY. E.T.A. 1915K/15th May. 1030/15th May for FREMANTLE via ADELAIDE and MELB. E.T.A. to be signalled.

QUADRANT: Is to commission at WILLIAMSTOWN on Wednesday 1st July as a unit of the First Frigate Squadron.

BARCOO: To dock 14th May.

KARANGI: Anchored in PORTLAND BAY. Developed E.R. defects beyond capacity Ship's staff. TELEPHONE: First requirement AJASS course Ordered to remain PORTLAND until arrival Port Engineer Officer and Dockyard Officers.

BARCOO: Docking on 14th May cancelled.

BATAAN: ) 1: To depart SYDNEY at 1600K/18th for H.S.O.  
ARUNTA: ) JERVIS BAY. E.T.A. 0100K/19th May.

JOHN... availability for leave and urgent defenets.

Commander V.A.S. RAMON arrived around 8.15 A.M. 15th May.

Reference to Daily Narrative both until to 1st May - when JAMES please salute "to pay off into reserve on relief".



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/13TH MAY - 0900K/14TH MAY 1953

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/13TH TO 0900K/13TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

AIR CHIEF: To depart JERVIS BAY 0300K/15th.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0930K/15th May.

PROFAMUNDRA:  
(in company)

Depart JERVIS BAY 0300K/15th May, 1953.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0930K/15th May, 1953.

KARANGI: To depart MELBOURNE 1030/13th May  
for FREMANTLE via ADELAIDE and  
ALBANY. E.T.A. to be signalled.

KARANGI:

Secured Inner East Station Pier 1030 13th May,  
1953. Sails for FREMANTLE via ADELAIDE and  
ALBANY 1030K 13th May, 1953.

BARCOO: To dock 14th May.

TELEMACHUS: First requirement AJASS course  
11th August 1953.

FOX 1: Office now established in M.S.O.  
Building POTTS POINT, SYDNEY.

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leave and urgent defenctis.

Commander V.A.S. SAVAGE arrived aboard H.M.A.S. FOX 1st May.

FOX 1 received in daily narrative 30th April to 1st May -  
Order JAMES please delete "to pay off into reserve on relief".

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11th TO 0900K/12th MAY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/12th TO 0900K/13th MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

WAGGA: ) Depart PORT STEVENS 1715K 18th May, 1953.  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) E.T.A. SYDNEY 0600K 13th May, 1953.  
 (in company) )

KARANGI: Secured inner East Station Pier 1030 11th May, 1953. Sails for FREMANTLE via ADELAIDE and ALBANY 1030K 13th May, 1953.

COWRA: Depart SYDNEY 0800K 13th May, 1953 will not now E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1700K 15th May, 1953.

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Following programme proposed:-

Arrive	Place	Depart
	HONG KONG	0900/19th June
0630/25th June	DARWIN	1200/25th June
1800/1st July	SYDNEY	1800/6th July
1800/2th July	MELBOURNE	-

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leave and urgent defencts.

Commander V.A.S. BARON assumed command R.N.A.S. HUGH 1st May.

Kindly refer to Daily Narrative 30th April to 1st May - (over JUNE please delete "to pay off into reserve on relief".



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11TH TO 0900K/12TH MAY, 1953.

## NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

JUNEER:

Secured alongside W.W.S.P. 1020K/11th May.  
Will depart PORT MELBOURNE 0900K/12th May.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0800K/15th May.  
On rounding GABO IS. transfer to operational control of F.O.I.C. E.A. 11th May.

WAGGA:  
COWRA:  
SOUTHWINDRA:

COWRA:

E.T.A. SYDNEY 1330K/11th May.  
E.T.A. WESTPORT 1800K 11th May.

MURCHISON:

Will depart SYDNEY 0900K/12th May. W.S.  
E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1500K/15th May. STRAIT  
returning MELBOURNE 1800K 17th May.

WOOMERA:

Sailing delayed by weather - will not now leave SYDNEY before P.M. 14th May.

Commander F.D. SHAW, R.A.N. assumed command of SHALMAYE

6th M. ANZAC: Captain Following programme proposed:-

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	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
4th Naval Member accompanied by Captain Plunkett-Cole		HONG KONG	0900/19th June
Commander Thompson R.A.A.F. and Commander ...		DARWIN	1200/25th June
departed R.A.A.F. ...	0630/25th June	DARWIN	1200/25th June
Dakota. E.T.A. MAHON ...	1600/1st July	SYDNEY	1600/6th July
(Via R.A.A.F. WILLIAMS ...)	1000/8th July	MELBOURNE	-

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leave and urgent defenctis.

Commander V.A.D. ... assumed command ... 1st May.

... daily narrative ... to 1st May -  
... please delete "to pay off into reserve on relief".



D.N.I.

D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/8TH MAY TO 0900K/11TH MAY 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH MAY, 1953.  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

VENGEANCE:

Docking 11th May.

WAGGA: )  
COWRA: )  
COOTAMUNDRA: )

Departed BRISBANE 1130K/9th May.  
E.T.A. PORT STEPHENS 0700K 11th May.

GLADSTONE:

E.T.D. PORT MELBOURNE 0900K 11th May  
E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1600K 11th May.

SHOALHAVEN:

E.T.D. MELBOURNE 1700K 11th May for N.S.  
training in PORT PHILLIP and BASS STRAIT  
returning MELBOURNE 1100K 17th May.

TOBRUK:

Arrived SYDNEY 1600K approx. 10th May.

Commander F.D. SHAW, R.A.N. assumed command of SHOALHAVEN  
8th May vice Captain S.H. BEATTIE, V.C. R.N.

4th Naval Member accompanied by Captain Plunkett-Cole D.N.I.,  
Commander Thompson D/D.A.M.R. and Commander (P) Roberts D/D.A.W.O.T.,  
departed R.A.A.F. Station Laverton 0733K 11th May in the Naval  
Dakota. E.T.A. MANUS 1100K 15th May.  
(Via R.A.A.F. WILLIAMTOWN, AMBERLEY, TOWNSVILLE).

Field Marshall Sir William Slim to be sworn in as G.C., today.  
Lt.-Col. J.G.I. de PAUL R.N. assumed command M.H.A.S.  
GLADSTONE 7th May.

JOHN... availability for  
leave and urgent defencts.

Commander V.A.S. BARNUM assumed command M.H.A.S. 1st May.

4th member to daily narrative both April to 1st May -  
under JOHN please delete "to pay off into reserve on relief".



D.N.I.

D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

F.O.C.A.F.: )

AUSTRALIA: )

ARUNTA: )

BATAAN: )

Arrived SYDNEY 0900K/8th from MELBOURNE.

SHOALHAVEN:

Departed SYDNEY 0815K/6th for MELBOURNE.  
E.T.A. 1300K/8th for N.S. training in  
PORT PHILLIP AREA.

MACQUARIE:

E.T.A. DARWIN 1300K/8th from training cruise.

HAWKESBURY: )

MURCHISON: )

Departed JERVIS BAY 0500K/8th for SYDNEY.  
E.T.A. 1245K/8th.

TACTICIAN:

Arrived SYDNEY 0800K/8th from JERVIS BAY.

COOTAMUNDRA:

Departed SYDNEY 0815K/6th for BRISBANE.  
E.T.A. 1045K/8th.

WAGGA:

Secured alongside at BRISBANE (Newstead  
wharf) 1350K/7th.

COWRA:

Arrived BRISBANE 1030K/7th.

MILDURA:

FREMANTLE:

Departed GERALDTON 0800/4th for FREMANTLE.  
E.T.A. 1500K/8th.

KOALA:

Programme 15th May to 4th October in  
F.O.I.C. E.A.'s 070602Z May.

Field Marshall sir William Slim to be sworn in as G.G. today.

Lt.-Cdr. J.G.I. de PASS R.N. assumed command H.M.A.S.  
GLADSTONE 7th May.

leave and urgent defenct's.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/5TH TO 0900K/6TH MAY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/6TH MAY TO 0900K/7TH MAY, 1953.

VENGEANCE: NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY Vengeance in C.C.D.  
7th May.

GLADSTONE: In (1) Secured PORT MELBOURNE 1110K/6th May.  
in company at 1600K Wednesday 8th for JERVIS BAY.  
E.A. (2) Programme 11th-15th May in GLADSTONE's  
D.T.G. 052339Z.

COOTAMUNDRA: Intends to sail from SYDNEY to BRISBANE at 0816K  
22nd May. E.T.A. PILE LIGHT 1045K 8th May.

TACTICIAN: Intends to depart SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY  
2230K/6th May.

MOALHAYNE: May 2nd - Arrive SYDNEY  
6th - Depart SYDNEY  
8th - Arrive MELBOURNE

WAGGA: May 11th E.T.A. PILE LIGHT 1230K/7th May. PORT PHILLIP AREA  
May 18th-May 22nd - Gunnery School Firings  
June 21st - Depart MELBOURNE  
23rd - Arrive SYDNEY

JUNEE: (1) Intends to depart MELBOURNE for SYDNEY for  
via JERVIS BAY 12th May. E.T.A.  
SYDNEY 15th May.

MURCHISON: May 2nd - Arrive SYDNEY  
(2) JUNEE will depart SYDNEY for MELBOURNE  
7th via WATERLOO BAY 0800K/18th May. JERVIS BAY  
9th E.T.A. MELBOURNE 22nd May.  
12th - Depart SYDNEY with N.S.T. classes  
15th - Arrive MELBOURNE  
19th - Depart MELBOURNE - arrive WESTERNPORT  
20th - Depart WESTERNPORT  
23rd - Arrive SYDNEY  
26th-27th - N.S.T. in BROKEN BAY AREA.  
28th-2nd June SYDNEY for Coronation  
June 3rd-5th - N.S.T. BROKEN BAY AREA  
8th-12th N.S.T. JERVIS BAY AREA  
15th-16th A/S Training off SYDNEY  
17th-18th N.S.T. Training in BROKEN BAY AREA  
22nd-26th A/S Training off SYDNEY.

NAWKESBURY: May 2nd - At KURNELL for Captain Cook  
Commemoration  
2nd-4th - At SYDNEY  
5th-6th - A/S Training off SYDNEY  
7th-8th - AJASS requirements off JERVIS BAY  
12th-15th - A/S Training off SYDNEY  
16th-19th - A/S Training off SYDNEY  
26th-27th - BROKEN BAY AREA  
30th - Depart SYDNEY  
June 1st - Arrive BRISBANE for Coronation  
3rd - Depart BRISBANE  
5th - Arrive SYDNEY  
8th-11th A/S Training off SYDNEY  
15th - Commence 56 days availability for  
leave and urgent defenctts.

Commander V.A.C. RAMSAY assumed command H.M.A.S. JUNEE 1st May.

S/Sgt returned to daily narrative 30th April to 1st May -  
Under JUNEE please advise "to pay off into reserve on relief".



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/5TH TO 0900K/6TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

VENGEANCE: C.S. SYDNEY intends docking VENGEANCE in C.C.D. 7th May.

MURCHISON: Intends to sail from SYDNEY with HAWKESBURY in company at 1600K Wednesday 6th for JERVIS BAY. E.T.A. 2330K Wednesday 6th May.

COOTAMUNDRA: Intends to sail from SYDNEY to BRISBANE at 0815K 6th May. E.T.A. PILE LIGHT 1045K 8th May.

Proposed Programmes:

SHOALHAVEN:

May 2nd	-	Arrive SYDNEY
6th	-	Depart SYDNEY
8th	-	Arrive MELBOURNE
May 11th-June 20th	-	N.S.T. Training in PORT PHILLIP AREA
May 18th-May 22nd	-	Gunnery School Firings
June 21st	-	Depart MELBOURNE
23rd	-	Arrive SYDNEY
24th	-	Commence 56 days availability for leave and refit.

MURCHISON:

May 2nd	-	Arrive SYDNEY
5th & 6th	-	A/S training off SYDNEY
7th & 8th	-	AJASS requirements off JERVIS BAY
9th-11th	-	At SYDNEY
12th	-	Depart SYDNEY with N.S.T. classes
15th	-	Arrive MELBOURNE
19th	-	Depart MELBOURNE - arrive WESTERNPORT
20th	-	Depart WESTERNPORT
23rd	-	Arrive SYDNEY
26th & 27th	-	N.S.T. in BROKEN BAY AREA.
28th-2nd June	-	SYDNEY for Coronation
June 3rd-5th	-	N.S.T. BROKEN BAY AREA
8th-12th	-	N.S.T. JERVIS BAY AREA
15th-16th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY
17th-18th	-	N.S.T. Training in BROKEN BAY AREA
22nd-25th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY.

HAWKESBURY:

May 2nd	-	At KURNELL for Captain Cook Commemoration
2nd-4th	-	At SYDNEY
5th-6th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY
7th-8th	-	AJASS requirements off JERVIS BAY
12th-15th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY
18th-19th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY
26th-27th	-	BROKEN BAY AREA
30th	-	Depart SYDNEY
June 1st	-	Arrive BRISBANE for Coronation
3rd	-	Depart BRISBANE
5th	-	Arrive SYDNEY
8th-11th	-	A/S Training off SYDNEY
15th	-	Commence 56 days availability for leave and urgent defencts.



D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST TO 0900K/4TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

ARRIVED: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE 0810K/1st.

D.N.I.

DEPARTED: Departed SIBELTAR 1700K/1st for PORTLAND.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/4TH TO 0900K/5TH MAY, 1953.

ARRIVED: AT SYDNEY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

ARRIVED: AT PORT MELBOURNE.  
MILDURA: ) Intend to sail from GERALDTON 0800/4th May.  
FREMANTLE: ) E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1500/8th May.

ARRIVED: Undocked 1st May (at SYDNEY).

COWRA: ) Intends to sail from GLADSTONE 0700/3rd May.  
WORTHAMON: ) E.T.A. BRISBANE 1030/7th May. Rendezvous  
LAWESBURY: ) with WAGGA off Caloundra Head.

ARRIVED: AT SYDNEY.

WOOMERA: P.C.S. at 1200K/4th May. Feb June, WABAU  
5th June.

GLADSTONE: Secured 34° 50' S.  
151° 02' E. at PORT MELBOURNE 1020K/1st.  
Sailed Course 002° 0900K/4. ATT. WESTERNPORT  
1500K/ Speed 7

COWRA: Sailed GLADSTONE 0700K/25. E.T.A. BRISBANE  
1030/7.

SHOALHAVEN: Intend sailing from SYDNEY 0815/6th May.  
(Capt. F.I.) E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1300/8th May.

FREMANTLE: )

ARRIVED: AT MELBOURNE.  
AUSTRALIA: ) Intend to sail from MELBOURNE 0930/6th May.  
(FOCAF) ) E.T.A. SYDNEY 0900/8th May.  
BATAAN: )  
ARUNTA: ) AT SYDNEY.

ARRIVED: AT SYDNEY.

WAGGA: Sailed BRISBANE 0400K/4 to R/V with COWRA  
off CALOUNDRA.

KANTAROC: AT SYDNEY.

ENGLAND: Undocked 1st May (at SYDNEY).

WOOMERA: Sailed MELBOURNE 1700K/1. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/4.  
P.C.S. 1200K/2 25° 25' S. 147° 00' E. Speed  
004 Speed 7.5 knots.

DEPARTED: E.T.D. DARWIN 0800K/4th for training cruise.  
E.T.A. DARWIN 1200K/3.

ARRIVED: Arrived BRISBANE 0900K/2 to be docked at  
BRISBANE 5th.

Commander V.A.T. RAMAGE assumed command H.M.A.S. HUON 1st May.

With reference to Daily Narrative 30th April to 1st May -  
under JUNEE please delete "To pay off into reserve on relief".



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST TO 0900K/4TH MAY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AUSTRALIA: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE 0810K/1st.  
(FOCAF)

SYDNEY: ) Departed GIBRALTAR 1700K/1st for PORTLAND.  
BLACK PRINCE: ) E.T.A. 1900K/4th.

VENGEANCE: At SYDNEY.

TOBRUK: At JERVIS BAY.

ARUNTA: At PORT MELBOURNE.

BATAAN: At PORT MELBOURNE.

WARRAMUNGA: Undocked 1st May (at SYDNEY).

SHOALHAVEN: )  
MURCHISON: ) Arrived SYDNEY a.m. 2nd from BRISBANE.  
HAWKESBURY: )

CONDAMINE: At SYDNEY.

MACQUARIE: Required at PORT MORESBY 2nd June, RABAUL  
5th June.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE 1030K/1st.  
Sailed MELBOURNE 0900K/4. Arr. WESTERNPORT  
1600K/4.

COWRA: Sailed GLADSTONE 0700K/23. E.T.A. BRISBANE  
1030K/7.

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: ) Arrived GERALDTON 2nd.

JUNEE: At MELBOURNE.

COOTAMUNDRA: At SYDNEY.

TACTICIAN: At SYDNEY.

WARREGO: )  
BARCOO: ) At SYDNEY.

WAGGA: Sailed BRISBANE 0400K/4 to R/V with COWRA  
off CALOUNDRA.

KANGAROO: At SYDNEY.

KOOKABURRA: Undocked 1st May (at SYDNEY).

