

DAILY NARRATIVES

28TH JANUARY 1943

TO

30TH JUNE 1943

To 0900K/Wednesday 30th June, 1943.

"STUART" DEPARTED Brisbane at 1004K/29 to rendezvous with NASSAU in position 26°35'S 159°35'E at 0700K/30 and escort to Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Phillip 1611K/29 to rendezvous with U.S.N.T. "ROCHAMBEAU" in position 73 miles S. of Gabo Island at approximately 1630K/30 and escort to Melbourne.

"TROMP" escorting "NEW AMSTERDAM" (from Aden) E.T.A. Fremantle 2359K/1/7.

"MORESBY") escorting P.G. 56 (less Newcastle section detached) arr-
 "BENDIGO") ived Sydney at 2315K/28.
 "ECHUCA")
 "YANDRA")

"MORESBY") detailed as escorts for C.O.105. "BALLARAT", "YANDRA"
 "YANDRA") to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Nobby's Head
 "BALLARAT") at 0700K/1/7. "MORESBY" clears Sydney Heads with
 Sydney section at 1400K/1 and rendezvous with Newcastle
 section.

"WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Sydney Section O.C. 103 arrived Sydney at 2304K/28.

"ROCKHAMPTON") returned Sydney at 1112K/29, having completed escort
 "BALLARAT") duties with Newcastle section O.C. 103.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "KAILUA" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1400K/29.

"COOTAMUNDRA") E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/1/7 escorting B.V.73 (4 ships).
 "FREMANTLE")
 "KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0651K/29.

"MILDURA" escorting L.S.T. 473 and 474 arrived Sydney at 2220K/28.

"CASTLEMAINE") departed Darwin at 1031K/29 escorting "WILLIAM B. ALL-
 "INVERELL") ISON" E.T.A. 1400K/2/7.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "S. HALL YOUNG" and "MACUMBA" arrived Thursday Island at 1909K/28 from Darwin.

"SWAN" escorting N.T. 21 "A" (2 ships) departed Port Moresby at 1700K/28. At 1132K/29 N.O.I.C. Townsville ordered "SWAN" to detach convoy to proceed independently and proceed with despatch to Osprey Reef. (120 miles N.E. Cooktown) and render assistance to Dornier aircraft, forced down. At 1504K/29 N.O.I.C. Townsville advised "SWAN" Dornier had landed Cairns. Proceed and continue to provide escort if possible.

"CRATER" (U.S. Minesweeper) arrived Wellington at 1210K/28 from Townsville.

"ADVENT" (U.S. Minelayer) arrived Noumea at 1800K/28 from Sydney.

P.C. 1171 escorting "JOSEPH HOLT" departed Milne Bay at 0806K/29 for Bell Bell, Goodenough Island.

S.C. 748 arrived Townsville at 1116K/29 from Brisbane.

YP.236 departed Cairns at 0725K/29 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1300K/3/7.

YMS. 46 arrived Thursday Island at 1601K/28.

M.L. 817 arrived Milne Bay from Port Moresby at 1604K/28.

YP.233 arrived at Kana Kope (9 miles W. of Samarai) at 1631K/28,
from Milne Bay.

"LAURABADA") departed Port Moresby at 0801K/29 for Milne Bay.
H.D.M.L. 1074)

YMS. 10, 47 and 48 with pontoon dry dock - departure from Cairns
for Thursday Island delayed - E.T.D. 0700K/30.

"COUGAL" (U.S. Tug) departed Brisbane at 2041K/28 to salvage lighter
beached in position 202° Double Island Point 9 miles.

M.L. 430) are to rendezvous with convoy O.C. 104 in position 25
M.L. 431) miles S.W. Gabo Island at 1200K/30 and provide addition-
al escort till daylight Thursday 1st July then return
to Twofold Bay.

M.L. 729) E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/30 escorting UL00L00 to
S.C. 648) Townsville.

M.L. 802 departed Sydney at 1130K/29 for Jervis Bay.
M.L. 428 E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/1/7 for Brisbane.
YMS. 72 Completes operation to seaward of Brisbane P.M./29
E.T.D. Brisbane 30/6.

"TJERK HIDDOS" escorting "OTUS" (Fremantle to Sydney) reported
at 0857K/29 - Docking urgently required for repairs to
Asdic dome.

"WILCANNIA" (at Thursday Island) reported at 2016K/29 Out of action
for 48 hours due to machinery defects.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
At 2216K/29	(09°00'S 156°00'E 320 miles E.N.E. Milne Bay)	V (within 250 miles).

ENEMY AIR RAID.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Warning 0414K/30. All clear 0444K/30.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 29th June, 1943.

"STUART" returned to Brisbane at 1116K/28 for fuel, before departing at 1000K/29 to rendezvous with "NASSAU" in position 26°35'S. 159°35'E at 0700K/30 and escort to Brisbane.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 1347K/28. To depart Brisbane so as to rendezvous with "PENHANT" in position 27°20'S. 159°35'E at 0600K/2 and escort to Brisbane.

"POM POM" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0847K/28.

"LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL", "TIME" and "MATTHEW FLINDERS" departed Thursday Island at 1001K/30 for Darwin - E.T.A. 1400K/3.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 21 "B" (1 ship) departed Port Moresby at 1718K/28, E.T.A. Townsville 0200K/2.

"KATOOMBA" escorting N.T. 20 arrived Townsville at 0138K/28.

"GOULBURN" } escorting B.V. 71. Ordered by N.O.I.C Brisbane.
"LITHCOW" } Upon arrival Cape Capricorn to proceed Gladstone.
To rendezvous with V.B.45 at 1800K/30. in position
vicinity Curtis Island and escort to Brisbane- E.T.A.
1200K/2.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 1515K/28 to assume A/S protection of O.C. 104 (11 ships).

"ROCKHAMPTON" } are to escort Newcastle section O.C. 103 to Newcastle
"BALLARAT" } then return Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } detailed to escort G.P.57 clearing Sydney Heads at
"MILDURA" } 0800K/1/7.
"CLENELG" }
"BALLARAT" }
M.L. 819. }

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River at 1232K/28 for survey area.

"BUNBURY" } escorting N.T. 20 arrived Townsville at 2244K/27.
"WAGGA" }

"BUNBURY" escorting T.N. 110 (other escorts "WAGGA", "BOWEN") reported at 1305K/28, having developed steering defect. At 1450K/29 N.O.I.C. Townsville ordered "BUNBURY" to proceed Cairns to effect repairs. Arrived Cairns at 1825K/28.

"BOWEN" departed Cairns at 1211K/28 to rendezvous with Townsville section T.N. 110 off Fitzroy Island. Convoy splits in position 11°18'S. 148°48'E. "BOWEN" escorting section "B" to Fall River and "WAGGA" escorting section "A" to Port Moresby.

YP. 291 departed Caloundra at 1144K/28 for Townsville.

M.L. 429 arrived Brisbane at 0904K/28.

P.C. 1121 arrived Fall River at 2018K/27.

YP. 236 arrived Cairns from Thursday Island at 1315K/28.

YMS. 10, 47 and 48 with pontoon dry dock departed Cairns at 0700K/29.

M.L. 820 arrived Jervis Bay 2359K/28 - from escort duties with C.O. 104.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

WARNING

1900K/28.

RAID

1093K/28

ALL CLEAR.

1909K/28.

DARWIN.

1114K/28

1130K/28

1214K/28.

Nil naval damage or casualties at Darwin.
Slight damage on East Point Battery.

To 0900K/Monday, 28th June, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 departs Flinders Group 0800K/29 to return afternoon 5/7.

"SIAM" escorting N.T. 21A (2 ships) E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/28 at 12 knots for Townsville - E.T.A. 2200K/30.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 21B (1 ships) E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/28 at 7.7 knots for Townsville - E.T.A. 0200K/2.

M.L. 817 departed Port Moresby 1016K/27 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/28.

"LATROBE" escorting "BURWAH" arrived Thursday Island 0845K/27 from MILLINGIMBI and Darwin.

"PIRIE" arrived Cairns 0934K/27 from Townsville.

"BUNBURY" } E.T.A. Townsville 2200K/27 from escorting N.T. 20.
"WAGGA" }

"BOWEN" escorting T.N. 110B ("WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING") from Cairns is to rendezvous T.N. 110A off Fitzroy Island and proceed with convoy to position $11^{\circ}18'S$. $148^{\circ}48'E$ thence with portion B to Fall River.

"MUGFORD" } with 6 L.S.T.'s departed Townsville 2000K/26.
"HELM" }
S.C. 738 }

"HENLEY" } with 6 L.S.T.'s departed Townsville 1800K/27.
"BAGLEY" }
S.C. 749 }

"VENDETTA" } escorting "DOBBIN" arrived Brisbane 0355K/27 from
"STUART" } Sydney; escorting H.T. ALLEN departed Caloundra 0800K/27
H.T. ALLEN, E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/29, "VENDETTA" and
"STUART" returning Brisbane from Lady Elliot Island.
1100K/1 and escort to Brisbane

"VENDETTA" is to rendezvous "PIENNANT" in position $27^{\circ}20'S$. $159^{\circ}44'E$ at
"STUART" is to rendezvous "NASSAU" in position $26^{\circ}35'S$. $159^{\circ}35'E$
at 0700K/30 and escort to Brisbane.

S.C. 698 } escorting L.S.Ts. 462, 465 and 471, L.C.Is. 73, 224 and
S.C. 742 } A.P.C's 2, 4 and 17 departed Caloundra 1127K/27 for
Townsville, E.T.A. 1800K/30.

YP. 291 E.T.D. Caloundra 1300K/28 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1900K/1.

M.L. 429 detached from B.V. 71 to join B.V. 72 (2 ships) at 2100K/27.

"GEELONG" departed Caloundra 2057K/27 to overtake B.V. 72 and escort to Lady Elliot Island whence Geelong and M.L. 429 return Brisbane.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Port Stephens 1930K/26 from Sydney.

"MILDURA" departed Sydney 0545K/27 to rendezvous L.S.T. 473 and escort to Sydney.

"FREMANTLE" returned Sydney 2241K/26 from Port Stephens, escorting
"KAILUA" departed Sydney 0755K/27 for Brisbane.

M.L. 430 ordered to R.V. O.C. 103 in position $37^{\circ}53'S$. $149^{\circ}53'E$ at 1400K/27, escort until daylight/28 then return Twofold Bay.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Port Melbourne 0649K/27 having completed escort of C.O.103.

"KYBRA" arrived Port Melbourne 1129K/27 having completed escort of "CARDROSS" and "KOONDA".

"LE TRIOMPHANT" is to rendezvous "MAURY" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" in position 38°42'S. 150°18'E (about 70 miles.169° from Gabo Island) at 1001K/30 and escort "ROCHAMBEAU" to Melbourne, "MAURY" returning Noumea on relief.

YP.286 arrived Fremantle 1302K/27 from Exmouth Gulf.

THREE BARGES RECOVERED:

"JAMES PATERSON" towing 1 barge entered Port Phillip 2052K/28.

"EAGLE" towing 2 barges entered Port Phillip 0109K/28. Remaining barge last sighted in sinking condition at 0835K/27 in position about 25 miles N.W. of Wilson's Promontory. W.F. message issued. One of the tugs was ordered to resume tow of the remaining barge but failed to locate it again.

3 YMS TO PROCEED FALL RIVER:

As soon as ready YMS. 7, 72 and 53 are to be sailed 2 from Brisbane and 1 from Townsville to Fall River to be used as escorts on a not to delay basis. On their arrival they are to be operated as directed by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, 27th JUNE, 1943.

- "CONYNGHAM" - escorting "BISHOPDALE" arrived Fall River 1414K/25 from Townsville.
- P.C.1119 - escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" departed Fall River 1319K/25 for Oro Bay. E.T.A. 1100K/26.
- P.C.1121 - proceeding Fall River to arrive as early as practicable 27/6
- M.L.817 - departed Port Moresby 1306K/26 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/27, returned Port Moresby 1753K/26 owing to heavy weather, will sail when weather moderates.
- "SWAN" }
"KAPUNDA" } - escorting N.T.21 A (3 ships) E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/28 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0300K/2.
- "LATROBE" - is to escort "DARVEL", "MATTHEW FLINDERS" and "TIME" from Thursday Island to Darwin, when ready.
- "WILCANNIA" - is to escort "ALAGNA", "TAMBAR" and "YARRA" from Thursday Island to Darwin, E.T.D. 48 hours after "LATROBE's" departure.
- Y.M.S.9 & 49 - arrived Thursday Island 1805K/26 from Fall River.
- "MIZAR" - departed Cairns 1621K/26.
- Y.M.S. 46 - departed Cairns 0642K/26 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. PM/29.
- "SOEDOE" - departed Cairns 1900K/25 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0800K/29, thence Merauke.
- "PIRIE" - escorting "JUNIPERO SERRA" arrived Townsville 0116K/26 from Fall River; departed 1540K/26 for Cairns to boiler clean.
- "BUNBURY" }
"WAGGA" }
"BOWEN" } - detailed for T.N.110 (4 ships) E.T.D. Townsville 1814K/27, Bowen to R.V. off Fitzroy Island at 1400K/28, E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/1.
- "GEELONG" - escorting "JAMES M. GOODHUE" arrived Brisbane 1441K/26.
- "STUART" }
"VENDETTA" } - escorting "H.T. ALLEN" - E.T.D. Caloundra 0800K/27, "H.T. ALLEN" E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/29, "STUART" and "VENDETTA" returning Brisbane from Lady Elliott Island.
- "MORESBY" }
"BENDIGO" }
"ECHUCA" }
"YANDRA" }
"COLAC" } - escorting G.P.56 arrived Brisbane 0020K/26.

- "MORESEY" } - escorting P.G.56 departed Caloundra 0655K/26.
 "BENDIGO" }
 "ECHUCA" }
 "YANDRA" }
- "GLADSTONE" - returned Brisbane 0451K/26 from escorting B.V.70.
- "GOULBURN" } - departed Caloundra 0901K/26 escorting B.V.71
 "LITHGOW" } including "POYANG" and "KURUMBA", M.L. parting
 "COLAC" } company at Lady Elliott Island - "GOULBURN" and
 S.C.748 } "LITHGOW" vicinity Cape Capricorn - all three
 M.L.429 } returning Brisbane, "COLAC" to leave "POYANG"
 at Bowen then proceed Townsville, S.C.748
 to part company at Percy Islands thence Townsville.
- "WHYALLA" - escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO" towing 6 L.C.M.'s
 and "HOWELL COBB" towing barge and lighter for
 Townsville - E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/27, "WHYALLA"
 to part company at Lady Elliott Island and return
 Brisbane.
- "MILDURA" } - escorting C.O. 104 departed Newcastle 0601K/26
 "TOWNSVILLE" }
- "BUNDABERG" } - escorting C.O.104 departed Sydney 1323K/26.
 "KALGOORLIE" }
 M.L.'s 431 & }
 820 }
- "MILDURA" - arrived Sydney 1415K/26; is to R.V. L.S.T. 473
 and 474 in position $34^{\circ} 50' S.$ $153^{\circ} 15' E.$
 (about 115 miles 122° from Sydney) at 1600K/27
 and escort to Sydney.
- "WESTRALIA" } - departed Sydney 0737K/26 for Port Stephens,
 "FREMANTLE" } M.L.818 to proceed Coffs Harbour, "FREMANTLE"
 M.L.818 } to return Sydney.
- "ATREUS" - when ready is to depart Fremantle for Sydney
 to unload cable then proceed Melbourne.
- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" - escorting C.O.103 E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads
 2330K/26.
- "KYBRA" - having escorted "KOONDA" to Port Phillip is to
 R.V. "CARDROSS" and escort her to Port Phillip.
 "KOONDA" and "CARDROSS" straggled from C.O.103.
- "GOLDSTAR" - E.T.D. Bunbury 1400K/28, E.T.A. Melbourne 0100K/7/7.
- U.S.S. "ISABEL" - arrived Fremantle 0626K/26 from Exmouth Gulf.

S/M D/F FIXES.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>
2001K/26	$12^{\circ} 30' S.$: $157^{\circ} 45' E.$ (460 miles 106° from Fall River)	N. (within 100 miles)
2107K/26	$12^{\circ} S.$: $162^{\circ} E.$ (695 miles 098° from Fall River)	L. (within 500 miles)

COMMENT: Possibly same unit as 1.

H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE".

Officially transferred to R.A.N. 25/6.

S.C. 751 (aground Exmouth Gulf).

Has been abandoned. Survivors on Childs. One Officer U.S.N.R. lost. "CHANTICLEER" standing by to salvage or destroy ship and equipment as necessary, when weather permits.

"ARARAT" (A.N.S.)

Commissioned at Brisbane 0900K/16 under command of Lieutenant N.M. Muzzel, R.A.N.R. (S).

AIR RAIDS.

Goodenough Island - Red warning 0001K/27, All Clear.
Gurney - Yellow warning AM/27, All Clear 0044K/27.

BARGES LOCATED.

All three barges having been located, A.C.N.B. ordered the tugs "JAMES PATERSON" and "EAGLE" at 1708 and 1706K/26, respectively, to return Melbourne with barges.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 26th June, 1943.

"STUART" } escorting "DOBBIN" departed Sydney at 0912K/25 for
"VENDETTA" } Brisbane.

"DRAYTON" } arrived Fall River at 1516K/24.
"FLUSSER" }

"LAMSON" arrived Townsville at 1220K/25 and departed at 1730K/25.

"GOULBURN") E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/26 escorting B.V. 71, 12 ships
"COLAC") including "KURUMBA" and "POYANG".
"LITHGOW")
S.C. 748)
"ADVENT") departed Sydney 1439K/25 for Noumea - E.T.A. 0600K/28.

"FREMANTLE" } to rendezvous with "WESTRALIA" off Sydney Heads at
"M.L.818" } 1730K/26 and provide A/S escort to Port Stephens.
"FREMANTLE" is to return to Sydney. "M.L.818" is to
proceed to Coff's Harbour. When ready 27/6 "KAILUA"
depart Sydney and rendezvous with "FREMANTLE" at
0800K/ and proceed in company to Brisbane.

"ABRAHAM CRIJSESEN" departed Port Melbourne at 1733K/25 to assume
A/S protection of convoy C.O.103 (7 ships).

"BUNBURY" } escorting N.T.20 "B" departed Fall River at 2315K/24 - to
"WAGGA" } rendezvous with "KATOOMBA" escorting section "A" from
Port Moresby at 0700K/25 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/27
(N.T.20 - 6 ships).

"MORESBY") E.T.D. Caloundra 0800K/26 escorting P.G. 56 (7 ships).
"BENDIGO")
"ECHUCA")
"YANDRA")

"BOWEN" arrived Cairns at 1245K/25 - on completion escort duties
with N.T. 19.

"MILDURA" arrived Newcastle at 0518K/25 with Newcastle section O.C.102

"GLENELG" arrived Sydney at 0857K/25 - having completed escort duties.
with O.C.102.

"TOWNSVILLE" with Sydney section O.C. 102 arrived Sydney at 1937K/24.

"WHYALLA" escorting V.B. 43 and "MUNDALLA" arrived Brisbane at
0031K/25.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "S. HALL YOUNG" and "MACUMBA" departed
Darwin at 0950K/25 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1700K/28.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns at 1126K/25 to rendezvous with "SWAN"
escort T.N.109 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1300K
/25. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/28. "SWAN" with T.N.
109 (2 ships) departed Townsville at 1800K/24.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Caloundra at 1514K/25 for Port Stephens.

YP.236 departed Thursday Island at 0750K/25. E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/28.

YMS.9 and YMS.49 departed Fall River at 1237K/24 E.T.A. Thursday Is.
P.M./27.

S.C. 698) E.T.D. Caloundra 1300K/27 escorting L.S.Ts. 462, 465, 471,
S.C. 742) L.C.I's 73, 224, 226 and A.P.C's 2, 4 and 17 to Townsville

YMS.50 departed Townsville at 1723K/24 for Rockhampton - E.T.A. 0700K/26.

M.L.220 is to rendezvous with C.O.104 off Sydney Heads at 1300K/26 and provide additional escort. M.L.820 is to be detached at daylight 27/6 and proceed to Jervis Bay for working up exercises.

M.L. 816 acceptance trials completed and satisfactory - at Brisbane 24/6.

D/F FIXES.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION.</u>
2009K/25	11000'S 157000'E (360 miles E. of Milne Bay)	N. (100 miles)

"KATOORA" at 1351K/25 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported P.C. 1121 failed to locate "KATOORA" (reported to have stopped with engine trouble 170 miles W. of Port Moresby). Search abandoned by P.C. 1121 - proceeding to Port Moresby. Aircraft will carry out search when weather improves. Visibility 100 yards. Ceiling zero.

THREE BARGES ADRIFT IN VICINITY 50 MILES OF WILSON'S PROM.

"JAMES PATTERSON" towing 4 barges (Melbourne to Sydney) reported 3 barges adrift at 1255K/25. Under present conditions unable to recover.

At 1547K/25 N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne ordered "ORARA" (in vicinity) to render all assistance to "JAMES PATTERSON" - "ORARA" has no wires suitable for towing - Strong westerly blowing. Tug "EAGLE" departed Melbourne to assist and should arrive at approximately 0900K/26.

W/F warning to shipping in Area 5B made by C.S.W.P.S.F.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

COODENOUGH ISLAND -

WARNING 0044K/26.
RAID -
ALL CLEAR 26/6 (No T.O.O.)
WARNING 0525 /26
RAID -
ALL CLEAR 0544K/26.

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To 0900K/Friday, 25th June, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } will depart Palm Island at 1000K/26 and proceed to
 "HOBART" } Flinders Group. E.T.A. 0900K/27. To anchor in
 "WARRAMUNGA" } Fly or Rattlesnake Channel (15 miles W. of Cape
 "ARUNTA" } Melville) depending on weather.
 "LAMSON" }

"TJERK HIDDIES" escorting "OTUS" (submarine Depot Ship) departed Fremantle at 0045K/24, for Sydney - E.T.A. 1700K/2/7.

"VENDETTA" arrived Sydney at 2035K/23 from Brisbane.

"VENDETTA" } escorting "DOBBIN" departs Sydney at 0830K/25 for
 "STUART" } Brisbane - arrived Townsville at 0825K/24.
 "BAGLEY" }

"SWAN" } detailed to escort T.N. 109. "SWAN" with convoy departs
 "KAPUNDA" } Townsville at 1800K/24. "KAPUNDA" to rendezvous in
 vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1300K/25. E.T.A.
 Port Moresby 0800K/28.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1321K/24.

"GEELONG" (to have made rendezvous with "JAMES M. GOODHUE" at 1200K/24 in position 300 miles E. of Cape Moreton). Reported at 1940K/24 ~~to~~ rendezvous not made by dark. "GEELONG" intends to steer west until dawn then return along route. At 2321K/24 C.S.W.P.S.F. advised "JAMES GOODHUE" that escort would contact during daylight 25/6 and proceed on route.

"COUCAL" (U.S. SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIP) arrived Brisbane at 1921K/23 from Auckland.

"ADVENT" when ready 25/6 to depart Sydney for Noumea.

"BUNBURY" } escorting T.N. 107 section "B" arrived Fall River at
 "BENALLA" } 1208K/23.

"MILDURA" } are to escort Newcastle section C.O.102 to Newcastle.
 "GLENELG" } "GLENELG" is to return Sydney. "MILDURA" is to remain
 Newcastle and escort Newcastle section C.O.104 to Sydney/
 E.T.D. A.M./26.

"BUNDABERG" } are detailed to escort C.O.104. "TOWNSVILLE" is to
 "KALGOORLIE" } sail Sydney so as to rendezvous with "MILDURA" with
 "TOWNSVILLE" } Newcastle section off Nobby's Head at 0430K/26.
 "MILDURA" } "BUNDABERG", "KALGOORLIE" and M.L. 431 are to clear
 M.L. 431. } Sydney Heads at 1200K/26. with Sydney section.
 After rendezvous "MILDURA" returns to Sydney. M.L.
 431 is detached 28/6 and proceeds to Twofold Bay.

"GLADSTONE" escorting B.V.70 (2 ships) departed Brisbane at 0529K/24.
 "GLADSTONE" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliot Island.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 1307K/23, escorting Sydney section
 "KYBRA" } C.O.103. To rendezvous with "ROCKHAMPTON" and
 M.L. 431. } "BALLARAT" escorting Sydney section off Sydney. At
 2039K/23. M.L. 431 returned to Sydney owing to
 weather conditions.

"BOWEN" } escorting "CREMER" and "DUNTROON" arrived Townsville about
 "TULSA" } 0850K/24 from Fall River.

"PIRIE" escorting F.T.2 (2 ships) departed Fall River 1007K/23.
 E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/25.

✓ "COOTAMUNDRA" returned Brisbane from exercises off Cape Moreton at 1206K/23.

✓ "GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane at 0525K/24 from escort duty.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Williamstown at 0851K/24 having completed escort duties with O.C. 102.

"BENALLA" departed Fall River at 1036K/24 for Dawson Strait (50 miles N. Fall River).

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/25. E.T.A. Port Stephens 1200K/27.

"KATOOMBA" } "KATOOMBA" escorting N.T. 20 section "A" departed Port
 "WAGGA" } Moresby at 0900K/24. To rendezvous with "WAGGA" escorting
 section "B" from Fall River at 0700K/25. E.T.A.
 Townsville 1200K/27. (N.T. 20 6 ships).

YMS. 46 arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0843K/24.

YMS. 53 departed Townsville at 1006K/23 for Rockhampton. E.T.A. 0600K/26.

YP. 233 departed Townsville at 1606K/24 for Fall River.

P.C. 1119 escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" arrived Fall River at 2035K/23.

"ISABEL" departed Exmouth Gulf at 1900K/23 for Fremantle - E.T.A. dawn /26.

S.C. 751 at 1618K/24 N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported S.C. 751 stranded on reef 16 miles S.W. of VLAMING HEAD (entrance to Exmouth Gulf). No further details.

"MATOORA" (U.S. Army small craft - 327 tons gross). Aircraft reported sighting "KATOORA" with engines disabled in position 170 miles W. of Port Moresby at 1040K/24. P.C. 1121 - en route Stephens Island to Port Moresby - has been ordered to assist. Two Beauforts assisting to locate.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 24th June, 1943.

"WAGGA" escorting N.T. 20B, E.T.D. Fall River 1200K/24.

"MATAFELE" towing CESSA arrived Fall River 0930K/23.

"PALUMA" arrived Fall River 0059K/23.

"KATOOMBA" escorting T.N.107A arrived Port Moresby 1303K/23, escorting N.T. 20A, E.T.D. 0900K/24.

"LOOKOUT" departed Portland Roads 1200K/22 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0602K/25.

S.C. 731 escorting.VB.44 departed Townsville 1214K/23.

YMS.46 departed Townsville 1742K/23 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1030K/24.

YP.233 arrived Townsville 2135K/23.

"CONYNGHAM" escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Townsville 2200K/22 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/25.

"MUGFORD" arrived Townsville 1132K/23.

"ARUNTA" departed Townsville 0616K/23.

"GILMER" } arrived Townsville 2300K/22 from Fall River.
"SANDS" }

"GLADSTONE" escorting B.V.70 E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/24, "GLADSTONE" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliot Island.

"GEELONG" is to rendezvous "JAMES M. GOODHUE" in position 27°S. 159°12'E (about 300 miles E. of Cape Moreton) about 1200K/24 and escort to Brisbane.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Brisbane 1326K/23 from Maryborough.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney 0424K/23, escorting Newcastle section
"BALLARAT" } of C.O.103 departed Newcastle 1042K/23.

"MORESBY" } escorting G.P.56 (including "KURUMBA", "POYANG" and
"BENDIGO" } L.S.T's 466, 467 and 470) departed Sydney 0830K/23.
"ECHUCA" }
"COLAC" }
"YANDRA" }

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads 2300K/23 from escorting O.C. 102.

"BINGERA" departed Port Phillip 1029K/23 for Westernport. E.T.A. 1600K/23.

YP. 286 departed Exmouth Gulf 1916K/23 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1900K/27.

"INVERELL" } escorting "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" arrived Darwin 1554K/23.
ML.814. }

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 23rd June, 1943.

"RIGEL" } escorting 14 L.C.I's arrived Fall River 1200K/21.
"SANDS" }
"GILMER" }
"PERKINS" }
APC's 1, 5 & 19 }

"HUMPHREYS" } arrived Fall River 1206K/22 from Townsville.
"BROOKS" }

YMS 9. 49 escorting L.S.T. 455 and 7 L.C.T's arrived Fall River 1206K/22 from Thursday Island.

"PIRIE" escorting FT. 2 (2 ships) departed Fall River 1352K/22.

"TULSA" escorting "CREMER" departed Fall River 1236K/21 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1300K/24.

YMS 11 escorting "PAHUD" arrived Fall River 1352K/22 from Oro Bay.

YP.236 arrived Thursday Island 1104K/22 from Cairns.

P.C.1121 departed Port Moresby 1156K/22 to rendezvous REIJNST and PATRAS off Stephens Island at 1101K/23 and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 27/6.

"CASTLEMAINE" with "INVERELL" escorting "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" from Thursday Island to Darwin reported at 0710K/22 - "CASTLEMAINE" with defective condenser proceeding independently on one engine at 7 knots from 0029K/22. "INVERELL" and convoy are on schedule."

M.L.814 departed Darwin 1458K/22 to rendezvous "INVERELL" and convoy to replace "CASTLEMAINE".

"KAZEMBE" (NAP) arrived Cairns 2001K/22 from Townsville.

"KAPUNDA" departed Townsville 1300K/21, arrived Cairns 0701K/22.

"SWAN" escorting "KATOOMBA" and "VAN HEUTZ" arrived Townsville 0618K/22 from Fall River.

"WHYALLA" escorting VB.43 departed Townsville 1816K/21.

YMS.46 arrived Townsville 0645K/22 from Brisbane.

S.C. 731 escorting "VAN DER LIJN" arrived Townsville 0805K/22 from Fall River. Escorting VB.44 (2 ships) E.T.D. Townsville 1200K/23 - E.T.A. Caloundra 2000K/26.

"ARUNTA" } arrived Townsville 1350K/22 from Palm Island.
"WARRAMUNGA" }
"HELM" }

"MUGFORD" arrived Townsville 1010K/22 from Palm Island.

"CONYNGHAM" escorting T.N. 108 ("BISHOPDALE") departed Townsville 2220K/22 for Fall River.

"LAMSON" arrived Townsville 1230K/22 from Brisbane.

"LAMSON" } departed Townsville 1530K/22.
"MUGFORD" }
"WARRAMUNGA" }

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Caloundra 1846K/22 with U.S. Submarine to exercise seaward of Cape Moreton.

"GEELONG" } escorting VB.42 arrived Brisbane 1353K/22.
 "GLADSTONE" }

"GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 0614K/22 escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" to 159°E then returning Brisbane.

S.C.648 arrived Brisbane 1544K/22 from escorting BV.69.

"BAGLEY" departed Sydney 0857K/22 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0800K/24.

U.S.S. "ADVENT" returned Sydney 0055K/22 from escorting LST.463 to Port Stephens.

LST.473, 474 departed Bay of Islands 1422K/21 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/28.

ML.430 is to rendezvous O.C. 102, 38°S. 149°40'E (30 miles S.W. of Gabo Island) at 1200K/23, escort until daylight/24 and return Twofold Bay.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip 1943K/21 for S.C.F.18.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" reported at 1005K/22 - "C.O.102 proceeding un-escorted to Port Phillip Heads - E.T.A. 1600K/22."

"MILDURA" entered Port Phillip 0728K/22 landed 2 RAAF casualties at Queenscliff, departed 1002K/22, overtook O.C.102 at 0005K/23, and resumed escort. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" returning Melbourne.

"GOLDSTAR" departed Fremantle 1900K/21 for "EUNBURY", E.T.A. 0900K/22. E.T.D. 1400K/27 for Hospitable.

"TROMP" E.T.D. Fremantle about 0900K/24 to rendezvous "SUSSEX" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" at 1300K/28.

AIR RAIDS:

DARWIN	Red warning	1028K/22	- All Clear	1042K/22.
N.W.AREA	"	1129K/22	"	1152K/22.
PT.MORESBY	Red "	"	"	1045K/22.

A/C A/S search -

From Pt. Kembla to Brisbane to a depth to seaward of 40 miles from dusk/22.

TF.70.5 consisting of "SHEPPARTON", "BENALLA", "STELLA" and "POLARIS" formed 21/6 under Commander C.G. Little, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. K.9. commissioned at Sydney under command of Lt. F.M. Figgot, R.N.R.

MOORED MINE.

A moored mine was reported by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 1001K/22 in position 31°41'4", 152°54'4"E. (about 3½ miles S.E. of Camden Head) six feet below water. Further investigation and sweeping operations to be carried out when weather moderated. Mine discovered and buoyed by local fisherman. All shipping warned by C.S.W.P.S.F. at 1709K/22.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 22nd June, 1943.

"VENDETTA" reported at 0830K/21 that owing to weather conditions was unable to make rendezvous with "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" at 1600K/21. Air cover has been arranged in lieu of "VENDETTA" who has been ordered to proceed direct to Sydney.

"LAMSON" arrived Brisbane at 0949K/21 escorting L.S.T. 471 departed Caloundra at 1121K/21 for Cleveland Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/22. To embark munitions from "CONYNGHAM" and transfer goods to "FLUSSER" then join T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"DRAYTON" arrived Townsville at 0942K/21.

"BROOKS" } U.S. Destroyers - departed Townsville at 0456K/21 for
 "HUMPHREYS" } Fall River - E.T.A. 1000K/22.

"FLUSSER" arrived Townsville at 1340K/21.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "MACUMBA" and "KOOLIGA" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1656K/21.

"DELORAINÉ" arrived Sydney from A/S search at 2230K/20.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 18 arrived Townsville at 2140K/20.

"WAGGA" escorting "CREMER" arrived Milne Bay from Oro Bay at 2002K/20.

"MORESBY" } arrived Sydney at 0733K/21, having completed escort duties
 "ECHUCA" } with O.C. 101.

"BOWEN" } detailed to escort N.T. 19 (2 ships) "BOWEN" departed Port
 "TULSA" } Moresby at 1803K/21 escorting section "A" to rendezvous with
 "TULSA" escorting section "B" from Fall River at 0700K/22.
 E.T.A. 1300K/24.

"MORESBY" } detailed as escorts for convoy G.P.56, departing Sydney
 "BENDIGO" } at 0800K/23. "COLAC" detaches at Caloundra and proceeds
 "ECHUCA" } to Townsville. L.S.T.'s 466, 467, 470 rendezvous with
 "YANDRA" } G.P.56 off Sydney and proceed Brisbane with convoy.
 "COLAC" }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting P.G. 55 Sydney section, including "VICTORIA
 "ROCKHAMPTON" } and "MERKUR" arrived Sydney at 1751K/20.
 "BUNDABERG" }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } detailed as escorts for convoy C.O.103. "BALLARAT"
 "BALLARAT" } and "ROCKHAMPTON" are to depart Sydney so as to
 "ROCKHAMPTON" } rendezvous with Newcastle section off Nobby's Head
 "KYBRA" } A.M./23. "WARRNAMBOOL", "KYBRA" and M.L.431 will
 M.L.431. } clear Sydney Heads with Sydney section P.M./23 to
 rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney. M.L.
 431 will be detached at daylight/25 and proceed to
 Twofold Bay.

"BUNBURY" departed Cairns at 0521K/21 to rendezvous with T.N.107 and join as escort with "BENALLA" for Section "B" to Fall River E.T.A. 1300K/23. "KATOOMBA" escorts section "A" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1400K/23.

"GLADSTONE" escorting "SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME" arrived Brisbane at 0416K/21 Then proceeded at 0506K/21 to rendezvous with and join "GEELONG" as additional escort for VB.42 (4 ships).

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane at 0351K/21 from exercises with U.S. submarine. To depart at 0600K/22 escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" to vicinity 159°E then return Brisbane.

"ORARA" departed Port Melbourne at 1501K/21 for exercises in Port Phillip, then to proceed S.C.F. 18.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 1545K/21 to assume escort O.C. 102 (9 ships) at 1303K/21 N.O.I.C. Melbourne ordered "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to continue with convoy O.C.102 to Sydney in lieu of "MILDURA".

"COUCAL" (U.S. S/M RESCUE VESSEL) departed Auckland at 0552K/20. E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1700K/23.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle at 0726K/21 for Port Stephens.

M.L.820 commissioned at Sydney 1300K/21 under the command of Lieut. J. Milne.

"MILDURA" RESCUES SURVIVORS OF CRASHED ANSON.

"MILDURA" (escorting C.O.102) reported that at 1035K/21 ANSON aircraft crashed in position 85 miles S.W. Gabo Island 2 survivors picked up by "MILDURA" (one seriously injured), 1 member still missing. Aircraft foundered at 1105K/21. Search for missing member abandoned at 1153K/2.

At 1257K/2, N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne ordered "MILDURA" to proceed with utmost despatch to land seriously injured member at Queenscliff, then return to C.O.102 and escort to Port Phillip - then proceed Williamstown to fuel.

SUBMARINE REPORTED by observer passing Cape Orford south-bound at 1555K/21 and at 1450K/20.

SUBMARINE PERISCOPE AND WAKE reported by coast watcher KAWA ISLAND (100 miles N. Milne Bay) to have been sighted by natives, 2 miles S. of the Island at 1730K/20. Graded D.3.

Aircraft reported sighting object resembling a mine, 3 miles off entrance to Camden Haven (10 miles N.N.E. Newcastle). "GOONAMBEE" departed Newcastle at 2340K/20 to investigate.

ENEMY AIR RAID WARNINGS:

PORT MORESBY Warning 2245K/21 All clear 2359K/21.

HORN ISLAND " 1100K/21 " " 1140K/21.

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To 0900K/Monday, 21st June, 1943.

"ARUNTA" departed Townsville at 1540K/20.

"VENDETTA" at 1155K/20 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "VENDETTA" to proceed so as to arrive at Elizabeth Reef (029°55'S 159°00'E) at daylight/21, and investigate the possibility of damaged submarine, indicated by D/F fix at 2245K/19, being in that vicinity. If result negative, leave area in time to R.V. with "WILLARD A. HOLEBROOK" at 1600K/21 in position 027°36'S, 158°42'E and escort to Brisbane. Then to proceed Sydney.
At 034K/21 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised that Catalina searched Elizabeth Reef and Middleton Reef and surrounding areas without sighting submarine. Visibility good. Air search in that area discontinued.

"LAMSON" after detaching L.S.T. 471 off Caloundra about 0600K/21, proceeds to Cleveland Bay - E.T.A. 1200K/22. To embark munitions from "CONYNGHAM" and transfer goods to "FLUSSER", then join T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"CONYNGHAM" escorting "NOORDHAM" arrived Townsville at 0656K/20.

"WALLER" escorting "CIMARRON" departed Sydney at 1047K/20 for Noumea.

"HENLEY" arrived Townsville at 0620K/20.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney at 1156K/19 to join T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"STUART" Basin trials satisfactory. Sydney 19/6 to be ready for sea Thursday 24th.

"ADVENT" departed Port Jackson at 0400K/21 escorting L.S.T. 463 to Port Stephens. E.T.A. 1700K/21. After covering convoy entry, to return to Sydney

"SWAN" } escorting F.T.1 (3 ships) departed Milne Bay at 1345K/19
S.C. 731. } for Townsville.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns at 0957K/20 from escort duties with N.T. 18.

"KATOOMBA" } escorting T.N. 107 (6 ships) departed Townsville at
"BENALLA" } 1630K/20. "BUNBURY" is to R.V. with convoy in vicinity of Fitzroy Island at 0700K/21. Convoy splits at 2100K/22, in position 11°18'S, 148°48'E. Section "A" escorted by "KATOOMBA" proceeds to Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1400K/23. Section "B" escorted by "BUNBURY" and "BENALLA" for Fall River - E.T.A. 1300K/23.

"LITHGOW" escorting "ROSEVILLE" arrived Brisbane at 2231K/19.

"GOULEBURN" departed Brisbane at 2054K/19 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"GLADSTONE" on arrival Caloundra about 0400K/21, is to proceed and R.V. with and join GEELONG as additional escort for V.B.42 (4 ships).

"BOWEN" } escorting section "A" T.N.106 arrived Pt. Moresby at 1535K/
P.C. 1121 } 20.

"PIRIE" escorting section "B" T.N. 106 arrived Fall River at 1616K/20.

"COOTAMUNDRA" and S.C. 746 arrived Brisbane at 1646K/20 from escort duties with B.V. 69.

"BENDIGO" } arrived Sydney at 1848K/20 escorting Sydney section O.C.
M.L. 218 } 101. to (At 1502K/20 "MORESEY" reported "BENDIGO" has oscillator defective).

"MORESBY" } will continue escorting Newcastle section O.C. 101
 "ECHUCA" } to Newcastle, then return Sydney.

"WHYALLA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" (V.B. 43) E.T.D. Townsville
 1200K/21 - E.T.A. Caloundra 2000K/24.

"CASTLEMAINE" } escorting "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" departed Thursday
 "INVERELL" } Island at 1844K/20 for Darwin.

"GUNBAR" departed Sydney at 0642K/20 for Newcastle.

"MAUNGANUI" departed Wellington at 1534K/19. E.T.A. Fremantle 29/6.

"MERAUKE" N.O.I.C. Merauke has now taken up duties under the
 direction of N.O.I.C. Townsville.

"GEORGE D. PRENTICE" (Previously aground 5 miles south of Hobart)
 Refloated, apparently without damage at 2120K/20.

"RESERVE" (Tug) towing L.S.T. 469 (damaged in submarine attack 16/6)
 arrived Sydney at 1611K/20.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Sydney at 2359K/20 from A/S hunt.

"KALGOORLIE" at 1330K/19 reported. Unburnt thick black oil, spread
 over wide area in vicinity initial position (presumed to be
 scene of attack on "PORTMAR") Sample of oil has been collect-
 ed. A/S search by "DELORAIN" 1200K/10 negative.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Exmouth Gulf 19/6.

L.C.T's 86, 170 departed Sydney at 0545K/20 for Port Stephens.

YT.156 and 199 departed Brisbane at 1431K/20 for Cairns, calling
 at intermediate ports at night and during bad weather.

S.C. 648 with V.B. 42, is to detach and R.V. with "CRATER" in
 vicinity High Peak at 2300K/20 and escort to 157°, then
 return Brisbane.

YMS.51 escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" departed Fall River at 1327K/20
 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0800K/21.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification.</u>
2028K/20	15°00'S. 162°00'E	V (within 250 miles).

A/C, A/S search.

From Coff's Harbour to Cape Hawker (15 miles north of Seal
 Rocks) to a depth of 120 miles from Dawn to Dusk 20/6.

AIR RAID WARNING : Darwin 1042K/20.
 1115K/20
 All clear 1141K/20.

Nil naval casualties - very slight damage to building
 Coonawarra West.

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To 0900K/Sunday, 20th June, 1943.

- MAHAN - escorting 6 L.C.1's arrived Fall River 1416K/18 from Townsville.
- SWAN - escorting TAROONA arrived Fall River 1952K/18 from Oro Bay.
- P.C.1119 - escorting HENRY D. THOREAU departed Fall River 0451K/19 for BELI BELI.
- Y.M.S.11 - escorting PAHUD departed Fall River 1316K/19 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1300K/20.
- POLARIS - arrived Fall River 1952K/18.
- STELLA - departed Port Moresby 1741K/19 for Cairns E.T.A. about 25/6.
- INVERELL - escorting DARVEL arrived Thursday Island 1839K/19 from Millingimbi and Darwin.
- CASTLEMAINE) - escorting CHARLES P. STEINMETZ E.T.D. Thursday Island
INVERELL) 1800K/20 for Darwin.
- LOOKOUT - arrived Cairns 0852K/18 from Townsville.
- CRATER - departed Townsville 1802K/19 for Wellington, E.T.A. 1600K/28.
- AASE MAERSK - departed Townsville 1046K/19 for Palm Island E.T.A. 1500K/19.
- Y.M.S.46. - departed Brisbane 1544K/19 for Townsville E.T.A. 1400K/27.
- Y.P.233 - departed Caloundra 1216K/19 for Townsville for onward routeing to Fall River.
- BIRCHGROVE PARK - departed Caloundra 0645K/19 for Maryborough.
- GLADSTONE - departed Brisbane 1232K/19 to R.V. SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME about 180 miles East of Cape Moreton at 1000K/20 and escort to Brisbane.
- DRAYTON - departed Brisbane 0745K/19 to overtake and provide additional escort for B.V.69, parting company as necessary to arrive Townsville 21/6.
- GEELONG)
COOTAMUNDRA) - escorting B.V.69 including BISHOPDALE departed
S.C.'s 648) Caloundra 1845K/18.
and 748.)
- TOWNSVILLE)
BALLARAT) - having completed escort of O.C.100 arrived
Newcastle 0023K/19; escorting Newcastle portion
of C.O.102 departed Newcastle 0956K/19.
- MILDURA)
GLENELG) - escorting Sydney section of C.O.102 departed Sydney
M.L. 430) 1434K/19.

- BALLARAT - arrived Sydney 1758K/19 after escorting C.O.102.
- CIMARRON }
WALLER } - E.T.D. Sydney 1015K/20 for Noumea.
- LAMSON - escorting L.S.T.471 departed Sydney 1123K/18, E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/21.
- BAGLEY - escorting BUNGAREE arrived Sydney 0226K/19 from Brisbane.
- L.C.T.'s 86, 170 - E.T.D. Sydney Heads about 0430K/20 for Port Stephens.
- ORARA. - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1500K/21 to carry out full calibre firing in Port Phillip then proceed to S.C.F.18.
- Y.P.288. - departed Fremantle 1440K/18 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 1900K/21.
- ISABEL)
S.C. 751) - escorting ONDINA departed Fremantle 1920K/18 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 1200K/23.

S/M HUNT.

At 0206K/20 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered VENDETTA if result still negative at daylight to proceed to R.V. WILLARD A. HOLBROOK about 350 miles East of Cape Moreton at about 1200K/21 and escort to Brisbane, and DELORAINÉ and KALGOORLIE to return Sydney. KALGOORLIE had reported her ASDIC out of order at 0815K/19.

A/C A/S SEARCH.

From Coff's Harbour to Seal Rocks to a depth to seaward of 150 miles from dawn to dusk/19.

From Clarence River to Cape Hawke to a depth to seaward of 160 miles from 1200K/19 to dawn/20.

From Smoky Cape to Cape Hawke to a depth to seaward of 140 miles from dusk/19 to dawn/20.

D/F FIXES.

At 2159K/19 a S/M was fixed by D/F within 100 miles of 26° S 155° E (about 100 miles N.E. of Cape Moreton). This could have been the S/M which sank PORTMAR. A speed of only 7 knots would have been required to enable the S/M to reach the position of the fix from the time of the last A/C sighting. This fix was passed by immediate signal to N.O.I.C.'s Brisbane, Sydney and Townsville and A.F. Message was made to B.A.M.S. 5B.

At 2245K/19 a S/M, not the same unit, was fixed by D/F within 500 miles of 30° S 159° E (about 350 miles 122° from Cape Moreton). N.O.I.C.'s Brisbane, Sydney and Townsville advised.

GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

Attempt to refloat proved unsuccessful. N.O.I.C. Hobart awaiting arrival of Captain Williams.

AIR RAID.

Goodenough Island Red Warning 0040K/20.

To 0900K/Saturday, June 19, 1943.

SC 731 Escorting ANHUI, arrived Fall River 2004K/17 from
Beli Beli.

SWAN } Escorting FTI (4 ships) ETD Fall River 1200K/19.
SC 731 }

WAGGA Departed Fall River 0738K/18 for Beli Beli, ETA 1200K/18
thence escorting CREMER to Oro Bay, ETA 1300K/19.

TULSA } Escorting 1 LST with 1 LCT on board, and 11 LCTs
SC 981 } arrived Fall River 1601K/18.

TULSA Is to proceed to Townsville.

PERKINS } Escorting 14 LCIs ETA Fall River 1400K/21 from
SMITH } Caloundra.

STELLA ETD Port Moresby am/19 to Cairns for refit.

ML 817 Returned Port Moresby 0836K/18 from escort duty with
N.T.18a, due to bad weather. N.T.18A proceeded un-
escorted to r/v GYMPIE, KAPUNDA escorting N.T.18B.

WILCANNIA Escorting TD 24 (2 ships) departed T.I. 0129K/18 for
Darwin.

CASTLEMAINE Escorting TULAGI and SIBIGO arrived T.I. 1154K/17 from
Millingimbi and Darwin.

BOWEN Departed Cairns 0507K/18 to r/v TN.106 off Fitzroy Is.
and escort to Port Moresby.

GILMER Escorting 4 APCs and LSTs 456 and 458 arrived Townsville
2306K/17 from Caloundra.

GILMA⁵⁶ } Escorting USS RIGEL and 4 APCs departed Townsville
SANDS } 0720K/18 for Fall River.

KATOOMBA Escorting NT17 arrived Townsville 0342K/18 from Port
Moresby.

WHYALLA Arrived Townsville 0739K/18 from Cairns.

BENALLA } Arrived Townsville 1046K/18 having escorted MAGNOLIA
S.C. 738 } from Brisbane.

BIRCHGROVE PARK Towing lighter arrived Brisbane 1231K/18 from Sydney.

YMS 48 ETD Caloundra 1700K/19 for Townsville ETA 1400K/27.

CONYNGHAM Departed Caloundra 1211K/17 to r/v NOORDAM escorting
to Townsville.

SC 745 Arrived Brisbane 0501K/17 from Townsville.

DRAYTON Escorting MAUI arrived Brisbane 1059K/18.

GEELONG } Escorting V.B.41 arrived Brisbane 1433K/18.
GLADSTONE }
ML 429 }

GLADSTONE ETD Brisbane 0900K/19 to r/v SINCLAIR SUPERFLAME in
position 27° 05' S., 156° 56' E. (about 180 miles
East of Cape Moreton) at 1000K/20 and escort to Brisb-
ane

WARRNAMEOOL } Escorting GP55 less PORTMAR and LST 469 arrived Brisbane
EUNDABERG } 0750K/18.
COOTAMUNDRA }

WARRNAMEBOOL } Escorting PG55 including VICTORIA departed Caloundra
ROCKHAMPTON } 1109K/18.
HUNDABERG }

COLAC } Escorting OC.100 arrived Sydney 1652K/18.
MILDURA }
GLENEELG }
ML 428 }

TOWNSVILLE Departed Sydney 1501K/18 to r/v OC.100 off Sydney and
escort to Newcastle.

TOWNSVILLE } ETD Newcastle 0900K/19, escorting Newcastle section of
BALLARAT } CO.102 to r/v off Sydney, BALLARAT then proceeding
Sydney.

MILDURA } Escorting Sydney Section ETD Sydney Heads 1430K/19,
GLENEELG } ML 430 to be detached daylight/21 proceed Twofold Bay.
ML 430 }

INNISFAIL Returned Sydney 0947K/18 from Broken Bay.

GUMLEAF Departed Sydney 0801K/18 for Newcastle thence Port
Stephens.

WALLER } ETD Sydney 20/6 for Noumea.
CIMARRON }

US FLEET TUG) Arrived Sydney 0911K/18 from Auckland.
BOBOLINK)

WARRAMUNGA ETD Sydney about 19/6 to join TF74 at Palm Island ETA
22/6.

ML 818 Is to depart Twofold Bay to r/v OC.101 in position
37° 46' S., 150° 06' E. (about 15 miles 154° from
Gabo Island) at 1600K/19 and escort to Sydney.

ABRAHAM Departed Port Philli 2149K/17 to escort OC.101, return-
CRIJNSSEN ed Port Melbourne 1707K/18 having completed escort
of CO.101.

LE TRIOMPHANT Undocked Williamstown 1025K/18

ORARA Arrived Port Melbourne 0835K/18 from SCF18.

TJERK HIDDES Escorting GOLDSTAR (ex Port Phillip) arrived Fremantle
2130K/17.

VIGILANT Arrived Millingimbi 1300K/17 from Darwin.

LATROBE Escorting BURWAH departed Darwin 0913K/18 for
Millingimbi ETA 0830K/20 thence Thursday Is.

A/C A/S SEARCH Coff's Harbour to Seal Rocks (about 24 miles NE of
Port Stephens) to a depth to seaward of 160 miles
from dawn to dusk/18. Smoky Cape to Cape Hawke (15
miles N.of Seal Rocks) to a depth to seawards of 140
miles from dusk/18 to dawn/19.

AIR RAID WARNING PORT MORESBY YELLOW WARNING ALL CLEAR 2012K/18.

S/M ATTACK ON G.P.55

From interrogation of PORTMAR survivors NOIC Sydney repeated that PORTMAR was torpedoed at 1722K/18 on starboard side in No.1 Hold. PORTMAR's bow was in line with stern of LST 469 which was hit aft immediately before. PORTMAR was ablaze fore and aft almost immediately, was abandoned and sank about 7

minutes later. There was a slight sea and heavy swell, and visibility was good. One member of crew (U.S. Army) and one passenger (Australian Army) were lost, and two members of crew suffered slight burns.

VENDETTA

Departed Brisbane 1259K/18 to join in search with KALGOORLIE, DELORAINÉ and A/C. No report has been received of the result.

RESERVE

Was ordered by KALGOORLIE when fast to LST 469 to proceed Sydney. An estimated ETA Sydney based on tow making 5 knots is 2300K/20.

S/M INDICATION VICINITY CAPE WESSEL.

At 0015K/19 NOIC Darwin advised WILCANNIA (escorting TD 24) of indication of s/m in position 10° 55' S., 137° 31' E. at 1144K/18. Position is about 50 miles 072° from Cape Wessel. NOIC Darwin diverted the convoy south of the reported indication.

S.C. 732 DAMAGED

SC 732 reported at 1600K/18 "This vessel port propellor seriously damaged and bent evening/17 by striking submerged object" No underwater damage. Possible to make local investigation of repairs necessary.

GEORGE D. PRENTICE AGROUND.

At 1535K/18 NOIC Hobart reported that GEORGE D. PRENTICE was aground in Ralph Bay (on eastern side of Derwent estuary about 5 miles S. of Hobart) in sandy locality. An attempt was to be made to tow her off at high water between 1800 and 2000K/18. If unsuccessful vessel almost certainly would have to be lightened at least 1500 tons. No report received of result of attempt. GEORGE D. PRENTICE is a Liberty ship and arrived Hobart 0801K/18 from RARATONGA. Her cargo is not certainly known but is probably defence cargo for Calcutta.

CHARLES H. WINDHAM REPORTS FIRE.

A/C recc. reported vessel about 110 miles SW of Fremantle at 1800K/18. Vessel reports fire in hold and intends to call Fremantle 1100K/19. Vessel is Liberty type and departed Hobart 1535K/18 for Bombay.

To 0900K/Friday, 18th June, 1943.

REPORTED ATTACK BY AIRCRAFT ON SUBMARINE IN VICINITY OF ATTACK ON "PORTMAR" and PRESENT POSITION OF "KALGOORLIE" AND LST. 469 AND TUG "RESERVE".

At 0013K/18 Aircraft (Beaufort) reported - Attacked enemy submarine and disabled in position $31^{\circ}00'S$, $154^{\circ}10'E$. (Additional Beaufort despatched immediately). This information was received in Navy Office D.S.O. Garden Island reported at 0430K/18 that first Beaufort made two attacks with 4-250 lb. depth charges, whilst submarine was submerging. Submarine was caused to surface by this attack. Remained stationary, then proceeded on southerly course. Aircraft dropped flare. Plane returned to base.

At 0040K second Beaufort also located submarine in position $30^{\circ}58'S$, $154^{\circ}09'E$. Course 180° , speed 10 to 12 knots. Plane made 4-250lb. depth charge attack - depth charges landed within 50 feet of submarine. A surface vessel was visible 6 miles off and in spite of repeated efforts of aircraft to communicate - vessel did not reply. Submarine and vessel appeared to be signalling visually. Aircraft then carried out machine gun attack on submarine to indicate position to vessel - submarine returned fire.

About 0500K third aircraft sent to attack, also two Ansons proceeding at dawn.

First and second aircraft report visibility excellent - bright moonlight - flares also dropped. Aircraft observers claim - unquestionably attack was made on submarine.

At 0415K N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered DELORAINÉ and KALGOORLIE (and similar message to RESERVE) to report position forthwith and whether in contact with aircraft, tug, or other craft.

At 0500K "KALGOORLIE" replied position $030^{\circ}28'S$ $154^{\circ}08'E$; Tug or other surface craft not sighted. Aircraft flare sighted in distance at 0330K/18.

At 0635K "RESERVE" replied, position $020^{\circ}13'S$, $153^{\circ}14'E$. Have not been attacked by aircraft.

No report yet received from "DELORAINÉ" who was ordered to patrol $31^{\circ}S$. between $153^{\circ}30'E$ to $155^{\circ}E$.

"WARRAMUNGA" } "LAMSON" instructed to proceed to join T.F. 74
"LAMSON" } independently. E.T.D. A.M/18. "WARRAMUNGA" delayed.
Latest E.T.D. 2359K/18.

"SANDS" arrived Townsville at 0822K/17 from Brisbane.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "TULAGI" and "SIBIGO" arrived Thursday Is. at 1150K/17 from Millingimbi.

"WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 2359K/17 escorting "KOOLIGA" and "MACUMBA" to Darwin E.T.A. 2359K/21.

"SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River at 1506K/16 for Gro Bay E.T.A. 1200K/17.

"INVERELL" escorting "DARVEL" departed Millingimbi at 1800K/17. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1830K/19.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 0127K/18 to assume escort duty with O.C. 101 (6 ships).

"WHYALLA" departed Cairns at 1221K/17. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/18.

"COLAC" } will escort Newcastle section O.C.100 to Newcastle.
 "BALLARAT" } Remaining there to escort Newcastle section. C.O.102
 to Sydney. E.T.D. A.M/19.

"LITHCOW" departed Caloundra at 2021K/16 to rendezvous with "ROSEVILLE",
 400 miles east of Cape Moreton at 1300K/18 and escort to
 Brisbane.

"WARNAMEBOOL" } detailed to escort .G. 55 (9 ships) including U.S.S.
 "BUNDABERG" } "VICTORIA", E.T.D. Brisbane 1000K/18. "KALGOORLIE"
 "ROCKHAMPTON" } to join as escort en route.
 "KALGOORLIE" }

"KAPUNDA" } escorting T.N.105 (8 ships) arrived Fall River at 1030K/17.
 "WAGGA" }
 P.C.1119 }

"GYMPIE" } escorting N.T.18 section "B" departed Fall River at 1300K/
 "KAPUNDA" } 17. To rendezvous with M.L.817 escorting section "A"
 from Port Moresby, at 0700K/18. After R.V. M.L.817
 returns to Port Moresby. E.T.A. N.T.18 - Cairns
 2200K/19. Townsville 1300K/20.

"PIRIE" } escorting T.N.106 (9 ships) departed Townsville at 1238K/17.
 P.C.1121 } "BOWEN" will rendezvous with convoy in vicinity of Fitzroy
 Island Light. Convoy splits in position 150 miles S.E.
 Pt. Moresby. "BOWEN" and P.C.1121 with section "A" proceeds
 to Pt. Moresby. E.T.A. 1700K/20. "PIRIE" with section "B"
 for Fall River E.T.A. 1700K/20.

"BOWEN" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1869K/17.

H.M.A.S. "ARARAT" (A.M.S.) commissioned 0900K/16 - under command
 Lieutenant N.M. Muzzell, R.A.N.R.(S).

"LOOKOUT" departed Townsville at 1016K/17.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 1548K/17 for Exmouth Gulf. E.T.A.
 1900K/19.

S.C. 745 arrived Brisbane at 0501K/17 from Townsville.

Y.P.236 arrived Cairns at 1026K/17.

M.L.801 arrived Jervis Bay from Sydney 1550K/16.

M.L.820 commissioned for trials at Sydney A.M/16.

L.S.T. 473 and L.S.T. 474 departed Auckland 1035K/13 for Sydney -
 E.T.A. 1100K/20.

S.C. 744 arrived Cairns from Bougainville Reef at 1727K/16.

YMS 10 and L.C.T.88 (refloated) arrived Cairns from Bougainville Reef
 at 2330K/16.

Y.T.156 and 199 arrived Brisbane at 1831K/16 from Sydney.

S.C. 748 } escorting VB.40 (2 ships) arrived Brisbane at 1149K/17.
 S.C. 648 }

S.C. 750 escorting "KEY PITMAN" arrived Fall River at 1455K/17 from
 Oro Bay.

Y.P.233 E.T.D. Caloundra 1430K/18 for Townsville thence to Milne Bay.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX

Time	Position	Classification
1822K/17	10°30'S. 157°00'E (370 miles E. Fall River).	"A" (within 50 miles)

FURTHER TO SUBMARINE ATTACK ON "PORTMAR" AND L.S.T. 469

At 1725K/17, N.O.I.C. Sydney reported "DELORAINIE" has landed casualties at Coff's Harbour and reports L.S.T. 469, 20 killed 10 injured, 6 seriously, but expected to live. Approx. 20 still on board.

"PORTMAR", 2 missing 4 injured.

At 0859K/17 "PREBLE" and "GAMBLE" ordered to proceed Noumea if search for submarine negative.

At 0958K/17 "DELORAINIE" (whilst in tow) reported - Tow parted in impossible weather conditions - will resume tow when weather moderates. Wounded men still alive but complications may set in. Am maintaining chain patrol with "KALGOORLIE" around L.S.T.

Tug "RESERVE" ordered to proceed to position 030°40'S, 154°00'E and endeavour to take tow.

At 1718K/17 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "DELORAINIE" is patrolling about Lat. 31°00'S. and between Long. 153°30'E and 155°00'E keeping guard on primary Recco. wave, also providing distant cover for P.G. 55. She is endeavouring to strike, if aircraft report of fix is received. "KALGOORLIE" remains with L.S.T. and when "RESERVE" arrives, escorts tow to Sydney.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

PORT MORESBY	WARNING	RAID	ALL CLEAR
	2141K/17	2152K/17	17/6.
GOODENOUGH IS.	2040K/17	-	2228K/17.
GURNEY	2120K/17	-	2144K/17.
BATCHELOR	0953K/17	17/6	17/6.
DARWIN	-	0938K/17	17/6.
HORN IS.	0025K/18	-	0117K/18.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING by native, reported by Coast Watcher in position 3 miles South Goodenough Island at 1200K/18. Graded D.3.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING reported by native Coast Watcher in position 100 miles S.W. Cape Wessel at 1630K/18. Proceeding N.W. Graded D.5. by N.O.I.C. Darwin.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 17th June, 1943.

"CONYNGHAM" to depart Brisbane as necessary to rendezvous with "NOORDAM" (U.S. Army Transport) in position 360 miles N.E. Brisbane and escort to Townsville. "GRIDLEY", present escort, when relieved by "CONYNGHAM" will return to Noumea.

"STUART" at Sydney reported ready for service Thursday 24th June.

"MUGFORD" } departed Caloundra at 2344K/15, escorting H.T. "GIBBONS"
 "HELM" } and "MIZAR" as far as Percy Island thence to join TF.74.

"DRAYTON" departed Brisbane at 2345K/16 to rendezvous with "MAUI" in position 260 miles N.E. Brisbane and escort to Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Sydney at 1030K/18 to join R.F. 74 at Palm Is.
 "LAMSON" } 20/6.

"BAGLEY" departed Brisbane at 1459K/16 for Sydney. At 2146K/16 N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered "BAGLEY" to overtake "BUNGAREE" (en route to Sydney) and provide escort to Sydney "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra at 0900K/16. "BAGLEY" is to return to N.E. area after leave period in Sydney arriving Townsville 0800K/24.

"MAHAN" escorting 6 L.C.I's departed Townsville at 1730K/15 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1200K/18.

"PERKINS" } escorting Task Unit 76/6.8 (14 L.C.I's) departed Caloundra
 "SMITH" } at 1016K/16 for Fall River via Grafton Passage.

"GAMBLE" } U.S. Light Minelayers departed Sydney at 1056K/16 for
 "PREBLE" } Noumea.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Brisbane from Maryborough at 0756K/16.

"GLADSTONE" departed Brisbane at 0630K/16 to rendezvous with VB41 (5 ships) in vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 0800K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

"GEELONG" departed Brisbane at 1404K/16 to join "GLADSTONE" as additional escort for VB.41.

"BENALLA" and S.C. 738 escorting "MAGNOLIA" departed Caloundra at 1921K/15 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/18.

"PIRIE" arrived Townsville from Palm Island at 1420K/15.

"GYMPIE" escorting "CREMER" departed Milne Bay at 1021K/15 for Belli Belli, Goodenough Island.

"BOWEN" } detailed to escort T.N.106. Section "A" for Pt. Moresby
 "PIRIE" } escorted by "BOWEN" and P.C.1119. Section "B" for Fall
 "P.C.1119" } River escorted by "PIRIE". Convoy departs Townsville at 1300K/17 escorted by "PIRIE" and P.C.1119. "BOWEN" joining in vicinity of Fitzroy Island Light. Convoy splits in position 11°18'S. 148°48'E. E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1700K/20 E.T.A. Fall River 1700K/20.

"BISHOPDALE" E.T.D. Caloundra 17/6 for Fall River E.T.A. 23/6.

6. L.C.Ms. towed by "REIJNST" arrived Cairns at 2005K/15.

M.L.802 commissioned under command of Lieut. E.F.M. HUSBANDS, R.A.N.V.R. at Sydney 16/6.

M.L. 801 departed Sydney at 0942K/16 for Jervis Bay.

YMS.50 arrived Townsville at 0036K/16.

S.C. 748 and S.C. 648 departed Caloundra at 1619K/15 to rendezvous with VB.40 in vicinity Lady Elliot Island and escort to Brisbane

M.L.428 at Twofold Bay is to rendezvous with O.C.100 in position 20 miles E. of Twofold Bay at 0630K/17 and provide additional escort to Sydney. M.L.428 has defective port engine and W/T and is to maintain constant VS touch with convoy.

M.L.429 departed Caloundra at 2013K/15 escorting BV.68 (2 ships) to vicinity Lady Elliot Island. To part company and R.V. with VB.41 at 0800K/17 and act as additional escort to Brisbane.

BOUGAINVILLE REEF:

"WHYALLA") arrived Cairns at 1127K/16.
YMS.70)

S.C.744 with YMS10 and L.C.T.88 (refloated) due to arrive Cairns 1600K/16.

INDICATION OF SUBMARINE 50 MILES NORTH OF CAPE WESSEL reported by aircraft.

At 1550K/16 N.O.I.C. Thursday Is. advised aircraft reports indications of probable submarine in above position at 1010K/16 - not graded.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SIGHTING BY AIRCRAFT 70 MILES N.E. OF MELVILLE ISLAND:

At 1701K/16 N.O.I.C. Darwin advised. Report by aircraft of sighting of submarine on surface in above position at 1230K/16. Graded C.3.

SUBMARINE ATTACK ON CONVOY G.P.55 60 MILES S.E. OF COFF'S HARBOUR:

"PORTMAR" (5,551 tons gross) sunk. L.S.T. 469 damaged - being towed to Coff's Harbour.

At 1715K/16 "WARRNAMBOOL" reported - One submarine 180° speed 3 knots (from position) 32°03'S, 153°49'E. (At 1845K position corrected as follows - 240° 5 miles from 31°00'S, 154°00'E).

At 1750K "WARRNAMBOOL" reported 2 ships torpedoed "PORTMAR" and L.S.T.469.

At 1825K "WARRNAMBOOL" reported. Obtained contact 1746K/ "WARRNAMBOOL" and "KALGOORLIE" attacking. "EUNDABERG" and "COOTAMUNDRA" with convoy. "DELORAINÉ" picked up survivors.

At 1845K "DELORAINÉ" requested tug to take L.S.T. 469 in tow.

At 1905K "DELORAINÉ" reported "PORTMAR" sank in 4 minutes. 3 unaccounted for. (crew total 71). L.S.T. 460 torpedoed starboard side aft, 10 wounded including 3 deaths. (Crew total 27). All wounded embarked in "DELORAINÉ". L.S.T. 469 steering gear gone but can make about 2 knots. Will remain afloat. Am prepared to tow, but consider wise to maintain endless chain patrol until dawn.

At 1915K. N.O.I.C. Sydney requested "PREBLE", "GAMELE" (U.S. Minelayers) to proceed at all available speed and carry out A/S search in area, and render any assistance.

At 1945K B.A.M.S. warning issued to shipping in area 5B.

- At 2016K "WARRNAMBOOL" reported "KALGOORLIE" and "WARRNAMBOOL" carried out 2 attacks each in position. 031 17'S. 153°55'E. 5 miles 180° from wreck. Definite smell volatile oil in position of "WARRNAMBOOL'S" first attack but unable to obtain sample. No other evidence. Contact lost. "KALGOORLIE" remaining in vicinity to search. Am rejoining convoy E.T.A. 2130K/17.
- At 2120K "DELORAINÉ" reported 6 seriously wounded cases to be landed as soon as possible. L.S.T. 469 could probable stand towing to Sydney. Intend to take in tow at dawn/17. Towards Sydney if given air cover.
- At 2121K. N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "DELORAINÉ". Take in tow when you consider it prudent and make Coff's Harbour (60 miles from position of attack). Tug "RESERVE" proceeding from Brisbane.
- At 2155K N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported Tug "RESERVE" is being despatched to Coff's Harbour and if "DELORAINÉ" not sighted, thence to position 031 03'S. 153°55'E. E.T.D. Caloundra 0500K/17. Doctor embarked. (Should arrive Coff's Harbour about 1900K/17).
- At 2234K N.O.I.C. Sydney suggested to "DELORAINÉ" to take L.S.T. in tow now and proceed Coff's Harbour. "KALGOORLIE" is to join you and provide A/S protection. U.S. "PREBLE" and "GAMBLE" will be in vicinity at 2359K, carrying out A/S search.
- At 0345K/17 "DELORAINÉ" reported. Have taken L.S.T. in tow at 0335K/17 am making for Coff's Harbour. Will report E.T.A. when speed being made good is ascertained "KALGOORLIE" providing A/S escort.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

AIR CO-OPERATION:

1. Anson covering convoy at time of torpedoing (not fitted A.S.V.).
2. Beaufort sent to relieve Anson - but ASV became ineffective about time of torpedoing - then operated visually.
3. Beaufort (fitted A.S.V.) later over convoy on square search.
4. 3 Ansons will relieve Beaufort at 0400K/17.
5. Special A/S - A/C searches of area - Coff's Harbour to Camden Haven 80' south of Coff's Harbour) to a depth of 80 miles to seaward to commence at 1900K/16 and 2359K/16 to dusk 17/6.

DETAILS OF CONVOY GP.55 - SYDNEY TO BRISBANE:

ESCORTS - "WARRNAMBOOL"
 "DELORAINÉ"
 "KALGOORLIE"
 "COOTAMUNDRA"
 "BUNDABERG".

CONVOY - 10 Merchant Ships and 3 L.S.Ts.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 16th June, 1943.

U.S.S. "NASSAU" (Aux. A/C Carrier) departed San Francisco 0710K/13 en route Brisbane.

S.C. 731 escorting "ANHUI" departed Fall River 0400K/14 for Bell Bell.

"SWAN" arrived Fall River 1828K/14 escorting "TAROONA" from Cairns.

"KATOOMBA" escorting N.T.174 departed Port Moresby 1830K/14.

"JONJIM" (A.S.R.) departed Port Moresby 0816K/15 for Fall River E.T.A. P.M./16.

H.D.M.L. 1161 - E.T.D. Port Moresby 0600K/18 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. P.M./20.

M.D.817 arrived Port Moresby 1336K/15.

YMS.9 and 49 escorting L.S.T.455 and 6 LCT. departed Thursday Island 0812K/15 for Fall River E.T.A. 1500K/19.

L.S.T.452 arrived Townsville 1051K/14 from Brisbane.

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 1006K/15; departed 1802K/15 to rejoin T.F.74, having embarked mail.

"FLUSSER" E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/22 assigned operational control C.T.F.76.

"ROCKHAMPTON" E.T.D. Maryborough 2100K/15 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/16.

"LITHGOW" is to depart Brisbane to rendezvous ROSEVILLE about 400 miles E. of Cape Moreton at 1300K/16 and escort to Brisbane

"MUGFORD" } E.T.D. Caloundra 2100K/15 escorting H.T. GIBBONS and
 "HELM" } MIZAR as far as Percy Island, thence to join T.F.74.

"DRAYTON" arrived Brisbane 1309K/15 from Sydney.

"MATSONIA" E.T.D. Brisbane A.M./16 for Auckland.

"CONYNGHAM" } E.T.D. Brisbane about 17/6 for Townsville.
 "DRAYTON" }

"GEELONG" } arrived Brisbane 0115K/15 from escorting B.V. 67.
 S.C. 648 }

M.L.429 escorting "YARRA" and "JAMES COOK" E.T.D. Caloundra 1730K/15, M.L. to part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island to rendezvous V.B.41 at 0800K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

"GLADSTONE" } are to rendezvous V.B.41 E.T.A. Lady Elliot Is.
 "GEELONG" } 0800K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

S.C. 746 } E.T.D. Brisbane to rendezvous V.B.40 vicinity Lady
S.C. 748 } Elliot Island 1200K/16 and escort to Brisbane.

"BENALLA" } escorting "MAGNOLIA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/15 for
S.C. 738 } Townsville.

P.M.E. } departed Newcastle 0607K/15.
"WINBAH" }

"BANGALOW" departed Newcastle 1222K/14, arrived Sydney 2010K/15.

M.L.818 to rendezvous C.O.101 E. of Montague Island 1100K/16, escorting until daylight/17 then return Twofold Bay.

M.L.428 to return Sydney with O.C.100.

"GAMBLE" } E.T.D. Sydney about 16/8 for Noumea.
 "PREBLE" }

"BURRABRA" departed Sydney 0725K/15 for Jervis Bay.

"MORESBY" } departed Sydney 0130K/15 departed Newcastle 0843K/15
 "ECHUCA" } escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.101.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1445K/15 to escort C.O.101.

"DELORAIN" departed Sydney 1343K/15 to join G.P.55 and escort
 to Caloundra, thence proceeding Townsville.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting G.P.55 (including L.S.T's 462, 463 and
 "KALGOORLIE" } 469) departed Sydney 0947K/15.
 "FUNDABERG" }
 "COOTAMUNDRA" }

"WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Sydney 1525K/15 from Brisbane.

"SUMNER" }

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Sydney 0909K/15 towing lighter for
 Brisbane thence Maryborough.

"INNISFAIL" departed Sydney 0715K/15 for Broken Bay.

"MILDURA" } arrived Port Phillip 0845K/15 with C.O.100 to await
 "COLAC" } departure of O.C.100 delayed by fog, escorting O.C.100
 "BALLARAT" } (15 ships) departed Pt. Phillip 1431K/15.
 "GLENELG" }

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" returned Port Phillip 0817K/15, arrived William-
 stown 1417K/15.

"BINGERA" arrived Pt. Phillip 1457K/15 from Westernport for
 exercises.

"INVERELL" escorting "DARVEL" arrived Millingimbi 1850K/14 from
 Darwin.

"LATROBE" escorting "S. HALL YOUNG" and "BURWAH" arrived Darwin 2054
 K/14 from Thursday Island.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" } departed Darwin 0516K/15 for Millingimbi.
 "VIGILANT" }

BOUGAINVILLE REEF.

WHYALLA E.T.A. Cairns A.M/16.

S.C. 740 rolled off reef and sank.

YMS 10 and 70 }

L.C.Ys 435 and 267 } proceeding Cairns in company.

AIR RAIDS AND WARNINGS.

PT. MORESBY - Yellow warning 1547K/15, Red 1551K/15,
 All clear.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow Warning 2010K/15,
 All clear 2014K/15.
 Warning 0248K/16.
 All clear.

HORN ISLAND - Yellow Warning
 All clear 0134K/16.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 15th June, 1943.

"HOBART" arrived Townsville 0630K/14 departed 0746K/14 for Challenger Bay.

"BOWEN" arrived Fall River 1245K/13 escorting T.N. 102B, escorting N.T.17B departed 1444K/14.

L.S.T. 455 and 7 L.C.T.'s arrived Thursday Island 1248K/13 from Cairns.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "WANAKA" and "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" arrived Thursday Island 1334K/14 from Darwin.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA", "MACUMBA" and "ALAGNA" E.T.D. Thursday Island when ready for Darwin.

"KAPUNDA" } departed Cairns 1317K/14 to rendezvous off Fitzroy
P.C.1119 } Island at 1600K/14, and escort to Fall River.

"WAGGA" escorting T.N.105 departed Townsville 2015K/13 for Fall River.

S.C. 745 departed Townsville 1016K/13 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700K/18.

"PIBIE" E.T.D. Palm Island 1130K/15 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1500K/15.

P.C.1121 to be sailed from Townsville when ready to Pt. Moresby.

"MAHAN" arrived Townsville 1505K/14 assigned to operational control of C.T.F. 76.

"LITHCOW" } escorting V.B.39, arrived Brisbane 0728K/14.
S.C. 748 }

"LITHCOW" E.T.D. Brisbane to rendezvous "ROSEVILLE" (ex San Francisco) in position 27°14'E (about 280 miles E. of Cape Moreton) about 1300K/18 and escort to Brisbane.

"HELM" } escorting "BARRY", "GIBBONS" and "URUGUAY" arrived
"BAGLEY" } Brisbane 0823K/14.
"MUGFORD" }

"HELM" } escorting "GIBBONS" and "MIZAR" (for N.E. Area) E.T.D.
"MUGFORD" } Brisbane about 15/8 to part company vicinity Percy Is. to join T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"CONYNGHAM" arrived Brisbane 1113K/14 from Sydney.

"HENLEY" arrived Brisbane 1110K/14 having completed escort duties with "CALAMARES".

14 L.C.1's E.T.D. Caloundra 0900K/16 for Fall River.

"GILMER" } escorting U.S.S. "RIGEL" APCs. 1, 5, 15 and 19 and
"SANDS" } L.S.T.'s 456 and 458 departed Caloundra 1344K/14. E.T.A. vicinity Townsville 1000K/18 where LSTs. detach, remainder proceeding about 1600K/18 bound Fall River.

S.C. 746 to be sailed from Brisbane as soon as practicable to Port Moresby.

"WALLER" escorting "CIMARON" arrived Sydney 1047K/13 from Noumea.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting U.S.S. "SUMNER" departed Caloundra 2121K/13 - E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/15.

"DRAYTON" departed Sydney 1430K/14 for Brisbane.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/15 towing ammunition lighter to Caloundra thence to Maryborough to disembark boiler, then return Sydney via Port Stephens.

"BUNDABERG" } arrived Sydney 1019K/14 having escorted O.C.99 to
 "YANDRA" } Newcastle.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting Sydney section of O.C.99 arrived Sydney
 "KALGOORLIE" } 2312K/13.

"COLAC" } are to be sailed from Sydney for Townsville as soon as
 "DELOIRINE" } practicable.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne 1525K/14 to escort O.C.100.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Millingimbi 1440K/14 to
 rendezvous "TULAGI", thence Thursday Island.

BOUGAINVILLE REEF.

S.C. 740 - abandoned on reef.

L.C.T. 88 - fast on reef. Attempt to refloat to be made
 at high water.

"WHYALLA" } standing by L.C.T. 88.
 S.C. 744 }
 1 M.S. 10 and 70 }

"TULSA" escorting S.C. 981, L.S.T.453 and 11 L.C.T's
 to Fall River - E.T.A. 1500K/17.

S.C. 741 - arrived Cairns 1253K/14.

"BUNBURY" - arrived Cairns 1514K/14 - to boiler clean.

AIR RAIDS -

PORT MORESBY - Warning 2020K/14 - All clear 2032K/14.

FALL RIVER - Red warning - All clear 2334K/14.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Warning 2308K/14 - All clear 0054K/15.

MERAUKE - Yellow warning 1240K/14 - All clear.

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To 0900K/Monday, 14th June, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" reported refit, excluding minor items completed 12/6.
Trials commence 25/6 and to be taken over by R.A.N.
Sailing for Scapa Flow 3/7 to work up.

"SMITH" escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" arrived Brisbane at 0206K/13.

"GILMER" escorting "SUMNER" arrived Brisbane at 1253K/13.

"SANDS" arrived Brisbane at 1049K/13.

"CONYNGHAM" departed Sydney at 0835K/13, E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1030K/14.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "MATSONIA" arrived Brisbane at 0758K/13.
On completion fueling "WARRAMUNGA" will escort "SUMNER" to
Sydney - E.T.A. Caloundra 1800K/13.

"SWAN" departed Cairns at 0317K/13 to rendezvous with "TAROONA" off
Fitzroy Island at 0630K/13 and escort to Fall River E.T.A.
1800K/14.

"PIRIE" departs Cid Harbour at 1815K/13, E.T.A. Challenger Bay 0915K/
14.

"GOULBURN" escorting V.B.38 including "MERKUR" and "BISHOPDALE"
arrived Brisbane at 0939K/13.

"KATOOMBA" escorting T.N.102 (2 ships) arrived Port Moresby at 1508K/13

"KATOOMBA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1730K/14 escorting N.T.17 section "A"
to rendezvous with Section "B" from Fall River in position
140 miles S.E. Port Moresby at 0900K/15 (Section "B" escorted
by 1 A.M.S. departs Fall River at 1200K/14) E.T.A. Townsville
N.T. 17 (4 ships) 0100K/18.

"GLADSTONE" escorting B.V.67 will detach as necessary to rendezvous
with "BUNGAREE" vicinity Percy Island at 0800K/14 and
escort to Caloundra - E.T.A. 1100K/16. "BUNGAREE" departed
Townsville at 0002K/13 to rendezvous with "GLADSTONE".

"BUNDABERG" } will escort Newcastle section O.C.99 to Newcastle -
"YANDRA" } then return Sydney.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } detailed as escorts for G.P.55, clearing Sydney Heads
"COOTAMUNDRA" } at 0800K/15 "COOTAMUNDRA" is to be detached at
"BUNDABERG" } Caloundra for phase 2 of working up programme.
"KALGOORLIE" } "ROCKHAMPTON" will be additional escort for P.G.55.

"KAPUNDA" } escorting N.T.16 arrived Cairns at 1635K/13.
P.C.1119 }

"DELORAINE" } escorting Sydney section P.G.54 also U.S.S. "CARINA"
"BENDIGO" } arrived Sydney at 1700K/13.
"MORESBY" }
"FREMANTLE" }

"DELORAINE" } detailed to escort C.O.101. "MORESBY" and "ECHUCA" to
"MORESBY" } rendezvous with Newcastle section off Nobby's Head A.M./
"BENDIGO" } 15. "DELORAINE" and "BENDIGO" will rendezvous with
"ECHUCA" } Newcastle section off Sydney P.M/15.

S.C. 742 returned Brisbane at 0601K/13 from escort duties.

Y.P. 236 departed Caloundra 1441K/13 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1800K/17.

M.L. 425 and M.L. 424 arrived Brisbane at 1615K/13 from escort duties with B.V. 67.

YMS. 50 departed Thursday Island at 0855K/13 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/16.

S.C. 732) escorting M.B. 6 (4 ships) departed Port Moresby at
M.L. 817) 1103K/13. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/14.

"BOBOLINK" (U.S. Fleet Tug) departs Auckland at 0600K/12 - E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/18.

"RIGEL" (U.S. Repair Ship) Task Group 78.6 - 5 A.P.Cs, 2 L.S.Ts and 2 escorts will depart Brisbane at 0700K/14 en route to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1000K/20- E.T.A. Vicinity Townsville 1000K/8, stopping 6 hours to fuel.

H.T. "KATOOMBA" E.T.A. Brisbane 1700K/13 for Sydney.

OBSERVER AT CAPE ORFORD reported enemy submarine passed proceeding North at 0945K/13.

S.Cs. aground Bougainville Reef.

At 1800K/13 "BUNBURY" reported. Operation completed convoy (2 S.Cs, 1 L.S.T and 12 L.C.Ts) proceeding to Fall River. Am returning with crew of S.C. 740 which has been abandoned and escorting S.C. 741 damaged. E.T.D. Grafton Passage 1700K/14.

At 2044K/13 "TULSA" departed Cairns proceeding with all despatch to act as escort of remainder of convoy to Fall River.

At 2104K/13 "FLUSSER" en route to render assistance ordered to rejoin TASK FORCE 74 at Challenger Bay - E.T.A. daylight/14.
Reef

YMS. 10 and YMS 70 arrived Bougainville/to assist (Reported by N.O.I.C. Cairns at 2031K/13).

"WHYALLA" en route from Fall River to assist - E.T.A. 2100K/13.

S.C. 747 grounded on Gubbins Reef -

At 2031K/13 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported S.C. 747 refloated and in tow Y.M.S. 32 - now en route to Cairns (Hull undamaged - screw and rudder bent).

At 1203K/13 YMS 48 departed Cairns to assist.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS. Port Moresby - Warning 1918K/13, Raid 2031K/13 - All clear 13/6.
Gurney - 2200K/13 All clear 2218K/13.
Fall River - 0940K/13 0945K/13 All clear 0950K/13
Goodenough Island 2240K/13.

