

To 0900 Saturday, 6th September, 1941.

To 0900 Friday, 5th September, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" - departed Sydney 1640 yesterday escorting H.T. "AQUITANIA", for Wellington, via Bay yesterday.

"MORESBY" arrived Brisbane 1100 yesterday and departed at 2245.

"WESTRALIA" in Sydney has reverted to 72 hours for steam.

"BALLARAT" arrived Port Melbourne at 1515 yesterday from Westernport and will carry out minesweeping trials on Tuesday 9th September. for sweeping operations in Bass Strait.

"DOOMBA" prior to departure from Port Phillip for Wilson's Promontory area on 8th September, will carry out firing for D.E.M.S. ratings. Fore sailing for Melbourne so as to arrive not later than a.m. Wednesday next, 10th September.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" arrived Wellington yesterday from escort duty to the westward.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed Auckland yesterday escorting "CAPETOWN CASTLE" to the eastward.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"VOYAGER" in order to make good urgent mechanical defects, which have developed, intends remaining in Sourabaya until tomorrow 7th September. E.T.A. Darwin will therefore be 1100 11th September instead of 9th September.

"STUART" arrived Colombo 1935 4th September.

GENERAL

(1) Preliminary trials of A.M.S. vessel No. 10 ("TOOWOOMBA") at Maryborough (Queensland) were unsatisfactory and were abandoned. Engineer Officer is posting a detailed report.

(2) "INNISFAIL" which has been requisitioned for Naval Service departed Townsville for Brisbane yesterday. E.T.A. 0600 10th September.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "AORANGI" departed Sydney for Panama 2025 yesterday.

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To 0900 Thursday, 4th September, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

"ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay yesterday.

"WESTRALIA" escorting "TRIENZA" arrived Sydney 0800 this morning.

20th M.S.F. comprising "WARREGO", "SWAN" and "MILDURA" will carry out gunnery firing in Port Phillip today and on completion commence boiler cleaning. Flotilla will sail 11th September for sweeping operations in Bass Strait.

"LITHGOW" arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay yesterday and is cleaning boilers before sailing for Melbourne so as to arrive not later than a.m. Wednesday next, 10th September.

"HEROS", from Group 51 based on Sydney, and "BINGERA" from Group 53 based on Fremantle, are to exchange stations.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD

"MARGARETTA" sailed Port Phillip 2020K/2nd September for Fremantle.

"STUART" expected to arrive Colombo 1930 yesterday whence she sails 7th September for Singapore en route to Australia.

"ORANGE" arrived Sydney 0600K/4th September.

H.M.A.S. "BARBARAH" commissioned 0900K/3rd September.

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To 0800 Wednesday 3rd September, 1941.

To 0900 Thursday, 4th September, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

"ADELAIDE" departed Sydney for Jarvis Bay escorting
H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at 1800 yesterday and

H.M.A. SHIPS. arrived at 2200.

"MORESBY" sailed Sydney 1335K/3rd September for Brisbane.
E.T.A. 0930K/5th September.

"SYDNEY" sailed Sydney 1715K/3rd September, escorting
"QUEEN MARY".

"MARYBOROUGH" at Williamstown.

TRANSPORTS.

"QUEEN MARY" and "QUEEN ELIZABETH" on passage to Fremantle
escorted to R.V. by "SYDNEY" thence from R.V.
by "CANBERRA".

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived at Jarvis Bay 2200 yesterday.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"WANGANELLA" sailed Port Phillip 2029K/2nd September for
Fremantle. E.T.A. 1500H/7th September.

"MAUNGANUI" Suez for Australia. E.T.A. Colombo 12th
September.

"ORANJE" arrived Sydney 0600K/4th September.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "MARRAWAH" commissioned 0900K/3rd September.

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To 0900 Tuesday 2nd September, 1941.
To 0900 Wednesday 3rd September, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIP OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS. will sail from Fremantle 1045 tomorrow to carry out full calibre firing and afterwards proceed to R.V. in sight to take over escort of U.S.12A.

"ADELAIDE" departed Sydney for Jervis Bay escorting "SIDNEY" H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at 1620 yesterday and arrived at 2220.

"BIRMGOW" departed Sydney yesterday for Jervis Bay to provide A/S protection for "QUEEN ELIZABETH".

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO", "SWAN", "DOOMBA" and "MILDURA" arrived Port Phillip 1810 yesterday. E.T.A. 1001 tomorrow.

"BALLARAT" departed Port Melbourne at 1445 yesterday for Flinders' Naval Depot anchorage for working up, sails E.T.A. 0700 today. to work up prior to joining Group 24 Auxiliary W/S Fleets based on Sydney.

TRANSPORTS

"VOYAGER" leaves Singapore today for Sourabaya. Her onward H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived at Jervis Bay 2220 yesterday. Sydney per East Coast route as follows:-

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney from Hobart 1753 yesterday.

Blank	Singapore	2nd September.
4th September	Sourabaya	5th "
8th "	Darwin	10th "
12th "	Thursday Island	13th "
15th "	Tennaville (?)	17th "
19th "	Brisbane	20th "
	Sydney	Blank.

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TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" (U.S.12A.) departed Hobart 1045 yesterday for Sydney.

"SIRAJAK" (U.S.12B.) departed Singapore yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 12th September.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "STANHOPE" commenced preliminary sea trials yesterday. Built by Walkers at Maryborough, she is expected to complete at the end of this month.

Dutch Hospital Ship "ORANJE" departed Wellington yesterday for Sydney, arriving 0400 Thursday, 4th September.

Commander J.A. Walsh, R.A.N., yesterday assumed command of H.M.A.S. "HELVILLE" at Darwin.

Acting Commander C.R. Reid, R.A.N., yesterday assumed command of H.M.A.S. "FROTH" at Sydney.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 2nd September, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" will sail from Fremantle 1045 tomorrow to carry out full calibre firing and afterwards proceed to R.V. in Bight to take over escort of U.S.12A.

"SYDNEY" carried out firings off Sydney yesterday.

"BITHGOW" departed Sydney yesterday for Jervis Bay to provide A/S protection for "QUEEN ELIZABETH".

"MARYBOROUGH" departed Hobart yesterday for Port Melbourne. E.T.A. 1001 tomorrow.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK", a New South Wales intrastate collier of 640 tons requisitioned and fitted out at Sydney, sails today for Broken Bay to work up prior to joining Group 50 Auxiliary M/S Flotilla based on Sydney.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"VOYAGER" leaves Singapore today for Sourabaya. Her onward programme has been amended so that she will proceed to Sydney per East Coast route as follows:-

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
Blank	Singapore	2nd September.
4th September	Sourabaya	5th "
9th "	Darwin	10th "
12th "	Thursday Island	13th "
16th "	Townsville (?)	17th "
19th "	Brisbane	20th "
22nd "	Sydney	Blank.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" (U.S.12A.) departed Hobart 1245 yesterday for Sydney.

"SIBAJAK" (U.S.12B.) departed Singapore yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 12th September.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "TOOWOOMBA" commenced preliminary sea trials yesterday Built by Walkers at Maryborough, she is expected to complete at the end of this month.

Dutch Hospital Ship "ORANJE" departed Wellington yesterday for Sydney, arriving 0400 Thursday, 4th September.

Commander J.A. Walsh, R.A.N., yesterday assumed command of H.M.A.S. "MELVILLE" at Darwin.

Acting Commander C.R. Reid, R.A.N., yesterday assumed command of H.M.A.S. "PERTH" at Sydney.

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To 0900 Monday, 1st September, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" about 9th September will be required to escort "ZEALANDIA" to Port Moresby and Rabaul thence to Nauru.

H.M. "BINGERA" A/S vessel arrived Fremantle 1030/31st August from Geraldton, W.A.

"ADELE" arrived Sydney from Auckland yesterday.

"ADELE", Examination vessel, arrived Sydney 2235/31 August from Darwin. H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to Newcastle, and has been ordered to revert to 8 hours' notice.

TRANSPORTS

"BINGERA": Departed Fremantle for Sydney 1315 30th August.

"ZEALANDIA" arrived Sydney 0610/31st August.

"JOHAN VAN OLDEN BARNEVELDT" passed Thursday Island 1005/31st August for Wellington. E.T.A. 6th September.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

H.M. "ORANJE" arrived Wellington 0718/31st August. Escort duty to the westward, thence to Wellington.

"MANUNDA" sailed Colombo 29th August for Fremantle. E.T.A. 8th September.

"WANGANELLA" arrived Melbourne from Sydney yesterday.

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" GENERAL arrived Newcastle for Sydney yesterday.

Captain POTJER, of the Hospital ship "ORANJE", has been awarded the Knight Order of ORANJE-NASSAU by Her Majesty, The Queen of Holland.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

"WANGANELLA": Departed Sydney 1200 30th August for Melbourne.

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INTELLIGENCE.

The Italian ship "LIBRA" arrived Sydney 29th August.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT": Commissioned at 0500 yesterday and will commence working up on Monday, 8th September.

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To 0900 Saturday DAILY NARRATIVE.

(To 0900 Sunday, 31st August, 1941.)

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" was due to arrive at Sydney at 0400K/30th August.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"MANOORA" after escorting H.T. "ZEALANDIA" as far as Newcastle is to proceed direct to Sydney.

H.M.A. SHIPS:

"ADELAIDE": Arrived Sydney from Auckland yesterday.

"MANOORA": Arrived Sydney yesterday at 1306 after escorting H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to Newcastle, and has been ordered to revert to 6 hours' notice.

"BINGERA": Departed Geraldton for Fremantle 1315 30th August. E.T.A. 1200 today.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

"CERAMIC" entered Port Phillip 2059K/29th August, and was to berth at Outer West Station Pier at

H.M.S. "ACHILLES": Departed Auckland yesterday on escort duty to the westward, thence to Wellington.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "ZEALANDIA": Sailed Newcastle for Sydney yesterday. E.T.A. 0800 today.

HOSPITAL SHIP.

"WANGANELLA": Departed Sydney 1200 30th August for Melbourne.

INTELLIGENCE.

The Italian sloop "ERITREA" arrived Shanghai 29th August.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT": Commissioned at 0800 yesterday and will commence working up on Monday, 8th September.

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To 0900 Friday, 29th August, 1941.
To 0900 Saturday, 30th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" "ADELAIDE" was due to arrive at Sydney at 0400K/30th August.

"MANOORA" after escorting H.T. "ZEALANDIA" as far as Newcastle is to proceed direct to Sydney.

"BINGERA" arrived at Geraldton 0945H/29th August.

TRANSPORTS

"ZEALANDIA" is to sail from Newcastle not later than midnight tonight for Sydney.

"MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" is due to arrive at Melbourne at 0600K/3rd September.

"ZEALANDIA" arrived Brisbane 0040K/28th from Thursday Island and sailed H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" off Cape Moreton for E.T.A. 0700K/30th, August.

FREIGHT SHIP

"CERAMIC" entered Port Phillip 2039K/29th August, and was to berth at Outer West Station Pier at 0700K/30th August.

"ORANGE" arrived Sydney 0615K/28th August, and sailed 1757K/28th for Wellington A. 0700K/31st August.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" final inspection carried out a.m. 29th August and accepted.

H.M.A.S. "STUART" - Intended Programme.

in latitude 30° S, longitude 150° E, on 28th August by a British A.N.C. ship is now confirmed by C.S. Pacific Coast, Esquimaux as H.M.A.S. "STUART".

	<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Leave</u>
	September 5	Colombo	September 7
	" 11	Singapore	" 12
17th October	" 14	Batavia	" 16
	" 21	Fremantle	" 23
	" 27	Adelaide	" 29
August	October 1	Melbourne	

H.M.A.S. "STUART" and H.M.A.S. "YARRA", C. in C. E.I. reports, have been taking part in Persian Gulf operations, the former at Bandar Shapur and the latter at Bandar Abbas and to the "YARRA" captured Italian ship "HILDA" at Bandar Abbas, on fire but it is not thought that fire can be got under control.

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H.M.A. SHIPS. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney 0645K/28th August.

"WARREGO" } sailed Hobart 0617K/28th August for Waterloo
"SWAN" } Bay.

"VOYAGER" sailed Colombo 1220K/27th August for Singapore.
E.T.A. 1300K/1st September.

H.M. SHIP

"LEANDER" arrived Sydney 0900K/28th August.

TRANSPORTS

"ZEALANDIA" arrived Brisbane 0040K/28th from Thursday Island
and sailed for R.V. with H.M.A.S. "MANCOORA" off Cape
Moreton for Newcastle. E.T.A. 0700K/30th. August.

"MANOKILLA" is to be sailed from Sydney for Melbourne
to arrive 0800 Monday, 1st September.

HOSPITAL SHIP

"ORANJE" arrived Sydney 0815K/28th August, and sailed 1757K/28th
for Wellington. E.T.A. 0700M/31st August.

Commander Calder and Lieutenant Commander Gale
(H.M.S. "BUNGAREE") will arrive Melbourne today from Sydney
to attend at GENERAL.

The Japanese ship "MONTE VIDEO MARU" was spoken
in latitude 29° 02' S. longitude 114° 29' W. on 6th August by a
British A.M.C. which is now confirmed by C.O. Pacific Coast,
Esquimalt as H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT".

N.O.C.S. reports "CESSNOCK" will be launched
17th October.

C. in C. A. & W.I. Station reports at 0830Z/27
August, H.M.C.S. "PRINCE DAVID" sighted an unknown enemy ship in
latitude 34° 30' N. longitude 51° 47' W. course 140° speed. 25
knots, but lost touch within an hour. Enemy appeared to be a
heavy cruiser.

H.M.S. "KANIMBLA" and H.M.A.S. "YARRA", C. in C.
E.I. reports, have been taking part in Persian Gulf operations,
the former ship at Bandar Shapur and the latter at Bandar Abbas
and in the Harum River. "YARRA" captured Italian ship "HILDA"
at Bandar Abbas August 27th, on fire but it is not thought
that fire can be got under control.

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0900 Thursday, 28th August, 1941.

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H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" arrived at Fremantle 1001K/28th August.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WESTRALIA", escorting "TRIENZA", departed Nauru at noon yesterday for Sydney.

"WILDURA" carried out gunnery exercises in Port Phillip yesterday secured alongside at Port Melbourne

TRANSPORTS

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" arrived Brisbane from Thursday Island yesterday.

"KOROHA" is to join "DURRAWEN" at Queenscliff p.m. today.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"ORANJE" departed Port Melbourne 0518 yesterday and expects to arrive Sydney 0800 this morning

"WANGANELLA" is to be sailed from Sydney for Melbourne tomorrow, to arrive 0800 Monday, 1st September.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF SUBMARINE

GENERAL

The Captain of a southbound KNILM reported sighting a submarine at 4.30 p.m. 28th August. Commander Calder and Lieutenant Commander Gale (H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE") will arrive Melbourne today from Sydney to attend at Navy Office.

GENERAL

(i) Captain H.M.L. Waller, D.S.O., R.A.N., is being appointed to H.M.A.S. "PERTH" in command, vice Captain Sir Philip Bowyer-Smyth, R.N.

(ii) The following is approved Programme of H.M.A.S.

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<u>Arrival date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Departure date</u>
September, 1st.	Colombo	August, 27th.
September, 4th	Singapore	September, 2nd.
September, 12th	Batavia	September, 5th.
September, 18th	Fremantle	September, 13th.
September, 21st	Adelaide	September, 19th.
September, 25th	Melbourne	September, 23rd.
	Sydney	

(iii) H.M.A.S. "STEADY HOME" was commissioned on 28th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

ST SECRET. Tuesday, 26th August, 1941.

To 0900 Wednesday, 27th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" arrived at Fremantle 1001K/26th August.

"SYDNEY" expects to arrive at Sydney 0630K/tomorrow.

"ADELAIDE" left Auckland yesterday for Sydney and expects to arrive on 30th August.

"MILDURA" carried out Gunnery exercises in Port Phillip yesterday and then secured alongside at Port Melbourne. After exersdsing with "KOROWA" today she is to proceed to fuelling berth, Williamstown.

"KOROWA" is to join "DURRAWEEEN" at Queenscliff p.m. today.

"ORARA" entered Port Phillip at 0446K/27th August.

"ADELE" departed Brisbane 0900K/29th August for Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/29th August.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" expects to arrive at Sydney 0800K/tomorrow.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF SUBMARINE

The Captain of a southbound KNILM reported sighting a submarine 285°, 95 miles from Darwin at 4.20 p.m. 26th August. 3 Hudson aircraft were despatched with instructions to attack, but did not locate the target.

GENERAL

(i) Captain H.M.L. Waller, D.S.O., R.A.N., is being appointed to H.M.A.S. "PERTH" in command, vice Captain Sir Philip Bowyer-Smyth, R.N.

(ii) The following is approved Programme of H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER":-

<u>Arrival date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Departure date</u>
-	Colombo	August, 27th.
September, 1st.	Singapore	September, 2nd.
September, 4th	Batavia	September, 5th.
September, 12th	Fremantle	September, 13th.
September, 18th	Adelaide	September, 19th.
September, 21st	Melbourne	September, 23rd.
September, 25th	Sydney	-

(iii) H.M.A.S. "STEADY HOUR" was commissioned on 26th August.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 26th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 1500K/25 from Port Moresby.

"ADELAIDE" at Auckland.

HOSPITAL SHIP

"ORANJE" at Port Melbourne from Adelaide.

GENERAL

Captain H.M.L. Waller, R.A.N., left Cairo by air 24th August for Australia.

H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" arrived Moreton Bay 1714K/25 August.

H.M.S. "MONORAI" escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA" from Suva, arrived Auckland 1145 yesterday.

SHIPPING

An S.O.S. ***** yesterday at 1715 from the "DELLIE" (411 tons gross, owned by Aulico Pty. Ltd. Sydney) en route from Newcastle to Sydney. The vessel struck a reef near Cook Island and was afterwards beached on Fingal Beach (near Tweed Heads). H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" was ordered to proceed to her assistance, and a further signal was received from "DELLIE" stating that no further assistance was required.

HOSPITAL SHIP "ORANJE" arrived Adelaide at 0915 yesterday from Fremantle via Melbourne at 1730 for Melbourne. E.Y.A. 1730 today.

INTELLIGENCE

(i) Dutch M.V. "KOTA NOPAN" 7,523 tons gross, which left Thursday Island 21st July and was due at Balboa 21st August is reported to have been sunk by a raider in the vicinity of the Galapagos Islands.

(ii) Air reconnaissance from Darwin yesterday to check the report of the Malay skipper of a local lugger that Japanese mother ships and luggers were leaving for Falsu to lie up, sighted no Japanese luggers from Bathurst and Melville Islands to Wessel Island.

(iii) The mine ashore 13 miles west of Port McDonnell was yesterday rendered safe by the H.M.S. party.

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To 0900 Monday, 25th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

"SYDNEY" arrived Suva from the eastward 0500 yesterday, and departed at 1206 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0630 28th August.

"ADELAIDE" escorting "CAPETOWN CASTLE" is due Auckland at 1230 today. N.Z.N.B. advises that there are no ships for escort on return voyage.

"BUNGAREE" expects to arrive Sydney from Port Moresby tomorrow. N.O.C.S. anticipates refit will take approximately one month and proposes that the ship be placed at ten days' notice for steam and long leave granted to ship's company.

"ADOORAN" departed Port Welshpool 23rd August for sweeping area S. "ADELE" expects to depart from Brisbane for Sydney at 0500 tomorrow.

"ORARA" secured alongside jetty Port Welshpool yesterday.

"PATERSON" anchored H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD yesterday.

"VENDETTA" - As the 10th Destroyer Flotilla has from 22nd August ceased to exist, "VENDETTA" has joined 7th Destroyer Flotilla.

"ADRIE" arrived at Brisbane yesterday.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA" from Suva, arrived Auckland 1145 yesterday.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" and "AQUITANIA" arrived at Sydney yesterday.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived SHIPPING yesterday. *Should read Brisbane*

An S.O.S. was received yesterday at 1713 from the E.T.A. "DELLIE" (411 tons gross, owned by Aulco Pty. Ltd. Sydney) en route from Newcastle to Sydney. The vessel struck a reef near Cook Island and was afterwards beached on Fingal Beach (near Tweed Heads). H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" was ordered to proceed to her assistance, and a further signal was received from "DELLIE" stating that no further assistance was required.

(i) HOSPITAL SHIP "ORANJE" arrived Adelaide at 0912 yesterday from Fremantle and departed at 1739 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1730 today.

(ii) Lieutenant-Commander R.C. Robison, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. "STUART" has been appointed in command, to date 22nd August, vice Captain H.M.L. INTELLIGENCE O., R.A.N., who is to be discharged.

(i) Dutch M.V. "KOTA NOPAN" 7,322 tons gross, which left Thursday Island 21st July and was due at Balboa 21st August is reported to have been sunk by a raider in the vicinity of the Galapagos Islands.

(iv) (ii) Air reconnaissance from Darwin yesterday to check the report of the Malay skipper of a local lugger that Japanese mother ships and luggers were leaving for Palau to lie up, sighted no Japanese luggers from Bathurst and Melville Islands to Wessel Island.

(iii) The mine ashore 18 miles west of Port McDonnell was yesterday rendered safe by the R.M.S. party.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 24th August, 1941. Local Lugger has reported that all Japanese Luggers operating off Bathurst Island received orders from Japan to proceed ... Palau, and to lay up. Mother ship "NEW GUINEA MARU" and 12 Luggers departed Bathurst Island area on 20th August. Mother ship embarked all members of above Luggers crews for passage to OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA. Luggers remaining behind short of fuel were instructed to replenish from Darwin H.M.A. SHIPS. and proceed to Palau.

"MANOORA", escorting "ZEALANDIA" departed Thursday Island, 23rd August for Brisbane. Aircraft a.m. today.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Welshpool 23rd August for sweeping area S.C.F.18

"ORARA" secured alongside jetty Port Welshpool yesterday.

"PATERSON" anchored in Waterloo Bay yesterday.

"BINGERA", towing lighter "KARALEE", arrived at Broome 23rd August. When 2 feet of water has been pumped out of "KARALEE" a further report will be made.

"ADELE" arrived at Brisbane yesterday.

TRANSPORTS.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" and "AQUITANIA" arrived at Sydney yesterday.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived at Hobart yesterday.

"MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" left Singapore on 22nd August. E.T.A. Fremantle 29th August.

"JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT" left Singapore on 23rd August. E.T.A. Wellington 6th September.

GENERAL.

- (i) The Second Naval Member (Commodore J.W. Durnford) arrives Melbourne today by train from Sydney.
- (ii) Lieutenant-Commander R.C. Robison, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. "STUART" has been appointed in command, to date 22nd August, vice Captain H.M.L. Waller, D.S.O., R.A.N., who is to be discharged to Australia.
- (iii) "BIRCHGROVE PARK" was commissioned for service as an Auxiliary M/S vessel on 22nd August.
- (iv) S.S. "MARRAWAH" is to be requisitioned on 3rd September, and will be fitted out at Melbourne for Naval service.
- (v) A mine having been reported ashore 18 miles West of Port McDonnell the R.M.S. party from "TORRENS" was despatched by road P.M. yesterday.