WOOMERA: Sailed MELBOURNE 1700K/1. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/4.  
P.C.S. 1200K/2 38° 55' S. 147° 06' E. Course  
064° Speed 7.5 knots.

MACQUARIE: E.T.D. DARWIN 0800K/4th for training cruise.  
E.T.A. DARWIN 1300K/8.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: Arrived BRISBANE 0900K/1 to be docked at  
BRISBANE 5th.

Commander V.A.T. RAMAGE assumed command H.M.A.S. HUON 1st May.

With reference to Daily Narrative 30th April to 1st May -  
under JUNEE please delete "To pay off into reserve on relief".



D.N.I.

D.N.I. NARRATIVE FROM 0800K/20TH TO 0900K/30TH APRIL 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH APRIL TO 0900K/1ST MAY 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

JUNEE:

Sailed HOBART 28th April. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 30th April. To pay off into reserve on relief.

BATAAN:

Departing WESTERNPORT 0600K/1st May. E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 1300K/1st May.

GLADSTONE:

Programme from 4th May in GLADSTONE'S D.T.G. 292225Z.

COWRA:

Took GLADSTONE fishing vessel in tow in position 23° 56' S. 152° 16' E. at 1120K/30th April.

AUSTRALIA (FOCAF):

Departing PORT ARLINGTON 0600K/1st May. E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/1st May. at 0630K/30th April.

ARUNTA:

Arrived MELBOURNE 0900K/30th April.

TACTICIAN:

Amended programme from 1st May in F.O.I.C. E.A.'s message D.T.G. 290402.

MILDURA:

To pay off into reserve on relief.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS:

Requested docking facilities BRISBANE 1st May.

FOX 1:

Office to be transferred to M.S.O. Building N.B.H. SYDNEY on 11th May.

JUNEE:

Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON. E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA:

To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE:

Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP) at 1215K/17th.



D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/29TH TO 0900K/30TH APRIL 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY. APRIL, 1953.

WAGGA: NAVAL Arrived BRISBANE 27th April.

FROM GLADSTONE: Depart sailing from F.N.D. 1330K/30th April.  
E.T.A. PORT PHILLIP 2000K/30th April.

MACQUARIE: ) Arrived DARWIN 24th April.  
S.D.M.L.1325 in tow: )  
E.T.A. GERALDTON 1200K/2nd May.

KANGAROO: Sailing for SYDNEY from the JERVIS BAY AREA  
0500K/30th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1600K/30th  
April.  
KANGAROO: ) Arrived JERVIS BAY 0800K/28th April.  
G.P.V. 965: )

TOBRUK: Intends sailing 0900K/30th April. E.T.A.  
JERVIS BAY 1700K/30th April.  
GLADSTONE: Secured alongside F.N.D. wharf 1242K/28th April.

KOOKABURRA: Undocking 1st May.

JUNE: Departed HOBART 1600K/28th April.  
ARUNTA: E.T.A. Sailing from PORT ARLINGTON at 0630K/30th  
April. E.T.A. RIVER ENTRANCE 0800, South  
Wharf 0900/30th April.

APPOINTMENTS: A/Comdr. A.J. TRAVIS from TORRENS in command  
to HARMON in command vice MOLASHLAN to date  
End May 1953.  
Comdr. A.D. MOLASHLAN in command to CERBERUS  
additional (temp.) for hospital treatment.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH TO 0900K/28TH APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/28TH TO 0900K/29TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

FREMANTLE: Departed FREMANTLE 1230K/28th April.  
E.T.A. GERALDTON 1100K/2nd May.

MILDURA: Departed FREMANTLE 1230K/28th April.  
E.T.A. GERALDTON 1200K/2nd May.

WARRAMUNGA: }  
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WARRAMUNGA: }  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/2nd May.

KANGAROO: )  
G.P.V. 965: )  
Arrived JERVIS BAY 0025K/28th April.

F.O.C.A.F. IN AUSTRALIA: 0900K proceeding to anchorage off  
PORT MELBOURNE.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside F.N.D. wharf 1242K/28th April.

WAGGA: E.T.D. PORT MELBOURNE 0900K/27th April.  
E.T.A. WESTPORT 1800K/30th April.

JUNEE: Departed HOBART 1600K/28th April.  
E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN 0800K/1st May.

APPOINTMENTS: A/Comdr. A.J. TRAVIS from TORRENS in command  
to HARMAN in command vice McLAHLAN to date  
2nd May 1953.  
Comdr. A.D. McLACHLAN in command to GERBERUS  
additional (temp.) for hospital treatment.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH TO 0900K/27TH APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH TO 0900K/28TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY .A. MALTA 1700K/25  
April.

SYDNEY:  
BLACK PRINCE:

WARREEN:

Docked 27th April. E.T.A. HONG KONG  
1100K/27th April.

KANG KOOKABURRA:

Doeking in P.D. 1000/28th April.  
E.T.A. JERVEN BAY 2130K/27.

VENGEANCE:

Doeking 6th - 21st May. on Pier 1030K/24.

BATAAN:

Secured No. 13 South Wharf 1600K/24.

SHOALHAVEN:

E.T.D. BRISBANE 1030K/30th April. because of  
superficial weather damage incurred en route.

MURCHISON:

E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/2nd May.

HAWKESBURY:

APP. PORT MELBOURNE 1200K/24.

F.O.C.A.P.

Dep. BRISBANE 1230K/25 on training cruise.

In AUSTRALIA:

0930K proceeding to anchorage off  
PORT ARLINGTON.

BATAAN:

Inspected by F.O.C.A.P. in berth 1 mile North  
PORT ARLINGTON Pier.

BATAAN:

E.T.D. PORT MELBOURNE 0900K/27th April.

BATAAN:

E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1500K/30th April. 1 to  
tow S.D.N.L. 1324 which broke down in NEW  
IRELAND waters.

WAGGA:

Dep. NEWCASTLE 1700K/25.

WAGGA:

E.T.A. PILE LIGHT (WRETON BAY) 1490K/27.

JUNEE:

When en passage to LAUNCESTON, forced to  
return HOBART by bad weather. Secured alongside  
0815K/26.

GLADSTONE:

Departs PORT MELBOURNE 1000K/27.

E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1700K/27.

WAGGA:

With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.

JUNEE:

Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA:

To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE:

Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH TO 0900K/27TH APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/28TH TO 0900K/24TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

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SYDNEY: ) Dep. TOBRUK 2300K/23. E.T.A. MALTA 1700K/25  
BLACK PRINCE: ) April.  
ANZAC: Dep. W. Coast KOREA 23rd. E.T.A. HONG KONG  
1100K/27th April.  
KANGAROO: ) Dep. SYDNEY 0830K/27. Departing SYDNEY  
G.P.V. 965: ) E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2130K/27. JERVIS BAY 1700K/23rd  
1800K/23rd April.  
AUSTRALIA: Secured Outer East station Pier 1030K/24.  
BATAAN: ) Secured No. 13 South wharf 1800K/24.  
ARUNTA: ) Not opened to public inspection because of  
superficial weather damage incurred en route.  
WOOMERA: ) Arr. PORT MELBOURNE 1200K/24.  
COWRA: ) Dep. BRISBANE 1230K/25 on training cruise.  
E.T.A. GLADSTONE 1400K/1 May.  
ARUNTA: ) Inspection by F.O.C.A.F. in berth 1 mile North  
PORT ARLINGTON Pier.  
M.S.L.708: ) M.S.L. 708 departed KAVIENG 25th April to  
S.D.M.L.1324: ) tow S.D.M.L.1324 which broke down in NEW  
IRELAND waters.  
WAGGA: ) Dep. NEWCASTLE 1700K/25.  
E.T.A. PILE LIGHT (MORETON BAY) 1490K/27.  
JUNEE: ) When on passage to LAUNCESTON, forced to  
return HOBART by bad weather. Secured alongside  
0815K/26.  
GLADSTONE: ) Departs PORT MELBOURNE 1000K/27.  
E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1700K/27.  
To depart SYDNEY a.m. 27th April for  
JERVIS BAY.  
To shift office to H.S.O. Building W.B.A.  
SYDNEY 11th May.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.  
JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.  
COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.  
GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



D.N.T.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD TO 0900K/24TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

RESERVE: Secured alongside GARDEN ISLAND 0115K/22nd April.

AIR SPEED: Now fully operational. Departing SYDNEY 1100K/23rd April. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 1730K/23rd April. Arrived JERVIS BAY 1620K/23rd April.

AUSTRALIA: Departed ADELAIDE 22nd April for MELBOURNE. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1000 24th April.

SHOALHAVEN: )  
HAWKESBURY: ) Arrived BRISBANE 22nd April.  
MURCHISON: )

AIR CHIEF: To be sailed for SYDNEY 8th May.

WAGGA: ) Programme to June, 1953 in F.O.I.C. E.A.'s  
COWRA: )  
COOTAMUNDRA: )

WOOMERA: Has assumed administrative control of WARRREN.  
P.C.S. 1200K/23rd 39° 02' S. 145° 58' E.  
Co. 305° Sp. 5½ knots. Amended E.T.A. SWAN ISLAND 0730K/24th April.

WAGGA: Departing SYDNEY 1030K/24th April. E.T.A. NEWCASTLE 1730K/24th April.

KANGAROO: ) To depart SYDNEY a.m. 27th April for  
G.P.V. 965: ) JERVIS BAY.

FOX 1: To shift office to N.S.O. Building N.B.A. SYDNEY 11th May.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON. E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP) at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22ND TO 0900K/23RD APRIL, 1953.  
 DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/21ST TO 0900K/22ND APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

MILDURA: ) Intend to sail from SHARK BAY 1900/21st  
PREMANTLE: ) In co-ordination with HOBART at 000K  
 23rd April for MELBOURNE. E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN  
 1100K Friday 24th April.

SHOALHAVEN: ) Amended programme from 2nd May to 30th June  
HAWKESBURY: ) promulgated in Captain (F) L's 210730.  
MURCHISON: ) departure remains indefinite owing to engine defects.

SYDNEY: Proposed Departed PORT SAID 2315K/21st/4. E.T.A.  
 TOBRUK 1400/25/4.

Arrive	Place	Depart
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<u>GLADSTONE:</u>	Programme 27th April - 1st May in	25th April
P.M. 1st May	GLADSTONE'S 220006Z.	1st May
P.M. 2nd May	GLADSTONE	3rd May
0920 4th May	HERVEY BAY AREA	7th May

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: Departed SYDNEY 1833K/21st for HOLLANDIA.

RESERVE and tow to enter SYDNEY for survey of TB.1536. 1825  
 E.T.A. 0100K/23rd April. 0100K 24th April.

WARREGO: Has assumed administrative control of WARREN.  
 All administrative and blast trials completed  
 satisfactorily.

WOOMERA: Position at 1200K/22nd April -

RESERVE: Departed 38° 06' S. 0100K 21st April.  
 149° 10' E.  
 Course 244°  
 Speed 6.5 knots

SHOALHAVEN: } Sailed SYDNEY for BRISBANE 20th April.  
HAWKESBURY: }  
MURCHISON: }

CONDAMINE: Arrived SYDNEY.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
 from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
 depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
 E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
 via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
 at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/21ST TO 0900K/22ND APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/20TH TO 0900K/21ST APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

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BATAAN: ) In company intend to sail from HOBART at 0001K  
ARUNTA: ) 23rd April for MELBOURNE. E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN  
1100K Friday 24th April.

SWILLIAMS: E.T.A. SYDNEY 1800K/21. E.T.A.  
HOLLANDIA 0800K/4th May.

KARANGI: Departure remains indefinite owing to engine defects.

COWRA: Proposed programme for R.A.N.R. Cruise: E.T.A.

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	BRISBANE	p.m. 25th April
P.M. 26th April	HERVEY BAY AREA	1st May
P.M. 1st May	GLADSTONE	3rd May
0930 4th May	MORETON BAY AREA	7th May
A.M. 7th May	BRISBANE	-

MACQUARIE: Reports for duty 0031K 22nd April S.D.M.L.1325  
in company. E.T.A. DARWIN 1600K 24th April.

The 4th Naval Reserve accompanied by Captain [Name] - [Name],  
D.N.I., Commander Thompson D/D.A.N.R. and Commander Roberts

QUADRANT: Preliminary Machinery, Anchor, Steering trials.  
gun functioning and blast trials completed satisfactorily.

RESERVE: Departed BYRON BAY 1500K 21st April.

SHOALHAVEN: )  
HAWKESBURY: ) Sailed SYDNEY for BRISBANE 20th April.  
MURCHISON: )

CONDAMINE: Arrived SYDNEY.

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/17TH TO 0900K/20TH APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/20TH TO 0900K/21ST APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

ALBATROSS:

To depart thence 1000K/24th for PORT MELBOURNE.  
E.T.A. 1000K/24th.

SNELLIUS:

E.T.D. SYDNEY 1800K/21. E.T.A.

PRINCE:

Departed HOLLANDIA 0800K/4th May. E.T.A.  
2300K/21st.

WOOMERA:

To depart Sailed SYDNEY 1700K/20. E.T.A. 1st  
to carry MELBOURNE 1700K/23. refit to be done  
at WILLIAMSTOWN starting 23rd November, 1953.

RESERVE:

Arrived Sailed BRISBANE 1700K/20 with thence in  
from JERT.B.1536 in tow. E.T.A. 0900K/20th  
WESTERNPORT a.m. Saturday 25th April.

ALBAHAMA:  
ALBANY:  
ALBERTA:  
ALBERTA:

Arrived SYDNEY 2100K/17th E.T.A. 1130K/22nd.  
from JENVIS BAY.

ALBERTA:

Arrived SYDNEY 0700K/18th from FLINDERS IS.

The 4th Naval Member accompanied by Captain Plunkett-Cole,  
D.N.I., Commander Thompson D/D.A.M.R. and Commander Roberts  
D/D.A.W.O.T. intends to visit BRISBANE and MANUS leaving  
MELBOURNE 11th May and returning on 21st. from GABO IS.

ALBERTA:

Arrived SYDNEY 1000K/20th from KOREA.

ALBERTA:  
E.D.H.L.1325:

Departed TOWNSVILLE 1500K/16th for DARWIN.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

ALBERTA:

Arrived West Coast of KOREA 18th from SANKBO.

TACTICIAN:

Arrived JENVIS BAY 1040K/16th. Departed thence  
0800K/18th for PORT KEMBLA, arrived there with  
WAGGA 1000K/18th April. Departed PORT KEMBLA  
0100K/20th for SYDNEY, arrived there 0600K/20.  
To visit NEW ZEALAND, arriving AUCKLAND 80th  
August, 1953.

MILDURA:

Arrived HOBART BAY 1430K/16th.

WAGGA:

With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
from SYDNEY.

JUNEE:

Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA:

To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE:

Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
at 1215K/17th.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/17TH TO 0900K/20TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

F.O.C.A.F.: Arrived ADELAIDE 16th April.  
AUSTRALIA: To depart thence 1030K/22nd for PORT MELBOURNE.  
 E.T.A. 1000K/24th.

SYDNEY: Departed ADEN 0100K/17th for SUEZ. E.T.A.  
BLACK PRINCE: 0330K/21st.

QUADRANT: To depart WILLIAMSTOWN Dockyard 0900K/21st  
 to carry out trials. First refit to be done  
 at WILLIAMSTOWN starting 23rd November, 1953.

FOX ONE: ) Arrived SYDNEY 0730K/19th ) Departed thence in  
SHOALHAVEN: ) from JERVIS BAY. ) company at 0900K/20th  
HAWKESBURY: ) ) for BRISBANE.  
MURCHISON: Arrived SYDNEY 2100K/17th ) E.T.A. 1130K/22nd.  
 from JERVIS BAY. )

WARREGO: Arrived SYDNEY 0700K/18th from FLINDERS IS.  
 Survey Area.

BARCOO: Arrived SYDNEY 1300K/17th from GABO IS.  
 Survey Area.

CONDAMINE: Arrived SYDNEY 1000K/20th from KOREA.

MACQUARIE: ) Departed TOWNSVILLE 1500K/16th for DARWIN.  
S.D.M.L.1325: ) E.T.A. about 24th.

CULGOA: Arrived West Coast of KOREA 18th from SASEBO.

TACTICIAN: Arrived JERVIS BAY 1940K/16th. Departed thence  
 0500K/18th for PORT KEMBLA, arrived there with  
 WAGGA 1000K/18th April. Departed PORT KEMBLA  
 0100K/20th for SYDNEY, arrived there 0600K/20.  
 To visit NEW ZEALAND, arriving AUCKLAND 20th  
 August, 1953.

MILDURA: ) Arrived SHARK BAY 1430K/16th.  
PREMANTLE: )

WAGGA: With TACTICIAN arrived PORT KEMBLA 1130K/18th  
 from SYDNEY.

JUNEE: Arrived HOBART 1400K/17th from MELBOURNE. To  
 depart thence 0900K/20th for LAUNCESTON.  
 E.T.A. 0800K/24th.

COWRA: To depart WHITSUNDAY IS. a.m./20th for BRISBANE  
 via HERVEY BAY. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1300K/23rd.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE (OWWSP)  
 at 1215K/17th.



