

To 0900L/Friday, 31st December, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 0506L/30 on completion escort duties with "ORION".

"WARREGO" arrived Cairns at 1109L/30 from Milne Bay.

"KATOOMBA" departed Port Moresby at 1803L/29 for Cairns - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0600L/31.

"ARARAT" ordered by N.O.I.C. New Guinea to carry out continuous combing operations patrol on a line from (A) 10°55'S. 150°34'E to (B) 10°52'S. 150°00'E until relieved by P.C. 1121 at 1200L/31 at position "A".

"BROOME" departed Cairns to carry out A/S patrol within the area bounded by the meridian of 146°15'E and 147°E. and the parallels of 016°S. and 016°41'S.

"BALLARAT" } arrived Cairns at 1823L/30 from Milne Bay.  
S.C. 746 }

"KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay at 1400L/29 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0400L/31 thence Townsville.

"PINIE" arrived Cairns at 1357L/30 from Milne Bay.

"COWRA" departed Brisbane at 0801L/30 escorting "DAVID HEWES" and "FREDERICK BILLINGS" to vicinity Lady Elliot where Cowra detaches and returns to Brisbane.

"WHYALLA" } departed Brisbane at 2130L/29 escorting Q.L.42 (2 ships).  
S.C. 735 }

"LATROBE" departed Thursday Island at 0942L/30 - E.T.A. Townsville 0701L/1.

"WARRENAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 0802L/30 escorting G.P.96 (2 ships)  
"DELOBRAINE" } E.T.A. Caloundra 1500L/1.  
1 M.L. }

"FREMANTLE" departed Darwin at 1049L/30 escorting D.T. 40 (3 ships) and "GLORIA" in tow. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1300L/3 - less "DILGA" detached at Melville Bay.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Thursday Island at 1500L/28 escorting T.D. 40 (3 ships) for Darwin.

M.L.808 } arrived Brisbane at 1144L/30 escorting L.Q. 41.  
M.L.821 }

P.C. 1123 departed Caloundra at 1714L/30 escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" P.C. 1123 parts company at 0900L/31 and proceeds to join L.Q. 42 vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 0700L/1.

YMS.71 departed Milne Bay at 0630L/30 escorting "FALIE" to Buna, Lae and Langemak.

S.C. 750 arrived Goodenough at 1130L/29 escorting "KOONDOOLOO" from Oro Bay.

M.L.807 arrived Sydney at 1259L/30 from Port Kembla.

M.L.431 arrived Buna at 0730L/29 from Milne Bay.

M.L.818 departed Milne Bay at 0730L/30 escorting "MOBILOIL" to Port Moresby.

YMS.334 E.T.A. Lae 2300L/31 escorting Y.13 from Milne Bay.

"BUNGAREE" expects to complete operation by 31/12 and then sail for Sydney via Townsville - E.T.A. Sydney 7/1/44.

"BERYL II." departed Sydney at 1230L/30 - E.T.A. Brisbane 0700L/2.

"POLLUX" (U.S. Store Ship) when ready 30/12 to depart Milne Bay for San Francisco.

"CALAMERES" (U.S. Stores Ship) arrived Sydney at 1030L/30.

"FALIE" arrived Milne Bay at 1330L/28 from Townsville.

D/F FIXES were obtained of enemy submarines N. of Cape Gloucester P.M/30 and A.M/31. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

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To 0900L/Thursday, 30th December, 1943.

"VENDETTA" departed Caloundra at 2110L/29 to exercise with U.S. submarine "ALBACORE" seaward of Cape Moreton - detaching as necessary to R.V. with "COPAHEE".

"CONVERSE" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Sydney at 0815L/28 for Noumea E.T.A. 1000L/31.

"WALLER" (U.S. Destroyer with C.T.F. 22 on board) arrived Sydney at 0712L/29 from Noumea.

"LITHGOW" departed Port Moresby at 1430L/29 escorting "HELGA MOLLER" to Cairns - E.T.A. 2030L/31.

"ARARAT" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1215L/28 escorting T.N. 197.

"BOWEN" )

"BALLARAT" )

"PIRIE" )

"BOWEN" ) will depart Milne Bay 28/12 escorting U.S. Destroyer Transport  
 "BALLARAT" ) "DENT" E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1300L/31 - S.C. 746 proceeds  
 S.C. 746 ) Cairns for docking. "BOWEN" will remain as escort to  
 Townsville. "BALLARAT" to be detached as directed by  
 N.O.I.C. Townsville.

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay at 1800L/28 E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0600L/30.

"PIRIE" departed Milne Bay at 1815L/28 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1300L/30.

"GYMPIE" (on escort duties with T.N. 200). At 0405L/29 "BUNDABERG" reported that owing to fall of bricks "GYMPIE" shut down starboard boiler - returning to Cairns. Arrived Cairns at 0801L/29.

"MILDURA" ) arrived Townsville at 0846L/29 from Brisbane.  
 "KALGOORLIE" )

"WILCANNIA" ) departed Brisbane at 1207L/29 - E.T.A. Sydney  
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" ) 1101L/31.

"INVERELL" arrived Thursday Island at 1610L/29 from Townsville.

"ECHUCA" departed Sydney at 0858L/29 for daylight A/S patrol to Newcastle and return.

"BUNBURY" arrived Sydney at 1620L/29 from Townsville.

S.C. 732 ) departed Goodenough Island at 0627L/28 escorting "ANHUI" to  
 P.C. 476 ) Lae - E.T.A. 1900L/29.

M.L. 818 arrived Milne Bay at 1330L/28 escorting "W.E. CHANNING" from Goodenough.

S.C. 750 departed Oro Bay 1115L/28 escorting "KOONDOOLOO" to Goodenough Island.

P.C. 1124 arrived Finschhafen at 1235L/28 escorting B.G. 6.

YP. 291 departed Thursday Island at 1211L/29 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1200L/31.

M.L. 812 arrived Sydney at 1009L/29 from Port Kembla.

M.L. 431 departed Milne Bay 1650L/28 for Buna.

M.L. 811 arrived Brisbane at 0315L/29 escorting "ULOOLOO".

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 29th December, 1943.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Milne Bay 2230L/27 from Oro Bay.

Y.P. 291 arrived Milne Bay 1025L/28 from Cairns.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Milne Bay about 3/1 for San Francisco to return Milne Bay on completion of repairs and loading.

U.S.S. "BLUEBRIDGE" ) departed Milne Bay 0430L/28 for Buna. E.T.A.  
"CARTER HALL" ) 1800L/28.

YMS. 53 ) escorting "JOSIAH EARL" arrived Milne Bay 1445L/27 from  
S.C. 744 ) Finschhafen.

P.C. 476 escorting "W.E. CHANNING" arrived Goodenough 1201L/28 from Lae.

YMS. 73 escorting "GORGON" arrived Buna 1615L/27 from Lae.

S.C. 732 arrived Goodenough 0600L/27 from Milne Bay.

"CAROO" (Powered Lighter) departed Milne Bay 0600L/28 for Buna - E.T.A. January 1.

"KARANGI" departed Thursday Island 0910L/28 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0700L/31.

"LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" arrived Thursday Island 0143L/28 from Darwin.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting T.D. 40 departed Thursday Island 1500L/28.

"BUNDABERG" ) departed Cairns 1229L/28 to rendezvous T.N. 200 off  
"GYMPIE" ) Fitzroy Island 1400L/28 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/31 with portion "B".

"BROOME" arrived Cairns 2049L/28 from escorting M.V. 52.

"AASE MAERSK" departed Townsville 1830L/28 for Gladstone - E.T.A. 1230L/30.

HDML. 1325 arrived Townsville 1515L/28 from Brisbane.

"MILDURA" ) E.T.A. Townsville 1100L/29 from Brisbane.  
"KALGOORLIE" )

"COWRA" escorting "MAGNOLIA" (bound Sydney) to 26°08'S. 154°41'E where "COWRA" detaches for Brisbane, departed Gladstone 1900L/28.

M.L. 808 ) escorting L.Q. 41 departed Gladstone 1900L/28.  
M.L. 821 )

"STUART" ) departed Brisbane 1101L/28 - "STUART" to detach off Sydney,  
"ORION" ) "ORION" E.T.A. Fremantle 1930L/5.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane 0704L/28 from escorting "F.C. AINSWORTH".

"WILCANNIA" ) escorting G.P. 95 arrived Brisbane 1825L/28.  
"A. CRIJNSSEN" )

"GASCOYNE" departed Sydney 1618L/28 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 0600L/29 to work up.

M.L. 822 departed Jervis Bay 0900L/28 for Twofold Bay.

"GEBELONG" and "YANDRA" escorting P.G. 94 arrived Sydney 1647L/28.

U.S. Destroyer "CONVERSE" E.T.D. Sydney 0900L/29 for Noumea. E.T.A. 1000L/31.

U.S. Destroyer "STACK" departed Sydney 1150L/28 for Noumea - E.T.A.  
0700L/30.

"MORESBY" on passage Sydney to Cairns is to proceed Townsville for fuel.

"DOOMBA" departed Sydney 0852L/28 for A/S patrol to Newcastle and return .

"PATROLLER" departed Port Melbourne 0701L/28 for Fremantle - E.T.A.  
1030L/2.

AIRCRAFT REPORT OF SUBMARINE IN CORAL SEA.

Catalina reported sighting submarine in position about 200 miles S.W. of China Strait at 1940L/28, course north. Report graded A/2. by Air Force. Submarine crash dived on approach of aircraft.

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"GERARD" E.T.D. Caloundra 1700L/27 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600L/1.

U.S. Destroyer "STACK" E.T.D. Sydney 1130L/28 for Noumea.

U.S. Destroyer "WALLER" E.T.D. Noumea 1430L/26 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700L/29.

"MORSEBY" departed Sydney 1230L/27 for Cairns - E.T.A. 2000L/31.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney 0931L/27 for daylight patrol to Newcastle and return.

M.L. 622 departed Sydney 1037L/27 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/27.

M.L. 611 detached from G.P. 95 at 0730L/27 to escort "ULOOLOC" straggling from convoy.

"HORSHAM" escorting "COLINA" departed Geraldton 1745L/27 for Onslow E.T.A. 1500L/29.

SUBMARINE REPORT N. OF ADMIRALTY ISLAND.

At 1300L/27 U.S. Submarine "GATO" sighted an enemy submarine in position about 120 miles N. of Admiralty Island course South, speed 13 knots. C.S.W.P.S.F. informed A.I.C. 385.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900Z/MONDAY 27TH DECEMBER 1943.

STACK (U.S. Destroyer)

Departs Sydney forenoon 28/12 for Noumea  
E.T.A. 0900Z/30.

BROOME }  
S.C. 732 }  
Y.M.S. 72 }  
Y.M.S. 315 }

Arrived Milne Bay at 1230Z/25 escorting TN 196.

BROOME

Departed Milne Bay at 1430Z/26 escorting MV52  
E.T.A. Townsville 1930Z/29.

STAWELL }  
Y.M.S. 335 }  
S.C. 749 }

E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800Z/27 from escort duties  
to Oro Bay - STAWELL has been ordered to  
assist SAMUEL K. BARLOW aground on Hibwa Is.  
Raven Channel.

KAPUNDA

Arrived Cairns at 0837Z/26 from Port Moresby

BUNBURY

Departed Townsville at 1607Z/25 for Sydney  
E.T.A. 1500Z/29.

WARREGO

Will r/v with "KURUMBA" at 1000Z/26 at Fitzroy  
Is. and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100Z/28.

INVERELL

Departed Townsville at 1058Z/26 for Thursday  
Is. E.T.A. 1800Z/29 - anchoring at night  
en route. When relieved by INVERELL, LATROBE  
is to be sailed to Sydney for annual refit.

WHYALLA }  
S.C. 735 }

Arrived Brisbane at 0530Z/26 escorting L.Q. 40.

GEELONG }  
YANDRA }  
KALGOORLIE }

Arrived Brisbane at 1022Z/25 escorting G.P. 94.

GEELONG }  
YANDRA }

Departed Caloundra at 1310Z/26 escorting P.G. 94  
(5 ships).

MILDURA }  
KALGOORLIE }  
60WRA. }

Departed Brisbane at 1611Z/26 escorting Q.L. 41  
On arrival Bustard Head MILDURA and KALGOORLIE  
proceed independently to Townsville.

WILCANNIA }  
ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN }  
M.L. 811 }

Departed Sydney at 0745Z/26 escorting G.P. 95  
(3 ships) E.T.A. Caloundra 1500Z/28.

COLAC

Arrived Sydney at 0557Z/26 from Townsville.

MORESBY

E.T.D. Sydney 1130Z/27 for Cairns. E.T.A.  
2000Z/31 - then to Milne Bay

S.C. 741

Departed Caloundra at 2330Z/25 escorting  
EDWARD CHAMBERS with barges in tow as far as  
Bustard Head, where S.C. 741 detaches and  
proceeds independently to Gladstone.

M.L. 822

E.T.D. Sydney 0900Z/27 for Eden. M.L. 807 is  
to return to Sydney when relieved by M.L. 822.

S.C. 731

Arrived Brisbane at 0210Z/26 from Cairns.

P.C. 1121 Arrived Milne Bay at 0930Z/25 from Buna.  
Y.M.S. 50 Arrived Buna at 1530Z/25 escorting B.G.5.  
M.L. 818 Departed Kiriwina 25/12 on escort duties to  
Goodenough 1000Z/27 E.T.A. 1800Z/26.  
P.C. 476 E.T.A. Goodenough 1000Z/27 escorting WILLIAM E.  
CHANNING from Lae.  
Y.M.S. 71 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1130Z/27 escorting Y.19 from Lae.  
CALAMARES (U.S. Stores Ship) Departed Noumea at 1600Z/26 for Sydney  
E.T.A. 30/12.  
MIZAR Arrived Brisbane at 0804Z/26 from Sydney. E.T.D.  
0300Z/27 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900Z/30.  
GUARDFISH (U.S. Sub) Departs Caloundra at 1800Z/27.  
CAPE LEEUWIN Arrived Buna at 1500Z/24 from Milne Bay

D/F FIXES ENEMY SUBMARINES were obtained in vicinity  
Cape Gloucester between 1930Z/26 and 0312Z/27.  
Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

SAMUEL K. BARLOW (7176 gross - U.S. Army Cargo)  
aground on Hibwa Is. Raven Channel (off East Cape - Milne Bay).  
STAWELL has been instructed to proceed with despatch and render  
all assistance. Report received from N.O.I.C. Milne Bay, New  
Guinea at 0911Z/26.

Enemy Air Raid.

Milne Bay Red 0411Z/26.  
White 0413Z/26.



MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Sunday, 26th December, 1943.

STUART will depart Caloundra at 1430L/23 escorting ORION (for Fremantle via Melbourne) to vicinity Sydney - STUART then proceeds to Sydney.

VENDETTA departed Brisbane at 1920L/25 to rendezvous with FRED C. AINSWORTH and escort to Lady Elliot Is. - VENDETTA then returns to Brisbane.

WARREGO arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/24 escorting BLUE RIDGE.

WARREGO departed Milne Bay at 1715L/24 for Townsville.

GYMPIE }  
BUNDABERG } arrived Milne Bay at 1625L/24 escorting T.N.195.  
STAWELL }

GYMPIE }  
BUNDABERG } departed Milne Bay at 1520L/24 escorting M.V.51 (2 ships) for Townsville.

STAWELL }  
S.C. 749 } departed Milne Bay at 0600L/25 escorting B.G.3 (2 ships) to Oro Bay. WESTRALIA and U.S.S. ETAMIN are in company  
Y.M.S. 335 } to Cape Sudest.

ARARAT }  
BOWER } Detailed to escort T.N.197 (19 ships also P.Ts.332 and 338)  
FIRIE } Escorts to rendezvous with convoy off Fitzroy Is. at 1400L/25 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/28.  
BALLARAT }

HUNBURY Arrived Townsville at 0520L/25 from Cairns.

IBVERELL Arrived Townsville at 0540L/25 from Brisbane.

LITHGOW Departed Cairns at 1405L/25 to rendezvous with T.N.198 - HUNGAREK and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0900L/27.

WHYALLA }  
S.C. 735 } Departed Gladstone at 1900L/24 escorting L.4.40 (2 ships towing WORTANNA).

MILDURA Arrived Brisbane at 2314L/24 from Melbourne.

LATROBE Departed Darwin at 0837L/25 escorting TULAGI to Thursday Is. E.T.A. 0400L/28.

HORSHAM Arrived Geraldton at 1121L/25 escorting COLINA from Fremantle - then to proceed Onslow. On return voyage to escort ORDINA from Exmouth Gulf to Fremantle.

S.C. 745 }  
S.C. 746 } Arrived Milne Bay at 0735L/24 escorting JOHN W. MACRAY from Lae.

S.C. 747 }  
Y.M.S. 314 } Arrived Finschavon at 1200L/23 escorting HENRY L. ABBOTT from Milne Bay.

P.C. 476 }  
Y.M.S. 75 } Departed Milne Bay at 1025L/24 escorting convoy B.G.4  
Y.M.S. 313 } to Lae E.T.A. 2000L/25.

M.L. 808 }  
M.L. 821 } Arrived Gladstone at 0730L/25 from Brisbane.

M.L. 818 Departed Milne Bay at 1615L/24 for Kiriwina E.T.A. 2100L/25

Y.M.S. 50 Departed Milne Bay at 1630L/24 escorting convoy B.C.5 to Buna E.T.A.1430L/25.

Y.P. 266 Arrived Fremantle at 0830L/25 from Exmouth Gulf.

Y.P. 291 Departed Cairns at 0625L/25 for Thursday Is. for onward routing to Port Moresby.

Y.M.S. 11 Arrived Milne Bay at 0715L/25 escorting DALIKPAPAN from Oro Bay.

NEBOH (lugger) departed Merauke at 2020L/23 for Okaba 50 miles N.W. Merauke returning in 7 days.

RESERVE Departed Milne Bay at 1630L/24 for Buna E.T.A.1300L/24.

JOEJIM towing launch arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/24 from Oro Bay.

HALF NOON (U.S. Seaplane Tender) arrived Brisbane at 0143L/25 from Milne Bay.

ALIC NO departed Milne Bay at 0400L/25 for Buna E.T.A.1000L/26.

POTREHO arrived Milne Bay at 1157L/25 from Oro Bay.

Aircraft reported sighting, from 9000 feet, submarine crash diving in position 100 miles north of Grafton Passage at 1935L/25. Graded C.3 by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Cairns.

Enemy Air Raids

COODENOUGH IS.

Yellow	0031L/26.
Red	0120L/26
Yellow	0320L/26
Red	0337L/26.

PURELO (tanker) aground on Dorasi Shoal - vicinity Milne Bay at 2115L/25. TUG SPRIGHTLY (en route to Milne Bay with T.B.197) has been ordered to detach and proceed with all despatch to assist.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900L/Saturday, 25th December, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 departed Milne Bay 1630L/24.

S.C.744 and 1 Y.M.S. escorting JOSIAH EARL departed Milne Bay 0600L/23 for Finschaven E.T.A. 2000L/24.

Y.M.S.11 and S.C.750 escorting BALIKPAPAN departed Finschaven 0700L/23 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0700L/24.

POTRERO departed Oro Bay 0630L/23 for Milne Bay.

S.C.749 arrived Milne Bay 1300L/23 from Lae.

S.C.745 and S.C.746 escorting BONTEKOE departed Lae 2200L/22 for Buna E.T.A. 1200L/23.

KAPUNDA escorting T.N.194 arrived Port Moresby 0742L/24; escorting VAN OUTHOORN departed Port Moresby 1145L/24 for Cairns E.T.A. 1800L/26.

BUNBURY arrived Cairns 0101L/24 from Port Moresby, departed 1615L/24 for Townsville, Sydney and Melbourne.

LITHGOW to rendezvous T.N.198 including BUNGAREE off Fitzroy Island 1600L/25 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0900L/27.

S.C.731 departed Cairns 1221L/23 for Brisbane.

CALEDONIAN SALVOR departed Cairns 1600L/23 for salvage MANGOLA, E.T.A. 1200L/24.

EOWEN arrived Townsville 0526L/24 from Brisbane.

L.C.I. 325, 230 and 430 departed Townsville 1618L/23 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700L/26.

FALIE departed Townsville 0930L/24 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200L/23.

STUART escorting U.S.S. ORION arrived Brisbane 0610L/24.

ORION E.T.D. Brisbane 28/12 for Fremantle.

TOWNSVILLE returned Brisbane 0740L/24 from escorting BOSCHFONTEIN.

GLADSTONE arrived Brisbane 0325L/24 from Cairns.

H.D.M.L.1325 E.T.D. Caloundra 1200L/25 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200L/23.

ROCKHAMPTON ) Escorting P.G.93 arrived Sydney 1804L/24.  
ECHUCA )

MIZAR departed Sydney 1115L/24 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0400L/26.

WILCANNIA departed Sydney 0907L/24 for A/S patrol to Newcastle and returned 1853L/24.

MORESBY E.T.D. Sydney A.M./27 to Cairns for onward routing to Milne Bay.

M.L.823 arrived Sydney 1327L/24 from Eden.

PATROLLER arrived Port Phillip 0101L/24 from San Francisco,

berthed Port Melbourne 0800L/24; E.T.D. 1200L/27  
for Fremantle for onward routing to Karachi.

HORSHAM departed Fremantle 1426L/24 escorting COLINA  
(bound Colombo) to Geraldton and Onslow.

FREMANTLE escorting T.D.39 arrived Darwin 0938L/24.

AIRCRAFT SURVIVORS RESCUED.

An aircraft was forced down into the sea at  
1830L/24 in position 24°40'S. 153°50'E. (about 30 miles E. of  
Sandy Cape). TANCRED (Brisbane/Cairns) was ordered at 1956L/24 to  
proceed to the scene, E.T.A. about 2100L/24. ST. GILES (Townsville/  
Brisbane) was ordered at 1956L/24 to assist, E.T.A. about 2300L/24.  
U.S. Seaplane Tender HALF MOON (south bound to Brisbane) was  
advised at 1925L/24. M.L.'s 808 and 821 (Brisbane/Gladstone) were  
diverted to join the search which was assisted by 2 beauforts.  
WHYALLA was ordered at 2252L/24 to detach from Q.L.40 and take charge  
of search. At 0245L/25 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported that survivors  
had been located and ordered WHYALLA to rejoin L.Q.40.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

KIRIWINA Yellow 0322L/25, White 0352L/25.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Friday, 24th December, 1943.

U.S. S/M "BLACKFISH" } returned Milne Bay 1840L/22 from exercises.  
"COUCAL" }  
P.C. 476 & S.C. 982 }

P.C. 1132 } escorting "JUAN CABRILLO" arrived Finschhafen 0730L/22 from  
S.C. 737 } Langemak.

"RESERVE" returned Milne Bay 1000L/23.

YMS. 71 escorting Y.19 departed Milne Bay 1200L/22 for Lae - E.T.A.  
0800L/24.

S.C. 731 E.T.D. Cairns 1200L/23 for Brisbane.

"TENKA" departed Cairns 0724L/23 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0700L/24.

"VICTORIA" arrived Townsville 2015L/22 from Brisbane.

L.C.I. 225, 230 and 430 arrived Townsville 0237L/23 from Brisbane.  
"COPAHEE"

U.S. Auxiliary A/C carrier departed San Francisco 0900L/15 for  
Brisbane - E.T.A. January 1.

"STUART" E.T.D. Brisbane 0600L/23 to relieve U.S.S. "HARMON" as  
escort for U.S. Submarine Tender "ORION" in position 26°  
32'S. 156°10'E at 1730L/23 and escort to Brisbane.

L.S.T. 245 arrived Brisbane 1459L/23 from Noumea.

M.L. 808 } departed Caloundra 1625L/23 escorting "NORLAGO" towing  
M.L. 821 } barge to Lady Elliot Island whence M.L.'s proceed Gladstone.

P.C. 1123 escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" arrived Brisbane 1309L/23.

"COWRA" } escorting Q.L.39 arrived Brisbane 0835L/23.  
S.C. 741 }

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Caloundra 0844L/23 escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN"  
(bound San Francisco) until 2100L/23 then returning Brisbane  
E.T.A. 1100L/24.

"GEELONG" } escorting G.P.94 departed Sydney 0737L/23.  
"YANDRA" }

"KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney 1226L/23 to overtake G.P.94 and augment  
escort to Caloundra, thence proceed Townsville.

"DOOMBA" departed Sydney 0845L/23 on daylight A/S patrol to Newcastle,  
returned Sydney 1835L/23.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1613L/23 from Jervis Bay.

U.S. DESTROYER "TALBOT" arrived Sydney 0717L/23 from Noumea.

YP. 288 departed Fremantle 1625L/23 for Exmouth Gulf.

M.L. 426 DAMAGED:

While lying alongside in Pt. Moresby, the hull  
of M.L. 426 was extensively damaged above the waterline by H.M.A.S.  
"KATOOMBA" A.M./22. Repairs can be effected in Port Moresby and are  
expected to be completed by the end of January.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE REPORT:

At 1831L/23 N.O.I.C. New Guinea, advised that  
aircraft reported sighting a possible submarine 40 miles S. of Port  
Moresby at 0930L/22. Report not graded but grading presumably low.

LIBERTY SHIP AGROUND AND REFLOATED:

"HENRY L. ABBOTT" (Liberty Ship) ran aground about 28 miles N.W. of Buna at 0515L/22 was refloated A.M/23 and proceeded.

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" arrived Fremantle 1424L/23 from Exmouth Gulf.

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To 0900L/Thursday, 23rd December, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane at 1811L/22 from vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

"TROMP" returned Fremantle at 1455L/22 from escort duties.

"TJERK HIDDEN" Returned Fremantle at 1102L/22 from escort duties.

"ROBINSON" } U.S. Destroyers arrived Milne Bay at 1300L/21 from  
 "BACHE" } Espiritu Santo.  
 "MULLANY" }

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay at 1020L/22 for Langemak.

"ARARAT" arrived Milne Bay at 0900L/20 from Lae. Departed at 1200L/22 escorting M.V. 50 (2 ships) E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1200L/24.

"BUNBURY" departed Port Moresby at 1115L/22 escorting "CANBERRA" to Cairns E.T.A. 0330L/24.

"BROOME" } departed Cairns at 1221L/22 to R.V. with T.N. 196 (5 ships)  
 S.C. 732 } at 1400L/22 off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay  
 YMS.72 } E.T.A. 2140L/25.  
 YMS.315 }

"WARREGO" departed Cairns at 2005L/22 so as to R.V. with U.S.S. "BLUE RIDGE" off Fitzroy Island at 2200L/22 and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 0600L/24.

"COLAC" departed Townsville at 0700L/22 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0600L/26.

"INVERELL" departed Caloundra at 1631L/22 escorting "KURUMBA" for Townsville. After arrival Lady Elliot Is. ships proceed independently. "INVERELL" E.T.A. 1100L/25.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } arrived Brisbane at 2124L/21 escorting G.P.93.  
 "ECHUCA" } Departed Brisbane at 1143L/22 escorting P.G.93 (2 ships)  
 E.T.A. Sydney 2000L/24.

"WHYALLA" } departed Brisbane at 1449L/22. escorting Q.L.40 (5 ships).  
 S.C. 735 }

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin at 1808L/22 escorting "TULAGI" from Thursday Is.

S.C. 747 } departed Milne Bay at 0530L/21 escorting "HENRY L. ABBOTT"  
 YMS.314 } to Finschhafen.

P.C. 1132 } arrived Langemak at 2210L/21 escorting "JUAN CABRILLO" from  
 S.C. 737 } Buna.

S.C. 749 arrived Finschhafen at 1945L/21 escorting "MELINGA" from Buna.

M.L.810 arrived Twofold Bay at 0515L/21 from Sydney.

YP.286 departed Exmouth Gulf at 2215L/21 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1300L/25.

YP.291 arrived Cairns at 1617L/22 from Townsville.

"FALIE" arrived Townsville from Brisbane at 1410L/22.

"WATO" arrived Pt. Moresby at 1456L/22 from Buna.

"MIZAR" when ready 24/12 to depart Sydney for Brisbane.

"CAROO" arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/22 from Pt. Moresby.

"STELLA" } arrived Buna at 1430L/22.  
 "POLARIS" }

D/F fix of enemy submarine in Vitiaz Strait area at 0407L/23.  
 Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

0900L/Wednesday, 22nd December, 1943.

- "STUART" failed to R.V. with "SEA PIKE"  
At 2144L/21, N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised "STUART". If rendezvous not effected before dark 21/12 to return to Brisbane.
- "STUART" will depart Brisbane so as to rendezvous with U.S.S. "ORION" (Sub Tender) and relieve escort U.S.S. "HARMON" in position 025°58'S. 159°00'E A.M./24. and escort "ORION" to Brisbane.
- "VENDETTA" is to depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "FRED C. AINSWORTH" in position 24°18'S. 155°01'E at 0900L/27 and escort to Lady Elliot Island. "VENDETTA" then proceeds Brisbane.
- "CONVERSE" (U.S. Destroyer) with COMDESDIV 46 arrived Sydney at 0745L/21.
- "KATOOMBA" arrived Port Moresby at 0945L/21 escorting T.N. 193 less "VAN OUTHOORN" and "BUNBURY", detached, to arrive later.
- "KAPUNDA" departed Cairns at 1331L/21 to rendezvous with T.N. 194 ("HENRY MOLLER") in vicinity Fitzroy Island at 1600L/21 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800L/24.
- "GLADSTONE" departed Townsville 21/12 for Brisbane for repairs following grounding on Bougainville Reef. E.T.A. 2000L/24.
- "CASTLEMAINE" arrived Townsville at 1644L/21 from Cairns.
- "GYMPIE" ) departed Cairns at 1301L/ 1 to rendezvous with "BUNDA-  
"STAWELL" ) BERG" and T.N. 195 (10 M.Vs, also LST. 463, LCI 431, APC 19 in company and PTs. 362, 367, 366, 363 in tow) off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/24.
- "COWRA" ) departed Gladstone at 1830L/21 escorting L.C. 39 - E.T.A.  
S.C. 741 ) Brisbane 0300L/23.
- "BOWEN" departed Caloundra 1801L/21 escorting "WILLIAM D. BURNHAM" to Lady Elliot Island where "BOWEN" detaches and proceeds independently to Townsville.
- "WARRENAMPOOL" ) arrived Sydney at 1832L/21 escorting P.G. 92.  
"DELORAINE" )  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )
- "KALGOORLIE" will depart Sydney for Townsville with G.P.94 leaving Sydney 23/12.
- "MILDURA" departed Port Phillip at 1921L/20 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 1600L/24.
- P.C. 476 ) departed Milne Bay at 1100L/21 for exercises with U.S.S.  
S.C. 982 ) "BLACKFISH" and "COUCAL".
- M.L. 816 arrived Milne Bay at 1315L/20 escorting "FLOYD B. OLSEN" from Kiriwina.
- M.L. 428 arrived Milne Bay at 1330L/20 escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" from Port Moresby.
- S.C. 748 ) arrived Finschhafen at 0800L/20 escorting "JOHN S. SARGENT"  
S.C. 650 ) from Milne Bay.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Tuesday 21st December, 1943.

U.S. Destroyers "BROWNSON", "BACHE", "MULLANY" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/21 from Espiritu Sato.

S.C. 745 and Y.13 escorting "W.E. CHANNING" departed Lae 1630L/18 another S.C. 746 for Finschhafen.

S.C. 749 escorting "MULCRA" and F.A.I. arrived Finschhafen 1145L/19 from Buna.

"ARARAT" departed Lae 1101L/19 for Milne Bay.

S.C. 744 } escorting "JOHN G. BRADY" arrived Milne Bay 1025L/19 from  
YMS. 53 } Finschhafen.

YMS. 336 escorting Y.14 departed Lae 1605L/18 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1000L/20.

YMS. 73 escorting "OZARK" departed Lae 2000L/18 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 2100L/20.

YMS. 11 } escorting "BALIKPAPAN" departed Lae 1200L/19 for  
S.C. 750 } Finschhafen - E.T.A. 1800L/19.

S.C. 737 ) escorting "JUAN CABRILLO" departed Milne Bay 1315L/19  
P.C. 1132 ) for Buna E.T.A. 1000L/20.

YMS. 71 arrived Milne Bay 1530L/19 from Dreger Harbour.

YMS. 313 returned Milne Bay 1730L/19 with engine defects from escorting "W.E. CHANNING"

"RESERVE" departed Milne Bay 1530L/19 to assist at Bougainville Reef.

YT. 236 departed Thursday Island 0835L/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. P.M/24.

"FREMANTLE" escorting T.D. 39 departed Thursday Is. 0415L/20.

"LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" departed Thursday Island 1700L/19 for Darwin.

"KAPUNDA" to R.V. T.N. 194 off Fitzroy Island 1600L/21 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800L/23.

YMS. 315 arrived Cairns 1953L/19 from Brisbane.

"GLADSTONE" departed Cairns 2021L/20 for Brisbane. for repairs, E.T.A. Caloundra 2000L/24.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 1251L/20 from Stanley Island, departed Cairns 1703L/20 for Townsville E.T.A. 0530L/21.

"BUNDABERG" E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/20 escorting T.N. 195 to Milne Bay.

"GYMPIE" ) with Cairns portion of T.N. 195 to R.V. "BUNDABERG" and  
"STAWELL" ) Townsville portion off Fitzroy Island 1500L/21.

"STUART" departed Caloundra 1454L/20 escorting "BLUE"RIDGE" to Lady Elliot Is. whence "STUART" proceeds to R.V. "SEA PIKE", escort to Lady Elliot Is. and return Brisbane and "BLUE RIDGE" proceeds independently to Townsville - E.T.A. 1700L/22.

P.C. 1123 returned Brisbane 0644L/20 from escorting "SEA SNIP"; departed Caloundra 1312L/20 escorting "POINT SAN PEDRO" to Lady Elliot Island where P.C. 113L detaches and proceeds Gladstone.

"INVERELL" arrived Brisbane 0754L/20 from Melbourne.

L.S.T. 245 departed Noumea 0700L/20 for Brisbane E.T.A. 23/12.

L.S.T. 181 arrived Brisbane 1420L/20 from Noumea.

"GERARD" arrived Brisbane 1111L/20 from Sydney.

U.S. Destroyer "STACK" arrived Sydney 0800L/20 from Noumea.

U.S. Destroyer "WATERS" departed Sydney 1316L/20 for Noumea E.T.A. noon  
/23.

"TULSA" departed Sydney 1244L/20 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1300L/27.

L.C.I. 65, 66, 329, 331 and 333 departed Sydney 1554L/20 for Noumea.

M.L. 810 arrived Jervis Bay 1630L/19 from Sydney - E.T.D. 0900L/20 for  
Eden E.T.A. 1800L/20.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Sydney 0602L/20 for Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 1530L/20.

"MILDURA" departed Pt. Phillip 1921L/20 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1600L/24.

U.S.S. "CHILDS" arrived Exmouth Gulf 1300L/19 from Fremantle.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" in tow of H.M. Tug "PRUDENT", escorted by "F.S. SAVORG-  
NAN DE BRAZZA" arrived Diego Suarez 0431L/20.

"MANUNDA" departed Brisbane 1240L/20 for Thursday Island E.T.A. A.M./24.

AIRCRAFT ATTACK ON "LATROBE" AND CONVOY.

"LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI" from Thursday Island to Darwin reported 10 (probably one) enemy aircraft at 1133L/20 in position 10°43'S 139°10'E (about 180 miles W. of Thursday Is). At 1210L/20 "LATROBE" reported that 1 bomb fell 50 yards from her and 1 machine gun attack was made on "TULAGI" but no damage suffered, and aircraft disappeared to West by North direction.

SUBMARINE REPORT N. OF MILNE BAY 19/12.

"MARGARET THWAITES" (U.S. Trawler) reported sighting a submarine on surface and later submerging in position 09°50'S. 150°35'E at 1920L/19. Position is about 40 miles N. of Milne Bay - Report is graded B.3.

ALL SHIPS GROUNDED ON BOUGAINVILLE REEF NOW IN CAIRNS:

"LITHGOW" - escorting "JAMES M. CLEMENTS", "GEORGE STIRLING", "CHARLES M. RUSSEL" and 7 P.T.'s arrived Cairns 1401L/20.

"GLADSTONE" - departed Cairns 2021L/20 for Brisbane for repairs, E.T.A. Caloundra 2000L/24.

"STAWELL" - escorting "LUDDINGTON" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 0447L/20.

"GYMPIE" - escorting "PETER DESMIT" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 0603L/20.

"WARREGO" } - escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" arrived Cairns  
"CASTLEMAINE" } 1814L/20.

"JULIEN DUBUQUE" REFLOATED -

"JULIEN DUBUQUE" reported herself refloated at 1910L/20 and proceeding with all despatch to Townsville. E.T.A. 0800L/21. YT.237 returned Cairns 2339L/19 from assisting "JULIEN DUBUQUE."

"KARANGI"

N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported that "KARANGI" was moved a further 100 yards 19/12.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900L/Monday, 20th December, 1943.

U.S. Destroyers "HUTCHINS", "DALY", "AMMEN", "BEALE" and "BUSH" arrived Milne Bay 1635L/18 from Espiritu Santo.

"WARREGO" escorting U.S.S. "PYRO" arrived Milne Bay 1135L/18.

YMS. 314 escorting "STEPHEN GIRARD" arrived Milne Bay 0845L/18 from Lae.

S.C. 650 and 748 escorting "J. SARGENT" and Y.6 departed Milne Bay 0530L/18. Y.6 for Lae, "J. SARGENT" for Finschhafen.

"LAURABADA" arrived Milne Bay 1228L/18 from Natter Bay, departed 1330L/19 for Port Moresby.

"WATO" towing "RONA" arrived Buna 1815L/18 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 749 escorting "MULGRA" and "FAI" departed Buna 1045L/18 for Finschhafen. E.T.A. 0900L/19.

"POLLUX" departed Buna 0200L/18 arrived Milne Bay 1720L/18.

P.C. 1132 escorting G.N. 19 arrived Milne Bay 1026L/18.

S.C. 698 } escorting "FLOYD B. OLSEN" arrived Kiriwina 2100L/16.  
M.L. 816 }

S.C. 744 } escorting "J.H. G. BRADY" departed Finschhafen 1735L/17 for  
YMS. 53 } Milne Bay E.T.A. 0700L/19.

M.L. 426 arrived Port Moresby 0755L/19 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 428 escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" departed Port Moresby 1245L/19 for Milne Bay.

YT. 236 arrived Thursday Island 1055L/19 from Cairns.

"KATOOMBA" } departed Cairns 0808L/19 to rendezvous T.N. 193.  
"BUNBURY" }

S.C. 731 departed Townsville 1845L/19 for Cairns.

P.T. 363-366 arrived Townsville 1005L/19 from Brisbane.

L.S.T. 463, L.C.I. 431 and A.P.C. 19 arrived Townsville 0726L/19.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Townsville 0925L/19 from Sydney.

P.T. 362-367 arrived Townsville 1948L/18 from Brisbane.

S.C. 731 arrived Townsville 0549L/19 from Milne Bay.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting L.Q. 38 arrived Brisbane 0322L/19.  
S.C. 735 }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } escorting P.G. 92 departed Brisbane 1306L/19.  
"DELORAINÉ" }  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

L.C.I. 361, 362, 363 and 364 arrived Brisbane 1630L/19 from Noumea.

HDML. 1325 arrived Brisbane 0901L/19 from Sydney.

"COWRA" } escorting Q.L. 39 departed Brisbane 1830L/19, "BALLARAT" and  
"BALLARAT" } U.S.S. "VICTORIA" proceeding from Bustard Head to Townsville.  
S.C. 741 }

P.C. 1123 departed Caloundra 0934L/19 escorting "SEA SNIP".

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Brisbane 2135L/18.

YMS.9 arrived Brisbane 0800L/16 from Cairns.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting G.P.93 including "BUNGAREE" departed  
"ECHUCA" ) Sydney 0812L/19.  
"PIRIE" )

"GERARD" E.T.A. Brisbane 1101L/20 from Sydney.

U.S. Destroyer "SAUFLY" departed Sydney 1156L/19 for Noumea - E.T.A.  
 1059L/21.

M.L.817 departed Sydney 0926L/19 for Jervis Bay to work up.

M.L.810 departed Sydney 0949L/19 for Eden via Jervis Bay.

"INNISFAIL" departed Sydney 1446L/19 for Port Stephens - E.T.A.  
 1500L/20.

YP.286 arrived Exmouth Gulf 1830L/18 from Fremantle.

YP.288 arrived Fremantle 0800L/19 from Exmouth Gulf.

U.S. SUBMARINE "RAY" departed Darwin 0950L/19.

BOUGAINVILLE REEF GROUNDINGS:

"AMBROSE"PIERCE" ) arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1740L/19.  
"COLORADO" )

"CITY OF FORT WORTH" escorted by "KAPUNDA" and "GLADSTONE" arrived  
 Cairns 0033L/20. Vessel had 5 feet of water in forward  
 hold and was holed in forepeak, but was successfully berthed  
 and pumping operations were begun.

"GLADSTONE" has a damaged starboard propellor and a slight leak, has  
 lost her A/S dome and fractured pillar.

"JAMES CLEMENTS" ) at 1120L/19 were being escorted to Cairns  
"GEORGE M. STERLING" ) by "LITHGOW". "JAMES CLEMENTS" and "GEORGE  
"CHARLES M. RUSSELL" ) M. STERLING" both of which have suffered some  
 damage have on board personnel from all ships  
 in convoy.

7 P.T's at 1120L/19 were ordered to proceed Cairns.

"LUDDINGTON" was refloated and departed Bougainville Reef 1744L/19 for  
 Cairns escorted by "STAWELL".

"WARREGO" E.T.A. Bougainville Reef 2000L/19 from escorting M.V. 49.

"DESMIT" ) up till 1744L/19 had resisted all towing  
"WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" ) attempts by "GYMPIE" and "CASTLEMAINE".  
 Ships are lying comfortably and "GYMPIE"  
 considers prospect of salvage good if they are  
 lightened and tug is available.  
 They are the only two vessels of the convoy  
 remaining aground.

"SPRIGHTLY" departed Townsville 0616L/19 for Bougainville Reef. E.T.A.  
 0600L/20.

"TANCRED" ) E.T.D. Sydney P.M/19 but no departure signal has been  
"CAMBRIAN" ) received.  
"SALVOR" )

"JULIEN DUBUQUE" (aground on Gibson's Reef, 35 miles S.E. of Cairns).

YT.237 departed Cairns 0329L/19 to assist - E.T.A. Gibson's Reef 1000L/19.

"WYBRIA" (Tug of 129 tons) departed Cairns 0950L/19 to assist.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/SUNDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 1943.

STUART Arrived Brisbane at 1820L/18 from exercises with U.S. Sub.  
STACK  
(U.S. Dest) Departs Noumea at 1500L/17 from Sydney E.T.A. 0800L/20.  
WARREGO Departed Milne Bay at 1857L/18 escorting MV49  
at 2321L/18 N.O.I.C. Milne Bay ordered WARREGO to  
disperse convoy and proceed to Bougainvill Reef with  
all despatch.  
KATOOMBA Arrived Cairns at 1727L/17 from rendering assistance to  
JULIEN DUFUQUE - 17 miles South of Fitzroy Is.  
KATOOMBA) Will depart Cairns so as to R/V with TN193 (3 ships)  
BUNKERY ) off Fitzroy Island at 1000L/19 and escort to Port Moresby  
E.T.A. 1800L/21.  
DELORAINE }  
BALLARAT } Arrived Brisbane at 2156L/18 escorting GP92.  
TOWNSVILLE }  
ABRAHAM }  
CRJANSSEN }  
BOWEN E.T.D. Caloundra 1800L/21 escorting KURUMBA - at Lady  
Elliott Is. ships proceed independently to Townsville -  
KURUMBA for onward routing to Milne Bay.  
PIRIE and BUNGAREE will depart Sydney at 0600L/19 with GP93. When  
detached of Cape Moreton PIRIE is to escort BUNGAREE to  
Lady Elliott Is. then proceed independently to Townsville.  
LATROBE E.T.D. Thursday Is. 1800L/19 escorting TULAGI to  
Darwin E.T.A. 1500L/22.  
FREMANTLE E.T.D. Thursday Is. 1500L/19 escorting DUNKELD, DILGA  
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SC982 Arrived Milne Bay at 1550L/17 escorting SIBIGO from  
Lae.  
YMS11) Departed Milne Bay at 1200L/17 escorting BALIK PAPAN  
SC750) to Lae E.T.A. 1200L/19.  
YMS334 Arrived Lae at 0630L/17 escorting YL4 from Milne Bay.  
NLS10 Departs Sydney at 0900L/19 (if weather permits) from Eden.  
NL428 Departed Milne Bay at 0630L/18 for Port Moresby E.T.A.  
0630L/19.  
HMML1321 E.T.A. Sydney 1100L/18 from Melbourne  
HMML1325 (en route Sydney to Brisbane) anchored at Coffs Harbour  
at 0800L/17 to effect temporary engine repairs.  
REDFIN (U.S. Sub.) Arrived Milne Bay at 1115L/18.  
RATON) U.S. Subs arrived Darwin at 1245L/18. RATON departed  
RAY ) at 1800L/18.  
CHILDS Departed Fremantle at 2025L/17 for Exmouth Gulf.

D/F FIXES OF ENEMY SUBMARINES were obtained between 2156L/18 and 0202L/19 in various positions off the south coast of New Britain - information passed to AIG 365.

FURTHER TO MANGOLA (aground on Corbett Reef - 20 miles W. of Cape Melville)

At 1015L/17 MANGOLA reported: Ship hard and fast quarter mile inside outer edge of reef - and badly holed - making water in engine room. Maximum water sounding 9 feet. Considers salvage doubtful. No casualties.

FURTHER TO JULIEN DUBUQUE (on Gibson Reef 17 miles south of Fitzroy Is.)

At 0511L/18 KAPUNDA departed Cairns to assist.

At 0732L/18 MLS03 towing PAULINE (NAP) departed Cairns to R/V with KAPUNDA at Gibson Reef - PAULINE will be used for running lines.

At 2249L/18 - Reported cannot do anything further until high water 19/12 - am remaining with tug - ST. GILES.

At 1925L/18 JULIEN DUBUQUE reported to NOIC Cairns that towing facilities were inadequate and another tug required also barge with hose to receive oil fuel. Ships holds not taking water. Ships should float if facilities provided.

FURTHER TO WANAKA (Wrecked on Eden Reef - West of Cape Melville)

At 1841L/18 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that Master considers WANAKA good salvage proposition - Vessel laying on reef on her side in 25 ft. water. Apparently no serious damage, possibly holed slightly in No. 2 Bilge.

Condition of all survivors satisfactory - 10 others still missing.

COLAC arrived at Stanley Is. at 2144L/18 on completion of discharge of stores to proceed to assist MANGOLA.

Seven ships of Convoy TN192 ( 9 M/Vs. towing 7 P.Ts.) aground on Bougainville Reef (75 miles N.E. Grafton Passage)

First report received from GYMPIE at 2151L/18.

The escorts GYMPIE (90) GLADSTONE, STAWELL and 2 M/Vs. are now standing by. LITHGOW (ex NT68) CASTLEMAINE (on A/S search) and WARRECO (Ex MV49) have been ordered to proceed with despatch to the area.

CASTLEMAINE E.T.A. 0500L/19. LITHGOW E.T.A. 0700L/19

SPRIGHTLY (Tug) E.T.A. at scene 0600L/20.

JOSEPH LANE (Liberty Ship en route Oro Bay to Townsville) is proceeding to assist E.T.A. daylight/19.

Salvage vessels CAMBERIAN SALVOR and TANCRED have been ordered to proceed forthwith from Sydney E.T.D. PM/19.

CALEDONIAN SALVOR (En route T.1 to assist WANAKA) will be used where most urgently required.

C.T.F. 78 has been asked by N.O.I.C. Milne Bay for assistance of tugs.

Salvage officer proceeding by plane from Brisbane AM/19.

GYMPIE Reported at 2342L/18 - that ships appear to be on reef from West end - considers no danger to personnel exists at present. Slight northerly breeze, sea and swell. GYMPIE reported at 0641L/19 that 3 M/Vs had refloated and departed for Cairns. (AMBROSE PIERCE, CITY OF FORTWORTH and COLORADO)



**MOST SECRET**

**DAILY NARRATIVE.**

**TO 0900L/SATURDAY, 18TH DEC., 1943.**

**U.S. DESTROYERS.**

ETA Milne B. before dark 18/12 fr. Espiritu Santo.

HUTCHINS  
DALY  
BEALE  
BUSH  
AMMEN

CONVERSE (U.S. DEST.) with COMDESDIV 46 depts Noumea before dark 18/12  
ETA Sydney daylight/21.

STUART departed Caloundra at 0415L/17 to exercise with SCAMP  
(U.S. S/M) seaward of Cape Moreton.

STRINGHAM  
DENT  
WARD

U.S. Destroyer transports arrived Milne Bay at 1430L/17  
from Sydney.

LITHGOW

departed Port Moresby 1730L/17 escorting HT68 (2 ships)  
ETA Grafton Pass. 1430L/20.

CASTLEMAINE  
ARARAT  
SC 650

arrived Milne Bay at 1635L/16 escorting TN190.

ARARAT  
1 SC  
1 YMS

Departed Milne Bay at 0620L/17 escorting WILLIAM C.  
CHANNING to Lae. ETA 1600L/18.

CASTLEMAINE

Departed Milne Bay at 0630L/17 for Townsville. 9 carrying  
out A/S search en route.

BROOME  
STAWELL  
HUNBURY

Arrived Cairns at 0325L/17 on completion escort duties  
with MV48.

GYMPIE  
KATOOMBA  
GLADSTONE

Detailed to escort TN192 (9 ships also 7 PT's being towed  
KATOOMBA and GLADSTONE from Cairns will rendezvous with  
GYMPIE and convoy at 0700L/18 in vicinity Fitzroy Island.  
- ETA Milne Bay 1400L/20.

WARRNAMBOOL  
SC 735

Departed Gladstone at 1855L/17 escorting LQ38.

KAPURDA

Arrived Cairns at 2003L/17 from Townsville.

GEELONG AND YANDRA

Arrived Sydney at 1808L/17 escorting PG91.

WAGGA

Arrived Melbourne at 1341L/17 from Sydney.

YMS 314

ETD Milne Bay 1200L/16 escorting STEPHEN GIRARD from Lae

NL 429  
NL 814

Will r/v with US S/M RATON and RAY at 1030L/18 in positi  
12° 10'S, 130° 22' 30" E and escorting to Darwin.

SC 747

Arrived Milne Bay at 0810L/17 escorting DAVID BARRY from  
Lae.

SC 731

Departed Milne B. at 1600L/16 escorting 1 APC to Towns-  
ville ETA Grafton Pass. 2000L/18.

SC 746  
YMS 335

Departed Pt. Moresby at 1030L/17 escorting BONTKOE to  
Lae and Buna.

SC's 737, 749, 745 750 and YMS 11 arrived Milne Bay at 1030L/16 from Wood-  
lark Is., escorting TRIANGULUM.

RC 476

Arrived Milne B. at 112)L/17 from Thursday Island.

I.P. 291 ETD Caloundra 1600L/17 for Townsville via Mackay  
ETA Townsville 0900L/21

LCI's 71, 72, 238, 340, 342 and 343 departed Pt. Moresby at 2006L/15  
for Buna, ETA 12))L/17.

LST 181 Departed Noumea 15/12 for Brisbane ETA 20/12.

BC 749 Departed Milne Bay at 0830L/17 for Oro B. ETA 0800L/18

HMML 1325 Departed Sydney at 0940L/16. ETA Caloundra 1100L/18.

FALIE ETD Caloundra 1800L/18 for Townsville. ETA pm/22.

MIZAR Arrived Sydney at 0537L/17 from Brisbane.

GERARD Departed Sydney at 1935L/17, ETA Caloundra 1700L/21.

CAPE LEEUWIN Departed Milne Bay at 0500L/17 to establish navig. aids  
between Cape Nelson and Mitre Rock.

TERKA Arrived Cairns at 1247L/17 from Townsville.

FURTHER TO JULIEN DUBUQUE (on Gibson R of 17 miles S. of Fitzroy Is.)

At 1014L/KATOOMBA reported - Ship anticipates floating off at  
high water - have placed line aboard aft to keep strain on and guide  
ship clear. ST GILES (Tug) has been ordered to render assistance.

FURTHER TO MANGOLA (Aground on Corbett Reef - 20 miles W. of Cape Mel-  
ville)

At 1522L/17 CSMPSF order NOIC T.I. to despatch CALEDONIAN SALVOR  
to assistance of MANGOLA.

WANAKA (RAAF Stores ship 2259 gross tons)

Wrecked on Eden Reef - 5 miles W. of position of MANGOLA. 19  
missing, 34 survivors - several injured - all survivors transferred  
to Stanley Is., some urgently requiring medical aid and hospital atten-  
tion - air transport has been requested but none available.

COLAC should arrive Stanley Is. at 1000L/18 with medical assis-  
tance and stores. WANAKA overturned following striking reef at 0010L/  
16 and reported a complete loss. - SARPEN M/V is standing by at Stanley  
Is. C

CAPE MEARES reports sighting suspicious wake in position 14° 8'S,  
148° 21'E (120 miles E. of Cairns) at 1130L/17. CASTLEMAINE has been  
ordered to proceed with all despatch and investigate.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Friday, 17th December, 1943.

S.C. 747 escorting "NAVIGATOR" departed Lae 2100L/15 for Milne Bay  
E.T.A. 0800L/17.

S.C. 698 } escorting "FLOYD B. OLSEN" departed Milne Bay 0600L/16 for  
1 M.L. } Kiriwina, E.T.A. 1930L/16.

"LAURABADA" departed Natter Bay (30 miles S.E. of Salamaua) 0900L/16  
for Milne Bay and Port Moresby.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" arrived Buna 1937L/15 from Milne Bay.

"PING WO" arrived Buna 1700L/14 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 1124 escorting "JOHN W. McKAY" arrived Lae 1020L/14 from Oro Bay.

YMS. 313 arrived Milne Bay 1700L/30 from Oro Bay.

YMS. 53 } escorting "JOHN G. BRADY" arrived Finschhafen 2200L/14  
S.C. 744 } from Milne Bay.  
P.C. 1131 }

1 YMS. escorting "PAHUD" arrived Oro Bay 1300L/14.

S.C. 746 } escorting "MAGNOLIA" departed Milne Bay 0720L/15 - arrived  
YMS. 335 } Port Moresby 1245L/16.

"SPRIGHTLY" departed Milne Bay 0640L/16 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1000L/18.

"COLAC" departed Port Moresby 0656L/16 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1800L/17.

"LITHGOW" escorting T.N. 189A. arrived Port Moresby 1540L/16.

"BROOME" } arrived Cairns 0325L/17 from escorting M.V. 48.  
"STAWELL" }  
"BUNBURY" }

P.C. 1132 departed Cairns 0822L/16 to rendezvous T.N. 191 off Fitzroy  
Island. 1000L/16 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/18.

YMS. 72 arrived Cairns 1553L/16 from Port Moresby.

"LUCY STAR" departed Cairns 2217L/16 with R.M.S. party to investigate  
possible mines S.S.E. of Cairns.

"WARREGO" returned Fitzroy Island 1715L/17 to rendezvous U.S.S. "PYRO"  
and escort to Milne Bay.

U.S.S. "PYRO" departed Townsville 0816L/16.

PT. 332, 334, 132 and 338 arrived Townsville 1900L/15 from Brisbane.

P.T. 335 and 337 arrived Townsville 0952L/16 from Brisbane.

"TERKA" departed Townsville 0620L/16 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1900L/17.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Townsville 1028L/16 from Brisbane.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane 0817L/16 from escorting "PENNANT" to Lady  
Elliot Island.

"MIZAR" departed Brisbane 1823L/15 for Sydney.

P.C. 1123 departed Caloundra 0233L/16 escorting USS. "RIDGE" arrived  
Brisbane 1154L/16.

"WHYALLA" } escorting L.Q. 37 arrived Brisbane 0320L/16.  
S.C. 741 }

YP. 291 E.T.D. Brisbane 16/12 for Mackay, Palm Is. Townsville, Cairns,  
Thursday Is. and Pt. Moresby.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Sydney 1708L/16.

L.S.T. 181 E.T.D. Noumea 0530L/16 for Brisbane.

L.C.I. 361, 362, 363 and 364 departed Noumea 1000L/16 for Brisbane -  
E.T.A. 19/12.

"DELORAINE"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN"  
"TOWNSVILLE"  
"BALLARAT" } escorting G.P.92 departed Sydney 0826L/16,  
"TOWNSVILLE" to remain Brisbane; "BALLARAT" to  
proceed independently from Caloundra to Townsville

"BURRABRA" departed Sydney 0615L/16 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 1600L/16.

"M.L.812" arrived Jervis Bay 2031L/15 from Sydney to work up.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 2144L/15 from Port Phillip.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1631L/16 from Jervis Bay.

HDML.1321 departed Port Phillip 0715L/16 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0400L/19.

"INVERELL" departed Port Phillip 1442L/16 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700L/20.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle 1010L/16 from Exmouth Gulf.

YP.288 departed Exmouth Gulf 1500L/15 for Fremantle. E.T.A. 1101L/19.

P.C. 1131 AND SPRIGHTLY IN COLLISION.

P.C. 1131 and "SPRIGHTLY" were in collision off Cape Nelson at 0452L/14. P.C. slightly damaged but fully operative. "SPRIGHTLY" has not made any report.

"MANGOLA" AGROUND.

"MANGOLA" (Cargo vessel of 3352 tons gross) departed Thursday Island 0731L/14 for Cairns. E.T.A. 1400L/16. At 1705L/16, N.O.I.C. Thursday Island advised that "MANGOLA" had reported herself driven aground on Corbett Reef (about 20 miles W. of Cape Melville) during severe cyclone on night 15/12 and required assistance.

"JULIEN DUBUQUE" AGROUND.

"JULIEN DUBUQUE" (Liberty Ship) departed Oro Bay 1400L/13 E.T.A. East Cape 0700L/15, thence Townsville. E.T.A. 1700L/16 with U.S. Army cargo. At 0850L/16, "JULIEN DUBUQUE" reported herself aground. "WARREGO" and "KATOOMBA" departed Cairns 1114L/16 to assist. "KATOOMBA" located vessel at 2203L/16 13 miles 090° from Russel Island (about 17 miles S. of Fitzroy Island). Vessel is resting easily, bow clear, aground aft. "KATOOMBA" was unable to manoeuvre owing to coral and intended anchoring till daylight.

At 0030L/17 N.O.I.C. Townsville ordered "KAPUNDA" to proceed from Townsville with all despatch to relieve "KATOOMBA" which is then to return Cairns.

"KARANGI"

N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reports that patch and bolts have been placed on board and hopes "KARANGI" will be watertight 17/12. "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" arrived Thursday Island 1957L/16 from Mike Bay.

AIR RAID WARNINGS -

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0320L/17.  
Red 0321L/17  
All clear 0355L/17.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Thursday, 16th December, 1943.

"WEST POINT" departed Milne Bay 1340L/14 for San Francisco - E.T.A. 28/12.

"YUNNAN" (A.S.I.S.) departed Milne Bay 1300L/14 for Buna - E.T.A. 1400L/15.

"MERKUR" (V.S.I.S.) departed Milne Bay 1530L/14 for Buna - E.T.A. 1300L/15.

P.C. 1124 escorting "JOHN W. McKAY" departed Oro Bay 1930L/13 for Lae - E.T.A. 1000L/14.

YMS. 313 escorting "PAHUD" departed Lae 1800L/13 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1600L/14.

"PING WO" departed Milne Bay 1600L/13 for Buna.

YMS. 334 escorting Y.14 departed Milne Bay 1000L/15 for Lae - E.T.A. 0400L/17.

"WATO" towing "RONA" arrived Milne Bay 1430L/14.

"SPRIGHTLY" arrived Milne Bay 1700L/14.

"BROOME" ) escorting T.N. 188B arrived Milne Bay 1035L/14 - escorting  
"STAWELL" ) M.V. 48 departed 1630L/14.  
"BUNBURY" )

YMS. 53 ) escorting "JOHN C. BRADY" departed Milne Bay 1600L/13 for  
S.C. 744 ) Finschhafen - E.T.A. 0900L/15.  
P.C. 1131 )

"CAROO" (Powered Lighter) departed Port Moresby 0636L/15 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 20/12.

"COLAC" escorting "CHARON" departed Port Moresby 0630L/15 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1430L/16 - "COLAC" returned Port Moresby 1213L/15, "CHARON" proceeding independently. "COLAC'S" engine defects anticipated complete by 0600L/16 which is E.T.D.

P.C. 476 departed Thursday Island 0800L/15 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/17.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Thursday Island 2334L/14 from Melville Bay.

YP. 236 departed Cairns 0601L/15 for Milne Bay via Thursday Island and Port Moresby.

P.C. 1132 is to rendezvous T.N. 191 off Fitzroy Island at 1000L/16 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/18.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Townsville 0938L/15 from Cairns - departed 1527L/15 for Brisbane.

"WARREGO" to R.V. U.S.S. "PYRO" off Fitzroy Island 1800L/16 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/18.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Townsville 1419L/15 for Sydney - E.T.A.P.M/23.

"WHYALLA" ) escorting L.C. 37 departed Gladstone 2200L/14.  
S.C. 741 )

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting G.P. 91 arrived Brisbane 2356L/14.  
"YANDRA" )

"GEELONG" ) escorting P.G. 91 departed Brisbane 1240L/15.  
"YANDRA" )

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting Q.L. 38 departed Brisbane 1654L/15  
S.C. 735 and YMS. 315. ) YMS. 315 to proceed independently from Bustard Head to Cairns.

"WIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 1600L/15 for Sydney.

"STUART" E.T.A. Brisbane 0730L/16 from escorting "PENNANT" to Lady Elliot Island.

"DOOMBA" arrived Sydney 1446L/15 from Melbourne.

"WAGGA" departed Sydney 0944L/15 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1400L/17.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Sydney 0904L/15 for daylight patrol to Newcastle and return - returned Sydney 1702L/15.

M.L.812 departed Sydney 1322L/15 for Jervis Bay to work up. E.T.A. 2030L/15.

"BERYL II." arrived Sydney 0921L/15 from Melbourne.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport 1413L/15 from Port Melbourne.

Y.P.286 departed Fremantle 1347L/15 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. P.M/18.

"VAN HEEMSKERCK" departed Fremantle 1200L/14 escorting U.S. 23 ("URUGUAY" and U.S.S. "HERMITAGE") to rendezvous "SUFFOLK" at 1800L/18 at 19°S. 093°20'E. thence independently to Colombo.

"KARANGI" ship is still ashore behind Gerrard Reef. All personnel apparently safe. Diver and equipment have been placed on board. Sea moderating though heavy swell is still running. Salvage vessel CALEDONIAN SALVOR from Milne Bay E.T.A. Thursday Island 1730L on 16th December.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 15th December, 1943.

"STUART" departed Caloundra at 1637L/14 to rendezvous with  
"PENNANT" at 0700L/15 in position 24°20'S. 155°45'E.  
and escort to Lady Elliot Island.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Milne Bay at 0700L/14 for operations.  
"SHROPSHIRE" }  
"WARRAMUNGA" }  
"ARUNTA" }  
"HELM" }  
"RALPH TALEBOT" }

"COLAC" escorting T.N. 188"A" arrived Port Moresby at 0719L/14.

"LITHGOW" departed Cairns at 0951L/14 to rendezvous with "SUVA"  
(T.N. 189) off Fitzroy Island at 1100L/14 and escort  
to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1300L/16.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Cairns at 1139L/14 from Milne Bay.

"GLADSTONE" } will depart Townsville 17/12 with convoy to Milne Bay  
"STAWELL" } to come under operational and administrative control  
N.O.I.C. Milne Bay.

"CASTLEMAINE" } departed Cairns at 1301L/14 to rendezvous with  
S.C. 650 } "ARARAT" and T.N. 190 (5 ships) off Fitzroy Island  
at 1500L/14 - and escort to Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1200L/  
16.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns at 2330L/13 from Port Moresby.

"GEELONG" arrived Brisbane at 0742L/14 from escort duties.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } arrived Sydney at 2016L/14 escorting P.G. 90.  
"ECHUCA" }

"BUNDABERG" departed Sydney at 1626L/14 for Brisbane.

"WAGGA" arrived Sydney at 1306L/14 after detaching from P.G. 90 -  
to proceed Melbourne for refit - E.T.D. 0900L/15.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Melville Bay at 1830L/13 escorting "WANAKA" -  
E.T.A. Thursday Island 2130L/14.

P.C. 1123 departs Caloundra at 0300L/16 to rendezvous with "BLUE  
RIDGE" in position 27°03'S. 154°51'E at 0900L/16 and escort  
to Brisbane.

YMS. 336 arrived Lae at 0305L/13 escorting "MOAMO" from Milne Bay.

YMS. 313 } arrived Lae at 0625L/13 escorting "STEPHEN GIRARD" from  
S.C. 747 } Milne Bay.

M.L. 801 arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/14.

M.L. 427 } arrived Woodlark Island at 1730L/13 from Milne Bay.  
M.L. 430 }

M.L. 823 arrived Eden at 1800L/12 from Jervis Bay.

M.L. 431 arrived Lae at 1625L/13 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 72 arrived Port Moresby at 2006L/13 from Milne Bay -  
departed at 1826L/14 for Cairns.

YT. 236 E.T.D. CAIRNS 0600L/15 for Milne Bay via Thursday Island.

"WEST POINT" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1400L/14 for San Francisco - E.T.A. 28/12.

"SAN PABLO" departs Townsville at 1600L/14 for Palm Island.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Jervis Bay at 1720L/12 from Sydney.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville at 1322L/14 from Port Moresby.

"LUCY STAR" arrived Cairns at 0441L/14 with FMS Party from inspection of surfaced mines between Feather and Peart Reefs 30 miles S.E. Cairns.  
N.O.I.C. Cairns reports that area thoroughly searched at low and high water - no surfaced or other mines sighted. Report follows.

REPORTED SIGHTING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE:

By aircraft at 0730L/14 in position 10 miles S.E. of Finschhafen.

FURTHER TO KARANGI:

At 0855L/14 N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported that "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" will be sailed for Thursday Island P.M/14 - on completion engine repair.

At 1628L/14 N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported that an attempt to board "KARANGI" was unsuccessful. Another attempt to be made by landing barge, taking out diver, pumps and gear. "KARANGI" now in position 220° 2.8 miles from Goode Island Lighthouse. Vessel still pounding but in no immediate danger of breaking up.

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0900L/Tuesday, 14th December, 1943.

"VENDETTA" arrived Sydney at 1041L/13 escorting "MANOORA" from vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane at 0855L/13 escorting "BOSCHFONTEIN" from rendezvous.

"BUCHANAN" departed Sydney at 1846L/13 - E.T.A. Bulari Passage - Noumea 1530L/15.

"DENT" ) (U.S. Dest. Transports) with COMTRANSDIV 12 in  
 "WARD" ) "STRINGHAM", departed Sydney at 1240L/13 for Milne Bay.  
 "STRINGHAM" ) E.T.A. daylight/17.

"KILTY" ) U.S. Destroyer Transports arrived Milne Bay at 1200L/12 from  
 "CROSBY" ) Brisbane.

"GLADSTONE" escorting "ETAMIN" arrived Milne Bay at 1500L/12 from Cairns.

"LITHGOW" arrived Cairns at 2030L/13 from Port Moresby.

"LITHGOW" will rendezvous with T.N. 189 (1 ship "SUVA") off Fitzroy Is. at 1100L/14 and escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1300L/16.

"KAPUNDA" departed Brisbane at 1550L/13 escorting Q.L.37 (5 ships, also 4 barges in tow). "KAPUNDA" detaches at Bustard Head and proceeds independently to Townsville.

"CASTLEMAINE" ) detailed to escort T.N. 190 (5 ships). "ARARAT"  
 "ARARAT" ) departs Townsville with convoy at 0100L/14. "CASTLEMAINE"  
 S.C. 650 ) and S.C. 650 will depart Cairns so as to rendezvous with convoy at 1500L/14 off Fitzroy Island Light. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/16.

"WILCANNIA" departed Sydney at 0856L/13 for daylight patrol to Newcastle and return. Returned Sydney at 1812L/13.

"ECHUCA" on completion towing barge to Coff's Harbour - joined "ROCKHAMPTON" and "WAGGA" (escorting P.G. 90) at 1500L/13. At 1742L/13 N.O.I.C. Sydney approved for "WAGGA" to detach and proceed independently to Sydney - thence to Melbourne for refit by P.M/17.

"DOOMBA" departed Melbourne at 1201L/13 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1400L/15.

"BUNGAREE" departed Geelong at 1510L/13 - E.T.A. Sydney 0800L/16.

"LATROBE" escorting D.T. 39 arrived Thursday Island at 0326L/13.

YMS. 334 and S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay at 1059L/12 escorting "GEORGE H. FLANDERS" from Kiriwina.

P.C. 1121 ) arrived Lae at 0945L/12 escorting "DAVID F. BARRY" from  
YMS. 73 ) Milne Bay.  
S.C. 982 )

P.C. 1124 departed Milne Bay at 0400L/13 for Oro Bay, E.T.A. 1830L/13.

YMS. 9. departed Cairns at 1045L/13 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 1600L/16.

M.L. 823 departed Jervis Bay 12/12 for Eden - E.T.A. 1800L/13.

YMS. 72 departed Milne Bay 1500L/12 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1800L/13. Thence to Cairns for docking.

S.C. 732 arrived Cairns at 0301L/13 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 426 arrived Port Moresby at 1626L/13 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 731 arrived Milne Bay at 0815L/13 escorting "HOWARD STANSEURY" from Lae.

YMS. 71 departed Milne Bay at 1547L/13 towing floating dock to Daeger Harbour - Langemak.

"WELAN" arrived Langemak (vicinity Finch Harbour) at 1300L/12 from Oro Bay.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Sydney at 0639L/13 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 1530L/13.

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Cairns at 0615L/13 for Brisbane via Palm Is. E.T.A. P.M/17.

"KOOPA" arrived Milne Bay at 1100L/13 from Oro Bay.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Exmouth Gulf at 0800L/13 - E.T.A. Fremantle 1200L/15.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

Milne Bay -	Yellow 0151L/14.
	Red 0152L/14
	Air Raid 0153L/14
	White 0249L/14
	Green 0250L/14
Goodenough	Red 0143L/14
	Air Raid 0144L/14
	Green 0249L/14
	Yellow 0320L/14
Kiriwina	Red 0130L/14
	Green 0240L/14
	Red 0315L/14

"KARANGI" (Boom Vessel) in danger:

After being aground behind Gerrard Reef near Thursday Island. N.O.I.C. Thursday Island reported at 1751L/13 that wind had shifted to west increasing in force with dangerous sea, "KARANGI" lost third anchor and ship pounding heavily and being driven towards Friday Island. Considered unsafe to send any vessel outside Port Kennedy (where "LATROBE", "FREMANTLE" "KEITH CAM" with lugger "CATHERIN R". are sheltering).

At 0550L/14 C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered N.O.I.C. New Guinea to sail "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" from Milne Bay forthwith to render assistance.

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To 0900L/Monday, 13th December, 1943.

U.S. Submarines "RAY" and "RATON" E.T.A. Darwin 1100L/18 from Milne Bay.

"KOOPA" arrived Oro Bay 1630L/11.

M.L. 431 arrived Langemak 1730L/11 from Lae.

YMS. 53 and 335 escorting "CLARENCE KING" and Y.13 arrived Milne Bay 1050L/11 from Lae.

"GLADSTONE" departed Milne Bay 1700L/12 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0900L/14.

"WATCHER" (formerly "LOOKOUT") arrived Milne Bay 1700L/11 from Langemak.

"WINTER" (formerly "JUNE") arrived 1840L/11.

S.C. 738 } escorting "GEORGE H. FLANDERS" departed Kiriwina 1600L/11 for  
YMS. 334 } Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1300L/12.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1300L/12 for Huon Gulf survey grounds.

M.L. 426 escorting Y.6 arrived Milne Bay 2025L/11.

"KATOOMBA" escorting N.T. 67 departed Port Moresby 0815L/12.

"LUCY STAR" (CPE). departed Cairns 2111L/12 with FMS party to investigate own mines reported surfaced about 30 miles S.S.E. of Cairns.

"SUSQUEHANNA" E.T.D. Cairns 0600L/13 for Brisbane via Palm Island and Townsville.

P.C. 1132 arrived Cairns 1437L/12 from escorting "PAUL REVERE"

YMS. 9 E.T.D. Cairns A.M/13 for Brisbane.

S.C. 650 E.T.D. Cairns P.M/14 for Milne Bay as additional, escort with T.N. convoy.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Cairns 1745L/12 escorting "KATOOMBA" from Milne Bay.

"TOLGA" arrived Townsville 1800L/12 from Thursday Island.

"STUART" departed Caloundra 1530L/12 to rendezvous "BOSCHFONTEIN" and escort to Brisbane.

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 0849L/12 from Townsville.

S.C. 741 escorting U.S.S. "PYRO" departed Caloundra 1142L/12 for Townsville E.T.A. 0600L/15.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting P.C. 90 departed Caloundra 1229L/12.

"COWRA" and S.C. 735 escorting L.Q. 36 arrived Brisbane 0748L/12.

"GEELONG" & "WHYALLA" escorting Q.L. 37 (including 6 P.T's being towed) departed Brisbane, 1521L/12, "GEELONG" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliot Island.

"MINJAK TANAH" arrived Brisbane 0510L/12 from Cairns.

YP. 291 arrived Brisbane 1845L/12 from Cairns.

"FALIE" on passage from Sydney to Townsville arrived Brisbane 1924L/12 - proceeding up harbour with engine defects.

"WARRNAMEOL" } escorting G.P. 91 departed Sydney 0805L/12 E.T.A. Caloundra  
"YANDRA" } 2330L/14 -

M.L. 807 arrived Eden 1817L/12.

"ECHUCA" reported that one lighter sank at 1228L/12 - was ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney to tow remaining lighter to Coff's Harbour.

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To 0900L/Sunday December 12th, 1943.

- P.C. 476  
U.S.S. COUGAL } - Are escorting U.S. S/m's RATON and RAY (bound Darwin) from Milne Bay to Thursday Is. and 09° 28' S; 144° 45' E respectively.
- SHEPPARTON - Arrived Milne Bay 0600L/11 from survey ground.
- Y.M.S. 535 & 53 - Escorting CLARENCE KING and Y.15 departed LAE 1800L/9 for Milne Bay ETA 1500L/11.
- Y.M.S. 513 }  
P.C. 748 } - Escorting STEPHEN GIRARD departed Milne Bay 0600L/11 for LAE, ETA 1800L/12.
- Y.M.S. 538 - Escorting MOANOA departed Milne Bay 0600L/11 for LAE, ETA 0200L/13.
- A.C. 732 - Escorting MV. 47 departed Milne Bay 1600L/10, ETA Townsville 1700L/13.
- M.L. 809, 816 & 819 - arrived Milne Bay 1530L/10 from Buna Area.
- M.L. 425 & 427 - Arrived Milne Bay 0830L/11 Buna Area.
- P.C. 1121 }  
P.C. 982 }  
Y.M.S. 73 } - Escorting DAVID F. BARRY from China Strait to LAE ETA 2200L/11. Remainder of M.F. 14 (escorted from Port Moresby by P.C. 1121) arrived Milne Bay 1430L/10.
- LITHGOW }  
BIRCHGROVE PARK } - Departed Pt. Moresby 0730L/11, LITHGOW ETA Cairns 1900L/13, BIRCHGROVE PARK ETA Townsville 1130L/14.
- KATOOMBA - Escorting CANBERRA, EMPIRE SILVER and CONCON to Fitzroy Is. E.T.D. Port Moresby 0630L/12.
- BROOME - Escorting T.N. 188 departed Townsville 1822L/10.
- STAVELL }  
KUNFURY }  
COLAC } - Departed Cairns 1302L/11 to R/V with T.N. 188 off Fitzroy Is. 1500L/11, COLAC to escort position A to Port Moresby, remaining escorts position B to Milne Bay.
- BOHUCA - Commenced towing barges at 1310L/11 to Caloundra, but bridle parted at 1505L/11 when about 12 miles N. of SANDY CAPE. BOHUCA to recover barges and resume tow when weather moderates.
- ROCKHAMPTON }  
KAPUNDA }  
M.L. 809 & 821 } - Escorting G.P. 90 arrived Brisbane 2130L/11.
- ROCKHAMPTON - Escorting P.C. 90, STD Caloundra 1300L/12.
- WAGGA - On passage Townsville to Sydney is to overtake P.C. 90 and join as escort.
- STUART - In Brisbane, reported at 0330L/12 - "Main steamjoint to machines blown out and ship unable to steam. Anticipate minimum time to repair - 8 hours. Repairs have been commenced."
- A.P.C. 5 - Arrived Brisbane 1028L/11 from Cairns.
- WILCANNIA - Arrived Sydney 1440L/11 from escort duties with O.C. 149
- BERYL II - Departed Port Phillip 1000L/11 for Sydney.
- HINGERA - Arrived Port Phillip 0415L/11 from Hobart.

HERMITAGE - Arrived Fremantle 1130L/11 from Bora Bora.

U.S. S/M NAHSHAL Arrived Darwin 0415L/11, ETD 0600L/11 for Fremantle  
ETA 0930L/18.

MERCEDES }  
NEDEA } - Arrived Darwin 1503L/11 from Fremantle.

ORANIE - Departed Melbourne 1152L/11 for Wellington.

A/C REPORT OF POSSIBLE SUBMARINE

Plane reported sighting possible submarine partially submerged in position about 35 miles NE of MOROBE at 0815L/11. No course was given.

S/M D/F KIX At 0508L/12 in position about 70 miles S. of Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, classification VICTOR (within 250 miles) was passed to AIS 385.

AIR RAID WARNINGS

DOHADURA - Red 1040L/11  
White 1051L/11.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE  
TO 0900L/SATURDAY, 11TH DEC. 1943.

VENDETTA

departed Caloundra at 0956L/10 escorting CAPE MENDOCINO (en route to San Francisco). VENDETTA parts company as necessary to r/v with MANOORA in vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 1230L/11 and escort to Sydney.