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Yo 0830 Saturday, 23rd Aug 2., 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

INTELLIGENCE.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADEL" The Malay Skipper of a local Lugger has reported that all Japanese Luggers operating off Bathurst Island received orders from Japan to proceed to Palau, and to lay up. Mother ship "NEW GUINEA MARU" and 12 Luggers departed Bathurst Island area on 20th August. Mother ship embarked all members of above Luggers crews for passage to Dobo. Four Japanese Luggers remaining behind short of fuel were instructed to replenish from Darwin Luggers and then proceed to Palau.

"ADEL" 20th E.S.P. arrived Hobart 1405K/21st

The Lugger position in the Bathurst Island area is to be checked up by Aircraft a.m. today.

TRANSPORTS.

"QUEEN MARY" sailed Sydney 0740K/22nd August for Hobart.
E.T.A. 1100K/23rd August.

"AQUITANIA" E.T.A. Sydney 0715K/23rd August.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/23rd August.

GENERAL.

It is expected "BALLANTRAE" will commission on 30th August.

H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" was commissioned at Sydney 0800K/22nd August.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" sailed Fremantle 22nd August.
E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/23rd August.

N.O.C.S. reports it is expected H.M.A.S. "WORMSEY" will be ready for Surveying Duties by 1st September.

D.S.T. reports "AWATEA" is to be taken over for Trooping Service on her present voyage arrival at Vancouver.

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To 0900 Saturday, 23rd August, 1941.

To 0900 Friday OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" sailed Sydney 1735K/22nd August for Auckland escorting "CAPETOWN CASTLE". E.T.A. 1430M/25th August.

"MANOORA" arrived Thursday Island 0910K/22 escorting A/S and "ZEALANDIA".

"WARREGO"
"SWAN"
"MARYBOROUGH" } 20th M.S.F. arrived Hobart 1405K/21st August.

TRANSPORTS.

"QUEEN MARY" sailed Sydney 0740K/22nd August for Hobart. E.T.A. 1100K/23rd August.

"ACQUITANIA" E.T.A. Sydney 0715K/23rd August.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/23rd August.

GENERAL SHIP

It is expected "BALLARAT" will commission on 30th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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MOST SECRET. Thursday, 21st August, 1941.

To 0900 Friday, 22nd August, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADVENTURER" OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION to Auckland, leaving Sydney on 22nd August.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO", "SWAN" and "MARYBOROUGH" arrived Hobart yesterday and will provide A/S and M/S protection for N.T. "QUEEN MARY" which arrives Hobart tomorrow.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA" arrived Suva yesterday and departed the same day for Auckland.

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" departed Singapore yesterday for Fremantle. TRANSPORTS "SIBAJAK" is further delayed and is not to company.

"SIBAJAK" which sailed from Singapore on 20th August returned to Singapore with damaged windlass and it is estimated that repairs will take 12 days.

"ORANJE" arrived at Fremantle yesterday, whence she is to be sailed for Sydney, via Adelaide and Melbourne. HOSPITAL SHIP

"ORANJE" departed Fremantle at 0500 yesterday Adelaide thence to Melbourne and Sydney.

The mine reported in the vicinity of Wilson's Promontory on 19th August was rendered safe yesterday by the R.N.S. Party GENERAL Naval Depot.

Second Naval Member (Commodore J.W. Durnford) arrived Townsville from Darwin by QANTAS flying boat yesterday and continues his journey by air this morning.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0900 Thursday, 21st August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" is to escort s.s. "CAPETOWN CASTLE" to Auckland, leaving Sydney on 22nd August.

"BUNGAREE" now expects to arrive at Sydney on 26th August.

"DOOMBA" secured Port Welshpool yesterday.

"WATO" arrived at Broome yesterday from Darwin.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" arrived at Fremantle yesterday.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" departed Singapore yesterday for Fremantle. The Transport "SIBAJAK" is further delayed and is not in company.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"ORANJE" arrived at Fremantle yesterday, whence she is to be sailed for Sydney, via Adelaide and Melbourne.

GENERAL

The mine reported in the vicinity of Wilson's Promontory on 19th August was rendered safe yesterday by the R.M.S. Party from Flinders Naval Depot.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 20th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" sailed Suva escorting "AWATEA" - returning to Suva midnight 25th August.

"BUNGAREE" departed Fort Moresby at 1300 yesterday for Sydney

"MANCOORA" arrived Darwin 1206K/19 August and sailed 1826K/19th August escorting "ZEALANDIA". E.T.A. Thursday 20th M.S.E. Island anchorage 0600K/22nd August and E.T.A. Sydney 30th August. *provide A/S and W/A protection for "QUEEN MARY".*

"ADELAIDE" Sydney at 8 hours' Diminishing Notice from 0800 today to refit steering engine.

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" departs Singapore today escorting H.T. "SIBAJAK" to Melbourne.

TRANSPORTS

H.M.S. "HONOLULU" departed Auckland yesterday escorting

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" sailed Fremantle 0600H/19th August. E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/23rd August.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" intends departing Fremantle this morning for Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney Heads 0715 Saturday 23rd August.

"QUEEN MARY" will sail from Sydney for Hobart 0715 Friday,

"ACANTANIA" departed Fremantle at 0800 yesterday and is due Sydney at 0715 August.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 19th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AWATEA" escorted "AWATEA" arrived Suva yesterday whence they proceed to a position 1,500 miles N.E. of Suva.
"ADELAIDE" escorting "NARBADA" from Wellington arrived Sydney yesterday.

"BUNGAREE" departed Port Moresby at 1300 yesterday for Sydney via Cook's Passage. E.T.A. 0600/27th August.

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO", "SWAN" and "MARYBOROUGH" departed Port Melbourne yesterday for Hobart, to provide A/S and M/S protection for "QUEEN MARY".

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OPERATIONS ABROAD.

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" departs Singapore today escorting H.T. "SIBAJAK" to Melbourne.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed Auckland yesterday escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA" to Suva.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" intends departing Fremantle this morning for Sydney. E.T.A. Sydney Heads 0715 Saturday 23rd August.

"QUEEN MARY" will sail from Sydney for Hobart 0715 Friday, 22nd August.

"AGUITANIA" departed Fremantle at 0900 yesterday and is due Sydney at 0700, 23rd August.

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To 0900 Monday, 18th August.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"SYDNEY" escorting "AWATEA" arrived Suva yesterday whence they proceed to a position 1,500 miles N.E. of Suva.

"VAMPIRE" estimates completion date of long refit at Singapore 31st October.

"VOYAGER". The following programme was proposed by S.N.O.R.S. to C. in C. East Indies:--

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

	<u>Arrival Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Departure Date</u>
<u>H.M.A. SHIPS.</u>			
	-	ADEN	AUGUST, 16.
" <u>HUNGA</u> "	AM. AUGUST 22.	BOMBAY	" 23.
	AUGUST 26.	COLOMBO	" 27
	SEPTEMBER 1.	SINGAPORE	SEPTEMBER 2.
"	" 4.	BATAVIA	" 5.
" <u>PERTH</u> "	" 12.	FREMANTLE	" 13.
"	" 18.	ADELAIDE	" 19
" <u>HANGORA</u> "	" 21	MELBOURNE	" 23
"	" 25	SYDNEY	-

"WARREGO" Sail from Melbourne for Hobart to
 "SWAN" provide 1/5 and 1/5 protection for
 "MARYBOROUGH" Naval Board has not yet been informed whether the above programme was approved or if "VOYAGER" departed Aden on 16th August.

GENERAL

U.S. Cruisers "NORTHINGTON" and "DEAN" arrived Hobart 0900 Captain Sir Philip Bowyer-Smyth, H.M.A.S. "PERTH" will visit Navy Office today. 15th August. Destination not known.

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"AQUITANIA". Arrived Hobart 0907H/15th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0800 Saturday, 18th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 17th August, 1941. yesterday at 1640 for Darwin
E.T.A. p.m. 18th August.

"BUNGAREE" completed laying of minefield at Port Moresby yesterday.

"MARYBOROUGH", on completion of working up, is to join 20th
M.S.F. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS. arrived Williamstown yesterday and commenced boiler cleaning.

"BUNGAREE". Sails Port Moresby 1500K/18th August for Sydney.
"Moresby", it is proposed by N.O.C.S., will sail from Sydney
E.T.A. 0600K/27th August via Cooks Passage northwards
as far as Townsville, returning to Sydney a.m. 13th Sept.

"PERTH". At Sydney - to dock 1000K/18th August.

"GINGERA" towing water lighter "KARALEE", departed Fremantle
E.T.A. Darwin A.M./19th August.

"WARREGO" undocked yesterday. Sail from Melbourne for Hobart to
"SWAN" the 20th M.S.F. provide M/S and A/S protection for
"MARYBOROUGH" "QUEEN MARY" due to arrive 22nd August.
"URARA" sails for Wilson's Promontory area p.m. today from
Sydney and will be employed with "DOOMBA" in S.C.F. 18.

"ADELE" arrived Cairns yesterday, and after coaling and
effecting minor engine repairs, expects to sail for
GENERAL.

U.S. Cruisers "NORTHAMPTON" and "SALT LAKE CITY" arrived Rabaul
0920K/16th August and sailed 1530K/16th August. Destination
not known.

C. in C. China intends sailing "CANBERS", which
arrived Singapore yesterday, from Singapore for
Fremantle tomorrow.

"HONOHAI" escorting "TRANSPORTS" departed Suva at 1300
yesterday for Auckland.

"AQUITANIA". Arrived Fremantle 0907H/16th August.
TRANSPORTS

CONVOY U.S. 118. consisting of "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT",
"MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" and "SIRAJAK" arrived
Singapore yesterday.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Fremantle at 1115 yesterday.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney at 1402 yesterday.

GENERAL

mine reported ashore at Port Moresby on 14th
August was recovered safe yesterday by R.M.S. party from
Flinders Naval Depot.

Captain G.D. Moore, R.A.N. assumed command of H.M.A.S.
"AUSTRALIA" on 14th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Friday, 15th August, 1941.
To 0900 Saturday, 16th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" departed Port Moresby yesterday at 1640 for Darwin E.T.A. p.m. 18th August.

"BUNGAREE" completed laying of minefield at Port Moresby yesterday.

"MARYBOROUGH", on completion of working up, is to join 20th M.S.F.

20th M.S.F. arrived Williamstown yesterday and commenced boiler cleaning.

"MORESBY", it is proposed by N.O.C.S., will sail from Sydney a.m. 19th August for an A/S training cruise northwards as far as Townsville, returning to Sydney a.m. 13th Sept.

"BINGERA" towing water lighter "KARALEE", departed Fremantle for Broome yesterday. E.T.A. 23rd August.

"DOOMBA" undocked yesterday and departed Port Phillip at 1844 the same day to resume maintenance of S.C.F. 18.

"ORARA" sails for Wilson's Promontory area p.m. today from Sydney and will be employed with "DOOMBA" in S.C.F. 18.

"ADELE" arrived Cairns at 1130 yesterday, and after coaling and effecting minor engine repairs, expects to sail for Brisbane at daylight 18th August.

H.M. & H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" C. in C. China intends sailing "CANBERRA", which arrived Singapore yesterday, from Singapore for Fremantle tomorrow.

"MONOWAI" escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA", departed Suva at 1300 yesterday for Auckland.

TRANSPORTS

CONVOY U.S.11B. consisting of "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT", "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" and "SIBAJAK" arrived Singapore yesterday.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Fremantle at 1112 yesterday.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived Sydney at 1402 yesterday.

GENERAL

The mine reported ashore at Peterborough on 14th August was rendered safe yesterday by the R.M.S. party from Flinders Naval Depot.

Captain G.D. Moore, R.A.N. assumed command of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" on 14th August.

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To 0900 Friday, 15th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

20th M.S.F. ("WARRAGO" & "SWAN") are returning to Port Melbourne from Eastern Bass Strait.

"LITHGOW" having completed deperming experiments is to remain at Sydney to provide A/S and M/S protection for convoys U.S.12A and 12B.

"ORARA" completes long refit at Sydney today. When ready for sea she will be despatched to Wilson's Promontory area and employed with "DOOMBA" in maintaining S.C.F.18 under operational control of D.N.O. Vic.

Anticipated time of arrival of "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at Sydney H.M. AND H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD. 0715K/22nd August.

"MONOWAI" escorting "RANGATIRA" arrived Suva yesterday.

"SYDNEY" escorting "AWATEA" departed Auckland yesterday for Suva. E.T.A. 2100 tomorrow. Fleet has reported to Admiralty that on Examination the L/P Turbine of H.M.S. "STUART" reveals considerable damage and the work of repair generally required exceeds the capacity of local resources. He requests a Repair Port be allocated and recommends the ship should C.C.N.Z. (Commodore W.E. Parry) arrives Sydney by flying boat today whence he leaves by train for Melbourne arriving tomorrow Saturday forenoon.

The United States Cruisers "NORTHAMPTON" and "SALT LAKE CITY" arrived Port Moresby 1800K/13th August, and a mine was reported ashore at Peterborough (30 miles west of Cape Otway) yesterday. R.M.S. party will be despatched from F.N.D.).

N.C.O.S. reports it is anticipated "BIRCHROVE PARK" will be commissioned at Sydney 19th August.

H.M.S. "....." sailed from Colombo for Fremantle E.T.A. 1800K/25th August.

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 - A signature "G.B. 198" in black ink.
 - A signature "J.W." in black ink.
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To 0900 Thursday, 14th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" sailed Wellington escorting "NARBADA" for Sydney.
E.T.A. 1800K/18th August.

"MANOORA" arrived Port Moresby 1300K/13th August.

"HUNGAREE" arrived Port Moresby 1800/13th August.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney 1400K/13th August from A/S Training.
Cruise.

20th H.M.S. - weather was too heavy for sweeping yesterday;
proceeds to Port Moresby, and intends sweeping
to the east.

TRANSPORTS

Anticipated time of arrival of "QUEEN ELIZABETH"
at Sydney 0630K/21st August and "AQUITANIA" 0715K/22nd August.

GENERAL

C. in C. Mediterranean Fleet has reported to
Admiralty that on Examination the L/P Turbine of H.M.A.S.
"STUART" reveals considerable damage and the work of repair
generally required is beyond the capacity of local resources.
He requests a Repair Port be allocated and recommends the ship
should proceed to Australia for this purpose.

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The United States Cruisers "NORTHAMPTON" and
"SALT LAKE CITY" arrived Port Moresby 1900K/13th August, and
sailed at 1549K/13th August for Rabaul. E.T.A. 16th August.

N.O.C.S. reports it is anticipated "BIRCHGROVE
PARK" will be commissioned at Sydney 19th August.

H.M.S. "LEANDER" sailed from Colombo for Fremantle
E.T.A. 1300K/20th August.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 13th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"PERTH" arrived Sydney 0915 yesterday and is at 7 days' notice for steam.

"SYDNEY" escorting "ANATEA" arrived Auckland 0900 yesterday

"ADELAIDE" arrived Wellington yesterday from Sydney.

"MANOORA" is expected to arrive at Port Moresby 1200 today, escorting "BUNGAREE".

20th M.S.F. - weather was too heavy for sweeping yesterday; proceeded to Wilson's Promontory, and intends sweeping to the eastward today.

"ADELE" passed Thursday Island southbound yesterday, is due at Cairns at daylight 16th August.

TRANSPORTS

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" departed Fremantle 0900 yesterday for Sydney.

"AQUITANITA" due at Fremantle 18th August, it is anticipated will arrive Sydney 22nd August and be sailed for

Wellington not later than 31st August arriving 3rd September, for Fremantle.

15th August.

GENERAL

"IPSWICH" was launched at Brisbane yesterday.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 12th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"PERTH" was expected to arrive Sydney 0800 this morning.

"SYDNEY" escorting "AWATEA" arrived Auckland 0900 yesterday and sail 14th August for Suva.

20th M.S.F. sheltering in Apollo Bay was unable to sweep "QUEEN MARY" yesterday owing to heavy weather.

"MORESBY" departed Twofold Bay yesterday and after exercising in Jervis Bay expects to arrive Sydney 1445 tomorrow on completion of training cruise.

"DOOMBA" docks at Williamstown 1000 today.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" departed Fremantle 0900 yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 1330 Friday, 15th August.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Trincomalee 2100 Sunday, 10th August for Fremantle. E.T.A. a.m. Friday, 15th August. Service at Port Kembla will be brought into force, Tuesday 12th August at noon.

GENERAL

Time in the U.K. will be retarded one hour at H.M.S. "IPSWICH" was launched at Brisbane yesterday.

"BALLARAT" will carry out Preliminary Sea Trials today in Port Phillip.....

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Monday, 11th August, 1941.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"BUNGAREE" on passage to Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1400K/13th August.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" arrived Fremantle 0801H/10th August.

"ACQUITANIA" E.T.A. Fremantle early a.m. 16th August.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" E.T.A. Fremantle 16th August.

"KATOOMBA" at Fremantle.

GENERAL

U.S. Cruisers "NORTHAMPTON" and "SALT LAKE CITY" sailed from Brisbane a.m. Sunday 10th August for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 13th August.

The Examination Service at Port Kembla will be brought into force, Tuesday 12th August at noon.

Time in the U.K. will be retarded one hour at 0100Z/10.

SHIPPING.

"BALLARAT" will carry out Preliminary Sea Trials today in Port Phillip.

"ZEALANDIA" is expected to sail from Darwin for Sydney 22nd August, probably escorted by "MANCOBA".

"EMPEROR OF JAPAN" is due at Thursday Island from Singapore 18th August.

Hospital Ship "GRANJE" which arrived Suva 6th August, is due at Fremantle from Suva on 20th August, with 472 invalids for Australia and 120 for New Zealand.

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Due to delays by steel foundries, R.N.Z.S. reports that the Auxiliary Vessel "KANG KANG" will not commission before 20th August instead of 10th August as previously advised.

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SECRET. DAILY NARRATIVE
MOST SECRET. Saturday, 9th August, 1941.
DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900 SUNDAY 10th AUGUST, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"PERTH" has departed Fremantle for Sydney arriving Tuesday, 12th August.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" arrived from Lady Elliott Island at 0315 and departed Sydney at 1030 yesterday for Wellington E.T.A. 1900 12th August.

"MANOORA" departed Darwin at 0737 yesterday, will rendezvous with "BUNGAREE" at 0600 on 12th August and escort her to Port Moresby, arriving on 13th August.

"MILDURA" will arrive at Westernport from Bateman's Bay at noon today.

"BUNGAREE" passed Archer Point northbound at 1925 yesterday.

"GERARD" departs from Sydney tomorrow for Port Kembla for duty as Examination Vessel.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" arrived Fremantle from Sydney at 1514 yesterday.

OPERATIONS ABROAD.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed Wellington yesterday escorting H.T. "RANGATIRA" to Suva.

SHIPPING.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived Trincomalee yesterday.

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" is expected to sail from Darwin for Sydney 22nd August, probably escorted by "MANOORA".

H.T. "EMPRESS OF JAPAN" is due at Thursday Island from Singapore 18th August.

Hospital Ship "ORANJE" which arrived Suez 8th August, is due at Fremantle from Suez on 20th August, with 471 invalids for Australia and 159 for New Zealand.

GENERAL.

Owing to delays by steel foundries, N.O.C.S. reports that the Auxiliary Vessel "KARA KARA" will not commission before 30th August instead of 20th August as previously advised.

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To 0900 Saturday, 9th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS. "PERTH" sailed Fremantle 1650H/7th for Port Phillip. E.T.A. 0900K/11th August.

"PERTH" has orders to proceed direct to Sydney arriving Tuesday, 12th August. "DOONBA" departs for Twofold Bay 1000K/7th.

20th M.S.F. ("WARREGO" and "SWAN") carried out 62 1/2 searching sweep of King Island channel yesterday with negative result.

"MORESBY" arrived Twofold Bay yesterday in continuation of training cruise.

"DOONBA" arrived Port Melbourne 0040K/8th August for Boiler U.S. Cruisers, "MORTHAMPTON" and "SALT LAKE CITY" will leave Brisbane tomorrow Sunday for Port Moresby arriving 13th August. SHIPS.

"WANGAKILLA" undocks today and will adjust Compasses while proceeding to berth. Will store on Saturday morning and be ready for sea and P.V. trials at noon on that day, 8th August. CONVOYS.

"U.S.11B" escorted by H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" departed Fremantle 1300 yesterday for Singapore. E.T.A. 1130 Friday, 15th August.

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" reports that on 31st July during "V.K.17" ("AWATEA") escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" departed for Sydney 1624 yesterday for Auckland. E.T.A. 0900 Monday, 11th August. AWATEA got fore-arm. He has been removed to Perth General Hospital and is reported to be making good progress. Information to his next-of-kin has been arranged by him by letter from Fremantle and he does not desire any further action in this regard.

End Naval Member intends to carry out the following visiting program:-

- Adelaide - 14th August to 15th August.
- Darwin - 15th August to 20th August.
- Townsville - 20th August to 22nd August.
- Brisbane - 22nd August to 23rd August.
- Sydney - a.m. 23rd August to p.m. 23rd August.
- Perth - p.m. Saturday 23rd August.

F.O.C.S. reduced Auxiliary vessels "BIRMINGHAM PARK" and "KARA" "KARA" will be ready for commissioning about 20th August.

A.M.S. "KALGOORLIE" was successfully launched at Whyalla 1715K 7th August.

A.M.S. "CASTLEMAINE" also successfully launched at Williamstown 1515K/7th August.

To 0900 Friday, 8th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"PERTH" sailed Fremantle 1650H/7th for Port Phillip. E.T.A. 0630K/11th August.

"MORESBY" arrived Bateman's Bay, departs for Twofold Bay 1000K/7th.

"MILDURA" arrived Jervis Bay 1840K/6th, departs 1000K/7th for Bateman's Bay.

"TOORIE" secured Williamstown 1423K/7.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 0040K/8th August for Boiler cleaning and repairs to Windlass.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"WANGANELLA" undocks today and will adjust Compasses while proceeding to berth. Will store on Saturday morning and be ready for sea and P.V. trials at noon on that day, 9th August.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" reports that on 31st July during turret drill a serious accident occurred to Ordnance Artificer I.C. Appleton, O.N. 22896, resulting in the necessity for amputation of lower third of right fore-arm. He has been removed to Perth General Hospital and is reported to be making good progress. Information to his next-of-kin has been arranged by him by letter from Fremantle and he does not desire any further action in this regard.

2nd Naval Member intends to carry out the following visiting programme:-

- Adelaide - 14th August to 15th August.
- Darwin - 15th August to 20th August.
- Townsville - 20th August to 22nd August.
- Brisbane - 22nd August to 23rd August.
- Sydney - a.m. 23rd August to p.m. 23rd August.
- Melbourne - p.m. Saturday 23rd August.

N.O.C.S. reports Auxiliary vessels "BIRCHGROVE PARK" and "KARA" "KARA" will be ready for commissioning about 20th August.

A.M.S. "KALGOORLIE" was successfully launched at Whyalla 1715K 7th August.

A.M.S. "CASTLEMAINE" also successfully launched at Williamstown 1515K/7th August.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 6th August, 1941.

To 0900 Tuesday, OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" will be sailed from Darwin so as to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" in a position about 20 miles east of Thursday Island at 0800 Tuesday, 12th August to escort her to Port Moresby. 17th/4th August from Westernport and at Station Pier Port Melbourne.