WOOMERA: NARRATIVE FR To depart SYDNEY a.m./20th for MELBOURNE.

RESERVE: NAVAL S Arrived BRISBANE (Eagle St. wharf) 2015K/18th from SYDNEY. To depart thence 20th for WESTERNPORT with A.T.1536 in tow.

AUSTRALIA: Sailed WESTERNPORT for MELBOURNE 18th April. E.T.A. 18th April.

WARREEN: Docked in F.D.1002 at SYDNEY 20th.

MILDURA: Sailed FREMANTLE for SHARK BAY 14th April. E.T.A. 18th April.  
FREMANTLE:

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: Arrived SYDNEY 0900K/20th from WILLIAMSTOWN. E.T.D. 1800K/21st for NEW GUINEA. Sailed 10th April. E.T.A. WEST KEMULA 1000 Saturday 18th April.

at 0800K/10th April  
of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing from Jervis bay on 17th April.

AUSTRALIA: Berthing arrangements during period 24/4-5/5  
BRUNEL: MELBOURNE visit as follows:  
BARAAE: AUSTRALIA - 24th-25th - Outer part Princess Pier  
2nd-5th - Station Pier (berth to be confirmed).  
SUMA - Whangarua Rd. 12 South Wharf.  
BARAAE - at SUMA.

WOOMERA: To depart from SYDNEY 1600K/16th April. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1600K/18th April.

WARREN: To depart from FLINDERS IS. Survey Area 1700K/16th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/16th April.

BARCOO: To depart from GABO IS. Survey Area 1700K/16th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1300K/17th April.

C-in-C. E.I.S.: Flying flag in H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND will survey out cables as in his signal. E.T.A. 1800K/April.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/16TH TO 0900K/17TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

AUSTRALIA: sailed WESTERNPORT for ADELAIDE 14th April.  
E.T.A. 16th April.

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: ) sailed FREMANTLE for SHARK BAY 14th April.  
E.T.A. 16th April.

WAGGA: Intends sailing SYDNEY 0430 Saturday 18th April.  
E.T.A. PORT KEMBLA 1000 Saturday 18th April.

KANGAROO: Will be undocked in SYDNEY 17th April.

YASTIGIAN: departed from SYDNEY 1200K/15th April.  
E.T.A. JERVIS BAY on completion of AJASS  
exercise.

PERSEPHONE: To transfer to operational control of AJASS  
at 0800K/16th April and report to control  
of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing from JERVIS BAY  
on 17th April.

ARUNTA: at SYDNEY 1200K/15th.

AUSTRALIA: )  
ARUNTA: ) Berthing arrangements during period 24/4-6/5  
BATAAN: ) MELBOURNE visit as follows:  
AUSTRALIA - 24th-28th - Outer-gast princes Pier  
2nd-6th - Station Pier (berth to  
be confirmed).  
ARUNTA - alongside No. 12 south wharf.  
BATAAN - on ARUNTA.

WOOMERA: To depart from SYDNEY 1600K/16th April.  
E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1600K/19th April.

WARREGO: To depart from FLINDERS IS. Survey Area  
1700K/16th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/18th  
April.

BARCOO: To depart from GABO IS. Survey Area 1700K/16th  
April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1300K/17th April.

C-in-C. E.I.S.: Flying flag in H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND will  
carry out cruise as in his signal  
D.T.G. 140426Z/April.

BARCOO: 16th April. Complete leave and sail orders.  
17th April. 1000 Z. 1000. Proceeds straight from  
18th April. 1000 Z. 1000. Proceeds straight from  
19th April. 1000 Z. 1000. Proceeds straight from  
20th April. 1000 Z. 1000. Proceeds straight from



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/15TH TO 0900K/16TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

SYDNEY: ) Visit to TOBRUK on 23rd April approved.  
BLACK PRINCE: ) (Subject may be downgraded at 1000K/16th  
(RESTRICTED) ) April).

COWRA: Will commence paying off at WILLIAMSTOWN DOCKYARD 18th May.

WARREEN: To be docked in F.D.1002 20th April - SYDNEY.

KANGAROO: Will be undocked in SYDNEY 17th April.

TACTICIAN: Departed from SYDNEY 1300K/15th April. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY on completion of AJASS exercise. To transfer to operational control of AJASS at 0800K/16th April and revert to control of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing from JERVIS BAY on 17th April.

AUSTRALIA: ) Berthing arrangements during period 24/4-6/5  
ARUNTA: ) MELBOURNE visit as follows:  
BATAAN: ) AUSTRALIA - 24th-28th - Outer East Princes Pier  
 2nd-6th - Station Pier (berth to be confirmed).  
 ARUNTA - alongside No. 12 South Wharf.  
 BATAAN - on ARUNTA.

WOOMERA: To depart from SYDNEY 1600K/16th April. E.T.A. MELBOURNE 1600K/19th April.

WARREGO: To depart from FLINDERS IS. Survey Area 1700K/16th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0700K/18th April.

BARCOO: To depart from GABO IS. Survey Area 1700K/16th April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1300K/17th April.

C-in-C. E.I.S.: Flying flag in H.M.S. NEWFOUNDLAND will carry out cruise as in his signal D.T.G. 140426Z/April.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/14TH APRIL TO 0900K/15TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

GLADSTONE:

E.T.D. F.N.D. 1330K/15th April.  
E.T.A. PORT PHILLIP 2400K/15th April.

WARRAMUNGA:

Docking U. dock 17th April.

JUNEE:

E.T.D. WILLIAMSTOWN 1300K/16th April.  
E.T.A. HOBART 1400K/17th April.

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: )

E.T.D. FREMANTLE 1230K/14th April.  
E.T.A. SHARK BAY 1300K/16th.

SHOALHAVEN:

E.T.D. SYDNEY 1200K/15th.  
E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2030K/15th.

KOALA:

Due to defects now expect to complete  
refit on 15th May.

GLADSTONE:

Intend to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for WESTERNPORT  
1000K/13th April. E.T.A. 1630K/13th April.

KANGAROO:

25th April. Complete leave and self refit.  
27th April. JERVIS BAY. Recover sinkers from  
dummy minefield.  
4th May. Commence three weeks boom  
training afloat.  
27th July. Commence 56 days availability  
for leave and refit.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/13 APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/13TH TO 0900K/14TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

TACTICIAN:

Intends to depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY  
0900K/13th April. E.T.A. 0900K/11th April.

JUNEE:

Secured alongside Outer East Dockyard Pier.

TURNER:

To be unhooked 13th April.

S.P.V. 957:

Intends to depart BRISBANE p.m. 8th April.

MURCHISON:

Intends to sail from SYDNEY 0830 Tuesday  
14th April for JERVIS BAY, anchoring  
BROKEN BAY 14th April. Rendezvous with  
SHOALHAVEN 1400K Wednesday 15th off SYDNEY.  
E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2030 Wednesday 15th April.

H.M.S. SWELLER:

Intends to depart SYDNEY for NEW GUINEA  
1400K/15th April.

GENERAL:

AUSTRALIA:

Intends to sail from WESTERNPORT at 1030  
Tuesday 14th April for Outer Harbour ADELAIDE.  
E.T.A. 0830K Thursday 16th April.

(F.O.C.A.F.)

HAWKESBURY:

Intends to depart SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY  
1400K/13th April. E.T.A. 0900K/11th April.

SYDNEY:

Visit to BALTIMORE approved. BRISBANE 1800K/11th  
April. E.T.A. 1400K/16th April.

(2) major defects developed. Returning to SYDNEY.

BRISBANE:

Lieutenant Commander A.W. BAYNE R.A.N.  
Assigned command 1800K/11th April.

ROSEBY:

Intend to depart JERVIS BAY for ROSEBY  
1400K/13th April. E.T.A. 0900K/15th April.

STURDY:

Intend to depart DARWIN for STURDY 1800K/11th.  
E.T.A. 1000K/16th April.

WESTERNPORT:

Intend to depart JERVIS BAY for WESTERNPORT  
1800K/11th April. E.T.A. 0900K/15th April.

GLADSTONE:

Intend to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for WESTERNPORT  
1000K/13th April. E.T.A. 1630K/13th April.

KANGAROO:

25th April. Complete leave and self refit.  
27th April. JERVIS BAY. Recover sinkers from  
dummy minefield.  
4th May. Commence three weeks boom  
training afloat.  
27th July. Commence 56 days availability  
for leave and refit.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/10 TO 0900K/13th APRIL, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/10 TO 0900K/13 APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

TACTICIAN:

Intend to depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY  
2200K/10th April. E.T.A. 0600K/11th April.

TOBRUK:

To be undocked 13th April.

G.P.V. 957:

Arrived BRISBANE p.m. 9th April.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS:

On completion of repairs, SNELLIUS is expected  
to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for SYDNEY 0900K/17th  
April. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0900K/20th April.  
Vessel will leave SYDNEY for NEW GUINEA  
1800K/21st April.

COWRA:

Intend to depart BRISBANE for BARRIER REEF  
cruise 1330K/11th April. Return BRISBANE  
1300K/23rd April.

HAWKESBURY:

Intend to depart SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY  
2300K/10 April. E.T.A. 0800K/11th April.

RESERVE:

- (a) To depart SYDNEY for BRISBANE 1200K/11th  
April. E.T.A. 1400K/14th April.
- (b) Major defect developed. Returning to SYDNEY.

MURCHISON:

Lieutenant-Commander A.W. Savage R.A.N.  
assumed command 1000K/11th April.

BATAAN: )  
ARUNTA: )

Intend to depart JERVIS BAY for HOBART  
1400K/11th April. E.T.A. 0900K/13th April.

CONDAMINE:

Intend to depart DARWIN for SYDNEY 1530K/11th.  
E.T.A. 1000K/20th April.

AUSTRALIA:

Intend to depart JERVIS BAY for WESTERNPORT  
1600K/11th April. E.T.A. 0900K/13th April.

GLADSTONE:

Intend to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for WESTERNPORT  
1000K/13th April. E.T.A. 1630K/13th April.

KANGAROO:

25th April. Complete leave and self refit.  
27th April. JERVIS BAY. Recover sinkers from  
dummy minefield.  
4th May. Commence three weeks boom  
training afloat.  
27th July. Commence 56 days availability  
for leave and refit.



D.N.I.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/9TH TO 0900K/10TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY. L, 1953.

SYDNEY: Intends to sail COLOMBO 2200EF/10th April.

JUNEE: Secured alongside F.N.D. wharf. Intends to sail 0710K/10th. E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN 1300K/10th April.

MURCHISON: Intends to sail JERVIS BAY 2230K/9th. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0800K/10th April.

BATAAN: ) Departure JERVIS BAY 11th April.  
ARUNTA: ) E.T.A. HOBART 13th April.

COWRA: Departed SYDNEY 0800K/9. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1200K/11.

NAVAL AVIATION: Naval Aircraft will be required for fly past at CANBERRA on Coronation Day 2nd June, 1953.

KANGAROO: Will be docked 10th April.

MILDURA: E.T.A. FREMANTLE 0900K/9.

FREMANTLE: E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1000K/11.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO: (Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/8TH TO 0900K/9TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

TACTICIAN: Arrived JERVIS BAY 1630K/7.

AIR SPEED: Non operational from 1030K/8.

MACQUARIE: )  
S.D.M.L.1325: ) Departed SYDNEY 1600K/8. E.T.A. FREMANTLE  
E.T.A. TOWNSVILLE 0800K/14. E.T.D. 0800K/15.  
E.T.A. DARWIN to be reported.

WARREEN: ) Transfer from custody of S.O.H.S. to JERVIS BAY  
administrative control of WARREGO as survey  
tender 22nd April.

CONDAMINE Returned Australia Station and operational  
control F.O.C.A.F. 0327K/8.

BATAAN: )  
ARUNTA: ) Departure JERVIS BAY 11th April.  
E.T.A. HOBART 13th April.

COWRA: Departed SYDNEY 0800K/9.  
E.T.A. BRISBANE 1200K/11.

NAVAL AVIATION: Naval Aircraft will be required for fly past  
at CANBERRA on Coronation Day 2nd June, 1953.

KANGAROO: Will be docked 10th April.

MILDURA: E.T.A. FREMANTLE 0900K/9.

FREMANTLE: E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1000K/11.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO: (Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds  
for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th  
March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT  
MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR SPEED:

Arrived SYDNEY 0955K/7.

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: )

Sailed BUNBURY 1000K/7. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1000K/11th.

BATAAN: )  
ARUNTA: )

Sailed SYDNEY 1700K/7. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0100K/8.

JUNEE:

E.T.D. WILLIAMSTOWN 0900K/8. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1600K/8.

G.P.V. 957:

E.T.D. GLADSTONE 0500K/8. E.T.A. BRISBANE 1700K/9.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO:

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/2ND TO 0900K/7TH APRIL, 1953,  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

F.O.C.A.F. AUSTRALIA ) To depart Sydney 1000K/8th for Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 1800K/8th. res Sydney 11th for Brisbane, arriving 18th. To proceed to Westernport with 1530

SYDNEY BLACK PRINCE ) En route, Fremantle, Colombo, E.T.A. 1230K/9th.

BATAAN. ) Paid off into 3 class reserves and, secured lines Arrived Sydney 0530K/2nd.

BARCOO. BOHUA. ) Departed Sydney 0900K/7th for Cabo Island survey area, E.T.A. 0900/8th.

WARREGO. ) Arrived Port Melbourne 0800K/2nd, to depart thence 1200K/7th for Flinders Island survey ground, E.T.A. 0800K/8th.

FOX ONE. N.E.A. ) Proposes transferring office to KUTTABEL about 10th after being relieved in SHOALHAVEN until QUADRANT commissions.

SHOALHAVEN MURCHISON ) To depart Sydney 1800K/7th for Jervis Bay, E.T.A. to 0200K/8th.

MACQUARIE S.D.M.L.1325 ) To depart Sydney 1600K/8th for Darwin, E.T.A. to be reported. Calling at Townsville 0800K/14th-0800K/15th. To depart from Darwin to arrive Moresby 1st June.

CONDAMINE. A. ) Departed Hong Kong 1000K/3rd for Darwin, E.T.A. 1000K/11th.

A/CAPTAIN J.B. CULGOA. ) At Hong Kong. and as Captain (D) 10th Destroyer Squadron.

TACTICIAN. ) Departed Sydney 0815K/7th for Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 1630K/7th.

THOROUGH. ) Taken in hand by C.S. SINGAPORE 6th April, for refit, expected date of completion 19th September, 1953.

MILDURA FREMANTLE ) Arrived Bunbury a.m. 3rd.

JUNEE. ) To depart Williamstown 0900K/8th for Flinders Naval Depot arriving 0800K/9th departing thence 0750K/10th for return to Williamstown.

COWRA. ) To depart Brisbane p.m./11th for R.A.N.R. Training cruise, returning 23rd.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO: (Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST TO 0900K/2ND APRIL, 1953.

RESERVE ) Arrived Sydney (Cruiser Wharf) 1815K/2nd.  
M.W.L.255 ) To sail from Sydney 11th for Brisbane, arriving  
 13th. To proceed to Westernport with A.T.1536  
 in tow, when ordered.

M.W.L.251. P.C.S. 1200K/21 28°52' S. 153°37' E.  
 Paid off into B Glass reserve 2nd, moored into  
 Cockburn Sound, Fremantle. S: 153° 30' E.  
 Course 189° Speed 6.5 knots

H.M.N.Z.S. ECHUCA. Arrived Auckland 1st April.

G.P.V.957. Departed Brisbane 0600K/3rd, arrived Gladstone  
 0200K/6th accompanying Brisbane-Gladstone yacht  
 race.

EMU. ) Intends visiting Arnhem Land and Gulf Mission  
H.O.I.C. N.W.A.) Stations departing Darwin a.m. 9th April, returning  
 a.m. 23rd.

MURCHISON:

AIR SPEED. Departed Jervis Bay 0400K/7th for Sydney, E.T.A. to  
 be reported.

AIR CHIEF. Arrived Jervis Bay 1845K/2nd.

COOTAMUNDRA. ) To be undocked Codock, 9th.  
KAFUNDA. )

TRANSPORT "NEW AUSTRALIA". Departed Brisbane 1830K/6th for Sydney. E.T.A.  
 Circular Quay 0730K/8th.

A/CAPTAIN J.S. WESLEY, D.S.C., R.A.N., assumed command of H.M.A.S.  
 ANZAC and as Captain (D) 10th Destroyer  
 Squadron.

CONRAL

Arrive	Place	Depart
-	BRISBANE	P.M. Sat. 11th
P.M. Sun. 12th	HARVEY BAY	A.M. Wed. 15th
P.M. Wed. 15th	KEPPEL BAY	A.M. Thurs. 16th
P.M. Thurs. 16th	PERCY IS.	A.M. Fri. 17th
P.M. Fri. 17th	WHITSUNDAY IS.	A.M. Mon. 20th
P.M. Tues. 22nd	HARVEY BAY	A.M. Wed. 22nd
A.M. Thurs 23rd	BRISBANE	-

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO: (Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds  
 for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th  
 March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT  
 MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/1ST TO 0900K/2ND APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/31 26°52' S. 153°37' E.  
 1200K/1 Course 176° Speed 10 knots  
 29° 57.5' S 153° 30' E.  
 Course 189° Speed 6.5 knots

AIR CHIEF: Departs SYDNEY 0800K/2nd for JERVIS BAY.