WATERS  
U.S. DESTROYER  
TRANSPORT)

arrived Sydney at 1809L/10 on completion escort duties with two M/V from Noumea to Lady Elliot Island.

WESTRALIA

with CARTER HALL and 2 A.P.D's arrived Milne Bay at 1500L/10 from Goodenough Island.

STRINGHAM }  
DENT }  
WARD }

U.S. Destroyer Transports are to depart Sydney so as to arrive Milne Bay 17/12.

CASTLEMAINE }  
S.C. 736. }  
P.C. 1131 }  
P.C. 1124 }

arrived Milne Bay at 1000L/10 escorting TN187"B".

KATOomba }  
LITHGOW }

arrived Port Moresby at 1025L/10 escorting TN187"A".

GLADSTONE

departed Cairns at 1747L/10 escorting ETAMIN (U.S. Stores Carrier) to Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1300L/12.

WAGGA

departed Townsville at 1132L/10 for Sydney, E.T.A. 1900L/14. To be sailed for Melbourne to arrive no later than pm/17.

COWRA }  
S.C. 735 }

departed Caloundra 1900L/10 escorting LQ.86 (4 ships)

BROOME }  
STAWELL }  
BUNEURY }  
COLAC }

detailed to escort T.N.188 (8 ships). Escorts to r/v with "BROOME" and convey off Fitzroy Island at 1500L/11. COLAC will escort section "A" to Port Moresby - remaining escorts with Section "B" to Milne Bay.

BUNDABERG }  
KALGOOLIE }

arrived Sydney at 0609L/10 on completion escort duties with P.G.89.

BALLARAT

arrived Sydney at 2311L/10 escorting Sydney Section O.C.149.

M.L. 824

arrived Sydney at 1422L/10 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 731 }  
Y.M.S. 314 }

arrived Lae 0700L/8 escorting H. STANSBURY and Y.13 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 818

arrived Milne Bay at 1545L/9 from Normanby Island.

S.C. 744 }  
Y.M.S. 336 }

arrived Milne Bay at 1310L/9 escorting BALIK PAPAN from Lae.

Y.M.S. 335.

arrived Lae at 0800L/9 escorting Y.14 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 823

arrived Jervis Bay at 1245L/10 from Sydney.

RATON  
U.S. SUBMARINE)

departs Milne Bay at 1300L/11 to r/v with COUCAL at 1800L/11 in position 11°19'S, 150°52'E - then carry out exercises until 1500L/13 when COUCAL returns to Milne Bay and RATON proceeds to Darwin via Torres Strait.

M.L. 431

departed Buna at 1400L/9 for Morobe and Lae, E.T.A. P.M./10.

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TERKA departed Cairns at 0631L/10 for Townsville.

MIZAR departed Townsville at 1956L/10 for Brisbane.

WEST POINT arrived Milne Bay at 0936L/10.

WATO  
(Tug) departed Cairns at 1013L/10 towing hulk HONA to Milne Bay,  
E.T.A. 1400L/14.

TINOSA  
(S. SUBMARINE) arrived Darwin at 1000L/10 - departed at 1723L/10.

BUNGARRE when ready P.M./13 will depart Melbourne for Sydney - for  
onward routing in convoy to Port Moresby.

LOOKOUT. departed Langenak 1330L/9 for Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1000L/11.

ORANJE arrived Melbourne at 0913L/10 from Suez. E.T.D. 0800L/11  
for Wellington.

ELLEN arrived Oro Bay at 1200L/9 from Milne Bay.

BERYL II departed Williamstown 1005L/10 for Adelaide - reported at  
1729L/10 to be sheltering at Portsea.

WAGGA. reported Mine sunk by rifle fire in position 17°02'S,  
146°05'E (30 miles S.E. Cairns) at 1045L/9.

Two army barges adrift from CITY OF PHILADELPHIA in position 031°14'S,  
153°05'E (vicinity Smoky Cape) at 1050L/10.  
At 1210L/10, N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered ROCKHAMPTON to detach  
ECHUCA from Convoy G.P.90 to assist in recovery of barges.  
At 1901L/10 ECHUCA reported that barges were afloat - and  
considers will be recovered at daylight/11 - CITY OF  
PHILADELPHIA has no more towing gear and will be unable  
to assist.



0900L/Friday, 10th December, 1943.

"SAUFLEY" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Noumea 9/12 for Sydney - E.T.A. P.M./11/12.

"WATERS" (U.S. Destroyer Transport) E.T.D. Sydney 1830L/10 from vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Brisbane 2000L/10 to rendezvous with "MANGORA" (departed Cairns at 1726L/9) in vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 1230L/11 and escort to Sydney.

"VAN GALEN" will depart Fremantle so as to rendezvous with "HERMITAGE" in position 035° 54' S. 117° 13' E and escort to Fremantle.

"GYMPIE" arrived Townsville at 0701L/9 from Milne Bay.

"WHYALLA" } arrived Brisbane at 0607L/9 escorting L.Q. 35.  
S.C. 741 }

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney at 0852L/9 escorting G.P. 90  
"ECHUCA" } (4 ships).  
"KAPUNDA" }

M.L. 809  
M.L. 821

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" arrived Sydney at 0533L/9 from escort duties with O.C. 148.

"BENALLA" arrived Sydney at 1946L/9 from Cairns.

P.C. 1132 at 1330L/9 reported - Did not meet "BRASTAGI" at rendezvous but have met "PAUL REVERE" (en route Pt. Hueneme - San Francisco to Gladstone) and escorting to Lady Elliot Island. At 2124L/9 N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered P.C. 1132 to proceed to Cairns from Lady Elliot Island.

M.L. 807 departed Sydney at 1053L/9 for Jervis Bay.

M.L. 437 arrived Buna at 1600L/8 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 746 arrived Finschhafen at 0750L/7 escorting "MULCRA".

S.C. 747 } departed Woodlark at 1720L/7 escorting "JOSEPH LANE"  
YMS. 313 } bound for Gro Bay.

S.C. 744 } E.T.A. Milne Bay 1500L/9 escorting "BALIK PAPAN" from Lae.  
YMS. 336 }

P.C. 1121 departed Port Moresby at 1543L/9 escorting M.F. 14 (2 ships) to Milne Bay - then to continue escort of I.M.V. to Lae. E.T.A. 1745L/11.

"TOLGA" departed Thursday Island at 0743L/9 for Townsville - E.T.A. 15/12.

"FALIE" departed Sydney at 1728L/9 - E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/17.

"LAURABADA" departed Nather Harbour for Dreger Harbour (vicinity Finsch Harbour) E.T.A. 0030L/9.

"MIZAR" arrived Townsville at 1812L/8.

"BANGALOW" arrived Sydney at 1231L/8 from Brisbane.

"BINGERA" departed Hobart at 1320L/9 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1200L/11.

"LE TRIOMPHANT"

At 1707L/6 Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Fleet, reported that "LE TRIOMPHANT" was badly damaged by cyclone and is now in tow of tanker "CEDAR MILLS" proceeding towards Addu Atoll at 4 knots. (position at 1630L/6 was 016° 32' S. 082° 30' E).

"LE TRIOMPHANT" reported to be without fuel and water and listing 45°. 156 crew including sick and injured now on board "CEDAR MILLS".

H.M.S. "PROBISHER" has been ordered to proceed to R.V., take "LE TRIOMPHANT" in tow, and proceed towards Diego Suarez. Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Fleet, is endeavouring to arrange tug from Seychelles.

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To 0900L/Thursday, 9th December, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA"  
"SHROPSHIRE"  
"PHOENIX"  
"NASHVILLE"  
"ARUNTA"  
"RALPH TALBOT" } returned Milne Bay 1200L/7 from exercises.

U.S. Submarine "RAY" arrived Milne Bay 1330L/7.

S.C. 732 escorting "ANSON BURLINGHAME" arrived Milne Bay 1530L/7 from Buna.

M.L. 431 arrived Oro Bay 1800L/7 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay 2300L/7 from Lae.

S.C. 746 departed Langemak 1330L/8 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 0900L/10.

S.C. 747 } arrived Milne Bay 1300L/8 from Woodlark Island.  
YMS. 513 }

YMS. 71 towing floating dock arrived Milne Bay 1500L/8 from Thursday Is.

"WAGGA" escorting "MONTOTO" departed Port Moresby 1730L/7 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1830L/9.

P.C. 1121 escorting "STAGEN" arrived Port Moresby 1840L/8 from Milne Bay escorting M.F. 14 E.T.D. about 1230L/9.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Port Moresby 1050L/8 from Milne Bay.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 2111L/8 from Milne Bay.

"MANOORA" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1827L/8 from exercises.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 1337L/8 from escorting M.V. 46.

YP. 291 E.T.D. Cairns 0830L/9 for Brisbane.

"WATO" towing hulk "RONA" E.T.D. Cairns P.M/9 for Milne Bay.

"MINJAK TANAH" arrived Cairns 1200L/7 - departed 1700L/7 for Brisbane.

"WIZAR" arrived Townsville 1615L/8 from Port Moresby.

"STUART" escorting "SEA SNIP" arrived Brisbane 1931L/8.

P.C. 1132 departed Caloundra 0130L/8 to R.V. "BRASTAG" in position 24°22'S, 156°21'E escort to Lady Elliot Island.

"VENDETTA" escorting "CAPE FLATTERY" arrived Brisbane 1255L/8.

"COWRA" } escorting Q.L.36 departed Brisbane 1600L/8.  
S.C. 735 }

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.C. 89 departed Brisbane 1255L/8.  
"KALGOORLIE" }

APC. 13 arrived Brisbane 0754L/8.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting O.C. 148 arrived Sydney 0901L/8.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Sydney 1713L/7 from Brisbane.

M.L. 823 to R.V. O.C. 149 in position 37°48'S, 150°03'E at 1400L/9, escort until daylight/10 then return Twofold Bay.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Williamstown 1933L/8 from Sydney.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 149 departed Port Phillip 2300L/7, escorting C.O. 149 arrived Port Phillip 1015L/8.

"BINGERA" arrived Hobart 1425L/8 from Port Phillip.

YP.288 arrived Exmouth Gulf P.M./7 from Fremantle.

U.S. Submarine "COD" - arrived Darwin 1100L/8 - E.T.D. 1900L/8

"LATROBE" escorting D.T. 39 including "KARANGI" departed Darwin 1405L/8.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "WANAKA" departed Darwin 1420L/8 for Melville Bay - E.T.A. 1059L/10, thence Thursday Island.

"WANGANELLA" departed Fremantle 2105L/7 for Suez - E.T.A. 25/12.

"POYANG" (A.S.I.S.) commissioned at Sydney 6/12.

D/F FIXES of enemy submarine and surface unit in Bismarck Sea P.M./8 were passed to A.I.G. 365.

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To 0900L/Wednesday, 8th December, 1943.

P.C. 1121 escorting "STAGEN" departed Milne Bay 0420L/7 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1600L/8.

S.C. 746 ) escorting "ANSON BURLINGHAME" departed Lae 2100L/5 for  
S.C. 732 ) Buna - E.T.A. 1200L/6.

YMS. 334 escorting "GEORHE H. FLANDERS" arrived Kiriwina 6/12 from Milne Bay.

"AASE MAERSK" arrived Milne Bay 1844L/6 from Townsville.

"GYMPIE" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Milne Bay 0440L/7 for Townsville.

"CAPELLA" (U.S.N. cargo ship) arrived Milne Bay 1345L/6.

"MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 0600L/7 for Townsville.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting T.N. 187 including APC.10 departed Townsville 1910L/6.

"KATOOMBA" ) departed Cairns 1313L/7 to rendezvous T.N. 187 off  
"LITHGOW" ) Fitzroy Island 1500L/7. "KATOOMBA", "LITHGOW" and  
P.C. 1131 and ) portion A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/10. "CASTLEMAINE"  
P.C. 1124 ) B.C. 1131 and 1124, S.C. 736 and portion "B" -  
S.C. 736 ) E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/10.

"WHYALLA" ) escorting L.Q. 35 departed Gladstone 2000L/7.  
S.C. 741 )

"VENDETTA" departed Caloundra 2252L/6 to rendezvous "CAPE FLATTERY" in position 26°18'S. 157°58'E at 1600L/7 and escort to Brisbane.

U.S.S. "HERON" arrived Brisbane 0552L/7 from Palm Island.

"BUNDABERG" ) escorting G.P.89 arrived Brisbane 1646L/7  
"KALGOORLIE" )

"TASK UNIT 34/6/3. ) arrived Sydney 0912L/6 from Soupac for 14 days'  
(L.C.I.(L) 33, 331, ) repairs and recreation.  
66, 65 and 329 )

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting P.G. 88 arrived Sydney 1713L/7.  
"TOWNSVILLE" )  
M.L.822 )

"GOOLGWAI" ) departed Port Kembla 0710L/7 for Sydney - arrived 1548L/7  
"NARANI" )

M.L.814 to await U.S. submarine in position 12°10'S, 130°22'E at 1730L/8 and escort to Darwin.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900L/Tuesday, 7th December, 1943.

TROMP ✓

arrived Fremantle at 2132L/6 from Melbourne.

WATERS

(U.S. Destroyer Transport)

will escort JUAN CABRILLO and AMY LOWELL (Noumea/Tsvile/Milne Bay) to vic. Lady Elliot Is. After detaching WATERS proceeds to Sydney.

PHILLIPS ✓

(U.S. Destroyer)

departed Sydney at 1132L/6 for Noumea, ETA 0800L/8.

AUSTRALIA

SHROPSHIRE

WARRAMUNGA

ARUNTA

NASHVILLE (U.S. Cruiser)

PHOENIX " "

RALPH TALEOT (U.S. Dest.)

HELM " "

} Departed Milne Bay at 1000L/6 for exercises South-East of China Strait. On completion of exercises WARRAMUNGA & HELM will proceed to r/v with WEST POINT in position 021°06'S, 156°29'E at 1500L/8 and escort to Milne Bay.

VENDETTA

returned to Brisbane at 0809L/6 from escort duties with ALTAMAHA.

MANOORA

when ready about 10/12 to depart Cairns for Sydney for overhaul - to arrive Sydney 15/12.

STUART

arrived Brisbane at 1455L/6 escorting WILLIAM A. HOLBROOK.

DRAYTON

arrived Milne Bay at 0937L/6, escorting KLIPFONTEIN.

WAGGA

arrived Port Moresby at 1225L/6 escorting TN186"A".

GYMPIE

arrived Milne Bay at 1132L/6 escorting TN186"B" less KATOOMBA and R.P. WARNER detached at North Foreland for Buna.

COLAC

departed Milne Bay at 1500L/6 escorting Convoy MV46 (1 ship).

STAWELL

arrived Cairns at 1731L/6, after detaching from convoy TN186 to escort AASE MAERSK with engine trouble to Cairns - however AASE MAERSK continued voyage to Milne Bay - arrived 1844L/6.

WARREGO

arrived Cairns at 2035L/6 from Milne Bay.

DOOMBA

arrived Port Phillip at 0737L/6 escorting C0148.

M.L. 426

departed Port Moresby at 1601L/6 to r/v with Y.6 (en route Thurs. Is. to Milne Bay) at 0700L/8 in vic. Stephens Is. light and escort to Milne Bay.

Y.T. 230 and  
Y.T. 237

arrived Cairns at 1933L/6.

S.C. 736

when ready about 7/12 to depart Cairns for Milne Bay.

S.C. 746

arrived Oro Bay at 2200L/6 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 1123.

arrived Brisbane at 0812L/6 escorting U.S.S. PYRO.

M.L. 431

departed Milne Bay at 1430L/6, ETA Oro Bay 0830L/7.

S.C. 744

Y.M.S. 53

Y.M.S. 336

} arrived Lae at 0830L/8 escorting 3 M/V from Milne Bay.

BERYL II arrived Williamstown at 1625L/6 from Adelaide.

BIRCHGROVE PARK departed Milne Bay at 1030L/6 for Pt. Moresby,  
E.T.A. 0600L/8.

H.M.S. "PATROLLER" departed San Francisco at 1000L/4 for Melbourne  
(Aux. A/c Carrier) E.T.A. 24/12.

CHANTICLEER arrived Exmouth Gulf at 1435L/6 from Fremantle.

BINGERA departed Port Phillip at 1239L/6 for Hobart, ETA.1200L/8.

KOOPA departed Buna at 1000L/6, E.T.A. Morobe 1900L/6.

GOOLGWAI )  
NARANI ) arrived Port Kembla at 1445L/6 from Sydney.

POLLUX arrived Milne Bay at 1605L/6 from Townsville.

BUNGAREE departed Sydney at 0944L/6 for Melbourne - E.T.A.  
Williamstown 1700L/8.

MIZAR arrived Pt. Moresby at 0905L/6 from Milne Bay, ETD.0600L/7  
for Townsville. E.T.A. 1800L/8.

AUGUSTUS THOMAS (LIBERTY SHIP previously reported to be on reef north  
of Milne Bay).

At 1545L/6 N.O.I.C. New Guinea advised that AUGUSTUS  
THOMAS has been refloated and is proceeding under own  
steam.

ENEMY AIR RAID

Milne Bay	Yellow	1006L/6
	Red	1008L/6
	Green	1016L/6
	Red	2301L/6.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Monday, 6th December, 1943.

"VENDETTA" escorting "CAPE MENDOCINO" arrived Brisbane at 0100L/5.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 0808L/5 escorting "ALTAMAHA" (bound for San Francisco) until 2100L/5 - "VENDETTA" then returns to Brisbane.

P.C. 1126 departed Noumea at 0500L/4 escorting "WILLARD A HOLBROOK" (bound for Brisbane) until 2300L/4 when "W.A. HOLBROOK" proceeds independently until R.V. is effected with "STUART" in position 27°02'S. 155°13'E at 0900L/6 and escorted to Brisbane.

"PHILIP" (U.S. Destroyer) E.T.D. Sydney 1100L/6 for Noumea E.T.A. 0800L/28.

"NOA" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Espiritu Santo at 1300L/5 - escorting "ALF LINDBERG" to Milne Bay - E.T.A. A.M/9.

"BUCHANAN" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Sydney at 0626L/5 from Noumea.

"WATERS" (U.S. Destroyer Transport) at 1515L/5 departed Noumea escorting "JUAN CABRILLO" and "AMY LOWELL" (bound for Milne Bay via Townsville) to 23°00'S. 159°00'E where "WATERS" detaches and proceeds Sydney - E.T.A. dawn/10.

"WESTRALIA" with "CARTER HALL" and 1 APD. departed Milne Bay at 1500L/4 for Goodenough Island - E.T.A. 0700L/5.

"STAWELL" escorting T.N. 186 - ordered by NOIC Townsville to detach and escort "AASE MAERSK" (reported to be lagging 45 miles astern of convoy with engine trouble) to Cairns.

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay at 0600L/5 for Townsville.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Cairns at 1415L/5 from Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" } arrived Cairns at 1037L/5 from Milne Bay.  
"BUNBURY" }  
"LITHGOW" }

"BENALLA" departed Cairns at 1813L/5 for Sydney.

"WHYALLA" } departed Brisbane at 1825L/5 escorting Q.L.35 (6 ships).  
S.C. 741 }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Brisbane at 1220L/5 escorting P.G. 88 (5  
"TOWNSVILLE" } ships) also "GOLD STAR". E.T.A. Sydney 1400L/5.  
M.L.822 will R.V. with convoy in position 030°36S.  
153°50'E. at 1200L/6 and provide additional escort to Sydney.

"BALLARAT" } detailed to escort C.O.149 (5 ships).  
"WILCANNIA" } "BALLARAT" and M.L.807 departed Newcastle 0620L/5  
M.L.823 } escorting Newcastle section. "WILCANNIA" will join  
M.L.807 } off Sydney with Sydney section. M.L.823 will  
rendezvous with convoy at 0530L/6 and provide additional escort to Gabo Island, then proceed Twofold Bay. M.L.807 acts as additional escort from Newcastle to Sydney arrived Sydney at 1550L/5.

"BUNDABERG" } departed Sydney at 0751L/5 escorting G.P.89 (1 ship)  
"KALGOORLIE" } E.T.A. Caloundra 1830L/7.

"DOOMBA" departed Melbourne at 2010L/4 escorting O.C. 148.



S.C. 650 } arrived Cairns at 1131L/5 from Brisbane.  
YMS.9 }

M.L.812 commissioned at 0800L/4 at Sydney under command of Lieutenant H.C. Eyers, R.A.N.V.R.

S.C. 746 E.T.A. Oro Bay 1530L/5 escorting "SIBIGO" from Buna.

YMS.315 arrived Brisbane at 1301L/5 escorting "GULF OF MARACAIBO" and "STANVAC CAPETOWN" from Espiritu Santo.

S.C. 737 ) departed Milne Bay at 0350L/3 escorting "TRIANGULUM" to  
S.C. 750 ) Woodlark Island.

YMS.72 arrived Milne Bay at 1700L/5 from Lae.

"TAROONGA" arrived Melbourne at 0331L/5 from Sydney.

"LAURABADA" departed Langemak 1200L/4 for Natter Bay (07°28'S. 147°22'E)

"BANGALOW" E.T.D. Caloundra 1300L/6 for Sydney - E.T.A. 2330L/8.

"POTRERO" departed Milne Bay at 0330L/5 for Morobe E.T.A. P.M/7.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

PORT MORESBY	-	Red 2050L/5. Yellow 2120L/5. Green 2125L/5.
MILNE BAY		Red 2115L/5.
DOBODURA		Yellow 2010L/5. Red. 2011L/5. White 2220L/5.
KIRIWINA		Yellow P.M/5. White 1305L/5.

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To 0900L/Sunday, 5th December, 1943.

"PHOENIX" } arrived Milne Bay 1700L/3.  
 "ARUNTA" }  
 "HELM" }

"KATOOMBA" ) escorting T.N. 184B. including "MERKUR", "GANYMEDE" and  
 "BUNBURY" ) APC.8 arrived Milne Bay 1430L/3 - departed 1730L/3 -  
 "LITHGOW" ) E.T.A. Grafton Passage 0900L/5.

S.C. 982 departed Milne Bay 1700L/3 to R.V. U.S. Submarine "BLACKFISH"  
 in position 11°19'S. 150°54'E at 0500L/4 escort to Milne Bay.

U.S. Submarine "BLACKFISH" arrived Milne Bay 1530L/4.

S.C. 744 ) escorting 2 ships departed Milne Bay 0400L/3 - E.T.A. Lae  
 2 YMS. ) 1200L/5.

S.C. 748 escorting "BULMIBA" departed Milne Bay 0400L/3 for Lae.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Buna 0650L/3 arrived Milne Bay 1430L/4.

S.C. 737 and 750 escorting U.S.S. "TRIANGULUM" departed Milne Bay  
 1430L/2 for Woodlark E.T.A. 0700L/3.

"SANDES" ) escorting L.S.T. 67 and 22 arrived Milne Bay 1100L/3 from  
 "BROOKS" ) Port Moresby.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1430L/5 for Port Moresby.

M.L. 819 departed Milne Bay 1430L/5 for Pt. Moresby.

S.C. 732 escorting Y.14 departed Lae 1800L/3 for Milne Bay - E.T.A.  
 1300L/5.

U.S.S. "HERON" departed Palm Island 1300L/4 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700L/7

P.C. 1124 arrived Cairns 1219L/4 from Milne Bay

P.C. 1131 arrived Cairns 1647L/4 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "ETAMIN" E.T.A. Cairns 0800L/5 for Brisbane

"GYMPIE" ) with L.C.I. 73 and 25 departed Cairns 0715L/4 to join T.N.  
 "WAGGA" ) 186.  
 "STAWELL" )

"COLAC" departed Cairns 1335L/4 to R.V. "KATOOMBA" off Fitzroy Island and  
 proceed to overtake T.N. 186.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Townsville 1210L/4 from Brisbane

"KURUMBA" arrived Gladstone 1115L/4 from Townsville.

"WARRNAMEOOL" ) escorting G.P. 88 arrived Brisbane 0947L/4.  
 "TOWNSVILLE" )  
 "BROOME" )

"STUART" returned Brisbane 0729L/4 from submarine exercise, departed  
 Caloundra 1128L/4 to overtake and escort "CONTESSA" (bound  
 Townsville) as far as Lady Elliot Is. thence to R.V. "DUNTROON"  
 (bound Sydney) off Port Curtis and escort until necessary to  
 part company to R.V. "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" in position 27°12'S.  
 155°13'E at 0900L/6 and escort to Brisbane. "DUNTROONS"  
 proceeds independently on green route after "STUART" parts  
 company.

"COWRA" returned Brisbane 1043L/4 - Submarine exercise.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Sydney 1043L/4 from Melbourne.

"YANDRA" ) arrived Sydney 0721L/4 from escorting O.C. 147.  
 "KALGOORLIE" )

"TJERK HIDDERS" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Fremantle arrived Geraldton 1345L/4 departed 1700L/4 for Carnarvon - E.T.A. 1400L/5 on passage to Broome.

YP.286 arrived Fremantle 1007L/4 from Exmouth Gulf.

YP.288 departed Fremantle 1645L/4 for Exmouth Gulf.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 1200L/4 for Exmouth Gulf.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Darwin 1537L/4 from Thursday Island.

"TASWAN" departed Milne Bay 1600L/3 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0600L/7. (Hospital Ship)

"WANGANELLA" arrived Fremantle 0930L/4 from Sydney.

"KOOYONG" assisted by Tug "JAMES PATTERSON" arrived Melbourne 1532L/4.

"BROOME" (Damaged)

"BROOME" (with G.P.8 struck a submerged object at 0303L/4. Dome and oscillator were apparently carried away. Hull remained watertight. "BROOME" arrived Brisbane and NOIC Brisbane intended to dock her A.M/5.

"AUGUSTUS THOMAS" AGROUND.

"AUGUSTUS THOMAS" (Liberty Ship with U.S. Army cargo) was detached from T.N. 184 at North Foreland 1430L/3 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1200L/4. At 1045L/4 vessel signalled "On reef 09°42'S. 149°32'E. Need assistance. Vessel intact. Possible to tow off". Position is in vicinity of Cape Nelson. At 1450L/4 NOIC Oro Bay advised that A/C reported she was well ashore and leaking oil. "VAN DEN BOSCH" was departing Oro Bay to render assistance - E.T.A. Cape Nelson 01930L/4.

YMS. and U.S. SUBMARINE IN COLLISION.

A YMS and U.S. Submarine collided in the vicinity of Brisbane. There was no serious damage to either vessel but submarine requires docking.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Saturday, 4th December, 1945.

"ARUNTA" ) departed Milne Bay 1500L/2 to rendezvous "PHOENIX" at  
"HELE" ) 0700L/3 in position 12°47'S. 153°20'E and escort to  
Milne Bay.

"GILMER" escorting "MAUI" arrived Milne Bay 1743L/2.

"BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1400L/3 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1200L/5.

"GLADSTONE" escorting T.N. 184A. arrived Port Moresby 0745L/3 -  
escort "MURADA" departed Port Moresby for Cairns - E.T.A.  
2115L/5.

"MINJAK TANAH" departed Merauke 1450L/3 for Thursday Island - E.T.A.  
1750L/4.

YMS. 71 towing floating dock departed Thursday Island 1130L/3 -  
E.T.A. Kanakope 1800L/9.

"WARRICO" departed Cairns 0413L/3 to rendezvous T.N. 185 and escort to  
Milne Bay.

YP. 291 arrived Cairns 0817L/3 from Palm Island and Thursday Island.

"AASE MAERSK" ) departed Townsville 1345L/3 in T.N. 186 for Milne Bay.  
L.C.I. 25 and 73 )

"GYMPIE" ) to rendezvous T.N. 186 off Fitzroy Island 0900L/4 -  
"STAWELL" ) "GYMPIE" and "STAWELL" to escort portion "B" to Milne Bay  
"WAGGA" ) "WAGGA" portion "A" to Port Moresby.

"COLAC" to rendezvous "KATOOMBA" off Fitzroy Island 1600L/4 -  
thence to overtake T.N. 186 and proceed Milne Bay.

"KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1705L/2 for Gladstone - E.T.A. 1400L/4

"CEBLONG" escorting L.Q. 34 departed Gladstone 2000L/3.

"VENDKITA" departed Caloundra 2030L/3 to rendezvous "CAPE MENDOCINO"  
in position 27°01'S. 156°56'E at 1101L/4 and escort to Brisbane.

P.C. 1123 departed Caloundra 1823L/2 to rendezvous "DAYSTAR" in  
position 24°26'S. 157°58'E at 1500L/3 and escort to Lady  
Elliot Island.

U.S.S. "WARD" (Destroyer Transport) arrived Sydney 1405L/3 from Noumea.

U.S.S. "MUCHANAN" (Destroyer) ordered by Com. 3rd Fleet at 0915L/3 to  
discontinue A/S search and proceed to Sydney - E.T.A. 0600L/5.

"GUNBAR" departed Sydney 0849L/3 arrived Port Kembla 1450L/3.

"WILCANNIA" ) escorting P.G. 87 arrived Sydney 1144L/3.  
"BALLARAT" )

M.L. 807 escorting P.G. 87 arrived Newcastle 0850L/3.

"TOORONGA" departed Twofold Bay 0600L/3 - E.T.A. Port Phillip 1600L/4.

"BERYL II." departed Adelaide 1235L/3 for Melbourne.

"KOORYONG" E.T.A. Port Phillip 0600L/4.

To 0900L/Friday, 3rd December, 1943.

"DRAYTON" departed Brisbane at 1409L/2 to rendezvous with "TRACY" escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" in position 018°30'S. 159°00'E at 0600L/4 and escort to Milne Bay. This rendezvous time is 1 hour later than previous, due to alteration to route, due to possible submarine in area.

"WESTRALIA" arrived Milne Bay at 1800L/1 from Cairns.

"TROMP" departed Melbourne at 0900L/2 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0900L/6.

"PHOENIX" departs Espiritu Santo at 2130L/1 for Milne Bay.

"ARUNTA" } will depart Milne Bay at 1500L/2 to rendezvous with  
 "HEEM" } "PHOENIX" in position 12°47'S. 153°20'E at 0700L/3  
 and provide escort to Milne Bay.

"MANOORA" departed Cairns at 1041L/2 for exercises in vicinity Trinity Beach.

"BROOKS" } departed Port Moresby at 0901L/2 escorting L.S.T's 67 and  
 "SANDS" } 22 to Milne Bay.

"HUMPHREYS" arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/2 escorting L.S.T. 204 from Port Moresby.

"BUCHANAN" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Noumea at 1400L/2 for Sydney.

"BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay at 1300L/1 from Buna.

"ARARAT" arrived Townsville at 0540L/2 from Milne Bay.

"WARREGO" arrived Cairns at 0703L/2 from Port Moresby.

"WARREGO" to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 0600L/3 with T.N. 155 (Cape Meares) E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/3 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/4.

"WHYALLA" } arrived Brisbane at 2240L/1 escorting L.Q. 33 including  
 "S.C. 741" } "GOLDSTAR".

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin at 1749L/2 escorting T.D. 38.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 0756L/2 escorting G.P.88 (2 ships).  
 "TOWNSVILLE" }

"BROOME" departed Sydney at 0907L/2 to overtake G.P.88 and act as additional escort to Brisbane - then to be sailed for Townsville.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Newcastle at 1129L/2 escorting C.O.  
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } 148 (11 ships) M.L.809 acts as additional  
 "M.L.809" } escort as far as Sydney - M.L.809 arrived  
 Sydney at 1914L/2.

"KAPUNDA" departed Port Phillip at 1743L/2 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1330L/4

"P.C. 1124" arrived Milne Bay 1040L/1, escorting "NEW ZEALAND";  
 departed Milne Bay at 1300L/2 escorting "WEST CACTUS"  
 to Townsville - E.T.A. 2300L/5.

"M.L.822" arrived Newcastle at 1535L/1 from search for Floating Mine -  
 found to be driftwood - then departed at 1202L/2 to  
 rendezvous with and act as additional escort for G.P.88.

"P.C. 1121" arrived Milne Bay at 1900L/1 escorting "CALEDONIAN  
 SALVOR" from Kiriwina

P.C. 1122 } arrived Milne Bay at 1100L/1 from Oro Bay.  
SC. 744 }

YMS. 71 arrived Thursday Island at 1335L/1 from Cairns.

S.C. 650 departed Caloundra at 0203L/2 for Cairns.

M.L. 809 arrived Newcastle at 1701L/1 from Sydney.

"POTRERO" arrived Milne Bay at 1900L/1 from Goodenough Island.

"MIZAR" arrived Milne Bay at 1017L/1 from Brisbane.

"LUCY STAR" arrived Cairns at 1857L/1 from Cooktown.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Oro Bay at 1115L/1 for Buna.

"TOORONGA" en route Sydney to Melbourne - arrived Twofold Bay  
 1417L/2 - sheltering.

REPORTED SUBMARINE SIGHTING:

Aircraft reported on landing at Amberley, sighting  
 periscope and wake of submarine in position 022°46'S. 162°12'E at 0950  
 L/2 - Graded C.5.

At 1915L/2 Com 3rd Fleet ordered "BUCHANAN" to proceed  
 immediately to area and carry out thorough search of area until  
 further orders.

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To 0900L/Thursday, 2nd December, 1943.

"DRAYTON" will depart Brisbane so as to rendezvous with "KLIPFONTEIN" escorted by "TRACY" in position 018°30'S. 159°00'E at 0500L/4 and escort "KLIPFONTEIN" to Milne Bay. "TRACY" will proceed to Espiritu Santo.

"PHOENIX" (U.S. Cruiser) when ready about 2/12 to depart Espiritu Santo for Milne Bay.

"HUMPHREYS" departed Port Moresby at 1740L/1 escorting LST.204 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1300L/2.

"BROOKS" } arrived Port Moresby at 0836L/1 escorting LSTs. 67 and 22.  
"LANDS" }

"WARD" (U.S. Destroyer Transport) departed Noumea at 1000L/30 - E.T.A. 1700L/3.

"WARREGO" departed Port Moresby at 1630L/30 escorting "CANBERRA" - E.T.A. Cairns 1100L/2.

"GYMPIE" } arrived Milne Bay at 1330L/30 escorting T.N. 192.  
"WAGGA" }  
"S.C. 737" }

"GYMPIE" } departed Milne Bay 30/11 escorting FT.44 (2 ships) E.T.A.  
"WAGGA" } Townsville 1800L/3.

"SHEPPARTON" } arrived Buna at 0800L/30 from Milne Bay. At 1530L/30  
"POLARIS" } "SHEPPARTON" departed Buna for Huon Gulf area.  
At 1815L/30 "POLARIS" departed Buna for Morobe.

"BENALLA" departed Buna 1400L/30 for Milne Bay.

"WILCANNIA" } arrived Brisbane at 0825L/1 escorting G.P.87.  
"BALLARAT" }  
"CASTLEMAINE" }

"WILCANNIA" } departed Brisbane at 1156L/1 escorting P.G. 87 (2 ships).  
"BALLARAT" }

"GEELONG" } departed Brisbane at 1645L/1 escorting C.L.34 (8 ships)  
"CASTLEMAINE" } also U.S.S. "ETAMIN" and APC.10 in company.  
"YMS.9." }  
"P.C.1131" }

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney at 0445L/1 on completion escort duties with O.C. 146.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney at 1417L/1 from Cairns.

"DOOMBA" departed Melbourne at 0230L/1 escorting O.C. 147 (5 ships) - Returned Port Phillip at 1530L/1 escorting C.O.147.

"MEDEA" } departed Fremantle at 1545L/1 for Darwin - E.T.A. 12/12.  
"MERCEDES" }

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Thursday Island at 1931L/1 escorting "WANAKA" E.T.A. Darwin 1500L/4.

YMS.335 arrived Milne Bay at 0830L/1 escorting "JAPARA" from Lae.

P.C. 1122 } arrived Oro Bay at 1429L/30 escorting "THOMAS CORWIN"  
S.C. 744 } from Lae.

YMS.315 departed Espiritu Santo at 1500L/1 escorting "STANUAC CAPETOWN" and "GULF OF MARICAIBO" to Brisbane - E.T.A. 5/1.

M.L.823 will rendezvous with O.C. 147 in position 037°57'S. 149°45'E at 1600L/2 and provide additional escort to Port Perpendicular then proceed Jervis Bay.

M.L.807 will rendezvous with P.G. 87 in position 030° 20' S. 153° 47' E at 1200L/2 and provide additional escort to Newcastle.

YT.236 and 237 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600L/2 for Cairns - E.T.A. 8/12.

M.L.431 arrived Milne Bay at 1800L/30 from Goodenough Island.

P.G. 1121 arrived Kiriwina at 1900L/29 escorting "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" from Milne Bay.

M.L.818 arrived Milne Bay at 1530L/30 from Oro, Bay.

M.L.809 departed Sydney at 1220L/1 - E.T.A. Newcastle 0700L/1.

M.L.822 departed Newcastle at 0740L/1 to investigate floating mine reported 30/11 in position 8 miles S. of Newcastle. At 1509L/1 Newcastle reported object found to be barnacle encrusted timber - not floating mine.

"POLLUX" E.T.D. Caloundra 1400L/2 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0600L/6.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Oro Bay at 2230L/30 from Milne Bay.

"LUCY STAR" departed Cooktown 30/11 - E.T.A. Cairns 1900L/1.

"POTRERO" arrived Goodenough Island 1830L/1 from Kiriwina.

"YUNNAN" arrived Porlock Harbour at 0710L/1 from Milne Bay.

"TOORONGA" departed Sydney at 0935L/1 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1530L/3.

"WESTRALIA" reports possible RADAR contact of enemy submarine at 2013L/30 in position 280 miles S.S.W. of Milne Bay.

"KOOYONG" (2,296 gross tons - en route Newcastle to Hobart). At 1558L/1 reported - Anchored East side Flinders Island with defective steering gear - requiring repairs. Hand gear unsafe in bad weather or pilotage waters.

At 2219L/1 C.S.W.P.S.F. ordered "KOOYONG" to proceed Melbourne by most suitable route and advise E.T.A. Port Phillip Heads to be met by tug.

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To 0900L/Wednesday, 1st December, 1943.

"ARRAMUNGA" } returned Milne Bay 1200L/30 from bombardment  
"ARUNTA" } operations at Gasmata.  
"RALPH TALBOT" }  
"HELM" }

M.L. 819 and 485 arrived Kanakope 1600L/30 from Morobe.

"HUMPHREYS" escorting L.S.T. 204 arrived Port Moresby 0855L/30 from Milne Bay.

"STELLA" departed Milne Bay 1555L/29 for survey ground.

"YUNNAN" departed Milne Bay 0400L/30 for Porlock Harbour - E.T.A. 0200L/1.

YMS. 214 escorting "FRIMONT OLDER" departed Lae 2300L/28 arrived Milne Bay 1015L/30.

"STELLA MARIS" (ASR). arrived Milne Bay 1145L/30 from Port Moresby.

P.C. 1122 } escorting "THOMAS CORWIN" departed Lae 2300L/29 for Oro  
S.C. 744 } Bay - E.T.A. 1200L/30.

YMS. 335 escorting "JAPARA" departed Lae 1600L/29 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0800L/30.

"HENELLA" arrived Buna 1900L/29.

"GYMPIE" } escorting F.T. 44 departed Milne Bay 1600L/30.  
"WAGGA" }

"WARREGO" escorting "CANBERRA" departed Port Moresby 1630L/30 for Cairns.

P.C. 1124 escorting "NEW ZEALAND" departed Port Moresby 1040L/30 for Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1530L/1.

"RADICAL" (ASR). arrived Cooktown 1530L/30 from Portland Roads.

"LUCY STAR" arrived Cooktown 1930L/30.

"WESTRALIA" departed Cairns 0620L/30 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/1.

"WATO" arrived Cairns 1441L/30 from Milne Bay.

"LITHGOW" escorting T.N. 184 including "GANYMEDE" and APC.8 departed Townsville 1920L/29.

"KATOOMBA" } departed Cairns 1253L/30 to rendezvous T.N. 184 off  
"BUNBURY" } Fitzroy Island 1500L/30, "KATOOMBA", "BUNBURY",  
"GLADSTONE" } "LITHGOW" and portion "B". E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/3,  
"GLADSTONE" and portion "A" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/3.

"WHYALLA" } escorting L.Q. 33 including "GOLDSTAR" departed Gladstone  
S.C. 741 } 1930L/30.

"VENDETTA" escorting "ALTAMAHA" arrived Brisbane 1002L/30.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane 0533L/30 from escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" to Lady Elliot Island.

"HANGALOW" arrived Brisbane 1120L/30 from Townsville.

S.C. 650 returned Brisbane 0940L/30 from escorting Q.L.33.

"WINBAR" (CPB). departed Newcastle 1055L/30 to investigate floating mine, about 18 miles S. of Newcastle.

"DELORAINE" } escorting P.G. 86 arrived Sydney 1643L/30.  
"GLENNELG" }

U.S. "STRINGHAM" arrived Sydney 1155L/30.  
(Dest. Transport).

"TOWNSVILLE" } escorting O.C. 146 arrived Sydney 1545L/30.  
M.L.802 }

"TOORONGA" arrived Sydney 1844L/20 from Brisbane - E.T.D. 0900L/1  
for Melbourne.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1742L/30 from Jervis Bay.

"COOMBAR" departed Sydney 2003L/30 for Hobart E.T.A. A.M/5.

Y.P.286 departed Exmouth Gulf 1530L/30 for Fremantle - E.T.A.  
0130L/4.

"TASMAN" departed Milne Bay 1500L/30 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0700 L/1.

B2. REPORT OF SUBMARINE SIGHTING.

At 1810L/30 N.O.I.C. Townsville advised that 3 lookouts and 6 members of gun crew of "WILLIAM D. BURNHAM" reported sighting the conning tower of a submarine in position about 100 miles S. of Port Moresby at 1940L/28. Submarine was first seen astern and 5 minutes later on port quarter. "WILLIAM D. BURNHAM" (Liberty Ship) arrived Townsville 1230L/28 from Port Moresby. C.S.W.P.S.F. informed H.M.A. Ships concerned and U.S.S. "MIZAR".

FLOATING MINE S. OF NEWCASTLE.

Floating mine has been located about 8 miles S. of Newcastle. Position has been buoyed and M.L.822 is to be despatched when weather moderates. C.S.W.P.S.F. issued W/F message.

Townsville  
260710/11

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 30th November, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Milne Bay 0730L/29.  
"ARUNTA" }  
"HELM" }  
"RALPH TALEOT" }

"TRINITY" arrived Buna 1610L/28 from Milne Bay.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 1000L/29 for Buna.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Milne Bay 1800L/28.

"STELLA" arrived Milne Bay 2100L/28.

YMS. 72 } escorting "CLARENCE KING" AND "CAPE SANDY" arrived  
S.C. 732 and 746 } Lae 1900L/28 from Milne Bay.

"ARARAT" escorting "TJISDANE" (ex T.N. 182) arrived Milne Bay  
1201L/29 - departed 1612L/29 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1400L/1.

P.C. 1121 escorting "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" departed Milne Bay 0420L/29 for  
Kiriwina - E.T.A. 1700L/29.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Milne Bay 1230L/29 for Oro Bay - E.T.A.  
0600L/1.

S.C. 738 departed Milne Bay 1500L/29 to rendezvous "MOIRMACDALE" in  
position 12°15'S. 152°20'E. at 1200L/30 and escort to Milne  
Bay.

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Port Moresby 1840L/29 for Milne Bay - E.T.A.  
1500L/30.

"WARREGO" } escorting T.N. 183A. arrived Port Moresby 1200L/29.  
P.C. 1124 }

YMS. 43, 8, 46 and 47 arrived Port Moresby 0901L/29.

L.C.I. 71 departed Port Moresby 1516L/29 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1500L/30.

"WESTRALIA" E.T.D. Cairns 0600L/30 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800L/1.

"BUNBURY" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 0631L/29 from escorting NT.66.

"GANYMEDE" arrived Townsville 0420L/29 from Brisbane.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Gladstone 1045L/29 from Townsville.

"STUART" E.T.A. Brisbane 0530L/30 from escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" to  
Lady Elliot Island.

U.S.S. "PYRO" (Ammunition ship) E.T.D. "PAGO PAGO" 1700L/27 for Brisbane -  
E.T.A. 6/12.

"KILTY" "CROSBY" (Destroyer Transports) departed Noumea 1000L/26 - arriv-  
ed Brisbane 1208L/28.

"TOPSY" A. (NAP). in tow of "ST. GILES" departed Brisbane 1814L/28 for  
Townsville.

U.S. DESTROYER "DENT" arrived Sydney 0652L/29 from Noumea.

"NARANI" } departed Sydney 0810L/29 for Pt. Kembla, but  
"PATERSON" } returned Sydney 1325L/29 owing to weather conditions.  
"SAMUEL BENELOW" }

021. departed Fremantle 1200L/28 for Colombo.

"PERKINS" SUNK IN COLLISION WITH "DUNTROON".

At 2228L/29 N.O.I.C. New Guinea reported that "H.T. DUNTROON" was in collision with U.S. Destroyer "PERKINS" at 0200L/29 off Cape Vogel (Goodenough Bay). "PERKINS" was sunk, probable casualties being 8. "DUNTROON" was slightly damaged fore peak flooded, number one tank and hold plates buckled and rivets sheered across the stem. An enquiry is being held by CTF.76. "DUNTROON" (motor vessel of 10,346 tons gross) departed Buna 1640L/28, arrived Milne Bay 1045L/29 and is proceeding on voyage to Townsville.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

MILNE BAY - Yellow 1115L/29.  
 Red. 1120L/29.  
 White 1139L/29.

D/F FIX.

Of enemy surface unit at 0321L/30 in position about 140 miles S. of Rabaul class Victor (within 250 miles) was passed to AIG.365.

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To 0900L/Monday, 29th November, 1943.

"VENDETTA" departed Sydney at 1027L/28 to rendezvous with "ALTAMAHA" at 1700L/29 in position 26°45'S. 158°45'E and escort to Brisbane.

"GLIMMER" departed Milne Bay at 1200L/28 to rendezvous with "OSTERHAUS" × (U.S. Destroyer Escort) escorting "MAUI" from Noumea at 0700L/30 in position 018°30'S. 158°08'E and escort to Milne Bay.

1) "PHILLIP" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Sydney at 0642L/28 from Noumea.

"WESTRALIA" returned Cairns at 1836L/28 from exercises.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay at 1100L/28 from Cairns. Will depart so as to rendezvous with "BENALLA" at Buna 0730L/30.

"BENALLA" departed Buna at 0700L/28 for Porlock Harbour (40 miles S.E. Buna).

"COLAC" arrived Cairns at 1300L/28 from Milne Bay.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Cairns at 1136L/28 from Milne Bay.

"GEELONG" } arrived Brisbane at 0255L/28 escorting L.C. 32 including  
S.C. 735 } U.S.S. "SHIKELAMY".

"WHYALLA" } departed Brisbane at 1457L/28 escorting Q.L.33 (3 ships).  
S.C. 650 }  
S.C. 741 }

"WILCANNIA" } departed Sydney at 0850L/28 escorting G.P.87 - Sydney  
"BALLARAT" } section. "CASTLEMAINE" is to be sailed for Townsville  
"CASTLEMAINE" } on completion escort duties with G.P.87. M.L.807 with  
Newcastle section will join off Newcastle - Total  
convey 7 ships.

"YANDRA" } departed Newcastle at 1006L/28 escorting Newcastle  
"KALGOORLIE" } section C.O.147.

"BENDIGO" arrived Port Phillip at 1415L/28 escorting C.O.146.

M.L.802 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 0953L/28 to return to Sydney with C.C. 146 - on port engine if weather is suitable.

S.C. 982 arrived Milne Bay at 1500L/28.

Y.P.291 departed Thursday Island at 0832L/28 for Cairns via Palm Island E.T.A. Cairns 1/12.

M.L.805. arrived Cairns at 0933L/28 from Thursday Island.

P.C. 1123 arrived Brisbane at 0608L/28.

M.L.823 will rendezvous with C.O.147 in position 035°24'S. 150°49'E at 0600L/29 and provide additional escort until daylight/30 then proceed Twofold Bay.

M.L.818 arrived Oro Bay at 0700L/28 from Milne Bay.

M.L.426 departs Port Moresby at 2100L/29 escorting "NEW ZEALAND" to Milne Bay.

"WATO" departed Milne Bay 0630L/28 E.T.A. Cairns 1830L/30.

"POTREHO" arrived Kiriwina 26/11.

"SCOTIA" (Tanker 9971 gross tons) torpedoed at 2340L/27 in position 003°S, 069°03'E (Addu Atoll area). "SCOTIA" was en route to Melbourne from Bahrain.

"DELORAINNE" } departed Caloundra at 1200L/28 escorting P.C. 86 (8 ships).  
"GLENELG" }

To 0900L Sunday 28th November, 1943.

- "TROMP" Arrived Port Melbourn at 0900L/27 from Sydney.
- "ANUNTA" }  
"NASHVILLE" } Arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/27.  
"HELM"
- "DENT" (U.S. Destroyer Transport) with COMTRANSDIV.12 departed Boumea at 1431L/26 for Sydney E.T.A.1000L/29.
- "GILMER" Arrived Milne Bay at 0930L/26 escorting "CARTER HALL" From Fitzroy Island.
- "WESTRALIA" at Cairns, is to proceed to Milne Bay as early as practicable.
- "VENDETTA" Arrived Sydney at 1306L/27 escorting "TAROONA" from Gladstone.
- "VENDETTA" Will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "ALTAMAHA" at 1700L/29 in position 26°45'S. 158°45'E. and escort to Brisbane.
- "BUNBURY" Departed Port Moresby 1630L/27 escorting H.T.66 (2 ships).
- "GLADSTONE" }  
"COLAC" } Arrived Milne Bay at 1401L/26 escorting T.N.181  
P.C.1119 } section "B".  
Y.M.S.73 }
- "COLAC" }  
"GLADSTONE" } Departed Milne Bay at 1730L/26 for Townsville.
- "SHEPPARTON" Departed Cairns at 1607L/26 for Milne Bay E.T.A.1000L/28.
- "ARARAT" Arrived Cairns at 1842L/26 on completion escort duties with F.T.43.
- "GYMPIE" }  
"WAGGA" } Detailed to escort T.N.182 (7 ships). Escorts will  
"ARARAT" } rendezvous with convoy off Fitzroy Island at 1600L/27 and  
S.C.737 } escort to Milne Bay. E.T.A.1400L/30.
- "DELOIRAIN" }  
"GLENELOG" } Arrived Brisbane at 1230L/27 escorting G.P.66 also  
U.S.S. "ETAMIN".
- "GEEKLONG" }  
S.C.735 } Departed Gladstone at 1930L/26 escorting L.Q.32 (1 M/V  
also U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY").
- "LITHGOW" Arrived Townsville at 1440L/27 from Brisbane.
- "WARREGO" }  
P.C.1124 } Detailed to escort T.N.185 (3 ships) P.C.1124 departed  
Cairns at 1629L/27 to join "WARREGO" with convoy.
- "FREMANTLE" Arrived Thursday Island at 212L/27 escorting D.T.38.
- "LATROBE" Departed Thursday Island at 0030L/28 escorting T.D.38 (2 ships) E.T.A. Darwin 1600L/2.
- "BROOKIE" Arrived Sydney at 0044L/27 escorting Sydney Section O.C. 146.
- "BALLARAT" Arrived Sydney at 1212L/27 on completion escort duties O.C.146.
- "BENDIGO" Departed Melbourne at 2200L/27 escorting O.C.146 (3 ships)
- S.C.732 }  
S.C.746 } E.T.A. Lee 1800L/27 escorting "GARENCE KING" and "CAPE  
Y.M.S.72 } SANDY" from Milne Bay.

M.L. 431 Arrived Kiriwina at 1600L/26 escorting "HANYANG".

Y.M.S. 71 Departed Cairns at 0851L/27 for Thursday Island for onward routing to Milne Bay.

M.L. 804 Departed Sydney at 1121L/27 for Jervis Bay for working up.

M.L. 811 Arrived Sydney at 0727L/27 from Port Kembla.

Y.P. 288 Arrived Fremantle at 1035L/27 from Emu Gulf.

Y.M.S. 8, 46, 47 and 48 departed Cairns at 0800L/27 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800L/29.

Y.M.S. 334) Arrived Milne Bay at 1300L/26 escorting "F.C. NEWLANDS"  
Y.M.S. 336) from Goodenough.

P.C. 476 Arrived Milne Bay at 1800L/26 escorting "CLAREBOT KING" from Oro Bay.

"LAURABADA" towing "SEALARK" arrived Finschhafen at 0800L/26.

"RESERVE" Arrived Milne Bay at 1925L/26 from Buna.

"STINGRAY" } Departed Cooktown at 0800L/27 for Thursday Island  
"MOWONG" } E.T.A. 2/12.

"RADICAL" Departed Portland Roads at 0600L/27 for Cairns E.T.A. 1/12.

"BUNGAREE" Departed Cairns at 2258L/26 for Sydney E.T.A. PM/1/12.

"GIPPSLAND" Departed Sydney at 0840L/27 for Jervis Bay.

"KOOPA" (M.L. Tender) Arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/27 from Oro Bay.

"HERMITAGE" Departed Bora Bora at 1200L/27 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1200L/11/12.

"MOUNT VERNON" Departed Sydney at 1458L/26 for San Francisco E.T.A. 10/12.

"GOLD STAR" Arrived Townsville (ex F.T. 42) at 1030L/26.

"POLLUX" Arrived Brisbane at 1027L/27 from Sydney.

"WANGANILLA" Departed Sydney at 1513L/27 for Fremantle and Suez. E.T.A. Fremantle 3/12.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 0200L/28 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900L/1.

"LUCY STAR" (G.P.B.) Departed Cairns at 1537L/27 to investigate mine reported ashore 50 miles W. of Cape Melville.

"KING BAY" (Aux. Sch.) Arrived Broome at 2100L/26 from Fremantle.

"TRINITY" E.T.A. Buna 1700L/28 from Milne Bay.

"GOLD STAR" Departed Townsville at 1632L/27 for Gladstone - for onward routing in L.C. convoy.

"TOORONGA" Departed Caloundra at 1423L/27 for Sydney E.T.A. 1400L/29. "TOORONGA" has been requested to keep good lookout for crashed aircraft - between Coifs Harbour and Port Stephens.

"BANGALOW" Departed Townsville at 1416L/27 for Brisbane E.T.A. 2230L/30.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

KIRIWIHA . Several warnings P.M./27.

"SACKETTS HARBOUR" (Tanker) previously reported aground in vicinity Caloundra, was refloated at 0900L/27 with assistance of "TOORONGA".

"HOONA" (A.S.R.) Reported by aircraft to be disabled in vicinity York Island. H.O.I.C. Thursday Island is arranging craft to tow "HOONA" to Thursday Island.



0900L/Saturday, 27th November, 1943.

"ARUNTA" } departed Milne Bay 1710L/26 to rendezvous "NASHVILL" in  
"HELM" } position 11°35'S. 151°35'E. at 0630L/27 and escort to  
Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1200L/27.

YMS. 72 escorting Y.13 arrived Milne Bay 1315L/25 from Lae.

"KOOPA" arrived Oro Bay 1130L/25 from Buna.

M.L. 818 arrived Milne Bay 0930L/26 from Buna.

"ARARAT" escorting F.T. 43 departed Milne Bay 1630L/24.

YMS. 335 and 314 escorting "THOMAS CORWIN" arrived Lae 2000L/24 from  
Buna.

S.C. 747 } escorting "JOSEPH LANE" departed Milne Bay 1530L/25 for  
YMS. 313 } Woodlark - E.T.A. 0800L/26.

P.C. 1121 escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" arrived Milne Bay 0930L/25  
from Lae.

S.C. 746 arrived Milne Bay 1720L/25 from Woodlark Island.

L.C.I. 27 and 74 arrived Milne Bay 1545L/25 from Port Moresby.

"BUNBURY" } escorting T.N. 181A. arrived Port Moresby 1445L/26.  
M.L. 426 }

"SORDOE" departed Merauke 0715L/26 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0800L/27.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting D.T. 37 arrived Thursday Island 1455L/26.

YF. 291 arrived Thursday Island 1425L/26 from Cairns.

"WAGGA" } arrived Cairns 2037L/25 from escorting F.T. 42.  
"STAWELL" }

YMS. 71 E.T.D. Cairns 0800L/27 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1200L/1.

"GYMPIE" } to rendezvous T.N. 182 (E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/26)  
"WAGGA" } off Fitzroy Island and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1400L/  
"ARARAT" } 30.  
S.C. 737 }

"WARREGO" escorting T.N. 183 including "SUSQUEHANNA" - E.T.D. Townsville  
0600L/27 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1100L/29.

P.C. 1124 to rendezvous T.N. 183 off Fitzroy Island 2000L/27.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Townsville 0700L/26 from Port Moresby.

"GEELONG" } escorting L.Q. 32 departed Gladstone 1930L/26.  
S.C. 735 }

U.S. Destroyer Transports "KILTY", "CROSBY" E.T.D. Noumea 26/11 for  
Brisbane.

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 0455L/26 from Sydney

P.C. 1123 escorting "GANYMEDE" departed Caloundra 1420L/26 for  
Townsville - E.T.A. 1600L/29.

"STUART" departed Sydney 1325L/26 escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" to Lady  
Elliot Island.

"YANDRA" } arrived Sydney 0700L/26 from escorting P.C. 85.  
"KALGOORLIE" }

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1555L/25 from Jervis Bay.

To 0900L/Friday, 26th November, 1943.

M.L.818 arrived Finschafen 1605L/24 and departed 1830L/24 for Buna.

S.C. 982 arrived Port Moresby 0911L/25 from Milne Bay - escorting MB.13 departed 1300L/25.

P.C. 476 to rendezvous M.B.13 in position 10°42'S. 149°50'E at 0600L/26, P.C. 476 and Milne Bay section E.T.A. 1430L/26 S.C. 982 and Oro Bay Section E.T.A. 0630L/27.

"LATROBE" escorting "CARDROSS" and "MANGOLA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 2359L/27 for Darwin.

"STINGRAY" } A.S.R. arrived Cooktown 1105L/25 from Cairns.  
"MOWONG" }

"STELLA" departed Cairns 1609L/25 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1500L/27.

"BANGALOW" arrived Townsville 1936L/25 from Port Moresby.

A.P.C.8 arrived Townsville 2208L/24 from Brisbane.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TAROONA" departed Gladstone 0800L/25 for Sydney.

"WHYALLA" ) escorting L.Q. 31 including L.S.T. 467 arrived  
S.C. 741 and 650 ) Brisbane 0816L/25.

"GANYMEDE" E.T.D. Caloundra 1030L/26 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1200L/26

P.C. 1123 is to escort "GANYMEDE" to Lady Elliot Island.

YT.236 and 237 towing ferry hulks arrived Brisbane 0720L/25 from Sydney.

"TOORONGA" arrived Brisbane 2159L/24 from Cairns - E.T.D. Caloundra 1400L/26 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1800L/30.

"TOWNEVILLE" escorting C.O.146 departed Sydney 1725L/25.

"TROMP" departed Sydney 1642L/25 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0900L/27.

"DELOIRINE" ) escorting G.P.68 including U.S.S. "ETAMIN" departed  
"GLENELG" ) Sydney 0828L/25.

"GOULEURN" arrived Sydney 1137L/25 from Brisbane.

"STUART" E.T.D. Sydney 1100L/26 escorting "EMPIRE SILVER" to Lady Elliot Island thence proceeding Brisbane.

"NARANI" ) departed Newcastle 0635L/24 for Sydney -  
"PATERSON" ) E.T.A. 1400L/24.  
"SAMUEL BENBOW" }

M.L.802 to rendezvous C.O.146 at 0600L/26 in position 35°20'S. 150°50'E escorting until daylight/27 then proceeding Twofold Bay.

"MOUNT VERNON" E.T.D. Sydney 26/11 for San Francisco.

"POLLUX" departed Sydney 1137L/25 for Brisbane.

O.21 E.T.D. Fremantle about 27/11 for Colombo.

"NARWHAL" departed Darwin 0700L/25.

AIR RAID WARNINGS -

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow 0827L/25.  
White 0900L/25.

To 0900L/Thursday, 25th November, 1943.

"GILMER" departed Townsville at 1645L/24 to rendezvous with "CARTER HALL" off Fitzroy Island at 1000L/25 for onward escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0700L/26.

"VENDETTA" will depart Gladstone A.M./24 escorting "TAROONA" to Brisbane.

"VAN GALEN" returned Fremantle at 1000L/24 from escorting "KOOLINDA" to Broome.

"WAGGA" and "STAWELL" departed Milne Bay at 1530L/23 escorting F.T. 42 (5 ships also "GOLDSTAR") E.T.A. Townsville 1530L/26.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Cairns at 1101L/23 from Brisbane.

"WHYALLA" ) departed Gladstone at 2200L/23 escorting L.Q. 31 (5  
S.C. 741 and 650 ) ships, also L.S.T. 467) E.T.A. Brisbane 0715L/25.

"GENGLONG" ) departed Brisbane at 1605L/24 escorting Q.L. 32 (8 ships).  
"LITHGOW" )  
S.C. 735 )

"YANDRA" ) departed Brisbane at 1000L/24 escorting P.G. 85 E.T.A.  
"KALGOORLIE" ) Sydney 0800L/26.

"DELOBRAINE" ) arrived Sydney at 0359L/24 escorting P.G. 84.  
"GLENELG" )  
"TOWNSVILLE" )

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) arrived Sydney at 0449L/24 on completion escort duti  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" ) duties with O.C. 144.  
"ARRNANBOOL" departed Sydney at 2245L/24 to rendezvous with New-  
castle section C.O. 146 off Newcastle.

"BENDIGO" ) arrived Melbourne at 115L/24 escorting C.O. 145.  
"DOOMBA" )

"FREMANTLE" departed Darwin at 1239L/24 escorting D.T. 38 ("KURUMBA" and  
"BURWAH").

M.L. 431 arrived Goodenough Island 1400L/24 escorting "DAVID BARRY" from  
Milne Bay.

S.C. 732 ) arrived Milne Bay at 1540L/24 escorting Y.15 and "BIRCHGROVE  
S.C. 748 ) PARK" from Port Moresby.

M.L. 223 will rendezvous with O.C. 145 in position 038°00'S. 149°39'E at  
1600L/25 and provide additional escort to Port  
Perpendicular then proceed Jervis Bay.

S.C. 982 departed Milne Bay at 0715L/24 for Port Moresby - E.T.A.  
0800L/25.

P.C. 1121 departed Lae 1100L/23 escort "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" to Milne  
Bay E.T.A. 25/11.

YMS. 334 and 336 arrived Kiriwina at 1919L/22 escorting "KARSIK" from  
Milne Bay.

S.C. 746 arrived Woodlark Island at 1400L/22 escorting "WANNON" from  
Milne Bay.

YMS. 72 departed Lae at 1300L/23 for Milne Bay escorting Y.13.

YMS. 314 and 335 E.T.A. Lae 2100L/24 escorting "THOMAS CORWIN" from Oro  
Bay.

M.L. 810 arrived Sydney at 1102L/24 from Port Kembla.

M.L. 818 arrived Buna at 1200L/23 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 805 departed Thursday Island 0608L/24 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1101L/28.

"COOMBAR" arrived Sydney at 0600L/24 with lighter in tow from Hobart.

"HOONA" (ASR) departed Cairns 0805L/24 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. A.M. 27.

"STELLA MARIS" (ASR) departed Port Moresby at 0706L/24 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 28/11.

"STINGRAY" )  
"MORTONG" ) A.S.R. departed Cairns at 1051L/24 for Thursday Island for onward routing to Pt. Moresby and Milne Bay.

"SHIKELLAMY" arrived Gladstone at 1130L/24 from Brisbane.

"POTREHO" departed Milne Bay at 0200L/24 for Kiriwina - E.T.A. 0800L/25.

"MIZAR" departed Sydney at 1406L/24 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0530L/26.

"NARANI" )  
"PATERSON" ) arrived Sydney at 1447L/24 from Newcastle.  
"SAMUEL BENBOW" )

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Wellington 24/11 from Sydney.

"STELLA" arrived Cairns at 1201L/24 from Townsville.

"POLLUX" E.T.D. Sydney 1100L/25 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1400L/27.

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Port Moresby at 0716L/24 for Townsville.

"WATO" arrived Milne Bay at 1210L/24 towing "LYSANDER" from Buna.

"VOLADOR" (U.S. Army Schooner) departed Boro Boro 22/11 for east coast Australia.

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is 0900L/Wednesday, 24th November, 1943.

"GILMER" E.T.D. Brisbane 1700L/23 to rendezvous with "CARTER HALL" in vicinity Fitzroy Island at 0900L/25 and escort to Milne Bay.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 0545L/23 on completion escort duties with "NIEUW AMSTERDAM".

"MANOORA" } departed Cairns at 0739L/23 for exercises Trinity Beach,  
"WESTRALIA" } Double Island.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 1505L/23 from Sydney - To depart at 1536L/23 escorting "CEFALU" to Lady Elliot Island. After detaching, "VENDETTA" will rendezvous with "TAROONA" en route from Townsville and escort to Brisbane.

"WAGGA" } arrived Milne Bay at 1015L/23 escorting Milne Bay section  
"ARARAT" } T.N. 180.  
"STAWELL" }

"GLADSTONE" } departed Cairns at 1401L/23 to rendezvous with YMS.73  
"COLAC" } and convoy T.N. 181 (15 ships) off Fitzroy Island at  
"BUNBURY" } 1600L/23 - E.T.A. "BUNBURY", P.C.1124 and M.L.426  
P.C. 1119 and 1124 } with section "A" at Port Moresby 1200L/26 -  
M.L.426 } "COLAC", "GLADSTONE", P.C. 1119 and YMS.73. E.T.A.  
Milne Bay with section "B" 1200L/26 at 2045L/23.  
N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that P.C. 1124 has complete engine break down and unable to join convoy.

"YANDRA" } arrived Brisbane at 2108L/23 escorting G.P.85.  
"KALGOORLIE" }  
"COWRA" }

"GOULBURN" departed Brisbane at 1731L/23 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700L/26.

"LITHGOW" on completion boiler clean 24/11 departs Brisbane for Townsville.

"ECHUCA" arrived Sydney at 1549L/23 escorting Sydney section O.C. 144.

S.C. 731 } arrived Milne Bay at 1719L/23 from Buna.  
S.C. 750 }

YMS.72 & 314 arrived Lae at 1735L/21 escorting Y.13 from Buna.

YMS.335 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/23 escorting "BONTEKOE" from Lae.

YP.291 departed Cairns at 0627L/23 from Thursday Island E.T.A. 1700L/26.

P.C. 476 arrived Milne Bay at 1430L/22 escorting "STAGEN" from Thursday Island.

S.C. 748 } departed Port Moresby at 1830L/22 for Milne Bay escorting  
S.C. 732 } "BIRCHGROVE PARK" and Y.15 - E.T.A. 1030L/24.

L.C.I.27 and 74 departed Port Moresby at 1316L/23 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1630L/24.

P.C. 1131 arrived Brisbane at 1349L/23 from local duties.

"STELLA" departed Townsville at 1153L/23 for Milne Bay via Cairns.

"VIGILANT" arrived Townsville at 0628L/23 from Cairns.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Sydney at 0634L/23 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 1430L/23.

"MIZAR" when ready 24/11 to depart Sydney for Brisbane.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Port Moresby at 1300L/23 from Milne Bay

"NARWHAL" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Darwin at 0700L/23.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip at 1339L/23 from Westernport.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle at 1925L/23 from Exmouth Gulf.

"POLLUX" when ready A.M/25 to depart Sydney for Brisbane.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

PORT MORESEY - Green 1033L/23.  
Red 1045L/23.  
Yellow 0609L/23.

DOBADURA - Yellow 0609L/23.  
Green 0612L/23.

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To 0900L/Tuesday, 23rd November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA"  
"SHROPSHIRE"  
"WARRAMONGA"  
"ARUNTA"  
"HELM"  
"RALPH TALBOT" } departed Milne Bay 0630L/22 for exercises.

YMS. 334 and 336 escorting "KARSIK" departed Milne Bay 0230L/22 for Kiriwina, E.T.A. 2000L/22.

P.C. 1122 } escorting "ANSON BURLINGHAME" arrived Lae 1850L/21.  
S.C. 744 }

S.C. 982 escorting "MACHARDA" departed Goodenough Island 0600L/21 - arrived Milne Bay 1420L/21.

S.C. 731 & 750 escorting "COMARA" departed Finschafen 2200L/21 - arrived Buna 0815L/22.

M.L. 818 departed Milne Bay 1555L/22 for Buna - E.T.A. 0800L/23.

"WINTER" arrived Oro Bay 1730L/21 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 805 escorting "MERNOO" arrived Thursday Island 1448L/22.

"MANOORA" } returned Cairns 0936L/22 from exercises.  
M.L. 820 }  
"STINGRAY" } arrived Cairns 1455L/22 from Townsville.  
"MOWONG" }

"BUNGAREE" departed Cairns 2116L/21 - passed Archer Point northbound 0430L/22.

"WARREGO" escorting F.T. 41 arrived Townsville 1130L/22.

"STELLA" E.T.D. Townsville 23/11 for Milne Bay via Cairns.

L.S.T. 467 arrived Gladstone 1130L/22 from Townsville.

"GILMER" E.T.D. Caloundra 0900L/23 to overtake "CARTER HALL" in vicinity Fitzroy Island 2300L/24 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0700L/26, "GILMER" calling Townsville for routing.

P.C. 1123 arrived Brisbane 1332L/22 from escorting "TJISDANE".

YT. 236 and 237 towing ferry hulls - E.T.D. Pt. Stephens 1300L/22 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 26/11.

"BENDIGO" } escorting C.O.145 departed Newcastle 0630L/21.  
"BALLARAT" }

"STUART" E.T.A. Sydney 0500L/23 from escorting "NIEUWAMSTERDAM" to 159° E.

"VENDETTA" departed Sydney 1033L/22 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 1530L/23.

"NARANI" } departed Sydney 0725L/22 for Newcastle E.T.A.  
"PATERSON" } 1600L/22.  
"SAMUEL BENBOW" }

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.144 arrived Port Phillip 0719L/22.

"HINGERA" departed Westernport 0900L/23 for Port Phillip for exercises E.T.A. 1300L/23.

AIRCRAFT REPORT OF SUBMARINE - A Catalina made an ungraded report of a "probable submarine" in position 15°25'S. 148°16'E. course 190° at 1552L/22. Position is about 65 miles N. of Grafton Passage. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned E.A.M.S. 5C. M.L.803 proceeded from Cairns at 1930L/22 to search to seaward of Grafton Passage. A.O.R.N.E.A. is to issue a grading when pilot and crew have been interviewed. On receipt of sighting report A.O.R. N.E.A. reported no aircraft available for search.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

KIRIWINA	-	Yellow	0720L/22.
		Red.	0726L/22.
		Green	0744L/22.
DOBADURA	-	Red	1827L/22.
		Green	1830L/22.
		Red.	0402L/22.

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To 0900L/Monday, 22nd November, 1943.

S.C. 982 escorting "CITY OF FORT WORTH" arrived Goodenough Island 1500L/20 from Kiriwina.

YMS. 72 and 314 escorting Y.13 departed Buna 1140L/20 for Lae - E.T.A. 0600L/21.

YMS. 335 escorting "JAPARA" arrived Lae 2100L/20 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 479 escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Buna 2000L/20 - arrived Milne Bay 1110L/21.

U.S. Fleet Tug "SONOMA" arrived Milne Bay 1845L/20.

"COUCAL" arrived Milne Bay 2100L/20.

"WARREGO" escorting F.T. 41 departed Milne Bay 1630L/20 - E.T.A. Townsville 1400L/22.

"BROOKS" } escorting L.S.T. 456 and 466 departed Port Moresby 1026L/21 -  
"SANDS" } E.T.A. China Strait 1500L/22 - LST's E.T.A. Beli Beli 0100L/23.

HDML. 1161 arrived Port Moresby 1146L/21 from Milne Bay.

"SHIKELLAMY" arrived Townsville 1945L/21 from Port Moresby.

P.C. 1119 arrived Cairns 0927L/21 from escorting "SHIKELLAMY" from Port Moresby.

YP. 291 arrived Cairns 1421L/21 from Townsville.

"TOORONGA" departed Cairns 0957L/21 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1800L/26.

"BUNGARRE" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1730L/21 from Brisbane.

YMS. 73 arrived Townsville 0550L/21 from Brisbane.

"STINGRAY" } departed Townsville 1320L/21 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1700L/22  
"MOWONG" } for onward routing to Milne Bay.

"DELORAINE" escorting "SCHWARTENHONDT" (ex. G.P.84) arrived Brisbane 0840L/21.

"GLENELG" escorting "SIMON BOLIVAR" (ex G.P.84) arrived Brisbane 1130L/21.

"DELORAINE" } escorting P.G. 84 departed Brisbane 1221L/21.  
"GLENELG" }  
"TOWNSVILLE" }

"GEELONG" } escorting L.Q. 30 arrived Brisbane 0800L/21.  
S.C. 735 }

"WHYALLA" } escorting Q.L.31 departed Caloundra 1717L/21 -  
S.C. 741 and 650 } P.C. 1131 to return Brisbane from Lady Elliot Is.  
P.C. 1131? }

"STUART" } escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" to 159°E departed Sydney  
"VENDETTA" } 0856L/21, arrived Sydney 0834L/21.  
"MOUNT VERNON" }

M.L. 802 is to rendezvous O.C. 144 in position 37°45'S. 150°08'E at 0300L/23 - escorting until off Jervis Bay.

M.L. 823 is to rendezvous C.O.145 in position 35°47'S. 150°37'E at 0600L/22 escorting until daylight/23 then proceed Twofold Bay.

"BROOME" escorting C.O.145 departed Sydney 1328L/21.

"GUMLEAF" arrived Newcastle 1920L/20 from Sydney.

"GUMLEAF" AND LCM. 4" departed Newcastle 0725L/21 for Port Stephens - E.T.A. 1145L/21.

"YANDRA" } escorting G.P.85 departed Sydney 0750L/21.  
 "KALGOOLIE" }  
 "COWRA" }

"BALLARAT" } departed Sydney 2338L/20 to rendezvous Newcastle section  
 "BENDIGO" } of C.O.145.

"COOMBAR" towing lighter E.T.A. Sydney 0600L/24 from Hobart.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 144 departed Port Phillip 2330L/20.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Heron Haven 1336L/21 for Fremantle - E.T.A.  
 1101L/23.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting D.T. 37 departed Darwin 1244L/21.

N.L.429 is to rendezvous U.S. submarine "NARWHAL" in position  
 12°10'S. 130°22'30"E. at 1730L/22 and escort into  
 Darwin.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, 1943.

LE TRIOMPHANT Arrived Fremantle at 1244L/20 from Melbourne.

STUART To clear Sydney Heads at 0900L/21 escorting NIEW AMSTERDAM en route to Wellington to 159°E., then return Sydney.

PHOENIX (U.S. Cruiser) Departed San Francisco at 1100L/19 for Brisbane via Tutuila.

SANDS ) Arrived Port Moresby at 1041L/20 escorting L.S.Ts.  
BROOKS ) 456 and 466 from Milne Bay.

VENDETTA When ready a.m./22/November to depart Sydney for Brisbane.

MANOORA ) Departed Cairns at 0844L/20 for exercises in vicinity  
M.L.820 ) Fitzroy Is. - to return Cairns a.m./22.

WARREGO Arrived Milne Bay at 1700L/19 escorting T.N.179.

KATOOMBA ) Arrived Cairns at 1746L/20 on completion escort  
P.C.1124 ) duties with F.T.40.

SHEPPARTON E.T.D. Caloundra 1230L/21 for Cairns E.T.A.0800L/24.

GEELONG ) Departed Gladstone at 2200L/19 escorting L.Q.30  
S.C.735 ) (4 ships).

BROOME ) Arrived Sydney at 0702L/20 having completed escort  
M.L.807 ) duties with Newcastle section O.C.143.

FREMANTLE ) Arrived Darwin at 1719L/20 escorting T.D.37.  
M.L.429 )

P.T's 328 and 330 with L.S.T.206 and U.S.S. TRIANGULUM departed in tow with T.N.180 from Townsville for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200L/23.

P.C.1122 ) Arrived Milne Bay at 0500L/20 escorting ANSON  
S.C.744 ) BURLINGAME from Lae.

P.C.479 Arrived Lae at 0840L/19 escorting BONTEKOE from Milne Bay.

S.C.748 ) Arrived Port Moresby at 1158L/20 escorting WILLIAM  
S.C.732 ) D. BURNHAM from Milne Bay.

M.L.822 Arrived Newcastle at 1451L/19 from escort duties.

S.C.982 E.T.A. Goodenough 0500L/21 escorting CITY OF FORTWORTH.

P.C.1123 Will R/V with TUISDANE at daylight /21 in position 024° 30' S., 156° 35' E. and escort to Lady Elliot Island. On completion to return Brisbane.

P.C.1120 Arrived Milne Bay at 1015L/20 from Lae.

Y.P.291 Departed Townsville at 2024L/20 for Cairns E.T.A. 1159L/21.

BANGALOW Departed Port Moresby at 1206L/20 for Townsville.

GUMLEAF Departed Sydney at 1150L/20. E.T.A. Newcastle 2000L/20

YARROMA (C.P.B.) Arrived Sydney at 0947L/20 from Port Kembla.

MINJAK TANAH Departed Merauke at 1945L/19 for Tanahmerah - N.W.  
Dutch New Guinea.

TASMAN Arrived Brisbane at 0530L/20 from Milne Bay.

DURRAWEEEN E.T.D. Williamstown 0830L/22 from S.C.F.6.

To 0900L/Saturday, 20th November, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 0617L/19 escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM".

"MANOORA" departs Cairns at 0830L/20 for exercises in the vicinity of Fitzroy Island - returning to Cairns A.M./22 - M.L.820 will provide A/S protection.

"KATOOMBA" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1030L/18 escorting T.N. 178 "B"  
P.C. 1124 )  
M.L.431 )  
YMS.313 and 314 )

"KATOOMBA" ) departed Milne Bay at 1505L/18 escorting F.T. 40 (3 ships) -  
P.C.1124 ) E.T.A. Townsville 1500L/21.

"WAGGA" ) to rendezvous with T.N. 180 (5 ships also L.C.I's, 31  
"ARARAT" ) 34 and 206 with YP.236 in company) off Fitzroy Island  
"STAWELL" ) at 1600L/20 and act as escort to Milne Bay.