To 0900K/Sunday, 13th June, 1943

- HENLEY E.T.A. Brisbane 1630K/14 having completed escort duties with CALAMRES (U.S. Naval Stores Ship) HENLEY reports to Com. 7th Fleet for duty.
- PERKINS with U.S. Submarine arrived Brisbane at 1106K/12.
- GILMER escorting V.B. 39 (ARTHUR RIGGS and WILLIAM B. ALLISON) departed Townsville at 1316K/11. At 2339K/11 Com. 7th Fleet ordered GILMER to direct V.B. 39 to proceed Gladstone to await LITHGOW and S.C. 748 for onward escort. GILMER to proceed and overtake SUMNER (previously escorted by SANDS) and escort to Brisbane.
- GILMER } escorting RIGEL, A.P.C.Ss 1, 2, 4, 5 15 and 17 also L.S.Ts
SANDS } 456, 458 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/14. L.S.Ts for Townsville, other ships call Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.
- KAPUNDA } To R/v with T.N. 105 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Bight at
WAGGA } 1600K/14 and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1000K/17.
P.C.1119 }
- TULSA arrived Cairns from Thursday Island at 1328K/12.
- INVERELL Departed Darwin at 0533K/12 escorting D.T. 24 (Darvel and Tulagi) to Millingimbi E.T.A. 1500K/13.
- TOWNSVILLE } escorting Newcastle section C.O. 100 departed Newcastle at
BALLARAT } 0545K/12. TOWNSVILLE detaches off Sydney after making R/v with Sydney section and proceeds Sydney to boiler clean. Arrived Sydney at 1341K/12.
- MILDURA } escorting Sydney section departed Sydney at 1253K/12 (C.O.
GLENNELG } 100 6 ships).
COLAC }
- GYMPIE Escorting T.N. 103 (2 ships) departed Townsville at 1800K/11 for Fall River E.T.A. 0900K/14. On completion to return mainland for boiler clean and repairs.
- LITHGOW Escorting DUNTRON (For Townsville) departed Caloundra at 2117K/11. LITHGOW parts company so as to arrive Gladstone at 0530K/13 LITHGOW and S.C. 748 will then escort ARTHUR RIGGS and WILLIAM B. ALLISON to BRISBANE.
- KYBRA Escorting GOLDEN EAGLE arrived Sydney at 0911K/12. (GOLDEN EAGLE reported engine trouble at 1400K/11, when about 100 miles East of Sydney).
- HUNGAREE E.T.A. Caloundra from N.E. area 1100 K/13, thence to Sydney E.T.A. 2300K/13, for boiler cleaning and fitting R.D.F. equipment.
- KAILUA (U.S. Loop repair Ship) arrived Sydney from Tutuila, Samoa at 0832K/12.
- Y.M.S. 51 with 6 P.T. boats arrived Fall River at 1201K/12 from
52, 11 Port Moresby
- S.Cs 744, 740, 741 and 981 (under operational control COMAMPHIBFOR) escorting L.S.T. 453 and 12 L.C.Ts departed Cairns at 0711K/12 for Fall River.

at 0722K/13

S.C. 744 reported S.C. 744, S.C. 741, S.C. 740 and L.S.T. 453 hard aground on Bougainville Reef (85 miles N.E. Grafton Passage) S.C. 740 and S.C. 741 condition critical. At 0816K/13 BUNBURY (en route Milne Bay-Cairns) ordered to assist.

S.C. 723

E.T.D. Port Moresby 1001K/13 escorting convoy M.B.6(4 ships) E.T.A. MILNE BAY 1600K/14)

Y.P. 280

arrived Brisbane at 0625K/12 from Townsville

Y.T. 199 and 156

(Harbour Tugs) departed Sydney at 0847K/12 for Brisbane E.T.A. 17/6.

S.C. 747

departed Townsville at 0946K/12 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1800K/14. For escort duties to Milne Bay, then to return mainland for repairs. At 0750K/13. S.C. 747 reported Request immediate assistance am grounded on Gibbins Reef (9 miles S.E. Archer Point).

12 L.C.Vs and 2 LCSS

Departed Sydney at 0607K/12 for Port Stephens.

L.S.T. 454 and L.S.T. 457

arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1510K/12.

Further Search for Enemy Mines in Curtis Channel Sandy Cape Area negative.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported at 1751K/11. Second series of 5 sweeps completed with negative results.

Submarine D/F fix.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Class</u>
0121K/12	110 00' S 1500 00' E (40 miles S.W. Fall River)	A (within 50 mil)

Aircraft reports possible Submarine sighting 80 miles North of Townsville.

At 2320K/12 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported.

Pilot of U.S. Troop carrying plane reports having sighted S/M in position 80 miles north of Townsville, proceeding South at 0700K/12. S/M was submerged - and seen by pilot for a short interval at a distance of approximately 100 ft. No definite details given except conning tower appeared to be square. Visibility poor. Pilot the only observer. Graded C.3. (The position of sighting is on the seaward edge of Great Barrier Reef and is very poorly charted).

Aircraft report attacking subs. in vicinity GASMATA.

At 0030K/13. Port Moresby advised. Aircraft report attacking sub in position 2150 GASMATA 35 miles. Course N.E. at 20 knots (no further details). At 0100K/13 aircraft reported - 2 very near misses on subs stern. Then all sight of target lost. Area searched for 10 minutes.

To 0900K/Saturday, 12th June, 1943.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River 1532K/10 from survey ground

P.C. 1119 escorting N.T. 16A departed Port Moresby 1730K/10

S.C. 732 arrived Port Moresby 1228K/11 from Fall River.

"LATROBE" escorting T.D. 23 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island 0711K/11.

S.C. 744, 740, 741 and 981 escorting 453 and 12 L.C.T's E.T.D. Cairns 0630K/12 for Fall River.

"SWAN" is to rendezvous "TAROONA" off Fitzroy Island 0630K/13 and escort to Fall River and Oro Bay.

"KATOOMBA" departed Cairns 0707K/11 to rendezvous T.N. 102 off Fitzroy Island and escort portion "A" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800K/13.

S.C.'s 745 and 749 arrived Townsville 1106K/11 from Fall River.

"CRATER" } arrived Townsville 2320K/10 from Noumea.
"WILLIAM G. McADOO" }

"GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 103 ("CRUMER") E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/11 for Fall River - E.T.A. 0900K/14.

"KAZEMBE" arrived Townsville 1023K/10.
(A.S.R)

"GEELONG", "GLADSTONE", "LITHGOW", M.L.'s 424, 425, S.C. 648 escorting B.V. 67 departed Caloundra 1115K/11, "LITHGOW" to part company to arrive Caloundra 2130K/11; "LITHGOW" returned Brisbane. 1855K/11.

"LITHGOW" escorting "DUNTROON" (for Townsville) E.T.D. Caloundra 2130K/11.

"SMITH" joined "MORMACSEA" vicinity Cape Moreton 1230K/11 to escort until necessary to part company to rendezvous "KLIPFOMEIN" in position 26°50'S, 158°32'E at 0800K/12. and escort to Brisbane.

"SANDS" departed Townsville 1230K/11 to rendezvous "SUMNER"; ordered by Com. 7th Fleet at 1239K/11 to leave "SUMNER" and proceed independently to Caloundra - E.T.A. 0800K/13.

"GILMER" is to continue escort of "SUMNER" - E.T.A. Caloundra 1600K/13.

S.C. 738 escorting "KATOOMBA" (escorting "MACKAY") E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/12.

S.C. 698 returned Brisbane 0841K/11 from escorting L.S.T's 454 and 457.

"DELORAINÉ" } with M.L. 429 escorting G.P. 54 arrived Brisbane 2141K/10
"BENDIGO" } escorting .G. 54 (6 ships) including "CARINA" and
"FREMANTLE" } "BANGALOW" departed Caloundra 0745K/11.
"MORESBY" }

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane 1529K/10 from escorting "CRUMER".

S.C. 742 escorting L.S.T. 452 (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot Island - departed Caloundra 1707K/11.

"GOULBURN" } ordered to leave B.V. 66 as necessary to effect daylight
S.C. 748 } rendezvous with V.E. 38 (3 ships including "BISHOPDALE"
and "MERKUR") E.T.A. High Peak 0600K/11 and escort to Brisbane.

12 L.C.Vs. } E.T.D. Sydney 0400K/12 for Port Stephens E.T.A. 1500K/12
2 L.Cs. }

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney 1340K/11 from Jervis Bay.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1739K/11 to rendezvous S.S. "GOLDEN EAGLE"
 (reported engine trouble 1400K/11 about 100 miles E. of
 Sydney) and escort to Sydney

U.S.S. "ALHENA" departed Sydney 0726K/11 for Noumea.

U.S. Destroyer "WALLER" escorting U.S. Oiler "CIMARRON" E.T.A.
 Sydney 1100K/13 from Noumea.

M.Ls. 431 and 819 arrived Sydney 0559K/11.

"COOTAMUNDRA" returned Sydney 0713K/11.

A.P.Cs. 3 and 13 departed Sydney 1717K/10 for Pt. Stephens.

"COLAC") escorting Sydney section O.C.98 arrived Sydney 1759K/10.
 "BALLARAT")

"GLENELG" arrived Sydney 0648K/11 having escorting O.C.98 to Newcastle

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Newcastle 0330K/11 from escorting O.C.98.

YT.156 and 199 E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/12 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 17/6.
 (Harbour Tugs)

M.Ls. 818 and 428 are to rendezvous O.C.99 about 20 miles 200° from
 Gabo Island at 1000K/12 and augment escort until daylight
 /13 then to rendezvous C.O.100 leaving at daylight/14 and
 returning Twofold Bay.

"ORARA" departed Melbourne 1301K/11 for S.C.F. 18.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" departed Port Phillip 2207K/10 escorting O.C.99
 (8 ships) entered Pt. Phillip 1557K/11 escorting Melbourne
 portion of C.O.99 (3 ships) arrived Williamstown 1831K/11.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "WANAKA" and "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" departed
 Darwin 0500K/11 for Thursky Island 1830K/14.

M.L.815 departed Darwin 1632K/11 on A.S.R. duties in vicinity of
 10°40'S. 125°30'E (about 50 miles off S. Coast of Timor).

S/M D/F FIX.

At 0121K/12 within 50 miles of position
 11° S. 150° E (about 50 miles S.W. of SAMARAI).

AIR RAIDS:

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Red Warning - All Clear 0400K/12.

PORT MORESBY - Red Warning A.M./12.

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0900K/Friday, 11th June, 1943.

S.C. 750 escorting "KEY PITMAN" departed Fall River 1322K/10 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1300K/11.

S.C. 732 departed Fall River 1142K/10 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200K/11.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Fall River 1011K/9 from escorting T.N. 101.

"KAPUNDA" } escorting N.T. 16B departed Fall River 1316K/10 for
"BUNBURY" } Townsville - E.T.A. 1332K/14.

"JON JIM" departed Thursday Island 0925K/10 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0930K/13.

"TULSA" departed Thursday Island 1120K/10 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1200K/12.

"LATROBE" escorting "SHALL YOUNG" and "BURWAH", E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0700K/11 for Darwin E.T.A. 2100K/14.

L.S.T. 455, LCT's 61, 368, 371, 173 and 184, departed Cairns 0917K/10 for Fall River via Thursday Island, E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1200K/13. L.C.T. 372 delayed by engine trouble.

S.C. 740, 744 escorting L.S.T. 453 arrived Cairns 0701K/10 from Brisbane

U.S.S. "SUMNER" departed Townsville 2000K/10 for Brisbane, to be met in vicinity of Percy Island by U.S. Destroyers "GILMER" and "SANDS" and escorted to Brisbane - E.T.A. 1800K/13.

"GYMPIE" } arrived Townsville 0600K/10 from escorting N.T. 15.
S.C. 747 }

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 2146K/9 from escorting N.T. 15, departed Townsville 1128K/10 for Cid Harbour - E.T.A. 1730K/10.

"LOOKOUT" arrived Townsville 0725K/10 from Brisbane.

"BOWEN" escorting T.N. 102 departed Townsville 1320K/10 - E.T.A. Fall River with portion "B" (2 ships) 1500K/13.

"KATOOMBA" is to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 0600K/11 - E.T.A. Port Moresby with portion "A" (2 ships) 1800K/13.

S.C. 738 departed Townsville 1935K/9 for Mackay to escort "KATOOMBA" to Brisbane - "KATOOMBA" departed Mackay 1600K/10 for Brisbane under escort.

Y.M.S. 46 and 71 arrived Brisbane 1240K/10 from Gladstone.

"MATSONIA" departed Auckland 0630K/10 for Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" is to rendezvous "MATSONIA" in position 28°38'S, 159°28'E (about 330 miles 107° from Cape Moreton) at 1300K/12 and escort to Brisbane.

"PERKINS" } arrived Brisbane 0904K/10 from Townsville.
"SMITH" }

U.S. DESTROYER "SMITH" is to escort "MORMACSEA" - E.T.D. Caloundra 1000 K/11 (routed through 26°25'S, 159°0'E) and part company to rendezvous "KLIPFONTEIN" in position 26°48'S, 159°28'E (about 295 miles E. of Cape Moreton) at 1200K/12 and escort to Brisbane.

"GEELONG" escorting "ADMIRAL CHASE" and "STAGEN" (V.B.37) arrived Brisbane 0333K/10.

"DELORAINE" } escorting P.G. 54 (6 ships) - E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/11.
 "BENDIGO" }
 "MORESBY" }
 "FREMANTLE" }

"GEEELONG" }
 "GLADSTONE" } escorting B.V.67 (10 ships) E.T.D. Caloundra
 "LITHGOW" } 1000K/11.
 M.L.'s 424 and 425 }
 S.C.648 }

S.C. 742 escorting L.S.T. 452 (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot Island. E.T.D. Caloundra 1900K/11.

S.C. 698 escorting L.S.T's 454 and 457 (bound Townsville) departed Caloundra 1631K/9, S.C. 698 to part company Lady Elliot Island and return to Brisbane.

U.S. M/S "ADVENT" escorting L.S.T. 43 and "VITUS BERING" arrived Sydney 1414K/10.

"MANOORA" departed Sydney 0615K/10 for Port Stephens, passed Newcastle 1246K/10.

U.S.S. "ALHENA" E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/11 for Noumea - E.T.A. 1000K/14.

"TOWNSVILLE" } are to escort Newcastle section of O.C. 98 to Newcastle
 "GLENELG" } "GLENELG" to proceed Sydney on completion, "TOWNSVILLE"
 to remain Newcastle and escort C.O.100 to rendezvous
 off Sydney where she will be detached to commence
 boiler cleaning.

"BALLARAT" is to depart Sydney to rendezvous Townsville and Newcastle section off Newcastle at 0400K/12.

"MILDURA" } are to clear Sydney Heads 1300K/12 with Sydney section
 "GLENELG" } to rendezvous Newcastle section off Sydney.
 "COLAC" }

A.P.C.'s 3 and 13 E.T.D. Sydney 1700K/10 for Port Stephens.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Williamstown 1538K/10 for duty with O.C.99.

U.S. M/S "LARK" arrived Fremantle 1008K/10 from Exmouth Gulf.

AIR RAID WARNING.

PORT MORESBY - Yellow warning 2229K/10.
 All clear.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 10th June, 1943.

"MANOORA" E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/10 for Port Stephens - E.T.A. 1545K/10.

"BUNBURY" } E.T.D. Fall/River 1200K/10 escorting N.T. 16, Section
 "KAPUNDA" } "B". To rendezvous with N.T.16 Section "A" from Pt.
 Moresby, escorted by P.C. 1119 in position 140 miles
 S.E. Port Moresby at 1300K/11. E.T.A. Cairns 1730K/13.
 .E.T.A. Townsville 1830K/14 (N.T.16 - 9 ships).

"LATROBE" escorting "JAPARA" arrived Thursday Island from Merauke at 1405K/9.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Port Melbourne at 1341K/9 having completed escort duties with O.C. 98.

"GLADSTONE" escorting "CARINA" and "FIONA" (VB37) arrived Brisbane at 0651K/9.

"BENALLA" arrived Brisbane at 0701K/9 from exercises seaward of Cape Moreton.

"WHYALLA" departed Milne Bay at 1130K/8 for survey ground.

"COOTAMUNDRA" at 0945K/9 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "COOTAMUNDRA" to remain in vicinity of rendezvous position 420 miles N.E. of Sydney until further information of "ADVENT" and convoy is received, or until dark/9 when she is to return Sydney if situation is not clarified. "ADVENT" ordered to break W.T. silence and report position, course and speed, but has not yet done so.

"ORARA" departs Melbourne 10/6 for S.C.F. 18. To return Melbourne 18/6.

"BINGERA" departed Port Melbourne at 0707K/9 arrived Westernport 1615K/9.

L.S.T. 455 with L.C.T's 61, 368, 371, 372, 373, 173 and 184 departed Cairns at 0800K/10 for Milne Bay via Thursday Is. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/13.

M.L. 425 arrived Brisbane at 1019K/9. Having completed escort duties with "PAN AMERICAN".

YMS.11. 51 and 52 towing 6 P.T. boats arrived Port Moresby from Thursday Island at 0816K/9 and departed at 1945K/9 for Sariba (off Milne Bay) E.T.A. A.M/11.

M.L. 817 towed by "KHOEN HOEA" departed Thursday Is. at 0745K/9 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1700K/11.

S.C. 698 escorting 2 L.S.Ts. E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/9 for Townsville

P.C. 1119 escorting "VIRGINIAN" (T.M.101"A") arrived Port Moresby at 1118K/9.

"BOBOLINK" (U.S. Fleet Tug) departs Auckland about 10/6 and proceeds Sydney.

"SWALLOW" (U.S.M/S) with transports "CRATER" and "WILLIAM G. McADOO" departed Noumea at 1530K/5 for Townsville.

M.L. 818 after departing at 1300K/9 - will rendezvous with O.C.98 in vicinity Gabo Is. and escort until daylight 10/6. Then return Twofold Bay. The M.L. to have rendezvous with C.O.99 was not available.

"HUGH McCULLOUGH" (aground 7 miles E. Welshpool) reported at 1600K/9.
9. Vessel refloated, proceeding Melbourne.

"SOUTHERN CROSS" (Exam Launch) returned Darwin at 2149K/8.
N.O.I.C. Darwin reports "SOUTHERN CROSS" rendered 1
mine safe - South Coast Bathurst Island. Report
follows.

ENEMY SUBMARINE sighted from Cape Orford at 1716K/9. Proceeding
south.

POSSIBLE WAKE sighted off Narooma - vicinity Montague Island
by Pilot at Narooma. Wake reported to be travelling
towards C.O.99. Sea calm. N.O.I.C. Sydney Graded
B.2. "WARRNAMBOOL" with C.O.99 informed.

L.C.T.459 arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1640K/9.

S.C. 750 and "PALUMA" (C.P.B.) arrived Fall River at 1841K/9 from
Pt.Moresby

L.C.I.71 arrived Toorbul at 1915K/9.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND.

AIR RAID WARNING 0853K/9, All clear 1020K/9.

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To 0800K/Wednesday, 9th June, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Lady Elliot Island departed Sydney at 0827K/8.

"DRAYTON" } escorting convoy P.W. 2286 arrived Sydney at 0357K/8
 "FREMANTLE" } (L.S.T. 968 grounded off South Head when entering Sydney Harbour - refloated at 0720K/8).

"BALLARD" departed Port Moresby at 1206K/8 for Noumea.

"SMITH" (U.S. Destroyer from T.F. 74) arrived Townsville 0214K/8. To proceed Brisbane with "PERKINS" for exercises with U.S. submarine - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0800K/10.

"MUGFORD" } Task Unit 36.7.4 - departs Noumea A.M./10 to rendezvous
 "HELM" } with Task Unit 36.7.3 ("LEANDER", "DYSON", "CLAYTON",
 "BAGLEY" } "SAMSON" and "WARRINGTON" escorting "BARRY" and "BRAZIL"
 "GIBBONS" and "URUQUAY" in position 370 miles S.E. Noumea at 1001K/11 36.7.4 relieves 36.7.3 and escorts convoy less "BRAZIL" to Brisbane. E.T.A. Cape Moreton 13/6. Upon arrival Brisbane Task Unit dissolved and destroyers report to Com. 7th Fleet for duty. When relieved Task Unit 36.7.3 proceeds to Noumea with "BRAZIL".

"DELORAINÉ" } departed Sydney at 1517K/8 escorting G.P.54 (6 ships).
 "BENDIGO" }
 "FREMANTLE" }
 "MORESBY" }
 M.L. 429 }

"WHYALLA" E.T.A. Cairns from Fall River 14/6 to boiler clean.
 "BENALLA" relief for "WHYALLA" to await arrival "WHYALLA" at Cairns.

"KALGOORLIE" } Escorting Newcastle section C.O.99 departed Newcastle
 "YANDRA" } at 1113K/8.

"WARRENAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 1327K/8 to rendezvous with Newcastle
 "BUNDABERG" } section off Sydney (C.O.99 4 ships) 1 M.L. from Twofold Bay will rendezvous with C.O.99 in position 8 miles E. of Montague Is. at 1030K/9. and provide additional escort until daylight/then return to Twofold Bay.

"GYMPIE" } escorting N.T.15 "B" including U.S. Sub Tender "SUMNER",
 S.C. 747 } departed Fall River at 1400K/7 to rendezvous with N.T. 15 "A", 120 miles S.E. of Port Moresby, thence Townsville E.T.A. 1300K/10 (N.T.15 4 ships).

"LITHGOW" escorting "DUNTRON" arrived Brisbane 0545K/8 from rendezvous in vicinity Percy Island.

"COOTAMUNDRA" to have made rendezvous with "AVENT" escorting one L.S.T. and "VITUS"BERING" at 0900K/8 in position 420 miles N.E. of Sydney - reported at 1230K/8. Have patrolled in the vicinity of rendezvous since 0800K/8 - convoy not sighted. At 1430K/8 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "COOTAMUNDRA" to remain in vicinity of rendezvous until further orders and at 1434K/8 "AVENT" ordered to break W/T silence and report position.

"MATSONIA" (U.S. Transport) E.T.D. Auckland 0800K/9 for Brisbane. Com. 7th Fleet to arrange escort as practicable, west of 159°E. C.S.W.P.S.F. has asked N.Z.N.B. to delay sailing until 1200K/10 so that escort may be provided.

S.C. 698 escorting L.S.T. 457, 454, E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/9 for Townsville. S.C. 698 will part company vicinity Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane.

M.L. 425 escorting "PAN AMERICAN" (bound San Pedro) until moonset/8
Departed Caloundra 0631K/8.

S.C. 731 arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 1143K/8,
escorting Convoy F.M.2 (2 ships at 1341K/8. N.O.I.C.
Pt. Moresby reported S.C. 731 engine hours now 1800.
Propose S.C. 731 proceed to mainland for overhaul on
refitting and docking.

Y.P. 280 departed Townsville at 1436K/8 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0800K/
12.

L.M.L. is to depart Twofold Bay and rendezvous with O.C. 98 in
position 40 miles S.W. of Gabo Island and provide
additional escort until daylight/10 then return to
Twofold Bay.

SUBMARINE SIGHTINGS FROM CAPE ORFORD.

At 1715K/7 Submarine sighted proceeding north.

At 1700K/8 Submarine sighted proceeding south.

HUGH McCULLOUGH (aground 7 miles E. Welshpool).

Tugs "EAGLE" and "JAMES PATTERSON" should arrive
to render assistance at following times. "EAGLE" 0530K/9,
"JAMES PATTERSON" 1235K/9.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 8th June, 1943.

S.C. 731 escorting F.M.2 (2 ships) departed Fall River 1300K/7 for Port Moresby.

"WHYALLA" } arrived Fall River 1842K/7, "WHYALLA" from survey
"SHEPPARTON" } ground "SHEPPARTON" from Port Moresby.

S.C. 750 arrived Fall River 1634K/6 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 745 } departed Fall River 0934K/7 for Townsville - E.T.A.
S.C. 749 } 0600K/11.

"GYMPIE" } escorting N.T. 15B to depart Fall River to rendezvous
S.C. 747 } N.T. 15A in position 120 miles S.E. of Pt. Moresby,
thence Townsville.

"ARUNTA" escorting N.T. 15A departed Port Moresby 1730K/7 for Townsville.

"PALUMA" departed Port Moresby 0816K/7 for Fall River - E.T.A. P.M/9.

S.C. 731 escorting M.B.5 (2 ships) E.T.D. Port Moresby 1500K/8 for Fall River E.T.A. 2000K/9.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 0901K/7 from Palm Island and Townsville.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns 1031K/7 to rendezvous T.N.101 off Fitzroy Island 1230K/7, E.T.A. Fall River with portion B.1200K/9.

P.C.1119 escorting T.N.101 departed Townsville 2230K/6, E.T.A.Pt. Moresby with portion/1400K/9.

"WAGGA" arrived Townsville 0932K/7 from Fall River.

Y.P.280 arrived Townsville 1530K/7 from Milne Bay.

"PIRIE" escorting B.V. 85 arrived Townsville 0047K/8.

"GOULBURN" } escorting B.V.86 (3 ships each towing 6 barges) to
S.C. 748 } vicinity of Percy Islands departed Brisbane 1515K/7.

"BENALLA" departed Brisbane 1814K/7 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

M.L.429 to sail for Brisbane as additional escort with G.P.54 E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0830K/8.

M.L.425 escorting "PAN AMERICAN"(bound San Pedro) until moonset/8. E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/8.

"VENDETTA" escorting "CREMER" (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot Is. E.T.A. 0200K/10, departed Sydney 0830K/7.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Caloundra 2245K/6 arrived Sydney 2045K/7, to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" - E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0800K/8, to Lady Elliot Island.

"DRAYTON" } escorting P.W.2236 E.T.A. Sydney 0300K/8.
"FREMANTLE" }

"PATERSON" } arrived Sydney 1513K/7 from Newcastle.
"SPRINGDALE" }

"DELORAINÉ" } arrived Sydney 1946K/8 escorting O.C. 97.
"KALGOORLIE" }
"YANDRA" }

"ECHUCA" arrived Sydney 0944K/7 having escorted O.C. 97 to Newcastle.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" } escorting P.G. 53 arrived Sydney 1905K/6.
 "MILDURA" }
 "BENDIGO" }

"SAMUEL BENBOW" departed Sydney 0741K/7, arrived Newcastle 1522K/7.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Phillip 2351K/7 for duty with O.C. 98

"BINGERA" arrived Pt. Phillip 2117K/7 from Westernport.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" arrived Exmouth Gulf 6/6 from Fremantle.

U.S. Minesweeper "LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf 1300K/7 for Fremantle
 E.T.A. 1001K/10.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Darwin 1032K/7 for
 Millingimbi E.T.A. 1230K/9 and Thursday Island.

"INVERELL" escorting "TULAGI" and "WANAKA" arrived Darwin 1517K/7
 from Thursday Island.

"JOHN BARTRAM'S" S.S.S.S.

N.O.I.C. Sydney has reported that two torpedo tracks were seen and considers explosion was torpedo exploding at end of run. Weather was fine and clear, sea smooth, but no submarine sighted.

"HUGH McCULLOUGH" AGROUND.

At 0345K/8 "HUGH McCULLOUGH" reported "Aground 7 miles, 28 feet water. Request tug immediately". "HUGH McCULLOUGH" (Liberty Ship) departed Sydney 1641K/5 for Bombay with a cargo of steel pipes, construction material and foodstuffs with trucks on deck, drawing 27'8" and was sighted by aircraft at 1450K/7 in position 38°58'S, 147°59'E (about 76 miles 083° from Wilson's Promontory).

A.C.N.B. advised Salvage Board, made a signal to "HUGH McCULLOUGH" to obtain her position and requested W.S.S. Wilson's Promontory to look out for her. Vessel was plotted to pass Promontory about 2230K/7 but has not been reported to have done so. Visibility at the Promontory was described as 3 miles. A.O.R.S.A. ordered one Anson from Laverton and training aircraft from Sale and Bairnsdale to search. Salvage Board was to arrange for tug to proceed and position was to be passed when known. At 0805K/8 "HUGH McCULLOUGH" gave her position as 38°46'S, 146°30'E. (in Corner Inlet) Tugs "EAGLE" and "PATTERSON" are to proceed from Melbourne when ready.

V.B. 37

"GEELONG" reported at 1205K/7 "CARINA" contacted. Detached "GLADSTONE" as escort and to rendezvous "FIONA" and escort both ships to Brisbane". "FIONA" departed "URANGAN" 0915K/6 to join V.B. 37. At 1415K/7 "GEELONG" reported "contacted and escorting "ADMIRAL CHASE" and "STAGEN". Position 22°30'S, 151°E speed 5 knots. Position is about 170 miles S.E. of Percy Islands.

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0900K/Monday, 7th June, 1943.

E.C. 731 escorting "MAETSUYCKER" and "VAN SWOLL" is to depart Fall River for Pt. Moresby E.T.A. 1300K/7.

"BALLARD" E.T.D. Fall River 7/6 for Espiritu Santo.

"SHEPPARTON" escorting T.N. 99 arrived Pt. Moresby 1430K/5. Departed 1546K/6 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/7.

"ARUNTA" escorting T.N. 100A arrived Pt. Moresby 0912K/6.

"GYMPIE" } escorting T.N. 100B arrived Fall River 1442K/6.
S.C. 732 }

YMS. 11, 51 and 52 towing P.T.'s 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 138 returned Thursday Island 1636K/5 and departed 0928K/6 for Port Moresby E.T.A. A.M./9.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns 1703K/6 from Fall River.

S.C. 741 } departed Townsville 1016K/5, escorting 11 L.C.T.'s arrived
S.C. 981 } Cairns 0931K/6.

L.S.T. 455 arrived Cairns 0901K/5 from Townsville.

P.C. 1119 escorting T.N. 101 A E.T.D. Townsville 2200K/6 for Pt. Moresby - E.T.A. 1530K/9.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns 1703K/6 from escorting N.T. 14; is to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 1200K/7 and escort T.N. 101B to Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/9.

U.S. Destroyer "LAMSON" escorting U.S. Transport "FULLER" departed Townsville 1740K/5 to R.V. with U.S. Minesweeper "SWALLOW" which will escort "FULLER" to Noumea, "LAMSON" to escort "CRATER" and "MACADOO" to Townsville then rejoin T.F. 74.

"SWAN" departed Townsville 1328K/6 with mail for Palm Island E.T.A. 1600K/6 thence Cairns E.T.A. 0700K/7.

YMS 8, 46 and 71 departed Gladstone 1500K/6.

"BENALLA" towing lighter arrived Brisbane 0619K/6 from Sydney.

M.L. 425 arrived Brisbane 0501K/6 from escorting B.V. 65.

M.L. 424 arrived Brisbane 0131K/6 from escorting B.V. 65.

"GOULBURN" escorting "CANBERRA" arrived Brisbane 1640K/6 from Sydney.

S.C. 744 } escorting L.S.T.'s 453 and 459 departed Caloundra 1400K/6
S.C. 740 } for Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/10.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Brisbane 1910K/6 with U.S. Submarine "DRUM" which developed defect, ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 2027K/6 to proceed Sydney with despatch; is to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Lady Elliot Island from Sydney.

"VENDETTA" departed Caloundra 2042K/5 to escort "CREMER" E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0830K/7 to Lady Elliot Island, then proceed Brisbane "CREMER" for Townsville.

"KALGOORLIE" } are to depart Sydney as convenient to R.V. Newcastle
 "YANDRA" } section of C.O.8 off Newcastle at 0800K/8.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" } E.T.D. Sydney Heads 1300K/8 with Sydney section to R.V.
 "BUNDABERG" } Newcastle section off Sydney.

"DELOIRINE", "BENDIGO", "FREMANTLE", "MORESBY" detailed to escort G.P.54 E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0830K/8.

"ECHUCA" is to escort Newcastle portion of O.C. 97 to Newcastle returning to Sydney on completion of escort.

"FREMANTLE" departed Broken Bay 0025K/6 to R.V. P.W. 2236 (9 L.S.T.'s Wellington/Sydney) at 1500K/6 and escort to Sydney.

"DRAYTON" departed Sydney 0842K/6 to R.V. P.W. 2236 at 1500K/6 and escort to Sydney.

"INNISFAIL" departed Pt. Kembla 1235K/5 arrived Sydney 1317K/6.

M.L.'s 818 and 428 were to R.V. O.C. 97 about 15 miles S.E. of Gabo Is. at 1500K/5, and augment escort until meeting C.O.98 about 20 miles E. of Bateman Bay at about 0600K/6 and escort until daylight then return to base at Eden.

"COOTAMUNDRA" returned Sydney 0026K/6, departed 1225K/6 to R.V. U.S.S. "Advent" (Minesweeper) escorting one L.S.Y. and "VITUS BERING" in position 29°50'S. 157°57'E at 0900K/6 and escort to Sydney.

"BINGERA" E.T.D. Westernport 1600K/7 for Pt. Phillip E.T.A. 1900K/7

TUG "EAGLE" towing "TIJUCA" entered Pt. Phillip 0835K/6.

"DOOMBA" returned Pt. Melbourne 2205K/5.

U.S. Seaplane Tender - arrived Fremantle 0820K/6 from Geraldton
"PREST N"

UNDERWATER EXPLOSION REPORTED BY JOHN BARTRAM.

At 0610K/7 "JOHN BARTRAM" (U.S. Army Transport San-Francisco/Sydney due 4/6) reported heavy under water explosion when about 45 miles E. of Sydney. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B N.O.I.C. Sydney re-routed "CREMER" escorted by "VENDETTA" on south bound blue route to searched channel at Newcastle and thence on green route. N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "DRAYTON" and "FREMANTLE".

T.F. 74 INTENTIONS.

" <u>AUSTRALIA</u> "	} E.T.D. Challenger Bay P.M/8 and proceed towards Cid Harbour
" <u>HOBART</u> "	
" <u>PERKINS</u> "	
" <u>FUSSER</u> "	
" <u>SMITH</u> "	
" <u>MAHAN</u> "	} After night exercises "PERKINS" and "SMITH" proceed to Brisbane for exercises with U.S. Submarine followed by 2 days liberty in Brisbane. Remainder to arrive and base Cid Har our A.M/9.

"KURUMBA" TAIL SHAFT FRACTURE

"WARRNAMBOOL" (S.O.O. Escort P.G. 53) advised at 1402K/6 "KURUMBA'S" starboard tail shaft fractured. Now stopped". "BUNDABERG" standing by expects to be able to proceed at 5 knots". and at 1521K/6 "BUNDABERG" reports "KURUMBA" proceeding at 3 knots. Unable in rease speed and maintain control of starboard shaft. Request 2 tugs be sent". At 2033K/6 "SPRIGHTLY" departed Sydney to R.V.

At 0111K/7 "BUNDABERG" escorting "SPRIGHTLY" towing "KURUMBA" arrived Sydney.

AIR RAID WARNING.

DARWIN Warning All clear P.M/6.

A/C A/S SEARCH

From dawn to dusk/6 from Brisbane to Cape Byron to a depth to seaward of 80 miles.

Handwritten initials and date: JH 6/6

To 0900K Sunday, 6th June, 1943.

- VENDETTA escorting CAPE NEWENHAM arrived Brisbane at 0935K/5. On completion of fuelling VENDETTA will sail for Sydney, E.T.A. 2359K/6.
- WARRAMUNGA escorting MIZAR arrived Brisbane at 0814K/5. To commence exercises with U.S. Submarine 5/6.
- GAMELE } U.S. Minelayers arrived Sydney from Noumea at 0737K/5.
PREBLE }
- BALLARD en route to Espiritu Santo from Port Moresby. Returned to Port Moresby at 0926K/5 for repairs to lubricating system. Estimated time 48 hours for repairs.
- SWAN arrived Townsville from Thursday Island at 2230K/4 - to boiler clean.
- ADVENT (U.S. Minesweeper) E.T.D. Noumea 0600K/5, escorting L.S.T. 463, and VITUS BERING (Liberty Ship) at 0900K/8 will be relieved of escort duties by escort arranged by N.O.I.C. Sydney
- DRAYTON (U.S. Destroyer) escorting MANGORA arrived Sydney at 0657K/5 from Melbourne.
- ARUNTA } to escort N.T.15 Section "A" (2 ships) departs Port
GYMPIE } Moresby escorted by ARUNTA at 0600K/7, Section "B" (3
BUNBURY } ships) departs Milne Bay at 1200K/7, to rendezvous with
section "A" and proceed Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/11.
- LITHGOW } will rendezvous with V.B.37 (5 ships) in vicinity Percy
GEELONG } Island at 1600K/6. When met LITHGOW is to escort
GLADSTONE } DUNTROON (13 knots) GEELONG, GLADSTONE escorting remaining
4 ships and FIONA joining from Maryborough. All ships
destination Brisbane.
- CASTLEMAINE } escorting ADMIRAL HALSTEAD arrived Darwin at 1417K/5,
M.L.814 } from Millingimbi.
- FULLER (U.S. Landing Craft Transport) departs Townsville for Noumea at 1800K/5. U.S. Destroyer LAMSON will escort to position 158 east, then rejoin T.F.75.
- BALLARAT } departed Newcastle at 0959K/5 escorting Newcastle section
TOWNSVILLE } of C.O.98.
GLENELG }
- COLAC with Sydney section, including GOLD STAR departed Sydney at 1235K/5, to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney Heads (C.O.98 - 18 ships).
- KAPUNDA escorting N.T.14, ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville to detach convoy, when inside Grafton Passage, and proceed to Cairns, complete with fuel and await instructions.
- INVERELL escorting T.D.22 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island at 1406K/4, for Darwin, E.T.A. 1400K/7.
- DOOMBA entered Port Phillip at 1739K/5, to berth at Victoria Dock. ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN to relieve DOOMBA at 1800K/6. To be at 4 hours notice from that time, and to act as escort for O.C. convoys, or as required.
- COOTAMUNDRA departed Sydney at 2147K/4, to rendezvous with JOHN BARTRAM and escort to Sydney. At 1907K/5 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported COOTAMUNDRA unable to locate JOHN BARTRAM instructed to return Sydney - aircraft also failed to locate.
- PATTERSON E.T.D. Newcastle 0700K/7 for Sydney.
- SAMUEL BENEOW E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/7 for Newcastle.

PRESTON (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Geraldton from Exmouth Gulf and departed at 1505K/5 for Fremantle E.T.A.1001K/6.

ORARA arrived Melbourne at 0957K/5 from S.C.F.18.

Y.P.280 departed Milne Bay at 0816K/4 for Townsville E.T.A.1200K/7.

S.C.750 escorting THEDENS E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/6 from Port Moresby.

S.C.731 returned Milne Bay at 1841K/4.

Y.M.S.11, 51, 52 with P.T's 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 138 departed Thursday Island at 1004K/5 for Port Moresby E.T.A. A.M./8.

M.L.816 commissioned at Brisbane 0900K/2 under command Lieutenant K. J. McLaren, R.A.N.R.

S.C.747 arrived Milne Bay at 1218K/4, from Port Moresby.

M.L.801, satisfactory acceptance trials at Sydney 5/6.

SPRINGDALE E.T.D. Newcastle 7/6 for Sydney.

P.C.1119 arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1110K/5.

S.C.742 arrived Brisbane at 0831K/5 from Sydney.

S.C.748) escorting convoy V.B.36 (2 ships) arrived Brisbane at
S.C.648) 1243K/5.

Y.M.S. 8, 46, 71 arrived Gladstone at 1000K/5.

A/C, A/S Searches.

- (A) Brisbane to Cape Byron to a depth of 80 miles from dusk 5/6 to dawn 6/6.
- (B) Vicinity Cape Moreton to Danger Point - seaward 85 miles from dusk 5/6 to dawn 6/6. Second detail of search to commence at dawn.
- (C) Vicinity Cape Moreton to Danger Point - seaward 60 miles from dusk 6/6 to dawn 7/6.

HORN ISLAND Air Raid Warning 5/6, All Clear 0529K/5.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 5th June, 1943.

"BALLARD" escorting "THEDENS" departed Port Moresby at 1230K/4.
"BALLARD" parts company 5 miles S.W. Brumer Island and proceeds to Espiritu Santo. Escort vessel for Milne Bay rendezvous with "THEDENS" and escorts to Milne Bay.

"FLUSSER" arrived Townsville at 0908K/4, and departed 1542K/4 with Commander Gatacre aboard.

"VENDETTA" escorting "MORMACSEA" arrived Brisbane at 0552K/4.

"ARUNTA" } will rendezvous with T.N. 100 (5 ships) in vicinity
"GYMPIE" } Fitzroy Island Light at 0830K/4. Convoy splits at
S.C. 732 } position X (150 miles S.E. Port Moresby). "ARUNTA"
escorting section "A" to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1200K/6
"GYMPIE" with S.C. 732 escorts section "B" to Fall
River E.T.A. 1700K/6.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting G.P. 53 including "BUNGAREE" arrived
"PIRIE" } Brisbane at 0235K/4.
"GLADSTONE" }
"BENDIGO" }
"MILDURA" }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting P.G. 53 (6 ships) departed Caloundra at 0705K/
"MILDURA" } 4.
"BUNDABERG" }
"BENDIGO" }

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 0211K/4 for escort duties with O.C. 97, to return escorting C.O.97. Upon arrival of C.O.97 at heads "DOOMBA" is to return to "TIJUCA" (from C.O.97, lagging with engine trouble), and standby until "TIJUCA" taken over by tug. At 2254K/4 "EAGLE" (tug) departed Port Phillip and should meet "DOOMBA" with "TIJUCA" in vicinity Wilson's Promontory at 0930K/5.

"GOULBURN" escorting "H.D. THOREAU" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 0835K/3. Departed at 1229K/4 escorting "CANBERRA" to Caloundra - E.T.A. 0030K/7.

"COLAC" } detailed to escort C.O.98. "BALLARAT", "TOWNSVILLE",
"BALLARAT" } "GLENELG", will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with
"TOWNSVILLE" } Newcastle section off Nobby's Heads at 0800K/5.
"GLENELG" } "COLAC" to clear Sydney Heads with Sydney section at
1300K/5 to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney.

"GEELONG" escorting U.S. Submarine "SCAMP" arrived Brisbane at 0625K/4.

"PIRIE" } departed Caloundra at 1128K/4 escorting B.V. 65 (9
"GEELONG" } ships) including "BUNGAREE". M.L. 424 and M.L.425
"LITHGOW" } joining en route.
"GLADSTONE" }

"COOTAMUNDRA" to depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "JAMES BATRAM" at 0700K/5 in position (100 miles N.E. Sydney, and escort to Sydney).

"LATROBE" escorting "JOHN OXLEY" towing barge departed Thursday Island at 1231K/4 from Merauke.

"FREMANTLE" to continue working up exercises at Broken Bay until 0900K/7, then return Sydney.

"KAPUNDA" departed Port Moresby at 1746K/3 to overtake and act as additional escort for N.T. 14. E.T.A. N.T.14. Townsville 1000K/6.

"WILCANNIA" returned to Darwin at 1451K/4.

"HERMITAGE" departed Pt. Phillip at 1311K/4 for Wellington -
E.T.A. 9/6.

"PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Exmouth Gulf P.M./3/6
E.T.A. Geraldton for fuel 0800H/5 thence to Fremantle
E.T.A. 0800H/6.

"CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Fremantle at 1007K/4 for
Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. A.M./6.

S.C. 741 and S.C. 981 arrived Townsville exercising 11 LCT's
from Brisbane.

L.S.T. 455 departed Townsville at 1318K/4 - E.T.A. Cairns 0700K/5.

"EDWARD CHAMBERS" FIRED AT ENEMY SUBMARINE:

At 1052K/4 "EDWARD CHAMBERS" (en route Balboa to Sydney)
reported firing at enemy submarine, in position 40 miles E.N.E. of
Brisbane ("EDWARD CHAMBERS" had not received diversion signal).

At 1141K/4. B.A.M.S. Warning to shipping in area 5B and
5C.

"VENDETTA" preceded from Brisbane to position of attack. E.T.A.
1700K/4 to carry out A/S search. Aircraft are co-operating
in the A/S hunt.

"WARRNAMBOOL" is assisting in the search.

ENEMY SUBMARINE reported by aircraft in position 60 miles east
of Salamana at 0025K/5. Course 250° Speed 20 knots.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

Port Moresby - Warning 1136K/4 - All clear 1142K/4.

AIRCRAFT A/S SEARCHES:

From Duck 4/6 to ^{DAWN} Darwin 5/6 from Caloundra to
Danger Point to a depth to seawards of 90 miles.

From Dawn to 1100K/5 from a position 30 miles N. of
Caloundra to Danger Point to depth to seawards of 60 miles.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/4th June, 1943. Friday.

"BALLARD" escorting "THEDENS" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1200K/4, "BALLARD" to part company 5 miles S.W. of "BRUMER ISLAND" at 1300K/5 and proceed ESPIRITU SANTO, escort from Fall River to rendezvous "THEDENS" and escort to Fall River.

"KAPUNDA" } escorting T.N. 98A arrived Port Moresby 0013K/3.
S.C. 750 }
"BUNBURY" } escorting "YOCHOW" departed Fall River 1239K/3 for Oro Bay, delayed by "YOCHOW'S" engine trouble, E.T.A. Oro Bay 2300K/5.

10 L.C.V's } departed Fall River 1942K/2 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1800K/8.
5 barges }

"SUMNER" } arrived Fall River 1234K/2.
S.C.'s 745 and 749 }

"KATOOMBA" arrived Fall River 2254K/2 with T.N. 98B.

"KATOOMBA" } escorting "JUNIPER SERRA" and "PULGANBAR" departed Fall
"WAGGA" } River 1239K/3 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1000K/6.

"LATROBE" escorting "VAN DER LIJN" arrived Thursday Island 1357K/3 from Merauke.

"LATROBE" escorting "JOHN OXLEY" towing barge E.T.D. Thursday Is. 1300K/4 for Merauke.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" and "TULAGI" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1200K/4 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1400K/7.

"SWAN" on passage Thursday Island/Townsville to boiler clean - ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville at 1514K/3 to proceed Cairns for duty with T.N. 100. E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/4.

"ARUNTA" detailed by C.T.F. 74 to escort T.N. 100 E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/3, arrived Townsville 1504K/3.

"SWAN" and S.C. 732 with portion B of T.N. 100 (3 ships) for Fall River to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 0800K/4.

"MERKUR" returned Townsville 1500K/3 from Palm Island.

S.C. 746 arrived Townsville 1215K/3 from Fall River.

YP. 236 arrived Townsville 0245K/3 from Cairns.

"LAMSON" departed Townsville 1458K/3 to join T.F. 74.

APC's 1, 2, 4, 5, 15, 17 and 19 arrived Brisbane 0919K/3.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting P.C. 53 (6 ships) E.T.D. Caloundra 0800K/4.
"MILDURA" }
"BUNDABERG" }
"BENDIGO" }

"PIRIE" } escorting B.V. 65 (9 ships 6 of which are special,
"GERLONG" } with "BUNGAREE" attached) E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/4,
"LITHGOW" } M.L.'s to be detached at Lady Elliot Island and
"GLADSTONE" } return Brisbane, "GERLONG", "LITHGOW" and "GLADSTONE"
M.L.'s 424 and 425. } to be detached vicinity Percy Island.

"MIZAR" departed Sydney 0642K/3 for Brisbane.

S.C. 742 departed Sydney 1205K/3 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700K/5.

"COLAC" } escorting O.C. 96 arrived Sydney 1919K/3.
 "BALLARAT" }
 "GLENELG" }
 "TOWNSVILLE" }

M.L.818 returned Twofold Bay 2030K/2.

"HERMITAGE" E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1000K/4 for Wellington.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1541K/3 for escort duty with O.C. 97.

"HERON" arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M/1 from Geraldton.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL" arrived Darwin 1550K/3 and departed to assist "EXPRESS" (lugger) but was recalled at 2142K/3, "EXPRESS" then proceeding.

A/C A/S SEARCH:

Manning River to Kiema to a depth seaward of 60 miles from dusk/3 to dawn/4.

Danger Point to Double Island to a depth to seaward of 80 miles from dawn to dusk/4.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 3rd June, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Palm Island 2300K/2 for Moreton Bay - E.T.A. Caloundra 1730K/4. for submarine exercises and escort duty until 12/6.

S.C. 731 escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Fall River 1024K/2 for Belli Belli.

"WAGGA" escorting "JUNIPERO SERRA" arrived Fall River 1617K/1 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 747 escorting "JOSEPH HOLT" arrived Port Moresby 1030K/1 from Fall River.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" and "TULAGI" E.T.D. Thursday Island as soon as ready for Darwin.

"SWAN" escorting "DUNTROON" arrived Thursday Island 1200K/2 from Darwin

"SWAN" departed Thursday Island 1333K/2 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/4 to boiler clean.

"SHEPPARTON" is to rendezvous "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" (T.N.99) off Fitzroy Island at 1700K/3 and escort to Port Moresby -E.T.A.1700K/5.

"MERKUR" departed Townsville 0145K/2 for Challenger Bay - E.T.A. 0700K/2.

"BOWEN" arrived Townsville 0544K/2 from Fall River.

S.C.'s 648 and 748 - to rendezvous V.B.36 (3 ships) E.T.A. Pine Peak, Percy Island about 0700K/3 and provide escort to Brisbane.

P.C.1119) escorting B.V.64 departed Caloundra 1858K/2,
M.L.'s 424 and 425) M.L.'s to return to Brisbane from Lady Elliot Is.

"LOOKOUT" departed Caloundra 2236K/1 for Townsville.

"CAP DES PALMES" departed Caloundra 1935K/1 for Noumea.

"BANNON") departed Sydney 0833K/2 for Espiritu Santo.
"RADFORD")
"VESTAL")

S.C. 742 E.T.D. Sydney 3/6 for Brisbane.

"BENALLA" departed Sydney 1259K/2 for Brisbane, towing ammunition lighter - E.T.A. 2300K/4.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Sydney 0700K/3 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 1000K/5.

"GUNBAR" arrived Sydney 1911K/2 from Brisbane.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" returned Sydney 0742K/2 from Twofold Bay.

"KYERA" arrived Sydney 0611K/2 from Newcastle.

9 L.S.T.'s) departed Wellington 1017K/1 for Sydney.
(P.W.2236)) E.T.A. 0600K/7.

"INNISFAIL" departed Sydney 0656K/2 arrived Port Kembla 1335K/2.

"HERMITAGE" E.T.D. Melbourne about 3/6 for San Francisco via Wellington.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 0055K/2 from escorting C.O.96.

"MANOORA" departed Pt. Melbourne 1331K/2 for Sydney - E.T.A.0630K/5.

"TROMP" returned Fremantle 0840K/2 from escorting U.S. 19.

AIRCRAFT A/S SEARCH:

6 From Double Island to Byron Bay to a depth to seaward of 85 miles from dawn to dusk/3.

AIR RAIDS AND WARNINGS:

GIPPSLAND - Yellow warning 2155K/2, White 2304K/2.

PORT MORESBY - Warning A.M/2. All clear.

HORN ISLAND - Warning 2051K/2. All clear 2123K/2.

FALL RIVER - Warning P.M/2. All clear.

SUBMARINE D/F FIXES:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
1416K/2	18°45'S. 157°30'E. (about 390 miles N.E. of Capricorn A (within 50 miles) Channel).	

UNIDENTIFIED LOOP CROSSING AT FREMANTLE:

At 1959K/2 N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported - "Unidentified crossings numbers 1 and 2 loops between 1249 and 1305K/2 in visibility less than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Crossings probably caused by examination vessel which was subsequently found to have crossed loops about 1300K/2 but signatures appear simultaneously on both loops. A/S Sweep of approaches to Fremantle negative."

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 2nd June, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Williamstown at 1041K/1 having completed escort of U.S.N.T. "HERMITAGE".

"QUIBERON" } arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at 1311K/1. Departed
"NEPAL" } at 1545K/1 for Diego Garcia.

"DRAYTON" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1005K/1 escorting "CREMER". At 1705K/1 "DRAYTON" departed for Sydney to rendezvous with "MANOORA" in position 100 miles E. of Wilson's Promontory.

"MANOORA" departure from Melbourne has been considerably delayed owing to difficulties of discharging, due to weather. Latest E.T.D. from Port Phillip 1730K/2. N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "DRAYTON" at 0209K/2 to proceed along Blue Route towards Port Phillip. Amended rendezvous and time will be signalled.

"HENLEY" departed Townsville at 1121K/1 for Noumea - E.T.A. 1200K/4.

"BALLARD" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1100K/1 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800K/2. To refuel then return to Tulagi.

"LAMSON" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "FULLER" and "ROBIN WHEATLEY" arrived Townsville from Noumea at 1838K/31 - "LAMSON" assigned to T.F. 74.

"VENDETTA" will rendezvous with "MORMACSEA" in position 28°37'S. 159°42'E at 0900K/2, and escort to Brisbane.

"O. BANNON" } U.S. Destroyers with "VESTAL" (repair ship) E.T.D.
"RADFORD" } Sydney 0800K/2 for Espiritu Santo - E.T.A. 0900K/7.

"SWAN" after arrival Thursday Island about 0830K/2 is to proceed to Townsville for boiler cleaning.

"KYBRA" departed Newcastle at 0902K/1 for Broken Bay.

"KALGOORLIE" } escorting Newcastle portion C.O.97 departed Newcastle
"YANDRA" } at 0741K/1.

"DELORAIN" } departed Sydney at 1437K/1 with Sydney Section C.O.97 -
"ECHUCA" } to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney.

"INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" and "CARDROSS" arrived Thursday Is. from Darwin at 1816K/1.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 1001K/1 for Brisbane - escorting
"PIRIE" } G.P.53 including "BUNGAREE" - E.T.A. Caloundra 0330K
"MILDURA" } /4.
"GLADSTONE" }
"BENDIGO" }
"BUNDABERG" }

YMS 51, 11, 52 departed Cairns at 0835K/1 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1600K/4 - YMS. 53 is delayed at Townsville.

YMS. 72 arrived Brisbane at 1754K/1.

Y.D.G. 2 arrived Townsville at 1012K/1

M.L. ACTIVITIES

At 1415K/1 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered 1 M.L. from Eden to rendezvous with C.O.97 in position 50 miles N.N.E. of Twofold Bay at 1200K/2 and 1 M.L. to rendezvous with O.C. 96 in position 65 miles S.W. of Gabo at 1200K/2. M.Ls. are to remain with convoys until daylight 3/6 then return to Twofold Bay.

"KANIMBLA" paid off 31/5. Re-commissioned as H.M.A. Ship with reduced complement 1/6.

"GUMLEAF" (Tender for "ASSAULT") commissioned under command of S/Lt. J.J. Pye, R.A.N.R., Sydney 1/6.

"POINT SAN PEDRO" UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY ENEMY SUBMARINE.

At 1228K/1 S.S.S.S. from "Point San Pedro" (3300 tons gross en route Balboa - Brisbane) Report indicated that when in position 33 miles E. of Pt. Lookout an enemy submarine fired two torpedoes without result.

B.A.M.S. issued to shipping in area 5B-5C by C.S.W.P.S.F.

At 1325K/1 "LITHGOW" departed Brisbane to rendezvous with "POINT SAN PEDRO" and escort to Brisbane.

At 1854K/1 "LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO".

ENEMY SUBMARINE sighted passing Cape Urford at 1412K/1 proceeding south.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 1st June, 1943.

"CULBERON") departed Fremantle P.M./31 for Geraldton - E.T.D. Geraldton
"NEPAL") E.T.D. Geraldton for Diego Garcia P.M/1.

U.S. Destroyer "MAHAN" escorting "TAROONA", arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0640K/31.

U.S. Destroyer "HENLEY" arrived Townsville at 1430K/31. When ready 1/6 to depart for Noumea

"BALLARD" (U.S. Pt. Tender) escorting 6 P.T. Boats arrived Fall River from Tulagi at 1158K/31.

"GAMBLE" and "PREBLE" (ex destroyers - now minelayers) depart Noumea about 0700K/2/6 and proceed to Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/5.

"CAP DES PALMES" when ready on 1/6 to depart Brisbane for Noumea.

"GYMPIE" escorting L.C.T's 368, 372, 371, 184, 173, 171 and 81 arrived Cairns at 1819K/31.

"SWAN" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Darwin at 0505K/31 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. Tucker Point 0830K/2/6.

"WAGGA" arrived Port Moresby from Milne Bay at 0756K/31. Departed at 1302K/31 escorting "JUNIPERO SERRA" to Fall River - E.T.A. 1500K/1.

"LATROBE" escorting "WANAKA" and "MINJAK TANAH" arrived Thursday Island from Merauke at 1121K/31. Departed at 1401K/31 escorting "VAN DER LIJN" at Merauke.

"KATOOMBA") departed Cairns at 1105K/31 to rendezvous with T.N. 91
"KAPUNDA") (5 ships) in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1300K/31.
At 11°18'S, 148°48'E, convoy splits "KAPUNDA" and S.C.750
escorting section "A" to Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1000K/3/6.
"KATOOMBA" escorts section "B" to Fall River E.T.A. 1000K/3.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane at 1442K/31, escorting "VIRGINIAN".

"WARRNAMBOOL") escorting Sydney section O.C. 95 (ships) including
"FREMANTLE") "BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney at 0153K/31.

"MILDURA") arrived Sydney from Newcastle at 1355K/31 having completed
"BUNDABERG") escort duties with Newcastle section O.C. 95.

"WARRNAMBOOL") detailed to escort G.P.53 (12 ships) including "BUN-
"BUNDABERG") GAREE" clearing Sydney Heads at 0830K/1/6. "PIRIE"
"MILDURA") and "GLADSTONE" are to be detached at Caloundra.
"BENDIGO") "GLADSTONE" is to report to N.O.I.C. Brisbane for
"GLADSTONE") phase 2 of working up programme.
"PIRIE")

"KYBRA" departed Sydney at 0718K/31 for exercises thence to Newcastle. Arrived Newcastle at 1811K/31.

"GOULEURN" on dispersal V.B. 35 at Brisbane continues to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Sydney. Departed Brisbane at 1207K/31. E.T.A. 1700K/2. "GOULEURN" to return Brisbane after fuelling.

"KALGOORLIE") detailed as escorts to C.O.97 (8 ships) "KALGOORLIE"
"YANDRA") and "YANDRA" will R.V. with Newcastle section off
"DELOIRINE") Newcastle at 0700K/1/6. "DELOIRINE" and "ECHUCA" will
"ECHUCA") clear Sydney Heads with Sydney section at 1430K/1/6 and
R.V. with Newcastle section.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne at 1805K/31 to assume escort duties with O.C. 96.

Y.M.S. 51, 11 and 52 arrived Cairns at 1613K/31 from Brisbane.

Y.P. 291 arrived Brisbane at 0654K/31 from Townsville.

Y.M.S. 53 arrived Townsville at 0532K/31 from Brisbane - requires engine repairs.

S.C. 739, S.C. 751 arrived Fremantle at 1900K/31.

S.C. 746 departed Milne Bay at 0938K/31 for Townsville - for major repairs.

M.L. 801 commissioned at Sydney 1200K/29 under command of Lieutenant R.C. Carne, R.A.N.V.R.

S.C. 747 escorting "JOSEPH HOLT" departed Fall River at 1233K/31 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1300K/1/6.

Y.M.S. 8, 46 and 71 departed Caloundra at 1901K/31 for sweeping operations on Curtis Chamel.

AIRCRAFT REPORTS SIGHTING SUBMARINE 120 MILES N.E. BRISBANE.

At 1729K/31 Com 7th Fleet reported. Air sighting possible Japanese periscope in position $26^{\circ}00'S$, $155^{\circ}00'E$ at 1850K/31 - No grading.

B.A.M.S. issued to shipping in area 5B and 5C by C.S.W.P.S.F.

UNAUTHENTICATED INTERCEPT received by Brisbane Radio reported.

Submerged submarine sighted in position $11^{\circ}38'S$, $148^{\circ}00'E$ (130 miles S.E. of Port Moresby) at 1706K/31 Course 045° . Submarine crash dived.

B.A.M.S. issued to shipping in area 5C by C.S.W.P.S.F.

Possible submarine sighted 1 mile off Stockton-Newcastle at 0700K/1. Report being investigated by N.O.I.C. Sydney.

NEGATIVE SEARCH FOR ENEMY SUBMARINE IN SANDY CAPE AREA.

At 1235K/31 "LITHGOW" reported that an area comprising $24^{\circ}00'S$ to $24^{\circ}20'S$, $152^{\circ}56'E$ to $153^{\circ}45'E$ has been searched without further result.

At 1815K/31 N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered "LITHGOW" to return to Brisbane.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Monday, 31st May, 1943.

S.C. 731 escorting "ANHUI" departed Oro Bay 0200K/30 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1900K/30.

"BOWEN" escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" and "MAETSUYCKER" arrived Fall River 0846K/30, departed 1228K/30 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600K/2.

S.C. 746 escorting "PULGANBAR" arrived Fall River 1348K/30 from Oro Bay.

"BUNBURY" escorting "JOHN WHITTAKER" arrived Fall River 1846K/29 from Port Moresby.

"WAGGA" departed Fall River 0744K/30 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0700K/31.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River 1645K/27 for surveying ground.

S.C. 747 escorting "JOSEPH HOLT" E.T.D. Fall River 1000K/31 for Pt. Moresby.

"POTRERO" departed Fall River 1145K/29 for Tufi, E.T.A. 1530K/30 and Morobe.

"MATAFELE" departed Port Moresby 0740K/30 for N.E. Coast of New Guinea.

"WILCANNIA" } escorting A.D.M.L. "HALSTEAD" and "DARVEL" E.T.D.
"CASTLEMAINE" } Thursday Island 1100K/31 to rendezvous M.L.'s 814 and 815
at 11°27'S. 135°00'E, convoy to split at 11°32'S.
134°46'E, "CASTLEMAINE" and M.L. 815 escorting A.D.M.L.
"HALSTEAD" to anchorage off Millingimbi, "WILCANNIA"
and M.L.814 escorting "DARVEL" to Darwin - E.T.A. 1800K/3

"LATROBE" escorting "VAN DER LIJN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1100K/31 for Augusta.

Y.P. 236 departed Cairns 0730K/30 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2359K/3.

S.C. 732 departed Cairns 0430K/30 escorting "CAPE LEEUWIN" to Willis Island. E.T.A. 1001K/31 and return - E.T.A. about 1400K/2.

U.S. DESTROYER BROOKS arrived Townsville from Sydney 1500K/30.

U.S. DESTROYER "GILMER" escorting 6 L.C.I.'s arrived Townsville 1245K/30 from Brisbane.

"GYMPIE" escorting 7 L.C.T.'s departed Townsville 1213K/30 for Cairns, E.T.A. 0600K/1.

"KAPUNDA" } escorting T.N. 98A (3 ships) departed Townsville 0800K/30
S.C. 750 } to rendezvous "KATOOMBA" and Portion B (3 ships) off
Fitzroy Island 1300K/31. "KAPUNDA", S.C. 750 and Portion
A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/3 "KATOOMBA" 7 portion B
E.T.A. Fall River 1000K/3.

U.S. Destroyer "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" arrived Townsville 1206K/30 from Noumea.

"DRAYTON" escorting "CREMER" departed Caloundra 2100K/29 for Sydney.

"KAZEMBE" (N.A.P.) departed Caloundra 2045K/29 for Gladstone, E.T.A. 31/5/ and Townsville E.T.A. 8/6.

"VENDETTA" } escorting B.V.63 departed Caloundra 0005K/31.
S.Cs. 648 & 748 }

"MILDURA" } escorting Newcastle portion of O.C. 95 to Newcastle.
"BUNDABERG" }

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "SHELDON JACKSON" arrived Sydney 1424K/30.

"PIRIE" } escorting P.G. 52A arrived Sydney 1702K/30.
 "ECHUCA" }
 "BENDIGO" }

"DELORAINE" } escorting Sydney Section of P.G. 52 arrived Sydney
 "YANDRA" } 1857K/29.
 "KALGOORLIE" }

"MORESEY" arrived Sydney 0240K/30 having completed escort of "DUNDULA", straggling from P.G. 52 to Newcastle.

"O'BANNON" } Task Unit 36.7.2 - E.T.D. Sydney about 1/6 for Espiritu
 "RADFORD" } Santo.
 "VESTAL" }

YMS. 72 escorting 8 A.P.Cs departed Sydney 1714K/29. A.P.Cs. E.T.A. Pt. Stephens 0600K/30, YMS. 72, E.T.A. Brisbane 0200K/1.

"MANOORA" departed Port Melbourne 0910K/30 for exercises in vicinity of Dromana.

"QUIBERON" } arrived Fremantle 1325K/30 from Melbourne.
 "NEPAL" }

"HEMSKERCK" } arrived Fremantle 0945K/30 from Erosion.
 "PELIAS" }
 "CHANTICLEER" }
 "ISOBEL" }

"HERON" departed Geraldton 1210K/30.

"SWAN" escorting "DUNTROON" arrived Darwin 1051K/30 from Thursday Is.

C.O.96 ESCORT REPORTS TORPEDO TRACKS.

0345K/31 - "COLAC" (with "BALLARAT", "GLENELG", AND "TOWNSVILLE" escorting C.O.96 - 13 ships) signalled "Escort reports 2 torpedo tracks searched negative results. Cape Everard bearing 328°10' miles". Position about 35 miles 231° from Gabo Island. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B. A.O.R.S.A. arranged inner and outer A/S patrol over C.O.96 from dawn till dark/31.

SUBMARINE CONTACT N. OF SANDY CAPE.

"LITHGOW" (with "GOULBURN" escorting VB.35 - 5 ships) reported at 1810K/30 - "Have been investigating echoes and subsequent smoke candle signal seen in vicinity of 24°09'S. 153°10'E. Will continue sweep this area during night hours", requested co-operation of A.S.V. fitted aircraft and stated that if no Allied submarine in vicinity "grade definitely submarine". "GOULBURN" continued escort of VB35. Position of report is 30 miles N. of Sandy Cape.

At 2210K/30 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised "LITHGOW" that Allied submarine was not in vicinity.

Aircraft co-operation was arranged but an accident prevented it.

AIRCRAFT A/S SEARCH

From Cape Capricorn to Bundaberg to a depth of 100 miles from dawn to dusk/31.

S/M D/F FIXES.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
0027K/31	30°S. 155°E (about 110 miles S.E. of Cape Byron)	UNCLE (over 500.miles)
0027K/31	31°S. 155°15'E. (about 165 miles 152° from Cape Byron).	NAN (within 50 miles)
0027K/31	30°157°E. (about 200 miles 114° from Cape Byron).	NAN

"SHROPSHIRE"

Is to be officially transferred to R.A.N. about 25/6 and expects to complete working up and sail for Australia about mid August.

"BALLARD" (U.S. P.T. TENDER).

And 6 P.Ts. on passage from TULAGI to Fall River were sighted by aircraft 1020K/30 stationary in position 11°30'S. 153°40'E. (in Lousiade Archipel). presumed refuelling. N.O.I.C. Fall River intended to despatch aircraft first light/31 to locate and cover.

- MARSH } Departing TULAGI departed Port Moresby 10.00/29 for Townsville. via 0700K/31, MARSH to Pohnia 1700 at Pohn Island.
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- GRAPLE } Escorting 7 LSTs arrived Townsville 2100K/29 from Brisbane.
- XP101 } Departed Townsville 1745K/29 for Brisbane via 2000K/29
- SCs 741 & 741 } Escorting 11 LSTs departed Caloundra 2100K/29 for Townsville. via 2100K/29, via Mackay.
- DRAGON } Arrived Brisbane 1945K/29 to escort CREW to Sydney. via Caloundra 2000K/29.
- VERONICA } Escorting 1968 (2 ships) via Caloundra 1100K/30. SCs 748 and 748 to be detached with 01-02000 section (2 ships) to provide escort to Party Island. VERONICA to escort PRESIDENT JOHNSON (bound Townsville to Milne Bay Passage).
- VERONICA } In completion of escort of PRESIDENT JOHNSON via NY SUBMARINE in position 09° 39' S., 150° 40' E., at about 0800K/30 and escort to Brisbane.
- DELAINE } Proceeded from Newcastle 1847K/29 after detaching
- ALBION } Newcastle position of 1902 near 09°40' (at 1847K/29)
- ISORA }
- NEIN } Departed Sydney 1848K/29 for Noumea.
- YACHT (P.M.E.) } Departed Sydney 1814K/29 for Port Moresby.
- COLOS } Departed Sydney 1858K/29, escorting Newcastle
- BALDWIN } portion of 0902 (2 ships), depart Newcastle
- GLORIO } 0800K/29.
- TOWNVILLE } Arrived Sydney 0842K/29 from Jarvis Bay.
- TOWNVILLE } Escorting Sydney portion of 0902 (2 ships) departed
- SLs 815 & 815 } Sydney 1800K/29, SLs 815 Towford via 0700K/29.
- BOUADRA } Arrived Jarvis Bay 0800K/29 from Sydney.
- SLs 811 & 811 } Arrived Jarvis Bay 0800K/29.

S/R Report 2 of 29 August 29.

NOIC Sydney reported at 1811K/29 a possible enemy s/w sighting 3 miles SE of Beach Head at 1400K/29. One 1/2 was in investigation and set to provide cover for third portion of convoy (FGS). NOIC Sydney advised the Chain (with first portion of 0902) covered (with second portion) and 811s (with 0902). One Sydney joined the 1st portion 2.30.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday May 30, 1943.

SC746 Escorting PULGANBAR departed Oro Bay 0110K/29. ETA Milne Bay 1900K/29.

YP280 Arrived Kanakope (9 miles N of Samarai) 1716K/28.

WAGGA Escorting CITY OF FORTWORTH arrived Fall River 1306K/28 from Port Moresby.

MAHAN Escorting TAROONA departed Port Moresby 1033K/29 for Townsville. ETA 0700K/31, MAHAN to rejoin TF74 at Palm Island.

GYMPIE Escorting 7 LCTs arrived Townsville 2105K/28 from Brisbane.

YP291 Departed Townsville 1746K/28 for Brisbane ETA 2000K/31

SC's 741 & 981 Escorting 11 LCTs departed Caloundra 2120K/28 for Townsville. ETA 1100K/5, via Mackay.

DRAYTON Arrived Brisbane 1955K/29 to escort CREMER to Sydney. ETD Caloundra 2000K/29.

VENDETTA } Escorting BV63 (3 ships) ETD Caloundra 1500K/30,
SCs 648 & 748 } SCs 648 and 748 to be detached with Gladstone section (2 ships) to provide onward escort to Percy Islands, VENDETTA to escort PRESIDENT JOHNSON (bound Townsville to Whitsunday Passage.

VENDETTA On completion of exccort of PRESIDENT JOHNSON is to RV MORMACASEA in position 26° 37' S., 159° 42' E., at about 0900K/3 and escort to Brisbane.

DELORAINNE }
KALGOORLIE } Proceeded from Newcastle 1247K/29 after detaching
YANDRA } Newcastle position of PG52 less DUNDULA (stragglng).

HELM Departed Sydney 1346K/29 for Noumea.

YARROMA (P.M.B.) Departed Sydney 1014K/29 for Port Kembla.

COLAC }
BALLARAT } Departed Sydney 2326K/28, escorting Newcastle
GLENELG } portion of C096 (9 ships), departed Newcastle 0657K/29.

TOWNSVILLE Arrived Sydney 0243K/29 from Jervis Bay.

TOWNSVILLE }
MLs 428 & 818 } Escorting Sydney section of C096 (3 ships) departed Sydney 1329K/29, MLs ETA Twofold Bay 0400K/2.

BURRABRA Arrived Jervis Bay 2000K/28 from Sydney.

MLs 431 & 819 Arrived Jervis Bay 2000K/28.

S/M Report S of Newcastle.

NOIC Sydney reported at 1521K/29 a possible enemy S/M sighting 5 miles SE of Norah Head at 1430K/29. One A/C was investigating and was to provide cover for first portion of convoy (PG52). NOIC Sydney advised DELORAINNE (with first portion of PG52) MORESBY (with second portion) and PIRIE (with PG52A). CPO Sydney graded the report E.5.

SSSS from SHELDON JACKSON.

2249K/29 SHELDON JACKSON (bound San Francisco/Sydney, presumed Liberty Ship) signalled - "SSSS Position 32° 53' S., 153° 49' E. Under attack." Position is about 100 miles E of Newcastle.

2314K/29 SHELDON JACKSON signalled - "Two torpedoes fired. No hits."

CSWPSF warned BAMS 5B. NOIC Sydney ordered COOTAMUNDRA (at immediate notice at Broken Bay) to RV SHELDON JACKSON after daylight and escort to Sydney, and advised that an aircraft was being sent to search.

At 0745K/30 NOIC Sydney advised COOTAMUNDRA that A/C reported vessel at 0249K/30 in position 33° 18' S., 153° 50' E. (about 115 miles E of Norah Head, and about 25 miles S of SSSS position.)

MILDURA reports torpedo track.

2118K/29 MILDURA stationed on port quarter of convoy OC95 reported sighting a torpedo track from port to starboard. A search by MILDURA using starshells proved negative, and MILDURA rejoined convoy, which consists of 14 sh ps including BUNGAREE, escorted by WARRNAMBOOL, MILDURA, FREMANTLE and BUNDABERG. CSWPSF warned BAMS 5B. Position was about 20 miles E of Twofold Bay.

S/M D/F fixes.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification</u>
2024K/29	32° 30' S., 153° 15' E. (about 35 miles E of Sugar Leaf Point)	N (within 100 miles).

Note - Time is 2 hours 25 minutes before SHELDON JACKSON's SSSS and position is about 40 miles 303° from it.

2045K/29	40° 51' S., 154° E (about 240 miles 127° from Gabo Island.)	V (within 250 miles.)
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Note - Time is 33 minutes before OC95 sighting of torpedo track, and position is about 245 miles 136° from it.

From Monterey:

0243K/30	32° S., 154° E. (about 120 miles NE of Newcastle).	"A" (within 50 miles).
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From NZNB

0249K/30	32° S., 153° E. (about 40 miles NE of Sugar Leaf Point).	A
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Note - These 2 fixes could be the same S/M, this latter position is about 68 miles 321° from position of SSSS and time is 4 hours later than it.

Conclusion: Definitely 2 and possible 3 S/Ms off East Coast.

A/C A/S Search.

Dawn to dusk/30 from Manning River to Byron Bay to a depth to seaward of 60 miles.

0900K/Saturday, 29th May, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 including "AASE MAERSK" and "MERKUR" departed Cid Harbour 31/5 and proceeded to Palm Island carrying out day and night exercises on passage.

"MAHAN" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby at 1433K/28 from Townsville.

"DRAYTON" temporarily consigned to N.O.I.C. Sydney for escort duties, departed Cid Harbour at 1200K/28 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1500K/30.

"HENLEY" departed Sydney at 1353K/28 to join C.T.F. 74.

"CONYNGHAM" arrived Sydney at 0844K/28 having completed escort duties with "MOUNT VERNON" to 158°E.

"LAMSON") U.S. Destroyers depart Noumea about 0700K/28, escorting
"STANLEY") "FULLER" and "ROBIN WENTLEY" to Townsville (convoy designated as Task Unit 36.7.1.). Upon arrival at Capricorn Channel and returns to Noumea direct. "LAMSON" reports to Com. 7th Fleet for duty.

"TJERK HIDDES" returned Fremantle at 1729K/28 from escort duties.

"KAPUNDA") E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/30 escorting T.N. 98 (escorts to
S.C. 750) rendezvous with convoy off Fitzroy Island light at 1500K/31).
"KAPUNDA" escorts section A to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1000K/3/6. S.C. 750 with section B. E.T.A. Fall River 1000K/3/6.

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.95 arrived Port Phillip at 1047K/28.

"WARREGO" escorting T.S. 34 arrived Brisbane at 1747K/28.

"PIRIE") escorting P.G. 52 "A" departed Caloundra at 0744K/28. "BENDIGO"
"ECHUCA") joining off Cape Moreton.

"BUNBURY" escorting "KEY PITMAN", "EMPIRE HAMBLE" and "THEDENS" arrived Port Moresby at 0833K/28. At 1333K/28 "BUNBURY" departed escorting "JOHN WHITEAKER" to Fall River - E.T.A. 1700K/29.

"INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA" and "CARDROSS" departed Darwin at 0512K/28 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0730K/2/6.

"COLAC") To depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with Newcastle section
"BALLARAT") C.O.96, off Nobby's Head at 0530K/29. "TOWNSVILLE", M.L.428
"GLENELG") and M.L.318 are to clear Sydney Heads with Sydney section at 1330K/29 and rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney. M.L.438 and M.L.818 are to detach at 0600K/31 and proceed to base at Eden.

"BOWEN" to depart Fall River as convenient for Port Moresby to escort "JUNIPERO SERRA" ready to proceed to Fall River 30/5.

"BALLARD" (U.S. Seaplane tender) and 6 M.T.B's - E.T.D. Tulagi at 0600K/27 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1700K/31. (Convoy designated Task Group 36.9.

Y.M.S. 72. escorting 8A.T.Cs. E.T.D. Sydney P.M/29 for Moreton Bay.

S.C. 747 escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Fall River at 0848K/28 for Beli Beli.

Y.P. 291 arrived Townsville at 0618K/28. from Port Moresby.

S.C. 748 arrived Brisbane at 2245K/27.

"STELLA" arrived Port Moresby from Milne Bay at 1601K/28.

"HERON" arrived Geraldton from Exmouth Gulf at 1805K/28.

Y.P. 236 arrived Cairns from Thursday Island at 1711K/28.

M.L. 817 towed by S.S. "KATOOMBA" arrived Thursday Island from Townsville at 1237K/28.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport from Sydney at 1030K/28.

Y.P. 288 arrived Fremantle from Exmouth Gulf at 1729K/28.

TASK GROUP 71.7 departed Exmouth Gulf for Fremantle at 1729K/28 - E.T.A. 2000K/30.

YMS. 51, 11, 52 and 53 departed Brisbane at 1621K/28 for Townsville.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE IN VICINITY OF SUGAR LOAF POINT:

At 1615K/28 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised Lightkeeper at Sugar Loaf Point reported that a submarine was seen at 1657K/28 to surface and submerge again in position 6 to 7 miles E.S.E. of Sugarloaf Point. Graded C.3. "HENLEY" - northbound from Sydney ordered to carry out a short A/S search in the area. B.A.M.S. warning issued to shipping in area 5B.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

MILLINGIMBI - Warning 1359K/28. Raid 1404K/28. All Clear 1455K/28.

Raid made by 8 bombers escorted by 5 zeros.

A/C, A/S search from dawn to dusk 29/5 from Manning River to Byron Bay to depth to seaward of 60 miles.

AIR A/S SEARCH:

From dawn to dusk 29/5 from Manning River to Byron Bay to a depth to seaward of 60 miles.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE IN VICINITY OF SUGAR LOAF POINT:

At 1645K/28 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised "VINDICATOR" reported sighting of submarine in the vicinity of Sugarloaf Point, 10 miles E.S.E. of Sugarloaf Point on 29/5. No action was taken.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

MILLINGIMBI - Warning 1401K/28 - All clear 1451K/28.

M.P. 712 reported sighting of submarine in position 6 to 7 miles E.S.E. of Sugarloaf Point on 29/5. No action was taken.

ENEMY SUBMARINE - No action was taken on 29/5.

To 0900K/Friday, 28th May, 1943.

"BROOKS" departed Sydney at 093K/27 for Townsville.

"TROMP") departed Fremantle at 1300K/26 escorting U.S. 19
"TJERK HIDDOS") ("DOMINION MONARCH" and "NIEUW AMSTERDAM") to rendezvous with H.M.S. "SUSSEX" at 2000K/29 in position 025° 15'S. 090 54'E. "TJERK HIDDOS" will be detached at 110°E and return Fremantle.

"HENLEY" departs Sydney when ready 28/5 to join C.T.F. 74 at Palm Is.

"HELM" E.T.D. Sydney 29/5 for Noumea.

"SWAN" departed Thursday Is. at 2036K/27 escorting "DUNTROON". E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/30.

"GILMER" escorting L.C.Is. 34, 30, 31 25, 26 and 27 departed Brisbane at 1716K/27 for Townsville. E.T.A. 1600K/30.

"DOOMBA") departed Port Melbourne at 1557K/27 to assume escort
"BUNDABERG") duties with O.C. 95 including "BUNGAREE", "BUNDABERG" will continue with escort to Sydney

"QUIBERON") amended E.T.A. Fremantle 1700K/30.
"NEPAL")

P.G. 52 at 0740K/27 "DELORAINIE" reported that 2 ships ("DUNDULA" and "MATTHEW FLINDERS") became separated from convoy in severe weather conditions during night 26/5. "MORESBY" in company with 2 ships ordered by "DELORAINIE" to remain with, and escort them to destination.

"FREMANTLE" departed Jervis Bay at 1130K/26 to overtake and join C.O.95 as escort in place of "TOWNSVILLE" (defective air pump). "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Jervis Bay 26/5; at 1531K/27 N.O.I.C. ordered "DOWNSVILLE" to depart Jervis Bay at 1500K/28 and return to Sydney. Detailed for duties with C.O.96.

"HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 26/5 for Geraldton. E.T.A. 1400K/28.

S.C. 741, S.C. 181, L.C.Ts. 84, 85, 88, 174, 177, 278, 183, 373, 374, 380, and 389 - E.T.D. Caloundra 2100K/28 for Townsville.

L.C.Is. 224, 226, 228 arrived Brisbane for Newcastle 27/5.

M.L.819 and M.L.431 E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/28 with "BIRCHGROVE PARK" (en route to Twofold Bay). M.Ls. are to detach at Jervis Bay for working up exercises. M.L.428 and M.L.818 will remain at Sydney and sail with C.O.96 29/5.

A/C A/S SEARCH:

From dawn to dusk 28/5 from Manning River to Byron Bay to a depth to seaward of 60 miles.

FLOATING MINE IN VICINITY LADY ELLIOTT ISLAND.

At 1545K/27 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised "VENDETTA" reported sighting floating mine like British H. mine, 10 miles E.S.E. of Lady Elliott Island on 25/5. Mine was not destroyed.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

AUGUSTA - Warning 1429K/27 - All clear 1436K/27.

D/F FIX ENEMY SUBMARINE AT 1655K/27 in position 08°00'S. 149°00'E of Oro Bay) Grading NAN - within 100 miles.

ENEMY SUBMARINE sighted passing Cape Orford southbound at 1715K/27.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 27th May, 1943.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River 1342K/26 from survey ground.

"BUNBURY") escorting T.N. 96B arrived Fall River 1814K/25.
S.C. 747)

"BUNBURY" escorting "KEY PITMAN", "THEDENS" and "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
departed Fall River 1414K/26 for Port Moresby - E.T.A.
0700K/28.

"WAGGA" escorting "CITY OF FORTHWORTH" departed Port Moresby 1103K/26
for Fall River - E.T.A. 2000K/27.

"LATROBE" escorting "WANAKA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 26/5 for Merauke.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Cairns 1221K/26 from Fall River.

"RADICAL" (A.S.R.) arrived Cairns 0828K/26 from Townsville.

M.L. 817 in tow of H.T. "KATOOMBA" departed Cairns 0246K/26 from
Townsville for Thursday Island for onward passage to Port
Moresby.

"MAHAN" arrived Townsville 0614K/26 from Cid Harbour. Departed 1946K/26
escortng "TAROONA" for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1000K/28.

6 L.C.Is. E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/27 for Townsville.

S.C. 748 arrived Brisbane 1814K/26; is to rendezvous "VIRGINIAN" in
position 28°10'S. 160°30'E at 1400K/28 and escort to Brisbane.

"DELORAINE") escortng G.P. 52 less P "ATRAS" (6 ships) arrived
"MORESEBY") Brisbane 0904K/26 escortng P.G. 52 (8 ships) departed
"YANDRA") Caloundra 1230K/26.
"KALGOORLIE")

"GOULBURN") escortng B.V. 62 (5 ships) with L.S.T. 455 attached,
"LITHGOW") departed Caloundra 1515K/26, M.L. 425 to detach Lady
M.L. 426) Elliot Island, "GOULBURN" and "LITHGOW" at Percy Island
and return Brisbane.

M.L. 425 returned Brisbane 2249K/26.

YMS 11, 51, 52 and 53 E.T.D. Brisbane about 27/5 for Cairns, available
for escort duties as a unit on route.

"CONYNGHAM" escortng "MOUNT VERNON" (bound Auckland) to 158°E.
departed Sydney 1359K/26, "CONYNGHAM" to return Sydney for
tender overhaul.

M.Ls. 428, 818 and 819 returned Sydney 1505K/25 on account of weather

"BROOKS" E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/27 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1400K/30.

S.C. 742) arrived Sydney 1429K/26 from Suva.
APC. 4 & 13)

"BROOME" arrived Sydney 1902K/26 from escort duty with "MOBILFUEL".

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1840K/26 for Caloundra with moderate
despatch for duty with special southbound convoy as ordered
by N.O.I.C. Brisbane

To 0900K/Wednesday, 28th May, 1948.

S.C. 731 escorting "PULGANBAR" departed Fall River 1509K/24 arrived Oro Bay 1230K/25.

"BOWEN" departed Fall River 1453K/24 to rendezvous "MARTSUYCKER" and "ANDREW D. WHITE" at Stephens Island at 0700K/26 and escort to Fall River.

"ZANANA" (A.S.R.) departed Fall River 0927K/25 for duty Bartle Bay.

Y.P. 291 departed Port Moresby 1246K/25 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0200K/28.