BATAAN: E.T.D. BROKEN BAY 0345K/2 E.T.A. SYDNEY 0530K/2.

MURCHISON: Sailed PORT STEPHENS 1700K/1 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1000K/2nd.

SYDNEY: En route FREMANTLE to COLOMBO.

AUSTRALIA: En route PERCY IS. to SYDNEY.

R.A.N.A.S. Schofields commissioned as H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA 1st April, under command of Captain D. Sanderson, D.S.C., R.N.

COWRA: Programme for R.A.N.R. Training Cruise commencing April 11th.

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
1st R.A.A.F.	-	BRISBANE	P.M. Sat. 11th
2nd Army	P.M. Sun. 12th	HERVEY BAY	A.M. Wed. 15th
2nd Navy	P.M. Wed. 15th	KEPPEL BAY	A.M. Thurs. 16th
	P.M. Thurs. 16th	PERCY IS.	A.M. Fri. 17th
	P.M. Fri. 17th	WHITSUNDAY IS.	A.M. Mon. 20th
	P.M. Tues. 21st	HARVEY BAY	A.M. Wed. 22nd
	A.M. Thurs 23rd	BRISBANE	-

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO: (Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/31 TO 0900K/1ST APRIL, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: )

Arrived CAREENING COVE. 1200K/30th March.

BARCOO:

Departed TWOFOLD BAY for SYDNEY.  
E.T.A. 1400K/1st April.

Commodore Sir Charles Madden Bart has taken over duties of First Naval Member and Chief of the Naval Staff, New Zealand vice Rear Admiral F.A. Ballance, D.S.O., as from Tuesday 31st March.

Inter Service Sports 1953

1st R.A.A.F.	241 points
2nd Army	190 points
3rd Navy	129 points

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO:

(Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

AIR MASTER:

Now fully operational.

BATAAN:

Intends to depart SYDNEY for BROKEN BAY 0900K/30th March. E.T.A. 1500K/30th March.

JUNEE:

Intends to depart WILLIAMSTOWN for WESTERNPORT 0600K/31st March. E.T.A. 1300K/31st March.

KANGAROO:

To commence 25 days availability for self-refit and docking as from 31st March.

WARREGO:

(Corrected version). To depart PORT MELBOURNE for survey grounds, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and survey grounds 0800K/2nd April.

MILDURA: )  
FREMANTLE: )

Intends to depart FREMANTLE for BUNBURY 1030K/31st March. E.T.A. 0830K/4th April.

RESERVE:

P.C.S. at 1200K/30th March  
23° 24.5' S ; 152° 21' E.  
Course 142 S.O.A. 9.5 knots.

SYDNEY: )  
BLACK PRINCE: )

Intends to depart FREMANTLE 1530K/30th March. E.T.A. COLOMBO 1230K/9th April.

GLADSTONE:

Commenced 14 days availability as from 30th March.

D.N.I.

AMENDMENT TO

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH TO 0900K/31ST MARCH, 1953.

WARREGO:

(Corrected version). To depart Survey Grounds for PORT MELBOURNE, via WESTERNPORT 1400K/30th March. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1st April and PORT MELBOURNE 0800K/2nd April.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH MARCH TO 0900K/30TH MARCH.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH TO 0900K/30TH MARCH, 1964.

## NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

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**AUSTRALIA:** Intend to sail from PERCY ISLAND 1000/30th.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 0745/2nd April.

**MURCHISON:** Intend to sail from SYDNEY 0915/30th for  
PORT STEVENS. E.T.A. 1815/30th March.

**GLADSTONE:** Secured alongside W.W.S.P.

**RESERVE:** P.C.S. at 1200/29th March.  
20° 52' S.  
149° 26' E.  
Course 138  
Speed 8.8

**WARREGO:** Intend to depart survey ground 1400/31st March.  
E.T.A. HANN'S INLET 0600/1st April.  
E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 0800/2nd April.

**ANZAC:** Departed SASEBO 24th March. E.T.A. West  
Coast KOREA 25th March.

**CULGOA:** Departed SINGAPORE 26th March for HONG KONG.

**THOROUGH:** P.C.S. at 0800 GH/29th March  
0° 19' S.  
105° 13' E.  
Course 003°  
Speed 1  
E.T.A. SINGAPORE 0930/30th March.

Commander G.L. CANT assumed command of TARANGAU 26th March.

Office of N.L.O. LONDON will transfer to Australia House on  
12th April.

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**CORONATION CONTINGENT:** Postal address for all personnel of the  
Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-  
Official number, rank/rating, name,  
Australian and New Zealand Coronation  
Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

**CONDAMINE:** Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) E.T.A. HONG KONG 1000K/26th March.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26 TO 0900K/27TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

SHOALHAVEN: Sailed SYDNEY for BROKEN BAY 0800K/26.

THOROUGH: P.C.S. 1000K/26th 11° 40' S. 106° 31' E.  
Course 333° Speed 11.8 knots.

BATAAN: Sailed JERVIS BAY 2300K/26th arrived SYDNEY  
0630K/27.

GLADSTONE: Sailed WESTERNPORT 1645K/26 arrived PT. PHILLIP  
2245K/26.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/26 16° 39' S. 146° 36' E.  
Course 280° Speed 9 knots.

MURCHISON fired 40 minute gun salute from No. 1 Buoy in SYDNEY commencing at noon Thursday 26th March.

The funeral of Queen Mary will take place on Tuesday 31st March. Colours are to be hoisted at half mast daily until after the funeral.

Service mourning is to be observed until and including day of funeral.

CORONATION CONTINGENT: Postal address for all personnel of the Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-

Official number, rank/rating, name,  
Australian and New Zealand Coronation  
Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

CONDAMINE: Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/25th TO 0900K/26th MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

SYDNEY:

H.M.Z.S. BLACK PRINCE: ) (Anzac Squadron)  
 ) en route MELBOURNE to FREMANTLE.  
 E.T.A. 1200K/29th.

THOROUGH:

En route FREMANTLE to SINGAPORE.  
 E.T.A. 30th.  
 1800/P.C. & S. (16°00' S. ) 339° 11.5 knots.  
 25th (108°40' E.)

RESERVE: )  
N.W.L. 255: )

En route MANUS to SYDNEY. E.T.A. a.m./  
 2nd April.  
 1200/P.C. & S. (13°58' S. ) 227° 10 knots.  
 25th (129°22' E.)

CULGOA:

Departs SINGAPORE 1430K/26th for HONG  
 KONG. E.T.A. a.m. 1st.

Her Majesty Queen Mary died during the night of 24th/25th.  
 Colours ordered to be hoisted half mast until her funeral  
 on 1st April.

CORONATION CONTINGENT: Postal address for all personnel of the  
 Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-

Official number, rank/rating, name,  
 Australian and New Zealand Coronation  
 Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

CONDAMINE: Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
 (CONFIDENTIAL) E.T.A. HONG KONG 1000K/26th March.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH MARCH TO 0900K/25TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AUSTRALIA: (FOCAF) Departed WESTERNPORT for HERVEY BAY 20th March.  
E.T.D. HERVEY BAY 1200K/24th March. E.T.A. PERCY ISLANDS 0700K/25th March.

SYDNEY: ) Departed MELBOURNE 24th March for U.K. via  
HMNZS BLACK PRINCE:) FREMANTLE. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1200K 29th March.

THOROUGH: Departed FREMANTLE for SINGAPORE 21st March.  
P.C.S. 1030K/23rd March 24° 20' S. 112° 20' E.  
Co. 339° Sp. 11 knots.  
P.C.S. 1030K/24th March 20° 10' S. 110° 20' E.  
Co. 339° Sp. 11 knots.

BATAAN: Departed JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 22nd March.  
E.T.D. SYDNEY 1700K/24th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0600K/25th.

TOBRUK: Proposed programme in F.O.C.A.F. D.T.G. 230230.  
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ARUNTA: E.T.D. SYDNEY in company with BATAAN 1700K/24th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0600K/25th March.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/24th March 11° 09' S. 152° 07' E.  
Co. 182° Speed 9 knots.

AIR CHIEF: To sail for JERVIS BAY 2nd April, 3 S.A.R. Craft to be used on JERVIS BAY.

S.D.M.L.1325: To commission as tender to MELVILLE, 31st March.

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CORONATION CONTINGENT: Postal address for all personnel of the Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-  
Official number, rank/rating, name, Australian and New Zealand Coronation Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

CONDAMINE: Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) E.T.A. HONG KONG 1000K/26th March.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD MARCH TO 0900K/24TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

RESERVE: Position at 1200K/22 March 05° 37' S.  
147° 32.5' E.

THOROUGH: P.C.S. at 0800 GH/22nd March 28° 40' S. Co. 352°  
113° 00' E. Sp. 11 kts.

SYDNEY: ) Intend sailing from PORT MELBOURNE 1130K/24th March.  
BLACK PRINCE: ) E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1200K/29th March.

SHOALHAVEN: Intends sailing from SYDNEY 0815K/24th March.  
E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 1930K/24th March.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/23rd March 07° 52.7' S. Co. 126°  
150° 34' E. Sp. 9 kts.

JUNEE: Intends sailing from WILLIAMSTOWN 0830K/24th March  
for KING ISLAND AREA 2000K/24th March.

TOBRUK: Commander I.H. McDonald assumed command P.M.  
Monday 23rd March.

MURCHISON: Intends sailing from BROKEN BAY 0930 24th March.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 2230/25th March.

BATAAN: ) Sailed from JERVIS BAY 2200/22nd March.  
ARUNTA: ) Arrived SYDNEY 1500/23rd March.

19th March, 1953.

CORONATION CONTINGENT: Postal address for all personnel of the  
Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-  
Official number, rank/rating, name,  
Australian and New Zealand Coronation  
Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

CONDAMINE: Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) E.T.A. HONG KONG 1000K/26th March.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/20TH MARCH TO 0900K/23RD MARCH, 1953.

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NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

AIR CHIEF: Will be non operational from 0800K/20th March until further notice for routine slipping.

ROTOITI: Arrived AUCKLAND 19th March.

WOOMERA: To be undocked in SYDNEY 20th March.

TOBRUK: )  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) To be docked in Captain Cook Dock SYDNEY 24th March.  
KAPUNDA: )

KOALA: To be docked in Floating Dock SYDNEY 23rd March.

WAGGA: )  
COWRA: ) Intended programme to June 1953 given in F.O.I.C.,  
COOTAMUNDRA: ) E.A.'s signal D.T.G. 190755Z/March 1953.

BLACK PRINCE: P.C.S. 0730K/20th March 33° 56' S, 158° 05' E.  
Course 272° Speed 14 knots. Position at 0830K/21st  
March - off SYDNEY HEADS.

SYDNEY: Departed SYDNEY 0930K/21st March. E.T.A. PORT  
MELBOURNE 1000K/23rd March. R/V with BLACK PRINCE  
off SYDNEY.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside O.W.W.S.P. at 1025K/20th March.  
Will depart PORT MELBOURNE 1200K/23rd March. E.T.A.  
WESTERNPORT 1800K/23rd March.

RESERVE: Departed MANUS a.m. 21st March with M.W.L.255 in  
tow. E.T.A. SYDNEY a.m. 2nd April 1953. P.C.S. at  
1200K/21st March - 02° 00' S, 147° 28' E. Course  
190° Speed 9 knots.

MURCHISON: Intend to sail 1000K/23rd March. E.T.A. BROKEN BAY  
1400K/23rd March.

MACQUARIE: To be sailed from SYDNEY 8th April for DARWIN via  
TOWNSVILLE for four months duty in Northern waters.

JUNEE: Secured alongside dockyard pier WILLIAMSTOWN  
1400K/20th March.

THOROUGH: Departed FREMANTLE 1200K/21st March. E.T.A.  
SINGAPORE 30th March.

C. in C. Vice Admiral Sir Charles E. Lambe K.C.B., C.V.O.,  
FAR EAST STATION: succeeded Admiral The Hon. Sir Guy Russell K.C.B.,  
C.B.E., D.S.O. as C. in C. F.E.S. at 1430 on  
19th March, 1953.

CORONATION CONTINGENT: Postal address for all personnel of the  
Coronation Contingent should be as follows:-  
  
Official number, rank/rating, name,  
Australian and New Zealand Coronation  
Contingent, C/- G.P.O.

CONDAMINE: Departed KURE 1100K/21st March.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) E.T.A. HONG KONG 1000K/26th March.

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**KANIERE:** Departed SYDNEY 1030K/21st March.

**AUSTRALIA:** Amended programme as follows:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
8/4/53	JERVIS BAY	11/4/53
13/4/53	WESTERNPORT	14/4/53
16/4/53	ADELAIDE	22/4/53
24/4/53	MELBOURNE and PORT PHILLIP	6/5/53

**REPORT:** ... WILLIAMSTOWN to make ...

**SYDNEY:** ... Corporation Contingent ... ship ...

**INTER SERVICE SPORTS:** Final results as follows :-

R.A.A.F. 210 points

Army 170 "

Navy 160 "

**NEW AUSTRALIA:**

**WILSONS:**

DAILY NARRATIVE ... TO ... MARCH.

**SYDNEY:**

C.T.S. ... Contingent and ... ship ...

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH TO 0900K/20TH MARCH 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

BLACK PRINCE:

P.C.S. 2000K/18 34° 08' S 165° 10' E  
Co. 272° sp. 14.5 kts.CONFIDENTIAL  
MACQUARIE:Will depart SYDNEY 8th April for DARWIN  
for patrols in NWAA and NEAA.

KARANGI:

2100K/19 arrived WILLIAMSTOWN to make  
good E.R. defects.

SYDNEY:

C.N.S. will address Coronation Contingent  
and ships company at 1115K/23, ship  
departing at 1130K/23.AUSTRALIA:  
(FOCAF)Departs WESTERNPORT 1000K/20  
Arrives HERVEY BAY 1300K/24 March

NEW AUSTRALIA:

Arrived KURE 1800K/18  
E.T.D. PUSAN 0700K/23 March

GLADSTONE:

Dep. HANN's Inlet 1520K/19.  
E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 2200K/19.

## AMENDMENT TO

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH TO 0900K/20TH MARCH.

SYDNEY:

C.N.S. will address Coronation Contingent and  
Ship's company at 1115K/24, ship departing at  
1130K/24.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/18TH MARCH TO 0900K/19TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

- H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS:** Commander S.T.M. Gower assumed command and as C.O.R.S. SYDNEY, wednesday 13th March.
- H.M.A.S. KARANGI:** E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN 2100K Thursday 19th March, to make good E.R. defects.
- H.M.N.Z.S. BLACK PRINCE:** P.C.S. 0630K/18th March 24° 20' S : 172° 05' E. Course 272° Speed 14.5 knots.
- H.N.M.S. VAN KINSBERGEN:** Departed SYDNEY 1600K/17th March for HOLLANDIA. E.T.A. 1100K/26th March.

**LABUAN:** ... at 0700K/18th March and revert to operational control of F.S.I.S. H.A. on sailing for SYDNEY 18th March. Intend departing SYDNEY 1100K/18th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0500K/18th March.

**PERIGO:** Intend departing HOBART 0500K 18th March. E.T.A. ----- 0700K/18th March.

**MACQUARIE:** Intend departing HOBART 1800K/18th March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/18th March.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/17 MARCH TO 0900K/18 MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: Arrived MELBOURNE 15th March.

THOROUGH: Arrived FREMANTLE 16th March.

H.N.M.S. VAN KINSBERGEN: Intends to depart SYDNEY for HOLLANDIA 1600K/17th March. E.T.A. 1100K/26th March.

KARANGI: (1) Departed SYDNEY for FREMANTLE p.m. 16th March.

(2) P.C.S. 1200K/17th March  
35° 36' S : 150° 43' E.  
Course 210° : S.O.A. 9 knots.

SYDNEY: To depart SYDNEY for MELBOURNE 0930K/21st March : E.T.A. 1000K/23rd March.

GLADSTONE: Sailing from F.N.D. delayed until 1430K/18th March owing to adverse weather.

RESERVE: E.T.A. BRISBANE first week in April.

MAQUINIA: Intend departing SYDNEY 1100K/18th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0800K/18th March.

VARREGO: Intend departing HOBART 0800K/18th March. E.T.A. ----- NORTON 0700K/18th March.