"TOWNSVILLE" arrived Brisbane at 1948L/19 on completion escort duties with "CANBERRA".

"COWRA" E.T.D. Sydney 0800L/21 for Brisbane with convoy G.P.85 - acting as additional escort.

"BENDIGO" ) arrived Sydney at 1358L/19 escorting P.G. 83 - Sydney  
"BALLARAT" ) Section "BENDIGO" will sail for Melbourne with C.O.145  
departing Sydney P.M./21 - to commence refit.

"YANDRA" ) arrived Sydney at 1912L/19 on completion escort duties  
"KALGOORLIE" ) with O.C. 143.

"LATROBE" arrived Thursday Island at 1103L/19 escorting DT.36.

M.L.822 at 0601L/19 "DELORAINE" (escorting G.P.84) reported that owing to severe weather M.L.822 intends to shelter. A/S gear and lighting temp. damaged. 1 M/V also separated from convoy.

S.C. 747 ) Departed Milne Bay at 0450L/19 escorting "THOMAS CORWIN"  
YMS.314 ) for Oro Bay, Y.13 for Buna and Lae and "JAPARA" for Lae.  
YMS.335 )  
YMS. 72 )

M.L.824 commissioned at Sydney 18/11 under command of Lieutenant H. Venables, R.A.N.V.R.

P.C. 1122 arrived Milne Bay at 1516L/18 escorting "ESSO BALBOA".

P.C. 1131 ) with L.C.I's 429, 431 and 432. Arrived Brisbane at  
P.C.1132 ) 0849L/19 from Espiritu Santo.

M.L.818 arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/18 from Buna.

P.C. 1119 departed Port Moresby at 1400L/A escorting "SHIKELLAMY" for Townsville. P.C. 1119 detaches at Fitzroy Island and proceeds Cairns - E.T.A. 0930L/21.

LST.206 arrived Townsville 0620L/19 from Brisbane.

LST.467 arrived Townsville at 0210L/19 from Milne Bay.

YP.286 departed Fremantle at 1206L/ 9 for Exmouth Gulf.

S.C. 650 arrived Brisbane at 1603L/19 from escort duties.

SC.982 arrived Kiriwina at 0805L/18 escorting "CITY OF FORTWORTH" from Milne Bay.

S.C. 731 } arrived Finschafen at 1210L/18 escorting "COMARA" from  
S.C. 750 } Milne Bay.

"GUNLEAF" arrived Sydney at 1720L/18 from "ASSAULT".

HDML 1161 departed Milne Bay 0300L/19 for Port Moresby - E.T.A.  
 1600L/20.

"COUCAL" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/29.

"BINGERA" departed Port Phillip at 0139L/19 for Westernport, E.T.A.  
 0535L/19.

"VIGILANT" departed Thursday Island at 0801L/19 for Townsville  
 E.T.A. 1200L/23.

"TOORONGA" arrived Cairns at 0633L/19 towing "RONA" from Bowen -  
 E.T.D. "Tooronga" for Sydney and Melbourne A.M/21.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Milne Bay at 1846L/18 from Port Moresby.

"POLARIS" departed Milne Bay at 1146L/18 to join "BENALLA" at  
 survey grounds.

"BANGALOW" departs Port Moresby 20/11 for Townsville.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0652L/19.

Red. 0655L/19.

Green 0708L/19.

To 0900L/Friday, 19th November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" ) arrived Milne Bay 1530L/17.  
"SHROPSHIRE" )  
"WARRAMUNGA" )  
"ARUNTA" )  
"HELE" )  
"RALPH TALEOT" )

YMS. 334 escorting 2 ships arrived Buna 0915L/17 - returned Milne Bay 1515L/18.

L.C.I. 224 arrived Milne Bay 1230L/17 from Port Moresby.

"POLARIS" departed Milne Bay 1146L/18 to join "BENALLA" on survey ground.

P.C. 1119 escorting T.N. 178 arrived Port Moresby 0803L/18.

"WAGGA" ) arrived outside anchorage Cairns 0322L/18 from Pt. Moresby.  
"STAWELL" )

"ARARAT" escorting A.P.C.5 arrived Cairns 1201L/18 from Milne Bay.

"SOEDOE" arrived Cairns 0750L/18 from Brisbane.

Y.P. 236 arrived Cairns 0917L/18 from Palm Island and Brisbane.

"WARREGO" escorting T.N. 179 departed Townsville 1834L/17 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1700L/19.

"TRIANGULUM" towing P.T. 328 and 330 arrived Townsville 0448L/18 from Brisbane.

"TOWNSVILLE" after detaching "CANBERRA" daylight/19 for Bowen - E.T.A. 1500L/20, proceeds Caloundra E.T.A. 2200L/19.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1100L/19 - to rendezvous "MOUNT VERNON" in position 32°58'S, 158°14'E at 1600L/20 and escort to Sydney.

"GILMER" arrived Brisbane 1120L/18 from Milne Bay.

"LITHGOW" ) escorting L.Q. 29 arrived Brisbane 0245L/18  
S.C. 741 )

"STUART" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Sydney 0612L/19.

M.L. 822 escorting G.P.84 departed Newcastle 1342L/18.

"DELORAINNE" ) escorting G.P.84 departed Sydney 0926L/18.  
"GLENELG" )

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) departed Sydney 0602L/18 - escorting C.O.144  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" ) departed Newcastle 1242L/18.

"ECHUCA" escorting C.O.144 departed Sydney 1645L/18.

M.L. 811 arrived Jervis Bay 1715L/17 from Sydney.

"KING BAY" departed Fremantle 1104L/18 for Broome - E.T.A. 27/11.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 1051L/18 for Heron Haven.

"NIZAM" escorting O.W. 7 arrived Colombo 1720L/17 from Geraldton.

D/F FIXES - Two submarine D/F fixes in the Solomon Sea P.M/17 were passed to A.I.G. 365.

AIR RAID WARNINGS - Port Moresby Red 1102L/18 - Green 1118L/18.

"GASCOYNE" - Commissioned at Sydney 18/11 under the command of Lt. Cdr. Jack Donovan.  
M.L. 824 - commissioner at Sydney 18/11.

0900L/Thursday, 18th November, 1943.

"HUMPHREYS" } arrived Milne Bay 1500L/17 from Port Moresby.  
"SANDS" }

P.C. 479 returned Milne Bay 0900L/17 from Porlock Harbour - escorting  
"SUSQUEHANNA" departed 1220L/17 for Buna - E.T.A. 1000L/18.

M.L. 818 arrived Buna 1300L/16 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 334 escorting 2 ships departed Milne Bay 1631L/16 for Buna - E.T.A.  
1000L/17.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Milne Bay 0840L/17 for Port Moresby - E.T.A.  
1830L/18.

S.C. 982 escorting "CITY OF FORT WORTH" departed Milne Bay 1230L/17  
for Kiriwina - E.T.A. 0830L/18.

"BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1823L/17 for survey grounds - E.T.A. Morobe  
Area 18/11.

"VIGILANT" departed Merauke 1700L/16 - arrived Thursday Island 1629L/17.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island 0702L/17 from Millingimbi escorting  
T.D. 37 departed 1531L/17.

P.C. 476 departed Thursday Island 1421L/17 to rendezvous 1600L/17 and  
escort to Milne Bay.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns 1215L/17 from Milne Bay.

YP. 280 arrived Cairns 1109L/17 from Townsville.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville 1050L/17 from Cairns.

"TOORONGA" towing "RONA" departed Bowen 0930L/17 for Cairns - E.T.A.  
2130L/18.

"LITHGOW" } escorting L.Q. 29 departed Glastone 2200L/16.  
S.C. 741 }

YP. 291 E.T.D. Caloundra 1730L/17 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1200L/20 -  
thence Thursday Island and Palm Island.

"BENDIGO" } escorting G.P. 83 including "BUNGAREE" arrived Brisbane  
"BALLARAT" } 0320L/17 - escorting P.C. 83 departed Brisbane 1205L/17.

"GEELONG" } escorting Q.L. 30 including "BUNGAREE" departed Brisbane  
S.C. 650 and 735 } 1803L/17 - S.C. 650 returning Brisbane from Lady  
YMS. 73 } Elliot Island. YMS. 73 proceeding Townsville from  
Bustard Head.

"STUART" departed Sydney 1717L/17 to rendezvous "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" and  
escort to Sydney.

"MONTICELLO" departed Sydney 1932L/17 for San Francisco - E.T.A. 5/12.

"REPUBLIC" departed Sydney 1210L/16 for San Francisco - E.T.A. 10/12.

"GLENELG" arrived Sydney 1336L/17 from escorting O.C. 142.

HMML. 1325 arrived Sydney 0925L/17 from Launceston.

ML. 811 departed Sydney 1125L/17 for Jervis Bay for working up - E.T.A.  
1800L/17.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 143 departed Port Phillip 2230L/16 - escorting  
C.O. 143 arrived Port Phillip 0738L/17.

"COOMBAR" departed Hobart 0640L/17 towing concrete lighter E.T.A. Sydney  
0900L/23.



M.L. 429 escorting "ALAGNA" departed Millingimbi 1130L/17 -  
"ALAGNA" E.T.A. Thursday Island 0600L/20 - M.L. 429 -  
E.T.A. Darwin 0930L/20.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting T.D. 36 arrived Darwin 1652L/17.

"TASMAN" departed Milne Bay 1512L/16 for Brisbane - E.T.A.  
0600L/21.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX

At 2209L/17 in position about 60 miles N.E. of  
Kiriwina - classification Victor (within 250 miles) was passed to  
A.I.G. 365.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

KIRIWINA - Yellow 1523L/17 - Red - White (no times).

MILNE BAY - White 1622L/17.

GOODENOUGH - Yellow 1552L/17 - White 1605L/17.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 17th November, 1943.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Williamstown at 1231L/16 for Fremantle - E.T.A. off Retnest Island 1200L/20.

"GILMER" departed Milne Bay at 1700L/15 - southbound.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane at 0815L/16 from escort duties.

"STUART" will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "MIEUW AMSTERDAM" from Wellington in position 36°07'S. 156°22'E at 1101L/18 and escort to Sydney.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "KOOLINGA" arrived Broome at 1200L/16 from Fremantle.

"HUMPHREYS" } departed Port Moresby at 1051L/16 escorting 3 LSTs  
"SANDS" } to Milne Bay.

"TROMP" E.T.D. Sydney 25/11 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 27/11.

"WAGGA" } departed Port Moresby at 1245L/16 escorting "KATOOMBA"  
"STAWELL" } to Townsville E.T.A. 1245L/18.

"GYMPIE" } arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/15 - escorting T.N. 176 "B".  
"ARARAT" }  
S.C. 732 }

"GYMPIE" departed Milne Bay at 1615L/15 - E.T.A. Cairns 1200L/17.

"ARARAT" departed Milne Bay 0520L/16 escorting F.T. 39, comprising 1 L.S.T. and 1 A.P.C. E.T.A. Townsville 1530L/18.

"WARREGO" departed Cairns at 2031L/15 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1100L/17.

"GEEELONG" arrived Brisbane at 0812L/16 from escort duties with Q.L.29.

"LITHGOW" } departed Gladstone 2200L/16 escorting L.C.29 - E.T.A.  
S.C. 741 } Brisbane 0500L/18.

"TOWNSVILLE" departed Sydney 0640L/16 escorting "CANBERRA" - E.T.A. Caloundra 0800L/18.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } arrived Sydney at 1710L/16 on completion  
"ECHUCA" } escort duties with P.G. 82.  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"DELORAINE" arrived Sydney at 2357L/16 escorting Sydney section O.C. 142.

"LATROBE" departed Darwin 0709L/16 escorting D.T. 36 (2 ships) E.T.A. Thursday Island 1130L/19.

"FREMANTLE" upon arrival Thursday Island from Millingimbi is to escort "KURUMBA" and "BORWAH" to Darwin - E.T.D. 1500L/17 - E.T.A. 1700L/20.

HDL. 1321 arrived Melbourne at 1135L/16 from Hobart.

P.C. 1122 departed Milne Bay 1600L/13 so as to rendezvous with "ESSO BALBOA" - south of China Strait - at 1200L/17 and escort to Milne Bay.

"BALBOA" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Milne Bay at 1145L/16.

YMS. 336 arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/16 from Buna.

S.C. 750 } E.T.D. Milne Bay 0525L/16 escorting "COMARA BONTIKOE"  
S.C. 731 } to Buna, E.T.A. 1530L/17 - then to proceed Finschafen  
 with "COMARA" - E.T.A. 1500L/18.

M.L. 822 arrived Newcastle at 1237L/16 on completion escort duties  
 with P.G. 82.

P.C. 1132 } with L.C.I. 429 and 432 - E.T.A. Brisbane 19/11 from  
P.C. 1131 } Espiritu Santo.

YP. 233 arrived Milne Bay at 1030L/16 from Thursday Island.

M.L. 818 departed Milne Bay at 1530L/15 for Buna with N.O.I.C.  
 New Guinea aboard - returning P.M/18.

YMS. 335 E.T.A. Milne Bay 0800L/15 escorting "BRITISH COLONEL" from  
 Buna.

S.C. 743 arrived Milne Bay 1900L/15 escorting "WILBUR WRIGHT" from  
 Buna.

YT. 236 } departed Sydney at 1140L/15 towing 2 ferry hulls to  
YT. 237 } Brisbane.

YP. 260 departed Townsville 16/11 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1100L/17.

L.C.Is. 27 and 74 arrived Port Moresby at 0951L/16 from Milne Bay.

"TOORONGA" (Tug) towing "RONA" arrived Bowen at 0730L/16 from Cairns.

"NARANI" } arrived Sydney at 2110L/16 from Port Kembla.  
 "PATERSON" }  
 "GOOLGWAI" }

"GUMLEAF" and "ALCA" 203 arrived Assault at 1117L/16 from Newcastle.

"POLLUX" arrived Sydney at 0835L/16 from Milne Bay.

"LURLINE" arrived Melbourne at 1137L/15 from Bombay.

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0900L/Tuesday, 16th November, 1943.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Williamstown at 1345L/15 from Sydney, when ready about 1100L/16 to depart for Fremantle.

"HUMPHREYS" } arrived Port Moresby at 1054L/15 escorting L.S.T's 168, 47  
 "SANDS" } and 170 from Milne Bay.

"GILMER" arrived Milne Bay at 1645L/15 from Port Moresby.

"WACA" } arrived Port Moresby at 1245L/15 escorting T.N. 177 "A".  
 "STANWELL" }

"KATOOMBA" } departed Cairns at 1413L/15 to rendezvous with YMSs. 313, 314  
 P.C. 1124 } and T.N. 178 (10 ships including U.S.S. "AMYCUS") off  
 P.C. 1119 } Fitzroy Island at 1600L/15 P.C. 1119 will escort section  
 "A" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200L/18. The remainder  
 escorting Section "B" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/18.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Townsville P.M/17 escorting "TAROONA" to Milne Bay.

"FREMANTLE" departed Millingimbi at 1130L/15 - E.T.A. Thursday Island 0430L/17.

L.C.I. 224 departed Port Moresby at 1843L/15 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/17.

YMS. 335 } arrived Buna at 1215L/14 escorting "BALIK PAPAN" from Lae.  
 S.C. 743 }

M.L. 429 at Millingimbi is to escort "ALAGNA" to position 011°49'S. 137°47'E. At this position to detach and proceed Darwin. "ALAGNA" to proceed Thursday Island independently.

HML. 1325 (previously reported to be sheltering at Oberon Bay, Wilson's Prom to effect electrical repairs). Reported at 0700L/15. Repairs effected. Proceeding. E.T.A. Sydney 0930L/17.

S.C. 746 arrived Milne Bay at 2100L/14 from Lae.

P.C. 476 arrived Thursday Island at 2134L/15 escorting "KURUMBA" (from Darwin).

M.L. 807 at 1200L/15 - "BENDIGO" reported that when in position 031°08'S. 153°47'E, M.L. 807 detached from convoy and proceeded to Coff's Harbour because of damage sustained to hull sheathing.

YT. 236 } E.T.D. Sydney 1000L/15 towing "KARABELLA" and "KARAGA" to  
 YT. 237 } Brisbane. E.T.A. 19/11.

"BURRABRA" (target vessel) departed Jervis Bay at 0400L/15 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1600L/15.

YP. 280 arrived Townsville at 0138L/15 from Milne Bay.

"GUMLEAF" departed Sydney at 0611L/15 towing "ALCA 203" to Port Stephens E.T.A. 2000L/15.

"STEADY HOUR" (CPB) arrived Port Kembla at 1317L/15 from Sydney.

"TOLGA" arrived Thursday Island at 0726L/15 from Townsville.

"PATERSON" } Arrived Port Kembla at 1315L/15 from Sydney.  
 "WARINA" }

"MIZAR" arrived Sydney at 1200L/15 from Brisbane.

"VICTORIA" arrived Brisbane at 0815L/15 from Milne Bay.

"MINJAK TANAH" arrived Merauke at 1303L/15 from Thursday Island.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Monday, 15th November, 1943.

TASK FORCE 74 E.T.A. Milne Bay during daylight/16.

P.C. 1121  
S.C. 738 and 746 } escorting "FREMONT OLDER" arrived Lae 0800L/13  
from Milne Bay and Oro Bay.

P.C. 479 escorting "MOBILGAS" departed Milne Bay 1300L/14 for Por-  
Lock Harbour E.T.A. 0630L/15.

"HUMPHREYS"  
"SANDS" } arrived Milne Bay 1500L/13 from escorting 3 L.S.T's  
from Port Moresby. L.S.T's passed North Foreland  
1500L/13.

S.C. 744 escorting "BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Kiriwina 1800L/13 -  
arrived Milne Bay 1730L/14.

"WATO" towing barge arrived Buna 1245L/13 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 476 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500L/13 escorting "KURUMBA" from  
Milne Bay is to escort "STAGEN" to Milne Bay.

YMS. 336 escorting Y.14 departed Milne Bay 0400L/14 for Buna -  
E.T.A. 1600L/15.

S.C. 731, 750.  
YMS. 334 } arrived Milne Bay 1455L/14 from Lae.

"GILMER" escorting 3 L.S.T's departed Port Moresby 1031L/14 -  
E.T.A. China Strait 1230L/15.

M.L. 805 departed Port Moresby 1223L/14 to rendezvous "MERNOO" in  
vicinity of "REDS CAR BAY" (about 30 miles N.W. of Port Moresby).

L.C.I. 224 on passage Milne Bay, returned Port Moresby 0901L/14 with  
starboard shaft seized.

"BOONBOON" located by aircraft at 0726L/14 about 45 miles N.W. of  
Thursday Island course 140 arrived Thursday Island 1752L/14.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 1047L/14 from escorting F.T. 38.

"GLADSTONE"  
P.C. 477  
YMS. 71  
S.C. 737 } arrived Cairns 0946L/14 from escorting F.T. 38.

"MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA"  
"WARRECO"  
P.C. 1124 } arrived outside anchorage Cairns 2053L/13 from Milne  
Bay.

"WARRECO" E.T.D. Cairns 2000L/15 for exercises in Palm Island area  
16 and 17/11.

"HERON" arrived Townsville 1540L/14.

"ALTAMAHA" departed San Francisco 1000L/14 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1300L/1/1

"VENDETTA"  
"GEE LONG"  
"LITHGOW"  
S.C. 741 } escorting G.L. 29 departed Brisbane 1600L/14 - "VENDETTA"  
and "GEE LONG" to return Caloundra from Lady Elliot  
Island.

"ROCKHAMPTON"  
"ECHUCA"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } escorting G.P. 82 including U.S.S. "GANYMEDE"  
arrived Brisbane 0155L/14; escorting P.G. 82  
departed Brisbane 1219L/14.

"MIZAR" departed Brisbane 0310L/14 for Sydney.

YP. 291 arrived Brisbane 2217L/14 from Cairns.

"TOWNSVILLE" is to escort "CANBERRA" from Sydney to Caloundra when ready.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "MONTICELLO" arrived Sydney 0018L/14 - departed 0019L/14 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0830L/15.

"BENDIGO" } escorting G.P.83 including "BUNGAREE" departed  
"BALLARAT" } Sydney 0845L/14.

M.L.807 escorting G.P.83 departed Newcastle 1333L/14 - A/S defective requires base staff assistance for repairs.

M.L.822 is to rendezvous P.G. 82 in position  $29^{\circ} 44' S$ ,  $153^{\circ} 57' E$  at 1200L/15 and escort to Newcastle.

"YANDRA" } departed Sydney 0425L/14, escorting C.O.143 departed  
"KALGOORLIE" } Newcastle 1081L/14.

"BROOME" escorting C.O.143 departed Sydney 1630L/14.

M.L.823 is to rendezvous C.O.143 in position  $35^{\circ} 36' S$ ,  $150^{\circ} 42' E$  at 0700L/15 escorting until daylight/16 then proceed Twofold Bay.

HMML.1325 is sheltering in Oberon Bay, Wilson's Prom. working on serious electrical defect. Intends to remain until weather moderates.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 142 departed Port Phillip 2130L/13.

"DOOMBA" } escorting C.O.142 arrived Port Phillip 1015L/14.  
"MILDURA" }

HMML.1321 departed Hobart 0906L/14 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1101L/16.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Exmouth Gulf 13/11 for Pt. Hedland - E.T.A. 14/11.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

GOODENOUGH - Yellow 1036L/14 - White 1050L/14.  
KIRIWINA - Yellow 0501L/15 - Green 0535L/15.  
DOBADURA - Red 0430L/15.

MOIST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Sunday, 14th November, 1943.

YMS. 335 } departed Lae 0230L/13 for Buna - E.T.A. 2200L/13,  
S.C. 748 } escorting merchant ship.

P.C. 1120 escorting LONINNA departed Milne Bay 1400L/12 for Lae.

M.L. 805 arrived Port Moresby 1201L/13 from Cairns.

"GILMER" escorting 3 L.S.T's arrived Port Moresby 0902L/13 from Milne Bay.

L.C.I. 224 departed Port Moresby 1136L/13 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1300L/14.

"TOLGA" departed Thursday Island 1730L/13 to assist "BOONBOON".  
(departed Merauke 1700L/12 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1900L/13) which reported drifting with engine break down and making water.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting T.D. 38 departed Thursday Island 2031L/12.

"KATOOMBA" } arrived Cairns 1111L/13 from Port Moresby.  
P.C. 1119 }

U.S.S. "AMYCUS" arrived Townsville 1543L/12 from Brisbane.

"COULBURN" } escorting L.C. 28 arrived Brisbane 1241L/13.  
P.C. 1123 }

"WHYALLA" } with U.S. submarine E.T.D. Cape Moreton 1700L/13 to  
M.L. 808 } exercise until 2000L/14.

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 1109L/13 from Port Moresby - E.T.A. Caloundra 0400L/14 for Sydney.

YP. 226 E.T.D. Caloundra 1100L/13 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1900L/16 thence Cairns.

"HILQ" arrived Sydney 1749L/13 from Townsville.

"CONRA" arrived Sydney 0723L/13 from Broken Bay.

HML. 1225 departed Low Head (mouth of Tamar River) 1700L/13 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000L/16.

D/F FIXES:

Two fixes of a surface unit and one of a submarine in Solomons Sea P.M/13 were passed to A.I.G. 385.

DAMAGE TO "BUNBURY":

N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that inspection of "BUNBURY" on return to harbour revealed damage to boilers, starboard foundation of steam generator, port oil cooler, diesel generator, cooling water pipe, and boiler room floor plates.

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W/ 14/11

TOP SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Saturday, 13th November, 1943.

"WESTRALIA" } departed Milne Bay at 0630L/12 - E.T.A. Cairns 1700L/13.  
"MANOORA" }  
"WARREGO" }  
P.C. 1124 }

"HUMPHREYS" } departed Port Moresby at 1001L/12 escorting L.C.T's 452,  
"SANDS" } 453 and 456 to Milne Bay - E.T.A. North Foreland 1200L/13.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney at 1845L/12 to rendezvous with  
MONTICELLO In position 32° 24' S. 154° 22' E at 0900L/13 and escort  
to Sydney.

"ARARAT" arrived Cairns at 0657L/12 from Townsville.

"WAGGA" } detailed as escorts for T.N. 177 (12 ships) also  
"STAWELL" } U.S.S. "SHIKELAMY" in company to Port Moresby. "STAWELL",  
"ARARAT" } "ARARAT" and "BUNBURY", S.C. 732, departed Cairns at  
"BUNBURY" } 1401L/12 so as to rendezvous with "WAGGA" and convoy in  
vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1600L/12 - M.L.431 will  
detach tow at Grafton Passage and act as additional  
escort. "WAGGA", "STAWELL" with Port Moresby section.  
E.T.A. 1200L/15. "ARARAT", "BUNBURY", S.C. 732 and  
M.L.431 with Milne Bay section, E.T.A. 1200L/15.  
At 1703L/12, N.O.I.C. Cairns reported that "BUNBURY"  
damaged by depth charge inadvertently dropped by  
M.L.431 and is returning Cairns. Extent of damage not  
yet known. "GYMPIE" despatched in lieu of "BUNBURY" and  
has joined convoy. At 2003L/12 M.L.431 returned Cairns  
for repairs to damaged rudder.

"PIRLIE" arrived Sydney at 0712L/12 from Townsville.

"BENDIGO" } arrived Sydney at 1115L/12 on completion escort duties  
"TOWNSVILLE" } with O.C. 141.

"WARNAMEBOOL" } arrived Sydney at 0320L/12 on completion escort duties  
"CASTLEMAINE" } with P.G. 81.

"FREMANTLE" departed Darwin at 1052L/12 for Millingimbi, escorting  
"ALAGNA" E.T.A. 0930L/14.

P.C. 1120 departed Milne Bay at 1155L/11 escorting "BERGFRED" to Lae.

P.C. 1121 } departed Milne Bay at 1050L/11 on escort duties to Oro Bay  
S.C. 738 } and Lae - E.T.A. Lae 2000L/12.  
S.C. 746 }

M.L.804 arrived Cairns at 0101L/12 from Thursday Island.

M.L.803 } arrived Cairns at 0705L/12 from Townsville.  
M.L.820 }

M.L.429 towed by "YARRA" arrived Thursday Island at 0245L/12 from Darwin

H.D.M.L. 1321 commissioned at Hobart.11/11 - ready to sail 13/11 for  
Melbourne.

H.D.M.L.1325 departs Launceston 13/11 for Sydney.

Y.P.233 departed Thursday Island at 0715L/12 for Milne Bay - E.T.A.  
1930L/15.

YMS.72 arrived Milne Bay at 1330L/11 from Buna.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Goodenough Island at 1845L/10 from Milne Bay.

"STINGRAY" and "MOWONG" (NAP) arrived Townsville at 0910L/12.

"POYANG" arrived Sydney at 1157L/12.



YMS. 313 and 314 arrived Townsville at 0920L/12 from Cairns.

"BOONBOOROO" (ASR) departed Merakke at 1700L/12 for Thursday Island  
E.T.A. 1900L/13.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney at 1006L/12 from Melbourne.

"TASMAN" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane at 0120L/12 for Milne  
Bay - E.T.A. 1900L/13.

"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" aground on Dart Reef, Ward Hunt Strait - 50  
miles N. of Milne Bay. Information received by Townsville  
radio at 0200L/13 and passed to all concerned.

"GENERAL VERSPIJCK" - 1213 gross tons - U.S. Army cargo.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

GOODENOUGH - Red 2155L/12  
White 2214L/12

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0417L/13  
White 0441L/13.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Friday, 12th November, 1943.

"SANDS" } arrived Port Moresby at 1036L/11, escorting L.S.T's 452,  
"HUMPHREYS" } 465 and 456 from Milne Bay.

"MANOORA" } arrived Milne Bay at 1110L/11 from Townsville.  
"WESTRALIA" }  
"WARREGO" }  
P.C. 1124 }

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 2249L/11 on completion escort duties with "CAPE MEARES" to Lady Elliot Island.

"AUSTRALIA" }  
"SHROPSHIRE" }  
"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Milne Bay at 1700L/11 for Port Purvis  
"ARUNTA" } - Florida Island - E.T.A. 0800L/13.  
"HELM" }  
"REID" }  
"RALPH TALEOT" }

"KATOOMBA" } departed Port Moresby at 1910L/11 for Cairns.  
P.C. 1119 }

"COLAC" }  
"GLADSTONE" } departed Milne Bay at 1505L/11 escorting F.T. 38 -  
YMS. 71 } E.T.A. Townsville 1505L/14.  
S.C. 737 }  
P.C. 477 }

"ARARAT" departed Townsville at 1516L/11 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0600L/12.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns at 1331L/11 escorting L.C.Is. 344, 73 and 25 from Milne Bay.

"GOULBURN" } departed Gladstone at 2200L/11 escorting L.Q.28.  
P.C. 1123 }

"BALLARAT" arrived Sydney at 2058L/11 with Sydney section O.C. 141.

"DELORAINIE" } departed Sydney at 0404L/11 to rendezvous with Newcastle  
"GLENELG" } section C.O.142 off Newcastle.

"MILDURA" with Sydney section C.O.142 departed Sydney at 1715L/11 to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney - M.L.823 will act as additional escort as far as Twofold Bay. Total convoy 14 ships.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney at 1043L/11 escorting G.P.82 (7  
"ECHUCA" } ships) including U.S.S. "GANYMEDES" M.L.822  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" } acts as additional escort as far as Coff's Harbour.

"INVERELL" arrived Williamstown at 1200L/11 from Sydney.

"COOTAMUNDRA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 2000L/12 escorting "TIME" and "YARRA" with M.L. 429 in tow to Darwin. E.T.A. 1600L/17.

YP. 291 departed Cairns at 1357L/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2359L/15.

S.C. 737 } arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/10 from Oro Bay. E.T.D. 1500L/11  
YMS. 71 } with F.T. 38 E.T.A. Townsville 2200L/13.

M.L.810 arrived Jervis Bay at 1730L/10 for Port Keabla.

YMS.72 arrived Buna at 0900L/10 escorting "JOHN H. KOSSETMER" from Oro Bay.

M.L.805 departed Cairns at 1207L/11 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1100L/13.

P.C. 1120 departed Oro Bay at 1542L/10 escorting "BARGFRED" to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/11.

M.L.803 } departed Townsville at 1320L/11 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0600L/  
M.L.820 } 12.

M.L.807 arrived Newcastle at 1910L/10 on completion escort duties with  
P.C. 81.

"VICTORIA" departed Milne Bay at 0610L/10 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2200L/  
14.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle at 1118L/11 from Onslow.

"WATO" departed Milne Bay at 0650L/11 for Buna - E.T.A. 0600L/13.

"POLLUX" departed Milne Bay at 1520L/10 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1900L/14.

"TOORONGA" arrived Brisbane at 1305L/10 towing "RONA" from Newcastle  
E.T.D. 1500L/12 for Cairns.

"ELLEN" arrived Milne Bay at 1055L/10 from Port Moresby.

"GUMLEAF" - E.T.D. ASSAULT 0600L/12 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1830L/12.

D/F FIXES -

At 1758L/11 Enemy surface unit within 250 miles N. of  
Woodlark Island.

At 0228L/12 Enemy submarine within 250 miles of a position  
250 miles E. of Woodlark Island.

At 0335L/12 Enemy surface unit within 250 miles of a position  
110 Miles North of Woodlark Island.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

KIRIWINA	-	Yellow	1206L/11
		White	1236L/11
		Yellow	1541L/11
		White	1545L/11
		Yellow	1646L/11
		White	1653L/11
MILNE BAY	-	Red	1055L/11
		Raid in progress	1107L/11
		Green	1132L/11
DARWIN	-	Yellow	0244L/12.
		Raid in progress	0414L/12
BACHELOR	-	Red	0159L/12
		Red	0259L/12
		White	0550L/12.

"CAPE SAN JUAN" - en route San Francisco to Townsville via Gladstone  
was torpedoed 250 miles south of Fiji at 1602L/11 -  
carrying 1300 U.S. Troops.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Thursday, 11th November, 1943.

E.F. 74 E.T.D. Milne Bay 11/11 to arrive Pt. Purvis (S.W. Florida Is)  
A.M/13.

"VICTORIA" departed Milne Bay 0610L/10 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2300L/14.

P.C. 1120 escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" arrived Oro Bay 0850L/9 from  
Milne Bay.

YMS. 71 ) escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" and "SIBIGO" arrived Goodenough  
S.C. 737 ) Island 1900L/8; escorting "RING LARDNER" departed 2000L/8,  
arrived Oro Bay 0930L/9.

S.C. 746, 738 and 750 escorting "HENRY H. SIBLEY" departed Lae 0200L/  
8 for Milne Bay.

S.C. 746 & 738 escorting "HENRY H. SIBLEY" arrived Milne Bay 2200L/9.

S.C. 744 ) departed Milne Bay 0400L/10 for Goodenough Island  
"BIRCHGROVE PARK" ) E.T.A. 1630L/10.

S.C. 748 ) escorting "BALIK PAPAN" arrived Lae P.M/10 from Milne Bay.  
YMS. 335 )

"MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1216L/10 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra  
1500L/13.

M.L. 804 arrived Portland Roads 2030L/9 from Thursday Island departed  
0700L/10 for Cairns.

"STAWELL" arrived Cairns 1515L/10 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 803, 431 and 820 ) arrived Townsville 2302L/9 from Brisbane.  
P.T. 369 )

"GEELONG" ) escorting LQ. 27 arrived Brisbane 0703L/10.  
S.C. 650 and 735 )

"TOORONGA" towing hulk "RONA" arrived Brisbane 0705L/10 from  
Newcastle.

"MERKUR" arrived Brisbane 0550L/10 from Townsville.

"POYANG" departed Caloundra 1105L/10 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1500L/12.

K... exercising off Pt. Jackson daily from 10/11 to 17/11, excluding  
13/11 and 14/11.

M.L. 810 departed Sydney 1045L/10 for Jervis Bay for working up -  
E.T.A. 1700L/10.

"NARANI" ) departed Newcastle 0645L/10 arrived Sydney 1800L/10.  
"GOOLGWAI" )  
"PATERSON" )

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting U.S.S. "REPUBLIC" arrived Sydney 1545L/10.

"CHILDS" ) arrived Fremantle 1018L/10 from Exmouth Gulf.  
YP. 286 )

"VAN GALEN" departed Fremantle 1155L/10 escorting "KOOLINDA" to  
Broome and return Fremantle via ports.

AIR RAID WARNINGS -

KIRIWINA Yellow 1959L/10. White 2010L/10.

DOBADURA Red 0138L/11 - Green 0202L/11.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday 10th November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA"  
"SHROPSHIRE"  
"WARRAMUNGA"  
"ARUNTA"  
"RALPH TALEOT"  
"HELM" } returned Milne Bay 1034L/9.

"VICTORIA"  
P.C. 1121 } arrived Milne Bay 1000L/9 from Porlock Harbour.

"BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay 0930L/9 from Lae to boiler clean.

S.C. 744 arrived Milne Bay 1155L/8 from Oro Bay.

"GYMPIE" escorting L.C.I 34L, 73 and 25 departed Milne Bay 1700L/8 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0200L/11.

"STAWELL" departed Milne Bay 1730L/8 for Townsville - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1730L/10.

"WATO" towing lighter "QUASHA" arrived Milne Bay 1720L/8 from Pt. Moresby.

S.C. 747 arrived Milne Bay 1740L/8 from Lae.

L.C.I. 338 arrived Milne Bay 1300L/8 from Port Moresby.

"MMIZAR" arrived Port Moresby 0846L/9 from Milne Bay.

"BUNBURY" escorting "CORIO" departed Port Moresby 1526L/9 for Cairns E.T.A. 0100L/12.

YP. 233 arrived Thursday Island 1240L/9 from Cairns.

M.L. 804 departed Thursday Island 0907L/9 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1900L/11.

YP. 291 arrived Cairns 0658L/9.

"WARREGO"  
P.C. 1124 } departed Cairns 1835L/9.

"MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" } departed Townsville 0828L/9 to rendezvous "WARREGO" and P.C. 1124 off Fitzroy Island 1930L/9 and proceed Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1115L/11.

S.C. 732 escorting U.S.S. "HILO" arrived Townsville 0650L/9 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 429 in tow of "YARRA" departed Townsville 1958L/8 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0800L/12.

"HILO" departed Townsville 1520L/9 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1300L/14.

"GERLONG"  
S.C. 735 & 650 } escorting L.Q. 27 departed Gladstone 2200L/8.

"GOULBURN"  
P.C. 1123  
YMS. 313 & 314 } escorting Q.L. 28 including U.S.S. "AMYCUS" (for Townsville and Milne Bay) departed Brisbane 1440L/9, YMS. proceeding independently from Bustard Head to Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.

"POYANG" E.T.D. Brisbane 0600L/10 for Sydney.

"WARRNAMEOOL"  
"CASTLEMAINE" } escorting P.G. 81 departed Brisbane 1140L/9.

M.L. 807 is to rendezvous P.G. 81 in position 29°35'S, 153°58'E at 1200L/10 and escort to Newcastle.

"VENDETTA" departed Caloundra 1600L/9 to rendezvous "CAPE MEARES" (bound Townsville and Milne Bay) in position 24°30'S, 157°52'E at 1430L/10 and escort to Lady Elliot Island.

"INVERELL" departed Sydney 1032L/9 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0800L/11.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Sydney 0740L/9 to rendezvous "REPUBLIC" in position 31°33'S, 156°09'E at 2100L/9 and escort to Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } arrived Sydney 0650L/9 from escorting O.C. 140.  
 "ECHUCA" }

"MILDURA" E.T.D. Sydney 11/11 with C.O.142 for refit in Melbourne.

"BUNGAREE" departed Geelong 1657L/9 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0800L/12.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 141, departed Port Phillip 0100L/9, escorting C.O.141 arrived Port Phillip 1832L/9.

"WHANGPU" arrived Melbourne 1351L/9 from Albany.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip 2215L/8 from Westernport.

"CHILDS" E.T.A. Fremantle 1800L/10 from Heron Haven.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Exmouth Gulf 1120L/8 from Fremantle departed 1315L/8, for Onslow departed Onslow 0830L/9 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1900L/11.

"LATROBE" escorting "PETER DESMET" arrived Darwin 1434L/9 from Thursday Island.

"FREMANTLE" escorting T.D. 35 arrived Darwin 1603L/9.

FREMANTLE SEARCH NEGATIVE:

At 2237L/8 N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported that intensive air and A/S search of area inside loops had disclosed no sign of craft responsible for crossing at 0500L/8.

AIR RAID WARNING:

DOBADURA Red 2347L/9.  
 Green 0151L/10.

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to 0900L/Tuesday, 9th November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" )  
 "SHROPSHIRE" ) departed Milne Bay at 0745L/8 for exercises in  
 "WARRAMUNGA" ) vicinity Milne Bay.  
 "ARUNTA" )  
 "HELM" )  
 "RALPH TALBOT" )

"WARREGO" ) will rendezvous with "MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA"  
 P.C. 1124. ) (from Townsville) off Fitzroy Island at 1930L/9 and  
 escort to Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1115L/11.

"BUNBURY" arrived Port Moresby at 0909L/8 escorting T.N. 175 "A".

"GYMPIE" )  
 "STAWELL" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1030L/8 escorting T.N. 175 "B".  
 P.C. 476 )  
 YMS. 818 )  
 M.L. 819 )

"BENALLA" departed Lae at 1150L/7 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 2100L/8.

"KATOOMBA" )  
 "GLADSTONE" ) departed Cairns at 1405L/8 to rendezvous with T.N. 176  
 "COLAC" ) (20 ships) and P.T. 364, 370 in tow for Milne Bay)  
 P.C. 1119 ) also "PING WO" for Milne Bay, in vicinity Fitzroy  
 P.C. 477 ) Island Light at 1600L/8. "KATOOMBA" and P.C. 1119  
 will escort "A" section to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1200L/11.  
 "GLADSTONE", "COLAC" and P.C. 477 - E.T.A. Milne Bay  
 1200L/11 with section "B".

"WARRNAMBOOL" )  
 "CASTLEMAINE" ) arrived Brisbane at 1802L/8 escorting G.P. 81.

"LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane at 1605L/8 from escort duties with Q.L. 27.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney at 1700L/8 escorting Sydney section  
 O.C. 140.

"DELORAINE" )  
 "MILDURA" ) arrived Sydney at 2102L/8 escorting P.C. 80.  
 "GLENELG" )

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Thursday Island at 2019L/8 escorting D.T. 35.

"NARANI" )  
 "GOOLGWAI" ) arrived Newcastle at 1629L/8 from Sydney.  
 "PATTERSON" )

YMS. 72 departed Goodenough Island at 1900L/7 escorting "JOHN H. ROSSETER"  
 to Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0900L/8.

M.L. 428 arrived Milne Bay at 1015L/7 from Buna.

S.C. 748 )  
 YMS. 335 ) departed Milne Bay at 1300L/7 escorting "BALIK PAPAN" to  
 Lae, E.T.A. 1500L/10.

S.C. 744 arrived Oro Bay at 0757L/7 escorting "BOGFRED" from Milne  
 Bay.

P.C. 1120 departed Milne Bay at 1030L/8 escorting "VAN SPILBERGEN" to  
 Oro Bay E.T.A. 1200L/9.

S.C. 737 )  
 YMS. 71 ) departed North Foreland - Milne Bay at 1030L/8 escorting  
 "A.D. WHITE" and "SIBIGO" to Goodenough - E.T.A. 1900L/8.

"MILDURA" departs Sydney P.M/11 for Melbourne for refit.

"INVERELL" departs Sydney at 1000L/9 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0800L/11.

"MIZAR" departed Milne Bay at 1146L/8 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0600L/9.

"BINGERA" E.T.A. Port Phillip 2100L/8 from Westernport for exercises  
 "MT. VERNON" departed Sydney at 1337L/8 for Broken Bay for working up.  
 "COWRA" departed Sydney at 1337L/8 for Broken Bay for working up.  
 "POLLUX" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1530L/10 for Sydney direct.  
 "DURRAWEEEN" returned to Pt. Phillip at 0448L/8 from unsuccessful  
 search for floating mine reported off Cape Otway. To  
 depart Williamstown at 0830L/10 to continue search in  
 Western Bass Strait until P.M./13.

SEARCH FOR FLOATING MINE:

"ALLENWOOD" while weather permits will continue search  
 for floating mine in Wilson's Promontory area returning Williamstown  
 P.M/12.

REPORTED LOOP CROSSING AT FREMANTLE:

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported a loop crossing at 0500L/8  
 U.S.S. "ISABEL" on patrol reported excellent contact and dropped three  
 depth charges in an attack believed to be good - but contact subsequentl  
 lost.

Analysis indicates doubt that loop crossing by  
 vessel actually occurred. Further investigation is being made

D/F of enemy submarine at 1855L/8 - within  
 100 miles of a position 30 miles north of Kiriwina.

Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

(To 0900L/Monday, 8th November, 1943.)

- TASK FORCE 74 comprises H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA", H.M.A.S. "SHROPSHIRE", H.M.S. "WARRAMUNGA", H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA", U.S. Destroyer "RALPH TALBOT, U.S. Destroyer "HELM", will carry out manoeuvres in the vicinity of Milne Bay from 1000L Monday 8th until 0500L/9th November, then return to Milne Bay.
- DRAYTON Arrived Brisbane at 0636L/7 from Milne Bay.
- GLADSTONE Arrived Cairns at 0829L/7 from Port Moresby.
- PIRIE Departed Townsville at 1802L/7 for Sydney - E.T.A.1600L/11.
- BOWEN Arrived Brisbane at 1655L/7 from Cairns.
- INVERELL Arrived Sydney at 1852L/7 from Townsville.
- DOOMBA Arrived Port Phillip at 2059L/6 escorting C.O.140.
- S.C.731 ) Departed Milne Bay at 0400L/7 for Lae escorting WILLIS  
S.C.750 ) VAN DEVENTER - E.T.A.1500L/8.  
YMS.334 )
- P.C.1121 Departed Milne Bay at 1230L/7 escorting TRINITY to Porlock Harbour E.T.A.1300L/8.
- Y.P.286 Departed Exmouth Gulf at 0112L/7 E.T.A. Fremantle at 1101L/10.
- S.C.732 Departed Milne Bay at 1650L/6 escorting HILO to Townsville.
- L.S.T.458 Arrived Brisbane at 1411L/7 from Townsville.
- L.C.I.388 Departed Port Moresby at 1400L/8 for Milne Bay 1400L/8.
- Y.M.S.72 Departed Milne Bay at 0640L/7 for Goodenough Island E.T.A.1600L/7.
- POLLUX When ready about 10/11 is to depart Milne Bay for Sydney direct.
- COWRA E.T.D. Sydney 1300L/8 for Broken Bay - working up exercises. To return Sydney 0900L/13.
- BERYL II Arrived Adelaide at 0945L/7 from Whyalla in company with GRELKA and NYROGA N.A.P. craft.
- MATACO Departed Brisbane at 0807L/7 for Noumea E.T.A.0700L/10.
- KOROWA At 0900L/7 owing to boiler defect abandoned search for mine reported at 1530L/2 to be 35 miles S.E. Cape Otway, E.T.A. Williamstown 2015L/7.
- D/F Fix of enemy surface craft at 0413L/8 within 250 miles of a position 180 miles east of Woodlark Island.
- D/F Fix of enemy submarine at 0347L/8 in Vitiaz Strait area. Information passed to A.I.G.365.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 7th NOVEMBER, 1943.

- PC1120 - arrived Milne Bay 1500L/6 from Port Moresby.
- "KOOPA" - arrived Buna 1630L/5 from Milne Bay.
- SC744 - escorting "BORGFRED" departed Milne Bay 0400L/6 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0700L/7.
- "AMOHINE" - arrived Milne Bay 1605L/5.
- PC1121 }  
SC982 } - escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" arrived Milne Bay 1730L/5 from Lae.
- SC731 - escorting "YOCHOW" arrived Milne Bay 1600L/5 from Goodenough Is.
- SC746 }  
738 & 747 } - escorting "HENRY H. SIBLEY" arrived Lae 0700L/5 from Oro Bay.
- "WATO" - departed Port Moresby 0811L/6 towing lighter "QUASHA" to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/9.
- "ELLAN" - departed Port Moresby 0726L/6 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. PM/10.
- "BOONOOOROO"  
(A.S.R.) - arrived Merauke 1615L/5.
- "LATROBE" - escorting "PETER DESMET" departed Thursday Island 1930L/6 for Darwin.
- YP233 - departed Cairns 0813L/6 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1200L/10.
- "COLAC" - arrived Cairns 1935L/6 from escorting FT37.
- "MANOORA" }  
"WESTRALIA" } - arrived Townsville 0605L/6 from Cairns.
- "PIRIE" - arrived Townsville 0615L/6 from Cairns.
- PT364 & }  
370 } - arrived Townsville 2320L/5 from Brisbane.
- "SHIKELAMY" - arrived Townsville 1915L/5 ex QL26.
- "GOULBURN" }  
PC1123 & }  
SC741 } - escorting LQ26 arrived Brisbane 0610L/6.
- "DELORAINÉ" }  
"MILDURA" } - escorting GP80 arrived Brisbane 0410L/6;  
"GLENEELG" } less ML808, departed Brisbane 1140L/6 escorting PG80.  
ML808 }
- "GEEELONG" }  
"LITHGOW" } - departed Caloundra 1657L/6 escorting QL27, including ML431, 820, 803, PT368, 369 and 371 being towed; ML431 for onward passage to Milne Bay, ML803 and 820 to Cairns

- ML807 - to R.V. PG80 in position 29° 38' S. 153° 58' E. at 2300L/7, augment escort until daylight/8, then return Coff's Harbour.
- SC650 )  
SC735 ) - escorting QL27A departed Brisbane 1823L/6.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" ) - departed Sydney 0913L/6 to R.V. GP81 off Newcastle;  
"CASTLEMAINE" ) escorting GP81 departed Newcastle 1336L/6.
- ML802 - to R.V. O.C.140 in position 38° S. 149° 38' E. at 1300L/7 augment escort until AM/8, then proceed Jervis Bay.
- "BENDIGO" - escorting C0141 departed Sydney 1250L/6.
- "TOWNSVILLE" ) - departed Sydney 0035L/6;  
"BALLARAT" ) escorting C0141 departed Newcastle 0627L/6.
- "BURRABRA" - departed Port Kembla 1530L/5 for Jervis Bay, exercising with R.A.A.F. on passage, E.T.A. 2200L/5.
- "DOOMBA" - escorting C0140 departed Port Phillip 2321L/5; escorting C0140 arrived Port Phillip 2059L/6.
- C.P.B. "GRELKA" ) - departed Whyalla 1200L/5 for Adelaide.  
N.A.P. "NYROCA" )
- "CHANTICLEER" - departed Fremantle 1100L/6 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. AM/8.
- "KRAIT" - arrived Darwin 6/11.

S/M REPORTED OFF WILLIS ISLAND.

An ungraded report was received from Willis Island AM/6 of the sighting of a white object like a S/M periscope a mile off shore moving with fine wake. N.O.I.C.'s concerned and "GLADSTONE" and "GYMPIE", S.O. Escorts of NT65 and TN175, respectively, were advised. An amplifying report at 1318L/6 stated: "Object closely resembles submarine. Black shadow beneath surface. Travelling 3 knots now two miles distant. Two black objects on surface 30 feet forward of other objects."

An aircraft was detailed to investigate the report.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

Port Moresby	-	Red	0948L/6
		White	1010L/6
Goodenough Is.	-	Yellow	2156L/6
		White	2208L/6.

TOP SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900L/Saturday, November 6th, 1943.

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AUSTRALIA )  
SHROPSHIRE )  
WARRAMUNGA )  
ARUNTA )  
HELM )  
Arrived Milne Bay 0855L/5.

GENERAL JOHN )  
POPE )  
Departed Milne Bay 1030L/5 for San Francisco 21/11.

HEWALLA Arrived Lae 1505L/3.

M.L. 424, 801, Arrived Buna 1200L/4 from Milne Bay.  
806 and 819.

S.C.746 and 747 Escorting H.H. SIBLEY departed Oro Bay 1320L/4 for Lae.

P.C.1121 and Escorting BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE departed Lae 0700L/4, for  
S.C.982 Milne Bay E.T.A.2100L/5.

HIL0 Arrived Milne Bay 0915L/5.

HIZAR Arrived Milne Bay 1100L/5 from Brisbane.

S.C.748 Arrived Milne Bay 1710L/4 from Port Moresby.

Y.M.S.71 Arrived Milne Bay 1600L/4 from Goodenough Island.

COLAC )  
Y.M.S.53 & 534 ) Escorting T.N.174 B arrived Milne Bay 1200L/4 less  
LUDINGTON detached China Strait for Oro Bay unescorted  
and G.S. BOUTWELL and JOHN S. SARGENT for Goodenough  
Island escorted by S.C.731.

S.C.731 Escorting a merchant ship departed Goodenough Island  
0600L/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A.1530K/5.

COLAC Escorting N.T.37 departed Milne Bay 1700L/4.

KOOPA Departed Milne Bay 0400L/4 for Buna E.T.A.0735L/5.

GLAUSTONE Escorting N.T.65 departed Port Moresby 1230L/5.

P.C.1120 Departed Port Moresby 1721L/5 for Milne Bay E.T.A.1700L/6.

M.L.804 Escorting MERN00 arrived Thursday Island 1137L/5. Cable  
laying operations complete.

FREMANTLE Escorting T.D.35 departed Thursday Island 0400L/5.

Y.P.233 Arrived Cairns 0901L/5 from Palm Island and Townsville.

MANOORA, WESTRALIA) Arrived outer anchorage Cairns 1107L/5.  
P.C.1124, PIRIE )

MANOORA, WESTRALIA Departed outer anchorage Cairns 1911L/5 for  
Townsville E.T.A.0730L/6.

PIRIE Departed Cairns 1743L/5 for Townsville E.T.A.0800L/6.

GYMPIE )  
BUNBURY ) Departed Cairns 1123L/5 to rendezvous with T.N.175.

P.C.476 Departed Cairns 1457L/5 to join T.N.175.

STANWELL Departed Townsville 0536L/5 escorting T.N.175 including KURUMBA and M.L.818 and 420 being towed, BUNBURY and portion A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/8. GYMPIE, STANWELL, Y.M.S.336 and P.C.476 with portion B. including KURUMBA and M.L.s E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/8.

L.S.T.458 Departed Townsville 1827L/4 for Brisbane E.T.A.1900L/7.

ABARAT Arrived Townsville 0840L/4 from Port Moresby.

PING WO Arrived Townsville 1850L/5 from Sydney.

GOULBURN }  
P.C.1123 } Escorting L.Q.26 departed Gladstone 2359L/4.  
S.C.741 }

DRAYTON E.T.A. Caloundra 0730L/7 from escort duty with F.T.36.

LONG ISLAND Arrived Noumea 0800L/5 from Brisbane.

KALGOORLIE }  
BROOME } Escorting O.C.139 including U.S.S. GANYMEDE arrived Sydney 2213L/4.

BUNDABERG Arrived Sydney 1058L/5 from escorting O.C.139.

HURRABRA Arrived Port Kembla 1115L/5 from Jervis Bay.

SUNDOWNER Arrived Whyalla 1734L/4 from Adelaide.

TJERK RIDDES Departed Geraldton 1101L/5 arrived Fremantle 2040L/5.

W.H. PRESTON }  
Y.P.288 } Arrived Exmouth Gulf 5/11 from Fremantle.

TASHAN Departed Milne Bay 1306L/4 for Brisbane, E.T.A.0500L/8

M.L.811 Commissioned at Sydney 5/11.

UNDERWATER TRANSMISSION INTERCEPT:

H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE escorting T.D.35 reported hearing underwater transmissions at 2030L/5 for one minute in position about 125 miles W. of Thursday Island. Monterey consider the likely range of such an intercept to be 15 to 20 miles. The report was passed to COOTANUNDRA escorting D.T.35 and the N.O.I.C.s concerned. FREMANTLE searched without success.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0725L/5.  
Red 0728L/5.  
Green 0733L/5.  
Yellow FM/5.  
Red FM/5.

CAPE LEEUWIN GROUNDED AND REFLOATED.

H.M.A.S. CAPE LEEUWIN grounded on uncharted reef in bay at Moresby Island (China Strait) at 1900K/2. H.M.A. Tug RESERVE towed her clear at 1730L/3 and put diver down who found no damage.

0900L/Friday, 5th November, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Sydney at 0809L/4 from escort duties.

"TJERK HIDDES" departed Fremantle at 1800L/3 escorting "COLINA" and "SAMAROVSK" to rendezvous with "NIZAM" at 1600L/4 off Point Moone Light. "TJERK HIDDES" then returns to Fremantle via Geraldton. "NIZAM" proceeds with convoy O.W.7. to Colombo. "TJERK HIDDES" arrived Geraldton at 1715L/4.

"NIZAM" departed Geraldton at 1430L/4 to effect rendezvous.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 1045L/4 escorting "FRED. C. AINSWORTH".

"MANOORA" } departed North Foreland (Milne Bay) at 1720L/3. E.T.A.  
"WESTRALIA" } Cairns 1350L/5.  
"PIRIE" }  
P.C. 1124 }

"DRAYTON" on completion escort duties with F.T. 36 to Grafton  
Passage will proceed independently to Brisbane.

"RALPH TALEOT" arrived Milne Bay at 1630L/3 escorting "GENERAL JOHN POPE".

"GLADSTONE" arrived Port Moresby at 1217L/4 escorting T.N. 174 "A".

"WAGGA" arrived Townsville at 0532L/4 from Milne Bay on completion  
escort duties with F.T. 36.

"COLAC" } arrived Fall River at 1200L/4 escorting T.N. 164 "B".  
YMS. 53 }  
YMS. 334 }

"COLAC" departed Milne Bay 4/11 escorting F.T. 37. - E.T.A. Townsville  
2300L/6.

"GEEELONG" arrived Brisbane at 1245L/4 from escorting duties.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } arrived Sydney at 0605L/4 on completion escort duties  
"MORESBY" } with P.G. 79.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Sydney at 1122L/4 on completion escort duties  
with P.G. 79.

"INVERELL" departed Townsville at 1516L/3 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1900L/7  
then to Melbourne.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Darwin at 1443L/4 escorting D.T. 35 (2 ships)  
E.T.A. Thursday Island 1930L/8.

S.C. 732 arrived Milne Bay at 1900L/3 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 0420L/4 for Buna - escorting "WILEUR  
WRIGHT" - E.T.A. 0400L/5.

YMS. 72 arrived Goodenough Island 1450L/3 escorting "RINGLARDNER"  
from Milne Bay.

S.C. 733, 746, 747 arrived Oro Bay at 2315L/2 escorting "JOSEPH LANE"  
from Milne Bay.

S.C. 731 departed Milne Bay at 1200L/4 escorting "G.S. BOOTWELL" and  
"JOHN S. SARGENT" to Goodenough.

M.Ls. 424, 801, 806, 816 and 819 departed Milne Bay at 0700L/3 -  
E.T.A. Buna 0700L/4.

VP. 291 E.T.D. Brisbane 1630L/4 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1000L/7 thence to Cairns.

H.D.M.L. 1325 commissioned at Launceston at 0900L/4 - Lieut J. Stevens, R.A.N.V.R., in command. To sail for Melbourne approximately 11th or 12/11.

P.C. 476 arrived Cairns at 0959L/4 from Townsville.

P.C. 1120 arrived Port Moresby at 0709L/4 escorting "W. HUME" from Milne Bay.

Y.P. 233 departed Townsville at 1059L/3 for Palm Island.

"LOOKOUT" arrived Langemak at 1655L/3 from Lae.

"BOONOOROO" (A.S.E.) departed Thursday Island at 0740L/4.

"MARTINDALE" and "WONGALA" arrived Whyalla A.M/3 from Adelaide.

"COWRA" (A.M.S.) commissioned at 1030L/8 October at Sydney under command of Lieutenant H.J. Hull.

"SAN PABLO" arrived Palm Island at 0800L/4.

"ELLAN" and U.S.S. "VENA" arrived Port Moresby at 1446L/4 from Thursday Island.

"WHANGPU" reported at 1102L/4 - Sheltering in Scales Bay (120 miles N. entrance Spencer Gulf) repairing defective steering gear.

"KURUMBA" towing M.L. 429 arrived Townsville at 1130L/3 from Brisbane.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Melbourne at 0641L/4 from Sydney.

D/F of enemy submarine within 250 miles of a position 80 miles N. of Woodlark Island at 2104L/4.

Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

#### ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

Kiriwina - Yellow 0345L/5.  
Red 0345L/5  
Air raid in progress 0419L/5.  
Green 0452L/5.

FLOATING MINE: Fishermen reported sighting floating mine in position 35 miles S.E. Cape Otway at 1530L/2 - Graded C.3. by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne.

"KOROWA" and "DURRAWEE" will arrive at position of sighting at daybreak/5 and examine area. "ALLENWOOD" will also search if weather permits.

0900L/Thursday, 4th November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } at 1717L/3 C.S.W.P. advised that T.F.74 with C.T.F. 74  
 "SHROPSHIRE" } in "AUSTRALIA" departed from vicinity Capricorn Channel  
 "WARRAMUNGA" } for Milne Bay - on arrival to be joined at Milne  
 "ARUNTA" } Bay by COMDESRON 44 in "RALPH TALBOT". E.T.A. Milne  
 "HELM" } Bay 0730L/5

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 0200L/4 to rendezvous with "FRED. G. AINSWORTH" in position 027° 37' S. 154° 30' E at 0530L/4 and escort to Brisbane.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns at 2000L/3 on completion escort duties with F.T. 36.

"BOWEN" departed Cairns at 0250L/3 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 0500L/3.

"DEBORAH" } departed Sydney at 0929L/3 escorting G.P.80 (7 ships)  
 "MILDURA" } E.T.A. Caloundra 0630L/6.  
 "GLENELG" }  
 M.L.808 }

"ECHUCA" } departed Sydney at 0612L/3 to rendezvous with  
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" } Newcastle section C.O.140 off Newcastle.

"ROCKHAMPTON" departed Sydney at 1600L/3 escorting Sydney section C.O. 140. to rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney Heads. M.L.802 will act as additional escort as far as Twofold Bay. Total convoy 9 ships.

M.L.808 departed Sydney at 1507L/3 as additional escort with G.P.80

S.C. 748 arrived Port Moresby at 0845L/3 from Milne Bay escorting "CHARON" and departed at 1706L/3 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 2100L/4.

YMS.336 arrived Townsville at 0130L/3 from Brisbane.

YP.291 E.T.D. Caloundra 1500L/4 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1000L/7 - on completion unloading to return Brisbane.

P.C. 1120 departed Milne Bay at 0400L/3 escorting "W. HUME" to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0700L/4.

M.L.430 and M.L.818 arrived Townsville at 2338L/2 from Brisbane.

P.C. 1119 arrived Cairns at 1805L/3 from Port Moresby.

YMS.71 arrived Milne Bay at 1200L/2 escorting "THEDENS" from Oro Bay.

"BANGALOW" arrived Port Moresby at 0703L/3 from Townsville.

"LURLINE" departed Bombay 2/11 for U.S.A. via Melbourne - E.T.A. Melbourne 15/11.

"HEBON" arrived Townsville at 0528L/3.

"MARIPOSA" E.T.D. Sydney 1500L/4 for San Francisco.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

GOODENOUGH ISLAND. - Yellow 2101L/3.  
 White 2105L/3.  
 Green 2107L/3.

KIRIWINA - Yellow 1503L/3 White 1505L/3  
 Yellow 0056L/4 Red 0121L/4  
 White 0123L/4.

DRYSDALE - Red 1203L/3  
 Green 1227L/3.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 3rd November, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Caloundra 1347L/2 to exercise seaward of  
"SHROPSHIRE" } Cape Moreton until 2130L/2, then proceeding to Percy  
"WARRAMUNGA" } Island - E.T.A. 1800L/3.  
"ARUNTA" }  
"HELM" }

P.C. 1124 escorting "MANOORA" arrived Oro Bay 2145L/1.

"PIRIE" escorting "WESTRALIA" arrived Goodenough Island 1600L/1.

"PIRIE" } escorting "WESTRALIA" arrived Milne Bay 1405L/2.  
S.C. 731 }

"PIRIE", } to rendezvous off North Foreland 1700L/3 for onward  
"WESTRALIA", } passage.  
P.C. 1124 }  
"MANOORA" }

"KATOOMBA", "WAGGA", S.C. 748 - escorting T.N. 173 arrived Milne Bay  
1301L/1.

"KATOOMBA" } escorting F.T. 36 departed Milne Bay P.M/1 for Townsville  
"WAGGA" } E.T.A. 2100L/4.

YMS. 335 arrived Milne Bay 1430L/1 from Lae.

"YUNNAN" arrived Milne Bay 1345L/2 from Porlock Harbour.

P.C. 1120 arrived Milne Bay 1305L/2 from Kiriwina.

"WATO" arrived Port Moresby 1521L/1 from Milne Bay.

"GOLDSTAR" departed Port Moresby 0802L/2 for Milne Bay - E.T.A.  
2000L/3.

S.C. 750 escorting Y.14 departed Port Moresby 1830L/1 for Milne Bay -  
E.T.A. 1730L/3.

P.C. 1119 } escorting "NORLAGO" departed Port Moresby 1530L/1 -  
"ARARAT" } "NORLAGO" for Townsville escorts for Cairns.

"BOWEN" E.T.D. Cairns P.M/2 for Brisbane.

"RALPH TALBOT" arrived Townsville 2135L/1 from Brisbane - escorting  
"GENERAL JOHN POPE" departed Townsville 0601L/2 for Milne Bay -  
E.T.A. 1600L/3.

"STAWELL" arrived Townsville 1256L/2 from Brisbane.

"INVERELL" departed Townsville 1158L/2 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1900L/6  
for onward routing to Melbourne for refit but returned  
Townsville. 1716L/2 due to water in fuel tanks.

"STUART" departed Brisbane 1450L/2 escorting "LONG ISLAND" (Bound  
San Francisco via Noumea) until 1000L/3 when "STUART"  
proceeds Sydney - E.T.A. 0700L/4.

"SAN PABLO" departed Caloundra 1009L/2 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1000L/4

"WIZAR" departed Brisbane 2309L/1 for Milne Bay.

"WARRNAMEOOL" } escorting G.P. 79 arrived Brisbane 1220L/2.  
"MORESBY" }  
"CASTLEMAINE" }

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting "PONCE" departed Caloundra 2042L/2 for  
Sydney - E.T.A. 2000L/4.

"WARRNAMEOOL" } departed Caloundra 1608L/2 for Sydney - E.T.A.  
"MORESBY" } 1500L/4.

YMS.73 arrived Brisbane 1027L/2 from Noumea.

"LITHGOW" escorting L.Q.25 arrived Brisbane 1540L/2.

"GOULBURN" } escorting Q.L.26 departed Brisbane 1645L/2.  
"GEEELONG" }  
P.C. 1123 }

"DEBORAINNE" } arrived Sydney 0806L/2 from escorting O.C. 138 to  
"MILDURA" } Newcastle.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 139 including U.S.S. "GANYMEDE" departed  
 Port Phillip 2316L/1; escorting C.O.139 arrived  
 Port Phillip 1216L/2.

"W.B. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 1900L/1 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A.  
 1200L/4.

HOSPITAL SHIP "TASMAN" departed Port Moresby 1615L/2 for Milne  
 Bay.

"ISLANDER" AGROUND AND REFLOATED.

"ISLANDER" (Cargo and passenger 1598 tons gross)  
 was reported aground at Thursday Island and later as having been  
 refloated and apparently undamaged.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

KIRIWINA	Yellow	2141L/2
	Red	2144L/2
	Green	2246L/2

GOODENOUGH	Yellow	0942L/2
	White	1002L/2

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 2nd November, 1943.

"DRAYTON" ordered to proceed Port Moresby to embark underwater sounding gear necessary for her refit.

"PIRIE" ) passed North Foreland Milne Bay 0930L/1.  
"WESTRALIA" )  
"P.C. 1124" )  
"MANOORA" )

"ARARAT" ) escorting T.N. 173A arrived Port Moresby 0820L/1.  
"P.C. 1119" )

"GLADSTONE" when relieved by M.L. 426 and 805 as escort for F.T. 35 is to join T.N. 174 and escort portion A to Port Moresby.

YMS. 334 escorting T.N. 174 departed Townsville 1930L/31.

"COLAC" ) departed Cairns 1411L/1 to R.V. T.N. 174 off Fitzroy Island  
YMS. 53 ) 1600L/1, "GLADSTONE" and portion "A" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/4, "COLAC", YMS. 54 and 334 and portion "B" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/4.

"GENERAL JOHN POPE" arrived Townsville 0630L/1 from Brisbane.

"INVERELL" - E.T.D. Townsville 1200L/2 for Melbourne via Sydney E.T.A. 1900L/6.

"STUART" escorting "LONG ISLAND" arrived Brisbane 0809L/1.

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 0515L/1 from Sydney, E.T.D. Caloundra 0300L/2 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1300L/5.

"LITHGOW" to R.V. U.S. submarine "RAY" off Caloundra 1600L/2 for exercises.

"SAN PABLO" E.T.D. Brisbane 0530L/2 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1000L/4.

S.C. 650 and 735 returned Brisbane 0838L/1 from escorting Q.L. 25.

P.C. 476 departed Brisbane 1555L/1 for Townsville E.T.A. 1400L/3.

U.S.S. "CHARTER HALL" departed Tutuila 1000L/1 for Brisbane (Mechanic Artillery Transport) E.T.A. 7/11.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting P.G. 78 arrived Sydney 1311L/1.  
"ECHUCA" )  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )

"TOORONGA" towing hulk "RONA" arrived Newcastle 0731L/1 from Melbourne.

"BUNGAREE" departed Sydney 1720L/1 for Melbourne E.T.A. 0400L/4.

"CLUNELG" escorting Sydney section of O.C. 138 arrived Sydney 2054L/1.

"DELORAINE" ) to return Sydney after escorting Newcastle section to  
"MILDURA" ) Newcastle.

"GANYMEDE" departed Port Melbourne 1745L/1 to join O.C. 139.

"WONGALA" ) departed Adelaide 1730L/1 for Whyalla E.T.A. A.M/3.  
"P.B. MARTINDALE" )  
"P.B. SUNDOWNER" )

Y.P. 288 departed Fremantle 1322L/1 for Exmouth Gulf

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0728L/1.  
White 0747L/1.

T SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Monday, 1st November, 1943.

"RALPH TALEOT" departed Caloundra at 1902L/31 to overtake "GENERAL JOHN POPE" and escort to Milne Bay. On completion "RALPH TALEOT" rejoins T.F. 74.

"STAWELL" escorting Q.L.25 will detach from convoy off Bustard Head and proceed to Townsville - E.T.A. 1800L/2 to relieve "PIRIE" (to be sailed to Sydney for refit).

"INVERELL" arrived Townsville at 1402L/31 from Thursday Island.

"DOOMEA" arrived Port Phillip at 0135L/31 escorting C.O.138.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Darwin at 1422L/31 escorting T.D.34.

"LATROBE" arrived Thursday Island at 1915L/31 escorting "ALDINGA" from Darwin.

S.C. 750 arrived Port Moresby at 1433L/31 escorting Y.14 from Milne Bay.

P.C.476 E.T.D. Brisbane 1900L/1 for Townsville for onward routing to Milne Bay.

YMS.71 departed Goodenough at 1200L/30 for Oro Bay - escorting "R.P. WARNER" - E.T.A. 0600L/31.

YMS.53 E.T.D. Townsville 31/10 for Milne Bay with T.N. 174.

M.L.821 arrived Sydney at 1950L/30 from Port Kembla.

P.C. 1120 departed Milne Bay at 0736L/31 for Kiriwina - E.T.A. 2000L/31.

"PING WO" departed Sydney at 1153L/31 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0600L/6.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville at 1152L/31 from Sydney.

"WATO" departed Milne Bay at 0730L/31 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200L/1.

"GANYMEDE" departs Melbourne 1/11 in convoy O.C. 139 for Sydney.

"PRESIDENT JOHNSON" departed Brisbane at 0445L/31 for San Francisco.

"WIZAR" when ready 1/11 to depart Brisbane for Milne Bay.

"BOWEN" arrived Cairns at 0145L/31 from Port Moresby.

"BOWEN" grounded on Arlington Reef - Grafton Passage - at 2315L/30 and refloated. Preliminary examination by diver reveals damage to propeller - Asdic dome knocked off and Oscillation missing. Detailed report to follow.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

At 1712L/31 Observer at Cape Orford reported south-bound submarine passed.

At 1857L/31 D/F fix of enemy submarine in the Gasmata area was obtained.

At 1858L/31 D/F of unknown enemy unit in the Vitiaz Strait. area was obtained.

Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

A/S A/C SEARCH from Port Macquarie to Broken Bay to a depth to seawards of 80 miles was carried out 31/10.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS. KIRIWINA - Yellow 1010L/31 Green 1104L/31  
White 1110L/31 Yellow 1859L/31  
White 1918L/31

To 0900L/Sunday, 31st October, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" )  
"WARRAMUNGA" )

Arrived Brisbane at 1623L/30 from Sydney.

"MANOORA" )  
"WESTRALIA" )  
"PIRIE" )  
S.C.1124 )

Departed Cairns at 1245L/30.  
MANOORA and S.C.1124 for Oro Bay.  
WESTRALIA and PIRIE for Goodenough Island.

RALPH TALBOT"

Arrived Brisbane at 0540L/30 from Espiritu Santo.  
Departed Brisbane at 1701L/30 escorting GEN. JOHN POPE,  
en route to Milne Bay via Townsville. When in vicinity  
Lady Elliot Island RALPH TALBOT detaches and returns  
to Brisbane.

"STAWELL" )  
"LYTHGOW" )  
S.C.733 )  
S.C.650 )  
YMS 336 )

Departed Brisbane at 1719L/30 escorting Q.L.25 -  
also M.L. 819, 430 and 429.

"ROCKHAMPTON" )  
"ROHUCA" )  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )

Departed Brisbane at 1219L/30 escorting P.G.78  
(6 ships) E.T.A. Sydney 1400L/1.

"WARRNAMBOOL" )  
"MORESBY" )  
"CASTLEMAINE" )

Departed Sydney at 0840L/30 escorting G.P. 79 (8 ships)  
E.T.A. Caloundra 2/11.

"BUNDABERG" )  
"KALGOORLIE" )

Departed Sydney at 0224L/30 to carry out A/S sweep in  
direction of S/M sighting reported by V.W.McKAY at  
2300L/29 - 55 miles E of Newcastle. On completion  
to rendezvous off Hobby's Head with Newcastle section  
C.O.139.  
BROOME escorting Sydney section will join, off Sydney.  
Total convoy 10 ships.  
BUNDABERG and KALGOORLIE with Newcastle section C.O.139  
departed Newcastle at 1029L/30.

S.G.750

Departed Milne Bay at 0500L/30 escorting Y.14 to Port  
Moresby E.T.A. 1800L/31.

S.G.737.

Arrived Goodenough at 1830L/29 escorting MELINGA from  
Kiriwina.

S.C.746

Arrived Milne Bay at 0810L/29 escorting Y.15 en route  
to Buna from Port Moresby.

S.C.731

Arrived Milne Bay at 2010L/29 escorting HOWELL COBB  
from Goodenough.

P.C.479 )  
S.C.747 )

Arrived Milne Bay at 1130L/30 from Buna.

Y.M.S. 71

Arrived Milne Bay at 1850L/29 escorting WEST CUSSETA  
from Kiriwina

P.C.477

Arrived Cairns at 1535L/30 from Port Moresby.

M.L.807

Will rendezvous with G.P.79 in position 031°03' South  
153°47' East at 1200L/31 and provide additional escort  
until daylight/1 then return Coffs Harbour.

M.L.822

Arrived Sydney at 1937L/29 from Newcastle.

S.C.741 escorting U.S. Sub RAY arrived Brisbane at 0702L/30.

U.S. SUB CAPELIN Arrived Darwin at 1130L/29.

U.S.S.AMYCUS with Y.M.S. 313 and 314 arrived Brisbane at 1229L/30 from Noumea.

ALLENWOOD Departs Williamstown at 0830L/3 for S.C.F.6.

"ISABEL" Departed Exmouth Gulf at 1900H/28 E.T.A. Fremantle PM/30.

"WHANG PU" Departed Albany at 1130L/30 for Melbourne E.T.A. 6/11.

"ST.GILES" (Tug) Departed Brisbane at 0642L/30 towing CITY OF DALLAS to Sydney E.T.A. 1140L/3.

"MIZAR" Departs Sydney 1200L/30 for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 0700L/1.

"VIGILANT" Arrived Mersuke at 1719L/29 from Thursday Island.

"WATO" (Tug) Arrived Milne Bay at 1300L/30 from Buna.

A/C A/S ACTIVITIES.

A.O.R.E.A. report that, that entire area within 80 miles of the reported sighting of submarine by JOHN W. MCKAY at 2300L/29 has been under continuous aircraft coverage since 2 hours from time of reported sighting.

Cover is ensured for all convoys passing through this area until 60 hours have expired. In addition intention is to maintain offensive coverage over similar area day and night until dawn/1 when operations will cease unless further indications of submarine are obtained.

Enemy Submarine attacked by aircraft 50 miles North of Kiriwina at 1008L/29. Two 500 pounds G.P. bombs were dropped without known result.

Further to mine reported ashore 4 miles E of Port McDonnell. R.M.S. party investigated and report - Not a mine.

Enemy Air Raids.

Kiriwina Yellow 1101L/30.  
Green 1115L/30.

Bobodura. Yellow 1051L/30.  
Green 1101L/30.

0900L/Saturday, 30th October, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" } departed Sydney 1638L/29 for Moreton Bay to join C.T.F.74  
 "WARRAMUNGA" } E.T.A. Caloundra 1600L/30.

"BAGLEY" } escorting U.S. submarine Tender "FULTON" arrived  
 P.C. 1120 & 1122 } Milne Bay 1746L/29 from Brisbane.

S.C. 747 escorting "MELINGA" departed Kiriwina 1830L/27 for Milne Bay  
 E.T.A. 2000L/28.

"GILMER" } escorting T.N. 172B, including "KOOPA"  
 "GLADSTONE" } arrived Milne Bay 1234L/28.  
 M.L. 801, 806, 816 & 819 }

"GLADSTONE" escorting F.T. 35 departed Milne Bay 1000L/29.

S.C. 731 escorting "R.P. WARNER" arrived Goodenough Island 1825L/28 ex  
 T.N. 172.

"BOWEN" escorting N.T. 64 departed Port Moresby 1000L/29 for Cairns.

"AMOHINE" departed Port Moresby 0906L/29 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. P.M./1.

"PIRIE" } E.T.D. Cairns 1130L/30, "MANOORA" and P.C. 1124 E.T.A.  
 "P.C. 1124" } Oro Bay 2000L/1, "WESTRALIA" and "PIRIE" E.T.A. Goodenough  
 "MANOORA" } Island 1600L/1.  
 "WESTRALIA" }

"INVERELL" on passage Thursday Island/Townsville anchored off Stanley  
 Island - Flinders Group night/29 - proceeding at 0630L/30.

"BISHOPDALE" departed Cairns 1820L/29 for Townsville E.T.A. 0730L/30.

YMS. 334 arrived Townsville 1512L/29 from Brisbane.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Townsville 26/10 from Brisbane.

"KATOOMBA" } escorting T.N. 173 departed Townsville 1950L/28.  
 "ARARAT" }

P.C. 1119 } to rendezvous T.N. 173 off Fitzroy Island 1600L/29. P.C. 1119  
 "WAGGA" } and "ARARAT" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/1 - "KATOOMBA",  
 S.C. 748 } "WAGGA" and S.C. 748 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100L/1.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting "PONCE" ex G.P. 78 arrived Brisbane 1105L/29.

U.S.N.T. "MONTICELLO" departed San Francisco 27/10 for Sydney - E.T.A.  
 13/11.

M.L. 322 departed Newcastle 1508L/29 for Sydney.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.G. 77 arrived Sydney 0100L/29.  
 "BROOME" }

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney 1043L/29 from escorting O.C. 137.

"EURRABRA" departed Sydney 0630L/29 for Jervis Bay - E.T.A. 1700L/29.

H.M.A. Tug "TOORONGA" towing hulk "RONA" departed Port Phillip 1400L/28  
 for Newcastle - E.T.A. A.M./1.