"ADELAIDE" on return to Sydney will fuel and proceed so as to arrive Wellington p.m. 12th August whence she escorts s.s. "NARBADA" to Sydney.

"20th M.S.F." en route to Robe proceeded to Portland Bay yesterday morning for shelter. and arrived a.m. 4th August.

"MILDURA" leaves Sydney this morning for Jervis Bay whence she sails p.m. Friday, 8th August for Westernport.

U.S. CRUISER "NORTHAMPTON" (9,050 tons, 9 - 8" guns) wearing flag of Rear-Admiral Taffinder accompanied by U.S. Cruiser "SALT LAKE CITY" (9,100 tons, 10 - 8" guns) arrived Brisbane 1900 yesterday. Both ships will sail Sunday, 10th August. Both ships will sail Sunday, 10th August. entrance to Passages in Barrier Reef and will be maintained until ship arrives at Thursday Island.

GENERAL

B.S.T. in the British Isles and North Ireland will be resumed at 0100 G.M.T. on Sunday next, 10th August. Western Australia reports "BINGERA" unseaworthy as result of Port Bower Anchor catching under Wharf Bellard and shank tearing Heave Pipe for about 3 feet shaft. Repairs are being effected and it is estimated ship will be ready for sea 13th August.

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D.S.G. Queensland reports motor boat "COONCOOLA" requisitioned a.m. 4th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

0900 Monday, 4th August, 1941.

To 0900 Tuesday, 5th August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MORESBY" sailed Sydney 0915K/4th August for Jervis Bay.

"MARYBOROUGH" entered Port Phillip 1217K/4th August from Westernport and at Station Pier Port Melbourne. (Tel. WX5581).

"SYDNEY" in dock at Sydney, 4th August.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Ocean Island 0830K/4th August escorting "VITO". "SKAGERAK" detached to Nauru and arrived a.m. 4th August.

AIR OPERATIONS

A.C.S. Townsville reports a Clearing Search will be carried out in vicinity of Lady Elliot Island at dawn and dusk commencing 0900K/6th August for a distance of 200 miles ahead and 60 miles astern of "BUNGAREE". Search also will cover entrance to Passages in Barrier Reef and will be maintained until ship arrives at Thursday Island.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

GENERAL

D.N.O. Western Australia reports "BINGERA" unseaworthy as result of Port Bower Anchor catching under Wharf Bollard and shank tearing Hawse Pipe for about 3 feet abaft. Repairs are being effected and it is estimated ship will be ready for sea 13th August.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

0900 Monday, 4th August, 1941.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" escorting "BUNGAREE" from Melbourne arrived Sydney at 0730 yesterday. Intends docking today and undocking before p.m. 8th August.

"ADELAIDE" departed Sydney yesterday at 1710 escorting "BUNGAREE" to Lady Elliott Island, and returns to Sydney at 0600 9th August.

"BUNGAREE" departed Sydney yesterday at 1710; E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1001 12th August.

"MANOORA" escorting "ZEALANDIA" from Townsville arrived Thursday Island at 1837 yesterday and departed for Darwin at 0010 today.

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO" and "SWAN", will sail at 0900 today to carry out searching sweeps off Robe and through Bass Strait.

DUTCH CRUISER "JAVA" passed Thursday Island westbound escorting "JAGERSFONTEIN" at 1410 yesterday.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Wellington from Auckland at 1046 yesterday.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"ORANJE" C.Z.M. has ordered the Master to proceed to Suez from Aden, but not further north.

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GENERAL.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" arrived Seattle 1st August to refit.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 2nd August, 1941.

To 0900 Sunday, 3rd August.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" sailed OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION. Exercises and returned to harbour 1700K/1st August

"WANGORA" sailed Townsville 1400K/1st August from Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1700K/3rd August, escorting "ZEALANDIA".

"LITHGOW" intends to sail at 0900K/2nd August for Sydney, to "ADELAIDE", after completing gun trials off Sydney today, will escort "BUNGAREE" en route to Thursday Island, to Lady Elliott Island, returning to Sydney 9th August.

"LITHGOW" departed Port Melbourne yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 0900 Monday, 4th August.

"BUNGAREE" on passage from Melbourne to Sydney is to await further orders there, pending a reconsideration of

"SOUTHERN CROSS", with "KIARA" in company, arrived Darwin yesterday.

GENERAL.

R.O.C.S. reports "MIRAMAR" and "YARROUMA" are now ready for commissioning but not yet ready for service and has requested officers be appointed. CONVOY U.S.11B.

D.N.O. R.I.T. reports it is intended to sail "ADELIE" (Kaminata) H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA", escorting this convoy, expects to arrive Fremantle 0400 Wednesday, 6th August, thence to Singapore.

"CANBERRA" at Welshpool, reported to D.N.O. Victoria a Manila hawser foul of the starboard propeller, and is unable to clear it with the ship's staff, has therefore requested a Diving Party from P.N.D. to arrive at 1130K/2nd August. This was later cancelled and Propeller is now clear.

GENERAL.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" arrived Seattle 1st August to refit.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

SECRET.

Friday, 1st August, 1941.
To 0900 Saturday, 2nd August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" sailed Sydney 1046K/1st August for Exercises and returned to Harbour 1700K/1st August.

"MANOORA" sailed Townsville 1400K/1st August from Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1700K/3rd August, escorting "ZEALANDIA".

"LITHCOW" intends to sail at 0800K/2nd August for Sydney, to instal Gyro-Compass and Deperming experiments.

"MARYBOROUGH" arrived Westernport 0845K/1st August.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"WANGANELLA" on passage from Melbourne to Sydney is to await further orders there, pending a reconsideration of destination by Army.

GENERAL

N.O.C.S. reports "MIRAMAR" and "YARROMA" are now ready for commissioning but not yet ready for service and has requested officers be appointed.

D.N.O. N.T. reports it is intended to sail "ADELE" (Examination vessel) 6th August for Sydney.

CONVOY U.S. 118.

"DOOMBA" at Welshpool, reported to D.N.O. Victoria a Manila hawser foul of the starboard propellor, and is unable to clear it with the Ship's staff, has therefore requested a Diving Party from F.N.D. to arrive at 1130K/2nd August. This was later cancelled and Propellor is now clear.

HOSPITAL SHIP "WANGANELLA" which departed from Port Melbourne yesterday for Sydney, anchored, owing to engine trouble, at Portsea at 1000 and proceeded at 2020. From Sydney she will be sailed for Singapore.

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To 0900 Friday, 1st August, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" departed Port Melbourne at 1100 yesterday and after sub-calibre firing in Port Phillip, proceeded with H.T. "WARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" to rendezvous in Bass Strait thence to Fremantle escorting U.S.11B. E.T.A. in 0430 6th August.

"SYDNEY" after arrival at R.V. with "CANBERRA" in Bass Strait at 1800 yesterday is proceeding to Sydney escorting H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

"BUNGAREE" departed Port Phillip at 1559 yesterday for R.V. in Bass Strait with "SYDNEY" thence to Sydney. E.T.A. 0900 3rd August.

"MARYBOROUGH" expected to arrive at Westernport at 0900 today for working up.

"MORESBY" it is intended, will depart from Sydney a.m. Monday 4th August for an A/S training cruise, calling at Jervis Bay, Bateman's Bay and Twofold Bay, returning to Sydney p.m. Wednesday 13th August.

20th M.S.F. arrived Williamstown at 0755 this morning.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Welshpool 1957 yesterday.

DUTCH CRUISER "JAVA" having fuelled at Port Moresby from Dutch Tanker "PENDOPO" intends sailing at 1700 today to rendezvous in position 8°5' south 145° east with convoy, which she will escort to Dutch East Indies. in spite of mechanical defects, she will be able to make the passage. CONVOY U.S.11B.

H.T. "SIBAJAK" arrived Fremantle from Singapore yesterday.

AIR OPERATIONS

For the GENERAL on of U.S.11B, A/S patrols will be maintained ahead of the convoy from daylight to dusk today. HOSPITAL SHIP "WANGANELLA" which departed from Port Melbourne yesterday for Sydney, anchored, owing to engine trouble, at Portsea at 1825 and proceeded at 2020. From Sydney she will be sailed for Singapore. to a depth of 300 miles with the object of locating surface vessels.

GENERAL....

HOSPITAL SHIP "WANGANELLA" will leave Melbourne 0900 tomorrow Thursday for Sydney, she proceeds to Singapore.

Japanese "CANBERRA MANU" (8,500 tons, speed 20 knots) arrived Sydney 1040 yesterday about 40 hours overdue. were reported to be using every endeavour to sail the vessel last night.

Commander Eddy, R.N., assumed duties of H.O.I.C., Townsville yesterday and henceforth will be responsible for reporting and watching duties previously performed by I.R.O. there.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Thursday, 31st July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" will sail from Port Melbourne at 1100 this forenoon for sub-calibre firing in Port Phillip and on completion proceeds with H.T. "MARNIX VAN ST ALDEGONDE" to R.V. in Bass Strait at 1600 whence she escorts Convoy U.S.11B. comprising "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE", "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT" and "KATOOMBA" to Fremantle due 0430K August 6th

"BUNGAREE" departed Port Melbourne 0900 yesterday and having completed final test lay in Port Phillip, proceeded to Geelong whence she sails today for Sydney escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".

"BINGERA" it is now anticipated will be ready to leave Fremantle 8th August to tow water lighter "KARALEE" to Darwin.

DUTCH CRUISER "JAVA" arrived Port Moresby yesterday to fuel from Dutch tanker "PENDOPO"

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" departed Sydney 1800 yesterday for Fremantle direct. E.T.A. p.m. 9th August.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD

"PERTH" departed Colombo 1200 yesterday for Fremantle. E.T.A. 1500 Wednesday, 6th August.

C. in C. Mediterranean has requested B.N.O., Suez Canal Area to sail "VOYAGER" for Aden to await onward instructions. In spite of mechanical defects, she will be able to make the passage at about 15 knots.

AIR OPERATIONS

For the protection of U.S.11B, A/S patrols will be maintained ahead of the convoy from daylight to dusk today and from 1400 to 1630 ahead of "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" proceeding from Port Phillip to Bass Strait R.V. Commencing at 1300 today 6 Hudsons from Laverton will carry out a diverging search between bearings of 170° and 290° from Cape Northumberland to a depth of 300 miles with the object of locating surface vessels for Raider.

GENERAL

HOSPITAL SHIP "WANGANELLA" will leave Port Melbourne 0900 tomorrow Thursday for Sydney, whence she proceeds to Batavia, Singapore.

Japanese m.v. "CANBERRA MARU" (6,500 tons, speed 20 knots) arrived Sydney 1040 yesterday about 40 hours overdue. Messrs. Birt and Co., Sydney Agents for O.S.K. Line, were reported to be using every endeavour to sail the vessel last night.

Commander Eddy, R.N., assumed duties of N.O.I.C., Townsville yesterday and henceforth will be responsible for reporting and routing duties previously performed by A.R.O. there.

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MOST SECRET. 30th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION
DAILY NARRATIVE.

H.M.A. SHIPS.
To 0900 Wednesday, 30th July, 1941.

"MANOORA" departed Sydney for Jarvis Bay 1138 yesterday.

"AUSTRALIA" departed from Brisbane yesterday escorting "WITON" and "SEACURAN" to Owen Island and Neuru respectively.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

20th M.C.F. "BEAN" having joined the flotilla yesterday, a searching sweep east of Wilson's Promontory was carried out with negative results.

H.M.A. SHIPS. with negative results.

"MANOORA" Arrived Townsville 1400K/29th July. Sailed for Easter Island from Socarabaya at 0745 yesterday.

"SYDNEY" Sailed Sydney 1700K/29th July escorting U.S. 11B to R.V. off Melbourne.

"MARYBOROUGH" Arrived Jarvis Bay 1744K/28th July from Sydney for working up exercises. Sailed Wellington yesterday from escort duties.

"TOORIE" Sailed Williamstown 0900K/29th July for Exercises in Port Phillip. "PRINCE ROBERT" sailed from Auckland yesterday for Easter Island.

"PATERSON" Undocked at 1010K/29th July. Is undergoing Hull repairs.

GENERAL.
"KURUMBA" (R.A.F.A.) Sails today for Fremantle direct, from Sydney.

The R.A.F.A. party from Adelaide has rendered both mines in the vicinity of the safe, and report that the mines are similar in type to those previously discovered in the area.

The Dutch Cruiser "JAVA" sailed from Thursday Island at 0700K/28th July for Port Moresby, the Dutch Tanker "PENDOPO" having arrived at Port Moresby 29th July.

Commander Eddy arrived Townsville P.M./28th July from Port Moresby to take over duty of N.O.I.C.

Local vessels "ALLENWOOD" and "KIANGA" have been taken over at Sydney at 0800K/29th July and 1415K/28th July respectively.

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" sailed Auckland P.M./28th July for Easter Island to investigate a report of a damaged Raider there. E.T.A. 8th August. U.S. Intelligence Officer at Los Angeles reported that Japanese "HEIYO MARU" which was expected to arrive at Acapulco on 27th July had spare engine parts on board for Raider.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

N.O.I.C. Aden reports Master of H.S. "ORANJE" refuses to sail for Suez pending permission from Dutch Admiral, Batavia, owing to negotiations at the Hague taking place for the vessels reception as a Hospital Ship by the enemy. C.Z.M. has been informed.

TRANSPORTS.

U.S. 11B sailed Sydney 1700K/29th July for Fremantle via R.V. E.T.A. Fremantle 0230H/6th August, speed 13 knots, escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" to R.V. off Melbourne, then to be relieved by H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA", "SYDNEY" returning to Sydney escorting H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

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To 0900 Tuesday, 29th July, 1941.

Monday, OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS. AUSTRALIA STATION

"MARYBOROUGH" departed Sydney for Jervis Bay 1132 yesterday.

"WESTRALIA" departed from Brisbane yesterday escorting "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" to Ocean Island and Nauru respectively.

20th M.S.F. "SWAN" having joined the Flotilla yesterday, a searching sweep east of Wilson's Promontory was carried out with negative results.

NETHERLANDS CRUISER "JAVA" arrived at Thursday Island from Soerabaya at 0743 yesterday. "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" to Ocean Island and Nauru respectively.

20th M.S.F. ("OPERATIONS OVERSEAS.") carried out a searching sweep to westward of Wilson's Promontory yesterday

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Wellington yesterday from escort duties. at Sydney, was expected to rejoin the Flotilla at daylight this morning.

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" sailed from Auckland yesterday for Easter Island. "KIARA" in company departed Thursday Island yesterday for ultimate destination, namely Darwin. E.T.A. 1000 Saturday, 2nd August.

GENERAL

The R.M.S. party from Adelaide has rendered both mines in the vicinity of Toe safe, and report that the mines are similar in type and age to those previously discovered in the area.

TASMAN CONVOY

S.S. "HARRADA" (British cargo vessel of 9,000 tons built in 1915), with 132 New Zealand Air Force personnel embarked, will sail from Wellington for Sydney on 13th or 14th August escorted by H.M.S. "MONOWAI". "MONOWAI" will be available to escort a return convoy to Auckland arriving not later than 20th August.

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GENERAL

German battle cruiser "SHARNHORST" has left La Pallice and was alongside at Brest yesterday.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0900 Monday, 28th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" at 12 hours' notice yesterday reverted to 60 hours' notice at 0800 this morning to effect thorough E.R. repairs. "ADELAIDE" is required to leave Sydney on or about Wednesday next, 30th July to escort a modified convoy, comprising "PORT ADELAIDE" and "NEW ZEALAND STAR", to Wellington.

"WESTRALIA" reports E.R. defects complete. She will depart Brisbane today escorting "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" to Ocean Island and Nauru respectively.

20th M.S.F. ("WARREGO" and "LITHGOW") carried out a searching sweep to westward of Wilson's Promontory yesterday with negative result. "SWAN", on completion of refit at Sydney, was expected to rejoin the Flotilla at daylight this morning.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company departed Thursday Island yesterday for ultimate destination, namely Darwin. E.T.A. 1000 Saturday, 2nd August.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" after fuelling at Auckland will proceed to Easter Island to investigate a report of a damaged raider lying there.

TASMAN CONVOY

S.S. "NARBADA" (British cargo vessel of 9,000 tons built in 1915), with 132 New Zealand Air Force personnel embarked, will sail from Wellington for Sydney on 13th or 14th August escorted by H.M.S. "MONOWAI". "MONOWAI" will be available to escort a return convoy to Auckland arriving not later than 25th August.

GENERAL

German battle cruiser "SHARNHORST" has left La Pallice and was alongside at Brest yesterday.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

MOST SECRET.

To 0900 Saturday, 26th July, 1941.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

TO 0900 SUNDAY 27th JULY, 1941.

"CANBERRA" entered Port Phillip at 0700 this morning. She will be OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA, 1900, and after refuelling shift berth to Outer East Station Pier, Port Melbourne.

H.M.A. SHIPS. Escorting R.Y. "JONAN VAN OLDEBARNEVELT" arrived Sydney from Auckland last evening.

"CANBERRA" Station Pier, Port Melbourne, Tel.MX.3830, day, escorting H.M. "ZEALANDIA" to New M. H.M.A. a.m. 30th July.

"MANOORA" Sailed Kavieng 0920K/25th July for Bowen escorting "ZEALANDIA" E.T.A. a.m. 30th July. from New M and Ocean Island arrived Brisbane 0800 yesterday.

"ADELAIDE" At Sydney and at 12 hours notice till 29th July to effect Engine repairs. and berthed at inner Princes Pier 1400 yesterday. "TIGRIS" arrived at

"BUNGAREE" Will proceed to Geelong E.T.A. 1600K/30th July.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" } sailed from Sydney today on completion of compass
"KIARA" } In company arrived Thursday Island 0230K/26th July. in Bass Strait at daylight on 26th July.

"KOROWA" Sails 0800K/28th July for Searching Sweep duties Bass Strait Area. possible to start the examination service at Port Agassiz for some days. "GERARD" will

"BERYL II" Returns from Bass Strait Area 1st August and to coal on 2nd August.

"SWAN" Sailed Sydney 1930K/26th July to R.V. Bass Strait with 20th M.S.F. for Westport p.m. 30th July for working up.

SHIPPING

GENERAL.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANOORA" departed Fremantle yesterday for Robe, S.A., was reported at 1630K/26th July by Mr. Frederick Cullen, A Trapper. An R.M.S. party will proceed tomorrow Sunday to effect safety measures. and Suez yesterday. E.T.A. Fremantle 3rd August.

H.M.A.S. "WESTRALIA" reports fractured Cylinder Head in starboard Main Engine will be replaced by Ships Staff, the work it is expected will be completed by or before noon 28th July.

H.M. Ships "ESPERANCE BAY" and "MORETON BAY" will pay off at London and Liverpool, respectively. No date stated.

INTELLIGENCE

The Australian N.L.O. *My* advised yesterday that aircraft and other reports indicate that at least a cat of 3 Japanese merchant ships in Dutch East Indies waters are leaving them in a N.E. or Easterly direction regardless of their previous destination.

GENERAL

A mine was reported ashore 7 miles south of Robe (South Australia) yesterday and an officer from P.N.D. was despatched by last night's train to Adelaide to render it safe.

H.M.S. "MORETON BAY" is being paid off for reconversion to trade.

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To 0900 Saturday, 26th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" entered Port Phillip at 0700 this morning. She will berth at Williamstown at 1000, and after refuelling shift berth to outer East Station Pier, Port Melbourne.

"ADELAIDE" escorting H.T. "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT" arrived Sydney from Auckland last evening. Yesterday to dock.

"MANOORA" intended departing Kavieng at 0700 yesterday, escorting H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to Bowen. E.T.A. a.m. 30th July.

"WESTRALIA" escorting "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" from Nauru and Ocean Island arrived Brisbane 0955 yesterday.

"BUNGAREE" arrived at Port Melbourne and berthed at inner Princes Pier 1405 yesterday. "TOORIE" arrived at Williamstown at 1600 yesterday.

"SWAN" will be sailed from Sydney today on completion of compass adjustment, so as to rendezvous with "WARREGO" and "LITHGOW" in Bass Strait at daylight on 28th July.

"GERARD" as it will not be possible to start the examination service at Port Kembla for some days, "GERARD" will proceed to Sydney meanwhile for working up in examination service duties.

"MARYBOROUGH" intends departing Sydney for Jervis Bay a.m. 28th July, thence for Westernport p.m. 30th July for working up.

SHIPPING

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" departed Fremantle yesterday for Colombo.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MAUNGANUI" departed Wellington for Fremantle, Colombo and Suez yesterday. E.T.A. Fremantle 3rd August.

SUSPICIOUS SIGHTING

Air operations yesterday resulted in the identification of the vessel sighted from Anir Island on 24th July, as the U.S.S.R. freighter "ASHKHABAD" (5,000 tons), proceeding to Port Pirie to load a cargo of lead for Vladivostok.

INTELLIGENCE

The Australian N.L.O. Batavia advised yesterday that aircraft and other reports indicate that at least 4 out of 5 Japanese merchant ships in Dutch East Indies waters are leaving them in a N.E. or Easterly direction regardless of their previous destination.

GENERAL

A mine was reported ashore 7 miles South of Robe (South Australia) yesterday and an officer from F.N.D. was despatched by last night's train to Adelaide to render it safe.

H.M.S. "MORETON BAY" is being paid off for reconversion to trade.

To 0900 Friday, 25th July.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney from Noumea last night.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney 0800 this morning.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" arrived Sydney yesterday to dock.

"SYDNEY" Noumea to H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD. 24th July (18 knots).

"VOYAGER" Admiralty suggests should be refitted in Australia.

"WESTRALIA" to Ocean Island and Sauru 23th July from Brisbane to former Island and remaining in the area for

SHIPPING

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" escorted by H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" arrived Kavieng 1243 yesterday and expects to sail this morning for Bowen.

H.T. "MONTORO" arrived Thursday Island from Port Moresby 2045 yesterday.

Dutch "WANNIX" at Melbourne 23rd July.

DUTCH "SIBAJAK" (U.S.11B) is expected to leave Singapore today for Fremantle.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" arrived Fremantle yesterday from Sydney and ship taken over at Sydney 22nd July.

SUSPICIOUS SIGHTING.

Anir Island at 1500 yesterday reported a vessel bearing west, steering south which could not be identified, and as no vessel was known to be in the vicinity at that time, A.C.H.G., Townsville ordered an air search to commence at 1000 this morning.

GENERAL

The duties of N.Z. N.B., and N.C.S.O. are now carried out by N.O.I.C. Townsville.

N.Z. N.B., has informed the Admiralty that to date 96 mines laid by a raider off the east coast of North Island, New Zealand in June, 1940, have been destroyed. It will be recalled that s.s. "NIAGARA" (13,500 tons) bound from Auckland to Suva, carrying bullion to the value of £2,000,000, struck a mine and sank in the Hauraki Gulf on 13th June, 1940.

The floating mine reported by s.s. "ECHUNGA" to the southward of Cape Willoughby (Kangaroo Island) on Wednesday last was sunk by H.M.A.S. "COOLEBAR" yesterday. It was covered by marine growth.

C.A.S. is proceeding by flying boat from Vila to Tulagi, a distance of 700 miles, this morning.