MAQUINIA: Intend departing HOBART BAY 1000K/18th March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1700K/18th March.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/16TH MARCH TO 0900K/17TH MARCH 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

- THOROUGH: P.C.S. 1000K/15th March 34° 53' S. 15° 40' E. Co. 300° Speed 8 knots. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1600K/16th March.
- MILDURA: ) E.T.D. ABROLHOS IS. 1000K/15th March. E.T.A. )  
FREMANTLE: ) FREMANTLE 1000K/16th March.
- BATAAN: E.T.D. SYDNEY 1230K/16th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2030K/16th March.
- KANIERE: Carrying out firings against sleeve target at 0930K/16th March in position 115° MACQUARIE IS. 9 miles.
- JUNEE: E.T.D. WILLIAMSTOWN 0830K/17th March. E.T.A. WILSON'S PROMONTORY AREA 2200K/17th.
- KARANGI: safe to proceed.
- TACTICIAN: To transfer to operational control Fox 1 on arrival BROKEN BAY 16th March. To revert to operational control F.O.I.C. E.A. 19th March on return to SYDNEY.
- GLADSTONE: Secured alongside F.N.D. wharf.
- ARUNTA: E.T.D. SYDNEY 1400K/16th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 2200K/16th March.

... departed ... 15th March. Intends to ... 16th March. ... ALBION ISLAND ...

... E.A.T. secured ...

... RAYAL ... 17th March until ...

... at 0700K/17th March ... control of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing for STONEY 15th March. Intend departing STONEY 1300K/17th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0600K/16th March.

... departed ... 0600K/17th March. E.T. ----- NORFOLK 0700K/15th March.

... departed ... 1700K/17th March. E.T.A. STONEY 1700K/17th March.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/13TH TO 0900K/16TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

KARANGI: E.T.D. SYDNEY 16th March for FREMANTLE via PORT ADELAIDE and ALBANY. Sailing delayed to clear dangerous accumulation of oil in boiler room bilges. PENGUIN to investigate cause.

TACTICIAN: Sailed JERVIS BAY 1200K/13 for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 2000K/13. Arrived JERVIS BAY.

THOROUGH: P.C.S. 1000K/13th 36° 10' S. 123° 40' E. Course 280° Speed 8 knots. P.C.S. 0800H 14th 35° 32' S. 119° 44' - 208 - 8.

ROTOITI: Arrived SYDNEY 1001K/13. E.T.D. 0900K/15 for AUCKLAND.

GLADSTONE: Sailed HOBART 1000K/14 for WESTERNPORT. E.T.A. 0800K/16.

AUSTRALIA: (FOCAF) E.T.D. SYDNEY 1100K/16th for WESTERNPORT. E.T.A. 1000K/18th.

CULGOA: Proposes to sail from DARWIN to SINGAPORE. E.T.D. 1030K Saturday 14th March. E.T.A. 1300K Sunday 22nd March.

LATROBE: Transferred to Dockyard Control p.m. Friday 13th March.

TACTICIAN, SHOALHAVEN, MURCHISON, KANIERE (HMNZS) arrived JERVIS BAY 12th March.

WARREGO departed HOBART for LAUNCESTON 12th March. Intends to sail LAUNCESTON 1100 16th March. E.T.A. FLINDERS ISLAND survey 2100 10th March. MILDURA departed FREMANTLE for ALBROLHOS ISLAND 12th March.

RUSHCUTTER: Commander I.K. Purvis R.A.N. assumed command 14th March, 1953.

SECOND NAVAL MEMBER intends to visit SYDNEY from p.m. Tuesday, 17th March until Saturday 21st March.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/12TH TO 0900K/13TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

SHOALHAVEN: )  
KANIERE: )  
MURCHISON: )

Departed MELBOURNE 22nd March, arrived  
 Arrived JERVIS BAY 0800K/13th from SYDNEY.

MILDURA: )  
SNELLIUS: )

Departed FREMANTLE 1040K/12th for ABROLHOS IS.  
 E.T.A. 1400K/13th.

BARCOO: )

Intends to depart from GABO IS. Survey Ground  
 1600K/31st March for SYDNEY. E.T.A.  
 1400K/1st April.

MURCHISON: )  
WARREGO: )

Sailing from I on 1800K/11th March. E.T.A.  
 Arrived LAUNCESTON 0700K/13th.

THOROUGH:

0800I/12th P.C. & S.  $36^{\circ} 50' S$ .  $155^{\circ} 48' E$ .  
 $127^{\circ} 55' E$ . 280°, 11.5 knts.

BYADSTONE: )  
TACTICIAN: )

Departed MELBOURNE for HOBART 24th March.  
 Arrived JERVIS BAY 0652K/12th. HOBART  
 1200K/11th March.

RESERVE:  
S.D.M.L.1324:

Secured alongside at TARANGAU 2100K/11th.  
 Departed JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 9th March.  
 Arrived 10th March.

WOOMERA:  
WARREGO:

Docked in F.D. 100Z on 12th March.  
 Arrived 11th March.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: To arrive WILLIAMSTOWN 1100K/13th  
 from BRISBANE.

WARREGO: )  
MACQUARIE: )

To be called for MUSTANG as soon as  
 convenient after arrival HAVUS.  
 P.O.S. 1800K/11th March  $2^{\circ} 38.8' S$ .  
 $147^{\circ} 14.80' E$ . Co. 340° Speed 7 knots.

EDLA:  
WARREGO:

Lt. Cdr. WOODS R.N. assumed command 11th March.  
 Lt. Cdr. WOODS R.N. assumed command  
 11th March.

TACTICIAN:

To transfer to operational control of F.O.I.C. E.A. at 0700K/12th March and revert to operational control of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing for SYDNEY 13th March.  
 Intend departing SYDNEY 1100K/11th March.  
 E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0800K/12th March.

WARREGO:

Intend departing HOBART 0800K/12th March.  
 E.T.A. LAUNCESTON 0700K/13th March.

MACQUARIE:

Intend departing BROKEN BAY 1430K/11th March.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1730K/11th March.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11TH MARCH TO 0900K/12TH MARCH, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY 0900K/11TH MARCH, 1953.

H.N.M.S. VAN KINGSBERGEN: (RESTRICTED) **NAVAL** Departed MELBOURNE 6th March, arrived SYDNEY 8th March.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: (RESTRICTED) Arrived BRISBANE from HOLLANDIA 9th March.

SHOALHAVEN: ) Depart SYDNEY 1100K/11th March. E.T.A.  
KANIERE: ) JERVIS BAY 0800K/13th March, exercising en route.

MURCHISON: Joining Fox 1 at 1800K/11th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0800K/13th March.

THOROUGH: P.C.S. 0900K/11th March 37° 40' S. 133° 48' E. Course 280° speed 10½ knots.

GLADSTONE: Departed MELBOURNE for HOBART 9th March. Secured alongside King's wharf, HOBART 1250K/11th March.

AUSTRALIA: Departed JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 9th March. Arrived 10th March.

VENGEANCE: Arrived SYDNEY 11th March.

BATAAN: ) Departed JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 9th March.  
ARUNTA: )

RESERVE: To be sailed for BRISBANE as soon as convenient after arrival MANUS. P.C.S. 1200K/11th March 2° 38.6' S. 147° 14.22' E. Co. 340° speed 7 knots.

KOALA: Lt.Cdr. Mason R.N. assumed command 11th March.

KARANGI: Lt.Cdr. Taudevin R.A.N.V.R. assumed command 11th March.

TACTICIAN: To transfer to operational control of A.J.A.S.S. at 0700K/12th March and revert to operational control of F.O.I.C. E.A. on sailing for SYDNEY 13th March. Intend departing SYDNEY 1100K/11th March. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0800K/12th March.

WARREGO: Intend departing HOBART 0800K/12th March. E.T.A. LAUNCESTON 0700K/13th March.

MACQUARIE: Intend departing BROKEN BAY 1430K/11th March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1730K/11th March.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/9TH MARCH TO 0900K/10TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/10TH MARCH TO 0900K/11TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

Depart

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: Departed BRISBANE 090610Z.  
E.T.A. WILLIAMSTOWN 130100Z.

1600K/7th  
11st March

THOROUGH:

P.C.S. at 0800K/10th March 38° 30' S.  
139° 17' E.

Co. 28° Sp. 9 kts.

BATAAN:  
ARUNTA:

Dep. P. Departed JERVIS BAY 1545K 10th March for  
E.T.A. SYDNEY exercising en route.

BLACK PRINCE:

Intends sailing from SPITHEAD on 16th  
June joining the Mediterranean Fleet  
for exercises and returning to NEW  
ZEALAND in September.

RESERVE:

P.C. & S. 1200K/10th March 5° 22.5' S.  
147° 28' E.

Co. 355° Sp. 5 kts.

F.O.C.A.F.:

The Flag Of Rear-Admiral J.W.M. Eaton,  
D.S.O., D.S.C. will be transferred from  
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA at  
0800K/11th March.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/6TH MARCH TO 0900K/10TH MARCH, 1953.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1800K/7th March 7° 54' S; 150° 11' E.  
 and 11.0 knots.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

\* THOROUGH: Programme: R.N. CLIFFENBUCK, D.S.O., R.N.  
 Arrive Place Depart  
 16th March SYDNEY 1000K/7th  
 30th March FREMANTLE 21st March  
 SINGAPORE  
 Route via SUNDA ST.  
 P.C.S. at 0800K/8th March : 37° 46.5' S; 149°  
 45.5' E. Course 243° Speed 11.5 knots.  
 P.C.S. at 0900K/9th March : 39° 07.5' S; 144°  
 32.0' E. Course 280° Speed 11.5 knots.

MILDURA: Dep. SHARK BAY 1530K/4th March.  
 E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1700K/6th March.

GLADSTONE: Dep. F.N.D. wharf 1530K/5th March.  
 E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 2230K/5th March.  
 Secured O.W.W.S.P. at 1145K/6th March.  
 Departed MELBOURNE 0900K/9th March.  
 E.T.A. HOBART via WESTERNPORT 1200K/11th March.

H.N.M.S. VAN KINSBERGEN: Dep. MELBOURNE 0900K/6th March.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1600K/8th March.

AIR CHIEF: E.T.A. SYDNEY from JERVIS BAY 0715K/5th March.  
 Arrived SYDNEY 0804K/5th March.

MURCHISON: Dep. BROKEN BAY 0900K/6th March.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1430K/6th March.

FREMANTLE: Arr. ALBANY 1025K/6th March.

SHOALHAVEN: (FOX ONE) Dep. SYDNEY 0845K/9th March.  
MURCHISON: ) Return SYDNEY 1530K/10th March.  
KANIERE: ) Exercises and A.S.P.'s.

KOALA: To commence refit in SYDNEY 10th March.

WARREGO: Departed FLINDERS IS. SURVEY AREA 1700K/17th March.  
 E.T.A. HOBART 1500K/8th March.

AUSTRALIA: Departed JERVIS BAY 1530K/9th March.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 0745K/10th March.

HAWKESBURY: )  
WAGGA: ) To be undocked in SYDNEY 6th March.

VENGEANCE: E.T.D. MELBOURNE 1130K 9th March.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1045K 11th March.

H.N.M.S. SNELLIUS: E.T.A. BRISBANE 0800K/9th March for fuel.  
 (RESTRICTED) Arrived BRISBANE 0800K/9th March from HOLLANDIA.

\* CONDAMINE: Following programme proposed:

Arrive	Place	Depart
-	KURE	21/3
25/3	HONG KONG	3/4
11/4	DARWIN	11/4
20/4	SYDNEY	-

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RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/9th March 7° 56' S; 150° 21' E.  
Course 300°. Speed 11.0 knots.

TACTICIAN: <sup>NAVAL</sup> Lieut.-Cdr. H.R. CLUTTERBUCK, D.S.C., R.N.  
assumed command 5th March.

MISSION:

BLACK PRINCE: To sail from AUCKLAND at 1230K/17th March.  
Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.

COMMANDER:

S.D.M.L.1325: To be prepared for service and to commission  
on 23rd March. To be prepared for towing to  
DARWIN.

VAN KIMBERGONK

F.O.C.A.F.: Flag of Rear Admiral J.W.M. EATON, D.S.O., D.S.C.,  
will be transferred from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to  
H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA at 0800K/11th March - signals  
and correspondence should be routed accordingly.

TACTICIAN:

Commander H.R. Clutterbuck,  
assumed command 5th March

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MISSION:

To sail from AUCKLAND at 1230K/17th March.  
Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.

COMMANDER:

To sail from AUCKLAND at 1230K/17th March.  
Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.

MISSION:

To sail from AUCKLAND at 1230K/17th March.  
Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.

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Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.

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To sail from AUCKLAND at 1230K/17th March.  
Will rendezvous off SYDNEY with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY  
on 21st March.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/5TH MARCH TO 0900K/6TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

MURCHISON: To depart BROKEN BAY for SYDNEY 0900K/6th March. E.T.A. 1430K/6th March.

CONDAMINE: Departed SASEBO 3rd March.. E.T.A. Coast of KOREA 4th March.

VAN KIMBERGEN: To depart MELBOURNE for SYDNEY 0900K/6th March. E.T.A. 1600K/8th March.

HAWKESBURY: )  
WAGGA: )  
F.S.1002: )  
Undock SYDNEY 6th March.

TACTICIAN: Lieutenant-Commander H.R. Clutterbuck, D.S.C., R.N. assumed command 5th March vice Wilmot.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K 5th March. 12° 48', 143° 29'. Course 329°. Speed 10.5 knots.

GLADSTONE: To depart F.N.D. for HOBSONS BAY 1530/5th March. E.T.A. 2230/5th March.

MILDURA: To depart SHARK BAY for FREMANTLE 1530K/4th March. E.T.A. 1200K/6th March.

THOROUGH: To depart SYDNEY for SINGAPORE 1000/7th March. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 16th March. E.T.A. SINGAPORE 30th March.

TOBRUK: Air passage arranged Commander J.S. Mesley departing SYDNEY 27th March.

GLADSTONE:



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/4TH MARCH TO 0900K/5TH MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

**WIMBORNE:** Intends to sail from SYDNEY 0830/4th March.

**AIR CHIEF:** To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY  
0200K/5th March. E.T.A. to be reported.

**SYDNEY:** Secured alongside V.C.S.P. Intends to sail  
from SYDNEY 1000/4th March. E.T.A.

**BATAAN:** Departed SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY 1115K/4th  
March. E.T.A. 1900K/4th March.

**GLADSTONE:** Secured alongside V.C.S.P. wharf.

**KANIERE:** Departed AUCKLAND for SYDNEY 2nd March.  
Making adjustment to working gear.

**RESERVE:** P.C.S. at 1200K/4th March.  
15° 41' S ; 144° 22' E. JERVIS BAY P.M.  
Course 006° ; S.O.A. 11 knots.

**MACQUARIE:** To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY  
1315K/4th March. E.T.A. 2130K/4th March.

**FREMANTLE:** Position at 2300K/4th March.  
35° 15' S ; 127° 50' E.

**BARCOO:** Arrived GABO ISLAND survey area p.m.  
4th March.

**AUSTRALIA:** To depart WESTERNPORT for JERVIS BAY  
1600K/5th March. E.T.A. 1000K/7th March.

**GLADSTONE:** Postponed departure. Will now leave  
F.N.D. for PORTSEA 1500K/4th March.  
E.T.A. 1930K/4th March.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/3RD MARCH TO 0900K/4TH MARCH, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/3RD MARCH TO 0900K/3RD MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

NAVAL SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

MURCHISON: Intends to sail from SYDNEY 0930/4th March. E.T.A. BROKEN BAY 1500K/4th.

HEADQUARTERS:

COWRA: Secured alongside W.W.S.P. Intends to sail from MELBOURNE 1030/4th March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1600K/6th March.

AUSTRALIA:

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside F.N.D. wharf. on completion of supplies until 0900/4th.

RESERVE: Secured alongside at TOWNSVILLE 0030K/3rd. Making adjustment to towing gear.

THROUGH:

AIR MASTER: To sail from SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY p.m. 3rd March.

AIR CHIEF:

Is now fully operational.

RESERVE:

Position 20° 41.31' S, 149° 44.57' E. Course 100. Speed 8.5 knots.

COMMANDER:

Reported very heavy of KOREA 25th. E.T.A. 2000K 27th February.

Formation Route Lining Party from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY is to consist of 3 officers & petty officers and 72 men dressed women, divided into 3 platoons.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27th FEBRUARY - 0900K/2nd MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/2ND MARCH TO 0900K/3RD MARCH, 1953.

- AUSTRALIA: NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.
- BRUNTA: Intends to depart from MELBOURNE at 1000K/2nd for JERVIS BAY. E.T.A. 0600K/4th.
- MACQUARIE: Arrived E.T.D. 1000K 2nd March from SYDNEY.  
E.T.D. E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 1800K.
- R.N.S. VAN KNISBERGEN: Intends to shift berth at 0900K/3rd.
- AUSTRALIA: E.T.D. MELBOURNE 1430K 3rd March exercising in PORT PHILLIP BAY. (via WESTPORT)  
Anchoring off MARTHA POINT on completion of exercise until 0500K/4th.
- KANGAROO: Departed MELBOURNE for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 0500K/4th.
- QUADRANT: Date of commissioning deferred until end of June.
- THOROUGH: Lieutenant-Commander Clayden, D.S.C., R.N. assumed command 2nd March, 1953 vice Lieutenant-Commander Clutterbuck, R.N.
- RESERVE: Is now fully operational.
- RESERVE: P.O.S. 1200K/27th 175° 00' E. Course 7 Sp. 7 knots.  
125° 40' E.  
Position 20° 01.5' S. Course 348° Sp. 8 knots.  
148° 34.5' E. Course 305  
1800K/2 Speed 9.5 knots. Course 210° Sp. 10 knots.
- CONDAMINE: Now fully operational.  
Departed west Coast of KOREA 26th.  
Arrived E.T.A. SASEBO 27th February.
- FREMANTLE: E.T.D. PT. ADELAIDE 1000K/28. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1700K/8.
- CLAREMONT: E.T.D. PT. MELBOURNE 0900K/2. E.T.A. WESTPORT 1600K/2.