"WAGGA" escorting T.N..96A. arrived Port Moresby 1533K/25.

"LATROBE" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0900K/26 for Merauke.

Y.P. 236 departed Thursday Island 0728K/25 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1800K/28.

"BISHOPDALE" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1230K/25 from Townsville.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns 0645K/25 from Townsville.

YMS. 10 towing YMS.47 with engine defect and sweep wire round port propellor returned outer anchorage Cairns 1435K/25.

"RADICAL" (A.S.R.) departed Townsville 0825K/25 for Cairns.

"MAHAN" E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/26 from Cid Harar for escort duty.

U.S. Destroyer. "SMITH" escorting "CARINA" E.T.A. Townsville about 1300K/30 from Noumea. "SMITH" to report to Com. 7th Fleet for duty.

YDG. 2. departed Townsville 0720K/25 for Palm Island.

"WARREGO" escorting T.S. 34 departed Townsville 2125K/24 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1300K/28 for refit.

"MERKUR" arrived Townsville 2056K/25 from Cid Harbour.

"VENDETTA" } escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" arrived Brisbane 2003K/
 "CAP DES PALMES" } 25.

"ECHUCA" departed Caloundra 1817K/25 to exercise with U.S. Submarine Seaward of Cape Moreton.

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 1327K/25 from escort duty with B.T. 61.

"GOULBURN" } escorting B.V.62 5 ships - E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/26.
 "LITHGOW" }
 M.L.425 }

"DELORAIN" } escorting P.G. 52 8 ships - E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/26.
 "KALGOORLIE" }
 "YANDRA" }
 "MORESEY" }

L.C.I.'s 224 and 228 departed Newcastle 0635K/25 for "TOORBUL" to rendezvous L.C.I. 226 off Port Stephens.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Newcastle 0638K/25. Additional Newcastle section C.O.95 did not sail owing to crew shortages.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting C.O.95 - 12 ships - departed Sydney 1419K/25.
 "MILDURA" }
 "TOWNSVILLE" }
 "BINGERA" }

"BROOME" unable to join G.P.52 due to insufficient fuel - E.T.A. Sydney 1900K/25.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" MLs. 818 and 819 } weather permitting E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/26, M.L. 819 to detach off Jervis Bay and carry out working up programme, "BIRCHGROVE PARK" to land stores at Eden and return Sydney

M.L.428 is to remain at Sydney and sail with C.O.29/5.

"MANOORA" returned Port Melbourne 1745K/25 from exercises in Pt. Phillip

"VAN GALEN" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Fremantle 0950K/25.

"TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" and "DOMINION MONARCH" E.T.D. Fremantle 1001K/26.

YP.288 - departed Exmouth Gulf 1900K/24 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1400K/26

CONVOY SAILINGS.

Until further notice C.O.convoys are to sail from Newcastle on Tuesdays and Saturdays, O.C. from Melbourne, Thursdays and Mondays, G.P. from Sydney on Tuesdays and P.G. from Brisbane on Fridays.

A/C A/S SEARCH

Dusk/25 to dawn/26 from Clarence River to Smoky Cape to a depth of 70 miles to seaward.

S/M D/F FIX.

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASS.</u>
"MANOORA"	0340K/26	09°S. 149° (off Porlock Harbour)	V (Within 250 miles).
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"MANOORA"	0815K/24	departed Broken Bay at 1800K/24 for Jervis Bay to exercise with S.A.S.F.	
"MANOORA"	0915K/24	departed Port Phillip at 2015K/24 for A.C.F. 13.	
"MANOORA"	1000K/24	departed Fall River at 1800K/24 for Port Moresby - M.L.1, 1000K/25	
"MANOORA"	1400K/24	departed Fall River at 1800K/24 - M.L.1. 070 May 1400K/24 at 1700K/24. S.O.P.C. Mine Bay reported. S.O. 740 G/L gear wrecked and screw bent on reef in Mine Bay area. Continuing on escort duty.	
"MANOORA"	1615K/24	arrived Townsville at 1615K/24 from Cairns.	
"MANOORA"	0815K/24	arrived Port Moresby at 0815K/24.	
"MANOORA"	1400K/24	departed Townsville for Fall River at 1400K/24.	
"MANOORA"	1000K/24	arrived Cairns at 1000K/24.	

(T.M. ONLY ON 2.9.) when ready about 1100K/24 depart with 13. Source for Sydney S.T. 26/5.

To 0900K/25th May, 1943. Tuesday.

"CONYNGHAM" escorting "MIZAR" arrived Sydney at 1411K/24.

"NEPAL" arrived Port Phillip at 1411K/24 from Sydney.

"GIMER" arrived Brisbane at 0525K/24.

"TOWNSVILLE" } with Newcastle section arrived at Sydney Harbour for
 "BINGERA" } shelter at 0428K/24.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" returned Sydney at 0003K/24.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" } with convoy C.O.95 (previously delayed by weather)
 "MILDURA" } will now depart Sydney at 1300K/25. "BINGERA"
 "TOWNSVILLE" } when relieved by "DOOMBA" is to proceed to
 "BINGERA" } Westernport. M.Ls. to be detached and return
 M.Ls. 818, 428 and 819. } to base at Eden.

"COOTAMUNDRA" at Newcastle. Reported that the additional Newcastle section of C.O.95 (2 ships "BAROSSA" and "KOOMILYA") would not depart Newcastle because of crew trouble.

"SWAN" escorting "BOTH" arrived Thursday Island at 0048K/24.

"ECHUCA" escorting T.S. 33 arrived Brisbane at 1356K/24. To exercise with submarine 25/5 and 26/5 - then proceed Sydney.

"WARRECO" escorting T.S. 34 - E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/24 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1300K/28.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River at 1116K/24 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0200K/26.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1937K/23.

"BOWEN" at 1614K/24 departed Fall River so as to arrive Stephens Is. at 0800K/26 - On arrival "BOWEN" is to rendezvous with and escort "MAETSUYCKER" and A.D. "WHITE" to Fall River.

"KAPUNDA" departed Townsville at 1505K/24 for Cairns.

"FREMANTLE" departs Broken Bay at 1800K/24 for Jervis Bay to exercise with R.A.A.F.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip at 2017K/24 for S.C.F. 18.

"STELLA" departed Fall River at 1552K/24 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1000K/29

S.C. 746 escorting "ANHUI" departed Fall River at 1227K/23 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400K/24 at 1705K/24. N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported. S.C. 746 S/D gear wrecked and screw bent on reef in Raven Channel area. Continuing on escort duty.

P.C. 1121 arrived Townsville at 1615K/24 from Cairns.

Y.P. 291 arrived Port Moresby at 0815K/24.

Y.P. 280 departed Townsville for Fall River at 1158K/24.

S.C. 732 arrived Cairns at 1033K/24.

S.C. 742 } (TASK UNIT 36.2.9.) when ready about 1100K/21 departs
 A.P.C. 4 and 13 } Noumea for Sydney E.T.A. 23/5.

TASK UNIT 36/9 Com. 3rd Fleet advised new E.T.A. Fall River from Tulagi. To arrive by 31/5.

L.C.I. 34, 31, 30, 27, 26 and 25 E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/26 for Townsville.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING REPORTED BY COMMODORE G.P.52 OFF SOLITARY ISLAND (Coff's Harbour Area).

At 0300K/25 "DELOIRINE" advised Commodore reports submarine on surface crossing bows in position 030°17'S. 153°45'E. On sighting submarine submerged steering westwards. Action being taken by escorts.

B.A.M.S. issued to all ships in area 5B.

At 0620K/25 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "BROOME" (proceeding independently to Sydney from escort duty east of Brisbane) to join G.P.52, if she had sufficient fuel, and return with P.G. 52.

NOTE: G.P.52 consists of 5 merchant ships with 5 escorts. "DELOIRINE" "KALGOORLIE", "MORESBY", "YANDRA" and Y.M.S. 72.

German Mine washed ashore at Port Macquarie 20/5 rendered safe and destroyed 21/5. Appeared to have been floating for at least 6 months. Full report follows from N.O.I.C. Sydney.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

PORT MORESBY - Warning 2126K/24 All Clear 2128K/24.

BATCHELOR - " 1031K/24 " 1110K/24.

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*St Thomas
Westbrook*

0900K/Monday, 24th May, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" } escorting "DOMINION MONARCH" arrived Fremantle at 1450K/23.
"THOMP" }

"NEPAL" departed Sydney at 1130K/23 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1400K/24.

"VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle at 1515K/23 to R.V. with "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" at 1500K/24. in position 36°22'S. 117°00'E, and escort to Fremantle.

"TROUT" U.S. Submarine - departed Thursday Island for Augusta 1125K/23 - E.T.A. 25/5.

"TOWNSVILLE" } escorting Newcastle section O.C. 94 arrived Newcastle at
"BINGERA" } 2155K/22 and departed at 1125K/23 escorting Newcastle section C.O.95.

"WARHNAMEBOOL" } escorting Sydney section C.O.95 departed Sydney at
"MILDURA" } 1400K/23.

At 1732K/23 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered all ships in C.O.95 to enter Sydney and await moderation in weather. Escort vessel to provide cover and escort where possible.

At 1835K/23 Sydney section returned to port escorted by "MILDURA"

At 2241K/23 N.O.I.C. Sydney requested "TOWNSVILLE" and "BINGERA" to report whether they had received 1732K/23 - if so to report E.T.A. Sydney with Newcastle section C.O.95.

"BUNBURY" } Departed Cairns at 0721K/23 to R.V. with T.N. 96 off Fitzroy
"WAGGA" } Island - "WAGGA" then escorts section "A" to Port Moresby,
S.C. 747 } "BUNBURY" and S.C. 747 escorts Section "B" to Fall River.

"DELORAINÉ" } escorting G.P.52 departed Sydney at 0913K/23 E.T.A.
"YANDRA" } Caloundra 1100K/26.
"MORESBY" } Y.M.S. 72 returned to Sydney at 1210K/23 due to weather
"KALGOORLIE" } conditions. "PATRAS" detached from G.P.52 at Newcastle
Y.M.S. 72 } due to engine defect.

TASK UNIT 36.9 departs TULAGI 1500K/22 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1600K/28.

"GEELONG" } arrived Brisbane at 0853K/23 escorting T.S. 32.
S.C. 744 }

"INVERELL" } escorting "SIBIGO", "CARDROSS", "ALAGNA" and "TONGA" (N.A.P.)
M.L.814 } arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1819K/23.

"BROOME" departed Brisbane at 0530K/23 escorting "MOBILFUEL" to position 026°58'S. 157°25'E, where "BROOME" parts company and proceeds to Sydney - E.T.A. 2330K/25.

"KATOOMBA" escorting H.R. HELPER from Fall River to Townsville. Ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville at 1016K/23. When inside Grafton Passage proceed to Cairns to complete with fuel and await instructions.

"DOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" arrived Fall River at 2136K/23 from Oro Bay.

"HERON" departed Geraldton at 1255K/23 from Fremantle. - to Exmouth Gulf

Y.P.280 arrived Townsville at 2136K/22.

Y.P.286 arrived Exmouth Gulf 22/5.

Y.P.291 departed Fall River from Sariba at 1858K/22, thence to Pt. Moresby E.T.A. 0900K/24.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 1943.

- ✓ ARUNTA - departed Townsville 0616K/22 to rejoin TF74.
- ZANANA }
TROPIC BIRD } arrived Fall River 1324K/22 from Port Moresby.
SUMMIT }
- SHEPPARTON }
POLARIS } returned Fall River 1126K/21 from surveying.
- BOWEN - escorting THEDENS departed Fall River 1208K/21 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1400K/22.
- KATOOMBA - escorting H.R.HELPER departed Fall River 1424K/21 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/24.
- ✓ SC732 - escorting MANGOLA departed Port Moresby 0833K/22 for Cairns E.T.A. 110K/24.
- ✓ WILCANNIA - escorting BURWAH and TULAGI arrived Thursday Island 2125K/21 from Darwin.
- ✓ SC747 - arrived Cairns 0623K/22 from Townsville.
- BUNBURY } = E.T.D. Cairns 0700K/23 to RV TN96 off Fitzroy Island, WAGGA
WAGGA } and portion A for Port Moresby, BUNBURY and SC747 for Fall
SC747 } River.
- PC1121 - arrived Cairns 1511K/22 from escorting FC10.
- ✓ SC750 - escorting E.R.SILL arrived Townsville 1950K/22 from Port Moresby.
- ✓ SC738 - arrived Townsville 1306K/22 from Fall River.
- KAPUNDA - arrived Townsville 2312K/21 from Port Moresby.
- ✓ ECHUCA - escorting TS33 departed Townsville 1646K/21.
- VENDETTA - is to continue escort of BT61 to vicinity of Gladstone, then proceed to RV PW 2238 (PRESIDENT JOHNSON and CAP DES PALMES) in position 26° 31' S 157° 42' E (about 225 miles E. of Cape Moreton) at 1500K/24 and escort to Brisbane.
- GOULBURN - is to detach SC 648 from BT 61 to arrive Gladstone 0800K/24 and escort W.E.CHANNING to Percy Islands returning to Brisbane on completion.
- ✓ BROOME - returned Brisbane 0025K/22 from escort duty with DEIMOS; escorting MOBILFUEL to position 26° 58' S 157° 25' E. E.T.D. Caloundra 0530K/23, BROOME proceeding to Sydney.
- ✓ GYMPIE - escorting 7 LCT's departed Caloundra 1528K/22 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600K/29, via MACKAY.
- OBANNON } Destroyers }
RADEFORD } arrived Sydney 1150K/22 from Espiritu Santo.
VESTAL } Repair Ship }
- ✓ CONYNGHAM - departed Sydney 0717K/22 to RV MIZAR 330S 160° E (about 430 miles E. of Sydney) at 1030K/23 and escort to Sydney.
- COOTAMUNDRA }
FREMANTLE } departed Sydney 0635K/22 for working up exercises at Broken Bay.
- BINGERA) departed Sydney 1110K/22 to RV OC94 off Sydney and escort
- ✓ TOWNSVILLE) Newcastle section to Newcastle.

MORESBY
YANDRA
KALGOORLIE
BENALLA
GLADSTONE

escorting Sydney section of OC94 arrived Sydney 1406K/22.

ML819 - weather permitting, is to join C095 E.T.D. Sydney Heads 1400K/23 as additional escort until 0600K/24, then detach and proceed Jervis Bay for working up exercises.

ML 430 - arrived Sydney 1233K/22 from Jervis Bay.

YMS72 - E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0900K/23 for Brisbane.

LE TRIOMPHANT - arrived Williamstown 1951K/22 from Sydney.

DOOMBA - returned Port Melbourne 0541K/22 from escort duty with OC94.

MANOORA - departed Port Melbourne 0915K/22 for exercises near Dromana.

ORARA - E.T.D. Port Melbourne 1700K/24 for SCF18.

DUBBO - arrived Fremantle 1330K/22 from Geraldton.

TROMP - departed Fremantle 2021K/21 to RV ADELAIDE and DOMINION MONARCH at 1800K/22 in position 36°21'S 116°07' E. and provide A/S escort to Fremantle.

HERON - departed Fremantle 1130K/22 for Erosion E.T.A. AM/25.

HEEMSKERCK - N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported at 0355K/22, was diverted at about 2359K/21 in approximate position 33°40'S 114°30' E to proceed Erosion at 22 knots. Position is about 28 miles E. of Cape Naturaliste.

AC A/S SEARCHES.

From Cape Byron to Manning River to a depth to seaward of 60 miles from dusk/22 to dawn/23, and from dawn to dusk/23.

AIR RAID.

FALL RIVER - Yellow warning 1950K/22, Red 1951K/22, All clear 2020K/22.

To 0900K/Saturday, 22nd May, 1943.

"FLUSSER" ordered at 0721K/21 to join T.F. 74 at Cid Harbour.

"NIAGARA" (P.T. Tender) and P.T's 144, 145, 146, 147, 148 and 110) are to arrive Fall River not later than afternoon/31 from Tulagi, Niagara and return.

"KATOOMBA" escorting H.R. HELPER, E.T.D. Fall River 1200K/21

P.C. 1121 escorting F.C. 10 departed Fall River 1230K/20 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1400K/22.

S.C. 731 escorting "PULGANBAR" departed Port Moresby 0903K/21 for Fall River.

P.T's 129, 133, 134 and 136 returned Thursday Island 0855K/21 from exercises

"WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 0745K/21 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1300K/23.

YMS.10, 47, 48 and 70 E.T.D. Cairns 0630K/22 to carry out sweep for acoustic mines.

"ECHUCA" arrived Townsville 0535K/21 from Cairns; escorting T.S. 33, E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/21 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1100K/24.

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 1415K/21 from Fall River to proceed Cid Harbour

"GYMPIE" escorting 8 L.C.T's E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/22 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1600K/1/6 via Mackay.

"GILMER" with U.S. submarine departed Caloundra 1801K/21 for exercises seaward of Cape Moreton - returning Brisbane night /23.

"VENDETTA") departed Pile Light 1308K/21 escorting E.T. 61.
 "GOULEURN")
 S.C. 648)

"TOWNSVILLE") are to take over escort of Newcastle section of O.C. 94
 "BINGERA") off Sydney Heads 1200K/22.

"GLADSTONE" departed Jervis Bay 0900K/21 ordered at 0951K/21 to rendezvous O.C. 94 at 1700K/21 and provide additional escort to Sydney

"MORESBY") are to escort Sydney Section of O.C. 94 to Sydney
 "KALGOORLIE")
 "BENALLA")
 "YANDRA")
 "GLADSTONE")

"COLAC") escorting P.G. 51 arrived Sydney 2309K/20.
 "MILDURA")
 "TOWNSVILLE")
 "BENDIGO")

"DELORAIN") detailed for G.P.52 E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0900K/23.
 "MORESBY")
 "KALGOORLIE")
 "YANDRA")

"TOWNSVILLE") E.T.D. Newcastle with Newcastle section of C.O.95 0930K/23.
 "BINGERA")

"WARRNAMBOOL") E.T.D. Sydney Heads 1400K/23 with Sydney Section of
 "MILDURA") C095 to join Newcastle section off Sydney; M.L's to
 M.L's 818 and 428) be detached 0600K/25 and return EDEN, "BINGERA" to
 escort from position "D" to Port Phillip Heads,
 unless otherwise ordered.

"FREMANTLE" E.T.D. Sydney P.M/21 for Broken Bay to work up, thence to Jervis Bay by 0600K/25 for R.A.A.F. practices.

"COOTAMUNDRA" E.T.D. Sydney 21/5 for Jervis Bay - E.T.D. 0600K/22 to exercise with R.A.A.F. then depart P.M/24 to return Sydney.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0933K/21 for Melbourne.

"CONYNGHAM" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" arrived Sydney 1304K/21; E.T.D. Sydney 0730K/22 to rendezvous "MIZAR" 33°S. 160°E (about 430 miles E. of Newcastle at 1030K/23 and escort to Sydney.

"GLENELG" arrived Sydney 2327K/20 from Brisbane.

"ORARA" arrived Port Melbourne 0901K/21 from S.C.F. 18.

"DUBBO" escorting "NORAVIND" arrived Geraldton 1535K/21; departed 1900K/21 for Fremantle.

"LADY HAMPDEN" AGROUND:

At 1600K/21, Base Torpedo Unit reported that "LADY HAMPDEN" was aground in Jervis Bay, back broken, salvage unlikely. "LADY HAMPDEN" a former Sydney ferry, wooden vessel of 135 tons gross, was employed as a target vessel for R.A.A.F. Jervis Bay.

SUBMARINE D/F FIXES:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
1626K/21	50°S. 147°E. (70 miles E. of Madang)	A (within 50 miles)
1815K/21	80°S. 152°E (240 miles E. of Mambare Bay)	V (within 250 miles)
0232K/22	34°S. 157°E (About 290 miles E. of Sydney)	V
0241K/22	32°S. 30'S 154°E. (115 miles 080° from Newcastle)	N (within 100 miles)

A/C A/S SEARCHES:

From Evand Head to Camden Haven to a depth to seaward of 45 miles from dusk/21 to dawn/22. From Cape Byron to Manning River to a depth to seaward of 60 miles dawn to dusk/22.

REPORTED SUBMARINE ACTIVITY NEAR CAE MORETON

At 0406K/22 Com 7th Fleet reported:

"FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM LOWOOD - POSSIBLE VISUAL SUBMARINE SIGHTINGS AND A.S.V. CONTACT 26°43'S. 153°52'E at 2115K/21."

Position is about 30 miles N.E. of Cape Moreton. C.S.W.P.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B. at 0526K/22.

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To 0900K/Friday, 21st May, 1943.

"ARUNTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Milne Bay at 1615K/19 - E.T.A. Townsville 1400K/21.

"DRAYTON" departed Townsville at 0800K/22 to join "HOBART" at Cid Harbour

"VENDETTA") arrived Brisbane at 1224K/20.
M.L. 424)

"VENDETTA") E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/21 escorting Convoy B.T. 61.
"GOULBURN")
S.C. 648)

"HUMPHREYS") U.S. Destroyers with 6 L.S.Ts. in company arrived Towns-
"SANDS") ville at 0246K/20 from Noumea.

"O'BANNON") U.S. Destroyers with "VESTAL" (repair ship) will arrive
"RADFORD") Sydney at 0630K/22 from Espiritu Santo.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D. Melbourne from Sydney about 0300K/23.

"WARREGO" escorting "STAGEN" arrived Thursday Island from Merauke at 1056K/20.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 2037K/20.

"WAGGA") detailed to escort convoy T.N. 96 departing Townsville at
"BUNBURY") 1300K/22. Escorts to rendezvous with convoy in vicinity
S.C. 747) Fitzroy Island light. Convoy splits at position Z
(11°50'S. 147°55'E) "WAGGA" escorts section "A" to Port
Moresby - E.T.A. 1100K/25. "BUNBURY" and S.C. 747 escort
"B" to Fall River - E.T.A. 1400K/25.

"ECHUCA" departed Cairns at 0635K/20 - E.T.A. Townsville 0400K/21.

"SWAN" escorting "BOTH" arrived Thursday Island from Port Moresby at 0152K/20. Departed at 1417K/20 on operations "AUGUSTA" to Merauke.

"BROOME" E.T.D. Caloundra 0530K/22 escorting "MOBILFUEL" to position 026°58'S, 157°25'E, where "BROOME" parts company and proceeds to Sydney direct.

"HERON" arrived Fremantle at 1814K/20 from Geraldton.

"BOMBO" arrived Hobart from Sydney at 1317K/20.

"ISABEL") arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M./19.
S.C. 739)

S.C. 738 departed Fall River at 2105K/19 for Townsville for major engine overhaul - Port engine out of action.

S.C. 698 returned Brisbane escorting "PETO" (U.S. Submarine) at 1230K/19

P.C. 1121 escorting "JAPARA" and "CREMER" E.T.D. Fall River 1220 for Cairns.

YMS. 8. 46 and 71 made available to N.O.I.C. Brisbane for local operations commencing 1200K/20.

S.C. 731) escorting "A" Section T.N. 95 arrived Port Moresby at 1603K/
S.C. 732) 20.

YMS. 10. 47, 48, 70 arrived Cairns at 2225K/20.

S.C. 759 escorting "E.R. SILL" departed Port Moresby at 1703K/20 for Townsville - E.T.A. Townsville 0100K/23.

"DOOMBA" returning Melbourne with engine defect.

At 1915K/20 "MORESBY" reported -

"DOOMBA" returning Melbourne with engine defect.
 "MAROSSA" (1513 tons gross) left behind for same reason. Instructed to proceed inshore route when repaired. Convoy E.T.A. all Ports delayed 8 hours.

NOTE: O.C. 94 was in plotted position 50 miles S.W. of Gabo Island at 1915K/20. Remaining escorts of convoy are "BENALLA", "YANDRA", "KALGOORLIE" and "MORESBY".

SUBMARINE D/F PI XES.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
0923K/20	07°00'S. 153°00'E (120 miles W. of Woodlark Is.)	V (within 250 miles)

ENEMY AIR RAID.

EOWEN	WARNING	1440K/20	All Clear	1520K/20.
GURNEY	"	0026K/21	"	0120K/21.

AIRCRAFT A/S SEARCH 21/5.

Dawn to Dusk from Cape Byron to Manning River to a depth to seawards of 60 miles.

To 0900K/Thursday, 20th May, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Sydney at 1114K/19 for N.E. Area via Moreton
"MAHAN" } Bay. "AUSTRALIA" wearing flag of C.T.F. 74.

"ADELAIDE" reported rendezvous made with "DOMINION MONARCH" at 0730K/19
E.T.A. Fremantle 1600K/23.

"ARUNTA" arrived Fall River escorting T.N. 93 at 1609K/18 - E.T.D.
1830K/19 escorting "TAROONA".

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departs Sydney at 1130K/20 for Melbourne for docking.

"FLUSSER" departed Cairns at 1736K/19 to continue searching operations
("Flusser's" searching operations in vicinity of Grafton
Passage on 18/5 and 19/5 were negative). To rejoin T.F.74
departing Cairns 20/5.

"BAGLEY" } escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON", "ADAM" and "HAYES" departed
"TALBOT" } Townsville at 2106K/18 for Noumea - E.T.A. 22/5.
"MUGFORD" }

"VENDETTA" is to rendezvous with "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" and "CAP DES
PALMES". in position 26°31'S. 157°42'E at 1001K/23 and
escort to Brisbane.

"DRAYTON" at Townsville is to join "HOBART" at Cid Harbour when ready

"GOULBURN") E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/20 - escorting B.T. 61.
S.C. 648)

"WAGGA") escorting "KATOOMBA", "C.S. JONES" and "WEST CACTUS"
M.L. 427) departed Townsville at 1830K/19 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1300K/
20.

"BROOME" on arrival Brisbane from escort duties with "DEIMOS" about
1700K/21 will exercise with submarines 22/5 - 23/5, then
provide additional escort for P.G. 32 sailing 25/5.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } detailed as escorts for C.O.95. At 1215K/19 N.O.I.C.
"DELORAINÉ" } Sydney reported weather conditions between Sydney and
"BALLARAT" } Gabo are too bad for A.M.Ss. - forecast indicates no
"BINGERA" } immediate improvement. "BALLARAT" departed Sydney
at 0225K/19 to rendezvous with Newcastle section C.O.95
off Nobby's - returned Sydney at 1826K/19. Conference
being held at 10 a.m./20 in Sydney when decision as to
weather Convoy should sail or not will be arrived at

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 13 departed Port Moresby at 1400K/19.
Convoy disperses at Fitzroy Is. E.T.A. "Kapunda" at Townsville
0300K/22.

"GLENELG" departed Brisbane 1051K/19 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0500K/21.

"INVERELL" departed Thursday Is. 0121K/19 escorting "ALAGNA", "SIBICO"
"CARDROSS", "TONGA" (A.S.R.) and M.L.814 (in tow) to
Darwin - E.T.A. 2300K/22.

"LITHGOW" returned Brisbane from escort duties at 2109K/18.

"PIRIE" arrived Brisbane from Maryborough at 1703K/18.

"ECHUCA" } carrying out A/S sweep in vicinity Grafton Passage are
"DUNBURY" } to return Cairns at 1800K/19 - To date search for enemy
mines in vicinity Fitzroy Island has been negative.

"DOOMBA" } departed Pt. Phillip at 2001K/8 to assume escort duties.
 "BENALLA" } O.C. 94. To be joined by "KALGOORLIE" "MORESBY" and
 "YANDRA" (Ex. C.O.94) then all escorts proceed to Sydney
 with Convoy.

"EUNDABERG" with all 11 ships for Melbourne from Convoy C.O.94 entered
 Pt. Phillip before midnight 19/5.

"GUNBAR" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 2148K/19.

"PATTERSON" departs Newcastle for Sydney at 0600K/20.

SUBMARINE K.12. arrived Fremantle at 1035K/19.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Geelong at 1331K/19.

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Wellington at 2700K/18 for Fremantle - E.T.A.
 0900K/25.

S.C. 750 escorting "JOHN WHITTAKER" arrived Port Moresby from Fall
 River at 1134K/19.

S.C. 698 is to rendezvous with U.S. submarine "PETO" at entrance to
 swept Channel at 0200K/20 and escort to Pile Light - Brisbane

Y.P. 286 departed Fremantle at 2325K/18 for Exmouth Gulf, E.T.A. A.M./22.

P.C. 1121 escorting "JAPARA" arrived Fall River at 1758K/18.

S.C. 738 arrived Fall River at 1758K/18.

A.S.R. launches "ZANANA", "SUMMIT", "TROPIC BIRD" departed Port Moresby
 at 1706K/19 for Fall River.

Y.P. 280 departed Caloundra at 2051K/19 for Townsville - E.T.A.P.M./22.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

	BACHELOR	-	Warning 19/5, Raid 1155K/19 All Clear 1205K/19.
GURNEY	-	Warning 2117K/19	All clear 19/5.
MILNE BAY	-	" 19/5	" 2117K/19.
GOODENOUGH IS.	"	2203K/19	" 2300K/19.
WAW	"	1050K/19	" 2300K/19.

MINE WASHED ASHORE AT PT. MACQUARIE.

Report received from Postmaster 19/5.

"HERON" reported sighting possible torpedo in position 25°40'S. 112°
 50'E (200 miles N.W. Geraldton) at 1930K/18. NOIC Fremantle
 considers report doubtful. Air search of area is being
 conducted.

A/C. A/S SEARCH 20/5.

Dawn to Dusk - from Clarence River to Smoky Cape to a
 depth seaward of 80 miles.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 19th May, 1943.

S.C. 750. escorting "VAN SWOLL" and H.R. HELPER" arrived Fall River 0558K/18 - escorting "JOHN G. WHITTIER" departed Fall River 1324K/18 for Port Moresby.

"SWAN" escorting "BOTH" departed Port Moresby 1403K/18 for Thursday Is.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "DUNTROON" arrived Port Moresby 1733K/18 - escorting "DUNTROON" and "HENRY D. THOREAU" to Fitzroy Island - E.T.D. 1300K/19, "KAPUNDA" and "HENRY D. THOREAU" E.T.A. Townsville 0330K/22. "DUNTROON", E.T.A. Townsville 2200K/21.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" arrived Thursday Island 1720K/18 from Millingimbi.

"INVERELL" escorting "ALAGNA", "CARDROSS", "SIBISO", M.L.814 and A.S.R. Launch "TONGA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0100K/19 for Darwin - E.T.A. 2300K/22.

P.Ts. 129, 133, 134 and 136. departed Thursday Island 2020K/18 to proceed about 175 miles along Western Cape York Peninsular to exercise to return 19 or 20/5.

"ECHUCA") departed Townsville 0234K/18 and A/S sweep in vicinity of
"BUNBURY") Grafton Passage and Fitzroy Island.

"BROOME" escorting "DEIMOS" to 24°32'S. 157°E. E.T.A. 1400K/20 departed Townsville 1604K/17, "DEIMOS" thence to Noumea, "BROOME" E.T.A. Caloundra 1700K/21.

"BISHOPDALE" arrived Townsville 0732K/18 from Cid Harbour.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Fitzroy Island 1430K/18 to rejoin T.F. 74.

"FLUSSER" departed Townsville 0630K/18 for Cairns arrived 1447K/18.

"MUGFORD" to rendezvous Task Unit 32.8.1. ("President Jackson", "President Hayes" and "President Adams") any time before 2200K/18 at Townsville, thereafter Unit proceeding via Capricorn Channel to Noumea.

"HENRY T. ALLEN" arrived Brisbane 0815K/18 from Sydney.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 0800K/18 from escort duty with "BLUE JACKET".

"VENDETTA") escorting B.T. 60 including Y.D.G.2 departed Caloundra 1221K/
"GEELONG") 18, M.L.424 to detach at "LADY ELLIOT ISLAND, "VENDETTA" off
M.L.424) Bustard Head, "GEELONG" and S.C. 748 at Percy Island all
S.C. 748) escorts to return Brisbane.

"COLAC") escorting G.P.51 arrived Brisbane 0815K/18 escorting
"TOWNSVILLE") P.G. 51 departed Caloundra 1141K/18 - E.T.A. Sydney 2300K/
"MILDURA") 20.
"BENDIGO")

"CHEVREUIL" escorting VK.9 departed Sydney 1147K/15 for Noumea, reported at 1005K/18 "Lost touch with Convoy 2359K/15. My position course and speed 30011'S 154°22'E. 208°04' at 1200K/18". Position is about 100 miles 159° from Cape Byron.

"LE TRIUMPHANT" returned Sydney 1655K/17.

"BOMBO" reported at 0700K/18 "Have been sheltering in Twofold Bay. Now proceeding Hobart - E.T.A. 2300K/20" and passed Gabo Is. westbound at 1219K/18.

"HERON" arrived Erosion 16/5 from Fremantle. departed 1400K/17 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 20/5.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "TULACI" and "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0709K/18 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1730K/21.

"DOMINION MONARCH"

1031K/18 Adelaide reported that rendezvous not made by 1030K/18 and requested C.S.W.P.S.F. to instruct "DOMINION MONARCH" to R.V. in position $43^{\circ}18'S$. $141^{\circ}24'E$. at 1230K/19.

1245K/18 C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered "DOMINION MONARCH" to report her position which she did at 1521K/18.

2102K/18 C.S.W.P.S.F. informed "ADELAIDE" that "DOMINION MONARCH" had been instructed to pass through $43^{\circ}05'S$. $143^{\circ}44'E$ at 1001K/19 to rendezvous with escort.

UNIDENTIFIED LOOP CROSSING AT BRISBANE.

1816K/18 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported doubtful crossing observed on indicator loop No. 1.

2101K/18 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported "Unable to establish cause of crossing A/S Vessels carrying out search during the night and aircraft co-operation at daylight being requested."

C.O.94.

"BUNDABERG" was ordered by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne to continue with her Section of C.O.94 which consisted of "BUNGAREE" and two M.V's to Port Phillip then proceed to provide A/S screen for remaining ships until all 11 ships for Port Phillip have been accounted for, then proceed Williamstown to fuel. "DOOMBA" with "BENA LA" will continue escort of O.C. 94 to Sydney to be joined by "KALGOORLIE", "MORESBY" and "YANDRA" when met. "BUNDABERG" will provide A/S cover for their portion of C.O.94.

AIR RAID AND WARNING.

PORT MORESBY - Warning 1930K/18 All Clear 1934K/18.

HORN ISLAND - Warning 2146A/18.

A/C A/S SEARCHES 19/5.

From dawn to dusk from Richmond River to Smoky Cape to a depth of 90 miles to seaward.

From 1615K/19 from Double Island to Pt. Lookout to a depth of 90 miles to seaward. Double Island is about 65 miles N. of Cape Moreton. Point Lookout is about 30 miles S. of Cape Moreton.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 18th May, 1943.

"CONYNGHAM" E.T.D. Cid Harbour 1800K/17 to rendezvous "MOUNT VERNON" 1300K/20 in position 25°10'S. 160°E and escort to Sydney.

"BOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" returned Milne Bay 1136K/17 from Oro Bay.

A.S.R. LAUNCHES "ZANANA", "RESURGAM", "SUMMIT" and "TROPIC BIRD" arrived Port Moresby 1026K/17 from Thursday Island.

"SWAN" escorting "BOTH" E.T.D. Port Moresby 18/5 for Thursday Island.

P.Ts. 129, 133, 134 and 136 - E.T.D. Thursday Island about 1101K/18 to proceed about 175 miles along Western Cape York Peninsula to exercise to return 19 or 20/5.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns 0301K/17 to rendezvous T.N. 94 off Fitzroy Island 0600K/17 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800K/18 - escorting "DUNTROON" and "EDWARD ROLAND SILL" - E.T.D. Port Moresby 19/5 for Townsville.

"ECHUCA" escorting "NUCULANA" arrived Townsville 0310K/17 from Port Moresby.

"FLUSSER"
 "DRAYTON"
 "BAGLEY"
 "RALPH TALBOT") escorting "PRESIDENT JACKSON", "PRESIDENT HAYES" and "PRESIDENT ADAMS" arrived Townsville 0620K/17.

"KATOOMBA") escorting T.N. 95 departed Townsville
S.C's 731, 732, 746, T.Y. 291) 0755K/17, S.C's 731 and 732 for Port Moresby with portion A. E.T.A. 1600. KATOOMBA S.C. 746 and YP. 291 with portion B. for Fall River - E.T.A. 1400K/20.

"LITHGOW" escorting "ALUDRA" (bound Auckland) for about 200 miles departed Brisbane 0633K/17.

"GLENELG" arrived Brisbane 0807K/17 from Townsville.

"MAHAN" escorting "CHARON" departed Caloundra 0104K/17 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1800K/18.

"VENDETTA" escorting "BLUE JACKET" (bound PANAMA) departed Caloundra 2035K/16 to part company at 1600K/17 and return to Brisbane.

YMS. 10, 47, 48 and 70 departed Caloundra 1621K/17 for Cairns.

"HELM" arrived Sydney 1459K/17 from Cid Harbour.

"COOTAMUNDRA" returned Sydney 0113K/17.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Jervis Bay 0900K/17 and will remain until P.M./20, exercising with R.A.A.F. when weather is suitable, then return Sydney.

"ISABEL" departed Fremantle 1116K/17 for Erosion - E.T.A. A.M./18.

"WHIPPOORWILL" arrived Fremantle 0630K/17 from Erosion.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Millingimbi 1500K/16 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1900K/18.

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Wellington 1307K/16.

CITIES SERVICES BOTON:

All merchant crew saved - 31 at Port Kembla, 4 in hospital at Kiama, 5 including Captain still on board. U.S.N. personnel all saved - 20 at Port Kembla, 1 in hospital at Kiama. Ship reported at 0931K/17 high and dry at lowwater. One or two possible casualties were army personnel from local camp assisting in rescue work.

SUSPECTED SUBMARINE IN VICINITY FITZROY ISLAND.

1831K/17 - N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that M.L. 426 at 1945K/16 sighted long low object travelling S.E. at high speed 2½ miles N.E. of Fitzroy Island. R.D.F. contact was obtained by station on Island and object sighted by R.A.A.F. personnel. Further R.D.F. contacts were made between 0325 and 0458K/17. There was a further sighting by R.D.F. personnel and R.D.F. Station's W/T was seriously jammed from somewhere in close proximity.

2239K/17. C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered N.O.I.C. Townsville to direct available craft to search with all despatch. "ECHUCA", "BUNBURY", "BROOME" and S.C. 747 were in Townsville.

2256K/17 Shipping in vicinity warned by CSWPSF's signal.

2315K/17 N.O.I.C. Townsville instructed by Secraphone to endeavour to get A.S.V. A/C to investigate.

2320K/17. Com 7th Fleet asked by Secraphone to consider making a destroyer available.

2346K/17. Com. 7th Fleet ordered "HOBART" to direct 1 destroyer to report to Cairns to investigate.

0233K/18 "HOBART" assigned "FLUSSER" (in Townsville).

"CENTAUR"

0927K/17 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported that search by "LITHGOW" Y.M.S. vessels and Aircraft proved negative and was abandoned 1800K/16.

SUMBARINE D/F FIXES.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
1623K/16	09°S. 154°E. (about 330 miles E. of Oro Bay)	V (within 250 miles)
0234K/17	22°S. 178°E. (about 235 miles S. of Suva)	N (within 100 miles)
0242K/17	19°S. 174°E. (about 250 miles W. of Suva)	N
1916K/17	15°20'S. 150°45'E. (about 320 miles E. of Cooktown)	A (within 50 miles)
2131K/17	15°S. 160°E. (about 305 miles S. of Guadalcanal)	A.

AIRCRAFT SUBMARINE SEARCH 18/5.

Search by aircraft from Richmond River (about 10 miles of Cape Byron) to Smoky Cape from dawn to dusk to a depth of 90 miles to seaward.

<u>AIR RAIDS 17-18/5.</u>	FALL RIVER Warning	All Clear.
	PORT MORESBY Warning	All clear
	Warning	All clear
	HORN ISLAND Warning	2045K/17 All Clear.

To 0900K/Monday, 17th May, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" departed Melbourne at 1359K/16 to rendezvous with and take over escort of "DOMINION MONARCH" in position 045° 44' S. 150° 55' E at 0800K/18. Then to proceed Fremantle E.T.A. 1600K/23.

"HENLEY" } arrived Sydney at 2302K/15 with Tug "SPRIGHTLY" and
"BALLARAT" } "ORMISTON".
"KYBRA" }

"HELEN" } E.T.A. Sydney 1100K/17.
"MUGFORD" } returned Brisbane at 2051K/15 with survivors from "CENTAUR".
Departed 1624K/16 escorting "W.E. ALLISON". "MUGFORD" will
part company so as to arrive Townsville A.M. 18/5.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting T.N. 92 arrived Port Moresby at 0903K/16.
"SWAN" } "WARRAMUNGA" escorting M.B. 4 departed Port Moresby
at 1433K/16 to be relieved later by "SWAN" vicinity
Brumer Island. On relief "WARRAMUNGA" to rendezvous
P.M./17 with ASPASIA NOMIKOS and escort to Fitzroy Is.
then proceed to rejoin C.T.F. 74.

"MAHAN" arrived Brisbane from Pt. Curtis at 1038K/16 - then proceed Sydney.
E.T.D. Brisbane 0500K/17 escorting "CHARON" to Sydney.

"ARUNTA" } escorting T.N. 93 departed Townsville at 0615K/18.
S.C. 738 }

"GILMER" escorting "CHARON" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0530K/16.

"CASTLEMAINE" E.T.D. Millingimbi 1530K/16 - E.T.A. Tucker Point 1900K/18.

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Brisbane 0600K/17 escorting "AIDRA" for 200 miles East
of Brisbane then to return.

"KAPUNDA" at Cairns to rendezvous with T.N. 94 vicinity Fitzroy Island
at 0600K/17, and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800K/18.

"WAGGA" at 1100K/16, N.O.I.C. Townsville advised "WAGGA" reports collision
with S.S. "KINTORE" (242 tons - gross - U.S.A. Small craft in
Whitsunday Passage at 2200K/14. "WAGGA" slightly damaged port
quarter. Further report follows. "KINTOR" damaged stern and
bow plates and proceeded to destination.

"GERLONG" escorting T.S. 30 arrived Brisbane at 1454K/16.

M.L. 428 - E.T.D. Sydney (weather permitting) 0800K/17 for Twofold Bay
to await convoy O.C. 94.

S.C. 748 arrived Brisbane at 2235K/15.

M.L. 814 departed Cairns at 1515K/15 in tow "CARDROSS" for Darwin via
Thursday Island.

S.C. 747 arrived Townsville at 1330K/15.

S.C. 739 departed Fremantle at 1418K/16 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. 19/5.

YMS. 72 escorting 7 A.P.Cs arrived Sydney at 1110K/16.

S.C. 648 arrived Brisbane at 1714K/16.

M.L. 817 arrived Cairns from Townsville at 2240K/15 - to be towed to
Port Moresby.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

1. 110 miles N.N.W. of Fremantle.

At 1540K/16 "WHIPPOORWILL" reported strong ASDIC contact in position $30^{\circ}37'S$. $114^{\circ}38'E$.

Dropped 6 depth charges with unknown results and lost contact but continued search until 1900K/16.

N.O.I.C. Fremantle issued B.A.M.S. for 5A.

2. 60 miles N.E. of Smoky Cape.

At 0150K/17 aircraft (A.S.V.) en route to cover convoy G.P.51 reported "AM OVER SUBMARINE IN POSITION $30^{\circ}17'S$. $154^{\circ}06'E$."

Note:- Convoy G.P.51 - plotted to be within 10 miles of above position at same time.

At 0541K/17 B.A.M.S. issued to area 5B. S.O.O. Sydney reported "COLAC" (Senior Escort) advised of the position.

3. 150 miles S. of Fall River.

in
At 2210K/16 by D/F/position $13^{\circ}00'S$. $150^{\circ}00'E$. No classification by C. in C. Pacific. B.A.M.S. issued to area 5C.

SPECIAL AIR SEARCH OF PROBABLE SUBMARINE AREA.

From dawn to dusk 17/5 Area from Smoky Cape to Coff's Harbour to a depth of 40 miles.

FURTHER TO INDICATION ENEMY MINES IN VICINITY FITZROY ISLAND.

At 1750K/16 "KAPUNDA" when using S.T.U. detected 4 echoes, considered to be mines in position $016^{\circ}48'S$. $146^{\circ}05'E$. at 600 yds. range.

FURTHER TO SHIPS OF C.O.94 AGROUND (EARLIER REPORT).

Now established that only one vessel is aground - the CITIES SERVICE BOSTON at Bass Point. Ship's back is broken. Crew have been landed. Casualties believed to be 1 or 2.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" reported at 1140K/16. "VISIBILITY VERY POOR" - HIGH SEAS RENDER VERY PROBLEMATICAL ANY SALVAGE UNDERTAKEN WITH SINGLE ENGINE."

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TOP SECRET

TO 0900K/SUNDAY 16TH MAY, 1942.

- ADELAIDE. E.T.D. Melbourne 1400K/16 to R/V with DOMINION MONARCH and relieve S.O.P.A.C. escort in position 45° 44' S. 130° 55' E at 0800K/16. Then to continue as escort to Fremantle. E.T.C. 1600K/25. DOMINION MONARCH departed Wellington at 0800K/15.
- VAN GALEN escorting ATREUS arrived Fremantle at 0940K/15.
- MUGFORD - escorting SUSSEX departed Brisbane at 1107K/15. MUGFORD detaches at 1001K/16 and returns Brisbane.
- LE TRIOMPHANT. E.T.A. Sydney from Caloundra 1030K/16.
- MAHAN - escorting Cape Flattery, arrives Port Curtis at 2100K/15. MAHAN then proceeds Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/16. Available for escort duties to Sydney. To arrive by 18/5.
- VENDETTA E.T.D. Caloundra 2200K/16 escorting BLUE JACKET, routed through position 28° 08' S. 168° 22' E. VENDETTA parts company at 1600K/17 and returns to Brisbane.
- SWAN E.T.D. Port Moresby 1200K/16, escorting M.B.4 to Fall River. E.T.A. 2000K/17.
- KAPUNDA escorting F.C.8 departed Fall River at 1445K/14. E.T.A. Cairns 2000K/16.
- KATOOMBA arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1314K/15. E.T.D. 0200K/16 escorting T.N.93, with ANUNTA to Fall River E.T.A. 1230K/18.
- BOWEN escorting THEDEN departed Fall River at 1432K/14. E.T.A. Ora Bay 1400K/15.
- WHYALLA departed Fall River at 1432K/14 for Survey ground.
- CASTLEMAINE - escorting DARVEL arrived Millingimbi from Darwin at 1845K/14.
- WARRECO escorting STAGEN departed Thursday Is. at 1809K/14 for Merauke.
- BENALLA E.T.D. Melbourne PM/17 as additional escort for O.C.94 to Sydney.
- SHEPPARTON - departed Fall River at 1202K/15 for Nuakata.
- BROOME arrived Townsville at 1326K/15 from Fall River.
- EUNDABERG }
KALGOORLIE } Departed Newcastle at 0808K/15, escorting NEWCASTLE
YANDRA } position C.O.94.
- MORESBY }
BINGERA } Departed Sydney at 1410K/15 escorting Sydney section
COOTAMUNDRA } CO94 including BUNGAREE to R/V with Newcastle section.
BINGERA and COOTAMUNDRA returned from convoy R/V
point at 1721K/15.
- WAGGA } escorting B.T.58 arrived Townsville at 1440K/15.
SC748 }
- COLAC }
TOWNSVILLE } escorting G.P.51 including U.S.S. RIGEL departed
MILDURA } Sydney at 0945K/15.
BENDIGO }
- GLADSTONE departed Sydney for Jervis Bay at 2143K/14.

YMS 10, 47, 48 and 70 - will depart Brisbane at 1200K/16 for Cairns.

P.C.1121 escorting JAPARA departed Fall River at 0724K/15 for Belibeli - Goodenough Island.

S.C.731) arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1100K/14.
S.C.732)

Y.P.280 arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0705K/15.

S.C.648 returned Brisbane at 0221K/15 from escorting E.T. BEDFORD. Departed at 0917K/15 escorting SUNETTA (for Talara) until 0300K/16, then returning Brisbane.

S.C.648 returned Brisbane at 0221K/15 from escorting E.T. BEDFORD.

F.F.S.CHEVREUIL - escorting 3 M/Vs departed Sydney at 1147K/15 for Noumea.

SPECIAL AIR SEARCH OF PROBABLE SUBMARINE.

Area - Dawn to Dusk patrol 16/5 covering area from Jarvis Bay to Gabo Island, with a depth of 20 miles.

D/F FIXES.

<u>Times</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Nature</u>
2225K/14	07° 00' S. 151° 00' E. (185 miles 55° from Oro Bay)	A. (within 50 miles)	S/M
1622K/15	08° 00' S. 153° 00' E. (200 miles 80° from Oro Bay)	L. (within 500 miles)	S/M
1626K/15	07° 00' S. 148° 00' E. (110 miles 342° from Oro Bay)	V. (within 250 miles)	S/M
2204K/15	18° 30' S. 156° 30' E. (410 miles 025° from Sandy Cape)	(From H.Z.N.B.No classification)	S/M
2327K/15	20° 00' S. 156° 00' E. (315 miles 027° from Sandy Cape)	V. (within 250 miles)	S/M
2210K/15	20° 15' S. 156° 30' E. (320 miles 033° from Sandy Cape)	N. (within 100 miles)	S/M

ENEMY AIR RAIDS

Port Moresby.

Warning 1921K/15 Raid in Progress 1929K/15 All Clear 2004K/15.
" 2017K/15 " " " 2028K/15 " " 2116K/15.

Goodenough Island.

Warning 15/5 All Clear same date 15/5.

HOSPITAL SHIP CENTAUR SUNK - REPORTED TO BE TORPEDOED.

At 1506K/15 MUGFORD reported.

Am picking up many survivors of H.M.A. Hospital Ship CENTAUR. Position 27° 03' South 154° 12' East at 1414K/15. (090° from Cape Moreton, 40 miles) "MUGFORD"s route passed through this position.

At 1647K/15 Com 7th Fleet ordered HELM to proceed at top speed and assist in search for survivors.

At 1758K/15 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised further report from MUGFORD.

Position of attack 070° from Point Lookout 24 miles.

One torpedo sunk ship in about 2 minutes. Survivors

to date 54 men 1 woman - four seriously injured.

Intend return Brisbane E.T.A. 1730K/15.

Four Y.M.S. vessels were due to arrive locality by 2200K/15 and LITHGOW with medical officer at 0400K/16.

Aircraft are cooperating in the search this morning.

CENTAUR (3222 tons gross) en route Sydney to Cairns. Passengers and crew were - 88 crew, 64 medical staff, 290 personnel of Army Medical Unit.

Note: I Position of attack as given above is approximately 80 miles inshore of allotted route.

Note: II At 1000K/16 reported by telephone from Brisbane the survivors state CENTAUR was burning all lights prescribed for hospital ships at time of torpedoing. Second Officer, who had just come off watch, had inspected the lights before going below, he further states that ship was torpedoed forward which, combined with her speed, caused her to plunge. He considers there is little hope of any further survivors and N.O.I.C. Brisbane's present intention is to give up the search at dusk this evening.

R.D.F. CONTACTS IN VICINITY FITZROY ISLAND.

At 2325K/15 - N.O.I.C. Cairns reported.

R.D.F. Fitzroy Island reported further contacts of small surface craft in vicinity of N.E. Fitzroy, 4 miles between 1900K/14 and 2356K/14, and in vicinity of South Fitzroy, distant 7 to 20 miles from 2337K/14 to 0101K/15. R.D.F. log at Fitzroy checked and personnel questioned by Lieutenant Benbow personally, who considers echoes recorded indicate one or more submarines.

Submit possibility of mine laying activity and suggest ships be instructed to keep clear of these positions until areas have been swept.

At 0427K/16 - C.S.W.P.S.F. advised N.O.I.C.s Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Port Moresby, Milne Bay, Darwin, and Thursday Island, that shipping is to be instructed to keep clear of these positions until further notice.

At 0437K/16. Warships on escort duties in the vicinity were advised.

TWO SHIPS FROM CONVOY C094 AGROUND IN VICINITY JERVIS BAY.

CITIES SERVICE BOSTON - Tanker (9348 tons gross) carrying wheat as ballast. Reported at 0615K/16.

Ashore close to Beecroft Head - Pounded by surf. Later, position reported as Cape St. George south side of Jervis Bay.

At 0653K/16 - D.S.O. Sydney advised LE TRIUMPHANT had been ordered to proceed with despatch to render all assistance.

M.L.430 - proceeding - Tug being despatched.

To 0900K/Saturday, 15th May, 1943.

"STELLA" departed Fall River 1031K/14 for survey ground.

S.C. 750 escorting "REIJNST" returned Fall River 2307K/13 from Oro Bay.

"ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" arrived Port Moresby 1810K/14 from Fall River; escorting "NUCULANA" departed 1720K/14 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600K/17.

"WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" returned Thursday Island 0359K/14 from A; E.T.D. 1800K/14 escorting "STAGEN" to and from Augusta, E.T.A. Augusta 2000K/15, and on return about 17/5 is to proceed Townsville.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting portion T.N. 92 departed Townsville 2316K/13 to rendezvous remainder T.N. 92 and "SWAN" off Fitzroy Island and proceed Port Moresby.

"SWAN" departed Cairns 0715K/14 to rendezvous T.N. 92 and "WARRAMUNGA" and proceed to Port Moresby.

"GILMER" escorting T.S. 31 departed Townsville 2256K/13 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0600K/16.

"ARUNTA") escorting T.N. 93 E.T.D. Townsville 0300K/16 for Fall
"KATOOMBA") River E.T.A. 1230K/18.

"MUGFORD" is to escort "SUSSEX" (bound LYTTLETON) E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/15 until 0100K/16 and to return Caloundra to meet "W.B. ALLISON", E.T.D. 1600K/16. and escort to Townsville.

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 0335K/14.

S.C. 648 escorting "E.T. BEDFORD" (bound San Pedro) departed Caloundra 0620K/14, S.C. 648 to part company at 1800K/14 and return to escort "SUNETTA" (E.T.D. Caloundra 1030K/15 for TALARA) until 0300K/16, then returning Brisbane.

"BAGLEY" departed Sydney 0759K/14. to rendezvous Task Unit 32.6.1 during daylight/15 if possible, otherwise at 0600K/16 in position 22°25'S. 151°42'E (about 75 miles 100° from Cape Townshend) and escort to Townsville.

"DRAYTON") with "PRESIDENT JACKSON", "PRESIDENT ADAMS" and "PRESIDENT
"FLUSSER") "HAYES" - Task Unit 32.6.1. - departed Noumea 1400K/13.
"TALBOT")

"TOWNSVILLE") arrived Sydney 2140K/13 escorting O.C. 93 including
"DELORAINE") "ALSEY" and "GOLDSTAR".
M.L. 813)

"WARRNAMBOOL") escorting O.C. 93 arrived Newcastle 0200K/14.
"MILDURA")
"YANDRA")

"WARRNAMBOOL") departed Newcastle 0603K/14- arrived Sydney 1105K/14.
"MILDURA")

"BUNGAREE" to depart Sydney with C.O.94 - E.T.D. 1400K/15.

"BOMBO" departed Sydney 1103K/14 for Hobart

"BINGERA" arrived Sydney 1005K/14 from Westernport.

M.L. 429 arrived Sydney 0535K/14 from Jervis Bay.

"MANOORA" returned Port Melbourne 1721K/14 from exercises.

"CHANTICLEER" } arrived Erosion 1245K/13 from Fremantle.
S.C. 751.

"TJERK HIDDIS" arrived Fremantle 1921K/14 from Erosion.

"WHIPPOORWILL" E.T.A. Fremantle 1001K/17 from Erosion.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "TULAGI" arrived Darwin 1416K/14 from Thursday Island.

UNIDENTIFIED R.D.F. PLOTS FROM KIAMA.

2035K/14 N.O.I.C. Sydney informed "GLADSTONE" that unidentified R.D.F. Plots bearing 142° from KIAMA probably indicated surface craft patrolling across 100 fathom line, and ordered her to proceed with all despatch to investigate. If search negative, "GLADSTON" to proceed as previously ordered to Jervis Bay to work up and exercise with R.A.A.F.

2041K/14 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered M.L. 430 if weather suitable to proceed and investigate.

D/F FIXES.

<u>TIMES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>NATURE</u>
1806K/13	$08^{\circ}S 152^{\circ}E$ (205 miles 077° from Oro Bay)	V (within 250 miles)	S/M
2123K/13	$10^{\circ}S 160^{\circ}E$ (10 miles S. of Guadalcanal)	N (within 100 miles)	Prob S/M.
2154K/13	$08^{\circ}S. 154^{\circ}E$ (325 miles E. of Oro Bay).	V	"
2313K/13	$05^{\circ}S. 153^{\circ}E$ (75 miles 138° from Rabaul)	V	"
0524K/14	$05^{\circ}S. 155^{\circ}E$ (25 miles NE of Buka Passage)	V	Jap naval unit. poss. associated with a/c activity

AIR RAIDS.

PORT MORESBY: Warning 2038K/14 - All clear 2050K/14.

HORN ISLAND: Warning 2255K/14 - All clear

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To 0900K/Friday, 14th May, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Townsville 0654K/13 for escort duty
 "ARUNTA" }
 "HELM" E.T.D. Cid Harbour 1800K/14 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/17.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "VAN DER LIJN", "TIME" and "JANSSENS" - E.T.D.
 Fall River 1200K/14 to Cairns - E.T.A. 0600K/17.

"STELLA" arrived Fall River 1754K/12.

"POLARIS" Departed Fall River 1754K/12 for survey ground.

P.C. 1121 escorting "PULGANBAR" departed Fall River 1407K/12 for Oro Bay
 E.T.A. 1500K/13.

"ECHUCA" escorting "JANSSENS" returned Fall River 1129K/13 from Oro Bay.
 Departed Fall River 1312K/13 to escort "VAN SWOLL" to Port
 Moresby - E.T.A. 1700K/14; then to escort "NUCULANA" to
 Townsville.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River 1817K/13 from Cairns.

"BOWEN" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" and "JOHN WHITTIER" arrived Fall River
 1747K/13 from Townsville.

"LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" arrived Thursday Island 1809K/13 from
 Wessel.

YP. 236 arrived Thursday Island 1256K/13 from Cairns.

"WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" E.T.D. Merauke 0700K/13 for Thursday Island.

A.S.R. LAUNCHES "ZANANA", "RESURGAM", "SUMMIT" and "TROPIC BIRD" departed
 Thursday Island 0743K/13 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. A.M/16.

"INVERELL" escorting "YARRA" and "MATHEW FLINDERS" arrived Thursday Island
 2315K/12 from Darwin.

M.L. 814 arrived Cairns 0745K/13 from Townsville.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 1759K/13 having escorted "DUNTROON" from Port
 Moresby.

"GLENELG" arrived Townsville 1430K/13 from Port Moresby via Thursday Is.

"GUNBAR" arrived Townsville 0030K/13 from Thursday Island.

"GRELONG" to rendezvous T.S. 30 about 18 miles N. of Percy Islands at
 0600K/14.

"GOULBURN" } escorting T.S. 29 arrived Brisbane 2103K/12.
 "LITHGOW" }

"LITHGOW" departed Brisbane 1756K/13 with U.S. submarine to exercise
 seaward of Cape Moreton.

S.C.'s 731, 732 and 748 escorting B.T. 59 departed Caloundra 2210K/12
 S.C. 748 to return Brisbane from Percy Island.

U.S. Submarine "DRUM" arrived Brisbane 0717K/13.

"MUGFORD" arrived Brisbane 1106K/13 from Fall River.

"GOONAMBEE" returned Newcastle 1630K/12 from escort duty.

F.S. "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0412K/13 to rendezvous "W.E. CHANNING"
 off Newcastle and escort to Caloundra, thence returning Sydney.

M.L. 813 - departed Sydney 1453K/13 to join O.C. 93 at 1700K/13 as additional escort to Sydney.

"BAGLEY" E.T.D. Sydney 0630K/14 for vicinity Capricorn Chamel to R.V. convoy from Noumea and provide additional escort to Townsville.

"BUNDABERG" } are to escort C.O.94 "BUNDABERG" and "MALGOORLIE" to
"KALGOORLIE" } sail as convenient to rendezvous "YANDRA" and convoy off
"MORESBY" } Newcastle 0600K/15, "MORESBY" and M.L's to clear Heads
"YANDRA" } with Sydney section at 1400K/15 and join convoy off
M.L's 428 & 818. } Sydney, M.L's to be detached at 0600K/17 and proceed
to Eden.

"MORESBY" } escorting P.G. 50 arrived Sydney 1950K/13.
"COLAC" }
"BENDIGO" }

"COLAC" } detailed to escort G.P.51 - E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/15.
"MILDURA" }
"TOWNSVILLE" }
"BENDIGO" }

U.S.S. "HERON" departed Fremantle 0925K/13 for Erosion E.T.A. A.M/16.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Darwin 0732K/13 for Millingimbi E.T.A. 1730K/14.

SUBMARINE ATTACK ON P.G. 50.

1823K/13 - "ORMISTON", accompanied by "BALLARAT" off Coff's Harbour.

2048K/13 - "SPRIGHTLY" departed Sydney for Coff's Harbour.

2220K/13 - N.O.I.C. Sydney reported "Torpedo struck port side No. 1 hold. Bulkhead holding. All other holds dry. No casualties; Master anticipates being able to proceed Sydney 13/5 at reduced inshore route.

1735K/13 - N.O.I.C. Sydney gave E.T.D. of "SPRIGHTLY" towing "ORMISTON" as about 1900K/13 and requested "HENLEY" to take "BALLARAT" under her orders and provide A/S protection.

1800K/13 - "SPRIGHTLY" towing "ORMISTON" escorted by "BALLARAT" departed Coff's Harbour at 6 knots.

1855K/13 - N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "KYBRA" to provide additional A/S escort.

2115K/13 - N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "COLAC" now reports that "CARADALE" was hit by torpedo which failed to explode in same attack as "ORMISTON" was hit. At the time "CARADALE" reported no damage. Subsequently found to be making water in No.3 hold. Water in check and vessel has arrived Sydney". "CARADALE" is a cargo vessel of 1881 tons gross and had a general cargo. Her destination was Newcastle.

AIR RAIDS:

MILLINGIMBI - Warning 1246K/13 All Clear.
Warning 1535K/13
All Clear 1620K/13.

DARWIN Raid 1221K/13.
All clear 1230K/13.

MERAUKE Warning 1138K/13.

PORT MORESBY Warning 2020K/13 Raid 2025K/13 All Clear 2100K/13.
Warning 2226K/13 All Clear 2245K/13.

UNIDENTIFIED LOOP CROSSING AT NEWCASTLE.

1848K/13 Unidentified Crossing on No. 1 Loop. P.B. WINBAH (fitted A/S) "GOONAMBEE" (Aux. M/S) and 3 N.A.P. Boats searched without result.

0017K/14 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "WARRNAMBOOL" (S.O. Escort O.C. 93) that crossing considered doubtful but possibly a surface vessel of under 100 tons and ordered "WINBAH" to carry out A/S patrol off harbour until arrival of convoy, the precede it into harbour, one escort to carry out A/S patrol to eastward of harbour and one to southward until all ships had entered. All available small craft to patrol harbour as considered necessary.

2100K/13 Sydney section of O.C. 93 arrived.

0200K/14 Newcastle section of O.C. 93 arrived.

D/F FIXES.

0407K/13 Submarine - 29°00'S. 156°00'E Class A (within 50 miles)
Position is about 120 miles E. of Cape Moreton - MAHAN
escorting CAPE FLATTERY (bound GLADSTONE) warned.

2124K/13 Submarine 14°00'S. 161°00'E Class V (within 250 miles)
Position is 235 miles S. of Guadalcanal.

2153K/13 Unidentified Jap unit 08°00'S. 155°00'E Class N. (within 100 miles). Position is about 320 miles 064° from Fall River.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 13th May, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Melbourne from Fremantle at 1351K/12.

"DRAYTON" } E.T.D. Noumea 1000K/12 for Townsville by direct route.
"FLUSSER" }

"BROOKS" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1352K/12.

"MUGFORD" E.T.D. Cid Harbour 1001K/12 - E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/13.

"PERKINS" } departed Brisbane at 1415K/12 escorting "TAROONA" to
"CONYNHAM" } Townsville E.T.A. 1000K/14 on completion "PERKINS"
and "CONYNHAM" will proceed Cid Harbour to join C.T.F. 74.

"GILMER" E.T.D. Townsville escorting T.S. 31 - 1200K/13 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1900K/15.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D. Newcastle 0700K/13 - escorting "W.E. CHANNING" to Brisbane.

"SWAN" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Port Moresby at 0702K/12 for Cairns, thence for onward routing E.T.A. Cairns 1930K/13.

"GEELONG" to rendezvous with T.S. 30 (E.T.D. Townsville 2200K/12) at 0600K/14 and escort to Brisbane.

"BUNBURY" arrived Townsville at 0808K/12 from Port Moresby.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney at 2149K/11 to carry out training programme - then proceed to Port Stephens, thence Sydney - at 1743K/12 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered Kybra to join P.G. 50 as additional escort.

"BROOME" } departed Fall River at 1313K/12 escorting F.C. 7.

S.C. 747

"HEAPUNDA" } escorting "ISLANDER" departed Wessel Island at 2030K/11.
E.T.A. Thursday Island 0730K/13.

"DOOMBA" having completed escort duties with C.O.93 arrived Melbourne at 0551K/12.

"BINGERA" departed Westernport at 0700K/12 for Sydney and Twofold Bay for exercises. E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/14.

S.C. 648 - E.T.D. Brisbane 1800K/13 escorting E.T. BEDFORD through position 27°05'S. 157°35'E. S.C. 648 will part company at 1800K/14 and return Brisbane.

At 1350K/12 S.C. 648 was advised U.S. Submarine "DRUM" due to arrive entrance to swept channel at 0400K/13. S.C. 648 to depart Brisbane about 1400K/12 to rendezvous with "DRUM" and escort to Caloundra. If rendezvous not made by 0600K/13 report and await instructions.

S.C. 741. arrived Brisbane at 0951K/12 from Sydney.

"GOONAMBEE" escorting 3 A.L.Cs. departed Newcastle at 0715K/12 for Port Stephens

"BOMBO" towing lighter arrived Sydney from Hobart at 2128K/11.

"CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Sydney at 1044K/12 for Cairns.

"ISABEL" arrived Fremantle at 1420K/12.

M.L. 814 departed Townsville at 1715K/12 for Cairns for onward routing.

"ORMISTON" IN CONVOY P.G. 50 TORPEDOED IN POSITION 13 MILES N.E. OF COFF'S HARBOUR.

(P.G. 50 - a convoy of eleven ships escorted by "BALLARAT", "BENDIGO", "COLAC", "MORESBY").

- At 1445K/12 "COLAC" reported "ORMISTON" (5,852 tons) torpedoed in position 030°16'S. 153°23'E at 1414K/12. Aircraft covering P.G. 50 reported sighting submarine at same time.
- At 1446K/12 "HENLEY" (en route Brisbane to Sydney) ordered to proceed with all despatch to provide covering for convoy to Sydney.
- At 1514K/12 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised Tug and launches from "YAMBA" and COFF'S HARBOUR being despatched. "SPRIGHTLY" (Tug) from Sydney being prepared.
- At 1533K/12 C.S.W.P.S.F. issued B.A.M.S. to all shipping in area 5B.
- At 1626K/12 "HENLEY" ordered by C.T.F. 74 to hunt submarine until further orders - later advised to continue until daylight 13/5.
- At 1630K/12 "MORESBY" reported "BALLARAT" escorting "ORMISTON" inshore. "MORESBY" remaining in vicinity. Four counter attacks negative.
- At 1650K/12 "COLAC" reported. Proceeding with convoy. "ORMISTON" last seen afloat. "MORESBY" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to rejoin convoy.
- At 1740K/12 Pilot Coff's Harbour reports "ORMISTON" 7 miles off, steaming towards harbour, but down at bows. "BALLARAT" standing by. "SPRIGHTLY" being despatched from Sydney with salvage pumps.
- At 1742K/12 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "BALLARAT" - Unless you have rejoined convoy remain with and stand by "ORMISTON", until further orders. "BALLARAT" advised about the same time. "ORMISTON" torpedoed in No.1. hold - no casualties - ship now anchored Coff's Harbour.
- At 1743K/12 "KYBRA" ordered to proceed with all despatch to join P.G.50 as additional escort to Sydney.
- At 2155K/12 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised Tug with salvage gear is on its way. E.T.A. Coff's Harbour 1600K/13. Marine Superintendent and Salvage Officers should arrive about 0700K/13; after consultation they will decide whether to sail "ORMISTON" for Sydney as convenient meeting "SPRIGHTLY" en route, or wait for tow. In either case "BALLARAT" to provide A/S protection.

S.C. 747 REPORTED SUBMARINE CONTACT.

At 2100K/12 S.C. 747 (with "BROOME" escorting F.C.7 2 ships from Fall River) reported. Submarine contact 20 miles S. BRUMER ISLAND (South of Fall River) at 1900K/12. C.S.W.P.S.F. issued BAMS to shipping in area 5C.

SUBMARINE SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT AT 2000K/12.

In position 45 miles S. of Gasmata. Course 260° speed 14 knots. First sighted on surface then submerged.

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10 0900K/Wednesday, 12th May, 1943.

"BROOKS" escorting "ALUDRA" arrived Brisbane at 1049K/11. "BROOKS" departed at 1130K/11 for Sydney.

"HENLEY" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0841K/11. "HENLEY" departed for Sydney at 1820K/11 - E.T.A. 0700K/13.

"PATTERSON" escorting "PENNANT" departed Caloundra at 2309K/10. "PATTERSON" detaches at 159° E, and proceeds to Noumea, E.T.A. 0800K/13.

"SAUFLEY" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Sydney at 1100K/11 for Espiritu Santo.

"PERKINS" } escorting "TAROONA" - E.T.D. Caloundra 2350K/11 for
"CONYNHAM" } Townsville.

"SWAN" escorting T.N. 90 arrived Port Moresby at 0903K/11 - to sail for Cairns after fuelling.

"COLAC" } escorting P.C. 50 departed Caloundra at 1147K/11. E.T.A.
"MORESBY" } Sydney 1600K/13.
"BALLARAT" }
"BENDIGO" }

"WAGGA" returned Brisbane at 0319K/11 from exercises off Cape Moreton.

"WILCANNIA" escorting TULAGI departed Thursday Is. for Darwin at 1100K/11. E.T.A. 1500K/14.

"WHYALLA" departed Cairns at 1217K/11 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1300K/13.

S.C. 747 escorting "VAN DER LIJN" arrived Fall River at 1958K/11 from Townsville.

"KATOOMBA" } departed Caloundra at 1719K/11 escorting B.T. 58. On
"WAGGA" } arrival Percy Island "GEELONG" will return to Brisbane and
"GEELONG" } M.L. 427 will be taken in tow by "ANDREW D. WHITE".
S.C. 748 }
M.L. 427 }

S.C. 731. } E.T.D. Brisbane 1700K/12 escorting B.T. 59 S.C. 748 will
S.C. 732. } return to Brisbane from Percy Island.
S.C. 748. }

"WARREGO" escorting "BOTH" and "LORINNA" on Augusta movement, departed Thursday Island at 0730K/11 - E.T.A. about 0700K/12.

P.C. 1121 escorting "VAN SWOLL" arrived Fall River at 1801K/11 from Goodenough Island.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip at 2039K/10 for S.C.F. 18.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney at 1715K/10 from training cruise.

"PATERSON" returned Newcastle at 0315K/11.

"SHEPPARTON" } returned Fall River at 1106K/11 from survey area.
"POLARIS" }

Y.P. 280 departed Townsville at 1230K/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0800K/15.

"LATROBE" and "ISLANDER" attacked by 2 enemy float planes.

At 1001K/11 while discharging at Wessel Island.
Nil damage. Float plane shot down by Beaufighter.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

Darwin - Air raid 1214K/11. All clear 1241K/11.
Augusta - Air raid warning 11/5. All clear 1233K/11.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 11th May, 1943.

"SELFRIDGE" } departed Brisbane 1654K/10 for Noumea. E.T.A.
 "RALPH TALBOT" } 1430K/12.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Caloundra 2325K/9, E.T.A. Cid Harbour 0845K/11.

"ARUNTA" departed Sydney 1313K/10 for Cid Harbour - E.T.A. 1300K/12.

"PERKINS" } arrived Brisbane 0845K/10 from Noumea.
 "CONYNGHAM" }

"MUGFORD" escorting T.N. 87 arrived Fall River 1831K/9 - departed 0430K/10 to rejoin T.F. 74.

S.C. 750 escorting "REIJNST" departed Fall River 1312K/10 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1400K/11.

"KAPUNDA" escorting M.B.3 departed Port Moresby 1200K/10 for Fall River.

YP.236 departed Cairns 0600K/10 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1800K/12.

YP.280 arrived Townsville 1017K/10 from Cairns.

S.C. 744 arrived Brisbane 0549K/10 from Townsville.

"WAGGA" departed Brisbane 2220K/9 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"COLAC" } escorting G.P.50 including 7 L.S.T's arrived Brisbane
 "MORESBY" } 1936K/10.
 "BALLARAT" }
 "BENDIGO" }

"KYBRA" departed Newcastle 0950K/10 arrived Sydney 1926K/10.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 2358K/9 from escort duty.

S.C. 741 departed Sydney 1317K/10 for Brisbane.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Sydney 1841K/10.

"BINGERA" arrived F.N.D. 1756K/10.

"GOLDSTAR" entered Port Phillip 0137K/10 from Fremantle to anchor at Portsea awaiting departure of O.C. 93.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 93 including "GOLDSTAR" and "ALSEY" departed Port Phillip 2221K/10.

USS. "HERON" arrived Fremantle 1339K/10 from Exmouth Gulf.

USS. "CHANTICLEER" and S.C. 751 departed Fremantle 1929K/10 for EROSION.

S.C. 747 REPORTS SINKING SUBMARINE. -

S.C. 747 (Townsville/Fall River - E.T.A. 1500K/11 escorting "VAN DER LIJN") reported at 0715K/11 "Sank submarine 11°10'S." Position is about 50 miles 220° from China Strait.

AIR RAIDS MILLINGIMBI - 0930K/10 - "LATROBE" escorting "ISLANDER" departed MILLINGIMBI for WESSEL.

- 1001K/10 - "LATROBE" reported - 3 enemy aircraft approaching.
- 1019K/10 - "LATROBE" reported - aircraft attacking convoy.
- 1043K/10 "LATROBE" reported - One zero damaged remainder beaten off no damage.
- A.M./10 - H.M.A.S. "MARGUBRA" (Wooden Diesel Motor Vessel of 49 tons) was destroyed in raid by 9 zeros. There were no casualties. N.O.I.C. Darwin is replacing her by "CHINAMPA".

To 0900K/Monday, 10th May, 1943.

AUSTRALIA) arrived Sydney 1126K/9 from Brisbane.
ARUNTA)

ARUNTA E.T.D.Sydney 1300K/10, E.T.A.Cid Harbour 1300K/12.

MERKUR departed Townsville 1802K/9 for Cid Harbour, E.T.A.0800K/10.

BROOME escorting F.C.7 E.T.D.Fall River 1200K/10.

SHEPPARTON E.T.A.Fall River 11/5 from surveying ground.

P.C.1121 escorting VAN SWOLL departed Fall River 0321K/9 for Beli Beli.

GLENELG escorting LORINNA to Thursday Island for onward routeing departed Port Moresby 1003K/9.

BUNBURY escorting T.N.88 arrived Port Moresby 1503K/9, escorting CHARON (bound Cairns for onward routeing) to Fitzroy Island, departed Port Moresby 1633K/9. CHARON E.T.A.Cairns 1100K/11 BUNBURY E.T.A.Townsville 0600K/12.

KAPUNDA escorting JAPARA, THEDENS and PULGAMBAR, E.T.D.Port Moresby 1200K/10 for Fall River E.T.A.2300K/11.

YP 280 departed Cairns 1421K/9 for Townsville E.T.A.0900K/10.

ML 426 arrived Cairns 0721K/9 from Townsville.

YP 236 arrived Cairns 0705K/9 from Brisbane.

SWAN departed Cairns 1515K/9 to rendezvous T.N.90 off Fitzroy Island 1700K/9, and escort to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0800K/11.

HENLEY arrived Townsville 0529K/9 from Cid Harbour; escorting TAROONA departed 0635K/9 for Brisbane.

BOWEN escorting T.N.91 departed Townsville 2316K/9 for Fall River.

LITHGOW returned Brisbane 0115K/9 from exercises.

GOULBURN) departed Caloundra 0430K/9 to rendezvous KURUMBA, HENRY
LITHGOW) DEARBORN, PATRAS and ARDENT and escort to Brisbane.

PATTERSON escorting KATOOMBA arrived Brisbane 2059K/8 escorting PENNANT (bound San Francisco) E.T.D.Caloundra about 2300K/10. PATTERSON to part company 159° thence Noumea.

RALPH TALBOT) escorting T.S.28 arrived Brisbane 1145K/8.
GEELONG)

WARRAMUNGA returned Brisbane 2045K/9 from exercises.

SELFRIDGE) E.T.D.Brisbane 10/5 for Noumea.
RALPH TALBOT)

LE TRIOMPHANT E.T.A.Sydney 2330K/9 from escort duty.

14 L.C.I's departed Sydney 0915K/9, 5 for Port Stephens, 9 for Brisbane.

GERARD departed Sydney 0942K/9 arrived Port Kembla 1715K/9.

S.C.741 E.T.D.Sydney 1200K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A.1300K/12.

BINGERA E.T.A.Westernport 2300K/9.

VAN GALLEN) departed Port Phillip 1729K/9 for Fremantle. E.T.A.0830K/15.
ATREUS)

To 0900K Sunday, 9th May, 1943.

ADELAIDE Departed Fremantle at 1050K/8, for Melbourne E.T.A. 1001K/12.

AUSTRALIA }
ARUNTA } Departed Brisbane at 0900K/8 for Sydney E.T.A. 1030K/9.

WARRAMUNGA Departed Brisbane at 0945K/8 to exercise with U.S. Submarine seaward off Cape Moreton.

PERKINS }
CONYNGHAM } U.S. Destroyers departed Noumea at 0600K/8 E.T.A. Brisbane 0845K/10.

VENDETTA Returned Brisbane at 0246K/8 from escort duties with WILLIAM A. HOLBROOK.

HENLEY Departs Cid Harbour at 2200K/8 for Townsville, to escort TAROONA to Brisbane - then to proceed Sydney, to arrive by 13/5.

VAN GALEN Will rendezvous with ATREUS outside Port Phillip Heads at 1750K/9, and escort to Fremantle.

GILMER (U.S. Destroyer) Escorting DEIMOS arrived Townsville at 0932K/8.

BROOKS (U.S. Destroyer) Escorting ALUDRA. At 1535K/8 COMTRANSGROUP 3rd Fleet advised destination changed from Brisbane to Cairns. ALUDRA to unload there. BROOKS to proceed Sydney. BROOKS to report E.T.A. off Grafton Passage.

COLAC }
MORESBY }
BALLARAT }
BENDIGO } Escorting G.P. 50 departed Sydney at 1015K/8. E.T.A. Caloundra 0330K/11. Convoy of 9 ships, 7 L.S.Ts. and escorts.

MILDURA }
TOWNSVILLE }
YANDRA }
WARRNAMEBOOL }
DELORAINNE } Escorting Newcastle section C.O. 93 departed Newcastle at 1144K/8.

With Sydney section C.O. 93 will join off Sydney. Departed Sydney at 1410K/8. ML 430 will provide additional escort to Jervis Bay. (C.O. 93 consists of 14 ships and escorts).

LITHGOW Departed Caloundra at 0231K/8 for exercises with U.S. Submarine seawards of Cape Moreton.

GOULBURN }
LITHGOW } To depart Caloundra 0100K/9 and proceed to rendezvous with KURUMBA, HENRY DEARBORN, PATRAS and ARDENT in Position 22° 35' S: 151° 09' E at 0700K/10 and escort to Brisbane.

BOWEN E.T.D. Townsville 2300K/9 escorting T.N. 91 to Fall River E.T.A. 1100K/13.

ECHUCA Escorting JANSSENS departed Fall River at 1453K/8 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1400K/9.

INVERELL Escorting MATHEW FLINDERS departed Darwin at 0339K/8 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1001K/13.

MAHAN (U.S. Destroyer) Escorting CAPE FLATTERY will arrive Gladstone 14/5. After arrival Gladstone MAHAN proceeds to Brisbane.

HERON Departed 7/5 (Exmouth Gulf) for Fremantle E.T.A. 1900K/10.

GERARD Departs Sydney at 0900K/9 for Port Kembla as Examination Vessel at that port.

S.C. 747 Escorting Convoy T.N. 89 departed Townsville at 0650K/8. E.T.A. Fall River 1500K/11.

KAPUNDA E.T.D. Port Moresby 1200K/10, escorting THEDENS, JAPARA and PULGANBAR to Fall River.

CHANTICLEER) Escorting E. LIVINGSTONE arrived Fremantle from Albany
S.C. 739 } at 1020K/8.
S.C. 751 }

S.Cs. 648, 698, 731, 732, 981 arrived Brisbane at 1078K/8 from Noumea.

S.C. 738 Escorting KURUMBA arrived Townsville from Fall River at 0828K/8.

M.L. 426 Arrived Townsville at 0600K/8 from Brisbane, departed at 1647K for Cairns.

Y.P. 280 Arrived Cairns from Thursday Island at 0811K/8.

BENALLA Completed acceptance trials satisfactorily 7/5. Official inspection and taking over completed 8/5. A/S trials to be carried out 9/5.

COOTAMUNDRA Acceptance trials satisfactorily completed at Sydney 7/5.

CENTAUR Arrived Sydney at 0948K/8.
(Hospital Ship)

Mine reported on beach near Cape Direction (15 miles South Portland Roads)
HOONA, air sea rescue vessel, proceeding to investigate.

PATERSON Departed Newcastle at 0545K/8 to search for large number or iron barrel buoys for Boom Defence left floating when FINGAL was torpedoed. Position of search in vicinity 30° 34' S: 153° 30' E.

MAETSUYCKER At 1750K/8 N.O.I.C. Townsville advised by phone Aircraft reported MAETSUYCKER aground at Merauke at 0900K/8 - still aground at 1200K/8. Townsville not taking any action pending report from escort WARREGO. At 2152K/8 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported Aircraft reports MAETSUYCKER got off mud bank at 1550K/8.

To 0900K/Saturday, 8th May, 1943.

AUSTRALIA } depart Brisbane for Sydney at 1300K/8, E.T.A. Sydney 1030K/9.
 ARUNTA } AUSTRALIA docks - ARUNTA fuels and proceeds to N.E. area.

WARRAMUNGA departs Brisbane 8/5 for N.E. area.

BAGLEY arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 0753K/7.

MUGFORD escorting T.N.87. On arrival Fall River about 1700K/9 to proceed to join C.T.F.74.

BROOKS (U.S. Destroyer) escorting ALUDRA, E.T.A. Brisbane 1000K/11 from Espiritu Santo. After arrival at Caloundra BROOKS is to proceed to Sydney.

SWAN arrived Cairns at 1011K/7 from Fall River. To rendezvous with T.N.90 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1700K/9 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/11.

VAN GALEN returned Port Melbourne at 1107K/7.

BALLARAT }
 MORESBY } arrived Sydney at 1316K/7 for escort duty with O.C.92.
 COLAC }

DELORAINÉ }
 BENDIGO } escorting P.G.49 arrived Sydney at 2157K/6.
 FREMANTLE }
 YANDRA }

MILDURA } detailed for escort duties with C.O.93. To depart Sydney so
 TOWNSVILLE } as to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Nobby's Head at
 YANDRA } 1000K/8. DELORAINÉ to sail with Sydney section at 1300K/8
 and join convoy off Sydney.

KALGOORLIE escorting BUNGAREE arrived Sydney at 1636K/6.

COLAC }
 MORESBY } detailed to escort G.P.50 departing Sydney at 0900K/8.
 BALLARAT }
 BENDIGO }

S.C.747 will rendezvous with T.N.89 at entrance to Cleveland Bay at 0330K/8 and escort to Fall River E.T.A. 1159K/11.

BUNBURY on completion escort duties with T.N.88 (Townsville to Port Moresby) E.T.A. 1400K/9, BUNBURY is to be sailed for Townsville for boiler cleaning. Escorting any ships ready.

ECHUCA escorting VAN SWOLL returned Fall River from Godenough Island at 1208K/6.

WARRNAMBOOL }
 BUNDABERG } escorting Sydney section O.C.92 arrived Sydney at 0005K/7.
 M.L.818 }

BROOME escorting YOCHOW departed Fall River at 1318K/6, E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400K/7.

WARREGO escorting MAETSUYCKER departed Thursday Island for Merauke at 0909K/7.

GUNBAR departed Thursday Island at 1444K/7 for Townsville. E.T.A. 1200K/12.

S.C.750 arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1821K/7.

ORARA arrived Port Melbourne at 0735K/7.

BOMBO towing concrete lighter departed Hobart at 1645K/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/12.

BINGERA departs Twofold Bay at 0600K/7. E.T.A. Westernport 1600K/8.