Lieutenant-Commander Monteith, R.A.N.R., took over duties of N.O.I.C. Port Moresby yesterday from Commander V.C. Eddy, who will proceed to Townsville.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0900 Thursday, 24th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WARREGO" } in company departed Port Phillip noon 23rd July
 "LITHGOW" } for M/S operations in Bass Strait. and stores at
 "SWAN" departs 1800K/26th July for Melbourne.

"MANOORA" E.T.A. Kokopo p.m. 23rd July.

"SYDNEY" Noumea to Sydney. E.T.A. p.m. 24th July (18 knots).

"MORESBY" Port Moresby to Sydney. E.T.A. 0800K/25th July.

"WESTRALIA" to proceed to Ocean Island and Nauru 28th July from
 Brisbane, escorting "VITO" to former Island and
 "SKAGERAK" to latter, remaining in the area for
 about 4 weeks. At present at sea. E.T.A.
 Brisbane 25th July.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

TRANSPORTS

Dutch "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" at Melbourne 23rd July.

GENERAL

N.O.C.S. reports Acceptance Trials completed satisfactorily in H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" and ship taken over at Sydney 22nd July, and commissioned at 0900K/23rd July.

C. in C. Mediterranean reports H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" is unfit for further active service owing to continual machinery break downs, but is capable of making an Ocean Passage at 15 knots.

The duties of A.R.O. and N.C.S.O. are now carried out by N.O.I.C. Townsville as from noon K/23rd July.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 23rd July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" after successfully landing guns and stores at Noumea, departed for Sydney 0530 yesterday at 18 knots.

"ADELAIDE" arrived at Auckland at 1200 on 21st July, escorting H.T. "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT". She departed Auckland yesterday at 0541, escorting the same vessel, for Sydney. E.T.A. 1530 Friday, 25th July.

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO" and "LITHGOW" intend leaving Melbourne at 0930 this morning for sweeping operations in Bass Strait.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" and H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" departed Auckland yesterday escorting H.T. "DOMINION MONARCH" to the eastward.

"ORANJE", a Union S.S. Co. vessel of 17,500 tons, was taken over at Sydney yesterday for fitting out as a transport.

SHIPPING.

HOSPITAL SHIP "ORANJE" will leave Sabang on 21st July for Aden.

GENERAL

The Admiralty state that H.M.A.S. "NESTOR" has sailed to join the Mediterranean Fleet, and H.M.A. Ships "NORMAN" and "NORSEMAN" will also join after they have completed working up.

The Chief of the Air Staff (Air Chief Marshal, Sir Charles Burnett) leaves Brisbane for Noumea by air this morning.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 22nd July, 1941.

To 0900 Monday, 21st July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" departed Fremantle 1330 yesterday to escort "DUNTROON" with 500 troops embarked, to Gulf of St. Vincent, whence "CANBERRA" proceeds to Melbourne arriving 0700 Saturday next, 26th July.

"SWAN" on completion of refit will leave Sydney for Melbourne on Monday, 28th July.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company departed Cairns yesterday for Thursday Island (E.T.A. 1800 tomorrow) en route to Darwin.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" departed Williamstown yesterday for Sydney to refit. After docking she will be sailed so as to arrive Fremantle by 9th August.

SHIPPING

H.M.A.T. "MONTORO" arrived Port Moresby 1825 yesterday.

S.S. "AORANGI", a Union S.S. Co. vessel of 17,500 tons, was taken over at Sydney yesterday for fitting out as a Transport.

(1) To ... 0810K/21st July a Diverging Search between ...

S.S. "WANGANELLA", a Huddart Parker vessel of 9,500 tons, on completion of fitting out at Williamstown for service as a hospital ship will proceed to Sydney

(2) To ... 0840K/21st July a parallel track search of an area ... Wilson's Promontory. 1 A/C operating.

GENERAL

Commander Wheatley, R.A.N., yesterday assumed command of H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" and took over duties of S.O. 20th M.S.F.

H.M.A.S. "HOWAR" will commission in the U.K. for trials and Service on 15th September, 1941.

The mine reported stranded on beach 14 miles north of Robe, South Australia, 18th July, has now been rendered "safe" and is in the Birkenhead Depot.

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To 0900 Monday, 21st July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA July, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" - on passage to Noumea E.T.A. 1400K/21st July. After completion of unloading to return to Sydney at approximately 18 knots.

"MORESBY" - On passage Port Moresby to Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/25th July. Passed Archer Point 1315K/20th July.

"CANBERRA" - Arrived Fremantle 1400H/20th July from East Indies Station.

"GERARD" - Arrived Port Kembla 1530K/20th July (Examination Vessel).

"BUNGAREE" - with "TOORIE" in company will proceed at 0900K/21st July for Exercises in Port Phillip.

"BUNGAREE": Intends to proceed with "TOORIE" at 0900

AIR OPERATIONS

An unidentified ship sighted off Cape Otway by W.S.S. at 1745/20th July has caused the following 2 Air Searches to be initiated - both from Laverton :-

- (1) To commence at 0815K/21st July a Diverging Search between Bearings 183 and 263 from Cape Otway to a depth of 240 miles. 5 A/C operating.
- (2) To commence at 0845K/21st July a parallel track search of an area off Wilson's Promontory. 1 A/C operating.

GENERAL

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" Arrived Auckland yesterday from Suva.

It is expected H.M.S. "ARAWA" will pay off 25th July.

H.M.A.S. "NORMAN" will commission in the U.K. for trials and Service on 15th September, 1941.

The mine reported stranded on beach 14 miles north of Robe, South Australia, 18th July, has now been rendered "safe" and is in the Birkenhead Depot.

C.O.S. intends visiting Newcastle to carry out combined naval and military reconnaissance of Port Stephens on 22/23rd July, and, on his return, will proceed to Port Kembla in connection with the Examination Service there.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 19th July, 1941.

To 0900, Sunday, 20th July, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney 0730 this morning from escort duty.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"AUSTRALIA" escorting "KORANGAL", "SEA LION", "VISO" and "KENILWORTH", departed Launceston Thursday 17th July for

H.M.A. SHIPS: E.T.A. Friday, 23th July.

"SYDNEY": Departed Sydney yesterday with 2 six-inch guns and mountings, and 14 tons stores for Noumea. E.T.A. p.m. tomorrow.

(Tel. No. HX5377) berthed Princes Pier early this

"MORESEY": Departed from Port Moresby at 0603 yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. Thursday 24th July. Monday next.

"LITHGOW": Arrived Port Melbourne 1450 yesterday and berthed at inner East Prince's Pier. afternoon.

"BUNGAREE": Intends to proceed with "TOORIE" at 0900 tomorrow for exercises in Port Phillip. Melbourne tonight to discharge fuel oil at Williamstown, thence to Sydney for refit.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA": Arrived Williamstown at 0030 this morning from Fremantle.

CONVOY U.S. 11A, arrived Trincomalee 1930 Wednesday, 18th July and, escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", was expected to sail for Suez the following evening.

H.T. "WARRIX VAN ST. ALBERGONDE" (U.S. 11B) departed Fremantle 1300 yesterday OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS. 1300 July, 23rd.

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT": Arrived Auckland yesterday from Suva.

Another mine was located ashore 14 miles north of Robe (South Australia) yesterday. There being no A.M.S. party available in Adelaide, Flinders Naval Depot was informed by telephone.

GENERAL.

C.C.S. intends visiting Newcastle to carry out combined naval and military reconnaissance of Port Stephens on 22/23rd July, and, on his return, will proceed to Port Kembla in connection with the Examination Service there.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0800 Friday, 18th July, 1941.
To 0900 Saturday, 19th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney 0730 this morning from escort duty.

"WESTRALIA" escorting "SKAGERAK", "EVI LIVANOS", "VITO" and "KENILWORTH", departed Nauru Thursday 17th July for Brisbane. E.T.A. Friday, 25th July.

"BUNGAREE" with "TOORIE" in company returned to Port Melbourne yesterday afternoon from exercises in Port Phillip.

"WARREGO" (Tel. No. MX5577) berthed Princes Pier early this morning for boiler cleaning. Commander Wheatley from Sick List will resume duty as S.O. 20th M.S.F. probably on Monday next.

"LITHGOW" is expected to berth Port Melbourne about 1500 this afternoon.

R.A.F.A. "KURUMBA" having left Fremantle 11th July is due Melbourne tonight to discharge fuel oil at Williamstown, thence to Sydney for refit.

TRANSPORTS

CONVOY U.S.11A. arrived Trincomalee 1030 Wednesday, 16th July and, escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", was expected to sail for Suez the following evening.

H.T. "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDERGONDE" (U.S.11B) departed Fremantle 1300 yesterday for Melbourne. E.T.A. 1300 July, 23rd.

Vice Admiral C.S. Arbuthnot, C.B., D.S.O., has succeeded Vice Admiral P. Leatham, C.B., as C. in C. East Indies to date 16th July. GENERAL

Another mine was located ashore 14 miles north of Robe (South Australia) yesterday. There being no R.M.S. party available in Adelaide, Flinders Naval Depot was informed by telephone.

The Motor Tacht "STEADY EDNA" was taken over at Sydney 1300K/17th.....

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To 0900 Friday, 18th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" departed Sydney 1300K/17th July for Auckland.
E.T.A. 1130M/21st July, escorting "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT".

"SWAN" refitting at Sydney - date of completion Wednesday 23rd July

"BENDIGO" arrived Darwin 1530K/17th July.

"GERARD" departed Williamstown 1800K/17th July for Port Kembla (Examination vessel).

"SYDNEY" returning to Sydney from escort duty. E.T.A. p.m. 18th or a.m. 19th July.

"MANOORA" departed Brisbane 0545K/17th July for Port Moresby, escorting "ZEALANDIA" and "MONTORO".

"PERTH" departs Alexandria 18th July - Arrives Port Said 19th July.

"H.M.C.S. "PENGUIN" Port Said 20th July - " Aden 24th July.

"H.M.C.S. "ACHILLES" Colombo 30th July - " Fremantle 6th August.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"MANUNDA" departed Sydney 1400K/17th. E.T.A. Fremantle 0500H/24.

GENERAL

H.T. "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT" arrived at Sydney yesterday and is expected to depart tomorrow.
Vice Admiral G.S. Arbuthnot, C.B., D.S.O., has succeeded Vice Admiral R. Leatham, C.B., as C. in C. East Indies to date 16th July.

GENERAL

A censorship message from the Shanghai Correspondent of the New York United Press states Japan has ordered full mobilisation.

of U.S.A. vessels of "Bainbridge" design and a new designed corvettes, together with a large merchant shipbuilding programme, no further ship construction can be undertaken on U.S. account in the near future.

The Motor Yacht "STEADY HOUR" was taken over at Sydney 1000K/17th July.

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To 0900 Thursday, 17th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WESTRALIA" arrived at Ocean Island escorting "VITO" and "KENILWORTH" at 0730 yesterday and expected to sail with them for Nauru at 1700 the same day, thence to Brisbane with evacuated women and children from both Islands.

"MORESBY" arrived at Port Moresby yesterday.

"MANOORA" sailed from Brisbane yesterday for Port Moresby and Rabaul escorting "ZEALANDIA" and "MONTORO".

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company arrived at Cairns at 1200 yesterday en route to Darwin via Thursday Island.

"GERARD" will be sailed from Melbourne this afternoon for Port Kembla where she will be used as examination vessel.

"DUMBA" arrived Welshpool yesterday to clean boilers.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" departed Suva yesterday for Auckland.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" arrived Auckland yesterday from escort duties.

TRANSPORTS

CONVOY U.S.11A. escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" was due at Trincomalee yesterday.

H.T. "JOHAN VAN OLDERBARNEVELT" arrived at Sydney yesterday and is expected to sail today for Wellington escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE".

GENERAL

Owing to the new Australian Naval construction programme of a further 12 A.M.S. vessels of "BATHURST" design and 6 new design Corvettes, together with a large merchant shipbuilding programme, no further ship construction can be undertaken on U.K. account in the near future.

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To 0300 Tuesday, 15th July, 1941.
To 0900 Wednesday, 16th July, 1941.

R.T.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION Fremantle. R.T.A.
p.m. 20th July.

H.M.A. SHIPS. R.T.A. Sydney 15th July from Tasman Escort Duty.

"ADELAIDE" will sail from Sydney tomorrow Thursday escorting Dutch vessel "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT", with 702 Service personnel embarked, to Wellington. Sydney.

"BUNGAREE" will carry out test lay of mines in Port Phillip today.

"BENDIGO" instead of proceeding to Singapore is to be retained at Darwin temporarily under operational control of N.C.I.C. for M/S and A/S duties.

"LITHGOW" departed Port Phillip yesterday afternoon for "WARREGO" searching sweep in Bass Strait.

"DOOMBA" arrived Welshpool yesterday to clean boilers.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company departed Townsville for Cairns yesterday whence both vessels proceed to Thursday Island arriving 24th July. Their ultimate destination is Darwin. today,

Norwegian Tug "HAVFRO" grounded off Cape Horston at 1910K/14 July but was refloated at approximately 2100K/14th July, with steering gear damaged. Tug is being sent to assist and local agents have matter in hand.

The mine reported at Beachport, South Australia, while being attended to by R.M.S. Party from Port Adelaide, resulted in the death by explosion, of Able Seaman L.E. Dunstan and T.W. Todd, but definite details are at present not available.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 15th July, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"CANBERRA" on passage from Colombo for Fremantle. E.T.A. p.m. 20th July.

"SYDNEY" E.T.A. Sydney 19th July from Tasman Escort Duty.

"WESTRALIA" E.T.A. Ocean Island today.

"WARREGO" arrived Williamstown noon 14th July from Sydney.

"MANOORA" arrived Brisbane 1300K/14 escorting "ZEALANDIA" and "MONTORO".

"AUSTRALIA" escorting U.S.11A to Trincomalee, E.T.A. 16th July.

"LITHGOW" compass adjustment Port Phillip today, and for M/S operations Apollo Bay.

GENERAL

Police report a mine wedged between rocks on beach 6 miles west of Cape Otway and 2' east of Glen Aire River. A R.M.S. Party will arrive from Flinders Naval Depot at 0800 today, Tuesday.

GENERAL

Norwegian Tanker "HAVFRU" grounded off Cape Moreton at 1910K/14 July but was refloated at approximately 2100K/14th July, with steering gear damaged. Tug is being sent to assist and local agents have matter in hand. viz., 7 to 8 months.

The mine reported at Beechport, South Australia, while being attended to by R.M.S. Party from Port Adelaide, resulted in the death by explosion, of Able Seaman L.E. Danswan and T.W. Todd, but definite details are at present not available

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To 0900 Monday, 14th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

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H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MORESEY" intended sailing from Rabaul at 0600 this morning for Port Moresby; E.T.A. 1500 16th July.

"GOULBURN" } arrived at Singapore from Darwin on 12th July.
"BURNIE" }

"BENDIGO" en route to Darwin and Singapore passed Thursday Island yesterday at 2115.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company arrived Townsville yesterday where the latter has been slipped for examination of H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" sailed from Colombo yesterday at 1330 for Fremantle.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" arrived CONVOY ZK.5. yesterday and sails at 1830 today for Fremantle arriving Sunday next.

Convoy ZK.5 consisting of "ZEALANDIA" and "MONTORO" escorted by H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" expects to arrive in Brisbane at 1700 today from Sydney.

MINES - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "DANTON" (Commander C.A.G. Nichols, R.N.), in a position GENERAL approximately 200 miles west of Fremantle inter-

The floating mine reported near Greytown, South Australia on 12th July, is now ashore and it was intended to destroy it at daylight this morning. Its age was considered similar to that of previous mines recovered near the area, viz., 7 to 8 months.

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Commodore G.C. Muirhead-Gould, D.S.C., R.N., has been placed on the Retired List to date 9th July, 1941.

A floating mine was reported 200 miles south west of Greytown yesterday. A party was despatched by R.N.S. South Australia last night to Beachport and were to embark in a fishing vessel at daylight this morning to locate and tow mine ashore preparatory to rendering it safe.

A W.F. message was broadcast warning all shipping to keep clear of this area.

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To 0900 Sunday, 13th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" escorting Convoy "ZK 5", comprising "ZEALANDIA" and "MONTORO" departed Sydney 1253 yesterday for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1700 tomorrow Monday.

"WARREGO" departed Sydney 1225 yesterday for Melbourne arriving 0700 tomorrow. After arrival, "WARREGO" and "LITHGOW" will carry out searching sweeps along shipping routes in Bass Strait.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company arrived Townsville yesterday where the latter has been slipped for examination of propellor shaft.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" arrived Colombo yesterday and sails at 1230 today for Fremantle arriving Sunday next, 20th July.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "CANTON" (Commander C.A.G. Nichols, R.N.), in a position approximately 900 miles west of Freetown intercepted the German Merchant Vessel "HERMES" (7,000 tons) shortly after sunset on 9th July. "HERMES", which left Rio de Janeiro on June 38th with a cargo of fuel oil in barrels, in an attempt to reach Germany, scuttled herself and the Captain, 9 officers and crew were picked up.

GENERAL

A floating mine was reported 3 miles south west of Greytown yesterday. A party was despatched by D.N.O., South Australia last night to Beachport and were to embark in a fishing vessel at daylight this morning to locate and tow mine ashore preparatory to rendering it safe.

A, W.F. message was broadcast warning all shipping to keep clear of this area.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Friday, 11th July, 1941.
To 0900 Saturday, 12th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

"SYDNEY" if confirmed that no ships are available to be escorted on the return journey on completion of escort of H.M.A. SHIPS.

"LITHGOW" secured No. 15 South Wharf - MX1531.

"GERARD" at Williamstown.

"WARREGO" E.T.A. Melbourne 14th July from Sydney. P.M. today.

"BENDIGO" departed Townsville for Darwin. E.T.A. 1600K/

"WARREGO" 16th July. to Sydney yesterday from A/S and H/S operations on N.S.W.

"COOMBAR" } Arrived Hobart 1000K/11th July.

"BOMBO" } Arrived Newcastle yesterday from refitting in Sydney.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" C. GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" Ship's company are returning to Australia in s.s. "MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE". E.T.A. Fremantle 17th July.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" on passage to United States for refit, is due to arrive at Singapore tomorrow from Cebu, and expects to sail the same day for Manila.

H.M.S. "HONORAI" arrived Auckland yesterday from Maura and Suva.

SHIPPING

CONVOY 117 "JOHN VAN DER HART", is due to arrive in Sydney 15th July, from Singapore, and will be sailed to arrive Wellington not later than Sunday, 20th July.

HOSPITAL SHIP "KAUNGANI" arrived Wellington yesterday.

GENERAL

Vice Admiral Sir Guy and Lady Hoyle arrive Melbourne by train from Sydney this morning.

D.N.O Tasmania has been placed on the sick list.

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To 1900 Friday, 11th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" if confirmed that no ships are available to be escorted on the return journey on completion of escort of convoy to the Eastward, F.O.C.A.S. has requested that "SYDNEY", after refuelling at Auckland, be instructed to return to Sydney by p.m. Tuesday 22nd July. He yesterday.

"LITHGOW" will berth at No. 15 South Wharf, Melbourne, on completion of working up programme and fuelling p.m. today. Adjustment of D/G equipment and compass will be then taken in hand, completion date being 15th July. Passage to Darwin

"WARREGO" returned to Sydney yesterday from A/S and M/S operations on N.S.W. coast north of Sydney.

"UKI" arrived Newcastle yesterday from refitting in Sydney.

Escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" departed Fremantle 1830 yesterday for Colombo.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" C. in C. East Indies has instructed "CANBERRA" to proceed to Fremantle, and has ordered her, after refuelling at Colombo, to arrive at entrance at 1230 tomorrow to remain in Ceylon area so as to arrive Fremantle July 20th, two days later than anticipated.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" on passage to United States for refit, is due to arrive at Singapore tomorrow from Colombo, and expects to sail the same day for Manila. at sea for service

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" arrived Auckland yesterday from Nauru and Suva.

SHIPPING

CONVOY 11B, "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNEVELT", is due to arrive in Sydney 15th July, from Singapore, and will be sailed to arrive Wellington not later than Sunday, 20th July.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MAUNGANUI" arrived Wellington yesterday.

GENERAL

Vice Admiral Sir Guy and Lady Royle arrive Melbourne by train from Sydney this morning.

D.N.O Tasmania has been placed on the sick list.

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To 900 Thursday, 10th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" escorting s.s. "AORANGI" with Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Royle embarked, arrived Sydney 1445 yesterday from Auckland.

"SYDNEY" sailed Sydney 0500K/9th July, escorting "BERWICKSHIRE"

"BENDIGO" on passage to Singapore arrived Townsville yesterday.

"LITHGOW" working up in Port Phillip carried out Gunnery School firings yesterday.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company, on passage to Darwin expects to arrive Townsville July 12th.

"TAMBAR" arrived Sydney 1800K/7th July, from Brisbane for refit.

CONVOY U.S.11A.

Escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" departed Fremantle 1830 yesterday for Colombo.

H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD. R.I.N., is proceeding from Sydney to Melbourne by train and will visit Navy Office "CANBERRA" agreeable to a request from C. in C. East Indies is to remain in Ceylon area so as to arrive Fremantle July, 20th, two days later than anticipated.

D.N.S. Western Australia reports it is expected U.S.11A. will sail p.m. Wednesday 9th July.

EXAMINATION SERVICE.

H.M.A.S. "GERARD" having fitted out at Williamstown for service at Port Kembla commenced working up exercises in Port Phillip yesterday.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 9th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" sailed Sydney 0500K/9th July, escorting "BERWICKSHIRE" and "GLENIFFER" to New Zealand.

"ADELAIDE" due to arrive Sydney 0800K this morning. Escorting "AORANGI" from New Zealand.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company arrived Gladstone 1435K 8th July.

"TAMBAR" arrived Sydney 1900K/7th July, from Brisbane for refit.

GENERAL

Commander F.F.W. Harvey, R.I.N., is proceeding from Sydney to Melbourne by train and will visit Navy Office today Wednesday, 9th July.

D.N.O. Western Australia reports it is expected U.S.11A. will sail p.m. Wednesday 9th July.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 8th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"WESTRALIA" escorting "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" departed
"LITHGOW" departed Port Melbourne for exercises in Port
Phillip yesterday.

"WANDORA" arrived Sydney from Vanikoro 0800 yesterday.

"ADELAIDE" GENERAL "ACRANGI" departed Auckland yesterday
for Sydney. E.T.A. 0600 Wednesday, 9th July.

"WARREGO" The pilot of an air liner from Essendon to object
Western Junction reported sighting a mine on the beach near
Low Head on the eastern side of River Tamar from 1,500 feet.
D.N.O. Hobart has been asked to investigate.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "LIARA" in company departed Brisbane
yesterday for Gladstone. E.T.A. 0600 Wednesday,
9th July....

H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD.

"HOBART" arrived Port Victoria (Seychelles) 1415 Saturday,
8th July and departed later.

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To 0900 Monday, 7th July, 1941.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

"WESTRALIA" escorting "VITO" and "SKAGERAK" departed Sydney 1852 yesterday for Ocean Island.

To 0900 Sunday 6th July, 1941.

"MANCOORA" arrived Sydney from Vanikoro 0600 yesterday.