R.N.S.A.S. will part company with R.N.A.S. STIMPY after the BLAKE PRINCE; review and return to S.I. via SUEZ.

Operation Route Liaison Party from R.N.A.S. STIMPY is to consist of 3 officers & petty officers and 72 men dressed as a division plus 3 platoons.



300  
11h  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH FEBRUARY - 0900K/2ND MARCH, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

VENGEANCE: Departed FREMANTLE 0630H/28th February for MELBOURNE. E.T.A. HEADS 0645K/5th March.

AUSTRALIA: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE 1400K/27th.

ARUNTA: Intends to depart from MELBOURNE at 1000K/2nd for JERVIS BAY. E.T.A. 0900K/4th.

MACQUARIE: Arrived SYDNEY 1300K/27th from BROKEN BAY. E.T.D. SYDNEY 1000K/2nd for JERVIS BAY.

H.N.M.S. Intends to shift berth at 0900K/3rd.  
VAN KNISBERGEN:

COWRA: Departed HOBART 0130K/27th for MELBOURNE (via WESTERNPORT). E.T.A. 1230K/3rd.

KANGAROO: Departed MELBOURNE 0400K/28th for SYDNEY. E.T.A. 2100K/2nd.

QUADRANT: Date of commissioning deferred until end of June.

BARCOO: Secured alongside PORT MELBOURNE 1400K/27th.

WARREGO: To visit LAUNCESTON for Centenary Celebrations Saturday 14th March.  
Programme: Arrive p.m. Monday 9th March.  
Depart HOBART 0700K Thursday 12th March.  
Arrive LOW HEAD 0700K Friday 13th March.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/27th 29° 05' S. Course ? Sp. 7 knots.  
153° 40.5' E.  
1200K/28th 25° 45' S. Course 348° Sp. 8 knots.  
153° 33' E.  
1200K/1 22° 36' S. Course 318° Sp. 10 knots.  
151° 32' E.

AIRSPEED: Now fully operational.

KOALA: Arrived SYDNEY 1405K/28.

FREMANTLE: E.T.D. PT. ADELAIDE 1030K/28. E.T.A. FREMANTLE 1700K/8.

GLADSTONE: E.T.D. PT. MELBOURNE 0900K/2. E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1600K/2.

H.M.N.Z.S. Will part company with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY after the  
BLACK PRINCE: review and return to N.Z. via SUEZ.

Coronation Route Lining Party from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY is to consist of 3 officers 6 petty officers and 72 men dressed seamen, divided into 3 platoons.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/27TH FEBRUARY, 1953  
 DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/26TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/26TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

TOBRUK: Arrived SYDNEY 24th.  
 AIR SPEED: Will be non-operational from 0800K/26th February to 0800K/27th February for engine overhaul.

KANGAROO: Intend depart MELBOURNE 0400K/28th February. E.T.A. SYDNEY 2100K/2nd March.

PEROTI: Sailing West Coast of Australia 26th February. E.T.A. SYDNEY 12th March.

FREMANTLE: Departed WESTERNPORT for ADELAIDE.

KARLIER: Sailing West Coast of Australia 26th March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 10th April.

JUNEE: Commissioned 25th February, operated and administered by N.O.I.C. S.E.A.

MILDURA: Departed FREMANTLE for SHARK BAY.

BATAAN: Departed JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY - arrived SYDNEY 25th February.

KOALA: P.C.S. 36° 51' S. 150° 12' E. Co. 007° Speed 7½ Kts.

AIR CHIEF: Inoperational 0800K/28th February until 0800K/2nd March.

AIR SPEED: Non operational indefinitely.

RESERVE: P.C.S. 1200K/26th February.  
 31° 56' S. )  
 152° 54' E. ) Course 020° Speed 7½ Kts.

THOROUGH: Battery deteriorating. Propose cancel visit to LAUNCESTON, exercises in WESTERN AUSTRALIA surface only, depart SYDNEY 7th March.

WARREGO: Representative party land LADY BARRON ISLAND 2nd March by boat.

VAN KINGSBERGEN: Outline programme in SYDNEY contained in A.C.N.B.'s 260624Z.

SHOALHAVEN: )  
 MURCHISON: )  
 TACTICIAN: )  
 MACQUARIE: ) Intend depart BROKEN BAY 0700K/27th February. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1230K/27th - A.S.P's en route.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/25TH TO 0900K/26TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/25TH TO 0900K/26TH FEBRUARY, 1953.  
NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR SPEED: Will be non-operational from 0800K/26th February to 0800K/27th February for engine overhaul.

FORRUK: Departed JERVIS BAY 1500K/25th February.

ROTOITI: Sailing Hong Kong 1500K/26th February. E.T.A. SYDNEY 13th March.

KILDURA: Departed JERVIS BAY 1215K/25th February. E.T.A. HONG KONG 1100K/26th February.

KANIERE: Sailing from AUCKLAND 2nd March. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1000K/6th March.

JUNEE: Commissioned 0800/25th February under the command of Lt.-Cdr. C.J. Cochran.

CULGOA: Sailed BROKEN BAY 0730K/25th February. E.T.A. exercise area SYDNEY 0800K/26th February.

KOALA: Position 38° 43' S. Co. 061° Sp. 8.5 kts.  
147° 25' E. 0200Z/25th Feb.

GLADSTONE: Secured alongside outer west wing station pier.

Departed MELBOURNE 1200K/25th Feb.  
0730K/25th March - fly out helicopters to HOWA.  
1000K/13th March arrive SYDNEY.

BARCOO: To depart 0800/25th February. E.T.A. SYDNEY 1500K/27th February.

LANSBROOK: E.T.A. MELBOURNE from MELBORN 1600K/25th Feb.

SHALHAVIN: Departed SYDNEY 0800/25th February. E.T.A. MELBORN 1200K/25th February.

HIGHTON: Departed SYDNEY 0800/25th February. E.T.A. BROKEN BAY 1200K/25th February.

RAYANS: Departed JERVIS BAY 0800/25th February with S.F.V. 501 in tow. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0800K/25th February.

Inter service reports:- Cricket

1000K/25th February at the South Melbourne Cricket Ground.

VERMOREL

- (1) Reporting
- (2) S.F.V. 501 in tow. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0800K/25th February.
- (3) E.T.A. MELBORN 1200K/25th February.

REDA

- (1) Departed JERVIS BAY for MELBOURNE 1500K/25th February. E.T.A. 0800K/26th February.
- (2) Full power trials carried out p.m. 25th February. No. 2 boiler caused trouble; Nos. 1 and 3 boilers satisfactory.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH FEBRUARY, 1953 TO 0900K/24TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/24TH TO 0900K/25TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

**KARANGI:** E.T.A. SYDNEY 1900K/24th February.

**TOBRUK:** Departed JERVIS BAY 1000K/24th February.  
E.T.A. SYDNEY 1900K/24th February.

**MILDURA:** Departed FREMANTLE 1215K/24th February.  
E.T.A. SHARK BAY AREA 1100K/26th February.

**TACTICIAN:** Departed from SYDNEY 0845K/24th February.  
E.T.A. BROKEN BAY 1730K/24th February.

**ARUNTA:** Intend to sail for Gunnery School firings  
in PORT PHILLIP at 0830K/24th February -  
will secure alongside again at 2130K/24th  
February.

**GLADSTONE:** Departed F.N.D. wharf 0750K/25th. E.T.A.  
WILLIAMSTOWN 1600K/25th February. Secured  
F.N.D. wharf 0735K/24th February.

**GLADSTONE:** Programme commencing 2nd March given in  
signal D.T.G. 240010Z/Feb.

**VENGEANCE:** 60 day refit will begin 27th March.  
Amended programme:-  
Depart MELBOURNE 1130K/9th March.  
0730K/11th March - fly off helicopters to Nowra.  
1000K/11th March arrive SYDNEY.

**BARCOO:** To depart GABO 0800K/27th February.  
E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE 1300K/27th February.

**KANGAROO:** E.T.A. PORT MELBOURNE from GEELONG 1600K/25th Feb.

**SHOALHAVEN:** Departed SYDNEY 0815K/25th February.  
E.T.A. BROKEN BAY 1400K/26th February.

**MURCHISON:** Departed SYDNEY 0815K/24th February.  
E.T.A. BROKEN BAY 1600K/24th February.

**BATAAN:** Departed JERVIS BAY 2200K/24th February with  
G.P.V. 961 in tow. E.T.A. SYDNEY 0930K/25th  
February.

Inter Service sports:- Cricket - R.A.N. v R.A.A.F. - commences  
1000K/25th February at the south  
Melbourne Cricket Ground.

- (1) Departed JERVIS BAY for MELBOURNE 1000K/24th  
February. E.T.A. 0800K/24th February.
- (2) Full power trials carried out p.m. 24th February.  
No. 2 boiler caused trouble; Nos. 1 and 3 boilers  
satisfactory.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD FEBRUARY TO 0900K/24TH FEBRUARY, 1953.  
 DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD FEBRUARY, 1953 TO 0900K/24TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

WARRIOR:

ARRIVED JERVIS BAY SURVEY AREA  
 1800K/23rd February. E.T.A. 1000K/21st February.

KARANGI:

E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0600K/24th February.

FREMANTLE:

Departed MELBOURNE for JERVIS BAY 1050K/21st February.  
 Secured JERVIS BAY 24th February.

WAGGA:

HAWKESBURY:

To be docked 25th February (Captain Cook Dock).

GLADSTONE:

ARRIVED WILLIAMSTOWN p.m. 20th February.

KOALA:

E.T.D. MELBOURNE 1345K 24th February.  
 E.T.A. SYDNEY 1100K 27th February.

SEIRA:

To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 24th February.  
 E.T.A. 1000K/24th February.

FREMANTLE:

E.T.D. P.N.D. 0700K 24th February.  
 E.T.A. ADELAIDE 1130K/27th February.

SEOLA:

ARRIVED MELBOURNE p.m. 20th February.

AUSTRALIA:

To depart JERVIS BAY for MELBOURNE 24th February.  
 E.T.A. 1000K/24th February.

GLADSTONE:

ARRIVED WESTERNPORT 1600K 23rd February.

WESTERNPORT:

To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 2300K/21st February.  
 E.T.A. 1000K/24th February.

COOTAMUNDRA:

ARRIVED JERVIS BAY 1900K 23rd February.

CULGOA:

To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 2300K/21st February.  
 ARRIVED BROKEN BAY AREA 1030K/23rd February.

WARRIOR (POCAF):

To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 2300K/21st February.  
 E.T.A. 0800K/22nd February.

KARANGI:

Lt.-Cdr. J. Mason, R.N. assumed command 23rd February.

RESERVE:

- (3) Sailing delayed until approx. 24th February.
- (8) Lieut.-Cdr. L.N. Macdonald R.A.N.V.S. assumed command 20th February.

WARRIOR:

work up programme outlined in signal 200764Z from P.O.I.C. R.A.

WARRIOR:

To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 1800K/24th February.  
 E.T.A. 1800K/24th February.

TACTICIAN:

Departing JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 0700K/22nd February.  
 E.T.A. 1500K/22nd February.

VENGEANCE:

- (1) Reporting for duty.
- (2) P.C.S. 11° 30' S : 95° 33' E.  
 Course 138° : S.O.A. 14 kts.
- (3) E.T.A. FREMANTLE a.m. 26th February.

ARUNTA:

- (1) Departed JERVIS BAY for MELBOURNE 1530K/21st February. E.T.A. 0800K/23rd February.
- (2) Full power trials carried out p.m. 22nd February. No. 2 boiler caused trouble : Nos. 1 and 3 boilers satisfactory.

WARRIOR:

To proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with ...  
 ... returning from Coromandel.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/20TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/23RD FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

WARREGO: Departing WESTERNPORT for FLINDERS ISLAND Survey Area 1800K/20th February. E.T.A. 1000K/21st February.

FREMANTLE: Departed MELBOURNE for F.N.D. 1030K/21st February. Secured F.N.D. wharf 1836K/21st February.

GLADSTONE: Arrived WILLIAMSTOWN p.m. 20th February.  
approximately 48 hours.

COWRA: To depart MELBOURNE for HOBART 0815K/23rd February. E.T.A. 1000K/26th February.

KOALA: Arrived MELBOURNE p.m. 20th February.

SHOALHAVEN: ) To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 1330K/21st February.  
MACQUARIE: ) E.T.A. 2000K/21st February.  
MURCHISON: )

THOROUGH: To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 2200K/21st February. E.T.A. 0615K/22nd February.

COOTAMUNDRA: To depart JERVIS BAY for BROKEN BAY 1530K/21st February. E.T.A. 0130K/22nd February.

SYDNEY (FOCAF): To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 2130K/22nd February. E.T.A. 0600K/23rd February.

RESERVE: (1) Sailing further delayed until approx. 24th February.  
(2) Lieut.-Cdr. L.N. Merison R.A.N.V.R. assumed command 20th February.

KANIERE: Work up programme outlined in signal 200744Z from F.O.I.C. E.A.

TOBRUK: To depart JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 1000K/24th February. E.T.A. 1900K/24th February.

TACTICIAN: Departing JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY 0700K/22nd February. E.T.A. 1500K/22nd February.

VENGEANCE: (1) Reporting for duty.  
(2) P.C.S. 11° 30' S ; 95° 33' E.  
Course 138° ; S.O.A. 14 kts.  
(3) E.T.A. FREMANTLE a.m. 26th February.

ARUNTA: (1) Departed JERVIS BAY for MELBOURNE 1530K/21st February. E.T.A. 0800K/23rd February.  
(2) Full power trials carried out p.m. 22nd February. No. 2 boiler caused trouble ; Nos. 1 and 3 boilers satisfactory.

Singapore.

to proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with  
returning from destination.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/20TH FEBRUARY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

WARREGO: Intends to call from WESTERNPORT at 1000K/19th.  
E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1800K/19th.

RESERVE: Departure for NEW GUINEA deferred for  
approximately 48 hours.

VENGEANCE: Departed COLONIA 17th February for FREMANTLE,  
E.T.A. 22nd February.

FREMANTLE: Arrived MELBOURNE a.m. 19th February.

WARREGO: Departed MELBOURNE for WESTERNPORT 1000K/19th  
February. E.T.A. 1800K/19th February.

KOALA: P.C.S. at 1200K/19th February.

35° 5' S : 140° 57' E.

Course 117° : S.O.R. 8.5 kts.

"WOOMERA"

Arrived Sydney 0600K/15th after mining operations  
en route.

"THOROUGH" - Proposed programme :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	4th March
6th	Launceston	9th
16th	Fremantle	21st
30th March	Singapore.	

"SYDNEY" - Invited to proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with  
R.C.N. Ships returning from Coronation.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/18TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/19TH  
FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

WARREGO: Intends to sail from WILLIAMSTOWN at 1000K/19th.  
E.T.A. WESTERNPORT 1800K/19th.

VENGEANCE: Departed COLOMBO 17th February for PREMANTLE.  
E.T.A. a.m. 26th February.

... 1900K/17. E.T.A. MELBOURNE  
... 1400K/20.  
... BURNIE.

Appointments of Flag Officers:

C. in C. NATO Mediterranean Command.

The Retirement of Rear Admiral D.M. LEES to date 13th  
May is also announced.

"WOOMERA"

Arrived Sydney 0600K/15th after mining operations  
en route.

"THOROUGH" - Proposed programme :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	4th March
6th	Launceston	9th
16th	Fremantle	21st
30th March	Singapore.	

"SYDNEY" - Invited to proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with  
R.C.N. Ships returning from Coronation.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/16 TO 0900K/17, FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

GLADSTONE: Secured at F.N.D. wharf 1409K/16.

KOALA: P.C.S. 1300K/16. 34° 42' S. 121° 50' E.  
Course 100° Speed 8.5 Kts.

COWRA: E.T.D. HOBART 1200K/17. E.T.A. MELBOURNE  
via BANKS STRAIT and EMU BAY 1400K/20.  
Towing motor board HUON to BURNIE.

R.N. Appointments of Flag Officers:

Rear Admiral A.D. TORLESSE to be F.O.G.T.

Rear Admiral P.G.L. CAZELET as Allied Chief of Staff to  
C. in C. NATO Mediterranean Command.

The Retirement of Rear Admiral D.M. LEES to date 13th  
May is also announced.

"WOOMERA"

Arrived Sydney 0600K/15th after mining operations  
en route.

"THOROUGH" - Proposed programme :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	4th March
6th	Launceston	9th
16th	Fremantle	21st
30th March	Singapore.	

"SYDNEY" - Invited to proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with  
R.C.N. Ships returning from Coronation.