S.C. 648, 698, 731, 732, 981 - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1000K/9.

AIR RAID WARNING AT CAIRNS - 1945K/7. All Clear 1951K/7.

ADELE (Examination Vessel) at 0742K/7 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported ADELE stranded on Breakwater, Port Kembla, at 0355K/7. Preliminary inspection anticipated bad wreck - crew safe. Tug SPRIGHTLY ordered at 1429K/7 to proceed to render assistance.

At 1551K/7 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered SPRIGHTLY and SAINT ARISTEL to return Sydney forthwith.

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To 0900K/Friday, 7th May, 1943.

HENLEY departed Townsville 0800K/6.

HOBART }
HENLEY } E.T.D.Palm Island P.M./7 for Cid Harbour. E.T.A.A.M./8.
HELM }

POLARIS arrived Fall River 1001K/5. Departed Fall River 1603K/6 for survey ground.

P.C.1121 arrived Fall River 1142K/6 escorting T.N.84.

BROOME escorting LORINNA returned Fall River 1001K/5 from Oro Bay

S.C.738 escorting KURUMBA departed Fall River 1459K/5 for Townsville E.T.A. 0730K/8.

S.C.750 departed Port Moresby 1406K/6 for Fall River E.T.A.1400K/7.

WARREGO arrived Thursday Island 0818K/6 from Cairns, E.T.D.0900K/7 escorting MAETSUYCKER to Merauke.

WILCANNIA)
GUNBAR) escorting JAMES COOK, ALAGNA and TAMBAR arrived Thursday Island 1643K/6 from Darwin.

TULSA)
YMS 49 and 50) arrived Thursday Island 1628K/6 from Port Moresby.
6 M.T.Bs.)

MUGFORD escorting T.N.87 departed Townsville 1210K/6 for Fall River. E.T.A.1700K/9.

BUNBURY escorting N.T.12 arrived Townsville 0702K/6; escorting T.N.88 E.T.D.Townsville 1800K/6 for Port Moresby.

M.L.817 arrived Townsville 0726K/6 from Brisbane.

S.C.744 departed Townsville 0600K/6 for Brisbane.

RALPH TALEOT with GEELONG escorting B.T.57 ordered to detach GEELONG if OERMISTON and SWARTENHONDT met about 60 miles N. of Curtis Island at about 2200K/6 to provide onward escort to Brisbane; if not met by 0100K/7 GEELONG to be despatched to overtake and on dispersal of B.T.57 at Percy Island RALPH TALEOT to proceed to overtake and join GEELONG.

M.L.425 returned Brisbane 1529K/6 from escort duty.

WARRAMUNGA)
ARUNTA) returned Brisbane 2035K/5 from exercises.

VENDETTA escorting T.S.27 arrived Brisbane 0329K/6; escorting WILLARD A. HOLBROOK (bound San Francisco) to 1590 E. departed Brisbane 1505K/6.

GOULBURN escorting STEPHEN B. ELKIN arrived Brisbane 0320K/6.

S.C.746 arrived Brisbane 0455K/6.

BAGLEY departed Brisbane 0830K/6 for Sydney.

BENDIGO proceeded from Newcastle 1335K/6 having completed escort of Newcastle portion of P.G.49.

PATTERSON arrived Newcastle 1016K/6 with 19 survivors of FINGAL; departed 1244K/6 to join LE TRIOMPHANT escorting KATOOMBA.

LE TRIOMPHANT escorting KATOOMBA departed Sydney 1015K/6 for Brisbane.

WARRNAMBOOL) to enter Sydney with Sydney section of O.C.92.
BUNDABERG)

BALLARAT)
MORESBY) to continue escort to Newcastle.
COLAC)

M.L.818 departed Sydney 1252K/6 to join O.C.92 and carry out wide zig-zag 1 mile astern of convoy to Sydney.

ATREUS departed Port Melbourne 1311K/6 for Geelong.

CHANTICLEER) escorting EDWARD LIVINGSTONE departed Albany 1630K/6
S.Cs. 739 and 751) for Fremantle.

HEEMSKERCK arrived Fremantle 0959K/6.

TJERK HIDDES is at Exmouth Gulf.

CASTLEMAINE escorting FORCEFUL, DARVEL and BURWAH arrived Darwin 1646K/6 from Thursday Island.

INVERELL E.T.D. Darwin 8/5 for Thursday Island.

Hospital Ship CENTAUR departed Brisbane 1135K/6 for Sydney.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SIGHTING OFF COFFS HARBOUR.

Several workmen on beach at Coff's Harbour sighted a possible submarine 3 miles E. at 1630K/6. N.O.I.C. Sydney warned BUNGAREE and KALGOORLIE.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD.

1201K/6 WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD entered Hobart.

1221K/6 VAN GALEN ordered to return to Melbourne

1600K/6 N.O.I.C. Hobart reported that all cracks above waterline and ship must be repaired in Hobart.

2345K/6 SPRIGHTLY ordered to return Sydney.

M.L.430 Commissioned at Sydney 6/5.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900K/Thursday, 6th May, 1943.

SWAN escorting TAROONA arrived Fall River 2047K/4, departed Fall River 0442K/5 for Townsville E.T.A.1830K/7.

GLENELG escorting JAPARA arrived Port Moresby 1303K/5 from Fall River.

KAPUNDA escorting T.N.86 arrived Port Moresby 1033K/5.

YP 280 departed Thursday Island 0850K/5 for Cairns, E.T.A.0800K/8.

WARREGO departed Cairns 1251K/4 for Thursday Island.

YP 291 departed Cairns 1245K/4, arrived Townsville 1713K/5.

MUGFORD arrived Townsville 1713K/5.

HENLEY arrived Townsville 1406K/5.

SC 744 arrived Townsville 0830K/5 from Fall River E.T.D. Townsville 0600K/6 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1600K/10.

LITHGOW) escorting BUNGAREE and CALEDON arrived Brisbane 0132K/5.
GYMPIE)

BUNGAREE) departed Caloundra 0929K/5 for Sydney, E.T.A.1700K/7.
KALGOORLIE)

KALGOORLIE returned Brisbane 0348K/5 from escort duty.

WARRAMUNGA) departed Caloundra 0828K/5 for exercises.
ARUNTA)

L.C.I's 29, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 343 arrived Brisbane 1645K/5 from Port Stephens.

S.C.746 escorting JUPITER (bound San Francisco) until dusk 5 then returning Brisbane, departed Caloundra 1101K/5.

VENDETTA escorting WILLARD A. HOLBROOK, E.T.D. Caloundra 1900K/6.

MINJAK TANAH arrived Brisbane 0734K/5.

BAGLEY escorting PENNANT arrived Brisbane 2140K/5.

LE TRIOMPHANT returned Sydney 1610K/5 from exercises, escorting KATOOMBA, E.T.D. Sydney Heads 0930K/6 for Brisbane. PATTERSON to rendezvous before dusk 6/5.

MANOORA returned Port Melbourne 1135K/5 from exercises.

DOOMBA escorting C.O.92 entered Port Phillip 2051K/4.

U.S.S. CHANTICLEER) arrived Albany 1215K/5 from Adelaide.
S.C's 739 and 751)

HEMSKERCK)
TJERK HIDDES)
ISABEL) arrived Erosion 4/5 from Fremantle.
PELIAS)
PRESTON)

HEMSKERCK) E.T.A. Fremantle 1300K/6.
TJERK HIDDES)

U.S.S. LARK departed Fremantle 1705K/5 for Exmouth Gulf.

LATROBE escorting ISLANDER arrived Millingimbi 2236K/5 from Darwin via Goulburn Island.

Hospital Ship CENTAUR arrived BRISBANE 0810K/5 from Townsville.

FINGAL TORPEDOED AND SUNK.

FINGAL (Norwegian Cargo Steamer of 2137 tons gross) was torpedoed at 1335K/5 and sank at 1336K/5 about 30 miles N.E. of Smoky Cape. FINGAL - a special ship with service cargo - departed Sydney 0835K/4, escorted by U.S.S. PATTERSON, for Darwin via Bowen and Thursday Island, speed 8 knots. At 1414K/5, N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that aircraft was over convoy at time of sinking and anor. was being despatched. The aircraft covering convoy reported that it was on landward side of FINGAL and saw 2 torpedoes converging on ship from seaward approximately 090°. Aircraft flew along tracks but saw no sign of submarine and made no attack. PATTERSON went to landward for 5 miles and dropped depth charges. Aircraft directed PATTERSON to survivors.

C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. Area 5B at 1400K/5. At 1537K/5, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered PATTERSON to continue search while P.G.49 passed (which it did at 1430K/5) and desired her to give protection astern of convoy. At 1745K/5 PATTERSON reported "have picked up survivors and dropped two patterns but contact doubtful. Abandoned search 1700K." PATTERSON proceeded to give protection astern of P.G.49.

At 2001K/5, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered PATTERSON after covering P.G.49 during night to proceed to Newcastle to land survivors, then rendezvous LE TRIOMPHANT escorting KATOOMBA before dusk 6/5.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD'S S.O.S.

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD (departed Balboa 1001K/3/4 due Fremantle 12/5 for onward routing to Persian Gulf) made an S.O.S. in position 44°57'S. 147°40'E. at 1155K/5, and reported "cracked on both sides through number two hold. Send boats for crew." Position is about 110 miles S. of Tasman Island Light. Later, ship reported proceeding at about 6 knots on a course of 011°. The sense of these reports was passed by C.S.W.P.S.F. to all ships. WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD is presumed to be a Liberty Ship.

At 1311K/5 N.O.I.C. Sydney was ordered to sail salvage tug SPRIGHTLY with despatch to assist WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD.

VAN GALEN departed Port Melbourne 1645K/5 to proceed with despatch to the scene.

At 1900K/5 WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD reported "Position 60 miles bearing 176° from Tasman Island Light. Ship in bad condition and cannot head to wind. Speed of advance 8 knots. Need boat to guide us in and standby but not to remove crew." Passed by C.S.W.P.S.F. to VAN GALEN.

At 2245K/5 N.O.I.C. Hobart advised WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD that BOMBO was steaming to meet her and COOMBAR would be in Storm Bay at daylight to escort her in if BOMBO missed her.

A.O.R.S.A. had an aircraft standing by at Cambridge at first light.

D/F FIXES OFF E. COAST.

1907K/5 - within 150 miles of 30°50'S., 156°10'E. (about 155 miles E. of Smoky Cape)

1905K/5 - fair fix 31°00'S. 156°E. (from N.Z.N.B.).

2055K/5 - within 200 miles of 30°00'S. 156°00'E.

C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B. at 2356K/5.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN - transferred to R.N.N. at Melbourne 5/5.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 5th May, 1943.

"SELFRIDGE" escorting T.S. 25 arrived Brisbane at 0646K/4.

"AUSTRALIA") arrived Brisbane at 1121K/4.
"RALPH TALBOT")

"RALPH TALBOT") escorting B.T. 57 departed Brisbane at 1606K/4.
"GERLONG") "KALGOORLIE" parts company at 2220K/4 and returns
"KALGOORLIE") to Brisbane. M.L. 425 parts company at Lady Elliot
M.L. 425) Island and returns Brisbane. M.L. 426 will be
M.L. 426) taken in tow by "MERKUR", vicinity Percy Island.

"VAN GALEN" arrived Port Melbourne at 2001K/4.

"NICHOLAS") departed Sydney for Noumea at 1352K/4.
"FLETCHER")
"WHITNEY")

"PATTERSON" escorting "PINGAL" departed Sydney at 0850K/4.
"PATTERSON" will detach at Bowen, then act as directed by
C.T.F. 74. "PINGAL" proceeding to Darwin from Bowen via
Thursday Island.

"ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Port Moresby at 1342K/4 for
Fall River, then Goodenough Island. E.T.A. Fall River 2030K/5

"DELORAINÉ")
"YANDRA") escorting G.P. 49 arrived Brisbane at 1301K/4.
"BENDIGO")
"KALGOORLIE")
YMS. 70)

"DELORAINÉ") departed Caloundra at 1603K/4 escorting P.G. 49 - E.T.A.
"YANDRA") Newcastle 1300K/6 - Sydney 1800K/6.
"BENDIGO")
"FREMANTLE")

"COLAC" departed Sydney at 1639K/4 to rendezvous with O.C. 92 at
1700K/5 in position 37°40'S. 150°15'E. To relieve "BINGERA"
as part escort. "BINGERA" will then carry out training
programme as directed by N.O.I.C. F.N.D.

"WARRNAMEOOL" part escort for O.C. 92 - Reported to N.O.I.C. Sydney
at 0831K/4. Defects have developed in furnace cone brickwork.
Three sprayers out of action. Present maximum speed 10 knots,
likely to fall to 8 knots.

"DOOMBA" returned Port Melbourne at 0043K/5 - having completed escort
duties with C.O. 92.

"GOULBURN" escorting B.T. 56 directed by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 2137K/4
to rendezvous with "STEPHEN B. ELKIN" in position 180°
Lady Elliot Island, six miles at daylight 5/5 and provide
escort to Brisbane.

"GLENELG" escorting "JAPARA" departed Fall River at 0345K/4 for Port
Moresby, E.T.A. 0900K/5.

YMS. 9 arrived Thursday Island at 1526K/4.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney at 0710K/4 on training cruise in Broken Bay,
Newcastle and Port Stephens area.

S.C. 738 escorting "KURUMBA" arrived Fall River at 2007K/4.

YP. 236 departed Brisbane 1744K/4 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1200K/10.

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"MAUNGANUI" departed Fremantle at 2305K/3 for Wellington - E.T.A. A.M/13.

L.C.Is. Nos. 29, 71, 72, 73, 74 and 343 departing Port Stephens at 0800K/4 for Toorbul - E.T.A. 1700K/5.

D/F OF ENEMY SUBMARINE within 150 miles of a position 55 miles E.N.E. Montague Island at 0120K/4 - E.A.M.S. warning sent to all ships in area 5B.

At 2204K/4 - Fair to Poor D/F fix reported by N.Z.N.B. in position 60 miles E.S.E. Montague Island. This may well be the same submarine reported by D/F at 0120K/4.

"EDNA"

At 1408K/4 "EDNA" (2244 tons gross) reported - Steering gear broken - coming in at 2100K/4 by hand gear - to anchor at Queenscliff. Rug required urgently to assist to Melbourne.

At 2000K/4 "EAGLE" (Tug) departed Gellibrand - E.T.A. Queenscliff 2300K/4.

At 2106K/4 "EDNA" entered Port Phillip Heads.

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0900K/Tuesday, 4th May, 1943.

"RALPH TALBOT" when released by "AUSTRALIA" will escort B.T. 57 - E.T.D. 1400K/4. To provide A/S protection to vicinity of Percy Islands. On completion to return Brisbane.

"BAGLEY" Departed Brisbane 1815K/3 to rendezvous with "PENNANT" - position 28°53'S. 161° 53'E at 1430K/4 and escort to Brisbane.

"PATTERSON" will provide A/S escort for "FINGAL" en route Sydney to Darwin via Bowen and Thursday Island. E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/4. "PATTERSON" is to detach at Bowen, then act as ordered by C.T.F. 74.

"VENDETTA" escorting T.S. 27 departed Townsville at 0800K/3 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/6.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting L.S.T. 453 and L.S.T. 454 arrived Sydney at 0959K/3.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" to act as target ship for R.A.A.F. on courses between Sydney and Jervis Bay. E.T.D. Sydney 1130K/4. Returning 1600K/5.

"SELFLEDGE" escorting T.S. 25 ordered by Com. 7th Fleet at 1843K/2 to proceed Brisbane with convoy - (not to detach for Sydney) as overhaul cancelled.

"SWAN" departed Cairns at 0331K/3 to rendezvous with T.N. 85 off Fitzroy Island and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/4.

"DOOMBA" departed Melbourne at 1607K/3 to assume escort duty with O.C. 92

"VAN GALEN" will continue to escort C.O. 92 to Melbourne with "DOOMBA".

TASK UNIT 36.2.3. departs Sydney at 1300K/4 - E.T.A. Bulari Passage 1000K/8.

"WHYALLA" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1533K/3.

"GLENELG" escorting "JAPARA" - E.T.D. Fall River 3/5 for Port Moresby.

"ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SWOLL" E.T.D. Port Moresby 4/5 for Fall River and Goodenough Island.

"BOWEN" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 2016K/3.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting G.P. 40 - On arrival Brisbane is to be relieved by Fremantle as escort for southbound convoy. "KALGOORLIE" will await "BUNGARBE" (from Cairns) and escort to Sydney - E.T.D. Brisbane A.M/5.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "FORCEFUL" (Tug) "BURWAH" and "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island at 1447K/3 for Darwin.

S.C. 750 escorting "THEDENS" arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 1103K/3.

"BINGERA" will be relieved as escort for O.C. 92 in the vicinity of Twofold Bay. "BINGERA" will then carry out training programme as directed by N.O.I.C. F.N.D.

M.L. 427 arrived Brisbane at 0841K/3 from Coff's Harbour.

YP. 291 arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1550K/3.

"MAUNGANUI" (Hospital Ship) arrived Fremantle at 0941K/3.

"TULSA") arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 0856K/3 -
 YMS.49) Departed at 1826K/3 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. P.M/6.
 YMS.50)
 6 P.T. Boats)

"QUIBERON" entered dry dock Williamstown at 0830K/3.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns from A/S patrol at 1235K/3 and departed at 1515K/3 to rendezvous with T.N.86 off Fitzroy Island at 1700K/3 and escort to Port Moresby.

TASK UNIT 32.5.1 (constitution uncertain) departs Noumea about 1500K/3 and proceeds to Townsville via Capricorn Channel - E.T.A. Townsville 1300K/8.

"JUPITER" departs Brisbane about 4/5 for Noumea.

"CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Townsville at 1650K/2 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700K/5.

"WARRAMUNGA") will carry out full calibre firing seaward of Cape
 "ARUNTA") Moreton from 1630K to 1930K May 4th and 5th.

To 0900K/3rd May, 1943, Monday.

"AUSTRALIA" } E.T.D. Palm Island 2359K/2 for Brisbane - E.T.A.
"RALPH TALBOT" } 1130K/4.

"SHEPPARTON" } departed Fall River 1712K/1 for surveying ground.
"POLARIS" } arrived Fall River 1326K/1 from Townsville.
S.C. 745. }

S.C. 750 escorting "THEDENS" departed Fall River 0614K/2 for Pt. Moresby - E.T.A. 1200K/3.

"BROOME" escorting "JAPARA" returned Fall River 1836K/1 from Beli Beli
Escorting "LORINNA" departed Fall River 0222K/2 for Oro Bay -
E.T.A. 2300K/2.

YP.291 departed Fall River 1712K/1 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1600K/3.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River 1712K/1 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1800K/3.

"WARRE" returned Port Moresby 0836K/2 from Lakemaku River.

"ECHUCA" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" arrived Port Moresby 1103K/2 from Cairns.

S.C. 738 escorting "KURUMBA" departed Port Moresby 1233K/2 for Fall River

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "FORCEFUL", "DARVEL" and "BURWAH" E.T.D.
Thursday Island 0400K/3 for Darwin.

YMS 9 departed Thursday Island 1350K/2 for Merauke E.T.A. 1200K/3.

"SWAN" is to rendezvous T.N. 85 off Fitzroy Island 0500K/3 and escort
to Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/4.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns 1351K/2 for A/S patrol vicinity Grafton
Passage; is to rendezvous T.N. 86 off Fitzroy Island at
1700K/3 and escort to Port Moresby.

"VENDETTA" Escorting T.S. 27 - E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/3 for Brisbane.

"HENLEY" departed Townsville 0612K/2 for Challenger Bay.

P.C. 1121 escorting T.N. 84 departed Townsville 1536K/2 for Fall River.

"BUNGAREE" is to rendezvous "GOULBURN" and "LITHGOW" escorting B.T. 56
in approximately position 23°41'S, 151°40'E about 1500K/3,
and "LITHGOW" is then to escort "BUNGAREE" to Caloundra.

"FREMANTLE" detailed to escort "BUNGAREE" from Caloundra to Sydney.

"GYMPIE" escorting T.S. 26 is to adjust speed to join "BUNGAREE" and
"LITHGOW" at 1500K/3 about 23° 41'S, 151°40'E for onward
escort to Brisbane. If not met by dark "BUNGAREE" and
"LITHGOW" are to proceed.

"BAGLEY" escorting "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" arrived Brisbane 0630K/2.

"GEELONG" escorting T.S. 24 arrived Brisbane 1314K/2.

"VAN GALEN" departed Sydney 1639K/2 to overtake and provide additional
escort for C.O.92 which it was expected to overtake at about
0200K/3.

"MILDURA" } escorting P.W. 2218 arrived Sydney 1030K/2.
"TOWNSVILLE" }

0900K/Sunday, 2nd May, 1943.

S.C.744 - departed Fall River 1223K/1 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/9.

"TULSA" towing 2 P.T's } departed Fall River 0959K/1 for Port Moresby.
Y.M.S.49 with 2 P.T's }
Y.M.S.50 with 2 P.T's }

"POLARIS" - arrived Fall River 2104K/30.

"BOWEN" - escorting "THEDENS" arrived Fall River 2031K/30 from Gro Bay.
Escorting "VAN HEUTZ" departed Fall River 0802K/1 for Townsville.

"BUNBURY" - escorting "VAN SWOLL" arrived Port Moresby 1133K/1 from Fall River.
Escorting N.T.12 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/2 for Townsville,
E.T.A. 0200K/5.

S.C.738 - escorting "KURUMBA" arrived Port Moresby 1033K/1 from Townsville.

"SWAN" - is to rendezvous T.N.85 off Fitzroy Island at 0900K/3 and escort to Fall River.

"BUNGAREE" - passed Cairns south 0045K/1, E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/5 to transfer motor boat, E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/8.

"HENLEY" - arrived Townsville 0826K/17 E.T.D. 0600K/2.

"VENDETTA" - arrived Townsville 0600K/1 from Fall River via outside anchorage Cairns.

M.L.814 - arrived Townsville 0545K/1 from Brisbane.

"WARREGO" - departed Townsville 0436K/1, arrived Cairns 1801K/1.

P.C.1121 - escorting T.N.84 E.T.D. Townsville 1500K/2 for Fall River.

"GYMPIE" - arrived Townsville 0626K/1 from Fall River. Escorting T.S.26 departed Townsville 1750K/1.

"GOULBURN" } escorting B.T.56 departed Caloundra 1901K/1, "GOULBURN"
"LITHGOW" } and "LITHGOW" to return Brisbane from Percy Island, M.L.817
M.L.817 } to proceed Townsville in tow of "BOTH".

"JENKINS" - escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" (bound San Francisco) departed Brisbane 0907K/1, "JENKINS" E.T.A. Noumea A.M./4.

"WAGGA") escorting "MERKUR", "AASE MAERSK", "HANYANG", and
Y.M.S.51 and 52) "MULIAMA" arrived Brisbane 0921K/30.

"WARRNAMEOOL") departed Sydney 0240K/1, to rendezvous "BINGERA" and
"MORESBY") Newcastle portion of C.O.92 off Newcastle.

"WARRNAMEOOL")
"MORESBY") escorting C.O.92 departed Newcastle 0859K/1.
"BINGERA")

"BALLARAT" - arrived Sydney 0606K/1 from search.

"BALLARAT") escorting C.O.92 departed Sydney 1515K/1.
"BUNDABERG")

M.L.429 - to depart Jervis Bay to rendezvous C.O.92 8 miles off Macquarie Light at 1800K/1 and provide additional escort as far as Jervis Bay.

"DELORAIN")
"YANDRA")
"BENDIGO") escorting G.P.40 with Newcastle section attached,
"KALGOORLIE") departed Newcastle 1737K/1.
Y.M.S.70)

U.S. Destroyer Tender "RIGEL" } arrived Sydney 0924K/1.
U.S. Destroyer "SAUFLEY" }

"MANOORA" - departed Port Melbourne 0921K/1 for exercises in the vicinity of Dromana.

"DOOMBA" - escorting "HERMION" entered Port Phillip 1959K/1.

"CHANTICLEER") departed Adelaide 1034K/1 for Fremantle, possibly
S.C's 739 and 751) via Albany.

AIRCRAFT REPORT OF SUBMARINE E. OF BRISBANE.

At 2111K/1 Catalina over "BAGLEY" escorting "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" to Brisbane reported: "I am over submarine 26° 57' S. 156° 17'. Have dropped 2 depth charges." Position is about 150 miles E. of Cape Moreton. Visibility was clear and Catalina was fitted ASV. AOREA advised by secraphone that Catalina reported being fired upon by .5 or larger machine gun. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. Areas 5B and 5C and passed to N.Z.N.B.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 1st May, 1943.

"TROMP" escorting "TRINITY" arrived Fremantle at 0948K/30.

"SELFRIDGE" will rendezvous with T/S.25 in vicinity of Dent Island light at 1700K/1 and escort convoy to Cape Moreton. After detaching "SELFRIDGE" will proceed Sydney.

"JENKINS" E.T.D. Brisbane 1200K/1, escorting "PRESIDENT MONROE" E of Brisbane - "JENKINS" is en route to Noumea.

"ADELAIDE" will depart Fremantle so as to arrive Melbourne about 8/5.

"WARRECO" arrived Townsville from Thursday Island at 2030K/29 - E.T.D. 0400K/1 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1730K/1.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" arrived outside anchorage Cairns at 1601K/30 from Fall River - Landing 1 urgent medical case, then to proceed Townsville.

"GOULBURN" escorting "DUNTROON" arrived Brisbane at 1321K/30.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Sydney at 1522K/30 from A/S patrol.

"BALLARAT" E.T.A. Sydney from search for "WOLLONGBAR" survivors 0600K/1.

"COLAC" } escorting convoy P.G.48 arrived Sydney at 2358K/29.
"YANDRA" }
"BENDIGO" }
M.L.818 }
YMS 70 }

"FINGERA" arrived Newcastle at 1650K/30 - To escort C.O.92.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "SARPEDON" arrived Sydney at 1348K/39 from Newcastle.

"GOULBURN" } Detailed for escort duties with B.T. 56 including "BARALABA"
"LITHGOW" }
M.L.817. }

"CHANTICLEER" } E.T.D. Adelaide A.M/1 for Fremantle calling at Albany if
S.C. 739 } necessary.
S.C. 751 }

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 1313K/13, to proceed to vicinity of Wilson's Promontory to rendezvous with "HERMION" about 0600K/1. Then provide A/S screen to Melbourne. Should "HERMION" not be met by 1600K/1 "DOOMBA" to return to Melbourne carrying out A/S sweep on passage.

"BUNBURY" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Fall River at 0538K/39 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0830K/1.

"WHYALLA" returned to Fall River at 1926K/29 from survey duties.

"LITHGOW" } escorting "GORGON" towed by tug "RESERVE" arrived Brisbane at
M.L.425 } 1217K/30.
M.L.426 }

"GLENELG" escorting "PATRAS" departed Fall River at 0212K/30 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 2300K/30.

"BUNGAREE" E.T.A. Fairway Buoy Cairns 2000K/30.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 30th April, 1943.

"BAGLEY" escorting B.T. 55 will detach in vicinity of Percy Is. and proceed to position $37^{\circ}31'S$. $157^{\circ}37'E$. to rendezvous with "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" at 1530K/1 and escort to Brisbane

"SELFRIDGE" E.T.D. Palm Island 1/5, arriving Sydney 4/5 for tender overhaul and installation S.C. conduct. To carry out A/S search en route.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with L.S.T. 453 and L.S.T. 454 escorted by A.M. 62 in position $29^{\circ}21'S$, $158^{\circ}19'E$. and take over escort from A.M. 62 and escort convoy to Sydney. E.T.A. 1200K/3.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River at 0516K/29 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/1.

"BROOME" escorting "VAN SWOLL" arrived Fall River at 2304K/28 from Oro Bay.

"MILDURA") departed Sydney at 1116K/29 to rendezvous with
"TOWNSVILLE") convoy P.W. 2218 (5L.S.Ts) in position $33^{\circ}25'S$,
 $156^{\circ}00'E$ at dawn/30 and escort to Sydney.

"GEELONG" will rendezvous with T.S. 24 in vicinity Percy Is. at 0900K/39 and escort to Brisbane - E.T.A. 1900K/2.

"STUART" escorting O.C. 91. At 2347K/29 arrived Sydney with Sydney Section O.C. 91.

"KALGOORLIE" will clear Newcastle at 0500K/30 escorting "SARPEDON" to Sydney.

"GLENELG" escorting "PATRAS" arrived Fall River at 1507K/29 from Townsville - E.T.A. 0200K/30 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 2345K/30.

"BUNBURY" E.T.D. Fall River 0400K/30 escorting "VAN SWOLL" to Pt. Moresby.

"BROOME" E.T.D. Fall River 0600K/1 escorting "VAN HEUTZ" to T'sville

"ECHUCA" departed Cairns at 1831K/29 so as to rendezvous with T.N. 83 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 0600K/30 and escort convoy to Port Moresby.

"DEBORAHINE") detailed to escort convoy G.P. 49 departing Sydney
"BALLARAT") at 0900K/1.
"BENDIGO")
"KALGOORLIE")
"MS. 70.")

"WARRNAMBOOL") will rendezvous with Newcastle section C.O. 92.
"MORESBY") Convoy off Nobby's Head at 0700K/1.
"YANDRA")

"BUNDABERG") are to sail with Sydney Section at 1530K/1 and
"COLAC") rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney.

"DOOMBA" to depart Melbourne at 0900K/30 and proceed to vicinity of Wilson's Promontory and rendezvous with "HERMION" about 0600K/1. Then provide A/S screen to Melbourne. Should "HERMION" not be met by 1600K/1 "DOOMBA" to return Melbourne carrying out A/S sweep on passage.

M.L. 818 departed Sydney at 1242K/29 to rendezvous with P.G.48 in position 33°00'S. 152°11'E at 1700K/29, and provide additional escort to Sydney.

S.C. 745 departed Townsville at 0430K/29 for Fall River.

"BUNGAREE" departed from outer anchorage Cairns at 0301K/29.

S.C. 750 escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" arrived Port Moresby from Townsville at 0613K/29 - Departed at 1133K/29 escorting "LORINNA" to Fall River.

S.C. 741 arrived Sydney at 0942K/29.

"PING WO" arrived Newcastle at 1027K/29.

"CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane at 1137K/29 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/2.

YP.288 departed Fremantle at Exmouth Gulf at 1900K/29. E.T.A. 3/5

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Adelaide en route to Fremantle at 2109K/29.

S.C. 739

S.C. 751

M.L. 429 arrived Sydney at 2317K/28.

"WOLLONGONG" ^{BAR} Torpedoed and sunk.

At 1040K/29 S.S. "WOLLONGBAR" (2239 tons gross) en route Byron Bay to Newcastle was torpedoed and sunk in position 80 miles North of Newcastle.

At about 1036K/29 Catalina sighted submarine 2 miles eastward of sinking. No attack was made.

At 1107K/29 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised M.L. 427 and launches from Port Macquarie and South West Rocks were proceeding to the area.

At 1109K/29 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered all sailings north of Newcastle on inshore route to be stopped.

At 1129K/29 "BALLARAT" escorting P.G. 48 was ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to detach and proceed to area with utmost despatch.

At 1159K/29 C.S.W.P.S.F. sent B.A.M.S. warning to all ships in Area 5B. Special instructions have also been given to shipping en route to the submarine area.

At 1503K/29 C.S.W.P.S.F. advised all N.O.I.Cs. concerned "Individual merchant ship sailings east coast Australia are to be reduced to essential minimum."

At 2205K/29 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported - preliminary interrogation indicates "WOLLONGBAR" was hit by two torpedoes at 1030K/29 and sank rapidly. Five survivors so far rescued, including Chief Officer, who does not hold out much hope for the 32 missing.

At 2301K/29 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "BALLARAT" to remain in area during darkness. Carry out search of area and along estimated drift. at dawn. Report position at 1000K/30.

At 0047K/30 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "BALLARAT" that "ULMARRA" (924 tons gross) had departed Clarence River at 1600K/29 for Newcastle (Sydney), on inshore route. Endeavour contact and escort until daylight then return sinking area.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED CRAFT.

At 1436K/29, N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported that information had been received from N.O.I.C. Albany that a woman reported seeing a low flying vessel in position 135° Torbay Head, 2 miles (vicinity Albany) at 1200K/29. Ten minutes after sighting, vessel turned seawards and disappeared. Air search being conducted - Graded C.2.

"JOSEPH HOLT" overdue at Brisbane from Townsville - Reported at 1555K/29 "Delayed by weather - no proceeding".

No position given - aircraft will locate 30/4.

"STEPHEN B. ELKIN" - refloated - no apparent damage (Reported by N.O.I.C. Townsville at 0502K/29).

At 0540K/29 "WARREGO" proceeding to render assistance ordered to proceed to Townsville.

At 0520K/29 "ECHUCA" on same task, ordered to return Cairns and await further orders (To escort T.N. 83).

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 29th April, 1943.

T.F. 74 returning Palm Island 29/4 from Family Island.

"MUGFORD" - departed Townsville 0654K/28 for Dunk Island.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Fall River 1601K/28 from Townsville.

"GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Fall River 0917K/28 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/1.

"BUNBURY" returned Fall River 1051K/28 from Beli Beli.

"BOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" departed Fall River 0208K/28 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 2300K/28.

"WARREGO" departed Thursday Island 0910K/27 for Townsville.

"BUNGAREE" arrived outer anchorage Cairns 1405K/28.

S.C. 745 E.T.D. Townsville 0300K/29 for Fall River E.T.A. 1900K/1.

S.C. 738 escorting T.N. 82 E.T.D. Townsville 2200K/28 for Pt. Moresby.

"WAGGA"
YMS 51 & 52 } escorting T.S. 23 departed Gladstone 0700K/28 for Brisbane
now escorting "MERKUR", "AASE MAERSK", "HANYANG" and "MULIAMA".

YMS 10 and 46 returned Brisbane 0917K/28 - search for survivors
"KOWARRA" negative.

MLs. 425 and 426 departed Brisbane to rendezvous "LITHGOW" escorting
"RESERVE" and "GORGON" about 22 miles N. of Sandy Cape.

"GOULBURN" is to detach from B.T. 55 when "DUNTRON" is met about
1230K/29 in vicinity Capricorn Channel and escort "DUNTRON"
to Brisbane.

"BAGLEY" is to proceed from escorting B.T. 55 and 1800K/29 to arrive
about 240 miles E. of Brisbane at 1200K/30 to meet and escort
"WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" to Brisbane. On departure of "BAGLEY",
"CHARON" is to proceed to Townsville independently.

"GEELONG" is to continue escort of B.T. 55 until T.S. 24 is met about
0900K/30 in vicinity of "PERCY ISLANDS" when B.T. 55 is to be
dispersed to destination and T.S. 24 is to be escorted to Brisbane

"CHEVREUIL" departed Newcastle 0637K/28 with convoy, arrived Sydney
1423K/28.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney 1308K/28 escorting "MICHAEL J. GOULANDRIS"
to Newcastle and proceeded from Newcastle 2136K/28 to rendez-
vous P.G. 48.

"YANDRA" ordered at 1021K/28 to proceed forthwith to rendezvous
P.G. 58 and join escort to Sydney.

"MILDURA"
"TOWNSVILLE"
ML's 429 and 818 } escorting O.C. 90 arrived Sydney 0440K/28.

M.L. 427 departed Sydney 0930K/28 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0900K/30.

"DURRAWEE" arrived Port Phillip 1734K/28 from S.C.F. 18.

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" arrived Fremantle 1144K/28.

"TJERK HIDDIS" escorting "GOLD STAR" arrived Fremantle 1910K/28.

SEARCH FOR "LYDIA M. CHILDS" SURVIVORS:

- 0306K/28 - "YANDRA" detached from O.C. 90 at Sydney Heads and departed to join "WARRNAMBOOL" and "DELORAINÉ" in search.
- 0538K/28 - M.L. 429 departed Sydney.
- 0720K/28 - "WARRNAMBOOL" gave position as 33°32'S. 153°14'E (about 100 miles 081° from Sydney). "One boat alongside. Four 2nd class boats in sight. Captain on Board. Ship sank in 8 minutes at 1923."
- 0811K/28 - N.O.I.C. Sydney informed "WARRNAMBOOL" "Ships should join you as follows - "DELORAINÉ" at 0930K/ "YANDRA" 1430K, "SPRIGHTLY" 1100K, S.C. 741 1300K, M.L.429 1500K" and ordered "WARRNAMBOOL" to organise search for survivors.
- 0914K/28 - "WARRNAMBOOL" reported "Two boats believed to contain a total of 19 men not yet accounted for. Remainder of complement in "WARRNAMBOOL". Am attempting to tow boats and return to Sydney. "DELORAINÉ" searching for boats."
- 1437K/28 - N.O.I.C. Sydney informed "MILDURA" and M.L. 818 "Two life boats with survivors sighted by aircraft 33°47'S. 152°32'E and 34°04'S 152°32'E at 1325K, probably drifting S.S.W. 2 to 3 knots. "MILDURA" to proceed with despatch and search for and intercept most southern boat and M.L. 818 to other boat. If "MILDURA" picks up one to search for other."
- 1446K/28 - "DELORAINÉ" reported to N.O.I.C. Sydney "One lifeboat with 12 survivors picked up 33°57'S. 152°34'E at 1400K. Am proceeding to second position mentioned by you."
- 1701K/28 - N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "Only 1 lifeboat now adrift carrying 7 survivors. Boat was sighted by aircraft 34°04'S. 152°32'E at 1325K/28 now probably to southward of this position" and ordered "DELORAINÉ", "MILDURA", M.L.429, S.C. 741 and "SPRIGHTLY" to return to Sydney. "Any ship having survivors on board was ordered to make her E.T.A. Sydney. C.S.O. Sydney advised by secretephone that all boats had been picked up.
- 2000K/28 - "WARRNAMBOOL" returned Sydney.
- 2043K/28 - "MILDURA" returned.
- 2103K/28 - "DELORAINÉ" returned.
- 2125K/28 - "SPRIGHTLY" made E.T.A. Sydney 2400K/28.

"JOSEPH" HOLT" OVERDUE BRISBANE:

"JOSEPH HOLT" (Liberty Ship) due Brisbane P.M/26 from Townsville had not arrived by 2000K/28. Search by aircraft covering "LITHGOW" in Platypus Bay negative.

VESSEL AGROUND IN GRAFTON PASSAGE:

At 2350K/28 N.O.I.C. Townsville ordered "WARREGO" (on passage Thursday Island/Townsville, E.T.A. 1600K/29) to proceed with all convenient despatch and render assistance to merchant ship name unknown aground Euston Reef (Grafton Passage). Information passed to Chief Salvage Officer and at his request/N.O.I.C. Brisbane for Brisbane Salvage Officer who was to proceed Cairns forthwith. At 0230K/29 following was received from unknown call sign addressed USN Cairns "Must have help quick. Situation becoming more serious. Please reply".

"BENALLA" (A.M.S.) commissioned at Melbourne 0800K/28 under command of Lieutenant-Commander L.N. Morison, R.A.N.R.(S).

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 28th April, 1943.

"BOWEN" escorting "THEDENS" E.T.D. Fall River 0200K/28 for Oro Bay
E.T.A. 2300K/28.

"BUNBURY" escorting "JAPARA" departed Fall River 0304K/27 for Belibeli.

"GYMPIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" returned Fall River 1127K/27 from Oro Bay.

"WARRAGO" escorting "FORCEFUL" arrived Thursday Island 0814K/27 from
Merauke.

"TULSA" returned Cairns 2200K/28 - departed Cairns 0901K/27 towing 2
M.T.Bs. for Fall River.

"MUGFORD" arrived Townsville 1420K/27 from escort duty.

S.C.F. 47 escorting "KURUMBA" and "VAN SPILBERGEN" arrived Townsville
0946K/27 from Brisbane.

S.C. 750 escorting T.N. 81 departed Townsville 0200K/27 for Pt. Moresby

"WAGGA" escorting T.S. 23 arrived Gladstone 1030K/27 - E.T.D. 0600K/28
for Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane 2028K/27 from search for "KOWARRA"
survivors.

"BAGLEY" returned Brisbane 0544K/27 from exercises.

"BAGLEY" } escorting B.T.55 including "H.R. HELPER" towing M.L.814
"GOULBURN" } departed Caloundra 2220K/27.
"GEELONG" }

"COLAC" arrived Brisbane 2212K/28 from escort duty - departed 1731K/27
to overtake and join P.G.48.

"BALLARAT" } Escorting P.G.48 departed Caloundra 1600K/27.
"Y.M.S.70" }

M.L.427 - ETD. Sydney A.M/28 for Brisbane.

M.L.428 arrived Sydney 0548K/28.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" departed Sydney 1001K/27 to rendezvous "CHEVREUIL" and
convoy and escort to Sydney - but at 1907K/27 was ordered
by N.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed with all despatch to position
of "LYDIA M. CHILD'S" torpedoing.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 1545K/27 to rendezvous O.C.90 and escort to
Sydney.

M.L.429 and M.L.818 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to rendezvous O.C.90 at
1200K/27 and escort to Sydney. "MILDURA" and M.L's 429 and
818 to detach with Sydney section off Sydney.

"TOWNSVILLE" to escort "MICHAEL J. COULANDRIS" to Newcastle on close
inshore route then return Sydney.

"STUART" ordered by C.S.W.P.S.F. at 1124K/27 to proceed with despatch
to overtake O.C.91 and escort to Sydney.

"BINGERA" departed Westernport 0630K/27 for Twofold Bay, Jervis Bay and
Sydney; ordered by C.S.W.P.S.F. to rendezvous "KALGOORLIE" and
O.C.91 off Wilson's Promontory about.1400K/27 and escort to
Sydney.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 2131K/27 having completed escort of Melbourne portion of C.O.91.

"CHARA" departed Port Phillip 1921K/27 to resume sweeping S.C.F. 18.

U.S.S. "LARK" arrived Fremantle 1035K/27 from Exmouth Gulf.

"TROMP" departed Fremantle 1114K/27 to rendezvous U.S.S. "TRINITY" and escort to Fremantle.

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf 26/4 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1400K/28.

"LATROBE" escorting "ALAGNA", "MATHEW FLINDERS" and "YARRA" arrived Darwin 1502K/27 from Thursday Island.

"INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" arrived Darwin 1913K/28.

CONVOYS CANCELLED:

On account of submarine activity and in order to afford increased surface A/S protection the following convoys were cancelled -

C.O. - E.T.D. Sydney 28/4 and 5/5 respectively.
O.C. - E.T.D. Melbourne 30/4 and 7/5 respectively.
G.P. - E.T.D. Sydney 28/4 and 5/5 respectively.
P.G. - E.T.D. Brisbane 1/5 and 8/5 respectively.

N.O.I.C's have also been ordered to use maximum number of escorts available for convoys in operation.

"LYDIA M. CHILDS" TORPEDOED E. OF NEWCASTLE:

Sydney Radio intercepted from "LYDIA M. CHILDS" (U.S. Liberty Ship bound San Francisco/Sydney) "S.S.S.S. 33°08'S. 153°24'E torpedoed at 1845K/27". Position is about 90 miles E. of Newcastle.

At 2026K/26 Catalina unsuccessfully attacked submarine in position about 23 miles 214° from S.S.S.S. position.

At 0112K/28 aircraft obtained A.S.V. contact probable submarine in position about 25 miles 354° from S.S.S.S.

A.C.N.B. warned B.A.M.S. 5B at 1946K/27.

"F.S. CHEVREUIL" escorting "CAPITAINE ILLIAQUER" and "CAP TARIFA" from Noumea to Sydney were diverted to Newcastle by N.O.I.C. Sydney ("CAPITAINE ILLIAQUER" arrived at 2246K/27 and "CAPTAIN TARIFA" at 2300K/27).

At 1951K/27 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered 5 merchant vessels not to approach within 100 miles of coast during dark hours, unless within 50 miles of port.

At 2000K/27 Duty Officer, Garden Island, advised by seeraphone -

- (a) Catalina over position.
- (b) "WARRNAMBOOL" 30 miles E. of Newcastle.
- (c) 2 Hudsons fitted A.S.V. being despatched.

Tug "SPRIGHTLY" departed Sydney 0218K/28 - E.T.A. position of SSSS 0900K/28. "DELORAINÉ" and S.C.741 were ordered to proceed to search. "DELORAINÉ" proceeded 0030K/28.

At 0229K/28 "WARRNAMBOOL" reported herself as having arrived in position of S.S.S.S. at 0100K/28.- Nothing in sight. Commenced search. At 0120K/28 sighted parachute flare bearing 130°. Investigated to 5 miles without result. Continuing search with original position as centre.

"MARELLA" (passenger vessel of 7,475 tons gross) arrived Sydney 0440K/28 from Adelaide.

Convoy O.C.90 arrived Sydney 0424K/28.

REPORTED FREMANTLE LOOP CROSSING.

At 0253K/28 A.O.R.W.A. advised that an aircraft search had been ordered to investigate reported loop crossing at 0032K/28 indicating possible enemy submarine in Gage Roads.

AIR RAIDS -

MERAUKE :

Warning 0715K/27.
All clear 1123K/27.

HORN ISLAND :

Warning 1135K/27.
All clear 1145K/27.

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..... arrived Townsville at 0514K/28.

"....." departed Sydney at 0512K/28, en route to Fremantle via Adelaide.

"....." arrived Hobart from Darwin 1157K/28 - R.T.D. Hobart 0830K/27 for Wellington.

"....." arrived Smooth Gulf from Fremantle P.M./28.

"....." towing S.M.T. Co. Special Cairns for Fall River at 1130K/28. R.T.A. P.M./28

..... arrived Sydney at 0542K/28.

"....." arrived Smooth Gulf A.M./28.

"....." departed Smooth Gulf at 144K/28 - R.T.A. Fremantle 1400K/27.

"....." R.T.D. Melbourne P.M./27 to relieve "....." in S.C.F. 13.

"....." vicinity Brisbane - reported at 1440K/28. Only 4/5 gear damaged not functioning.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 27th April, 1943.

escort

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney at 1456K/26 from/duties to depart for Jervis Bay at 0800K/28 for exercises with R.A.A.F. To return Sydney 0700K/2/5.

"BAGLEY" ordered by C.S.W.P.S.F. at 2143K/26 to proceed with despatch to Brisbane and act as ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane. "BAGLEY" is required in Sydney for overhaul May 4th.

"GRELONG" departed Caloundra at 1409K/26 to provide additional escort for G.P.48. Returned to Brisbane with "BALLARAT" escorting G.P.48 less "LIMERICK" at 1629K/26.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting O.C.91 departed Gellibrand at 1800K/26. E.T.A. Sydney 2359K/29.

"VENDETTA" escorting T.N.80 departed Townsville at 1800K/26.

"DELORRAINE" } arrived Sydney at 1950K/26 having completed escort duties
 "YANDRA" } with P.G.47.

"SHEPARTON" escorting "VAN HEUTZ" arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1533K/26.

YMS.10 } departed Caloundra at 1717K/26 to relieve "GOULBURN" -
YMS.46 } searching for "KOWARRA" survivors.

"GLENELG" escorting T.N.79 departed Townsville at 2256K/25 for Fall River

"BROOME" escorting "VAN SWOLL" departed Fall River at 0218K/26. E.T.A. Oro Bay 2300K/26.

S.C. 750 E.T.D. Townsville 0200K/27 escorting "HENRY THOREAU" to Pt. Moresby.

YP.291 departed Fall River at 1601K/25 to rendezvous with "HILO" reported to be at Sariba - vicinity Milne Bay.

S.C.745. arrived Townsville at 0614K/26.

"CHANTICLEER" } departed Sydney at 0812K/25, en route to Fremantle
S.C. 751 } via Adelaide.
S.C. 739 }

"DOMINION MONARCH" arrived Hobart from Durban 1137K/26 - E.T.D. Hobart 0630K/27 for Wellington.

"HERON" arrived Exmouth Gulf from Fremantle P.M/25.

"TULSA" towing 2 M.T.Es. departed Cairns for Fall River at 1120K/26. E.T.A. P.M/28

M.L.426 arrived Sydney at 0549K/26.

"WHIPPOORWILL" arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M/24.

"LARK" departed Exmouth Gulf at 1445K/24 - E.T.A. Fremantle 1230K/27.

"ORARA" E.T.D. Melbourne P.M/27 to relieve "DURRAWEE" in S.C.F. 18.

"COLAC" vicinity Brisbane - reported at 1440K/26. Underwater A/S gear damaged not functioning.

"STUART" escorting "HERMITAGE" departed Melbourne at 1531K/26.
 "STUART" parts company at 140°E and proceeds to Sydney.
 "HERMITAGE" en route to Bombay E.T.A. 11/5.

UNSUCCESSFUL TORPEDO ATTACK ON O.C.90 CONVOY.

At 0515K/27 "MILDURA" reported unsuccessful torpedo attack carried out against Convoy O.C.90 at 0435K/27 in position 36°20'S. 150°31' E. (70 miles N. of Gabo Island).

At 0830K/27 B.A.M.S. issued to all ships in area 5B.

AIRCRAFT REPORTS SIGHTING SUBMARINE 100 MILES E.N.E. OF SYDNEY.

At 0406K/27 AIRINTEL E.A. reported Catalina sighted submarine in position 33°21'S. 153°02'E (100 miles E.N.E. of Sydney) Course 80° speed 10 knots at 0230K/27. No grading possible at that time by AIRINTEL.

At 0730K/27 B.A.M.S. issued to all ships in Area 5B.

A.O.R.E.A. advised by 'phone. Aircraft ordered to attack. Aircraft reported later. No bombs dropped.

POOR D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUBMARINE.

From N.Z.N.B. at 2003K/26. In position 21°30'S. 160°20'E (450 miles N.E. of Sandy Cape).

FURTHER TO SINKING OF "KOWARRA"

At 1710K/26 G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. reported -

Survivors report - Two submarine sighted on surface after sinking. One torpedo hit each side of ship which sank in 2 minutes.

At 1329K/26 Com 7th Fleet reported. At least 3 Japanese submarines believed to be operating in Brisbane area.

Convoys and Independent sailings have been resumed.

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To 0900K/Monday, 26th April, 1943.

- "BAGLEY" arrived Brisbane from Palm Island at 0424K/25. Departed at 1631K/25 to exercise with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.
- "MANOORA" arrived Port Melbourne 2103K/25 from exercises in Port Phillip.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/26.
- "VENDETTA" E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/26 escorting "TAROONA" to Fall River. E.T.A. 1400K/28.
- "COLAC" } E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/27 escorting P.G. 48.
 "BALLARAT" }
- "SHEPPARTON" escorting T.N. 78 arrived Port Moresby at 1033K/25.
- "KALGOORLIE" arrived Melbourne at 1227K/25, having completed escort duties with C.O.90.
- "SWAN" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 1207K/25.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney at 2011K/24 after completing escort duties with Newcastle portion C.O.91.
- "GOULBURN" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Brisbane 1701K/25. At 2043K/25 N.O.I.C. Brisbane despatched "GOULBURN" to the position of the sinking of "KOWARRA", 35 miles N.E. of Sandy Cape.
- "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1815K/25.
- "STUART" E.T.D. Port Phillip 1400K/26 escorting "HERMITAGE" to position 39° 25' S. 140° 00' E. "STUART" will then proceed to Sydney direct.
- "JENKINS" (U.S. Destroyer) escorting "JUPITER" and "PRESIDENT MONROE" arrived Brisbane at 1129K/25 from Espiritu Santo.
- "MAUNGANUI" departed Ceylon P.M./25 - E.T.A. Fremantle A.M./3/5.
- "GYMPIE" at 0923K/25 N.O.I.C. Fall River reported "GYMPIE" hit, reef while passing through "RAVEN CHANNEL" and A/S gear put out of action.
- M.L. 429 arrived Jervis Bay from Sydney at 1830K/24.
- S.C. 741 escorting 12 L.C.Is. arrived Sydney at 1430K/25 from Noumea.
- YMS. 49 and 50 arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1214K/25.

ENEMY AIR RAID WARNINGS.

AUGUSTA	-	Warning	1125K/25	All clear	25/4.
TOWNSVILLE	-	"	1954K/25	" "	2023K/25.
PORT MORESBY	-	"	0940K/25	" "	1013K/25.

SINKING OF S.S. "KOWARRA"

"KOWARRA" (2125 tons) sailing independently from Bowen to Brisbane, sunk by submarine 35 miles N.E. Sandy Cape at 1900K/24.

First report received by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 1930K/25 from S.C.747 escorting B.T.54, as follows -

"SEND PLANES TO SEARCH FOR SURVIVORS "KOWARRA" SUNK BY SUBMARINE 35 MILES N.E. SANDY CAPE AT 1900K/24. 11 ON BOARD S.C.747 24 MISSING.

At 1853K/25 an enemy submarine was located by D/F within 150 miles of a position 80 miles S.E. of Sandy Cape.

Action taken:

At 2115K/25 B.A.M.S. sent to all shipping in area 5B and 5C

At 2159K/25 all warships in the area advised of the D/F fix and sinking of "KOWARRA".

At 2235K/25 independent sailings between Brisbane and Northern Ports and vice versa stopped until further notice.

At 2324K/25 "WAGGA" and convoy en route Townsville to Brisbane ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville to proceed Gladstone with convoy ("WAGGA'S" Asdic is out of action)

At 2043K/25 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised that "GOULBURN" was proceeding to the position of sinking - E.T.A. 1100K/26.

At 2149K/25 A.O.R.E.A. advised. Search of area by Anson aircraft will commence dawn 26/4. Also act as A/S cover for "Lithgow" escorting "RESERVE" towing "GORGON".

At 0200K/26. A.O.R.E.A. reported by 'phone that an A/S patrol by Beauforts from dawn to dusk 26/4 over "MUGFORD" and convoy S.T.2 had been arranged by A.O.R.N.E.A.

Further D/F fixes of Japanese submarine at 1857K/25. Fair fix in position 27°00'S. 157°E.

At 0030K/26 Poor Fix in position 24°30'S. 157°00'E.

"LIMERICK" TORPEDOED AND SUNK.

"LIMERICK" (8724 tons) en route Sydney to Brisbane in convoy G.P.48 escorted by "COLAC" and "BALLARAT".

At 0100K/26, "COLAC" reported "LIMERICK" torpedoed in position 028°54'S. 153°54'E (100 miles S.S.E. of Brisbane).

Action taken:

At 0315K/26 B.A.M.S. sent to all shipping in area 5B.

At 0331K/26 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "LE TRIOMPHANT" to proceed with all despatch to position of attack (Approx. E.T.A. 1500K/26).

At 0440K/26 AQREA reported. 1 Anson airborne from Coffs Harbour to report on torpedoed vessel. Will be relieved as necessary to search for survivors. 1 A.S.V. lifted Beaufort airborne from Camden, relieved as necessary will provide outer cover to Caloundra, inner cover being provided as usual.

At 0454K/26. CSWPSF ordered NOICs. to stop all independent sailings to destinations north of Newcastle.

At 0520K/26 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised. Tug "HENRY T. MILES" on way from Yamba, also Motor Boats from Byron Bay. Tug "ST. GILES" from Sydney being despatched.

At 0524K/26 CSWPSF ordered NOIC Brisbane as follows. All available A/S craft are to be employed to augment escorts of convoys still at sea in your area. Future sailings in abeyance until situation clears.

No. 4. At 0325K/26 "COLAC" reported Ship holed and on fire in Request assistance of tug.

At 0254K/26 "BALLARAT" reported. When last seen ship still afloat, very low in water aft. "COLAC" remaining in vicinity. "BALLARAT" proceeding with convoy.

At 0630K/26 "LIMERICK" sank - "COLAC" picked up survivors reported by NOIC Brisbane ph 'phone.

At 0735K/26 "LE TRIOMPHANT" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to return to Sydney forthwith.

0100 - arrived Ball Bay 10/11/26 (see diary)

0200 - departed Ball Bay 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 11/02/26.

0300 - arrived Ball Bay 10/11/26 from Forts Island.

0400 - departed Ball Bay 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. (10/11/26 and 11/02/26) departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S.

0500 - E. I. S. Ball Bay 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

0600 - E. I. S. Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

0700 - arrived Forts Island 10/11/26 from Ball Bay.

0800 - arrived Forts Island 10/11/26 from Ball Bay.

0900 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S.

1000 - receiving E. I. S. for Ball Bay E. I. S. Forts Island 10/11/26.

1100 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26 E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1200 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1300 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1400 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1500 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26.

1600 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1700 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26.

1800 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

1900 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26.

2000 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

2100 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26.

2200 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

2300 - receiving E. I. S. departed Forts Island 10/11/26.

2400 - departed Forts Island 10/11/26 for Forts, E. I. S. 10/11/26.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K Sunday, April 25th, 1943.

- T.F.74. - moving 26/4 from Palm Island to Family Island, anchoring Combe or Dunk Island as convenient.
- GYMPIE - arrived Fall River 1200K/23 from Port Moresby; escorting BONTEKOE departed Fall River 0231K/24 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 2300K/24.
- BROOME - arrived Fall River 1032K/24 from Explorer, Stage 1.
- BOWEN - arrived Fall River 1856K/24 from Cairns.
- U.S.S. HILO - departed Port Moresby 1431K/24 for Sariba, E.T.A. 1100K/25.
- U.S.S. TULSA - arrived Cairns 1653K/24 from Thursday Island.
- WAGGA - departed Cairns 0550K/24, and escorting T.S.23 (MERKUR and HANYANG) departed Townsville 2014K/24 for Brisbane.
- BANGALOW - E.T.D. Cairns 0600K/25 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1800K/29.
- S.C.750 - E.T.D. Townsville 0900K/25 for Palm Island E.T.A. 1300K/25.
- SWAN - arrived Townsville 0330K/24 from escort duty.
- BUNGAREE - arrived Townsville 2228K/23, departed 0020K/24.
- BISHOPDALE - departed Townsville 1448K/24 for Palm Island.
- GLENELG - escorting T.N.79 for Fall River E.T.D. Townsville 2300K/25.
- DELORAINÉ) - escorting P.G.47 departed Caloundra 0652K/24 E.T.A.
YANDRA) Sydney 0900K/26.
- S.C.738) - escorting B.T.54 departed Caloundra 0617K/24 for
S.C.747) Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/28.
- GOULBURN - departed Brisbane 1935K/24 to r/v KATOOMBA about 21 miles 064° from Sandy Cape at 0600K/25 and escort to Brisbane.
- BUNDABERG - departed Sydney 0511K/24 for Newcastle to escort C.O.91.
- WARRENAMBOOL) - departed Newcastle 1139K/24 escorting Newcastle prtion of
BUNDABERG) C.O.91.
- DOOMBA - escorting C.O.91 departed Sydney 1411K/24.
- COLAC) - escorting G.P.48 departed Sydney 1047K/24 E.T.A. Brisbane
BALLARAT) 0400K/27.
- M.L.429 - departed Sydney 1145K/24 for Jervis Bay.
- STUART - escorting HERMITAGE arrived Melbourne 1045K/24.
- ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN - arrived Melbourne 1117K/24 from Sydney.
- TJERK HIDDES - escorting ALCOA PATRIOT to 110° E., departed Fremantle 1448K/24.

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INVERELL TO PROCEED TO DARWIN.

INVERELL escorting ISLANDER from Thursday Island to Cape Wessel thence Darwin was ordered by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin, at 1645K/24 - "Abandon operation which has been compromised by your use of Playfair Code. Proceed forthwith to Darwin with ISLANDER. Acknowledge through shore station using Cypher if no delay in sailing is incurred".

AIR RAIDS.

Fall River - Warning 1849K/24.
All Clear 1914K/24.
Horn Island - Warning 2206K/24.
All Clear 0010K/25.

To 0900K/Saturday, 24th April, 1943.

"ERGOME" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" and "VAN SWOLL" arrived Fall River 2301K/22 from Townsville.

U.S.S. "HILO" departed Fall River 2128K/22 for Port Moresby arrived 1326K/23.

"GYMPIE" departed Pt. Moresby 1231K/22 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/23.
Y.M.S. 49 and 50 departed Thursday Is. 0707K/23 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1600K/25.

"FORCEFUL" departed Thursday Island 2004K/22 for MERAUKE!

"LATROBE" escorting T.D. 18 departed Thursday Island 0211K/23.

"MINJAK TANAH" - departed Thursday Island 1553K/23 for Cairns E.T.A. 1200K/26.

"BUNBURY" departed Cairns 1305K/23 to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 1500K/23 and escort to Fall River, E.T.A. 1800K/25.

Y.P. 291 - departed Cairns 0319K/23 for Fall River E.T.A. 1001K/25.

"SWAN" escorting RESERVE towing "GORGON" E.T.A. Brisbane 27/4 departed Cairns 0115K/23, "SWAN" to return Townsville after relief by "LITHGOW" after moonrise 23/4 "LITHGOW" to continue escort to Brisbane.

"BOWEN" departed Cairns 2355K/22 for Fall River - E.T.A. 2100K/24.

"WAGGA" to depart Cairns with despatch, to rendezvous "MERKUR" and "HANYANG" in Cleveland Bay at 1400K/24 and escort to Brisbane - E.T.A. Pile Light 0800K/28.

S.C. 750 arrived Townsville 2140K/22.

"AASE MAERSK" arrived Townsville 1640K/23 from Cairns.

"BLUEBIRD" departed Townsville 0916K/23 for Palm and Orpheus Islands.

"BUNGAREE" E.T.A. off Townsville 2400K/23 with one rating case of acute appendicitis.

"BAGLEY" E.T.A. Brisbane 0330K/25 from Palm Island.

"DELORAIN") escorting G.P. 47 arrived Brisbane 1545K/23 escorting
"YANDRA") P.G. 47 - E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/24.

P.C. 1121. returned Brisbane 1426K/23 from escort duty; escorting "TAROONA" departed Caloundra 1427K/23 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1400K/25.

"RADICAL" (N.A.P.) departed Brisbane 1051K/23 for Townsville escorting "JUPITER" and "PRESIDENT MONROE"

U.S. Destroyer "JENKINS" E.T.A. Caloundra 0900K/25 from Espiritu Santo.

"WARRNAMPOOL" arrived Newcastle 1339K/23 having completed escort of Newcastle portion of O.C. 89.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "DUMROON" arrived Sydney 2003K/22.

"MUGFORD") escorting S.T.2 ("DUNTRON" and "ORMISTON" for
 "LE TRIOMPHANT") Townsville "FRANCISCO-CORONADO" for Noumea, "BEAU"
 for San Francisco) departed Sydney 1040K/23, "MUGFORD"
 to escort to Townsville, "LE TRIOMPHANT" to leave
 convoy to return SYDNEY by 1000K/26.

"PATTERSON" arrived Sydney 1419K/23.

L.C.1 337, 340, 341, 342 - departed Sydney 0844K/23 for TOORBUL POINT.

U.S. Destroyer Tender "WHITNEY") arrived Sydney 1155K/23 from
 Destroyers "FLETCHER" & "NICHOLS") Noumea.

L.C.1s 28, 29, 71-74, 228, 229, 343, and 344 departed Sydney 0845K/23
 from Port Stephens.

"BUNDABERG") arrived Sydney 1723K/22.
 "GLADSTONE")

"DOOMBA" arrived Sydney 0728K/23.

"BUNDABERG") detailed for C.O.91, "BUNDABERG" to rendezvous
 "DOOMBA") "WARRENAMBOOL" off Newcastle 0945K/24, "DOOMBA" to clear
 Sydney Heads with Sydney section 1330K/24, "WARRENAMBOOL"
 to proceed Sydney when "DOOMBA" joins convoy.

"STUART" escorting "HERMITAGE" - E.T.A. Melbourne 0830K/24.

"KALGOORLIE" departed Williamstown 1605K/23 to assume escort duties
 O.C. 90, but O.C. 90 now E.T.D. Gellibrand Light 1600K/24.

"HEMSKERCK" escorting ALCOA PATRIOT arrived Fremantle 0915K/23.

U.S.S. "HERON" departed Geraldton 1820K/23.

SUBMARINE REPORTS N.W. OF ONSLOW -

At 1517K/23 N.O.I.C. Fremantle advised that since 1300K/23 U.S.S. "PRESTON" had made several signals reporting submarine N.W. of Onslow, source of reports were being indicated. 3 Catalinas were searching the area. N.O.I.C. Fremantle did not consider issue of warning to B.A.M.S. 5A warranted. Nearest merchant ship "CHUNGKING" (cargo vessel 2171 tons) was due Broome 0130K/24 from HEDLAND.

AIR RAIDS -

MERAUKE - Red warning 1115K/23.
 All clear 1306K/23.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 23rd April, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA"
"RALPH TALBOT" } departed Townsville at 1335K/22 for Challenger Bay,
Palm Island.

"VENDETTA" escorting N.T.11 arrived Townsville at 1550K/22.

"BAGLEY" departs Palm Island at 1300K/23 for Brisbane E.T.A.
0330K/25.

"PATTERSON" departed Brisbane at 0824K/22 for Sydney E.T.A.1400K/23.

"SWAN" returned Cairns from Willis Islets at 0855K/22.
E.T.D. escorting "RESERVE" (Tug) towing "GORGON"
1400K/22.

"LITHCOW" ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane to proceed to intercept
in daylight 23/4 "SWAN" and party and assume escort
to Brisbane.

"MUGFORD"
"LE TRIOMPHANT" } will clear Sydney Heads at 0930K/23 escorting "DUNTROON"
and "ORMISTON" en route to Townsville. "LE TRIOMPHANT"
will leave convoy so as to return to Sydney by 1000K/26.
"MUGFORD" will continue escort to Townsville, then act
as ordered by C.T.F. 74.

"GLENELG" escorting "HANYANG" and "JOHN RAWLINS" arrived Townsville
from Fall River at 0904K/22.

"BENDIGO" arrived Sydney at 1943K/22 from escort duties with P.G.46.

"KAPUNDA"
"BOWEN" } escorting "GORGON" towed by "JAMES WALLACE" arrived Cairns
at 1245K/22 from Fall River. "KAPUNDA" to boiler clean
at Cairns. "BOWEN" to depart Cairns for Fall River
without delay.

"INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" departed Thursday Island at 0952K/22
for Cape Wessel. E.T.A. position 11°07' S 136°40' E
1700K/23. To depart A.M./24 for Darwin E.T.A.1200K/26.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Townsville from Sydney at 0734K/22. Departed
at 1600K/22 escorting T.N.78 to Port Moresby E.T.A.
0800K/25.

"GYMPIE" departed Port Moresby at 1231K/22 E.T.A. Fall River
1200K/23.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting C.O.89 arrived Port Melbourne at 1407K/22.

"DOOMBA" escorting C.C.89 will detach with Sydney section off
Sydney. "WARNAMEFOOL" will continue escort to, and
remain Newcastle, and escort C.O.91 to R/V off Sydney
24/4.

"WARREGO" proceeded independently to Augusta at 1118K/22 with
R.A.A.F. personnel. E.T.A.1500K/23 then to return to
pick up and escort "FORCEFUL" and party en route.

"LATROBE" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0200K/23 escorting "ALAGNA",
"YARRA" and "MATHEW FLINDERS" to Darwin E.T.A.1200K/27.

"COLAC" } detailed to escort G.P.48 departing Sydney at
 "BALLARAT" } 1030K/24.
 "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Brisbane at 1354K/22. E.T.A. Maryborough
 0800K/23.
 "P.C.1121" departed Brisbane at 0351K/22, escorting "KLIPFONTEIN"
 to a position 200 miles east of Brisbane, then to
 return Brisbane and escort "TAROONA" northwards
 E.T.D.1530K/23.

"TULSA" departed Thursday Island at 1258K/22.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney from vicinity Wilson's Prom. at
 0951K/22.

"Y.P.291" arrived Cairns at 0627K/22.

"S.C.738" } E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/24 escorting 5 ships northbound.
 "S.C.747" }

"S.C.747" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1300K/22 - escorting "LALAGE" to Mack
 Day to land A.S.A.F. personnel and equipment. Then to
 proceed north escorting vicinity Cape York A.S.F. 13/23
 E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/23.

"S.C.747" escorting T.A. 35 arrived Port Moresby at 0800K/21.

"S.C.747" on route Port Moresby - Cairns having 0800K/21. Will anchor
 0900K/21 Friday day then enter Cairns Harbour.
 "S.C.747" will carry out A/S patrol for "S.C.747" until
 1200K/21 (Sun) arrives.

"S.C.747" } escorts Newcastle porting C.G.50 departed Newcastle at
 "S.C.747" } 1000K/21.

"S.C.747" escorting Sydney section C.G.50 departed Sydney at 1300K/21
 to rendezvous with Newcastle section and "S.C.747" and continue
 to escort. "S.C.747" is assigned Sydney.

"S.C.747" arrived Sydney at 1200K/21.

"S.C.747" - E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/24 - escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" to a
 position 200 miles E. of Brisbane, then to return Brisbane.
 E.T.D. 1600.

"S.C.747" arriving E.T.D. will return Brisbane after arrival vicinity
 Port Moresby.

"S.C.747" departed Port Moresby at 0800K/21 to exercise in the vicinity
 of Darwin.

"S.C.747" departed Port Melbourne at 0341K/21 for E.T.D. 16.

"S.C.747" departed Melbourne at 1100K/21 - E.T.A. Gladstone 1200K/21.

"S.C.747" arrived Brisbane at 0800K/21.

"S.C.747" and "S.C.747" on Brisbane assigned to C.G. 50 for operational
 control 2/24.

"S.C.747" departed Cairns Wa - E.T.A. Newcastle 2/5.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 22nd April, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" with Admiral Royle aboard, arrived Townsville at 1626K/21.

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Townsville at 1348K/21.

"CHEVREUIL" E.T.D. Noumea 1500K/21 escorting 3 merchant ships to Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/29.

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/22 escorting T.N.78 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/25.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0600K/22 escorting "FORCEFUL" (TUG) towing 4 barges to Merauke - E.T.A. 1600K/23.

"DELORAINÉ" } escorting G.P.47 including "KURUMBA" departed Sydney at
"YANDRA" } 1142K/21.

"BUNBURY" will rendezvous with convoy T.N.77 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1500K/23 - and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/25.

"INVERELL" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300K/22 - escorting "ISLANDER" to Hawke Bay to land R.A.A.F. personnel and equipment. Then to proceed Darwin departing vicinity Cape Wessel A.M./24 E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/26.

"GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 75 arrived Port Moresby at 0855K/21.

"KAPUNDA" en route Fall River - Cairns towing GORGON. Will anchor GORGON at Fairway Buoy then enter Cairns Harbour. "BUNBURY" will carry out A/S patrol for "GORGON" until "RESERVE" (Tug) arrives.

"MILDURA" } escorting Newcastle portion C.O.90 departed Newcastle at
"MORESBY" } 1050K/21.

"TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney section C.O.90 departed Sydney at 1520K/21 to rendezvous with Newcastle section and "MILDURA" and continue escort. "MORESBY" to proceed Sydney.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Sydney at 1235K/21.

P.C.1121 - E.T.D. Brisbane 0300K/22 - escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" to a position 200 miles E. of Brisbane, then to return Brisbane E.T.D. 1530.

"LITHGOW" escorting B.T.53 will return Brisbane after arrival vicinity Percy Island.

"MANOORA" departed Port Melbourne at 0825K/21 to exercise in the vicinity of Dromana.

"DURRAWEE" departed Port Melbourne at 0841K/21 for S.C.F. 18.

S.C. 745 - departed Caloundra at 1112K/21 - E.T.A. Gladstone 1600K/22.

YMS. 46 arrived Brisbane at 0639K/21.

S.C.738 and S.C.747 at Brisbane assigned to C.S.W.P.S.F. for operational control 21/4.

"TRINITY" departed Bahrein 4/4 - E.T.A. Fremantle 2/5.

FURTHER ALTERATIONS - to sailing instructions of Shipping in S.E. area due to continued rough weather.

WEATHER FORECAST - at 0430K/22 for area Gabo Island to Portland through Bass Strait -

Surface Wind - 35 to 40 M.P.H. West.
 Visibility - 10-15 miles. Sea very rough.
 Swell - Medium, South West.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" en route Sydney to Melbourne.

At 0932K/21 C.S.WP.S.F. ordered "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to proceed southward along Northbound blue route until "DOOMBA" with O.C.89 is met. Then provide additional escort O.C.89 until "WARRNAMEOOL" overtakes and takes over escort.

At 1815K/21 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" reported. Am now unable to weather severe westerly gales and have turned northwards along southbound blue route at 1700K/21, until weather moderates.

The position given meant that A.C. could not overtake O.C.89 therefore at 2341K/21 CSWPSF ordered A.C. to proceed Melbourne when weather moderates.

At 0205K/22 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" reported - Resumed onward journey at 010K/22. In position GABO. Speed 7 knots.

"KALGOOLIE" escorting C.O.89 - E.T.A. Melbourne 0930K/22.

"STUART" (en route to rendezvous with and escort "DUNTROON" to Sydney).

At 0237K/21 when in position 100 miles S.E. Gabo. Heavy seas necessitated alteration of course to 220°. Speed reduced to 5 knots.

At 1102K/21. "STUART" reported. Must continue keeping head to sea until weather moderates.

At 1614K/21. CSWPSF advised "STUART" to cancel instructions regarding escort of DUNTROON and to proceed via Bass Strait to rendezvous with "HERMITAGE" in position 300 miles due south of Melbourne at 1600K/23, and escort to Melbourne.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" (previously ordered to rendezvous and escort "HERMITAGE"). At 1611K/21 CSWPSF ordered "LE TRIOMPHANT" to cancel instructions regarding rendezvous with "HERMITAGE". New task to rendezvous with "DUNTROON" at 1700K/22 in position 130 miles S.E. of Sydney and escort to Sydney.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 21st April, 1943.

- "GLENELG" - escorting "VAN OUTHORN" and "MANYANG" departed Fall River 1200K/19 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1800K/22.
- "MATAFELE" - towing lugger departed North Foreland, Milne Bay 1132K/19 for Cape Nelson area.
- "STELLA") departed Fall River 2042K/19 for Woodlark Island.
 "PALUMA")
- "WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" departed Thursday Island 1946K/20 for Darwin.
- "VENDETTA" - escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Port Moresby 1833K/19 from Townsville.
- "CASTLEMAINE" - escorting "MULIAMA" arrived Thursday Island 1151K/20 from GROOTE EYLANDT.
- "FORCEFUL" arrived Thursday Island 1637K/20 from Darwin.
- "SWAN" departed Cairns 1431K/20 for Willis Islets with relief A.W.A. operator, E.T.A. 0800K/21.
- "WAGGA" escorting "CARDROSS" arrived Cairns 1515K/20 from Fall River.
- "RALPH TALBOT" E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/21 - E.T.D. 22/4 for Palm Island E.T.A. 1100K/22.
- "BROOME" escorting T.N. 76 departed Townsville 2126K/19 for Fall River
- "ZANANA" - E.T.D. Townsville 0700K/21 for Cairns.
- "LITHGOW" escorting B.T. 53 with "BUNGAREE" attached departed Caloundra 1315K/20.
- "PIRIE" arrived Maryborough 1145K/19 from Townsville.
- "GEELONG" returned Brisbane 1158K/20 from escort duty.
- "BUNDABERG") escorting P.G. 46 with "GLADSTONE" attached departed
 "BENDIGO") "CALOUNDRA" 0720K/20.
- P.C. 1121 - escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" about 200 miles clear of coast E.T.D. Brisbane 0100K/22.
- "PATTERSON" departed Caloundra 1649K/20 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton. On completion about 22.4 proceeding Sydney.
- S.C. 745 E.T.D. Brisbane 0600K/21 for Gladstone to escort "HENRY D. THOR-BAU" to Mackay, thence proceeding to Townsville.
- "YANDRA" escorting Sydney section O.C. 88 arrived Sydney 2138K/19.
- "MORESBY" arrived Newcastle 0715K/20 escorting O.C. 88.
- "DELORAINE" arrived Sydney 1321K/20 having completed escort of Newcastle section of O.C. 88.
- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1141K/20 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0800K/22.
- "STUART" departed Sydney 0607K/20 to rendezvous "DUNTROON" at 0700K/21 and escort to Sydney.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" - E.T.D. Sydney to rendezvous "HERMITAGE" about 78 miles 288° from S.W. Cape (Tasmania) at 1600K/23 and escort to Melbourne. "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to remain Melbourne to escort "HERMITAGE" on departure to 140°E and then return Sydney.

"MILDURA") detailed for C.O.90, "MILDURA" to rendezvous "MORESBY"
 "TOWNSVILLE") and convoy off Newcastle 0900K/21, "Townsville" E.T.D. 1530K/21 with Sydney section to rendezvous main convoy off Sydney, "MORESBY" proceeding Sydney when "TOWNSVILLE" has joined.

"GOLDSTAR" now E.T.A. Fremantle 1300K/28 from Sydney.

"NAMBUCCA" (Auxiliary M/S) paid off at Brisbane 19/4.

O.C. 89 and C.O.89 fail to rendezvous.

0710K/20 - "WARRNAMBOOL" (with "KALGOORLIE" escorting C.O.89) reported to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne (R) DOOMBA - "My position 038°39'S. 147°50'E (79 miles 066° from Wilson's Promontory) speed of advance 3½ knots."

1735K/20 - W.S.S. Wilson's Promontory reported "Convoy 230° 5 miles course 090° visibility poor."

1820K/20 - W.S.S. Wilson's Promontory reported - "My 200735Z. Convoy O.C. 89 east bound".

1901K/20 - "WARRNAMBOOL" reported to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne - "Convoy O.C. 89 not met before dark. My position 038°55'S. 146°55'E (about 28 miles 064° from Wilson's Promontory) course 235° speed of advance 3 knots.

2021K/20 C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered both convoys to burn dimmed navigation lights until change over effected.

2335K/20 - "WARRNAMBOOL" reported to N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne - "My position 2330K/20 South East Point (Wilson's Promontory) 12 miles. Request position course and speed of "DOOMBA".

0159K/21 - N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne advised "WARRNAMBOOL" and "DOOMBA" of C.O.89's position at 2330K/20 and O.C. 89's estimated position at 0100K/21.

0321K/21 - C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered "WARRNAMBOOL" to proceed with despatch to take over escort of O.C. 89 and escort with "DOOMBA" to Sydney, and "KALGOORLIE" to continue escort of C.O.89 to Melbourne, and cancelled the order to burn navigation lights.

A.O.R.S.A. has arranged an inner and outer A/S patrol for O.C. 89 from dawn till dusk 21/4.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 20th April, 1943.

"BOWEN" arrived Fall River 1351K/19 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 750 escorting "KAPUNDA" and U.S. Tug "JAMES WALLACE" towing "GORGON" with "BOWEN" assisting departed Fall River 1330K/19 - tug "RESERVE" to rendezvous at sea as soon as possible - "BOWEN" and S.C. 750 to return Fall River after rendezvous.

"RESERVE" departed Sydney 1910K/18 - E.T.A. Dent Island 0230K/20.

"VENDETTA" escorting N.T.11 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1500K/20.

"TULSA", YP.280, YMS 9, 49 and 50 and 6 PTs. arrived Thursday Island 1550K/19 from Cairns.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "JAMES COOK" - E.T.D. Thursday Island 1800K/19 for Darwin.

"BUNBURY" arrived Cairns 0831K/19 from Townsville.

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"GYMPIE" departed Cairns 1448K/19 to rendezvous/off Fitzroy Island at 1700K/19 and escort to Port Moresby.

"ECHUCA" arrived Cairns 0821K/19 from Thursday Island.

"BROOME" escorting T.N.76 - E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/19 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/23.

"ZANNA" (NAP-ASR) arrived Townsville 1146K/19.

US.M/S "BLUEBIRD" departed Townsville 1030K/19 for Orpheus Island and Palm Island.

"BAGLEY" arrived Townsville 1355K/19 with urgent case from "MERKUR" departed 1641K/19 for Palm Island.

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/22 from Sydney

"BUNDABERG" } escorting G.P.46 with "BUNGAREE" in company arrived
"BENDIGO" } Brisbane 1649K/19.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.G.46 with "GLADSTONE" attached E.T.D. Caloundra
"BENDIGO" } 0600K/20.

"PATTERSON" returned Brisbane 0444K/19 from escort, duty.

"WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Brisbane 1517K/19 from Townsville.
"ARUNTA" }

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Newcastle 0400K/19 having completed escort of Newcastle section P.G.45; arrived Sydney 1105K/19; E.T.D. Sydney 1100K/20 for Melbourne.

"YANDRA" to rendezvous O.C.88 130°15 miles from Macquarie Light 1900K/19 and escort Sydney Section to Sydney.

"DELORAINÉ" } to escort Newcastle section to Newcastle, "DELORAINÉ"
"MORESBY" } returning Sydney when convoy has entered, "MORESBY" remaining Newcastle to escort C.O.90 to rendezvous off Sydney 21/4.

"DELORAINÉ" } detailed for G.P.47 - E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/21.
"YANDRA" }



"TOWNSVILLE" escorting P.G.45, including "KURUMBA" arrived Sydney 1004K/19

"STUART" to depart Sydney to rendezvous "DUNTROON" about 370 miles S. of Sydney at 0700K/21 and escort to Sydney.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1857K/19 for escort duties with O.C. 89 and departed Port Phillip 0111K/20.

"HERMITAGE" departed Wellington 0953K/19 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1100K/24. It has been proposed that "LE TRIOMPHANT" rendezvous and escort "HERMITAGE".

REPORTED SUB-SIGHTING OFF CLARENCE RIVER:

An observer reported sighting the periscope of a submarine break water in 3 different places near Clarence River (about 50 miles S. of Cape Byron) at 1700K/19. Graded C.3. Only merchant vessel in vicinity was the small coaster "ULMARA" which departed Clarence River at 1730K/19 for Sydney.

AIR RAIDS:

MERAUKE - Warning 0957K/19.
All clear 1004K/19.
Red warning 1226K/19.
All clear 1246K/19.

BATCHLOR - Warning 1036K/19.
All clear 1048K/19.

PT.MORESBY - Warning 0959K/19.
All clear 1033K/19.

WESTERN AREA - Yellow warning 0132K/19.

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To 0900K/Monday, 19th April, 1943.

"PHOENIX" } departed Brisbane at 1056K/18. "RALPH TALBOT"
"RALPH TALBOT" } will escort "PHOENIX" (en route to Balboa) to
vicinity of 159° east, then rejoin C.T.F. 74 -
E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/21.

"ARUNTA" departed Townsville at 1248K/18, after being delayed
due to temporary defect. E.T.A. Brisbane 1430K/19.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 1010K/18 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1430K/
19.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 1624K/17 from escort duties with Newcastle
section C.O.89.

"PATTERSON" escorting "MORMACSEA" to position 240 miles E. of
Brisbane, departed Brisbane at 2201K/17. "PATTERSON" to
return Brisbane.

"WARREGO" arrived Thursday Island from Cairns at 1043K/18.

"HEMSKERK" ordered by C.T.F. 71 at 1820K/18 to rendezvous with
"ALCOA PATRIOT" (Tanker en route Wellington to Fremantle)
in position 37°40'S. 122°40'E - 270 miles S.E. Albany at
1400K/20 and escort to Fremantle. If rendezvous not made
by dark/20, proceed on "ALCOA PATRIOT'S" route to
Fremantle.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA", E.T.D. Groote Eylandt 1730K/18.
E.T.A. Thursday Island 1200K/20.

"LATROBE" escorting "SIBIGO" returned to Thursday Island from
Merauke at 1001K/18.

"COLAC" arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 0652K/18.

"BROOME" escorting T.N. 76 departs Townsville at 1000K/19 - E.T.A.
Fall River 1900K/22.

"WAGGA" escorting "CARDROSS" departed Fall River at 0507K/18 - E.T.A.
Cairns 0800K/20.

"BALLARAT" arrived Sydney from Townsville at 0557K/18.

"EUNBURY" escorting B.T. 51 including "BISHOPDALE" arrived
Townsville at 1720K/17. Departed at 1716K/18 - E.T.A.
Cairns 0700K/19.

"WHYALLA" refloated undamaged and with "POLARIS" in company
departed Fall River at 2127K/18 for survey ground.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Phillip at 2303K/18 on completion duties
with C.O.88.

"PIRIE" departed Townville at 2146K/17 - E.T.A. Maryborough 0700K/19.
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"BOWEN" departed Port Moresby at 1335K/18 - E.T.A. Fall River 1200K/
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"GYMPIE" escorting T.N.75 departs Townsville at 0400K/19, E.T.A.
Port Moresby 0800K/21.

"GLENELG" E.T.D. Fall River 1200K/19 escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" and
"HANYANG" to Townsville.

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"BANGALOW" put into Cairns Harbour at 2253K/18 with damaged air pump. N.O.I.C. Cairns proposes to effect repairs at Cairns.

S.C. 750 escorting "PULGANBAR" and "KATOORA" departs Fall River about 1200K/19 for Goodenough Island on operation EXPLORER.

H.D.M.L. 1074 arrived Port Moresby at 1246K/18.

XP. 291 departed Brisbane at 1200K/18 - E.T.A. Cairns 1290K/22.

"CENTAUR" (Hospital Ship) arrived Brisbane at 0800K/18 from Port Moresby.

"HERON" arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at 1945K/18.

"HERMITAGE" arrived Wellington 15/4 - Reported at 1530K/16 - Urgent repairs necessary - Probable departure 19/4.