"ADELAIDE" escorting "AORANGI" departed Auckland yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 0800 Wednesday, 9th July.

"WARREGO" is to carry out a search today for a heavy object reported to have struck the interstate vessel "PERTON BANK" off Barrenjoey at 1845 Saturday, 5th July.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" with "KIARA" in company departed Brisbane yesterday for Gladstone. E.T.A. 0900 Wednesday, 9th July.

"MANCOORA" should have arrived in Sydney this morning.

"ADELAIDE" E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/9th July. Escorting "AORANGI".

H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" departed Sydney 18th July for Fremantle E.T.A. 18th July. "HOBART" arrived Port Victoria (Seychelles) 1415 Saturday, 5th July and sailed later.

"WESTRALIA" sails noon today, 6th July, from Sydney with Convoy.

"LITROON" at Port Melbourne, Princes Pier.

"TAMBAR" departed Brisbane 0600K/5th July for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/7th July.

"BENYL II" sails 0800K/7th July to resume search for S.C.F.G.

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GENERAL:

Admiralty returning over U.M.S. "ARAB" to Ministry of War Transport re re-conversion of Trade.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Saturday, 5th July, 1941.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA", escorted by Convoy U.S. 11A., arrived at Fremantle yesterday. DAILY NARRATIVE.

"WESTRALIA" sails today from Sydney for Ocean Island.

To 0900 Sunday, 6th July, 1941.

"COCKLEBERRY" } departed Darwin yesterday for Singapore. E.T.A.
"SUNSHINE" } 1001 18th July.

"LITHGOW" arrived Williamstown from working up exercises in Port Phillip. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney yesterday for Singapore via Townsville. E.T.A. Townsville 1400 8th July.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA". Should have arrived in Sydney this morning.

"ADELAIDE" E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/9th July. Escorting "AORANGI".

"CANBERRA" Departed Colombo A.M. 4th July for Fremantle E.T.A. 18th July.

"H.M.S. HOWAL" arrived at Suva yesterday from Nauru.

"WESTRALIA" Sails Noon today, 6th July, from Sydney with Convoy.

"LITHGOW" At Port Melbourne, Princes Pier. U.S. 11A.

"TAMBAR" Departed Brisbane 1045K/5th July for Sydney E.T.A. 1400K/7th July.

"BERYL II" Sails 0800K/7th July to resume Search for S.C.F.6.

Convoy U.S. 11A. arrived Fremantle yesterday.

GENERAL:

Admiralty are turning over H.M.S. "ARAWA" to Ministry of War Transport re re-conversion to Trade.

"ADELAIDE".

C. in C. Mediterranean intends that crew of H.M.A.S. "WATERHEN" will, with the exception of draft recently arrived, return to Australia by first opportunity. Lieutenant-Commander Swain is being sent to the United Kingdom.

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To 0900 Saturday, 5th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA", escorting Convoy U.S. 11A., arrived at Fremantle yesterday.

"WESTRALIA" sails today from Sydney for Ocean Island.

"MORESBY" arrived Rhaul at 0130 yesterday.

"GOULBURN" } departed Darwin yesterday for Singapore. E.T.A.

"BURNIE" } 1001 12th July. arrived Darwin yesterday

"LITHGOW" arrived Williamstown from working up exercises in Port Phillip yesterday.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney yesterday for Singapore via Townsville. E.T.A. Townsville 1400 9th July.

"COOMBAR" } intend sailing from Sydney for Hobart p.m.

"BOMBO" } Monday 7th July. today escorting R.I.

passenger vessel "KLENGA" to position 010° North 082° 30' East.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" arrived at Suva yesterday from Nauru.

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" arrived at Wellington yesterday from on Tuesday escorting "AQUITANIA" to join U.S.11A.

H.M.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" will be sailed from Suva to arrive Auckland 19th July.

CONVOY U.S.11A.

Convoy U.S.11A. arrived Fremantle yesterday.

GENERAL

Vice-Admiral Sir Guy and Lady Royle will leave Auckland today for Sydney in "AORANGI" escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE".

C. in C. Mediterranean intends that crew of H.M.A.S. "WATERHEN" will, with the exception of draft recently arrived, return to Australia by first opportunity. Lieutenant-Commander Swain is being sent to the United Kingdom.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0800 Thursday, 3rd July, 1941.

To 0900 Friday, 4th July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" reverts to 8 hours' notice for three days, from 0900 this morning to make good condenser defects.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Auckland yesterday and will sail tomorrow escorting "AORANGI" to Sydney.

"WARREGO" departed Sydney yesterday forenoon to sweep between Sydney and Newcastle.

"GOULBURN" } on passage to Singapore arrived Darwin yesterday
"BURNIE" } afternoon.

H.M.A. TUG "WATO" with water lighter in tow arrived Darwin yesterday

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney 1500X/2nd July escorting "ZALANDIA"

"SOUTHERN CROSS" } H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD. Brisbane 2800X/ End
to Darwin.

"CANBERRA" sails from Colombo at 1430 today escorting B.I. passenger vessel "ELLENGA" to position 010° North 092° 30' East.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"GRANJE" departed Sydney 2nd July. E.T.A. Batavia 10th July.

GENERAL

The two mines reported stranded near Cape Otway on Tuesday last were rendered safe yesterday.

H.M.A.S. "WATERBURY" seriously damaged by bombs during air attack north of H.M.S. "DAPHNE", was taken in tow by H.M.S. "DAPHNE" but subsequently capsized at 0150, 20th June, survivors being taken on board "DAPHNE".

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To 0900 Thursday, 3rd July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS

"WESTRALIA" departed Port Moresby at 1800 yesterday for Rabaul. E.T.A. 1800 tomorrow.

"WESTRALIA" expected to depart Sydney 5th July for Ocean Island and to escort "VITO". "SKAGERRAK" if ready also to join convoy.

"BENDIGO" to sail from Sydney a.m. 4th July for Singapore, calling at Townsville and Darwin on passage.

"MORESBY" departed Port Moresby noon 1st July for Rabaul. E.T.A. 0900K/4th July.

"SWAN" arrived Sydney 1115K/2nd July.

"DURKAWEN" in Hobson's Bay Floating Dock a.m. 1st July.

"SYDNEY" arrived Sydney 1800K/2nd July escorting "ZEALANDIA"

"SOUTHERN CROSS" } in company arrived Brisbane 2200K/ 2nd July on passage to Darwin.

"KIARA" }

H.M.S. "MURCHAL" departed from Nauru for Suva at 2000 on 29th June.

HOSPITAL SHIPS

"ORANJE" departed Sydney noon 2nd July. E.T.A. Batavia 10th July.

GENERAL

Two fuel tankers have been reported stranded approximately three miles west of Cape Stuy.

H.M.A.S. "WATERHEN" seriously damaged by bombs during air attack north of Sidi Barrani, was taken in tow by H.M.S. "DEFENDER" but subsequently capsized at 0150, 30th June, survivors being taken on board "DEFENDER".

"MARIA VAN DER WOUDE", sailing from Singapore about 7th July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0900 Wednesday, 2nd July, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MORESBY" departed Port Moresby at 1200 yesterday for Rabaul. E.T.A. 1000 tomorrow.

"DOOMBA" at Port Melbourne. Boiler defects will take seven days to complete and ship is at 24 hours' notice for steam.

"GERARD" commissioned yesterday at Melbourne, and will carry out duties as examination vessel at Port Kembla.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" passed Cairns northbound at 1500 yesterday.

"MOROSBI" arrived at Rabaul yesterday whence she proceeds to H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" C. in C. East Indies has been requested to sail "CANBERRA" from Colombo so as to arrive at Fremantle by Friday 18th July, as she is required to escort "DUNTROON" carrying 500 troops, from Fremantle to Adelaide.

"HONGKONG" with "MOROSBI" departed Port Melbourne 0900 yesterday. OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed from Nauru for Suva at 2000 on 29th June.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne from Bass Strait 0830 this morning. GENERAL

Two further mines have been reported stranded approximately three miles west of Cape Otway.

Officers and ratings of H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" who are being repatriated by R.A. Malaya will now travel by "MARIX VAN ST. ALDEGARDE", sailing from Singapore about 7th July.

"CANBERRA" in dock at Colombo will be ready for service Thursday 2nd July.

SHIPPERS

CONVOY comprising "QUEEN MARY", "QUEEN ELIZABETH" and "QUEEN MATHILDA" escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", is expected to arrive Fremantle 1800 Friday, 4th July.

HOSPITAL SHIP "LAUNCESTON" arrived Fremantle 0800 yesterday from Colombo.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MOROSBI" having fitted out at Sydney sails for Malaya today, thence to Singapore for dry docking before proceeding to Middle East.

GENERAL

H.M.A. Ships "DOCKHAMPTON" and "LANCASTON" were successfully launched at Brisbane on 27th June and 30th June respectively.

The stranded mine reported to the westward of Otway on Sunday was rendered safe yesterday by a party from F.M.S.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 1st July, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATIONH.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" on passage Fremantle to Sydney escorting "ZEALANDIA" passed Wilson's Promontory last night - Her amended E.T.A. is 1700 tomorrow. Melbourne 29th June.

"WESTRALIA" will sail from Sydney so as to arrive Ocean Island Monday, 14th July. She is required to protect shipping in the Ocean Island and Nauru areas for approximately one month.

"MORESBY" arrived Port Moresby 0715 yesterday whence she proceeds to Rabaul in continuation of A/S cruise.

"WARREGO" arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay yesterday.

"GOULBURN" } Departed Thursday Island 1600 yesterday for Darwin.
 "BURNIE" } E.T.A. 1200 July, 3rd.

"BUNGARZE" with "TOORIE" in company, departed Port Melbourne 0900 yesterday and having carried out first test lay in Port Phillip both ships berthed at Princes Pier at 1800.

"TAMBAR" sails from Brisbane, Saturday July 5th, for Sydney to refit. (Fremantle Island) at one hour's notice as a Striking Force should

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne from Bass Strait 0830 this morning to coal and make good boiler defects.

"COOLEBAR" arrived Adelaide yesterday to rejoin Group 63 after June refitting at Williamstown.

"LITHGOW" departed Port Melbourne 0900 this morning for working up exercises in Port Phillip.

"H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD."

"CANBERRA" in dock at Colombo will be ready for service Thursday 3rd July.

SHIPPING

CONVOY U.S. 11A comprising "QUEEN MARY", "QUEEN ELIZABETH" and "AQUITANIA", escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", is expected to arrive Fremantle 1800 Friday, 4th July.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MAUNGANUI" arrived Fremantle 0800 yesterday from Colombo.

HOSPITAL SHIP "ORANJE" having fitted out at Sydney sails for Batavia today, thence to Singapore for dry docking before proceeding to Middle East.

GENERAL

H.M.A. Ships "ROCKHAMPTON" and "LAUNCESTON" were successfully launched at Brisbane on 27th June and 30th June respectively.

The stranded mine reported to the westward of Otway on Sunday was rendered safe yesterday by a party from F.N.D.

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To 0900 Monday, 30th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" E.T.A. Auckland 1115M/3rd July.

"LITHGOW" arrived Port Melbourne 29th June.

"SWAN" intends to depart Hobart 0800K/30th June. E.T.A. Sydney 0800K 2nd July.

"MANOORA" arrived Graciosa Bay 1300K/25th June will probably leave Vanikoro 29th June. E.T.A. Sydney p.m. 6th July.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" and "KIARA" in company departed Sydney 1400K/29th June for Brisbane and Darwin.

"GOULEBURN" E.T.A. Darwin noon 3rd July.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Sydney 1800K/29th June, and at 12 hours' notice until 1st July.

AIR OPERATIONS

Aircraft from Mallacoota will 'stand by' at PATS River (Flinders Island) at one hour's notice as a Striking Force should the necessity arise in connection with Convoy U.S.11A.

"HEARD" with lighter in tow departed Brisbane for Darwin 0500 today.

GENERAL

Netherlands Cruiser "TROMP" departed Brisbane 29th June at 1100K.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" arrived Graciosa Bay 1300K/25th June, finding U.S. Aircraft Tender "SWAN" already there. U.S.A.T "SWAN" will depart for Vanikoro 27th June and leave 29th June for Pearl Harbour, she intends entering MANEVILYI Bay through Hayes channel and sounding for a Flying Boat anchorage west of Tevai Island. "MANOORA" will remain in company until she leaves, the survey should be completed by 1st July.

Mr. A.C. Morrow, Beach Forest, reported at 1745K 29th June a stranded mine just awash at the mouth of the Glen Aire River 7' west of Cape Otway. Horns and body dented, rusty in appearance but clear of barnachs or marine growth. Lt. Cdr. Hutchison and party from R.N.D. will be at the position at 0730K/30th June to investigate and R.M.S. "ADELAIDE" arrived at Jervis Bay 29th June.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" departed Nauru 2000K/29th June for Suva.

Captain MILES promoted to Acting rank of Rear-Admiral for Special Service outside Admiralty.

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from H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" 5 officers and 50 ratings from Singapore 4th July. (to be continued)

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H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" was successfully launched from Milers Bay Shipyard, Maryborough, on 29th June.

To 0900 Saturday, 25th June, 1941.

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To 0900 Sunday 29th June, 1941.

"ADELAIDE" will arrive Auckland Thursday, 3rd July, so as to escort "ADRANGI", with Vice Admiral Sir Guy Boyd embarked, to Sydney via OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"MONAGHAN" (Tall. No. H.M.S. 2124) departed at Princess Pier, Fort H.M.A. SHIPS., yesterday afternoon. The first test lay in

"AUSTRALIA" sails this morning from Sydney with "QUEEN MARY", to escort Convoy U.S.11A. overday for Jervis Bay to provide A/A protection for H.M.S. "QUEEN ELIZABETH".

"ADELAIDE" sails today at 1300 from Jervis Bay, escorts "QUEEN ELIZABETH" from Jervis Bay to R.V. with "AUSTRALIA" and "QUEEN MARY", and proceeds to Auckland. E.T.A. 3rd July.

"BENDIGO" arrived in Sydney yesterday at 1226 from Melbourne.

"LITHGOW" arrived Westernport 0600 yesterday from Sydney and will

"LITHGOW" is due to arrive in Melbourne at 1015 today from Sydney via Westernport.

"COOLEBARK" on completion of refit at Williamstown departed 2300

"GOULBURN" arrived at Thursday Island at 1315 yesterday en route "BURNIE" to Singapore.

"WATO" expects to leave Broome tomorrow, Sunday, for Darwin.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" due to sail for Darwin yesterday with "KIARA" in company has been delayed for 24 hours owing to defect in "KIARA's" propeller. Sails at 0800 this morning.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

"WATO" with lighter in tow departed Broome for Darwin 0500 today.

H.M.S. "WA" E.T.A. 1200 4th July. Singapore 11th July and proceed via Manila and Honolulu to the United States for refit.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" owing to OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS. and impracticability of fuelling due to weather was expected to leave Ocean Island

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" docked at Colombo yesterday for cleaning and pers coating bottom, and will be ready for service 2nd July.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI". The weather at Ocean Island having improved, four "MONOWAI" fuelled and remains until p.m. today, when she intends to sail for Suva. Sails east of the southernmost point of Greenland.

CONVOY U.S.11A.

"QUEEN MARY" arrived in Sydney at 1110 yesterday from Hobart, and sails this morning.

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" arrived at Jervis Bay from Sydney at 1300 yesterday, and sails at 1300 today to join, and proceed with, "QUEEN MARY".

"ACQUITANIA" escorted by H.M.S. "ACHILLES" from Wellington arrives at R.V. with "QUEEN MARY" and "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at 1400 tomorrow, completing Convoy U.S.11A, which proceeds escorted by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA."

Security and A/A patrols as ordered by L.C.H.Q. Sydney will be provided this afternoon GENERAL. tomorrow forenoon over Fort Jackson and Jervis Bay by aircraft from Mascot and Nowra.

R.A. Malaya intends repatriating 5 officers and 99 ratings from H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" in "JOHAN VAN OLDENBARNVELT", sailing from Singapore 4th July. (To be altered).

H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON" was successfully launched from Walkers Ltd. Shipyards, Maryborough, on 26th June.

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To 0900 Saturday, 28th June, 1941. MOPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATIONH. A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" will arrive Auckland Thursday, 3rd July, so as to escort "AORANGI", with Vice Admiral Sir Guy Hoyle embarked, to Sydney sailing 5th July.

"BUNGAREE" (Tel. No. M.X. 5524) berthed at Princes Pier, Port Melbourne, yesterday afternoon. The first test lay in mining exercise area will take place on Monday, 30th June.

"WARREGO" departed Sydney 0630 yesterday for Jervis Bay to provide A/S protection for H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH". Sydney, will probably carry out final acceptance trials on July 28th and

"SWAN" arrived Hobart 0930 yesterday for boiler cleaning. On completion she will proceed to Sydney for refit and to give long leave.

"LITHGOW" arrived Westernport 0800 yesterday from Sydney and will commence working up in Port Phillip next week.

"COOLEBAR" on completion of refit at Williamstown departed 2300 yesterday for Adelaide to rejoin Group 63.

"WATO" expects to leave Broome tomorrow, Sunday, for Darwin. She reports a shortage of coal.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS.

H.M.S. "WARSPITE" is due to leave Singapore 11th July and proceed via Manila and Honolulu to the United States for refit.

H.M.S. "MONOWAI" owing to shortage of fuel and impracticability of fuelling due to weather was expected to leave Ocean Island yesterday. N.Z.N.B. suggests that Shipping there be dispersed until protection from Australia is available.

Intercepted signals indicate a convoy was attacked and at least four ships torpedoed by submarines early yesterday morning in a position approximately 450 miles east of the southernmost point of Greenland.

CONVOY U.S.11A.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" departed Hobart 0748 yesterday for Sydney arriving 1100 this morning.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" leaves Sydney 1040 this morning for Jervis Bay arriving 1645 this afternoon.

H.T. "ACQUITANIA" escorted by H.M.S. "ACHILLES" departed Wellington 1500 yesterday for R.V.

Security and A/S patrols as ordered by A.C.H.Q. Sydney will be provided this afternoon and tomorrow forenoon over Port Jackson and Jervis Bay by aircraft from Mascot and Nowra.

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To 0900 Friday, 27th June, 1941.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. SHIPS.

The appointment of Captain H.B. Crane, R.N., to H.M.S. "ORION" has been cancelled and instead he will assume duty on arrival Colombo as Chief of Staff to C. in C. East Indies, temporarily, with the rank of Commodore 2nd Class.

"COULSON" with "SUNRISE" in company, departed Cocktown 0700K/25th June for Port Phillip.

H.M.A.S. "LAUNCESTON" was successfully launched at Brisbane yesterday.

H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" built at Morts, Sydney, will probably carry out final acceptance trials on July 22nd and commission the following day.

"HELI" to Jack in Sydney 0900 Monday 28th June.

"GERARD" to commission at Port Melbourne 1st July as Examination Vessel.

"COOMBAR" to sail for Hobart 7th July on completion of Refit.

"BOMBO" to sail for Hobart 7th July on completion of Working Up.

"HARARI" to sail from Sydney 0900K/23th June for Broken Bay for Working Up exercises returning Sydney p.m. 4th July.

"HARREGO" arrival Sydney 1530K/26th June, and sailed for Jarvis Bay 0700K/27th June.

"MILDURA" to commission at Sydney about 28th July.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"ORANJE" subject to satisfactory trials (D/A) H.G.C.S. reports it is intended to sail ship 1st July.

GENERAL

"KORONA" reported by D.M.G. (Victoria) to be aground in West Channel Port Phillip at 0630K/26th June and later at 1230K/26th June refloated. Ship is returning to Williamstown for Hull Examination by Diving Party from Flinders Naval Depot - 27th June.

1st Naval Member, Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin, made a farewell visit to Flinders Naval Depot, 26th June.

Dutch Cruiser "THOMP" arrived Brisbane 1700K/26th June.

Admiral Sir Guy Boyle is expected to take passage in "AGRANGI" leaving Auckland 5th July.

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To 0900 Friday, 27th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" arrived Fremantle 2100H/25th June and sailed 26th June for Port Victoria. E.T.A. a.m. 5th July.

"GOULBURN" with "BURNIE" in company, departed Cooktown 0700K/25th June for Thursday Island.

"BENDIGO" departed Port Phillip 1715K/26th June for Sydney. E.T.A. noon 28th June.

"LITHGOW" E.T.A. Westernport 0800K/27th June.

"UKI" to dock in Sydney 0900 Monday 30th June.

"GERARD" to commission at Port Melbourne 1st July as Examination Vessel.

"COOMBAR" to sail for Hobart 7th July on completion of Refit.

"BOMBO" to sail for Hobart 7th July on completion of Working Up.

"NARANI" to sail from Sydney 0900K/28th June for Broken Bay for Working Up exercises returning Sydney p.m. 4th July.

"WARREGO" arrival Sydney 1530K/26th June, and sailed for Jervis Bay 0700K/27th June.

"MILDURA" to commission at Sydney about 28th July.

H.E. "AQUILARIA" sailed Wellington 1800 yesterday.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

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H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

GENERAL

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Dutch Cruiser "TROMP" arrived Brisbane 1700K/26th June.

Admiral Sir Guy Royle is expected to take passage in "AORANGI" leaving Auckland 5th July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Thursday, 26th June, 1941.

To 0900 Wednesday, 25th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" - arrived Fremantle from Sydney yesterday at 2300.

"WARREGO" - departed Sydney yesterday for searching sweep of Sydney - Newcastle inshore route.

"BENDIGO" - sails Melbourne at 1430 today for Sydney. E.T.A. 1200 28th June.

"GOULBURN" } - departed Cooktown yesterday for Thursday Island.
"BURNIE" } E.T.A. 1400, 28th June.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" - with "KIARA" in company will sail from Sydney for Darwin a.m. Saturday 28th June.

"LITHGOW" - will proceed to Westernport for 48 hours prior to the commencement of working up programme in Port Phillip.

"NARANI" - on completion of working up is to be sailed from Sydney to Melbourne to join Group 54.

"KOROWA" is aground in West Channel, Port Phillip, with "PATERSON" standing by; a tug has been despatched and it is hoped she will be refloated at 1300 today.

TRANSPORTS

H.T. "AQUITANIA" sailed Wellington 1800 yesterday.

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" sailing date from Sydney for Rabaul, Thursday Island and Darwin has been amended from 8th to 12th July.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"CANBERRA" arrived at Colombo from Aden area on 24th June. She has completed 53,816 miles steaming since undocking 24th December, 1940.

GENERAL

It is intended to commission H.M.A.S. "GERARD" for examination vessel Port Kembla on 1st July.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Wednesday, 25th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

- ✓ "SYDNEY" escorting modified convoy F.S.1, comprising "ZEALANDIA" and "CALIFORNIA STAR", departed Fremantle 1740 yesterday for Sydney. E.T.A. 0300 Thursday, 3rd July. "CALIFORNIA STAR" will be detached so as to proceed to Melbourne.
- ✓ "BUNGAREE" with "TOORIE" in company will berth Port Melbourne at 1600 Friday, 27th June.
- ✓ "LITHGOW" departed Sydney 1700 yesterday for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0500 Friday, 27th June.
- ✓ "COULBURN" } arrived Cooktown 1140 yesterday whence they proceed
"BURNIE" } to Thursday Island en route to Singapore.