D.V.G.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

- FOCAF )
- "SYDNEY" )
- "AUSTRALIA" )
- "TOBRUK" )
- "BATAAN" )
- "ARUNTA" )
- "SHOALHAVEN" )
- "MURCHISON" )
- "MACQUARIE" )
- "TACTICIAN" )
- "THOROUGH" )

Assembled in Jervis Bay for large scale Joint R.A.N./R.A.A.F. A/S exercises in conjunction with A.J.A.S.S.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

Arrived Jervis Bay 2130K/13th from Sydney, transferred to operational control of F.O.C.A.F.

"CULGOA"

Arrived Sydney 2015K/13th from Jervis Bay.

"FREMANTLE"

Departed Port Adelaide 1430K/14th for Melbourne.

E.T.A. 0730K/19th.

"WARREGO"

Arrived Williamstown 0800K/16th from Flinders Is. survey area. E.T.D. 19th February. Programme thereafter :-

Hobart for fuel - 10th-12th March  
 Melbourne for fuel and leave - 2nd-7th April.

"KOALA"

Arrived Albany 0845K/13th. Departed thence 1445K/13th. 1300K/15th P.C.& S. 35° 10' S. 070° 8 knots. 125° 50' E.

"COWRA"

Arrived Hobart 1000K/16th from Melbourne.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured alongside O.W.W.S.P. Port Melbourne 1050K/13th.

"JABIRU"

Arrived Williamstown 2230K/15th from Flinders Island.

"WOOMERA"

Arrived Sydney 0600K/15th after mining operations en route.

"THOROUGH" - Proposed programme :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
-	Sydney	4th March
6th	Launceston	9th
16th	Fremantle	21st
30th March	Singapore.	

"SYDNEY" - Invited to proceed from U.K. to Halifax in company with R.C.N. Ships returning from Coronation.



5 D.A.F.  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/12TH TO 0900K/13TH FEBRUARY, 1953

DAILY NARRATIVE NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"MURCHISON"

Departed Broken Bay p.m. Thursday 12th February.  
E.T.A. off Sydney 1900K/12th February - rendezvousing with  
"SHOALHAVEN".  
Arrived Melbourne 13th February.

"CULGOA"

Departed Sydney 0900K/12th February. E.T.A. Jervis  
Bay 0630K/13th February.

"GLADSTONE"

Departing Sydney 12th February for anti-submarine  
operations.  
Departed F.N.D. Wharf 0815K/12th February. E.T.A.  
Port Phillip 1500K/12th February.

"BATAAN"

Departed Sydney 1400K/12th February. E.T.A. Jervis  
Bay 0800K/13th - rendezvousing with "SHOALHAVEN".

"KOALA"

P.C.S. at 1401K/12th February -  $34^{\circ} 45' S.$ ,  $114^{\circ} 54' E.$   
course  $124^{\circ}$ , speed 8 knots.

S.D.M.L.1324

Commissioned under command of P.O. A.K. TOMAMICHEL  
29394 p.m. 12th February and transferred to the operational  
control of F.O.I.C.E.A.

"WOOMERA"

P.C.S. at 1200K/12th February -  $38^{\circ} 44.7' S.$ ,  $147^{\circ}$   
 $21.5' E.$  course  $063^{\circ}$  speed 7.5 knots.

"TACTICIAN"

Departed Sydney at 2200K/12th February. E.T.A.  
Jervis Bay exercise area 0640K/13th February.

Unslipped at Fremantle p.m. 6th February.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/11TH FEBRUARY TO 0900K/12TH  
FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"KANGAROO"

Arrived Melbourne 11th February.

E.T.D. Melbourne for Hobart p.m. 12th February.

"KOALA"

Departed Fremantle 1230K/11th February. E.T.A. Sydney  
1200K/27th February.

"SHOALHAVEN" ) Departing Sydney 12th February for anti-submarine  
"MURCHISON" ) SYD exercises, returning Jervis Bay on completion of  
"MACQUARIE" ) A.J.A.S.S. exercises Friday 13th.  
"THOROUGH" ) E.T.D. Hobart for Jervis Bay 0900K/12th February.

"WOOMERA"

Intends sailing from Swan Island 1500K/11th February  
for Sydney.

Unslipped at Fremantle p.m. 6th February.



*D.V.S.*

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/10TH TO 0900K/11TH FEBRUARY,  
1953

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

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"COWRA"

E.T.D. Jervis Bay 1800K/9th.  
E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/10th.  
E.T.D. Melbourne for Hobart p.m. 14th February.

"FREMANTLE"

E.T.D. Melbourne for Port Adelaide 1800K/11th  
February. E.T.A. 1600K/13th February.

F.O.C.A.F. IN "SYDNEY" WITH "AUSTRALIA" & "TOBRUK" IN COMPANY

"SHEPPARTON"

E.T.D. Hobart for Jervis Bay 0900K/12th February.  
E.T.A. 0930K/14th February.

"HEADSTONE"

E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0830K/10th.  
E.T.A. Westernport 1800K/10th.  
Rann's Inlet 0700K/11th to 0815K/10th.  
E.T.A. Port Phillip (exercises) 1415K/12th.

"AUALA"

Unslipped at Fremantle p.m. 6th February.



NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"THROUGH"

Passage West-about approved. Arrived Sydney 0045K/6th.

"BATAAN"

E.T.D. Jervis Bay 1800K/9th.

E.T.D. E.T.A. Sydney 0500K/10th. E.T.A. Sydney 23rd

"MURCHISON"

E.T.D. Sydney 1615K/9th.

To carry E.T.A. Broken Bay 1845K/9th. range 20th February.

"PLATYPUS" )

"GASCOYNE" )

"SHEPPARTON" ) Arrived and departed Port Said 4th February.

"CONTAMINE"

Will be undocked Wednesday 11th February.

"GLADSTONE"

Dry docked Koro 1st February, undocked 5th February.

"TARA"

E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0830K/10th.

E.T.A. Westernport 1500K/10th.

Depart Hann's Inlet 0720K/11th to 0815K/12th. 7th February.

E.T.A. Port Phillip (exercises) 1415K/12th.

"TASCO"

Departed Sasebo 6th February. E.T.A. West Korea 7th February.

"TAMBOUR"

(HULL)

Survey programme 26th February - 18th April.

Arrived Gaba Survey Area 1900K/8th.

"WILSON"

Arriving Melbourne 16th February fuel and defects to Sydney.

"WYLLA"

E.T.D. Devonport 0815K/9th. E.T.A. Melbourne 0900K/13th.

"YARROLD"

Motor Boat "HUON" in tow E.T.D. Hobart 0600K/9th February.

E.T.A. Burnie 1300K/11th February, thence Melbourne.

"YREAVILLE"

Secured O.W. Dockyard Williamstown 0715K/6th.

"YORLA"

in company.

Unslipped at Fremantle p.m. 6th February.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/6TH TO 0900K/9TH FEBRUARY, 1953.

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"THOROUGH"

"BARCOO"  
Passage West-about approved. Arrived Sydney 0045K/6th.  
E.T.D. Jervis Bay 0700K/7th for Gabo Island Survey

"SYDNEY"

E.T.D. Jervis Bay 22nd February. E.T.A. Sydney 23rd  
February for urgent defects.

"CULGOA"

Approved to see "HUON" to Burnie.

To carry out bombardment Jervis Bay range 20th February.

"VENGEANCE"

Arrived and departed Port Said 4th February.

"CONDAMINE"

Dry docked Kure 1st February, undocked 5th February.

"HAWEA"

Departed Kure 6th February. E.T.A. West Korea 7th February.

"ANZAC"

Departed Sasebo 6th February. E.T.A. West Korea 7th February.

"BARCOO"

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Survey programme 26th February - 18th April.  
Arrived Gabo Survey Area 1800K/8th.

"WARREGO"

Arriving Melbourne 16th February fuel and defects to dynamo.

"COWRA"

E.T.D. Devonport 0815K/9th. E.T.A. Melbourne 0900K/13th.

"KANGAROO"

Motor Boat "HUON" in tow E.T.D. Hobart 0600K/9th February.  
E.T.A. Burnie 1500K/11th February, thence Melbourne.

"FREMANTLE"

Secured O.W. Dockyard Williamstown 0915K/8th.

"KOALA"

Unslipped at Fremantle p.m. 6th February.



NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"BARCOO"

"AUSTRALIA" E.T.D. Jervis Bay 0700K/7th for Gabo Island Survey Area.  
Sailed Westernport 1800K/4th. E.T.A. Hobart 0800K/6th.

"KANGAROO"

Approved to tow "HUON" to Burnie.

"MACQUARIE"

E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/5th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/7th. "MACQUARIE" reverts to operational control of Fox One on departure from Port Phillip.

"MILDURA"

Sailed Fremantle 0800K/4th. E.T.A. Geraldton 0800K/7th.

"MACQUARIE"

Secured alongside Napier Pier Williamstown 1730K/End.

"SLABSTONE"

Secured alongside S.S.S. Wharf at 1850K/3rd. Intends to depart 1840K/4th for Portsea, E.T.A. 2100K/4th.

"RAWESBURY"

U.K. Ministry of Supply requested that their sincere appreciation be conveyed to P.O.C.A.F. RAWESBURY for her work as guard ship at Monte Bello Islands. Naval Board has requested P.O.C.A.F. to communicate an expression of their pleasure to Lt. Cdr. Scrivener.

"ARANDA" & "BATAAN"

Detailed for Sunday School Storage.

"SLAB PRINCE"

To rendezvous with P.O.C.A.F. 0800K/7th Sydney for passage to Melbourne in company.



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NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

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"AUSTRALIA" Secured Outer West Pier Station Pier 1745K/2nd February.

"WARRANCE" Sailed Westernport 1600K/4th. E.T.A. Hobart 0800K/6th.

"THOROUGH" Departed Malta a.p. 2nd February for Port Said. E.T.A. Port Said. For Sitrap see her Oillog February, 1953.  
Sailed Sydney 2300K/3rd. Arrived Jervis Bay Area 0900K/4th.

"MACQUARIE" Programs for her return being arranged to read:-  
E.T.D. Melbourne 1000K/5th for Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/7th. "MACQUARIE" reverts to operational control of Fox One on departure from Port Phillip.  
"MILDURA" Sydney

"THOROUGH" Sailed Fremantle 0800K/4th. E.T.A. Geraldton 0800K/7th.

Operational Control to be transferred as follows:-

- F.O.I.C. S.A. to 0900K/15th
- A.J.A.S.S. to 0900K/15th
- S.R.S. to 0900K/15th until completion of JASEX
- F.O.I.C. S.A. from completion of JASEX.

"MACQUARIE" Secured alongside Western Pier Williamstown 1730K/2nd.

"HEADSTONE" Secured alongside S.A.S. Wharf at 1530K/3rd. Intends to depart 1540K/4th for Darwin, E.T.A. 2100K/4th.

"WALSLEY" U.K. Ministry of Defence requested that their sincere appreciation be conveyed to Lt. Cdr. WALSLEY for her work as guard ship at Monte Belle Island. Royal Navy has requested F.O.C.A.F. to communicate an expression of their pleasure to Lt. Cdr. Scrivener.

"ARISE" & "BATAAN" Detailed for Group 2000 Group.

"PEARL PRINCE" To rendezvous with H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" at 0900K/5th for passage to Melbourne in company.



NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

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"WOOMERA"

Secured Outer West Wing Station Pier 1743K/2nd February.

"VENGEANCE"

Departed Malta a.m. 1st February for Port Said. E.T.A. 4th. For Sitrep see her 011340Z February, 1953.

"SYDNEY"

Programme for her return trip amended to read :-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Depart</u>
Saturday 8th August	Auckland	Sunday 9th August
Thursday 13th August	Sydney	-

"THOROUGH" & "TACTICIAN"

Operational Control to be transferred as follows :-

F.O.I.C. E.A.	to 0600K/13th
A.J.A.S.S.	to 1700K/13th
S.M.4	1700K/13th until completion of JASEX
F.O.I.C. E.A.	from completion of JASEX.

"MACQUARIE"

Secured alongside Nelsons Pier Williamstown 1730K/2nd.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured alongside F.N.D. Wharf at 1550K/3rd. Intends to depart 1540K/4th for Portsea, E.T.A. 2100K/4th.

"HAWKESBURY"

U.K. Ministry of Supply requested that their sincere appreciation be conveyed to H.M.A.S. HAWKESBURY for her work as guard ship at Monte Bello Islands. Naval Board has requested F.O.C.A.F. to communicate an expression of their pleasure to Lt.Cdr. Scrivenor.

"ARUNTA" & "BATAAN"

Detailed for Gunnery School firings.

"BLACK PRINCE"

To rendezvous with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY off Sydney for passage to Melbourne in company.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/2ND TO 0900K/3RD FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"GLADSTONE"

Secured alongside Peter West Wing Station Pier.

"VENGEANCE"

To depart Malta 1700K/1st February, E.T.A. Port Said 1300K/4th February.

"COWRA"

Sailed Jervis Bay for Sydney 1800K/2nd January. E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/3rd January.  
Proceeded 1100K/2nd February for compass swing. To depart Melbourne 0815K/3rd February. E.T.A. Devonport 1400K/6th February exercising Port Phillip en route.

"WOOMERA"

Arrived Swan Island 1000K/2nd February.

"BARCOO"

Intend depart Sydney 0800K/3rd February. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 0600K/4th February, fuelling at Chowder Bay and taking Bathythermograph readings en route.

"HAWKESBURY"

Departed Melbourne 1500K/2nd February. E.T.A. Sydney T.B.R., "WARREEN" in tow.

"KANGAROO"

Proposal to tow "HUON" to Burnie. E.T.D. 7th February.

"WARRA"

Noon position 31st January - 35° 45' S.

"GLADSTONE"

Sailing Warrambool for Devonport 1100K/2nd February.

"WARRA"

Intend sailing for Melbourne from Sydney at 1800K/30th January.

As a mark of respect to the late Lt. Col. G.H. SMITH, flags on all Commonwealth buildings are to be flown at half mast until sunset 31st January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/30TH JANUARY TO 0900K/2ND FEBRUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG

"GLADSTONE"

"TACTICIAN"

Secured alongside Outer West Wing Station Pier.

"MILDURA"

Departed Sydney at 2100K/29th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay Area 0830K/29th January.

Slipped 23rd January, unslipped 29th January.

"SYDNEY" (P.O.C.A.P.)

"TACTICIAN"

) Sailed Jervis Bay for Sydney 1500K/30th January.

"THOROUGH"

) E.T.A. 2300K/30th January.

"COWRA"

"THOROUGH"

Secured alongside Inner West Wing Station Pier.

"WOOMERA"

Departed Sydney 1300K/28th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 2400K/28th January.

"AIR MASTER"

Sailed Sydney 1200K/30th January. E.T.A. Swan Island 1200K/2nd January.

"KANGAROO"

Will depart Jervis Bay 0200K/30th January. Sydney 0700K/30th January.

"COOTANUNDRA"

Noon position 31st January - 42° 17.5' S.  
145° 27.8' E.

"SYDNEY"

"AUSTRALIA"

"TOBRUK"

"ARUNTA"

Departed Sydney 1130K/29th. E.T.A. Jervis Bay.

) Intend sailing Sydney for Hobart 1030K/2nd February.

"HAWKESBURY"

Departed Jervis Bay 2100K/29th January. E.T.A. 30th January.

"HAWKESBURY"

Secured alongside Inner West Wing Princes Pier.

"WOOMERA"

E.T.A. Melbourne 1000K/31st January.

"GLADSTONE"

Noon position 31st January - 36° 42' S.  
150° 02' E.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured P.P.S. Wharf 1145K/29th January. Will depart 1200K/30th January. E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1000K/29th

"DAYAK"

Sailing Williamstown for Westernport 1100K/2nd February.

Will depart Sydney 0800K/30th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1830K/30th January.

"PERSEUS" & "COOTANUNDRA"

Ordered by F.O.I.S. R.A. to proceed in company to Sydney from Jervis Bay forthwith - 1000K/29th January - to investigate machinery defects in "PERSEUS" on arrival in Sydney.

"HAWKESBURY"

Intend sailing for Melbourne from Sydney at 1800K/30th January.

As a mark of respect to the late Sgt. Reg. J.H. ...  
Flags on all Commonwealth buildings are to be flown at half mast until sunset 31st January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/29TH TO 0900K/30TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"TACTICIAN"

Departed Sydney at 2130K/28th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay Area 0830K/29th January.

"SYDNEY" (F.O.C.A.F.) & "TOBRUK"

Will depart Jervis Bay 2300K/29th January. E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/30th January.

"THOROUGH"

Departed Sydney 1800K/28th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 0030K/29th January. Arrived Jervis Bay 2400K/28th January.

"AIR MASTER"

Will depart Jervis Bay 0200K/30th January. E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/30th January.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

Departed Sydney 1130K/29th. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1900K/~~2nd February~~. *29th January*

"ARUNTA"

Departed Jervis Bay 2100K/29th January. E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/30th January.