AIR RAID WARNING -

GURNEY 0755K/18 - All Clear 0821K/18.

FURTHER TO COLLISION BETWEEN "IRON MONARCH" and "EMPIRE STRENGTH".

At 1312K/18 N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne reported.

"IRON MONARCH" damaged above waterline and not making water. Berthed alongside Nelson's Pier at 1045K/18.

"EMPIRE STRENGTH" flooded in No. 1. and No. 2 holds, drawing 35 feet forward and most probably resting on silt.

Capsize not feared No. 3 bulkhead holding and ship being lightened preparatory to entering dock.

N.C.S.O. advises both vessels were burning navigation lights at full brilliancy.

"ALBATROSS" arrived Brisbane from Maryborough at 1000K/17.

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"TAMMILL") escorting P.C. 43 departed Calcutta at 0430K/17
"EMERALD CRUISER") E.T.A. Newcastle 0700K/18 - E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/18.

"SUNGLASS" escorting H.T. 58 departed Brisbane at 0000K/17 - H.C.C. 0100K/17 - all part company vicinity Perry Islands and return to Brisbane.

"MIRAGE" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1000K/18.

MYALLA ANCHORED IN MILNE BAY.

At 1000K/17 Fall River reported MYALLA grounded off Kallerton Point in Milne Bay. Have sent "EXPURSA" to her assistance and "BUCKLEUP" to discharge oil and allow to lighten. Further report follows.

S.C. 745 at Brisbane assigned to C.E.S.C.F. for operational control 18/4.

"TAMMILL" at Townsville will depart so as to arrive Maryborough at 0700K/19.

"EMERALD" (H.M.S. Tug) departed Darwin at 0800K/17 for Thursday Island.

K.18 (Dutch submarine) departed Fremantle at 1200K/18 E.T.A. Sydney 2.3/19.

To 0900K/Sunday, 18th April, 1943.

"PATTERSON" escorting KLIPFONTEIN arrived Brisbane at 0431K/17.
"PATTERSON" escorting "MORMACSEA" to position 240 miles east of Brisbane - E.T.D. 1730K/17 on completion to return Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" with S.C. 750 escorting T.N. 75 arrived Port Moresby at 1703K/16. "WARRAMUNGA" departed Port Moresby at 1856K/16. Arrived Townsville 2230K/17 - E.T.D. A.M/18 for Brisbane - S.C. 750 departed Pt. Moresby at 1256K/17 - E.T.A. Fall River 200K/18.

"HOBART" departed Sydney at 1932K/17 - E.T.A. Cid Harbour 1700K/19.

"AUSTRALIA" departs Palm Island 0600K/19 proceeds to Cid Harbour E.T.A. 1600K/19 - Meets "HOBART" and departs in company evening 19/4, proceeding Palm Island carrying out night exercises with destroyers during passage.

"SWAN" departed Townsville at 0825K/17 - arrived Cairns at 1931K/17

"VENDETTA" departed Townsville at 1758K/17 escorting T.N. 74 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/19.

"ECHUCA" departed Thursday Island for Cairns 1258K/17 - E.T.A. 0700K/19.

"LUNDABERG") escorting G.P. 46 including "BUNGAREE" departed Sydney
"BENDIGO") at 0920K/17 - E.T.A. Caloundra 2300K/19.
"SHEPPARTON")

WARRAMUNGA
"WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney with Sydney portion C.O. 89 at 1445K/17 on arrival of Caloundra SHEPPARTON will proceed independently to Fall River via Townsville.

"STUART") escorting Newcastle portion C.O. 89 departed Newcastle
"KALGOORLIE") at 0548K/17.

"ROCKHAMPTON") arrived Brisbane from Maryborough at 1801K/17.
"GLADSTONE")

"TOWNSVILLE") escorting P.G. 45 departed Caloundra at 0433K/17
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN") E.T.A. Newcastle 0700K/19 - E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/19.

"GEELONG" escorting B.T. 52 departed Brisbane at 0225K/17 - "GEELONG" will part company vicinity Percy Islands and return to Brisbane.

"KIANGA" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1505K/16.

WHYALLA AGROUND IN MILNE BAY:

At 1016K/17 Fall River reported WHYALLA aground off Kellerton Point in Milne Bay. Have sent "KAPUNDA" to her assistance and "ROCKLEA" to discharge oil and stores to lighter. Further report follows.

S.C. 745 at Brisbane assigned to C.S.W.S.F. for operational control 16/4.

"PIRIE" at Townsville will depart so as to arrive Maryborough at 0700K 19.

"FOREFUL" (H.M.A. Tug) departed Darwin at 0331K/17 for Thursday Island

K.12 (Dutch submarine) departed Fremantle at 1300K/16 E.T.A. Exmouth Gulf A.M/20.

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"GLADSTONE" - successfully completed acceptance trials at Maryborough 16/4.

"CHANTICLEER" (U.S. Submarine Rescue Ship) departs Caloundra at 1330K/19 for Sydney then Fremantle S.C. 739 and S.C. 751 will escort from Sydney.

M.L. 818. arrived Jervis Bay from Sydney at 1700K/17.

"ALLENWOOD" - E.T.D. Williamstown 0830K/19.

"DURRAWEE" E.T.D. Williamstown 0830K/21 for S.C.F. 18 to be relieved by "ORARA" A.M/28 then to return to sweep S.C.F.6.

"KOROWA" to return Williamstown P.M/23 from S.C.F. 6.

"DOMINION MONARCH" ordered by Admiral MOMBASA to proceed to Hobart not Fremantle for onward routing.

"EMPIRE STRENGTH" AND "IRON MONARCH" COLLIDE OFF PORTSEA.

At 2312K/17 "EMPIRE STRENGTH" (7,255 gross tons) Blue Star Line en route Melbourne to Bluff, N.Z., reported by W/T Have been in collision with steamer off No. 5 buoy (vicinity Portsea) Please warn shipping.

At 0049K/18 "EMPIRE STRENGTH" reported. Returning to anchorage. Holed No. 1 and 2 No. 2 flooded. Require survey at once. Estimated draft 25 feet forward.

(N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne reported later that the other vessel involved was the "IRON MONARCH" (with C.O.88 from Newcastle), the condition of which appears to be satisfactory). "EMPIRE STRENGTH" at 0900K/18 placed alongside Nelsons Pier, Williamstown - bows awash.

1. Commonwealth Salvage Board advised at 0113K/18.
2. Blue Star Line advised 0103K/18.
3. Harbour Master (Capt. Joy) at 0125K/18.
4. Chief Examination Officer N.C.S.O. and "DOOMBA" advised at 2335K/17. All shipping to be warned.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 17th April, 1943.

HOBART E.T.D. Sydney p.m./17 for Cid Harbour E.T.A.1700K/19.
BOWEN towing barge returned Port Moresby 0846K/16.
MATAFELE departed Port Moresby 1806K/16 for Cape Nelson area.
ECHUCA escorting BARALABA returned Thursday Island 1344K/16 from Merauke.
WARREGO departed Cairns 1821K/16 for Thursday Island.
GLENELG departed Cairns 0405K/16 to rendezvous T.N.73 off Fitzroy Island at 1600K/16 and escort to Fall River.
TULSA }
YP.280 } departed Cairns 1431K/16.
YMS.9. 49 & 50 }
and 6 P.Ts. }
SWAN arrived Townsville 1130K/16 from Fall River.
PIRIE arrived Townsville 1312K/16 from Fall River.
GEELONG escorting B.T.52 E.T.D. Caloundra 0130K/17.
M.L. 426 arrived Brisbane 0957K/16 from Sydney.
RALPH TALBOT returned Brisbane 2250K/15 to effect emergency repairs.
PATTERSON departed Brisbane 1653K/15 to rendezvous KLIPFONTEIN and escort to Brisbane.
TOWNSVILLE } escorting G.P.45 arrived Brisbane 1526K/16;
ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN } escorting P.G.45 ETD Caloundra 0500K/17.
BUNGAREE arrived Sydney 2246K/15 from Geelong.
STUART arrived Newcastle 0626K/16 from escorting O.C.87.
BUNDABERG arrived Sydney 1101K/16 from escorting O.C.87.
KALGOORLIE } escorting P.G.44 arrived Sydney 1450K/15.
MILDURA }
WARRNAMBOOL } detailed for C.O.89, KALGOORLIE to join STUART and
KALGOORLIE } convoy off Newcastle at 0700K/17, WARRNAMBOOL E.T.D. Sydney Heads at 1500K/17 with Sydney section and join main convoy, STUART then to proceed Sydney.
BUNDABERG } detailed for G.P.46, E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/17,
BENDIGO } including BUNGAREE to Caloundra for onward escort.
SHEPPARTON }
DOOMBA departed Port Melbourne 1557K/16 to assume escort duties with O.C.88.
HEEMSKERCK departed Port Phillip 1827K/16 for Fremantle.
ORARA arrived Port Melbourne 1801K/16 from S.C.F.18.

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To 0800K/Friday, 16th April, 1942.

ALSEY arrived Port Melbourne 1831K/16 from Wellington.

MANOORA returned Port Melbourne 1647K/16 from Port Phillip.

U.S. SEAPLANE TENDER "HERON" - arrived Exmouth Gulf p.m./15 from Fremantle, departed 1030K/16 for Geraldton, E.T.A. 1200K/18.

DUMMY LIMPET MINES ATTACHED TO ARKABA.

At 1240K/16, N.O.I.C. Townsville advised that a limpet mine had been found attached to ARKABA berthed in Townsville Harbour. Further report will be forwarded by N.O.I.C. Townsville on complete investigation. ARKABA (cargo vessel of 4212 tons gross) arrived Townsville 0140K/10 from Mourilyan.

At 1548K/16, N.O.I.C. Townsville reported that investigation showed that dummy mines were attached during "a highly efficient exercise presumably by commandos."

GRELKA (CPB) REFLOATED.

At 1143K/16 N.O.I.C. Adelaide reported that GRELKA had been refloated and was to be slipped 16/4 for refit.

"STUART" and "BUNDABERG" are to escort Sydney section of G.C. 87 to Sydney and then to continue escort to Newcastle - "BUNDABERG" to return Sydney when convoy has entered Newcastle - "STUART" to remain Newcastle and escort G.C. 89 to rendezvous off Sydney 17/4.

U.S. Destroyer "SIBERTYANI" arrived Sydney 1400K/16.

"FERRYON" and "TATARA" detached by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 0718K/16 to proceed to positions "WREXHAM" 100°, "VANORA" 080° 25 miles Macquarie Light to escort tankers "IRISH CHIEF" and "CALIFORNIA STANDARD" and steamer "MOUNT ROBINSON PARK" to Sydney, if met, otherwise return Sydney as is to arrive 1900K/16. "CALIFORNIA STANDARD" and "MOUNT ROBINSON PARK" have not arrived.

"OLAC" departed Port Phillip 1139K/16 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1700K/17.

FIRE IN "WOLFELOON"

"WOLFELOON" reported at 0550K/16 "Have had a fire in lower deck which was being used as baggage store. Fire put out with assistance of Fire Brigade. Written report will be forwarded." It was found necessary to flood forward 4.V magazines and shell room and pop pop magazines which were expected to be dry by P.M./16.

SIGHTING OF WAKE OFF PORT KEESLA.

H.M.A.S. "WISCHING" (W.A.P.) reported sighting off Port Keesla disturbed water and glow similar to the wake of a vessel at 0118K/16. Skipper and crew had clear view from about 50 feet for about 2 minutes. Visibility was good and the sea was calm. Wake was moving at not more than 3 knots. One depth charge was dropped but failed to fire. Sweep by "WISCHING", "MELAKI" (C.P.R.) "WILSON CLOUD" (W.A.P.) and "MELAKI" (Shad. vessel) proved negative.

To 0900K/Friday, 16th April, 1943.

"HOBART" E.T.D. Sydney 17/4 with Admiral Royle.

"AUSTRALIA" to proceed Cid Harbour 19/4 to meet "HOBART" about 1600K and receive Admiral Royle, then return Palm Island carrying out night exercises with all units - E.T.A. Palm Island 20/4.

"WAGGA" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Fall River 0334K/15 for Oro Bay.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting T.N. 72 ordered by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby
S.C. 750 } to arrive "BASILISK PASSAGE 1600K/16.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns 0823K/15 from Townsville.

"GLENELG" to rendezvous T.N. 73 off Fitzroy Island at 0600K/16 and escort to Fall River.

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 1958K/15 from Fall River.

H.D.M.L. 1074 departed Townsville 0946K/15 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1600K/18.

"BALLARAT" having departed Townsville 1610K/13 for Caloundra thence Sydney was ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 1823K/15 to proceed direct to Sydney.

"RALPH TALBOT" departed Brisbane 1615K/15 for Townsville to disembark personnel - E.T.A. 1500K/17 - thence Palm Island E.T.A. 1200K/18.

"STUART" } are to escort Sydney section of O.C. 87 to Sydney
"BUNDABERG" } and then to continue escort to Newcastle - "BUNDABERG" to return Sydney when convoy has entered Newcastle - "STUART" to remain Newcastle and escort C.O.89 to rendezvous off Sydney 17/4.

U.S. Destroyer "STURTEVANT" arrived Sydney 1406K/15.

"BENDIGO" } ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 0715K/15 to proceed to
"YANDRA" } positions "BENDIGO" 100°, "YANDRA" 080° 25 miles Macquarie Light to escort tankers "BEAU OHIO" and "CALIFORNIA STANDARD" and steamer "MOUNT ROBSON PARK" to Sydney, if met, otherwise return Sydney so as to arrive 1700K/15. "CALIFORNIA STANDARD" and "MOUNT ROBSON PARK" have now arrived.

"COLAC" departed Port Phillip 1129K/15 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1730K/17.

FIRE IN "QUIBERON"

"QUIBERON" reported at 0525K/15 "Have had a fire in lower mess deck which was being used as baggage store. Fire put out with assistance of Fire Brigade. Written report will be forwarded." It was found necessary to flood forward 4.7" magazines and shell room and pom pom magazine which were expected to be dry by P.M/15.

SIGHTING OF WAKE OFF PORT KEMBLA.

H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" (N.A.P.) reported sighting off Port Kembla disturbed water and glow similar to the wake of a vessel at 0110K/15. Skipper and crew had clear view from about 60 feet for about 2 minutes. Visibility was good and the sea was calm. Wake was moving at not more than 2 knots. One depth charge was dropped but failed to fire. Sweep by "MISCHIEF", "LEILANI" (C.P.B.) "FLYING CLOUD" (N.A.P.) AND "ADELE" (Exam. vessel) proved negative.

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FAIRMILE 801.

Launched at Sydney 14/4.

"GRELKA" (C.P.B.) SINKS.

Channel Patrol Boat "GRELKA" sank at her mooring at Adelaide at 0300K/15. N.O.I.C. ADELAIDE reported that she was partly submerged at 1200K/15, salvage was being proceeded with and cause investigated.

AIR RAIDS. -

HORN ISLAND - Yellow warning 1649K/15.
All clear 1701K/15.

"BARBUDA" departed Cairns at 1000K/14 to sea survey with T.M. 77 escorted by S.C. 770 in vicinity Pittsby Island light at 1700K/14 and report to Port Moresby - S.P.S. 0000K/15.

"BARBUDA" returned to Fall River at 1010K/14 escorting M.V. REMBRANT and "MELIPALAN" (in air aid at Fall River).

"BRIDGON" arrived Sydney at 1511K/14 on completion escort duties with Newcastle version C.O. 24.

"BRIDGON" escorting C.O. 24 including "GOLD STAR" departed Sydney at 1810K/14.

"BRIDGON" departed Sydney at 1010K/14 escorting C.P. "MELIPALAN" 45 - S.P.S. Brisbane 0000K/17.

"BRIDGON" carrying 90 troops and towing loaded barge, departed Port Moresby at 0800K/14 for Moresby River (120 miles N.W. of Port Moresby). To return with empty barge about 20/4.

"BRIDGON" arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 0600K/14 departed at 1400K/14 for Cairns.

"BRIDGON" escorting "SIBIR" departed Thursday Island at 0600K/14 for Newauke S.P.S. 0700K/15.

"BRIDGON" returned Brisbane at 0800K/14 from escort duties north of Brisbane.

"BRIDGON" escorting S.P. 51 including "TERRIBLE" departed Cairns at 0800K/14 - "TERRIBLE" will have company at Percy Island - S.P.S. 1400K/15 - "SIBIR" with clear S.P.S. 0000K/17.

"BRIDGON" to depart Fall River escorting "TERRIBLE" (SIBIR) Stead RN, and to arrive Falls Reef (vicinity Cape Nelson) at 1800K/15 - S.P.S. Otr Bay 2000K/15.

"BRIDGON" with "SIBIR" departed Fall River at 0800K/15 - "SIBIR" is to undergo repairs at Newauke.

"BRIDGON" departed Port Moresby at 1000K/14 - S.P.S. Townsville 20/14.

"BRIDGON" S.P.S. Newborough 0800K/17 for Brisbane - to be clipped and defects made good.

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"PHOENIX") arrived Brisbane at 1214K/14 - "PATTERSON" to
 "PATTERSON") proceed at 1830K/15 to rendezvous with "KLIPFONTEIN"
 and escort to Brisbane E.T.A. 17/4.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" - E.T.A. Sydney from north of Brisbane 0530K/15 -
 At 0325K/15 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to patrol off
 Sydney Heads, if fuel permits.

"ARUNTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River at 0634K/14 for
 Townsville - E.T.A. 0100K/16.

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Brisbane from exercises off Cape Moreton at
 0731K/14.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Cairns at 1555K/14 to rendezvous with T.N.72
 escorted by S.C.750 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1730K
 /14 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0830K/16. ed
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"KAPUNDA" returned to Fall River at 1216K/14 escorting "VAN HEEMS-
 KERK" and "BALIKPAPAN" (in air raid at Fall River).

"BENDIGO") arrived Sydney at 1511K/14 on completion escort duties
 "YANDRA") with Newcastle portion C.O.88.

"DELOHAINE") escorting C.O.88 including "GOLD STAR" departed
 "MORESBY") Sydney at 1316K/14.

"TOWNSVILLE") departed Sydney at 1018K/14 escorting G.P.
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN") 45 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0030K/17.

"BOWEN" carrying 90 troops and towing loaded barge, departed
 Port Moresby at 0801K/14 for Lakekamu River (120 miles
 N.W. of Port Moresby). To return with empty barge about
 16/4.

"GYMPIE" arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 0552K/14 departed at
 1432K/14 for Cairns.

"LATROBE" escorting "SIBIGO" departed Thursday Island at 0804K/14
 for Merauke E.T.A. 0800K/15.

"GEELONG" returned Brisbane at 0431K/14 from escort duties north
 of Brisbane.

"GOULBURN") escorting B.T. 51 including "BISHOPDALE" departed
 "BUNBURY") Caloundra at 0235K/14 - "GOULBURN" will part company
 at Percy Island - E.T.A. 1400K/16 - "BUNBURY" with
 slow ships E.T.A. 2000K/17.

"WAGGA" to depart Fall River escorting "BONTEKOE" ("LILLIPUT" Stage
 27) so as to arrive Veale Reef (vicinity Cape Nelson)
 at 1600K/15 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 2300K/15.

"SWAN" with "PIRIE" departed Fall River at 0430K/14 - "PIRIE" is to
 undergo repairs at Maryborough.

"BANGALOW" departed Port Moresby at 1056K/14 - E.T.A. Townsville
 20/14.

"ROCKHAMPTON" E.T.D. Maryborough 0515K/17 for Brisbane - To be
 slipped and defects made good.

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"COLAC" to depart Melbourne 0800K/15 for Sydney - Subject to A/S and W/T trials being completed satisfactorily.

"BLUEBIRD" (U.S. Minesweeper) departed Townsville at 0830K/13 for Orpheus Island calling at Challenger Bay en route. E.T.A. Challenger Bay 1320K/13.

M.L. 426 departed Sydney at 1641K/14 for Brisbane.

Y.P. 280 arrived Cairns at 0733K/14 from Fall River.

H.D.M.L. 1074 arrived Townsville at 0810K/14 - E.T.D. 0800K/15 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1600K/18.

"DOMINION MONARCH" departed Durban 13/4 - E.T.A. Fremantle 22/4 then to Auckland.

H.M.S. "SHROPSHIRE" will become H.M.A. Ship on 17th April.

AIR RAID AT FALL RIVER - ALLIED SHIPPING DAMAGED.

At 1230K/14 - Allied shipping in Milne Bay attacked by approximately 40 high level and dive bombers with fighter cover of 20.

"CORCON" (3533 tons gross) hit amidships and aft. Main engine temporarily out of action, due to holing of air compressor and fracture of circulating pump. Holed on waterline.

Will require towage and escort to mainland. 90% of crew out of action.

"VAN HERMSKERCK" (2996 tons gross) and cargo considered a total loss. Beached and still burning at 1601K/14.

(2069 tons gross)

"VAN OUTHOORN"/hit but fire under control. Ship seaworthy but crew badly shaken, having 8 killed and 9 wounded.

"WAGGA" and "KAPUNDA" received superficial damage only. No naval casualties.

NOTE: At the time of the raid there were 2 A.M.Ss and 14 merchant ships at Milne Bay, apart from C.O.S.C. and A.W.T. army controlled small craft. Details of air successes have not been received.

"BUNDABERG" fired depth charge.

At 1146K/14 aircraft covering O.C.87 reported "Convoy stopped for quarter hour. One depth charge dropped by "BUNDABERG" in position 37°58'S. 140°46'E. (25° SSE of Gabo Island). Convoy then proceeded - composition correct."

No report received from BUNDABERG.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SIGHTING BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT.

Pilot of civil aircraft en route Melbourne to Hobart reported sighting "What appeared to be a submarine" in position 45 miles SSW of Wilson's Promontory at 1739K/14.

This report was graded BII by Naval Liaison Officer at A.O.R. Southern Area but it is considered that this grading is too high. No action taken.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 14th April, 1943.

"HOBART" - E.T.D. Sydney P.M./17 for operational area.

"WARHAMUNGA" departed Townsville at 0816K/13, for Cairns via Challenger Bay - arrived Cairns at 1721K/13.

"WARRAMUNGA" to rendezvous with T.N. 72 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1730K/14 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0830K/16.

"VENDETTA" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 0440K/13.

"HEERMSKERCK" arrived Melbourne from Sydney at 1145K/13.

"PHOENIX") E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/14 from Palm Island Com. 7th
 "PATERSON") Fleet advised C.S.W.F.S.F. "PATERSON" available to
 escort "KLIPFONTEIN" to Brisbane in lieu of "LE
 TRIUMPHANT" who has been ordered to proceed direct to
 Sydney.

"GLENELG" to rendezvous with T.N. 73 at 0800K/15 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light and escort to Fall River 1730K/17.

"SWAN" escorting "TARONGA" arrived Fall River at 1837K/13 from Townsville.

"BENDIGO" arrived Newcastle at 2247K/12 having completed escort duties with O.C. 86.

"DELOHAINE") detailed to escort C.O.88 - to take over convoy from
 "MORESBY") "BENDIGO" at rendezvous off Sydney at 1300K/14.

"GOLDSTAR" will depart Sydney in time to rendezvous with C.O.88 and will part company in vicinity Wilson's Promontory to proceed to Fremantle.

"BALLARAT" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 0508K/13. Departed at 1610K/13 for Sydney calling at Caloundra en route - E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K.

"KALGOORLIE") escorting P.G.44 departed Caloundra at 0836K/13 -
 "MILDURA") E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/16.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney from Newcastle at 0245K/13.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 87 including "BUNGAREE" departed Melbourne at 2227K/12. Returned to Port Phillip at 1425K/13 - on completion escort duties.

"GOULBURN" escorting L.S.T.452 and L.C.I.339 arrived Brisbane at 1337K/13.

"KYBRA" E.T.D. vicinity Wilson's Promontory 18/4 - E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/22 - probably calling at Twofold Bay en route.

"TULSA" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 1310K/13.

"KIANGA" departed Sydney for Brisbane at 0904K/13.

"POLARIS" arrived Fall River at 1749K/12.

"S.C. 746") arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0040K/13.
 "S.C. 748")

M.L. 426 departs Sydney A.M./14 for Brisbane.

YP.286 } arrived Fremantle 1141K/13.
YP.288 } E.T.A. Fall River 2800K/13.

YMS.9, YMS 49 and YMS 50 arrived Cairns from Townsville at 2215K/12.

"PIRIE" escorted by "WHYALLA" arrived Fall River from Oro Bay at 2230K/12. As soon as practicable to be sailed to Maryborough for repairs.

"CENTAUR" departed Port Moresby at 1703K/13 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1400K/18.

AIR RAID WARNING PORT MORESEBY:

"WETUGA" warning 0707K/13. "BALARA" departed Thursday 0130K/13 ALL CLEAR 0727K/13. 0800K/13.

"BUNGAREE" REPORTED TO HAVE DROPPED DEPTH CHARGE:

At 131245 A.O.R. Southern Area reported - Aircraft covering O.C.87 reports that "BUNGAREE" dropped depth charge in position 39°05'S. 146°48'E at 0557Z/13. No report from "STUART" or "BUNGAREE" to 0830K/14.

ANTI SUBMARINE ACTIVITY IN SYDNEY HARBOUR:

At 130541Z N.O.I.C. Sydney reported -

CHANNEL PATROL BOAT "STEADY HOUR" on boom partol sighted water disturbance in east channel at 1155K today Tuesday together with patch of oil and attacked with depth charges supported by "MARLEAN" - Port of Sydney closed to outward shipping and sailings from Newcastle and Port Kembla to Sydney stopped. Further depth charge attacks carried out. Only corroborative evidence are three distinct oil patches. Diver investigating Normal routine resumed at 1433.

"ALBION" } escorting U.C.88 - E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/13.

"ALBION" } escorting U.C.88 - E.T.D. Caloundra 2000K/13.

"WIRAR" departed Sydney 0715K/12 for San Francisco.

"GERARD" arrived Sydney 0330K/12 from Port Kembla.

"BERNARD" escorting U.C.86 arrived Sydney 1813K/13.

"BERNARD" } are to continue escort to Newcastle -
"ABRAHAM COLJESSEN" } "ABRAHAM COLJESSEN" to return Sydney when
convoy has entered, "BERNARD" to remain
Newcastle and escort U.C.86 to rendezvous
off Sydney 14/4.

"TOWNVILLE" arrived Sydney 1100K/13 search negative.

"TOWNVILLE" } detailed for S.P.43 - E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/14.
"ABRAHAM COLJESSEN" }

"TANGA" E.T.D. Sydney 13/4 for Brisbane.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" arrived Sydney 0800K/13 from Melbourne.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 13th April, 1943.

"PIRIE" } E.T.A. Fall River 2300K/12.
"WHYALLA" }

YP. 280 departed Fall River 1009K/11 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600K/14 for onward routing to Brisbane.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "BALIK PAPAN" and "VAN HEEMSKERCK" Fall River Port Moresby ordered to return Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/14.

"LAURIANA" arrived Fall River 0816K/12 from Port Moresby.

"STELLA" arrived Fall River 1611K/12.

"ECHUCA" towing barge and escorting "BARALABA" departed Thursday Island 0113K/12 for Merauke - E.T.A. 0800K/13.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL", "ISLANDER" and "BABINDA" arrived Thursday Island 2036K/11 from Darwin.

"MERKUR" arrived outside anchorage Cairns at 0830K/12.

"YARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville 1720K/12 from Port Moresby.

YMS 50 - returned Townsville 1952K/11 from Palm Island.

YMS 9, 49 & 50 departed Townsville 1618K/12 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1000K/13.

"PATTERSON" arrived Townsville 1806K/12.

"RALPH TALBOT" departed Caloundra 1701K/12 for exercises with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"MILDURA" escorting G.P.44 arrived Brisbane 1435K/12.

"KALGOORLIE" } escorting P.G.44 - E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/13.
"MILDURA" }

"GOULBURN" } escorting B.T. 51 - E.T.D. Caloundra 2000K/13.
"BUNBURY" }

"MIZAR" departed Sydney 0715K/12 for San Francisco.

"GERARD" arrived Sydney 0630K/12 from Port Kembla.

"MORESBY" escorting C.C.86 arrived Sydney 1512K/12.

"BENDIGO" } are to continue escort to Newcastle -
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to return Sydney when
convoy has entered, "BENDIGO" to remain
Newcastle and escort C.O.88 to rendezvous
off Sydney 14/4.

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Sydney 1110K/12 search negative.

"TOWNSVILLE" } detailed for G.P.45 - E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/14.
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"KIANGA" E.T.D. Sydney 13/4 for Brisbane.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" arrived Sydney 0850K/12 from Melbourne.

"WARRNAMBOOL" escorting P.G.43 arrived Sydney 1148K/12.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 1320K/12 having completed escort of Newcastle section of P.G. 43.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1541K/12 to assume escort duties with O.C.87.

"BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1752K/12 to join O.C. 87 for Sydney thence to proceed in G.P.46 17/4, N.O.I.C. Brisbane to provide onward escort to vicinity Capricorn Channel.

"KYBRA" departed Port Melbourne 1305K/12 to exercise in vicinity Wilson's Promontory till 18/4 - E.T.A. Port Jackson 1200K/22 probably via Twofold Bay.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" departed Fremantle 1555K/12 for Exmouth Gulf.

D/F Fix of Japanese Submarine off Gabo Island 12/4.

B.A.M.S. warning issued at 0946K/12. Square searches by two Ansons in vicinity proved negative.

SUBMARINE REPORT VICINITY CAPE WESSEL 10/4 DISCOUNTED.

"WILCANNIA" reports submarine activity alarm by merchant ship in convoy about 55 miles 123° from Cape Wessel about 1320K/10 was definitely not confirmed and should be discounted.

AIR RAIDS:

PORT MORESBY - Yellow Warning 0946K/12.
Red Warning 0957K/12.

Raid in progress 1017K/12.
All clear 1119K/12.
Red Warning
Raid in progress
All clear 1339K/12.
Yellow warning

FALL RIVER - Yellow warning 1055K/12.
All clear 1125K/12
Yellow warning 0400K/13
All clear 0423K/13.

To 0900K/Monday, 12th April, 1943.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" arrived Fall River 2016K/10 from Oro Bay.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "BALIKPAPAN" and "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Fall River 0400K/11 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1400K/12.

"WAGGA" escorting "WANAKA" departed Fall River 1458K/10 for Belibeli, Goodenough Island.

"BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" arrived Fall River 1458K/10 from Port Moresby.

"VENDETTA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Fall River 0400K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/13.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "MANGOLA" (for Cairns) to Fitzroy Island departed Port Moresby 1803K/10. "WARRAMUNGA" E.T.A. Townsville 2300K/12

"WARREGO" arrived Cairns 0959K/11 from Townsville to boiler clean.

"SWAN" departed Townsville 0953K/11 for Dunk Island thence to rendezvous T.N. 71 off Fitzroy Island at 0500K/12 and escort to Fall River.

Y.M.S. 50 departed Townsville 0700K/11 for Palm Island returning Townsville P.M/11.

S.C's 746 and 748 departed Townsville 1815K/10 for Brisbane.

"BALLARAT" (on passage Fall River/Cairns) was ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville at 0840K/11 to proceed to Townsville and complete with fuel.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived "MARYBOROUGH 1830K/10 from Brisbane.

H.D.M.L. 1074 departed Brisbane 1641K/9 for Townsville via Gladstone.

"GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 0854K/11 to rendezvous U.S. M/S "SKYLARK" escorting L.S.T. 452 and L.C.I. 339 at 0830K/12 and escort L.S.T. 452 and L.C.I. 339 to Brisbane, "SKYLARK" returning to NOUMEA.

"HELM" departed Caloundra 1618K/11 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1500K/13.

"KURUMBA" arrived Brisbane 1433K/11 from Townsville.

"GERARD" (Exam vessel) departed Port Kebla 2200K/10 for Sydney.

"ADELE" " " arrived Port Kebla 1450K/11 from Sydney.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 1521K/11.

M.L. 428 departed Sydney 0939K/11 arrived Jervis Bay 1615K/11.

U.S.S. "NASHVILLE" } departed Sydney 1605K/11 "CRAVEN" for Noumea,
U.S.S. "CRAVEN" } "NASHVILLE" for Espiritu Santo.

"TOWNSVILLE" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 1609K/11 to proceed with despatch from Broken Bay to position 137° 62' miles from Macquarie Light and carry out A/S search in vicinity suspected submarine. If search negative at 0300K/12, "TOWNSVILLE" was to search to northwards to position 033° 45' S, 152° 10' E, then return Broken Bay.

"MANGORA" departed Port Melbourne 0830K/11 for exercises in Pt. Phillip.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Geelong 1929K/10 from Sydney.

"DOOMBA" arrived Pt. Melbourne 0431K/11 having completed escort of Melbourne portion of C.O.88.

"S.S. "RECINA".

At 1400K on Sunday 11th April, 1943, S.S. "RECINA" (4732 tons gross), when in position 37°24'S. 150°19'E (bearing 69° 18 miles from Cape Howe) was torpedoed by an enemy submarine, and sank immediately. "RECINA" was one of thirteen ships in Convoy O.C. 86 northbound from Melbourne to Sydney and escorted by H.M.A.S. "MORESEY" and H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO".

Signal reporting the sinking was received by Naval Staff at 1510K and the following action was taken.

1. N.O.I.C. Sydney was informed by telephone that Naval Board would notify warships in vicinity of attack.
2. B.A.M.S. signal was sent warning all merchant ships. This signal was sent by A.C.N.B.
3. Naval Staff informed A.O.R.S.A. of attack and directed A.O.R.S.A. to -

(a) warn by immediate signal the following warships -

"VAN GALEN" and "H.T. ALLEN" (Melbourne to Sydney and approximately 10 miles north of position of attack),

"ORARA", (minesweeping off Wilson's Promontory)

"STUART" and "BUNDABERG" (escorting Convoy C.O.87, eight ships, south bound, Sydney to Melbourne and about sixty miles north of position of attack),

"HEMSKERK" (providing "escort cover" to Convoy C.O.87, en route Sydney to Melbourne, and in vicinity of C.O.87 at time of attack).

(b) despatch all available aircraft to search the area.

4. The following officers and authorities were informed -

Salvage Board which was ordered to have Salvage Tug "SPRIGHTLY" ready,
N.O.I.C., Port Melbourne,

D.T.D., S.O.(N.C.S.) D. of P., and later Capt. Foley.

5. N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that Salvage Tug "RESERVE" was being held in readiness in Sydney.

6. By 1630K two planes had been despatched, one from Mallacoota and one from Bairnsdale to carry out a search. Bairnsdale reported at 1700K that six A.S.V. Hudsons would be despatched as soon as possible to carry out a parallel track search to a depth of 100 miles from Bairnsdale to Moruya.

In the meantime, "MORESEY" reported at 1516K that there were ten survivors from "RECINA" that a counter attack had been negative, and that "MORESEY" was rejoining the convoy. The complement of "RECINA" is thought to have been 34 of 35. Her cargo was 8,000 tons of ironstone. At the time of torpedoing, "RECINA" should have been leading to starboard column.

At 2015K/11 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that "ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" was despatched at 1530K to join "MORESEY" and "BENDIGO" at 13 knots and was expected to make contact at about 0130K/12.

Square search by one Anson and one Hudson which commenced at 1630K/11 from position 37°24'S. 150°19'E proved negative, as did the search of 6 A.S.V. Hudsons which commenced 1930K/11.

"HONDURAS" and "BURWAH" were detached from O.C. 86 to the inshore route (see "MORESBY'S" 110852).

N.Z.N.B. reported D/F fix of Japanese submarine at 0408K/12 about 55 miles 118° from Gabo Island.

A.O.R. S.A. ordered 1 Anson to make a square search from 037°24'S. 150°19'E for three hours from 0700K/12.

"PIRIE" and "HANYANG" damaged in air attack.

At 1721K/11 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported "PIRIE" escorting "HANYANG" arrived Oro Bay 1445K/11, both damaged with some casualties. No further details yet received. Large force of enemy bombers were reported off Porlock Harbour at 1220K intercepted by our fighters. No further details.

At 2045K/11 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby advised - "PIRIE" bombed off Porlock Harbour now at Oro Bay instructed to proceed Milne Bay as early as practicable has no navigational instruments remaining" - and ordered "WHYALLA" on survey duty "if possible rendezvous with her off Spear Island (about 6 miles East of Porlock Harbour) at daylight or as soon afterwards as possible 12/4 and escort to Fall River. Heavy air attacks are to be expected in Milne Bay 2/4". Spear Island is about 180 miles from Milne Bay.

At 0002K/12 N.L.O. 5th Air Force reported "Air attack Oro Bay vicinity 11/4 by 45 enemy fighters and dive bombers. Enemy losses definite 5 dive bombers, 10 fighters, probable 1 dive bomber, 5 fighters. Our aircraft losses nil".

"HANYANG" (British) is a cargo vessel of 2987 tons gross armed with a 12 pounder H.A/L.A.

At 2050K/11 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported "Following damage received by "PIRIE". Hit amidships through bridge, burst in mess decks, then cannoned and machine gunned. Gun wrecked. Asdic, gyro, magnetic compass and fore-castle windlass and majority of ship's piping useless. "HANYANG" received hit number 3 hatch, making water and settling. Attempts were being made to beach her in Oro Bay 1625K/11". N.O.I.C. Port Moresby intends using "ARUNTA" or "SWAN" to escort "PIRIE" from Fall River to mainland, if she is considered seaworthy.

"PIRIE" departed Oro Bay 0230K/12 - E.T.A. Spear Island 0630K/12. Casualties in "PIRIE" were one officer and 6 ratings.

N.O.I.C. Oro Bay has since reported that it is now possible to keep "HANYANG" afloat, and discharge of cargo is proceeding.

JAPANESE LANDING REPORTED ON EAST SHORE OF GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

At 1810K/7 S.O.(I) Townsville advised that mission launch reported sighting what was considered to be a submarine off Mitchell River (about 160 miles N. of Normanton). Submarine appears to have been sighted on nights of 2nd, 3rd and 4th of April. Vessel also reported to have exhibited lights similar to signalling and observers consider possibility of vessel taking soundings. Report graded C3 by S.O.(I) Townsville. Catalina was carrying out a search in the area.

2. By a signal received at 1400K/8 the Post Master at Normanton (A Naval Coastwatcher) reported "Two vessels, one large, one small latter landing sixty miles north this centre. No further particulars available. Information received reliable sources."

3. This signal was passed by Secraphone to Commander 7th Fleet, and to Army and Air Force Duty Officers, and by immediate signal to N.O.I.C. Thursday Island (R) Commander 7th Fleet, N.O.I.Cs. Townsville and Brisbane.

4. At 0134K/9, N.O.I.C. Thursday Island advised that the Normanton report had reached him at 0900K/9. Extensive aerial reconnaissance of the area had negative result. Air patrol was to be renewed from dawn/9. All indications were that report was unfounded.

5. At 1557K/9 N.O.I.C. Thursday Island advised that reports from aircraft continued negative.

6. At 1354K/11 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported to C.S.W.P.(R) C.S.W.P.S.F. C.T.F.74. N.O.I.C. Cairns and N.O.I.C. Thursday Island - "Following from YORK FORCE begins - Urgent message received from Colonel Maley of V.D.C. (Gulf 278) from Mr. P. Randall, Manager of Stirling Station states Japanese have landed at Galbraith and are heading to ards Normanton. The source is considered reliable, and the Colonel has sent out a party of 40 strong to investigate. 111300K. Ends. Position Galbraith is approximately 016°25'S. 141°30'E. (about 75 miles N. of Normanton.).

7. At 2334K/11 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported further - "Result of today's air search nil, sighting, but suspicions aroused by footmarks on beach N.W. of Delta Downs and no activity Inkerman Station. Aerial investigation continuing. No reports from land party."

8. At 0334K/12, N.O.I.C. Townsville advised "V.D.C. report from Galbraith Station Japanese landing in the vicinity Nassau River 8th April Confirmed by V.D.C. 11th April. Strength unknown. V.D.C. endeavouring to engage force." Nassau River is about 30 miles N. of Galbraith.

9. These signals were passed to Army and Air Force.

10. At 0416K/12 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported following information received through R.A.A.F. -

- (a) Youth reported sighting a submarine at 1930K/11, 8 miles off shore vicinity Mitchell River (about 160 miles N. of Normanton.) *aurubun*
- (b) All inhabitants of Inkerman have evacuated to Galbraith Mission. Galbraith will be evacuated tomorrow.
- (c) A searchlight was seen at sea for 20 minutes at mouth of Nassau River. The light was investigated at 0056K/12.

DAILY NARRATIVE

to 0900K/Sunday, 11th April, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 moves from Dunk Island to Palm Island Monday, 12th April.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting TN 68 arrived Port Moresby at 1233K/10.

"NEPAL" arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 1149K/10.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" departed Port Melbourne at 0801K/10 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/12.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" to Percy Island departed Sydney at 0929K/10. E.T.A. "KATOOMBA" at Townsville 0530K/14.

"VENDETTA" escorting T.N. 67 arrived Fall River at 1041K/10.

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Brisbane at 1411K/10.

"HELM" returned Brisbane at 1844K/9 from exercises off Cape Moreton.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 0538K/10.

"ALSEY" departed Wellington at 1005K/9 from Melbourne E.T.A. 1200K/18.

"SWAN" E.T.D. Townsville 0830K/11 for Dunk Island with mail etc. for C.T.F. 4. Then to R/V with 0500K/12. E.T.A. Fall River 1700K/13.

"MILDURA" escorting G.P. 44 departed Sydney at 1005K/10 E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/12.

"WARRNAMBOOL")
"YANDRA") departed Caloundra at 0755K/10, escorting P.G. 43 E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/12.

"TULSA" departed Brisbane 1100K/10. E.T.A. Townsville dawn/13 then to Cairns.

"GEELONG")
"GYMPIE") escorting Northbound convoy departed Caloundra at 0758K/10 "GEELONG" will part company at High Peak. "GYMPIE" to proceed to Townsville E.T.A. 0630K/14.

"BUNDABERG" escorting Newcastle portion C.O. 87 departed Newcastle at 1222K/10.

"STUART" escorting Sydney portion C.O. 87 departed Sydney at 1522K/10.

"SHEPPARTON" escorting "DUNTROON", "PRESIDENT GRANT", and "CHARON" arrived Sydney at 1806K/8 from Brisbane.

"ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" returned Thursday Island at 2126K/9 from Merauke. E.T.D. 1300K/11 for second voyage to Merauke. E.T.A. 1800K/12.

"BOWEN" departed Cairns at 0511K/10 to R/V with T.N. 69 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1700K/10 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600K/12.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Brisbane for Maryborough at 1555K/9.

"TOWNSVILLE" E.T.D. Sydney 0600K/11 for Broken Bay to return Sydney 1200K/13.

"BINGERA" returned F.N.D. from Jervis Bay at 1730K/10.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Port Phillip from Sydney at 1447K/10.
"BALLARAT" departed Milne Bay at 1602K/10 for E.T.A. Cairns 1800K/12.
"PIRIE" escorting "HANYANG" departed Fall River at 1302K/10.
E.T.A. Oro Bay 1500K/11.
"KAPUNDA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER", "BALIKPAPAN", "VAN HEEMSKERK"
and "WANAKA". E.T.D. Fall River 1200K/11 for Port
Moresby, except "MAETSUYCKER" who is to proceed independ-
ently to Townsville when south of China Strait.
"WAGGA" escorting "BONTEKOE" will depart Fall River so as to clear
S.W. of China Strait by sunset 11/4. "WAGGA" to return
for "LILLIPUT" stage 27.
"ARUNTA" escorting T.N. 70 en route Fall River not to arrive
Fall River before 1900K/13.

Two Enemy Destroyers 30 miles south of Gasmata at 2108K/10. Course
2700 Speed 20 kts. at 0020K/11. N.L.O. 5th Air Force advised.
Immediate attack ordered by 6. Bl7S and 12 Torpedo Beauforts.

Loop Crossing at Sydney

at 2133K/10 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported - Unidentified loop crossing
on No. 3 loop at 2024K/10.

at 2231K/10 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported C.O. 87 was passing at the time.
Signature thought to have been caused by escort vessel. Escorts ordered
to report. "TOWNSVILLE" on patrol inside loops has nothing to report.

at 2341K/10 "BUNDABERG" escorting C.O. 87 reported - No ship sighted
but "BUNDABERG" was in approximate position Macquarie Light bearing
2470 6660 yards at 2020K/10.

"WILCANNIA" report ENEMY SUBMARINE in position 123° 55 miles from
Cape Wessel at 1320K/10.

at 1450K/10 "WILCANNIA" reported that "DARVEL" one of
three vessels being escorted, gave the alarm - search
negative - convoy zigzagging at 21.

at 1724K/10 C.S.W.P.F. advised. Submarine may shadow
until dark. Make a bold alteration of course of
convoy after last light and again after moonset.

at 1720K/10 B.A.M.S. sent to all ships in Area 5.C.

To 0900K/Saturday, 10th April, 1943.

"STUART" } escorting O.C.85 arrived Sydney at 1845K/8. "MILDURA"
 "MILDURA" } detailed for escort duties with P.G.44 departing Sydney
 1000K/10.

"HENLEY" arrived Townsville at 1125K/9 and departed at 1437K/9.

"NEPAL" departed Port Phillip at 1019K/9 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1300K/10.

"ATREUS" arrived Port Melbourne from Wellington at 1445K/9.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Sydney at 2345K/8.
 E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/10 escorting "KATOOMBA" to position
 21°40'S. 150°35'E. then proceed to Brisbane.

"HEEMSKERCK" will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "STUART" and
 "BUNDABERG" escorting C.O.87 at 1700K/10 in position 20
 miles 55° from Macquarie Light. "HEEMSKERCK" will be
 additional escort for C.O.87 to Melbourne.

"ARUNTA" to rendezvous with T.N. 70 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light
 at 0800K/10 and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1900K/12.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "MULIAMA" departed Darwin at 1015K/9 for
 Thursday Island via De Courcy's Head, Millingimbi and Groote
 Eylandt. E.T.A. De Courcy's Head A.M./10. "KURU" will
 be in company as far as Groote Eylandt.

"BROOME" arrived Townsville at 1058K/9 for Fall River.

"PIRIE" escorting "WANARA" arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at
 1834K/8.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne at 1537K/9 for exercises in Port
 Phillip thence to assume escort duty of O.C. 86.

"RALPH TALEOT" at 2000K/9 "MORMACSEA" reported her position - 150
 miles W. of rendezvous point with "RALPH TALEOT".
 At 0259K/10 C.S.W.P.F. ordered "MORMACSEA" to proceed to
 destination - Brisbane - and "RALPH TALEOT" to join T.F. 74
 unless otherwise ordered.

"GEELONG" } E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/9 escorting northbound convoy.
 "GYMPIE" }

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Brisbane at 0225K/9 to intercept G.P.43 and
 escort to Brisbane - "WARRNAMBOOL" and "YANDRA" detailed to
 escort P.G. 42 - E.T.D. Caloundra 0630K/10.

"BOWEN" to rendezvous with T.N. 69 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at
 1700K/10 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0600K/12.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River at 0625K/9 for Survey Ground.

"BOMBO" arrived Hobart from Sydney at 0745K/9.

M.L. 815 arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1831K/8.

Y.P. 291 departed Brisbane at 2245K/8 for operations with U.S. submarine
 seawards of Cape Moreton. Returned to Brisbane at 1343K/9.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL", "BABINDA" and "ISLANDER" en route
 Darwin - Thursday Island attacked by one enemy float plane in
 position 11°09'S. 134°16'E. (210 miles N.E. Darwin) at
 1140K/9. No casualties or damage.

YDG 2 arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1715K/9.

"COOTAMUNDRA" N.O.I.C. Sydney reported at 1422K/9 Basin trial completed satisfactorily.

"MIZAR" departs Sydney 11/4 for U.S.A., direct

"NASHVILLE" departs Sydney on completion of repairs about 11/4 for Espiritu Santo. "CRAVEN" to escort to Vicinity Noumea. "NASHVILLE" then proceeds independently.

H.D.M.L. 1161. at 0951K/9 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that H.D.M.L. 1161 lost dome on Sinavi Reef on night 8/4. Full report follows by letter.

ALLIED SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

At 0106K/10 C.T.F. 71 reported that an allied submarine attacked an enemy convoy at 0800H/9. 1 Destroyer and 1 ship damaged and beached in position 005° 26'S. 123° 04'E (vicinity S.E. tip Celebes).

ENEMY SUBMARINE sighted 620 miles East of Brisbane by HILTON R. HELPER at 0923K/9. B.A.M.S. made by N.Z.N.B.

S.G. 745 departed Townsville 1432K/9 for Bougainville I.S.A. 0432K/11.

"KURUMA" arrived Townsville 1501K/9 from Thursday Island - departed 1550K/9 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2032K/11.

YAG 5. 43 and 48 returned Townsville 0842K/9 from sweeping in Bougainville Passage.

"CALCUTTA" E.T.A. Brisbane 1332K/9 from Baryatopoli.

"PROFANER" escorting "GARDEN" departed Calcutta 0857K/9 to rendezvous T.E. 22 at outer end of searched channel at about 0805K/9 and escort to Sydney.

"GARDEN" arrived Brisbane 0812K/9 from escort duty.

"MOR" departed Calcutta 1532K/9 to exercise with U.S. submarines seaward of Cape Morston.

"MORNINGSTAR" (Littorina Bay) arrived Brisbane 1332K/9 from T.E. 22. E.T.A. 1432K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" escorted "LADONIA" (from Robert) E.T.A. Sydney 2032K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" departed Sydney 1032K/9 for Jarvis Bay.

"MORNINGSTAR" escorting U.S. 48 arrived Sydney 1432K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" arrived Sydney 1432K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" departed for C.G. 71 "MORNINGSTAR" to rendezvous at 0800K/9. "MORNINGSTAR" departed at 1102K/9, "MORNINGSTAR" E.T.A. 1432K/9 with "MORNINGSTAR" departed Jarvis Bay 0752K/9 for E.T.A. 1432K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" arrived Port Moresby 1812K/9 from Fremantle - E.T.A. 1812K/9.

"MORNINGSTAR" escorting "MORNINGSTAR", "MORNINGSTAR" and "MORNINGSTAR" departed Brisbane 0852K/9 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1302K/9.

To 0900K/Friday, 9th April, 1943.

"WAGGA" arrived Fall River 2212K/7 from ORO BAY.

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River 0413K/8 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600K/10.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River 1616K/8 from Port Moresby.

YP.280 arrived at rendezvous with U.S.S. "HILO" 1616K/8.

"BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" departed Port Moresby 0816K/8 for Fall River E.T.A. P.M/10 "BALLARAT" to proceed Cairns to boiler clean.

"PIRIE" escorting "WANAKA" departed Port Moresby 1803K/7 for Fall River E.T.A. 1900K/8.

"INVEHELL" escorting "ALAGNA" and "KOOLIGA" arrived Thursday Island 1748K/7 from Darwin.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting T.N. 68 departed Townsville 0840K/8 for Port Moresby.

S.C. 749 departed Townsville 1432K/8 for Deboyne Island E.T.A. 0600K/11.

"KURUMBA" arrived Townsville 1430K/8 from Thursday Island - departed 1536K/8 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2030K/11.

YMS 9, 49 and 50 returned Townsville 0846K/8 from Sweeping in Whitsunday Passage.

"KALGOORLIE" E.T.A. Brisbane 1530K/9 from Maryborough.

"SHEPPARTON" escorting "CHARON" departed Caloundra 0356K/8 to rendezvous T.S.22 at outer end of searched channel at about 0600K/8 and escort to Sydney.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane 0817K/8 from escort duty.

"HELM" departed Caloundra 1536K/8 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"CHANTICELEER" (Submarine Rescue Vessel) arrived Brisbane 1325K/8 from Y.M.S. 11, 51, 52, 53 and 71.) Noumea.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "KATOOMBA" (from Hobart) E.T.A. Sydney 2000K/8.

M.L. 818 - departed Sydney 1016K/8 for Jervis Bay.

"DELORAIN" escorting P.G. 42 arrived Sydney 1447K/8.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney 1719K/8.

"STUART") detailed for C.O.87 "BUNDABERG" to assume escort off Nobbys
"BUNDABERG") Head at 1100K/10, "STUART" E.T.D. 1430K/10 with Syd. sector
"DINGERA" departed Jervis Bay 0730K/7 for F.W.D. E.T.A. 1530K/8.

"NEPAL" arrived Port Melbourne 1215K/8 from Fremantle - E.T.D. A.M. 9 for Sydney.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "DARVEL", "BABINDA" and "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0335K/8 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1930K/11.

"ROCKHAMPTON'S" ASDIC BREAKDOWN.

"ROCKHAMPTON" (with "YANDRA" escorting G.P.43) reported to N.O.I.C. Sydney at 1615K/8. "ASDIC completely broken down. Oscillator being removed for examination. Successful repairs doubtful. Request additional escort if available."

At 1924K/8 N.O.I.C. Sydney requested N.O.I.C. Brisbane to take whatever action he considered necessary.

"SHROPSHIRE"

Captain J.A. COLLINS, C.B., R.A.N., assumed command of "SHROPSHIRE" 7/4 from Commander D.H. HARRIES, R.A.N., who has taken over duties of Executive Officer.

"SHROPSHIRE" escorted "YANDRA" arrived Port Moresby 1801K/7 from Townsville.

"SHROPSHIRE" escorted Port Moresby 0611K/7 for Fall River E.I.A. 1501K/8.

"SHROPSHIRE" and "YANDRA" departed Port Moresby 1701K/7 escorting E.I.A. 18 to Townsville E.I.A. 2101K/8, E.I.A. 743 to proceed Brisbane.

"SHROPSHIRE" E.I.A. Townsville with shells and personnel for T.F. 74 - E.I.A. P.A. 74 at Fanning Island 1801K/8 and escort to Port Moresby.

E.I.A. 743 is to depart Townsville for Solomons Island to join E.I.A. 70, E.I.A. 701.

E.I.A. 181 departed Townsville 1001K/7, arrived Cairns 1501K/7.

E.I.A. 181 - E.I.A. 181 departed Cairns 1001K/7 for Townsville for onward routing to Port Moresby.

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Brisbane 1011K/8, res. Fall Island.

E.I.A. 743 escorting "YANDRA" departed Cairns 1801K/7 for Townsville - E.I.A. 1801K/8.

"SHROPSHIRE" escorting E.I.A. 181 arrived Brisbane 1847K/7.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Sydney 1801K/8 to rendezvous "YANDRA" about 1700K/8. 1801K/8. At 1801K/8 and escort to Brisbane.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Sydney 0443K/7 arrived Newcastle 1714K/7.

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Sydney 0801K/7 from Fanning Is.

"SHROPSHIRE" escorting G.P.43 departed Sydney 1001K/8.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Sydney 1411K/7 to rendezvous "YANDRA" about 1700K/8. E.I.A. 181 proposed from Townsville 1001K/7 escorting "YANDRA" portion of E.I.A. 181 arrived Sydney 1801K/7.

"SHROPSHIRE" escorting G.P.43 including "YANDRA" for (Colonial)

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Sydney 1801K/7.

E.I.A. 181 departed Sydney 1801K/7 for Brisbane.

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Brisbane 1801K/8 from Sydney.

"SHROPSHIRE" E.I.A. Port Moresby 1801K/8 from Townsville.

"SHROPSHIRE" E.I.A. 181 departed Brisbane 0801K/8 for Sydney. E.I.A. 1801K/8.

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Brisbane 1801K/7 from Townsville.

To 0900K/Thursday, 8th April, 1943.

"WAGGA" is to escort "JANSSENS" from Oro Bay to China Strait, "JANSSENS" to proceed independently to Townsville - "WAGGA" to Fall River for further duty in operation "LILLIPUT".

"KAPUNDA" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" and "NOORA" departed Fall River 1224K/7 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1500K/8.

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Fall River 1103K/7 from Townsville

"WHYALLA" } departed Port Moresby 1035K/7, "SUMNER" for survey grand,
"SUMNER" } "WHYALLA" E.T.A. Fall River 1300K/9, after escorting
"SUMNER" to China Strait.

"BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" arrived Port Moresby 0951K/7 from Townsville

YP.280 departed Port Moresby 0651K/7 for Fall River E.T.A. 1600K/8.

S.C. 748 and S.C.749 departed Port Moresby 1700K/7 escorting N.T.10 to Townsville E.T.A. 0100K/10. S.C. 748 to proceed Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Townsville with mails and personnel for T.F.74 E.T.A. P.M/8; to join T.N. 68 at Fitzroy Island 1830L/8 and escort to Port Moresby.

S.C. 749 is to depart Townsville for Deboyne Island to join T.G.70.5.

P.T.151 departed Townsville 1016K/7, arrived Cairns 1530K/7.

H.D.M.L. 1074 - E.T.D. Brisbane A.M/9 for Townsville for onward routing to Port Moresby.

"HELM" arrived Brisbane 1215K/7 from Palm Island.

S.C. 750 escorting "DAVID BUSHWELL" departed Caloundra 1225K/7 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1200K/10.

"LITHGOW" escorting T.S.21 arrived Brisbane 1547K/7.

"RALPH TALEOT" departed Sydney 1637K/7 to rendezvous NORMACSEA about 27°00'S. 160°07'E. at 1600K/9 and escort to Brisbane.

"SPRINGDALE" departed Sydney 0842K/7 arrived Newcastle 1714K/7.

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney 0658K/7 from Jervis Bay.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting G.P.43 departed Sydney 0602K/6.
"YANDRA" }

"HUNDA BEAG" departed Sydney 0412K/7 to rendezvous Newcastle section of C.O.86 proceeded from Newcastle 1027K/7 escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.86 arrived Sydney 1827K/7.

"BENDIGO" } escorting C.O.86 including "BUNGAREE" for (Geelong)
"MORESBY" } departed Sydney 1635K/7.

YDG.2. departed Sydney 2042K/6 for Brisbane.

"BINGERA" arrived Jervis Bay 1700K/6 from Sydney.

"NEPAL" E.T.A. Port Phillip 0900K/8 from Fremantle.

"HENRY T. ALLEN" E.T.D. Melbourne 0800K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 0800K/12.

"CENTAUR" arrived Brisbane 1018K/7 from Townsville.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 7th April, 1943.

"ARUNTA" E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/9 escorting T.N. 70 E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/11.

"VENDETTA" escorting T.N. 67 departed Townsville at 1240K/6 - E.T.A. Fall River 1300K/9.

"VAN GALEN" arrived Port Phillip from Fremantle at 0813K/6.

"MUGFORD" arrived Sydney at 0710K/6.

"NEPAL" (en route Fremantle to Melbourne) as soon as complete with fuel, to depart Melbourne for Sydney.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" will depart Sydney 10/4 escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" as far as Percy Island - then will rendezvous with "KLIPFONTEIN" about 16/4 and escort to Brisbane and then sail for Sydney, carrying out escort duties en route.

"SWAN" departed Caloundra at 0116K/6 to rendezvous with G.P.42 at outer end of sea search channel to take over escort and proceed to Whitsunday Passage and thence independently to Townsville.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting P.G.41 arrived Sydney at 1823K/5.
"YANDRA" } "ROCKHAMPTON" and "YANDRA" detailed to escort G.P.43 E.T.D. 0600K/7 from Sydney to rendezvous with Newcastle section at 1200K/7.
"ROCKHAMPTON" will be relieved as escort for P.G. 43 by "WARRNAMBOOL" off Caloundra A.M/10 and proceed to Maryborough for 28 days' refit.

"DELORAIN" } escorting P.G.42 departed Caloundra at 0957K/
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } 6 - E.T.A. Sydney 1900K/8.

"BUNBURY" } arrived Brisbane from exercises off Cape Moreton at
"WARRNAMBOOL" } 0414K/6.

"ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" departed Thursday Island at 0900K/6 for Merauke. To return Thursday Island 11/4. Sailing again for Merauke 13/4 and returning Thursday Island 20/4.

"LATROBE" escorting "KURUMBA" and "TULAGI" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 2011K/5. "KURUMBA" departed at 2128K/5 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/8.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1257K/5.

"GEELONG" to rendezvous at 0800K/6 with T.S.22 and escort to Brisbane.

"BENDIGO" } arrived Sydney at 1649K/6 on completion escort O.C.84.
"MORESBY" } Detailed for escort duties with C.O.86 including "BUNGAREE" to take over from "BUNDABERG" at rendezvous off Sydney at 1700K/7.

"SHEPPARTON" escorting "CHARON" departs Brisbane so as to rendezvous at 0900K/8 with "GEELONG" escorting T.S.22 at outer end of searched channel and provide onward escort to Sydney. "GEELONG" proceeds to Brisbane on relief. "SHEPPARTON" will depart Sydney after fuelling and rendezvous with U.S. submarine off Caloundra at 1500K/11.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Darwin from Wyndham at 1442K/6.

"PIRIE" escorting T.N.65 arrived Port Moresby at 1603K/6.

"BROOME" escorting F.C.5 departed Fall River at 0949K/6 E.T.A. Townsville 1000K/9.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1603K/6.

"BOWEN" to rendezvous with T.N.69 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 0700K/10 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/12.

"SPRINGDALE" arrived Sydney at 0605K/6 - E.T.D. P.M/6 for Newcastle.

"BINGERA" departed Sydney at 0820K/6 for Jervis Bay.

"BUNDABERG" returned Sydney at 1449K/6 after carrying out search for suspected enemy submarine. Result negative.

"STELLA" departed Fall River at 1516K/5 on operation "PRENDERGAST".

P.T.151 departed Cairns 1155K/6 - E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/6.

"SUMNER" (Submarine Tender) S.C. 746 and S.C.748 arrived Port Moresby 1116K/6.

M.L.815 departed Thursday Island at 1427K/5 E.T.A. Darwin 1400K/8.

S.C. 739, S.C. 751 escorting 13 L.C.I.'s arrived Sydney from Noumea at 1005K/5.

YMS 11, 51, 52, 71 and LCI(L)339 will rendezvous with "CHANTICLEER" (Sub-rescue vessel) vicinity Noumea at 0900K/5 then to proceed Brisbane E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0800K/8.

M.L.816. launched at Brisbane at 0840K/2.

S.C. 746) E.T.D. Port Moresby 1600K/7 escorting N.T.10 = E.T.A.
S.C. 748) Townsville 0100K/10.

YP.280 E.T.D. Port Moresby 0600K/7 for Fall River E.T.A. 1600K/8 then to return Brisbane via Townsville.

"MANOORA") arrived Port Melbourne about 2100K/6 from exercises
"HENRY T. ALLEN") in Port Phillip.

S.C. 749 - E.T.D. Townsville 0500K/8 escorting T.N. 68 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0930K/10.

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To 0900K/Tuesday 6th April, 1943.

"HELM" departed Palm Island at 1700K/5 for Moreton Bay - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1230K/7.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Williamstown at 1837K/5 to assume escort duty of O.C.85.

At 1000K/7 "LE TRIOMPHANT" will rendezvous with H.T. "KATOOMBA" en route Hobart to Sydney in position 39° 45'S. 150° 59'E and escort to Sydney.

"VAN GALEN" E.T.A. Port Phillip 0800K/6 from Fremantle (to escort "HENRY T. ALLEN" to Sydney E.T.A. Melbourne 0800K/8 E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/10.

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Townsville at 0315K/5 for Fall River.

"WARRAMUNGA" } returned to Townsville from Port Moresby at 1638K/5 -
"VENDETTA" } E.T.A. "Vendetta" escorting T.N.67 to Fall River
1200K/6 - E.T.A. 1300K/9.

"WHYALLA" arrived Port Moresby from Cairns at 1915K/5.

"DELORAINNE" } E.T.D. Caloundra 0660K/6 escorting P.G.42.
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"SWAN" will proceed from Moreton Bay as necessary to rendezvous with G.P.42 about 0330K/6 and escort to Whitsunday Passage.

"BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" arrived Fall River from Gro Bay at 1148K/5.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Wyndham at 1600K/4 - E.T.D. 1300K/5.

"MORESBY" } escorting O.C.84 will both continue escorting Newcastle
"BENDIGO" } section to Nobby's then return Sydney after Newcastle section has entered harbour.

"BOWEN" will rendezvous with T.N.68 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1830K/8 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0930K/10.

S.C.749 arrived Townsville at 2146K/5.

"ORARA" departed Melbourne at 1703K/5 for S.C.F. 18.

YMS 9, 49 and 50 departed Townsville at 1710K/4 to carry out sweep in Whitsunday Passage.

S.C. 748 arrived Fall River from escort duties at 0957K/5.
At 1137K/5 N.O.I.C. Fall River reported - S.C.748 hit reef off East Cape. A/S dome smashed and hull damaged. Port Propeller bent. Making small quantity water, which is controllable. Intend sailing at 1300K/5. for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200K/6.

"BOMBO" departed Sydney at 1620K/5 for Hobart.

"MOUNT VERNON" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Wellington from Melbourne at 1447K/5.

"HENRY T. ALLEN" E.T.D. Melbourne 0800K/8 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800K/10.

"BUNDABERG" departed Sydney at 0713K/5 to investigate suspected enemy submarine in position 35° 12'S. 152° 36'E. To return Sydney if no indication of enemy unit by dark 5/4.

To 0900K/Monday, 5th April, 1943.

✓ "WAGGA" escorting "JANSSENS" departed Fall River 1211K/4 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1800K/5.

S.C. 748 escorting "MULCRA" departed Fall River 0216K/4 for BELI BELI Goodenough Island.

✓ "ARUNTA" departed Fall River 1350K/3 for Townsville arrived 1545K/4.

"BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" and "HENRY D. THOREAU" E.T.D. Fall River A.M./6 for Townsville.

✓ "KAPUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1418K/4 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/5

M.L. 815. arrived Thursday Island 1058K/4 from Townsville.

✓ "WHYALLA" departed Cairns 1500K/3 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1300K/5.

✓ "PIRIE" departed Cairns 0548K/4 to rendezvous T.N. 64 off Fitzroy Island at 0700K/4 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/6.

YMS 9, 49 and 50 E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/4 to sweep in Whitsunday Passage - to return Townsville 1000K/8.

"GLENNELG" departed Townsville 0308K/4 for Challenger Bay and Cairns arrived Cairns 1815K/4.

✓ "WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" E.T.D. Townsville 0400K/5 for Fall River E.T.A. 1100K/7.

"MUGFORD" departed Caloundra 1726K/4 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton and on completion proceed to Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/6.

"BUNBURY" returned Brisbane 2050K/3 from exercises.

"WARNAMEPOOL" } departed Caloundra 1610K/4 to exercise with U.S.
"BUNBURY" } submarine seaward of Cape Moreton returning A.M./6.

✓ "BUGAREE" arrived Sydney 0405K/4 from Brisbane.

"BINGERA" arrived Sydney 1425K/3 from Jervis Bay.

"BUNDABERG" returned Sydney 1745K/3 with engine trouble.

✓ U.S. Destroyer "RUSSEL" departed Sydney 1033K/4 for Noumea.

"KYBRA" arrived Port Melbourne 1431K/4 from Sydney.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D. Williamstown for escort duty with O.C. 85.

"ATREUS" departed Wellington 1023K/4 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0959K/9.

✓ "NEPAL" departed Fremantle 1201K/4 for Melbourne. E.T.A. Port Phillip 1306K/8.

U.S.S. "WHIPPOORWILL" arrived Fremantle 0650K/4 From Exmouth Gulf.

U.S.S. "CHILDS" arrived Fremantle 1630K/3 from Sharks Bay.

U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON" - arrived Exmouth Gulf 3/4 from Sharks Bay.

2. 1st April, 1943.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Drysdale 1200K/2 from Darwin.

"CENTAUR" arrived Townsville 0127K/4 from Brisbane departed 1632K/4 from Brisbane.

UNIDENTIFIED R.D.F. PLOTS E. OF JERVIS BAY.

2049K/4 - "BUNDABERG" departed Sydney to investigate report of unidentified aircraft in position 090° 50 miles from Point Perpendicular (N.E. entrance point to Jervis Bay).

2135K/4 - "AOREA" reported WOLLONGONG, PORT KEMBLA and POINT PERPENDICULAR lights had been extinguished.

2137K/4 - "AOREA" reported that one A.S.B. Hudson was to carry out a search to investigate unidentified R.D.F. plots.

2155K/4 - "BUNDABERG" ordered to return to harbour as unidentified plot had faded out.

H.M.A.S. "STARELL" (A.M.S.)

Launched at Williamstown 3/4.

AIR RAID WARNING.

PORT MORESEY - Yellow warning 1955K/4.
Red " 2002K/4.
All clear 2006K/4.

Escorting VAN COILLIE arrived Townsville from Fall River.

Escorting J... and HULIHA departed Thursday Island for Darwin at 0742K/3.

Escorting B.T. 59 departed Brisbane at 0724K/3. B.T. 59 Townsville 1400K/3. when B.T. 59 is met about 0900K/3 LITSON will detach and escort to Brisbane. BUNDONG will proceed with B.T. 59 until met in vicinity of Port Island about 0900K/3 by HULIHA and BUNDONG will escort them to Brisbane.

Escorting Brisbane portion B.T. 41 arrived Brisbane at 1045K/3.

Departed Sydney at 1201K/3 escorting P.O. 41, B.T. 41 Sydney 2000K/3.

Departed Sydney at 0435K/3 to rendezvous with Newcastle portion G.P. 48 off Boothby's. Departed vicinity rendezvous at 1130K/3, escorting G.P. 48.

Escorting Sydney portion G.P. 48 departed Sydney at 0821K/3.

Arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1335K/3.

Returned Melbourne at 1335K/3 from escort duties. To commence boiler cleaning on return.

To 0900K/ Sunday, 4th April, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 Departs Palm Island for Dunk Island on April 6th.

KANIMBLA Arrived Sydney from Colombo at 0705K/3.

ARUNTA Escorting T.N. 63 arrived Fall River at 1722K/2.

WARRAMUNGA Escorting T.N. 63 arrived Port Moresby at 1233K/3.

NEPAL Arrived Fremantle at 0928K/3.

VENDETTA Escorting T.N. 64 arrived Port Moresby at 0955K/3.

STUART Departed Sydney at 0449K/3 to rendezvous with Newcastle portion C.O. 85 off Nobby's Newcastle portion C.O. 85 escorted by STUART departed at 0923K/3.

At 1709K/3 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered to proceed with convoy as BUNDABERG (detailed to escort Sydney section) has developed engine breakdown. MILDURA will be despatched as soon as possible to overtake convoy. At 2111K/3 MILDURA departed Sydney to overtake and join STUART and C.O. 85.

BOWEN Departed Townsville at 1532K/2 for Cairns to boiler clean, with KRAIT in tow.

INVERELL Escorting ALAGNA and KOOLIGA departed Darwin at 0301K/3, for Thursday Island E.T.A. 0200K/7.

GLENELG Escorting VAN OOTHOORN arrived Townsville from Fall River.

WILCANNIA Escorting ISLANDER and MULIAMA departed Thursday Island for Darwin at 0732K/3.

GEELONG
LITHGOW Escorting B.T. 50 departed Brisbane at 0724K/3. E.T.A. Townsville 1400K/6. When T.S. 21 is met about 0900K/5 LITHGOW will detach and escort to Brisbane. GEELONG will proceed with B.T. 50 until met in vicinity of Dent Island about 0800K/6 by DUNTROON and PRESIDENT GRANT, and escort then to Brisbane.

WARRNAMBOOL)
ROCKHAMPTON)
YANDRA) Escorting Brisbane portion G.P. 41 arrived Brisbane at 1044K/3.

ROCKHAMPTON)
YANDRA) Departed Caloundra at 1301K/3 escorting P.G. 41, E.T.A. Sydney 2200K/5.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN Departed Sydney at 0409K/3 to rendezvous with Newcastle portion G.P. 42 off Nobby's. Departed vicinity rendezvous at 1138K/3, escorting G.P. 42.

DELORAINÉ Escorting Sydney section G.P. 42 departed Sydney at 0825K/3.

SHEPPARTON Arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1359K/3.

DOOMBA Returned Melbourne at 1427K/3 from escort duties. To commence boiler cleaning on return.

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BINGERA Departed Jervis Bay at 0525K/3 for Sydney.

BOMBO Towing lighter arrived Sydney from Hobart at 0754K/3.

Y.M.S. 9, 49 and 50 Returned Townsville at 1100K/3 from searching sweep in Grafton Passage.

Y.P. 280 Arrived Port Moresby from Cairns at 1301K/3.

Y.M.S. 8 To carry out S/A sweep in vicinity Caloundra commencing AM/4.

MOUNT VERNON
(U.S.N.T.) Departed Melbourne 2/4 from Wellington, E.T.A. 1600K/5.

WANGANILLA Arrived Sydney from Melbourne at 1327K/3.

M.L. 426 Arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay at 1459K/3.

STELLA Arrived Fall River at 1642K/3.

ORARA To depart Melbourne 1700K/5 to resume daily sweeps S.C.F. 18.

DURRAWEE
ALLENWOOD To depart Williamstown at 0830K/5 for S.C.F. 6 KOROWA to return Williamstown PM/9.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS

<u>PORT MORESBY</u>	Warning 1031K/3	All Clear 1100K/3
	" 1414K/3	" " 1433K/3
<u>GERALDTON</u>	" 1651K/3	" " 1715K/3
<u>GURNEY</u>	" 0835K/3	" " 0846K/3

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 3rd April, 1943.

"WAGGA" arrived Fall River 1427K/2 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 748 escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" arrived Fall River 2036K/1 from Port Moresby.

"VENDETTA" escorting N.T. 9 (for Townsville) to Fitzroy Island E.T.D. Port Moresby 1800K/3.

"ECHUCA" arrived Thursday Island 1410K/2 from Port Moresby.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" E.T.D. Thursday Is. 0630K/3 for Darwin.

YMS 9, 49 and 50 arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1801K/1 from searching sweeps departed 0833K/2 - to return Townsville A.M.S.

"OWEN" escorting "HENRY DEARBORN" arrived Townsville 0547K/2 from Fall River.

"AASE MAERSK" arrived Townsville 1450K/2.

"PIRIE" is to rendezvous "AROONA" and "KEY PITMAN" (E.T.D. Townsville 1200K/3) off Fitzroy Island at 0700K/4 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/6.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting P.G.41 E.T.D. Caloundra 0800K/3.
"YANDRA" }

"GEELONG" } escorting B.T.50 E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/3.
"LITHGOW" }

"MUGFORD" returned Brisbane 1525K/1 from exercises.

"GYMPIE" returned Brisbane 1124K/2 from search for mines.

"BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 2301K/1 for Sydney E.T.A. 0200K/4.

Y.P.236 departed Brisbane 2121K/1 for operations with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton; returned Brisbane 1355K/2.

M.L.817 arrived Brisbane 2046K/1 from Newcastle.

S.C.749 escorting B.T.49 departed Caloundra 1954K/2.

"BUNBURY" departed Caloundra 1754K/2 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"PATTERSON" departed Sydney 0945K/2 for N.E. Area - E.T.A. Dunk Island 1700K/5.

"DELORAINNE" } proceeded from Newcastle 1351K/2 having completed
"MILDURA" } escort of O.C.83 arrived Sydney 1828K/2.

"DELORAINNE" } detailed to escort G.P.42 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } to depart Sydney to assume escort of Newcastle section off Newcastle at 0930K/3, "DELORAINNE" to depart Sydney 0900K/3 with Sydney section.

"STUART" } detailed to escort C.O.85 "STUART" to depart Sydney to
"BUNDABERG" } assume escort of Newcastle at 0800K/3, "BUNDABERG"
E.T.D. Sydney at 1600K/3 to join main convoy off
Sydney.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1531K/2 for escort duty with
O.C.84 departed Port Phillip 2309K/2, escorting O.C.84
including "SPRINGDALE".

"SPRINGDALE" departed Port Melbourne 0631K/2 for exercises in Port
Phillip and then join O.C.84 off Portsea P.M/2.

"MOUNT VERNON" departed Port Melbourne 1015K/2 for Wellington.

"ORARA" returned Port Melbourne 0845K/2 from S.C.F. 18.

"LATROBE" escorting "KURUMBA" and "TULAGI" departed Darwin 0932K/2
for Thursday Island.

U.S.S. "LARK" arrived Exmouth Gulf 1530K/1 from Fremantle.

U.S.S. "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Exmouth Gulf 1/4 for Fremantle - E.T.A.
1001K/4.

U.S.S. "CHILDS" departed Sharks Bay A.M/2 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1600K/3.

U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON" departed Sharks Bay A.M/2 for Exmouth Gulf -
E.T.A. noon 3/4.

H.M.A.S. "JON JIM" commissioned at Sydney A.M/1.
(Seine Net Trawler).

AIR RAID WARNING:

PORT MORESEY - Yellow warning 1944K/2.
All clear 2014K/2.

To 0900K/Friday, 2nd April, 1943.

"VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle at 1715K/1 for Melbourne - E.T.A. P.M/6.

"STUART" escorting "MIZAR" arrived Sydney at 1022K/1.

"SELFRIDGE" departed Caloundra at 1345K/1 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1530K/3.

"MUGFORD" arrived Brisbane from Cape Cleveland at 0711K/1 - to exercise seawards of Cape Moreton with U.S. submarine.

"NEPAL" reported at 2130K/31 - because of favourable conditions E.T.A. Fremantle will be 1001K/3.

"WARRAMUNGA" } ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville on completion present
"ARUNTA" } escort duties return to Townsville escorting any
"VENDETTA" } ships ready.

"VENDETTA" departed Cairns at 1521K/1 to rendezvous with T.N. 64 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1800K/1 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/3.

"PATTERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/2 for Dunk Island E.T.A. 1700K/5.

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River at 0538K/1 E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/3.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" departed Fall River at 0518K/1 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400K/2.

"GLENELG" escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" - E.T.A. Townsville from Oro Bay 1200K/3.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney at 0819K/1 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0600K/4.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Sydney at 1429K/1 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1400K/3.

"BINGERA" arrived Jervis Bay from Westernport at 1445K/1.

"WAGGA" departed Port Moresby at 1226K/1 - E.T.A. Fall River 1200K/2.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin at 0238K/1 for Drysdale then to Wyndham.

"WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0630K/2 escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" to Darwin E.T.A. 1800K/5.

"BROOME" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" departed Fall River at 1626K/31 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1600K/1.

M.L. 428. commissioned for trials under Lt. J.S. Berge, R.A.N.V.R. at 0830K/31.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Brisbane at 1831K/1.

S.C. 744 C.T.G. 70.5 reported arrival of S.C.744 from Cairns at 1200K/27.

S.C.748 departed Port Moresby at 1903K/31 escorting "HENRY THOREAU" to Fall River escorting B.T. 49.

YMS 9 } departed Townsville at 1720K/31 to carry out searching
YMS 49 } sweeps in Grafton Passage - returning Townsville A.M/3.
YMS 50 }

YP. 286. } departed Sydney at 1322K/1 for Fremantle.
YP. 288 }
YP. 280 } departed Cairns at 0700K/1 - E.T.A. Port Moresby
 1800K/3.

"FREMANTLE" sea trials completed and satisfactory, acceptance trials will be carried out 12/4.

"CHILDS" arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at 1135K/1 and departed for Sharks Bay at 2045K/1 - E.T.A. 1300K/2.

"CENTAUR" departed Brisbane at 1112K/1 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600K/4

"WANGANELLA" arrived Melbourne at 1129K/1 and departed Port Phillip at 2129K/1 - E.T.A. Sydney 1200K/3.

GYMPIE EXPLODES MINE:

At 1710K/1 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported "GYMPIE" reports having exploded one mine in 16 fathoms in position 047° Caloundra Light 5.8 miles. Present indications are that this was a ground mine. Shipping routed inshore being diverted from vicinity of Caloundra. S/A sweep of searched channel being commenced.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

PORT MORESBY - Warning 2200K/1
 All clear 2232K/1.

D/F Fix of ENEMY SUBMARINE within 50 miles of a position 360 miles East of Sydney at 0600K/1.

"JASON LEE" instructed by W/T at 1415K/1 to alter course immediately and steer on given route for next 18 hours.

"OWEN SUMMERS" at 1409K/1 advised of probable enemy submarine.

"DELORAINE" } after detaching Sydney Section of O.C. 83 will
"MILDURA" } both continue escort to Newcastle with Newcastle section then return to Sydney.

To 0900K/Thursday, 1st April, 1943.

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Fall River 1146K/31 from Townsville - E.T.D. 0400K/1 for Grafton Passage.

"POLARIS" departed Fall River 2038K/30 for East Cape Area.

"ECHUCA" escorting "LADY ISOBEL" arrived Port Moresby 1003K/31 from Thursday Island - departed Port Moresby 1646K/31 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1200K/2 anchoring at Coconut Is. for night 1/2 April.

"BAGLEY" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" to Fitzroy Island departed Port Moresby 1503K/30 - E.T.A. Fitzroy Island 1300K/1 - "PAINE WINGATE" to proceed Townsville for onward routing - "BAGLEY" to rejoin T.F.74.

S.C. 748 escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" E.T.D. Port Moresby 31/3 for Fall River.

"MERKUR" E.T.D. Townsville 1400K/31 for Challenger Bay.

YMS 9) E.T.D. Townsville 31/3 for searching sweeps in Grafton
YMS 49) Passage - returning Townsville A.M/3.
YMS 50)

"BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" and M.L. 815 departed Townsville 0946K/31 M.L. 815 to be detached at Ince Point - E.T.A. 0900K/5 and proceed Thursday Island for onward routing to Darwin - "BALLARAT" and "ROCKLEA" for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/7.

"HEROS" arrived Brisbane 0120K/31 from Townsville.

"LITHGOW" returned Brisbane 0420K/31 from escort duty.

M.L. 817 departed Newcastle 1310K/31 for Brisbane.

"BENDIGO" escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.84 departed Newcastle 0758K/31.

"MORESBY" escorting Sydney portion of C.O.84 departed Sydney 1537K/31.

"BUCHANAN" departed Sydney 1051K/31 for Noumea - E.T.A. 0600K/3.

"NASHVILLE") arrived Sydney 0951K/31 from Espiritu Santo.
"CRAVEN")

"WARRNAMBOOL") escorting G.P.41 departed Sydney 0905K/31.
"ROCKHAMPTON")
"YANDRA")

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.D. Sydney 1330K/1 for Brisbane to continue working up programme.

M.L. 427. arrived Jervis Bay 1815K/30 from Sydney.

"QUIBERON" entered Port Phillip 0756K/1 from Fremantle.

U.S.N.T. "MOUNT VERNON" arrived Port Melbourne 1111K/31.

"MANOORA") departed Port Melbourne 0431K/31 for exercises in
"H.T. ALLEN") vicinity of Dromana.

"MONTICELLO" arrived Wellington 0558K/31 from Melbourne.

"AQUITANIA" departed Fremantle 0015K/31 for Capetown - E.T.A. 1600K/10.

"TJERK HIDDÉS" arrived Fremantle 1515K/31 from Melbourne.

"INVERELL" escorting "KURUMBA" and "DARVEL" arrived Darwin 1306K/31 from Thursday Island.

"KOOLINDA'S" Q.Q.Q.Q.

At 1857K/31 "KOOLINDA" made Q.Q.Q.Q. in position about 30 miles W. of Shark Bay. "KOOLINDA" (Passenger and cargo vessel of 4372 tons gross) departed Carnarvon 1405K/31 for Geraldton - E.T.A. 1100K/1. Report probably referred to U.S.S. "W.B. PRESTON" or "CHILDS".

NEW METHOD OF EXPRESSING TIME.

At 1001K today April 1st, the new system of expressing times in messages and times of origin comes into force. The first two figures represent the date and the last 4 the time. Zone letters may also be added, e.g., the date and time of introducing this new system is 011001K.

AIR RAID WARNING -

PORT MORESBY - Red Warning 1948K/31.White.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, 31st March, 1943.

"BAGLEY" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1500K/30 escorting "PAINE WINGATE" to Grafton Passage then proceed to rejoin T.F. 74.

"STUART" to depart Sydney 31/3 and rendezvous with "MIZAR" in position 74°100 miles from Sydney, 1st April and escort to Sydney.

"SELFRIDGE" returned Brisbane from local operations with U.S. submarine "PETO" at 1607K/30.

"MUGFORD" departed Cape Cleveland at 2200K/30 - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0900K/1.

"GEELONG" escorting "BISHOPDALE" arrived Brisbane at 2115K/30.

"KAPUNDA" escorting "RJOEN HOEA" arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1652K/30.

"BALLARAT" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0456K/30.

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney with Sydney section O.C.82 at 1753K/29.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney from escort duties with C.O.82 at 0735K.30

"BENDIGO" } detailed to escort convoy C.O.84 "BENDIGO" departed
 "MORESBY" } Sydney 2250K/30 to rendezvous with Newcastle portion
 off Newcastle at 0600K/31. "MORESBY" will clear
 Sydney Heads at 1330K/31 and join convoy off Sydney.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "SIBIGO" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 0036K/30.

"KATOOMBA" escorting T.S. 20 with U.S.S. "VICTORIA" in company arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0522K/30.

"BOWEN" arrived Fall River from Oro Bay at 2019K/29 and departed at 0957K/30, escorting "HENRY DEARBORN" - E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/2.

"BUNDABERG" escorting P.G. 40 arrived Sydney at 1957K/29.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 2259K/29 for escort duties with O.C.83. - returned at 1521K/30 escorting C.O.83.