SUBMARINE REPORTED E. OF NEWCASTLE.

"JOHN W. McKAY" (Liberty Ship) departed Townsville 1701L/28 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1000L/28 but was diverted to Newcastle. At 2154L/29 CSWPSF ordered her to report her ETA. At 2300L/29 she reported "sighted submarine surfaced and disappeared. Running full speed away from it. 33°00'S. 152°52'E". Position is 55 miles E. of Newcastle. A.F. message was made to BAMS 5B. A Beaufort was airborne after 2359L/29 to search. NOIC Sydney advised "SHROPSHIRE" of report. Two escorts for CO. 139. E.T.D. Sydney about 0130L/30 to search and then proceed to Newcastle to rendezvous Newcastle portion of CO. 139, unless otherwise ordered "JOHN McKAY" was sighted 6 miles off Newcastle at 0550L/30. NOIC Newcastle is to interrogate her on the sighting.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900L/29th October, 1943, Friday.

P.C. 1121 ) escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" arrived Lae 0830L/27  
S.C. 982 ) from Buna.  
YMS. 335 )

"BOWEN" ) escorting T.N. 172A arrived Port Moresby 1001L/28.  
P.C. 477 )

P.C. 477 departed Port Moresby 1630L/28 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1600L/30.

"VIGILANT" departed Thursday Island 0945L/28 for Merauke - E.T.A. 1700L/29.

"INVERHELL" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Thursday Island 2247L/27 from Melville Bay - departed 1430L/28 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0800L/31.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns 1057L/28 from escorting N.T. 63.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns 1555L/28 from escorting N.T. 62.

"WARREGO" arrived Cairns 1514L/28 from escorting N.T. 62.

"BISHOPDALE" arrived outside anchorage Cairns 1531L/28 from Milne Bay.

"STUART" departed Townsville 1416L/28 to rendezvous Long Island and escort to Brisbane.

Y.P. 233 arrived Townsville 1156L/28 from Brisbane.

L.S.T. 465 arrived Townsville 0444L/28 from Gladstone.

"GOULBURN" ) escorting L.Q. 24 departed Gladstone 2000L/28.  
P.C. 746 )  
S.C. 741 )

"ARUNTA" escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" arrived Brisbane 2110L/27 - departed Caloundra 0600L/28 to rendezvous "GENERAL JOHN POPE" in position 27° 37' S. 154° 34' E at 1400L/28 and escort to Brisbane - arrived Brisbane 1558L/28.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" on passage Sydney/Townsville passed Caloundra at 0138L/28.

M.L. 822 arrived Port Stephens 2030L/27 to shelter; arrived Newcastle 1510L/28.

"BALLARAT" arrived Sydney 1104L/28 from Port Phillip.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Sydney 2200L/28 from escorting PG. 77.

U.S.S. "ETAMIN" departed Espiritu Santo 1000L/28 for Sydney - E.T.A. 3/11.

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting O.C. 13 arrived Sydney 2334L/28.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )

U.S.S. "BOOTES" departed Port Melbourne 1900L/27 for San Francisco - E.T.A. 22/11.

"NIZAM" arrived Fremantle 1153L/28 from Melbourne.

"LATROBE" escorting "ALDINGA" departed Darwin 0540L/28 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2030L/31.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

At 2148L/28 within 250 miles of a position N.E. of Madang was passed to A.I.G. 365.



FLOATING MINE

"ARUNTA" reported a floating mine in position 27°09'S, 153°47'E at 0820L/28. It was not sunk. W.F. message issued. N.O.I.C. Brisbane ordered a YMS. to search.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

DOBADURA - Yellow 1714L/28 - Green 1727 - Yellow 0134L/29.  
Red. 0136.

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0242L/29 - White 0300.

MINE ASHORE -

Another mine has been reported ashore 4 miles E. of Port McDonnell (38°05'S. 140°42'E). R.M.S. party are investigating.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Thursday, 28th October, 1943.

"TROMP" arrived Sydney at 0824L/27 from Melbourne.

"STUART" arrived Townsville at 2034L/27 on completion escort duties with "MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA" from Oro Bay.

"MANOORA" ) arrived Cairns at 1801L/27 from Oro Bay.  
"WESTRALIA" )

"SWAN" arrived Brisbane at 1359L/27 escorting "JOHN ALDEN" from Townsville.

"RALPH TALBOT" departed Espiritu Santo 27/10 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 1630L/30.

"ARUNTA" will rendezvous with "GENERAL JOHN POPE" at 1400L/28 in position 70 miles east of Cape Moreton and escort to Brisbane.

"BUNBURY" arrived Cairns at 2057L/27 from Milne Bay.

"GERLONG" ) arrived Brisbane at 0129L/27 escorting L.Q. 23.  
S.C. 735 )  
S.C. 650 )

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) departed Sydney at 0802L/27 escorting G.P.78  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" ) (3 ships).

"MILDURA" ) departed Sydney at 0332L/27 to rendezvous with Newcastle  
"GLENELG" ) section of C.O.138.

"DELORAINE" with Sydney section C.O.138 departed Sydney at 1606L/27 and will rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney - total convoy 6 ships.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Thursday Island at 0315L/27 escorting T.D. 34 (2 ships) E.T.A. Darwin 1300L/1/11.

YMS.313 ) with U.S.S. "AMYCUS" departed Noumea 26/10 for Brisbane  
YMS.314 ) E.T.A. 30/10.

YMS.71 arrived Kiriwina at 1130L/26 escorting "WEST CUSSETA" from Milne Bay.

M.L.822 departed Newcastle at 0953L/27 to assist fishing vessel in distress off Broughton Island - later to rendezvous with G.P.78.

P.C. 1121 ) departed Buna at 1800L/26 escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE"  
YMS.335 ) to Lae 0700L/27.

S.C. 731 arrived Milne Bay at 0945L/27 escorting "CAPE GREIG" from Lae.

S.C. 746 departed Port Moresby at 0735L/27 escorting Y.15 to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 2530L/28.

S.C. 747 arrived Milne Bay at 2100L/26 from Port Moresby.

PC.1123 returned Brisbane at 0007L/27 from escort duties.

P.C. 479 arrived Goodenough Island at 1525L/26 from Milne Bay escorting "HOWELL COBB".

"KRAIT" departed Exmouth Gulf at 1015L/26.

"FOSTER" (Tug) in vicinity of Cooktown has been instructed by N.O.I.C. Cairns to proceed to assistance of F.A. 3 at Night Island - 170 miles N. of Cooktown.

"BANGALOW" departed Townsville at 0705L/27 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1400L/1/11.

"SHIKELAMY" arrived Gladstone at 1845L/26 from Townsville.

"COUCAL" arrived Brisbane at 0706L/27 from exercises with U.S. submarines.

"ELLAN" departed Thursday Island 26/10 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 29/10.

"HERON" departed Townsville at 1010L/27 presumably for Cairns.

FURTHER TO REPORTED SUBMARINE SIGHTING 140 MILES N.W. DARWIN  
at 1700L/26.

Later report from N.O.I.C. Darwin advises that the sighting by aircraft was an Allied submarine, and the sighting by U.S. submarine "CREVALLE" has been graded C.3.

FURTHER TO REPORT OF MINE SIGHTED AT PORT MACDONNELL - 140°42'E  
38°05'S.

At 1255L/27 N.O.I.C. Adelaide reported. Mine now rendered safe and charge burnt. Type German Y. Star heavily encrusted, obviously an old mine.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

DOBODURA -	Yellow 0020L/28.
	Red 0045L/28.
	Green 0130L/28.
	Yellow 0141L/28.
	Red 0150L/28.
	Green 0325L/28.

TWO AUSTRALIAN ARMY TUGS FOUNDER WITH LOSS OF LIFE.

At 1200L/25 A.T. 2440 (late tug "KEERRA" - 100 tons) departed Port Melbourne with tug "GREYHOUND" - 77 tons - in tow and tug "BUCRA" 78 tons in company.

At 0230L/26 when off Cape Wollami (20 miles E. of Westernport) in heavy weather "GREYHOUND" and "BUCRA" foundered. "KEERRA" picked up all survivors excepting 2 members of crew and 1 stowaway in "GREYHOUND".

All vessels were operated by Army and manned by Army and A.W.C. personnel.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 27th October, 1943.

"STUART" )  
"MANOORA" ) departed Oro Bay at 1415L/25 - E.T.A. Cairns 1830L/27.  
"WESTRALIA" )

"ARUNTA" made rendezvous with "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" at 1600L/26 at Gladstone and will escort to Brisbane.

"WARREGO" ) departed Milne Bay at 0500L/26 escorting H.T. 62 (2 ships)  
"WAGGA" ) E.T.A. Townsville 0500L/29.

"BUNBURY" departed Milne Bay at 1730L/25 for Townsville.  
At 0600L/26 reported speed reduced to 8 knots owing to breakdown of steam driven fan.

"GYMPIE" departed Port Moresby 1645L/26 escorting N.T. 63 (3 ships)  
E.T.A. Cairns 1315L/28.

"BUNDABERG" )  
"BROOME" ) departed Brisbane at 1050L/26 escorting P.G. 77 (2 ships)  
"KALGOORLIE" ) E.T.A. Sydney 1000L/28.

"GOULBURN" )  
S.C. 741 ) departed Brisbane at 1621L/26 escorting Q.L. 24 (7 ships)  
P.C. 476 ) also L.S.T. 2242 and 2633 in company.  
YMS. 334 )

"BENDIGO" )  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) arrived Sydney at 1953L/25 on completion escort duties with P.G. 76.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Sydney at 1148L/26 from escort duties with O.C. 136.

"ROCKHAMPTON" )  
"ECHUCA" ) arrived Sydney at 2330L/25 escorting O.C. 136.

"BALLARAT" departed Port Phillip at 1000L/26, E.T.A. Sydney 1200L/28.

"INVERELL" departed Melville Bay at 1630L/26 escorting "WANAKA" E.T.A. Thursday Island 2030L/27.

P.C. 1123 departed Brisbane at 1101L/26 escorting "METEOR".  
At 1800L/26 P.C. 1123 reported returning to Caloundra owing to engine trouble. E.T.A. 0100L/27 - Left "METEOR" at 1700L/26

S.C. 731 )  
S.C. 738 ) E.T.A. Milne Bay 0900L/27 escorting "CAPE GREIG" from Lae.

S.C. 982 )  
YMS 335 ) departed Milne Bay at 1325L/25 escorting "BENJAMIN BONEVILLE"  
P.C. 1121 ) to Buna - then Lae.

YMS. 71 departed Milne Bay at 1000L/25 escorting "WEST CUSSETA" to Kiriwina - E.T.A. 1000L/26.

S.C. 737 departed Milne Bay at 0600L/25 escorting "MELINGA" to Kiriwina, E.T.A. 1000L/26.

S.C. 746 arrived Port Moresby at 0838L/26 escorting "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" from Milne Bay.

M.L. 807 will rendezvous with P.G. 77 in position 029°42'N, 153°57'E at 1200L/27, and provide additional escort to Newcastle.

M.L. 821 will rendezvous with O.C. 137 in position 038°02'S, 149°35'E at 1400L/29 and provide additional escort until daylight/28 then proceed Jervis Bay

P.C. 1124 arrived Townsville at 0604L/26 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 428 arrived Milne Bay at 0900L/25.

M.L. 810 commissioned 25/10 at Sydney under command of Lieutenant R.D. Bright, R.A.N.V.R.

L.S.T. 465 departed Gladstone at 1000L/26 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200L/28.

L.C.I. 29 arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/25 from Port Moresby.

"TOORONGA" (TUG) commissioned at Melbourne at 0800L/26.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip A.M./26 for Wilson's Prom. area.

"GERARD" arrived Sydney at 0051L/26 from Brisbane.

"VIGILANT" arrived Thursday Island at 1701L/25 from Merauke.

"MATACO" arrived Brisbane at 1822L/25 from Cairns.

"DRUM" (U.S. Submarine) E.T.A. Brisbane 0900L/27 for exercises - at 2000L/28 to rendezvous with "COUCAL" off Moreton Bay and continue training until P.M./31st.

D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUBMARINE in the Madang - Vitiaz Strait areas at 2306L/26. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING BY CIVILIAN off Smoky Cape.

At 1720L/26 - 2 miles off shore travelling north. N.O.I.C. Sydney reports - on interrogation sighting considered doubtful.

SUBMARINE SIGHTING 140 miles N.W. Darwin.

At 1700L/26 - Sighted by U.S. Submarine "CREVALLE" also observed by aircraft at 1230L/26.

M.L. 425 CLAIMS HIT ON CONNING TOWER OF ENEMY SUBMARINE AT 2030L/26 in position  $07^{\circ}12'S$   $148^{\circ}03'E$  (Huon Gulf). Reported by N.O.I.C. Milne Bay at 2135L/26.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

"KIRIWINA" was raided at 0511L/26 - Radar station 470 received direct hits - destroyed with some casualties.

KIRIWINA Green 0624L/26.  
Red 0713L/26  
Green 0724L/26  
Red 2250L/26  
Green 3340L/26  
Yellow 0344L/27  
Green 0536L/27.

DOBODURA Yellow 0304L/27  
Red 0314L/27  
Green 0430L/27

GOODENOUGH Yellow 0522L/26  
White 0635L/26  
Yellow 0479L/27.

MINES - At 1000L/25. Police reported mine off shore at Lorne - not sighted since  $\frac{1}{2}$  graded C.3. by N.O.I.C. Port Melbourne  
At 1315L/26 N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide reported mine sighted  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile off shore at Port MacDonnell ( $140^{\circ}42'E$   $38^{\circ}05'S$ .)  
Later reported to be 400 yards from jetty.  
R.M.S. Party from Torrens being despatched.

To 0900L/Tuesday, 26th October, 1943.

"WARREGO" } escorting T.N. 171B arrived Milne Bay 1325L/25.  
 "BUNEURY" }  
 "WAGGA" }

"CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Milne Bay 1000L/24 from Thursday Island.

S.C. 746 escorting "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" departed Milne Bay 0609L/25 for Port Moresby.

"BISHOPDALE" E.T.D. Milne Bay 0400L/26 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1100L/28.

S.C. 747 departed Port Moresby 1846L/25 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1800L/26.

"GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 171A arrived Port Moresby 160L/25.

L.C.I. 71 arrived Port Moresby 0951L/25.

"VIGILANT" departed Merauke 1812L/24, arrived Thursday Island 2005L/25.

"AMOHINE" } arrived Port Moresby 1416L/25 from Thursday  
 "STELLA MARIS" (A.S.R.) } Island.

"BOWEN" } departed Cairns 1305L/25 to rendezvous T.N. 172 off Fitzroy  
 P.C. 477 } Island 1500L/25.  
 "KOOPA" }

"GILMER" } escorting T.N. 172 departed Townsville  
 "GLADSTONE" } 1750L/24 - "BOWEN" and P.C. 477 with  
 M.L. 801, 806, 816 and 819 } portion A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1100L/28  
 "GILMER", "GLADSTONE" and M.L.s. with  
 Portion B including "KOOPA" - E.T.A.  
 Milne Bay 1100L/28.

"SHIKELLAMY" departed Townsville 1511L/24 for Gladstone - E.T.A. 0800L/26 thence Sydney.

"BANGALOW" arrived Townsville 0546L/25 from Brisbane.

"SWAN" escorting "JOHN ALDEN" departed Townsville 0746L/25 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 2100L/27.

"GEELONG" escorting L.Q. 23 departed Gladstone 2000L/25.

"BAGLEY" } escorting U.S. submarine tender "FULTON" departed  
 P.C. 1120, 1122 } Caloundra 1932L/25 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1730L/29.

"VENDETTA" is to dock 28/10 with two "A" brackets broken - escort for Sea Pike cancelled.

"LITHGOW" returned Brisbane 1421L/25 from escorting Q.L. 23.

"STINGRAY" } departed Newcastle 0931L/25.  
 "MOWONG" (A.S.R.) }

M.L. 822 escorting Newcastle section of P.G. 76 arrived Newcastle 1349L/25.

U.S. Cruiser "MONTPELIER" } departed Sydney 0814L/25 for Noumea -  
 U.S. Destroyer "FARENHOLT" } E.T.A. Dawn/27.

"RALPH TALEOT" E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 27/10 for Brisbane - E.T.A. early morning/30. for duty with 7th Fleet.

"BINCHGROVE PARK" departed Sydney 0821L/25 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0800L/31.

"DUNGAREE" E.T.D. Sydney 1/11 for Port Melbourne.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip 2018L/25 for S.C.F. 18.

"TROMP" departed Melbourne 1700L/25 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1000L/27.

"WHANGPU" arrived Albany 2010L/25 to coal on passage Fremantle/  
Melbourne.

YP.288 arrived Fremantle 0302L/25 from Exmouth Gulf.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle 2105L/25 from Exmouth Gulf.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Melville Bay 1330L/24 from Darwin.

M.L.814 will rendezvous U.S. S.M. "CREVALLE" in position 12°10'S,  
130°22'E at 1500L/26 and escort into Darwin.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

KIRIWINA - Red 0516L/26.

GOODENOUGH IS - Red 0533L/26.

P.D. Milne Bay reported that a large force of enemy aircraft passed Long Island (Vitiaz Strait) heading south at 1000L/25. No further information has been received.

FLOATING MINE REPORTED NEAR SANDY CAPE.

At 1806L/25 N.O.I.C. Brisbane advised that "GEELONG" (escorting Q.L.23) reported at 0805L/25 that "MATTHEW FLINDERS" had sighted a floating mine at 1345L/24, about 23 miles E. of Sandy Cape on the northbound blue route, estimated set and drift 180° 2 knots. Two hour search by S.C. 735 in moderate weather proved negative. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B and 5C and advised N.O.I.Cs. Sydney and Townsville.

SUBMARINE REPORTED OFF GASMATA.

A Catalina reported a submerged submarine 10 miles off Gasmata at 2200L/25.

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To 0900L/Monday, 25th October, 1943.

"STUART" escorting T.N. 170A ("MANOORA" and "WESTRALIA") arrived Oro Bay 0713L/24.

"ARUNTA" escorting T.N. 170B arrived Goodenough Island 1926L/23 - arrived Milne Bay 0845L/24 - departed 1140L/24 - E.T.A. Brisbane 2359L/26.

P.C. 1124 departed Milne Bay 1800L/23 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1000L/25.

S.C. 750 escorting "HENRY V. ALKARADO" arrived Oro Bay 0150L/23 from Milne Bay, escorting "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" departed 1117L/23.

YMS. 71 escorting "JAMES B. McPHERSON" departed Kiriwina 1845L/23 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100L/24.

YMS. 71 escorting "JAMES B. McPHERSON", "GENERAL VERSPIJCK" and "HANYANG" arrived Milne Bay 1130L/24.

S.C. 737 escorting "DUNTROON" departed Buna 1325L/23 - E.T.A. East Cape 0730L/24.

S.C. 747 escorting "EDNA" arrived Port Moresby 1545L/24 from Milne Bay.

B.C. 747 escorting "SUVA" to depart Port Moresby to rendezvous N.T. 62 at 1300L/23, then return Port Moresby.

L.C.1. 29 departed Port Moresby 1401L/24 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1600L/25.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "KOOLIGA" and "TULAGI" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300L/27 for Darwin.

"ELLAN" departed Thursday Island 0759L/24 for Port Moresby.

M.L. 804 arrived Thursday Island 1102L/24 from duty with "MERNOO".

"SOEDOE" departed Cairns 1217L/24 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1200L/29.

"GILMER" arrived Townsville 1650L/23 from Brisbane.

"ARARAT" arrived Townsville 0630L/24 from escorting N.T. 61.

"SHIKELLAMY" arrived Townsville 2040L/23 from Milne Bay.

U.S. SUBMARINE TENDER "FULTON", "BAGLEY", P.C. 1120 and 1122 E.T.D. Caloundra dusk/25 for Milne Bay.

"BENDIGO" ) escorting P.G. 76 departed Caloundra 1330L/23.  
 "TOWNSVILLE" )

P.T. 326, 329 arrived Townsville 1446L/24 from Brisbane.

"MIZAR" arrived Sydney 0650L/24 from Brisbane.

"MOWONG" ) departed Sydney 0725L/24 for Townsville via  
 "STINGRAY" (A.S.R.) ) Newcastle, Coff's Harbour and Gladstone for  
 onward routeing from Townsville to Milne Bay.

"BINGERA" arrived Williamstown 1753L/24 from Westernport.

"WHANGPU" departed Fremantle 1925L/23 for Melbourne via Albany.

"ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" arrived Exmouth Gulf 1200L/24 from Geraldton.

"CHILDS" departed Exmouth Gulf 2045L/24 for Fremantle.



MINE REPORTED ASHORE:

The pilots of two aircraft in company sighted a mine on beach about 60 miles N.E. of Wilson's Promontory 24/10.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

ORO BAY - Red 1056L/24.  
Green 1117L/24.  
Red 1737L/24.  
Green 1900L/24.

KIRIWINA Red 0605L/24.  
Raid 0610L/24.  
Green 0640L/24.  
Yellow 1225L/24.  
White 1238L/24.  
Red 1943L/24.  
All Clear 2033L/24.

"VALENGEN" (N.A.P.)

Commissioned at Sydney 22/10.

S.S.S.S.

"EDWARD N. WESTCOTT" (presumed Liberty Ship, San Pedro/Gladstone for pilot to Townsville) made an S.S.S.S. at 0810L/25 - "21°18'S, 157°07'E. Unidentified submarine on surface. Submarine last seen steaming on surface. Now apparently submerged." Position is about 300 miles N.E. of Sandy Cape and 200 north of "Westcott's" route. U.S. Submarine "SCAMP" northbound was in approximate position at time.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1943.

AUSTRALIA  
BAGLEY

Arrived Brisbane at 0630L/23 from Milne Bay.

HEEMSKERK

Returned Fremantle at 1910L/23 from escort duties with LUKLINE.

NI ZAM

Departed Port Phillip at 1331L/23 for Fremantle. ETA. 1000L/23.

ARUNTA

ETA. Brisbane 0500L/27 from Goodenough Is.

SWAN

Departed Cairns at 2209L/23 for Townsville ETA. 1300L/24.

COLAC

Arrived Cairns at 2009L/23 from Port Moresby.

GEELONG

Departed Caloundra at 1700L/23 escorting QL. 23 (6 ships) also GOLDSTAR. On arrival Bustard Head LITHCOW returns to Brisbane.

LITHCOW

S.C. 650

S.C. 735

STAWELL

Arrived Brisbane at 0340L/23 escorting LQ. 22.

S.C. 741

BENDIGO

Arrived Brisbane at 1005L/23 escorting GP. 76.

TOWNSVILLE

YMS. 334

BUNDABERG

Departed Sydney at 0929L/23 escorting GP. 77 (6 ships) ETA. Caloundra 0600L/26.

BROOME

KALCOORLIE

M.L. 807

WARRNAMBOOL

Departed Newcastle at 0755L/23 escorting Newcastle section CO. 137. Departed Sydney at 1513L/23 to join CO. 137 (7 ships).

MORESBY

CASTLEMAINE

DOOMBA

Arrived Port Phillip at 1745L/23 escorting CO. 136

LATROBE

Arrived Darwin at 1306L/23 escorting ALDINGA from Thursday Is.

Y.P. 233

ETD. Caloundra 1400L/24 for Thursday Is. calling at Mackay and Palm Island ETA. Mackay 1400L/27.

M.L. 801

Arrived Townsville at 0626L/23 from Brisbane.

M.L. 806

Y.P. 235

Arrived Townsville at 1633L/22 from Brisbane.

M.L. 822

Will R/V with PG. 76 at 1200L/24 in position 029° 35' S; 153° 58' E and provide additional escort to Newcastle.

M.L. 821

Will R/V with CO. 137 at 0600L/24 in position 035° 27' S 150° 48' E and provide additional escort until daylight/25 then proceed Twofold Bay.

KOOPA

Arrived Cairns at 0905L/23 from Townsville.

CHANTICLEER

ETD. Exmouth Gulf 23/10 for Fremantle ETA. 25/10.

ORARA

Departs Melbourne at 1650L/25 for Wilson's Prom. Area.

BYRCHGROVE PARK

ETD. Sydney AM/25 en route to Townsville thence Goodenough Is. and Kiriwina.

MATAGO

(U. S. Fleet Tug)

Departed Cairns at 0915L/23 for Brisbane ETA. 0800L/26.

BINGERA

ETD. Westernport 0900L/24 for Port Melbourne ETA. 1200L/24.

SIGHTINGS FROM CAPE ORFORD.

At 0650L/22

3 Destroyers passed Northbound

At 0849L/22

Submarine proceeding N.E.

At 1600L/22

Submarine proceeding South

AIR ATTACK ON ENEMY FORCE - reported as 1 cruiser, 1 Destroyer in position 75 miles S.S.W. of Cape Orford at 1450L/23. Aircraft claimed 2 direct hits on destroyer and left burning.

D/F OF ENEMY SUBMARINE in vicinity Finschaven at 0345L/24. Information passed to A.I.C. 365.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

No 0800L/Saturday, 23rd October, 1943.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Melbourne 1100L/23 for Fremantle.

"GYMPIE" } departed Cairns at 1441L/23 so as to rendezvous with  
"DUNBURY" } "WARREGO" and T.S. 171 (12 ships also 4 P.T. boats for Milne  
"WAGGA" } Bay) off Fitzroy Island at 1700L/23.  
E.T.A. "GYMPIE" with section "A" at Port Moresby 1300L/25.  
E.T.A. "WARREGO", "DUNBURY" and "WAGGA" with Section "B" at  
Milne Bay 1300L/25.

"COULBURN" } arrived Brisbane at 2228L/21 on completion escort duties  
P.C. 1122 } with O.L.22.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } arrived Sydney at 2225L/2 escorting P.C. 75.  
"CASILMAIKE" }  
"MORESBY" } ?22.

"BROOME" arrived Sydney at 0856L/22 from escort duties with O.C. 135.

"DOONBA" departed Melbourne at 2300L/22 escorting O.C. 136 (11 ships).

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island at 1429L/22 from Darwin escorting  
"DUNDULA".

YAS. 48 returned Cairns at 1725L/22 with L.C.M. found adrift and empty  
in Grafton Passage (P.D. Milne Bay has been requested to  
confirm whether this is the craft previously reported to  
be adrift in this area).

"COD" (U.S. S/M) departed Darwin at 0715L/22.

S.C. 737 } arrived Buna at 1529L/21 escorting "DUNTRON" from Milne  
YAS. 235 } Bay.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 0600L/22 for Oro Bay, escorting "H.V.  
REKARADO" - E.T.A. 0400L/23.

"GERARD" arrived Brisbane at 2045L/21 from Townsville - E.T.D. 1400L/23  
for Sydney 1300L/26.

"ELLAN" arrived Thursday Island at 1135L/22 from M.B.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 1900L/22 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0530L/24.

"PORTUNUS" arrived Buna at 1500L/20 from Milne Bay.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport at 1715L/22 from Melbourne.

AIRCRAFT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED YELLOW BOXES 85 MILES N.E. WILSON'S  
PROMONTORY.

At 1235L/22 H.O.I.C. Port Melbourne advised that aircraft had  
sighted 15 yellow boxes 3 ft. square in the above position. Similar  
sightings have been made in Solomons Sea and exploded on approach of  
aircraft. "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting C.O.136 was ordered to investigate and  
if necessary take avoiding action

At 1918L/22 "ROCKHAMPTON" reported that "ECHUCA" was searching  
the area using S.A. gear and assisted by aircraft without success to date.

FURTHER TO REPORTED ATTACK BY H.L.804 ON ENEMY SUBMARINE 115 MILES  
N.N.W. PORT MORESBY AT 0110L/19.

A report from H.L.804 received 22/10 claims attack was made  
on good sonic contact - no sign of submarine after 1 pattern except 2  
oily patches, 1 being from depth charge.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

KIRIWINA - Yellow 1140L/22 - White 1420L/22 -  
Green 1345L/22.  
Yellow 0442L/23 - White 0455L/23.

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To 0900L/Friday, 22nd October, 1945.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Milne Bay 0610L/21 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0540L/23.  
 "BAGLEY" }

"PORTUNUS" departed North Foreland 1500L/19 for Buna - E.T.A. 1400L/20.

S.C. 382 arrived Milne Bay 1430L/20 from Lae.

"POLARIS" arrived Milne Bay 1430L/20 from Salamaua.

"SWAN" } escorting T.N. 169B arrived Milne Bay 1455L/20.  
 "ARARAT" }  
 M.L. 428 }

"SWAN" } escorting N.T. 61 departed Milne Bay 1430L/21.  
 "ARARAT" }

S.C. 750 departed Goodenough Island 1000L/20 escorting "JOHN W. McKAY" and "JAMES S. HOGG" E.T.A. East Cape 1130L/20 whence S.C. 750 proceeds Milne Bay and "JOHN W. McKAY" proceeds Townsville unescorted.

"PALUMA" arrived Milne Bay 1327L/21 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 747 arrived Milne Bay 1400L/21 from Kiriwina.

"COLAC" escorting T.N. 169A arrived Port Moresby 1629L/20; escorting "SHIKELLAMY" departed Port Moresby 1800L/21, "COLAC" - E.T.A. Cairns 1400L/23, "SHIKELLAMY" - E.T.A. Townsville 0230L/24.

"AMOHINE" } departed Thursday Island 1551L/21 for Port Moresby -  
 "STELLA MARIS" } E.T.A. A.M./24.

"ARUNTA" } escorting T.N. 170 departed Townsville 1900L/20.  
 "STUART" }  
 "CONYNGHAM" }  
 P.C. 1124 }

"MANGORA" } departed outside anchorage Cairns 1049L/21. E.T.A. North  
 "WESTRALIA" } Foreland 0800L/23 - Oro Bay sunrise/24.

"STUART" is to remain with "MANGORA" and "WESTRALIA" to Oro Bay and escort them back to mainland.

"ARUNTA" is to escort T.N. 170B to Goodenough Island to arrive before sunset/23.

"PIRIE" arrived Cairns 1416L/21 from escorting N.T. 60.

P.C. 477 arrived outer anchorage Cairns 1916L/20 from Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Townsville 0505L/21 from escorting "VAN SWOLL" from Milne Bay.

"KOOPA" departed Bowen 1400L/20 towing M.L. 816 and 819 arrived Townsville 0650L/21.

"GERARD" departed Gladstone 0715L/20 for Brisbane.

L.S.T. 465 arrived Gladstone 1300L/21 from Brisbane with defective generator.

"KURUMBA" arrived Gladstone 2359L/20 from Townsville.

"STAWELL" & S.C. 741 escorting L.Q. 22 departed Gladstone 1900L/21.

"GILMER" } escorting Q.L.28A departed Caloundra 1530L/21.  
"LITHCOW" }

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 1031L/21 from Port Moresby.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting O.C. 135 arrived Sydney 1632L/21.  
"KALGOORLIE" }

M.L.809 arrived Jervis Bay 1745L/20 from Sydney.

"ISABEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" departed Geraldton 1500L/21 for Carnarvon.

YP.286 arrived Exmouth Gulf 2145L/21 from Fremantle.

YP.288 departed Exmouth Gulf 1706L/20 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1500L/24.

"INVERELL" E.T.D. Darwin A.M/22 for Thursday Island.

U.S. SUBMARINE "COD" arrived Darwin 1830L/21 - E.T.D. 0830L/22 on patrol.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX :

About 60 miles North of Dampier Strait at 2107L/21 class NAN (within 100 miles) was passed to A.I.G. 365.

N.A.P. LAUNCH BURNT OUT :

N.O.I.C. Fremantle reported at 2001L/21 that N.A.P. launch "GLADMORE" caught fire and is a total loss. No casualties except a few minor injuries to personnel - Report will follow.

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0900L/Thursday, 21st October, 1943.

"SWAN" ) escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1500L/21 for  
"ARARAT" ) Townsville.

S.C. 738 escorting "CAPE SANDY" departed Buna 1754L/18, arrived Milne Bay 0930L/19; departed 1830L/19 for Buna - E.T.A. 1200L/20.

S.C. 737 ) escorting "DUNTROON" (ex T.N. 169) departed North Foreland  
YMS.335 ) 1510L/20 for Buna - E.T.A. 1000L/21.

S.C. 732 escorting "H.H. SIBLEY" arrived Oro Bay 19/10 from Kiriwina.

P.C. 479 escorting Y.14 arrived Buna 1030L/19 from Port Moresby.

"TANGALOOMA" (N.A.F.) arrived Kiriwina 1600L/18 from Milne Bay.

"COLAC" escorting "SHIKELAMY" E.T.D. Port Moresby 21/10 fr Townsville.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Thursday Island 0706L/20 from Cairns - departed 1143L/20 for Milne Bay.

"BOWEN" arrived Cairns 1714L/20 from Milne Bay.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville 1614L/20 from Milne Bay.

{ "ARUNTA" ) escorting T.N. 170 (ex P.V.4) E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/20  
"STUART" ) for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1300L/23.  
"CONYNGHAM", P.C. 1124.

"MANOORA" ) to rendezvous T.N. 170 off Fitzroy Island at 1100L/21.  
"WESTRALIA" )

"HELM" arrived Brisbane 0024L/21 from Milne Bay.

"MIZAR" on passage Port Moresby/Sydney - E.T.A. Caloundra 1200L/21.

"GEELONG" ) escorting L.Q. 21 arrived Brisbane 0345L/20.  
P.C. 1122, 1120 and 476 )

YP. 291 arrived Brisbane 0120L/20 from Cairns.

M.L. 801 and 806 - attached to crane barge in tow of "TANCRED" departed Brisbane 1650L/19 for Townsville.

YMS. 336 escorting L.S.T. 206 arrived Brisbane 1910L/20.

"BENDIGO" ) escorting G.P. 76 departed Sydney 0756L/20.  
"TOWNSVILLE" )

YMS. 334 departed Sydney 1637L/20 to overtake G.P. 76 during daylight/21 and escort to Brisbane.

U.S.N.T. departed San Francisco 18/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 10/11.  
"REPUBLIC"

N.L. 822 - escorting G.P. 76 departed Newcastle 1404L/20.

U.S.S. "COPAHEE" arrived San Francisco 18/10 from Brisbane.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting C.C. 134 arrived Newcastle 0120L/20 - escorting  
"ECHUCA" ) C.O. 136 departed Newcastle 1347L/20.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting C.O. 136 departed Sydney 1435L/20.

M.L. 809 departed Sydney 1020L/20 for Jervis Bay to work up.

"BUNGAREE" is to depart Sydney when ready for Geelong.

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.135 entered Port Phillip 1233L/19.

U.S.S. "BOOTES" "GANYMEDE" arrived Melbourne 0507L/20 and 0920L/20 respectively from Espiritu Santo.

"ISOBEL" escorting "KOOLINDA" arrived Geraldton 1505L/20 from Fremantle.

M.L.814 will rendezvous U.S. Submarine "COD" in position 12°10'S, 130°22'E at 1500L/21 and escort to Darwin.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Darwin 1755L/20 from Melville Bay.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX

A D/F fix of an enemy submarine at 1139L/20 in position 45 miles N.E. of Oro Bay - classification "VICTOR" (within 250 miles) was passed to A.I.G. 365.

AIRCRAFT REPORT OF POSSIBLE PERISCOPE:

An Aircraft reported sighting a possible periscope at 0630L/20 in position 16°S 145°35'E (about 45 miles N. of Cairns). The sighting was made from 6 miles distance at a height of 1,000 ft. Plane closed to one mile at 500 feet but object disappeared. The report was not graded but as the position is inside the Barrier Reef it is considered very doubtful.

MINE AT AIREY'S INLET.

Mine reported ashore at Airey's Inlet 18/20 was a Y.Star type considered by R.M.S.O. not to have been recently laid.

AIR RAID WARNING.

DOBADURA - Yellow 1346L/20.  
Green 1456L/20.

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SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Wednesday, 20th October, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } E.T.D. Milne Bay 21/10 for Brisbane.  
"BAGLEY" }

"STUART" on completion escort duties with ships of P.V. 4 "STUART" is to rendezvous with Long Island (U.S. Auxiliary A/C carrier) in position 26°50'S. 158°10'E at 1300L/20 and escort to Brisbane.

"MONTPELIER" with COMDESRON 12 in "FARENHOLT" arrived Sydney at 0940L/19 from Noumea.

"HELM" departed Milne Bay at 0600L/18 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0400L/21.

"BOWEN" } departed Milne Bay at 1405L/18 escorting "VAN SWOLL" - E.T.A.  
"KATOOMBA" } Townsville 2300L/21.

"PIRIE" departed Port Moresby at 1530L/19 escorting N.T. 60 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville "PIRIE" 0830L/22.

"GOULBURN" } departed Brisbane at 1811L/19 escorting Q.L.22 (6 ships)  
"STAWELL" } also L.S.T. 68, L.S.T.171, L.S.T.465.  
P.C. 1123 } On arrival Bustard Head E.T.A. 0030L/21 - "GOULBURN" and  
S.C. 741 } P.C. 1123 return to Caloundra.

"GEELONG" } departed Gladstone at 1830L/18 escorting L.Q. 21 (7 ships)  
P.C. 1122 } At 1900L/20 "GEELONG" commences exercises with U.S. Submarine  
P.C. 1120 } "CAPELIN" and "BLACKISH" with "COUCAL".  
P.C. 476 }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } arrived Brisbane at 0327L/18 escorting  
"MORESBY" } G.P.75 including "GOLDSTAR".  
"CASTLEMAINE" }  
M.L.'s 430, 431, 803 and 820 }

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Caloundra at 1123L/19 escorting P.G. 75 (2 ships).  
"MORESBY" }  
"CASTLEMAINE" }

"WILCANNIA" } arrived Sydney at 1727L/19 escorting O.C. 134.  
"KALGOORLIE" }  
"BENDIGO" }

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney at 1452L/19 escorting Newcastle Section  
"ECHUCA" } O.C.134 to Newcastle.

"INVERELL" departed Melville Bay at 1930L/18 escorting "WANAKA" to Darwin - E.T.A. 1730L/20.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Melbourne at 1123L/19 from Sydney.

"DOOMBA" arrived Port Phillip at 1233L/19 on completion escort duties with C.O.135.

"LATROBE" departed Thursday Island 0801L/19 escorting "ALDINGA" to Darwin - E.T.A. 1200L/23.

"FREMANTLE" departed Darwin at 0556L/19 escorting "DUNDULA" to Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2359L/22.

P.C. 477 departed Port Moresby at 1145L/19 escorting "ETOLIN" to Cairns.

M.L.821 will rendezvous with O.C. 135 in position 037°54'S. 149 52'E at 1300L/20 and provide additional escort until daylight/21, then proceed to Jervis Bay.

S.C. 737 arrived Milne Bay at 1940L/18 escorting "W. BEAUMONT" from Goodenough Island.

"ISABEL" departed Fremantle at 2359L/19 escorting "KOOLINGA" to Broome.

"COUCAL" arrived Brisbane 0544L/19.

"WATO" towing 2 barges arrived Buna at 1135L/18 from Milne Bay.

"STELLA MARIS" } arrived Thursday Island at 1159L/19 from Cairns.  
"AMOHINE" }

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney at 1001L/19 from Port Kembla.

"KOOPA" towing M.L.816, 819 arrived Bowen at 1400L/19 from Gladstone.

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney at 1659L/19.

"TANCRED" towing M.L.801, 806 and crane barge departed Brisbane for Townsville at 1650L/19.

ENEMY SUEMARINES REPORTED PASSING CAPE ORFORD northbound at 0735L/18 and 1417L/18.

ENEMY SUEMARINE ATTACK ON U.S. SUEMARINE "PETO"

At 1455L/19 C.T.F. 72 reported that 2 torpedoes were fired at "PETO" at 1135L/19 in position 480 miles N.E. Brisbane.

D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUEMARINE at 2342L/19 in the Vitiaz Strait - Madang area. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0942L/19.  
Red. 0950L/19.  
While 0958L/19.

GOODENOUGH - Red 0920L/19.

DRYSDALE MISSION - Yellow 1314L/19.  
While 1355L/19.

"JAMES S. HOGG" (previously reported aground in Warrego Passage - Goodenough Island.).

Was towed off by "RESERVE" without any apparent damage. F.A. 3 also reported to have arrived Kiriwina after being aground.

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0900L/Tuesday, 19th October, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Milne Bay at 0600L/18 for Sydney - E.T.A. 2200L/20 - for overhaul and installation of S.G. Radar. N.O.I.C. Sydney reported at 1221L/18 - Not practicable to complete installation in time to depart with "SHROPSHIRE" P.M./29.

"ARUNTA" ) arrived Townsville at 2315L/17 escorting P.V. 4 from  
"STUART" ) Melbourne.

"NIZAM" will depart Melbourne at 1700L/18 (if trials are satisfactory) for Fremantle.

"CLEVELAND" ) departed Sydney at 1739L/18 for Espiritu Santo -  
"STERETT" ) E.T.A. 0700L/22.

"CONYNGHAM" arrived Townsville at 0646L/18 from Brisbane.

"MONTPELIER" - with COMDESRON 12 in "FARENHOLT" (U.S. Destroyer)  
(U.S. Cruiser) departed Noumea at 1200L/19. Members of the British Mission embarked in "MONTPELIER".

"MANOORA" ) arrived Cairns 18/10 from Brisbane.  
"WESTRALIA" )

"WARREGO" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1120L/18 escorting T.N. 168"B".  
"EOWEN" )

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay at 1430L/18 for Townsville.

"PIRIE" ) arrived Port Moresby at 1245L/18 escorting Section "A" T.N.  
P.C. 477 ) 168.

"GYMPIE" arrived Townsville at 0635L/18 on completion escort duties with F.T. 34.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns at 1336L/18 towing L.C. 131 from Milne Bay.

"SWAN" ) departed Cairns at 0757L/28 to rendezvous with "ARARAT"  
"COLAC" ) escorting T.N. 169 (4 ships, also P.T. 320, 324, 325 and  
M.L.428 ) 327 in tow from Milne Bay) in vicinity Fitzroy Island  
Light at 0900L/18. "COLAC" - E.T.A. with section "A"  
Port Moresby 1400L/20. "SWAN", "ARARAT" and M.L.428  
E.T.A. Milne Bay with Section "E" 1400L/20.

"DELORAINNE" ) arrived Sydney at 1503L/18 escorting P.G.74.  
"MILDURA" )  
"GLENELG" )

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 2300L/18 escorting O.C. 135 (6 ships).

"LATROBE" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0800L/19 escorting "ALDINGA" to Darwin -  
E.T.A. 1200L/23.

P.C. 477 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1101L/19 escorting "ETOLIN" for Townsville.

S.C. 747 ) departed Milne Bay at 1240L/17 escorting "JAMES McPHERSON"  
YMS.71 ) to Kiriwina - E.T.A. 0600L/18.

P.C. 1121 arrived Milne Bay at 1255L/18 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 750 arrived Goodenough Island at 1432L/17 escorting "JOHN W. MACKAY"  
from Woodlark Island.

S.C. 650 ) arrived Brisbane at 1121L/18 from escort duties with Q.L.21.  
S.C. 735 )

M.L.321 arrived Twofold Bay at 1950L/17.

YMS.334 escorting "CARLOCK" towing L.S.T. 471 arrived Sydney at 1222L/18  
from Brisbane.

Y.P. 286 departed Fremantle at 1759L/18 for Exmouth Gulf.  
E.T.A. P.M/21.

P.C. 479 .E.T.A. Buna 1300L/19 escorting Y.14 from Port Moresby.

L.S.T. 338 - arrived Port Moresby at 1336L/18 from Milne Bay.

L.C.I. 344 arrived Cairns at 0255L/18 from Milne Bay.

"SOEDOE" arrived Merauke at 0845L/18 from Thursday Island.

"MIZAR" departed Port Moresby 1421L/18 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1900L/22.

"GERARD" arrived Gladstone at 1500L/18 from Townsville.

"MARIPOSA" departed Bombay at 1700L/17 en route to Fremantle  
(escorted by "RELENTLESS" till 1230L/18) E.T.A.  
Fremantle 27/10.

"BOOTES" and "GANYMEDE" (U.S. Commissioned Merchant Ships) E.T.A.  
Port Phillip 1101L/19 from Espiritu Santo.

M.L.804 REPORTS ATTACKING SUBMERGED SUBMARINE:

At 0110L/19 M.L.804 reported attacking submerged submarine in position 115 miles W.N.W. of Port Moresby. -  
(M.L.804 was escorting "MERNOC") information passed to A.I.G. 364-365.

At 0100L/19 Port Moresby Radio intercepted S.S.S.S. Suspicious - from an unidentified originator in approximately same position and time as M.L.804 reported attack.

MINE REPORTED ASHORE at Airey's Inlet (28 miles S.W. of Port Phillip Heads)

Information passed to F.N.D. at 1009L/18.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

to 0900L/Monday, 18th October, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Milne Bay 0830L/16 from Kiriwina.  
"HELM" }

"WARRAMUNGA" is to proceed Sydney for overhaul and installation of S.G. radar - to depart Sydney in company "SHROPSHIRE".

"PIRIE" departed Milne Bay 0350L/17 to rendezvous T.N. 168 at 1700L/17 as additional escort for portion A to Port Moresby.

H.D.M.L.1074 and F.A.3 are still at Kiriwina.

S.C. 982 escorting "BARBARA C." departed Milne Bay 0700L/17 for Lae - E.T.A. 1300L/19.

YMS.335 arrived Milne Bay 2045L/16 from Buna.

P.C. 1121 escorting "VAN SWOLL" arrived Oro Bay 1240L/15, departed 1335L/17 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0900L/19.

S.C. 731 escorting "BALIK PAPAN" and "CAPE GREIG" arrived Buna 1300L/16 from Milne Bay.

YMS.72 } escorting "CAPE SANDY" arrived Buna 0845L/17 from Milne Bay.  
S.C. 738 }

YMS.72 } departed Buna 1800L/17 for Lae - E.T.A. 0700L/18.  
S.C. 731 and S.C. 738 }

"MIZAR" arrived Port Moresby 0715L/17 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 737 escorting "MULIAMA" departed Port Moresby 1730L/17 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0030L/19.

"ELLAN" departed Cairns 0829L/17 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. A.M./24.

"CAPE LEGUWIN" departed Cairns 1232L/17 for Milne Bay via Thursday Island and Great N.E. Channel.

"BUNBURY" } arrived Cairns 1143L/17 from escorting N.T. 59.  
YMS.8 }

"WAGGA" is towing L.C.1 31 (ex F.T.34) which has broken down - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1800L/17.

"KURUMBA" arrived Townsville 0143L/17 from Cairns.

"KOOPA" towing M.L.816 and 819 departed Gladstone 0700L/17 for Bowen - E.T.A. 1000L/19.

YP.283 departed Caloundra 2000L/17 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1000L/21 thence Townsville for onward routeing to Milne Bay.

M.L.808 and 823 arrived Sydney 1110L/17 from Jervis Bay.

U.S. DESTROYER "RENSHAW" departed Sydney 1639L/17 for Noumea - E.T.A. 0700L/19.

"BURRABRA" departed Port Kembla 0955L/17.

"GIPPSLAND" departed Sydney 0640L/17.

"BURRABRA" } arrived Jervis Bay 1831L/17.  
"GIPPSLAND" }

"VAN HEEMSKERCK" } escorting "LURLINE" departed Fremantle 1707L/16,  
"VAN GALEN" } "VAN GALEN" parting company at 2200L/17 and returning Fremantle.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Melville Bay 0955L/17 from Darwin.

AIR RAIDS:

ORO BAY - Raid 1000-1100L/17. All bombs fell outside harbour area. No naval casualties or damage.

KIRIWINA - Yellow 1914L/17 - White 1927 - Yellow 0159L/18 - White.

A.M.S. LAUNCHING UNSUCCESSFUL:

N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported that launching of "PARKES" (A.M.S.) unsuccessful 16/10. Vessel travelled 20 feet and undamaged. Anticipated date of launching is now 21/10.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900L/Sunday October 17, 1943

"AUSTRALIA"  
"BAGLEY" ) arrived Milne Bay 1356L/15 from Townsville

S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay 1330L/15 from Buna

Y.M.S. 72 arrived Milne Bay 1450C/15 from Buna.

S.C. 738 ) escorting CAPE SANDY departed Milne Bay 0835L/16 for  
Y.M.S. 72 ) Lae, E.T.A. 2300L/17.

"POLARIS" is to be towed from SALAMAUA to Milne Bay.

"WATO" towing 2 barges departed Milne Bay 0947L/16 for Buna.

H.D.M.L. 1074 towing F.A. 3, which arrived KIRIWINA 1700L/15, departed 2000L/15 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0900L/17.

Y15 passed East Cape, Milne Bay 1810L/16, having been escorted by Y.M.S. 335 from BUNA, Y15 thence independently to Port Moresby.

P.C. 479 escorting Y14 arrived Port Moresby 1500L/15, departed 0715L/16 for Buna E.T.A. A.M./ 19

"PALUMA" arrived Port Moresby 1641L/15 from Milne Bay.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" E.T.D. Cairns 1200L/17 for Milne Bay via Thursday Island E.T.A. 0800L/20 and Great N.E. Channel.

"KURUMBA" departed Cairns 1041L/16 for Townsville E.T.A. A.M./ 17.

"ARARAT"  
P.C. 1124) arrived Townsville 0036L/16 from escorting Q.L. 20.

"TRINITY" arrived Townsville 0545L/16 from Brisbane.

"GERARD" departed Townsville 0702L/16 for Gladstone E.T.A. 1800L/18.

P.T. 322 & 331 arrived Townsville 0316L/16.

U.S.S/M "RATON" arrived Brisbane 055L/16.

"CONYNGHAM" E.T.D. Caloundra 1130L/16 for Cairns E.T.A. 0700L/18.

"GEELONG" ) escorting Q.L. 21 departed Brisbane 1559L/16 S.C's  
S.C. 650 & 735) to detach at Lady Elliot Island and return Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" ) escorting L.Q. 20 arrived Brisbane 0445L/16.  
P.C. 1123 )

"MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA"  
P.C. 1120, 1122 & 476 -- with H.T. KATOOMBA departed Caloundra 1114L/15 for Cairns after arrival BUSTARD HEAD P.C's proceed to Gladstone and KATOOMBA proceeds independently.

"DELORAINÉ" ) escorting P.G. 74 departed Brisbane 1141L/16.  
"MILDURA" )  
"GLENELG" )

"ARISTA" (N.A.P.) departed Newcastle 0410L/16; RONDELLE towing  
"RONDELLE" ARISTA arrived BYDNEY 1444L/16.

U. S. Cruiser } E.T.D. Sydney 18/10 for ESPIRITU SANTO  
"CLEVELAND" } E.T.A. A.M. /22  
U. S. Destroyer }  
"STERETT" }

U. S. Destroyer to depart Sydney as necessary to arrive Noumea  
"RENSHAW" dawn /20.

"WARRNAMBOOL" }  
"CASTLEMANINE" } escorting G.P. 75 including GOLD STAR departed  
"MORESBY" } Sydney 0755L/16.  
M.L. 430, 431, 803 &  
820 }

"BROOME" }  
"KAPUNDA" } escorting C.O. 135 departed Sydney 1633L/16.  
"BENDABERG" } departed Sydney 0439L/16 to R/V. Newcastle section  
"TOWNSVILLE" } of C.O.135, departed Newcastle 1047L/16.

M.L. 821 departed Newcastle 1110L/16 to overtake and join  
C.O. 135.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Sydney 2054L/15.

"GIPPSLAND" arrived Sydney 1455L/16 from JERVIS BAY.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 134 departed Port Phillip 2230L/15.  
escorting C.O. 134 entered Port Phillip 1239L/16.

"NIZAM" berthed Williamstown 0917L/16.

#### "JAMES S. HOGG" AGROUND

"WARRAMUNGA" at 1643L/15 reported "JAMES S. HOGG"  
(Liberty Ship) aground in WARREGO PASSAGE, Goodenough Island.  
Ship is not making water and is in no danger. RESERVE was despatched  
from Milne Bay to her assistance. "JAMES S. HOGG" (ex P.Y.3 and  
T.N.167) departed Milne Bay, 1915L/14 for Goodenough Island E.T.A.  
1645L/15 with 839 troops and U.S. Marine Corps equipment of 2613  
tons measurement 564 tons weight. It is presumed that vessel ground  
-ed while en route to Goodenough as no arrival signal has been  
received.

#### S/M D/F FIXES

Several S/M D/F fixes in the Solomon Sea - Bismarck  
Sea Area P.M./16 were passed to A.I.G. 3 65.

#### AIR RAID WARNINGS

Kiriwina - Yellow 1058L/16, White 1150L  
Yellow 0155L/17, Red 0155, Green 0206.

Port Moresby Yellow 0014L/17, Red 0022, Green 0109.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Saturday, 16th October, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" returned Fremantle at 1106L/15 from escort duties.

"VAN GALEN" escorting "LURLINE" arrived Fremantle at 0948L/15.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 1629L/15 escorting "METEOR".

"HEMSKERCK" E.T.D. Fremantle P.M/16 escorting "LURLINE" en route to Bombay to M.O.M.P. with "CANTON" in position 019°02'S. 093°38'E at 1430L/20 - "HEMSKERCK" then returns to Fremantle.

"WARRAMUNGA" } on completion escort duties with T.N.167"B" (ex P.V.3)  
"HELM" } E.T.A. Goodenough Island. 1645L/15 are to report for duty with C.T.F. 74 at Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0800L/16.

"NIZAM" departed Williamstown at 2045L/15 for Fremantle - At 2302L/15 reported "Have anchored off Bowen Light to make good defects to main circulation. Expect to complete about 0400L/16. At 0044L/16 reported ball bearings of main circulator have run and dockyard assistance required to make good - returning to Williamstown on one shaft. E.T.A. off Gellibrand 2000L/17 - tug required to assist berthing.

"BUNEURY" } departed Port Moresby at 1145L/15 escorting N.T.59 (3 ships).  
YMS.8.

"WARREGO" } will depart Cairns to rendezvous with T.N. 168 (13 ships,  
"BOWEN" } also "SHIKELAMY", "POLLUX", "PORTUNAS", L.S.T.457 and LST.  
"KATOOMBA" } 201 in company) off Fitzroy Island Light at 1800L/14.  
P.C. 477 } E.T.A. Port Moresby P.C. 477 escorting section "A" 1200L/18. "WARREGO", "BOWEN", "KATOOMBA" escorting section "B" - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/18.

"GYMPIE" } arrived Milne Bay 1640L/14 escorting T.N. 166 "B".  
"WAGGA"  
"GLADSTONE")

"GYMPIE" } departed Milne Bay at 0830L/15 escorting F.T. 34  
"WAGGA" } to Townsville E.T.A. 1700L/18.  
"GLADSTONE")

"PIRIE" ordered by "P.D. Milne Bay at 1141L/15 to return Milne Bay.

"DELORAINIE" } arrived Brisbane 1119L/15 escorting G.P.74 also L.S.T.  
"MILDURA" } 463.  
"GLENELG")

"BUNDABERG" } arrived Sydney at 2244L/14 escorting P.G. 73.  
"BROOME"  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN")

"WARRNAMBOOL" } arrived Sydney at 0818L/15 escorting Sydney section O.C.  
"TOWNSVILLE" } 133.

"KAPUNDA" departs Sydney 16/10 as additional escort for C.O.155 to Melbourne.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 2200L/15 escorting O.C. 134 (11 ships).

MLs. 820,<sup>430</sup>431 and 803 will depart Sydney at 0800L/16 as additional escorts for G.P.75 N.O.I.C. Brisbane is to arrange onward passage.

S.C.732 arrived Kiriwina at 0800L/14 escorting "H.H. SIBLEY" from Milne Bay.

YP. 291 departed Cairns at 1905L/15 for Brisbane via Palm Island - E.T.A. Brisbane 1600L/20.

S.C. 738 and YMS. 72 arrived Buna at 0700L/13 escorting "BONTEKOE" from Milne Bay.

S.C. 736 arrived Cairns at 1113L/15 from Townsville.

S.C. 731 departed Milne Bay at 1101L/15 escorting "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" to Oro Bay and Balikpapan - "CAPE GREIG" to Buna - E.T.A. Buna 0930L/16.

M.L. 822 arrived Newcastle at 1630L/14 from escort duties.

YMS. 334 departed Caloundra at 0346L/15 escorting "CARLOCK" (Tug) towing L.S.T. 471 to Sydney.

"BELAN" arrived Cairns from Townsville at 1721L/15.

"DURRAWEEEN" undocked at Melbourne 1645L/15.

"FALIE" will replace "CAPTAIN COOK" as pilot steamer at Sydney for approximately 10 days from 0800L/18.

"COD" (U.S. submarine) on completion of exercises off Brisbane with "STAWELL" about 1700L/15 proceeds to Darwin via Grafton Passage and Torres Strait - E.T.A. Darwin 1600L/30.

"GERARD" arrived Townsville at 0505L/15 from Cairns.

"KURUMBA" arrived Cairns at 0916L/15 from Townsville.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip at 2136L/14 for Wilson's Prom. area.

"FLYING CLOUD" arrived Newcastle at 1039L/15.

"BANGALOW" arrived Brisbane at 1522L/15 from Sydney.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

Oro Bay was raided by enemy aircraft at 2100L/14 and 0815L/15. No serious damage or Naval casualties.

Air raid warning also from Milne Bay, Goodenough Is - No further details.

"WAGGA" attacked - submarine contact.

At 0050L/16 "GYMPIE" reported that "WAGGA" had obtained good submarine contact in position 100 miles S.S.W. of Milne Bay and carried out attack. Contact lost but "WAGGA" ordered to remain in area and continue search until daylight/16. At 0200L/16 information passed to A.I.G. 364-365.

NOTE: "WAGGA", "GYMPIE" and "GLADSTONE" were escorting Convoy F.T.34.

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To 0900L/Friday, 15th October, 1943.

C.T.F. 74 in "AUSTRALIA" with "BAGLEY" departs Cleveland Bay at 1000L/14 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1300L/15.

"VENDETTA" } arrived Brisbane at 0745L/14 escorting "MANOORA", "WESTRALIA  
"GEELONG" } "KANIMBLA" and "ALGORAB".  
"STAWELL" }

"MANOORA" } with "KATOOMBA" escorted by P.C. 1120, P.C. 1122 and P.C.  
"WESTRALIA" } 476 departed Caloundra at 1130L/14 for Cairns at Bustard Head escorts and "KATOOMBA" detach. Escorts proceeding to Gladstone and "KATOOMBA" proceeding independently.

"MONTPELIER" (U.S. CRUISER - with "COMDESRON 12") and "FARENHOLT" (U.S. Destroyer) will depart Noumea noon/17 for Sydney - to arrive before dark/19. To depart Sydney so as to arrive Noumea by noon/29th October.

"BENALLA" arrived Lae from Milne Bay at 1345L/13.

"EUNBURY" } arrived Port Moresby at 1348L/14 escorting T.N. 166 "A".  
S.C. 737 }

"PIRIE" is to depart Milne Bay so as to rendezvous with T.N. 168 at 1700L/17 at 11°18'S. 148°08'E and act as additional escort for section "A" to Port Moresby.

"GOULBURN" } departed Gladstone at 2100L/14 escorting L.020 (9 ships)  
P.C. 1123 } including "TRINITY" E.T.A. Brisbane 0735L/16.

"INVERELL" departed Darwin at 1235L/14 escorting "WANAKA" to Melville Bay-- E.T.A. 0930L/16.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Darwin at 1201L/14 escorting "DUNDULA" from Thursday Island.

M.L. 816 } E.T.A. Gladstone 1000L/15 - being towed by "KOOPA" from  
M.L. 819 } Brisbane.

S.C. 736 departed Townsville at 1930L/14 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1130L/15.

P.C. 1121 arrived Milne Bay at 0815L/13 escorting "TAROONA" from Buna.

S.C. 732 departed Milne Bay at 1220L/13 escorting "H.M. SIBLEY" to Kiriwina - E.T.A. 0730L/14.

S.C. 982 arrived Milne Bay at 1230L/14 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 731 escorting Y.14 arrived Milne Bay 0615L/13 from Port Moresby.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Exmouth Gulf from Fremantle 0148L/14.

"GERARD" departed Cairns at 0711L/14 - E.T.A. Townsville 0700L/15.

"KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1330L/14 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0830L/16.

"ELLAN" departed Townsville at 1943L/14 for Milne Bay via Cairns and Thursday Island.

"WEST POINT" - departed Sydney at 1120L/14 for San Francisco.

ENEMY SUBMARINE BY D/F at 1752L/14 within 250 miles of a position 25 miles W. of Woodlark Island. Information passed to A.I.G. 36

ENEMY AIR RAIDS. - Oro Bay raided at 0430L/14. Considerable damage to signal station, W/T station is still functioning - nil naval casualties or damage to shipping.

DOBUDURA -

Yellow 0402L/14  
 Green 0520L/14  
 Red 2158L/14  
 Green 2300L/14

Air Raid warnings also from Goodenough Island.  
Kiriwina and Port Moresby P.M/14. No details available.

FOUR OBJECTS RESEMBLING MINES SIGHTED NORTH E. OF KITAVA ISLAND  
(vicinity Kiriwina) - report received from P.D. Milne Bay  
at 1434L/13.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Thursday, 14th October, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Gid Harbour 2330L/13 for Townsville - E.T.A.  
"BAGLEY" } Cleveland Bay 0630L/14 to fuel and proceed Milne Bay without delay.

"TANGALOOMA" (A.S.R.) arrived Milne Bay 1212L/13.

"MIZAR" arrived Milne Bay 0835L/12 from Brisbane.

S.G. 738 } escorting "BONTEKOE" departed Milne Bay 0830L/13 for Buna.  
YMS. 72 } E.T.A. 0930L/14.

P.C. 1121 } escorting "TAROONA" arrived Buna 0700L/12 from Milne Bay.  
S.C. 731 }

P.C. 1121 escorting "TAROONA" departed Buna 1700L/12 for Milne Bay - ETA. 1100L/13.

S.C. 731 escorting Y.14 departed Buna 0730L/12 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1101L/13.

P.C. 479 } escorting "HANYANG" arrived Buna 0756L/11 from Milne Bay.  
S.C. 744 }

S.C. 747 escorting "J.S.MORTON" arrived Buna 0945L/11 from Milne Bay.

"PALUMA" departed Milne Bay 0654L/13 for Pt. Moresby - E.T.A. P.M/15.

S.C. 737 departed Port Moresby 2156L/12 to rendezvous T.N. 166A and escort to Port Moresby.

S.C. 982 departed Port Moresby 0801L/13 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1200L/14.

Y.P. 291 departed Thursday Island 1410L/13 for Cairns E.T.A. 1800L/15.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" arrived Thursday Island 0806L/13 from Darwin.

"CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived Cairns 2113L/12 from Brisbane.

L.S.T. 201 arrived Cairns 0909L/13 from Townsville.

"PIRIE" departed Cairns 0801L/13 to rendezvous T.N. 167 off Fitzroy Island 1000L/13.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting T.N. 167 (ex. P.V.3) departed Townsville 1945L/  
"HELM" } 12 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/15.

L.S.T. 457 arrived Townsville 1330L/13 from Brisbane.

"KOOPA" towing M.L. 816 and 819 departed Caloundra 1206L/13 for Townsville, calling at ports en route as necessary.

"GOULBURN" } escorting Q.L. 20 departed Caloundra 1917L/12.  
"ARARAT" }  
P.C. 1123 and 1124 }

P.C. 1122 and 476 returned Brisbane 0650L/13.

"STAWELL" } escorting L.Q. 19 including A.P.C. 19 arrived Brisbane  
S.C. 650 and 741 } 0630L/13.

"GEELONG" returned Brisbane 0911L/13 from escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT".

"GEELONG" AND "STAWELL" E.T.D. Caloundra 1100L/13 to rendezvous "MANOORA", "WESTRALIA", "KANIMBLA", "ALGORAB" and "VENDETTA" and escort to Brisbane.

U.S. Submarine "CAPELLIN" arrived Brisbane 0705L/13.

A.P.C. 3 and 13 with 4 L.C.T. arrived Brisbane 1011L/13.

M.L.822 to rendezvous P.G. 73 in position 30°03'S, 153°50'E at 1600L/13 and escort to Newcastle.

/ "BENDIGO" arrived Sydney 0027L/12.

/ "KALGOORLIE" departed Sydney 0306L/13 - escorting C.O.134 departed Newcastle 0918L/13.

/ "WILCANNIA" returned Sydney 1426L/13 from escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE".

/ "WILCANNIA" and "BENDIGO" escorting C.O.134 departed Sydney 1645L/13.

"WEST POINT" E.T.D. Sydney A.M/14 for San Francisco.

/ "BUNGAREE" arrived Sydney 0450L/13 from Cairns.

/ "BANGALOW" departed Sydney 1133L/13 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 2300L/15.

/ "GIPPSLAND" (Minefield tender) departed Sydney 0636L/12 arrived Jervis Bay 1658L/12.

"DELORAINÉ" } escorting G.P.74 departed Sydney 0807L/13.  
"MILDURA" }  
"GLENELG" }

"WIZAM" E.T.D. Melbourne P.M/14 for Fremantle.

"ORARA" E.T.D. Melbourne 1700L/14 for S.C.F. 18.

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.133 entered Port Phillip 2027L/12.

"VAN GALEN" to rendezvous "LURLINE" at 1500L/14 in position 35°34'S, 118°58'E and escort to Fremantle.

"INVERELL" Escorting "WANAKA" arrived Darwin 1402L/12 from Melville Bay.

### C.3 SIGHTING OF PERISCOPE S. OF MILNE BAY.

Commodore of convoy T.N. 166B ("GYMPIE", "WAGGAW", "GLADSTONE" escorting 10 ships) reported sighting a periscope about 35 miles S. of Milne Bay at 0744L/14. "GYMPIE" graded report C.3. after counter attacking and investigating.

### F.A.3 ON REEF.

F.A.3 passed P.W.S.S. "KANAKOPE" 1930L/10 bound KIRIWINA. At 1010L/13 vessel was reported to have been sighted by aircraft on reef off South Coast of KIRIWINA. Assistance was being sent.

### REPORTED SUBMARINE SIGHTING S. OF PT. MORESBY.

At 1120L/13 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby advised that report of sighting about 9 miles S. of Port Moresby at 1745L/12 was considered unfounded.

### AIR RAID WARNINGS -

DOBADURA - Red 1200L/13 - All Clear 1455L/  
Red 0411L/14.

PT.MORESBY - Yellow 2200L/13 - White 2201L/13.

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0900L/Wednesday, 13th October, 1943.

S.C. 750 escorting "J.W. MACKAY" arrived Woodlark Island 1200L/11 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 736 escorting "JULIEN DUBUQUE" departed Milne Bay 0430L/12 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0430L/15, S.C. 736 then to proceed Cairns.

YMS. 335 departed Port Moresby 0730L/12 escorting Y.15 to Buna - E.T.A. 1630L/14.

S.C. 737 } arrived Port Moresby 0823L/12 escorting "S.K. BARLOW" from  
S.C. 982 } Milne Bay.

M.L. 804 departed Port Moresby 0730L/12 escorting "MERNOC" on cable laying operations off Hall Sound, thence via Stephens Island to Thursday Island - E.T.A. about 17/10.

"LATROBE" arrived Thursday Island 2259L/11 escorting D.T.35.

"SWAN" } arrived Cairns 1437L/12 from Milne Bay.  
"KATOOMBA" }

P.C. 477 arrived Cairns 1633L/12 from escorting N.T. 58.

"WARREGO" arrived Cairns 1533L/12 from escorting F.T. 38.

"GERARD" arrived Cairns 1106L/12 from Thursday Island via Portland Roads.

"MATACO" towing A.R.D. 7 arrived Cairns 1304L/12 from Brisbane.

"MERCUR" arrived Townsville 1350L/12 from Brisbane.

"KURUMBA" arrived Townsville 0955L/12 from Palm Island.

L.S.T. 201 departed Townsville 1226L/12 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0700L/13.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting T.N. 167 (ex P.V. 3) E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/12  
"HELM" } for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1200L/15.

"PIRIE" is to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 1000L/13.

"SOEDOE" departed Bowen 0600L/12 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1800L/13.

"STAWELL" } escorting L.Q. 19 departed Gladstone 2100L/11.  
S.C. 650 and 741 }

"GOULBURN" } escorting Q.L.20 including "TRINITY" departed  
P.C. 1123 and 1124 } Brisbane 1915L/12.

"BUNDABERG" } with M.L.801 and 806 escorting G.P.73 arrived  
"BROOME" } Brisbane 1701L/12 - escorting P.C. 73 departed  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" } Brisbane 1825L/12.

"SAN PABLO" arrived Brisbane 0805L/12 from Milne Bay.

"GEELONG" } returned Brisbane 0220L/12 from escorting Q.L.19.  
S.C. 735 }

"GEELONG" departed Caloundra 0725L/12 escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" (bound San Francisco) until 1930L/12 - then returning Brisbane.

U.S. DESTROYER "RALPH TALBOT" E.T.D. Espiritu Santo about 20/10 for duty in S.W.P.A.

"MANCOORA" } departed Port Stephens 0630L/12 for Brisbane.  
"WESTRALIA" }  
"ALGORAB" }

"VENDETTA" } departed Sydney 2335L/11 to rendezvous off Pt. Stephens  
"KANIMBLA" } with "MANCOORA", "WESTRALIA" and "ALGORAB" and proceed Brisbane

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting P.C. 72 arrived Sydney 0344L/12.

"MORSEBY" }

M.L.802 arrived Sydney 1827L/11 from Jervis Bay.

"ECHUCA" arrived Sydney 0644L/12 from escort duties with O.C. 132.

"WILCANNIA" E.T.A. Sydney 1600L/13 from escort duty with "CABLE ENTERPRISE".

"KAPUNDA" E.T.A. Sydney 0700L/13 from Townsville.

"MONTPELIER" } E.T.D. Noumea 1200L/17 for Sydney to arrive before dark/  
"FARENHOLT" } 19.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 133 departed Port Phillip 0124L/12.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 1439L/11 for Exmouth Gulf - E.T.A. P.M/13.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

"DOBADURA - Yellow. White P.M/12.

GOODENOUGH IS - Yellow 0120L/13 - Red. White 0159L/13.

F.A.3's S.O.S.

F.A.3 (U.S.A.T. of 100 ft) which departed Townsville 0615K/30 for Kiriwina - E.T.A. 0700L/9 made S.O.S. 2023L/12.

On arrival signal for F.A.3 at Milne Bay 1930L/10 was received. The S.O.S. was passed to P.D. Milne Bay and N.O.I.C's N.E. and New Guinea Area. At 0030L/13, P.D. Milne Bay asked N.O.I.C. Thursday Island, Townsville and Cairns to supply route issued to F.A.3 after passing through China Strait. No reply to this signal has been received nor has anything further been heard from F.A.3.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE REPORT SOUTH OF PORT MORESBY -

Aircraft reported sighting and obtaining a Radar indication of a possible submarine about 9 miles S. of Port Moresby at 1745L/12. Air and sea search was carried out but no report has yet been received. "GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 166 and "MIZAR" (Brisbane/Milne Bay) were warned. E.T.A. 0800L/13.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX ABOUT 360 MILES E. OF BRISBANE.

Class N. (within 100 miles) at 2337L/12. was passed to ships and authorities Eastern Area and B.A.M.S. 5B warning issued.

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0900L/Tuesday, 12th October, 1943.

"ARUNTA" } departed Melbourne at 0900L/10 escorting P.V. 4 (3 ships)  
"STUART" } E.T.A. Townsville P.M/18.

"LONG ISLAND" (U.S. Auxiliary A/C carrier) departed San Francisco 0600L/  
11 - E.T.A. Brisbane 31/10.

"MONPELIER" (U.S. Cruiser) and "FARENHOLT" (U.S. DESTROYER). When ready  
P.M/17 will depart Noumea for Sydney E.T.A. A.M/21.

"BAGLEY" departs Caloundra at 1300L/11 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 1900L/12.

"VENDETTA" escorting "KANIMBLA" will depart Sydney so as to rendezvous  
with "MANOORA", "WESTRALIA" and "ALGORAB" off Port Stephens  
at 0645L/12 and escort to Brisbane.

"WESTRALIA" } arrived Port Stephens at 1755L/11 from Sydney.  
"MANOORA" }

"WARREGO" departed Milne Bay at 1330L/10 escorting R.T. 33 (3 ships) ETA  
Townsville 1830L/12.

"GYMPIE" } detailed as escorts for T.N. 166 (13 ships and L.S.T. 170)  
"WAGGA" } departed Cairns so as to rendezvous with convoy off Fitzroy  
"GLADSTONE" } Island at 1700L/11 "BUNBURY" will escort section "A" to  
"BUNBURY" } Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1200L/14, "GYMPIE", "WAGGA" and  
"GLADSTONE" with section "B" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/14.

"BENALLA" departed Milne Bay at 0630L/11 for Buna, thence Lae and survey  
grounds - E.T.A. Buna A.M/12.

"LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane at 0414L/11.

"DELORAINIE" } arrived Sydney at 1846L/11 escorting O.C. 132.  
"KALGOORLIE" }

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 0100L/12 escorting O.C. 133 (5 ships)

S.C. 737 } departed Milne Bay at 0500L/11 escorting "S.K. EARLOW" to  
S.C. 982 } Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0700L/12 - S.C. 737 is to remain Pt.  
Moresby to act as additional escort T.N. 166 from rendezvous  
to Port Moresby.

M.L.821 arrived Newcastle at 1527L/11 from Sydney

YMS.335 departed Port Moresby at 1500L/11 escorting Y.15 to Buna, E.T.A.  
15/10.

S.C. 747 departed Milne Bay at 1605L/10 escorting "J.S. MORTON" to Buna,  
E.T.A. 1400L/11.

YP.291 departed Cairns 0732L/11 for Thursday Island 1700L/13.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 0650L/10 escorting "B.P. McKAY" to  
Woodlark Island - E.T.A. 0730L/11.

S.C. 731 } arrived Milne Bay at 1622L/11 escorting "B.F. SHAW" from  
S.C. 738 } Goodenough Island.

P.C. 1119 } departed Milne Bay at 1230L/11 escorting "TAKOONA" to  
S.C. 731 } Buna - E.T.A. 0630L/12.

"GREENVALE" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0614L/11.

"AMOHINE" } departed Cairns at 0628L/11 - E.T.A. Thursday Island  
 "STELLA MARIS" } 1200L/17.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Sydney at 1203L/9 from Brisbane.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney at 0539L/11 from Jervis Bay.

"PORTUNUS" arrived Cairns at 1830L/10 for Mackay.

"ALBERCORE" with "COUCAL" departed Brisbane at 1300L/12 on exercises to 1200L/13.

"DORARA" E.T.A. Port Phillip 0445L/12 from S.C.F. 18.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES -

At 0733L/11 Port Director Milne Bay reported.

"MOAMOA" (U.S. Small craft 554 gross tons) - Master reported that ship was attacked by submarine when off Morobe at 0735L/9 - claims 3 torpedoes were fired - no damage.

At 1626L/11 N.O.I.C. Townsville reported -

"STEPHEN CRANE" (Liberty Ship) - proceeding independently Port Moresby to Townsville - sighted enemy submarine at 2230L/10, 45 miles N.N.E. of Grafton Passage - outside Barrier Reef Graded B.3.

Information passed to A.I.G. 364 and 365.

D/F FIXES were obtained of enemy submarine in the Vitiaz Strait - Madang area at 2149L/11 and 0259L/12.

Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS -

KIRIWINA - Yellow 0325L/12.  
 Red 0335L/12  
 Green 0343L/12.

DOBODURA - Yellow 2315L/11.  
 (vicinity Red 2316L/11  
 BUNA). Green 0051L/11

to 0900L/Monday, 11th October, 1943.

- ✓ "BAGLEY" arrived Brisbane at 1118L/10 from Milne Bay - To proceed Palm Island 11/10.
- ✓ "VENDETTA" arrived Sydney at 1043L/10 escorting "WEST POINT".
- "VENDETTA" will escort "MANOORA", "WESTRALIA" and "ALGORAB" departing Port Stephens 12/10 to Brisbane - N.O.I.C. Brisbane is to reinforce surface escort as practicable in approaches to Brisbane.
- ✓ "WARRAMUNGA" } arrived Townsville at 1116L/10 from escort duties with  
 ✓ "HELM" } P.V. 3.
- ✓ "VAN GALEN" returned Fremantle at 1125L/10 from escort duties.
- ✓ "GILMER" arrived Brisbane at 0605L/10 from Townsville.
- ✓ "ARUNTA" } E.T.D. Port Phillip Heads 0900L/11 escorting P.V. 4 (3 ships)  
 ✓ "STUART" } to Townsville and thence to Milne Bay as ordered by  
 N.O.I.C. Townsville.
- ✓ "SWAN" } departed Milne Bay at 2030L/10 E.T.A. Townsville 1500L/12.  
 ✓ "KATOOMBA" }  
 ✓ "WARREGO" arrived Milne Bay at 2100L/10 from Oro Bay.
- ✓ "GLADSTONE" arrived Cairns at 2331L/9 from Port Moresby.
- ✓ "KAPUNDA" departed Townsville at 1814L/9 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1200L/13 -  
 Thence to Melbourne to arrive A.M/18.
- ✓ "WAGGA" } arrived Cairns at 1815L/10 on completion escort duties with  
 ✓ "PIRIE" } F.T. 32.
- ✓ "INVERELL" departed Melville Bay at 1230L/10 escorting "WANAKA" to  
 Darwin - E.T.A. 1330L/12.
- ✓ "FREMANTLE" departed Thursday Island at 0001L/10 escorting "DUNDULA"  
 to Darwin - E.T.A. 2000L/13.
- ✓ "COOTAMUNDRA" departed Darwin at 0840L/10 escorting "ULOOLOO" to  
 Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1130L/12.
- S.C. 746 detached from T.N. 165 at about 2000L/9 to escort "WEST CUNETTA"  
 and L.S.T. 66 unable to maintain convoy speed and proceeding  
 at 8.5 knots.
- P.C. 477 departed Port Moresby 1830L/10 escorting N.T. 58 (3 ships).
- S.C. 744 and P.C. 479 departed Milne Bay at 0630L/10 escorting "HANYANG"  
 to Oro Bay.
- Y.P. 283 arrived Brisbane at 0655L/10 from Townsville.
- S.C. 750 and S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay at 1400L/9 from Goodenough Is.
- Y.M.S. 335 departed Milne Bay at 0400L/10 escorting Y.15 to Pt. Moresby.  
 E.T.A. 1600L/11.
- P.C. 1122 } departed Caloundra at 1154L/10 to rendezvous with "SEA  
P.C. 476 } WITCH" in position 24°40'S. 159°14'E at 1500L/11 and escort  
 to Lady Elliot Island. At 0017L/11 escorts ordered to  
 return Brisbane as "SEA WITCH" reported being 29 hours  
 ahead of rendezvous position.
- S.C. 731 arrived Milne Bay at 0938L/9 from Oro Bay.