"HARRIS" departs SHIPPING 0800/25th June for Searching Sweep Inshore Route between Sydney and Newcastle returning Syd Hospital ship "MANUNDA" arrived Sydney yesterday terminating voyage from the Middle East. Searching Sweep between Sydney and Port Louis Inshore route 0800/25th June carry out A/S Search off Jervis Bay until arrival of "Q.R." and escort.....

TRANSPORTS

"ZEALANDIA" is expected to sail today 25th June from Fremantle for Sydney escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY". It is expected she will sail again from Sydney on 8th July for Sabaul, Thursday Island and Darwin when escort will again be required.

GENERAL

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C. in C. China has signalled a direction to C. in C. China regarding action to be taken in the event of war with Vichy France.

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C. in C. China has signalled that time required for the refit of H.M.A.S. "VANPIER" may be reduced from four to six months and suggests those of the Ship's Company not required for "Care and Maintenance" should return to Australia for leave and courses.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 24th June, 1941.

To 0900 Monday, 23rd June.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" returns to Sydney 0800K/24th June from search.

anchored in Corio Bay at 2308.

"MORESBY" departed Sydney 1630K/23rd June for Port Moresby.

"BUNGAREE" carrying out working up programme in Port Phillip anchoring off Port Arlington each evening from Monday to Thursday inclusive.

"GOULBURN") departed in Company, Townsville for Cooktown.

"FURNIE") E.T.A. 1200K/24th June and Thursday Island. E.T.A. 1800K/28th June.

"TOORIE" to sail at 0800, today 24th June, for Port Phillip to act under orders of "BUNGAREE" during Working Up Practices.

"WARREGO" departs Sydney 0600K/25th June for Searching Sweep Inshore Route between Sydney and Newcastle returning Sydney p.m. 26th June. Departs 0700K/27th June for Jervis Bay carrying out Searching Sweep between Sydney and Port Kembla Inshore Route 0800K/28th June carry out A/S Search off Jervis Bay until arrival of "Q.E." and escort.

A W/T distress signal was received by La Perouse wireless station and also P.M.S.S. Sydney at 1858 last evening. The signal TRANSPORTS only once and no D.F. bearing could be obtained, but by the strength it was estimated as "ZEALANDIA" is expected to sail today 24th June from Fremantle for Sydney escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY". It is expected she will sail again from Sydney on 8th July for Rabaul, Thursday Island and Darwin when escort will again be required.

GENERAL

Admiralty have signalled a direction to C. in C. China regarding action to be taken in the event of war with Vichy France.

C. in C. China has signalled that time required for the refit of H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" may be from four to six months and suggests those of the Ship's Company not required for "Care and Maintenance" should return to Australia for leave and courses.

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To 0900 Monday, 23rd June.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

To 0800 Sunday, 22nd June.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Port Phillip at 1820 yesterday and anchored in Corio Bay at 2308.

"GOULBURN" & "BURNIE" arrived at Townsville yesterday en route to Singapore.

H.M.A. SHIPS

AUXILIARY VESSELS

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle 1100 yesterday, whence she will

H.M.A. TUG "WATO" with lighter in tow en route for Darwin arrived at Broome yesterday. She is leaking badly and in need of repair after meeting with heavy

"HOBART" from Sydney to Fremantle expects to arrive 2300 Wednesday, 25th June.

SHIPPING

"BARNECO", on completion of refit tomorrow, Monday, will

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" departed Port Phillip for Sydney for B. at 1745 yesterday arriving 1300 tomorrow.

"LITHGOW" will GENERAL Sydney for Melbourne P.M. Tuesday, 26th June, for working up exercises.

A W/T distress signal was received by La Perouse wireless station and also P.W.S.S. Sydney at 1858 last evening. The signal was heard only once and no D.F. bearing could be obtained, but by the strength it was estimated as within a radius of about 300 miles. Portion of a call sign appeared to be included in the signal, and a search is being carried out by H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" which left Sydney at 0420 this morning, and six aircraft from Richmond.

H.T. "ACQUITANIA" sails from Sydney at 1830 today for Wellington arriving 1700 Wednesday, 25th June.

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HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" berthed at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, 0845 this morning. G

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MOST SECRET. day, 21st June, 1941.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

To 0900 Sunday, 22nd June.

"HOBART" departed Sydney 2000K/20th June for Fremantle 18 1/2 knots.

"MORESBY" to sail OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION. day 23rd June for A/S Training Cruise. Will fuel H.M.A. SHIPS - Port Moresby 30th June and again approximately 15th July on passage to Sydney. N.Y.A. 27th July.

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle 2100 yesterday, whence she will escort H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to Sydney.

"AUSTRALIA" returned Sydney from Auckland.

"HOBART" on passage from Sydney to Fremantle expects to arrive 2000 Wednesday, 25th June.

"WARREGO", on completion of refit tomorrow, Monday, will remain under orders of N.O.C.S. to provide A/S protection for H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" at Jervis Bay. 30th June, and will then be called for Middle East via Batavia later returning to Australia.

"LITHGOW" will depart Sydney for Melbourne P.M. Tuesday, 24th June, for working up exercises.

GENERAL

Dutch Tanker "RENDGO" sailed from Suva 18th June for Brisbane. N.Y.A. 24th June.

SHIPPING.

On completion of refit "WARREGO" is to remain under the orders of N.O.C.S. for A/S protection of "Q.E." at H.T. "ACUITANIA" sails from Sydney at 1630 today for Wellington arriving 1700 Wednesday, 25th June.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" berthed at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, 0845 this morning.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Saturday, 21st June, 1941.

To 0300 Friday, 20th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" departed Sydney 2000K/20th June for Fremantle
18½ knots.

"MORESBY" to sail Port Moresby and Rabaul a.m. Monday
23rd June for A/S Training Cruise. Will fuel
at Port Moresby 30th June and again approximately
18th July on passage to Sydney. E.T.A. 27th July.

"ADELAIDE" returned Sydney from Firing Exercises.

"AUSTRALIA" returned Sydney from Auckland and is expected
to arrive Port Phillip 1400 22nd June.

"MANOORA" departed Sydney 1900K/20th June for Graciosa Bay.
E.T.A. 26th June.

HOSPITAL SHIPS.

"ORANJE" should complete Fitting Out about 30th June,
and will then be sailed for Middle East via Batavia
later returning to Australia.

GENERAL

Dutch Tanker "PENDOPO" sailed from Suva 18th June
for Brisbane. E.T.A. 24th June.

On completion of refit "WARREGO" is to remain
under the orders of N.O.C.S. for A/S Protection of "Q.E." at
Jervis Bay. and, leaving Sydney by air 8th July and returning
about a week later.

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0900 Thursday, 19th June, 1941.

To 0900 Friday, 20th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS. } on passage to Singapore arrived Brisbane 1800
"BURNIE" } yesterday.

"AUSTRALIA" arrives Sydney 1215 today from Auckland.

"WESTRALIA" departed Sydney at 1015 yesterday escorting
"GLENOGLE" to position 027°40' S. 180°00' E
returning to Sydney a.m. 30th June.

"BUNGAREE" departed Sydney 1825 yesterday and is expected
to arrive Port Phillip 1400 22nd June.

"GOULBURN" & "BURNIE" departed Brisbane for Townsville
yesterday. E.T.A. Townsville 1700, 22nd June.

DUTCH CRUISER "TRAMP" arrived Suva Tuesday, 17th June.

H.M.A. SHIPS - ABROAD.

"VAMPIRE" arrived at Singapore yesterday.

Captain J.A. Collins has assumed duty as
A.C.N.S. to C. in C. China at Singapore.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "ACUITANIA" will be sailed from Sydney at 1630, 22nd June
Kingston for Wellington. E.T.A. 1700, 25th June. N.O. S.A.
has despatched a party to render it safe.

H.M. GENERAL "SOUTHERN CROSS" commissioned at
Sydney yesterday for service as examination vessel at Darwin
where she Commander Salm, Dutch N.L.O. proposes visiting
New Zealand, leaving Sydney by air 6th July and returning
about a week later. "MARYBOROUGH" has completed steam trials
satisfactorily.

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0900 Thursday, 19th June, 1941.

To 0900 Wednesday OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. "GOULBURN" } on passage to Singapore arrived Brisbane 1600
"BURNIE" } yesterday.

"BUNGAREE" departs Sydney p.m. today for Port Phillip to work up.

"WARREGO" docks at Sydney 1300 today.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS

F.S.C. H.M.S. "PRINCE ROBERT", escorting freight ship "AWATEA" departed Auckland yesterday.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" arrived Suva Tuesday, 17th June.

A request from the Manager, Cockatoo Dockyard to Naval Board has been received for permission for Mr. Holmes, visiting representative GENERAL Fish Trades Unions, to address the Cockatoo Dockyard workers on the subject of the Empire War effort. Captain J.A. Collins has assumed duty as A.C.N.S. to C. in C. China at Singapore.

A mine was reported ashore 27 miles north of Kingston (170' S.E. of Adelaide) yesterday. D.N.O. S.A. has despatched a party to render it safe.

H.M.A.S. "SOUTHERN CROSS" commissioned at Sydney yesterday for service as examination vessel at Darwin where she will relieve "EDELE".

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" has completed steam trials satisfactorily.

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To 0800 Tuesday, 17th June, 1941.
To 0900 Wednesday, 18th June, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS. "AUSTRIA" arrived Auckland yesterday escorting "AUSTRIA"
"AUSTRIA" have been requested to sail for Auckland
"AUSTRALIA" departed 2000K/17th June, for Sydney. E.T.A. 1215/K
20th June.
"AUSTRIA" arrived in Sydney yesterday from Maryborough.
"GOULBURN" } In company departed Sydney 1523K/18 June for Brisbane.
"BURNIE" } E.T.A. 1300K/18th June.

GENERAL "GOULBURN" & "BURNIE" departed for Brisbane from Sydney yesterday.
E.T.A. 1300 tomorrow. They are en route to Singapore.

F.O.C.A.S. intends to transfer his Flag to H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"
at 0800K Thursday 19th June. Office will be in Orient
Line Building, Spring Street, Sydney.

A request from the Manager, Cockatoo Dockyard to Naval Board
has been received for permission for Mr. Holmes, visiting
representative of British Trades Unions, to address the
Cockatoo Dockyard workmen on the subject of the "Empire
War effort.

H.M.A. "AUSTRALIA" escorted by one A.M.C. will leave Sydney for
Darwin about 5th July. She arrives at Fremantle from
Singapore on 21st June.

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0900 Monday, 16th June, 1941.
To 0900 Tuesday, 17th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" arrived Auckland yesterday escorting "AWATEA"
N.Z.N.B. have been requested to sail her from Auckland
for Sydney so as to arrive at 1100 on Friday, 20th June.

"MARYBOROUGH" arrived in Sydney yesterday from Maryborough.
She is not fully completed for service, and will run
acceptance trials including 4 hours full power commencing
at 0845 today.

"GOULBURN" & "EURNIE" sailed for Brisbane from Sydney yesterday.
E.T.A. 1300 tomorrow. They are en route to Singapore.

H.M.A. TUG "SANDY", OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS

H.M.C.S. "PRINCE ROBERT" arrived in Auckland on 15th June.

TRANSPORTS

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" escorted by one A.M.C. will leave Sydney for
Darwin about 5th July. She arrives at Fremantle from
Singapore on 23rd June.

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to 0900 Monday, 16th June.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" will rendezvous with H.T. "ZEALANDIA" at 0001 tomorrow Tuesday and escort her to Fremantle, thence to Sydney.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney yesterday afternoon from Jervis Bay.

"BUNGAREE" on completion of working up programme about July 7th June, 15th will proceed to Port Moresby for minelaying operations.

GROUP 53 ("WYRALLAH", "BINGERA" and "YANDRA") arrived Fremantle "DANA" yesterday after refitting at Sydney.

H.M.A. TUG "WATO", with water lighter "KARALOO" in tow, departed on Carnarvon for Darwin yesterday.

"WARTHOUGH" should arrive Sydney 0800/16th June.

SHIPPING

H.T. "ACQUITANIA" arrives Sydney 1141 yesterday from Fremantle.

HOSPITAL SHIP "MANUNDA" arrived Fremantle yesterday from Suez and Colombo.

"LUCKY HARRY" Arrived Sydney 1415/14th June.

"TACITURIA" Should arrive Sydney 1030K 15th June.

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Rear Admiral CURTIS appointed Acting Vice Admiral 2nd S.S. and to be Second in Command Home Fleet 5th June.

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TO 0900 SUNDAY 15th JUNE, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

"AUSTRALIA" called yesterday at 1450 from Sydney for Auckland.

"AUSTRALIA" Escorting "AWATEA" to Auckland E.T.A. 0900/16th June.

"LITHGOW" Commissioned at Sydney 14th June.

"GUNBAR" Departed Carnarvon W.A. for Fremantle E.T.A. 17th June.

"MORESBY" Returns from Jervis Bay to Sydney E.T.A. 1530K/15th June.

"SYDNEY" Departed Fremantle 1330K/14th June for R.V. with "DANA" 17th June.

"MANOORA" Will proceed to Graciosa Bay to meet U.S.S. "SWAN" on 27th June.

"MARYBOROUGH" Should arrive Sydney 0800K/16th June.

"VAMPIRE" Departed Colombo 0132Z/14th June for Singapore.

"WESTRALIA" } To escort Modified Convoy to Auckland about 17th June.

"ADELAIDE" } will be commissioned on 18th June instead of 23rd June.

"HARKER" commissioned on 18th June and will proceed to Sydney on 14th June. TRANSPORTS. acceptance trials were unsatisfactory.

"QUEEN MARY" Arrived Hobart 1415K/14th June.

"AQUITANIA" Should arrive Sydney 1030K 15th June.

GENERAL.

Rear Admiral CURTEIS appointed Acting Vice Admiral 2nd B.S. and to be Second in Command Home Fleet 6th June.

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To 0800 Friday, 13th June, 1941.

To 0900 Saturday, 14th June, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" sailed yesterday at 1450 from Sydney for Auckland, escorting "AWATEA".

"SYDNEY" intends sailing from Fremantle at 1330 today for R.V. with "ZEALANDIA" and escort, returning to Fremantle with "ZEALANDIA" a.m. Sunday 23rd June.

"COOLEBAR" arrived at Williamstown from Adelaide yesterday.

"PATERSON" sails at 0800 Monday, June, 16th to join Group 54, searching S.C.F. 6 and boarding area.

F.O.C.A.S. has been requested to detail one A.N.C. to visit Graciosa Bay (Islands) on 27th June, so as to meet U.S. Air Force "SPARK" expected to arrive there

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" arrived in Sydney at 1110 yesterday.

"QUEEN MARY" departed at 1104 from Sydney yesterday and expects to arrive at Hobart at 1300 today.

"VAMPIRE" on passage from Suez to Singapore for refit arrived Colombo 11th June.

GENERAL

N.O.C.S. advises that the "SOUTHERN CROSS" (examination vessel for Darwin) will commission on 18th June instead of 23rd June.

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH" commissioned on 12th June and will proceed to Sydney on 14th June. Acceptance trials were unsatisfactory. Preparatory to entering harbour, at 1325 today.

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To 0900 Friday, 13th June, 1941.

OPERATION - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" arrived Sydney 1245 yesterday from Wellington and is expected to sail today to escort "AWATEA" to Auckland.

"WESTRALIA" } will escort a modified convoy from Sydney to
"MANOORA" } Auckland sailing about 16th June.

"BUNGAREE" at Sydney carried out anchor and steam trials yesterday.

"COOLEBAR" on passage from Adelaide for refit entered Port Phillip Heads early this morning.

F.O.C.A.S. has been requested to detail one A.M.C. to visit Graciosa Bay (Santa Cruz Islands) on 27th June, so as to meet U.S. Aircraft Tender "SWAN" expected to arrive there the same day.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

"VAMPIRE" on passage from Suez to Singapore for refit arrived Colombo Wednesday, 11th June.

CONVOY U.S. 11A.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" sails from Sydney today for Hobart.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" embarks pilot between Sydney Heads, preparatory to entering harbour, at 1325 today.

H.M.A.S. "HURI" from Newcastle to Sydney arrived with aid in tow at 1700K/11th June for docking and refit.

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H.C.C.S. reports that provided equipment continues to come to hand it is hoped fitting out will be completed by 20th June but this date excludes any trials, D/G ranging ~~RA~~ restoring "ORANIE" Hospital Ship.

H.C.C.S. reports work on "MANOORA" will be completed 11th June and an P.S. Gun will probably be completed p.m. 14th June.

H.M.A. Ship "AUSTRALIA" carries out all Calibre Firing today. "MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA" in that order Sub-calibre off Sydney.

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To 0900 Thursday, 12th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" due Sydney from Wellington a.m. today.

TRANSPORTS

"ZEALANDIA" will be escorted from Singapore by H.M.S. "DANAE" and expects to leave 0440/12 to R.V. in 12°50' S. 107°20' E. at 0001/17 with H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" who will take over escort to Fremantle.

GENERAL

H.M. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

H.M.A.S. "NARANI" commissioned Wednesday 11th June at Sydney.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" anticipated date of commissioning 23rd June at Sydney.

Northern Area Headquarters have reported that A.C.H. and C.O.I.C. Townsville are now in operation.

The Howard Smith S/S "AEON" made a Distress Signal to Wilson's Promontory at 1800K/11th June stating 18 frames in No. 2 lower Hold fractured and 15 in No. 3 lower Hold and unsafe to proceed, consequently made for Sealers Cove where she arrived safely and "DOOMBA" who was ordered to investigate has reported her safe arrival there and further that no assistance was required. The owners have been informed who now will assume responsibility.

H.M.A.S. "UKI" from Newcastle to Sydney arrived with skid in tow at 1700K/11th June for Docking and Refit.

N.O.C.S. reports that provided equipment continues to come to hand it is hoped fitting out will be completed by 30th June but this date excludes any trials, D/G ranging or storing "ORANJE" Hospital Ship.

N.O.C.S. reports work on After Gun "MANOORA" will be completed 11th June and on P.3. Gun will probably be completed p.m. 14th June.

H.M.A. Ship "AUSTRALIA" carries out full Calibre Firing today. "ADELAIDE" and "WESTRALIA" in that order Sub-calibre off Sydney.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Wednesday, 11th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" is due in Sydney from Wellington at 1100 tomorrow.

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle yesterday from R.V. with H.M.S. "DANAË".

"SWAN" - on passage to Hobart should arrive p.m. today.

"MORESBY" sailed from Sydney for Jarvis Bay yesterday for exercises.

"BENDIGO", after working up will grant seven days' leave to each watch and then join 20th M.S.F. temporarily; she will then sail for Singapore about 2nd July.

"COOLEBAR" departed Adelaide yesterday for Melbourne.

Dutch Cruiser "TROMP" after dispersal of the convoy near Fiji tomorrow, will patrol route of two other Dutch merchant vessels, refuel from the Dutch tanker "PENDOPO" about 17th June at Suva, thence escort Dutch ships "POELAUTELLO" and "TALISSE" to Caloundra arriving 20th June. She will then refuel from the "PENDOPO" in Brisbane, and after a two days' stay return independently to Soerabaya.

SHIPPING

H.T. "ACUITANIA" sailed at 0650 yesterday for Sydney from Fremantle. E.T.A. 1030, 15th June.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" will sail from Sydney for Hobart at 1115, 13th June.

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0900 Monday, 9th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" - Sydney to Wellington escorting "LARGS BAY" and "THEMISTOCLES" and is intended she will escort "AWATEA" to New Zealand departing Sydney 13th June.

"SWAN" - on passage to Hobart should arrive p.m. today.

"GUNBAR" } - in company on passage to Darwin arrived Carnarvon
"WATO" } midnight 7th June.

"SEAN" arrived Hobart 1330 yesterday from Sydney to provide A/S protection for "SEAN" during her stay.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" - arrived Fremantle 0930H/8th June, and projected departure 1700H/8th June for Sydney. E.T.A. approx. 1000H/12th June, routed via South of Tasmania owing to P.Vs. being out of order.

"ACQUITANIA" arrived Fremantle 1100H/8th June.

"ZEALANDIA" - due to depart Singapore about 11th June for Fremantle and Sydney with about 200 troops on board.
H.A. ... reported Fremantle 0600 yesterday for Sydney arriving 1100 Friday, 15th June.

GENERAL

Hospital ship "WANDY" ...
The mine reported 8th June by D.N.O. South Australia off Wedge Island has now been secured ashore at the Island.

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To 0900 Tuesday, 10th June.

DAILY NARRATIVE

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS. ay 8th June, 1961.

"AUSTRALIA", escorting "LARGES BAY" and "THEMISTOCLES", arrived Wellington yesterday. "AUSTRALIA" sailed for Sydney early this morning.

"ADELAIDE" departed Sydney yesterday afternoon for firing and returned to harbour at 1630.

"SWAN" arrived Hobart 1330 yesterday from Sydney to provide A/S protection for "QUEEN MARY" during her stay.

GROUP 53 ("WYRALLAH", "YANDRA" and "BINGERA") departed Adelaide yesterday afternoon for Fremantle.

"BUNGAREE" (Commander Calder, R.A.N.) commissioned 0900 yesterday at Sydney.

SHIPPING

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Fremantle 0800 yesterday for Sydney arriving 1100 Friday, 13th June. (4561 tons), Cairns

Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" departed Colombo 6th June for Fremantle due 15th June.

Later she advised having the fire under control, and this morning departed at Pinkerba Wharf, Brisbane, about 0700.

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GENERAL

D.N.O. South Australia reports a floating mine close to Wedge Island at the entrance to Spencer Gulf. A minesweeper has been despatched by him to recover or destroy it.

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0600 Saturday, 7th June.

DAILY NARRATIVE. AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

To 0900 Sunday 8th June, 1941.

"WESTRALIA" arrives Sydney this morning and long leave will be granted.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Sydney from New Zealand 1830 yesterday.

"H.M.A. Ships." Sydney 0800 yesterday from sweeping operations between Sydney and Newcastle. She will sail this morning to sweep the approaches to Hobart before arriving there 1800.

"AUSTRALIA" on return to Sydney from Wellington is to escort "AWATEA" about 12th June to Auckland.

"COULMUR" docks at Cockatoo Wednesday, 11th June.

"COOLEBAR" sails from Adelaide for Melbourne on 10th June for docking for half yearly underwater inspection and repairs to minor defects.

"UKI", subject to hold, expected to be called from Newcastle Wednesday, 11th June for docking and refit at Sydney.

"WARRIOR" sails from Sydney today for working up exercises at Broken Bay.

SHIPPING.

Burns Philp motor vessel "MACDHUI" (4561 tons), Cairns to Brisbane, advised by W/T last evening that there was a strong copra fire in No. 4 hold and she was proceeding to Moreton Bay. Later she advised having the fire under control, and this morning berthed at Pinkenba Wharf, Brisbane, about 0700. Information has also been received that the Yokohama Specie Bank has instructed its agents in Australia to dispose of all its Australian securities as early as possible.

GENERAL.

D.N.O. South Australia reports a floating mine close to Wedge Island at the entrance to Spencer Gulf. A minesweeper has been despatched by him to recover or destroy it.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Saturday, 7th June.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" docks at Sydney this morning and long leave will be granted.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Sydney from New Zealand 1630 yesterday.