"BINGERA" departed Westernport at 0630K/30 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 0700K/1.

"LARK" U.S. M/S) departed Fremantle at 1812K/29 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. 1400K/1.

"ORANJE" departed Sydney for Aden at 1327K/30.

YP 291 returned Brisbane from exercises at 1244L/30.

ML.427 departed Sydney at 1027K/30 for Jervis Bay.

ML.817 departed Sydney at 0835K/30 for Brisbane (arrived Newcastle at 1415L/30.)

M.L. 818. commenced for trials at 0832K/29 at Sydney under command Lieut. A.M. Nicholls, R.A.N.V.R.

INVERELL ATTACKS ENEMY SUBMARINE:

At 1325K/30 N.O.I.C. Darwin reported that "INVERELL" made definite contact with submarine 180 miles west of Thursday Island at 2151K/38. "INVERELL" made 3 depth charge attacks - oil and bubbles were seen - result uncertain.

ENEMY AIR RAID - GURNEY -

Warning 1710K/30 - All clear 1738K/30.

REPORT ON DIVE BOMBING ATTACK AT ORO BAY.-

At 1759K/29 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that "BANTAM" is beached and burnt and "MAYSAYA" hit and sank after remaining afloat for one hour. Six casualties, details as yet unknown. "BOWEN" was not attacked. Main portion wharf at Oro Bay was burnt out and a fuel dump on shore hit, however Oro Bay can still receive big ships, and "VAN OUTHORN" and "MULCRA" escorted by "GLENELG" arrived there P.M./29.

FURTHER TO REPORTED TORPEDO ATTACK ON KOTU INTENS.

At 1313K/29 N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported that information from Master indicates that track was probably not caused by torpedo and SSSSS now graded B.4.

REMARKS - At 1000K/29 N.O.I.C. Darwin reported that "CHALLENGER" departed Darwin 1000K/29 for Challenger Bay - 1000K/29. Status: "CHALLENGER" is on passage.

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To 0900K/Tuesday, 30th March, 1943.

"SELFRIDGE" at 0715K/29 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported "SELFRIDGE" operating seaward of Cape Moreton with U.S. submarine "PETO".

"BOWEN" is to call at Fall River for oil and water and escort "HENRY DEARBORN" to Townsville.

"BROOME" escorting "KARSIK" arrived Fall River 1622K/29 from Cairns.

"POLARIS" arrived Fall River 1622K/29.

"BAGLEY" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" (ex Brisbane) arrived Port Moresby 0930K/29.

"PIRIE" escorting "DUNDULA" arrived Cairns 1845K/29 from Fall River.

YP. 280 arrived Cairns 1515K/29 from Brisbane.

"BUNGAREE" passed Cairns 2205K/28 - E.T.A. Caloundra to transfer motor boat 2200K/1 - E.T.A. Sydney 0200K/4, E.T.D. Sydney 7/4 in C.O. convoy.

U.S. M/S "BLUEBIRD" E.T.D. Townsville 1030K/29 for Challenger Bay E.T.A. 1630K/29, thence "ORPHEUS ISLAND".

"WARREGO" escorting "TAROONA" departed Townsville 0400K/29 for Fall River.

"BALLARAT" towing "ROCKLEA" and M.L. 815 E.T.D. Townsville 31/3, M.L. 815 to be detached at Ince Point and proceed Thursday Island for onward routing to Darwin. "BALLARAT" and "ROCKLEA" for Port Moresby, thence Fall River. "BALLARAT" thence to Cairns to boiler clean.

"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Townsville 1544K/29 for Challenger Bay -
"ARUNTA" } E.T.A. 0800K/30 exercising on passage.

"GYMPIE" escorting "MERKUR" and "MANGOLA" (Brisbane/Townsville) is to part company at Dent Island and return to Brisbane.

"LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane 0816K/29 from escort duty - escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" departed Caloundra 2012K/29 - "LITHGOW" to part company 1200K/30 and return Brisbane "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" to proceed San Francisco.

U.S. Cruiser "NASHVILLE" } E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/31 from Espiritu
U.S. Destroyer "CRAVEN" } Santo.

YP. 286 } departed Sydney 1039K/29 for Fremantle - returned Sydney
YP. 288 } 1327K/29 owing to weather conditions.

"YANDRA" is to detach with Sydney section at 0C.82 off Sydney.

"MORESBY" is to continue escort to "NOBEY'S HEAD", thence returning Sydney.

"STUART" escorting "TWEEDBANK" arrived Sydney 0955K/29.

M.L. 817 - weather permitting - E.T.D. Sydney 0830K/30 for Brisbane.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney 1501K/29 having completed escort of Newcastle section of P.G. 40.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1601K/29 for full calibre shoot then for escort duty with O.C. 83.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" entered H.M.A. Dry Dock Williamstown 1550K/29.

"BOMBO" departed Hobart 1331K/29 with lighter in tow for Sydney E.T.A. 0700K/3.

"AQUITANIA" arrived Fremantle 1015K/29 from Sydney.

U.S. Minesweeper "LARK" departed Fremantle 1812K/29 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 1400K/1.

"ORANJE" departed Sydney 1039K/29 for Aden.

"[Faint text]" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 1830K/29 - E.T.A. Townsville 2700K/31 according to L.S. 85 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1830K/3.

"[Faint text]" E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/1 according to L.S. 88 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1800K/3.

"[Faint text]" E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/1 according to L.S. 84 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/3.

"[Faint text]" according to "VAB OUBANG" & "MILCO" departed Port Moresby at 1800K/29 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 1800K/29.

"[Faint text]" according to "RAB" departed Thursday Island for Port Moresby at 0800K/29 E.T.A. 0700K/30.

"[Faint text]" according to "MELANI", "ALAN" and "JESSE" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1800K/29.

"[Faint text]" according to "MELANI" and "JESSE" departed Thursday Island for Darwin at 0700K/30.

"[Faint text]" according to "MELANI" departed Port Moresby at 0800K/29 for Port Moresby.

"[Faint text]" according to L.S. 88 with port company about 1800K/29 and returning with "MILCO" and escort to Brisbane.

"[Faint text]" according to "MILCO" for Cairns departed Port Moresby at 1730K/29.

"[Faint text]" at 1850K/29 E.T.A. Darwin reported that "CASTLE" was damaged in approach to Milne Bay at 0800K/29 and later followed. Damage revealed during 10/3 door which was replaced.

"[Faint text]" arrived Brisbane from Darwin at 1740K/29.

"[Faint text]" (U.S. S.S.) E.T.A. Melbourne 0700K/31 from Sydney.

"[Faint text]" arrived Sydney from Broken Bay at 1700K/29.

"[Faint text]" (U.S. S.S.) E.T.A. Challenger Bay from Townsville 0800K/29 on route to Darwin Island.

"[Faint text]" arrived at "MELANI" from Newcastle at 0945K/29.

"[Faint text]" departed at 1800K/29, operations ARMA, MILD and COOL completed.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 29th March, 1943.

✓ "ADELAIDE" arrived Fremantle from escort duties with O.W. 3 at 1705K/28.

"QUEEN MARY" departed Fremantle at 150 K/28 - E.T.A. Capetown 1800K/6 April.

✓ "QUIBERON" arrived Fremantle at 1244K/28.

"STUART" departed Sydney at 1711K/28 to rendezvous with and escort "TWEEDBANK" to Sydney.

✓ "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "MANOORA" and "HENRY T. ALLEN" (U.S.N.T.) arrived Melbourne from Sydney at 1023K/28.

✓ "WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 1830L/28 - E.T.D. Townsville 1200K/31 escorting T.N. 63 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/3.

"ARUNTA" E.T.D. Townsville 1600K/30 escorting T.N. 62 to Fall River 1100K/2.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Townsville 0800K/1 escorting T.N. 64 to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/3.

✓ "GLENELG" escorting "VAN OUTHORN" & "MULCRA" departed Fall River at 1137K/28 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 1600K/29.

"ECHUCA" escorting "LADY ISOBEL" departed Thursday Island for Port Moresby at 0630K/28 E.T.A. 0700K/30.

✓ "LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI", "ALAGNA" and "SEEKS" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1831L/27.

"INVERELL" escorting "KURUMBA" and "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island for Darwin at 0736K/28.

✓ "KAPUNDA" escorting "KHOEN HOEA" departed Port Moresby at 0610K/28 for Fall River.

"GEELONG" escorting B.T. 48 will part company about 1400K/29 and rendezvous with "BISHOPDALE" and escort to Brisbane.

✓ "BALLARAT" escorting "MONTORO" for Cairns departed Port Moresby at 1735L/27.

"CASTLEMAINE" at 1554K/27 N.O.I.C. Darwin reported that "CASTLEMAINE" grounded in approach to Millingimbi at 0841L/20 and later refloated. Docking revealed damage to A/S dome which was replaced

YP.291 AND P.C.1121 arrived Brisbane from exercises at 1744K/28.

"MT. VERNON" (U.S. N.T.) E.T.A. Melbourne 0700K/31 from Noumea.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Sydney from Broken Bay at 1821K/28.

"BLUEBIRD" (U.S. M.S.) E.T.A. Challenger Bay from Townsville 0530K/28. En route to Orpheus Island.

"PING WO" arrived at "ASSAULT" from Newcastle at 0945 K/28.

"BUNGARKE" reported at 1625K/28, Operations ARYAN, HAROLD and GOOSE completed.

"POLARIS" departed Fall River at 1137K/28 for Survey Ground.

"HEROS" (Tug) departed Townsville for Brisbane at 0856K/28.

✓ "W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle at 1035K/28 for Exmouth Gulf.

"WANGANELLA" departed Fremantle at 1746K/27 - E.T.A. Melbourne 1/4.

✓ "GLADSTONE" sea trials completed and satisfactory at Brisbane 27/3.

YP.280 departed Brisbane for Cairns and Milne Bay at 1200L/25.

S.C. 745 } arrived Brisbane from Noumea at 0911K/28.
S.C. 747 }

S.S.S.S. from KOTO INTEN (7,000 tons, en route Balbao to Fremantle) at 1135K/28. Saw torpedo track when in position 167° 80 miles from Cape Leeuwin.

ENEMY DIVE BOMBERS ATTACK AT ORO BAY.

At 1433K/28 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported "BANTAM" (3322 tons) hit by bombs at 1145K/28 - badly holed and beached. "MASAYA" (1174 tons ex U.S. Destroyer) also presumed sunk, 5 miles east of Oro Bay. No information from "BOWEN" escort for "BANTAM" (Lilliput Stage 21).

At 2322K/28 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby ordered "BOWEN" on return Milne Bay to report by signal - no further details available.

At 2324K/28 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that all European crew of "BANTAM" are safe. Native crew not yet accounted for.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

PORT MORESBY Warning 0832K/28
Warning 1725K/28 All clear 1750K/28.

CAIRNS Warning 1534K/28 Raid 1613K/28 All clear 28/3.

FALL RIVER Warning 0725K/28.

HORN ISLAND Warning 0108K/29 All clear 0149K/29.

GURNEY All clear 28/3.

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**MOST
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DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, 28th MARCH, 1943.

- "STELLA" - departed Fall River 1702L/26
- ✓ "PIRIE" - escorting "DUNDULA" departed Fall River 1024L/27 for Cairns, E.T.A. 1800K/29.
- ✓ "WAGGA" }
S.C. 748 } - escorting T.N.59 arrived Port Moresby 1050L/27.
- "INVERELL" - escorting "KURUMBA" and "DARVEL". E.T.D. Thursday Island 0700K/28 for Darwin - E.T.A. 1500K/31.
- "MINJAK TANAH" - departed Cairns 0655L/27 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0500K/1.
- "BUNGAREE" - departed outside anchorage Cairns 1745L/26 on minelaying operations.
- ✓ "BROOME" - escorting T.N.60 departed Cairns 0715L/27 for Fall River.
- ✓ "ARUNTA" - arrived Townsville 1602L/27 from Port Moresby.
- "WARREGO" - escorting T.N.61 E.T.D. Townsville 0400K/29 for Fall River. E.T.A. 1100K/31.
- "HEROS" - E.T.D. Townsville 0700K/28 for Brisbane, E.T.A. Pile Light 0900K/30.
- ✓ "BUNDABERG" }
"ABRAHAM }
"CRIJNSSSEN" } - escorting G.P.40, arrived Brisbane 0545L/27; escorting P.G.40, departed Caloundra 0906L/27.
- YP236 - arrived Brisbane 0630L/27.
- "GYMPIE" - departed Caloundra 0550L/27, escorting "MERKUR", "AROONA" and "MANGOLA" - E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/31.
- YP291 - arrived Brisbane 1917L/26, departed 2320L/27 to exercise with sub. seaward of Cape Moreton.
- "SWAN" - returned Brisbane 1211L/27 from escort duty.
- "GEELONG" - escorting B.T.48, departed Caloundra 1828L/27, "GEELONG" to part company at Percy Islands - E.T.A. 2000K/29 and return to Brisbane.
- YP286 }
YP288 } - E.T.D. Sydney A.M./29 for Fremantle.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" - arrived Sydney 1742L/26 from Broken Bay.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" - escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.83, departed Newcastle 1324L/27; arrived Sydney 1942L/27.
- "MILDURA" }
"DELORAINÉ" } - escorting C.O.83, departed Sydney 1701L/27.

- "STUART" - to depart Sydney as convenient to R.V. Tweedbank (ex Wellington) - E.T.A. Sydney A.M./29 in position about 160 miles 123° from Sydney at 1700K/28 and escort to Sydney.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" - E.T.A. Williamstown 1000K/28 from Sydney.
- "MANCOORA" } - E.T.A. Gellibrand Light 0940K/28, from Sydney;
 "HENRY T. } to berth Station Pier about 1010K/28.
 "ALLEN" }
- "TJERK HIDDES" - departed Port Melbourne 0947L/27 for exercises, departed Port Phillip 1827L/27 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0900K/1.
- "DOOMBA" - escorting C.O.82 entered Port Phillip 1209L/27, arrived Port Melbourne 1617L/27.
- "QUIBERON" - is now expected to arrive Fremantle 1400K/28 from Diego Garcia.

OPERATION EXPLORER:

First ship for Operation Explorer will arrive at Fall River about 13/4. Operation will be similar to LILLIPUT. One ship at a time escorted by 1 A.M.S. will proceed to Goodenough Island for discharge.

- "MELBOURNE" escorting "MELBURN" departed Darwin at 0642L/28, E.T.A. Darwin Island 1100L/28.
- "ORANGE" P.O. Calcutta 1700L/27 escorted H.T. 30. "GILBERT" will return to Brisbane after arrival Percy Island.
- "BREMEN" escorting Sydney Station P.O. 81 arrived Sydney at 1100L/28.
- "MELBOURNE" detailed to escort C.O.82 to take over convey from "MELBURN" at rendezvous off Sydney at 1800L/27.
- "MELBOURNE" escorting "MELBURN" arrived Darwin Island from Darwin at 2000L/28.
- "MELBOURNE" departed Port Melbourne at 1711L/28 escorting C.O. 82.
- "MELBOURNE" departed Sydney at 1000L/28 for Brisbane.
- "MELBOURNE" escorting "MELBURN" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 0800L/28.
- "MELBOURNE" escorting "MELBURN" and "MELBURN" arrived Port Sydney at 0015L/28.
- "MELBOURNE" E.T.A. Brisbane escorting P.O. 81 0900L/27.
- "MELBOURNE" returned Brisbane at 0800L/28. After carrying out search of area where underwater explosion occurred. Result negative.
- "MELBOURNE" departed Townsville for Cairns at 0100L/28, to escort P.O. 81 from Cairns to Fall River. Arrived Cairns at 1015L/28. E.T.A. Fall River 1100L/28.
- "MELBOURNE" escorting "MELBURN" departed Milne Bay for Dry Bay at 1800L/28. E.T.A. 1600L/28.

To 0900L/Saturday, 27th March, 1943.

"HELENA" (U.S. Cruiser) departed Sydney at 1043L/26 for "ESPIRITU SANTO" escorted by "SELFRIDGE" until 1590E.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney at 1021L/26, escorting "MANOORA" and "HENRY T. ALLEN" to Melbourne - E.T.A. 0600L/28.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting N.T. 8 departed Port Moresby at 1300L/26.

"TJERK HIDDIS" E.T.D. Melbourne P.M./27 for Fremantle.

"BAGLEY" departed Palm Island at 1400L/25 to rendezvous with "SWAN" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT". After rendezvous "BAGLEY" will escort "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby. On completion of escort duty to rejoin T.F. 74. "SWAN" returns to Brisbane.

"ARUNTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" en route to Townsville departed Port Moresby at 1530L/25. "ARUNTA" E.T.A. 1700L/27.

"GYMPLIE" E.T.D. Caloundra 0700L/27 escorting "MERKUR" "MANGOLA" and "AROONA".

"KATOOMBA" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 2352L/25. Departed 1602L/26 escorting T.S. 20. E.T.A. Brisbane 1800L/30.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "SIBICO" departed Darwin at 0532L/26. E.T.A. Thursday Island 2130L/29.

"GEELONG" E.T.D. Caloundra 1700L/27 escorting B.T. 48. "GEELONG" will return to Brisbane after arrival Percy Island.

"DELORAINIE" escorting Sydney Section O.C. 81 arrived Sydney at 2159L/25.

"DELORAINIE" } detailed to escort C.O. 83 to take over convoy from
"WILDURA" } "ROCKHAMPTON" at rendezvous off Sydney at 1630L/27.

"ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" arrived Thursday Island from Merauke at 2006L/25.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne at 1711L/26 escorting O.C. 82.

"BUNBURY" departed Sydney at 1025L/26 for Brisbane.

"BENDIGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 0635L/26.

"BALLARAT" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" and "KHORN HOEA" arrived Port Moresby at 0016L/26.

"BUNDABERG" } E.T.D. Brisbane escorting P.G. 47 0700L/27.
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane at 1930L/26. After carrying out search of area where underwater explosion occurred. Result negative.

"BROOME" departed Townsville for Cairns at 0122L/26, to escort T.N. 60 from Cairns to Fall River. Arrived Cairns at 1815L/26. E.T.A. Fall River 1100K/29.

"BOWEN" escorting "MANTAM" departed Milne Bay for Oro Bay at 1357L/26. E.T.A. 1600L/26.

"POLARIS" arrived Fall River at 1621L/26.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport from Jervis Bay at 1753L/26.

Y.P. 280 & P.C. 1121 departed Caloundra at 1746L/25 to exercise with U.S. submarine off Cape Moreton.

M.L. 425. arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 2112L/25.

"BUNGARRE" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 2215L/25.

"HEROS" (Tug) "ROCKLEA" and M.L. 315 arrived Townsville at 0855L/26.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle at 0711L/26 for Port Stephens.

S.C. 747 } E.T.D. Noumea 0600L/25 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1200L/26.
S.C. 745 }

"WANGANELLA" (Hospital Ship) arrived Fremantle at 1435L/26.

"MONTICELLO" departed Port Phillip at 1311L/26.

"LUDINGTON" (U.S. Army Transport) arrived Sydney at 0817L/26.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

AUGUSTA - Raid 1334L/26 All clear 1415L/26.
Raid 0948L/26 All clear 26/3.

GURNEY Raid 1242L/26 All clear 26/3.
Raid 0321L/27 All clear 0335L/27.

PT. MORESBY Warning 2050L/26 All clear 2111L/26
All clear 0413L/27.

S.S.S.S. FROM "QUEEN MARY" at 1800L/26 - in position 31°53'S.
115° 22'E (Gage Roads) Submarine on surface.

PERTH REPORTED BY TELEPHONE AT 1930L/26 - Submarine friendly.

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To 0900L/Friday, 26th March, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting N.T. 8 to Fitzroy Island E.T.D. Port Moresby 1300L/26.

"ARUNTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" to Townsville for onward routing E.T.D. Port Moresby 1500L/25.

"BANGALOW" arrived Port Moresby 1456L/25 from Townsville via Portland Roads.

"GLENELG" escorting M.B.1. departed Port Moresby 0830L/25 for Fall River.

S.C. 744 arrived Cairns 0831L/25 from Townsville departed Cairns 1215L/25 for Deboyne Island - E.T.A. 1200L/27.

"GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 0501L/25 to investigate explosion reported 040° 8 miles from Caloundra at 1630L/24.

"YP.280 departed Brisbane 1323L/25 for Cairns.

"HELENA" } E.T.D. Sydney 1030L/26, "SELFRIDGE" escorting
"SELFRIDGE" } to vicinity of 159° E thence proceeding independently to Brisbane.

"MANOORA" arrived Sydney 1926L/24 from Port Stephens.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 0914L/25 from escort duty;
"MANOORA" and "HENRY T. ALLEN" - E.T.D. Sydney 0900L/26 for Melbourne.

"DELORAINNE" is to detach off Sydney with Sydney section of O.C.81.

"ROCKHAMPTON" is to continue escort to Newcastle and escort C.O.83 to rendezvous off Sydney 27/3.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Broken Bay 1755L/24 from escort duty.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney 1835L/24 from escort duty.

"MORESBY" } escorting C.O.82 departed Sydney 1655L/24.
"YANDRA" }

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Sydney 0803L/25 from Melbourne.

"PATTERSON" arrived Sydney 1523L/25 from Brisbane.

"BUNBURY" E.T.D. Sydney 0930L/26 for Brisbane to continue working up.

"MONTICELLO" E.T.D. Melbourne 26/3 for Wellington.

AIR RAIDS - PORT MORESBY - Warning 1957L/25.
All clear 2004L/25.
Yellow Warning 0140L/26.
All clear 0143L/26.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Thursday, 25th March, 1943.

- "HOBART" arrived Sydney from Dunk Island at 0801L/24.
- "PATTERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Brisbane at 1016L/24.
- "RUSSELL" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Sydney at 1013L/24.
- "QUIBERON" departed Diego Garcia 2200L/21. E.T.A. Fremantle 1500L/29.
- "NEPAL" departed Mauritius at 2020L/23 for Diego Garcia, then Fremantle.
- "VENDETTA" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 2031L/24 carrying mail for C.T.F. 74.
- "WARREGO" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 2221L/23.
- "WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville at 0010L/24. Escorting "DUNTEROON" to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0130L/26.
- "BENDIGO" escorting "KATOOMBA" departed Caloundra at 1531L/24 for Sydney E.T.A. 0600L/26.
- "BUNDABERG") escorting G.P.40 departed Sydney at 1003L/24
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN") for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0600L/26.
- "GLENELG" escorting "ASPASIA NOMIKOS" arrived Port Moresby at 1200 L/24 from Fall River. E.T.D. Port Moresby 0730L/25, escorting "HENRY DEARBORN" and "MULCRA" to Fall River E.T.A. 1800L/26.
- "BUNBURY" E.T.D. Sydney 26/3 for working up exercises at Brisbane.
- "SHEPARDTON" departed Broken Bay at 2359L/23 for Port Stephens to escort "MANOORA" to Sydney. E.T.D. Sydney 1/4 for working up exercises at Brisbane.
- "MILDURA" escorting C.O.82 Newcastle portion, departed Newcastle at 1028L/24.
- "SWAN" escorting T.S. 19 arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0845L/24. Departed at 1610L/24 escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" to vicinity Percy Island where rendezvous will be made with a destroyer from C.T.F. 74 who will act as escort "PRESIDENT GRANT" to Port Moresby. "SWAN" will return to Brisbane.
- "DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne at 2049L/23 having completed escort duties with C.O.81.
- "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Darwin from Millingimbi at 1708L/24.
- "WAGGA") escorting T.N. 59 departed Townsville at 1400L/24.
"S.C. 748") E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000L/27.
- "FREMANTLE" (A.M.S.) commissioned at Brisbane 24/3.
- "BUNGAREE" arrived Townsville at 0257L/24 and departed at 0410L/24.
- "KYBRA" arrived Sydney from A/S patrol at 2151L/23.

"BINGERA" departed Jervis Bay for Westernport at 0805L/24.
E.T.A. 1600L/26.

"PING WO" arrived Newcastle from Port Stephens at 1045L/24.

S.C. 740 arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 1457L/24.

S.C. 744 arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 0950L/24. To depart
and join C.T.F. 70.5 ("SUMNER") in vicinity Deboyne Island.

M.L. 425. departed Sydney at 0901L/24 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1600L/25.

YP.291 arrived Brisbane at 0818L/24.

"MONTICELLO" (U.S. Naval Transport) arrived Melbourne at 2031L/23.

P.C. 1119 } escorting "SOMMELSDIJK" arrived Brisbane at 1171L/24.
P.C.1121 }

M.L. 427 fully commissioned at 1530L/24.

YP.280 E.T.D. Brisbane 1200L/25 for Cairns E.T.A. 0900L/30.

EXPLOSION OFF CALOUNDRA:

At 1931L/24 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised that "SWAN"
and P.W.S.S. reported a loud explosion accompanied by large upward
displacement of water in position 04° 0', 8 miles from Caloundra
at 1630L/24. "GOULBURN" will carry out searching sweep.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

GURNEY Warning 1243L/24
All clear 1310L/24.

DARWIN Warning 24/3.

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To 0900L/Wednesday 24th March, 1943.

"PIRIE" escorting T.N. 57 arrived Fall River 2052L/23.

"GLENELG" escorting "ASPASIA" "NOMIKOS" departed Fall River 0957L/23 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800L/24.

"ARUNTA"
 "KAPUNDA"
 H.D.M.L. 1161. } escorting T.N. 57 arrived Port Moresby 1300L/23.

"BALLARAT" departed Port Moresby 1436L/23 for Stephens Island to rendezvous "KHOEN HOBA" and "PAINE WINGATE" and escort to Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" (for Townsville) to Fitzroy Island, departed Port Moresby 1845L/23.

YP.236 arrived Cairns 1801L/21 from Fall River.

"VICTORIA" departed Cairns 0941L/23.

S.C. 748 escorting T.N. 59 E.T.D. Townsville 1400L/24, "WAGGA" to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 0700L/25 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000L/27.

"PATTERSON" escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" and "PRESIDENT GRANT" arrived Brisbane 2327L/22.

"SWAN" escorting T.S. 19 to Brisbane - E.T.A. A.M/24 is to proceed to Pile Light on arrival and escort "PRESIDENT GRANT" E.T.D. 1700L/24 to Percy Island on completion returning Brisbane.

"MORESBY"
 "YANDRA" } escorting P.G.39 arrived Sydney 2115L/22 - detailed for C.O.82 to take over escort from "MILDURA" at rendezvous off Sydney P.M/24.

"BUNDABERG" escorting O.C.80 arrived Sydney 2141L/22.

"MILDURA" arrived Newcastle 0832L/23 having completed escort of O.C.80

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "AQUITANIA" departed Sydney 1003L/23, "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting until 0700L/24, then returning to Sydney - E.T.A. 0700L/25, "AQUITANIA" E.T.A. Fremantle 0930L/29.

"SHEPPARTON"
 "WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Broken Bay 2330L/22. for patrol returned 1731L/23.

"BINGERA" departed Jervis Bay 0050L/23 for patrol; returned 1601L/23

"BUNBURY"
 "KYBRA" } departed Sydney 2359L/22 for patrol.

"BUNBURY" returned Sydney 1255L/23.

"BUNDABERG"
 "AERAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } detailed for G.P.40 E.T.D. Sydney 1030L/24.

"MANOORA" E.T.D. Port Stephens 0800L/24 for Sydney.

"SHEPPARTON" is to depart Broken Bay to rendezvous "MANOORA" at entrance Port Stephens, and escort to Sydney then return to Broken Bay and continue work-up.

"RALPH TALBOT" departed Melbourne 1151L/23 for Sydney - E.T.A.
0700L/25.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip 2327L/22 for escort duty with O.C.81.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed "MILLINGIMBI" 0730L/23
for Darwin E.T.A. 1900L/24.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" and "SIBIGO" arrived Darwin 1531L/23
from Thursday Island.

"CENTAUR" arrived Brisbane 1338L/23 from Sydney.

ASDIC CONTACTS OFF FREMANTLE.

At 0345L/23 "HORSHAM" obtained very strong Asdic echoes in vicinity of entrance to Fremantle Harbour and dropped two depth charges, one of which failed to fire. "ILE DE FRANCE" passed quite close to the position without incident and subsequent searches by 3 A.M.S.'s were negative. No crossing was recorded on loops. N.O.I.C. Fremantle after careful investigation of recorder trace considered fish were probably the cause, but advised that precautions were proceeding and no delays or diversions of impending arrivals were considered necessary.

H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE (A.M.S.)

Commissioned at Brisbane A.M./22.

AIR RAIDS.

DARWIN	Yellow Warning	1848L/23
	Raid	1851L/23
	Warning	2100L/23.
N.W. AREA	Raid	1852L/23
	All clear	1915L/23.
BATCHELOR	Warning	1858L/23
	All clear	1900L/23.
MERAUKE	Yellow warning	1101L/23
	Raid	1103L/23
	All clear	1114L/23
FALL RIVER	Yellow Warning	2134L/23.
	All clear	0110L/24
	Warning	
	Yellow Warning	0048L/24
	Raid	0118L/24
	All clear	0206L/24.

TASK FORCE 74. Departs Dunk Island for Palm Island Tuesday 23rd.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Fall River at 0956L/22 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600L/24.

"ILE DE FRANCE" arrived Fremantle at 0830L/22.

"RALPH TALBOT" escorting "POELAU LAUT" arrived Melbourne at 0941L/22
"RALPH TALBOT" to depart Melbourne 25/3 for Sydney.

"VAN GALEN" returned Fremantle at 0528L/22 from escort duties.

"QUEEN MARY" departed Sydney at 0927L/22 for Fremantle.

"KATOOMBA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1830L/23 for Townsville escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL".

"BENDIGO" departed Townsville at 1500L/21. To arrive Caloundra 1200L/24.

"BALLARAT" arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 1441L/22.

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane at 1028L/22 from escort duties.

"INVERELL" escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 0355L/22.

"LE TRIOMPHANT", "BINGERA", "BUNBURY" SHEPPARTON", "KYBRA" departed Sydney at 0046L/22 on special A/S patrol.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" and "BUNBURY" returned Sydney at 1303L/22.

"WARRNAMEOOL") to depart Broken Bay at 2300L/22 to carry out
"SHEPPARTON") independent A/S searches, then return Broken Bay.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney at 1333L/22 from special A/S sweep.

"BUNDABERG" will detach with Sydney Section of O.C. 80 off Sydney.
"MILDURA" will continue escort to and remain Newcastle and escort C.O.82 to rendezvous off Sydney on 24/3. "MILDURA" arrived Newcastle at 2135L/22.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne at 1629L/22 to assume A/S protection of ships in convoy assembly area. E.T.D. O.C.81 Pt. Phillip 2217L/22.

"LATROBE" escorting "TULACI", "ALAGNA" and N.A.P. Launch "SEEKA" departed Thursday Island at 1830L/22 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1800L/27.

"ORARA" departed Port Melbourne at 1701L/22 for S.C.F. 18.

M.L. 424. arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 0609L/22.

"GIPPSLAND" in company N.A.P. "LORNE" departed Sydney at 0651L/22 for Port Stephens.

P.C. 1119) ~~xxxxxxx~~ departed Brisbane to arrive at position
P.C. 1121.) 27°03'S. 155°25'E at 0600L/23. To conduct search and locate Dutch Troopship "SOMMELDIJK" due Brisbane 23 or 24/3 and escort to Brisbane.

D/F BEARING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE.

Very poor D/F Bearing of enemy submarine within 500 miles 240S. 155°E at 1022Z/22. (230 miles N.E. Brisbane).

AIR RAID WARNINGS: DARWIN 1524L/22 All clear 1547L/22.
BATCHELOR 1516L/22 All clear later.

To 0900L/Monday, 22nd March, 1943.

"BOWEN" arrived Fall River 1130L/21 from Port Moresby.

"STELLA" departed Fall River 1200L/20 for Operation "PRENDERGAST".

"BALLARAT" escorting T.N. 55 arrived Fall River 2330L/20, departed 1400L/21 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1900L/22.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Fall River 1716L/21; is to return Townsville escorting any ship ready.

"WARREGO" escorting T.N. 53 arrived Port Moresby 0225L/21; escorting "WANAKA" (for Townsville) to Fitzroy Island departed 1905L/21.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" arrived Port Moresby 1430L/21 from Fall River.

"ARUNTA" E.T.A. Port Moresby with T.N. 574 at 1400L/23 is to return Townsville escorting any ship ready.

"LATROBE" to escort "ALAGNA" and "TULAGI" from Thursday Island to Darwin as soon as practicable.

"ECHUCA") arrived Thursday Island 0958L/19 from Cairns.
"SEKA")

"ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" departed Thursday Island 0943L/20 for MERAUKE".

"VICTORIA" departed Dunk Island 2300L/21 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0800L/22 to be sailed for Townsville.

"KAPUNDA" departed Cairns 0345L/21 to rendezvous T.N. 57 off Fitzroy Island at 0600L/21, E.T.A. with "ARUNTA", H.D.M.L. 1161 and Portion A at Port Moresby 1400L/23.

"BNDIGO" E.T.D. Townsville to arrive Caloundra 1200L/24, to be sailed to arrive Sydney by 28/3.

YP.291 arrived Townsville 0900L/20 from Fall River.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville 0020L/22 from Port Moresby - E.T.D. 1930L/23 escorting T.N. 58 to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1430L/25.

YP.663 departed Townsville 1530L/21 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 0500L/26.

S.C. 744 escorting B.T. 47 and "BUNGAREE" departed Caloundra 2132L/20, S.C. 744 to proceed independently from Whitsunday Passage to Townsville.

S.C. 740. escorting B.T. 474 departed Caloundra 0051L/21, S.C. 740 to part company at Percy Island and return to Brisbane.

"GYMPIE" returned Brisbane 2235L/20 from exercises.

"KYBRA" returned Sydney 0749L/21 from Patrol.

"QUEEN MARY" E.T.D. Sydney A.M./22 for Fremantle, thence to Capetown when ready.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1917L/20 for patrol; to return Sydney on completion.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" } E.T.D. Sydney 2359L/21 on independent A/S sweeps
 "BINGERA" } all except "SHEPPARTON" returning Sydney on
 "BUNEURY" } completion.
 "SHEPPARTON" }

"SHEPPARTON" is to proceed Broken Bay on completion of sweep and begin working up exercises, returning Sydney at 0900L/29.

"WARRNAMEOOL" arrived Broken Bay 1131L/21 - E.T.D. 2359L/21 on A/S sweep.

INTENDED AIR COVER 1 A.S.V. Hudson from departure until 1700L/22
 2, A.S.V. Catalinas from 1700L/22 till 0700L/23.

YP. 286 } arrived Sydney 0929L/21 from Brisbane,
YP. 288 }

U.S. DESTROYER "BUCHANAN" arrived Sydney 1651L/20 from escorting "PORLAU LAUT"

M.L. 426 departed Sydney 1513L/20, arrived Jervis Bay 0045L/21.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" returned Sydney 1253L/20.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 0150L/21 having completed escort of Melbourne portion of C.O.80.

"BOMBO" arrived Hobart 0830L/21 from Sydney.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived "MILLINGIMBI 1050L/20 from Darwin.

"CENTAUR" departed Sydney 1171L/21 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1000L/23.

INDICATION OF JAP SUBMARINE.

D/F(?) Fix of Japanese submarine at 2220L/21 in position 268 miles 115° from Moreton was passed to C.S.W.P. and N.O.I.C's Sydney, Brisbane and Townsville. Fix described as fair.

AIR RAIDS.

FALL HVER - WARNING 0044L/22.
 RAID 0054L/22.
 RAID 0116L/22.
 ALL CLEAR 0137L/22.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L Sunday 21st March, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" escorting O.W.3 departed Fremantle at 1101L/20. E.T.A. M.O.M.P. 1700L/25 returning thence to Fremantle E.T.A. 1500L/28.

"VAN GALEN") Local A/S escorts for O.W.3 return to Fremantle 22/3.
"DUBBO")
"WALLAROO")

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUMTROON" to vicinity Fitzroy Islands departed Port Moresby at 0800L/20.

"HOBART" departs Dunk Island at 0730L/21 for Sydney. E.T.A. 0730L/24.

"ARUNTA") Escorting T.N.57 departed Townsville 1701L/20. "KAPUNDA"
"PIRIE") to R/V of Fitzroy Is. at 0600L/21. "ARUNTA", "KAPUNDA"
H.D.M.L. 1161) and H.D.M.L. 1161 with Section "A" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400L/23. "PIRIE" with Section "B" E.T.A. Fall River 2100L/23.

"NEPAL" Departs Durban at 1814L/19 for Fremantle. E.T.A. Port Louis Mauritius 1600L/22. E.T.A. Diego Garcia 1930L/24. Thence to Fremantle E.T.A. a.m./2nd April. On arrival Fremantle "NEPAL", also "QUIBERON" are to be sailed for Sydney via Melbourne.

"VENDETTA" escorting T.N.56 departed Townsville at 2045L/19 E.T.A. Fall River 1600L/21.

"SWAN" escorting N.T.6 arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0740L/20, and departed at 1400L/20 escorting T.S. 19 for Brisbane E.T.A. a.m./24.

S.C.744 E.T.D. Brisbane 1700L/20 escorting B.T.47. "BUNGAREE" will be attached.

"BOWEN". Escorting "WESTCACTUS" arrived Port Moresby at 1930L/19. Departed Port Moresby for Fall River at 0926L/20. E.T.A. 1130L/21.

"MORESBY") Escorting G.P.39 including "BUNGAREE" arrived Brisbane at
"YANDRA") 0325L/30.
Escorting P.G.39 departed Caloundra at 1245L/20. E.T.A. Newcastle 0900L/22. E.T.A. Sydney 1600L/22.

S.C.748 escorting B.T. 45 arrived Townsville at 0732L/20.

"LITHGOW" escorting B.T. 46 including "KURUMBA" departed Caloundra at 1154L/20.
"LITHGOW" will part company at Whitsunday Passage.

"LATROBE". Escorting "TULAGI" - E.T.D. Thursday Island 0900L/22 for Darwin E.T.A. 1700Z/25.

"WARREGO." escorting "WANAKA". E.T.D. Port Moresby 1900L/21 for Townsville.

"GLENELG" on completion discharge Oro Bay to escort "YOCHOW" to position 15 miles S.W. Brumer Island where "YOCHOW" will be detached to proceed independently to Townsville. "GLENELG" to proceed to Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" departed Fall River at 1243Z/20 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1800L/21.

"GIPPSLAND" E.T.D. Sydney 0600L/22 for Broken Bay.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" departed Newcastle at 0951L/21 escorting Newcastle portion of CO.81 to R/V off Sydney. Arrived Sydney at 1807L/20.

"ROCKHAMPTON") Departed Sydney at 1557L/20 escorting Sydney portion
"DELOIRINE") CO.81.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Sydney for Botany Bay at 0600L/20.

"ORARA" departs Port Melbourne at 1700L/22 to resume daily sweeps S.C.F.18.

M.L.424 departed Sydney for Brisbane at 1803L/20.

Y.P. 236 departed Fall River at 0700L/20 for Cairns thence to Brisbane.
E.T.A. Cairns 2100L/22.

"PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Fremantle from Geraldton at 1000L/19.

"HEROS" (Tug) with "Rocklea" (Oil Lighter) and ML315 in tow, departed Brisbane for Townsville at 1155L/20.

"HORSHAM" N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported that during sudden cyclonic weather which struck Geraldton unexpectedly about 1330L/14 and Perth a little later "HORSHAM" was damaged before she could get to sea. Probably requires 10 days to effect repairs, but in the meantime is fit for local defence duties. Letter follows.

Anti-Submarine Activities off Sydney. "LE TRIOMPHANT", "KYBRA" and "WARRNAMBOOL" will carry out special A/S Sweeps.

- (1) "LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney at 0749L/20 from special A/S Sweep.
- (2) "KYBRA" is to depart Sydney at 1900L/20 to carry out A/S Sweep, and return to Sydney at 0800L/21.
- (3) "WARRNAMBOOL" ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 1447L/20 to carry out special A/S Sweep and return at 1000L/21, and continue with working up programme. Departed at 1730L/20.

To 0900L/Saturday, 20th March, 1943.

"PATTE SON" E.T.D. Dunk Island 1000L/19 to rendezvous convoy about 300 miles 074° from Cape Moreton at 1545L/21 and escort to Brisbane (P.W. 2211 departed San Francisco.0800L/27, of which two ships "PRESIDENT GRANT" and "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" are bound Brisbane).

"STELLA" arrived Milne Bay 1500L/18.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" E.T.D. Fall Fiver 1000L/20 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1500L/21.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting T.N. 54 arrived Port Moresby 0940L/19.

U.S. M.L. "PELORUS" departed Cairns 0414L/19 for Townville E.T.A. 1900L/20.

"ARUNTA" } escorting T.N. 57 - E.T.D. Townsville 1200L/20,
 "PIRIE" } "KAPUNDA" to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at
 H.D.M.L. 1161 } 0600L/21, "ARUNTA", "KAPUNDA" and H.D.M.L. 1161
 with portion A (inc. "BISHOPDALE") E.T.A.
 Port Moresby 1400L/23, "PIRIE" with Portion B.
 E.T.A. Fall River 2100L/23.

"BANGALOW" E.T.D. Townsville 0600L/20 for Portland Roads, E.T.A. 1800L/22 and Port Moresby E.T.A. 1200L/25.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Gladstone 1300L/19 escorting "MAETSUYCKER", E.T.A. Whitsunday Passage 1200L/20 "GOULBURN" to return to Brisbane.

"MORESBY" } escorting P.G. 39 E.T.D. Caloundra 1200L/20.
 "YANDRA" }

"GYMPIE" arrived Brisbane 1505L/19 departed 1757L/19 for exercises with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

S.C. 738. } arrived Brisbane 0525L/19.
 S.C. 740 }

S.C. 740. } escorting B.T. 47 including "BUNGAREE" - E.T.D.
 S.C. 744 } Caloundra P.M/20.

"LITHGOW" escorting B.T. 46 including "KURUMBA" E.T.D. Pile Light 0600L/20.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 79 arrived Newcastle 0719L/19.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting O.C. 79 and "GOLD STAR" arrived Sydney 2143L/18.

"DELORAINÉ" } detailed for C.O.81 to take over escort from
 "ROCKHAMPTON" } "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" at rendezvous off Sydney
 P.M/20.

"WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.D. Sydney 0915L/20 for Broken Bay for working up exercises to return to Sydney at 0900L/27.

"BINGERA" arrived Sydney 1533L/19 from F.N.D. via Jervis Bay.

M.L. 424. E.T.D. Sydney A.M/20 for Brisbane.

M.L. 425 E.T.D. Sydney A.M/24 for Brisbane.

"RALPH TALBOT" escorting "POELAU LAUT" E.T.A. Port Phillip
Heads 0700L/22.

"ORARA" arrived Port Melbourne 0907L/19 from S.C.F. 18.

"DOOMBA" departed Fawkner Beacon 1817L/19 to assume escort
of O.C. 80.

"KANIMBLA" escorting O.W. 5 arrived Colombo 2123L/18, E.T.D.
Colombo 1630L/19 for Sydney E.T.A. 1130L/3/4.

"MANUNDA" arrived Sydney 0717L/19 from Brisbane.

TUFI FIRE.

Fire at Tufi 2000L/17 which destroyed 2 P.T. Boats
A.S. 16 (Australian Army Launch) about 5000 drums of petrol and
some depth charges and small arms ammunition and damaged jetty
was not caused by enemy action. There were no casualties to
personnel.

AIR RAID WARNING.

PORT MORESBY - Warning 2114L/19.
White 2127L/19.

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To 0900L/Friday, 19th March, 1943.

"STUART" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" arrived Sydney at 0921L/18.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney at 0812L/18 after completing escort duties with "ILE DE FRANCE".

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0720L/18.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Townsville 2000L/19, escorting T.N. 56 to Fall River.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 20/3 escorting "DUNTRON" to Townsville.

"SWAN" E.T.D. Townsville 1200L/29 escorting "PORTMAR", "KATOOMBA" and "WANDANA" - E.T.A. Brisbane 0800L/24.

"INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER" departed Darwin at 0748L/18 for Thursday Island.

"ROCKHAMPTON" to detach with Sydney Section O.C.79 off Sydney. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to continue escort to Newcastle to remain and escort C.O.81 to rendezvous off Sydney 20/3.

"BOWEN" departed Fall River 1221L/18 for Port Moresby with F.C.3. "CARLISLE" to detach at position "B" and proceed independently to Cairns. "BOWEN" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1900L/19.

"GLENELG" escorting "YOCHOW" arrived Fall River from Townsville at 0732L/18 and departed at 1159L/18 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 1600L/19.

"BROOME" escorting N.T. 7 departed Port Moresby at 0800L/18 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600L/21.

"HORSHAM" returned Fremantle from escort duties at 1150L/18.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "KOOLIGA" and "DELIGO" departed Thursday Is. for Darwin at 1453L/18.

S.C. 744 to depart Brisbane about 17/3 and proceed vicinity Deboyne Island and report to COMTASKGROUP 70.5 - fuelling at Townsville en route.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin at 0940L/18 for millingimbi (180 miles E.N.E. Darwin).

"GOULBURN" } at 1613L/18 N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered "GOULBURN" and
 "GYMPIE" } "GYMPIE" if they have not met - (1) "GOULBURN" to escort "JASON LEE" to Brisbane. (2) "GYMPIE" to leave Convoy B.T.44 and proceed to Gladstone to arrive A.M. 19/3 and escort "MAETSUYCKER" to Whitsunday Passage.

YP. 236 arrived Fall River from Cairns.

YP. 236 }
YP. 236 } departed Brisbane at 1318L/18 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0600L/21.
QUEEN MARY } E.T.D. Sydney A.M. 22/3 for Fremantle to Capetown, when ~~QUEEN MARY~~ ready.

"AQUITANIA" E.T.D. Sydney A.M. tide 23/3 for Fremantle. "LE TRIOMPHANT" is to escort until 0700L/24. When ready "AQUITANIA" will depart Fremantle for Capetown.

"W.B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf at 1200L/17 for Fremantle -
E.T.A. 1300L/19.

S.C. 749, S.C. 750, YMS. 10, YMS 70, PC 1119, PC 1121 arrived
Brisbane from Noumea at 1427L/18.

"PORLAN LAUT" (Dutch troop ship) departs Noumea about 1400L/16
for Melbourne. "BUCHANAN" (U.S. Destroyer) will escort
to position 36°57'S. 160°25'E, where "RALPH TALEOT" will
take over escort duties. "BUCHANAN" will then proceed
to Sydney, E.T.A. 20/3, E.T.D. about 30/3 for Noumea.

2. P.T. Boats armament stores and octane fuel, destroyed by Fire
at Tufi at 2000L/17. Report follows from CCO. Fall
River.

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To 0900L/Thursday, 18th March, 1943.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THORAU" arrived Fall River 1816L/17 from Port Moresby.

YP.291 departed Fall River 1522L/17 for Townsville, E.T.A. 1200L/20 for onward routing to Brisbane.

"NATAFELE" (lighter) arrived Port Moresby 1351L/17.

"SWAN" escorting N.T.6 departed Port Moresby 1800L/17 - E.T.A. Townsville 2130L/19.

"BROOME" escorting N.T.7 - E.T.D. Port Moresby 0800L/18 E.T.A. Townsville 2300L/21.

"BALLARAT" departed Cairns 1701L/17 to rendezvous T.N.55 off Fitzroy Island at 0600L/18 and escort to Fall River.

"LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL" and "BURWAH" arrived Thursday Island 0100L/17 from Darwin.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns 0800L/17 from Townsville.

"BANGALOW" arrived Townsville 1522L/17 from Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting T.N.54 departed Townsville 0920L/17 for Pt. Moresby.

"PIRIE" arrived Townsville 0600L/17 from Fall River.

"VENDETTA" arrived Townsville 0037L/17 from Fall River.

"WARRAGO" escorting T.N.53 departed Townsville 1222L/17 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800L/20.

S.C.748 escorting B.T. 45 departed Caloundra 0113L/17, E.T.A. Townsville 1500L/20.

"GYMPIE" escorting B.T.44 departed Caloundra 0425L/17.

"GOULBURN" to meet "GYMPIE" about 0800L/18 in vicinity of Capricorn Channel. "GYMPIE" to escort "JASON LEE" to Caloundra, "GOULBURN" escort B.T.44, leaving Convoy to arrive Gladstone A.M/19.

"LITHGOW" escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE" arrived Brisbane 0045L/17.

"DELORAINNE" escorting C.O.80 departed Newcastle 0759L/17.

"MILDURA" } escorting C.O.80 departed Sydney 1530L/17.
 "BUNDABERG" }

"MORESBY" } escorting G.P.39 including "BUNGAREE" departed Sydney
 "YANDRA" } 1045L/17.

"BOMBO" departed Sydney 1648L/17 for Hobart.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M/18 from Fremantle.

"MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1848L/17 for Sydney E.T.A. 0500L/19.

SUBMARINE ATTACK ON "CHARLES S. JONES".

"CHARLES S. JONES" (U.S. Tanker 8,111 tons gross) one of 2 ships in convoy B.T.44 which departed Caloundra 0425L/17 for Townsville escorted by "GYMPIE" was attacked by submarine at 1529L/17 in position about 79 miles 030° from Caloundra. Three torpedoes were fired, all of which missed.

A.C.N.B. warned B.A.M.S. area 5C. C.S.W.P. ordered .C.1119 & P.C. 1121 to proceed to position and search until about sunset 18/3.

S.C. 748 escorting B.T. 45 departed Caloundra 0113L/17 and passed through position without incident.

All warships in area advised. One Catalina detailed for A/S patrol over B.T. 44 from 1900L/17, until recalled. B.T. 44, B.T. 45 and "GOULBURN" ordered to proceed by "BLUE" route and CURTIS Channel.

AIR RAIDS.

MERAUKE Warning 1302L/17.
All clear 1330L/17.

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To 0900L/Wednesday, 17th March, 1943.

"ILE DE FRANCE" escorted by "LE TRIOMPHANT" until 0700L/17 departed Sydney for Fremantle at 0651L/16. "LE TRIOMPHANT" returns to Sydney E.T.A. 0700L/18.

"ARUNTA" departed Port Moresby escorting "GORGON" at 1130L/16; E.T.A. Cairns 2300L/1.

C.T.F. 74. departs Palm Island 17/3 to carry out local day and night exercises to arrive abd base at Dunk Island 18/3.

"QUIBERON" E.T.D. Kilindini 1500L/17, arrives Diego Garcia 0500L/22, Fremantle 1500L/29.

"MANGORA" arrived Port Stephens from Sydney at 1730L/16.

"STUART" departed Sydney at 0343L/16 to rendezvous with "HENRY D. ALLEN" about 280 miles E. of Sydney and escort to Sydney.

"SWAN" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Port Moresby from Townsville at 1000L/16.

"BENDIGO" escorting "JASON LEE" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0447L/16.

"BOWEN" E.T.D. Fall River A.M./18 escorting "WEST CACTUS", "CARLISLE" and V.P. 291 to Port Moresby for onward routing. "BOWEN" to fuel and return Fall River in time for LILLIPUT Stage 21.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.G. 38 arrived Sydney at 2207L/15.
 "WARRNAMBOOL" }

"MILDURA" } detailed to escort C.O.80 to take over from "DELORAINNE"
 "BUNDABERG" } and rendezvous off Sydney P.M/17.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Phillip at 1719L/16 having completed escort duties G.O.79.

"DELORAINNE" arrived Newcastle at 0535L/16, having completed escort duties with O.C. 78.

"HORSHAM" departed Geraldton at 1200L/16, escorting "JOTUNY JELL" to 33°S. E.T.A. Fremantle 1101L/8.

"BUNBURY" arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay at 1145L/16.

"WAGGA" arrived Townsville escorting "VAN OUTHORN" at 1000L/16.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "HENRY D. THOREAU" departed Port Moresby at 1315L/16 for Fall River. E.T.A. 1600L/17.

"WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1400L/17 escorting "KOOLIGA" and "SIBIGO" to Darwin E.T.A. 1400L/22.

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Brisbane escorting B.T. 46 1800L/17.

"WARREGO" departed Townsville for Port Moresby at 1837L/16. Escorting T.N. 53.

"ECHUCA" escorting "BARALABA" en route Thursday Island and Augusta departed Cairns at 1700L/16. NAP vessels "HOONA" for Port-land Roads and "ELA" for Thursday Island are in company being towed.

"GOULBURN" N.O.I.C. Townsville has requested that N.O.I.C. Brisbane arrange for "GOULBURN" to rendezvous with "JASON LEE" en route to Townsville to Brisbane and escort to destination.

"MORESEY" } E.T.D. Sydney 1030L/17 escorting G.P.39 including
 "YANDRA" } "KURUMBA" and "BUNGAREE" to Brisbane for onward
 routing, E.T.A. Caloundra 0330L/20.
 "BOMBO" E.T.D. Sydney P.M./17 for Hobart.

"MIZAR" (U.S. Supply Ship) departs San Francisco 14/3 for Sydney;
 E.T.A. 1300L/1 April.

M.L. 427 commissioned for trials (at Sydney) under command
 Lieutenant H.E. Godden, R.A.N.V.R. at 1100L/15.

H.D.M.L. 1161 arrived Townsville at 1620L/16 en route Sydney to
 Port Moresby.

"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) departs Brisbane for Sydney A.M./18.

AIR RAID WARNING -

BRISBANE.

"YARUNGO" escort YELLOW 0242L/17.
 BLUE 0252L/17.
 WHITE 0312L/17.

"BARANUNGA" escorting E.T. 44 E.T.D. Townsville 0600L/17. Moresby
 0800L/18. No further details.

"VICTORIA" departed Townsville 0648L/15.

"GEMINI" returned Brisbane 2030L/15 from escort duty, escorting
 E.T. 44 E.T.D. Pile Light 1800L/16.

E.C. 742 escorting E.T. 45 ("AASE MARHEK" and "VAN DER LIJN")
 E.T.D. Pile Light 1800L/16.

"PANTO" arrived Brisbane 1151L/15 from Cairns.

"GALILEO" escorting E.T. 48 departed Caloundra 2245L/14, "GOLDFISH"
 to part company at Whitunday Passage - E.T.A. 0840L/17.

"ROSEMARY" } with Sydney section of O.C. 78 arrived Sydney 2125L/15
 "DUNDEE" }

"RECONCILER" is to continue escort to and remain Newcastle and
 escort O.C. 78 to rendezvous off Sydney 17/3.

"BURBANK" departed Sydney 1425L/15 for Jervis Bay.

"MURIEL" } departed Sydney 1741L/14 for Noumea.
 "DUNDEE" }

"WALLACE" } E.T.D. Sydney 2200L/15 to carry out night sweeping.
 "DUNDEE" }

"BIRKEN" departed Westport 0900L/15 for Jervis Bay, E.T.A.
 0800L/17 and Sydney.

"BLANTYRE" entered Port Phillip 1015L/15 from Fremantle and anchored
 off Portsea 1055L/15.

"BARBER" departed Port Melbourne 1815L/15 for exercises and duty
 with O.C. 78.

"DASHWATER" escorting "BARBER" arrived Darwin 0800L/18.

"MURIEL" arrived Sydney 2230L/14 from Melbourne.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 16th.March, 1943.

"BOWEN" escorting "CARLISLE" and "WEST CACTUS" arrived Fall River 0133L/15; escorting "BANTAM" on Lilliput, Stage 21, E.T.D. Fall River P.M/21, E.T.D. Oro Bay 1400L/22.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" for Townsville departed Fall River 0731L/15, E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0700L/16.

"ARUNTA" escorting T.N. 48 arrived Port Moresby 0830L/15.

"GLENELG" departed Cairns 1321L/15 to rendezvous T.N. 52 off Fitzroy Island at 1400L/15 and escort to Fall River, E.T.A. 1700L/17; escorting "YOCHOW" on Lilliput, Stage 20, E.T.D. Fall River P.M/18, E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400L/19.

Y.P. 236 departed Cairns 0817L/15 for Fall River E.T.A. 2000L/17.

"MINJAK TANAH" departed Cairns 0735L/14 for Thursday Island and Augusta.

"WARREGO" escorting T.N. 53, E.T.D. Townsville 1200L/16 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. Basilisk Passage 1600L/19.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting T.N. 54 E.T.D. Townsville 0500L/17. Moresby 0800L/19.

"VICTORIA" departed Townsville 0648L/15.

"GYMPIE" returned Brisbane 2230L/15 from escort duty; escorting B.T. 44 E.T.D. Pile Light 1800L/16.

S.C. 748 escorting B.T. 45 ("AASE MAERSK" and "VAN DER LIJN") E.T.D. Pile Light 1900L/16.

"WATO" arrived Brisbane 1131L/15 from Cairns.

"GOULBURN" escorting B.T. 43 departed Caloundra 2245L/14, "GOULBURN" to part company at Whitsunday Passage - E.T.A. 0600L/17.

"MORESBY" } with Sydney section of O.C. 78 arrived Sydney 2125L/15.
 "BUNGAREE" }

"DELORAIN" is to continue escort to and remain Newcastle and escort C.O.80 to rendezvous off Sydney 17/3.

"BURRABRA" departed Sydney 1423L/15 for Jervis Bay.

"MUSTIN" } departed Sydney 1741L/14 for Noumea.
 "HUGHES" }

"GOOLGWAI" } E.T.D. Sydney 2300L/15 to carry out night sweeping.
 "NARANI" }

"BINGERA" departed Westernport 0900L/15 for Jervis Bay, E.T.A. 0800L/17 and Sydney.

"GOLDSTAR" entered Port Phillip 1019L/15 from Fremantle and anchored off Portsea 1057L/15.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1519L/15 for exercises and duty with O.C. 79.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Darwin 0004L/16.

HOSPITAL SHIP "CENTAUR" arrived Sydney 2220L/14 from Melbourne.

To 0900L/Monday, 1st March, 1943.

AIR RAIDS:

"TRIST" returned Fremantle at 0235/14 having completed escort duties with "KITAVIA" proceeds to sea for gun trials at 0422L/14. Then departing at 0700L/14 for Port Moresby. All clear 1058L/15.

"HARBOUR" PORT MORESBY - Yellow Warning 0414L/16. at 0657L/14. E.T.A. 14/17. All clear 0427L/16. Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0900L/18.

DARWIN - Red Warning 1132L/15. All clear 1224L/15. Liver from Townsville at 1800L/14.

At 1416L/15 N.O.I.C. Darwin made a preliminary report of naval damage from Raid No. 53. Only 3 of 9 tanks were left apparently undamaged. Pipe considerably damaged. M/S store roof blown off. Naval casualty 1 wounded. P.W.D. Dieselene tank leaking. P.W.D. Store, P.W.D. workshop railway bond store direct hits.

AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS IN ARAFURA SEA.

1. At 1430L/15 3 stationary cargo vessels off the northernmost point of ARU ISLANDS. Air attack proposed.
2. At 1442L/15 2 cargo vessels of about 3,000 tons in a position received corrupt.
3. At 1445L/15 2 merchant ships and escort possibly destroyers about 40 miles N. of ARU ISLANDS course 230°. Air attack proposed.
4. At 1502L/15 1 cargo vessel of about 1,500 tons just S. of West Papua.

"ABRAHAM CRUISE" arrived Sydney at 2031L/14. After escorting Newcastle portion U.S. 7th in rendezvous off Sydney.

C.O. 71 at 1830L/15 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that "YANDRA" escorting C.O. 71 was experiencing serious engine trouble and unable to proceed. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was ordered to sail forthwith and join "ROCKHAMPTON" as escort until daylight 14/3 then return to Sydney. "ABRAHAM CRUISE" was also despatched at 0033L/14 to join convoy and relieve "YANDRA" as escort. "LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney at 1027L/14.

"HORNER" escorting "VOYAGE JELL" arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at 1815L/14.

"PROCTOR" escorting "LAKHMAN", "MURKIN" and "PUNJAB" towing barge departed Port Moresby at 1814L/14.

"INVERNA" escorting "MULISHA" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 2200L/14.

"TRIST" (U.S. submarine) arrived Brisbane at 1349L/14.

"HINDUR" to depart Jervis Bay at 2200L/15 and proceed to position 035° 00' S. 135° 10' E; then direct to Sydney. To carry out A/S sweep on passage.

"CHILD" departed Fremantle for Emu Gulf at 2033L/14.

To 0900L/Monday, 15th March, 1943. (all lighter) arrived Brisbane from
Sydney at 1730L/14. *Manoora*

"TROMP" returned Fremantle at 0235L/14 having completed escort duties with "EXTAVIA", proceeds to sea for gun trials at 0930L/15. On completion returning to harbour, then departing at 0700L/16 for Port Stephens.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0837L/14. E.T.D. A.M./17 escorting "DUNTROON" "WANAKA" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800L/19. I.C. Townsville reported preliminary

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Fall River from Townsville at 1832L/14.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Townsville P.M./16 escorting "SWARTENHONDT", "CARULA" and "MONTORO" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1600L/19.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 1626L/13.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.G.38 departed Brisbane at 1814L/13 - E.T.A.
"WARRNAMEBOOL" } Newcastle portion 2030L/15 E.T.A. Sydney 0130L/16.

"BENDIGO" escorting "JASON LEE" departed Port Moresby at 1657L/13 E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/16.

"BALLARAT" E.T.D. Townsville P.M./17 escorting "ASPASIA NOMIKOS", "DUNDULA" and "BANTAM" to Fall River E.T.A. 1730L/20.

"PIRIE" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Fall River at 1021L/14, E.T.A. Townsville 0630L/17. - Object sighted from 3000 feet.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0731L/14. Departed at 1617L/14 to rendezvous with convoy T.N. 51 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1800L/14 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800L/16.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney at 2051L/14. After escorting Newcastle portion C.O.79 to rendezvous off Sydney.

C.O.79 at 2230L/13 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that "YANDRA" escorting C.O.79 was experiencing serious engine trouble and unable to proceed. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was ordered to sail forthwith and join "ROCKHAMPTON" as escort until daylight 14/3 then return to Sydney. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" was also despatched at 0033L/14 to join convoy and relieve "YANDRA" as escort. "LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney at 1027L/14.

"HORSHAM" escorting "JOTUNT JELL" arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at 1515L/14.

"BROOME" escorting "LAKEKAMU", "WONGAWILL" and "PUIGNBAR" towing barge departed Port Moresby at 1814L/14.

"INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 2250L/14.

"PETO" (U.S. submarine) arrived Brisbane at 1349L/14.

"BUNBURY" to depart Jervis Bay at 2200L/15 and proceed to position 035°00'S. 152°10'E; then direct to Sydney. To carry out A/S sweep on passage.

"CHILDS" departed Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf at 2025L/14.

"HEROS" (Tug) towing "ROCKLEA" (oil lighter) arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1734L/13.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived "ASSAULT" from Sydney at 0900L/14.

"BANGALOW" (cable repair ship) departed Brisbane at 0909L/14 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1500L/18.

"BOMBO" towing lighter arrived Sydney from Hobart at 1841L/13.

"KRAIT" at 1425L/14 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported preliminary examination reveals extensive mechanical damage; repairs will take about one month - dependent on further examination.

"GOLD STAR" en route Fremantle to Melbourne reported E.T.A. off Portsea 0100L/15.

"HENRY T. ALLEN" (U.S. Naval Transport) departed Wellington at 1544L/14 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1059L/18.

"MORMACDOVE" convoy O.W.2 arrived Colombo 13/3.

"LOLITA" (C.P.B.) at Sydney caught fire at 1745L/13. Crews quarters etc. burnt out - engine and hull apparently in good condition pending investigation.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SIGHTING BY AIRCRAFT:

At 1501L/14 C.S.W.P. reported - Possible submarine sighting by aircraft at 0930L/14 in position 242°, 80 miles from GABO.

At 1637L/14 C.S.W.P. reported - Object sighted from 2000 feet. Reliability good. Disappeared leaving V. shaped swirl. Sea calm and glassy. Course N.W.

At 1616L/14 "ROCKHAMPTON" (C.O.79) "DELORAINÉ" (O.C.78) were advised by A.O.R.E.A.

AIR RAID WARNING.

DARWIN at 1605L/14 - All clear 1646L/4.

AIR RAID

Port Darwin

Yellow (Prepare) - 2021L/13
All Clear - 2111L/13

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900L Sunday 14th March, 1943.

- "BUNBURY" arrived Jervis Bay 1600L/12
- "SWAN" arrived Townsville 0022L/13
- "SHEPPARTON" arrived Sydney 0638L/13
- "GYMPIE" departed Brisbane 1950L/12 to rendezvous with Convoy G.P. 38 and escort "BANTAM", "BISHOPDALE" and "CAROLA" northbound; "GYMPIE" is to leave these ships at Capricorn Channel and return to Caloundra.
- "BUNDABERG" } arrived Brisbane 0944L/13 escorting Convoy G.P. 38:
- "WARRNAMBOOL" }
- "WHYALLA" arrived Cairns 1505L/13
- "TROMP" departed Fremantle 1655L/13 escorting "EXTAVIA" (for Abadan), till dark.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney 1541L/13 escorting Convoy C.O. 79
- "YANDRA" }
- "LE TRIUMPHANT" departed Sydney 0015L/14 to join escort for Convoy C.O. 79
- "ARUNTA" departed Townsville 0850L/12 escorting T.N. 48 for Port Moresby.
- "VENDETTA" departed Townsville 2322L/12 escorting Convoy T.N. 50 for Fall River.
- "DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 1939L/13 after escorting Convoy 78.
- "LATROBE" departed Darwin 1130L/13 escorting "BURWAH" and "DARVEL" Thursday Island E.T.A. 2030L/16.
- "HENDEY" departed Brisbane 0937L/13 to rejoin Task Force 44.
- "KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns 0805L/13.
- "TULSA" arrived Brisbane 1144L/13.
- "GOULBURN" arrived Townsville 0318L/13.
- "HORSHAM" departed Fremantle 1344L/13 escorting "JOTUNPJELL" E.T.A. Geraldton 1400L/14.
- "BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1255L/12 for exercises in Port Phillip Bay prior to joining Convoy O.C. 78.

AIR RAIDS

Port Moresby

Yellow (Prepare) - 2251L/13
 All Clear - 2317L/13

To 0900L/Saturday, 13th March, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 1051L/12 after completing escort duties with "FREDERICK FUNSTON".

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "DUNTROON" to Fitzroy Island light departed Port Moresby at 0800L/12.

"HENLEY" arrived Brisbane at 0521L/12.

"HUGHES" } are to depart Sydney 14/3 for Noumea.
"MUSTIN" }

"SWAN" E.T.D. Townsville 0600L/14 escorting T.N.51 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800L/16. "SWAN" will escort "KATOOMBA" on return voyage and will proceed Brisbane for boiler cleaning.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Port Keats (120 miles S.W. of Darwin at 2030L/11. E.T.D. 1430L/13 for Perons Island. (85 miles S.W. of Darwin).

"KAPUNDA" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 1350L/12.

"LUND BERG" } E.T.D. Caloundra 1800L/13 escorting P.G.38.
"WARRNAMBOOL" }

"ROCKHAMPTON" } detailed to escort C.O.79 to take over from "ABRAHAM"
"YANDRA" } "CRIJNSSEN" off Sydney P.M.13/3.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Newcastle having completed escort O.C.77 at 0652L/12. To escort C.O.79 to rendezvous off Sydney P.M.13/3.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 2159L/12 escorting convoy C.O.78 including "BUNGAREE".

"BOWEN" will rendezvous with T.N.49 in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1030L/12, and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1600L/14.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE" departed Fall River at 0803L/12. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800L/13.

"GYMPIE" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0818L/12 - E.T.D. 0400L/13 escorting "BANTAM", "BISHOPDALE" and "CAROLA" north bound.

"BENDIGO" escorting "JASON LEE" departs Port Moresby for Townsville 13/3.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport from Port Phillip at 2002L/12.

"LITHGOW" at 1415L/12 A.O.R.E.A. reported that aircraft covering "LITHGOW" and "CABLE ENTERPRISE" reported that "LITHGOW" in position off Cape Byron at 0943L/12 made contact and dropped one depth charge. "LITHGOW" has been requested by A.O.R.E.A. to make amplifying report.

"MANUNDA" departed Port Moresby at 1530L/12 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1300L/16.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

WAU - Air raid in progress 2000L/12 - All clear 2141L/12.
GURNEY - " " " " 0950L/12 " " " later.
Air raid warning 1326L/12.

FALL RIVER - Air Raid Warning 12/3 - All clear later.
AUGUSTA - Air Raid in progress 12/3 - All clear later.

To 0900L/Friday, 12th March, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting T.N.47 arrived Port Moresby at 1231L/11.
"BROOME" }

"STUART" after completion escort duties with "FREDERICK FUNSTON"
to proceed Sydney - E.T.A. 0900L/12.

"VENDETTA" arrived Townsville from Cairns at 2355L/10.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. escorting T.N.50 2300L/12 - E.T.A. Fall River
1900L/14.

"PATTERSON" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Cairns at 1031L/11 for Palm Is.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River at 0700L/11 for Cairns.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting O.C.77 arrived Sydney with Sydney section
at 1913L/11 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" to continue escort to
Newcastle and remain, then escort C.O.79 to rendezvous
off Sydney 13/3.

"LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0750L/11; departed at
2044L/11 to provide A/S protection for "CABLE ENTERPRISE"
during cable repair op. in position 085° Fingal Head 24.5
miles.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane for Townsville at 0322L/11.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Drysdale from Wyndham
at 2140L/10.

"ECHUCA" detailed to escort "BARALABA" when ready from Townsville
to Thursday Island. On arrival Thursday Island "ECHUCA"
will act as escort for two voyages to Merauke and return.

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.D. Jervis Bay P.M/12 for Sydney after carrying out
working up exercises.

"PATTERSON" arrived Newcastle from Port Stephens at 1410L/11.

"BUNGAREE" will depart Melbourne 12/3 with O.C.78 then from Sydney
to Brisbane with G.P.39.

"DOOMBA" departs Melbourne escorting O.C.78 at 1630L/12.

"BENDIGO" at 1436L/11 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported that "BENDIGO"
is carrying out A/S search until dusk for probable submarine
reported to have been sighted partly submerged 10 miles S.
of Port Moresby by a/c. "BENDIGO" arrived Port Moresby
at 1806L/11 - no further details.

"MONTECELLO" U.S. Naval Transport escorted by "SCOUT" to latitude of
Equator departed Bombay 8/3 due Melbourne 23/3.

"KRAIT" reported at 1230L/11. Anchored Lindeman Island (25 miles
S. Whitsunday Passage) connecting rod and crank case
broken. At 1740L/11 N.O.I.C. Townsville despatched
"SAN MICHELE" (Channel Patrol Boat) to render assistance.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

FALL RIVER Air Raid in progress 1411L/11 - All clear 1434L/11
WAU " " 2000L/11 " " 2147L/11

To 0900L/Thursday, 11th March, 1943.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney 1351L/10.

"GRAYSON" arrived Wellington 0807L/10 escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM".

"HENLEY" arrived Moreton Bay 1031L/10.

"BUNGARRE" arrived Geelong 0731L/10.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Sydney 0921L/10 for Jervis Bay.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Phillip 0745L/10 from escorting Convoy C.O.77.

"VENDETTA" departed Port Moresby 0730L/9 escorting "TAROONA" and "MAETSUYCKER" to Cairns E.T.A. 1430L 10.

"STUART" departed Caloundra 0143L/10 escorting "FREDERIC FUNSTON" to 159°E. "STUART" then proceeds to Sydney.

"MERKUR" (Naval Store Ship) departed Cairns 1230L/9; arrived Townsville 1434L/10.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Newcastle 1141L/10 escorting Convoy C.O.78 arrived Sydney 1938L/10.

"MORESBY" } departed Sydney 1701L/10 as escort for Convoy C.O.78.
 "DELORAINÉ" } detailed to escort G.P.38, E.T.A. Sydney 1000L/10.

"TRINITY" which departed Fremantle 1500L/1 for Bahrein, has now been diverted to Bombay for docking E.T.A. 21/3.

"SWAN" departed Port Moresby 1625L/10 escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" E.T.A. Cairns 1200L/12.

"GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 1441L/10 escorting "KATOOMBA" for Townsville as far as Holyhead Peak (vicinity Whitsunday Passage) then to return to Brisbane.

"WATO" tug, departed Cairns 1211L/10 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1200L/10.

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin 1607L/10 escorting "DARVEL".

"SUMNER" U.S. Submarine tender departed Townsville 1444L/10 with S.C. 746 E.T.A. Challenger Bay 1800L/10 with mails for T.F. 44.

"HEROS" tug, departed Sydney 1352L/10 escorting oil lighter "ROCKLEA" for Brisbane E.T.A. 15/3.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" } departed Sydney 1057L/10 escorting G.P.38 E.T.A.
 "BUNDABERG" } 0400L/13 at Caloundra.
 "WAGGA" }

"HENLEY" departed Brisbane 1418L/10 to carry out exercises with U.S. Submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"TROMP" arrived Fremantle 2245L/10 from escort duty.

"PATTERSON" arrived Cairns 1655L/10.

"REARAD" arrived Port Phillip from Sydney at 0807L/10.

"REARAD" and S.C. 748 arrived Townsville at 0812L/10.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 10th March, 1943. /16 for Fremantle at best possible speed.

"ADELAIDE" } escorting U.S.S. "OTUS" arrived Fremantle at 1210L/9.
"VANGALEN" } departed Fremantle at 1201L/9 for Melbourne.
"DUBBO" }

"STUART" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" arrived Brisbane at 0435L/9 from Sydney E.T.D. Escorting "FRED.FUNSTONE" 2030L/9.

"SELFRIDGE" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1146L/9.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Cairns at 1200L/9 to rendezvous with "BROOME" at 1700L/9 escorting T.N.47 and escort to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0800L/11.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney from Newcastle having completed escort duties with Newcastle portion of P.G. 37.

"INVERELL" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER", E.T.D. Thursday Island 1800L/10, E.T.A. Darwin 0100L/15.

"BALLARAT" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1150L/9 to boiler clean.

"BUNDABERG" escorting Sydney portion P.G. 37 arrived Sydney at 0908L/9.

"WAGGA" escorting P.G.37 "A" including "KURUMBA" arrived Sydney at 0858 L/9.

"BUNDABERG" } detailed to escort G.P.38, E.T.D. Sydney 1000L/10.
"WARRNAMBOOL" } "WAGGA" will remain at Brisbane after escort duty.
"WAGGA" }

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C.77 departed Port Phillip at 2117L/8.

"DELORAINIE" arrived Sydney from Broken Bay at 1528L/9.

"DELORAINIE" } detailed for escort duties with C.O.78 to take over
"MORESBY" } from "TOWNSVILLE" at rendezvous off Sydney P.M/10.

"YANDRA" escorting Sydney portion O.C.76 arrived Sydney at 0417L/9.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney at 1157L/9 having completed escort duties with O.C.76.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Brisbane 1200L/10 escorting "KATOOMBA" en route to Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" at 1349L/9 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported "KATOOMBA'S" A/S oscillator out of action on sailing. "PIRIE" will rendezvous with "KATOOMBA" escorting "BONTEKOE" in vicinity Fall River at 1230L/10 and assume escort duty to ACCOUNTANT Stage 6 to Oro Bay; "KATOOMBA" to transfer ratings for Oro Bay and sailing orders to "PIRIE" and then proceed Fall River to act as escort to "EMPIRE HAMBLE".

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" arrived Wyndham 2000L/7 and departed at 1400L/8 for Drysdale - E.T.A. 1300L/9.

"BOMBO" with lighter in tow departed Hobart at 1401L/9 - E.T.A. Sydney 0800L/14.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Port Phillip from Sydney at 0027L/10.

"SUMNER" and S.C. 746 arrived Townsville at 0912L/9.

"ILE DE FRANCE" will depart Sydney A.M./16 for Fremantle at best possible speed.

"GOLD STAR" departed Fremantle at 1901L/8 for Melbourne.

"KAPUNDA" departed Fall River at 1530L/9 escorting "KARSIK" with survivors from S. JACOBS, E.T.A. Townsville 1530L/11. N.O.I.C. Fall River reported at 1546L/9 "BENDIGO" saved 151 Casualties were Chief Officer, 1 A.I.F. Captain 3 Americans, 2 native crew.

ENEMY SUBMARINE SUBMARINE SIGHTED BY U.S. LAUNCH 55 miles N.W. of Port Moresby at 0745L/9. Report from N.O.I.C. Port Moresby not graded.

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At about 0150L/9, a B-24 aircraft on approach from Port Moresby was seen to crash into the sea in position 13°28' S, 147° 5' (43 miles from Wilson's Promontory, and about 3 miles off shore). The Police at Lavua were contacted by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby and the Constable in charge and a local fisherman proved to search the locality.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 9th March, 1943.

"PIRIE" } arrived Fall River 1403L/7 escorting "EMPIRE HAMBLE"
"TULSA" } and P.T. boat; "TULSA" departed Fall River 1500L/8
E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000L/10.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 0710L/8 to rendezvous with convoy T.N. 47 at 1700L/9 and escort to Port Moresby.

"ARUNTA" arrived at Townsville 0748L/8; E.T.D. Townsville 0300L/11 escorting Convoy T.N. 48 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800L/13

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 0851L/8 escorting "CAPE FLATTERY".

"WILCANNIA" arrived Thursday Island 0939L/8 escorting "ALAGNA".

"SELFIDGE" arrived Brisbane 0520L/8 escorting "WILLIARD A. HOLBROOK" departed Caloundra 1130L/8, E.T.A. Sydney 1200L/9.

"CHILDS" U.S. Seaplane tender, arrived Fremantle 1136L/8 from Exmouth Gulf.

"TRINITY" departed Fremantle 1500L/1 for Bahrein E.T.A. 29/3; it is now intended to divert "TRINITY" to Bombay for docking.

"MANUNDA" hospital ship, departed Brisbane 1205L/8 E.T.A. Port Moresby 2130/11.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip 2029L/8 for S.C.F. 18.

"INVERELL" arrived Thursday Island 1118L/8 escorting "WANAKA".

"VENDETTA" to depart Port Moresby 0730L/9 escorting "TAROONA" to Cairns - E.T.A. 1430L/10, and "MAETSUYCKER" to Townsville E.T.A. 0100L/11.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1723L/8 to escort O.C. 77.

"STUART" to escort "FREDERIC FINSTON" to 159° E.T.D. Brisbane 0100L/10; on completion of escort "STUART" to return to Brisbane.

"RALPH TALEOT" departed Townsville 1337L/8 to rejoin C.T.F. 44

"KANIMBLA" departed Fremantle 1130L/8 escorting "FAIR ISLE" and "CAPE CHARLES" to Colombo E.T.A. 1130L/19.

"GLENELG" arrived Cairns 1500L/8 escorting "BAN HONG LIONG".

H.D.M.L. 1161 arrived Coffs Harbour 0700L/8.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River 1616L/8 for Goodenough Island.

PLANE CRASH OFF WILSON'S PROMONTORY.

At about 0150L/9, a Beaufort aircraft on exercise from Bairnsdale was seen to crash into the sea in position 38°39'S. 147° E (043° 39 miles from Wilson's Promontory, and about 4 miles off shore). The Police at Yarram were contacted by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne and the Constable in charge and a local fisherman proceeded to search the locality.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Monday, 8th March, 1943.

"ARUNTA" with Rear-Admiral Muirhead-Gould aboard departed Cairns at 1965L/7. E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/8.

"HOBART" arrived Townsville at 0749L/7 and departed at 1155L/7.

"VENDETTA" escorting convoy T.N. 46 arrived Port Moresby from Townsville at 1300L/7.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "GOLD STAR" en route to Melbourne departed Fremantle at 1239L/7. "VAN GALEN" parts company about noon 8/3.

"STUART" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" departed Sydney at 0947L/7 for Caloundra - E.T.A. 0400L/9.

"WARRAMUNGA" departs Townsville at 0630L/8 for Dunk Island E.T.A. 1030L/8. E.T.D. Dunk Island 1400L/9 to rendezvous with T.N.47 at Fitzroy Island at 1700L/9. "BROOME" will be additional escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800L/11.

"NEW ORLEANS" } departed Sydney at 0700L/7. "HENLEY" and
"HENLEY" } "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting for the 1st 48 hours
"LE TRIOMPHANT" } and "REID" thereafter. When released "HENLEY"
will proceed to Brisbane, E.T.A. 0930L/10 and
"LE TRIOMPHANT" will return to Sydney.

"DOOMBA" returned to Port Melbourne at 0531L/7 from A/S duties with "WEST POINT".

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BABINDA" departed Darwin at 0839L/6 for Wyndham, E.T.A. P.M/7.

"GEELONG" escorting convoy B.T.41 departed Brisbane at 1135L/7. "GEELONG" will part company at Whitsunday Passage.

"LATROBE" escorting "DARVEL" departed Thursday Island at 0832L/7 for Darwin.

"GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Brisbane at 1045L/7. "GYMPIE" will part company at Whitsunday Passage.

"WAGGA" escorting P.G.37A. departed Caloundra at 0820L/7. E.T.A. Sydney 0400L/9.

"LITHGOW" escorting convoy B.T.42 departed Caloundra at 1059L/6. "LITHGOW" will part company at Whitsunday Passage.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville from Thursday Island at 0214L/7.

"BALLARAT" departed Fall River at 1455L/6, escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" "BALLARAT" to detach at Grafton Passage and proceed to Cairns for boiler clean, E.T.A. P.M/9.

"COLAC" arrived Williamstown at 0711L/7 after completing escort duties with C.O.76.

"GLENELG" after clearing Grafton Passage convoy F.C.2 will proceed independently. "GLENELG" will proceed to Cairns for boiler clean.

"BENDIGO" on completion discharge at Oro Bay, "BENDIGO" is to escort "S. JACOBS" to Townsville.

"SWAN" } escorting T.N.44 arrived Port Moresby at 1141L/7.
"KATOOMBA" } "KATOOMBA" will depart Pt. Moresby 8/3 escorting
"J.W. VAN DUKE" until 2200L/8, then to return to
Port Moresby.

"DELORRAINE" departed Sydney at 0608L/7 to conduct A/S sweep, then
to Broken Bay for working up.

"LARK" arrived Fremantle from Exmouth Gulf at 1301L/7.

"W.B. PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M./6.

H.D.M.L. 1161 departed Sydney 0643L/7 en route to Townsville, via
Coffs Harbour and Gladstone.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Melbourne at 2031L/7 from Westernport.

M.L. 817. arrived Sydney at 1103L/7.

"KOOMPARTOO" arrived Darwin at 1447L/7.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

AUGUSTA -

Air Raid Warning 1216L/7.
Air Raid in progress 1229L/7.
All clear 1305L/7.

POSSIBLE ENEMY SUNMARINE 55 MILES S.W. GERALDTON.

Reported sighting by "CHILDS" in above position at 2230I/7 -
No further details.

"TRAMP" arrived Fremantle 1100L/8 from escort duty.

"REX" arrived Fall River 1201L/8 from surveying ground.

"LARK" arrived Thursday Island 1200L/8.

"FRANK" to clear Sydney Heads 0200L/7 escorting "JAMES O'HARA" to
Brisbane.

"REX" arrived Port Moresby 1200L/8 escorting "JACK LEE" and
"WILLIAM VAN HAVERTEN" departed Port Moresby to rendezvous
with "R. JACKS" and escort her to Oro Bay - E.T.A.
1200L/8.

"REX" departed Port Melbourne 1210L/8 escorting "BLISS ANDERSON"
to 1200L, where U.S.S. Destroyer "CAYTON" will relieve
E.T.A. "BLISS ANDERSON" and "CAYTON" at Wellington
0200L/10.

"REX" arrived at Sydney 1701L/8 escorting U.S.S. Cruiser "HELENA"

"REX" arrived Cairns 1200L/8, with Rear-Admiral Fairhead Gould
aboard.

"KALIBRA" arrived Fremantle 0200L/8.

"REX" arrived Townsville 1714L/8.

"REX" departed Exmouth Gulf 1200L/8 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1200L/8.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Sunday 7th March, 1943.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Port Phillip Bay 2253L/5 escorting Convoy C.C. 76.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney 0312L/6 to rendezvous with Newcastle portion of Convoy C.O.77 off Newcastle; departed Newcastle, escorting Convoy C.O.77.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney 1407L/5 departed Sydney 1701L/6 escorting Convoy C.O.77 (including "BUNGAREE" for Geelong).

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 0553L/6 escorting Convoy T.S. 18.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1407L/5.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane 0227L/6.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip 1141L/6 to sweep ahead of "WEST POINT".

"WEST POINT" departed Port Phillip 1505L/6 for Bombay - E.T.A. 1400L/18

"VENDETTA" departed Townsville 2126L/5 escorting Convoy T.N.46 for Port Moresby.

"WAGGA" arrived Brisbane 0945L/6 after unsuccessful search for submarine which she had attacked 90 miles N.E. of Brisbane.

"BUNDABERG" } arrived Brisbane 0854L/6 escorting 8 ships of Convoy
"MILDURA" } G.P.37; departed Caloundra 1251L/6 escorting Convoy
P.G. 37.

"GYMPIE" arrived Brisbane 1249L/6 with stragglers of Convoy G.P.37.