"SAN PABLO" departed Milne Bay at 1700L/9 for Brisbane -  
E.T.A. 0700L/12.

"HOONA" returned to Thursday Island at 1055L/10 through stress of  
weather and engine trouble.

"BOW FIN & "BELLFISH" U.S. Submarines arrived Fremantle A.M/10.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

At 2243L/10 D/F of enemy submarine within 250  
miles of a position 140 miles E. of Milne Bay.

At 2352L/10 D/F of enemy submarine within 250  
miles of a position 70 miles E. of Madang.

Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

KIRIWINA - Red warning 1024L/10.  
Air Raid in progress 1037L/10.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900L/SUNDAY, 10th OCTOBER, 1943.

- ✓ "PIRIE" )  
"BAGLEY" ) - escorting T.N.164 arrived Milne Bay 1015L/8. ✓  
"WARREGO" )  
"WAGGA" )
- ✓ "WARREGO" )  
S.C. 982 ) - escorting F.O.12 departed Milne Bay 1140L/8. ✓  
Y.M.S. 72 )
- ✓ "PIRIE" )  
"WAGGA" ) - escorting F.T.32 departed Milne Bay 1430L/8. ✓
- ✓ "BAGLEY" - departed Milne Bay 1745L/8 for Brisbane; E.T.A. Caloundra 1700L/10.
- P.C. 1121 - escorting "JANSSENS" arrived Milne Bay 1330L/8 from Kiriwina.
- S.C. 731 - escorting "NANCY HANKS" and "J.B. ALDEN" arrived Oro Bay 0945L/8 from Milne Bay.
- S.C. 732 )  
S.C. 738 ) - escorting F.G.1 departed Milne Bay 1140L/8; arrived Goodenough Island 1804L/8.
- S.C. 737 - escorting "ANHUI" arrived Buna 1306C/8 from Milne Bay.
- S.C. 744 - arrived Milne Bay 1900L/8 from Buna.
- S.C. 798 - escorting "KARSIK" departed Buna 1824L/8 for Milne Bay.
- ✓ "BENALLA" - arrived Milne Bay 1513L/9 from Cairns.
- Y.M.S. 8 - returned Port Moresby 0801L/9 from escorting N.T.57.
- "TANGALOOMA"  
(A.S.R.) - departed Port Moresby 0746L/9 for Milne Bay; E.T.A. A.M./13.
- "HOONA"  
(A.S.R.) - in tow of Army tug departed Thursday Island 1146L/9 for Port Moresby.
- "GERARD" - departed Thursday Island 0905L/9 for Portland Heads and Cairns.
- "COLAC" - returned Cairns 1331L/8 from escorting T.N.164 with engine room defects.
- ✓ "BOWEN" )  
"BUNBURY" ) - arrived Cairns 1759L/9 from escort duty from Milne Bay.
- "AMOHINE"  
"STELLA MARIS" ) - arrived Cairns 1529L/9.
- ✓ "POLLUX" - arrived Townsville 0645L/8 from Brisbane.
- ✓ "GEELONG" )  
"STAWELL" ) - escorting Q.L.19 including L.S.T. 457 departed  
S.C. 650 )  
S.C. 735 ) Brisbane 1700L/9.

- "ROCKHAMPTON" - escorting G.P.72 arrived Brisbane 0627L/9;  
- escorting P.G.72 departed Brisbane 1230L/9.
- "GLENELG" }  
"MORESBY" } - joined escort of P.G.72 off Cape Moreton
- "MIZAR" - arrived Brisbane 0059L/9 from Sydney;  
- departed Brisbane 2311L/9 for Milne Bay;  
- E.T.A.0800L/13.
- ✓ "LITHGOW" }  
P.C.1123 } - escorting L.Q.18 arrived Brisbane 0451L/9.
- L.C.I.225  
& 230 - arrived Brisbane 1142L/8.
- "ALGORAB" - departed Newcastle 0921L/9, arrived Port Stephens  
- 1215L/9.
- "MANOORA" }  
"WESTRALIA" }  
"KANIMBLA" } - E.T.D. Sydney 0930L/11 for Port Stephens.
- ✓ "WILCANNIA" - departed Sydney 0759L/9 escorting "CABLE ENTERPRISE"  
- to 159° E., thence returning Sydney.
- ✓ "CASTLEMAINE" }  
"TOWNSVILLE" } - departed Sydney 1306L/9 to escort C.O.133.
- ✓ "BUNDABERG" }  
"BROOME" }  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }  
M.L.801, 806 & 822 } - escorting G.P. 73 departed Sydney 1019L/8.
- ✓ "BENDIGO" - arrived Sydney 1232L/9 from escorting P.V.3.
- ✓ "BURRABRA" - arrived Port Kembla 0715L/9 from Jervis Bay;  
- departed Port Kembla 1220L/9 for Jervis Bay;  
- E.T.A. 1800L/9.
- ✓ "DOOMBA" - escorting O.C.132 departed Port Phillip 2330L/8;  
- escorting C.O.132 arrived Port Phillip 1152L/9.
- ✓ "CHILDS" - arrived Exmouth Gulf 1910L/9 from Heron Haven.  
M.L.809 - commissioned for trials at Sydney 8/10.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

<u>GOODENOUGH ISLAND:</u>	Red	1956L/9
	Green	2107L/9
	Yellow	2127L/9
	White	2342L/9
<u>KIRIWINA:</u>	Yellow	0600L/9
	Red	0606L/9
	White	0607L/9
	Yellow	1935L/9
	Red	1952L/9
<u>DOBADURA:</u>	Green	2118L/9
	Yellow	1724L/9
	Red	2147L/9
	Green	2354L/9

OST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE  
To 0900L/Saturday, October 9, 1943.

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M.L.425 Escorting JOHN W. McKAY departed Goodenough Island 1625L/6; arrived Buna 1630L/7 for A/S duty with C.T.G.70.1.

S.C.731 and 737 Escorting FO.11 departed Milne Bay 1250L/7, ETA.Oro Bay 0930L/8, Buna 1059L/8.

S.C.744 Departed Buna 1400L/7 for Milne Bay ETA.1000L/8.

GLADSTONE)  
YMS.8 ) Escorting NT.57 including SHIKELLAMY departed Port Moresby 1830L/7; YMS.8 ordered at 0831L/8 to return Port Moresby.

FREMWANTLE Escorting DUNDULA, ETD. Thursday Island, 1000L/10 for Darwin.

BUNGAREE Arrived outer anchorage Cairns 0930L/8 from operations departed 1400L/8 for Sydney ETA.pm/13 to boiler clean.

M.L.805 Arrived Cairns 1034L/8 from Townsville.

GILMER Arrived Townsville 0806L/8 from Milne Bay departed 1550L/8 ETA. Caloundra 1700L/10.

MERKUR Arrived Townsville 1134L/8 from Brisbane.

Y.P.291 Departed Townsville 0446L/8 for Palm Island and Cairns ETA. am/10.

A.P.C.19 Departed Townsville 1600L/8 for Gladstone ETA.1600L/10.

LITHGOW )  
P.C.1123 ) Escorting LQ18 departed Gladstone 2200L/7.

VENDETTA Departed Brisbane 2339L/7 to rendezvous WEST POINT at 0700L/9 and escort to Sydney, ETA.1000L/10.

SAN PABLO ETA.Caloundra 0700L/12 from Milne Bay area.

CONYNGHAM Arrived Brisbane 0801L/8 from Milne Bay.

L.S.T.26 Arrived Brisbane 1002L/8.

Y.P.236 Arrived Brisbane 0937L/8.

S.C.741 Departed Caloundra 1935L/7 escorting MATACO towing ARD.7 to Bustard Head whence S.C.741 proceeds Gladstone, MATACO and ARD.7 to proceed Cairns.

WARRAMUNGA)  
HELM ) Are to detach from PV.3 at Capricorn Group and proceed Townsville ETA.pm/10.

BENDIGO Detached from PV.3 in 28° 30' S., 154° 21' E. at 0900L/8 to proceed Sydney.

U.S. CRUISER CLEVELAND ) Arrived Sydney 0845L/8, CLEVELAND and STERETT from  
U.S. DESTROYERS STERETT) Espiritu Santo. RENSHAW from Noumea.  
RENSHAW)

KYBRA Departed Sydney 1731L/7, arrived Jervis Bay 0717L/8, for exercises with R.A.A.F.

M.L.823 Departed Sydney 1101L/8 for Jervis Bay for working up.

MILDURA Arrived Sydney 0714L/8 from escorting OC.131.

WILCANNIA Is to escort CABLE ENTERPRISE ETD. Sydney Heads 0800L/9 bound Norfolk Island to 159° E, then return Sydney.

M.L.801 and 806 ETD.Sydney 1000L/9 with GP.73.

WARRNAMBOOL Departed Sydney 2212L/8 to rendezvous CO.133 off Newcastle.

LATROBE Escorting DT.54 departed Darwin 0614L/8.

AIR RAIDS

KIRIWINA - Yellow 2030L/8, Red 2150, Raid 2210, All Clear.  
 GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow, Red 2051L/8, Raid 2140.  
 MORESBY - Yellow 0900L/8, White 0928L/8.

S/M D/F FIXES.

1. At 0105L/9 about 40 miles North of Finschhaven. Classification VICTOR (within 250 miles). Ships and authorities concerned were informed.
2. At 0106L/9 about 300 miles S.S.E. of Port Moresby. Classification NAN (within 100 miles). Ships and Authorities concerned were informed. AF warning issued to BAMS.5C.

SSSS FROM WILLIAM MATSON.

At 1728L/8 WILLIAM MATSON (Liberty ship Hobart/Bombay ETA.21/10) made SSSS in position 33° 17' S., 112° 14' E. N.O.I.C. Fremantle warned BAMS 5A and arranged Aircraft search.

REPORTED SUBMARINE ATTACK S.E. OF SMOKY CAPE.

MORESBY and GLENELG ETA. Caloundra 1600L/9, search having proved negative. Air search continued until dark/8 and one Beaufort was to search area from dusk to midnight/8. An aircraft sighted a possible oil slick about 35 miles S.E. of Smoky Cape at 1635L/8. Position is about 20 miles S.E. of position of reported attack. M.L.821 was advised and ordered to continue hunt until further orders.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900L/Friday, 8th October, 1943.

✓ "STUART" arrived Port Melbourne at 1430L/7 from escort duties E. of Brisbane.

✓ "ARUNTA" arrived Port Melbourne 2135L/7 from escort duties eastward with "HERMITAGE".

✓ "ARUNTA" ) E.T.D. Port Phillip 0900L/11 escorting P.V. 4 (3 ships) to  
"STUART" ) Townsville and thence to Milne Bay as ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville.

✓ "ADELAIDE" departed Fremantle at 1330L/7 escorting "GEORGE WASHINGTON" to rendezvous with H.M.S. "HAWKINS" at 1300L/11 in position 019°10'S. 093°35'E. Then to return Fremantle - "VAN GALEN" will act as additional escort until 2200L/8.

✓ "VENDETTA" departs Brisbane at 2359L/7 to rendezvous with "WEST KENT" at 0700L/9 and escort to Sydney - E.T.A. 1000L/10.

✓ "TJERK HIDDUS" returned Fremantle 0210L/7 from escort duties.

✓ "GLADSTONE" arrived Port Moresby at 1316L/7 escorting T.N. 163 "A".

✓ "BUNBURY" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1250L/7 escorting T.N. 163 "B".  
"BOWEN" ) Departed at 1630L/7 escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" to Townsville E.T.A. 0330L/10.

✓ "KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns at 1203L/7 on completion escort duties with P.T. 31.  
Cairns

✓ "COLAC" is returning/due to boiler room defects (previously escorting T.N. 164).

✓ "BENALLA" departed Cairns at 1413L/7 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1200L/9.

✓ "KAPUNDA" arrived Townsville at 1000L/7 from Port Moresby - on completion escort duties with N.T. 56.

✓ "SWAN" ) will depart Cairns to rendezvous with P.C. 477 escorting  
"KATOOMBA" ) T.N. 165 off Fitzroy Island Light at 0700L/8. "SWAN"  
S.C. 746 ) "KATOOMBA" and S.C. 746 - E.T.A. Milne Bay with section  
"B" 1800L/10. P.C. 477 E.T.A. Port Moresby with  
section "A" 1800L/10. Total convoy (7 ships) also  
P.T's 193, 195 and 196 in tow for Milne Bay.

✓ "SHEPPARTON" arrived Brisbane at 1957L/7 from Cairns.

✓ "GEELONG" ) arrived Brisbane 0727L/7 from escort duties.

S.C. 741 )

S.C. 735 )

✓ "BUNDABERG" ) arrived Sydney at 1750L/7 escorting Sydney section  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) O.C. 131.

✓ M.L. 805 departed Townsville at 1600L/7 with T.N. 165 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0900L/8.

✓ M.L. 424 arrived Milne Bay at 2024L/6 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 748 arrived Cairns at 1714L/7 from Townsville.

Y.P. 283 departed Townsville at 1804L/6 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1400L/11.

S.C. 732 arrived Milne Bay at 1400L/6 escorting "ADONIRAN JUDSON" from Oro Bay.

S.C. 650 arrived Brisbane at 0043L/7 from escort duties.

S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay at 1600L/6 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 0530L/7 for Oro Bay.

M.L.804 escorting "MERNCO" returned to Port Moresby at 1700L/6 - from unsuccessful cable repair duties.

M.L.802 was detached from C.O.132 in position 036°02'S. 150°32'E at 1030L/7 and proceeded to Twofold Bay with engine trouble.

✓ "BINGERA" arrived Port Melbourne at 1601L/7 from F.N.D.

✓ "MIZAR" departed Sydney at 0814L/7 for Brisbane.

✓ "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Brisbane at 1142L/7 for Sydney.

✓ "MANUNDA" arrived Brisbane at 1045L/6 from Port Moresby.

✓ "STELLA MARIS" } departed Townsville at 1100L/7 for Thursday Island  
✓ "AMOHINE" } via Cairns.

✓ "HALF MOON" (U.S. Seaplane tender) arrived Namoi Bay - Sariba Island off Milne Bay at 1320L/6.

✓ "ELLAN" departed Gladstone at 1400L/7 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200L/10.

✓ "ALGORAB" (U.S. Auc.) arrived Newcastle at 1415L/7 from Sydney.

#### ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

Reported Torpedo attack on Convoy G.P.72 in position 15 miles S.E. of Smoky Cape.

At 1234L/7 "ROCKHAMPTON" reported Torpedo sighted at 1200L/7 in above position and that "GLENELG" was attacking contact.

At 1310L/7 One Beaufort was airborne to search area.

At 1540L/7 C.S.W.P.S.F. warned all shipping in area 5B.

At 1549L/7 N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered MORESBY, GLENELG and M.L. 821 to detach from Convoy and hunt for submarine.

At 1855L/7 "ROCKHAMPTON" reported that "GLENELG" reported contact was lost - 37 depth charges were expended - possible oil slick sighted but doubtful.

#### AIRCRAFT A/S SEARCHES 8/10.

1. Zamba to Camden Haven to seaward 90 miles.
2. Smoky Cape to Port Steven to seaward 90 miles.
3. Coff's Harbour to Seal Rocks to seaward 45 miles.

D/F of ENEMY SUBMARINE at 2030L/7 within 250 miles of a position 120 miles E.S.E. of Milne Bay - Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

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To 0900K/Thursday 7th October, 1943.

"STUART" E.T.A. Melbourne 1200L/7 from Brisbane.

"ARUNTA" made rendezvous with "HERMITAGE" off Port Phillip Heads at 1015L/6 and will escort to position 38°57'S. 151°35'E then detach and return Melbourne.

"CLEVELAND" (U.S. Cruiser) and "STERRETT" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Espiritu Santo 4/10 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700L/8.

"RENSHAW" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Noumea about 5/10 for Sydney. E.T.A. forenoon 8/10.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney at 0021L/6 to rendezvous with "HELM" and "BENDIGO" escorting P.V. 3 and provide additional escort. E.T.A. Townsville P.M/11.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns at 1315L/6 from Port Moresby.

"PIRIE" } departed Cairns at 0803L/6 to rendezvous with "BAGLEY" and  
"WAGGA" } "WARREGO" escorting T.N. 164 (9 ships) off Fitzroy Island.  
"COLAC" departed Cairns at 1205L/6 to join T.N. 164 and joined  
as additional escort. E.T.A. T.N. 164 Milne Bay 1200L/8.

"GYMPIE" returned to Cairns from escort duties with T.N. 163 because of defect in main boiler room fan.

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane at 0616L/6 escorting L.Q. 17.

"GEELONG" } departed Brisbane at 1632L/5 escorting G.L.18 (4 ships)  
S.C. 741 } also "PULLUX" and "PORTUNUS".  
S.C. 735 }  
P.C. 1123 }

"KALGOORLIE" } departed Newcastle at 1225L/6 escorting Newcastle section  
"ECHUCA" } C.O.132.

"DELORAINE" departed Sydney at 1631L/6 escorting Sydney section C.O.132 - total convoy 6 ships.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Sydney at 0753L/6 escorting G.P.72 (3 ships)  
"GLENELG" } E.T.A. Caloundra 2053L/8.  
"MORESBY" }

"BROOME" } arrived Sydney at 1053L/6 from escort duties with G.P.71.  
"WILCANNIA" }  
"A. CRIJNSSEN" }

L.S.T.66 arrived Townsville at 1920L/5 from Brisbane.

S.C. 746 arrived Cairns at 1550L/6 from Townsville.

TASK UNIT 76.9.5(A.P.C.3 and 13, L.C.T's 86, 360 and 385) E.T.D. Port Stephens 0500L/6 for Brisbane. E.T.A. Moreton Bay 1700L/10.

YMS.8 arrived Port Moresby at 1301L/5 from Thursday Island.

M.L.802 will rendezvous with C.O.132 in position 035°39'S, 150°41'E at 0700L/7 and provide additional escort until daylight/8 then to proceed to Twofold Bay.

M.L.821 will rendezvous with G.P.72 in position 31°05'S, 153°19'E at 1200L/7 and provide additional escort until daylight/8 then return to Coff's Harbour.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Sydney 0800L/7 for Brisbane.

"TULSA" arrived Sydney at 1140L/6 from Brisbane.

YP.291 arrived Townsville at 1220L/6 from Brisbane.

"BINGERA" E.T.D. Port Phillip 1900L/6 from Westernport.

"ELLAN" arrived Gladstone at 1000L/6 from Brisbane en route to Milne Bay.

"HERON" arrived Townsville at 1250L/6 from Brisbane.

"WATO" towing 2 barges, departed Port Moresby at 0751L/6 for Milne Bay.  
E.T.A. P.M/8.

D/F FIXES were obtained A.M/8 of enemy surface craft between Bougainville Island and Kiriwina. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

AIR RAID WARNING KIRIWINA 1550L/6 - All Clear 1638L/6.

Davenport (U.S. Small Ships section) 911 gross ton. Burnt out by fire started by back fire starboard boiler - vessel towed out of harbour and sank at 1105L/5.

No serious injuries to personnel.

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T. 2900L/Wednesday, 6th October, 1943.

M.L. 427 arrived Morobe 1842L/3 from Buna; departed 1800L/4 for Buna.

P.C. 1181 escorting "JANSSENS" departed Milne Bay 1145L/4 for Kiriwina, E.T.A. 0800L/5.

S.C. 732 departed Milne Bay 0950L/4 escorting Y.13 to Buna, E.T.A. 1300L/5.

S.C. 744 escorting "KARSIK" departed Milne Bay 0400L/4 for Goodenough Island, E.T.A. 1900L/4, thence Buna.

YMS. 335 escorting "BARBARA" C. arrived Milne Bay 1433L/4 from Port Moresby.

"CONYNGHAM" departed Milne Bay 1500L/4 for Brisbane.

M.L. 425 } escorting M.B.12 arrived Milne Bay 1600L/4.  
P.C. 479 }

"SWAN" departed Port Moresby 1831L/4 for Cairns.

M.L. 804 departed Port Moresby 1420L/4 escorting "MERNOO" to Caution Bay to retrieve parted cable and recommence laying operations.

"TANGALOOMA" (A.S.R.) arrived Port Moresby 1631L/4.

"GERARD" arrived Thursday Island 1420L/4 from Portland Roads.

"WAGGA" } arrived Cairns 1401L/5 from Milne Bay.  
"COLAC" }  
P.C. 1119 }

"GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 163 is returning Cairns because of defect in main boiler room fan.

"GLADSTONE" is to proceed Port Moresby with T.N. 162A in place of "GYMPIE".

S.C. 748 arrived Townsville 1204L/5 from Brisbane.

"WARREGO" arrived Townsville 0640L/5 from Brisbane.

"BAGLEY" arrived Townsville 1620L/4 from Milne Bay.

"BAGLEY" } escorting T.N. 164 (ex P.V.2) departed Townsville 1900L/5;  
"WARREGO" } E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/8. "BAGLEY" on arrival to proceed to join C.T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"PIRIE" } to rendezvous T.N. 164 off Fitzroy Island 1000L/8.  
"COLAC" }  
"WAGGA" }

"VENDETTA" escorting "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" arrived Brisbane 0831L/5.

P.C. 476 returned Brisbane 1313L/5 from escorting Q.L.17.

P.C. 477 departed Caloundra 1125L/5 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200L/7.

S.C. 650 departed Caloundra 1308L/5 escorting "CALSDON" to Lady Elliot Island thence returning Brisbane.

"GEELONG" returned Brisbane 0905L/5 from escorting "KURUMBA".

"WILCANNIA" } escorting G.P.71 arrived Brisbane 1714L/4; departed  
"A. SRIJHSEN" } 1850L/4 for Sydney.  
"BROOME" }

L.S.T. 26 departed Noumea 0800L/4 for Brisbane E.T.A. A.M/8.

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney 0640L/5 from escorting O.C. 130.

"DIXIE" } arrived Noumea 1400L/4 from Sydney.  
"WILSON" }

U.S. DESTROYER "RENSHAW" E.T.D. Noumea 1500L/5 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1000L/8.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 151 departed Port Phillip 2321L/4; escorting C.O.131 arrived Port Moresby 1224L/5.

"HERMITAGE" E.T.D. Port Phillip 0900L/6 for Dora Bora.

"ARUNTA" to R.V. "HERMITAGE" off Port Phillip Heads and escort to 38°57'S, 151°35'E thence return Melbourne.

"BINGERA" arrived Westernport 1220L/5 from Sydney.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Darwin 1245L/5 for Melville Bay E.T.A. 1030L/7.

"COGTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULOOLOO" arrived Darwin 2115L/4 from Thursday Island.

"TASMAN" departed Milne Bay 1500L/4 for Townsville.

AIR RAIDS -

KIRIWINA - Yellow 1929L/5.  
Red 1931.  
Raid in progress 1956  
All clear 2138.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND -  
Yellow 1932L/5.  
Raid in progress 2036.  
All clear 2128.

MILNE BAY - Yellow 2008L/5.  
Red 2027.  
All clear 2038.

PORT MORESBY - Yellow 1927L/5.  
All clear 2034.

No details of raids are available.

U.S.S. "HENLEY" SUNK -

by torpedo presumably from Jap submarine at 0715L/3 in position 07°24'S, 148°08'E (about 30 miles off Morobe). One officer and 28 men are reported missing.

A/C report of submarine in Vitiaz Strait. -

Aircraft reported sighting a submarine on surface in position 05°50'S, 147°15'E, course 010° at 2325L/5. Position is in Vitiaz Strait. Submarine submerged and no attack was made.

FA2 (U.S. ARMY SMALL CRAFT) -

is still ashore about 120 miles N. of Cooktown and requires tug and lighter. N.O.I.C. Cairns has been instructed to arrange for tug JAMES WALLACE to proceed to her assistance.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday 5th October, 1943.

M.L. 424 arrived Morobe 1943L/2.

"TROPIC BIRD" arrived Goodenough Island 1645L/3.

S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay 1344L/3 from Porlock Harbour.

S.C. 732 escorting Y.13 departed Milne Bay 0950L/4 for Buna - E.T.A. 1300L/5.

"PALUMA" arrived Milne Bay 1106L/4 from Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" } escorting T.N. 162B arrived Milne Bay 0608L/4.

S.C. 737

"KATOOMBA" } escorting F.T. 31 departed Milne Bay 1400L/4.

A.P.C. 9 and 20 arrived Milne Bay 2330L/3 from Cairns

"WAGGA" } arrived Milne Bay 1045L/3 from escorting T.N. 161,

"COLAC" } departed 1440L/3 for Townsville E.T.A. 1700L/5.

P.C. 1119 }

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 56 departed Port Moresby 0630L/4.

M.L. 804 escorting "MERNOO" returned Port Moresby 2100L/3, cable having parted.

"SHEPARDON" departed Cairns 0828L/4 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1700L/7.

"GYMPIE" } departed Cairns 1821L/4 to rendezvous T.N. 163 off

"BOWEN" } Fitzroy Island 1900L/4, "GYMPIE" and portion A. E.T.A.

"BUNBURY" } Port Moresby 1400L/7, "BOWEN", "BUNBURY", and "GLADSTONE"

"GLADSTONE" } and portion B. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400L/7.

"BAGLEY" } escorting T.N. 164 (ex P.V. 2) E.T.D. Townsville 1900L/5,

"WARREGO" } E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200L/8.

"PIRIE" } to rendezvous T.N. 164 off Fitzroy Island 1000L/6.

"COLAC" }

"WAGGA" }

"GOULBURN" escorting L.Q. 17 departed Gladstone 1800L/4.

"ARUNTA" departed Caloundra 1152L/4 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1400L/6.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane 2019L/3 to rendezvous "WILLARD A. HOLBROOK" in position 27°30'S, 159°15'E at 1101L/4 and escort to Brisbane.

"STUART" departed Brisbane 1143L/4 escorting "DOSHFONTAIN" to 159°E whence "STUART" proceeds to Melbourne - E.T.A. 1700L/7.

YP. 291 departed Brisbane 1341L/3 for Palm Island Townsville and Thursday Island.

"MACOMA" } arrived Port Kembla 1725L/4.

"EVERON" (NAP). }

U.S. CRUISER "CLEVELAND" } E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 4/10 for Sydney.

U.S. DESTROYER "STERETT" }

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting O.C. 130 arrived Sydney 1805L/4.

"GLENELG" }

"DELORAINE" } escorting P.C. 70 arrived Sydney 1542L/4.

"ECHUCA" }

"HERMITAGE" arrived Port Melbourne 1231L/4 from Bombay.

"HELM & "BENDIGO" escorting P.V. 3 departed Port Phillip 0953L/4.

"DUBBO" returned Fremantle 1101L/4 from escort duty.

"TJERK HIDDEN" is to rendezvous "GEORGE WASHINGTON" at 1101L/5 in position 36°12'S, 115 32'E and escort to Fremantle.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX

Classification V (within 250 miles) at 0209L/5 in "VITIAZ Strait area passed to A.I.C. 385.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 4th October, 1943.

"HELM" arrived Melbourne at 0745K/1 from Sydney

"BAGLEY" departed Milne Bay at 1300K/3 E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/4.

"ARUNTA" } arrived Brisbane at 0543L/3 from escort duties with convoy  
"STUART" } P.V. 2. "ARUNTA" is to proceed Melbourne E.T.A. 1400L/6

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Sydney at 1858L/3 on completion escort duties with P.V. 2.

"HELM" } E.T.D. Port Phillip - 1000L/4 escorting P.V. 3 (3 ships).  
"BLINDIGO" }

"EVAN" } arrived Port Moresby at 2000L/3 escorting T.N. 162 "A".  
"KAPUNDA" }

"KATOGMBA" E.T.D. Milne Bay A.M/4 escorting "S. HALL YOUNG" to Cairns.

"WAGGA" } departed Milne Bay at 1430L/3 for Townsville E.T.A. 1700L/5.  
"COLAC" }

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Cairns at 0904L/3 from Milne Bay.

"GEELONG" departed Brisbane at 1706L/3 escorting "KURUMBA" for Palm Is. as far as Lady Elliot Island "GEELONG" then returns Brisbane. "KURUMBA" E.T.A. Palm Island 0900L/6.

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin at 1806L/3 escorting T.D. 33 from Thursday Is.

"INVERELL" arrived Darwin at 1545L/3 escorting "WANAKA" from Melville Bay

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island at 2229K/2 escorting "CARDROSS" from Darwin.

"HALF MOON" (U.S. Seaplane tender) departed Caloundra at 1318K/2 northbound.

"WATO" (Tug) arrived Port Moresby at 1505L/3 towing 2 baefws from Thursday Island.

M.L.804 departed Caution Bay - vicinity Port Moresby at 1000L/2 escorting "MERNOO" laying cable to Stephens Is. thence to Cape York E.T.A. 6/10.

YMS.52 escorting L.C.T's 166, 359 and 393 arrived Milne Bay at 1000L/3 from Cairns.

YP.236 departed Cairns at 1445L/3 E.T.A. Mackay 0900L/5 then to Brisbane E.T.A. 1200L/8.

M.L.427 arrived Buna 2/10 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 982 arrived Milne Bay at 0815K/2 from Oro Bay.

TASK UNIT 76.9.4 (L.C.1. 225 and 230) when ready 5/10 to depart Port Stephens for Toorbul.

TASK UNIT 76.9.5 (A.P.C.3 and 15, L.C.T's 86, 360 and 385) when ready about 5/10 depart Port Stephens for Brisbane.

P.C. 479 and M.L. 425 departed Port Moresby 1415L/3 escorting MB.12 (2 ships) for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600L/4.

S.C. 748 } departed Milne Bay at 0600K/2 escorting F.T. 30 (2 ships)  
A.P.C.19 } E.T.A. Townsville 1600L/7. S.C. 748 then proceed Cairns for repairs and A.P.C.19 is to proceed Brisbane

L.S.T.170 arrived Townsville 0520L/3 from Brisbane.

M.L.808 departed Sydney at 1330L/3 for Jarvis Bay - (working up exercises) E.T.A. 2030L/3.

M.L.803 arrived Sydney at 1000L/3.

"BASHER" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Darwin 2/10 and departed at 1230.

"ORARA" departed Melbourne at 1701L/3 for S.C.F. 18.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Townsville at 0915L/3 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 0500L/7. Then to Sydney.

"BINGERA" departed Sydney at 0950L/3 for Westernport E.T.A. 1400L/5.

"PING WO" arrived Sydney at 1605L/3 for Newcastle.

"GERARD" and "HOONA" departed Portland Roads at 1015L/3 for Thursday Island.

"ELLAN" departed Caloundra 1531L/3 for Milne Bay E.T.A. Gladstone A.M/5.

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M O S T   S E C R E T.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 1943.

SHROPSHIRE arrived Sydney at 0649K/2 from Fremantle.

MANCORA ) arrived Sydney at 1430K/2 from Port Stephens.  
WESTRALIA )

ARUNTA ) E.T.A. Brisbane 0600L/3 from escort duties with P.V.2.  
STUART )

WARRAMUNGA E.T.A. Sydney 1700L/3 from escort duties with P.V.2.

BEVALLA arrived Cairns at 1047K/2 from Milne Bay.

PIREE arrived Cairns at 1247K/2 from Milne Bay.

POWEN ) arrived Cairns at 0047K/2 on completion escort duties  
GYMPLE ) with F.T.29.

WARREGO ) Departed Caloundra at 1514K/2 escorting C.L.17 (4 ships)  
LITHGOW ) including L.S.T.66 and M.L.805 being towed. P.C.478  
SC741 ) detaches at Lady Elliot Is. and joins L.C.17.  
P.C.478 )

AFARAT ) Arrived Brisbane at 0743K/2 escorting L.C.16.  
S.C.850 )  
P.C.1122 )  
P.C.1123 )

DELOBRAINE ) arrived Brisbane at 2218K/1 escorting C.P.70 - Escorts  
ECHUCA ) departed Caloundra at 1218K/2 escorting P.C.70 (6 ships)  
KALGOORLIE ) E.T.A. Sydney 2200L/4.

WILCANNIA ) departed Sydney at 0800K/2 escorting Sydney section  
ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN ) C.P.71. E.T.A. Caloundra 1800K/4.  
W.L.421 )

EROGNE departed Sydney at 0710K/2 to R/V with Newcastle section  
C.P.71. Total convoy 2 ships.

TOWNSVILLE ) departed Sydney at 0335K/2 to R/V with Newcastle section  
MILDORA ) C.O.131. M.L.430 with Newcastle section departed  
Newcastle at 0940K/2 and arrived Sydney at 1714K/2.

BUNDABERG departed Sydney at 1543K/2 escorting Sydney section C.O.131  
to R/V with Newcastle section - Total convoy 10 ships.

BENDIGO returned Melbourne at 0857K/2 on completion escort duties  
with convoy P.V.2.

DOONEA arrived Melbourne at 1433K/2, escorting C.O.150.

S.C.962 departed Oro Bay at 1507K/1 escorting Cape Constance (en  
route to Townsville) to vicinity Milne Bay.

Y.P.236 arrived Cairns at 1247K/2 from Port Moresby.

M.L.802 is to R/V with C.C.130 in position 037° 49' South 150° 01' East  
at 1500L/3 and escort until Point Perpendicular is abeam then  
proceed Jervis Bay.

Y.P.291 E.T.D. Caloundra 1200L/3 for Palm Island E.T.A. 0700L/6.

SILVERSIDES (U.S. SUB.) will exercise in Moreton Bay until 1800L/3 then depart Caloundra with escort for exercises until about 2000L/4.

COD ) H.S. Submarines arrived Brisbane at 0612K/2 from patrol.  
NARVAL )

ALLENWOOD departs Williamstown at 0830L/4 for S.C.F.S. KOROWA to return Williamstown PM/8.

YMS. 335. escorting BARBARA "C" depart Port Moresby at 0850K/2 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 2050L/3.

GUNLEAF ) arrived Sydney at 1801K/2 escorting 9 L.C.Vs. 7 L.C.A.  
NARANI ) and 2 L.C.Ms from Port Stephens.

ML. 822. Commissioned at Sydney 30/9 under command of Lieut. R.B.H. Wallis, R.A.N.V.R.

LAURAEADA departed Milne Bay at 0830K/1 for survey duties.

KILLEARN (H.A.P.) departed Milne Bay at 1220K/1 for A.S.R. duties at Buna. E.T.A. AM/3.

SAMUEL BENBOW with FALIE in tow arrived Sydney at 1744K/1 from Newcastle.

NIEW AMSTERDAM arrived Wellington at 0440K/2 from Melbourne.

TASMAN (Hospital Ship) arrived Milne Bay at 0833K/2, from Brisbane.

Enemy Submarine passed Cape Orford, northbound at 0843K/2.

GERARD en route Cairns to Thursday Is. towing HOONA was ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville at 0900K/2 to proceed to assistance of F.A.2 (small craft 100 ft.) who reported hitting reef in position 14° South 144° East. (120 miles N.W. Cooktown).

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Saturday, 2nd October, 1943.

S.C. 982 escorting "JOHN ROSS" and "JOSEPH LANE" (ex T.N. 159) departed North Foreland 0920K/30 for Oro Bay.

✓ "BAGLEY" arrived Milne Bay 1020K/1 from Townsville.

✓ "SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay 0900K/1 for Cairns - E.T.A. 0500K/3.

× "PIRIE" departed Milne Bay 1605K/30 - E.T.A. Grafton Passage 1259K/2.

S.C. 731 and 732 arrived Milne Bay 2010K/30 from Port Moresby.

✓ M.L. 427 departed Milne Bay 1110K/1 for Goodenough Island - E.T.A. 1800K/1 and Buna.

YMS. 335 departed Port Moresby 1615K/1 escorting "BARBARA C". towing barge for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1515K/3.

L.C. 1 224 and another arrived Port Moresby 1200K/1 from Milne Bay.

✓ "COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ULULOO" departed Thursday Island 1430K/1 for Darwin.

× "SWAN" } departed Cairns 0645K/1 to rendezvous T.N. 162 escorted  
"KATOOMBA" } by S.C. 737 off Fitzroy Island 0900K/1, "SWAN" and  
"KAPUNDA" } "KAPUNDA" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1400K/3 with Portion A  
"KATOOMBA" and S.C. 737 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1400K/3 with Portion B.

✓ "BUNBURY" } arrived Cairns 1115K/1 from escorting N.T. 55.

✓ "GLADSTONE" }  
A.P.C. 9 and 20 } departed Cairns 1001K/1 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800L/3

✓ "AMOHINE" departed Townsville 1640K/30 but returned 2040K/30 due to (ASR). engine defect, and will not proceed with A.P.C. 9 and 20.

✓ "BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville 1256K/1 from Port Moresby.

× "ARARAT" } escorting L.Q. 16 departed Gladstone 2200K/30.  
P.C. 1122 and 1123 }  
S.C. 650 }

✓ "VENDETTA" departed Caloundra 2209K/30, escorting "PRESIDENT JOHNSON" arrived Brisbane 0022K/2.

✓ "POLLUX" arrived Brisbane 1036K/1 for Sydney.

"SCAMP" arrived Brisbane 0410K/1.

"WARREGO" E.T.D. Brisbane 1600K/2 for Townsville E.T.A. 1500K/5.

✓ "SAMUEL BENBOW" towing "FALIE" departed Newcastle 0545K/1 for Sydney.

M.L. 430 escorting P.G. 69 arrived Newcastle 2320K/30.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Sydney 1010K/1 from escorting C.O. 129.

M.L. 320 arrived Sydney 1135K/1 from Newcastle.

✓ "HELM" departed Sydney 1534K/1 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 0600K/3.

✓ "WILCANNIA" } escorting P.G. 69 arrived Sydney 0644K/1.  
"CASTLEMAINE" }  
"A. CRIJNSSEN" }

✓ "GOLDSTAR" arrived Sydney 0644K/1 from Brisbane.

U.S. Destroyer Tender "DIXIE" } departed Sydney 1206K/1 for  
 U.S. Destroyers "CONWAY", "WILSON" } Noumea.

"ORARA" E.T.D. Melbourne 1700K/3 for S.C.F. 18.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 130 departed Port Phillip 2225K/1.

YF. 286 arrived Fremantle 1617K/1 from Exmouth Gulf.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" departed Melville Bay 1230K/1 for  
 Darwin - E.T.A. 1230K/3.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

At 1845K/1 in Huon Gulf area, classification  
 "VICTOR" passed to A.I.G. 365.

"SHWEDAGON" AGROUND AND REFLOATED.

"LATROBE" escorting "SHWEDAGON" and "BURWAH"  
 (T.D. 33) departed Thursday Island 0341K/29 for Darwin - E.T.A.  
 1300K/3. At 1601K/1, "LATROBE" reported "SHWEDAGON" aground in  
 position 46 miles 296° from Cape Stewart at dead low water and holed  
 in No. 1 hold, being lightened and "BURWAH" trying to get her off.  
 At 1901K/1 "LATROBE" reported "SHWEDAGON" refloated and proceeding, dama-  
 ge slight, cargo loss small. "SHWEDAGON" is a tanker of 3391 tons  
 gross with a cargo of motor spirit and automotive Diesel oil.

H.M.A.S. "LADAVA" -

Naval Base, Milne Bay, was commissioned as  
 H.M.A.S. "LADAVA" at 0800K/1.

H.M.A.S. "WHANGPU"

Was commissioned as tender to H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN"  
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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 1st October, 1943.

"BENALLA" departed Milne Bay 1 00K/30 for Cairns.

S.C. 747 escorting "JULIAN DUBURGE" arrived Oro Bay 0625K/29 from Milne Bay.

"BOWEN"  
"GYMPIE"  
S.C. 750 & 747 } escorting F.T. 29 departed Oro Bay 1545K/29, passed North Foreland 0620K/30 - E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/2.

"MAHAN"  
"DOBBIN"  
"SUSCUHANNA" } arrived Milne Bay 0940K/30 from Townsville.

S.C. 981 escorting Y.13 arrived Milne Bay 1025K/30.

"PIRIE"  
P.C. 1121  
S.C. 738 } escorting T.N. 159 arrived Milne Bay 0920K/30.

S.C. 982 escorting "EDNA" arrived Milne Bay 1830K/29.

Y.P. 236 departed Port Moresby 0801K/30 for Cairns E.T.A. 1500K/2.

"PALUMA" departed Port Moresby 0806K/30 for Milne Bay E.T.A. P.M/2.

M.L. 804 departed Port Moresby 1240K/29 escorting "MERNOO" for cable laying from Caution Bay to Stephens and Thursday Island.

YMS. 335 escorting Y.14 arrived Port Moresby 1500K/29 for Milne Bay.

"GLADSTONE"  
"BUNBURY" } escorting N.T. 55 departed Port Moresby 1730K/29.

"TANGALOOMA" departed Thursday Island 0709K/30 for Port Moresby (A.S.R.) E.T.A. P.M/3.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 2151K/29 for Port Moresby.

A.P.C. 20 arrived Cairns 1306K/30.

"GERARD" towing "HOONA" (A.S.R.) departed Cairns 2135K/30 for Thursday Island via Portland Roads.

"COPAHEE" arrived Brisbane 0730K/30 from Townsville 0900K/1 for San Diego.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 1357K/30 from escorting Q.L.16.

S.C. 741 escorting "KURUMBA" arrived Brisbane 1027K/30 for Gladstone.

"COUCAL" towing L.S.T. 741 and "SPRIGHTLY" towing L.S.T. 473 escorted by S.C. 746 arrived Brisbane 0156K/30 for Townsville.

YMS. 10 escorting L.C.M. 510, 511, 512, 514 and 515 arrived Brisbane 1335K/30.

"MANOORA"  
"WESTRALIA" } E.T.D. Port Stephens 0700K/2 for Sydney to fuel and store.

M.L. 820 arrived Newcastle 2140K/30 for escorting P.C. 69.

"AASE MAERSK" departed Sydney 1002K/30 for Melbourne.

"MIZAR" arrived Sydney 1002K/30 for Melbourne.

"MILDURA"  
"TOWNSVILLE" } escorting O.C. 129 arrived Sydney 2200K/30.

"BENBIGO" E.T.A. Melbourne 0500K/2 from escorting P.V. 2.

"CHILDS" arrived "HERON HAVEN" from Exmouth Gulf 0045K/1.

"MANUNDA" departed Townsville 1843K/30 for Port Moresby.

REMY MINE ASHORE:

A German type mine was reported at 2220K/29 to be ashore 2 miles east of Lonsdale Light.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX in Huon Gulf area at 2014K/30 was passed to A.I.G. 365.

AIR RAID WARNING:

WESTERN AREA.

Warning 1814K/30.

All clear 1843K/30.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Thursday, 30th September, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" returned Fremantle 0925K/29 from escort duties.

"VENDETTA" ) departed Brisbane 1705K/29 escorting QL.16 (10 ships) with  
"ARARAT" ) "BUNGAREE" and L.S.T. 170 in company. "VENDETTA" detaches  
S.C. 650 ) at Lady Elliot Island and returns to Caloundra.  
P.C. 1122 )  
P.C. 1123 )

"BALLARD" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Sydney at 1647K/29 for Espiritu Santo  
E.T.A. 3/10.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay at 1000K/29 for Lae.

"BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay at 1437K/29 from survey grounds.

"TULSA" departed Port Moresby at 1303K/29 - E.T.A. Caloundra 2200K/3.

"GLADSTONE" ) arrived Port Moresby at 0808K/29 escorting T.N. 160 - E.T.D.  
"BUNBURY" ) Port Moresby 1700K/29 escorting N.T. 55 (2 ships).

"WACGA" ) departed Cairns at 0705K/29 so as to rendezvous with  
"COLAC" ) "BAGLEY" escorting T.N. 161 (3 ships) off Fitzroy Island  
P.C. 1119 ) light at 0900K/29. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/1.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns at 1007K/29 from Milne Bay.

"LITHGOW" ) arrived Brisbane at 1728K/29 escorting L.Q.15.  
P.C. 476 )

"DELORAINNE" ) departed Sydney at 0756K/29 escorting G.P.70 (4 ships)  
"ECHUCA" ) E.T.A. Caloundra 0030K/2.  
"KALGOORLIE" )

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney at 0925K/29 to join "ROCKHAMPTON" and M.L.813  
with Newcastle section C.O.130 off Newcastle and escort to  
Sydney.

"WARRNAMBOOL" and M.L.813 arrived Sydney at 1759K/29 on completion escort  
duties with Newcastle section C.O.130.

"MORESBY" ) departed Sydney at 1610K/29 escorting Sydney section C.O.130 -  
"GLENELG" ) to join Newcastle section off Sydney.

"POLLUX" departed Sydney at 1003K/29 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1400K/2.

"LATROBE" departed Thursday Island 0341K/29 escorting T.D. 33 (2 ships)  
E.T.A. Darwin 1300K/3.

YMS.8 departed Cairns at 0703K/29 for Bramble Cay to secure metal object  
reported to be in this vicinity.

YMS.334 arrived Brisbane at 1056K/29 from Noumea.

YMS.10 departed Caloundra at 1102K/29 to rendezvous with 5 L.C.Ms at Wide  
Bay and escort to Brisbane.

S.C. 741 departed Gladstone at 0545K/29 escorting "KURUMBA" to Brisbane.

YMS.52 departed Cairns at 1359K/29 escorting L.C.T's 166, 359 and 393 to  
Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1400K/2.

P.C. 479 arrived Port Moresby from Milne Bay at 1031K/29.

S.C. 731 and S.C. 732 departed Milne Bay at 1806K/29 for Port Moresby,  
E.T.A. 1230K/30.

P.C. 479 } when ready departed Port Moresby escorting "CLARENCE  
M.L. 425 } KING" and "VAN HEUTZ" to Milne Bay.  
S.C. 731 }  
S.C. 732 }

M.L. 430 } will rendezvous with P.G. 69 in position 30 miles N. of  
M.L. 820 } Solitary Island at 1300K/29 and provide additional  
 escort to Newcastle.

M.L. 802 will rendezvous with O.C. 129 in vicinity Gabo Island and  
 escort until daylight/30 then proceed to Jervis Bay.

✓ "BINGERA" arrived Sydney at 1852K/29 from Westernport.

✓ "PRESTON" (U.S. Seaplane tender) arrived Fremantle at 0925K/29 from  
 Exmouth Gulf.

✓ "ORARA" returned to Melbourne at 0841K/29 from S.C.F. 18.

✓ "SAMUEL BENBOW" towing "FALIE" arrived Newcastle at 1150K/29.

✓ "WATO" departed Thursday Island at 0634K/29 towing 2 barges to  
 Port Moresby. E.T.A. 3/10.

✓ "BURRABRA" (Target vessel) departed Sydney at 1728K/28 for Jervis  
 Bay.

"GEORGE WASHINGTON" arrived Hobart at 1506K/29 from "SAN PEDRO".

D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUBMARINE in Huon Gulf area at 0225K/30. Information  
 passed to A.I.G. 385.

"JAMES WALLACE" (U.S. Tug) CLAIMS to have sighted submarine which  
 crash dived in position off South Cape - vicinity Milne  
 Bay.

No time given - report received from Com. 7th Fleet at  
 1740K/29 - Not graded.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 29th September, 1943.

- ✓ "WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney at 0032K/29 to rendezvous with P.V. 2 in position 36°04'S. 151°38'E at 0800K/29 and act as additional escort.
- ✓ "MUGFORD" } U.S. Destroyers departed Townsville at 0430K/28 escorting  
✓ "MAHAN" } "DOBBIN" and "SUSQUEHANNA" to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1000K/30.
- ✓ "COPAHEE" (U.S. Auxiliary A/C carrier) departed Townsville at 0740K/28. E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/30.
- ✓ "SWAN" departed Port Moresby 0630K/28 escorting N.T. 54 ("CANBERRA") E.T.A. Cairns 2330K/29.
- ✓ "GYMPIE" } arrived Milne Bay at 1250K/27 escorting T.N. 158.  
✓ "BOWEN" }  
✓ "KAPUNDA" }  
✓ YMS. 335 }
- ✓ "GYMPIE" } departed Fall River 1220K/28 to rendezvous with "SEA SNIPE"  
✓ "BOWEN" } and "PENNANT". Convoy F.T. 29 in vicinity Oro Bay and escort to Townsville.
- ✓ "FREMANTLE" departed Darwin at 0538K/28 escorting "CARDROSS" to Thursday Island - E.T.A. 2359K/1.
- ✓ "LITHGOW" departed Caloundra at 0118K/28 and will join P.C. 476 escorting L.Q. 15 - 2 ships - (departing Gladstone at 0600K/28 (in vicinity of Lady Elliot Island and escort to Brisbane
- ✓ "WILCANNIA" } arrived Brisbane at 1138K/28 escorting G.P.6  
✓ "CASTLEMAINE" } including "BUNGAREE" - Escorts departed at 1405K/  
✓ "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" } 28 escorting P.C. 69 (10 ships) including "GOLD STAR" E.T.A. Sydney 0500K/1.
- ✓ "WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Newcastle at 0530K/27 escorting Newcastle section O.C. 128.
- "POLLUX" (U.S. Stores Ship) E.T.D. Sydney 1000K/29 for Brisbane.
- "DOOMBA" arrived Melbourne at 0857K/28 escorting C.O.129.
- YP.286 departed Exmouth Gulf 28/9 E.T.A. Fremantle 1/10.
- S.C. 982 departed Port Moresby at 1845K/27 escorting "EDNA" to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1045K/29.
- S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 1145K/27 escorting Y.15 to Buna, E.T.A. 1330K/28.
- S.C. 731 } departed Milne Bay at 1515K/27 escorting "HOWELL COBB" to  
S.C. 732 } Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1800K/28.
- S.C. 981 departed Port Moresby at 0600K/28 escorting Y.13 to Buna - E.T.A. 1530k/30.
- S.C. 747 departed Milne Bay at 0630K/28 escorting "JULIEH DUBUQUE" to Oro Bay - E.T.A. 2330K/28.
- YMS. 335 departed Milne Bay at 1025K/28 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0130K/30.
- S.C. 737 arrived Townsville at 1246K/28 from Brisbane.

M.L.803 is to rendezvous with C.O.130 in position 035°43' S.  
150°38' E at 0700K/30 and escort until daylight/1 then proceed  
to Twofold Bay.

"BLACKFISH" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane 0524K/28.

"TULSA" (U.S. GUNBOAT) E.T.D. Port Moresby.

"TASMAN" (Hospital Ship) departed Brisbane at 1235K/28 E.T.A. Milne  
Bay 2000K/1.

"WATO" (Tug) towing 2 barges arrived Thursday Island at 1140K/27 from  
Port Moresby.

"GERARD" towing "HOONA" arrived Cairns at 1511K/28 from Townsville.

STRIKE AT NEW GRAVING DOCK, SYDNEY, 28/9.

N.O.I.C. Sydney reported that all unions and employees  
on dock are involved.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

D/F Fix of Enemy submarine in Huon Gulf area at 1829K/28.  
Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 28th September, 1943.

"SHEPPARTON" - arrived Morobe 0300K/26 from Lae.

"KAPUNDA" departed Milne Bay 1715K/27 for Townsville - E.T.A. 2130K/29.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay 1145K/27 for Buna - E.T.A. 1500K/28.

S.C. 747 and 743 escorting "JOHN S. SARGENT" arrived Milne Bay 1430K/26 from Goodenough Island.

YMS. 355 arrived Milne Bay 1423K/27 from Cairns.

"SWAN" ) escorting T.N. 158A arrived Port Moresby 0930K/27.  
"M.I. 804" )

"LATROBE" escorting "SHWEDAGON" and "BURWAH" - E.T.D. Thursday Island 0100K/29 for Darwin.

YMS. 52 ) arrived Cairns 0756K/27 from Brisbane via  
L.C.T. 166, 359 and 393 ) Mackay.

P.C. 1119 and S.C. 738 arrived Cairns 1819K/26 from escorting F.T. 28.

"BAGLEY" to escort T.N. 161 E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/28.

"WAGGA", "COLAC" P.C. 1119 to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 0900K/29 and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1100K/1.

"GLADSTONE" ) escorting T.N. 160 departed Townsville 0100K/27 for  
"BUNBURY" ) Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800K/29.

"PIRIE" ) escorting T.N. 159 departed Townsville 0004K/27 for Milne  
P.C. 1121 ) Bay.

S.C. 738 departed Cairns 1540K/27 to rendezvous T.N. 159 off Fitzroy Island 1900K/27.

"LITHGOW" escorting "JOSEPH A. HOLMES", "TANCRED" and "CALEDONIAN SALVOR" arrived Brisbane 2335K/26.

"ARARAT" arrived Brisbane 0845K/27 from escorting Q.L.15.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 1231K/27 from escorting "DAY STAR".

"WIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 1130K/28 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0600K/30.

"FALIE" anchored night 27/28 off "NAMBUCCA".

"WARRAMUNGA" and "HELM" arrived Sydney 2117K/26 from escorting F.V. 1.

"BALLARD" E.T.D. Sydney 29/9 for Espiritu Santo.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting O.C. 128 arrived Sydney 2030K/27.  
"GLEWELG" )

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Melbourne 1806K/27 for Wellington - E.T.A. A.M. 2.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Fremantle 0805K/27 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0830K/2.

"CHILDS" arrived Exmouth Gulf A.M./26 from Fremantle.

"WILLIAM B. PRESTON" departed Exmouth Gulf 1800K/27 for Fremantle E.T.A. 1230K/28.

Y.P. 288 arrived Exmouth Gulf 1800K/27 from Fremantle.

SUBMARINE D/F FIXES A.M./28 in Huon Gulf/Solomons Sea area were passed to A.I.G. 365.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

- GOODENOUGH ISLAND - All Clear 1536K/27.
- PT. MORESBY - Red Warning 1510K/27.
- Yellow " 2141K/27.
- White " 2252K/27.

(Presumably two separate warnings).

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Monday 27th September, 1943.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Morobe 1015K/24 for Lae.

"MUGFORD" } departed Milne Bay 1600K/26 for Townsville E.T.A. 2100K/27.  
"MAHAN" }

S.C. 981 escorting Y.13 departed Milne Bay 0545K/25 arrived Port Moresby 1418K/26.

S.C. 743 and 747 escorting "JOHN S. SARGENT" departed Goodenough Island 0600K/26 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1400K/26.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay 0905K/25 from Buna.,

"ZANANA" arrived Kiriwina 1000K/26.

"PALUMA" arrived Port Moresby 1203K/26.

P.C. 479 escorting N.T. 53 departed Port Moresby 0630K/26, P.C. 479 to detach at Grafton Passage and return Port Moresby.

"KRITH CAM" arrived Cooktown 21/9 from Cairns - departed 0630K/26 for Thursday Island.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Townsville 0518K/26; escorting T.N. 160 to Port Moresby E.T.D. 0100K/27.

S.C. 746 escorting L.S.T. 471 towing U.S.S. COUCAL and SPRIGHTLY towing L.S.T. 463 departed Townsville 0830K/26 for Brisbane.

"PORTUNUS, P.C. 1120 and 1124) arrived Brisbane 0945K/26 from Noumea.  
L.S.T. 22, 68 and 171 )

"GEELONG" } escorting L.O. 14 arrived Brisbane 1830K/25.  
P.C. 1122 }  
S.C. 735 }

A.P.C. 9 and 20 departed Caloundra 1337K/26 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1200K/4.

"DELORAINE" towing M.L. 817 arrived Sydney 0934K/26 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "POLLUX" arrived Sydney 0805K/26.

"FALIE" Brisbane/Sydney reported at 1330K/26 "Engine failed" Require tow". Position given was off Smoky Cape.

"SAMUEL BENBOW" departed Newcastle 1954K/26 to provide towage for "FALIE".

"BINGERA" E.T.D. Westernport 1200K/27 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/1.

"TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Williamstown 1055K/26 from Fremantle.

"GOULBURN" arrived Melbourne 0821K/26 from Brisbane.

"ORARA" landed R.A.A.F. party at Pt. Albert 2100K/25 and has now resumed duty in S.C.F. 18.

"ARUNTA", "STUART", "GOULBURN", "BENDIGO", escorting P.V. 2 (9 ships) departed Port Phillip 0900K/27, "BENDIGO" to be detached to Melbourne from vicinity of 34°S, ships to proceed independently from Lady Elliot Island, whence "WARRAMUNGA" (to depart Sydney to rendezvous in 36°04'S, 151°38'E at 0800K/29) to return Sydney, "ARUNTA" and "STUART" to fuel at Brisbane and return Melbourne, "GOULBURN" to proceed Gladstone.

"JOSEPH A. HOLMES" towed by TANCRED escorted by LITHGOW ETA Brisbane 0700K

S/M D/F FIX at 1856K/26 in position 50 miles N. of Kiriwina Class A (with in 50 miles).

DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900K Sunday, 26th September, 1943.

SHROPSHIRE arrived Fremantle at 0855K/24. E.T.D. for Sydney A.M. 27th.

VENDETTA departed Brisbane at 0715K/25 escorting Q.L.14"A" to Lady Elliott Island. VENDETTA then proceeds to rendezvous with DAY STAR in position 26°05' S. 155°20' E at 1200K/26 and escort to vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

TROMP arrived Port Phillip at 0809K/26 escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM from Fremantle.

DOBBIN (U.S. Destroyer Tender) arrived Townsville at 0640K/25 from Mackay, for onward routing with escorts to Milne Bay.

WARRAMUNGA } E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/27 from escort duties with P.V.I.  
HELM }

COPAHEE (U.S. Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier) arrived Townsville at 1824K/24 from Port Curtis.

INVERELL departed Darwin at 1150K/25 escorting WANAKA to Melville Bay E.T.A. 1130K/27.

COOTAMUNDRA arrived Thursday Island at 1545K/25 escorting D.T.33 from Darwin.

HORSHAM arrived Fremantle from Broome at 1446K/25 escorting KOOLINDA.

FREMANTLE arrived Darwin at 1507K/25 escorting CARDROSS from Thursday Island.

KATOOMBA } arrived Cairns at 1935K/25 on completion escort duties  
COLAC }

ARARAT } departed Brisbane at 1658K/25 escorting Q.L.15.  
P.C. 476 } S.C. 737 on completion escort duties will proceed to  
S.C. 741 } Milne Bay via Townsville.  
S.C. 737 }

BUNDABERG } departed Newcastle at 0747K/24 escorting Newcastle  
BROOME }

TOWNSVILLE } departed Sydney at 1404K/25 to rendezvous with  
MILDURA } Newcastle section C.O.129. BROOME arrived Sydney at  
1528K/25 on completion escort duties with Newcastle  
section C.O.129 (6 ships).

WILGANNIA } departed Sydney at 0858K/25 escorting G.P.69  
CASTLEMAINE } (5 ships) also BUNGAREE. E.T.A. Caloundra  
ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN } 1030K/28, M.L.430 departed Newcastle at 1422K/25  
M.L.820 } escorting Newcastle section G.P.69.

KYBRA and K.9 arrived Sydney at 0714K/24 from Jervis Bay.

BENDIGO arrived Melbourne at 1625K/25 from Sydney.

GOULBURN arrived Port Phillip heads at 0400K/26 from Brisbane.

DOOMBA departed Port Phillip at 2330K/24 escorting O.C.128 returned at 1340K/25 escorting C.O.128.

YMS 334 departs Noumea at 1400K/25 escorting 1 M.V. to 166°24' E. where YMS 334 detaches and proceeds to Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/29.



SC.747 ) departed Milne Bay 0430K/25 escorting MAIWARRA  
 SC.743 ) to Goodenough Island E.T.A. A.M./26.

P.C.1121 Arrived Townsville at 0250K/25 from escort duties.

S.C.746 arrived Townsville at 1100K/25 escorting SPRIGHTLY (Tug)  
 towing L.S.T.473 and COUCAL towing L.S.T.471.

M.L.803 will rendezvous with O.C.128 in position 38° S. 149°40' E.  
 at 1600K/26 and escort till daylight 27 then proceed  
 Jervis Bay.

M.L.802 will rendezvous with C.O.129 in position 190° 30 miles  
 from Point Perpendicular at 1700K/26 and escort until  
 daylight 27 then proceed Twofold Bay.

ORARA landed R.A.A.F. rescue party at Port Albert 2100K/25  
 then proceed to anchorage at Sealer Cove.

GERARD arrived Townsville at 2010K/24 from Brisbane.

KOROWA E.T.D. Williamstown a.m./28 for sweeps in Cape Otway  
 area returning Williamstown 1/10.

NIZAM at Williamstown, undocks at 0800K/27.

MIZAR arrived Brisbane at 1418K/25 from Milne Bay.

AASE MAERSK arrived Sydney at 1805K/25.

FURTHER TO "JOSEPH B. HOLMES".

At 1824K/25 LITHGOW reported J. HOLMES afloat and  
 under tow by TANCRED (Tug). LITHGOW providing A/S protection.

To 0900K/Saturday, 25th September, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" E.T.D. Fremantle 0830K/27 - E.T.A. Sydney A.M/2/10.

"DOBBIN" (U.S. destroyer Tender) departed Mackay at 1000K/24 for Townsville for onward routeing with escort to Milne Bay.

"O'BANNON" E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/25 for Noumea - E.T.A. 1600K/27.

"SWAN" ) departed Cairns at 1331K/24 to rendezvous with  
"GYMPIE" ) "BOWEN" escorting N.T. 158 (12 ships) in vicinity  
"KAPUNDA" ) Fitzroy Island Light at 1600K/24. "SWAN" E.T.A.  
YMS.335 ) Port Moresby with section "A" 1100K/27. "BOWEN",  
"GYMPIE", "KAPUNDA" and YMS335 escorting section "B"  
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/27. M.L.804 departed Cairns  
at 1541K/24 to join T.N. 158 as additional escort to  
Port Moresby.

"GLADSTONE" departed Caloundra at 2005K/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 0500K/26.

"LITHGOW" departed Gladstone at 1030K/24 escorting L.Q. 14 (4 ships) "GEELONG" and P.C. 1121 will relieve "LITHGOW" in vicinity Lady Elliot Island "LITHGOW" on relief will provide sec. for "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" aground in position 024° 31'S, 153° 13'E.

"DELORAINÉ" with M.L.817 in tow departed Caloundra at 1511K/24 E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/26.

"PIRIE" arrived Townsville at 0950K/24 escorting N.T. 52.

"WILCANNIA" ) arrived Sydney at 0757K/24 escorting P.G. 68.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"ECHUCA" )  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )  
M.L.820 )

"BROOME" arrived Newcastle at 0700K/24 on completion escort duties with Newcastle section O.C. 127.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Newcastle at 1753K/24 from Sydney.

P.C. 1119 ) departed Milne Bay at 1430K/24 escorting F.T. 28  
S.C. 738 ) E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/27.

YP.283 E.T.D. Caloundra 1300K/25 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 29/9.

S.C. 982 ) arrived Port Moresby at 0930K/24 escorting "CHARON"  
P.C. 479 ) from Milne Bay.

S.C. 748 E.T.D. Milne Bay 1132K/23 escorting Y.14 to Buna E.T.A. 1530K/24.

YP.288 departed Fremantle at 1320K/24 - E.T.A. Exmouth Gulf 28/9.

S.C. 731 arrived Milne Bay at 1126K/24 escorting "KARSIK" from Oro Bay.

S.C. 732 ) arrived Oro Bay 23/9 escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL"  
S.C. 743 ) from Port Moresby - then proceeded and arrived Milne Bay at 1140K/24.

M.L.430 arrived Newcastle at 0950K/24.

"L.808" commissioned for trials at Sydney 23/9 under command  
Lieutenant P.M. Jeffrey, R.A.N.V.R.

"CHILDS" (U.S. Seaplane Tender) departed Fremantle at 1150K/24. E.T.A.  
Exmouth Gulf forenoon/26.

"BOMBO" arrived Sydney at 2148K/23 with concrete lighter in tow from  
Hobart.

"FALIE" departed Caloundra 1941K/24 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1000K/27.

"AMOHINE" } N.A.P. arrived Townsville 1400K/24 from Brisbane.  
"STELLA MARIS" }

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Port Moresby at 1016K/24 - E.T.A. Townsville  
P.M/1/10 en route to Sydney.

FURTHER TO THEOFANO LIVANOS damaged by air raid on Morobe 22/9. *Done (See 0010 report)*

At 2141K/24 N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported vessel seaworthy.  
Damage confined to forward hatch and gear. E.T.D. 26/9.

"ORARA" ASSISTING R.A.A.F. rescue party for aircraft which crashed 23/9  
at Deal Island (45 miles S.E. Wilson's Prom.).

"ORARA" was detailed to proceed to entrance Port Albert  
and pick up rescue party which was landed at Garden Cove, Deal Island.  
"ORARA" now reports all personnel of plane killed.

"ORARA" will embark rescue party when weather permits and  
return party to Port Albert.

D/F FIXES OF ENEMY SUBMARINE were obtained in the Huon Gulf - Gasmata  
area P.M/24 and A.M/25. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

"GUNDIAH" (193 gross tons) who reported - 0607K/23 broken propellor  
and leaking badly in vicinity Port Macquarie. Later reported  
arrived Macleay River - 33 miles N. Port Macquarie.

"WILCANNIA" escorting P.G. 68 was ordered to detach 1 M.L. to assist.

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To 0900K/Friday, 24th September, 1943.

S.C. 731 escorting "KARSIK" departed Oro Bay 1115K/23 for Milne Bay.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Morobe 1700K/22 from Milne Bay.

"KATOOMBA" ) escorting T.N. 157 arrived Milne Bay 140K/23.  
"COLAC" )  
P.C. 1119 )

"KATOOMBA" ) escorting F.T. 27 departed Milne Bay 1400K/23.  
"COLAC" )

S.C. 981 and 747 arrived Milne Bay 1000K/23 from Buna.

S.C. 748 departed North Foreland 0930K/23 escorting Y.14 for Buna -  
E.T.A. 0930K/24.

P.C. 479 ) escorting "CHARON" departed Milne Bay 1130K/23 for Pt.  
S.C. 982 ) Moresby E.T.A. 1000K/24.

S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay 1310K/23 escorting "KOONDOOLOO" from Kiriwina.

"MIZAR" departed Milne Bay 1600K/22 for Brisbane - E.T.A. A.M/26.

"TOLGA" arrived Thursday Island 1217K/23.

Y.P. 236 departed Thursday Island 0743K/23 for Port Moresby.

"KAPUNDA" ) arrived Cairns 1312K/23 from escorting F.T. 26.  
"WAGGA" )

YMS. 335 arrived Cairns 0810K/23 from Townsville.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Townsville 1515K/23 from Cairns.

"DOBBIN" E.T.D. Mackay 1000K/24 for Townsville for onward routing with escort to Milne Bay.

"COPAHEE" departed Port Curtis 1630K/23 for Townsville E.T.A. 2300K/24.

YMS. 52 and 53 escorting 3 L.C.T.'s arrived Mackay 2130K/22 from Brisbane,  
E.T.D. A.M/24 for Cairns.

"NICHOLAS" ) departed Caloundra 1602K/23 "NICHOLAS" to part company  
"ROCHAMBEAU" ) at 2000K/24 for Noumea, "ROCHAMBEAU" for San Francisco.

"O'BANNON" E.T.D. Brisbane 25/9 for Noumea.

"MERKUR" arrived Brisbane 1100K/23 from Townsville.

"STAWELL" arrived Brisbane 0908K/23 from Sydney - at 48 hours' notice for 7 days with thrust block and tank defects.

M.L. 429 returned Brisbane 0909K/23 from escorting Q.L.14.

P.C. 1122 departed Caloundra 1131K/23.

"ELLAN" arrived Brisbane 0742K/23 from Sydney, via Coff's Harbour and Newcastle.

"DELORAINIE" towing M.L. 817 arrived Brisbane 1156K/23 from Townsville.

"VENDETTA" escorting "PRESIDENT GRANT" and "KOTA AGOENG" arrived Brisbane 1607K/23.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K/22 for Melbourne.

"MILDURA" ) escorting O.C. 127 arrived Sydney 1745K/23.  
"TOWNSVILLE" )

"COLUMBIA" } arrived Noumea 1053K/22 from Sydney.  
"CHEVALIER" }

"TOOMEREE" arrived Sydney 1524K/22 from Port Kembla.

SUBMARINE D/F FIXES.

At 0210, 0258 and 0349K/24 in Huon Gulf - Vitiaz Strait area were passed to A.I.G. 365.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday 23rd September, 1943.

"LOOKOUT" E.T.D. Milne Bay 22/9 for Lae to establish Port Directorship.

S.C. 981 } escorting "SWARTENHONDT" departed Milne Bay 1001K/21 for  
S.C. 747 } Buna.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Milne Bay 0400K/21 for Port Moresby,  
arrived 1136K/22 for onward routeing to Sydney.

"KAPUNDA" } escorting R.T. 26 departed Milne Bay 1300K/21, "WAGGA" to  
"WAGGA" } escort "BOSCHPONTJIN" to Cairns from Grafton Passage.  
P.C. 479 }

S.C. 732 and 743 escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" departed Port Moresby  
1600K/21 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0800K/23.

"KWATO" arrived Port Moresby 1531K/22 from survey ground.

"PIRIE" escorting N.T. 52 departed Port Moresby 0630K/22.

"KURUMBA" departed Thursday Island 0026K/22 for Townsville.

"LATROBE" escorting "ALLARA" arrived Thursday Island 1516K/21 from  
Darwin.

"SUSQUEHANNA" departed Cairns 0725K/22 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0700K/23.

"BOWEN" arrived Townsville 0202K/22 from Brisbane.

YMS.335 arrived Townsville 0206K/22 from Brisbane.

"COPAHEE" arrived Gladstone 2200K/21 from Noumea.

U.S. SEAPLANE TENDER "HALF MOON" arrived Brisbane 0750K/22 from Noumea.

TASK UNIT 34.5.1. } E.T.D. Noumea 0700K/22 for  
(PC.1124 and 1120, L.S.T. 22, 68 and 171 } Brisbane - E.T.A. Cape  
and "PORTUNIS". } Moreton.

"FALIE" arrived Brisbane 0710K/22 from Townsville.

YP. 233 and 291 arrived Brisbane 1932K/21 from Townsville.

"ARARAT" } escorting L.Q. 13 arrived Brisbane 0630K/22.  
S.C. 650 }  
S.C. 741 }

"GLENELG" departed Sydney 0631K/22; escorting C.O.128 departed  
Newcastle 1154K/22.

"WARRENAMBOOL" } escorting C.O.128 departed Sydney 1555K/22.  
"ROCKHAMPTON" }  
"BENDIGO" }

M.L.807 departed Sydney 1050K/22 for Jervis Bay to work up.

U.S. Destroyer "TAYLOR" departed Sydney 1405K/22 for Noumea.

"ARUNTA" arrived Port Melbourne 1331K/22 from Sydney.

"STUART" returned Williamstown 1727K/22 from escorting "ALTAMAHA".

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.127 arrived Port Phillip 2316K/21.

"TOOMEREE" (CPB) departed Port Kembla 0630K/22 for Sydney.

"TROMP" } escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Fremantle 0815K/22  
"TJEBK HIDDEN" } "TROMP" and "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" - E.T.A. Port Phillip  
1030K/23.

"TJERK HIDDERS" to part company at nightfall/22 and proceed to rendezvous "SHROPSHIRE" at 1800K/23 and escort to Fremantle - E.T.A. 1100K/24.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" arrived Darwin 1342K/22 from Melville Bay.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting D.T. 33 departed Darwin 0500K/22.

"JOSEPH A. HOLMES"

Has lost both anchors and is heading 165°, lying stern to wind, resting on mud bottom, not making water. All tanks have been filled.

"MARYNONG" (N.A.P.)

Commissioned at Sydney 20/9.

AIR RAIDS:

*MOROBE  
BUNA  
(See COIC report)*

MOROBE - Raid 0345K/22 - "THEOFANO LIVANOS" damaged forward. Launch "HULDA" sunk and slight damage to wharf. No naval casualties. "THEOFANOS LIVANOS" a Greek cargo vessel of 4815 tons gross was carrying vehicles for Buna and a cargo of General Stores and Bull Dozers for Pt. Moresby.

DOBADURA - Red Warning 2004K/22 - Green 2024K/22.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

In position 90 miles E. of Woodlark Island at 0336K/23  
Classification N (within 100 miles) passed to A.I.G. 365.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 22nd September, 1943.

"ARUNTA" departed Sydney at 0934K/21 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1030K/22.

"CONWAY" ) U.S. Destroyers arrived Sydney at 0759K/21 escorting  
"WILSON" ) "DIXIE" (Destroyer Tender) for Espiritu Santo.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 1102K/21 to rendezvous with "PRESIDENT GRANT" and "KOTA AGOENG" in position 27°01'S, 159°06'E at 0800K/22 and escort to Brisbane.

"NICHOLAS" (U.S. Destroyer) departs Brisbane 23/9 for Noumea.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Milne Bay at 1230K/21 for Morobe - E.T.A. 2300K/22.

"DELORALNE" with M.L. 817 in tow departed Townsville at 0100K/21 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0500K/25.

"LITHGOW" ) departed Caloundra at 1600K/21 escorting L.Q. 14 (6 ships)  
S.C. 735 ) also "SHIKELLAMY" bound for Port Moresby.  
P.C. 1121 )  
M.L. 583 )

"WILCANNIA" ) arrived Brisbane at 1446K/21 escorting G.P. 68.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )  
M.L. 805 )

"WILCANNIA" ) departed Brisbane at 1631K/21 escorting P.G. 68  
"CASTLEMAINE" ) (5 ships) E.T.A. Sydney 0500K/24 - M.L. 430 will  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" ) rendezvous with convoy off Grafton and provide addi-  
"ECHUCA" ) tional escort to Newcastle.

"GEELONG" ) departed Gladstone at 2200K/20 escorting L.Q. 13 (4 ships)  
S.C. 650 ) "ARARAT" relieves "GEELONG" vicinity Lady Elliot Island.  
S.C. 741 )

"KYBRA" and SUBMARINE K.9. arrived Jervis Bay at 2300K/19 for exercises.

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) arrived Sydney at 0415K/21 escorting Sydney section  
"ROCKHAMPTON" ) O.C. 126 including "BUNGAREE".

"MORESBY" arrived Sydney at 1504K/21 on completion escort duties with Newcastle Section O.C. 126.

"INVERELL" departed Melville Bay vicinity of Cape Wessel at 1230K/20 escorting "WANAKA" - E.T.A. Darwin 1300K/22.

"LATROBE" arrived Thursday Island at 1516K/21 escorting "VALLARA" - straggling from convoy D.T. 32. Remainder of convoy (2 ships) arrived at 1028K/21.

"FREMANTLE" departed Thursday Is. at 0243K/21 escorting "CARDROSS". ETA Darwin 1400K/25.

S.C. 732 and S.C. 743 arrived Pt. Moresby at 1301K/21 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 744 and S.C. 738 arrived Milne Bay at 1300K/21 from Buna.

S.C. 746 departed Milne Bay at 1200K/21 escorting "SPRIGHTLY" (tug) towing L.S.T. 473 and "CONCAL" towing L.S.T. 471. E.T.A. Townsville 2100K/24.

"GERARD" departed Gladstone at 0500K/21 - E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/23.

"WATO" (Tug) departed Cairns at 0901K/21 towing 2 barges for Buna via Thursday Island - Pt. Moresby and Milne Bay. E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1200K/25.



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"MERKUR" departed Townsville at 1420K/20 - E.T.A. Brisbane 1730K/23.

"ORARA" departed Pt. Phillip at 2035K/20 for S.C.F. 18.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

PORT MORESEY - Warning 1240K/21  
All Clear 1359K/21.  
Warning 1826K/21.

GOODENOUGH IS. - Warning 0431K/22.  
Raiders Passed 0500K/22.

UNGRADED REPORT OF SIGHTING OF ENEMY SUBMARINE BY AIRCRAFT at 1334K/21.

In position 120 miles S. of Pt. Moresby. Course 120  
Conning tower and wake claimed to have been observed from  
4,000 feet.

A.I.G. 365 and A.I.G. 364 informed.

ENEMY SUBMARINE PASSED CAPE ORFORD.

Southbound at 1550K/21.

D/F OF ENEMY SUBMARINE IN HUON GULF.

Area at 0304K/22. A.I.G. 365 informed.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 21st September, 1943.

"O'BANNON" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Brisbane at 1135K/20 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" from Milne Bay.

"WARRAMUNGA" } departed Port Phillip at 0907K/20, escorting convoy  
"HELM" } P.V. 1 (3 ships) E.T.A. Lady Elliot Island 0100K/26.

"COLUMBIA" } departed Sydney at 1522K/20 E.T.A. Noumea noon/22.  
"CHEVALIER" }

"ARUNTA" E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/21 for Melbourne.

"STUART" departed Port Phillip 0745K/21 escorting "ALTAMAHA" (en route San Diego) to 151<sup>00</sup>E. then to return Melbourne.

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Fremantle at 0831K/20 from Durban - "VAN GALEN" acted as local escort to Fremantle.

"FREMANTLE" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300K/21 escorting "CARDROSS" E.T.A. Darwin 1400K/25.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Milne Bay at 1455K/20 from Port Moresby.

"BUNBURY" arrived Townsville at 2300K/19 from Cairns.

"KATOOMBA" ) departed Cairns at 1815K/20 to R.V. with T.N. 157 (3 ships)  
"COLAC" ) and Tug "Reserve" in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 2100K/  
P.C. 1119 ) 20. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/23.

"DOHIN" when ready about 24/9 is to depart Mackay for Townsville for escort and onward routing to Milne Bay.

"STAWELL" departed Sydney at 1818K/20 for Brisbane for phase 2 in working up programme E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/23.

"DOOMBA" departed Port Phillip at 2310K/20 escorting O.C. 127 (4 ships).

YP. 236 arrived Thursday Island at 1030K/20.

S.C. 746 arrived Milne Bay at 0900K/20 for Goodenough Island.