"HAWKESBURY"

E.T.A. Melbourne 1000K/31st January.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured F.N.D. Wharf 1145K/29th January. Will depart F.N.D. Wharf 1200K/30th January. E.T.A. Port Melbourne 1830K/30th January.

"BATAAN"

Will depart Sydney 0930K/30th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1930K/30th January.

"FREMANTLE" & "COOTAMUNDRA"

Ordered by F.O.I.C. E.A. to proceed in company to Sydney from Jervis Bay forthwith - 1624/29th January - to investigate machinery defects in "FREMANTLE" on arrival in Sydney.

"WOOMERA"

Intend sailing for Melbourne from Sydney at 1200K/30th January.

As a mark of respect to the late Rgt. Hon. J.H. SCULLIN, flags on all Commonwealth buildings are to be flown at half mast until Sunset 31st January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/28TH TO 0900K/29TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"FREMANTLE"

E.T.A. Cape Bailly 290930K.

"HAWKESBURY"

P.C.S. 1300K/28th January 35° 37' S.  
135° 48' E.

Co. 135 sp. 8.5 knots.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

Sailing Sydney at 0745K/29th January.

E.T.A. Cape Bailly 0930K/29th January.

"WOOMERA"

Sailing Sydney for Melbourne via Swan Island  
1600K/29th January.

"WARREGO"

Departed Hobart for Flinders Island 27th January.

"THOROUGH"

"TACTICIAN"

) Sailed for Jervis Bay p.m. 28th January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/27TH JANUARY to 0900K/28th JANUARY,  
1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"WARREGO"

Departed Hobart for Flinders Island 1200K/27th January.  
E.T.A. 1000K/28th January.

"GLADSTONE"

E.T.D. Frankston 0900K/28th January. E.T.A. Westernport  
1500K/28th January.

"KANGAROO"

E.T.D. Sydney 1700K/27th January. E.T.A. Hobart (via  
Jervis Bay) 0900K/31st January.

"FREMANTLE"

Flag of Flag Officer Special Squadron was  
struck in "CAMPANIA" at sunset 27th January, 1953. Ships in  
the Squadron now administered by C.in C's. of their Home Ports.  
E.N.E. winds in Oberon Bay (Wilsons Promontory). E.T.A. Jervis Bay  
a.m. 28th. To exercise off Jervis Bay with "COOTAMUNDRA" until 2nd  
February. Then exercises off Sydney on 4th proceeding to Melbourne  
on completion.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured alongside at Port Melbourne 1000K/23rd.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

To recover torpedoes as required by S.M.4 on 28th. Then on  
for "FREMANTLE" returning to Sydney on completion.

"AIR SPEED"

Non-operational from 1000K/22nd until further notice due to  
low batteries following calibration runs.

"PLATYPUS"

"CASCOINE"

"SHEPPARTON"

} To be docked in Captain Cook Dock 30th January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/23RD TO 0900K/27TH JANUARY, 1953

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"AUSTRALIA"

Undocked p.m. 23rd.

"HAWKESBURY"

With "WARREEN" in tow, en route Fremantle to Melbourne, came under operational control of N.O.I.C. S.E.A. at 0200K/27th.

"MACQUARIE"

Proposed departing Port Melbourne 5th February and rejoining Squadron at Sydney a.m. 7th.

"FREMANTLE"

Arrived Port Melbourne 0600K/24th from Sydney. Departed thence 1200K/25th for Jervis Bay. En route sheltering from Force 9 E.N.E. winds in Oberon Bay (Wilsons Promontory). E.T.A. Jervis Bay a.m. 28th. To exercise off Jervis Bay with "COOTAMUNDRA" until 2nd February. Then exercises off Sydney on 4th proceeding to Melbourne on completion.

"GLADSTONE"

Secured alongside at Port Melbourne 1000K/23rd.

"COOTAMUNDRA"

To recover torpedoes as required by S.M.4 on 28th. Then as for "FREMANTLE" returning to Sydney on completion.

"AIR SPEED"

Non-operational from 1000K/22nd until further notice due to low batteries following calibration runs.

"PLATYPUS"

"GASCOYNE"

"SHEPPARTON"

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) To be docked in Captain Cook Dock 30th January.



DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/22ND TO 0900K/23RD JANUARY, 1953.

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VENGEANCE

Departed Greenock 1700/21st for Gibraltar,  
E.T.A. 0900A/26th January.  
(E.T.A. Fremantle 26th February).

GLADSTONE

KANGAROO

Departed Jervis Bay 1600K/21st for Sydney,  
E.T.A. 0400K/22nd. Sydney 0100K/21st January.

HAWKESBURY

With WARREN in tow departed Fremantle  
E.T. 1100K/22nd for Melbourne, E.T.A. to be  
signalled. 24th

GLADSTONE

Arrived Port Phillip 2200K/22nd from  
Westernport.

WARREGO

Departed Flinders Island survey ground  
at 0800K/23rd for Hobart, E.T.A. 0600K/24th.

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APPOINTMENTS:

Captain G.G.O. Gatacre, D.S.C.<sup>M</sup>, as A.N.A.  
Washington. (Arriving U.S.A. via U.K.  
about 14th July, 1953).

Captain F.N. Cook, D.S.C., to PENGUIN for  
Foreign Service Leave.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900 21ST JANUARY, 1953, TO 0900 22ND JANUARY.

NAVAL STAFF LOG SUMMARY.

GLADSTONE

Alongside Gellibrand Pier 20th January.  
Secured alongside F.N.D. Wharf  
21st January.

KANGAROO

Arrived Fremantle 18th January.  
E.T.D. Jervis Bay for Sydney 0100K/  
21st January.

PREMANTLE

E.T.D. Sydney 1300K/21st January.  
E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/21st January.

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BLACK PRINCE

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New Zealand Government has approved for  
attending the Coronation.  
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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900/20TH JANUARY, 1953, TO 0900/21ST  
JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF LOG SUMMARY.

20TH/21ST JANUARY, 1953.

GLADSTONE

Alongside Gellibrand Pier 20th January.  
E.T.D. Westernport 1600K/21st January.

HAWKESBURY

Arrived Fremantle 19th January.

TOBRUK

Arrived Jervis Bay 19th January.

BATAAN

Undocked p.m. 20th January.

SHOALHAVEN

Undocked p.m. 20th January.

YONGALA

Arrived Sydney.

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Shipping deferred. N.T.A. Sydney not until  
5th February.

ARAB

Reported here 19th January. N.T.A. East Coast  
leaves 19th January.

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Relieved 19th January.

ALAN

Intend departing Sydney 19th/20th January.  
N.P.A. Jervis Bay 19th/20th January.

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Called Jervis Bay for Sydney 19th/20th January.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/19TH JANUARY 1953 -  
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0900K/20TH JANUARY, 1953.

CONDAMINE

17th January departed Kure for West Coast of Korea. E.T.A. 18th January.

ARUNTA

E.T.D. Jervis Bay 2300K/18th January. E.T.A. Sydney 1600K/20th January. Carrying out A/S exercises en route.

AIR MASTER

Now fully operational.

WOMERA

Arrived Sydney.

KOALA

Slipping deferred. E.T.D. Sydney not until 3th February.

ANZAC

Departed Kure 18th January. E.T.A. West Coast Korea 19th January.

FAVINE

Unlipped 18th January.

ICORNE

Intend departing Sydney 1800K/19th January. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1700K/19th January.

YELWASH

Completed D.C. ranging A.M. 15th January. Three hull ~~number 112~~ intend to sail from Portland at 1400K/19th January for T.A.M. OF BARK.

SAVEMER

Called Jervis Bay for Sydney 1700K/19th January.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/16TH - 0900K/19TH JANUARY 1953.NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

KANGAROO Arrived Jervis Bay 2245K/15th January.

GLADSTONE <sup>DAIT</sup> Intend to sail from Launceston 1400K/18th January.  
E.T.A. Williamstown 1300K/20th January - has breakdown  
in main refrigeration machinery. <sup>JANUARY, 1953.</sup>  
Secured alongside Kings Wharf, Launceston 1415K/  
16th January.

HAWKESBURY Departed Monte Bello Island 1400K/15th January.  
E.T.A. Fremantle 1630K/19th January.

WOOMERA Completed laying practice minefield. Arrived Sydney  
1300K/18th January.

RESERVE To be docked P.M. 16th January.

AIR MASTER <sup>GLADSTONE</sup> Non operational from 0800K/17th to 0800K/19th January  
for engine overhaul. <sup>ON 1300K/18.</sup>  
<sup>E.T.A. 1315K/16.</sup>

PARKES Unslipped 15th January.

TOBRUK Intend departing Sydney 1630K/19th January.  
E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1730K/19th January.

VENGEANCE Completed D.C. ranging A.M. 15th January. Three  
helicopters are embarked. Intend to sail from  
Portland at 1400K/16th January for TAIL OF BANK.  
<sup>WOOMERA</sup> <sup>DEPARTED SWAN ISLAND 1700K/15th.</sup>  
<sup>E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 1700K/16th.</sup>

TACTICIAN Sailed Jervis Bay for Sydney 1700K/16th January.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/15TH JANUARY TO 0900K/16TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

KANGAROO:

Intends to depart  
January, E.T.A. 2000K/15th January.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

HARRIER:

Will reach port Melbourne for fuel approximately  
15th February.

GLADSTONE:

Departed WESTERNPORT for  
LAUNCESTON 1500K/15.  
E.T.A. 1315K/16.

AIR SPEED:

WOOMERA:

Departed SWAN ISLAND 1700K/15th.  
E.T.A. JERVIS BAY 0600K/18.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/14TH JANUARY TO 0900K/15TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

KANGAROO:

Intends to depart SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY 1000K/15th January. E.T.A. 2000K/15th January.

AIR SPEED:

Non operational from 0800K 15th January to 0900K 15th January.

WARREGO:

Will reach PORT MELBOURNE for fuel approximately 16th February.

FLAG OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS:

AIR SPEED:

Fully operational as from 14th January.

R.R. Howard-Johnston C.O.S. to P.O. Central Europe - January

R.W. Biggs D.C.N.P. (Personal Services) - January

R.T. Robertshaw C.O.S. to C.I. in C. Portsmouth - February.

- \* Captain R.R. Howard-Johnston P.O.S., C.O.S. C.E.E.
- \* Lt. R.W. Biggs, D.C.N.P., A.S.S.
- \* Lt. R.T. Robertshaw, P.O.S., C.O.S.
- \* Mr. Williams
- \* R.S. Kelly, P.O.S.
- \* Lt. J.P. ...
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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/12TH TO 0900K/13TH JANUARY 1953.  
 NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K 13TH JANUARY, 1953 TO 0900K 14TH  
 JANUARY, 1953.

WARFANDA: Taken into C.S. SYDNEY's hands for repair and  
 modernisation.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

TACTICIAN: Arrived JENNY'S BAY 1100K/12th.  
VENGEANCE: E.T.A. PORTLAND 0800K 15th January.  
GLADSTONE: Secured alongside at PORT MELBOURNE 1510K/12th.  
AIR SPEED: Non operational from 0800K 15th January to  
 0800K 16th January.

AIR MASTER: Non operational from 1200K to 1600K/12th  
 (defeating starboard engine).

AIR CHIEF: Fully operational from 0800K/12th.

FLAG OFFICERS' APPOINTMENTS:  
 ----- PORT MELBOURNE 1620K/12th, arrived  
 SWAN ISLAND 1956K/12th.

C.D. Howard-Johnston C.O.S. to F.O. Central Europe - January

H.W. Biggs D.C.N.P. (Personal Services) - January

B.I. Robertshaw C.O.S. to C. in C. Portsmouth - February.

Captain C.D. Howard-Johnston D.S.O., D.S.C., A.D.C.  
 \* B.I. Robertshaw, C.B.E., A.D.C.  
 \* H.W. Biggs, D.S.O., A.D.C.  
 \* Guy Willoughby  
 \* W.H. Selby, D.S.O.  
 \* L.F. Darnford Slater  
 \* (Cdr. 2nd class) P.A. Ballance, D.S.O., A.D.C.







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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0800K/9TH JANUARY TO 0900K/12/11

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

FREMANTLE

Sec (1) Secured Williamstown. January.

AIR SPEED:  
TACTICIAN

(2) To depart Melbourne for Westernport  
1200K/10th June, thence to rendezvous  
1400K/10th with WAGA and COYAKUMORA off Sydney  
at 2200K/12th June.

GLADSTONE

Programme for the period January 15th - 30th,  
as indicated in GLADSTONE's 083345 January, 1935.

HAWESBURY.

To Arrived Monte Dello 8th January.  
E.T.A. 1900K/8th January.

TACTICIAN.

Departed Melbourne for Jarvis Bay 1230K/10th.  
Position 2230K/11th 39° 19'S. 143° 17'E.  
Course 062° speed 10 knots. Jarvis Bay 1000K/  
12th January. E.T.A. 1900K/12th January.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/8TH JANUARY TO 0900K/9TH JANUARY.  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

FREMANLE Secured F.N.D. Wharf a.m. 8th January.  
 Departed SYDNEY 1130K/7th.  
AIR SPEED:  
TACTICIAN To depart Melbourne for Jervis Bay  
 1400k/10th January. E.T.A. 1100k/12th January.

WOOMERA Arrived Melbourne p.m. 8th January.  
AVALAI To depart FREMANLE for SYDNEY about 29th  
 January, 1953.

ARUNTA To depart Sydney for Jervis Bay 0830k/9th January.  
 E.T.A. 1900k/9th January.

SYDNEY Intends to depart Sydney for Jervis Bay 1030k/  
 (F.O.C.A.F.) 12th January. E.T.A. 1900k/12th January.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH JANUARY, 1953.  
DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/7TH TO 0900K/8TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

AIR SPEED: Departed SYDNEY 1130K/7th.  
Arrived JERVIS BAY 1725K/7th.

Arrived MELBOURNE 0500K/7th from SYDNEY. To berth at No.1 North Wharf.

FREMANTLE  
KOALA: To depart FREMANTLE for SYDNEY about 29th  
Departed January, 1953. For exercises in Port Phillip and Westernport Areas.

RESERVE  
To be docked at SYDNEY A.M. 7th January.



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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/6TH TO 0900K/7TH JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY

"TACTICIAN"

Arrived MELBOURNE 0900K/7th from SYDNEY. To berth at No.1 North Wharf.

"FREMANTLE"

Departed MELBOURNE 1430K/6th for exercises in Port Phillip and Westernport Areas.

"RESERVE"

To be docked at SYDNEY A.M.7th January.

APPOINTMENTS

Commander I. E. FURVES to ~~COMMUNION~~ in Command (temporarily).

Commander J. L. BATH to LONSDALE for Navy Office as D.S.O. (temporarily).

Commander I. H. McDONALD to TORBUX in Command.

Commander J. S. HESLEY to AREAC in Command and as Commander (D) 10.

Captain G.S.O. GATACHE to LONSDALE for leave and disposal.

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DAILY NARRATIVE - 0900K/5 TO 0900K/6, 1963.

WOOMERA STAFF - Sailed Sydney 1335K/5 for Melbourne E.T.A. 1330K/8.

TAC HAWKESBURY Depart - Sailed Fremantle 1330K/5th Surfaced E.T.A. Monte Bello 1400K/8th. Perpendicular Light, 23 miles, Course 194, Speed 7.

TACTICIAN - On surface 2000K/5. Surfaced Position 38° 36.5' S, 147° 40' E. Light, 13 miles, Course 243°, Speed 6 knots. Speed 6 knots.

BARCOO: Departed Sydney for Eden 1100K/8.

WARREGO - Anchored East Mount Chappel Island.

HARRISBURY: E.T.D. From JABIRU in Company. Area P.M. 5th January. E.T.A. Fremantle from Onslow 19th January.

TRONK: Will undock A.M. 5th January.

APPOINTMENTS.

BRUCE: Commander I. K. FURVIS to RUSHCUTTER in Command (temporarily).

SILCOCK: Commander J. L. BATH to LONSDALE for Navy Office as D.N.C. Departed East Coast Korea 3rd January. (temporarily). 4th January.

ARMAG: Commander I. H. McDONALD to TOBRUK in Command.

Commander J. S. MESLEY to ANZAC in Command and as Commander (D) 10.

Captain G.G.O. GATACRE to LONSDALE for leave and disposal.

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DAILY NARRATIVE FROM 0900K/2 TO 0900K/5 JANUARY, 1953.

NAVAL STAFF SIGNAL LOG SUMMARY.

TACTICIAN: Departed Sydney 0900K/3 January.  
Surfaced 2000K/3. Position 070 degrees Point  
Perpendicular Light, 23 miles, Course 194, Speed 7.  
Surfaced 2055K/4. Position 065 Gabe Island Light,  
13 miles, Course 203, Speed 6 knots.

BARGOO: Departed Sydney for Eden 1100K/2.

HAWKESBURY: E.T.D. Fremantle for Onslow area P.M. 5th January.  
E.T.A. Fremantle from Onslow 19th January.

TOBRUK: Will undock A.M. 5th January.

MURCHISON: )  
CULGOA: ) Will undock P.M. 2nd January.

ANZAC: Departed East Coast Korea 3rd January, E.T.A. Kure  
4th January.

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