"KAPUNDA" departed Fall River 1310L/6 escorting "KARSIK" to Oro Bay.

"TROMP" arrived Fremantle 1159L/6 from escort duty.

"HYALLA" arrived Fall River 1051L/6 from surveying ground.

"LATROBE" arrived Thursday Island 1328L/6.

"STUART" to clear Sydney Heads 0930L/7 escorting "JAMES O'HARA" to Brisbane.

"BENDIGO" arrived Port Moresby 1626L/6 escorting "JASON LEE" and "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" departed Port Moresby to rendezvous with "S. JACOB" and escort her to Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1400L/8.

"HELA" departed Port Melbourne 1315L/6 escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" to 159°E, where U.S.S. Destroyer "GRAYSON" will relieve; E.T.A. "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" and "GRAYSON" at Wellington 0800L/10.

"HENLEY" arrived at Sydney 1701L/6 escorting U.S.S. Cruiser "HELENA"

"ARUNTA" arrived Cairns 1331L/6, with Rear-Admiral Muirhead Gould aboard.

"KANIMBLA" arrived Fremantle 0921L/6.

"RALPH TALEOT" arrived Townsville 1714L/6.

"CHILDS" departed Exmouth Gulf 1953L/6 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1200L/8.

To 0900L/Saturday, GENERAL.

C.T.F. 44 ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS.

"G.M. LIVANOS" which was aground off Whyalla Jetty was refloated at 0615L/5 under her own power without assistance. Damage was considered negligible, and vessel proceeded on her voyage at 1000L/5.

(b) 8th "GEORGE M. EMBIRICOS", in collision with "KOONDA", has now foundered. "KOONDA" depart Dunk Island 2200L/4. to examine Lowry Passage; then to Cairns, E.T.A. 1800L/10. E.T.D. Cairns 0800L/11; E.T.A. Palm Island 1530L/11 and rejoin "AUSTRALIA".

(c) 8th March "AUSTRALIA", "PROBILIX", "MORART", "WUOFORD", "RALPH TALBOT", and "HAGLEY" depart Dunk Island and arrive base at Palm Island.

AIR RAIDS (a) PORT MORESBY: Group Organizations are cancelled.

"HAGLEY" arrived Melbourne Air Raid sounded at 1834L/6. "AMSTERDAM" departing Melbourne All clear at 1902L/6. where she will be relieved by U.S. Destroyer "GREYSON" at 0800L/6.

"HAGLEY" arrived Townsville anchorage 0650L/3; departed Townsville 1148L/3 to rejoin C.T.F. 44.

"SARIELA" departed Fremantle..... to rendezvous with "SERCENTESHIRE", "QUEEN OF HENRIDA" and "MONACOVNE" at 20.00/7. "SARIELA" and "QUEEN OF HENRIDA" will then proceed to Darwin E.T.A. 17/8.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney portion of Convoy O.C. 75 arrived at Sydney 2312L/4.

"ANDRASE CHRISTENSEN" arrived at Newcastle and departed 0915L/5, having completed escort of Newcastle portion of Convoy O.C. 75.

"YERUITA" arrived Townsville 0658L/4.

"KOOKANARA" arrived Darwin 2242L/4.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Newcastle 0648L/5 for Sydney.

"ORARA" arrived Port Melbourne 0801L/5.

"AMINTA" departed Thursday Island at 0725L/5 with Rear-Admiral Sulzhead-Gould aboard - E.T.A. Cairns 1830L/6.

"INVERELL" escorting "WARAKA" departed Darwin 1242L/5 E.T.A. Thursday Island A.S. 8/3.

"WARRAMBOOL" departed Port Melbourne 2301L/5 to escort convoy O.C. 76.

"HAGLEY" departed Sydney at 1849L/5 to rendezvous with U.S.S. "SARIELA" at 1700L/6 and escort to Sydney.

"KIBRA" arrived Sydney 1251L/5.

"LANK" U.S. Minesweeper departed Fremantle Gulf 1200L/4 - E.T.A. Fremantle 1800L/7.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Saturday, 6th March, 1943.
C.T.F. 44 AMENDED INTENTIONS.

- (a) When released from escort duty, "HENLEY" and "HELM" to N.E. area. "SELFRIDGE" to Sydney for 10 days tender overhaul.
- (b) 8th March. C.T.F. 44 to transfer temporarily to "PATTERSON", depart Dunk Island 2200L/8. to examine Lowry Passage; then to Cairns, E.T.A. 1600L/10. E.T.D. Cairns 0900L/11; E.T.A. Palm Island 1530L/11 and rejoin "AUSTRALIA".
- (c) 9th March "AUSTRALIA", "PHOENIX", "HOBART", "MUGFORD", "RALPH TALBOT", and "BAGLEY" depart Dunk Island and arrive base at Palm Island.
- (d) Temporary Task Group Organisations are cancelled.

"HELM" arrived Melbourne 1231L/5; to escort "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departing Melbourne 1300L/6 to 159° East, where she will be relieved by U.S. Destroyer "GREYSON" at 0800L/8.

"BAGLEY" arrived Townsville anchorage 0650L/5; departed Townsville 1140L/5 to rejoin C.T.F. 44.

"GAMBIA" departed Fremantle 1700L/3 to rendezvous with "WORCESTERSHIRE", "QUEEN OF BERMUDA" and "MORMACDOVE" at 2000D/7. "GAMBIA" and "QUEEN OF BERMUDA" will then proceed to Durban E.T.A. 17/3.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney portion of Convoy O.C. 75 arrived at Sydney 2315L/4.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived at Newcastle and departed 0915L/5, having completed escort of Newcastle portion of Convoy O.C. 75.

"VENDETTA" arrived Townsville 0658L/4.

"KOOKABURRA" arrived Darwin 2243L/4.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Newcastle 0648L/5 for Sydney.

"ORARA" arrived Port Melbourne 0901L/5.

"ARUNTA" departed Thursday Island at 0735L/5 with Rear-Admiral Muirhead-Gould aboard - E.T.A. Cairns 1630L/6.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Darwin 1243L/5 E.T.A. Thursday Island A.M. 8/3.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Port Melbourne 2001L/5 to escort convoy O.C. 76.

"HENLEY" departed Sydney at 1849L/5 to rendezvous with U.S.S. "HELENA" at 1700L/6 and escort to Sydney.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney 1251L/5.

"LANK" U.S. Minesweeper departed Exmouth Gulf 1800L/4 - E.T.A. Fremantle 1600L/7.

"BENDIGO" escorting "BONTEKOE" arrived Port Moresby 0835L/5 from Accountant Stage 3; she is to escort "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" from Port Moresby and is to rendezvous with Convoy F.C.2 ex Fall River and then escort Port Moresby portion thereof to destination; Admiral HALSTEAD is to join south bound portion for Townsville.

"GYMPIE" to have sailed from Brisbane 2000L/5, escorting "SWARTENHONDT" to Port Moresby, but in view of reported submarine 90 miles N.E. of Brisbane, (see below), the sailing has been postponed. "GYMPIE" ordered to provide additional escort for convoy G.P.37.

"GOULBURN" escorting "AASE MAERSK" and "MURUMBA" to Brisbane, when off Caloundra is to intercept and escort to Brisbane the U.S. Army Transport "CAPE FLATTERY".

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville 1700L/5. "HANA" with boiler trouble.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Maryborough 1300L/5.

SUBMARINE REPORTED 90 MILES N.E. OF BRISBANE:

At 1920L/5 "WAGGA", when in position 027° 120 miles from Brisbane, reported that a submarine submerged about 2 miles west. At 2021L/5, "WAGGA" reported she had made contact with submarine at 1923L/5 in amended position 045° 90 miles from Brisbane and had attacked with depth charges. Contact was lost at 1940L/5.

Sailing of "GYMPIE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT", due to depart Brisbane for Port Moresby at 2000L/5, was postponed. "GYMPIE" was ordered to proceed at 13 knots to intercept "BUNDABERG" and "MILDURA" escorting Convoy G.P.37 (convoy of 10 ships) and provide additional escort to Brisbane.

E.A.M.S. signal was broadcast by A.C.N.B. to all shipping in Areas 5B and 5C. "GOULBURN" and "BUNDABERG" were warned.

"WAGGA" was ordered at 2201L/5 to proceed if no further contacts were obtained, to vicinity of Entrance of North West Channel and patrol there until relieved by "GYMPIE" on arrival of convoy G.P.37 about 1900L/6; and upon relief, to return to harbour.

"HANA" departed Fremantle at 1700L/5 to rendezvous with "WARRAMUNGA" at 1130L/4 and departed for Townsville at 1130L/4.

"HANA" departed Fremantle at 1700L/5 to exercise with "WARRAMUNGA" seawards of Cape Horston.

"HANA" E.S.S. Fall River 1200L/5 escorting convoy F.C.2.

"BUNDABERG" will detach with Sydney portion of G.C.76. "MILDURA" will continue escort to Newcastle then return to Sydney.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.S.S. Newcastle 0835L/5 for Sydney.

"HANA" arrived Fall River from Goodenough Island at 1115L/4.

on completion ACCOUNTANT Stages 4 & 5 "HANA" will escort "VAL SHAWNEEK" and "HANA" to Townsville. Both A.S.S. will then be due for boiler clean.

"HANA" will assume escort duties convoy G.C. 76 to position "D" then as additional escort to Sydney. "WARRAMUNGA" at present additional escort convoy G.C.76 to continue as escort from position "D" to Port Phillip.

"HANA" departed Fremantle for Smooth Gulf at 1200L/4.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Friday, 5th March, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" escorting U.S.S. "OTUS" departed Melbourne for Fremantle at 0845L/4 - E.T.A. Fremantle 9/3.

"MUSTIN" } U.S. Destroyers arrived Sydney at 1005L/4 from Noumea
"HUGHES" } for 10 day overhaul.

"ARUNTA" arrived Thursday Island from Port Moresby at 1328L/4 with Admiral Muirhead-Gould on board. E.T.A. Townsville 8/3.

"HENLEY" escorting "JAMES O'HARA" departed Sydney for Brisbane at 0614L/4. At 1923L/4 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported vessels returned Sydney. "JAMES O'HARA" with boiler trouble.

"TOWNSVILLE" } departed Sydney escorting C.O.76 at 1607L/3.
"COLAC" }

"GAMBIA" departed Fremantle at 1700L/3 to rendezvous with "WORCESTERSHIRE", "QUEEN OF BERMUDA" and "MORMACDOVE" at 2000L/7 in position 20°25'S, 091°00'E. Thence "GAMBIA" and "QUEEN OF BERMUDA" to Durban E.T.A. 17/3.

"SWAN" } departed Townsville at 1200L/4 escorting convoy T.N.44.
"KATOOMBA" } E.T.A. Pt. Moresby 1600L/7.

"SELFRIDGE" will rendezvous with U.S. Army Transport "W.A. HOLBROOK" in position 220 miles E. of Brisbane at 0600L/7 and escort to Brisbane.

"LATROBE" departed Cairns at 1650L/4, E.T.A. Thursday Island 2000L/6.

"WARREGO" arrived Thursday Island from Merauke escorting "KHOEN HOEA" at 1120L/4 and departed for Townsville at 1154L/4 - E.T.A. 2100L/6.

"HUNDABERG" } E.T.D. Brisbane 0900L/6 escorting convoy P.C.37.
"MILDURA" }
"LITHGOW" }

"PIRIE" } E.T.D. 1600L/4 from Cairns escorting T.N. 45/Fall
"TULSA" } River 1300L/7.

"GERLONG" } departed from Caloundra at 1751L/4 to exercise with
"WAGGA" } s/ms seawards of Cape Moreton.

"GLENELG" E.T.D. Fall River 1200L/5 escorting convoy F.C.2.

"ROCKHAMPTON" will detach with Sydney portion of O.C.75.
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" will continue escort to Newcastle then return to Sydney.

"GIPPSLAND" E.T.D. Newcastle 0630L/5 for Sydney.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Fall River from Goodenough Island at 1116L/4.

"BALLARAT" } on completion ACCOUNTANT Stages 4 & 5 "BALLARAT" will
"KAPUNDA" } escort "VAN HEEMSKERK" and "KAPUNDA" to Townsville.
Both A.M.S. will then be due for boiler clean.

"WARRNAMBOOL" will assume escort duties convoy O.C. 76 to position "D" then as additional escort to Sydney. "COLAC" at present additional escort convoy C.O.76. to continue as escort from position "D" to Port Phillip.

"W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle for Exmouth Gulf at 1830L/4.

H.D.M.L. 1074 arrived Brisbane at 1030L/4.

M.L. 429 launched at Sydney at 1830L/4. "MAERCK" departed Townsville

"WEST POINT" arrived Port Phillip at 1233L/4.

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" E.T.D. Melbourne about 1300L/6 for Wellington.
A.C.N.B. proposes "HELM" to escort to position "B" and that
escort detailed by C.S.P. R/V in this position at 0800L/8.

"WEST KYSKA" U.S. Cargo Vessel carrying general cargo, reported
by N.O.I.C. Fremantle (per 'phone) aground on Hall's Bank
(In Gage Roads) at A.M. March 4th. Vessel refloated by
two tugs at 0830E/4.

"AUSTRALIA" departed Brisbane 0702L/5 for Dunk Island.

"HARRINGTON" departed Sydney 1043L/3 escorting H.P.57 for
Brisbane E.T.A. 0243L/8.

"HARRINGTON" escorting "P.....NGATE" and "YARRA" arrived Port
Moresby 1206L/5, departed Port Moresby escorting "DUNSTON"
E.T.A. Townsville 1500L/5.

"HARRINGTON" arrived Sydney 0707L/3.

"HARRINGTON" (Tug) departed Port Moresby 0824L/5 E.T.A. Cairns 7/5.

"KAPPA" departed Fall River 1108L/3 escorting "MAIWARA" and "WULCRA"
with troops for Viviani.

"HARRINGTON" arrived Sydney 1450L/3 escorting "JAMES O'HARA" to clear
Sydney Heads at 0830L/4 and proceed to Brisbane.

"BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEUSEN" departed Fall River 1507L/3
for Gro Bay E.T.A. 1700L/4, "BALLARAT" carrying 300
troops and "VAN HEUSEN" carrying 500 troops.

"HARRINGTON" escorting "HISOPDALE" and "BANTAM" arrived Sydney 0757L/3.

"AMUNIA" departed Port Moresby 1835L/3 with Rear Admiral Muirhead-
Gould - E.T.A. Thursday Island 1400L/4.

"CORON OF BUNUDA" departed Fremantle 0800L/3 escorting Komradove
to rendezvous with "WORCESTERSHIRE" at 2000L/7. "TRUMP"
is providing local escort until 2400L/4.

VESSELS IN COLLISION OFF GELLIBRAND LIGHTHOUSE.

At 0115L/4 A.S. "EGONDA" (1831 tons, bound Melbourne
to Geelong) came into collision with A.S. "GEORGE M. HERRINGS"
(5729 tons) which was at anchor 1 1/2 cables N.E. of Gellibrand
Lighthouse. "EGONDA'S" stem was badly damaged, being doubled back
on port side down to point three feet above level of keel. She
took some water, but not seriously, and her pumps were able to cope
with it. She returned to berth at South Wharf. "GEORGE M.
HERRINGS" was holed forward of bridge and settled forward in 38 to
35 feet of water. Her pumps were working and lights were burning
and the engine room bulkhead held. Number 1, 2 and 3 holds were
flooded but the stokehold and engine room were dry at 0515L/4. The
tug "EAGLE" was immediately (before 0200L/4) despatched, but found
vessel hard and fast and was unable to move her. "EAGLE", therefore
returned to harbour.

D. J. J.
L. Thomas

To 0900L/Thursday, 4th March, 1943.

"VENDETTA" escorting "KURUMBA" and "AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 0746L/3 for Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" escorting "TARCONA" departed Brisbane 2115L/2 E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/5.

"YANDRA" departed Sydney 2335L/2 to rendezvous with Convoy C.O. 76 departed Newcastle 0841L/3 escorting Convoy C.O.76.

"WILCANNIA" departed Port Darwin 1111L/3 escorting "ALAGNA" E.T.A. Thursday Island 1030L/7.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Brisbane 0702L/3 for Dunk Island.
"BAGLEY" }

"BUNDABERG" } departed Sydney 1045L/3 escorting G.P.37 for
"MILDURA" } Brisbane E.T.A. 0345L/6.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "PAINE WINGATE" and "YARRA" arrived Port Moresby 1236L/3, departed Port Moresby escorting "DUNTROON" E.T.A. Townsville 1500L/5.

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney 0707L/3.

"WATO" (Tug) departed Port Moresby 0824L/2 E.T.A. Cairns 7/3.

"KAPUNDA" departed Fall River 1104L/3 escorting "MAIWARA" and "MULCRA" with troops for Viviani.

"HENLEY" arrived Sydney 1429L/3 escorting "JAMES O'HARA" to clear Sydney Heads at 0630L/4 and proceed to Brisbane.

"BALLARAT" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Fall River 1307L/3 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1700L/4, "BALLARAT" carrying 200 troops and "VAN HEEMSKERK" carrying 500 troops.

"STUART" escorting "BISHOPDALE" and "BANTAM" arrived Sydney 0757L/3.

"ARUNTA" departed Port Moresby 1835L/3 with Rear Admiral Muirhead-Gould - E.T.A. Thursday Island 1400L/4.

"QUEEN OF BERMUDA" departed Fremantle 0800L/3 escorting Mormac dove to rendezvous with "WORCESTERSHIRE" at 2000L/7. "TROMP" is providing local escort until 2400L/4.

VESSELS IN COLLISION OFF GELLIBRAND LIGHTHOUSE.

At 0119L/4 S.S. "KOONDA" (1631 tons, bound Melbourne to Geelong) came into collision with S.S. "GEORGE M. EMBERICOS" (5728 tons) which was at anchor 1½ cables N.E. of Gellibrand Lighthouse. "KOONDA'S" stem was badly damaged, being doubled back on port side down to point three feet above level of keel. She took some water, but not seriously, and her pumps were able to cope with it. She returned to berth at South Wharf. "GEORGE M. EMBERICOS" was holed forward of bridge and settled forward in 32 to 33 feet of water. Her pumps were working and lights were burning and the engineroom bulkhead held. Number 1, 2 and 3 holds were flooded but the stokehold and engineroom were dry at 0515L/4. The tug "EAGLE" was immediately (before 0200L/4) despatched, but found vessel hard and fast and was unable to move her. "EAGLE", therefore returned to harbour.

D. N. J.
L. Thomas

VESSELS IN COLLISION OFF GELLIBRAND LIGHTHOUSE (Contd.) E.T.D.

"PATTERSON" 0140L/4, D.T.D. and Captain Grandsbury of the Salvage Board were informed by telephone. Subsequently, Captain Grandsbury was kept informed of all developments by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne. N.C.S.O. advised the agents of the ships concerned. Brisbane to Melbourne has been diverted to Sydney by C.S.P. to escort "JAMES O'HARA" from Sydney at Brisbane.

The master of "KOONDA" reports that "GEORGE M. EMBERICOS" was anchored right across the fairway off Gellibrand. It was raining slightly, and he thought she was a dredger.

By 0140L/4, D.T.D. and Captain Grandsbury of the Salvage Board were informed by telephone. Subsequently, Captain Grandsbury was kept informed of all developments by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne. N.C.S.O. advised the agents of the ships concerned. Brisbane to Melbourne has been diverted to Sydney by C.S.P. to escort "JAMES O'HARA" from Sydney at Brisbane.

VESSEL AGROUND OFF WHYALLA.

"LIVANOS" (5482 tons) was aground off Whyalla jetty, and that probable time of refloating would be 0030L/3. Two attempts to refloat her at high water with engines and tugs were unsuccessful.

At 1226L/3 N.O.I.C. Whyalla reported that vessel was still ashore and that another attempt would be made to refloat her at 0830L/4.

"WAGGA" escorting U.S.S. "SUNNER" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1811/3.

"SWAN" arrived Townsville from Fall River 0340L/2.

"SUND-BERG" escorting... arrived Sydney at 0035L/2.

"COLAC" escorting "KADOMBA" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1455L/2 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to clear Sydney Heads at 1630L/3 and sail to Melbourne as additional FALL RIVER port with C.S.P.

"TOWNVILLE" arrived Red Warning sounded 1419L/3. All clear 1508L/3.
"MORSE" arrived Cairns Yellow Warning Moresby at 0425L/3 1525L/3. Red Warning 1528L/3.
"MORSE" is provided All clear A/S escort until 1544L/3. for "TRINITY" en route Fremantle to Bahrain.

PORT MORESBY.

ALL AIR RAIDS - Red Warning 1528L/3.
Air Raid Warning 2053L/3.
DARWIN Air All clear 1030L/2 2116L/3.
All clear 1107L/2.
N.E. AREA Air Raid Warning 1448L/2
Air Raid in progress 1500L/2.
All Air Raid Warning 1615L/3.
All clear 1630L/3.

ADLAIDE RIVER: Air Raid Warning 1510L/2
All clear 1640L/2.

ARUNTA: 2/3.
All clear 1250L/2.

"AUSTRALIA" } arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1309L/2. E.T.D.
"BAGLEY" } Moreton Bay 0730L/3. E.T.A. Dunk Island 1200L/5.

"PHOENIX" } departed Brisbane at 1417L/2.
"PATTERSON" }
"MUGFORD" }

"PATTERSON" arrived Brisbane at 0739L/2.

"MUGFORD" escorting "FREDERICK FUNSTON" arrived Brisbane at 0717L/2.

"HENLEY" en route Brisbane to Melbourne has been diverted to Sydney by C.S.W.P. to escort "JAMES O'HARA" from Sydney at Brisbane.

"BROOME" escorting "VIRGINIAN" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby at 0220L/2.

"BALLARAT" escorting "KARSIK" arrived Fall River at 1151L/1 from operation ACCOUNTANT Stage 2.

X "WARRAMUNGA" ^{sambol} arrived Port Phillip at 1227L/2 having completed escort duties with C.O.75.

"WAGGA" escorting U.S.S. "SUMNER" arrived Brisbane from Sydney at 1311L/2.

"SWAN" arrived Townsville from Fall River 0840L/2.

"BUNDABERG" escorting) .C.74 arrived Sydney at 0035L/2.

"COLAC" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1425L/2 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to clear Sydney Heads at 1600L/3 and sail to Melbourne as additional escort with C.O.76.

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Sydney from Newcastle at 1209L/2.

"BOWEN" arrived Cairns from Port Moresby at 1905L/2.

"HORSHAM" is providing local A/S escort until 2400L/2 for "TRINITY" en route Fremantle to Bahrein.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS. -

DARWIN: Air Raid Warning 1055L/2
All clear 1107L/2.
Air Raid Warning 1445L/2
Air Raid in progress 1500L/2.
All clear 1553/2.

ADELAIDE RIVER: Air Raid Warning 1510L/2
All clear 1640L/2.

AUGUSTA: Air Raid Warning 2/3.
All clear 1255L/2.

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The course of the submarine was unknown. A.C.S.A. graded the report C.4. Report was not received at Navy Office until 0200L/2.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/2 Tuesday, 2nd March, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Sydney 1039L/1 for Brisbane; "AUSTRALIA"
"HENLEY" }
"BAGLEY" } wearing flag of C.T.F. 44.
"HELM" }

"BINGERA" departed Westernport 0947L/1 for exercises, entered
Port Phillip 1851L/1.

"WESTPOINT" departed Wellington 1316L/28 - E.T.A. Melbourne 1200L/4.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River 0946L/1 for surveying ground.

"SELFRIDGE" departed Townsville 0726L/1 to join T.F. 44.5.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Port Phillip 2333L/1 escorting Convoy O.C. 75.

"KYBRA" departed Port Phillip 2047L/1 for Sydney - E.T.A. 2300L/4.

"WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Fall River 1501L/1 escorting convoy T.N. 42.
"KAPUNDA" }

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting three ships departed Fall River 1811L/1
E.T.A. Port Moresby 0600L/3.

"ARUNTA" arrived Port Moresby 1738L/1 escorting convoy T.N. 43.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "WANAKA" and "BURWAH" arrived Darwin 1902L/1.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" and "BABINDA" arrived Darwin 2254L/28.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane 0930L/1 escorting convoy T.S. 17
"BISHOPDALE" which formed portion of T.S. 17 was detached
off Cape Moreton, for onward escort by "STUART".

"STUART" departed Brisbane 0623L/1 escorting "BANTAM", "BISHOPDALE"
to join convoy at end of searched channel, E.T.A.
Sydney 1500L/3.

"MILDURA" } escorting P.C. 36 arrived Sydney 1030L/1.
"YANDRA" }

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 0206L/28 escorting "KATOOMBA".

"WHIPOORWILL" (U.S. Minesweeper) arrived Fremantle 0110L/1.

M.L. 425. arrived Sydney 1805L/27.

H.D.M.L. 1074 departed Townsville 1204L/28 E.T.A. Brisbane 2100L/4.

M.L. 817 arrived Sydney 1805L/27; departed Sydney 1355L/1 for
Jervis Bay, to complete working up.

"ORANJE" arrived Sydney 0742L/1.

REPORT OF POSSIBLE SUBMARINE OFF PORT KEMBLA:

A possible enemy submarine in position 34° 31'S. 151° 03'E
(about 7 miles off Port Kembla) at 1415L/1 was reported by aircraft.
The course of the submarine was unknown. A.O.R.E.A. graded the
report C.4. Report was not received at Navy Office until 0025L/2.

MOST SECRET.

To AIR RAIDS: 1st March, 1943.

TASK GROUP FALL RIVER - departed Sydney at 1000L/1. At
 1000L/2 "WHEATLEY" and "HELM"
 will be at Cape Horn. E.T.A. 1300L/5
 "AUSTRALIA" Light Brisbane at
 1600L/2.

Air Raid Warning - 1120L/1.
 Air Raid in progress - 1124L/1.
 All clear - no time.

"SELFRIDGE" DARWIN - Townsville at 1400L/28.

"MUGFORD" E.T.D. Air Raid Warning - 1145L/1. with U.S. Army
 Transport "MUNSON" in position 240 miles E. of
 Brisbane at 1000L/1 and escort to Brisbane.

All clear - 1150L/1.

TOWNSVILLE -

"PATTERSON" departed at 1712/28 to rendezvous with U.S.
 Army Transport "MUNSON" in position 240 miles E.
 of Brisbane at 1000L/1 and escort to Brisbane.
 1700L/1

Air Raid Warning yellow - 1306L/1.
 Air Raid warning white - 1320L/1. E.T.A.

AUGUSTA -

"STUART" arrived Townsville at 1848L/28; E.T.D. 0500L/1
 escorting "HANTAM" in position 240 miles E. of
 Brisbane at 1000L/1 and escort to Brisbane.

Air raid warning - 1444L/1.
 All clear - 1459L/1.

"VAN G LEM" escorting "GOLD STAR" arrived Fremantle at 1753L/28.

"GOULBURN" escorting "KANTHURNDI" arrived Brisbane at 1630L/28.

"WHYALL" arrived Fall River from Goschen Strait at 1023L/28.

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"BROOME" escorting "VIRGINIAN" departed Pt. Moresby at 1717L/28 +
 E.T.A. Townsville 3000L/1.

"BENDIGO" ordered by M.O.I.C. Port Moresby at 1541L/28 to escort
"BONTKOE" from ORU BAY to Port Moresby on completion of
discharge.

"POWER" escorting "KUMBA" departed Port Moresby at 1917L/28 - E.T.A.
 Townsville 2300L/2.

"BERKLEY" } returned to Newcastle at 1834L/27 from A/S sweep - result
"NARANI" } negative.

"COLAC" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 1144L/28. Departed
 Caloundra at 2300L/28 escorting "KATOOMBA" - E.T.A.
 Sydney 1300L/2.

"GLENNIE" and "SEAN" escorting "PAINE WINGATE", "BONTKOE" and "DAN
LION" towing M.T.B.S arrived Fall River from Cairns at
 1243L/27.

"SWAN" departed Fall River at 0652L/28 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600L/2.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER" arrived Thursday Island
 from Darwin at 1930L/27 - E.T.D. Thursday Island 0730L/28 for
 Maryborough - E.T.A. 0830L/5.

"KYBRA" arrived Melbourne from Twofold Bay at 1635L/28 - E.T.D. Melb-
 ourne 1800L/1 E.T.A. Sydney 2300L/4.

"WAGGA" Escorting U.S.C./E Tender "SUMNER" enroute to Brisbane
 departed Sydney at 0811L/28.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L Monday, 1st March, 1943.

TASK GROUP 44.3 and "HELM" departed Sydney at 1000L/1. At 1300L/2 when in vicinity Cape Moreton "HENLEY" and "HELM" will be detached and proceed to Melbourne. E.T.A. 1300L/5 "AUSTRALIA" and "BAGLEY" will anchor at Pile Light Brisbane at 1600L/2.

"SELFRIDGE" arrived Townsville at 1400L/28.

"MUGFORD" E.T.D. Brisbane 1800L/28 to rendezvous with U.S. Army Transport "FREDERICK FUNSTON" in position 240 miles E. of Brisbane at 1600L/1 and escort to Brisbane.

"PATTERSON" departed Brisbane at 1712L/28 to rendezvous with U.S. Army Transport "JAMES O'HARA" in position 150 miles E. of Brisbane at 0800L/1 and escort to Brisbane - E.T.A. 1700L/1.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 1848L/28; E.T.D. 0500L/1 escorting "BISHOPDALE" and "BANTAM" to Sydney.

"VAN G LEN" escorting "GOLD STAR" arrived Fremantle at 1755L/28.

"GOULBURN" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" arrived Brisbane at 1630L/28.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River from Goschen Strait at 1023L/28.

"BROOME" escorting "VIRGINIAN" departed Pt. Moresby at 1717L/28 - E.T.A. Townsville 2000L/1.

"BENDIGO" ordered by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby at 1541L/28 to escort "BONTEKOE" from ORO BAY to Port Moresby on completion of discharge.

"BOWEN" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Port Moresby at 1917L/28 - E.T.A. Townsville 2200L/2.

"BERMAGUI") returned to Newcastle at 1834L/27 from A/S sweep - result
"NARANI") negative.

"COLAC" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 1144L/28. Departed Caloundra at 2305L/28 escorting "KATOOMBA" - E.T.A. Sydney 1300L/2.

"GLENELG" and "SWAN" escorting "PAINÉ WINGATE", "BONTEKOE" and "BAN LIONG" towing M.T.BS arrived Fall River from Cairns at 1846L/27.

"SWAN" departed Fall River at 0652L/28 - E.T.A. Townsville 0600L/2.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 1930L/27 - E.T.D. Thursday Island 0730L/28 for Maryborough - E.T.A. 0830L/5.

"KYBRA" arrived Melbourne from Twofold Bay at 1635L/28 - E.T.D. Melbourne 1600L/1 E.T.A. Sydney 2300L/4.

"WAGGA" Escorting U.S.S./M Tender "SUMNER" enroute to Brisbane departed Sydney at 0911L/28.

"ECHUCA" escorting "BOTH" arrived Port Moresby from Fall River at 1451L/28. E.T.D. escorting convoy N.T.4 0700L/1. E.T.A. Cairns 1900L/3 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200L/4.

"ISABEL" escorting "CHUNG KING" arrived Fremantle from Geradton at 0700L/28.

"TULSA" arrived Cairns from Sariba at 1341L/28.

"ORANJE" (Hospital Ship) departed Melbourne at 0523L/28 - E.T.A. Sydney 0800L/1.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

- AUGUSTA - Air Raid in progress 1320L/28 - All clear 1349L/28.
- PT. MORESBY - Air Raid Warning 2026L/28. All clear 2044L/28.
- FALL RIVER - Air Raid Warning 28/2. - All clear 28/2. No. T.O.O.
- DARWIN - Air Raid Waring 1145L/28 - No further information.

D/F POSITION OF PROBABLE ENEMY SUBMARINE.

Reported by C.S.W.P. at 1818L/28.

- (a) Within 50 miles of a position 210 miles E. of Cooktown at 1217L/28.
- (b) Within 100 miles of a position 300 miles E. of Cairns.

BALLARAT - further to attack on submarine on 26th.

N.O.I.C. Pt. Moresby reported "BALLARAT" carried out a further search of the area of the attack at 1900L/27, but failed to regain contact with target. It is considered submarine may have been damaged but has now escaped.

PAMPHLET - At 1732L/28 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported disembarkation PHAMPHLET completed 1720L/28.

BRISBANE Arrived Brisbane 1400L/28 from Darwin Bay.

ARMED ESCORTS/27 for Newcastle, departed Newcastle 1100L/27 escorting U.S. V's.

ESQUADRON Departed Sydney 1700L/27 escorting Sydney portion of Convoy U.S. V's.

MARSHALLA } Departed Townsville 2000L/28 escorted E.S.40 E.T.A. Fall River 1700L/1/2.

TULSA } Escorting Sydney portion of U.S. V's arrived Brisbane 0800L/27. Departed Melbourne 0800L/27 escorting E.S.40 E.T.A. Sydney 1200L/1/2.

BRISBANE When Convoy U.S.V's (ex Newcastle) is met, is to escort it to Brisbane 0800L/1/2.

ANITA Escorting U.S.43 departed Townsville 1912L/27. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1700L/28.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET:

TO 0900L/SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

AUSTRALIA
BAGLEY
HENLEY
HEEMSKERK
LE TRIOMPHANT
BUNBURY
MORESBY

Escorting PAMPHLET (QUEEN MARY, "AQUITANIA" and ILE DE FRANCE) Arrived Sydney 1349L/27.

HELM

Departed Sydney 0005L/27 for patrol re PAMPHLET. Arrived Sydney 1349L/27 as part of escort.

MORESBY

Departed Sydney 2129L/26 for patrol re PAMPHLET, arrived Sydney 1349L/27 as part of escort.

M.L. 813
M.L. 424
H.D.M.L. 1161
H.D.M.L. 1129

Departed Sydney 0434L/27 for patrol, re PAMPHLET. Returned Sydney 1521L/27.

RESERVE
LUCY STAR

Returned Sydney 1521L/27 after patrol off Sydney re PAMPHLET.

C.T.F. 44 PRESENT INTENTIONS.

T.G. 44.3)
HELM

Depart Sydney 1/3.

HENLEY
HELM

To detach off Cape Moreton 2/3 and proceed to Melbourne to act as escort for NIEW AMSTERDAM

AUSTRALIA
BAGLEY

Arrive Moreton Bay 21/3.

T.G. 44.7

Depart Brisbane for N.E. Area 2/3.

T.G. 44.5)
T.G. 44.7

Concentrate at Dunk Island 4/3.

The composition of the Task Groups is the same, viz.,

- T.G.44.3 - AUSTRALIA, HENLEY and BAGLEY
- T.G.44.5 - HOBART, SELFRIDGE and RALPH TALBOT.
- T.G.44.7 - PHOENIX, MUGFORD, and PATTERSON.

PHOENIX

Arrived Brisbane 1400L/26 from Moreton Bay.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN

Departed Sydney 0307L/27 for Newcastle, departed Newcastle 1110L/27 escorting C.O. 75.

ROCKHAMPTON

Departed Sydney 1755L/27 escorting Sydney portion of Convoy C.O. 75.

WARRAMUNGA
KAPUNDA

Departed Townsville 2030L/26 escorting T.N.42 E.T.A. Fall River 1700L/1/3.

MILDURA
YANDRA

Escorting Brisbane portion of G.F. 36 arrived Brisbane 0246L/27; departed Caloundra 0833L/27 escorting P.G.46 E.T.A. Sydney 1200L/1/3.

GEELONG

When Convoy T.S.17 (ex Townsville) is met, is to escort it to Brisbane 0900L/1/3.

ARUNTA

Escorting T.N.43 departed Townsville 1912L/27; E.T.A. Port Moresby 1700L/1/3.

STUART Departed Townsville 2004L/26 for Brisbane; she is to be sailed to Sydney for repairs as soon as practicable.

DOOMBA Arrived Port Phillip, 1613L/27 having completed escort with C.O.74.

WARRNAMBOOL Is available for Convoy duty with CONVOY O.C.75 on 1/3, while DOOMBA is boiler cleaning.

WARREGO Escorting KHOEN HOEA departed Thursday Island 1331L/27 for Merauke.

OTUS (U.S. Submarine Tender) arrived Port Melbourne 1525L/27

SWAN On arrival at Fall River is to return to Townsville, providing escort for any vessel ready as directed by N.O.I.C. Fall River.

BOWEN Escorting KURUMBA arrived Port Moresby 1051L/27, E.T.D. 28/2, escorting KURUMBA to Townsville.

ECHUCA Departed Fall River 0716L/27 escorting BOTH, E.T.A. Port Moresby 1900L/28; E.T.D. Port Moresby 1/3 escorting MANGOLA and ADMIRAL CHASE to Cairns.

GLENELG E.T.D. Fall River 1/3 escorting CONVOY F.C.2 to Cairns.

ATTACK BY H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT" ON SUBMARINE S.E. OF ORO BAY.

H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT", when in position 008° 52' 30" S. 148° 35' 30" E. (about 7 miles S.E. of Oro Bay) attacked a submarine at 1922L/26 with six depth charges. The hunt continued until 2036L/26. A daylight investigation of the locality on 27th resulted in a good stationary contact being obtained in the position of the attack; there were also several large patches of oil two miles, samples of which were obtained. If practicable, the position of the attack is to be marked by buoys.

REPORT OF SUBMARINE S.S.E. OF PORT MORESBY.

The Master of NOORA reported sighting a suspicious object, probably a submarine, on the surface at 0200L/27 in position 010° 07' S. 147° 22' E. (about 36 miles S.S.E. of Port Moresby).

AIR RAIDS.

MERAUKE	Warning sounded	-	1139L/27
			1250L/27
	All clear		1232L/27.
FALL RIVER	Warning sounded		1700L/27
	All clear		1726L/27
	Raid Impending		0254L/28
	Raid in Progress		0443L/28
	All clear		0510L/28
PORT MORESBY	Warning Yellow, Prepare		1707L/27
	All clear		0342L/28.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900L/Saturday, 27th February, 1943.

"HEMSKERK" } joined convoy PAMPHLET at 1554L/26 and 1630L/26
"LE TRIOMPHANT" } respectively.

"BUNBURY" departed Sydney 1901L/26 for special patrol off Sydney.

"WAGGA" departed Sydney 0408L/26 for special patrol off Sydney.

"RESERVE" (tug) E.T.D. Sydney 2200L/26 to position off Sydney, returning to Sydney 1400L/27.

Tug "HEROS" is at 1 hour's notice.

"PIRIE" arrived Cairns 2000L/24 with S.C.744 escorting Convoy F.C.1.

"ISABEL" arrived Geraldton 0945L/26; departed Geraldton 1945L/26. Escorting "CHUNCKING" E.T.A. Fremantle 1000L/27.

"COLAC" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" and "KATOOMBA" from Townsville to Brisbane, reported that "SWARTENHONDT" was unable to maintain more than five knots and that "KATOOMBA" was short of water. N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered "COLAC" to remain with "SWARTENHONDT"; and "KATOOMBA" to proceed independently until met by "GOULBURN".

"GOULBURN" departed Brisbane 1745L/26 to rendezvous with Convoy G.P.36 northbound and escort it until "KATOOMBA" is met; then to escort "KATOOMBA" to Brisbane.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } detailed for Convoy C.O.75. To sail from Sydney in
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } time for "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" to rendezvous off Nobby's Head at 1000L/27 with Newcastle portion, and "ROCKHAMPTON", escorting Sydney portion to join at 1700L/27.

"KOOMPARTOO" } departed Thursday Island 1713L/24 en route for Darwin.
"KOOKABURRA" }

"GYMPIE" arrived Brisbane 0101L/25.

"MORESBY" departed Newcastle 2105L/25, arrived Sydney 0015L/26.

"VENDETTA" arrived Townsville 0648L/26.

"WARREGO" arrived Thursday Island 0929L/26 escorting "MAETSUYCKER"; E.T.D. 1200L/27 escorting "KHOEN HOEA" to Merauke.

"BINGERA" departed Port Phillip 1257L/26, arrived Westernport 1830L/26.

"TJERK HIDDES" arrived Williamstown 0931L/26 from Altona Explosive Anchorage.

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 0620L/26.

"STUART" escorting Convoy T.S.17 (Townsville to Brisbane) has definite signs of stripping in Port L.P. turbine and has been ordered to proceed to Brisbane on one engine.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip 2139L/26 escorting Convoy O.C.74.

"ECHUCA" arrived Fall River 1304L/26 escorting "VAN HEMSKERK".

"ORANJE" arrived Port Melbourne 1229L/26.

To 0200L/Friday, 25th Feb-2-ry, 1942.

"ARLINGS" escorting "DIEU ANSTERDAM" entered Port Phillip
SUBMARINE OFF N.S.W. COAST. Arrived Port Melbourne 1331L/25.

Consequent on D/F fixes in position about 42 miles East
of Port Stephens at 0030L/26 and 0235L/26, graded A.2, and the bombing
by aircraft of submarine on surface at 0550L/26, in position 60° 62
miles from Port Stephens (see yesterday's narrative), "PATERSON" and
"GOONAMBEE" proceeded from Newcastle and searched, but without result.
They have been ordered to continue their search to southward.
(from Cape Island) at 1800L/26.

AIR RAIDS.

- "STIMPART" departed Sydney 0542L/25. "LE STIMPHANT" escorting as
"OTUS" Fall River - Warning sounded 1729L/26. with PAMPHLET at
1200L/26 in All Clear 151" 2' 1745L/26. to Melbourne.
- "OTUS" to have enter A/S patrol by 1 Anson from 1900L/26 till
dark.
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- "KROCHE" arrived Port Moresby 1006L/25 from escorting "VAN DER
ROCK" from Oro Bay.
- "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "WANAKA" and "BURMAN" departed Thursday Island
1945L/24 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1400L/26.
- "SWAN" }
"ULNHLO" } departed Cairns 0830L/25 escorting T.N.40 for Fall River.
- "STUART" departed Cairns 0745L/25 for Townsville.
Escorting T.N.17, E.T.D. Townsville 0800L/26.
- "POWER" escorting "KUMBUKA" departed Townsville 0036L/25 for Port
Moresby E.T.A. 1800L/27.
- "RALPH SALBOT" departed Townsville 0605L/25 for Palm Island.
- "KAPUNDA" arrived Townsville 0558L/25 from Brisbane.
- "VANITA" }
"KAPUNDA" } escorting T.N.42 E.T.D. Townsville 1800L/26 for Fall
River.
- "FRANKMULLER" escorting T.N.45, E.T.D. Townsville 2000L/26 for Port
Moresby E.T.A. 1700L/28.
- "MILCORA" }
"YANBRA" } escorting G.P.30, E.T.A. Brisbane 0600L/27.
- "GRELONG" is to escort "DUNTRON" to Whiteunday Passage ("DUNTRON"
proceeding thence to Townsville) and "VICTORIA" until
"STUART" escorting T.N.17 is met, when "GRELONG" is to
join "STUART".
- U.S. Destroyer "PATTERSON" arrived Brisbane 0710L/25 from Sydney.
- "OLYMPIA" arrived Brisbane 0110L/25 from Sydney.
- "ABRAHAM CHLIMBERT" arrived Sydney 1335L/25 with Sydney section of G.C.174.
- "PROGRESSY" is to continue escort to Newcastle and then return Sydney.
- "DOONDA" returned Port Melbourne 1412L/25.
- "ORARA" arrived off Queenscliff 1900L/25, departed Port Phillip
1821L/25 for H.C.F.18.
- "STURMANN" }
"PROBOWA" } arrived off Queenscliff 1115L/25.
- "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1714L/25 for escort duty ("FALMIR" E.T.A. Fremantle 27/2 from Auckland - Shesha India).

To 0900L/Friday, 26th February, 1943.

- "ADELAIDE" } escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" entered Port Phillip
 "HEEMSKERK" } 1029L/25, arrived Port Melbourne 1331L/25.
 "TJERK HIDDES" }
- "ADELAIDE" entered Williamstown Dry Dock 1330L/25 for repairs to propellor.
- "HEEMSKERK" departed Port Phillip 1957L/25 to rendezvous PAMPHLET in position 39°25'S., 152°08'E. (about 155 miles 137° from Gabo Island) at 1600L/26.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" } departed Sydney 0549L/25, "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting as
 "OTUS" } far as possible thence to rendezvous with PAMPHLET at 1200L/26 in 40°30' S. 151°27' E. "OTUS" to Melbourne.
- "OTUS" to have outer A/S patrol by 1 Anson from 1000L/26 till dark.
- "BROOME" arrived Port Moresby 1006L/25 from escorting "VAN DEN BOSCH" from Oro Bay.
- "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "WANAKA" and "BURWAH" departed Thursday Island 1945L/24 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1400L/28.
- "SWAN" } departed Cairns 0930L/25 escorting T.N.40 for Fall River.
 "GLENELG" }
- "STUART" departed Cairns 0745L/25 for Townsville. Escorting T.S.17, E.T.D. Townsville 0800L/26.
- "BOWEN" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Townsville 0026L/25 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1000L/27.
- "RALPH TALBOT" departed Townsville 0805L/25 for Palm Island.
- "KAPUNDA" arrived Townsville 0856L/25 from Brisbane.
- "ARUNTA" } escorting T.N.42 E.T.D. Townsville 1800L/26 for Fall
 "KAPUNDA" } River.
- "WARRAMUNGA" escorting T.N.43, E.T.D. Townsville 2000L/26 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1700L/28.
- "MILDURA" } escorting G.P.36, E.T.A. Brisbane 0800L/27.
 "YANDRA" }
- "GEELONG" is to escort "DUNTROON" to Whitsunday Passage ("DUNTROON" proceeding thence to Townsville) and "VICTORIA" until "STUART" escorting T.S.17 is met, when "GEELONG" is to join "STUART".
- U.S. Destroyer "PATTERSON" arrived Brisbane 0710L/25 from Sydney.
- "GYMPIE" arrived Brisbane 0110L/25 from Sydney.
- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney 1335L/25 with Sydney section of O.C.73.
- "MORESBY" is to continue escort to Newcastle and then return Sydney
- "DOOMBA" returned Port Melbourne 1412L/25.
- "ORARA" arrived off Queenscliff 1000L/25, departed Port Phillip 1321L/25 for S.C.F.18.
- "DURRAWEE" } arrived off Queenscliff 1115L/25.
 "KOROWA" }
- "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1710L/25 for escort duty ("FAIRISLE" E.T.A. Fremantle 27/2 from Auckland - thence India).

To 2200/Thursday, 25th February, 1942.

"ORANJE" arrived Adelaide 0644L/25 from Wellington, departed Adelaide 1140L/25 for Melbourne. E.T.A. 0930L/26.

D/F FIXES EAST OF PORT STEPHENS.

D/F fixes on 4190 Kc/s. in position about 42 miles East of Port Stephens at 0030L/26, graded A2. Transmission stopped at 0205L and resumed at 0235L/26.. One Hudson fitted ASV air borne at 0235L/26 to investigate.

AIRCRAFT ATTACK ON SUBMARINE OFF N.S.W. COAST.

At 0617L/26 an aircraft from Camden attacked an enemy submarine with 4 bombs. No results observed. Further detail despatched to cover area. No position given.

"HEROS" (Tug) COMMISSIONED in Sydney 25/2.

AIR RAIDS.

Fall River - Yellow Warning 1923L/25. All Clear 1950L/25.

Red Warning about 1200L/25. All Clear.

departed Sydney... Newcastle 1155L/26...
Convoy S.S. 70; departed Newcastle 1155L/26...
Convoy S.S. 70.

departed Darwin...
0623L/24 N. via. Tuckerpoint (Thursday Island)
0800L/24; "HARRINGTON" is then to proceed to
Barrborough U.T.A. 3/2.

departed Sydney 0800L/24 to carry out A/S search for
submarine reported by "HARRINGTON". At 1847L/24 "LE
TRIUMPHANT" ordered to return to Sydney northward at
normal speed.

departed Fall River 2130L/25 for Gro Bay.

entered Port Phillip Bay at 2300L/25.

departed Sydney 0800L/24 for Botany Bay.

GENERAL.

Aircraft on patrol with PAMPHLET reported sighting 100 miles
South of Portland at 2100L/24 in position 18 miles ahead of convoy
A pale shimmering light on water. This phenomenon was reported by
aircraft to Sydney by Aldis lamp. The plane did not establish any
ASV contact with any surface vessel. It appears that plane did not
report to base until arrival back from patrol. Information was
immediately passed by phone to Naval Staff at 0415L/25. By that
convoy would have been about 90 miles beyond the position of the
light.

Fall River - Warning sounded 0800L/25. All Clear 1850L/25.

To 0900L/Thursday, 25th February, 1943.

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Townsville 1610L/24.

"KATOOMBA" escorting S.S. "KATOOMBA" arrived Townsville 0250L/24.

"BOWEN" arrived Townsville 1244L/24; E.T.D. escorting "KURUMBA" 2359L/24 from Townsville to Port Moresby E.T.D. 1000L/27.

"PHOENIX" departed Brisbane 0945L/24 for Moreton Bay.

"SWAN" departed Townsville 0620L/24, arrived Cairns 1747L/24.

"BALLARAT" escorting "KARSIK" departed Port Moresby 0841L/24, E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400L/26.

"BENDIGO" escorting "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" and "YARRA" arrived Fall River 1132L/23.

"TULSA" with 6 P.T. boats and 1 open boat arrived Fall River 1132L/23.

"WARREGO" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Darwin 1410 for Townsville E.T.A. 2030L/28. "WARREGO" has now been ordered on arrival at Thursday Island to escort "KHOEN HOEA" from Thursday Island to Merauke and return; thereafter, she is to proceed to Cairns for boiler cleaning. "MAETSUYCKER" is to proceed independently from Thursday Island to Townsville.

"BUNDABERG" departed Sydney 0039L/24 for Newcastle to escort Convoy C.O. 74; departed Newcastle 1135L/24 escorting Convoy C.O. 74.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" and "ISLANDER" departed Darwin 0526L/24 E.T.A. Tucker Point (Thursday Island) 0830L/28; "KALGOORLIE" is then to proceed to Maryborough E.T.A. 5/3.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0625L/24 to carry out A/S search for submarine reported by "MARLEAN". At 1347L/24 "LE TRIOMPHANT" ordered to return to Sydney forthwith at moderate speed.

"MATAFELE" departure Fall River 2130L/22 for Oro Bay.

"ORARA" entered Port Phillip Bay at 2303L/22.

M.L. 815 departed Sydney 0943L/24 for Botany Bay.

GENERAL.

Aircraft on patrol with PAMPHLET reported sighting 163 miles South of Portland at 2150L/24 in position 18 miles ahead of Convoy a pale flickering light on water. This phenomenon was reported by aircraft to Convoy by Aldis lamp. The plane did not establish any ASV contact with any surface vessel. It appears that plane did not report to base until arrival back from patrol. Information was immediately passed by 'phone to Naval Staff at 0415L/25. By that Convoy would have been about 90 miles beyond the position of the light.

Air Raids.

Fall River - Warning sounded 0200L/25. All Clear 0245L/25.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 24th February, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Port Phillip 2002L/23 to rendezvous Pamphlet
 "HENLEY" } at 1800L/24 about 40°S. 140°E.
 "BAGLEY" } E.T.A. Sydney 27/2 with Pamphlet.

"HELM" } departed Sydney 27/2 proceed Melbourne as escort for
 "BAGLEY" } "NIEUW AMSTERDAM".

"AUSTRALIA" } E.T.D. Sydney 1/3 for N.E. area.
 "HENLEY" }

"PHOENIX" } Rendezvous "AUSTRALIA" and "HENLEY" 27°S. 154°E. at
 "MUGFORD" } 1900L/2.
 "PATTERSON" }

T.F.44 less "HELM" and "BAGLEY" assemble Cid Harbour 4/3.

"HOBART" } E.T.D. Cid Harbour 5/3 for Brisbane.
 "SELFBRIDGE" }

"HELM" } on completion escort duty proceed Brisbane, and
 "BAGLEY" } "SELFBRIDGE" then proceeds Sydney for tender overhaul.

"MATAFELE" departed Fall River 1030L/22 for Oro Bay.

"ARUNTA" escorting T.N.39 arrived Port Moresby 1336L/23.

"BROOME" (operation LILLIPUT) is to escort "VAN DEN BOSCH" to position 12 miles S.W. Bruner Island whence she is to proceed Townsville independently. "BROOME" proceed Port Moresby for fuel.

"VENDETTA" } escorting "BISHOPDALE" arrived Thursday Island 0921L/23.
 "CASTLEMAINE" }

"VENDETTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Thursday Island 1025L/23 for Townsville, E.T.A. 0701L/26.

"KOOKABURRA" } arrived Thursday Island 0530L/23 from Cairns.
 "KOOMPARTOO" }

"GLENELG" arrived Cairns 1200L/23 from Fall River.

"COLAC" escorting "KATOOMBA" and "SWARTENHONDT", E.T.D. Townsville 1000L/24 for Brisbane, "COLAC" to be sailed for Melbourne at first convenient opportunity.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" arrived Townsville 1930L/22 from Wellington.

"GEELONG" escorting "VICTORIA" and "DUNTROON" departed Caloundra 1613L/23 "GEELONG" to part company at Whitsunday Passage E.T.A. 0800L/26.

"MUGFORD" escorting "PENNANT" arrived Brisbane 1539L/23.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting P.G.35, arrived Sydney 0035L/23.
 "GYMPIE" }

"GYMPIE" departed Sydney 0246L/23 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0600L/25.

"BUNDABERG" } detailed for C.O.74, "BUNDABERG" to depart Sydney to
 "TOWNSVILLE" } assume escort off Newcastle at 1100L/24, "TOWNSVILLE" E.T.D. Sydney p.m. 24 with Sydney section to rendezvous off Sydney.

"MILDURA" } detailed for G.P.36, E.T.D. Sydney a.m. 24.
 "YANDRA" }

"PATTERSON" departed Sydney 1637L/23 for Brisbane, E.T.A.0600L/25.

"WAGGA" departed Newcastle 1945L/22, having completed escort of O.C.72, arrived Sydney 0245L/23.

"DOOMBA" departed from vicinity Port Phillip Heads 2013L/23 after completing escort of C.O.73, on A/S patrol.

"DURRAWEEEN" } departed Port Phillip 0259L/23 on searching sweep.
 "KOROWA" }

R.N.N. Submarine K.12 arrived Fremantle 0910L/22.

"TROMP" returned Fremantle 0820L/23 from escort duty.

"VAN GALEN" returned Fremantle 1325L/23 from escort duties.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" arrived Fremantle 1555L/23 from Exmouth Gulf.

U.S.S. "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" from Exmouth Gulf departed Carnarvon 0030L/23 for Fremantle via Shark Bay and Geraldton.

"WARREGO" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Darwin 1412L/23 for Townsville E.T.A.2030L/28.

SUSPICIOUS VESSEL REPORTED OFF CAPE OTWAY.

"DURRAWEEEN" reported at 2305L/23 in position about 18 miles 238° from Cape Otway vessel suspiciously like submarine following a merchant vessel. One of these vessels made name "MICHAEL GOULANDRIS" bound Adelaide. Sighting considered "MICHAEL GOULANDRIS" and probably "LANENA" or "ALOE". Passed to C.T.F.44.

PERISCOPE REPORTED OFF BOTANY BAY.

Channel Patrol Boat "MARLEAN" on patrol off Botany Bay reported sighting periscope at 0415L/24, proceeding west at 5 knots. "LE TRIOMPHANT" is investigating.

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ALLIANCE

Fall River - Warning sounded 1816L/23. All clear 1844L/23.
 Air Mail Warning 2207L/23, Yellow (prepare) 0110L/24.
 Air Mail in Progress 0132L/23, All clear 0242L/23.

Wentworth - Warning sounded - no time. All clear 1 4/24.

Port Kembla - Warning sounded 2130L/23. All clear 2241L/23.
 Yellow (prepare) 0206L/24.

RELEVANT PLACES FROM ALLIANCE'S JURISDICTION

Confidential plots of 200L/23, 215L/23 in periods 17 miles S.W. of Fremantle and 5 miles S.W. of Botany Bay were detected. Visibility at Fremantle was 10 miles, but reduced to 5 miles. U.S.S. "Isabel" following in vicinity of Fremantle 200L/23, 215L/23 and 215L/23.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 23rd February, 1943.

"KAPUNDA" departed Brisbane 0811L/22 escorting Convoy B.T.40 to Townsville, E.T.A.0830L/25.

"ATHENE" arrived Noumea 1200L/20.

"STELLA" departed Fall River 1328L/21 for Goschen Strait Survey.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" and "BABINDA" departed Thursday Island 1307L/22 for Darwin.

"WHIPPOORWILL" U.S. Minesweeper, departed Fremantle 1035L/22 for Exmouth Gulf, E.T.A. 25/2.

"WHYALLA" departed Fall River 0531L/22 for Goschen Strait Survey.

"ORARA" departed Port Melbourne 1703L/22 for sweeping operations in Bass Strait.

"HEROS" (tug) to be commissioned as tender to "KUTTABUL" on 25/2.

"WARREGO") escorting "MAETSUYCKER" arrived Darwin 1829L/22.
"INVERELL")

"LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" arrived Cairns 1415L/22.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip 2057L/22 escorting Convoy O.C.73.

"TOWNSVILLE") arrived Sydney 1431L/22 escorting Convoy O.C.72.
"YANDRA")

M.L.424 arrived Sydney 0757L/22 from Jervis Bay.

H.D.M.L.1074 departed Port Moresby 1221L/22 for Brisbane, E.T.A. at Townsville en route 0100L/25.

GENERAL.

SUBMARINE REPORTED OFF ST. LEONARDS.

Two fishermen at St. Leonards (in Port Phillip Bay, 12 miles north of Queenscliff) reported that at 2000L/22, they observed a submarine about half a mile off South Red Bluff, moving in a north-easterly direction; the submarine was half submerged, only the conning tower being visible. It then submerged, leaving an oily patch. Military Intelligence Officer from Queenscliff interrogated the fishermen at 2300L/22. They informed him that they saw no actual object or silhouette, but observed a "wash", such as might be caused by a speed boat, or a barrel towed at considerable speed through the water. They also saw a wash ahead of the main wash and a wash aft. The report was graded B.2 by the Military Officer. N.A.P. boats in Hobson's Bay were warned.

AIR RAIDS.

Fall River - Warning sounded 1216L/22. All Clear 1324L/22.
Air Raid Warning 2307L/22, Yellow (prepare) 0115L/23.
Air Raid in Progress 0138L/23, All Clear 0445L/23.

Merauke - Warning sounded - no time. All Clear 1334L/22.

Port Moresby - Warning sounded 2150L/22. All Clear 2240L/22.
Yellow (prepare) 0045L/23.

UNIDENTIFIED PLOTS FROM WILSON'S PROMONTORY.

Unidentified plots at 2008L/22 and 2123L/22 in positions 17 miles N.E. of Promontory and 4 miles S.E. of Wilson's Promontory were recorded. Visibility at Promontory was 15 miles, but nothing was sighted. N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne informed "MORESBY" senior escort of Convoy C.O.73 due off Promontory at 0300L/23 that A/S air escort was being provided.

To 0900L/Monday, 22nd February, 1943.

PAMLET estimated position at 0800L/22 38°52' S. 118°15'E.
(about 225 miles S. of Albany).

"STELLA" arrived Fall River 1805L/20.

"MATAFELE" arrived Fall River 0036L/21.

"ECHUCA" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" departed Port Moresby 0856L/21 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 1400L/23.

"KATOOMBA" escorting, departed Port Moresby 1917L/21 for Townsville E.T.A. 2200L/23.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "FINGAL" and "ALDINGA" arrived Thursday Island 2014L/20 from Darwin; escorting "ALAGNA" and "BABINDA" E.T.D.1200L/22 for Darwin.

"LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" from Port Moresby is to proceed Cairns for boiler cleaning and fuel.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM", E.T.A.Townsville 1730L/22 from Wellington.

P.T.8 and 12 departed Townsville 0759L/21 for Cairns, arrived 1500L/21.

"SWAN" arrived Townsville 1946L/20 from escorting N.T.2.

"GOULBURN" departed Caloundra 1821L/21 to exercise with U.S.submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"MUGFORD" departed Caloundra 1717L/2 to rendezvous T.S.S."PENNANT" (U.S.Cargo and Passenger Vessel, Wellington/Brisbane, E.T.A.23/2) in vicinity of 159° E. and escort to Brisbane.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Brisbane 1307L/21; escorting B.T.40, E.T.D.Pile Light 2359L/21.

M.L.814 arrived Brisbane 1157L/21 from Sydney.

"PATTERSON" escorting U.S.Submarine Tender "OTUS" arrived Sydney 0011L/22.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 1216L/21.

"KYBRA" arrived Twofold Bay 1835L/20 from Sydney; ordered by N.O.I.C.Sydney at 1525L/21 to provide additional A/S protection astern of C.O.73 until daylight 22/2 and return to Twofold Bay.

"GOLDSTAR" departed Portland 1900L/21 for Fremantle.

"DEVONSHIRE" escorting "MONTICELLO" departed Fremantle 1515L/20 for Colombo, E.T.A. 1230L/1, "TROMP" providing local A/S escort until 2330L/21.

U.S.S."WILLIAM B. PRESTON" arrived Fremantle 1020L/21 from Exmouth Gulf via Geraldton.

U.S.S."HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 0200L/21 for Fremantle E.T.A.am/24.

"ORANJE" departed Wellington 0900L/21 for Adelaide, E.T.A.1230L/25.

"MANUNDA" departed Fall River 1531L/20 for Brisbane.

"MAETSUYCKER" Convoy Attacked by Aircraft.

"WARREGO" and "INVERELL" escorting "MAETSUYCKER" from Onslow to Darwin, E.T.A.1630L/22 were attacked at 1226L/21 by one presumed reconnaissance aircraft. Three bombs were dropped without effect. Aircraft was driven off by supporting fighters. No further attacks had been reported up to 2045L/21.

SUBMARINE REPORTS.

Two possible submarines were sighted by aircraft at 1200L/21 about 20 miles S. of Bateman Bay. Graded C.4. Later air searches proved negative, but whales were sighted in vicinity.

H.D.M.L. 1074 grounded S. of Port Moresby.

H.D.M.L. 1074 grounded on reef about 1 mile S. of Basilisk Beacon on night of 17/2. Only damage was complete loss of A/S dome, ship refloating immediately. N.O.I.C. Port Moresby is sailing vessel for Brisbane via Townsville for repairs. Board of Inquiry convened, and report being forwarded.

AIR RAIDS.

Fall River Warning 2022L/21, Raid 2036L/21, All Clear 2117L/21.

Geraldton Red Warning 1505L/21, Green Warning 1559L/21.

Merauke Warning 1406L/21, All Clear 1424L/21.

Port Moresby Yellow Warning 2112L/21, All Clear 2151L/21.
Yellow Warning 2234L/21, Raid 2248L/21, All Clear 2341L/21.
Red Warning 0014L/22, All Clear.

[Faint, mostly illegible text follows, likely containing shipping schedules and arrival/departure information.]

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Sunday, February 21st, 1943.

"PAMPHLET" - departed Fremantle 2130L/20.

"WHYALLA" - departed Fall River 0704L/19 for surveying ground.

S.C. 744 and M.T.B.'s 129 and 150 - arrived Fall River 1004L/20 from Cairns.

"PIRIE" - escorting 'JANSSENS' returned Fall River 1049L/20 from Lilliput stage 17.

"GLENELG" - escorting "BANTAM" departed Fall River 0838L/20 for Townsville.

"BALLARAT" - escorting T.N.38 arrived Port Moresby 1442L/20.

"LATROBE" - escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Port Moresby 0917L/20, "SWARTENHONDT" E.T.A. Cairns 1900L/22 for water and onward escort to Brisbane, "LATROBE" E.T.A. Townsville 0800L/23.

"BENDIGO" } - escorting T.N.37 departed Cairns 0900L/20 for
"TULSA" } Fall River.

"ARUNTA" - escorting T.N.39 departed Townsville 1430L/20 for Port Moresby.

"KAPUNDA" - E.T.A. Caloundra 1500L/21 from escort duties.

"BOWEN" - escorting "YOCHOW" departed Brisbane 0039L/20 to R.V. northbound portion of G.P.35.

"ROCKHAMPTON" - escorting G.P.35 arrived Brisbane 1133L/20.

"GYMPIE" } - escorting P.G.35 departed Caloundra 1519L/20,
"ROCKHAMPTON" } E.T.A. Sydney 0200L/23.

"MILDURA" - escorting C.O.73 departed Newcastle 1015L/20; arrived Sydney 1830L/20.

"MORESBY" } - escorting C.O.73 departed Sydney 1740L/20.
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"BANGALOW" - departed Sydney 1545L/20 for Brisbane.
(Cable Vessel)

"DOOMBA" - returned Port Melbourne 2301L/20 from escorting C.O.72.

"GOLDSTAR" - on passage Sydney to Fremantle was to anchor off Portland at 0900L/21 for 3 or 4 hours to examine main condenser.

"KANIMBLA" - escorting O.W.4 is to be relieved by H.M. Ships "SHOREHAM" and "FALMOUTH" at 1700L/26.

U.S.S. "WILLIAM B. PRESTON" - arrived Geraldton 1055L/20 from Exmouth Gulf.

U.S.S. "ISABEL" - escorting "KOOLINDA" arrived Exmouth Gulf P.M./19 from Carnarvon.

"KALGOORLIE" - escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" arrived Darwin 1435L/20 from Thursday Island.

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"VENDETTA" } - escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Darwin 0844L/20,
"CASTLEMAINE" } "VENDETTA" and "BISHOPDALE" E.T.A. Townsville
1030L/23, "CASTLEMAINE" E.T.A. Thursday Island
1700L/23.

"LE TRIOMPHANT'S" SEARCH.

At 1305L/20, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "LE TRIOMPHANT" to carry out further search in vicinity of 34°28' S 152°18' E and to the southward from Ausk 20/2, and at the same time provide cover during dark hours for C.O.73.

At 2216L/20 "LE TRIOMPHANT" obtained R.D.F. contact in position 34°39' S 151°45' E. At 2218 aircraft flew over and signalled with white light. "LE TRIOMPHANT" patrolling till further orders. This position is about 56 miles 152° from Sydney.

AOREA advised by secraphone at 0800L/21 that this aircraft was a Hudson on mission.

UNIDENTIFIED M.V. SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT.

At 0542L/21 AOREA advised that an aircraft had sighted an unidentified merchant vessel of 4000 tons about 108 miles 167° from Sydney, course 140° speed 7 to 8 knots, at 2025L/20. Pilot did not report sighting until his return. Three Hudsons were to have left at 0530L/21 to investigate. This vessel almost certainly "CANBERRA"/which departed Sydney 0922L/20 for Melbourne, 11 knots. (7710 tons gross)

NEWCASTLE LOOP CROSSING CONSIDERED NON SUBMARINE.

Unidentified loop crossing at Newcastle 0030L/19 is considered by "RUSHCUTTER" to be non submarine.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE REPORT.

Native report of submarine off N.E. Coast of ELCHO Island (about 90 miles 231° from Cape Wessel) 18/2 proceeding N.E. after two hours on surface. Graded D.3.

AIR RAIDS.

Port Moresby - warning 2025L/20, all clear 2110L/20.

At 0005L/19 an unidentified aircraft was located on R.D.F. 100 to 150 miles east of Sydney, approaching the coast. A Tallies Landing (Progressive - in emergency services only) was located in Sydney at 2015L/19. Fighter Sector Headquarters Sydney took the necessary steps to clear Tallies Landing station in the Sydney area. This was effected at 2025L/19.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Saturday, 20th February, 1943.

"VENDETTA" arrived at Darwin 1525L/19 with four survivors of crashed aircraft on board.

"TRUSTY" departed Exmouth Gulf 0800L/17 for Colombo.

"AUSTRALIA" } arrived Port Melbourne 0721L/19; "AUSTRALIA" wearing
"BAGLEY" } the Flag of C.T.F.44.
"HENLEY" }

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Sydney 1829L/18.

"KOOMPARTOO" } departed Cairns 1915L/18 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1700L/22.
"KOOKABURRA" }

"GEEELONG" arrived Brisbane 0040L/19.

"ORARA" entered Port Phillip 0539L/19.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney escorting Convoy O.C.71 at 0400L/19.

"MORESBY" } to rendezvous off Sydney at 1700L/20 and to escort
"ABRAHAM ORIJNSSEN" } Convoy C.O.73.

"PATTERSON" departed Brisbane 1601L/18 to rendezvous with H.M.S. "OTUS"
(Submarine) at 0600L/20.

M.L.814 departed Sydney 0637L/19 for Brisbane E.T.A.1100L/21.

"ARUNTA" arrived Townsville 1324L/19.

"COOLEBAR" paid off 1600L/18.

"WARRAMUNGA" is to escort "NOORDAM" to Townsville, and then to operate
in N.E. area under orders of N.O.I.C. Townsville.

"BERMAGUI" arrived Sydney 1322L/19.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1757L/19 to escort Convoy O.C.72.

"MANUNDA" Hospital Ship, arrived Port Moresby 0827L/19, departed
Port Moresby 1517L/19. E.T.A.Fall River 0100L/20.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1355L/19 for Twofold Bay.

"MATAFELE" departed Port Moresby 0846L/19 for Fall River and Oro Bay.

"STUART" when relieved by "VENDETTA" and "ARUNTA" is to proceed to
Sydney for escort duties and refit.

"MILDURA" arrived Newcastle 1353L/19.

"W.B.PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf 1335L/19 E.T.A. Fremantle 1200L/19.

"BROOME" escorting "VAN DEN BOSCH" departed Fall River 1402L/19
E.T.A.Oro Bay 0600L/21.

"WHYALLA" arrived Fall River 1603L/19.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Port Moresby 1411L/19.

GENERAL.

UNIDENTIFIED PLANE OFF NEW SOUTH WALES COAST.

At 2005L/19 an unidentified aircraft was located by R.D.F. 100 to 150 miles east of Sydney, approaching the coast. A Yellow Warning (Prepare - to emergency services only) was issued in Sydney at 2010L/19. Fighter Sector Headquarters Sydney took the necessary steps to close down broadcasting stations in the Sydney area; this was effected at 2052L/19.

The course of the plane, roughly S.W. was followed until 2108L/19 when contact was lost. At 2113L/19, the plane was again located in the vicinity of Port Kembla, where a Red Warning (Air Raid impending) was sounded at 2115L/19. At 2120L/19 N.O.I.C. Sydney informed Harman "Aircraft attack considered possible."

At 2240L/19 a Red Warning was issued in Sydney; A.A. guns fired three rounds at an unidentified plane over Georges Head, and though the proper recognition signals were received, suspicion was not allayed.

At 2255L/19, N.O.I.C. Sydney informed "LE TRIOMPHANT" of the situation, and ordered her to proceed with all despatch to position 34° 20' S. 153° 25' E. (104° 110 miles from Sydney), where the plane had been originally located, in the hope that if the plane was hostile, it might be intercepted on return to its mother ship, and further that offensive action might be taken against the submarine from which it was suspected the plane was operating.

At 2345L/19 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered N.O.I.C.'s Newcastle and Port Kembla to close their ports to all outward bound shipping. Sydney was similarly closed.

At 2340L/19 aircraft was again located, this time in position 34° 55' S. 152° 17' E. (139° 80 miles from Sydney), and appeared to be circling. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was accordingly diverted. At 0011L/20, "LE TRIOMPHANT" was informed by N.O.I.C. Sydney of probable submarine in position 34° 28' S. 152° 18' E. (124° 60 miles from Sydney), and that plane was thought to have landed.

The Red warnings were replaced by Yellow warnings at Port Kembla and Sydney at midnight and 0030L/20 respectively. At 0115L/20 N.O.I.C. Sydney cancelled its warning (of 2120L/19) to Harman.

At 0238L/20, N.O.I.C. Sydney directed that the ports of Sydney, Port Kembla and Newcastle be opened at 0630L/20.

At 0240L/20, an R.D.F. plot was obtained of unidentified aircraft 30 miles east of Jervis Bay, course North East, speed 130 knots.

At 0352L/20 A.O.R.E.A. advised that three searches would commence at dawn by -

- (a) 3 Hudsons,
- (b) 2 Ansons,
- (c) 1 Anson.

SUBMARINE IN BASS STRAIT.

At 0415L/20, "CORINDA" (3376 tons gross, bound Adelaide to Melbourne) signalled "Submarine following on surface has now submerged and not sighted since." No position was given.

At 0458L/20 "CORINDA" made the following signal "S.S.S.S. "CORINDA" 37°22' S. 139°29' E." This position is about 27 miles south west of Cape Jaffa.

A.C.N.B. issued B.A.M.S. at 0548L/20.

A.O.R.S.A. is despatching 3 Ansons from Mount Gambier at approximately 0730L to search.

N.O.I.C. Adelaide advised that the Adelaide Steamship Company's tug "WOONDA" of 309 tons gross has steam up and could be despatched at one hour's notice.

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MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Friday, 19th February, 1943.

"GAMBIA"
 "DEVONSHIRE"
 "TROMP"
 "HEEMSKERCK"
 "VAN GALEN"
 "TJERK HIDDEN") } escorting PAMPHLET, arrived Fremantle 1243L/18.

"AUSTRALIA"
 "BAGLEY"
 "HENLEY" } entered Port Phillip 0440L/19 from Sydney; "AUSTRALIA"
 E.T.A. Port Melbourne 0700L/19; "BAGLEY" and "HENLEY"
 E.T.A. Williamstown 0615L/19.

"KATOOMBA" escorting "BANTAM" arrived Fall River 1110L/18 from
 Operation LILLIPUT; departed Fall River 18/2, E.T.A.
 Port Moresby 1600L/19.

"WHYALLA" departed Port Moresby 1321L/18, E.T.A. Fall River 1300L/19.

"SWAN" escorting N.T.2 departed Port Moresby 1600L/18, "SWAN"
 E.T.A. Townsville 1930L/20.

"WILCANNIA" is to escort "BURWAH", "BABINDA" and "ALAGNA" from
 Thursday Island to Darwin when ready.

"AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 1010L/18 for Dunk Island.

"KAPUNDA" E.T.A. Gladstone 0700L/19 from escort duties with B.T.39.

"BOWEN" returned Brisbane 0347L/18 from exercises, escorting B.T.
 40, E.T.D. Pile Light 1800L/19.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "CANBERRA" arrived Sydney 1036L/18.

"MORESBY" is to detach with Sydney section of O.C.71 off Sydney.

"MILDURA" continues escort to Newcastle and is to escort C.O.73 to
 rendezvous off Sydney 20/2.

"ARUNTA" departed Sydney 1649L/17 for Townsville.

"WARRNAMBOOL" undocked 1525L/18.

"BERYL II" arrived Whyalla 1308L/18 from Port Pirie.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" arrived Exmouth Gulf P.M./18 from Geraldton.

U.S.S. "ISABEL", escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Carnarvon 1600L/18 for
 Exmouth Gulf.

"WARREGO"
 "INVERELL" } escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Onslow 1200L/18 for
 Darwin.

"VENDETTA" departed Darwin 1600L/18 for air-sea rescue duty.

GENERAL.

Unidentified loop crossing at Newcastle 0030L/19.

"BALLARAT" ATTACKS POSSIBLE SUBMARINE.

"BALLARAT" (escorting T.N.38) attacked possible submarine with
 depth charges about 55 miles 0500 from Cairns at 1235L/18. Aircraft
 searched area for ten minutes without sighting. Aircraft was to carry
 out search in vicinity until dusk.

AIR RAIDS.

Merauke Raid 1237L/18, All Clear 1322L/18.

Port Moresby Warning 2227L/18, Raid 2240L/18, All Clear 2247L/18.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Thursday, 18th February, 1945.

"PING WO" departed Sydney 0645L/17 for Port Stephens.

"PHOENIX" }
"MUGFORD" } arrived Brisbane 1025L/17.
"PATTERSON" }

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "NOORDAM" departed Wellington 1645L/16 E.T.A. Sydney 0930L/21.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 1115L/17 to rendezvous with "GEELONG" escorting "CANBERRA", and escort "CANBERRA" to Sydney. When relieved, "GEELONG" is to return to Brisbane.

"YANDRA" }
"WAGGA" } departed Sydney at 0147L/17 for Newcastle to rendezvous with Convoy C.O.72 off Knobys; departed Newcastle 0849L/17, escorting Convoy C.O.71 to Wilson's Promontory.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 1545L/17 escorting Sydney portion of Convoy C.O.71.

"LATROBE" arrived Port Moresby 1217L/17 escorting "MERNOO" and "LADY ISOBEL".

"WILCANNIA" departed Darwin 0040L/17 escorting "ALDINGA" and "FINGAL" E.T.A. Thursday Island 0930L/21.

"SWAN" }
"ECHUCA" } arrived Port Moresby 1426L/17 escorting convoy T.N.36.

"BURRABRA" departed Port Kembla 0935L/17 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1332L/17

S.C.744 departed Cairns 0040L/17 towing M.T.B's 149 and 150 to Fall River, E.T.A. 1500L/20.

"WHYALLA" arrived Port Moresby 1651L/17.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Port Phillip 2029L/15 to survey shoal patch off Cape Otway and Wilson's Promontory and then proceed to Sydney E.T.A. 1900L/18.

"KANIMBLA" departed Fremantle 1723L/17 escorting Convoy O.W.4 bound for Persian Gulf, until about 1700L/26. "KANIMBLA" is then to return to Fremantle E.T.A. 0900L/6/3.

"AUSTRALIA" }
"BAGLEY" } departed Sydney 1737L/17 for Melbourne.
"HENLEY" }

"STUART" arrived Cairns 1715L/17.

"GOLD STAR" U.S. store ship departed Sydney 1611L/17, to sail in Convoy C.O.72, and then to proceed to Fremantle E.T.A. 1900L/27.

"TULSA" arrived outside Anchorage, Cairns, at 2200L/17, towing P.T. 107, 109, 110 and 111.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney 1657L/17 escorting Convoy G.P.35 to Brisbane.

"GYMPIE" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE", arrived Brisbane 2150L/17.

PAMPHLET amended E.T.A. is now 1400L/18.

"TJERK HIDDES" escorting "MONTICELLO" arrived Fremantle 0855L/17; to have departed Fremantle so as to rendezvous with PAMPHLET at 2100L/17.

"BALLARAT" escorting Convoy T.N.38 departed Townsville at 1315L/17 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1201L/20.

GENERAL.SUBMARINE REPORT IN BASS STRAIT.

The pilot of the civil aircraft who reported sighting a submarine about 33 miles 110 degrees from Wilson's Promontory at 0942L/16 has been interrogated by S.O.(I) Port Melbourne and Air Force Intelligence Officer. The pilot states that he sighted an object resembling the superstructure of a submarine, possibly in the process of submerging, from a height of 4500 feet, distant $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, as the plane emerged from above a dense cloud bank. Without once losing visual contact the pilot turned to port and dived at the object for a closer view and saw it engulfed by water within 60 seconds of first sighting it. The pilot is very definite that he saw one tall bare pole mast at forward end of superstructure and one shorter bare pole mast at after end. The grading of this report is still B.2.

SUBMARINE REPORT WEST OF FREMANTLE.

At 0050L/17 "JAVA" Dutch Motor vessel bound Fremantle to Abadan, reported that when in a position 168 miles west of Fremantle she fired three rounds at a periscope at 1330L/16.

"MARELLA" REPORTS SUSPICIOUS VESSEL.

When in position 230 miles south of Backstairs Passage, "MARELLA", bound from Melbourne to Fremantle, signalled at 2120L/17 "Q Q Q Q Suspicious vessel following." At 2125L/17, "MARELLA" gave her corrected position. At 2127L/17 "MARELLA" signalled "Cancel Q Q Q Q Vessel friendly." M.M.S. plot showed "WILLIAM E. BORAH", bound Sydney to Aden, in position adjacent to "MARELLA's" plotted position at this time.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

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To 0900L/Wednesday, 17th February, 1943.

- "HELM") arrived Sydney 0911L/16 from Brisbane.
"BAGLEY")
- "PIRIE" escorting "JANSSENS" departed Fall River 1526L/16 on Operation LILLIPUT, Stage 17.
- "WHYALLA" E.T.A. Port Moresby for fuel 1600L/17, passed Fall River from survey area 1520L/16.
- "SWAN" on completion escort duty with T.N.36, E.T.D. Port Moresby 18/2 escorting "JOSEPH HOLT" and "MONTORO" for Cairns.
- "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" and "MACUMBA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 19/2, "SWARTENHONDT" to Cairns for water and onward escort to Brisbane, "MACUMBA" to Cairns.
- "KOOMPARTOO") (Boom Vessels) arrived Cairns 0921L/16 from Brisbane via
"KOOKABURRA") Gladstone.
- "STUART" to be sailed for Cairns A.M./17, calling at Dunk Island with mails. On arrival Cairns to be placed at 8 hours' notice for steam for 48 hours for machinery maintenance.
- "COLAC" is to depart Townsville at first convenient opportunity for Melbourne to refit.
- "BALLARAT" escorting T.N.38, E.T.D. Townsville 1300L/17 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1200L/20.
- "KAPUNDA" escorting B.T.39 (including "VIRGINIAN" towing M.T.B's 134 and 138) departed Caloundra 0027L/16. "KAPUNDA" will part company at Percy Islands and proceed Gladstone.
- "BOWEN" departed Brisbane 1251L/16 to exercise with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" departed Newcastle 0631L/16 after escorting OC.70, arrived Sydney 1147L/16. Escorting G.P.35 (including "KURUMBA") E.T.D. Sydney 1700L/17.
- "YANDRA") to depart Sydney to assume escort of C.O.72 off Newcastle
"WAGGA") at 0900L/17.
- "TOWNSVILLE" to depart Sydney with Sydney section of C.O.72 and join main convoy off Sydney at about 1630L/17.
- "TOWNSVILLE") escorting P.G.34 including "KURUMBA" arrived Sydney
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN") 0051L/16.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 1147L/16, E.T.D. 17/2 to rendezvous "CANBERRA" escorted by "GEELONG", and escort to Sydney; "GEELONG" to return to Brisbane when relieved.
- "ARUNTA" departure from Sydney delayed 24 hours by R.D.F. defect. New E.T.D. 1600L/17 for Townsville, exercising in Moreton Bay on passage.
- "EURRABRA" (target vessel) arrived Port Kembla 1135L/16.
- "WARRAMUNGA" arrived Wellington 1033L/16.
- "DOOMBA" returned Port Melbourne 1557L/16 having completed escort of C.O.71.
- "KANIMBLA" escorting G.W.4 E.T.D. Fremantle 17/2.
- U.S.S. "ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" arrived Geraldton 1215L/16 from Fremantle, departed 1533L/16 for Exmouth Gulf, E.T.A. 1200L/19.

"VENDETTA" } escorting "BISHOPDALE" arrived Darwin 2117L/16 from
"CASTLEMAINE" } Thursday Island.

"KALGOORLIE" is to depart Darwin for Maryborough to reef, when "INVERELL"
returns to Darwin.

D/F FIX.

N.Z.N.B. reported a poor D/F fix of Japanese submarine about
260 miles East of Hervey Bay at 0140L/17. No shipping in vicinity.

SUBMARINE REPORTS IN BASS STRAIT.

0942L/16 civil aircraft sighting of submarine about 33 miles
111° from Wilson's Promontory. Submarine on surface when first sighted,
then submerged. Graded B.2. Air search of area was made, and air cover
for O.C.71 continued throughout night.

1136L/16 - possible submarine sighting by aircraft about
40 miles 123° from Wilson's Promontory. Pilot saw a dark shape under
water. Graded C.4.

SUBMARINE SUSPECTED OFF NEWCASTLE 16/2.

Search by "LE TRIOMPHANT" was negative. N.O.I.C. Sydney
now considers "SJOBORIS" sighting to be a lobster pot mooring, a number
of which are set in the vicinity.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 16th February, 1943.

- "BROOME" arrived Fall River 2051L/14.
- "KAPUNDA" } arrived Brisbane 0430L/15.
"BOWEN" }
- "BINGERA" departed Westernport 0914L/14, arrived Port Phillip 1919L/15.
- "ADELAIDE" arrived Fremantle 0904L/15 from escorting.
- "ATHENE" departed Port Melbourne 1005L/14 E.T.A. Noumea 1059L/20.
- "BERK HIDDES" departed Fremantle 1014L/15 for escort duties with Pamphlet.
- "HEMSKERK" departed Fremantle 1617L/15 to rendezvous with Pamphlet at 2100L/16.
- "BUNBURY" arrived Sydney 0707L/15 escorting Convoy P.G.34A.
- "MIZAR" U.S. Store Ship, arrived Brisbane 1640L/15.
- "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" arrived Port Moresby 0032L/15; departed Port Moresby 1321L/15 to rendezvous with two merchant ships off Stephens Island at 0800L/16 and escort them to Port Moresby.
- "COLAC" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" arrived Townsville 0428L/15.
- "SWAN" departed Cairns 0515L/15 to rendezvous at 0700L/15 off Fitzroy Island with Convoy T.N.36 (ex Townsville) and escort it to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 2300L/17.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 1435L/15 for special patrol and then to provide cover for Convoy O.C.70.
- "SHEPPARTON" departed Williamstown 1330L/15 for vicinity of Cape Otway.
- "KYBRA" departed Sydney 1205L/15 for training cruise Jervis Bay and Two Fold Bay. At 1801L/15, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "KYBRA" to return to Sydney forthwith. "KYBRA" arrived in Sydney at 2051L/15.
- "PATERSON" with 7 L.C.M's in company arrived Port Stephens at 1745L/15.
- "KALGOORLIE" departed Thursday Island at 1850L/15 escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" for Darwin.
- "HOVEY" U.S. Destroyer, departed Sydney at 1721L/15 for Espiritu Santo.
- "DOOMBA" escorting Convoy O.C.71 departed Port Phillip 2300L/15.
- "YANDRA" escorting Sydney portion of Convoy O.C.70 arrived Sydney 1955L/15.
- "GUARDFISH" U.S. Submarine arrived Brisbane 1919L/15.
- "TRUSTY" H.M. Submarine E.T.A. Exmouth Gulf 0900L/16.
- "MANUNDA" Hospital Ship, departed Brisbane 1145L/15 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0800L/19.
- "ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Fremantle 1700L/15 E.T.A. Geraldton 1200L/16.
- "Task Group 44.3" composed of "AUSTRALIA", "HENLEY" and "BAGLEY" will depart Sydney at 1700L/17, E.T.A. Port Phillip 0400L/19. During passage the Task Group will act as target for Beaufort Bombers.