S.C. 743 } E.T.D. Milne Bay 1000K/20 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/21.  
S.C. 732 }

S.C. 741 departed Brisbane at 2025K/19 escorting 5 L.C. M's to Wide Bay (North of Brisbane), there to intercept L.Q. 13 in vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 0700K/21 and provide additional escort to Brisbane.

M.L. 427 ) arrived Milne Bay at 1156K/20 from Goodenough Island.  
M.L. 424 )

M.L. 805 escorting "PERIOD" detached from convoy G.P.68 at 1400K/20 in position 80 miles south of Brisbane - proceeding at 5 knots.

"DURBAWEN" E.T.A. Pt. Phillip 0600K/21 from S.C.F. 18.

"CISCO" (U.S. Submarine) returned Darwin at 1930K/19 with defective hydraulic system - E.T.D. 0730K/20.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Milne Bay from Port Moresby at 2035K/20 - E.T.D. 0400K/21 - for Pt. Moresby for onward routing to Sydney.

"GERARD" arrived Gladstone from Brisbane at 0940K/20.

"KEITH CAM" departed Cairns at 1115K/20 for Thursday Is. via Cooktown Portland Roads, E.T.A. 29/9.

"TRINITY" departed Cairns at 1010K/20 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0900K/24.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Exmouth Gulf 1300K/19 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0800K/21.

"MAUNGANUL" (Hospital Ship) departed Fremantle at 2058K/19 E.T.A. Colombo 30/9.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Cairns at 1815K/19 from Milne Bay.

"POTRERO" arrived Milne Bay at 1330K/19 from Oro Bay.

"FALIE" on passage Townsville/Brisbane reported at 0600K/20 engine repairs completed proceeding.

AIRCRAFT REPORTED SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE ENEMY SUBMARINE - GRADED C.5.

In position 24°S. 151°55'E (in vicinity Curtis Island) at 1001K/20. Sighting made from distance 5 miles. with visibility hazy. No action intended.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

KIRRIWINA - Warning 0023K/21. Raider passed 0030K/21.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 20th September, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } escorting P.V. 1 (3 ships) E.T.D. Port Phillip 0900K/20.  
"HELM" }

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay 1453K/19 from Port Moresby.

"WAGGA" } escorting T.N. 156B (less Goodenough and Buna portions  
P.C. 479 } detached) arrived Milne Bay 1200K/19.

S.C. 744 } departed North Foreland 1805K/19 escorting "PENNANT" (for  
S.C. 738 } Gro Bay) and 4 ships for Buna.

S.C. 746 departed North Foreland 1000K/19 escorting "HOWELL COBB" to Goodenough Island. E.T.A. 0200K/20.

"MIZAR" arrived Milne Bay 1011K/19 from Port Moresby.

S.C. 981 arrived Milne Bay 0947K/19 from Goodenough Island.

M.L. 424 & 427 arrived Kiriwina 0600K/18 from Milne Bay.

YMS. 72 escorting "THOMAS JEFFERSON" and "SEA SNIP" arrived Gro Bay - Gro Bay 0730K/18 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 982 } arrived Milne Bay 1205K/19 from Buna.  
YMS. 72 }

"KAPUNDA" } escorting T.N. 156A arrived Port Moresby 1115K/19.  
"PIRIE" }

"KAPUNDA" departed Port Moresby 1701K/19 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1600K/20; is to escort "BOSCH PONTEIN" and 1 Liberty Ship E.T.D. Milne Bay 21/9.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns 2205K/18 from Port Moresby.

"TRINITY" arrived Cairns 1015K/19.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns 1123K/19 from Milne Bay.

"BUNBURY" departed Cairns 1045K/19 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0300K/20.

"KELTH CAM" E.T.D. Cairns 1100K/20 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 28/9.

YMS. 53 was aground east of Green Island (about 20 miles E. of Cairns).

"WATO" proceeded from Cairns to her assistance; towing YMS. 53 returned Cairns 1925K/19.

P.C. 1119 arrived Cairns 1508K/19 from Milne Bay.

M.L. 817 arrived Townsville 1536K/19 from Milne Bay.

"DELORAINIE" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" arrived Townsville 2018K/19 from Milne Bay.

Y.P. 233 departed Townsville 2002K/18 for Brisbane.

"FALIE" on passage Townsville/Brisbane anchored in Pearl Bay (S. of Cape Townshed) effecting engine repairs.

Y.P. 291 departed Bowen 1730K/19 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0530K/21.

U.S. AUX. AIRCRAFT CARRIER COPAHEE. arrived Noumea 1440K/18 from San Francisco.

"COPAHEE" } E.T.D. Noumea 0700K/19 in company to 24<sup>00</sup>S, 153<sup>00</sup>  
U.S. SEAPLANE TENDER } 30'E, "Half Moon" thence to Brisbane; "COPAHEE"  
"HALF MOON" } to Port Curtis to await pilot for Townsville.

"GEEBONG" } escorting Q.L.13 including U.S.S. "HERON" (bound  
"BOWEN" } Townsville) departed Caloundra 1750K/18.  
YMS. 335 }  
S.C. 650 }

"BALLARD" arrived Sydney 0652K/19 from Brisbane.

K9. } departed Sydney 0807K/9 for Jervis Bay.  
"KYBRA" }

U.S. CRUISER "COLUMBIA" ) E.T.D. Sydney 20/9 for Noumea at best speed  
U.S. DESTROYER "CHEVALIER" )

U.S. Destroyer "TAYLOR" Sydney 22/9 for Noumea.

"GLENELG" returned Sydney 0148K/19 from escorting "SABINE"PASS" towing  
 "PETER H. BURNETT".

"ARUNTA" is to be sailed from Sydney to Melbourne to arrive by A.M./26.

"BOMBO" departed Hobart 1352K/19 towing concrete lighter - E.T.A.  
 Sydney. 0800K/24.

"CISCO" departed Darwin 0800K/19 on patrol.

"MAUNGANUI" arrived Fremantle 0755K/19 from Wellington.

AIR RAIDS PORT MORESEY -

Yellow 2002K/19.  
 Yellow 0347K/20.  
 Red 0352K/20.  
 All Clear 0428K/20.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday September 19th 1943.

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SUSQUEHANNA Departed Milne Bay 0515/18 for Cairns, thence Brisbane.

SC. 750 and 981 Departed Milne Bay 0521K/18 for Goodenough Island, escorting JOHN S. SARGENT.

SC. 748 Escorting PATRAS arrived Port Moresby 0730K/18 from Milne Bay, departed 1836/18 for Milne Bay ETA. 1800K/19.

HIZAR Departed Port Moresby 1815/18 for Milne Bay.

BIRCHGROVE PARK Departed Port Moresby 1846K/18 for Milne Bay ETA. PM/20.

BOEDOE Departed Thursday Island 1405K/17 arrived Merauke 1845K/18.

WATO ETD. Cairns 0800K/20 towing 2 barges to Milne Bay and Buna.

HUNBURY Arrved Cairns 1849K/18 from Port Moresby.

YP. 233 Arrived Townsville 0842K/18 from Milne Bay.

RESERVE Towing barge departed Townsville 1806K/17 arrived Cairns 1909K/18.

YP. 291 Arrived Bowen 0815K/18.

VENDETTA Escorting NORMACLARK arrived Brisbane 1531K/18.

LITHGOW )  
SC. 741 and 735 ) Escorting LQ.12 arrived Brisbane 0831K/18.

NICHOLAS Arrived Brisbane 0805K/18 from Townsville.

GERARD Departed Caloundra 0614K/18 for Gladstone ETA. 0600K/20.

WILCANNIA )  
CASTLEMAINE )  
ABRAHAM )  
CRIJNSEN )  
M.L. 805 ) Escorting GP. 68 departed Sydney 0950K/18.

BCHUCA Departed Sydney 1200K/18 to overtake and join GP. 68 as escort.

ELLAN Departed Newcastle 0815K/18 for Coff's Harbour.

K9 )  
KYBRA ) ETD. Sydney 0730K/19 for Jervis Bay for practices.  
" Jervis Bay 0730K/25 to return Sydney.

BROOME Departed Sydney 0405K/18 to rendezvous Newcastle section of CO.127.

KALGOORLIE )  
BROOME ) Escorting CO.127 departed Newcastle 1031K/18

KALGOORLIE Arrived Sydney 1845K/18.

MILDURA )  
TOWNSVILLE ) Escorting CO.127 departed Sydney 1604K/18.

ML. 802 To rendezvous OC.126 in 38° 02' S., 149° 36' E. at 1400K/19 escort until daylight/20 then proceed Jervis Bay.

STUART Arrived Williamstown 0841K/18 from Brisbane.

HELM Arrived Williamstown 0632K/18 from Mackay.

ALTAMARA Arrived Williamstown 1527K/18 from Karachi.

DOOMBA Escorting OC.126 including BUNGARRE, departed Port Phillip 2530K/17.

ORARA ETD.Melbourne 1700K/20 for SCF.18.

WARRAMUNGA )  
STUART )  
HELM ) Escorting PVI (6 ships) ETD. Port Phillip 0900K/20.

CISCO Arrived Darwin 1700K/18 from Brisbane.

LATROBE Escorting DT.32 departed Darwin 0505K/18.

TOLGA Departed Darwin 1259K/18 for Thursday Island via Croker Island and Millingimbi, STA.Thursday Island 1730K/24.

VAN GALEN To rendezvous NIEUW AMSTERDAM in 32° 14' S., 109° 31' E. at 1800K/19 and escort to Fremantle.

0900K/18th September, 1943.

"STUART" arrived Melbourne at 0840K/18 from Brisbane.

"HELM" arrived Melbourne at 0615K/18 from Townsville.

"ALTAMAHA" (U.S. Aux. A/C carrier) E.T.A. Port Phillip 1100K/18 from Fremantle.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Port Phillip at 1025K/17 from Townsville - proceeded to Williamstown.

"CONWAY" and "WILSON" U.S. Destroyers escorting "DIXIE" (U.S. Destroyer Tender E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 0500K/18. E.T.A. Sydney 1300K/20.

"BALLARD" departed Brisbane at 1538K/17, E.T.A. Sydney 0600K/19.

"BENALLA" arrived Milne Bay at 1405K/17 from Port Moresby E.T.D. A.M/18 for survey ground Goodenough Island.

"KATOOMBA" departed Port Moresby at 0703K/17 escorting N.T. 51 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/19.

"DELORAINNE" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1150K/16 escorting T.N. 155 "B".  
P.C. 1119 )  
S.C. 743 )  
S.C. 738 )  
S.C. 981 )

"DELORAINNE" departed Milne Bay at 1215K/17 escorting "JOSIAH EARL" E.T.A. Townsville 0300K/20.

"GYMPIE" ) departed Milne Bay at 1315K/16 escorting N.T. 50 "B" (4 ships)  
P.C. 1119 ) including "MERKUR" and "TRINITY".  
YMS. 53 )

"LITHGOW" ) departed Gladstone at 2200K/16 escorting L.Q. 12 (2 ships)  
S.C. 735 ) also "GOLD STAR".  
S.C. 741 )

"WILCANNIA" ) arrived Sydney at 0347K/17 escorting P.G. 617.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"ECHUCA" )  
"A. CRIJNSSEN" )

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Newcastle at 0725K/17 escorting Newcastle section O.C. 125.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney at 1027K/17 on completion escort duties with O.C. 125.

"DOOMBA" E.T.D. Port Phillip 2300K/17 escorting O.C. 126 (10 ships) also "HUNGAREE", O.C. 126 and C.O.126 will rendezvous at 0600K/18 and change escorts, E.T.A. "DOOMBA" escorting C.O.126 at Port Phillip Heads 1100K/18.

M.L. 806 arrived Jervis Bay at 1755K/16 from Sydney.

YMS. 52 departed Brisbane at 1633K/17 escorting L.C.T. 186, 359 and 393 to Cairns, calling at Mackay en route.

S.C. 731 ) departed Milne Bay at 1230K/17 escorting "THOS. JEFFERSON"  
YMS. 72 ) and "SEA SNIPE" to Oro Bay.

S.C. 732 ) arrived Buna at 0815K/17 escorting "YOCHOW" and "THEOFANOS  
S.C. 747 ) "LIVANOS" from Milne Bay. Escorts departed immediately for Milne Bay.

S.C. 746 arrived Milne Bay at 0840K/17 from Oro Bay.



S.C. 748 departed Milne Bay at 0410K/17 escorting "PATRAS" to Pt. Moresby E.T.A. 1600K/18.

M.L. 803 will rendezvous with C.O.127 in position 25 miles S. Jervis Bay at 0700K/19 and provide escort until daylight/20th then proceed Twofold Bay.

M.L. 814 will rendezvous with "CISCO" (U.S. Submarine in position 30 miles N.W. Darwin at 1400K/18 and escort into harbour.

"FALIE" departed Townsville at 1205K/17, E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/22.

"BINGERA" arrived F.N.D. from Port Phillip at 1312K/17.

"MIZAR" arrived Port Moresby at 1506K/17 from Brisbane.

"RASHER" (U.S. Submarine) will exercise in Moreton Bay from 0800K/12 to 1600K/18 when it departs in company with escort for training area. To exercise in training area until 2000K/20 then return Brisbane.

"LANK" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Exmouth Gulf at 1300K/16 from Fremantle.

"BOMBO" is to depart Hobart towing lighter to Sydney as soon as N.E. gale abates.

"YUNNAN" arrived Milne Bay at 2300K/15 from Porlock Harbour. At 2125K/16 N.O.I.C. Milne Bay reported that "YUNNAN" grounded in position 012° 2 miles from 3 fathom patch Sullivan's Patches, Milne Bay. Vessel refloated and no apparent damage. Report follows.

"ELLAN" departed Sydney at 0710K/17 for Milne Bay via Corff's Harbour, Gladstone; Townsville. Arrived Newcastle at 1531K/17.

H.D.M.L. 1074 arrived Milne Bay at 1443K/16 from Buna.

"WEAR" Naval crew will remain for further voyage.

FURTHER TO "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" aground 10 miles N. of Sandy Cape.

At 1955K/17 "ARARAT" report that tug "TANCRED" arrived at 0540K/17. First attempt to secure tow unsuccessful - further attempt to be made morning/18th.

Strong N.N.E. wind. Seas rough.

ENEMY SUBMARINE sighted passing Cape Orford at 1520K/17 - southbound

D/F FIXES obtained of enemy submarine P.M/17 and A.M/18 in an area south of Gasmata. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Warning 1131K/17  
All clear 1147K/17.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Friday, 17th September, 1943.

"NICHOLAS" (U.S. Destroyer) departed Townsville at 1136K/16 - E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/18.

"BALLARD" arrived Brisbane at 0831K/16 escorting "STANUAC CAPETOWN" and "ESSO"RICHMOND" from Espiritu Santo.

"STUART" departed Brisbane at 0045K/16 - E.T.A. Melbourne 0600K/18.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 1632K/16 escorting "F.C. AINSWORTH" eastward. "VENDETTA" parts company to rendezvous with "MORMACLARK" in position 26°40'S, 159°45'E at 1400K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

"NO'BANNON" departed Milne Bay at 1550K/16 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" for Brisbane for onward routing to San Francisco. E.T.A. Caloundra 2000K/20.

"KATOOMBA" ) arrived Port Moresby at 0930K/16 escorting T.N. 155 section  
"BUNEURY" ) "A".

"KATOOMBA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 0700K/17 escorting N.T. 51 (2 ships).

"BENALLA" departed Port Moresby at 1146K/16 E.T.A. Milne Bay 1100K/17.

"GYMPIE" arrived Oro Bay escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE" and "CHARLES P. STEINMEL" from Port Moresby.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns at 0101K/16 from Port Moresby escorting N.T. 49.

"PIRIE" ) expects to rendezvous with P.C. 479 and convoy T.N. 156 in  
"KAPUNDA" ) vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 0800K/17. "KAPUNDA",  
"WAGGA" ) "PIRIE" to escort section "A" to Pt. Moresby, E.T.A. 1600K/  
P.C. 479. ) 19. "WAGGA" and PC.479 to Milne Bay escorting section "B"  
E.T.A. 1600K/19.

"GLENELG" parted from "PETER H. BURNETT" and "SABINE" in position 025°14'S, 163°27'E. at 2000K/15 - returning to Sydney. Relieving escort was not met.

"BROOME" arrived Sydney at 2040K/16 escorting Sydney section O.C. 125.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Darwin at 1612K/16 escorting T.D. 32.

M.L.806 departed Sydney at 1130K/16. E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1730K/16, working up.

P.C. 1123 arrived Brisbane at 0818K/16 from Noumea.

S.C. 744 arrived Milne Bay at 1025K/15 escorting "PATRAS" from Oro Bay.

M.L.805 E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/18 for Brisbane with G.P.68.

M.L.804 arrived Cairns from Brisbane at 1621K/16.

S.C. 747 departed Milne Bay at 1100K/16 escorting "THEOFANO LIVANOS" and  
S.C. 732 "YOHOW" to Buna E.T.A. 1300K/17.

S.C. 746 arrived Buna at 0635K/16 with "WANNON".

"TERKA" arrived Cairns at 1857K/16 from Thursday Island to effect repairs before proceeding Townsville.

"GOONAMBEE" arrived Hobart at 1230K/16 from Newcastle.

"STELLA" arrived Townsville at 0958K/16 from Cairns.

"POTRERO" departed Oro Bay at 2315K/16 for Milne Bay.

"BONEFISH" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Darwin at 1700K/15.

"GOLD STAR" arrived Gladstone at 0915K/16.

"TANCRED" (TUG) has been ordered to proceed Gladstone to collect salvage gear from "DILGA", before proceeding to assist "JOSEPH A. HOLMES".

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

MILNE BAY - Yellow 6927K/16  
White 0958K/16.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND -  
Yellow 0917K/16  
White 1002K/16.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

13 0900K/Thursday, 16th September, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" departed Durban 1924K/14 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1100K/24.

"ARUNTA" E.T.D. Sydney about 18/9 for Palm Island.

"O'BANNOH" arrived Milne Bay 0800K/15 from Noumea.

S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay 1140K/15 from Woodlark Island.

N.A.P. "TROPIC BIRD" arrived Milne Bay 2215K/14 from Kiriwina

"POTRERO" departed Morobe 0305K/14 for Milne Bay.

M.L. 424 and 427 departed Milne Bay 1335K/15 for Woodlark Island.

"BENALLA" arrived Port Moresby 0746K/15 from survey ground.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Port Moresby 0736K/15 from Thursday Island.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" arrived Thursday Island 0202K/15 from Darwin.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns 1045K/15 from escorting N.T. 48.

Y.P. 236 arrived Cairns 0932K/15 from Brisbane via Mackay.

Y.M.S. 3, 46 and 48 arrived Cairns 1401K/15 from Thursday Island.

"STELLA" departed Cairns 2221K/14 for Townsville E.T.A. 1000K/16.

"STELLA MARIS" . . . } departed Gladstone 0600K/13 for Townsville.  
"AMOHINE" (A.S.R.) }

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 1041K/15 from escorting "MIZAR".

"CASTLEMAINE" departed Caloundra 0020K/15 to overtake and escort P.G. 67.

"GOULBURN" and P.C. 476 escorting L.C. 11 arrived Brisbane 0334K/15.

"WARRNAMBOOL" departed Sydney 0229K/15.

"WARRNAMBOOL" and "BENDIGO" escorting C.O.126 departed Newcastle 0918K/15.

"BENDIGO" arrived Sydney 1826K/15.

"MORESBY" and "ROCKHAMPTON" escorting C.O.126 departed Sydney 1640K/15.

"ALGORAB" departed Sydney 0940K/15 for Port Stephens.

"TOWNSVILLE" to rendezvous "ALGORAB" off Sydney Heads, escort to Pt. Stephens, then return Sydney.

"GLENELG" if relief escort had not joined before nightfall/15 was to detach from "SABINE PASS", towing "PETER H. BURNETT" after dark and return Sydney at best speed.

M.L. 803 to rendezvous in 38°02'S, 149°35'E at 1400K/15 escort until daylight/16 then proceed Jervis Bay.

"WARRAMUNGA" ) escorting P.V.1 (6 ships) E.T.D. Port Phillip 0900K/19  
"STUART" ) escorts to detach at Lady Elliot Island and return  
"HELM" ) Melbourne.

"HELM" made E.T.D. Mackay 1900K/14 for Melbourne, ordered by C.S.W.P.S.F. at 1836K/15 to proceed to Melbourne so as to arrive 0700K/18.

"DOOMBA" escorting C.O.125 arrived Port Phillip 2132K/14.

"HORSHAM" departed Fremantle 1300K/12 escorting "KOOLINDA" to Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 2100K/14 Port Hedland and Broome.

"ADELAIDE" arrived Fremantle 1923K/15 from Melbourne.

"JOSEPH A. HOLMES" AGROUND.

At 1010K/15 "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" reported that she was aground on western side of Breaksea Spit about 10 miles N. of Sandy Cape and would require assistance but was in no danger. "JOSEPH A. HOLMES" (Liberty Ship) departed San Francisco 21/8 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 16/9 with 29 U.S. personnel and U.S. Army cargo, but was diverted to Townsville.

N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 1457K/15 ordered "ARARAT" (with "LITHGOW" escorting Q.L.12) to investigate. At 1929K/15 "ARARAT" reported: ship still aground; Master requires tugs, does not know extent of damage; Ship not making water. Tug "TANCRED" from Townsville will arrive at scene 1700K/17. High water was at 1030K/15.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

At 0042K/16 in position  $06^{\circ}30'S$ ,  $148^{\circ}15'E$  (about 80 miles N.E. of Morobe) classification NAN (within 100 miles) was passed to ships and authorities New Guinea area.

AIR RAID AND WARNINGS.

Darwin - Yellow 0013K/16. Red. All Clear 0221K/16.

Exmouth Gulf - Red 0248K/16. All clear 0313K/16.

K.9. EXERCISING.

K.9 and "KYBRA" were exercising E. of Sydney between 0900K and 1600K/15.

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To 000K/Wednesday, 15th September, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } departed Sydney 1415K/14 for Palm Island.  
 "BAGLEY" }

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Morobe 1825K/13 from Milne Bay.

"NICHOLAS" escorting "JOHN MUIR" and "AMBROSE PIERCE" departed Milne Bay 1215K/13 - E.T.A. 2330K/15.

S.C. 732 escorting L.C.T. 88 and 176 arrived Milne Bay 1155K/14 from Cairns.

S.C. 746 escorting "WANNON" departed Milne Bay 1230K/14 for Buna E.T.A. 0930K/16.

"GYMPIE" escorting "C.P. STEINMETZ" and "JOSIAH ROYCE" from Port Moresby passed East Cape, Milne Bay 1205K/14 bound Oro Bay.

"SWAN" escorting T.N. 154 arrived Port Moresby 1732K/13, escorting N.T. 49 departed Port Moresby 0630K/14.

"VIGILANT" departed Thursday Island 1031K/14 for Merauke - E.T.A. 1300K/15.

"BONDGE" arrived Cairns 0730K/14 from Thursday Island - departed 1505K/14 for Thursday Island and Merauke.

"KAPUNDA" arrived Cairns 1338K/13 from escorting N.T. 47.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 1048K/14 from escorting F.T. 25.

"WAGGA" to detach N.T. 48 when inside Grafton Passage and proceed Cairns.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville 2110K/13 for Melbourne - E.T.A. 1000K/17.

P.C. 479 arrived Townsville 0849K/14 from Brisbane.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Townsville 0601K/14 from Port Moresby - departed 1330K/14 for Gladstone - E.T.A. 1330K/16.

L.S.T. 202 arrived Townsville 1820K/14.

"GOULBURN" } escorting L.Q. 11 departed Gladstone 2200K/13.  
 E.C. 476 }

"WILCANNIA" } escorting P.G. 67 departed Brisbane 1354K/14.  
 "ECHUCA" }  
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"CASTLEMAINE" to proceed from Brisbane to overtake P.G. 67 and augment escort.

M.L. 430 and 820 are to rendezvous P.G. 67 in approximate position 29° 32'S. 154°E at 1300K/15 and escort to Newcastle.

"GERARD" arrived Brisbane 1454K/14 from Sydney.

YP. 291 towing re-arming boat departed Caloundra 1341K/14 for Mackay.

"WILCANNIA" } escorting G.P. 67 including "SMIKELLAMY" arrived  
 "CASTLEMAINE" } Brisbane 1058K/14.  
 "ECHUCA" }  
 "A. CRIJNSSEN" }

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane 2136K/13 from escorting "MOHNAOSEA", departed Brisbane 1047K/14 escorting "MIZAR" to Lady Elliot Island thence returning Brisbane, "MIZAR" E.T.A. Port Moresby 0700K/14.

S.S. 737 ) arrived Brisbane 0901K/14 from Noumea.  
E.S.T. 170 )

"GEELONG" ) returned Brisbane 0025K/14 from exercises.  
P.C. 1122 )

"BENDIGO" escorting O.C. 124 arrived Newcastle 2335K/13.

"LITHCOW" ) escorting Q.L.12 departed Brisbane 1654K/14.  
"ARARAT" )  
S.C. 733 and 741 )

M.L.302 to rendezvous C.O.126 in approximate position 35°32'S, 150°51'E at 0700K/16 escort until 17/9, then return Twofold Bay.

"GLENELG" reported at 1332K/14 - "Leaving "PETER H. BURNETT" and "SABINE PASS" at 1400K/14 in position 27°50'S, 159°59'E, relief escort not having arrived. E.T.A. Sydney 0800K/16; "but at 1832K/14, after N.O.I.C. Sydney's report of A/C sighting of submarine in position 24°29'S, 158°59'E at 0845K/14, reported to N.O.I.C. Brisbane - "Returning to continue convoy". Request instructions."

S.C. 1268 ) to rendezvous "PETER H. BURNETT" and "SABINE PASS" in  
"HMNZ "MATAI" ) vicinity of 25°19'S, 163°25'E at 0700K/16 and escort to Espiritu Santo.

"GOONAMBEE" on passage Newcastle/Hobart sheltered in Twofold Bay from 1359K/13 to 1041K/14 and is now proceeding.

"DURRAWEE" departed Port Phillip 1939K/13 for S.C.F. 18.

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 125 departed Port Phillip 0134K/14.

"BUNGAREE" when ready 17/9 to proceed in routine O.C, G.P. and Q.L. convoys, thence to operating area.

"VAN HERMSKERCK" arrived Fremantle 0929K/14 from escorting "ALTAMANA".

"ADELAIDE" E.T.A. Fremantle 2000K/15 from Melbourne.

#### SUBMARINE REPORT 315 MILES OF SANDY CAPE.

Aircraft reported sighting submarine crash dive in position 24°29'S, 158°59'E at 0845K/14. Position is about 315 miles E. of Sandy Cape. The sighting was made by one member of crew only. Conning tower, hull and flag observed from 8000' before crash dive, course probably east. Sea was calm and visibility good. Aircraft proceeded without further investigation. Report graded B2. At 1633K/14 COMSOPAC reported "Jap submarine within 100 miles of 24°29'S, 158°59'E." Escort vessels in the area were warned of the aircraft sighting.

#### AIR RAID WARNINGS.

KITIWINA	-	Yellow 0358K/15.	All clear 0412K/15.
PT. MORESBY	-	" 0140K/15	" " 0227K/15.
HILNE BAY	-	" "	" " 1130K/14.
GOODENOUGH IS.	-	" 1118K/14	" " 1206K/14.

M.L.307 commissioned in Sydney 14/9.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 14th September, 1943.

C.T.F. 74 in "AUSTRALIA" with "BAGLEY" departs Sydney at 1400K/14 for Palm Island - E.T.A. 0830K/16.

"ARUNTA" E.T.D. Sydney about 16/9 to join C.T.F. 74 at Palm Island.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville at 1442K/13 from Milne Bay.

"NICHOLAS" departed Milne Bay at 1225K/13 escorting "JOHN NUIR" and "AMBROSE PIERCE" to Townsville E.T.A. 2330K/15. "NICHOLAS" then proceeds to Brisbane.

"BALLARD" (U.S. Destroyer) E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 1500K/11 escorting "STANUAC" "CAPETOWN" and "ESSO" "RICHMOND" to Brisbane - E.T.A. 16/9.

"WAGGA" departed Port Moresby at 0655K/13 escorting N.T. 48 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 0430K/16.

"GYMPIE" departed Port Moresby at 0951K/13 escorting "C.P. STEINMETZ" and "JOSIAH ROYCE" to Oro Bay direct E.T.A. 0600K/15.

"DELORAINÉ" ) detailed as escorts T.N. 155 (16 ships) also S.C. 738  
"KATOOMBA" ) (towing P.T. 581) and YP.278. "DELORAINÉ" and S.C. 743  
"BUNBURY" ) departed Townsville at 0005K/13 with Townsville section  
S.C. 743 ) and will rendezvous with remainder of escorts with  
S.C. 981 ) Cairns section in vicinity of Fitzroy Island light at 1700K/  
P.C. 1119 ) 13. "DELORAINÉ" called at Cairns and landed suspected  
 case appendicitis, then rejoined convoy.

"CASTLEMAINE" escorting G.P.57 is to be detached at Brisbane to escort "LUXOR" to Sydney when ready.

"GEELONG" ) departed Brisbane at 2221K/12 to exercise with U.S. Submarine  
P.C. 1122 )

"GLADSTONE" escorting SUVA arrived Brisbane at 1331K/13 from Lady Elliot Island.

"BUNDABERG" arrived Sydney at 1727K/13 escorting Sydney section O.C. 124.

"DOOMBA" E.T.D. Pt. Phillip 0100K/14 escorting O.C. 125.

"SHEPHERTON" departed Milne Bay at 1625K/12 for MOrobe.

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin at 1305K/13 escorting T.D. 31.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Thursday Island at 0324K/13 escorting T.D. 32 (3 ships) E.T.A. Darwin 1300K/17.

S.C. 747 ) arrived Milne Bay at 1636K/13 escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER"  
S.C. 731 ) from Goodenough Island.

S.C. 750 arrived Woodlark Island at 0415K/13 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 744 departed Milne Bay at 1627K/12 escorting "WEST CACTUS" to Oro Bay arrived at 1005K/13.

YMS. 71 arrived Milne Bay at 1058K/12 escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" from Oro Bay.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay at 0425K/3 from Oro Bay.

YMS. 8. 46. 47 and 48 departed Thursday Island at 1401K/13 E.T.A. Cairns 1400K/15.



"POTRERO" arrived Morebe at 0715K/13 from Milne Bay.

"DURRAWEEEN" departed Port Phillip at 1939K/13 for S.C.F. 18.

"TEBKA" departed Thursday Island at 0715K/13 for Townsville

"LANK" departed Fremantle at 1427K/13 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. A.M/16.

"BALAO" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane at 0344K/13.

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 0342K/13 from Sydney.

"ALTAMAHA" E.T.A. Port Phillip about 1100K/18.

"STARFISH" (N.A.P.) N.O.I.C. Sydney reported the loss of "STARFISH"  
(N.A.P. which grounded at 0023K/7 one mile south of Wollongong  
Light. No casualties - engine and stores salvaged - hull  
total wreck.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

MILNE BAY : Warning 1109K/13 - Raiders passed 1132K/13.  
Warning 2354K/13.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND : Warning 1129K/13 and 1155K/13  
Raider passed 1229K/13.

D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUBMARINE AT 0700K/13 and 1932K/13 in Huon Gulf Area.

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To 09:00K/Monday, 13th September, 1943.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 0615K/12 to rendezvous with and relieve P.C. 476 escorting "MORMACSEA" to Lady Elliot Island. P.C. 476 then proceeds Gladstone.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Milne Bay at 0725K/12 escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" from Townsville. Departed at 1250K/12 for Townsville, E.T.A. 1330K/13.

"TAYLOR" (U.S. DESTROYER) arrived Sydney at 0710K/12 from Noumea.

"BANNON" (U.S. DESTROYER) departed Noumea at 1500K/12 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. China Straits 0630K/15, thence to Brisbane.

"SWAN" departed Cairns at 2354K/11 escorting T.N. 154 - "TAROONA" to Port Moresby.

"NICHOLAS" (U.S. Destroyer) arrived Milne Bay at 1400K/12 from Noumea.

"COLAC" departed Milne Bay at 1345K/11 escorting F.T. 25 (3 ships).

"GYMPIE" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1005K/13 escorting "P. STEINMETZ" and "JOSIAH ROYCE" to Oro Bay direct. E.T.A. 1200K/14.

"WAGGA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 0600K/13 escorting N.T. 48 (2 ships).

"GOULBURN" ) departed Caloundra at 1530K/11 escorting Q.L.11 (5  
 "GLADSTONE" ) ships) and L.S.T. 202 P.C. 476 detaches as necessary  
 P.C. 476, P.C. 479 ) to R.V. with and escort "MORMACSEA" until relieved  
 by "VENDETTA".

"GLADSTONE" will rendezvous with "SUVA" in vicinity Fitzroy Island at 2000K/12 and escort to Brisbane.

"BOWEN" arrived Brisbane at 0915K/11 from Townsville.

"INVERELL" departed Darwin at 1315K/12 escorting "WANAKA" to Melville Bay E.T.A. 1130K/14.

"COOTAMUNDRA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300K/13 escorting "MATHEW FLINDERS" "YARRA" and "KURUMBA" to Darwin E.T.A. 1300K/17.

"HORSHAM" departed Fremantle at 1334K/12 escorting "KOOLINDA" for Exmouth Gulf. E.T.A. 1700K/14 thence to Broome.

YMS. 71 arrived Milne Bay at 1058K/12 escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" from Oro Bay.

S.C. 746 and S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay at 2130K/11 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 750 departed Milne Bay at 0400K/12 for Woodlark Island.

S.C. 744 arrived Milne Bay at 1150K/11 escorting "ANHUI".

P.C. 1123 when in vicinity of Lady Elliot Island will discontinue escort duties with "ROSEVILLE" and proceed to Brisbane.

S.C. 748 departed Milne Bay at 1100K/11 escorting "CAPE CONSTANCE" to Oro Bay E.T.A. 0400K/12.

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Durban at 2100K/10, E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/20.

"GOLDSTAR" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1100K/11 for Townsville E.T.A. 1200K/14.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Thursday Island 0729K/12 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1400K/14.

"COONAMBBE" departed Newcastle at 0027K/12 for Hobart - E.T.A. 0200K/16.

"MATSONIA" departed Brisbane at 0800K/11 for Suva E.T.A. 15/9.

"CITY OF DALLAS" refloated and arrived Townsville 0205K/12 and proceeding in company Tugs "FOREMOST" and "RESERVE".

STORM WARNING issued to shipping by N.O.I.C. Fremantle at 1600K/12. Depression centred south of Cape Leeuwin moving E.S.E. at 25 knots.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

"MOROBE" - Raid by 30 enemy aircraft. L.S.T. 455 received direct hit and L.C.T. 175 near miss.

ENEMY SUBMARINE reported by D/F at 2202K/12 in position 07°S. 149°E. Grading. VICTOR within 250 miles. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 12th September, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA"- completed RADAR trials E.T.D. Sydney with BAGLEY 14/9 for Palm Island E.T.A. 17/9.

YMS. 71 escorting "VAN OUTHOORN" departed Oro Bay 1210K/11 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/12.

"COLAC" } escorting T.N. 153 B arrived Milne Bay 1100K/11.  
M.L. 424 }

"COUCAL" arrived Milne Bay 1330K/10.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay 0845K/11.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Port Moresby 0801K/11 from Milne Bay.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 47 including "GOLDSTAR" departed Port Moresby 1115K/11. E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/14.

"GYMPIE" escorting T.N. 153A arrived Port Moresby 1348K/11.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "MATHEW FLINDERS", "YARRA" and "KARUMBA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300K/13 for Darwin.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Thursday Island 1107K/11 from Cairns.

"TEKA" arrived Thursday Island 0236K/11 from Darwin.

"KURUMBA" arrived Thursday Island 1029K/11 from Gladstone.

S.C. 732 - escorting L.C.T. 61, 88 and 176 departed Cairns 0545K/11. for Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/14.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns 1052K/11 from escorting F.T. 24.

"BUNBURY" arrived Cairns 1205K/11 from escorting F.T. 24.

S.C. 743 arrived Townsville 1140K/10 from Brisbane.

"RESERVE" has been ordered to remain with "CITY OF DALLAS".

Y.P. 278 arrived Townsville 0926K/11 from Brisbane.

P.C. 476 is to leave Q.L.11 as necessary to R.V. "MORMACSEA" in 24°18'S, 157°34'E at 1900K/12 and escort to Lady Elliot Island.

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/12 to relieve P.C. 476 which is to proceed Gladstone on relief.

"GEELONG" } escorting L.Q. 10 arrived Brisbane 0820K/11.  
S.C. 650, 741 and 735 }

"RASHER" arrived Brisbane 0852K/11.

"BALLARD" escorting "STANVAC", "CAPETOWN" and "ESSO RICHMOND" departed Espiritu Santo 1500K/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0700K/16; on arrival Brisbane "BALLARD" is to proceed Sydney.

"MILDURA" } departed Sydney 0030K/11; escorting C.O.125 departed  
M.L. 821 } Newcastle 0735K/11, M.L.821 to Sydney only.

M.L. 821 arrived Sydney 1523K/11.

"KALGOORLIE" } escorting C.O.125 departed Sydney 1418K/11.  
"BROOME" }

"GERARD" departed Sydney 0846K/11 for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 0200K/15.

"GLENELG" departed Sydney 1116K/11 escorting "SABINE"PASS" towing "PETER H. BURNETT" (bound Espiritu Santo) to vicinity 159 E, thence returning Sydney.

"MIZAR" departed Sydney 1122K/11 for Brisbane.

"WILCANNIA" ) escorting G.P.67 including U.S.S. "SHIKELLAMY"  
 "CASTLEMAINE" ) departed Sydney 0801K/11.  
 "ECHUCA" )  
 "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )  
 M.L.430 and 820 )

"WESTRALIA" arrived Port Stephens 0645K/11 from Milne Bay.

"BAGLEY" arrived Sydney 0915K/11 from escorting "WESTRALIA".

"DOOMBA" escorting O.C. 124 departed Port Phillip 2346K/10; escorting C.O.124 arrived Port Phillip 1156K/11.

"ADELAIDE" departed Port Phillip 2245K/10 for Fremantle E.T.A. 0800K/15.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" departed Darwin 0500K/11 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0100K/15.

"SUFFOLK" escorting U.S. 22 arrived Bombay 1811K/10 from Fremantle.

#### E.5. REPORT OF SUBMARINE S. OF MORUYA.

V.A.O.C. Post at WALLAGA LAKE about 30 miles S. of MORUYA reported the sighting of a completely surfaced submarine half mile off shore at 0950K/11. N.O.I.C. Sydney ordered M.L.802 and 822 from Jervis Bay to investigate and arranged air search. Later this was cancelled when interrogation of sighter, a local farm hand, resulted in the report being graded E.5. Considered here that sighting was of "COBARGO" (860 tons) due at BERMAGUI at 1630K.

#### SUBMARINE D/F FIX.

Enemy submarine D/F fix at 2319K/11 in position 07°S 163°E. (about 125 miles N. of Woodlark Island) classification N (within 100 miles) passed to ships and Authorities New Guinea Area.

#### AIR?RAID WARNING.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow 1920K/11,  
 Red 1936K/11,  
 All clear 1940K/11.

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0900K/Saturday, 11th September, 1943.

S.C. 746 arrived Milne Bay 1000K/10 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 750. } escorting "CAPE HATTERAS" departed Milne Bay 1210K/10 -  
S.C. 746 } E.T.A. Oro Bay 0600K/11.

H.D.M.L. 1074 departed Milne Bay 1610K/9 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1300K/10.

"GOLDSTAR" E.T.D. "KANAKOPE" 1400K/9 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0600K/11.

"VIGILANT" arrived Thursday Island 0331K/10 from Merauke.

S.C. 732 escorting LCT. 88 and 176 E.T.D. Cairns 1400K/10 for Milne Bay E.T.A. 0300K/14.

"SWAN" is to rendezvous T.N. 154 off Fitzroy Is. at 0100K/12 and escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1400K/13.

"ROCHAMBEAU" departed Cairns 1618K/10 for Milne Bay.

"HELM" departed Townsville 1250K/10 for Mackay, E.T.A. 2100K/10.

"GEELONG" ) escorting L.C. 10 departed Gladstone 2359K/9.  
S.C. 650, 735 and 741 )

"STUART" has defective shaft which may need relining. "MATSONIA" is to depart Brisbane independently.

P.C. 479 departed Caloundra 0537K/10 for exercises with submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.

"WATO" with M.L. 804 and two barges in tow departed Caloundra 1357K/9 for Cairns.

"GERARD" E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/11 for Brisbane.

"WIZAR" E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 0200K/13.

"WARRNAMBOOL" arrived Sydney 0555K/10 from escorting O.C. 123.

U.S. CRUISER "COLUMBIA" ) arrived Sydney 0708K/10 from Espiritu  
U.S. DESTROYER "CHEVALIER" ) Santo.

"GLENELG" E.T.D. Sydney Heads 1030K/11 escorting tug "SABINE PASS" towing "PETER H. BURNETT" to 28°25'S, 159°00'E, E.T.A. 0500K/15, whence "GLENELG" returns Sydney, "SABINE PASS" and "PETER H. BURNETT" E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 2300K/21.

"ADELAIDE" E.T.D. Port Phillip 2100K/10 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 0806K/15.

"OHARA" arrived Port Melbourne 0859K/10 from S.C.F. 18.

"MAUGANUI" departed Wellington 0700K/9 for Fremantle.

SUBMARINE REPORT N.W. OF FREMANTLE.

Searches including sweep by 14 aircraft 200 miles to seaward have been negative.

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TOP SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Friday, 10th September, 1943.

"ADELAIDE" - When ready P.M/10 to depart Melbourne for Fremantle.

"WARRAMUNGA" at Townsville is to rendezvous with "ROCHAMBEAU" departed Cairns at 1500K/10 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A. 0600K/12.

"STUART" E.T.D. Brisbane 1000K/11 escorting "MATSONIA" passing through 25°58'S. 159°00'E until 1900K/11 then to return Brisbane.

"HELM" arrived Townsville at 1520K/9 escorting N.T. 46.

"TAYLOR" (U.S. Destroyer) to depart Noumea at 1400K/9 for Sydney for 10 days recreation leave.

"KATOOMBA" ) departed Milne Bay at 2130K/8 escorting F.T. 24 (3 ships),  
"BUNBURY" ) also L.S.T. 457, E.T.A. Townsville 0300K/12.

"BENALLA" departed Port Moresby at 1347K/8 for Survey ground - Caution Bay.

"KAPUNDA" E.T.D. Port Moresby A.M/10 escorting "WILLIAM HAWKINS" and "JOSIAH ROYCE" for Oro Bay.

"PIRIE" arrived Cairns at 1213K/9 from Townsville.

"HOWEN" departed Townsville at 1200K/9 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1800K/11.

"ARARAT" returned Brisbane at 0821K/9 from exercises with U.S. Submarine.

"GLADSTONE" returned Brisbane at 2113K/8 from exercises with U.S. submarine

"KALGOORLIE" ) escorting Sydney Section O.C. 123 arrived Sydney at 1749K/9.  
"BROOME" )

"WILCANNIA" ) arrived Sydney at 1417K/9 escorting P.G. 66.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"ECHUCA" )  
M.L.801 )

"LATROBE" departed Thursday Island at 0816K/9 escorting T.D. 31 (2 ships) also "HEROS" (Tug) E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/13.

P.C. 1119 arrived Cairns at 1117K/9 from Cairns.

S.C. 732 returned Cairns at 1254K/9 with engine trouble. N.O.I.C. Milne Bay is to provide escort for T.N. 153 southwards of China Strait in place of S.C. 732.

S.C. 746 ) departed Milne Bay at 1505K/8 escorting F.O.7 (4 ships) E.T.A.  
YMS.71 ) Oro Bay 1230K/9.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay at 1000K/8 from Kiriwina.

S.C. 750 arrived Milne Bay at 1645K/8 with T.N. 151.

S.C. 737 escorting L.S.T. 170 departs Noumea 10/9 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0800K/14.

"VIGILANT" departed Merake at 2100K/8 on A.S.H. operations.

"KILLBARN" (N.A.P.) arrived Milne Bay from Port Moresby at 1800K/8.

M.L.806 commissioned at Sydney at 1200K/8 under command of Lt. H.C. Shipway, R.A.N.R.

"BLUEFISH" (U.S. Submarine) departed Darwin at 0800K/9 on operations.

"WATO" departed Port Moresby at 1546K/7 for Caution Bay - Survey Ground.

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney at 1433K/9 from Port Kembla.

"RESERVE" (Tug) arrived alongside "CITY OF DALLAS" (aground at Cape Bowling Green) at 0852K/9 - To render assistance.

"TRINITY" departed Port Moresby at 0713K/9 for Townsville E.T.A. A.M/15.

ACOUSTIC MINE SWEEP off Caloundra completed and negative 6/9.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

D/F FIX OF ENEMY SUBMARINE at 1849K/9 in position 250 miles of 14°S 152°E (240 miles S.E. Milne Bay).

AIRCRAFT SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE ENEMY SUBMARINE at 2000K/9 in position 55 miles N.W. of Fremantle - "HORSHAM" and aircraft are conducting search.

SHIPPING STRIKE TERMINATED 9/9/43.

The following arrangements have been made regarding the withdrawal of Naval Crews -

" <u>DUMOSA</u> "	en route Newcastle/Melbourne.	Naval crew will be withdrawn on return to Sydney.
" <u>WEAR</u> "	at Melbourne.	Maritime Indus. Commn. endeavouring to replace crew at Melbourne.
" <u>IRON KING</u> "	en route Newcastle/Whyalla	Naval crew will be withdrawn on return to Sydney.
" <u>KARUAH</u> "	at Newcastle	Naval Crew will be withdrawn at Sydney A.M. Sunday 12th.
" <u>STOCKRINGTON</u> "	at Sydney	No definite news as yet.
" <u>RONA</u> "	at Sydney	Naval crew will be withdrawn at Sydney A.M./Friday 10th inst.
" <u>PELAW MAIN</u> "	at Sydney	Naval crew will be withdrawn at Sydney on Friday 10th inst.
" <u>KINDUR</u> "	at Port Kembla	Naval crew will be withdrawn at Pt. Kembla on Friday if possible.
" <u>KLANG</u> "	at Sydney	Naval crew will be withdrawn at Sydney P.M. Friday 10th inst.
" <u>CANOPUS</u> "	at Sydney	Naval crew will be withdrawn in Sydney on Friday.



"0900K/Thursday, 9th September, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Cairns at 1610K/8 from Milne Bay and departed 1717K/8 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/9.

"HELM" ) Departed Port Moresby at 1745K/7 escorting N.T. 46 (2 ships)  
 P.C. 1119 ) E.T.A. Townsville 2145K/9.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 2034K/17 from escort duties - at 24 hours' notice from A.M/8 for 7 days' for boiler clean.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney at 1501K/8 from Townsville.

"BOWEN" escorting "DAVENPORT" arrived Townsville at 1236K/8 from Milne Bay.

"PIRIE" departed Townsville at 2002K/8 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1300K/9.

"GYMPIE" ) detailed to escort T.N. 153 (10 ships). "GYMPIE" from  
 "COLAC" ) Townsville - "COLAC" "WAGGA" and 732 from Cairns will  
 "WAGGA" ) rendezvous in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1700K/8.  
 S.C. 732 ) "GYMPIE" and "WAGGA" escorting section "A" E.T.A. Port  
 Moresby 1200K/11.  
 "COLAC" and S.C. 732 escorting section "B" E.T.A. Milne  
 Bay 1200K/11.

"ARARAT" and U.S. Submarine "CISCO" will depart Caloundra at 1600K/9 for exercises - returning about dusk/10. Then further exercises until 1800K/11.

"GLADSTONE" departed Brisbane at 0744K/8 to exercise with U.S. submarine "BONEFISH".

"GBELONG" ) departed Caloundra at 1742K/7 escorting Q.L.10 (6 ships).  
 S.C. 650 )  
 S.C. 735 )  
 S.C. 742 )

"LATROBE" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0800K/9 escorting T.D. 31 (2 ships) also "HEROS" (tug).

"MORESBY" ) departed Newcastle 0345K/8 escorting Newcastle section  
 "TOWNSVILLE" ) C.O.124 to Sydney - "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Sydney at 1235K/8.

"BUNDABERG" ) departed Sydney at 1036K/8 escorting Sydney section C.O.124  
 "BENDIGO" ) to R.V. with "MORESBY" and Newcastle section off Sydney  
 C.O.124 (10 ships).

S.C. 731 and another S.C. departed Milne Bay at 0400K/7 escorting "WILLIS VAN DEVENTER" to Beli Beli. E.T.A. 1300K/8.

P.C. 1122 arrived Brisbane at 0929K/8 from Noumea.

S.C. 743 departed Brisbane at 1045K/8. E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/10.

P.C. 476 arrived Brisbane at 0751K/8 for escort duties.

YMS.52 and L.S.T.465 arrived Brisbane at 0645K/8 from Milne Bay.

M.L.425 arrived Port Moresby at 1536K/7 from Milne Bay.

YP.836 departed Caloundra at 1101K/8 for Mackay - E.T.A. 1700K/10.

M.L.822 departed Port Kembla at 0620K/8 E.T.A. Jervis Bay 1000K/8.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Cairns at 0759K/8 for Thursday Is. E.T.A. 1200K/11

"BUNGAREE" completed test lay satisfactorily of Frankstown and returned Pt. Melbourne 1601K/8.

"STINGRAY" (N.A.P.) commissioned at Sydney 0900K/8.

"KURUMBA" E.T.A. Thursday Is. 1900K/11 from Gladstone.

"ROCKHAMBEAU" arrived Cairns at 1243K/8 from Mackay.

MERCHANT SHIPS MANNED AND PARTLY MANNED  
BY R.A.N. PERSONNEL.

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<u>SHIP</u>	<u>TONNAGE</u>	<u>DATE MANNED</u>	<u>NO. OF PERSONNEL.</u>
CANBERRA	7710	3/6/43.	69
YUNNAN	1634	14/8/43.	Approx. 30.
KARUAH	1342	4/9/43.	12
RIVER CLARENCE	5108	4/9/43.	33
STOCKRINGTON	973	6/9/43.	10
PELAW MAIN	1221	6/9/43.	10
DUMOSA	3351	7/9/43.	28
WEAR	1892	8/9/43.	20
CANOPUS	1337	8/9/43.	11
RONA	6205	8/9/43.	Not yet advised.
KLANG	1451	9/9/43.	21
KINDUR	1267	9/9/43.	11
ELLAROO	4655	9/9/43.	Not yet advised.
IRON KNOB	3349	9/9/43	Not yet advised.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Wednesday, 8th September, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" escorting "OTUS" arrived Milne Bay 1634K/6; departed 1320K/7 for Cairns E.T.A. 0900K/8 thence Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/9.

S.C. 748 } escorting "ANHUI" departed Milne Bay 1400K/6 for  
S.C. 744 } "KIRIWINA" E.T.A. 0600K/7.

M.L. 425 departed Milne Bay 0945K/6 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1700K/7.

YMS 53 arrived Milne Bay 1640K/6 from Oro Bay.

"HELM" } escorting T.N. 150 arrived Port Moresby 0714K/6; escorting  
P.C. 1119 } N.T. 46 E.T.D. 1700K/7.

"VIGILANT" arrived Merauke 0740K/7 from Thursday Island.

"LATROBE" escorting "TULAGI", "ALLARA" and "HEROS" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0800K/9 for Darwin.

"HEROS" arrived Thursday Island 1550K/7 from Port Moresby.

"ROCHAMBEAU" departed Mackay 0900K/7 for Cairns E.T.A. 0500K/8.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Cairns 1053K/7 from Townsville.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns 0641K/7 from Port Moresby.

"PIRIE" } arrived Cairns 0411K/6 from Milne Bay.  
"WAGGA" }

"PIRIE" departed Cairns 1201K/7 to position about 60 miles N. of Townsville where "FALIE" required assistance to tow her to Townsville.

"BOWEN" E.T.D. Townsville 9/9 for Brisbane.

S.C. 741 arrived Gladstone 1001K/7 from escorting Q.L.9B.

"KURUMBA" arrived Gladstone 1120K/6 with engine trouble - will be delayed 18 to 24 hours.

M.L.'s 801 and 822 are to R.V. P.G.66 in approximate position 29°43'S. 153°57'E at 1200K/8 and escort to Sydney.

"WILCANNIA" } escorting G.P.66 arrived Brisbane 0410K/7, escorting P.G.66  
"CASTLEMAINE" } departed Caloundra 1201K/7.

"ECHUCA"

"HERON" arrived Brisbane 0801K/6 from Fremantle.

"STUART" escorting "MATSONIA" arrived Brisbane 0805K/7.

P.C. 477 arrived Brisbane 0921K/7 from Noumea.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Brisbane 1119K/7 from escorting "LOUIS ARGUELLO".

"RESERVE" departed Caloundra 2055K/6 for Cape Bowling Green, assisting "CREMER" on passage if necessary

"ARARAT" departed Sydney 1236K/7 E.T.A. Caloundra 1200K/9.

"MORESBY" departed Sydney 2140K/7 to R.V. Newcastle section of C.O.124.

M.L. 822 arrived Port Kembla 1430K/7 ~~escorting G.P.66 - 122 - departed Port Phillip~~

"DOOMBA" Escorting O.C. 123 departed Port Phillip 2330K/6; escorting C.O.123 arrived Port Phillip 0950K/7.

"BUNGAREE" arrived Geelong 1157K/9 from Sydney.

M.L. 802 to rendezvous O.C. 123 in approx. position 38° 02' S. 149° 26' E. at 1400K/8, escort till daylight/9, then proceed Jarvis Bay.

"PUFFER" departed Darwin 0850K/7 on patrol.

"INVERELL" escorting "WANIGA" arrived Darwin 1537K/7 from Thursday Is.

AIR RAID:

DARWIN - Yellow 100K/7.  
Raid 1011K/7.  
All clear 1112K/7.

"CHUMER"

Ship's lifeboat which was previously reported missing has been found.

	Tonnage	Date	Men supplied.
YUNNAN	1634	14/8/43	not known
CANBERRA	7710	7/8/43	"
DUMOSA	3351	7/9/43.	28
IRON KING	4584	7/9/43	32
WEAR	1892	8/9/43.	20
RIVER CLARENCE	5108	4/9/43	33
STOCK RINGTON	973	6/9/43	10
PELAW MAIN	1221	6/9/43	10
KARNAH	1342	4/9/43	12
CANOPUS	1337	8/9/43	7/
KLANG	1451	9/9/43	11

(No. required if crew refuses to sail on 9/9/43).

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 7th September, 1943.

"SHROPSHIRE" arrived Capetown 1500K/4, E.T.D. 0200K/6, for Durban  
E.T.A. 1500K/7.

YMS.72 arrived Milne Bay 1652K/6 from Oro Bay having detached  
"BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" at North Foreland.

"BAGLEY" ) departed Milne Bay 0600K/6 for Port Stephens E.T.A. 0700K/  
"WESTRALIA" ) 11.

"POTRERO" arrived Kane Kope 1800K/5 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 744 arrived Milne Bay 1200K/5 from Oro Bay.

"BOWEN" escorting "DAVENPORT" departed Milne Bay 1200K/5 for  
Townsville E.T.A. 2000K/8.

M.L.425 E.T.D. Milne Bay 0700K/6 for Port Moresby to fit new dome and  
repair tail shaft.

"ERNALLA" E.T.D. Buna 1800K/6 for Port Moresby.

"HEROS" departed Port Moresby 1200K/5 for Thursday Island E.T.A.  
1800K/7 for onward routing to Darwin.

"VIGILANT" departed Thursday Island for Merauke.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Townsville 0750K/6 for Sydney.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Townsville 1420K/6 for Cairns.

"STUART" to rendezvous "MATSONIA" 2300K/6 and escort to Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane 1526K/6 from escorting Q.L.9B.

"TOWNSVILLE" escorting O.C. 122 arrived Newcastle 1055K/6.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney 1244K/6 from Devonport.

M.L.822 departed Sydney 1102K/6 for Jervis Bay.

U.S. Cruiser "COLUMBIA" ) departed Espiritu Santo 0700K/6 for  
U.S. Destroyer "CHEVALIER" ) Sydney E.T.A. 0600K/10.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" arrived Darwin 1541K/6 from Thursday  
Island.

"CREMER"

1st Officer, both radio operators, 6 of crew and 4 of  
armed guard are missing since embarking in a ship's lifeboat.  
"DOBBIN" considers that unless the wind changes to the north east  
there is only slight danger of "CREMER" breaking up.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

HATCHER - Yellow 1338K/6. All clear 1422K/6.

GOODENOUGH IS. - Yellow 1042K/6. All Clear 1049K/6.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 6th September, 1943.

"STUART" departed Sydney at 0830K/5 to rendezvous with "MATSONIA" in position 25°49'S. 155°50'E at 0800K/6 and escort to Brisbane.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Townsville at 1159K/4 escorting to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1130K/8.

"STUART" } are to be sailed from N.E. Area with "HELM" to arrive  
"WARRAMUNGA" } Melbourne by 18/9.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" will depart Townsville 6/9 for Sydney direct. Not available for escort duties owing to state of evaporators allowing maximum 4 days' steaming.

"HELM" departed Townsville at 0300K/4 escorting T.N. 150 (2 ships) P.C. 1119 departed Cairns at 1403K/ to rendezvous with T.N. 150 at 1600K/4 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light and act as additional escort to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0700K/6.

"VENDETTA" will rendezvous with "BOSCHFONTEIN" in position 25°00'S. 156°32'E at 1700K/6 and escort to Lady Elliot Island. "VENDETTA" then returns to Brisbane.

"POWEN" arrived Milne Bay at 0905K/5 from Buna.

"PIRIE" and "WAGGA" departed Milne Bay at 1855K/4 escorting "SIBIGO" to Townsville E.T.A. 0100K/8.

"KAPUNDA" } detailed to escort T.N. 151 (9 ships) also "BISHOPDALE",  
"BUNBURY" } "SUSQUEHANNA" and A.P.C. 12. "KATOOMBA" and S.C. 750  
"KATOOMBA" } departed Cairns at 1505K/5 to R.V. with T.N. 151.  
S.C. 750 } "KATOOMBA", "BUNBURY", S.C. 750 to escort section "B" to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1200K/8. "KAPUNDA" with Section "A" arrives Port Moresby at 1200K/8.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns at 1601K/5 from Cape Bowling Green (assisting "CITY OF DALLAS")

"GOULBURN" } departed Brisbane at 2221K/4 escorting O.L.9 "B" ( ships)  
P.C. 476 } including "ROCHAMBEAU" and "KURUMBA" to vicinity Lady  
S.C. 741 } Elliot Island.

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/8 for exercises with U.S. submarine "BONEFISH" until dusk/7 then to return Caloundra exercising en route. About 0300K/8, "BONEFISH" in company with "GLADSTONE" departs Caloundra for exercises.

"HEEMSKERCK" will depart Addu Atoll as convenient so as to rendezvous with "ALTAMAHA" (from "KARACHI" for Melbourne in position 002°49'S. 078°23'E at 1230K/7 and escort to as far as endurance permits en route to Fremantle. E.T.A. "ALTAMAHA" Melbourne 1001K/19.

"BALLARD" E.T.D. Espiritu Santo about 6/9 escorting "ESSO RICHMOND" to Brisbane "BALLARD" then proceeds Sydney.

"TOWNSVILLE" is to escort Newcastle section O.C. 122 to Newcastle and remain. E.T.D. A.M/8 escorting Newcastle section C.O.124 to Sydney.

"BUNDABERG" } arrived Sydney 0300K/6 escorting Sydney Section O.C. 122.  
"BENDIGO" }

"LATROBE" } arrived Thursday Island at 0047K/5 escorting D.T. 31  
"COOTAMUNDRA" } including "VIGILANT".

Ps. 278 and 279 departed Brisbane 1139K/4 from Townsville E.T.A. 1100K/7.

At 1051K/5 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported YP.279 (District Patrol Boat) sank in position 75 miles N. of Brisbane. All personnel rescued by "TONGKOL".

P.C. 1122 E.T.A. Brisbane 0800K/8 from "SOU AC.

P.C. 477 E.T.A. Brisbane from Noumea 0800K/7.

YMS.72 departed Oro Bay at 1145K/5 escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" to East Cape.

M.L.814 will rendezvous with U.S. submarine "PUFFER" in position 30 miles N.W. Darwin at 1500K/6 and escort into harbour.

YMS.53 ) departed Milne Bay at 1305K/4 escorting F.O.6 (3 ships) to  
YMS.71 ) Oro Bay E.T.A. 0600K/5.

"MISCHIEF" ) NAP arrived Sydney at 1400K/5 from Port Kembla.  
 "SYLPH" )

ENEMY SUBMARINE PASSED CAPE ORFORD southbound at 1423K/5.

Northbound submarine sighted passing Cape Orford at 0932K/5

"CREMER" abandoned after grounding on St. Bees Island (17 miles N.E. of Mackay).

At 2357K/5 "CREMER" (4057 tons gross - sailing independently - en route Townsville to Melbourne) reported S.O.S. "CREMER" abandoning ship. Position St. Bee's Island (this position is 150 miles S.E. of where "CITY OF DALLAS" is aground).

At 2359K/5 N.O.I.C. Townsville advised vessel required immediate assistance - Also advised Salvage Board Rep.

At 0054K/5 N.O.I.C. Townsville requested "DOBBIN" (U.S. Destroyer Tender at Mackay) to render assistance and report.

One Beaufort will carry out search for ships boats 6/9.

FURTHER TO "CITY OF DALLAS"

At 1053K/5 "DELORAINE" reported "CITY OF DALLAS" moved out 100 feet in tow of Naval vessel on 4/9. "FOREMOST" (Tug) and "DELORAINE" now assisting ships pumps coping with situation.

Attempt to refloat will be made noon/5.

Weather moderating and swell subsiding.

At 2346K/5 Com. 7th Fleet approved the despatch from Brisbane of "RESEAVE" (Tug) with salvage gear. Salvage officer proceed from Sydney by plane 6/9 to assist.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

MERAUKE - Warning 1130K/5.

MILNE BAY - Warning 0925K/5, Warning 2050K/5, All clear later.

PORT MORESEY - Warning 2042K/5.

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~~SECRET~~

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, 1943.

- "STUART" - escorting "MIZAR" arrived Sydney at 1010K/4 from Brisbane. "STUART" is to depart Sydney so as to R/V with "MATSONIA" in position 26° 49' S. 155° 50' E. at 0800K/6 and escort to Brisbane.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Townsville at 0646K/4 from Port Moresby.
- "HELM" - departed Townsville at 0300K/4 escorting T.N.150 (2 ships). P.C.1119 departed Cairns at 1403K/4 to R/V with T.N.150 as additional escort to Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0700K/6.
- "BAGLEY" )  
"WESTRALIA" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1140K/3 from Goodenough Island.
- "COLAC" - arrived Port Moresby at 1430K/4 escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE" from Milne Bay. "COLAC" departed at 1730K/4 escorting N.T.45 (2 ships). - E.T.A. Cairns 1300K/7.
- "BOWEN" - escorting "JOSIAH EARL" arrived Buna at 0700K/4 from Milne Bay.
- "GLADSTONE" - departed Brisbane at 6644K/4 to R/V with "LOUIS ARGUELLO" in position 24° 38' S. 159° 30' E. at 1400K/5 and escort to vicinity Lady Elliot Island.
- "GOULBURN" - arrived Brisbane at 0256K/4 on completion escort duties to Lady Elliot Island.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Newcastle section C.O.123 departed Newcastle at 1011K/4.
- "KALGOORLIE" )  
"BROOME" ) departed Sydney at 0403K/4 escorting Sydney section including "BUNGAREE" to R/V with Newcastle section C.O.123. M.L.803 is to R/V with C.O.123 off Bateman Bay at 0700K/5 and provide additional escort until daylight/6th then proceed Twofold Bay.
- "WILCANNIA" )  
"ECHUCA" )  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
M.L.820 ) departed Sydney at 0831K/4 escorting G.P.66 (7 ships).
- M.L.801 - with Newcastle section G.P.66 departed Newcastle at 1417K/4.
- "INVERELL" - departed Thursday Island at 0653K/4 escorting "WANAKA" to Melville Bay thence Darwin - E.T.A. 1500K/7.
- S.C.748 - arrived Milne Bay at 1600K/3 escorting "CORINNA" from "KIRIWINA".
- One S.C. )  
Y.M.S.72 ) - departed Milne Bay at 0705K/4 escorting "KARSIK" to Buna - E.T.A. 1000K/5.
- Y.P.291 - arrived Brisbane at 0553K/4 from Townsville.
- "ARARAT" - departs Sydney at 0900K/7 for Brisbane for phase 2 of working up programme.



- "TULSA" - arrived Port Moresby at 1501K/3 from Milne Bay.
- "AMOHINE" ) departed Maryborough at 0830K/4 - E.T.A. Gladstone  
 "STELLA MARIS" ) 0600K/5.
- "POTRERO" - departed Oro Bay at 0930K/2 from Kanepope via Tuti -  
 E.T.A. 0900K/16.
- "LOOKOUT" - arrived Morobe from Milne Bay at 1135K/31.
- "SUSQUEHANNA" - arrived Townsville at 0536K/4.
- "FALIE" - departed Milne Bay at 0700K/3 from Townsville.  
 E.T.A. 2100K/7, thence to Sydney.
- "TOORIE" - departed Cairns at 0100K/4 from Port Douglas then  
 to return Cairns.
- "KILLEARN" - departed Port Moresby at 0700K/4 for Milne Bay  
 (A.S.R.) E.T.A. 8/9.

Enemy submarine passed Cape Orford, Northbound, at 1215K/4.

Two enemy destroyers escorting 3 large freighters passed  
 Cape Orford, Northbound, at 0620K/4.

Further to "CITY OF DALLAS" aground off Cape Bowling Green.

1739K/4 - "SWAN" considers ship firmly on bank and in  
 great danger. 16 feet water in holds. "DELORAINIE" with Salvage  
 Officer aboard proceeding to scene. "SWAN" standing by - towing  
 attempt by "SWAN" so far unsuccessful. "GYMPIE" returned Townsville  
 with fouled propeller. "FALCON" (tug) returned Townsville owing  
 to bad weather. "FOREMOST" (tug) departed Bowen at 1730K/4 to  
 assist in operations.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 4th September, 1943.

S.C. 744 escorting F.O.5 arrived Oro Bay 1201K/2.

"BAGLEY" } arrived Goodenough Island 1200K/1 from Milne Bay.  
"WESTRALIA" }

APC.22 departed Milne Bay 1624K/2 escorting "VICTORIA" and "YUNNAN" to Portlock Harbour E.T.A. A.M/3, A.P.C. 22 thence to Buna.

YMS.53 arrived Milne Bay 1250K/2 from Beli Beli.

YMS.72 escorting "ADONIRAM JUDSON" arrived Milne Bay 1145K/2 from Oro Bay.

"TULSA" departed Milne Bay 1250K/2 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1500K/3.

"HENLEY" arrived Milne Bay 1535K/2 from Beli Beli.

"WARRAMUNGA" E.T.A. Fitzroy Island 1100K/4 from Townsville to await "OTUS" and escort to Milne Bay.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville 0635K/3 from Sydney

"SWAN" } arrived Townsville 0524K.3 from Milne Bay.  
"GYMPIE" }  
"BUNBURY" }

"STUART" arrived Brisbane 0525K/3, to rendezvous "MIZAR" off Caloundra 1600K/3 and escort to Sydney.

S.C. 650 and 735 returned Brisbane 0956K/3 from escorting Q.L.9A.

"GLADSTONE" returned Brisbane 0415K/3 from exercises.

"LITHGOW" arrived Brisbane 1414K/3 from escorting L.Q. 9.

"GEELONG" escorting L.Q. 9 arrived Brisbane 1542K/3.

"VENDETTA" escorting "TARCONA" (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot Island departed Sydney 0800K/3.

"LORNE" (N.A.P.) } departed Sydney 0645K/3, arrived Port Kembla 1805K/3.  
"STARFISH" }

"GUMLEAF" departed Sydney 0705K/3 for Newcastle E.T.A. 1600K/3.

"ARARAT" arrived Sydney 1609K/3 from Broken Bay.

"BALLARAT" escorting O.C. 122 departed Port Phillip 0100K/3.  
escortng C.O.122 arrived Port Phillip 1045K/3.

"ALTAMAHA" departed Karachi 2311K/2 for Melbourne.

"MANUNDA" arrived Brisbane 1350K/1 from Sydney.

"CITY OF DALLAS" AGROUND.

"CITY OF DALLAS" is aground 036°1.5 miles from Cape Bowling Green Light in four fathoms, draught 24 feet, not making water. "CITY OF DALLAS" cargo vessel of 2559 tons gross, operated by "USASOS", departed Caloundra 1600K/30 in Q.L.9 to proceed independently from Lady Elliot Island to Townsville to join convoy for Milne Bay.

"GYMPIE" attempted tow, but tow parted and screw fouled. Tug "FALCON" was to have departed Townsville 1500K/3 and tug "FOREMOST" ordered to proceed to assist. "SWAN" was to have proceeded from Townsville 1600K/3.

D/F FIX.

D/F fix of enemy surface unit at 1919K/3 in position about 110 miles E. of Salamaua, classification V (within 250 miles) was passed to ships and authorities New Guinea Area.

AIR RAID:

"MOROBE" was raided at 1200K/3 by 9 medium bombers escorted by 26 fighters. One pattern of 30 bombs was dropped from 15000 feet. "SHEPPARTON" and M.L.817 with Commander Branson onboard, were straddled and near missed.

No casualties and damage only superficial.

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To 0900K/Friday, 3rd September, 1943.

M.L.817 departed Milne Bay 1330K/1 for Buna.

M.L.425 departed Milne Bay 0400K/2 for Buna.

S.C. 744 escorting F.O.5 departed Milne Bay 1130K/1 - E.T.A. Oro Bay 1200K/2.

"SPRINGDALE" - arrived Milne Bay 1005K/1 from Cairns.

"COLAC" escorting "BALIK PAPAN" and "CITY OF FORT WORTH" arrived Milne Bay 1140K/1 from Cairns.

S.C. 731 escorting "BALIK PAPAN" departed Milne Bay 1030K/1 for Kiriwina, E.T.A. 1100K/2.

L.S.T. 465, L.C.l. 72) departed Milne Bay 0600K/31 for Townsville  
Y.M.S. 52 ) E.T.A. 7/9, Y.M.S. 52 and L.S.T. 465 thence  
Brisbane E.T.A. 9/9.

"TULSA" E.T.D. Milne Bay 0800K/2 for Port Moresby. E.T.A. 1500K/3.

"BOWEN" escorting "JOSIAH EARL" departed Port Moresby 1730K/1 for "EUNA".

"INVERELL" escorting "WANAKA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0600K/3 for Melville Bay.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "KOOLIGA" departed Thursday Island 1049K/1 for Darwin E.T.A. 1500K/6.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns 1101K/31 from Milne Bay.

S.C. 732 arrived Cairns 1947K/1 from Townsville.

"HELM" escorting N.T. 43 arrived Townsville 1630K/1.

"HELM" ) to, escort T.N. 150 E.T.D. Townsville 0300K/4 for Port  
P.C. 1119 ) Moresby, P.C. 1119 to R.V. off Fitzroy Island at 1600K/4.

A.P.C. 12 and L.C.T. 354 arrived Townsville 1730K/1.

M.L. 424 arrived Townsville 1554K/2 from Brisbane.

YP.291 departed Mackay 0929K/2 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1130K/4.

"GENLONG" ) escorting L.Q..9 departed Gladstone 2200K/1.  
"LITHCOW" )

S.C. 650 ) escorting Q.L.9A including "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Caloundra  
S.C. 735 ) 1730K/1.

M.L.819 departed Caloundra 0012K/2 to R.V. "CISCO".

"CISCO" ) arrived Brisbane 0507K/2.  
M.L.819 )

YMS.335 arrived Brisbane 0730K/2 from Noumea.

"ROCHAMBEAU" arrived Brisbane 1001K/2.

"GLADSTONE" departed Caloundra 1824K/1 to exercise with "PETO", E.T.A. Brisbane 0400K/3 on completion.

"STUART" departed Caloundra 0058K/2 escorting "OTUS" (bound Milne Bay) to Lady Elliot Island, thence returning Brisbane - E.T.A. 0530

"MIZAR" to R.V. "STUART" off Caloundra 0600K/3 and proceed in company to Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/4.

"VENDETTA" arrived Sydney 1403K/2 to escort "TAROONA" E.T.D. 0800K/3 for Townsville to Lady Elliot Island, thence proceeding Brisbane unless otherwise ordered.

"STAWELL" arrived Sydney 0711K/2 from Melbourne.

"CASTLEMAINE" } escorting P.G. 65 arrived Sydney 1944K/1.  
"MORESBY" }  
"GLENELG" }  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" }

"VAN GALEN" } returned Fremantle 1751K/1 from escorting U.S. 22.  
"TJERK HIDDEN" }

"TJERK" departed Darwin 0838K/2 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1030K/12.

HOSPITAL SHIP "TASMAN" arrived Sydney 1142K/2 from Melbourne.

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MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday 2nd September 1943.

REID (US Destroyer) Arrived Fall River 1848K/31.

STUART Escorting KURUMBA arrived Brisbane at 0400K/1.

VENDETTA Failed to make rendezvous with ROCHAMBEAU and is proceeding to Sydney as ordered. ETA.1800K/2.

DRAYTON )  
WESTRALIA ) Arrived Milne Bay at 0855K/31 from Melbourne and departed at 0400K/1 from Goodenough Is. ETA.1300K/1.

LE TRIOMPHANT Departed Port Moresby at 1230K/1 escorting NT.44 (1 ship) LE TRIOMPHANT ETA.Townsville 0830K/4.

BOWEN Escorting TN.148"A" Arrived Port Moresby at 1315K/1.

SWAN )  
GYMPIE )  
BUNBURY ) Departed Milne Bay at 0011K/1. ETA.Cairns 1830K/2.

COLAC ETD. Milne Bay 1200K/2 escorting JOSIA ROYCE to Port Moresby. COLAC then proceed to Townsville.

PIRIE )  
WAGGA )  
SC.736 ) Detailed to escort TN.149 (4 ships also LST.168 and 204) departing Townsville at 0045K/1. WAGGA with 1 ship from Cairns will rendezvous with TN.149 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1800K/1. ETA Milne Bay 1000K/4.

DELORAINÉ Arrived Milne Bay at 1051K/1 escorting TN.148. Departed at 1300K/1 escorting FT.23 (2 ships) ETA. Townsville 2000K/4.

WARRNAMBOOL)  
KALGOORLIE )  
BROOME - Arrived Sydney at 1622K/1 with section of OC.121.

ROCKHAMPTON)  
MILDURA ) Arrived Sydney at 1721K/31 from Newcastle.

BENALLA )  
SHEPPARTON ) Departed Milne Bay at 0600K/31 for Survey area.

FREMANTLE ETD.Thursday Island 0200K/2 escorting KOOLIGA to Darwin ETA.1500K/6.

LATROBE )  
COOTAMUNDRA ) Departed Darwin at 0519K/1 escorting DT.31 (2 ships) also VIGILANT. ETA.Thursday Island 0130K/5.

P.C.476 )  
ML.819 ) Arrived Gladstone from Brisbane at 1423K/1.

PG.1119 Arrived Cairns at 1049K/1 from Port Moresby.

ML.801 Arrived Newcastle on completion escort duties with PG.65.

ML.822 Commissioned at Sydney 30/8 under command Lieutenant I.F.G.Downs R.A.N.V.R.

AMOHINE and STELLA MARIS (W.A.P.craft) Arrived Maryborough at 1300K/1 from Brisbane.

SCAMP (US Submarine) Departs Caloundra at 1700K/2 for operations north.

FALIE Arrived Milne Bay at 0615K/1.

BOMBO ETD. Hobart 3/9 towing concrete lighter to Sydney.

NIZAM

Entered Dry Dock Williamstown at 0845K/1.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

Northbound submarine sighted passing Cape Orford  
at 1155K/1.

A/C A/S SEARCH.

From vicinity Coffs Harbour to position 60 miles North  
of Newcastle to a depth seawards of 75 miles.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0800K/Wednesday, 1st September, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" arrived Townsville from Sydney at 1740K/31.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "ADMIRAL CHASE" and "VAN DER BOSCH" arrived Port Moresby at 1500K/30 from R.V. off Stephens Island.

"VENDETTA" at 1730K/31 reported R.V. with "BOCHAMBEAU" not effected. At 0618K/31. R.U.I.C. Brisbane ordered "VENDETTA" if R.V. not effected by 1000K/1 to proceed to Sydney.

"GEELONG" ) departed Brisbane at 1600K/30 escorting G.L.9 ( ships)  
"LITHGOW" ) "GLADSTONE" and M.L.819 detach at Lady Elliot Island and  
"GLADSTONE" ) return Brisbane. M.L.424 proceeds from Bustard Head to  
M.L.424 } Townsville in tow of "CLARENCE KING".  
M.L.819 }

"MONDABERG" ) departed Sydney with Sydney section C.O.122 at 1606K/31  
"BENDIGO" ) to R.V. with Newcastle section escorted by "MILDURA" and  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) "ROCKHAMPTON" who are to remain Sydney.  
M.L.802 }

"GOULBURN" departed Sydney at 1146K/31 escorting "MONITOR" to Lady Elliot Island - then to proceed Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 0200K/4.

"DURBO" returned Fremantle A.M./29 from escort duties to Dirk Hartog Is.

S.C. 725 arrived Brisbane at 0842K/31 from Sydney.

M.L.801 is to rendezvous with P.G. 85 in position 80 miles N.E. Newcastle at 0700K/1 and provide additional escort to Newcastle.

YF.291 departs Townsville 1246K/31 for Brisbane via Mackay E.T.A. Brisbane 1158K/4.

S.C. 747 ) returned Milne Bay at 1238K/30 from Goodenough Island and  
S.C. 748 ) Buna respectively.

A.P.C.5 towing barge departed Milne Bay at 1914K/31. E.T.A. Buna A.M./1.

A.P.C.12. in company L.C.T. 254 depart Mackay at 0500K/31 for Townsville E.T.A. 1800K/1.

P.G. 476 arrived Brisbane at 2146K/30. Departed at 0718K/31 escorting "JAPARA" northbound.