"SWAN" arrived Sydney 0800 yesterday from sweeping operations between Sydney and Newcastle. She will sail this morning to sweep the approaches to Hobart before arriving there 1800, Monday, 9th June.

"GOULBURN" docks at Cockatoo Wednesday, 11th June.

GROUP 53 ("WYRALLAH", "YANDRA" and "BINGERA") on passage to Fremantle arrived Adelaide early this morning.

"UKI", subject to N.B. approval, will be sailed from Newcastle Wednesday, 11th June for docking and refit at Sydney.

"BOMBO" sails from Sydney today for working up exercises at Broken Bay.

P.O.C.R.I.N. has requested Naval Board to appoint Commander F.R.E. Harvey to the Staff of U.C.S. and Engineer Lieutenant INTELLIGENCE Overdale-Smith to Staff of Engineer Captain Garden Island for duty in connection with N.I.S. new construction.

N.L.O. Batavia reports a reduction in number of Japanese Merchant Ships in, or expected in, D.E.I. during the past week. Information has also been received that the Yokohama Specie Bank has instructed its agents in Australia to dispose of all its Australian securities as early as possible.

Adelaide by train on 5th June, 1941, to make full investigation.

H.M.A.S. "THORNBY" refitting at Sydney will be sailed for Jarvis Bay 19th June for working up exercises, returning to Sydney 17th June.

S.O.C.S. reports "HABANI" will be commissioned 11th June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

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To 0900 Thursday, 5th June, 1941.

To 0900 Friday, 6th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

(Flag) arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 1903 yesterday.
"WESTRALIA" - should arrive a.m. today from New Zealand.
"WESTRALIA" departed Sydney for Wellington at 1900 yesterday
escorted by "LABOS BAY" and "THIMISTOCLES". E.T.A. 2130
5th June.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN ELIZABETH" - departed Singapore 0700Z/3 for Fremantle
E.T.A. daylight 8th June, via Sunda Strait.

"BINGARA" departed from Port Phillip for Fremantle at 1734
yesterday.

GENERAL

"QUEEN" and C. in C. E.I. reports the intended programme for
onward passage of A.M.S. - "BATHURST" and "LISMORE" is as follows:

- 5th June - Leave Colombo.
- 13th June - Arrive Port Victoria (Seychelles).
- 15th June - Depart Port Victoria for Aden.
- 21st June - Arrive Aden.

F.O.C.R.I.N. has requested Naval Board to appoint
Commander F.W.E. Harvey, R.I.N. to the Staff of C.C.S. and
Engineer Lieutenant Commander Coverdale-Smith to Staff of
Engineer Captain Garden Island for duty in connection with
R.I.N. new construction.

The mine reported off Robe, South Australia,
4th June, and later found ashore 2' North of Robe was rendered
"safe" by Mr. Blatchford (Gunner T) who was on leave in South
Australia. Lieutenant Commander (T) F.N.D. departed for
Adelaide by train on 5th June, 1941, to make full investigation.

H.M.A.S. "MORSEBY" refitting at Sydney will
be sailed for Jervis Bay 10th June for working up exercises,
returning to Sydney 17th June.

N.O.C.S. reports "NARANI" will be commissioned
11th June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

TOP SECRET.

To 0900 Thursday, 5th June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (Flag) arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 1209 yesterday.

"AUSTRALIA" departed from Sydney for Wellington at 1404 yesterday escorting "LARGS BAY" and "THEMISTOCLES". E.T.A. 2130 11 8th June. N.Z. Naval Board advise that there are no vessels for return escort.

"TOLGA" AND "TERKA" arrived in Darwin yesterday. ^{subark depth}

"BINGERA" departed from Port Phillip for Fremantle at 1734 yesterday via Adelaide.

"GUNBAR" and H.M.A.S. "WATO" with lighter in tow were sheltering at Geraldton from bad weather yesterday.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" sailed from Cairns yesterday escorting her convoy to the eastward. ^{she}

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" will arrive at Fremantle at 0800 on 8th June from Singapore.

F.O.C.A.S. has been requested to arrange escort for "AWATEA" with service personnel on board from Sydney to Auckland on 12th June. Escort will probably be required for "BERWICKSHIRE" and "CITY OF MANCHESTER" from Melbourne to Wellington on 12th June.

GENERAL

A floating mine sighted by a fisherman about 1400 yesterday in the vicinity of Robe, South Australia, was reported by D.N.O. South Australia to have been secured by a constable assisted by local inhabitants last evening. A demolition party will leave Adelaide by road (180 miles) for Robe early this morning.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Wednesday, 4th June, 1941.

To 0800 Tuesday, 3rd June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

"SWAN" - departed Sydney 0730 this morning to continue sweeping operations between Sydney and Newcastle.

"BENDIGO" - will carry out full calibre day and night firing in Port Phillip tomorrow Thursday.

"BINGERA" - arrives Swan Island at noon today to embark Depth Charges and will then proceed to Fremantle.

"BUNGAREE" - owing to delay in dock, commissioning has been deferred from 9th to 11th June.

"BALLARAT" - docks at Sydney Friday, 6th June.

"DUTCH CRUISER TROMP" - arrived Cairns 1130 yesterday where she will fuel before escorting a convoy of 3 Dutch vessels to the eastward.

GENERAL

"ACQUITANIA" The Acting 2nd Naval Member (Captain H.B. Crane, R.N.) has been appointed to H.M.S. "ERION" in command.

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When H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" is ready she is to be sailed from Sydney for Westernport and Melbourne to work up under the operational control of D.N.O. Victoria.

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DAILY NARRATIVE
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To 0000 Monday 2nd June.
To 0900 Tuesday, 3rd June, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION
OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.
H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (Flag) arrived Sydney at 0842 yesterday from Cairns and Ocean
E.T.A. 4th June.

"AUSTRALIA" arrived in Sydney at 0846 yesterday from
departs Sydney 4th June for Wellington N.Z., and is
to R.V. with Flag at 1015K 4th June.

"SYDNEY" departed Fremantle 31st May to R.V. with H.M.S. "DANAE"
in position 7°45 S - 105°00E at 0600Z/5th June, handing
over escort of "ZEALANDIA" for onward passage to
Singapore. "SYDNEY" then returning to Fremantle,
E.T.A. 10th June.

"VAMPIRE" left Suez 30th May, to leave Aden 3rd June, leave
Bombay 9th June, Colombo 13th June and E.T.A.
Singapore 19th June.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS
TRANSPORTS

"AQUITANIA" received bomb hits at sea during the evacuation
departed Trincomalee 0015Z/2 June for Fremantle.
E.T.A. 1700H/8th June. injured, but not seriously, and
two slightly injured.

GENERAL

When H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" is ready she is to be
sailed from Sydney for Westernport and Melbourne to work up
under the operational control of D.N.O. Victoria.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

SECRET.

To 0900 Monday 2nd June.

To 0900 Sunday, 1st June.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" arrived Sydney at 0942 yesterday from Nauru and Ocean Island.

20th M.S.F. H.M.A.S. "SWAN" arrived in Sydney at 0946 yesterday from Broken Bay area.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" passed Thursday Island yesterday en route to Cairns to fuel and escort convoy to the eastward.

AUXILIARY VESSELS.

H.M.A.S. "WATO" towing lighter "KARALOO" departed for Darwin from Fremantle yesterday. H.M.A.S. "GUNBAR" is accompanying her to Carnarvon.

OPERATIONS - OVERSEAS

H.M.A.S. "PERTH" received bomb hits at sea during the evacuation of Crete on 30th May, and sustained casualties consisting of four ratings killed, one injured, but not seriously, and two slightly injured.

CONVOY "H.S. 11A"

H.M.S. "SAUTANIA" is now expected to arrive Fremantle from Singapore a.m. 8th June, whence she will proceed to Sydney.

GENERAL

Commander Sheatley has been placed on sick list and will be unfit for duty for at least 14 days. During his absence, Lieutenant-Commander Travis in "SWAN" will carry out the duties of C.O. 20th M.S.F.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

SECRET.

To 0900 Saturday, 31st May, 1941.
To 0900 Sunday, 1st June.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (Flag) will carry out torpedo firing in Port Phillip tomorrow Monday afternoon before leaving for Sydney where she is due Wednesday, 4th June.

"AUSTRALIA" escorting "LARGES BAY" and "THEMISTOCLES", will probably sail from Sydney, Wednesday, 4th June for Wellington.

"SYDNEY" escorting "ZEALANDIA", departed Fremantle 1822 yesterday to rendezvous with H.M.S. "DANAE" in vicinity of Sunda Strait at 1800 Friday, 6th June - "SYDNEY" returns to Fremantle arriving a.m. Tuesday, 10th June.

20th M.S.F. swept up one mine during clearing operations off Broken Bay on Friday, 30th May and returned to Sydney yesterday - "SWAN" remained in the area to weigh Dan buoys and was expected to arrive Sydney 0900 this morning.

"WYRALLAH" } with skids in tow, departed Sydney yesterday
afternoon for Adelaide (E.T.A. 1230/3th June)
"YANDRA" } and Fremantle.

"BINGERA" departed Sydney 0030 this morning for Swan Island. E.T.A. 1200/3rd June) and Fremantle.

CONVOY "U.S.11A".

H.T. "AQUITANIA" is now expected to arrive Fremantle from Singapore a.m. 9th June, whence she will proceed to Sydney.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" at Sydney will be taken in hand tomorrow for 14 days' refit.

Subject Commander Wheatley has been placed on sick list and will be unfit for duty for at least 14 days. During his absence, Lieutenant-Commander Travis in "SWAN" will carry out the duties of S.O. 20th M.S.F. at Carnarvon, "GUESS" returning to Fremantle calling at Geraldton en passage.....

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To 0900 Saturday, 31st May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle p.m. 29th May escorting "ZEALANDIA" and sails Fremantle noon today 31st May.

"WESTRALIA" departed Sydney at 2300K 30th May to R.V. 34°01'S - 152°42'E 0800K/31st May when she will escort "BRISBANE STAR" to Bluff N.Z. returning to Sydney E.T.A. p.m. 6th June.

"MANCORA" E.T.A. Sydney 0700K Saturday, 31st May.

"TOLGA" } departed Thursday Island 1430K/30th May for Darwin.
"TERKA" }

"BENDIGO" arrived Williamstown 1330K/30th May.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney 2200K/30th May. in Group 54 based on Melbourne.

TRANSPORTS

H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" will escort "ZEALANDIA" to R.V. - J.K. 7°10'S - 104°25'E arriving there at 0600Z Friday 6th June steering 000° 11.5 kts. when it is proposed that a relief will be provided by R.A. Malaya for onward destination.

Rear Admiral Malaya has been requested to sail "CUBEN ELIZABETH" so as to arrive Sydney daylight tide Friday 13th June.

GENERAL

Vessels to draft of 27 feet L.W. Indian Spring and 31 feet L.W.O.S. can now be brought alongside at Darwin.

Subject to successful Acceptance Trials on Friday 13th June, it is intended to commission "LITHGOW" on Saturday 14th June at Sydney.

Subject to weather conditions being favourable it is intended to sail "WATO" with Lighter "KARALOO" in tow a.m. 31st May from Fremantle for Carnarvon and Darwin. "GUNBAR" sailing in company in order to transfer coal and water to "WATO" at Carnarvon, "GUNBAR" returning to Fremantle calling at Geraldton on passage.

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Thursday, 29th May.

To 0900 Friday, 30th May, 1941. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

"VENETTA" (Flag) arrived Port Phillip yesterday.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" will sail from Sydney so as to rendezvous with s.s. "ADELAIDE" arrives in Sydney from Auckland this afternoon.

20th M.S.F. swept up and sank two further mines during clearing operations off Broken Bay yesterday.

"GOULBURN" } intend sailing in company from Sydney for Singapore
"BURNIE" } on 18th June.

"BURNIE" arrived Port Phillip yesterday afternoon from Westernport and commenced working up practices.

AUXILIARY VESSELS.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

on completion of clearing sweep off Broken Bay will be "PATERSON" on completion of working up, is to join Group 54 based on Melbourne.

AUXILIARY VESSELS

SHIPPING

H.M.A. SHIPS

"MARYBOROUGH" a new A.M.S. vessel built by Walkers Ltd. Maryborough and not yet commissioned is due in Brisbane from Maryborough today.

"KATOOMBA" which has been temporarily taken over as a hired transport was returned to her owners in Sydney yesterday.

GENERAL

The King has approved of the award of the D.S.O. to Surgeon Lieutenant A.G. Campbell, R.A.N. of H.M.A.S. "VENETTA" for services in the withdrawal from Greece. NOT TO BE PUBLISHED UNTIL AFTER 3rd JUNE.

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Their composition will be as follows:-

"LIA" "QUEEN MARY", "QUEEN ELIZABETH", "AUSTRALIA", with total capacity 18,000, sail from Sydney, Friday, 20th June. "AUSTRALIA" is expected to arrive Fremantle from Singapore 16th June and proceed to Wellington direct to embark New Zealand contingent.

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"112" Dutch vessels "SIBAJAK" (12,223 tons) "HARMIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE" (19,355 tons) and "JOHAN VAN OZDENBAKREVELT" (19,429 tons), with total capacity about 5,500, are now fitting out at Singapore. The sailing date of this convoy has not yet been fixed and is dependent upon completion of fitting out.

GENERAL

Vice Admiral and Lady Boyle left U.K. in s.s. "AUSTRALIA STAR" 17th May for New Zealand whence arrangements will be made for their onward passage to Melbourne.

Admiralty desires H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "BURNIE", and "PATERSON" to be sailed for Singapore, not necessarily in company, as soon as practicable.

An intercepted message indicates H.M.S. "ANGON" is in commission and on 29th May was proceeding to Fremantle.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

0900 Thursday, 29th May.

To 0000 Wednesday 29th OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS

"HOBART" (Flag) arrived Port Melbourne yesterday.

"WESTRALIA" will sail from Sydney so as to rendezvous with s.s. "BRISBANE STAR" in a position approximately 80 miles east of Sydney at 0800 Saturday, 31st May and escort her to the Bluff.

20th M.S.F. yesterday swept up and sunk another mine during clearing operations off Broken Bay which will continue today.

"BENDIGO" arrived Port Phillip yesterday afternoon from Westernport and commenced working up practices.

"TOLGA") on passage to Darwin arrived Thursday Island 1400 Tuesday,
"TERKA") 27th May.

"WARRECO" on completion of clearing sweep off Broken Bay will be taken in hand for refit at Sydney.

AUXILIARY VESSELS

H.M.A. SHIPS

"BOMBO" commissioned at Sydney yesterday for service in Group 60 based on Hobart.

Commissioning of "NARANI" fitting out at Sydney for service as an Auxiliary M/S vessel has been postponed from 2nd June for about 8 days.

CONVOYS

Agreeable to a request from C. in C. East Indies the two portions of Convoy "U.S.11" will henceforth be referred to as "11A" and "11B" -

Their composition will be as follows:-

"11A" "QUEEN MARY", "QUEEN ELIZABETH", "AQUITANIA", with total capacity 16,000, sails from Sydney, Friday, 20th June. "AQUITANIA" is expected to arrive Fremantle from Singapore 10th June and proceeds to Wellington direct to embark New Zealand contingent.

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"11B" Dutch vessels "SIBAJAK" (12,226 tons) "MARNIX VAN St. ALDEGONDE" (19,355 tons) and "JOHAN VAN OZDENBARNEVELT" (19,429 tons), with total capacity about 5,500, are now fitting out at Singapore. The sailing date of this convoy has not yet been fixed and is dependent upon completion of fitting out.

GENERAL

Vice Admiral and Lady Royle left U.K. in s.s. "AUSTRALIA STAR" 17th May for New Zealand whence arrangements will be made for their onward passage to Melbourne.

Admiralty desires H.M.A. Ships "GOULBURN", "BURNIE", and "BENDIGO" be sailed for Singapore, not necessarily in company, as soon as practicable.

An intercepted message indicates H.M.S. "ANSON" is in commission and on 25th May was proceeding to Freetown.

DAILY NARRATIVE
DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Wednesday 28th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION
OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA

H.M.A. SHIPS

H.M.A. SHIPS departed from Auckland at 0855 yesterday and will arrive in Sydney p.m. on Friday, 30th May.

"HOBART" (Flag) expected to arrive Melbourne 1000K today 28th May.

"ADELAIDE" expected to arrive Sydney from Auckland 30th May.

"MANOORA" expected to arrive Sydney 0700 Saturday 31st May.

H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" and H.M.S. "ARK ROYAL" aircraft, S.O. Force "E" estimated that an enemy battle fleet was in position 48°36'N, 173°21' W (approximately 110 miles due west from Brast) steering 110 at 22 knots. S.O. Force "E" was 40 miles 344 from the enemy course 140.

GENERAL

Admiralty Communique states German Battleship "BISMARCK" sunk in approximate position 49°N - 18°W, Tuesday 1100Z - 27th May.

maintaining the same course and speed. S.O. Force "E" still proceeding at 22 knots had altered course to 110 (parallel course to the enemy) and the striking force were again on their way. A special Announcement by the Admiralty in this morning's news broadcast stated that a hit with one torpedo was scored on the "BISMARCK" by the Fleet Air Arm.

D.N.A.

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H.M.A. "KANGAROO" Freight materials were completed satisfactorily in Sydney yesterday.

H.M.A.S. "NIARA" (formerly yacht "PENELOPE") commissioned in Sydney yesterday for service as a boom vessel at Darwin.

"NIARA II" was requisitioned as a motor patrol A/S vessel in Sydney yesterday.

A mine was swept up and sunk yesterday by the 20th F.S.F. in position 33°21.6' S, 151°34.8' E, approximately 110 miles east of Broken Bay.

Commander Causey, U.S. Naval Attache will visit Flinders Naval Depot today.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Tuesday, 27th May.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS

"ADELAIDE" departed from Auckland at 0955 yesterday and will arrive in Sydney p.m. on Friday, 30th May.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

At 0200 this morning after a sighting report of four unknown ships and one of a battleship, presumably received from H.M.S. "SHEFFIELD" and H.M.S. "ARK ROYAL's" aircraft, S.O. Force "H" estimated that an enemy battle fleet was in position 46°06'N. 17°02' W (approximately 550 miles due west from Brest) steering 110 at 22 knots. S.O. Force "H" was 40 miles 344° from the enemy course 140° speed 29 knots. A striking force (probably aircraft from "ARK ROYAL") had scored no hits. At 0300 the enemy was maintaining the same course and speed. S.O. Force "H" still proceeding at 29 knots had altered course to 110 (parallel course to the enemy) and the striking force were again on their way. A special announcement by the Admiralty in this morning's news broadcast stated that a hit with one torpedo was scored on the "BISMARCK" by the Fleet Air Arm.

GENERAL

H.M.S. "LITHGOW" Preliminary trials were completed satisfactorily in Sydney yesterday.

H.M.A.S. "KIARA" (formerly yacht "PENELOPE") commissioned in Sydney yesterday for service as a boom vessel at Darwin.

"MIRAMAR II" was requisitioned as a motor patrol A/S vessel in Sydney yesterday.

H.M.S. "PRINCE OF WALES" at 0330K yesterday reported one battleship, presumably G.E.S. "BISMARCK", in sight approximately 600 miles W. 1 mine was swept up and sunk yesterday by the 20th M.S.F. in position 33°31.6' S. 151°54.6' E. approximately 26 miles east of Broken Bay. The enemy, distant 15 miles, was steaming due south at 11 knots.

Commander Causey, U.S. Naval Attache will visit Flinders Naval Depot today.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Monday, 26th May.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS

"SYDNEY" will rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "HOBART" at noon today and escort H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to Fremantle. The Flagship returns to Melbourne arriving 1000 Wednesday, 28th May.

"ADELAIDE" escorting s.s. "AORANGI" arrived Auckland 1300 Saturday, 24th May. "SYDNEY" departed Fremantle 0700 on 24th May in position 37° 30' S. 150° 00' E. with "HOBART" (Flag) escort-

20TH M.S.F. abandoned sweeping operations yesterday owing to weather but intends to commence clearing sweep today of the danger area (W.F. 34) off Broken Bay.

"BENDIGO" arrived Westernport from Jervis Bay yesterday.

"ORARA" according to a preliminary report received from N.O.C.S. will require to be in dockyard hands until the end of June to ensure satisfactory refit.

A mine was swept up by the 20th M.S.F. in position 38° 21.8' S. 151° 26' E. in 87 fathoms, 24th May position approximately AIR OPERATION Broken Bay.

To provide cover for H.T. "QUEEN MARY" due Sydney Heads 0820 this morning, 3 aircraft from Richmond yesterday afternoon carried out a parallel track search, with negative result, from Eden to Botany Bay to a depth of 180 miles.

OPERATIONS - ABROAD

H.M.S. "HOOD" (Captain R. Kerr, C.B.E.), flying the flag of Vice-Admiral L.E. Holland, was sunk by gunfire in vicinity of Greenland on Saturday, 24th May, with heavy loss of life.

H.M.S. "PRINCE OF WALES" at 0930K yesterday reported one battleship, presumably G.B.S. "BISMARCK", in sight approximately 600 miles 200° from the position in Denmark Strait in which an aircraft sighted enemy ships at 0706K the previous day. When sighted by "PRINCE OF WALES" the enemy, distant 12 miles, was steaming due south at 21 knots.

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MOST SECRET. Today, 24th May, 1941.

TO 0900 Sunday, 25th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS

"SYDNEY" departed Fremantle 0700H 24th May for R.V. in position 37° 30' S. 129° 00' E. with "HOBART" (Flag) escorting Local Transport "ZEALANDIA".

GENERAL.

British Consul, Honolulu reports the arrival there of 21 Boeing Flying Fortresses May 13th.

1 mine was swept up by the 20th M.S.F. in position 33° 31.8' S. 151° 56' E. in 87 fathoms, 24th May position approximately 27' E. of Broken Bay.

The D.N.O. Hobart resumed duty from hospital a.m. 24th May.

SHIPPING

"HANGKONG" escorting "HANGKONG" arrived at Suva yesterday.

"H.M.A.S. 'WILSON'" was in hand for docking at Singapore. on 21st May, completion date being 2nd June. Steel protection is being fitted over her engine room hatches. She will be sailed via Fremantle to arrive at Sydney on Wednesday 11th June.

H.M.A.S. "ZEALANDIA" departed from Port Melbourne yesterday at 1300 for Singapore via Fremantle.

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"H.M.A.S. 'YONG'" escorting the vessels "HOBART", "TOSARI" and "H.M.A.S. 'WILSON'" will arrive at Cairns at 1800 on 3rd June. The Dutch tanker "PENSOP" which is accompanying the convoy, will depart for position 30° south 150° east (about 340 miles south of Suva). The convoy will then disperse for Port Moresby, after which "YONG" returns from the "PENSOP" at Suva and patrols "J" convoy routes. Information passed to F.O.C.A.S.

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GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "WILSON" going to delay in sailing due to work in H.M.A.S. "WILSON", it is proposed to defer commissioning until Friday 6th June, gunnery and depth charge equipment trials on 3rd June, gun trial, paravane and steam trial 10th June. It is not expected that mine-laying trial can be carried out before 10th June.