"GYMPIE" departed Townsville 1312L/15 escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" E.T.A. Brisbane 1400L/18.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.A. Wellington 1000L/18; to depart P.M. 16th escorting "NOORDAM" to Brisbane.

SUBMARINE SUSPECTED OFF NEWCASTLE.

At 0155L/16 N.Z.N.B. intercepted a signal from "SJOBORIS" reading "S S S S 33° 14' South 151° 54' East." (14 miles S.E. of Newcastle).

At 0205L/16 "SJOBORIS" signalled " S S S S 10 miles North Head lighthouse suspicious."

At 0245L/16 "SJOBORIS" (in position 33° 14' South 151° 51' East (3 miles west of the 0155L/16 position reported by N.Z.N.B.) signalled "Still Zigzagging."

"SJOBORIS", 1220 tons gross, departed Newcastle at 2201L/15 for Melbourne at 9 knots. She could not have reached a position 10 miles off North Head by 0205L/16; and it is presumed she intended to refer to Norah Head, which is 27 miles south of Newcastle.

At 0345L/16 "ROCKHAMPTON", escorting Convoy O.C. 70, E.T.A. Newcastle at 1101L/18 was warned of the possible presence of an enemy submarine within 20 miles of Norah Head.

AIR RAIDS.

Fall River - Air Raid Warning Sounded	2031L/15.
All Clear	2059L/15.
Yellow Warning (prepare)	2235L/15.
All Clear	2253L/15.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900L/Monday, 15th February, 1943.

"RALPH TALBOT" departed Townsville 0902L/14.

T.G.44.5 "HOBART") after exercises with T.G.44.7 are to proceed at
"SELFRIDGE") 0930L/15 with "MERKUR" to Dunk Island, E.T.A.
"RALPH TALBOT") 1200L/15; with "AASE MAERSK", E.T.D. Dunk Is.
0900L/23, E.T.A.Challenger Bay 1400L/23.

T.G.44.7 "PHOENIX") after exercises, to proceed at 0930L/15 to
"MUGFORD") Brisbane, E.T.A. A.M./17.
"PATTERSON")

"AASE MAERSK" E.T.D.Challenger Bay 0900L/15 for Townsville E.T.A.
1300L/15; E.T.D.Townsville 0700L/18 for Dunk Island.

"MERKUR" E.T.D.Dunk Island 2030L/20 for Townsville E.T.A.0730L/21.

"GLENELG" escorting T.N.35B arrived Fall River 1910L/13.

"PIRIE" escorting "JANSSENS", E.T.D.Fall River 1300L/16 on
Operation LILLIPUT, Stage 17.

"STUART" escorting T.N.35A arrived Port Moresby 1017L/14.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "ISLANDER" and "MULIAMA" E.T.D. Thursday Island
1500L/15 for Darwin, E.T.A.2200L/19.

"BALLARAT") detailed for T.N.37, "BALLARAT" E.T.D.Townsville 1300L/16,
"BENDIGO") E.T.A.Fall River with portion B, 2000L/19, "BENDIGO" to
rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 0700L/17, E.T.A. Port
Moresby with Portion A at 1830L/19.

"ECHUCA" escorting T.N.36, departed Townsville 1400L/14 to
rendezvous "SWAN" off Fitzroy Island at 0700L/15, E.T.A.
Port Moresby 1200L/17.

"GEELONG" proposed to leave "ADMIRAL CHASE", "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" and
"MANGOLA" 2359L/14 to rendezvous "CANBERRA" at High Peak
1800L/15 and escort to Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane, 0908L/14 from escort duties to boiler
clean.

"GYMPIE" escorting "KATOOMBA" arrived Townsville 1826L/14;
escort "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE", E.T.D.
Townsville 0700L/15 for Brisbane E.T.A.2100L/17.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.A.Wellington 1000L/16 to escort "NOORDAM" to Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D.Sydney 15/2 to arrive at a point 50 miles 090°
from Macquarie.Light at dusk and carry out A/S search in
vicinity and to southward, return to Sydney providing
cover for C.C.70 E.T.A.Sydney 0100L/16.

M.L.425 departed Sydney 0933L/14 for working up at Jervis Bay,
arrived 1549L/14.

U.S.Destroyer "HOVEY", E.T.D.Sydney 1300L/15 for Espiritu Santo E.T.A.
0700L/19.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 1929L/13 having completed escort
of C.O.70; is to commence boiler cleaning after escort
duties with C.O.71.

"WARRNAMBOOL" E.T.D.Melbourne about 20/2 for Sydney after completion
of escort duties with C.O.72.

SHEPPARTON E.T.D.Melbourne P.M./15 for Sydney.

"TJERK HIDDES" Escorting "CAPE OTWAY" arrived Fremantle 1350L/14.

"TROMP", "VAN GALEN" are to rendezvous Pamphlet about 640 miles 300° from Fremantle at 1000L/16.

"HEEMSKERK", "TJERK HIDDES" are to join escort 16/2 and 18/2 respectively or earlier, if possible.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" departed Geraldton 1945L/14.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" arrived Exmouth Gulf 2258L/14 from Geraldton.

"WANGANELLA" departed Fremantle 13/2 for Aden, E.T.A. 27/2.

"COORABIE" (U.S. Small Craft) Afloat.

At 0835L/14 "BROOME" reported having towed "COORABIE" off at 0805L. No apparent damage. "COORABIE" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/15, "BROOME" E.T.A. Milne Bay 2000L/14.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

Fall River - Warning 2155L/14. All Clear 2205L/14.

(All Clear was later cancelled).

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To 0900L/Sunday, 14th February, 1943.

Task Force Organisation:

- 15th February: T.F.44.7 ("PHOENIX", "MUGFORD" and "PATTERSON") leave N.E. area and return to Brisbane.
- T.F.44.5 ("HOBART", "SELFRIDGE" and "RALPH TALBOT") continue in N.E. area.
- 16th February: T.F.44.3 at Sydney to consist of "AUSTRALIA", "HENLEY" and "BAGLEY".
- "HELM")
"BAGLEY") arrived Moreton Bay 0035L/13, departed Caloundra 1025L/13 to carry out exercises with submarines seaward of Cape Moreton; to depart Brisbane on 14/2 for Sydney. "HELM" on arrival Sydney, to undergo 10 day overhaul.
- "RALPH TALBOT" arrived Townsville 1558L/13.
- "MIZAR" U.S.Store Carrier, departed Sydney 0733L/13 for Brisbane, E.T.A.1730L/14.
- "BUNBURY" escorting Convoy P.G.34A departed Caloundra 1207L/13, E.T.A.Sydney 0930L/15.
- "TOWNSVILLE")
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN") arrived Brisbane 1352L/13, escorting Convoy G.P.34, departed Brisbane 1608L/13, escorting Convoy P.G.34 E.T.A.Newcastle 2200L/15, E.T.A.Sydney 0400L/16.
- "MILDURA" departed Sydney 2400L/12, to rendezvous with and escort Convoy C.O.71 from Newcastle to Wilson's promontory; departed Newcastle 0825L/13, escorting Newcastle portion of Convoy C.O.71.
- "MORESBY" departed Sydney 1409L/13 to join convoy C.O.71 and escort to Wilson's Promontory.
- "DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip Heads at 2347L/12 escorting Convoy C.O.70 to Wilson's Promontory; entered Heads escorting Convoy C.O.70 at 1629L/13.
- "VENDETTA")
"CASTLEMAINE") escorting "BISHOPDALE" departed Thursday Island at 0710L/13 for Darwin.
- "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 0700L/12 to escort U.S.S."PORTLAND" till A.M.14/2; thereafter to proceed to Wellington and escort "NOORDAM" with 2400 troops aboard to Brisbane.
- "GIPPSLAND" arrived Newcastle 1247L/13.
- "PIRIE" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" arrived Fall River 1645L/12.
- "POLARIS" arrived Fall River 1630L/12; departed 0758L/13 for surveying duties in Goschen Strait.
- "GEELONG" departed Brisbane 2155L/12 to rendezvous at outer end of swept channel with "ADMIRAL CHASE", "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" and "MANGOLA", and to escort them to vicinity of High Peak (near Mackay); when "CANBERRA" (ex Bowen) is met about noon 15/2, "GEELONG" is to escort "CANBERRA" to Brisbane, and the convoy is to proceed independently northward.
- "BINGERA" arrived Western Port 1952L/12.
- "CHILDS" U.S.Seaplane tender, arrived and departed Geraldton at 2200L/12.
- "KAPUNDA")
"BOWEN") departed Caloundra 1822L/13 to exercise with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

To 0900L/Saturday, 13th February, 1943.

- "BROOME" escorting "VAN DER BOSCH" and "JANSSENS" arrived Fall River 2100L/11 from Townsville.
- "COLAC" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" and "JASON LEE" departed Port Moresby 1900L/12 for Townsville E.T.A. 0200L/15 for onward routing to Brisbane.
- "VENDETTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE", arrived Thursday Island 0046L/12.
- "VENDETTA", "CASTLEMAINE", escorting "BISHOPDALE", E.T.D. Thursday Island 1030L/13 for Darwin.
- "KALGOORLIE" escorting "MULIAMA" expected to depart Thursday Island 1500L/12 for Darwin, at 1746L/12 N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported their return to Thursday Island in compliance with N.O.I.C. Darwin's order that they await ISLANDER until 15/2.
- "BENDIGO" escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD" arrived outside anchorage Cairns at 1531L/11.
- "BOWEN" escorting "VICTORIA" and "POYANG" arrived Brisbane 0511L/12.
- "GYMPIE" is to detach H.T. "KATOOMBA" at moonset 13/2 and return Brisbane.
- "TOWNSVILLE", "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN", escorting P.C.34, E.T.D. Caloundra 2200L/13.
- "BUNBURY" escorting P.C.34A E.T.D. Pile Light 0800L/13.
- "GEELONG" on arrival G.P.34 at outer end of swept channel, Brisbane, about 0600L/13 is to escort "ADMIRAL CHASE" "ADMIRAL HALSTEAD" and "MANGOLA" to vicinity of High Peak (Near Mackay); when "CANBERRA" (ex Bowen) is met about 1200L/15, convoy is to proceed north independently and "CANBERRA" is to be escorted to Brisbane.
- "GOULBURN" to detach "DAVID BUSHNELL" at moonset 12/2 and return to Brisbane to boiler clean.
- "MORESBY" arrived Sydney 0651L/12 having escorted O.C.69 to Newcastle.
- "MILDURA" returned Sydney 1629L/11.
- "MORESBY", "MILDURA" detailed for C.O.71, "MILDURA" to sail for Newcastle to take over escort at 0500L/13, "MORESBY" to sail with Sydney section 1200L/13.
- "WAGGA" escorting O.C.69 arrived Sydney 1927L/11.
- "PORTLAND", "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 0700L/12, "WARRAMUNGA" to part company after 2 days and proceed Brisbane, E.T.A. 1200L/15.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 0745L/12.
- "DOOMBA" departed Fawcner Beacon 1853L/12 to assume escort duties of O.C.70.
- "BINGERA" departed Port Melbourne 1001L/12 for Westernport, E.T.A. 1700L/12.
- "BERMAGUI" departed Adelaide 1516L/12 for Sydney E.T.A. 1230L/19.

"BERYL II" departed Whyalla 0530L/12 for Port Pirie, E.T.A. 0930L/12, to boiler clean till 18/2.

U.S. Minesweeper "WHIPPOORWILL" arrived Fremantle 0921L/12 from Exmouth Gulf.

U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" departed Fremantle 0921L/12 for Geraldton, E.T.A. 2000L/12.

"WARREGO") escorting "MAETSUYCKER" arrived Exmouth Gulf 1600L/11
 "INVERELL") from Onslow, E.T.D.p.m./15 for Darwin.

"WANGANELLA" arrived Fremantle 2219L/11 from Sydney.

GENERAL.

"COORABIE" AGROUND.

At 1046L/12 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby ordered N.O.I.C. Fall River to sail "BROOME" immediately to assistance of "COORABIE" (Army small craft, 298 tons) aground about 75 miles N.W. of Fall River. N.O.I.C. Port Moresby will await negative report from "BROOME" before despatching tug.

D.F. FIX S. OF GUADALCANAL.

MONTEREY at 0730L/13 reported a good D.F. fix of probable submarine about 480 miles S. of Guadalcanal at 1944L/12. C.S.W.P. and C.S.P. had the information.

AIR RAIDS.

Port Moresby - Warning, raid 2255L/12, All Clear.

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"WILSON" departed Sydney 0015L/11 to assist in salvage of "STAR" S.S. on return 1720L/12.

"WARRAMBA" returned Sydney 1342L/11.

"WIPACLAND" departed Sydney 0830L/11 for Broken Bay.

"COORABIE" arrived Sydney 0712L/11 from Melbourne - to pay off.

"WARRAMBA" bride "LADY HARRISON" arrived Jervis Bay 0700L/10 from Sydney.

"WARRAMBA" arrived Port Melbourne 1846L/11 from Fremantle.

"WARRAMBA" E.T.A. Adelaide 8.30/12 for Sydney.

"WARRAMBA", "WARRAMBA", returned Fremantle 1101L/11 from escort duties.

"WARRAMBA" departed Geraldton 1042L/11.

U.S. W/S "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Exmouth Gulf 1700L/12 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 1800L/12.

"WARRAMBA", "INVERELL" - escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Onslow 2030L/10 for Exmouth Gulf, to return until unloading completed not expected to be before night of 12/2 at earliest, and expect to Darwin.

"WARRAMBA" arrived Brisbane 0312L/11 from Port Moresby.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE S. OF SYDNEY.

"WARRAMBA" (U.S. Cargo Vessel, Los Angeles/Sydney)

To 0900L/Friday, 12th February, 1943.

- "PIRIE" escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" departed Port Moresby 0800L/11 for Fall River E.T.A. 1900L/12.
- "STUART" on completion escort of T.N.35A is to return to Townsville escorting any ships ready from Port Moresby.
- "VENDETTA" escorting "BISHOPDALE", E.T.A. Thursday Island 2100L/11.
- "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" and "BABINDA" arrived Thursday Island 1645L/11 from Darwin.
- Sub-Chaser 744 and PT132 arrived Cairns 1000L/11 from Townsville.
- "GLENELG" departed Cairns 0313L/11 for escort duty with T.N.35, E.T.A. Fall River 1730L/13 with T.N.35B.
- "ECHUCA" escorting "VAN HEEMSKERK" and "KARSIK" arrived Townsville 0946L/11 from Gladstone.
- "HELM" }
"BAGLEY" } departed Brisbane 1504L/11 to exercise with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.
- YMS 49 (motor minesweeper) returned Brisbane 0630L/10 from exercises.
- "GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 0038L/11 from escort duty, escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL", departed 0145L/11, E.T.A. Whitsunday Passage 0800L/13.
- "BUNBURY" is to supplement escort of P.G.34, E.T.D. Brisbane 13/2.
- "WAGGA" is to detach with Sydney section of O.C.69 off Sydney.
- "MORESBY" is to continue escort to Newcastle and then return Sydney.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting C.O.70 departed Sydney 1750L/10.
- "MILDURA" departed Sydney 0015L/11 to assist in salvage of "STAR KING", E.T.A. on return 1730L/11.
- "WARRAMUNGA" returned Sydney 1555L/11.
- "GIPPSLAND" departed Sydney 0650L/11 for Broken Bay.
- "COOLEBAR" arrived Sydney 0712L/11 from Melbourne - to pay off.
- "BURRABRA" towing "LADY HAMPDEN" arrived Jervis Bay 0700L/10 from Sydney
- "ATHENE" arrived Port Melbourne 1545L/11 from Fremantle.
- "BERMAGUI" E.T.D. Adelaide A.M./12 for Sydney.
- "TROMP", "VAN GALEN", returned Fremantle 1101L/11 from escort duties.
- "TJERK HIDDES" departed Geraldton 1445L/11.
- U.S. M/S "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Exmouth Gulf 1700L/9 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 1800L/12.
- "WARREGO", "INVERELL" - escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Onslow 2215L/10 for Exmouth Gulf, to remain until unloading completed not expected to be before night of 12/2 at earliest, and escort to Darwin.
- "MANUNDA" arrived Brisbane 0315L/11 from Port Moresby.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE E. OF SYDNEY.

"WILLIAM E. BORAH" (U.S. Cargo Vessel, Los Angeles/Sydney)

DAILY SUMMARY

11th 2. 1941

reported sighting conning tower about 260 miles E. of Sydney at 0420L/11. "LE TRIOMPHANT" was diverted to investigate report, E.T.A. in position 1500L/11, E.T.A. Sydney 1830L/12.

"WILLIAM E. BORAH" was ordered by A.C.N.B. at 1254L/11 to alter course and proceed on route 50 miles N. of original route until 20 miles off shore, and try to arrive Sydney between 1600 and 1900.

SUBMARINE REPORTED S. OF BUNA.

At 0930L/11 a submarine was reported by 41st U.S. Division at Cape Endaiadere (about 5 miles S. of Buna.) No grading.

SUBMARINE INDICATIONS IN BASS STRAIT.

There were indications of possible enemy submarine from an aircraft sighting of Wash at 1508L/11 about 90 miles 241° from Gabo Island and from unidentified plots 124° 5 miles from Gabo at 2035L/11.

At 0329L/12 N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne ordered "ROCKHAMPTON" (with "YANDRA" escorting C.O.70) to alter course so as to keep 20 miles from Gabo Island.

M.L.425 Commissioned at Sydney 11/2.

- "DAVID BROWN" } escorting "DAVID BROWN" N.S.D. Calcutta 0400L/11 -
via Curtis Channel.
- "FLINDERS" returned Fall River from escort duties at 0800L/10 and
departed "FLINDERS" N.S.D. via
1700L/11.
- "FLINDERS" to escort "SWINBURNE", on completion of discharge from
via Bay to Port Moresby.
- "STAFF" escorting Convoy S.F.1, departed Sydney at 1130L/10.
- "YANDRA" } escorting C.O.70 departed Sydney at 1008L/10.
"YANDRA"
- "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.70 departed Newcastle
124L/10.
- "YARRAGOON" } escorting "YARRAGOON" to depart Oatley and arrive
"YARRAGOON" } South Gulf at 1400L/11.
- "YARRAGOON" escorting 4 N.T.S. en route Brisbane to Cairns, reported
at 1445L/10 - Will halter at Rockhampton 18/11.
- "YARRAGOON" departed Gladstone 0845L/10 E.T.A. Townsville 1/11.
- "YARRAGOON" towing P.T.123 departed Townsville for Cairns at 1030L/10 -
E.T.A. 1100L/11.
- "STAR KING" - At 1015L/10 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported "STAR KING" still
afloat sighted by aircraft at 0745L/10, in position 100
miles 23° from Sydney. "YARRAGOON" dispatched at 0830L/10
to assist. "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "YARRAGOON" until
sighting 11/11, then to seek to area if necessary.
For "YARRAGOON" also being dispatched.
At 1445L/10 "YARRAGOON" reported - Whole ship company
on board, no casualties. Ship struck by 2 torpedoes at
one hour interval. Floating 15° by stern - across to
bridge structure. After bulkhead engine room appears
to be holding. Captain and some crew returning with
"YARRAGOON". As going to attempt tow, but fear it will
not be successful.

To 0900L/Thursday, 11th February, 1943.

- "ADELAIDE" } escorting "MAURETANIA" departed Fremantle at 0910L/10.
 "TROMP" } "TROMP" and "VAN GALEN" detach at 1200L/10 and return
 "VAN GALEN" } Fremantle. "ADELAIDE" remains as escort to position
 025°22' S. 100°01' E. (1000 miles N.W. Fremantle) then
 returning Fremantle.
- "PATTERSON" departed Townsville at 0744L/10.
- "HELM" } arrived Brisbane at 0538L/10, having completed escort
 "BAGLEY" } duties with U.S. Transports en route to Noumea.
- "VENDETTA" } E.T.D. Thursday Island 1030L/12, E.T.A. Darwin 1300L/15
 "CASTLEMAINE" } escorting "BISHOPDALE".
- "TJERK HIDDES" arrived Geraldton at 1348L/10.
- "STUART" departed Townsville at 1400L/10 to overtake T.N.35A and
 escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1530L/13.
- TEMPORARY TASK FORCE organisation in N.E. Area, effective 1400L/10.
- TASK GROUP 44.5 "HOBART", "SELFRIDGE", "RALPH TALBOT".
 TASK GROUP 44.7 "PHOENIX", "MUGFORD", "PATTERSON".
- "PIRIE" escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" arrived Port Moresby at
 0917L/10.
- "GOULBURN" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" E.T.D. Caloundra 0400L/11 -
 northbound via Curtis Channel.
- "KATOOMBA" returned Fall River from escort duties at 0201L/10 and
 departed at 1500L/10 escorting "BANTAM" E.T.A. Oro Bay
 1800L/11.
- "LATROBE" to escort "SWARTENHONDT", on completion of discharge from
 Oro Bay to Port Moresby.
- "GYMPIE" escorting Convoy S.T.1, departed Sydney at 1134L/10.
- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } escorting G.P.34 departed Sydney at 1003L/10.
 "TOWNSVILLE" }
- "YANDRA" escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.70 departed Newcastle
 024L/10.
- "WARREGO" } escorting "MAETSUYCKER" to depart Onslow and arrive
 "INVERELL" } Exmouth Gulf at 1400L/11.
- "TULSA" escorting 4 M.T.Bs. en route Brisbane to Cairns, reported
 at 1445L/10 - Will shelter at Rockhampton 10/2.
- "KOOMPARTOO" } departed Gladstone 0645L/10 E.T.A. Ewen p.m. /13.
 "KOOKABURRA" }
- S.C.744 towing P.T.132 departed Townsville for Cairns at 1026L/10-
 E.T.A. 1100L/11.
- "STAR KING" - At 1015L/10 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported "STAR KING" still
 afloat sighted by aircraft at 0745L/10, in position 150
 miles 98° from Sydney. "WARRAMUNGA" despatched at 0320L/10
 to assist. "LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "HERMITAGE" until
 daylight 11/2, then be sent to area if necessary.
 Tug "HEROS" also being despatched.
 At 1451L/10 "WARRAMUNGA" reported - Whole ships company
 on board, no casualties. Ship struck by 2 torpedoes at
 one hour interval. Floating 15° by stern - awash to
 bridge structure. After bulkhead engine room appears
 to be holding. Captain and some crew returning with
 "WARRAMUNGA". Am going to attempt tow, but fear it will
 not be manageable.

At 1500L/10 Tug "HEROS" departed Sydney - endeavour being made to arrange 2nd tug.

At 1701L/10 "WARRAMUNGA" ordered not to endeavour to tow during darkness, but to provide A/S protection. Tug "HEROS", E.T.A. 0800L/11. When "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrives at tow - about 1700L/11 - "WARRAMUNGA" is to return Sydney - required to escort vessels leaving Sydney at 0630L/12.

At 1727L/10 "LE TRIOMPHANT" ordered to proceed at best available speed to relieve "WARRAMUNGA" whose estimated position at 1700L/11 will be 34°10' S. 153°50' E. (128 miles 99° from Sydney). To provide A/S protection for Tug and "STAR KING".

At 2326L/10 "MILDURA" ordered to proceed forthwith with despatch to assist in tow, if ship co-operates. Position at 1750L/10 142 miles 103° from Sydney drifting south at 2 knots. "WARRAMUNGA" will report position at 0900L/11.

At 0532L/11 "WARRAMUNGA" reported - "STAR KING" sank at 0230L/11. Am returning to harbour.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

At 2125L/10 C.S.W.P. reported - Consider strong probable exists of attacks on shipping and possibly coastal points by new small type Japanese submarines of about 500 tons. Probably operating Port Moresby/Milne Bay area, and islands to eastward. Also along east Papuan Coast. Convoys to exercise utmost vigilance. N.O.I.C's of affected areas were advised.

RDF fix of Enemy Submarine reported by "MONTEREY".

(1) 108 miles 132° from Sydney at 0135L/11.

(2) 220 miles 76° from Sydney at 0135L/11.

COMMENT.

These fixes cannot be considered reliable on account of the distance from land.

"TOWNVILLE" arrived Townville 2131L/10 from escort duty.
 Reporting E.T.A. 23 E.T.A. Townville 1300L/10 to rendezvous
 "MONTEREY" off and at 0800L/11, "MONTEREY" and T.W.
 S.A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1230L/11, "MONTEREY" and T.W.S.S.B.
 E.T.A. Fall River 1700L/11.

"MONTEREY" escorting U.S.S. departed Gladstone 1300L/10 for Townville,
 E.T.A. 1000L/11.

"TAPUNGA" arrived Brisbane 3125L/10 from escort duty.

Eubank 211 arrived Brisbane 1800L/10.

YND 21 (Water Transporter) departed Caloundra 1325L/10 for exercises with
 U.S. submarine towards Cape Moreton.

"MILNEBAY" reported Townville 0800L/10 having completed escort of
 "TOWNVILLE", E.T.A. and arrived Sydney 1200L/10.

"YANBOK" reporting E.T.A. arrived Sydney 0800L/10.

"MONTEREY" reporting E.T.A. arrived Sydney 1100L/10.

"MONTEREY" reporting E.T.A. arrived Sydney 10/10. "YANBOK" to
 "YANBOK" will be responsible to arrange escort there at 1000L/10.
 "MONTEREY" to sail with Sydney at 1000L/10 and
 join convoy off Sydney.

"MONTEREY" returned Sydney 0800L/10. E.T.A. 10/10 reporting "PORTLAND" for
 for two days during absence.

TOP SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 10th February, 1943.

T.G.44.5 ("HOBART", "PATTERSON" and "SELFRIDGE") } are to remain in N.E.
T.G.44.7 ("PHOENIX", "MUGFORD" and "RALPH TALBOT") } area at 4 hours notice
for immediate action.

"MUGFORD" departed Townsville 182L/9.

"PATTERSON" arrived Townsville 1916L/9.

"COLAC" escorting T.N.33 arrived Port Moresby 1617L/9.

"PIRIE" departed Port Moresby 1903L/8 to rendezvous "WILLIS VAN
DEVENTER" at Stephen Island E.T.A.1800L/9 and escort to
Port Moresby, E.T.A.1700L/10.

"STELLA" } departed Fall River 0601L/9 on survey duty.
"POLARIS" }

"KATOOMBA" departed Fall River 1441L/9 escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD"
till dark 9/2, then returning to Fall River for LILLIPUT
Stage 16.

"BENDIGO" is to rendezvous "STEPHEN J. FIELD" at 0700L/10 about 210
miles N.E. of Cairns and escort to Cairns.

M.T.B's 127, 130 and 131 arrived Cairns 2230L/9 from Townsville.

"VENDETTA" departed Cairns 1800L/9 to rendezvous "BISHOPDALE" off
Cairns daylight 10 and escort to Darwin via Thursday Island
where "CASTLEMAINE" is to join.

Subchaser 744 } arrived Townsville 0910L/9 from Brisbane.
M.T.B's 127 and 131 }

"BROOME" escorting T.N.34 departed Townsville 1210L/8 for Fall River,
E.T.A.1400L/11.

"VICTORIA" } departed Townsville 1758L/8 to rendezvous "BOWEN" off Dent
"POYANG" } Island at 0630L/9 for escort to Brisbane.

"STUART" arrived Townsville 2151L/9 from escort duty.
Escorting T.N.35 E.T.D.Townsville 1200L/10 to rendezvous
"GLENELG" off Fitzroy Island at 0600L/11, "STUART" and T.N.
35A, E.T.A.Port Moresby 1530L/13, "GLENELG" and T.N.35B,
E.T.A.Fall River 1730L/13.

"ECHUCA" escorting G.T.5 departed Gladstone 1200L/9 for Townsville,
E.T.A.1000L/11.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Brisbane 0125L/9 from escort duty.

Subchaser 746 arrived Brisbane 1840L/8.

YMS 49 (Motor Minesweeper) departed Caloundra 1559L/9 for exercises with
U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"MILDURA" } departed Newcastle 0821L/9 having completed escort of
"TOWNSVILLE" } O.C.68, and arrived Sydney 1304L/9.

"YANDRA" escorting P.G.33 arrived Sydney 0025L/9.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting P.G.33A arrived Sydney 1145L/9.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } detailed for C.O.70, E.T.D.Newcastle 10/2. "YANDRA" to
"YANDRA" } sail for Newcastle to assume escort there at 1100L/10,
"ROCKHAMPTON" to sail with Sydney section p.m./10 and
join convoy off Sydney.

"WARRAMUNGA" returned Sydney 0828L/9. E.T.D.10/2 escorting "PORTLAND"
for two days thence Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Sydney 0705L/9; escorting "HERMITAGE" to 1590 E.T.D. Sydney 0930L/10.

"BURRABRA" (T.B.Target Vessel) towing "LADY HAMPDEN" (stationary target vessel) departed Sydney 1755L/9 for Jervis Bay.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C.69 departed Port Phillip 2235L/8, arrived Port Melbourne 1515L/9, having completed escort of C.O.69.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip 2125L/8 to resume daily sweepings of S.C.F.18.

"BERMAGUI" departed Whyalla 0630L/9 for Adelaide E.T.A.1330L/10.

"WALLAROO" escorting "TRINITY" arrived Fremantle 1555L/9 from Albany.

U.S.S."ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" from North arrived Fremantle 2254L/9.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "FINGAL" and "ALDINGA" arrived Darwin 1736L/9 from Thursday Island.

GENERAL.

"BROOME" escorting T.N.34 (Townsville/Fall River) reported at 0920L/9 that "VAN DER BOSCH" was aground vicinity Green Island (off Cairns) and at 1000L/9 afloat and undamaged, proceeding destination.

"STAR KING" TORPEDOED.

"STAR KING" (U.S.Cargo vessel of 7176 tons gross departed Sydney 1300L/9 for Noumea, E.T.A.1300L/14) made S.S.S.S. at 0615L/10 about 160 miles 100° from Sydney and added "Torpedoed. Still afloat. Weather O.K. for aircraft." A.C.N.B. warned B.A.M.S. area 5B, and informed Salvage Board.

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ANTI-SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES: At 1045L/9 H.C.I.C. Townsville reported "WANTON" reported sighting enemy submarine at 0500L/9 in position 120 miles S.W. of Cairns. At 1215L/9 H.C.I.C. advised all H.C.I.C. vessels that enemy submarines believed to be operating in Coral Sea, Malacca Sea, South Gulf, Port Moresby and Milne Bay areas. Necessary precautions are to be taken.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 9th February, 1943.

- "VENDETTA" will rendezvous with "BISHOPDALE" off Cairns before dark 9/2 and escort to Darwin. To remain and escort her on return passage.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D.Sydney 0800L/10 escorting "HERMITAGE" to 159° E. then to return Sydney.
- "WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D.Sydney about 10/2 escorting "PORTLAND" for first 2 days of passage, thence to Brisbane.
- "TJERK HIDDES" departed Fremantle at 0930L/8 to search for enemy submarines reported to have unsuccessfully attacked "HERON" at 2045L/7 in position 190 miles 332° from Geraldton. "HERON" arrived Geraldton at 1315L/8.
- "STUART" escorting "CANBERRA" from Port Moresby to Cairns, ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville to detach after passing Grafton Passage and proceed to Townsville for fuel. E.T.A. 2000L/9.
- "GYMPIE" E.T.D.Sydney 1100L/10 escorting S.T.1 from Sydney to Townsville. "GYMPIE" then returns to Brisbane.
- "KALGOORLIE" escorting D.T.11 departed Darwin 0457L/8 for Thursday Island, E.T.A.1930L/12.
- "DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne at 1827L/8 to assume escort duties O.C.69.
- "KATOOMBA" E.T.D.Fall River 0600L/9 escorting "STEPHEN J. FIELD" (en route to Cairns) to vicinity Port Moresby, then to return to Fall River with all despatch to escort LILLIPUT stage 16. E.T.D.1300L/10.
- "MILDURA" } escorting O.C.68, ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to detach
 "TOWNSVILLE" } Sydney section close to Sydney Heads and continue to escort to Newcastle then return Sydney.
- "TOWNSVILLE" } detailed to escort G.P.34, E.T.D.Sydney 1000L/10.
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }
- "ECHUCA" E.T.D.Maryborough 1800L/8 for Gladstone.
- "GOULBURN" to rendezvous with "TAROONA" off Dent Island at 1930L/8 and escort to Brisbane.
- "BOMBO" arrived Hobart from Sydney at 0422L/8.
- "WHYALLA" departed Fall River at 1626L/8 for survey area -exact position unknown.
- "WARREGO" } at 1120L/7 C.S.W.P. reported "MAETSUYCKER" made
 "INVERELL" } available to R.A.A.F. by U.S.A.S.O.S. to move 76 squadron from Onslow to Exmouth Gulf. "WARREGO" and "INVERELL" placed under operational control Commodore W.A. until departure from S.W. area in company with "MAETSUYCKER".
- "GROWLER" (U.S. Submarine) reported by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby at 1231L/8 to be damaged and proceeding Brisbane via Gitiiaz Strait. May be unable to submerge. Position at 2000L/7, 130 miles W. of Rabaul. Allied aircraft will be informed.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES: At 1046L/8 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported - "Aircraft reported sighting enemy submarine at 0920L/8 in position 100 miles S.S.W. of Milne Bay." Graded C3. At 1310L/8 C.S.W.P. advised all N.O.I.Cs. concerned that enemy submarines believed to be operating in Coral Sea, Solomon Sea, Huon Gulf, Port Moresby and Milne Bay areas. Necessary precautions are to be taken.

0900L/Monday, 8th February, 1943.

- "VICTORIA" arrived Townsville 0454L/7 from Cairns.
- "BENDIGO" escorting "JAPARA" departed Oro Bay 7/2, "JAPARA" E.T.A. Fall River 1200L/8 "BENDIGO" E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/11.
- "LATROBE" escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Fall River 1300L/7 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 1400L/8.
- "STUART" escorting T.N.32 arrived Port Moresby 0951L/7, escorting "CANBERRA" departed 1917L/7 for Cairns E.T.A. 1100L/9.
- "CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" and "KOOLIGA" arrived Thursday Island 1840L/7 from Darwin.
- "BROOME" escorting T.H.38, E.T.D. Townsville 1300L/8 for Fall River, E.T.A. 1400L/11.
- P.T's 130 and 132 arrived Townsville 0915L/7 from Brisbane.
- "TAROCNA" is to depart Townsville to rendezvous "GOULBURN" off Dent Island at 1930L/8 for onward escort to Brisbane.
- "POYANG") are to depart Townsville to rendezvous "BOWEN" off Dent
 "VICTORIA") Island at 0630L/9 for onward escort to Brisbane.
- "ECHUCA" E.T.A. Gladstone from Maryborough 0600L/9.
- "TULSA" towing M.T.B's 133, 135, 136 and 137 departed Brisbane 1015L/7 for Cairns, E.T.A. 0530L/12.
- "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting P.G.33A departed Caloundra 1815L/7, E.T.A. Sydney 1000L/9.
- "ARUNTA" E.T.D. Sydney about 16/2 for Townsville exercising off Moreton Bay on passage. On arrival "ARUNTA" is to operate in N.E. area under orders of N.O.I.C. Townsville.
- M.L.424 departed Sydney 0929L/7 for work up at Jervis Bay.
- "KYBRA" arrived Sydney 2344L/7 from Brisbane.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D. Sydney 9/2 escorting "HERMITAGE" to vicinity 159° E. returning Sydney.
- "WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Sydney about 10/2 escorting U.S. Cruiser "PORTLAND" for two days, thence to Brisbane.
- "COOLEBAR" departed Port Melbourne 1701L/7 for Sydney E.T.A. 1830L/10.
- "BERYL II" arrived Whyalla 2208L/7 from Adelaide.
- "WALLAROO" escorting "TRINITY" departed Albany 1800L/7 for Fremantle, E.T.A. 2200L/9.
- U.S. Minesweeper "WHIPPOORWILL" departed Geraldton 1000L/7 for Exmouth Gulf, E.T.A. 1101L/9.
- Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" arrived Fall River 1230L/7 from Port Moresby, departed 1500L/7 for Brisbane, E.T.A. 0700L/11.
- "HERON" attacked by Submarine - U.S. Seaplane Tender "HERON" was attacked by submarine with torpedo at 2045L/7 about 190 miles 332° from Geraldton. N.O.I.C. Fremantle warned B.A.M.S. 5A.

"IRON KNIGHT" TORPEDOED.

0230L/8 - "MILDURA" (escorting O.C.68, with "TOWNSVILLE") reported "Observed rockets followed by 2 heavy explosions followed by big fires located 36°10' S., 150°50' E."

0340L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

0510L/8 - A.C.N.B. warned B.A.M.S. area 5B.

0525L/8 - N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "MILDURA" - "Remain with convoy and provide protection."

0605L/8 - "LE TRIOMPHANT" cleared Sydney to search area. Four Hudsons were despatched at first light with orders to break W/T silence and report any sighting of ship or survivors. Fishing launches from "MORUYA" and "EDEN" are searching. "WARRAMUNGA" was brought to immediate notice, to be available by 0830L/8.

0830L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

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1000L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

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1200L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1300L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1400L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1500L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1600L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1700L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1800L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

1900L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

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2100L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

2200L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

2300L/8 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

0000L/9 - "MILDURA" reported - "Ship was "IRON KNIGHT" torpedoed. Search negative. Propose return daylight for survivors. Exact position 36°51' S. 150°38' (about 54 miles 036° from Gabo Island). "IRON KNIGHT" (Australian Cargo vessel of 4812 tons gross, cargo ironstone) was on passage Melbourne/Newcastle with O.C.68.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY, 1943.

AUSTRALIA arrived Sydney from Brisbane at 1329L/6.

TROMP escorting ATHENE departed Fremantle at 1415L/6 E.T.A. Athene Melbourne 1500L/11. TROMP will detach PM/7 and return to Fremantle.

DAGLEY } departed Brisbane at 1205L/5 escorting THOMAS JEFFERSON,
HELM } ARCTURUS, JOSEPH T. DICKMAN and MAUI to 159° E. then to
detach and return Brisbane.

VAN CALEN escorting TRINITY arrived Albany at 1140L/6 and departed at 2115L/6.

WARRAMUNGA arrived Sydney at 0950L/6. E.T.D. Sydney early AM/9 escorting HERMITAGE to 159° E. LE TRIOMPHANT will provide additional escort for first 200 miles.

SWAN arrived Cairns from Port Moresby at 1150L/6.

COLAC escorting TN.33 departed Townsville at 1534L/6 for Port Moresby.

GEELONG escorting T.S.13 arrived Brisbane at 2238L/5.

KATOOMBA escorting SWARTENHONDT and BANTAM arrived Fall River from Townsville at 1001L/6.

LATROBE arrived Fall River from Port Moresby at 1225L/5.

LATROBE escorting SWARTENHONDT on operation LILLIPUT 15. E.T.D. Fall River 1300L/7.

WAYALLA departed Cairns at 1620L/5 for surveying area. E.T.A. Goschen Strait 1900L/7.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN departed Newcastle escorting portion CO.69 to R/V off Sydney.

MORESBY } departed Sydney at 1729L/6 escorting Sydney portion CO.69.
WAGGA } To take over Newcastle portion from ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN at
R/V off Sydney.

DOOMBA arrived Melbourne from escort duties, at 1909L/6.

YANDRA } arrived Brisbane at 1044L/6 escorting Brisbane portion
ROCKHAMPTON } GP.33.

YANDRA departed Caloundra 1442L/6 escorting PG.33.

ROCKHAMPTON E.T.D. Caloundra 2200L/6 escorting P.G. 33"A".

MAETSUYCKER at 1456L/6. H.O.I.C. Fremantle reported Postmaster at Onslow reported at 1300L/6 MAETSUYCKER returned Onslow. Presume WARREGO and INVERELL are still in company.

DEVONSHIRE departed Aden at 1911L/4 as ocean escort for PAMPHLET. E.T.A. Addu Atoll 2400L/9.

HILO arrived Fall River from Sareba at 1545L/6.

HERON arrived Exmouth Gulf from Port Hedland 5/2.

ISABEL escorting KOOLINDA departed Exmouth Gulf AM/5. E.T.A. Carnarvon 0901L/6.

TO 0900L SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1943.

WIPPOORWILL arrived Geraldton at 1900L/6.

VICTORIA departed from outside anchorage Cairns at 1445L/6. E.T.A. Townsville 2000L/7. Departed

KOOMPARTOO } boom gate vessels departed Caloundra at 1840L/6
KOOKABURRA } for Cairns.

ALLENWOOD E.T.D. Melbourne 1100L/7 for S.C.F.S.

BERYL II departed Adelaide 1445L/6 for Whyalla. E.T.A. 2145L/7.

MAUNGANUI departed Fremantle at 2015L/5 for Colombo. E.T.A. 16/2.

MANUNDA departed Port Moresby at 1517L/6. E.T.A. Fall River 1200L/7.

WING Departed Fall River 1630L/5 for BARBERA.

DWAY Escorting TARUWA departed Port Moresby 2000L/4 for Townsville E.T.A. 2000L/6.

WILSON Escorting WINDAL and ALBINA departed Thursday Island 1645L/4 for Darwin.

WHYLLA E.T.D. Cairns 1200L/6 for survey ground.

WAGY Departed Townsville 1241/6 to R/V T.R.38 off Fitzroy Island Light at 0700L/6 and enroute to Port Moresby.

WOLAN Escorting F.S.33, R.T.G. Townsville 1200L/6 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1600L/6.

F.T.S. 148, 149, 150 and 154 (R.T.D's) arrived Townsville 1051L/6. E.T.D. 0600L/6 for Cairns, E.T.A. 1500L/6.

F.T.127 Arrived Townsville 1251L/6. Departed Townsville 1631L/6 for Cairns, E.T.A. 0600L/6.

F.S. 127 Escorting WBI eastward departed Brisbane 1235L/6.

F.G. 745 (SAB-chaser) arrived Brisbane 0047L/4.

YARRA Escorting F.G.33, E.S.D. Caloundra 1400L/6, at 2 knots

ROCKHAWK Escorting F.G.33A, R.T.D. Caloundra 1800L/6, at 14.5 knots.

GOULBURN Escorting KARSIK and VAN KEMENSKY departed Brisbane 2000L/6 to join G.S.33 on its arrival at anchorage west of Brisbane swept channel at about 0500L/6 and proceed to City of S.C. report. On arrival vicinity Gladstone, KARSIK & VAN KEMENSKY are to proceed independently to destination and KARANDA returns Brisbane to boiler room. First section of Convoy (LAWSON, BISHOPDALE, MONTGOMERY and G.W. McGRATH) and six section (YUMMAN, SALIKAPAK and YARRA) are to be assigned to Fitzroy Passage by GOULBURN and ROCK respectively. On completion GOULBURN is to proceed Gladstone and ROCK to Brisbane.

F.G. 744 Towing R.T.B.'s 182 and 181 departed Brisbane 0915L/6, E.T.A. Townsville 20/9.

PING WU Departed Port Stephens 0700L/4 for Sydney.

BERGAPEN Arrived Sydney 0800L/5 from Townsville.

TO 0900L/SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1943.

- AUSTRALIA. Arrived Moreton Bay 0710L/5 from exercises. Departed Pile Light 1241L/5 to carry out exercises with KYBRA, thence proceeding Sydney E.T.A. 1300L/6.
- AASE MAERSK Arrived Townsville 0900L/5, departed 0930L/5 for Palm Island.
- HELM Returned Brisbane 1351L/4 from exercises.
- PHOENIX)
MUGFORD)
RALPH TALBOT) Departed Townsville 0850L/5 for Palm Island.
- PIRIE Escorting YOCHOW departed ORO BAY 1451L/5. PIRIE E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900L/7, YOCHOW Townsville 2200L/10
- HILO Departed Fall River 1501L/5 for SAREBA.
- SWAN Escorting TAROONA departed Port Moresby 2000L/4 for Townsville E.T.A. 2000L/6.
- WILCANNIA. Escorting FINGAL and ALDINGA departed Thursday Island 1945L/4 for Darwin.
- WHYALLA E.T.D. Cairns 1500L/5 for survey ground.
- STUART Departed Townsville 1954L/4 to R/V T.N.32 off Fitzroy Island Light at 0700L/5 and escort to Port Moresby.
- COLAC Escorting T.N.33, E.T.D. Townsville 1200L/6 for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1600L/9.
- P.T.s.143, 149, 150 and 154 (M.T.B.'s) arrived Townsville 1031L/5. E.T.D. 0600L/6 for Cairns, E.T.A. 1500L/6.
- P.T.128 Arrived Townsville 1231L/5. Departed Townsville 1531L/5 for Cairns, E.T.A. 0600L/6.
- U.S. DESTROYER Escorting MAUI eastward departed Brisbane 1235L/5.
- P.C.746 (Sub-chaser) Arrived Brisbane 2047L/4.
- YANDRA Escorting P.G.33, E.T.D. Caloundra 1400L/6, at 9 knots.
- ROCKHAMPTON Escorting P.G.33A, E.T.D. Caloundra 1800L/6. at 12.5 knots.
- GOULBURN Escorting KARSIK and VAN HEEMSKERK departed Brisbane 2040L/5 to join G.P.33 on its arrival at anchorage end of Brisbane swept channel at about 0300L/6 and assume duty of S.O. Escort. On arrival vicinity Gladstone, KARSIK & VAN HEEMSKERK are to proceed independently to destination and KAPUNDA returns Brisbane to boiler clean. First section of Convoy (MERKUR, BISHOPDALE, MONTORO and G.W. McCRAZY) and slow section (YUNNAN, BALIKPAPAN and YARRA) are to be escorted to Whitsunday Passage by GOULBURN and BOWEN respectively. On completion GOULBURN is to proceed Gladstone and BOWEN to Brisbane.
- P.C.744. Towing M.T.B.'s 127 and 131 departed Brisbane 0915L/5, E.T.A. Townsville pm/9.
- PING WO Departed Port Stephens 0608L/4 for Sydney.
- BUNGAREE Arrived Sydney 0928L/5 from Townsville.

LE TRIOMPHANT)
MORESBY)

Arrived Sydney 0649L/5 with Sydney section of O.C.67

U.S. SURVEY VESSEL SUMNER - Arrived Sydney 1705L/4.

COOLEBAR Entered Port Phillip 2001L/5 from Adelaide (To return to trade).

DOOMBA Escorting O.C.68, departed Port Phillip 2221L/5.

WALLAROO Arrived Albany 0939L/5 to escort U.S. TRINITY to Fremantle.

TJERK HIDDES Arrived Fremantle 0845L/5 from Geraldton.

WANGANELLA Departed Sydney 1341L/5 for Fremantle.

MAETSUYCKER ORDERED BACK TO ONSLOW.

1906L/5 - N.O.I.C. Fremantle ordered WARREGO to remain at ONSLOW where MAETSUYCKER may be required to reload gear for another destination. If WARREGO had sailed she was to return with MAETSUYCKER to ONSLOW.

1909L/5 - N.O.I.C. Fremantle asked C.S.W.P. to confirm or amend his order to WARREGO.

2100L/5 - WARREGO ordered INVERELL to return ONSLOW forthwith. Anchor for night as necessary.

0401L/6 - C.S.W.P. confirmed N.O.I.C. Fremantle's order to WARREGO.

D.F. FIX ABOUT 1070 MILES WEST OF ALBANY.

At 2247L/5. unreliable D.F. fix was obtained by Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Force of an enemy unit call sign Y.A.U.5, probably s/m, about 1070 miles West of Albany. Passed to N.O.I.C. Fremantle.

To 0900L/Friday, 5th February, 1943.

"PATERSON" arrived Townsville at 0911L/4, and departed at 1425L/4 to rejoin "HOBART" at Palm Island.

"BAGLEY" arrived Brisbane at 1514L/4.

"VENDETTA" will rendezvous with "BISHOPDALE" off Cairns about 9/2, and escort between Thursday Island and Darwin. "VENDETTA" will remain with her until return to East Coast.

"KAPUNDA" at 1538L/4, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered to rendezvous with "BISHOPDALE" (lagging from G.P.33) in position 29°48' S., 153°20' E. 1200L/5. "KAPUNDA" to report if rendezvous is not made.

"STUART" will rendezvous with T.N.32 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 0700L/5 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A.0600L/7.

"TROMP" escorting "ATHENE" arrived Fremantle at 1500L/4.

"SWAN" escorting "TAROONA" arrived Port Moresby from Thursday Island at 0819L/4.

"LATROBE" departed Port Moresby at 0730L/4 for Fall River E.T.A. 1100L/5.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Sydney 9/2 escorting "HERMITAGE" to vicinity 159°E., thence to Brisbane.

"GYMPIE" escorting "DUNTROON" and "KATOOMBA" arrived Sydney at 1301L/4.

"TJERK HIDDES" departed Geraldton at 2045L/4 for Fremantle. E.T.A. 0900L/5.

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane from escort duties at 0216L/4.

"MORESBY" escorting O.C.67 will detach with Sydney section. "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" will continue escort and remain Newcastle and escort C.O.69 to rendezvous off Sydney 6/2.

"GLENELG" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 1045L/4.

"WARREGO") escorting "MAETSUYCKER" arrived Onslow from Darwin at
 "INVERELL") 1900L/3. E.T.D. for Darwin 1100L/5.

"MORESBY") detailed to escort C.O.69. To take over convoy from
 "WAGGA") "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" off Sydney P.M./6.

"SAMUEL GOMPERS" (7000 tons - cargo Chrome Ore) C.S.W.P. reported that "SAMUEL GOMPERS", en route Noumea to Newcastle was torpedoed and sunk in position 115 miles 188° true from Amadee Light New Caledonia, on 29/1.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney at 1245L/4 to provide cover for O.C.67.

"NAUTILUS" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0515L/4.

"BOMBO" departed Sydney for Hobart at 1345L/4. E.T.A. 2000L/7.

"BERYL II" arrived Adelaide from Melbourne at 0741L/4.

"PING WO" arrived Sydney at 1830L/4.

"HILO" (U.S. Gunboat) arrived Fall River 1621L/4.

"WAGGA" arrived Sydney from escort duties at 1747L/3.

"HERON" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Port Hedland at 2230L/3 for Exmouth Gulf, E.T.A. A.M./5.

To 0900L/Thursday, 4th February, 1943.

- "PHOENIX"
"MUGFORD"
"RALPH TALBOT") } arrived Townsville 0930L/3 from Palm Island.
- "HELM" returned Moreton Bay 1105L/3 from exercises.
- "AUSTRALIA"
"BAGLEY"
"HELM" } departed Pile Light, Brisbane 1630L/3 for exercises with Beauford T.Bs. between Cape Moreton and Cape Byron.
- "BENDIGO" escorting "JAPARA" Port Moresby/Oro Bay, E.T.A. 1400L/4, passed Fall River 1129L/3 from Port Moresby.
- "KATOOMBA" escorting T.N.31 departed Townsville 1340L/2 for Fall River, E.T.A. 2100L/5.
- "GLENELG" escorting "DUNDULA", arrived Townsville 0935L/3 from Fall River.
- "BALLARAT" escorting "DAVID BUSHNELL" and "GEORGE MATHEWS" arrived Townsville 0630L/3 from Port Moresby.
- "SWAN" escorting "ISLANDER" arrived Thursday Island 2213L/2 from Merauke.
- M.T.B's 130 and 132 - towed by S.S. "SIBIGO" departed Caloundra 1314L/3 E.T.A. Townsville 0600L/7.
- "KYBRA" departed Brisbane 1800L/3 for exercises with "AUSTRALIA" seaward of Cape Moreton, then to proceed Sydney ETA 0300L/8.
- MOTOR MINESWEEPER YMS.504 arrived Sydney 1210L/3.
- "ROCKHAMPTON"
"BOWEN" } escorting G.P.33 departed Sydney 1101L/3.
- "KAPUNDA"
"YANDRA" } escorting "BISHOPDALE" and "YUNNAN" departed Sydney 1333L/3 to overtake and join G.P.33.
- "WAGGA" escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.68, departed Newcastle 0911L/3.
- "MILDURA"
"TOWNSVILLE" } escorting C.O.68 departed Sydney 1643L/3.
- "HENLEY" escorting U.S.T. "HERMITAGE" arrived Sydney 1520L/3 from Brisbane.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" - E.T.A. Sydney 1200L/4 to rendezvous O.C.67 and escort to Sydney.
- "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" departed Port Melbourne 0701L/3. "ROCHAMBEAU" for Wellington, "WARRAMUNCA" to proceed Sydney after escorting to 159° E.
- "BINGERA" arrived Port Melbourne 1702L/3 from Port Phillip, E.T.D. 0900L/4 for exercises in Port Phillip.
- "COOLEBAR" departed Adelaide 0907L/3 for Melbourne, E.T.A. 1200L/6.
- "WALLAROO" escorting "REYNELLA" (bound Bombay) departed Fremantle 1055L/3, "WALLAROO" E.T.A. Albany 1030L/5 to escort U.S.S. "TRINITY" to Fremantle.

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To COMNAV/Admiralty, 3rd February, 1943:

"TROMP" departed - 2 - at 1712/2 to rendezvous with and escort "ALBATROSS" to Fremantle.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "KOOLIGA" and "BURWAH" departed Darwin 0537L/3 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1000L/7.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" and "BABINDA" arrived Darwin 1333L/3 from Thursday Island.

D/F FIX WEST OF NOUMEA.

Monterey reported a fair D/F fix in position about 150 miles West of Noumea at 1949L/3. C.S.W.P. had been informed. Passed to N.Z.N.B.

"ROCHAMBEAU" DIVERTED TO WELLINGTON.

At Comsowpac's request passed on by C.S.W.P., A.C.N.B. at 0049L/4 diverted "ROCHAMBEAU", on passage Melbourne/Samoa, to Wellington.

"BRIAN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0700L/3 escorting "TARONGA" to Port Moresby.

"WAGON" arrived Newcastle at 0830L/2 with Newcastle portion of O.C.88. To escort O.C.88 to rendezvous off Sydney P.M./3.

"MILK" } detailed to escort O.C.88. To take over from "BAGDA" }
"TOWNSHIP" } at rendezvous off Sydney P.M./3.

"WILSON" escorting "ALASKA" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin 0835L/2.

"TARONGA" } arrived Sydney at 2200L/1. Completing escort duties with }
"KIPONG" } P.C.88.

"ROCHAMBEAU" arrived Sydney with Sydney portion of O.C.88 at 0200L/2.

"GEM" departed Sydney at 0240L/2 to rendezvous with "JUBA" escorting "BRYAN" and "TROMBIA" in position about 100 miles south of Cape Moresby at 1800L/2 and take over escort to Sydney. When relieved "GOLDEN" returns to Brisbane.

"SERIAL" to rendezvous with "DAVID HUGHES" and "CHURCH" off Dent Island about 0600L/4 and provide escort to Brisbane.

"BRIAN" escorting "JAPAN" on operation LILLIPUT. Stage 16, Port Moresby accompanied by "CHURCH" at 0736L/5. E.T. Oro Bay 1400L/4. "CHURCH" arrives Fall River 1840L/5.

"KIPONG" arrived Brisbane from Macksville at 0240L/2 to carry out special A.S.F. trials.

"SERIAL" } arrived Fall River at 1840L/1. }
"POLLARD" }

"COLEMAN" E.T.D. Adelaide a.m./7 for Melbourne.

"ALBATROSS" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane at 1211L/2 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800L/3.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 3rd February, 1943.

- "TROMP" departed Fremantle at 1715L/2 to rendezvous with and escort "ATHENE" to Fremantle.
- "SELFBRIDGE" towing 3 M.T.B's, departed Brisbane at 1656L/2. E.T.A. Cairns 0800L/3.
- "TJERK HIDDERS" arrived Geraldton at 1347L/2.
- "BAGLEY" departed Brisbane for Moreton Bay at 0704L/2.
- "HENLEY" departed Brisbane at 0811L/2 escorting "HERMITAGE" to Sydney E.T.A. 1800L/3.
- "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" will depart Melbourne at 0700L/4. At 159° E. "WARRAMUNGA" will detach and proceed to Sydney.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" } escorting "PETER H. BURNETT" arrived Sydney at 1148L/2.
- "MILDURA" } Tug "ST. ARISTELL" advised and ordered to return Sydney.
- "DELORAINÉ" }
- "DOOMBA" arrived Port Melbourne at 1317L/2, after escort duties with C.O.67.
- "SWAN" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0701L/3 escorting "TAROONA" to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 0801L/4.
- "WAGGA" arrived Newcastle at 0831L/2 with Newcastle portion of O.C.66. To escort C.O.68 to rendezvous off Sydney P.M./3.
- "MILDURA" } detailed to escort C.O.68. To take over from "WAGGA"
- "TOWNSVILLE" }
- "WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 0825L/2.
- "YANDRA" } arrived Sydney at 2350L/1. Completing escort duties with
- "KAPUNDA" }
- "ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Sydney with Sydney portion of O.C.66 at 0309L/2.
- "GYMPIE" departed Sydney at 0044L/2 to rendezvous with "GOULBURN" escorting "DUNTRON" and "KATOOMBA" in position about 105 miles south of Cape Moreton at 1200L/3 and take over escort to Sydney. When relieved "GOULBURN" returns to Brisbane.
- "GEELONG" to rendezvous with "DAVID BUSHNELL" and "GEORGE MATHEWS" off Dent Island about 0600L/4 and provide escort to Brisbane.
- "BENDIGO" escorting "JAPARA" on operation LILLIPUT, Stage 14, departed Port Moresby accompanied by "CHARON" at 0736L/2. E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400L/4. "CHARON" arrives Fall River 1600L/3.
- "KYBRA" arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0340L/2 to carry out special R.D.F. trials.
- "STELLA" } arrived Fall River at 1644L/1.
- "POLARIS" }
- "COOLEBAR" E.T.D. Adelaide a.m./3 for Melbourne.
- "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane at 1221/2 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800L/3.

L.S.L.S. "TERRANCE" (3/2 target vessel) completed at Sydney 1/2.

L.S.L.S. "ALBATROSS" (A.S.S.) at Melbourne 1/2.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 2nd February, 1943.

- "AUSTRALIA" departed Brisbane 1315L/1 to Moreton Bay.
- "LATROBE" escorting T.N.30 arrived Port Moresby 1717L/1.
- X "KATOOMBA" escorting T.N.31, E.T.D. Townsville 1100L/2 for Fall River E.T.A. 2100L/5.
- "GOULBURN" escorting T.S.12 departed Townsville 2108L/31, T.S.12 E.T.A. Sydney 1600L/4.
- "TULSA" returned Brisbane 0050L/1 from escort duty.
- "HENLEY" escorting "HERMITAGE", E.T.D. Pile Light Brisbane 0500L/2 for Sydney.
- "GEELONG" escorting B.T.38 departed Caloundra 0046L/1, "GEELONG" to part company at Whitsunday Passage, E.T.A. 0600L/4.
- "YANDRA" departed Newcastle 1735L/1 having completed escort of Newcastle part of P.G.32.
- "MIZAR" arrived Sydney 0837L/1 from San Francisco.
- X "ROCKHAMPTON" is to detach off Sydney with Sydney section of O.C.66.
- X "WAGGA" is to continue escort to Newcastle and remain to escort C.O. 68 to rendezvous off Sydney 3/2.
- X "GYMPIE" is to depart Sydney to rendezvous "GOULBURN" in position about 105 miles South of Cape Moreton at 1200L/3 and take over escort of "DUNTROON" and "KATOOMBA" to Sydney.
- X "ROCKHAMPTON" } detailed for G.P.33 with "KAPUNDA" and "BOWEN" as additional
 "YANDRA" } escorts, E.T.D. Sydney 1100L/3, "KAPUNDA" and "BOWEN" to remain Brisbane.
- "WARRAMUNGA" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" arrived Melbourne 1501L/1 from Brisbane.
- "BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip 1337L/1 from Westernport.
- "BERYL II" departed Williamstown 1517L/1 for Adelaide, E.T.A. 0700L/4.
- "DOOMBA" departed Port Melbourne 1635L/1 for duty with O.C.67.
- "VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1621L/1 to rendezvous U.S.S. "TRINITY" and escort to Albany, E.T.A. 1400L/3.
- "KURU" returned Darwin 1011L/1 with 14 survivors from "PATRICIA CAM"
- "AMERICAN BUILDER" ANNULS S.O.S.

At 1320L/1 Perth Radio intercepted a signal from "AMERICAN BUILDER" annulling her S.O.S. "AMERICAN BUILDER" sighted by aircraft in position 30°40'S., 107°01'E. course 300° speed 10 knots at 1035L/1. N.O.I.C. Fremantle has been told to advise C. in C. E.F. of annulment of S.O.S.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE REPORT IN BASS STRAIT.

AOR SA reported a possible submarine sighting by aircraft in position about 20 miles W. of Wilson's Promontory at 1737L/1. Sighting graded C3. N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne passed report to all H.M.A. Ships concerned.

H.M.A.S. "BURRABRA" (T/B target vessel) commissioned at Sydney 1/2.

H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" (A.M.S.) commissioned at Melbourne 1/2.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

On 0953L/1, Monday, 1st Feb 2, 1945.

"PETER H. BURNETT" escorted "THOMAS JEFFERSON", "HENRIYARD", "ARCTIC" and "OFFICER E. MORGAN" arrived Brisbane at 0812L/31.

- 0953L/1 - N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "LE TRIOMPHANT" to join "DELORAIN" in providing A/S protection for "MILDURA" towing "PETER H. BURNETT".
- 1200L/1 - Position course and speed, 33°53'S., 153°22'E., 280°, 2 knots, E.T.A. Heads 1500L/3. Tow doing well.
- 1358L/1 - "ST. ARISTELL" departed Sydney to take tow.
- 1600L/1 - Position course and speed, 33°52'S., 152°56'E., 280°, 4 knots. Weather good.
- 1801L/1 - N.O.I.C. Sydney informed "DELORAIN" that "MILDURA" required for duty with convoy E.T.D. Sydney 3/2. When "ST. ARISTELL" has arrived and "DELORAIN" is satisfied she can tow at reasonable speed by herself "MILDURA" is to be sailed for Sydney independently.

"STUART". Temporary repairs to carry over until next docking will be completed to make ship ready for service 4/2. Extent of damage to "HENRY DEARBORN" is not yet known.

"WINDY" (en route Townsville to Sydney) ordered by "MILBURN" at 1200L/31 to proceed Brisbane forthwith for carrying out additional A.S.F. work.

"TOWING" towing concrete lighter arrived Sydney from Hobart at 2115L/31.

"SUBMARINE" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0510L/30.

"HOSPITAL" (Hospital Ship) arrived Brisbane at 2135L/31.

"SUBMARINE" reported at 1400L/31 - Operation BARKIN completed, arrived Townsville at 2130L/31 - departed at 0300L/31 to arrive Sydney 0800L/2.

"SUBMARINE" at 1300L/30 S.O.I.C. Brisbane reported "SUBMARINE" see trials completed and satisfactory.

"SUBMARINE" arrived Wellington at 0800L/30.

"WINDY" at 1300L/31 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "DELORAIN" to continue tow. Tow will meet "DELORAIN" at Sydney Heads. At 1300L/31 position of "DELORAIN" was tow 032°40' S. 153°00' E., course 280°, speed 3 to 4 knots. Weather good. At 1300L/31 "DELORAIN" reported E.T.A. Sydney with tow 0800L/2.

NARRATIVE TWO MILES E.S.E. OF FRANKVILLE.

"AMERICAN WILDER" (CVT) was, speed 12-13 knots en route Frankville to Esara) reported at 2000L/31 - sighted periscopes position 31°20' S. 106°35' E. at 0812L/1 "AMERICAN WILDER" ordered S.A.S.F. to shadow in area 5A. At 0830L/1 from "AMERICAN WILDER" S.O.S. S.O.S. Position 30°33' S. 106°30' E. 1 Bedford due at above position at 0800L/1.

SHIP SURVIVORS located by D/F at 0812L/30 on line drawn between Port Esarady and Frankville, latitude indefinite.

REPORT AIR RAID

Esarady - Air Raid in progress p.m./31. All Clear p.m./31.
Port Esarady - Air Raid Warning 0810L/1.

To 0900L/Monday, 1st February, 1943.

- "SELFRIDGE" } escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON", "HERMITAGE", "ARCTURUS" and
 "HENLEY" } "JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" arrived Brisbane at 0815L/31.
- "VENDETTA" departed Townsville 1044L/31, arrived Cairns 1901L/31 -
 to boiler clean.
- "BAGLEY" arrived Brisbane at 0715L/31.
- "MORESBY" } escorting C.O.67 departed Sydney at 1413L/30.
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }
- "YANDRA" } escorting P.G.32 departed Brisbane at 2258L/30. E.T.A.
 "KAPUNDA" } Newcastle 1800L/1 E.T.A. Sydney 2359L/1.
- "GOULBURN" escorting T.S.12, E.T.D. Townsville 2000L/31 for Sydney.
 N.O.I.C. Sydney has been requested to arrange for local
 escort to relieve "GOULBURN" during daylight 3/2.
- "BALLARAT" escorting N.T.1, E.T.D. Port Moresby 1706L/31, E.T.A.
 Townsville 0700L/31. Convoy to be onward routed to
 Brisbane.
- "TULSA" escorting tanker "WHITE PLAINS" - en route to Noumea -
 departed Caloundra at 1130L/31. "TULSA" will part company
 about 2100L/31 and return to Brisbane.
- "KYBRA" (en route Townsville to Sydney) ordered by "RUSHCUTTER" at
 1235L/31 to proceed Brisbane forthwith for carrying out
 additional R.D.F. trial.
- "BOMBO" towing concrete lighter arrived Sydney from Hobart at 2217L/
 31.
- "GREENLING" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0510L/30.
- "MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) arrived Brisbane at 2138L/31.
- "BUNGAREE" reported at 1455L/31 - Operation BARLINDE completed,
 arrived Townsville at 2140L/31 - departed at 2334L/31 to
 arrive Sydney 0800L/3.
- "BUNBURY" at 1330L/30 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported "BUNBURY" sea trials
 completed and satisfactory.
- "MAURETANIA" arrived Wellington at 0930L/30.
- "PETER H. BURNETT" at 1250L/31 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "DELORAINE" to
 continue tow. Tug will meet "DELORAINE" at Sydney Heads.
 At 1200L/31 position of "DELORAINE" and tow 033°44' S.
 153°59' E., course 280°, speed 3 to 4 knots. Weather good.
 At 1320L/31 "DELORAINE" reported E.T.A. Sydney with tow
 0600L/2.

SUBMARINE 360 MILES W.N.W. OF FREMANTLE.

"AMERICAN BUILDER" (6778 tons, speed 13-15 knots en route
 Fremantle to Basra) reported at 2305L/31 - sighted periscope position
 31°10' S. 108°35' E. at 0031L/1 "ADMIRAL MOMBASA" ordered B.A.M.S. to
 shipping in area 5A. At 0323L/1 from "AMERICAN BUILDER" S.O.S. S.O.S.
 Position 30°28' S. 108°39' E. 1 Beaufort due at above position at
 0830L/1.

ENEMY SUBMARINE located by D/F at 2010L/30 on line drawn between Port
 Moresby and Townsville, latitude indefinite.

ENEMY AIR RAID

Augusta - Air Raid in progress p.m./31. All Clear p.m./31.

Port Moresby - Air Raid Warning 0615L/1.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY, 1943.

- X "VENDETTA" arrived Townsville from Port Moresby 2000L/30.
- X "TJERK HIDDES" departed Fremantle, northbound, to R/V with "KOOLINDA".
- X "GEELONG" escorting "TABINTA" arrived Brisbane from Gladstone at 1745L/30.
- + "WHYALLA" arrived Cairns at 1531L/30 from Fall River.
- X "BUNDABERG" escorting Newcastle portion CO.67 departed Newcastle at 0630L/30 - arrived Sydney at 1440L/30.
- X "GLENELG" escorting "CORIO" and "PORTMAR" arrived Fall River at 1341L/30. E.T.D. 0700L/31 for Townsville, escorting. ^{DUNBULA}
- X "DOOMBA" arrived Melbourne at 1655L/30 from escort duties.
- X "GOULBURN" arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 0945L/30.
- X "BALLARAT" arrived Port Moresby from Oro Bay at 1256L/30.
- X "LATROBE" departed Cairns at 1221L/30, to R/V with TN.30 off Fitzroy Island light at 1500L/30 and escort to Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1700L/1/2.
- X "WARREGO" } escorting "MAETSUYCKER" departed Darwin for Onslow
"INVERELL" } at 1005L/30. E.T.A. 3/2.
- + "KAPUNDA" } escorting Brisbane portion of GP.33 arrived
"YANDRA" } Brisbane at 0610L/30.
- + "SWAN" arrived Thursday Island from Port Moresby at 2045L/29. E.T.D. escorting "ISLANDER" to Merauke 1930L/30. E.T.A. 2000L/31.
- + "PIRIE" escorting "YOCROW" departed Port Moresby at 1336L/30 on LILLIPUT stage 12A - E.T.A. Oro Bay 1400L/1/2.
- + "COOLEBAR" at 1115L/29, N.O.I.C. Adelaide reported "COOLEBAR" has several minor engine room defects. Anticipate ready to sail for Melbourne AM/3/2.
- + "BERYL II" E.T.D. Melbourne for Adelaide 1500L/1/2.
- + "TULSA" arrived Brisbane from Cairns at 1248L/30.
- X "BUNGAREE" at 1620L/30 reported operations BAKER completed.
- X "CITY OF ELWOOD" at 0345L/30, N.O.I.C. Hobart reported vessel now afloat and proceeding to anchorage for overhauling.

AIRCRAFT attacked "WILCANNIA" convoy:

At 1320L/30, "WILCANNIA" reported enemy floatplanes attacked convoy ("ALAGNA"), in position 11° 11' S. 135° 30' E. (280 miles E. of Darwin) course 070° speed 7 knots. No further details.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

At 1449L/30, N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported: At 2330L/29 in position 026° 30' S. 109° 10' E. a torpedo was fired at a U.S. warship but missed. "WARRECO", "INVERELL" and "MAETSUYCKER" warned.

REPORT ON POSSIBLE SHELLING OF "GIANG ANN".

At 1634L/30, N.O.I.C. Sydney reported: Interrogation of Chief Officer - reports hearing gun shot and observing explosion off starboard quarter, in position 32° 55' S. 152° 19' E. at 0410L/30 - Vicinity Port Stephens - GRADED B.2.

"PETER H. BURNETT"

At 0640L/30, "GYMPIE" arrived Sydney from tow.

At 1715L/30, "DELORAINE" reported "ST. ARISTEL" cannot maintain steam and requests another tug be sent. "ST. ARISTEL" can proceed at slow speed for another 24 hours.

At 1735L/30, "DELORAINE" reported being prepared to take over tow if required.

At 1841L/30, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered "DELORAINE" to take over tow, and report if "ST. ARISTEL" can make port under her own power. Another tug being arranged but not likely to sail till 31/1.

At 2100L/30, "DELORAINE" reported: Have taken over tow in position 033° 34' S. 154° 43' E. Course 270° speed 5 knots. "ST. ARISTEL" reports being able to make port under own power.

At 2310L/30, "DELORAINE" reported: Can complete tow with ease, if required.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

Augusta	Air Raid Warning	All Clear 1245L/30
Fall River	" " "	No T.O.O.
Wyndham	" " "	" "

To 0900L/Saturday, 30th January, 1943.

- * "WENLEY" arrived Moreton Bay 0433L/29, departed Caloundra 0540L/29.
- * "BAGLEY" departed Sydney 1640L/29 for Cape Moreton, E.T.A. 0600L/31.
- * "BALLARAT" escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Oro Bay 0800L/28, "BONTEKOE" E.T.A. Townsville 0800L/1, "BALLARAT" Port Moresby 0900L/30.
- * "KALGOORLIE" escorting "BABINDA" and "TULAGI", E.T.D. Thursday Island 0800L/29 for Darwin E.T.A. 2200L/2.
30
- * "GLENELG" on completing escort of T.N.29 is to return Townsville escorting any ship ready and after fuelling is to proceed Cairns to boiler clean.
- * "SWAN" departed Port Moresby 1511L/28 for Thursday Island.
- * "VENDETTA" escorting "DUNTROON" and "KATOOMBA" departed Port Moresby 1930L/28, "DUNTROON" E.T.A. Cairns 1100L/30, "KATOOMBA" and "VENDETTA" E.T.A. Townsville 2000L/30.
- * "LATROBE" is to rendezvous T.N.30 off Fitzroy Island Light at 1500L/30 and escort to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1700L/1.
- * "STUART" departed Townsville 1757L/28 for exercises, returned Townsville 1240L/29.
- * "KYBRA" departed Townsville 0530L/29 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1200L/4.
- * S.C. 744 arrived Townsville 1238L/29.
- * "GOULBURN" escorting B.T.37, on arrival Whitsunday Passage is to proceed independently to Townsville to complete with fuel, and escort "KATOOMBA" and "DUNTROON" to Sydney.
- * "BUNGAREE" reported at 1720L/28 "Operation Bar Lines A. B. and C. completed" arrived Townsville 2114L/28, departed 1609L/29.
- * "GEELONG" E.T.D. Gladstone 1100L/29 escorting "TABINTA" to Brisbane.
- * "BREESE" } escorting "ESSO BALBOA" departed Caloundra 1239L/29.
* "GAMBLE" }
- * "WARRAMUNGA" arrived Moreton Bay 0931L/29, departed Caloundra 1151L/29 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" to Melbourne. E.T.A. 1500L/1.
- * "YANDRA" } escorting P.G.32, E.T.D. Caloundra 0900L/30.
* "KAPUNDA" }
- * "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney 0725L/29 with Sydney portion of O.C.65.
- * "MORESBY" } detailed for C.O.67 to take over escort from "BUNDABERG"
* "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } at rendezvous off Sydney P.M./30.
- * "BINGERA" departed Port Melbourne 0947L/29 for Westernport, arrived 1953L/29.
- * "LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Williamstown 1951L/29 to escort O.C.66 to Sydney.
- * "DOOMBA" departed Fawkes Beacon 1801L/29 for duty with O.C.66.
- * "COOLEBAR" arrived Adelaide 0103L/29 from Albany.
- * "BERMAGUI" departed Whyalla 0430L/29 for Port Pirie E.T.A. 0800L/29 for boiler cleaning.
- * "TJERK HIDDES" arrived Fremantle 1103L/29 from escort duty.
- * "ISABEL" escorting "CHUNGKING" departed Geraldton 0045L/29 for Exmouth Gulf.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "BURWAH" arrived Darwin 1244L/29 from Thursday Island.

"MANUNDA" departed Fall River 1503L/28 for Brisbane B.T.A. 0700L/1.

POSSIBLE JAPANESE PLAN FOUND.

2200L/29 - A.O.R. S.A. advised A.C.N.B. and N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne that Air Intelligence Southern Area had signalled all Southern Area Air Stations as follows - "Rough plan picked up by Army. Plan is of Melbourne defences and important defence works. Writing in Japanese characters. Translation to date states time 0430 a.m. first light 30th January. Translation proceeding. Maximum precaution to be maintained. Vic. Lines of Communication (Army) at full stand-by a.m. 30th January."

The time of origin of Air Intelligence's signal was 1855L/29.

A.C.N.B. passed the signal to N.O.I.C.F.N.D. and N.O.I.C. Sydney for information. N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne warned all L.D.V., P.W.S.S. and X.D.O. that keenest vigilance against possible enemy action was necessary during the following 12 hours.

0030L/30. Army and Air Force H.Q. Staff Officers stated that they had had no official notification, but that all precautions were being taken.

0315L/30. Duty Intelligence Officer A.C.N.B. obtained a copy of the plan, the salient features of which were similar to those of the Maribyrnong Munitions Factory Area. Army and Air Force Duty Officers inspected the copy plan and stated all precautions taken. A.C.N.B. informed N.O.I.C. F.N.D. and N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.

"CITY OF ELWOOD" AGROUND AT HOBART.

"CITY OF ELWOOD" (U.S. Cargo M.V. of 6197 tons gross, HOBART/PANAMA, general cargo), departed Hobart Wharf about 0900L/29 and at 0940L, with pilot aboard, grounded on shoal. No tug was available but "COOMBAR" (Auxiliary M/S) took ship in tow 1350L/29. High water was at 400L but efforts to refloat ship were not successful. Further attempts to be made.

PETER H. BURNETT.

"DELOHAINE" joined tow at 1700L/29 and reported weather good, speed of advance 4½ knots.

U.S. MARINE REPORTS.

At 0150L/30 aircraft reported one submarine about 100 miles east of Lae, course 180°, speed 10 knots.

U.S. submarine "TAUTOG" reported possible submarine about 08 miles 295° from Geraldton at 2330L/29.

"STUART" DAMAGED IN COLLISION.

At 1328L/29, N.O.I.C. Townsville advised that "STUART" had been placed at extended notice for repairs to stern after collision with "HENRY DEARBORN" (U.S. Cargo vessel, 7176 tons gross) when leaving harbour. Details will be signalled later on completion of examination.

IR RAIDS.

Port Moresby - Yellow warning, All Clear 2003L/29.

"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Brisbane at 1508L/28 to carry out exercises.
"SELFRIIDGE" }

"SELFRIIDGE" } will depart Cape Moreton about 0800L/29 and proceed to
"HENLEY" } rendezvous with U.S. Destroyers "STRONG" and "CONY"
escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON", "HERMITAGE", "ARCTURUS" and
"JOSEPH T. DICKMAN" in position 330 miles E.N.E. of Bris-
bane at 0800L/29³⁰ and provide escort to Brisbane, E.T.A.
Cape Moreton 0700L/31.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1200L/29 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" to Melbourne
then to 159° E. "WARRAMUNGA" will then detach and proceed
to Sydney.

U.S.S. "PATTERSON" arrived Townsville at 0938L/28.

"TJERK HIDDES" escorting "CHUNKING" arrived Geraldton from Fremantle at
1853L/28, and departed at 2250L/28.

"SWAN" escorting "GEORGE MATHEWS" arrived Port Moresby at 1017L/
28. To depart for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1730L/29.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "ALAGNA" departed Darwin at 0903L/28 for Thurs-
day Island, E.T.A. 0730L/2.

"WHYALLA" Arrived Fall River from Cape Nelson at 1004L/28 and
departed for Cairns at 1401L/28 - E.T.A. 1500L/30.

"GEE LONG" at sea, ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 1644L/28 to proceed
to Gladstone and escort "TABINTA" to Brisbane. E.T.A.
"GEE LONG" at Gladstone 0500L/29.

"BUNDABERG" will detach from "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" and Sydney portion of
O.C.65 off Sydney and continue escort to and remain
Newcastle and escort C.O.67 to rendezvous off Sydney 30/1.

"LATROBE" will rendezvous with T.N.30 at 0900L/30 in vicinity of
Fitzroy Island light and provide A/S escort to Port Moresby
E.T.A. 0800L/31.

"HILO" arrived Fall River at 1609L/27.

"PATTERSON" towing "ALAGNA" 202 arrived Newcastle from Port Stephens
at 1012L/28.

"GOONAMBEE" arrived Newcastle from Sydney at 1449L/28.

"COOLGWAI" arrived Sydney from Newcastle at 1250L/28.

"ISABELLE" arrived Geraldton from Exmouth Gulf at 1031L/28.

"BUNBURY" (A.M.S.) will carry out sea trials at Brisbane on 28/1 and 29/1

"STUART" at 0902L/28 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported "STUART" has
reverted to 4 hours' notice for steam. Repairs completed
satisfactorily.

"MANUNDA" (Hospital Ship) arrived Fall River at 1203L/28 from Port Moresby

"PETER H. BURNETT" - "DELORAINNE" departed Sydney at 1129L/28 to rendezvous
with "MILDURA" and tug "ST. ARISTEL" towing "PETER H.
BURNETT". "GYMPIE" left tow for Sydney at 0800L/28.
E.T.A. Sydney 0630L/30. Catalina departs Rathmines at
0200L/29 to locate "P. H. BURNETT" and provide inner A/S
patrol. If "DELORAINNE" has not joined tow by 1200L/29
Catalina will assist.

"PATRICIA CAM" - "KURU" (Channel Patrol Boat) departed Darwin p.m./27
E.T.A. Wessel Island p.m./29.
Aircraft report having dropped food and medical supplies
survivors and will continue to do so daily.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

MOST SECRET.

To 0900L/Thursday, 28th January, 1943.

- X "WHYALLA" departed Cape Nelson 1700L/27 for Fall River.
- X "VENDETTA" escorting "DUNTRON" and "KATOOMBA" departed Fall River 1619L/26 for Port Moresby, arrived 1513L/27/1.
- X "BALLARAT" is to escort "BONTEKOE" from Oro Bay to position about 60 miles 235° from Samarai, "BONTEKOE" thence independently to Townsville, "BALLARAT" to Port Moresby.
- X "KALGOORLIE" escorting "TULAGI" and "BABINDA", E.T.D. Thursday Island A.M./29 for Darwin.
- X "PHOENIX" } departed Townsville 0756L/27 for Dunk Island.
X "HELM" }
- X "GAMBLE" } escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" and "WHITE PLAINS" arrived Brisbane
X "BREESE" } 1031L/27 from Noumea.
- X "WARRAMUNGA" returned Moreton Bay 0826L/27 from exercises, departed 1641L/27 for exercises, E.T.D. AM/29 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" to Melbourne.
- + "HENLEY" departed Brisbane 1641L/27 for exercises.
- X "RALPH TALBOT" towing M.T.B's 67, 142 and 150 departed Brisbane 1501L/27 for Cairns, E.T.A. 1400L/29.
- X "GOULBURN" escorting B.T.37 departed Pile Light Brisbane, 1530L/27.
- X "PATERSON" E.T.D. Newcastle 27/1 for Port Stephens to tow "MYCA" to Newcastle, E.T.D. AM/28.
- X "DELORAIN" escorting Newcastle portion of C.O.66 departed Newcastle 1155L/27, arrived Sydney 1839L/27.
- X "ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting C.O.66 departed Sydney 1432L/27.
X "WAGGA" }
- X U.S. Destroyer "GRIDLEY" departed Sydney 1007L/27 for Noumea, E.T.A. 0600L/30.
- X "YANDRA" } escorting G.P.32 departed Sydney 1054L/27, E.T.A. Caloundra
X "KAPUNDA" } 0700L/30.
- + U.S. Seaplane Tender "CHILDS" arrived Fremantle 1114L/27 from Exmouth Gulf
- X "TAMWORTH" departed Fremantle 0930L/27 with tanker "ATHELDUKE" in company for Diego Garcia E.T.A. 2400L/8, "TAMWORTH" thence to Colombo E.T.A. 1300L/14, "ATHELDUKE" to Abadan.
- X "ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M./26 from Fremantle via Carnarvon. "ISABEL" departed 1400L/26 for Geraldton, E.T.A. 0800L/28.
- + "HANUNDA" arrived Port Moresby 0820L/27 from Brisbane.

INDICATION OF JAPANESE AIRCRAFT OFF SYDNEY.

At 2129L/27 H.O.I.C. Sydney reported intercepting very loud signals in Japanese morse on 11.320 megacycles, from a station within a radius roughly from 50 to 200 miles. This frequency is aircraft, not submarine.

H.M.A.S. "PATRICIA CAM" SUNK.

"PATRICIA CAM" (Auxiliary M/S) was sunk 22/1, 25 miles S.W. of Wessel Island by aircraft attack. 15 survivors are on Wessel Island. Casualties are: 1 killed, 3 missing believed killed, 1 seriously wounded.

UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTING NEAR CAPE OTWAY.

Between 2030 and 2100L/27 six persons saw a long dark vessel with no masts or funnels but superstructure amidships well out to sea proceeding towards Apollo Bay (about 15 miles N.E. of Cape Otway). There was a light sea mist at the time. No vessel was known to be in vicinity. AOR SA arranged an air search by two Ansons for first light 28/1.

"PETER H. BURNETT".

Catalinas are to have located "PETER H. BURNETT" to provide A/S cover from about 0530L/28 to limit of safe endurance.

AIR RAIDS.

Merauke Warning, All Clear 1441L/27.

Warning, All Clear 1705L/27.

Fall River Yellow Warning, 0553L/27, All Clear 0620L/27.

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