Y.15 departed Townsville 0618K/31 E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/3.

"KYBRA" departed Port Phillip at 1528K/31. E.T.A. Devonport 1500K/1.

"MINEFISH" (U.S. submarine) departs Brisbane 1300K/1 for Darwin. E.T.A. entrance swept channel 1500K/3 where rendezvous will be made with escort for remainder of voyage.

"ECAMP" (U.S. Submarine) departs Brisbane at 2000K/1 - northbound.

"COUCAL" arrived Milne Bay at 1811K/30.

"WEST POINT" departed Port Melbourne at 1205K/31.

"KURUMBA" departed Gladstone at 0200K/31 E.T.A. Brisbane 0600K/1.

"POLARIS" departed Milne Bay at 1426K/3 for survey grounds.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Fleet Tug) arrived Milne Bay at 1668K/30. with tow.

"BERYL 2" arrived Whyalla from Adelaide at 1445K/31.

"MARY CAH" departed Whyalla 1530K/31 - E.T.A. Adelaide 2030K/1.

"CHALSEAR" escorting 1 L.C.M. and 1 L.C.V. arrived Sydney from Newcastle at 1454K/31.



"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane from Port Moresby at 1507K/31.

D/F FIXES:

At 1508K/31 a D/F fix was obtained of an enemy surface craft between Bougainville Island and Woodlark Island.

At 1908K/31 a D/F Fix of enemy submarine was also obtained in this area.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

At 1010K/31 enemy submarine sighted passing Cape Orford - northbound.

At 1430K/31 southbound submarine passed Cape Orford.

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE SIGHTED by aircraft in position 70 miles N.E. of Cocktown at 0545K/31. Graded H.R. by Airintel, Cocktown.

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SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 31st August, 1943.

S.C. 731 escorting "MELINGA" arrived Milne Bay 1500K/29 from Woodlark Island.

"HELM" ) escorting N.T. 43 departed Port Moresby 1730K/30 -  
"P.C. 1119" ) E.T.A. Townsville 1930K/1, P.C. 1119 for Cairns -  
E.T.A. 0730K/1.

"HENLEY" escorting "ANDREW D. WHITE" departed Port Moresby 1100K/30 for Beli Beli.

"BOWEN" escorting "B.F. SHAW" (for Beli Beli) to Kanakope departed Port Moresby 1400K/29. "BOWEN" arrived Milne Bay 1606K/30.

Y.P. 291 arrived Townsville 0640K/30 from Thursday Island.

"WAGGA" & S.C. 736 arrived Townsville 0848K/30 from escorting G.L. 8A.

"PIRIE" arrived Townsville 0730K/30 from Milne Bay.

L.S.T. 168 and 204 arrived Townsville 1432K/30 from Brisbane.

"SUSQUEHANNA" arrived Brisbane 0120K/30 from Townsville.

S.C. 650 departed Brisbane 2230K/29 to rendezvous "BONFISH" and escort to Brisbane.

"BONFISH" ) arrived Brisbane 0720K/30.  
S.C. 650 )

"CASTLEMAINE" ) with M.L. 804 escorting G.P. 65 arrived Brisbane  
"GLENELG" ) 0235K/30; escorting P.G. 65 departed  
"MORESEBY" ) Caloundra 1151K/30.  
"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" )

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane 1727K/29 to exercise with U.S. Submarine "SCAMP".

"MILDURA" ) escorting O.C. 120 arrived Newcastle 2135K/29.  
"ROCKHAMPTON" )

"REPUBLIC" departed Sydney 1016K/30 for San Francisco.

"COULBURN" E.T.D. Sydney Heads 1130K/31 to escort "MONTRO" (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot Island thence proceed Brisbane.

"BUNGARRE" arrived Sydney 1513K/30 from Noumea.

M.L. 803 to rendezvous O.C. 121 in approximate position  $38^{\circ}05'S. 149^{\circ}30'E.$  at 1400K/31, escort until daylight/1 then proceed Jervis Bay.

"BURRABRA" departed Port Kembla 1720K/30 for Jervis Bay, exercising with R.A.A.F. on passage.

"KYBRA" arrived Williamstown 1635K/30 from Sydney via Westernport.

"STAWELL" departed Williamstown 1310K/30 for Sydney - E.T.A. 0700K/2.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip 2023K/30 for S.C.F. 18.

"BALLARAT" escorting O.C. 121 departed Port Phillip 0121K/30.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip 1811K/30 from Westernport.

"ALSEY" departed Fremantle 1500K/29 for Colombo E.T.A. 16/9.

"SUFFOLK" escorting U.S. 22 departed Fremantle 1200K/30.

"MANUNDA" departed Sydney 0909K/30 for Brisbane.

AIR RAID WARNINGS -

HORN ISLAND - Yellow 1030K/30  
Red 1031K/30  
All clear.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND -  
Yellow 1001K/30  
All clear 1027K/30.

"RATHANE" (N.A.P.) Commissioned at Sydney 30/8.

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To 0900K/Monday, August, 30th, 1943.

S.C. 982 escorting "NANCY HANKS" departed Oro Bay 1400K/29,  
 "NANCY HANKS" for Townsville, S.C. 982 for Gili Gili.

YMS. 71 escorting "REIJNST" arrived Milne Bay 1508K/28 from Goodenough  
 Island.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay 1508K/28 from Townsville.

"KATOOMBA" and S.C. 734 escorting T.N. 144 arrived Milne Bay 1010K/28.

"LAURABADA" departed Milne Bay 0700K/28 for Dogura.

S.C. 748 departed Milne Bay 0830K/28 escorting "JUNIPERO SERRA" from  
 North Foreland. E.T.A. Buna 0700K/29.

"JUNE" arrived Milne Bay 1534K/27 from survey ground.

S.C. 748 escorting "LORINNA" departed Milne Bay 1206K/29 for Kiriwina.

"HENLEY" arrived Port Moresby 1146K/29 from escorting M.B. 10.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Moresby 1912K/28 to rendezvous "ADMIRAL  
 CHASE" and "VAN DER BOSCH" at Stephens Island at 1000K/29  
 and escort to Port Moresby.

"FALIE" departed Port Moresby 1600K/29 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1600K/31.

"HELM" & P.C. 1119 escorting T.N. 146 arrived Port Moresby 1045K/29.

"SWAN"  
 "GYMPIE"  
 "COLAC"  
 "BUNBURY" } with 1 A.P.C. and L.S.T. 470 departed Cairns 0725K/29 to  
 rendezvous T.N. 147 and escort to Milne Bay - E.T.A.  
 1000K/31.

"SPRINGDALE" departed Cairns 1115K/29 to rendezvous T.N. 148.

"DELORAINNE" escorting T.N. 148 departed Townsville 2214K/28, "DELORAINNE"  
 and portion B including "SPRINGDALE" - E.T.A. Milne Bay  
 1200K/1.

"BOWEN" is to rendezvous T.N. 148 in position 11°18'S. 148°48'E and  
 escort portion A to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1300K/1.

"KURUMBA" arrived Gladstone 1845K/28 from Townsville.

S.C. 741 escorting "VERA" arrived Brisbane 0948K/29.

P.C. 476 departed Caloundra P.M./29.

"BENDIGO" escorting O.C. 120 arrived Sydney 1515K/29.

"WARRAMUNGA" departed Sydney 1750K/29 for Townsville - E.T.A. 1730K/31.

S.C. 735 departed Sydney 0749K/29 for Brisbane.

"GERARD" arrived Sydney 0727K/29 from Brisbane.

U.S. TANKER "SHIKELLAMY" arrived Sydney 1628K/28.

"WEST POINT" arrived Port Melbourne 2040K/28.

"FINGERA" E.T.D. Westernport 1230K/30 for Pt. Phillip for exercises.

"BERYL" II" departed Adelaide 1535K/29 for Whyalla.

"VAN GALEN" and "TJERK HIDDIS" escorting "URUGUAY" & "BRAZIL" arrived  
 Fremantle 1242K/29

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" arrived Darwin 2002K/28  
from Thursday Island.

"ALTAMAHA" arrived Karachi 2000K/28 from Fremantle.

UNIDENTIFIED S.S.S.S.

"COONAWARRA" intercepted at 0140K/30 "SSSS" on 8470 Kcs.  
No position or call sign was given. 8470 Kcs is Naval ship shore  
frequency, which may be used by merchant vessels. No further  
details were available from the station.

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DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday, 29th August, 1943.

VENDETTA

Is to proceed from submarine exercise area, off Brisbane so as to rendezvous with ROCHAMBEAU in position 25° 57' S; 160° 10' E at 1400K/31 and escort to Brisbane.

LE TRIOMPHANT  
BOWEN

Arrived Port Moresby at 0845K/28 escorting T.N. 144 "A" BOWEN is to be sailed so as to R/V with SHWEDAGON at 1600K/31 and escort to Port Moresby.

HENLEY

En route Port Moresby to Milne Bay escorting VAN SWOLL. Ordered by NOIC. Milne Bay at 1442K/28 to detach VAN SWOLL at southern entrance to China Strait and return to Port Moresby for further escort duties.

STUART

Departed Caloundra at 1741K/28. To exercise with U.S. Subs. BLUE FISH and PUFFER on 29/8. P.C. 476 carries out exercises with same subs. 30/8.

BENALLA

Arrived Milne Bay at 1105K.27 from Cairns.

KATOOMBA

Departed Milne Bay at 1307K/28 for Townsville escorting H.D. THOREAU E.T.A. 0700K/31.

KAPUNDA

Arrived Townsville from escort duties with F.T. 21 at 1405K/28.

GYMPIE  
COLAC

Arrived Cairns at 0639K/28 from Milne Bay, escorting F.T. 21.

SWAN  
GYMPIE  
COLAC  
BUNBURY

With APC.2 and LST 470 will R/V with TN. 147 (9 ships) including VICTORIA and MERKUR in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 0900K/29, and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1600K/31.

GLADSTONE

Returned Brisbane at 2230K/27 from A/S search in vicinity Sandy Cape - result negative.

MILDURA  
ROCKHAMPTON

Are to escort Newcastle section O.C. 120 to Newcastle and remain to escort C.O. 122 to Sydney E.T.D. AM/31.

INVERELL

Escorting D.T. 30 arrived Thursday Is. at 2243K/27.

Y.M.S. 53

Departed Milne Bay at 1653K/27 escorting OZARK to Buna E.T.A. 1800K/28.

S.C. 748

Escorting W.B. ALLISON arrived Milne Bay at 0800K/27.

M.L. 802

Arrived Sydney at 1721K/27 from Port Kembla.

S.C. 744

Arrived Milne Bay from Buna at 0900K/28 escorting HENRY D. THOREAU.

S.C. 735

E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/29 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1000K/31.

Y.M.S. 335

Will R/V with tug SABINE PASS off Noumea at 0600K/29 and escort to 25° 55' S 164° 50' E, where SABINE PASS is detached to proceed independently to Sydney. Y.M.S. 335 then proceeds direct to Brisbane E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0800K/2/9.

ARARAT

Departed Sydney at 1317K/28 for Broken Bay for working up practice.

CAPE LEEUWIN )  
RESERVE )

Commissioned at Brisbane 27/8.

ORARA

To depart Melbourne at 1700K/30 for S.C.F. 18.

BIRCHGROVE PARK

Departed Sydney at 0820K/28 E.T.A. Caloundra 1600K/30.  
 Townsville 1700K/3/9 then to Port Moresby via Thursday  
 Island.

POTRERO

Departed Buna 1100K/27 for Morabe.

KRAIT

Arrived Exmouth Gulf at 1730K/27.

SONOMA (Tug)

Departed Cairns at 0901K/27 towing 2 barges to Milne  
 Bay E.T.A. 1600K/30.

SUSQUEHANNA

Departed Townsville at 0200K/28 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
 0830K/30.

WEST POINT

Arrived Port Phillip at 1643K/28.

MIZAR

Departed Port Moresby 1640K/28 for Brisbane E.T.A.  
 1600K/31.

POLARIS

Arrived Milne Bay at 0904K/28 from surveying grounds.

ENEMY SUBMARINE

- reported passing Cape Orford at 0745K/28. Northbound  
 Southbound sub. sighted at 1434K/27.

FAST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Saturday 28th August 1943.

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H.M.S. SUFFOLK Arrived Fremantle at 1459K/27.

HENLEY Arrived Port Moresby at 0715K/27 escorting TN.145.  
Departed Port Moresby 1145K/27 escorting VAN SWOLL to  
Milne Bay ETA.1900K/28.

REID (US Destroyer) Departed Sydney at 0946K/27 for Milne Bay ETA.1100K/31.

HELM and PC.1119 Departed Townsville at 0800K/27 escorting TN.146 (2 ships)  
ETA.Port Moresby 1000K/29.

LATROBE Escorting TD.30 arrived Darwin at 1610K/27.

GYMPIE Escorting TORRENS (FT.21) departed Milne Bay at 1110K/26  
for Townsville.

DELORAINÉ Arrived Townsville from Milne Bay at 1202K/27 escorting  
SUSQUEHANNA.

WAGGA )  
SC.730 ) Departed Brisbane at 1253K/27 escorting QL8 "A" (4 ships)  
SC.741 ) and LST.168 and LST.204. SC.741 is to rendezvous with  
VERA in vicinity of Lady Elliot Island at 1500K/28 and  
escort to Brisbane.

GHELONG )  
LITHGOW ) Arrived Brisbane at 0529K/27 escorting LQ8.  
ML.429 )

CASTLEMAINE )  
CLENELG ) Departed Sydney at 0745K/27 escorting GP.65 (10 ships).  
MORESBY )  
ML.804 )  
A.CRIJNSSEN )

KALGOORLIE )  
BROOME ) Arrived Newcastle at 2036K/26 from Sydney. Departed at  
0832K/27 escorting Newcastle section of CO.121.

WARRNAMBOOL Departed Sydney at 1431K/27 to join CO.121 as additional  
escort.

BALLARAT Escorting CO.120 arrived Port Phillip at 1111K/27.

BIRCHGROVE PARK RTD.Sydney 0800K/28 for Townsville - then to Port Moresby.

SCAMP (US.S/M) Departs Brisbane am/29 for exercises with escort vessel  
passing Caloundra last light/29.

ML.803 Is to rendezvous with CO.121 at 0700K/28 off Bateman Bay  
and provide additional escort until daylight/29th then  
proceed Twofold Bay.

ML.820 Departed Sydney at 1417K/27 to join GP.65. Returned to  
Sydney at 1616K/27 owing to electrical defect.

ML.815 Will rendezvous with US S/M TUNA in position 30 miles  
North of Darwin at 1500K/28 and escort to Darwin.

SC.747 Arrived Milne Bay at 1521K/27 from Oro Bay.

ML.805 Arrived Sydney at 0825K/27 from Port Kembla.

YMS.10 Arrived Brisbane from Cairns at 0712K/27.

LST.18 and 67 Arrived Townsville at 0520K/27.

YMS.72 Departed Milne Bay at 1422K/26 escorting G.H.FLANDERS to  
Oro Bay ETA.1030K/27.

YMS.53 Arrived Milne Bay at 1300K/26 from escort duties.



ML.425 Arrived Milne Bay at 1200K/25.  
PC.476 Arrived Brisbane at 0631K/27.  
PALUMA Arrived Milne Bay at 1414K/26 from Port Moresby.  
MIZAR Arrived Port Moresby at 0811K/27 from Milne Bay.  
FALIE Arrived Port Moresby at 0756K/29 from Milne Bay.  
ORANGE Departed Sydney at 1438K/27 for Aden ETA.11/9.  
KURUMBA Departed Townsville at 0552K/27.  
HERON Departed Fremantle at 1215K/26 for Brisbane ETA.pm/6/9.  
ADELAIDE Undocked from H.M.A. Drydock Williamstown at 1445K/26.

RESULT OF A/S SEARCH BY GLADSTONE in vicinity Sandy Cape was Negative. To return Brisbane ETA.2200K/27.

SIGHTINGS OF 4 SUBMARINES REPORTED BY U.S.A. AIRCRAFT en route Noumea to Amberley.

At 0700K/27 two submarines were reported to have been sighted in position  $24^{\circ} 15' S.$ ,  $159^{\circ} 38' E.$  (360 miles East of Sandy Cape), Course  $240^{\circ}$ , Speed 10 knots at 0733K/27. Same aircraft claimed to have sighted an additional two submarines in position  $25^{\circ} 10' S.$ ,  $157^{\circ} 58' E.$  (260 miles East of Sandy Cape) Course  $060^{\circ}$  Speed 10 knots. These sightings are approximately 100 miles apart.

At 1815K/27 N.O.I.C. Brisbane reported that Captain Navigator and 2nd Pilot were interrogated and officers state no resemblance to silhouette of whales. First sighting made from 8000 feet. Periscopes observed. Second sight made from 2000 feet - periscopes and conning tower observed.

Sea calm - maximum visibility. Aircraft circled but object submerged. No attempt was made to identify.

Graded C3. by N.O.I.C. Brisbane.

A/C A/S SEARCH.

From 1230K/27 to 1800K/27 from Cape Moreton to Sandy Cape to a depth seaward of 50 miles.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 27th August, 1945.

"HOBART" ) arrived Sydney 1110K/26 from Espiritu Santo.  
"WARRAMUNGA" )  
"ARUNTA" )

"PIRIE" escorting T.N. 143 arrived Milne Bay 1010K/26.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Milne Bay 1530K/26 for Port Moresby.

S.C. 637 escorting "MELINGA" departed Milne Bay 1058K/26 for Guasopa (Woodlark Island).

YMS. 71 escorting "REIJNST" passed Milne Bay 0600K/26 for Goodenough Island.

"DELOIRINE" escorting "SUSQUEHANNA" departed Milne Bay 1105K/25 for Townsville.

S.C. 746 escorting "UKI" arrived Milne Bay 1340K/25 from "GUASOPA".

S.C. 744 and 747 escorting 3 ships departed Milne Bay 1408K/25.  
S.C. 747 and 1 ship E.T.A. Oro Bay 1100K/26, S.C. 744 and 2 ships E.T.A. Buna 1200K/26.

YP. 291 departed Thursday Island 1108K/26 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/29.

"KATOOMBA" with A.P.C. 21 and 22 departed Cairns 1431K/25 to rendezvous T.N. 144 and escort portion B to Milne Bay.

"SONOMA" arrived Cairns 1235K/25 from Brisbane.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Townsville 1045K/26 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1500K/28.

"HELM" and P.C. 1119 escorting T.N. 146 - E.T.D. Townsville 0800K/27 for Port Moresby.

"MERKUR" arrived Townsville 1810K/26 from Brisbane.

"VICTORIA" arrived Townsville 1942K/26.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane 1846K/26 from A/S search.

"GLADSTONE" was to depart area of A/S search 2359K/26 for Brisbane.

"GERARD" arrived Brisbane 0910K/26; departed 1250K/26 for Sydney E.T.A. 1600K/30.

"GEELONG" ) escorting L.C. 8 departed Gladstone 2213K/25.  
"LITHGOW" )  
M.L. 429 )

M.L. 801 escorting P.G. 64 arrived Newcastle 1257K/25.

"WARRENAMBOOL" & "TOWNSVILLE" arrived Sydney 1326K/26 from escorting O.C. 119.

"ECHUCA" AND "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 119 arrived Sydney 2251K/25.

"BUNGAREE" E.T.D. Noumea 0800K/26 for Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/31.

"KYBRA" departed Sydney 1507K/26 for Westport - E.T.A. 0600K/29.

"REID" E.T.D. Sydney 1200K/27 for Milne Bay - E.T.A. 1100K/31.

M.L. 805 arrived Port Kembla 1013K/26.

"STAWELL" departed Port Melbourne 1305K/26 for Sydney - returned Williamstown 1745K/26 with condenser defect, E.T.D. A.M./28.

"BINGERA" departed Port Melbourne 0901K/26 for exercises in Port Melbourne arrived Westernport 1630K/26.

"SUFFOLK" E.T.A. Fremantle 1500K/27 from Trincomalee

"HERMITAGE" arrived Fremantle 1129K/26 from Melbourne.

"DUBBO" departed Fremantle 1430K/26 escorting "KOOLINDA" to "DIRK HARTOG ISLAND", then returning Fremantle.

SUBMARINE D/F FIX:

At 1748K/26 in position 300 miles N. of Sandy Cape, classification N (within 100 miles) passed to N.O.I.C. Brisbane and Townsville. This is 210 miles N.W. of the position in which the "STINGRAY" reported sighting a submarine at 0210K/25.

A/C A/S SEARCHES:

From Cape Byron to Sandy Cape to a depth to seaward of 40 miles to complete dusk/26. From Caloundra to Lady Elliot Island to a depth to seaward of 100 miles from dusk 26 to dawn/27.

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0900K/Thursday, 26th August, 1943.

"SAN PABLO" arrived Milne Bay 1300K/25.

"GYMPIE" } escorting T.N. 142 arrived Milne Bay 1312K/25.  
"COLAC" }  
"KAPUNDA" }

YMS. 49 and 50 arrived Milne Bay 1125K/24 from Cairns, having detached P.T.'s 40 miles S.W. Brumer Island.

"FALIE" departed Milne Bay 1130K/25 for Port Moresby.

"BENALLA" departed Cairns 0900K/25 for gunnery exercises thence to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1030K/27.

"PIRIE" departed Cairns 1105K/24 to R.V. T.N. 143 and escort to Milne Bay.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "BAN HONG LIONG" departed Thursday Is. 1448K/25 for Darwin.

"HENLEY" escorting T.N. 145 departed Townsville 2215K/24 for Pt. Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/27.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" } escorting T.N. 144 departed Townsville 0120K/25.  
"BOWEN" } "LE TRIOMPHANT" and "BOWEN" E.T.A. Port Moresby  
S.C. 734 } with portion A. 1000K/28.

"KATOOMBA" is to R.V. T.N. 144 off Fitzroy Island. E.T.A. Milne Bay with S.C. 734 and portion B. 1000K/28.

P.C. 476 } departed Brisbane 1641K/25, P.C. 476 to return  
"GROUPER" } Brisbane about 1700K/26.

"WAGGA" } escorting Q.L.8A E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/27.  
S.C. 736 & 741 }

"FORCEFUL" towing L.S.T. 462 arrived Brisbane 1449K/24 from Townsville.

P.C. 1121 arrived Brisbane 1646K/24 from Townsville.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 1757K/24 from escorting "DAVID C. SHANKS" escorting "MAUI" until 1905K/25 departed Brisbane 0648K/25 Has been ordered to join "Gladstone" in search for submarine

S.C. 650 & 741 } returned Brisbane 1315K/25 from escorting Q.L.8.  
M.L. 816 }

S.C. 743 arrived Brisbane 0903K/25.

"REID" } arrived Sydney 1010K/25.  
"ALGORAB" }

"BUNDABERG" } escorting P.G. 64 arrived Sydney 1640K/25.  
"MORESBY" }  
"GLENELG" }

M.L. 802 returned Jervis Bay 0715K/25 - weather unsuitable for escort duty with C.O.120.

"GOULBURN" } arrived Sydney 1600K/25; "GOULBURN" is to proceed  
"REPUBLIC" } Brisbane

POSSIBLE SUBMARINE CONTACT:

At 2030K/25 when "GLADSTONE" was returning Brisbane from escort duty, two possible torpedo tracks crossed her bows in position about 50 miles 163° from Sandy Cape. At 2119K/25 "GLADSTONE" obtained a doubtful contact and attacked with unknown results. One Beaufort was despatched to arrive at 2305K/25. Its relief was unserviceable and it returned after

refuelling at Lowood, to be relieved at 0600K/26 by 3 Ansons. "VENDETTA" (returning Brisbane from escorting "MAUI") was ordered to assist the hunt, which "GLADSTONE" is continuing until further orders. "VENDETTA'S" E.T.A. at the scene was between 0600 and 0630K/26.

C.S.W.P.S.F. warned B.A.M.S. 5B and C. The possible submarine reported at 0210K/25 272 miles 020° from "GLADSTONE'S" contact could have reached the latter position at a speed of 18 knots in the dark hours and 11.6 knots in daylight.

FIRE IN "QUEDA" - At 1845K/25 fire broke out in "QUEDA" (cargo vessel of 7766 tons gross) at 29 south wharf, Melbourne. Fire Brigade arrived within 5 minutes and the fire was brought under control. S.O.(1) Port Melbourne is investigating.

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0900K/Wednesday, 25th August, 1943.

"DRAYTON" } Departed Port Melbourne at 0915K/24, E.T.A. Milne Bay  
 "WESTRALIA" } 1200K/31.

"HENLEY" } arrived Townsville 1215K/23 escorting N.T. 41.  
 "HELM" }

"HENLEY" E.T.D. Townsville 2200K/24 escorting T.N. 145 ("W.E. CHANNING")  
 E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/27.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane at 1613K/23 from escort duties. Departed  
 at 1631K/23 escorting "DAVID C. SHANKS" to vicinity  
 Lady Elliot Island. On return Brisbane to depart at  
 0801K/25 escorting "MAUI" passing through position  
 026° 58' S. 159° 00' E. "VENDETTA" parts company at 1905K/25  
 and returns Brisbane.

"SWAN" } arrived Cairns at 1401K/24 from Milne Bay.  
 S.C. 738 }

"GEELONG" } departed Caloundra at 1631K/23 escorting Q.L.S (8 ships) also  
 "LITHGOW" } "MERKUR", "VICTORIA", L.S.T. 18, L.S.T. 67, L.S.T. 201  
 S.C. 741 } and A.P.C. 12 attached. After arrival Lady Elliot Is.  
 S.C. 650 } S.C. 741, S.C. 650 and M.L. 816 return Brisbane.  
 M.L. 816 }

"ROCKHAMPTON" } departed Newcastle at 0445K/23 escorting Newcastle  
 "KALGOORLIE" } section C.O.120. "KALGOORLIE" detached off Sydney -  
 arrived Sydney 1408K/24.

"MILDURA" } departed Sydney at 1208K/24 escorting Sydney section C.O.120.  
 "BENDIGO" }

"COOTAMUNDRA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1400K/25 escorting "BANG HONG LIONG"  
 to Darwin.

"INVERELL" departed Darwin at 0445K/24 escorting D.T. 30 ( ships)  
 E.T.A. Thursday Island 2330K/27.

YMS. 71 departed Port Moresby at 1200K/24, escorting "REIJNST" to Bell  
 Bell, Goodenough Island E.T.A. 1200K/26.

M.L. 801 is to rendezvous with P.G. 64 at 12 00K/24 and provide  
 additional escort to Newcastle.

YMS. 71 arrived Port Moresby at 1631K/23 from Milne Bay.

P.C. 476 departs Brisbane 0900K/25 escorting U.S. Submarine "GROPER"  
 for exercises.

P.C. 1119 escorting N.T. 42 arrived Townsville at 1958K/23.

S.C. 982 departed Fall River at 1238K/24 escorting "JOHN WHITEAKER"  
 to Oro Bay E.T.A. 0900K/25.

"STAWELL" E.T.D. Melbourne A.M/25 for Sydney.

"BOMBO" departed Sydney at 0906K/25 - E.T.A. Hobart 0600K/28.

021 (submarine) arrived Fremantle at 0755K/24.

"BANGALOW" arrived Sydney at 1838K/24 from Newcastle.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

Enemy submarine sighted passing Cape Orford at 0919K/24 -  
 northbound. Southbound submarine sighted at 1440K/24.

Possible enemy submarine southbound reported to have been sighted  
 by U.S. submarine in position 21° 05' S. 154° 46' E. (240 miles N.N.E. of  
 Sandy Cape - Curtis Channel) at 0210K/25. Information passed ships and  
 authorities North Eastern and Eastern areas.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 24th August, 1943.

"BAGLEY" arrived Buna from Milne Bay at 1625K/22.

"FLUSSER" arrived Milne Bay at 1530K/22 escorting T.N. 141 ("SOSQUE-ANNA").

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Townsville at 2205K/22.

"SUFFOLK" departed Tricomalee at 0500K/21 for Fremantle - E.T.A. 1700K/25.

"DRAYTON" } E.T.D. Melbourne 0600K/24. E.T.A. Milne Bay 1200K/31.

"WESTRALIA" }

"VENDETTA" } E.T.D. Caloundra 0601K/25 escorting "MAUI" passing through position 026°58'S. 159°00'E. "VENDETTA" parts company at 1905K/25 and returns Brisbane.

"DELORAINNE" escorting M.B.9 arrived Milne Bay at 0905K/23.

"PIRIE" will rendezvous with T.N. 143 (1 ship) in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1300K/24 and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1000K/26.

"KATOOMBA" arrived Cairns at 1931K/23 from escort duties from Fall River.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting G.P.64 arrived Brisbane at 0518K/23.

"MORESBY" }

"GLENELG" } Departed at 1209K/23 escorting P.G.X. convoy ( ships)

E.T.A. Newcastle 1500K/25. Sydney 2000K/25.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" escorting O.C. 119 (7 ships) departed Port Melb. at 0001K/23. After making rendezvous with "WARRNAMEBOOL", "ECHUCA" and "TOWNSVILLE", "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" will continue to Sydney as additional escort.

"KALGOORLIE" arrived Newcastle at 1038K/23 escorting Newcastle section O.C. 118.

"MILDURA" returned Sydney at 1325K/23 from escort duties with Newcastle section O.C. 118.

"BENDIGO" escorting Sydney Section O.C. 118 arrived Sydney at 0928K/23

"BALIARAT" escorting C.O.117 arrived Port Phillip at 1104K/23.

"LATROBE" escorting T.D. 30 (1 ship with "COOLEBAR" in company) departed Thursday Island at 0832K/23. E.T.A. Darwin 1900K/28.

YMS.10 departed Cairns for Brisbane E.T.A. 0800K/27.

S.C. 747 arrived Milne Bay from Oro Bay at 1702K/22 on completion of escort duties.

S.C. 738 departed Milne Bay at 1600K/22. E.T.A. Cairns 1500K/24.

M.L.802 is to rendezvous with C.O.120 in position 30 miles S. of Sydney at 1600K/24 and provide additional escort until daylight/26 - then proceed to Twofold Bay.

M.L.803 is to rendezvous with O.C. 119 in position S.W. of Gabo Is. at 1400K/24 and provide additional escort until daylight then proceed Jervis Bay.

M.L.815 will rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "BOWFIN" in position 25 miles N. of Darwin at 1730K/24 and escort to Darwin Harbour.

"FALIE" arrived Milne Bay at 1644K/23 from Port Moresby.

"PROMETHEUS" arrived Noumea at 1340K/23 from Sydney.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney at 0830K/23 from Newcastle.

"PALUMA" departed Port Moresby at 0750K/23. E.T.A. Milne Bay P.M./25.

"COUCAL" departed Milne Bay at 0500K/23.

"BOMBO" departs Sydney at 0800K/24 for Hobart.

"GUARDFISH" (U.S. Submarine) departs Brisbane unescorted at 0900K/24.  
Exercise in Moreton Bay. Will pass Caloundra at dusk/24.

"MIZAR" arrived Milne Bay at 0855K/23.

"ALSEY" E.T.D. Fremantle about 27/8 for Colombo.

"BARALABA" departed Portland Roads at 1600K/22. E.T.A. Thursday Island  
1159K/23.

"TOORIE" departed Cairns at 0400K/23 for Port Douglas and return Cairns.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

KIRRAWINA	-	Warning 0929K/23.	All Clear 1021K/23.
GOODENOUGH IS.		Warning 1442K/23	
MERAUKE	-	Warning 0848K/23.	
DARWIN	-	Warning 1039K/23.	All Clear 1046K/23.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1943.

"LE TRIUMPHANT" departed Milne Bay 1514K/21 for Townsville E.T.A. 2350K/22.

"SWAN" escorting T.N. 140 arrived Milne Bay 0430K/22, departed 1800K/22 for Cairns E.T.A. 0930K/24.

S.C. 746 escorting "UKI" departed Milne Bay 1100K/22 for Guasopa (Woodlark Island) E.T.A. 1200K/23.

YMS. 71 departed Milne Bay 1258K/22 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0600K/24.

"KATOOMBA" ) escorting T.N. 137B arrived Milne Bay 1204K/21.  
S.C. 848, 982 )

\* "KATOOMBA" escorting F.T. 20 departed Milne Bay 1400K/21.

\* "COUCAL" arrived Milne Bay 1100K/22.

\* "DELOIRINE" escorting M.E. 9 departed Port Moresby 1715K/21.

YF. 291 arrived Thursday Island 1616K/22 from Cairns.

"LATROBE" escorting "COOLEBAR" and "TIME" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0800K/22 for Darwin, E.T.A. 1900K/23.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "TAMBAR" and "CARDROSS" arrived Thursday Island 1106K/22 from Darwin.

\* "GYMPIE" ) with L.C.1 224 and 226 departed Cairns 1552K/22 to  
"KAPUNDA" ) rendezvous T.N. 142 and escort to Fall River E.T.A.  
"COLAC" ) 1200K/25.

"PIRIE" to rendezvous T.N. 143 off Fitzroy Island 1500K/22 and escort to Port Moresby.

"SPRINGDALE" arrived Cairns 1021K/22 from Townsville.

P.C. 1121 departed Townsville 1320K/22 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/24.

"GARARD" departed Townsville 1618K/21 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1500K/26.

YDGE arrived Townsville 2220K/21.

"SONOMA" departed Caloundra 1857K/21 for Cairns

S.C. 741 returned Brisbane 2350K/21 from exercises.

"GOULBURN" ) departed Caloundra 0530K/22 to rendezvous T.G. 56.16  
"GLADSTONE" ) in position 26°45'S 158°39'E at 1400K/22, "GLADSTONE" and  
P.C. 476 ) P.C. 476 to escort "J.M. HINDS" and "SEA PIKE" to Gladstone, "GOULBURN" to escort "REPUBLIC" to Sydney.

"STINGRAY" ) E.T.D. Brisbane a.m./23 exercising in Moreton Bay, then  
"ALBACORE" ) to depart Caloundra about 1800K/23.

"LITHGOW" returned Brisbane 1721K/21 from exercises.

"AUSTRALIA" ) arrived Sydney 1024K/22 from Brisbane.  
"VENDETTA" )

"VENDETTA" departed 1505K/22 to rendezvous "DAVID C. CHAMBER" off Caloundra 1700K/23, and escort to Lady Elliot Island.

"MILDURA" ) escorting O.C. 118 to Newcastle, "MILDURA" returning Sydney,  
"KALGOORLIE" ) "KALGOORLIE" remaining Newcastle to escort C.O.120  
E.T.D. A.M./24 to Sydney.

"PATHFINDER" departed Sydney 1243K/22 for Noumea E.T.A. 1100K/26.

"ALSEY" arrived Fremantle 1235K/22 from Melbourne.

021 arrived Exmouth Gulf 20/8, departed 1001K/21 for Fremantle.

MINE SUNK NEAR WILSON'S PROMONTORY.

Cape York sighted and sank floating mine heavily coated with growth about 5 miles S.E. of Waterloo Bay at 1050K/22.

AIR RAID WARNING.

No. 8 Mobile W/T Station.

Yellow 1330K/22.  
All clear.

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MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday August 22, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" )  
"VENDETTA" )  
L.C.T. 383 &  
386.  
Y.M.S. 72  
LE TRIOMPHANT  
S.C. 744  
"LAURABADA" )  
"HULDA" )  
Y.M.S. 53  
S.C. 731  
S.C. 746  
S.C. 748  
"HELM" )  
P.C. 1119)  
"HELM" )  
"HENLEY" )  
P.C. 1119  
"DELORAINÉ"  
"FALIE"  
"FREMANTLE"  
APC 21 & 22  
YMS 10  
YMS 49 & 50  
"BUNBURY"  
YP 291  
"PIRIE" )  
"KAPUNDA" )  
"SPRINGDALE"  
"PUFFER" )  
"BLUEFISH" )  
APC 12  
SONOMA

departed Brisbane 1003K/21 for Sydney E.T.A. 1000K/22.  
arrived BUNA 1130K/18, departed 1400K/18 for MOROBE.  
escorting JAPARA towing floating crane - departed Fall River 0938K/20 for ORO BAY E.T.A. 1800K/21.  
escorting TORRENS arrived Fall River 1012K/21.  
escorting MARRAWAH departed Fall River 1148K/20 for GUASOPA (Woodlark Island) E.T.A. 1600K/21  
arrived Fall River 1700K/20 from Port Moresby.  
escorting NANCY HANKS departed Fall River 1208K/20 for ORO BAY E.T.A. 0730K/21  
arrived Fall River 1130K/20 from escorting ANDREW D WHITE  
escorting JOSEPH LANE arrived Fall River 1001K/21 from Oro Bay.  
escorting ADONIRAM JUDSON departed Fall River 1214K/21 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 0900K/22.  
escorting T.N. 139 arrived Port Moresby 1800K/20.  
escorting N. T. 41 departed Port Moresby 1300K/21.  
escorting N.T. 42 departed Port Moresby 0645K/21.  
escorting T.N. 137A arrived Port Moresby 1210K/21, escorting M.B. 9 E.T.D. 1500K/21  
departed Port Moresby 1736K/20 for Fall River E.T.A. 1600K/22.  
escorting TULAGI arrived Thursday Island 1418K/21 from Darwin  
arrived Cairns 0732K/21.  
arrived Cairns 0353K/21 from Thursday Island.  
towing PT's departed Cairns 2100K/20 for Fall River.  
arrived Cairns 1710K/20 from escorting FT 19.  
departed Cairns 1543K/20 for Thursday Island ETA 0600K/23  
arrived Cairns 1040K/21 from Fall River.  
departed Townsville 0721K/21 for Cairns.  
departed Townsville 0716K/21.  
ETD Brisbane 23/8 to R/v QLS and proceed to MACKAY  
ETD Caloundra 1400K/21 for Cairns

"LITHGOW" ) departed Caloundra 1823K/20 to exercise with U.S S/m's sea-  
S.C.741 ) ward of Cape Moreton.

YP 236 departed Caloundra 0031K/21 to join S/M exercises, returned  
Brisbane 1534K/21.

"GOULBURN" ) arrived Brisbane 0606K/21 from Gladstone.  
ML 816 & )  
818 )

"KYBRA" departed Port Stephens 1230K/21 arrived Newcastle 1615K/21

"BURRABRA" departed Port Kembla 1200K/20 for Jervis Bay.

SC 743 ETA Cape Moreton 0800K/25 from NOUMEA.

"PATHFINDER" ETD Sydney 1030K/22 for Noumea.

"BOMBO" towing concrete lighter arrived Sydney 1833K/20 from Hobart

"YANDRA" arrived Sydney 1922K/20 from escorting C0119.

"HERMITAGE" departed Port Melbourne 1300K/21 for Fremantle ETA 2000K/26.

"LARK" arrived Fremantle 0855K/20 from Exmouth Gulf.

"HEEMSKERCK" departed Fremantle 1730K/20 escorting OW6 (ATREUS and HOEGH  
SILVERLIGHT) to 003° 43' S 076° 28' E whence ATREUS proceeds  
independently to Colombo ETA 2130K/1/9 HEEMSKERCK to ADDU  
ATTOL ETA 2200K/31 to refuel and return Fremantle.

SUBMARINE REPORT CANCELLED.

Com. 7th Fleet has cancelled S/M sighting report inside  
JOMARD ENTRANCE (LOUISIADES).

0900K/Saturday, 21st August, 1943.

"HOBART"  
"ARUNTA"  
"WARRAMUNGA" } E.T.D. Espiritu Santo 0900K/21 - E.T.A. Sydney  
1600K/27.

"HAGLEY" arrived Fall River at 1630K/19 from Brisbane.

"FLUSSER" is to rendezvous with and escort T.N. 141 ("SUSQUEHANNA")  
to Milne Bay - E.T.D. T.N. 141 from Townsville 1200K/20.  
E.T.A. Milne Bay 1159K/22.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" } arrived Port Moresby at 0800K/20 escorting T.N. 139.  
"HELA" }

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Port Moresby at 0956K/20 to rendezvous with  
"TORRENS" (in T.N. 139) and escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. A.M./21.

"SWAN" departed Cairns at 1630K/19 to rendezvous with T.N. 140 ("PUNNAN")  
in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 1800K/19 and escort  
to Fall River. E.T.A. 1200K/22.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Townsville at 1750K/19 from Fall River.

"SUFFOLK" C. in C. E.F. has requested P.O. Ceylon to sail "SUFFOLK"  
so as to arrive Fremantle A.M./23.

"AUSTRALIA" when ready 21/2 with destroyer escort departs Brisbane for  
Sydney for installation RADAR.

"ECHUCA" departed Sydney at 0237K/20 to rendezvous with Newcastle section  
of C.O. 119. "YANDRA" at Newcastle is to act as additional  
escort to Sydney.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Sydney at 1442K/20 escorting Sydney section  
"TOWNSVILLE" } C.O. 119 - to rendezvous with Newcastle section. "BALLARAT"  
"BALLARAT" } is to act as escort through Melbourne. "ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN" will act as additional escort for C.O. 119 to  
Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" arrived Sydney at 1825H/19 on completion escort duties with  
Newcastle section C.O. 117.

"BUNDABERG" } departed Sydney at 0808K/20 escorting G.P. 64 (4 ships)  
"MORESBY" } E.T.A. Caloundra 0700K/23 and Newcastle section escorted  
"GLADELCO" } by M.L. 801 departed Newcastle at 1456K/20 to rendezvous  
with Sydney section.

"GLADSTONE" arrived Brisbane at 0444K/20 escorting L.Q. 7.

"LITGOW"  
S.C. 850 }

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" returned Port Phillip at 1339K/20 escorting C.O. 118.

"TINA" (U.S. Submarine) departs Brisbane about 1800K/21 for Port Darwin  
E.T.A. 1500K/23.

M.L. 802 is to rendezvous with C.O. 118 at 1400K/21 in position 40 miles  
S.W. Gabo Island and provide additional escort until 22/8 daylight  
then proceed Jervis Bay.

M.L. 803 is to rendezvous with C.O. 119 in position 10 miles east of  
Montague Island at 1200K/21 and provide additional escort  
until daylight 22/8 then return to Twofold Bay.

S.C. 747 departed Milne Bay at 1232K/19 escorting W.B. ALLISON for Hervey  
Bay and "ALAMO" for Cro Bay E.T.A. 1100K/20.

YMS. 49 and 50 E.T.D. Cairns 2100K/20 escorting P.T.'s 190, 191, 192  
and 194 to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1230K/24.

P.C. 473 arrived Brisbane at 0746K/19.

M.L.425 arrived Townsville at 1956K/19.

"SPRINGDALE" arrived Brisbane at 1858K/19 from Geraldton.

"VICTORIA" arrived Brisbane at 1858K/19 from Gladstone.

"PUFFER" ) U.S. submarines E.T.A. Brisbane 0500K/21.  
"BLUEFISH" )

"KYBRA" departed Newcastle at 1016K/20 for Port Stephens.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

Between 0245K/ and 0500K/22 air raid warnings were received from Darwin, Adelaide River, Batchelor, N.W. Area and Port Moresby.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

Enemy submarine reported inside Jomara Entrance (100 miles E.S.E. Milne Bay).

C.S.W.P. issued B.A.M.S. to area 5C. D/F Fix of enemy submarine at 2108K/20 in position 08°S. 150° E (140 miles N. Milne Bay). Classification NAN. Information passed to A.I.G. 365.

Commander 7th Fleet. reported that enemy submarine shelled allied landing craft off NASSAU BAY - with no casualties - on 19/8.

Commander, 7th Fleet, considers that an enemy submarine is operating S.E. of Woodlark Island.

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To 0900K/Friday, 20th August, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" } arrived Brisbane at 1306K/19.  
"VENDETTA" }

"LAMSON" arrived Milne Bay at 1052K/19 from Townsville.

"STUART" arrived Brisbane at 1726K/18 from escort duties commences boiler clean.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" after completion escort duties with T.N. 138 - to rendezvous with "TORRENS" as convenient in T.N. 139 and escort to Fall River.

"ARUNTA" } departure from Noumea 20/8 - E.T.A. Espiritu Santo 21/8.  
"WARRAMONGA" } Then with "HOBART" when ready to proceed to Sydney.

"HELM" ) "HELM" with T.N. 139 departed Townsville at 2042K/18 to  
P.C. 1119 ) rendezvous with P.C. 1119 and Cairns section at 0607K/19  
in vicinity Fitzroy Island light, and escort to Port Moresby.

"PIRIE" ) departed Milne Bay at 1204K/19 for Townsville.  
"KAPUNDA" }

"LITHGOW" ) E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/20 escorting U.S. Submarines  
S.C. 741 ) "ALBACORE" and "STINGRAY" to training area seawards at  
Cape Moreton. To exercise until 2000K/21, then return  
Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" ) departed Brisbane at 0617K/19 escorting Q.L.7. Additional  
S.C. 734 ) escorts M.L.818 and M.L.816.

"VAL GALEN" returned Fremantle at 1350K/19 from escort duties.

"GLADSTONE" ) departed Gladstone at 2200K/18 escorting L.Q. 7 (3 ships)  
"LITHGOW" ) S.C. 650 will provide additional escort from vicinity  
M.L.429 ) Lady Elliot Island. E.T.A. Brisbane 1030K/20.

"SWAN" is to rendezvous with T.N. 140 ("YUNNAN") in vicinity Fitzroy Is.  
Light at 1800K/19 and escort to Fall River. E.T.A. 1200K/22.

"YANDRA" escorting Newcastle section O.C. 117, arrived Newcastle at 1338K/19.

"CLEVELG" arrived Sydney at 0714K/19 on completion escort duties with O.C. 117.

"BALLARAT" E.T.D. Sydney 1500K/20 for Melbourne for annual refit; to be additional escort for O.C. 119 en route.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" E.T.D. Port Phillip 2359K/19 escorting O.C. 118.

YMS.49 and 50 with P.T.'s 190, 191, 192 and 194 departed Townsville at 1740K/18 E.T.A. Cairns 1230K/19.

YMS.10 departed Thursday Island at 1215K/17 E.T.A. Cairns 1600K/21.

YP.291 arrived Cairns at 0732K/19 from Townsville.

M.L.430 arrived Sydney at 0702K/19.

YP.288 arrived Fremantle at 0900K/19 from Geraldton.

S.C. 738 and S.C. 703 arrived Milne Bay at 1100K/8, escorting L.S.T. 468 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 735 arrived Sydney at 2010K/19 escorting 2 U.S. A.T.S.

"PROMETHEUS" (U.S. Repair Ship) departed Sydney 2300K/19. E.T.A. Noumea 23/8.

"VICTORIA" departed Gladstone at 1800K/18 E.T.A. Brisbane 2100K/19.

"BILLFISH" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Darwin at 1830K/18 and departed at 0830K/19.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip at 2042K/18 for S.C.F. 18.

"JUNE" arrived Buna at 1230K/18 from Oro Bay.

"HERMITAGE" arrived Port Phillip at 0919K/19.

"GERARD" towing "ALLURA" arrived Townsville at 1756K/19 from Cairns.

"SUSQUEHANNA" (U.S. Fleet Tanker) arrived Townsville 1625K/18.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

"KIRRIWINA - Warning 0258K/20.  
All clear 0320K/20.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Thursday, 19th August, 1943.

"BUNBURY" escorting "HILO" towing floating dock arrived Buna 0800K/17 from Fall River; returned Fall River 1006K/18; escorting F.T. 19 departed 1315K/18.

"PERKINS" arrived Fall River 1600K/16 from Townsville.

"SMITH" arrived Fall River 1300K/17 from Townsville.

"PIRIE" and "KAPUNDA" escorting T.N. 136B arrived Fall River 1430K/18.

S.C. 731 and 746 departed Fall River 1204K/18 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 0700K/19.

YMS. 53 escorting "H. STANBURY" arrived Fall River 1746K/17.

S.C. 748 arrived Fall River 1015K/17.

YMS. 71 escorting T. JEFFERSON arrived Fall River 1045K/17.

YP. 72 escorting "JAPARA" towing floating crane departed Port Moresby 1042K/18 for Fall River.

"FALIE" arrived Port Moresby 1915K/18 from Fall River.

YMS. 10 departed Thursday Island 0815K/18 for Cairns E.T.A. 1600K/21.

"GYMPIE" arrived Cairns 1600K/17 from escorting F.T. 18.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 1027K/17 from Port Moresby.

"GERARD" towing "ALLURA" arrived Cairns 1416K/17.

"BENALLA" arrived Cairns 0930K/18 from Fall River.

"FORCEFUL" towing L.S.T. 462 departed Townsville 1105K/18 for Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" ) escorting T.N. 38 departed Townsville 0440K/18 for Pt  
"HENLEY" ) Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/20.

YP. 291 arrived Townsville 1902K/17 from Brisbane, E.T.A. Cairns 0800K/19.

"BOWEN" escorting F.T. 18 arrived Townsville 0255K/18.

S.C. 648 and 982 escorting T.N. 137 departed Townsville 0045K/18.

"DELORAINNE" ) escorting A.P.C. 18, 16, 7 and 6 departed Cairns 1709K/18  
"KATOOMBA" ) to rendezvous T.N. 137 off Fitzroy Island, "DELORAINNE"  
and portion A E.T.A. Port Moresby 1300K/21, "KATOOMBA"  
S.C. 648 and 982 with portion B E.T.A. Fall River 1200K/21.

YMS 49 and 50 towing P.T. 190, 191, 192 and 194 arrived Townsville 1058K/18 from Brisbane via Gladstone.

"VICTORIA" departed Mackay 1800K/17 for Gladstone E.T.A. 1400K/18.

"VENDETTA" escorting "DAVID C. SHANKS" arrived Brisbane 0830K/18; departed Caloundra 1527K/18 to rendezvous "AUSTRALIA" in 25°32'S. 156°13'E at 0700K/19 and escort to Brisbane.

P.C. 479 arrived Brisbane 0926K/18 from Noumea.

"BAGLEY" departed Brisbane 1313K/17 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/19.

A.P.C. 21 and 22 departed Caloundra 1237K/17 for Cairns E.T.A. 1300K/21

"GOULBURN" ) escorting Q.L.7A E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/19.  
S.C. 741 )  
M.L.818 and 816 )

"AMOHINE" ) departed Newcastle 0627K/18 for Coff's Harbour.  
"STELLA MARIS" )

"BURRABRA" arrived Port Kembla 0930K/18.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Sydney 1930K/18 from Brisbane.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) to escort O.C. 117 to Newcastle "ROCKHAMPTON" returning  
"YANDRA" ) Sydney on completion.

"YANDRA" to escort C.O.119 to Sydney - E.T.D. Newcastle A.M/20.

"BANGALOW" departed Sydney 0844K/18 arrived Newcastle 1537K/18.

"MIZAR" departed Sydney 0750K/18 for Fall River E.T.A. 1800K/22.

M.L.801 escorting Newcastle portion of P.G. 63 arrived Newcastle  
1355K/18.

"BUNDABERG" ) escorting P.G. 63 arrived Sydney 1913K/18.  
"MORESBY" )  
"TOWNSVILLE" )  
"BALLARAT" )

"WESTRALIA" arrived Port Melbourne 1540K/18

"DRAYTON" arrived Williamstown 1433K/18.

"NIZAM" arrived Port Melbourne 1015K/18 from Geraldton.

"WESTRALIA"

Grounded in Port Stephens 1322K/16. Refloated 1447K/16.  
Considered no damage sustained.

AIR RAID WARNINGS:

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow warning 1135K/18.  
All clear 1136K/18.

KIRIWINA - Yellow warning - All clear 0412K/19.

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To 0900K/Wednesday, August 18, 1943.

AUSTRALIA           ETA Brisbane 1300K/19 from Espiritu Santo.  
 VENDETTA            Is to rendezvous AUSTRALIA and escort to Brisbane.  
 SHEPPARTON         Departed Fall River 0830K/17 for Townsville.  
 ML.427             Arrived Fall River 1914K/16 from Woodlark Island.  
 KILLEARN           Having left Thursday Island towed by SAN NICHOLAS broke  
                     away about 30 miles West of Port Moresby and arrived Port  
                     Moresby 1815K/17 under own power.  
 YMS.8              Arrived Thursday Island 1043K/17 from Cairns.  
 KATOOMBA)         Arrived Cairns 0315K/17 from Port Moresby.  
 COLAC             )  
 APC.18, 6, 7       Arrived Cairns 0900K/17 from Townsville.  
   and 16.  
 DELORAINE         Arrived Cairns 2113K/16 from Fall River.  
 LAMSON             Arrived Townsville 1236K/16; departed 0600K/17 for Fall  
                     River ETA.1800K/18.  
 HELM               Escorting NT.40 arrived Townsville 1001K/16: escorting  
                     TN.139, ETD.1900K/18, ETA Port Moresby 1400K/20.  
 PC.1119            Is to rendezvous TN.139 off Fitzroy Island 0600K/19.  
 VICTORIA           Departed Townsville 1516K/16 for Mackay ETA.1300K/17.  
 SC.982             Arrived Townsville 1732K/16 from Brisbane.  
 SC.750 and 981     Departed Townsville 1345K/16, arrived Cairns 0625K/17.  
 WAGGA             Arrived Brisbane 1840K/17 from Cairns.  
 SC.736             ) Arrived Brisbane 1158K/16 from Noumea.  
 APC.20             )  
 LST.18, 168,       )  
   202 and 204.)  
 GLADSTONE         ) Escorting QL.7, including SPRINGDALE departed Caloundra  
 LITHGOW            ) 1654K/16.  
 SC.650             )  
 ML.425 and 429)

GEELONG            Returned Brisbane 0421K/17 from escorting YUNNAN.  
 GOULBURN)         Departed Caloundra 1829K/16 for exercise area.  
 TUNA               )  
 BOWFIN             )  
 DRUIN              )

PC.476 and         Departed Caloundra 1456K/17 to exercise with GOULBURN and  
 SC.741.            U.S. Submarines.  
 BUNDABERG )       Escorting PG.63 departed Caloundra 1308K/16.  
 MORESBY         )  
 TOWNSVILLE)     )  
 BALLARAT        )

SOEDOE             Arrived Brisbane 0820K/17 from Cairns.  
 ML.801             To rendezvous PG.63 in approximately position 29° 40' S.,  
                     153° 55' E. at 1300K/17 and augment escort to Newcastle.

BENDIGO and ML.431. Departed Sydney 0215K/17, escorting CO.118 departed Newcastle 0927K/17.

MILDURA )  
KALGOORLIE )  
ML.803 ) Departed Sydney 1446K/17 to escort CO.118.

MIZAR ETD.Sydney 0800K/18 for Fall River ETA.1800K/22.

KYBRA Departed Sydney 1005K/17 for training cruise to Broken Bay, Newcastle, and Port Stephens.

ML.431 Arrived Sydney 1827K/17 on completion of escort duty.

ALTAMAHA)  
VAN GALEN) Departed Fremantle 1600K/16, ALTAMAHA for Karachi, VAN GALEN escorting until 1001K/18.

LARK Departed Exmouth Gulf 1100K/17 for Fremantle, ETA.1200K/20.

YP.286 Arrived Exmouth Gulf 14/8 from Fremantle.

YP.288 Departed Exmouth Gulf 15/8 for Fremantle ETA.19/8.

FREMANTLE Escorting DT.30 departed Darwin 1026K/17 for Malay Bay, Cape Stewart and Thursday Island.

INVERELL Escorting TD.29 arrived Darwin 1544K/17.

NIZAM Entered Port Phillip 0736K/18 and is expected to berth 1030K/18.

S/M D/F FIX.

At 0319K/18 in position about 250 miles East of Deboyne Island. Quality A (within 50 miles). Passed to ships and authorities New Guinea Area.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

Fall River Yellow Warning, All Clear 0930K/17.

~~MOST SECRET~~

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Tuesday, 17th August, 1943.

STUART Escorting MAUI arrived Brisbane at 0516K/16. Departed Caloundra at 0517K/16 to rendezvous with FREDERICK C. AINSWORTH in position 24° 38' S., 159° 00' E. at 0800K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

HERLEY )  
LE TRIOMPHANT ) ETD. Townsville 0400K/18 escorting TN.138 (3 ships) to Port Moresby. ETA. 0800K/20.

NIZAM ETA. Melbourne 1030K/18 from Fremantle.

HUMPHREYS )  
GILMER )  
SANDS )  
BROOKS ) Arrived Milne Bay at 1630K/15.

BAGLEY Escorting HENRY T. ALLEN arrived Brisbane at 1640K/15. ETD. 1400K/17 for Milne Bay ETA. 1200K/19.

U.S. Submarines At 1507K/16 CTF. 72 advised TUNA departs training area unescorted at 1800K/18 and returns to Brisbane. BOWFIN unaccompanied departs training area about 1800K/18 and proceeds to Darwin via Curtis Channel and Torres Strait. ETA. Darwin 1800K/24.

BUNBURY Departed Milne Bay at 1622K/15 escorting U.S.S. HIL0 with floating dock in tow for Buna. ETA. am/17.

SMEPPARTON Arrived Milne Bay at 1300K/15 from survey ground.

BEHALLA Departed Milne Bay at 1128K/16 for Cairns. ETA. 1100K/18.

KALGOOLIE )  
ECHUCA ) Arrived Sydney at 1207K/17, on completion of escort duties with Newcastle section OC.116.

ABRAHAM )  
CRIJNSSEN ) Arrived Port Melbourne at 0935K/16 having completed escort duties with CO.117.

COOTAMUNDRA Departed Darwin at 0842K/16 escorting DT.29 (2 ships) ETA. Thursday Island 1500K/22.

SC.698 )  
SC.699 ) Departed Milne Bay at 1224K/16 escorting 5 LSTs to Buna, ETA. 0700K/17.

AFC. 21 and 22. ETD. Caloundra 1300K/17 for Milne Bay via Townsville ETA Townsville 1800K/20.

YMS 49 and 50 With PT. 190, 191, 192 and 194 in tow departed Gladstone at 0700K/16. ETA. Townsville 0900K/18.

SC. 702, 738 and LST. 468 - arrived Buna at 0730K/15 from Milne Bay.

SCs. 750, 981 and 732 arrived Townsville at 0625K/16 on completion of escort duties with FT.16.

ML. 803 Is to rendezvous with CO.118 at 1600K/17 off Sydney Heads and provide additional escort until daylight 19/8, then proceed to Twofold Bay.

ML. 430 Is to rendezvous with OC.117 in position 40 miles South West of Gabo Island at 1400K/17, and provide additional escort to Sydney.

PC. 1119 Escorting DUNTRON arrived Cairns at 1900K/16.

FALIE Departed Milne Bay at 0924K/16. ETA. Port Moresby AM/18.

PING WO Departed Sydney at 0415K/16 for Port Stephens, ETA. 1500K/16.

POTRERO Arrived Oro Bay at 1000K/15 - departed at 0335K/16 for Tufi.

BIRCHGROVE PARK Departed Caloundra at 0935K/16, ETA. Sydney 1800K/18.

DOOMBA Entered Williamstown Dry Dock at 0840K/16.

BINGERA Arrived Port Phillip from F.W.D. at 1902K/16.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Monday, 18th August 1943.

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PERKINS Departed Townsville at 0602K/15 for Fall River.

VENDETTA Departed Brisbane at 0345K/15 escorting TORRENS to vicinity Lady Elliot Island. VENDETTA then proceeded to rendezvous with DAVID C. SHANKS in position 27° 07' S., 159° 24' E. at 1000K/17 and escort to Brisbane.

MAHAN ETA. Buna 0900K/16 escorting 6 LCI from Milne Bay.

HENLEY )  
LE TRIOMPHANT ) Arrived Townsville at 2140K/15 from escort duties with NT.38 from Port Moresby.

STUART Departed Caloundra at 1815K/14. To rendezvous with MAUI in position 027° 08' S., 157° 40' E. at 1000K/15 and escort to Brisbane.

HELM )  
PC.1119 ) Departed Port Moresby at 0703K/15 escorting NT.40 (2 ships) ETA PC.1119 with DUNTROON at Cairns 1730K/16, ETA. HELM with TAROONA at Townsville 0400K/17.

BENALLA Returned Milne Bay at 1158K/15 from survey grounds.

SWAN Escorting TN.134 arrived Port Moresby at 0733K/15. Departed at 1858K/15 ETA. Cairns 1100K/17.

GYMPIE )  
BOWEN ) Departed Milne Bay at 1300K/15 escorting FT.18.

GEELONG Departed Caloundra at 0233K/15 escorting YUNNAN to Bustard Head - then to return Brisbane.

GOULBURN Escorting PANUD arrived Brisbane at 2156K/14.

GOULBURN With U.S. Subs TUNA, BOWFIN and DRUM departed Caloundra at 1957K/15 for training area. DRUM leaves training area about 0300K/18 northbound. TUNA and BOWFIN depart training area about 1800K/18 for Darwin via Curtis Channel and Torres Strait ETA. Darwin 1800K/24.

PIRIE )  
KAPUNDA ) Departed Cairns at 1401K/15 to rendezvous with TN.136 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1600K/15. ETA section "A" at Port Moresby 1100K/18. ETA section "B" at Fall River 1000K/18.

WILCANNIA Arrived Sydney at 0446K/15 from Townsville.

BROOME Arrived Sydney at 2035K/15 on completion escort duties with OC.116.

BUNDABERG )  
MORESBY )  
TOWNSVILLE )  
BALLARAT ) Arrived Brisbane at 0001K/16 escorting GP.63 including SPRINGDALE.

ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN Departed Port Phillip at 0125K/16 escorting OC.117 (9 ships).

LATROBE Arrived Thursday Island at 1413K/15 escorting ALAGNA. Commences boiler clean at 0800K/16.

ML.802 Arrived Jarvis Bay at 0805K/15.

YMS.8 Departed Cairns at 0949K/15. ETA. Thursday Island 1200K/17.

SC.648 Arrived Townsville at 0805K/15.

SG.746 Arrived Milne Bay at 1232K/14 from Oro Bay.

SC. 747) Escorting PATRAS arrived Milne Bay at 1336K/15 from Buna.  
SC. 744)

SC. 748 ETA. Oro Bay 0900K/16 escorting JOSIAH B. GRINNEL from  
Milne Bay.

ORARA Returned Melbourne at 0917K/15 from SCF.18.

BINGERA Departs F.N.D. at 1330K/16 for Port Phillip for exercises  
ETA.1730K/16.

FORCEFUL (Tug) Arrived Townsville at 0536K/15 from Thursday Island.

LAURABADA Departed Port Moresby at 1101K/15 for Milne Bay.

FALIE Arrived Milne Bay at 1241K/14 from Port Moresby. ETD.  
0900K/16 for Port Moresby.

ALTAMAHA Arrived Fremantle at 1005K/14.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS.

WOODLARK ISLAND Warning 0930K/15, All Clear 1000K/15.  
BATCHELOR Warning 1148K/15.



**MOST  
SECRET**

DAILY NARRATIVE

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th, 1943.

- SC. 731 - escorting "JAMES M. GOODHUE" departed Buna 1220K/13, arrived Fall River 1226K/14.
- SC. 703 & 738 - escorting LST. 452 and 468 arrived Fall River 2202K/13 from Port Moresby; escorting LST. 468 departed Fall River 0710K/14 for Buna - E.T.A. 0700K/15.
- "POTRERO" - arrived Oro Bay 2010K/11; departed Oro Bay 1158K/14 for Morobe.
- 9 L.C.V. & Launch AJAX - departed Fall River 0500K/14 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. p.m./16.
- SC. 747 - departed Fall River 1534K/13 to escort "HENRY D. THOREAU" and "JOSEPH LANE" from China Strait to Buna E.T.A. 1200K/14 and Oro Bay E.T.A. 0900K/14, respectively.
- "GYMPIE" )  
"BOWEN" ) - escorting T.N.133B arrived Fall River 1512K/13.
- "BUNBURY" - escorting "MULCRA" arrived Fall River 0830K/14 from Port Moresby.
- "DELOIRINE" - escorting F.T.17 departed Fall River 1246K/14.
- "KATOOMBA" )  
"COLAC" ) - escorting N.T.39 departed Port Moresby 1630K/14.
- "HELM" )  
PC.1119 ) - escorting T.N.135 arrived Port Moresby 1730K/14.
- "KRAIT" - departed Thursday Island 0834K/14 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 24/8.
- Y.M.S.8 - arrived Cairns 0918K/14 from Townsville.
- "VICTORIA" - departed Cairns 0711K/14 for Townsville E.T.A. 0700K/15
- "WAGGA" - departed Cairns 2001K/14 for Brisbane - E.T.A. Caloundra 2000K/17.
- "BROOKS" )  
"GILMER" )  
"SANDS" )  
"HUMPHREYS" ) - departed Townsville 0736K/14 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1800K/15.
- "VENDETTA" - escorting "TORRENS" to Lady Elliot Island - E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/15, "VENDETTA" returning Brisbane.
- "STUART" - escorting "KLIPFONTEIN" arrived Brisbane 1718K/13.
- PC. 479 - E.T.A. Cape Moreton a.m./18 from Noumea.
- "GHELONG" )  
S.C.650 )  
"LITHGOW" )  
M.L.819 ) - escorting L.Q.6 including "MERKUR" arrived Brisbane 1844K/13.

- Y.P. 291 - departed Caloundra 1612K/13 for Mackay, thence Cairns and Thursday Island.
- "GEEELONG" - escorting "YUNNAN" E.T.D. Caloundra 0600K/15, "GEEELONG" to return Brisbane from Bustard Head.
- S.C. 982 - escorting Y.M.S. 49 and 50 towing P.T.'s 190, 191, 192, and 194 departed Caloundra 1831K/13 for Townsville. Y.M.S. and P.T. via Gladstone E.T.A. 1200K/15, S.C. 982 independently from Bustard Head.
- "COUCAL" - departed Brisbane 1721K/13 for Jomard Entrance (Louiades)
- "KALGOORLIE" ) - to escort O.C. 116 to Newcastle, then return  
"ECHUCA" ) Sydney.
- "BROOME" - to escort Sydney section of O.C. 116 to Sydney.
- "WILCANNIA" - E.T.A. Sydney 0700K/15 from Townsville.
- "FLUSSER" - escorting "JOHN CARROLL" to Townsville E.T.A. 1001K/19 departed Sydney 1526K/14.
- "HERMITAGE" - E.T.D. Wellington 1100K/14 for Melbourne  
E.T.A. Port Phillip 1300K/19.
- "ALSEY" - departed Port Melbourne 1405K/14 for Fremantle -  
E.T.A. 25/8.
- "ATREUS" - returned Fremantle 1401K/14.
- "ALTAMAHA" - arrived Fremantle 1005K/14 from Brisbane.
- "NIZAM" - departed Geraldton 2110K/13 for Melbourne.
- "FREMANTLE" - escorting T.D. 28 arrived Darwin 1839K/14.
- "ORARA" - completed her search for man overboard from "ECHUCA" with negative results.

AIR RAID WARNINGS.

Fall River	Red Warning.
Goodenough Is.	Warning 2016K/14, All Clear.
8 Mobile W/T Stn.	Red Warning 2020K/14, Raid in progress, All Clear. Red Warning, Raid in progress, All Clear 0353K/15.

To 0900K/Saturday, August, 14th, 1943.

- S.C. 747 is to escort HENRY D. THOREAU and JOSEPH LANE from China Strait to Buna and Oro Bay.
- "BAGLEY" ) departed Fall River 0500K/12 for Cairns, departed Cairns  
"H. T. ALLEN" ) 1601K/13 for Brisbane E.T.A. Caloundra 1800K/15.
- S.C. 750, 699, escorting F.T.16 departed Fall River 1100K/13.  
and 732
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" ) escorting N.T.38 departed Port Moresby 1800K/13  
"HENLEY" ) E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/15.
- "COLAC" ) escorting T.N.135A arrived Port Moresby 1400K/13.  
"KATOOMBA" )
- "GERARD" towing ALLURA departed Thursday Island 0730K/13 for Cairns  
 E.T.A. 1700K/17.
- "KRAIT" arrived Thursday Island 1045K/13 from Cairns.
- "INVERELL" escorting T.D.29 departed Thursday Island 0755K/13.
- "PIRIE" arrived Cairns 0755K/13 from Townsville.
- "SWAN" departed Cairns 1015K/13 to rendezvous T.N.134 and escort  
 to Port Moresby.
- "SMITH" arrived Townsville 1100K/13 from Mackay.
- "SANDS" arrived Townsville 0056K/13 from Brisbane.
- P.C. 1119 departed Cairns 1020K/12 to rendezvous T.N.135.
- "HELM" escorting T.N.135 departed Townsville 2235K/12, E.T.A. Port  
 Moresby 1600K/14.
- "BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Townsville 1802K/12 for Brisbane, E.T.A.  
 Caloundra 0700K/16.
- "WARRINGTON" departed Caloundra 1916K/12 for Noumea.
- "STUART" to rendezvous KLIPFONTEIN in position 27° 06' S. 155° 01' E  
 at 1200K/13, and escort to Brisbane; ETD Caloundra about  
 1700K/14 to rendezvous MAUI in position 27° 08' S. 157° 4) E  
 at 1000K/15 and escort to Brisbane.
- "VENDETTA" is proceeding Gladstone for fuel from escorting WILLARD A.  
 HOLBROOK.
- "WILCANNIA" passed Caloundra 1517K/12 bound Sydney, E.T.A. 1300K/14  
 from Townsville.
- "GOULBURN" is to rendezvous PAHUD 5 miles 180° from Lady Elliot Island  
 at 0100K/14 and escort to Brisbane.
- A.P.C. 18, 6, 7, and 16 departed Caloundra 1232K/13 for Townsville.
- Y.P. 291 E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/15 for Mackay E.T.A. 1000K/15, thence  
 Cairns and Thursday Island.
- S.C. 982 escorting Y.M.S. 49 and 50 towing P.T.190, 191, 192 and 194  
 departed Caloundra 1900K/13 for Townsville, Y.M.S. and P.T.  
 via Gladstone E.T.A. 1200K/15, S.C.982 independently from  
 vicinity Bustard Head.

S.C. 735 escorting USAT LAKE ORMAC and NORLAGO E.T.A. Sydney 1000K/19 from Noumea.

"BUNDABERG" )  
"MORESEY" ) escorting G.P. 63 including H.M.S. "SPRINGDALE"  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) departed Sydney 0825K/13.  
"BALLARAT" )

"GLENELG" departed Sydney 0122K/13.

"MILDURA" )  
"GLENELG" ) escorting C.O. 117 departed Newcastle 0830K/13.

"ROCKHAMPTON" )  
"YANDRA" ) departed Sydney 1455K/13 to join C.O. 117.

"MILDURA" arrived Sydney 1830K/13.

"MT. VERNON". E.T.D. Sydney 1300K/12 for San Francisco

"WARRNAMEBOOL" returned Sydney 1810K/13 from escorting HANYANG.

"BANGALOW" E.T.D. Sydney 0900K/13 for Newcastle.

M.D. 805 arrived Jervis Bay 1914K/12 from Sydney.

M.L. 803 is to rendezvous O.C. 116 in approx. position 38°04' S., 149°31' E at 1400K/14, escort until daylight/15 then proceed Jervis Bay.

M.L. 430 is to rendezvous C.O. 117 in approx. position 35° 35' S. 150° 48' E at 0700K/14 escort until daylight/15 then proceed Twofold Bay.

"ORARA" searching until dark/13 for man lost overboard from ECHUCA to westward of Wilson's Promontory between 0400 and 0500K/13.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 116 departed Port Phillip 2307K/12, escorting C.O. 116 arrived Port Phillip 1358K/13.

"ALSEY" arrived Port Phillip 1851K/13 from Sydney.

"TROMP" returned Fremantle 0735K/13 from escort duty.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle 1400K/11.

"NIZAM" arrived Geraldton 1215K/13, E.T.D. 2230K/13. E.T.A. Port Phillip 0700K/18.

"LATROBE" escorting ALAGNA departed Groote Eylandt flying boat base 0631K/13 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 2030K/15.

POSSIBLE TORPEDO REPORT.

Master FRANK SPRINGER reported that a poss. spent torpedo passed across bows at 0030K/12 about 95 miles S.E. of Hobart.

SEARCH FOR A/C SURVIVORS UNSUCCESSFUL.

DURRAWEEEN and KOROWA ceased search in vicinity of Cape Otway for survivors of crashed aircraft at sunset/12 with negative results and resumed sweeping S.C.F. 6 am/13.

AIR RAID WARNINGS

MBRAUKE Yellow Warning All clear 1431K/13.  
FALL RIVER Yellow Warning 2030K/13, Raid 2034K/13, All clear.  
HORN ISLAND Red Warning 2240K/13, all clear 2246K/13.  
DARWIN Yellow Warning 2126K/13, Red 2158K/13, All clear  
2245K/13.  
Red Warning 2322K/13, All Clear 0040K/14.  
GOODENOUGH IS. Yellow Warning, all clear 2128K/13.

POST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Friday 13th August, 1943.

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GILMER )  
HUMPHREYS) Arrived Townsville at 1038K/12.

HELM ETD. Townsville 2100K/12 escorting TN.135 (2 ships) to Port Moresby ETA.1600K/14. PC.1119 is to rendezvous with convoy in vicinity Fitzroy Island Light at 0800K/13 and act as additional escort.

WARRINGTON Departed Caloundra at 1800K/12 for Noumea, ETA.1200K/14.

PERKINS Arrived Townsville at 0650K/12.

HENLEY )  
LE TRIOMPHANT) Arrived Port Moresby at 0700K/12 escorting TN.132. ETD. 1700K/13 escorting NT.38 (2 ships) ETA.Townsville 2000K/15.

DRAYTON )  
WESTRALIA)  
MANOORA ) Arrived Cairns at 1630K/12 from Milne Bay. Departed at 1901K/12 for Port Stephens, ETA.1700K/16.

BAGLEY Escorting HENRY T. ALLEN arrived Milne Bay at 1504K/11 from Cairns.

BROOKS Arrived Townsville at 1500K/12 from Brisbane.

SWAN To rendezvous with B.F. SHAW in vicinity Fitzroy Island at 1100K/13 and escort to Port Moresby ETA.0800K/15.

WAGGA Departed Milne Bay at 1100K/12 escorting FT.15 (2 ships) ETA Cairns 2100K/14.

BUNBURY Departed Port Moresby at 2030K/12 escorting MULCRA to Milne Bay ETA.0730K/14.

INVERELL ETD. Thursday Island 0600K/13 escorting ISLANDER and DUNDULA to Darwin.

PIRIE ETA. Cairns 0630K/14 from Townsville.

GOULBURN)  
S.C.648 ) Departed Caloundra at 1531K/12 escorting QL.6 "A". Ships including KURUMBA. Dispersal point Lady Elliot Island. SC.648 then proceeds independently to Townsville - GOULBURN returns Brisbane.

MILDURA Arrived Newcastle at 1309K/12 escorting Newcastle section PG.62. To escort Newcastle section CO.117 as far as Sydney. ETD. Newcastle 0700K/13.

BUNDABERG)  
BALLARAT )  
MORESBY ) Arrived Sydney at 1750K/12 escorting PG.62.

ROCKHAMPTON)  
YANDRA ) Arrived Sydney at 1601K/12 from escort duties with Newcastle section OC.115.

TOWNSVILLE Arrived Sydney at 0209K/12 escorting Sydney section OC.115.

ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN ETD. Port Phillip 2300K/12 escorting OC.116 (5 ships).

ML.816 Arrived Brisbane at 1531K/12 escorting ALBERT E. WATTS.

ML.805 Departed Sydney at 1052K/12 ETA.Port Kembla 1800K/12.

YMS.8 Arrived Townsville at 1804K/12.

YMS. 72 Arrived Port Moresby at 1156K/12 from Milne Bay.

YDG. 2 Arrived Townsville at 0632K/12.

SC. 738 and SC. 703. Departed Port Moresby at 0822K/12 escorting LST. 452 and 468 to Kanakope (Milne Bay area). ETA. 1200K/13.

FALIE Departed Port Moresby at 1646K/12. ETA. Milne Bay 15/8.

BUNGAREE Departed Auckland at 1726K/12. ETA. Noumea 0630K/17.

BINGERA Departed Port Melbourne at 0859K/12 for Westernport  
ETA. 1700K/12.

MOUNT VERNON Departed Sydney at 1317K/12 for San Francisco.

MAUNGANUI  
(Hospital ship) Departed Fremantle 11.8. ETA. Wellington 21/8.

Newcastle Indicator Loop - Reported out of action by N.O.I.C. Newcastle at 1444K/12. Middle leg cut by towing hawser.

DURRAWEEEN)  
KOROWA ) Are searching in vicinity of Cape Otway for survivors of crashed aircraft.

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Thursday, 12th August, 1943.

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ARUNTA )  
WARRAMUNGA) To depart Milne Bay 11/8 escorting LST. Group 13 to Woodlark Island. To depart Woodlark 13/8 for Noumea, arriving 19/8.

DRAYTON )  
WESTRALIA )  
MANOORA ) Arrived Milne Bay at 1620K/10 from Cairns.

SANDS Departed Brisbane 1257K/11 - ETA. Cleveland Bay 2359K/12.

HEEMSKERK Returned to Fremantle at 0830K/11 from escort duties.

VENDETTA Will rendezvous with WILLIAM HOLBROOK at 1100K/12 in position 24° 53' S., 161° 57' E., and escort to Lady Elliot Island.

STUART Is to rendezvous with KLIPPONTEIN in position 26° 55' S., 156° 50' E., at 1001K/12 and escort to Brisbane.

WAGGA )  
DELORAINNE )  
SC. 747 ) Arrived Milne Bay at 1900K/10 escorting TN.131.

GYMPIE )  
KATOOMBA )  
COLAC ) Departed Cairns at 0423K/11 to rendezvous with TN.133 (escorted by BOWEN) off Fitzroy Island Light. KATOOMBA and COLAC will escort section "A" to Port Moresby. BOWEN and GYMPIE will escort section "B" to Milne Bay.

GEELONG )  
SC. 650 ) Depart Gladstone at 0100K/12 escorting LQ.6 (3 ships) LITHGOW to rendezvous with MERKUR off Gladstone at 0500K/12 - then overtake and join LQ.6. ML.819 provides additional escort from vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

GOULBURN Escorting YUNNAN arrived Brisbane at 0105K/11.

GOULBURN )  
SC. 648 ) ETD. Caloundra 1400K/12 escorting QL.6A. Dispersal point Lady Elliot Island. SC.648 then proceeds independently to Townsville. GOULBURN returns Brisbane.

WILCANNIA En route Townsville to Brisbane, has been ordered to proceed Sydney direct - to refit.