H.M.A.S. "WILSON" will commission on 26th May.

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To 0900 Saturday, 24th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (Flag) departed from Port Melbourne for exercises in Port Phillip at 1316 yesterday, later to escort H.M.A.T. "ZEALANDIA" towards Fremantle and rendezvous at 1200 on Monday 20th May with H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY". Returns to Port Phillip 1001 on Wednesday 28th May.

"SYDNEY" intends sailing from Fremantle at 0845 today to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "HOBART" and assume escort duty for "ZEALANDIA" to Fremantle. E.T.A. Fremantle p.m. 23rd May.

"WESTRALIA" arrived at Sydney yesterday from Nauru at 0835.

"MANOORA" departed Nauru for Ocean Island yesterday.

"PATERSON" entered Hobson's Bay floating dock yesterday.

H.M.A. Tug "WATO" which arrived at Fremantle on 22nd May requires essential repairs, which will delay her sailing for Darwin until 30th May.

SHIPPING

H.M.S. "ACHILLES" escorting "RANGITIRA" arrived at Suva yesterday.

H.M.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" was in hand for docking at Singapore on 21st May, completion date being 2nd June. Steel protection is being fitted over her engine room hatches. She will be sailed via Fremantle to arrive at Sydney on Wednesday 11th June.

H.M.A.T. "ZEALANDIA" departed from Port Melbourne yesterday at 1308 for Singapore via Fremantle.

DUTCH CRUISER "TROMP" escorting the vessels "NOETANIWI", "TOSARI" and "JAPARA" will arrive at Cairns at 1200 on 3rd June, fuel from the Dutch tanker "PENDOPO" which is accompanying her, and escort the convoy to position 22° south 160° east (about 240 miles south of Suva). The convoy will then disperse for Panama, after which "TROMP" refuels from the "PENDOPO" at Suva and patrols "J" convoy routes. Information passed to F.O.C.A.S.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" owing to delay in docking due to work in H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", it is proposed to defer commissioning until Friday 6th June, gunnery and depth charge equipment trials on 3rd June, gun trial, paravane and steam trial 10th June. It is not expected that minelaying trial can be carried out before 16th June.

H.M.A.S. "BOMBO" will commission on 28th May.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900 Thursday, 22nd May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (Flag) At Port Melbourne - { Tel. Deck Sentry MX5524.
"HOBART" (Flag) berthed at Princes { " Admiral's Sec. MX5525.
this morning. { " Exchange MX5526 and 7.

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle 1400H - 21st May. Exercises p.m. today.

"WARREGO" } sailed reporting "AORANGI" from Sydney to Auckland at
"SWAN" } 20th M.S.F. - Are to sail 0900K Friday, 23rd May
"BURNIE" } for searching sweep off Broken Bay.
"GOULBURN" } consisting of "WARREGO", "SWAN", "GOULBURN", and
"BURNIE" will sail at 0900 tomorrow from Sydney for a

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney for Jervis Bay noon 21st May.

"KARARUA" departed Ocean Island yesterday for Nauru.

TRANSPORTS

"QUEEN MARY" arrived Fremantle 0830H, 21st May.

"ZEALANDIA" at Port Melbourne 21st May. Arrived at Fremantle at 2200H
this morning.

H.M.A. "YANDRA" sailed y GENERAL from Darwin for Sydney after
being delayed for 15 hours owing to a labour dispute.
Admiral Little appointed for Special Duty outside Admiralty
1st June. From Sydney expects to arrive in Port Phillip

Vice-Admiral Pridham Wippell, V.A.C. 1st B.S. and 2nd in Command
"MEDITERRANEAN" Mediterranean Fleet, 28th May. Arrived Fremantle
an auxiliary S/S vessel.

Rear-Admiral Glennie, R.A.C. Med. Destroyer Flotilla, 28th May.

Huddart Parker's S.V. "MANGONIA" (9070 tons gross) was yesterday
Rear-Admiral Renouf - Naval Staff Officer to C. in C. Home Fleet
28th May.

Rear-Admiral Syfret - R.A.C. 18th C.S. - 19th June.

"YANDRA", "WYRALLAH" and "BINGERA" are to be sailed from Sydney
for Fremantle Saturday 31st May, calling at Swan Island to
embark 67 Depth Charges and Pistols, etc., for transport to
Fremantle. This presumably would involve sailing a further three
destroyers in addition to the five already undertaken. A report
Leave has been extended to a.m. Tuesday, 27th May to personnel
of H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA".

Subject to successful trials it is anticipated that "PENELOPE"
("KIARA") new name, will be commissioned Monday 26th May, 1941.
by air for Singapore on 10th June, arriving 15th June.

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To 0900 Wednesday, 21st May, 1941.

From 0900 Tuesday, 20th May.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

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H.M.A. SHIPS

"HOBART" (Flag) berthed at Princes Pier, Port Melbourne at 0720 this morning. E.T.A. Port Phillip 1745 yesterday. E.T.A. Port Phillip 0720 tomorrow, Wednesday.

"SYDNEY" returns to Fremantle from patrol exercises p.m. today. According to present intention will be attached to

"ADELAIDE" sailed escorting "AORANGI" from Sydney to Auckland at 0503 this morning. E.T.A. 2300 Saturday 24th May.

20th M.S.F. consisting of "WARREGO", "SWAN", "GOULBURN", and "BURNIE" will sail at 0900 tomorrow from Sydney for a searching sweep off Broken Bay.

"MANOORA" departed Ocean Island yesterday for Nauru. Arrived Ocean Island yesterday.

SHIPPING

H.M.T. "QUEEN MARY" is expected to arrive at Fremantle at 0900H this morning. Will be commissioned at Sydney Wednesday.

H.T. "KATOOMBA" sailed yesterday from Darwin for Sydney after being delayed for 15 hours owing to a labour dispute. Unable to carry out M/S trials. A report by overseers at

H.M.T. "ZEALANDIA" from Sydney expects to arrive in Port Phillip at 0530 today en route to Singapore via Fremantle.

"WARRAWEE" arrived at Williamstown yesterday for fitting out as an auxiliary M/S vessel.

Huddart Parker's M.V. "WANGANELLA" (9578 tons gross) was yesterday taken over at Port Melbourne for fitting out as a hospital ship.

GENERAL

It is understood that the Admiralty proposes the Royal Australian Navy should man a complete flotilla for "N" Class destroyers. This presumably would involve manning a further three destroyers in addition to the five already undertaken. A report is awaited as to which additional ships the Admiralty have in mind and the approximate dates of their completion.

Captain J.A. Collins, C.B., R.A.N. will leave Sydney by air for Singapore on 10th June, arriving 12th June.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

MOST SECRET.

To 0900 Tuesday, 20th May.

To 0900 Monday 19th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION

H.M.A. SHIPS

"HOBART" (Flag) departed Sydney 1742 yesterday. E.T.A. Port Phillip 0330 tomorrow, Wednesday, for Melbourne E.T.A. 1st May.

"AUSTRALIA" according to present intention will be attached to Flag of C. in C. East Indies when H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" is withdrawn from that Station for refit. have 48 hours

"ADELAIDE" after escorting "AORANGI" to Auckland, is now required to return to Sydney by Friday, 30th May. 1420K.

"PLATYPUS" with "VIGILANT" in company, arrived Darwin 1700 yesterday.

"MANOORA" arrived Ocean Island yesterday.

"BENDIGO" departs Sydney a.m. tomorrow for Jervis Bay whence she sails Friday, 23rd May for Westernport.

"BUNGAREE" it is anticipated will be commissioned at Sydney Wednesday, 4th June.

"PATERSON" owing to damage to hull caused by gun trials on Friday last, is unable to carry out M/S trials. A report by overseers as to ship's condition is awaited.

GENERAL

H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" reported yesterday starboard after L.P. turbine had been lifted and received Naval Board approval to close turbine. Further examination has revealed several rows of defective blades which require 10 days to reblade.

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To 0900 Monday 19th May, 1941.

H.M.A. SHIPS

DAILY NARRATIVE

"HOBART" (Flag) sails 1300 today for Melbourne E.T.A. 21st May.

"ADELAIDE" escorts "AORANGI", "WAIRANA" and "PORT CAROLINE" if ready to New Zealand sailing from Sydney 20th May and unless otherwise ordered "ADELAIDE" to have 48 hours at Auckland returning to Sydney by a.m. 2nd June.

"PLATYPUS" on passage to Darwin E.T.A. today 1430K.

Departed at 1115 yesterday from Fremantle for patrol and ops GENERAL

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TRANSPORTS.

"KATONBA" is to be sailed from Darwin for

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GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral E. J. Spenser, E.S.O., has been appointed Rear-Admiral Malaya vice Rear-Admiral E. B. Drew, O.S.S., to date 19th June.

Rear-Admiral A. M. Peters, D.S.O., is appointed Naval Secretary vice Rear-Admiral E. N. Syrett, to date 18th June.

GENERAL.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 17th May.

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To 0900 Sunday, 18th May. - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

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"SYDNEY" intends to sail from Fremantle 1100 this morning for patrol and exercise. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION. at May.

"SYDNEY" departed Mearu 0930 yesterday for Sydney arriving 1st May. Since H.M.A. "WINDRAT" will be available for shipping in Mearu and Green Island area from 3rd June to "SYDNEY". Departed at 1115 yesterday from Fremantle for patrol and exercise.

"WINDRAT" with H.M.S. "VIGILANT" (A.B.V.) in company departed Thursday Island 0700 yesterday for Darwin.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "KATOOMBA" is proposed, will be sailed from Darwin for Sydney tomorrow. cargo vessel of 450 tons, having fitted out at Williamstown for service as an auxiliary M/S vessel departed yesterday for exercises in Port Phillip and returned later.

GENERAL.

Rear-Admiral E. J. Spooner, D.S.O., has been appointed Rear-Admiral Malaya vice Rear-Admiral T. B. Drew, C.B.E., to date 10th June. She is due Fremantle 0800 Wednesday, 21st May.

Rear-Admiral A. M. Peters, D.S.O., is appointed Naval Secretary vice Rear-Admiral E. N. Syfret, to date 18th June. before proceeding to Australia.

GENERAL.

F.O.C.A.S. intends to visit Admiralty Naval Depot on Wednesday, 21st May, instead of Friday, 30th May.

H.M.S. "LADY BIRD", a river gunboat of 625 tons mounting 8 - 8" guns, built in 1915, was sunk off Tobruk on 12th May by two direct hits from dive bombers.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 17th May.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"SYDNEY" intends to sail from Fremantle 1100 this morning for patrol and exercises, returning P.M. Wednesday, 21st May.

"WESTRALIA" departed Nauru 0530 yesterday for Sydney arriving P.M. Friday, 23rd May. Since H.M.S. "MONOWAI" will be available to protect shipping in Nauru and Ocean Island area from 3rd June to 20th June, "WESTRALIA" will not return to Nauru for this period as was intended.

"PLATYPUS" with H.M.S. "VICILANT" (A.B.V.) in company departed Thursday Island 0700 yesterday for Darwin.

20th M.S.F. arrived Sydney 0800 this morning.

"PATERSON", a N.S.W. Interstate cargo vessel of 450 tons, having fitted out at Williamstown for service as an auxiliary M/S vessel departed yesterday for exercises in Port Phillip and returned later.

TRANSPORTS.

H.T. "QUEEN MARY" departed Trincomalee 2030 Thursday, 15th May. Steaming at 24 knots, she is due Fremantle 0900 Wednesday, 21st May.

H.T. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" departed Trincomalee 1630 yesterday for Singapore, arriving 1740 Monday, 19th May where she will be docked before proceeding to Australia.

GENERAL.

F.O.C.A.S. intends to inspect Flinders Naval Depot on Wednesday, 21st May, instead of Friday, 30th May.

H.M.S. "LADY BIRD", a river gunboat of 625 tons mounting 2 - 6" guns, built in 1915, was sunk off Tobruk on 12th May by two direct hits from dive bombers.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 16th May, 1941.

To, 0900 Thursday, 15th May.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" expected to sail from Sydney 20th May and to escort "AORANGI" to Auckland, then to return to Sydney by 30th May.

"HOBART" (Flag). Will depart Sydney 19th May for Melbourne arriving 21st May - sail 23rd May to Westard escorting "ZEALANDIA" to R.V. returning to Melbourne on 28th May - thence Western Port 30th May, sailing so as to arrive Sydney 1st June.

"PLATYPUS" . At Thursday Island 1530K, 15th May, en route to Darwin.

20TH M.S.F. E.T.A. Sydney A.M. Saturday, 17th May. establish a

"WESTRALIA". To return from Nauru area to Sydney, returning later for requirements between 7th and 17th June.

"MANOORA". Remains in Nauru Area till about 23rd May.

Captain J. A. GENERAL. C.B. R.A.S., will arrive in

Melbourne by train on Sunday, 19th May.

Onward passages from New Zealand to Australia have been in "AORANGI" departing Auckland 2nd July for Vice Admiral Royle.

R.A.C.A.S. intends to inspect Flinders Naval Depot on Friday, 30th May. Single day inspection.

N.Z.N.B. reports the loss of H.M. Minesweeper "PURIRI" in Hauraki Gulf while engaged in sweeping the enemy minefield laid there in June, 1940, one officer and 4 ratings lost. All belonged to the New Zealand Naval Forces.

D.N.M.S. has been granted 15 days leave from 17th May, A/Surgeon Captain Scott-Mackenzie relieving him during this period.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Wednesday, 1 DAILY NARRATIVE.

To, 0900 Thursday, 15th May. AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

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"ROBERT" (PLAG) intends to leave Sydney Monday, 19th May, arriving Port Melbourne A.M. OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION. May to escort H.M.A. "YALANDIA" to rendezvous in Australian Night, returning to H.M.A. SHIPS. 20th May.

"AUSTRALIA" Preliminary examination in dock shows that repairs necessary will probably take ten days.

"AUSTRALIA" will escort s.s. "ADIRANGI" from Sydney to Auckland, sailing Tuesday, 20th May.

H.M.A. SHIPS ABROAD.

H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" was to leave Aden yesterday to establish a patrol in area bounded by the Equator, 2° North and longitudes 55° and 62° East for protection of shipping. She arrived Port Melbourne early this morning and has reverted to orders of D.N.O. Victoria. After fueling, she will resume sweeping S.C.V.18.

GENERAL.

Captain J. A. Collins, C.B. R.A.N., will arrive in Melbourne by train on Sunday, 18th May. She will be escorted to a R.V. for Singapore on Friday, 23rd May. She will be escorted to a R.V. in Australian Night by H.M.A.S. "ROBERT" whence H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" will take over escort to Sunda Strait and to Singapore if C. in C., China is unable to provide escort.

H.M.A. "YALANDIA" expects to leave Darwin 20th May for Sydney.

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It was officially announced yesterday that Rudolf Hess, Deputy Fuhrer, landed in Scotland on Saturday night, 10th May by parachute from a Messerschmitt fighter in which he had flown alone from Germany.

Italian Sloop "ERITREA", which escaped from Massara and succeeded in evading Dutch patrol in finer sea before reaching Japanese waters on 23rd March, departed Kobe May 11th.

H.O.I.C. Darwin reports that Spring tides and stormy wind have caused considerable movement of a number of boom defence Cots which will delay completion until after 20th June.

H.M.A.S. "PENELOPE" having fitted out at Sydney for service as outer boom patrol vessel at Darwin is now ready for trials. On commissioning she will be renamed "KIATA".

H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" was successfully launched at Brisbane yesterday being the fifteenth A.M.S. vessel to leave the stocks in Australia.

Commander Newsome will visit Navy Office tomorrow Thursday.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Wednesday, 14th May. NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Tuesday, 13th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"HOBART" (FLAG) intends to leave Sydney Monday, 19th May, arriving Port Melbourne A.M. 21st May whence she sails 23rd May to escort H.T. "ZEALANDIA" to rendezvous in Australian Bight, returning to Port Melbourne 28th May.

Departed Hobart P.M. 19th May for Ocean Island, should F.O.C.A.S. will inspect Flinders Naval Depot Monday, 30th May.

"AUSTRALIA" will escort s.s. "AORANGI" from Sydney to Auckland, sailing Tuesday, 20th May.

"PLATYPUS" on passage to Thursday Island and Darwin passed Archer Point at 1630 yesterday. Her Tasman shipping returning 13th May - then to escort "ZEALANDIA" to Great Australian Bight.

"DOOMBA" detached from 20th M.S.F. yesterday arrived Port Melbourne early this morning and has reverted to orders of D.N.O. Victoria. After fuelling, she will resume sweeping S.C.F.18.

"SHEILA" was launched at Whyalla P.M. 18th May.

H.M.A.S. "TOWNVILLE" whilst TRANSPORTS. Her A/C Station developed defective steering gear and was returned to Harbour for repairs.

H.T. "ZEALANDIA" is expected to sail from Melbourne with 700 troops for Singapore on Friday, 23rd May. She will be escorted to a R.V. in Australian Bight by H.M.A.S. "HOBART" whence H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" will take over escort to Sunda Strait and to Singapore if C. in C., China is unable to provide onward escort.

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GENERAL.

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Commander Newcombe will visit Navy Office tomorrow Thursday.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.
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To 0800 Monday, 12th May.
To 0900 Tuesday, 13th May, 1941.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA DIVISION.
OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" At Sydney, to dock today Tuesday, 13th May. Approximate date of undocking Friday, 16th May.

"MANOORA" Departed Nauru P.M. 12th May for Ocean Island, should arrive today.

"TOLGA" } Arrived Cairns Noon 12th May. Expect to remain
"TERKA" } 4 days for Boiler cleaning.

"HOBART" (FLAG). Proposes proceed to sea 15th May to cover "STIRLING CASTLE" and other Tasman shipping returning 18th May - then to escort "ZEALANDIA" to Great Australian Bight.

GENERAL.

"WHYALLA" was launched at Whyalla P.M. 12th May.

H.M.A.S. "TOORIE" whilst proceeding to her M/S Station developed defective steering gear and has returned to harbour for repairs at Williamstown.

Vice Admiral Holland is appointed V.A. Commanding 3rd Battle Cruiser Squadron and 2nd in Command Home Fleet succeeding Vice Admiral Whitworth to date 7th May.

H.M.A. Tug "WATO" commissioned at Port Adelaide P.M. 12th May as guide tender to H.M.A.S. "MELVILLE".

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 11th May DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Monday, 12th May.

OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.
OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"MANOORA" arrived at Nauru yesterday at 1303.

20th M.S.F. Owing to heavy weather no sweeping was carried out yesterday.

AIR OPERATIONS.

A.C.H. Moresby are conducting an air search this morning for an unidentified vessel sighted steering North, to the Westward of Vila yesterday.

SHIPPING.

HOSPITAL SHIP "SOMERSETSHIRE" sailed from Wellington yesterday for Fremantle routed via Bass Strait. E.T.A. Fremantle 2nd May.

DUTCH SHIP "ZAANDAM" After satisfactory speed trials subsequent to her repairs, departed yesterday from Thursday Island for Sourabaya.

INTELLIGENCE.

Raider 33 sunk by H.M.S. "CORNWALL" on 8th May in the Indian Ocean was reported by aircraft 60 miles astern of "CORNWALL" as a suspicious vessel. She was well disguised as the Norwegian M.V. "TAMERLANE" carried out normal British mercantile procedure in making a raider report, and after a chase lasting all day, her disguise was not fully penetrated until the range was about 12,000 yards. After the second warning shot had been fired close to her, she turned and opened fire which was fast and accurate to begin with, but she blew up ten minutes afterwards with an explosion so great as to suggest she carried mines. Interrogation of survivors and prisoners confirm that she carried 200 mines of which forty to fifty had been laid, and left Germany in June 1940.

S.S. "BRUNNEN" a collier of 340 tons, was re-commissioned at Sydney yesterday afternoon, and will be fitted out for service as an auxiliary S/S vessel.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Sunday, 11th May.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

To 0900 Saturday, 10th May, 1941.

H.M.A. Ships.

"AUSTRALIA" arrived Sydney at noon yesterday -
C.N.S. is expected to reach Melbourne by train this forenoon.

20th M.S.F. was unable to sweep yesterday owing to heavy weather.

"AUSTRALIA" should arrive Sydney today 1100K. C.N.S. on board.

"PLATYPUS", on passage to Darwin, departed Bowen 0600 Friday, 9th May, and arrived Cairns 0845 yesterday. The latter part was not included in her original programme.

"BENDIGO" commissioned at Sydney yesterday. Trials were also completed yesterday and ship taken over. When ready for sea, she will proceed to Melbourne for working up prior to joining 20th M.S.F.

"COOMBAR", on completion of working up, will sail from Sydney to join Group 60 Auxiliary M/S Vessels based on Hobart.

GENERAL.

Captain J. Burnett, R.A.N., will leave Melbourne by air for Perth on Tuesday next, 13th May, and relieve Captain Collins in command of H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" the following day.

D.N.O., Hobart, is to undergo a minor operation tomorrow, and will be in Hobart hospital for a few days.

S.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK", a collier of 640 tons, was requisitioned at Sydney yesterday afternoon, and will be fitted out for service as an auxiliary M/S vessel.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Saturday, 10th May, 1941.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"AUSTRALIA" should arrive Sydney today 1100K. C.N.S. on board.

"SYDNEY" arrived Fremantle 9th May from Patrol.

"MANCOORA" on passage Rabaul to Nauru.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney escorting "ZEALANDIA" 0730K/9th May.

"BURNIE." Departed Port Phillip p.m. 9th May for Cape Otway area.

TRANSPORTS.

"ZEALANDIA" escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" arrived Sydney at 0730K 9th May from Noumea.

GENERAL.

DUTCH CRUISER "JAVA" departed West from Thursday Island at 0630K/9th May after rendering assistance to Dutch "ZAANDAM".

H.M.A.S. "VAMPIRE" is to be refitted at Singapore signal from Admiralty states.

Admiralty have decided to issue news of the sinking of "COBURG" and "KETTY BROVIC" in the Indian Ocean by H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and H.M.S. "LEANDER" and have requested this be released to Press at 1900/11.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900 Friday, 9th May.

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OPERATIONS - AUSTRALIA STATION.

H.M.A. SHIPS.

"ADELAIDE" was due in Sydney this morning at 0530.

"MANOORA" departed Rabaul for Nauru yesterday.

20th M.S.F. departed Port Melbourne for Cape Otway area yesterday.

"AUSTRALIA" anchored off Archer Point at 0345 yesterday and departed southward at 0645.

SHIPPING.

The Norwegian motor ship "TARIFA" which was aground near Cape Melville, was subsequently refloated, and passed Caloundra en route to Sydney yesterday.

The inflow into the Dutch vessel "ZAANDAM" which struck an uncharted object near Thursday Island has been checked, and if the repair is satisfactory she should sail within 24 hours. Dutch Cruiser "JAVA" which has been assisting in the repairs will probably leave as soon as her divers are released.

GENERAL.

H.M.A.S. "BERMACUI" with skid lost by H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" in tow arrived at Newcastle at 1648 last evening.

In view of the suspicious sighting on Wednesday night off Port Kembla, N.O.C.S. intended despatching H.M.A.S. "COONAMBEE" at midnight last night to carry out a searching sweep in the vicinity.

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