ROCKHAMPTON )  
YANDRA ) Are to escort Newcastle portion OC.115 to Newcastle, then return to Sydney.

HORSHAM Arrived Fremantle at 0805K/11 from Geraldton.

ATREUS En route Fremantle to Sydney - Ordered by A.C.N.B. at 1149K/11 to return to Fremantle for onward routing to Colombo.

BIRCHGROVE PARK Arrived Townsville at 1052K/11 from Cairns.

YMS.10, 46, 47, 48. Arrived Thursday Island at 1405K/11 from Fall River.

YMS.53. Departed Milne Bay at 1337K/11, escorting ESTHER JOHNSON to Oro Bay, ETA. Port Moresby 1700K/12.

ML.816 Will proceed from Brisbane to rendezvous with ALBERT E. WATTS in position 027° 00' S., 156° 00' E. at 0600K/12 and escort to Brisbane.

YP.286 Departed Fremantle at 1012K/11, ETA. Exmouth Gulf 1400K/14.



SC. 736, APC. 20, ) Departed Noumea at 0800K/12, ETA. Brisbane 0800K/16.  
and LST.'s 18, )  
168, 202, 204 )  
(Task Unit 36.8.6)

LST.s 66, 67, 201, ) Arrived Brisbane at 2151K/10 from Noumea.  
YO. 59, PC. 476 and 6 )  
APC.

18 APC.s Intend departing Brisbane at 1300K/13 for Cairns ETA.  
1200K/17.

SC. 637 Escorting LCT.s 174, 175, 378, 379, 381 and 382  
arrived Milne Bay at 1300K/10 from Cairns.

WEST CACTUS Arrived Gladstone at 1245K/11.

COUCAL (U.S. Tug) Returned Brisbane at 0145K/11.

FORCEFUL (Tug) Departed Thursday Island at 0901K/11 for Townsville  
ETA. 1800K/14.

COOLEBAR Arrived Thursday Island at 1122K/11.

CAP DES PALMES Arrived Noumea from Sydney at 1600K/10.

FALIE Arrived Port Moresby at 0746K/11 from Milne Bay.

ALSEY ETA. Melbourne 1700K/14 from Sydney.

LARGE SUBMARINE - sighted passing Cape Orford, southbound at 1522K/10.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS

MILNE BAY Air Raid 1102K/11.

GURNEY Warning 1054K/11, All Clear 1104K/11.

Warning 2057K/11.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, August 11, 1943.

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SHEPPARTON Arrived Buna 1554K/9.

SC. 746, 744. Escorting PATRAS departed Fall River 1304K/10 for Oro Bay ETA.1030K/11.

YP. 233 Arrived Fall River 1108K/9 from Townsville.

FREMANTLE Escorting TD.28 departed Thursday Island 0300K/10.

BAGLEY )  
H.T. ALLEN) Departed Cairns 0400K/10 for Fall River ETA.1700K/11.

BIRCHGROVE PARK. Arrived Cairns 1700K/9 from Thursday Island.

BOWEN Escorting TN.133 departed Townsville 1300K/10.

GYMPIE )  
KATOOMBA)  
COLAC ) Are to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island. Portion A ETA. Port Moresby 1700K/13, portion B, ETA Fall River 1600K/13.

LE TRIOMPHANT Escorting TN.132 departed Townsville 0425K/10 for Port and HENLEY. Moresby, ETA.0800K/12.

HOONA Arrived Townsville 1218K/9 from Portland Roads for refit.

WILCANNIA Departed Townsville 1700K/9 for Caloundra ETA.1900K/12.

BROOKS Escorting MORMACWHEN departed Caloundra 0938K/10.

ML.818 Departed Caloundra 0225K/10; escorting US Submarine BOWFIN arrived Brisbane 0740K/10.

GEELONG )  
LITHGOW )  
HUMPHREYS)  
GILMER )  
ML.819 )  
SC.650 ) Escorting QL.6 departed Caloundra 1601K/9.

TASK UNIT 36.8.6- )  
SC.736, APC.20, )  
LST 13,168, 202, 204) ETA.Cape Moreton 0800K/13 from Noumea.

KALGOORLIE) Escorting CO.116 departed Newcastle 0420K/10, BENDIGO  
BENDIGO ) to part company off Sydney.

ECHUCA) Escorting CO.116 departed Sydney 1042K/10.  
BROOME)

BENDIGO Arrived Sydney 1550K/10.

MIZAR Arrived Sydney 1209K/10 from Townsville.

ORARA Departed Port Phillip 2031K/9 for SCF.18.

HORSHAM Escorting BRITISH ZEAL arrived Geraldton 1031K/10 and departed for Fremantle.

NIZAM ETA. Geraldton 1200K/13.

D/F FIXES.

There were several D/F fixes of enemy surface units and submarines in the Solomons/New Britain Area PM/10 and AM/11.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Tuesday, August 10, 1943.

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FALIE Departed Fall River 1025K/9 for Port Moresby.

YMS.72 Escorting PATRAS arrived Fall River 0638K/9 from Port Moresby.

HEROS Towing lighter, arrived Port Moresby 0800K/8 from Townsville.

LST.452, 468 and Arrived Port Moresby 1701K/9 from Fall River.  
SC.703, 738

BUNBURY Escorting HEIJNST arrived Port Moresby 1533K/9 from Fall River.

HELM ) Escorting NT.37 departed Port Moresby 1730K/9, ETA.  
PC.1119) Townsville 1830K/11, PC.1119 to Cairns.

GERARD Arrived Thursday Island 1750K/9 from Cairns.

PREMANTLE Escorting CARDROSS and TULAGI ETD.Thursday Island  
0300K/10 for Darwin.

SOEDOE Passed Thursday Island 1216K/9 bound Cairns from Merauke.

KRAIT Arrived Cairns 0601K/9 from Townsville; departed  
2000K/9 for Thursday Island ETA.1200K/13.

DELORAINE) Departed Cairns 0620K/8 to rendezvous TN.131 and escort  
SC.747 ) to Fall River.

DRAYTON ) Departed Cairns 2244K/8 for Fall River ETA.1700K/10.  
MANOORA )  
WESTRALIA)

LE TRIOMPHANT) Escorting TN.132 ETD.Townsville 0300K/10 for Port  
HENLEY ) Moresby ETA.0800K/12.

WILCANNIA Escorting FT.12 arrived Townsville 2310K/8; ETD.Townsville  
1700K/9 for Caloundra.

LITHGOW Arrived Brisbane 0207K/8 from escorting JOSEPH LANE.

GEELONG ) Escorting QL.6 departed Caloundra 1601K/9.  
LITHGOW )  
HUMPHREYS)  
GILMER )

GILMER ) After parting company with QL.6 ETD.Caloundra 1600K/9 at  
HUMPHREYS) Bustard Head are to proceed Fall River ETA. during  
daylight/15.

BROOKS ETD. Caloundra 1000K/10 escorting NORMACWREN until  
moonset/10 then parts company, and proceeds Townsville  
at best speed, thence to Fall River to arrive day-  
light/15.

VENDETTA Departed Caloundra 1741K/8 to exercise with U.S. sub-  
marine; is to rendezvous LURLINE (ETD. Caloundra  
1100K/10) off Cape Moreton, escort until necessary to  
part company to rendezvous WILLARD A. HOLBROOK in  
24° 53' S., 161° 57' E. at 1500K/11 and escort to  
Lady Elliot Island.

GOULBURN Departed Caloundra 2103K/8 to rendezvous YUNNAN in  
vicinity Lady Elliot Island and escort to Brisbane.

DABERG) Escorting GP.62 including LCI.227 arrived Brisbane  
MORESBY ) 1241K/9; escorting PG.62 departed Caloundra 1241K/9.  
MILDURA )  
BALLARAT )

ML.801 To rendezvous PG.62 in approximately position 29° 41' S.,  
153° 57' E. at 1400K/10 and escort to Newcastle.

STUART Escorting CREMER (bound Townsville) to Lady Elliot  
Island departed Sydney 0757K/9.

SAMPSON Departed Sydney 0956K/9 for Noumea.

PROMETHEUS Arrived Sydney 1242K/9 from Noumea.

KALGOORLIE Arrived Sydney 1814K/9 from escorting PROMETHEUS;  
departed 2200K/9 to rendezvous Newcastle portion  
of CO.116.

ECHUCA Arrived Sydney 1011K/9 from escorting OC.114.

BENDIGO Escorting OC.114 arrived Newcastle 0708K/9.

ALSEY ETD. Sydney am/11 for Melbourne and Fremantle.

BRIGOME Escorting OC.114 arrived Sydney 2130K/8.

ML.430 Is to rendezvous CO.116 in approximately position  
34° 27' S., 151° 17' E. at 1600K/10, escort until  
daylight/12, then proceed Twofold Bay.

ML.802 Is to rendezvous OC.115 in approximately position  
38° 03' S., 149° 32' E. at 1400K/10, escort until  
am/11 then proceed to Jarvis Bay.

ABRAHAM Escorting OC.115 departed Port Phillip 0009K/9, escort-  
CRIJNSSEN ing CO.115 arrived Port Phillip 1230K/9.

CHANTICLEER Departed Fremantle 1400K/9 for Exmouth Gulf ETA.am/11.

SUBMARINE REPORTS.

D/F fix at 1948K/9 about 145 miles South of  
Bougainville Island. Quality A (within 50 miles). Aircraft sight-  
ing about 180 miles North of Fall River, submarine submerged before it  
could be attacked.

AIR RAID WARNING.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND: Red warning 2102K/9.  
All Clear 2110K/9.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 9th August, 1943.

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DRAYTON Departed Townsville at 0656K/8 escorting WESTRALIA to Cairns. ETA 1800K/8. Upon arrival Cairns to be joined by MANOORA and proceed to Milne Bay.

STUART Arrived Sydney at 1247K/8. ETD 0700K/7 escorting CREMER for Townsville to Lady Elliot Island.

VENDETTA )  
WARRINGTON) Arrived Brisbane at 0725K/8 escorting LURLINE.

BAGLEY Arrived Cairns at 1431K/8 escorting HENRY T. ALLEN.

SAMSON Arrived Sydney at 1313K/8 escorting MOUNT VERNON - ETD. SAMSON AM/9 for Noumea.

NIZAM ETA. Geraldton 1900K/12.

HENLEY )  
LE TRIOMPHANT) Arrived Townsville at 1945K/7 escorting N.T.36.

HUMPHREYS )  
GILMER )  
GERLONG )  
LITHGOW ) Departed Brisbane at 2059K/7 escorting Q.L.6 (14 ships).

HELM )  
PC.1119) Arrived Port Moresby at 1600K/8 escorting TN.130. ETD. 1730K/9 escorting NT.37 (3 ships) ETA. Townsville 1830K/11.

GOULBURN Departs Caloundra at 2000K/8 to rendezvous with YUNNAN in vicinity Lady Elliot Island and escort to Brisbane.

KALGOORLIE Departed Sydney at 1755K/7 to rendezvous with and escort PROMETHEUS - bound for Sydney. At 1830K/8 KALGOORLIE reported PROMETHEUS proceeding independently at 13 knots - KALGOORLIE following at 9 knots - due to rough weather.

HOWEN )  
PC.1121) Arrived Townsville at 2136K/8 escorting F.T.13.

KAPUNDA Arrived Milne Bay at 1624K/7.

GYMPIE )  
KATOOMBA) Departed Milne Bay at 1300K/8 escorting F.T.14 (4 ships) ETA. Townsville 1730K/11.

BUNBURY Departed Milne Bay at 1943K/8 escorting RIJNST to Port Moresby ETA.1530K/9.

SHEPPARTON Departed Milne Bay at 1530K/8 for Survey Grounds via Oro Bay.

BUNDABERG )  
MORESBY )  
MILDURA )  
BALLARAT ) Departed Brisbane at 1148K/7 escorting PG.62 (7 ships).

WARRNAMBOOL Departed Sydney at 0757K/8 escorting HAN YANG to vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN Escorting OC.115 (12 ships) departs Port Phillip at 2300K/8.

INVERELL Escorting MUNGANA and DARVEL arrived Thursday Island at 0732K/8 from Darwin.

COOTAMUNDRA Arrived Darwin at 2343K/7.

PREMANTLE When ready, is to depart Thursday Island escorting  
CARDROSS and TULAGI to Darwin.

YMS. 10, 46, Departed Fall River at 1206K/8 for Thursday Island, ETA.  
47 and 48. 1400K/11.

S.C.746 Arrived Milne Bay from Oro Bay at 2100K/7.

ML.427 Departed Milne Bay at 1300K/7 - to assist in search for  
survivors of Beaufort aircraft previously sighted on  
raft.

ORARA Departs Port Melbourne at 1700K/9 for S.C.F.18.

KRAIT Departed Townsville at 0606K/8 ETA. Cairns 1600K/9 thence  
Thursday Island ETA.1159K/11.

SOEDOE Departed Merauke at 1550K/7 for Thursday Island ETA.  
1800K/8.

COUCAL Departed Brisbane at 0101K/8 for operations in vicinity  
(U.S.Tug) of Cape Moreton.

PALUMA (PMB) Arrived Port Moresby at 1136K/8.

FORCEFUL (Tug) Arrived Thursday Island at 1604K/8.

SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

Several D/F fixes of enemy submarines were obtained  
PM/8 and AM/9 in an area between Woodlark Island and Central Solomon  
Islands. Information passed to A.I.G.365.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 8th August, 1943.

"AUSTRALIA" (C.T.F.74) arrived Espiritu Santo at 1106K/5.

"MAHAN" departed Milne Bay at 0500K/7 escorting H.T.ALLEN to Cairns E.T.A. 1430K/8.

"BROOKS" arrived Brisbane at 1248K/6 for Mackay.

"DRAYTON" ) arrived Townsville at 0506K/7 from Fall River.  
"WESTRALIA" )

"MANCOORA" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1831K/6.

"KALGOORLIE" is to depart Sydney so as to rendezvous with "PROMETHEUS" (U.S.Repair Ship) in position 031° 38' S. 155° 18' E. at 1600K/8 and escort to Sydney.

"GOULBURN" departs Caloundra at 1100K/8 to rendezvous with YUNNAN in vicinity Lady Elliot Is. at 0700K/9 and escort to Brisbane.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns at 1031K/7 from escort duties.

"GYMPIE" )  
"BUNBURY" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1600K/6 escorting T.N.129.  
S.C. 899 )  
S.C. 703 )

"BOWEN" ) departed Fall River at 1300K/6 escorting F.T.13  
S.C. 1121 ) (4 ships) including MERKUR.

"WAGGA" ) WAGGA at Townsville and DELORAINÉ and S.C.747  
"DELORAINÉ" ) from Cairns are to rendezvous in vicinity  
S.C. 747 ) Fitzroy Island light at 0800K/8 and escort  
T.N.131 to Milne Bay E.T.A.1500K/10.

"GLADSTONE" returned Brisbane at 0954K/7 from escort duties.

"COLAC" arrived Cairns at 1358K/7 from escort duties.

"ABRAHAM ORIJNSSEN" escorting C.O.114 arrived Port Phillip at 0348K/7.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay at 1210K/7 escorting STEPHEN GIRARD from Oro Bay.

S.C. 751 departed Milne Bay at 1300K/7 escorting A.D.WHITE and COLORADO to Oro Bay, E.T.A. 0900K/8.

M.L. 801 is to rendezvous with G.P.62 in position east of Port Macquarie at 1300K/7 and provide additional escort until daylight/8 then return to Coff's Harbour.

Y.M.S. 53 arrived Milne Bay at 1706K/6 escorting H.HELPER from Goodenough Island.

Y.M.S. 72 departed Port Moresby at 0800K/7 escorting PATRAS E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/8.

S.C. 746 departed Oro Bay at 0120K/7 escorting MOWELL COBB to Milne Bay.

M.L. 430 is to rendezvous with O.C.114 in position 50 miles S.S.W. of Gabo Island at 1300K/7 and provide additional escort until daylight/8 then proceed to Jervis Bay.

M.L.802 is to rendezvous with C.O.115 in position 10 miles east of Montague Island at 1200K/7 and provide additional escort until daylight/8th then return to Twofold Bay.

ML.804 arrived Sydney at 0643K/7.

M.L.815 escorting KARANGI to Meusa Bank Lightbuoy and return departed Darwin at 1041K/7.

"GERARD" departed Cairns at 2043K/6 for Thursday Island.

"CAP DES PALMES" departed Sydney at 1102K/7 for Noumea.

"ELIZAR" E.T.D. Townsville 0800K/7 for Sydney E.T.A.1000K/10.

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Cairns at 2351K/6.

"STAWELL"(A.M.S.) commissioned at Melbourne at 0800K/7.



To 0900K/Saturday, August 7, 1943.

LOOKOUT Arrived Buna 0120K/4.

SHEPPARTON Departed Fall River 1315K/5 for survey grounds.

DRAYTON )  
 MANOCRA )  
 WESTRALIA ) E.T.A. Cairns 2030K/6 from Fall River.

S.C.637 Escorting 5 L.C.T. departed Cairns 0901K/6 for Fall River, E.T.A.1700K/9.

GOLDSTAR E.T.A. Cairns 2300K/6 from Brisbane.

HELM Escorting TN.130 departed Townsville 1900K/6.

P.C.1119 To rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 0500K/7, convoy E.T.A. Port Moresby 1300K/8.

MIZAR Arrived Townsville 2000K/5 from Port Moresby.

TRINITY Arrived Townsville 0940K/6 from Brisbane.

COOLEBAR Departed Townsville 0645K/6 for Thursday Island, E.T.A. 1830K/10.

L.S.T.474 Arrived Townsville 1116K/6 from Brisbane.

KRAIT Arrived Townsville 0616K/6.

6 L.C.M. Departed Townsville 1706K/6 for Cairns E.T.A.0700K/7.

STUART Escorting ALTAMAMA departed Caloundra 0841K/6, STUART to detach at 0600K/8 and proceed Sydney, ALTAMAMA E.T.A. Fremantle 1100K/14.

VENDETTA To rendezvous LURLINE 26° 30' S., 170° E. at 1500K/7 and escort to Brisbane.

COUCAL Arrived Brisbane 0744K/6.

MATAFELE)  
 LCI.228 ) Arrived Brisbane 1408K/6 from Townsville.

GEELONG )  
 GOULBURN )  
 SC.648 ) Escorting LQ.5 arrived Brisbane 0750K/6.

LITHGOW Escorting JOSEPH LANE (bound Townsville) departed Caloundra 0629K/6.

GLADSTONE To provide additional escort for JOSEPH LANE until 2200K/6 then return Brisbane.

WARRNAMBOOL Escorting OC.113 arrived Newcastle 0950K/5.

YANDRA Departed Sydney 0307K/6 to rendezvous Newcastle portion of CO.115.

WARRNAMBOOL)  
 YANDRA ) Escorting CO.115 departed Newcastle 1036K/6, WARRNAMBOOL to detach off Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON)  
 TOWNSVILLE ) Escorting CO.115 departed Sydney 1445K/6.

WARRNAMBOOL E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/8 escorting HANYANG to Lady Elliot Island, thence returning Sydney.

BUNDABERG) Escorting GP.62 including LCI.227 departed Sydney  
MORESBY ) 0925K/6.  
MILDURA )  
BALLARAT )

U.S. Repair Ship  
PROMETHEUS E.T.A. Sydney 1230K/9 from Noumea.

CAP DES PALMES E.T.D. Sydney 1100K/7 for Noumea.

ABRAHAM  
CRIJNSSEN Escorting OC.114 departed Port Phillip 0030K/6.

ORARA Arrived Port Melbourne 0905K/6 from SCF.18.

FORCEFUL Ordered by N.O.I.C. Darwin to tow MACUMBA is now  
proceeding Thursday Island E.T.A. AM/8.

MACUMBA SUNK by A/C.

At 1150K/6 MACUMBA was attacked by two enemy aircraft and hit in the engine room, and at 1430K/6 she sank in 25 fathoms about 110 miles West of Cape Wessel. MACUMBA, a cargo vessel of 2526 tons gross was being escorted from Thursday Island to Darwin by COOTAMUNDRA and carried a general maintenance cargo. Of a ship's company of 43, 1 member is missing and 3 are seriously injured.

COOTAMUNDRA - with survivors expects to arrive Darwin 1530K/7.

MACUMBA was equipped with 1 12 Pdr. HA/LA, 2 Oerlikons, 4 M.G.'s, 4 PAC, 2 UP Pillar Boxes and 4 Kites.

AIR RAID

Millingimbi - Red Warning 1552K/6, All Clear.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE  
To 0900K/Friday, August 6, 1943.

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DRAYTON } Arrived Fall River 1640K/4 from Cairns. Departed  
MANOORA } 0724K/5 for Cairns, ETA 0320K/7.  
WESTRALIA }

WILCANNIA Escorting FT12 departed Fall River 1335K/5.

BENALLA Returned Fall River 2005K/4 from survey grounds. Depart-  
ed 0830K/5 for Killerton Island and survey ground.

SHEPPARTON Returned Fall River 1145K/4 from survey grounds.

H.D.M.L.1074 Arrived Fall River 1355K/4 from Port Moresby.

P.C.1121 Escorting GENERAL VERSPIJCK arrived Fall River 1726K/4  
from Oro Bay.

KAPUNDA Escorting HOWARD STANSBURY and THOMAS JEFFERSON departed  
China Strait, 0930K/4 for Oro Bay.

COLAC Escorting NT.35 departed Port Moresby 0645K/5, ETA  
Townsville 1100K/8.

LE TRIOMPHANT Escorting TN.128 arrived Port Moresby 0700K/5.

SWAN } Escorting NT.36 departed Port Moresby 1830K/5.  
LE TRIOMPHANT }  
HENLEY }

YMS.72 Arrived Port Moresby 1601K/5 from Fall River.

BOONBOOROO } Arrived Thursday Island 1340K/5 from Portland Roads.  
KILLEARN }

SOEDOE Departed Thursday Island 1258K/5 for Merauke ETA 1400K/6.

MAHAN } Departed Cairns 0401K/5 for Fall River, ETA 1700K/6.  
H.T. ALLEN }

GERARD Arrived Cairns 1700K/5 from Sydney.

HELM Escorting NT.34 arrived Townsville 0252K/5.

WAGGA Escorting FT.10 arrived Townsville 0055K/5.

FIRIE Escorting FT.11 arrived Townsville 0737K/5.

MIZAR Arrived Townsville 2000K/5 from Port Moresby.

BROOKS Departed Mackay 0800K/5 for Brisbane ETA 1300K/6.

STUART } ETD Caloundra 0900K/6, STUART to part company vicinity  
ALTAMAHA } Bass Strait and proceed Sydney, ALTAMAHA to proceed  
Fremantle.

YP.291 Arrived Brisbane 0131K/5 from Townsville.

GLADSTONE Escorting MILDURA departed Caloundra 1941K/4 for  
Townsville.

U.S. Survey Vessel  
PATHFINDER Arrived Sydney 1653K/5 from Noumea.

ML.820 Arrived Sydney 0814K/5 from escorting PG.61.

MILDURA Escorting Sydney section 0C113 arrived Sydney 0112K/5.

ROCKHAMPTON )  
GLENELG )  
TOWNSVILLE )

Escorting PG.61 arrived Sydney 1646K/5.

ARARAT

Escorting MATHEW FLINDERS (ex PG.61) arrived Sydney  
1753K/5.

CHILDS

Arrived Fremantle 0930K/5 from Exmouth Gulf.

W.B. PRESTON

Arrived Exmouth Gulf 3/8 from Fremantle.

ML.814 and  
ML.815

Returned Darwin 1031K/5. Evacuation of 70 civilians  
from Timor successfully completed.

SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K THURSDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1943.

HENLEY ) ✓  
SWAN ) ✓

LAMSON ✓

GILMER ✓

MAHAN ✓

HEEMSKERCK

LURLINE }  
MT. VERNON }

WILCANNIA )  
BOWEN )

TROMP

LITHGOW

GEELONG ) ✓  
GOULBURN ) ✓  
SC. 648 ) ✓

GYMPIE ) ✓  
BUNBURY ) ✓  
SC. 703 ) ✓

COOTAMUNDRA ✓

INVERELL ✓

DUBBO

CHILDS ✓

YMS 10, 46, 47  
and 48.

PC. 1119

SC. 734

SC. 744

PC. 476

ML. 427

Arrived Port Moresby at 1120K/4 escorting TN.126.

Departed Cairns at 0600K/4 for Mackay. ETA 0800K/5.

Arrived Brisbane at 1706K/4 from Mackay.

Arrived Townsville at 0646K/4 - ETD 0400K/5 escorting H.T. ALLEN to Milne Bay. ETA 1700K/6.

Escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM departed Fremantle at 1330K/4 to rendezvous with H.M.S. NEWCASTLE in position 018° 50' S., 094° 15' E. at 1930K/7.

Escorted by WARRINGTON and SAMSON (U.S. Destroyers) departed Honolulu at 1345K/28. In position 26° 30' S., 170° 00' E. LURLINE escorted by one destroyer detaches and proceeds direct to Brisbane. Remaining escort stays with MOUNT VERNON to Sydney.

Escorting Milne Bay portion TN.126 arrived Milne Bay at 1230K/4. KAPUNDA with Oro Bay portion detached at China Strait.

Escorting convoy US.21 departed Fremantle at 1730K/4. To rendezvous with H.M.S. KENYA at 1900K/9 in position 021° 11' S., 093° 00' E. Local A/S escort provided until 2000K/5.

ETD Caloundra 1200K/6 escorting JOSEPH LANE to Lady Elliot Island.

Departed Gladstone at 2200K/4 escorting LQ.5 (ships) ML.429 is to rendezvous with escort in vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

Departed Cairns at 0701K/4 escorting Cairns portion TN.129 - to rendezvous with Townsville portion escorted by SC.699 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 0900K/4. ETA Fall River 1100K/6.

Escorting MACUMBA departed Thursday Island at 0830K/4 for Darwin ETA 1900K/7.

Departed Darwin at 1011K/4 escorting DT.28 (2 ships) and FORCEFUL (tug). ETA Thursday Island 0130K/8.

Arrived Fremantle at 1901K/4 escorting ATREUS.

ETA Fremantle 1840K/5 from Exmouth Gulf.

Towing 6 MTBs arrived Milne Bay at 1636K/4 from Thursday Island.

Arrived Cairns at 1730K/4.

ETD Noumea about 0900K/5 escorting USA Small Transports FAL, FA2 and tug TANCRED towing FA3. ETA Cape Moreton

Escorting LCTs 87, 172, 383, 386, 387 and 388 arrived Milne Bay 1532K/3.

Departed Noumea at 0630K/4 escorting 6 APCs, LSTs 66, 67 and 201 also YO.59. ETA Cape Moreton 0600K/8.

Escorting VAN SPILBERGEN arrived Milne Bay at 1642K/3.

YP.233 Arrived Townsville at 1800K/3.

ML.805 Commd. at Sydney at 1202K/3 under command of  
Lieutenant E.H. Stuart R.A.N.V.R..

BOONEROO)  
KILLEARN) Departed Portland Roads at 0645K/3 for Thursday  
Island. ETA 1800K/5.

MIZAR Departed Port Moresby at 0816K/4 for Townsville  
ETA 2000K/5.

FALIE Arrived Milne Bay at 1515K/3.

KRAIT EPD Cairns pm/4 for Townsville ETA pm/5.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Wednesday, 4th August 1943.

HELM )  
P.C.1119) ✓  
Departed Port Moresby at 0700K/3 escorting NT.34 (2 ships) ETA Townsville 0600K/5. P.C.1119 is to detach off Fitzroy Island Light and proceed to Cairns.

STUART ✓  
Escorting ALTAMAHA arrived Brisbane at 0857K/3.

LE TRIOMPHANT ✓  
Departed Townsville at 0430K/3 escorting TN.128 (1 ship) to Port Moresby. ETA 0800K/5.

HENLEY )  
KAPUNDA) ✓  
En route Townsville to Milne Bay have been ordered by N.O.I.C. Milne Bay to proceed direct to Oro Bay from China Strait escorting THOMAS JEFFERSON.

GILMER )  
BROOKS) ✓  
At Mackay. GILMER is to proceed Brisbane 3/8 and BROOKS on 5/8.

COOTAMUNDRA  
ETD Thursday Island 0200K/5, escorting MACUMBA to Darwin.

COLAC  
ETD Port Moresby 0530K/5 escorting NT.35. ETA Townsville 1001K/8. At 1147K/2 N.O.I.C. Port Moresby reported COLAC would be out of action for 48 hours during examination of boiler and condenser.

BENDIGO )  
BROOME )  
Departed Sydney at 0200K/3 to rendezvous with and escort Newcastle Section CO.114.

ECHUCA )  
ML 802)  
Departed Sydney at 1458K/3 for escort duties with CO 114.

GYMPIE )  
BUNBURY)  
Arrived Cairns at 0958K/3 for escort duties.

GLADSTONE  
Returned Brisbane at 1937K/2 from escort duties to Lady Elliot Island.

GEELONG )  
GOULBURN )  
S.C.648 )  
ML 429 )  
Departed Brisbane at 1536K/2 escorting QL.5 (8 ships) including LST.474, CAPE FLATTERY and GOLDSTAR.

PIRIE  
Departed Fall River at 1500K/2 escorting FT11 (2 ships) ETA Townsville 1700K/5.

SC 703  
Arrived Cairns from Townsville at 0930K/3.

YP 236  
Departed Cairns at 0807K/3 ETA Cairns 7/8.

ML 814 )  
ML 815)  
Departed Darwin at 2231K/2 on operation MOSQUITO.

BOPPLE (269 tons gross)  
Reported aground on reef off Meimeiera Island, (30 miles East Fall River). SPRIGHTLY (tug) instructed by N.O.I.C. Milne Bay to render assistance.

BIRCHGROVE PARK  
Departed Port Moresby at 1001K/3 for Townsville for onward routing ETA Thursday Island 0900K/5. ETA Townsville PM/8.

WILCANNIA  
(At Fall River) Is to be sailed so as to arrive Sydney by 15/8 for refit.

MAUNGANUI  
ETA Fremantle 11/8 from Ceylon.

PATHFINDER  
(U.S. Survey Vessel) Departs Noumea about 1100K/1 for Sydney ETA 0700K/5.

SAN PABLO ✓  
Arrived Milne Bay at 1600K/2 from Bowen.

S/M SIGHTING Off Cape Orford, northbound at 0915K/3.

MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Tuesday, August 3, 1943.

SC 731 Arrived Fall River 1030K/2 from Oro Bay.

PIRIE ✓ Arrived Fall River 1046K/1 from escorting JAS. M. GOODHUE to Buna.

YMS 71 Escorting PAHUD arrived Fall River 1644K/1 from Oro Bay; escorting POINT SAN PEDRO departed 1238K/2 for Oro Bay.

PC 1121 Escorting VAN SWOLL and GEN. VERSPIJCK departed Fall River 1318K/1 for Oro Bay.

WAGGA Escorting FT 10 departed Fall River 1400K/1.

ML 427 Escorting VAN SPILBERGEN departed Port Moresby 1100K/1 for Fall River.

MIZAR ✓ Arrived Port Moresby 0806K/2 from Fall River.

COLAC ✓ Escorting JAPARA towing barge arrived Port Moresby 1330K/2 from Stephens Island.

HELM )  
PC 1119 ) Escorting NT34 ETD Port Moresby 0600K/3 ETA Townsville 0600K/5.

LAMSON ) ✓  
H.T. ALLEN ) ✓ Arrived Cairns 1330K/2 from Port Moresby.

DRAYTON ) ✓  
MANCOORA ) ✓  
WESTRALIA ) ✓ Departed Cairns 1530K/2 for Fall River ETA 1700K/4.

BUNBURY ✓ Arrived Cairns 1718K/2 from escorting FT 9.

SWAN ) ✓  
KAPUNDA ) ✓  
BOWEN ) ✓  
WILCANNIA ) ✓  
HENLEY ) ✓ Escorting Cairns portion of TN 126 departed Cairns 1547K/1.

LE TRIOMPHANT Escorting TN128 ETD Townsville 0400K/3, ETA Port Moresby 0800K/5.

MATAFELE )  
LCI 228 ) Departed Townsville 0800K/2 for Brisbane ETA 1159K/8.

YP 291 Departed Townsville 1358K/2 for Brisbane ETA 0700K/5.

ROCKHAMPTON ) ✓  
GLENELG ) ✓  
TOWNSVILLE ) ✓  
ML 819 ) Escorting GP61 arrived Brisbane 0905K/2.

ROCKHAMPTON )  
GLENELG )  
TOWNSVILLE )  
ARARAT ) Escorting PG61 departed Caloundra 1350K/2.

ML 801 )  
ML 820 ) To rendezvous PG 61 in approximate position 29° 37' S., 153° 58' E. at 1200K/3, ML 801 to detach and return Coff's Harbour daylight/4, ML 820 to return Sydney with convoy to make good A/S defect.

FLUSSER Arrived Sydney 0908K/2.

BURRABRA ✓ Departed Sydney 1530K/2 for Jervis Bay ETA 0100K/3.

ML 430 To rendezvous OC113 in approximate position 38° 06' S., 149° 30' E at 1400K/3, escort until daylight/4 then return Twofold Bay.



CRIJNSSEN Escorting OCL13 departed Port Phillip 0458K/2.  
BINGERA ETD Westernport 1430K/2 for exercises in Port Phillip.  
VAN HEEMSKERCK } Escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM arrived Fremantle 0856K/2.  
TJERK HIDDES }  
VAN HEEMSKERCK Escorting NIEUW AMSTERDAM ETD Fremantle PML3.  
LATROBE ✓ Escorting ALAGNA departed Darwin 1601K/2, ETA Millin-  
gimbi 1230K/4, thence Wessel Island, Yirkalla,  
Groote Eylandt and Thursday Island. ETA 19/8

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 2nd August, 1943.

S.C. 731 escorting "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" as far as Fall River departed Oro Bay 1258K/1 - "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" E.T.A. Cairns P.M/4.

"WIZAR" departed Fall River 1440L/1 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/2.

"WAGGA" escorting "WEST CACTUS" arrived Fall River 1814K/31 from Beli Beli.

"LOOKOUT" departed Fall River 0906K/1 for Oro Bay thence Buna.

"LAMSON" } departed Port Moresby 0801K/1 for Cairns E.T.A.  
"H.T. ALLEN" } 1500K/2.

"BIRCHCROVE PARK" arrived Port Moresby 1436K/1 from Fall River.

"BOONOOBOO" } arrived Portland Roads 1600K/31 from Cairns.  
"KILLEARN" }

"SOEDOE" arrived Cairns 0812K/1.

"KATUOMBA" arrived Cairns 1301K/1 from escorting P.T.S.

S.C. 637 escorting 5 L.C.T. arrived Cairns 1631K/1 from Mackay.

"HELM" } escorting T.N. 127 departed Townsville 1910K/31 for  
P.C. 1119 } Port Moresby

S.C. 703 } arrived Townsville 0801K/1 from Brisbane.  
S.C. 699 }

"MATAFELE" arrived Townsville 2220K/31 from Thursday Island.

"COOLEBAR" arrived Townsville 1459K/1 from Brisbane.

"STUART" is to rendezvous "ALTAMAHA" in position 26°55'S, 158°E at 1200K/2 and escort to Brisbane.

U.S. SUBMARINE HILFISH arrived Brisbane 0854K/1.

"KYBRA" returned Sydney 0543K/1 from escorting "MOBILUBE"

"BURRABRA" arrived Sydney 1248K/1 from Jervis Bay.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 113 E.T.D. Port Phillip 0300K/2.

"W.E. PRESTON" departed Fremantle 1140K/1 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. 3/8.

"HOBART" Repair vessel commenced work on "HOBART" 30/7. Initial estimate of time required is 45 days.

D/F FIXES There were two D/F fixes in the Solomon Sea P.M/1 and A.M/2.

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MOST SECRET

DAILY NARRATIVE

To 0900K/Sunday, 1st August, 1943.

HELM )  
P.C. 1119 )

Arrived Townsville at 0200K/31 escorting N.T. 32.

E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/31 escorting T.N. 127  
(2 ships) for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1300K/2/8.

STUART

Departed Caloundra at 1308K/31 escorting GEORGE  
WASHINGTON, due to late departure. STUART will  
now escort GEORGE WASHINGTON until 0800K/1/8 -  
then to return Brisbane.

LAMSON

Escorting HENRY T. ALLEN arrived Port Moresby at  
0801K/31.

SMITH

Departs Milne Bay at 0800K/1/8 for Mackay. E.T.A.  
0800K/3/8.

LE TRIOMPHANT

Arrived Townsville at 1510K/31 from Brisbane.

SWAN)  
BOWEN)

Arrived Cairns at approximately 2300K/31 from  
escort duties with N.T. 33.

GYMPTIE )  
BUNBURY )

Departed Milne Bay at 1500K/31 escorting F.T. 9  
(4 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 1200K/3/8.

ECHUCA )  
KALGOORLIE )

Arrived Sydney at 0839K/31 having completed  
escort duties with O.C. 112.

GLADSTONE

Escorting ISLANDER to vicinity of Lady Elliot  
Island departed Caloundra at 1531K/31.

M.L. 421

Arrived Jervis Bay at 1645K/30 from Sydney.

Y.P. 233

Departed Caloundra at 1604K/30 from Palm Island.

Y.M.S. 10, 46, 47 and 48 towing 6 M.T.B.'s departed Thursday Is. at  
0913K/31 via Great North East Channel to Bramble  
Bay thence to Milne Bay.

Y.P. 291

Arrived Townsville at 1516K/31 from Cairns.

S.C. 748

Departed Milne Bay at 1314K/31, escorting  
S. GIRARD to Oro Bay.

KOROWA

E.T.D. Williamstown 0830K/2 for S.C.F. 6.

BUNGARREE

Departed Noumea at 1200K/30 escorted by Y.M.S. 88  
E.T.A. Auckland 5/8. To return to Noumea when  
ready.

BIRCHGROVE PARK

Departed Milne Bay at 0446K/31 E.T.A. Port Moresby  
1300K/1/8 for onward routing.

SONOMA (U.S. FLEET TUG) Arrived Brisbane at 1251K/31.

MIZAR

Departs Milne Bay at 1500K/31 for Port Moresby.  
E.T.A. 0800K/1/8.

SAN PABLO

Departed Bowen at 1445K/31 for Milne Bay E.T.A.  
P.M./3.

CARINA

Departed Port Phillip at 1723K/31.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 31st July, 1943.

✓ "STUART" departed Brisbane at 1739K/29 for exercises with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton.  
"STUART" departs Caloundra at 0600K/31 escorting "GEORGE" WASHINGTON" until 2000K/31 when "STUART" parts company and returns to Brisbane.

✓ "LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/31 from Brisbane.

"DRAYTON" ) arrived Cairns from Port Stephens at 1801K/30.  
"WESTRALIA" )  
"MANCOORA" )

"NIEUW AMSTERDAM" E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/2/8.

"BROOME" ) arrived Sydney at 1729K/30 escorting Sydney section O.C. 112.  
"M.L.431" )

"MILDURA" ) departed Sydney at 0535K/30 to rendezvous with Newcastle  
"BALLARAT" ) Section C.O.113 off Nobby's Head.

"WARRNAMBOOL" escorting Sydney Section C.O.113 departed Sydney at 1520K/30. to rendezvous with Newcastle Section.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) departed Sydney at 0833K/30 escorting G.P.61 (ships).  
"GLENELG" ) M.L.820 detaches at daylight 1/8 and proceeds to  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) Coffs Harbour. M.L.819 at Coffs Harbour is to  
"M.L.820" ) rendezvous with and proceed to Brisbane with convoy.

"GOULBURN" ) arrived Brisbane at 1114K/30 escorting L.C. 4  
"GLADSTONE" ) including "AASE MAERSK".  
"SS 648" )

"GLADSTONE" E.T.D. Brisbane 1400K/31 escorting "ISLANDER" to vicinity of Lady Elliot Island then to return Brisbane.

"SWAN" ) departed Port Moresby at 0624K/30 escorting N.T.33  
"BOWEN" ) (1 ship) E.T.A. Townsville 0830K/31.

"DELORAINÉ" arrived Cairns at 1711K/30 from Fall River.

"COLAC" departed Port Moresby at 2040K/30 to rendezvous with "JAPARA" (towing barge) in vicinity Stephens Island at 0500K/31 and escort to Port Moresby.

"PIRIE" departed Milne Bay at 1400K/29 to rendezvous and escort "JAMES M. GOODHUE" from China Strait to Buna.

"GYMPIE" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1800K/29 escorting T.N. 124 -  
"BUNBURY" ) E.T.D. A.M/31 escorting all available ships.

"KATOOMBA" departed Milne Bay at 1200K/30 escorting F.T. 8 (1 ship)  
E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/2/8.

"M.L.430" is to rendezvous with C.O.113 10 miles east of Montague Is. at 1200K/31 and provide additional escort until daylight 1/8 - then return to Twofold Bay.

"M.L.821" departed Sydney at 1020K/30 for Jervis Bay. E.T.A. 1630K/30.

"P.C. 1121" arrived Milne Bay from Buna at 1024K/30 escorting ANHUI.

"Y.P.291" departed Cairns at 0915K/30 for Townsville via Palm Island.  
E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/31.

S.C. 744 departed Cairns at 1045K/30 escorting P.T. 113 and L.S.Ts 87, 72, 383, 386 and 388. "FALIE" will rendezvous with party in vicinity of Fitzroy Island light and take P.T. 113 in tow, and proceed in company to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1800K/2/8.

Y.P. 233 departs Caloundra at 1800K/30 for Palm Island E.T.A. 0600K/3/8.

Y.P. 236 arrived Thursday Island at 1355K/29 for Cairns.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay at 1130K/29 escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" from Oro Bay.

L.S.T. 475 arrived Townsville at 0920K/29 from Brisbane.

S.C. 746 departed Milne Bay for Oro Bay at 1226K/30 escorting "HOWELL COBB".

"ATREUS" departed Port Phillip at 1705K/29 for Fremantle.

"LOOKOUT" arrived Milne Bay at 1631K/29 from Beli Beli, Goodenough Island.

"KEITH CAM" arrived Cairns at 1205K/29.

"BINGERA" arrived Western Port at 1800K/30.

"ARARAT" (A.M.S.) acceptance trials completed and satisfactory at Brisbane 29/7.

ENEMY AIR RAID.

Port Moresby Warning 1057K/30. All clear 1118K/30.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Milne Bay A.M/31 for Pt. Moresby then to be onward routed to Townsville via Thursday Island.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 30th July, 1943.

"KATOOMBA" escorting M.B.8 arrived Fall River 2008K/28.

"DELORAINE" escorting F.T. 7 departed Fall River 1320K/28.

"MIZAR" arrived Fall River 1130K/28 from Townsville.

S.C. 746 escorting "REIJNST" arrived Fall River 0952K/29 from Oro Bay.

"SWAN" ) escorting T.N. 125 arrived Port Moresby 0800K/29  
"BOWEN" ) are to escort "CANBERRA" to Townsville.

M.L. 427 arrived Port Moresby 1006K/29.

"COLAC" escorting "EDWARD CHAMBERS" and "PATRAS" towing barge arrived Port Moresby 1300K/28.

"HELM" ) escorting N.T. 2 departed Port Moresby 0700K/29 for  
P.C. 1119 ) Townsville E.T.A. 03 30K/1.

"HENLEY" arrived Cairns 0852K/29 from escorting N.T. 31.

S.C. 747 arrived Cairns 1730K/28.

S.C. 744 escorting 6 L.C.T and "FALIE" towing P.T. 113 E.T.D. Cairns 0800K/30 for Fall River.

"FALIE" departed Townsville 1150K/29.

Y.P. 291 arrived Cairns 0740K/28 from Brisbane via Palm Island.

"KEITH CAM" arrived Cairns 1230K/29 from Portland Roads.

"MUGFORD" escorting L.S.T. 467 arrived Townsville 1044K/29.

"BAGLEY" escorting 5 L.S.T. arrived Townsville 0605K/29.

S.C. 637 departed Townsville 1750K/28 for Mackay, E.T.A. 1159K/29.  
with L.C.T. 379 E.T.D. Mackay 0615K/30 for Cairns.

"SAN PABLO" departed Brisbane 0645K/29 for Bowen E.T.A. 0600K/31.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" ) escorting G.L.4A departed Caloundra 1500K/29,  
S.C. 703 and 699 ) "LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.A. Townsville 1700K/31.

"GEELONG" returned Brisbane 0205K/29 from escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE".

S.C. 650 ) arrived Brisbane 1031K/29 from Noumea.  
S.C. 982 )

Y.M.S. 8. departed Caloundra 1019K/29 for Townsville.

"PING WO" arrived Sydney 1625K/29 from Port Stephens.

M.L. 431 to R.V. with O.C. 112 in approximate position 37°45'S  
150°09'E at 1400K/29 and escort to Sydney.

"BENDIGO" returned Sydney 0608K/29.

"BINGERA" departed Port Melbourne 0851K/29 for F.N.D. E.T.A. 1700K/29.

"ATREUS" departed Geelong 1301K/29 for Fremantle E.T.A. daylight 4/8.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 28th July, 1943.

"PIRIE" ) escorting T.N.121B arrived Fall River 1254K/27.  
"WAGGA" )

"PIRIE" is to escort "JAMES M. GOODHUE" (ex T.N.124) from China Strait to Buna.

"WAGGA" escorting "WEST CACTUS" departed Fall River 0303K/28 for Beli Beli.

S.C. 746 escorting "CITY OF PORTHWORTH" arrived Fall River 1026K/27 from Oro Bay.

"DELOIRINE" escorting "WEST CACTUS" arrived Fall River 1820K/27 from Port Moresby; escorting F.T. 7 E.T.D. 1300K/28 E.T.A. Townsville 1600K/31.

"HELM" ) escorting T.N. 123 A arrived Port Moresby 0700K/28.  
P.C.1119 ) escorting N.T.32 E.T.D. Port Moresby 0600K/29 for Townsville.

"LAURABADA" arrived Port Moresby 1836K/28 from Fall River.

S.C. 637 arrived Townsville 1450K/28 from Brisbane.

"GOULBURN" ) escorting L.Q.4 departed Gladstone 0330K/29.  
"GLADSTONE" ) E.T.A. Caloundra 1215K/30.  
S.C. 648 )

"COOLEBAR" departed Brisbane 1353K/27 for Townsville.

"BUNDABERG" ) escorting P.G.60 arrived Sydney 0809K/28.  
"GLENELG" )  
"YANDRA" )

"BALLARAT" ) arrived Sydney 1301K/28 from escorting O.C. 111.  
"MILDURA" )

"BINGERA" arrived Port Melbourne 1545K/28.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 112, departed Port Phillip 2300K/27; escorting C.O.112 including "CARINA" arrived Port Phillip 1836K/28.

"HEBMSKERCK" escorting U.S. 21 departed Hobart 1641K/27 for Fremantle E.T.A. P.M/1 or A.M/2.

U.S.S. "LARK" departed Fremantle 1040K/28 for Exmouth Gulf E.T.A. A.M./31.

"INVERELL" escorting "MUNGANA" and "DARVEL" arrived Darwin 1729K/27. from Thursday Island.

"NIZAM" E.T.D. Diego Garcia 2300K/4/8 for Geraldton E.T.A. 1900K/12.

SUBMARINE INDICATION VICINITY PORT MORESBY.

Fighter Sector Port Moresby reported B3 indication of possible submarine bearing 210°30 miles from Port Moresby at 1630K/28. Escort vessels in the area were advised.

M.L.821

Commissioned at Sydney 27/7. Acceptance trials completed satisfactorily.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Wednesday, 28th July, 1943.

"HENLEY" departed Port Moresby at 0813K/27 escorting N.T. 31 (1 ship)  
E.T.A. Townsville 0900K.

"HENSKERCK" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Hobart at 1041K/27  
from Wellington.

"LAMSON" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" departs Caloundra 2200K/27 for  
Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/31.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" ) E.T.D. Caloundra 1500K/29 escorting Q.L.4 "A"  
S.C. 703 ) (3 special ships). Convoy to be dispersed in vicin-  
S.C. 699 ) ity of Bustard Head - while "LE TRIOMPHANT" proceeded  
independently to Townsville. S.C. 703 and S.C. 699  
proceed in company to Townsville.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" E.T.D. Port Phillip 2359K/27 escorting O.C.112.

"WARRNAMEBOOL" arrived Sydney at 0041K/28 escorting Sydney Section O.C.111

"BENDIGO" E.T.A. Sydney 1700K/28 from escort duties with "ABIGAIL ADAMS"  
to 1590E.

"GEELONG" departed Brisbane at 1711K/26 escorting "JOSIAH ROYCE" to  
vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

"GOULBURN" ) E.T.D. Gladstone 2200K/28 escorting L.Q.4 (11 ships).  
"GLADSTONE" )  
S.C. 648 )

"HOWEN" departed Townsville at 0516K/27 escorting T.N. 125 (1 ship)  
E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/29. "SWAN" departed Cairns at  
1029K/27 to rendezvous in vicinity Fitzroy Island, and  
act as additional escort to Port Moresby.

"WILCANNIA" ) arrived Cairns at 1434K/26 for escort duties.  
"KAPUNDA" )

"GYMPIE" ) departed Cairns at 0519K/27 for escort duties with  
"BUNBURY" ) T.N.124 (4 ships) to Fall River.

"KATOOMBA" escorting T.N. 121 "A" arrived Port Moresby at 0900K/27  
Departed at 1200K/27 escorting M.B.8 to Milne Bay E.T.A.  
2300K/28.

"SHEPPARTON" ) arrived Oro Bay at 1200K/26 and departed for Buna Survey  
"BENALLA" ) Ground at 1500K/26.

S.C. 731 ) departed Fall River at 1318K/27 escorting "CHARLES P.  
S.C. 746 ) STEINMETZ" to Oro Bay.

M.L.803 arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay at 0343K/27.

S.C.748 ) departed Milne Bay at 1312K/26 escorting 2 merchant ships  
YMS.71 ) to Oro Bay.

YMS.8. E.T.D. Caloundra 1030K/29 for Rockhampton.

M.L.424. arrived Brisbane at 0943K/27.

"MATAFELE" departed Thursday Island at 0709K/27 E.T.A. off Cairns  
2nd August.



"ORARA" departed Port Melbourne at 2039K/26 for S.C.F. 18.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Fleet Tug) departs Espiritu Santo at 0900K/26 for Brisbane for duty with Commander 7th Fleet - E.T.A. 1400K/31.

"GERARD" arrived Townsville at 0037K/27.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

MERAUKE - Warning 0916K/27. All clear 0950K/27.

ENEMY SUBMARINE ACTIVITIES.

CAPE OXFORD AREA.

Sighted by Cape Oxford observer at 0800K/26th. North and south bound submarines sighted 25/7. Catalina made an attack on one without known results.

REPORT FROM N.O.I.C. THURSDAY ISLAND.

Native at Yorke Island (80 miles N.N.E. Thursday Island) reported sighting submarine at 1800K/27 close to Island, submarine reported to have crash dived. Graded D.2.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 27th July, 1943.

"HENLEY" } escorting T.N. 122 arrived Port Moresby at 0830K/26.  
"COLAC" }

"HENLEY" E.T.D. Port Moresby 0600K/27 escorting N.T. 31 (1 ship)  
E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/29.

"COLAC" departed Port Moresby at 1836K/26 to rendezvous with  
"EDWARD CHAMBERS" towing M.L.427 and "PATRAS" towing  
barge at Stephens Island at 1500K/27 and escort to  
Port Moresby.

"HELM" } escorting T.N. 123 ("DUNTROON" and "MIZAR" departed  
P.C.1119 } Townsville at 0700K/26 - E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/28  
("MIZAR" proceeds to Fall River independently from  
position 11°30'S. 147°41'E).

"DRAYTON" } departed Sydney at 0647K/26 to rendezvous with  
"MANOORA" } "WESTRALIA" off Port Stephens thence to Cairns E.T.A.  
0800K/31.

"LAMSON" escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" departs Brisbane at 2200K/27 for  
Port Moresby.

"SWAN" } E.T.D. Townsville 2359K/26 escorting T.N. 125. E.T.A.  
"BOWEN" } Port Moresby 0800K/29. "SWAN" is to rendezvous with  
convoy in vicinity of Fitzroy Island at 1400K/27.

"GYMPIE" } departed Townsville at 1435K/26 escorting  
"BUNBURY" } T.N. 124 (4 ships) to Fall River E.T.A.  
1 U.S. DESTROYER } 1400K/29.

"DELORALINE" departed Port Moresby at 0700K/26 escorting "WEST CACTUS"  
to Fall River - E.T.A. 1300K/27.

"ABRAHAM CHIJNSSEN" escorting C.O.111 arrived Port Phillip at 0552K/  
26.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Thursday Island at 2346K/25 from Darwin  
escortng "AROONA".

YP.236 departed Cairns at 0633K/26 E.T.A. Thursday Island 1800K/29.

S.C. 741 arrived Brisbane from Townsville at 0631K/26.

S.C. 747 E.T.D. Mackay 0600K/27 for Cairns E.T.A. 1600K/28.

M.L.427 towed by "EDWARD CHAMBERS" departed Thursday Island at  
0657K/28 for Port Moresby.

"SONOMA" (U.S. Fleet Tug when ready 25/7 departs Espiritu Santo  
for Brisbane - E.T.A. to be reported.

"ATREUS" departed Pt. Melbourne at 0625K/26 for Geelong.

"ORANJE" arrived Sydney at 0827K/26 from Wellington.

REPORT OF SUBMARINE SIGHTING IN VICINITY OF YULE ISLAND.

(60 miles N.E. of Port Moresby) at 0600K/24.  
Sighting reported by missionary - Graded D4. by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby

D/F FIXES OF ENEMY SUBMARINES.

Several D/F fixes were obtained PM/26 and AM/27 of  
enemy submarine in an area from vicinity of Cape Oxford to Fall  
River and to an area as far south as within 250 miles of a position  
90 miles N.E. of Willis Island.

Information passed to A.I.G. 364 and A.I.G. 385.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 26th July, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" ) escorting "TORRENS" arrived Fall River 1720K/24  
"ARUNTA" ) from Townsville.

S.C. 748 escorting "W.E. CHANNING" arrived Fall River 0937K/25 from Oro Bay.

S.C. 731 ) escorting "PAHUD" and "JUNIPERO SERRA" Fall River 1200K/26  
S.C. 748 ) for Oro Bay.  
I.Y.M.S. )

YMS.72 - escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" arrived Fall River. 1042K/25 from Oro Bay.

"BENALLA" departed Fall River 0600K/24 for survey ground.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River 0400K/25 for survey ground.

"DELOHAINE" escorting "WEST CACTUS" E.T.D. Port Moresby A.M/26 for Fall River.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ARONA" arrived Thursday Island 2346K/25 from Darwin.

M.L.427 arrived Thursday Island 1104K/25 from Cairns.

"SWAN" arrived outer anchorage Cairns 2315K/24 from escorting N.T. 29.

Y.P.236 arrived Cairns 1043K/25 from Brisbane.

"BOWEN" arrived Townsville 1004K/25 from escorting N.T. 29.

"HELM" ) escorting T.N. 123 E.T.D. Townsville 0700K/26, position  
P.C.1119 ) B. to arrive Fall River independently 1100K/28, escorts  
and portion A. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/28.

"STUART" escorting "MOMMACSEA" arrived Brisbane 1346K/25.

"GULBURN" ) departed Caloundra 1604K/25 escorting Q.L.4.  
"GLADSTONE" )  
S.C. 637 )  
M.L.424 )

"DRAYTON" departed Caloundra 0820K/25 to R.V. "MANOORA" off Sydney 0700K/26 and "WESTRALIA" off Port Stephens at 1400K/26 and escort to Cairns.

"LAMSON" escorting H.T. ALLEN (ex Port Moresby) arrived Brisbane 2210K/24.

"GEMLONG" escorting U.S. submarine arrived Brisbane 0140K/25; E.T.D. Caloundra 2000K/26 to R.V. "JOSIAH ROYCE" in vicinity 27°10'S. 155°30'E at 0930K/27 and escort to Lady Elliot Island on completion returning Brisbane.

S.C. 703 ) E.T.D. Caloundra 1900K/26 for Townsville.  
S.C. 699 )

YMS.50 arrived Brisbane 0808K/25 from Townsville.

"SUNDABERG" ) escorting G.P.60 arrived Brisbane 0230K/25.  
"GLENNIE" ) escorting P.G. 60 departed Caloundra 1258K/25.  
"YANDRA" )

M.L.816 escorting "KOOLIGA" arrived Brisbane 0630K/25.

M.L. 819 is to rendezvous P.G. 60 about  $29^{\circ}48'S$ ,  $153^{\circ}55'E$  at 1500K/26  
escort until daylight/27 then return Coff's Harbour.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting Sydney section of C.O.112 including  
"CARINA" departed Sydney 1010K/25.

"BENDIGO" escorting "ABIGAIL ADAMS" (bound Havannah Harbour thence  
Espiritu Santo) to  $159^{\circ}E$  departed Sydney 1034K/25.

M.L.804 arrived Jervis Bay 1715K/24 from Sydney.

"ABRAHAM OLIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 111 departed Port Phillip  
0202K/25; escorting C.O.111 E.T.A. Port Phillip 0400K/26.

"HEMMSKERCK" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" E.T.A. Hobart 0730K/27.

LIBERTY SHIP AGROUND.

"HINTON R. HELPER" (Liberty Ship) which departed Fall River  
1324K/24 escorted by Y.M.S. 53 for Oro Bay is aground off Cape  
Nelson (about 20 miles E. of Porlock Harbour). "SPRIGHTLY" has been  
despatched from Fall River and "SHEPPARTON" has been ordered to  
render all assistance. N.O.I.C. Fall River reported at 0726K/26  
that "HINTON R. HELPER" was afloat and was proceeding on voyage.

PERISCOPE REPORT

Aperiscope believed to be enemy was sighted  $18^{\circ}20'S$ ,  $153^{\circ}59'E$   
(about 400 miles E. of Townsville) at 1737K/25.

D/F FIXES.

There were a series of D/F fixes in the Solomons Sea P.M./25  
and A.M./26.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

TO 0900K/SUNDAY, JULY 25th, 1943.

AUSTRALIA) arrived Havannah Harbour 0600K/23.  
JENKINS )

KAPUNDA -) escorting TN.118B arrived Fall River 1442K/23.  
SC731 )

KAPUNDA - escorting FT7 departed Fall River 1204K/24.

WILCANNIA - escorting NT.30 departed Port Moresby 0800K/24.

YMS 53 - escorting HINTON R. HELPER departed Cairns 1324K/24,  
for Cairns.

WAGGA - departed Cairns 1235K/24 to RN TN121 off Fitzroy Is.  
at 1400K/24, ETA Fall River 1000K/27 with PIRIE and  
portion B.

KATOOMBA ) escorting TN 121 departed Townsville 1958K/23, KATOOMBA  
PIRIE ) and portion A ETA Port Moresby 0800K/27.

HELM - arrived Townsville 1920K/23 from Fall River.

MIZAR - arrived Townsville 1010K/24 from Brisbane.

HENLEY ) escorting TN 122 departed Townsville 0400K/24 ETA  
COLAC ) Port Moresby 0800K/26.

SC741 - departed Townsville 2225K/23 for Brisbane ETA 1700K/26.

FALIE - arrived Townsville 1211K/24 from Sydney.

HEROS - towing lighter arrived Townsville 1648K/24 from Brisbane.

AASE MAERSK - arrived Gladstone 1650K/23 from Townsville.

BARNES - departed Brisbane 0346K/24 for San Diego.

DRAYTON ) escorting GEORGE WASHINGTON arrived Brisbane 1328K/23,  
LAMSON ) and LAMSON departed to relieve MAHAN as escort for  
H.T.ALLEN (bound Brisbane), MAHAN proceeding Mackay.

DRAYTON - ETD Caloundra 1000K/25 to RV MANOORA off Sydney Heads  
0700K/26 and escort to Cairns.

LITHGOW - escorting 5 LCT departed Caloundra 1631K/23, LITHGOW  
returned Brisbane 1207K/24.

SC 648 - departed Gladstone 0300K/24 to assume escort of 5 LCT  
from Hervey Bay to Mackay ETA 2358K/26.

YP.291 - departed Caloundra 1132K/24 for Palm Island, thence  
Cairns.

SC's 650 & 982. ETA Cape Moreton 0800K/29 from Noumea.

ML.804 - departed Sydney 1034K/20 for Jervis Bay ETA 1700K/24.

ECHUCA ) departed Sydney 2037K/24 to RV Newcastle section CO.112  
BROOME ) off Newcastle.

KALGOORLIE - arrived Sydney 0430K/24 from escorting OC.110.

BENDIGO - to RV ABIGAIL ADAMS off Sydney Heads 0800K/25 and escort  
to 159°E, BENDIGO returning Sydney.

CHANTICLEER - arrived Fremantle AM/24 from Exmouth Gulf.

ORANJE - departed Wellington 1500K/23 for Sydney ETA 0900K/26.

B. S/M D/F FIXES.

There were several D/F fixes in the Solomons Sea from  
1328K/24 to 0532K/25.

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To 0900K/Saturday, 24th July, 1943.

"HEEMSKERCK" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" departed Wellington 0700K/23 E.T.A. Hobart 0800K/26. On completion fueling to sail for Fremantle.

"STUART" departed Caloundra at 0517K/23 to exercise with U.S. submarine seaward of Cape Moreton. "STUART" is to rendezvous with "MORMACSEA" at 1300K/24 in position 26°08'S, 160°09'E and escort to Brisbane.

"FLUSSER" ) in Milne Bay area are to proceed to Mackay for overhaul  
 "PERKINS" ) alongside "DOBBIN".  
 "SMITH" )

"LAMSON" upon completion present duties (escorting "GEORGE WASHINGTON" to Brisbane) "LAMSON" is to rendezvous with "H.T. ALLEN" escorted by "MAHAN" in vicinity Lady Elliot Island about 0800K/24 and escort to Brisbane. When relieved "MAHAN" is to proceed Mackay for overhaul at DOBBIN.

"HELM" departed Fall River at 1520K/22 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/23.

"ARUNTA" ) escorting T.N. 120 (1 ship) departed Townsville at  
 "WARRAMUNGA" ) 0025K/23 - E.T.A. Milne Bay 1600K/24.

"HENLEY" arrived Townsville at 1546K/23.

"BENDIGO" escorting "MANOORA" arrived Sydney at 1653K/23 from Pt. Stephens.

NETHERLANDS SUBMARINE 021 departed Exmouth Gulf 0600K/23.

"ECHUCA" ) escorting Sydney section O.C. 110 arrived Sydney at 1631K/  
 "BROOME" ) 23.

"PIRIE" ) arrived Townsville at 0250K/23 having completed escort  
 "KATOOMBA" ) duties with F.T. 6.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns at 1556K/23 from escort duties with N.T. 28.

"GRELONG" ) arrived Brisbane at 1046K/23 escorting L.Q. 3.  
 "LITHGOW" )  
 "GLADSTONE" )  
 M.L. 424 )

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/23 escorting 5 L.C.T's en route to Mackay. S.C. 648 joins at Wide Bay Bar. "LITHGOW" detaches and returns to Brisbane.

"DELORALNE" arrived Port Moresby at 1040K/23, escorting section "A" T.N. 118 and departed at 1631K/23 to rendezvous with "YOCROW" at Stephens Island at 1001K/24.

"SWAN" ) departed Port Moresby at 0630K/23 escorting N.T. 29 (3  
 "BOWEN" ) ships) E.T.A. Townsville 0830K/24.

"WILCANNIA" arrived Port Moresby at 1626K/23 from Thursday Island. E.T.D. Port Moresby 0900K/24 escorting N.T. 30 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/27.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Milne Bay at 1518K/22.

"INVERELL" escorting T.D. 27 (2 ships) departed Thursday Island at 0200K/22. E.T.A. Darwin 1200K/27.

M.L. 427 departed Cairns at 0900K/23 to overtake and be taken in tow by "EDWARD CHAMBERS" to Thursday Island, thence to Port Moresby.

M.L. 816 departed Caloundra at 0931K/23 to rendezvous with "KOOLIGA" in vicinity Lady Elliot Island at 0700K/24 and escort to Brisbane.

H.D.M.L. 1161 arrived Fall River at 1225K/22 escorting "VAN HEUTZ" from Oro Bay.

M.L. 821 Progressive trials at Sydney completed and satisfactory 22/7.

S.C. 741 arrived Townsville from Cairns at 1756K/22.

S.C. 648 departed Gladstone at 1203K/23 for Heron Island for A.S.R. duties.

Y.P. 291 departs Caloundra 1400K/24 for Palm Island. E.T.A. 0700K/27.

"ORARA" arrived Port Melbourne for S.C.F.18 at 0915K/23.

"KEITH CAM" at 1800K/22 reported further trouble with engine water pump - serious leak. Returning to Flinders Group for investigation.

"ATREUS" arrived Port Phillip at 0445K/23.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Exmouth Gulf 0600K/22. E.T.A. Fremantle 0900K/24.

"TRINITY" departed Sydney at 1633K/23 for Brisbane.

"VICTORIA" arrived Cairns at 1159K/23 from Townsville.

"MATAFELE" departed Port Moresby at 1834K/22 for Brisbane. E.T.A. 4/8.

"FREMANTLE" collided with "WILCANNIA" at Thursday Island. "WILCANNIA" reported seaworthy. "FREMANTLE" with minor repairs required - now being made serviceable at Thursday Island.

"POLYNESIAN" arrived Noumea at 1840K/22.

D/F FIXES several D/F fixes of enemy submarines were obtained P.M/23 and A.M/24 in Solomons area.

At 0023K/24 D/F of enemy surface craft was obtained. Position within 250 miles of 07°00'S. 152°00'E. (120 miles S. of Woodlark Island).

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SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 23rd July, 1943.

"HUMPHREYS" } arrived Brisbane at 0545K/22.  
"SANDS" }

"HOBART" arrived at Espiritu Santo at 2359K/21.

"HENLEY" } E.T.D. Townsville 0400K/24 escorting T.N. 122 to  
"COELAC" } Port Moresby - E.T.A. 0800K/26.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } E.T.D. Townsville 2359K/22 escorting T.N. 120 to  
"ARUNTA" } Milne Bay, E.T.A. 1500K/24.

"HELM" E.T.D. Fall River 1500K/22 E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/23.

"STUART" returned Brisbane at 1553K/22 from escorting duties.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting C.O.110 arrived Port Phillip at  
2245K/21.

"BUNDABERG" } escorting G.P.60 (7 ships) also U.S.S. "TRINITY" and  
"GLENELC" } L.S.T. 474 departed Sydney at 1052K/22. E.T.A.  
"MYANDRA" } Caloundra 0600K/25. M.L.801 and 819 will rendezvous  
with G.P.60 at 1400K/23 and provide additional escort  
until daylight 24/7 then return to Coff's Harbour.

"BENDIGO" to rendezvous with "MANOORA" off Port Stephens at 0900K/23  
and escort to Sydney E.T.A. 1730K/23.

"MILDURA" } departed Sydney at 0250K/22 to rendezvous with New-  
"BALLARAT" } castle section C.O.111 off Nobby's Head.

"WARRNAMBOOL" with Sydney section C.O.111 departed Sydney at 1431K/  
22 to rendezvous with Newcastle section.

"GEELONG" } departed Gladstone at 2251K/21 escorting L.C.3 (14  
"LITHGOW" } ships) M.L. joining in vicinity Lady Elliot Island.  
"GLADSTONE" } E.T.A. Brisbane 1130K/23.

"LITHGOW" E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/23 escorting 5 L.C.Ts. en route to  
Cairns, calling at Mackay and Townsville. At 0500K/24  
"LITHGOW" detaches and returns to Brisbane S.C. 64 will  
provide escort from Hervey Bay to Mackay - E.T.A.  
2359K/26.

"BUNLURY" arrived Cairns from Fall River at 1302K/22.

"SWAN" } E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/22 escorting N.T. 29 (3 ships)  
"BOWEN" } E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/24.

"KYBRA" E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/23 escorting Tug "TANCRED" towing  
"MOBILUBE" with "BOBOLINK". "KYBRA" detaches in vicinity  
159° east and returns to Sydney.

"LATROBE" departed Darwin at 0415K/22 escorting "ALAGNA" for  
Millingimbi E.T.A. 1115K/24.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Darwin at 0355K/22 escorting "AROONA" to  
Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0615K/26.

S.C. 741 departed Cairns at 0515K/22 for Townsville.

M.L.430 is to rendezvous with C.O.110 in position 25 miles S. of  
Gabo Island at 1400K/23 and provide additional escort until  
0800K/23 - then to proceed to rendezvous with C.O.111 in  
vicinity of Montague Island at 1200K/23 - M.L.431 will make  
same rendezvous - together will provide additional escort  
until daylight/24 - then return Twofold Bay.



L.S.T. 473 arrived Townsville at 0716K/22.

YP. 236 departed Brisbane at 1607K/21 for Cairns.

M.L. 428 escorting 6 L.S.Ts. arrived Cairns at 0736K/22.

S.C.s. 637, 699 and 703 arrived Brisbane at 1018K/21 from Noumea.

U.S. "COUGAL" escorting 3 U.S. submarines departed Caloundra at 1845K/21

"BANGALOW" arrived Sydney at 1627K/22 from "ASSAULT"

"COLEBAR" departed Sydney at 0845K/21 for Townsville E.T.A. 29/7.

"ORANJE" E.T.D. Wellington 1500K/23 E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/26.

"MIZAR" departed Caloundra at 1515K/22 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/25.

"VICTORIA" departed Townsville at 2016K/22 - E.T.A. Cairns 1415K/23.

LIFEBOAT FROM POLYNESIAN found ashore at Lord Howe Island on 21st  
July.

No signs of having been occupied - also since last Sunday about 20 four (44) (?) gallon drums spirit benzine washed up - some indicate damage by fire.

"POLYNESIAN" (1389 tons gross) departed Sydney 16/7 for Noumea - E.T.A. 22/7 - had on board 100 <sup>four</sup> forty/gallon drums white spirit.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 22nd July, 1943.

P.C. 1121 departed Fall River 1258K/20 escorting "W.E. CHANNING" and "ANHUI" to Port Harvey and Buna respectively.

"MAHAN" ) departed Port Moresby 1016K/21, E.T.A. Caloundra  
"H.T. ALLEN" ) 2200K/24.

"PIRIE" ) escorting F.T. 6 departed Fall River 1256K/20 for  
"KATOOMBA" ) Townsville.  
"EUNBURY" )

"WAGGA" escorting N.T. 28 departed Port Moresby 1700K/20.

"INVERELL" escorting "MUNGANA" and "DARVEL". E.T.D. Thursday Island 0500K/23 for Darwin.

"WILCANNIA" departed Thursday Island 1219K/21 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. 1400K/23.

"KAZEMBE" arrived Thursday Island 1520K/20.

S.C. 41 E.T.D. Cairns 0500K/22 for Townsville E.T.A. 1900K/22.

"WARRAMUNGA" ) arrived Townsville 1752K/20 - E.T.D. 21/7 for Fall  
"ARUNTA" ) River.

M.L. 428 with 6 L.C.T. departed Townsville 0805K/21 for Cairns - E.T.A. 1300K/22.

L.C.I's 228, 343 arrived Townsville 0645K/20.

"GHELONG" ) escorting Q.L.3 arrived Gladstone 0700K/20;  
"LITHGOW" ) escorting Q.3 E.T.D. 2200K/21.  
"GLADSTONE" )  
S.C. 648 )

M.L. 424 departed Brisbane 1401K/21 to rendezvous L.Q.3 south of Lady Elliot Island 0800K/22 and escort to Brisbane.

"STUART" escorting Q.L.34 departed Caloundra 0601K/21, "STUART" to return Brisbane from Lady Elliot Island.

"DRAYTON" departed Caloundra 1235K/21 to rendezvous "GEORGE WASHINGTON" in position. 27°13'S. 161°08'E at 1300K/22 and with "LAMSON" escorting to Brisbane.

"MIZAR" E.T.D. Caloundra 1430K/22 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/25.

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting "BOBOLINK" towing "MOBILUBE" returned  
"KYBRA" ) Sydney 1139K/21. Speed of advance was unsatisfactory

"ATREUS" departed Sydney 0746K/21 for Melbourne.

"MORESBY" ) arrived Sydney 0157K/21 from escorting O.C. 109  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) to Newcastle.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 110 departed Port Phillip 2250K/20.

021 ARRIVED EXMOUTH GULF A.M/22.

Aircraft report of submarine - Aircraft/sighting submarine in vicinity of Smoky Cape at 1045K/21. N.O.I.C. Sydney grades the report low. Aircraft and M.L's 801 and 819 were ordered to search.

Aircraft A/S Search. - From Coff's Harbour to Seal Rocks to a depth to seaward of 40 miles from dusk/21 to dawn 22. From Newcastle to Smoky Cape to a depth to seaward of 50 miles from dawn/22.

0900K/Wednesday, 21st July, 1943.

P.C. 1121 departed Oro Bay 1248K/19 for Fall River, escorting  
"ANHUI" E.T.D. Fall River 1300K/20, E.T.A. Buna 1200K/21.

"MAHAN" escorting H.T. "ALLEN" arrived Port Moresby 1316K/20 from  
Brisbane, E.T.D. 21/7 for Brisbane.

"MATAFELE" arrived Port Moresby 2040K/19.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Thursday Island 0225K/20 from Townsville.

"KEITH CAM" departed Portland Roads 0725K/20 for Cairns E.T.A. P.M./24.

"SWAN" departed Cairns 1244K/20 to rendezvous T.N. 119 off Fitzroy  
Island 1600K/20 and escort to Port Moresby.

"DELOIRINE" departed Cairns 1045K/20 to rendezvous T.N. 118 and escort  
portion "A" to Port Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/23.

"KAPUNDA" ) escorting T.N. 118 departed Townsville 1320K/19,  
"BOWEN" ) "KAPUNDA" and S.C. 731, E.T.A. Fall River 1000K/23 with  
S.C. 731 ) portion "B".

"BOWEN" ordered to detach from T.N. 118 and replace P.C. 1119  
(mechanical defects) as escort for T.N. 119; arrived and  
departed Cairns 1407K/20.

"HENLEY" ) with L.S.T. Squadron 13 departed Townsville 1550K/20.  
"BAGLEY" )

"STUART" escorting "BARNES" arrived Brisbane 0935K/20.

"VENDETTA" arrived Brisbane 0331K/20 from escort duty with "TORRENS".

"MIZAR" arrived Brisbane 0651K/20 from Sydney.

YP. 236 E.T.D. Caloundra 1900K/21 for Cairns E.T.A. 1200K/25.

"HEROS" towing lighter E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/20 for Port Moresby  
via Townsville E.T.A. A.M./24.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle 0701K/20 for Port Stephens.

"MORESBY" ) escorting Newcastle section of O.C.109 to Newcastle  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) and returning Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" escorting Sydney section of O.C. 109 including "TRINITY"  
arrived Sydney 1712K/20.

"BUNDABERG" ) escorting P.G. 59 arrived Sydney 1547K/20.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"BENDIGO" )  
"GLENELG" )  
"YANDRA" )

"GERARD" departed Sydney 2103K/19 for Townsville E.T.A. 27/7.

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) escorting "BOBOLINK" towing "MOBILUBE" departed Sydney  
"KYBRA" ) 1346K/20.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Melbourne 1350K/20.

"HOBART" TORPEDOED:

C.T.F. 74 reported that "HOBART" was torpedoed by a  
submarine at 1750K/20 about 170 miles W. of Espiritu Santo.  
"AUSTRALIA" and one destroyer proceeded at 23 knots for Espiritu  
Santo. Two destroyers were standing by "HOBART".

S/M D/F FIXES. There were three D/F fixes in the Solomons Sea ranging  
from 0919K/20 to 0212K/21.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 20th July, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/20.  
"AHUNTA" }

"BROOKS" } departed Townsville at 1540K/19 for Mackay - E.T.A.  
"GILMER" } 0700K/20.

"HUMPHREYS" } departed Townsville 1540K/19 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1200K/21.  
"SANDS" }

"STUART" is to rendezvous with "MORMACSEA" in position 25°40'S. 162°44'E at 1500K/23 and escort to Brisbane.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" escorting C.O.109 arrived Port Phillip at 0515K/19. Reported defect in steam generator which will necessitate going to 12 hours' notice from 1600K/19 until repairs effected.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } to rendezvous off Sydney Heads at 0800K/20 with "BOEOLINK  
"KYBRA" } (U.S. M/S) towing "MOBILUBE" to Noumea. "WARRNAMBOOL" is to escort as far as possible so as to return Sydney by 0700K/22. "KYBRA" will continue escort to vicinity 159°E then return Sydney.

"WAGGA" escorting T.N. 117(A) 2 ships arrived Port Moresby at 1333K/19 E.T.D. 1700K/20 escorting N.T. 28 (2 ships) E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/23.

"DELORAINNE" arrived Cairns at 1115K/19 from Port Moresby.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Townsville at 1400K/19 for Port Moresby.

"GOULBURN" arrived Brisbane at 0343K/19 from exercises with U.S. submarine.

"GIBLONG" } detailed to escort L.Q.3 E.T.D. Port Curtis 2200K/21.  
"GLADSTONE" }  
"LITHGOW" }

"LATROBE" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1551K/19.

YP.280 departed Townsville at 1658K/18 to rendezvous with YT156 and 199 (from Cairns) in vicinity of Fitzroy Island Light at 1300K/19 and provide navigational escort to Milne Bay. E.T.A. 1400K/22.

S.C. 731 (en route to Fall River) arrived Townsville at 0456K/19 from Brisbane.

YMS.50 to proceed as convenient from Townsville to Brisbane.

"COOLEBAR" E.T.D. Sydney A.M./20 for Townsville.

"BINGERA" arrived Port Phillip at 2130K/19.

"BURRABRA" (Target vessel) departed Sydney at 0800K/19 for Jervis Bay E.T.A. 1700K/19.

"GERARD" departed Sydney at 2027K/18 - E.T.A. Townsville 0800K/26

"KAZEMBE" (A.S.R.) departed Portland Roads at 0635K/19. E.T.A. Thursday Island 1500K/20.

"BERYL II", "MARTINDALE" and "SUNDOWNER" arrived Adelaide at 2215K/19 from Whyalla.

"ORANJE" departs Wellington at 1500K/23, E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/25.

SUBMARINE D/Fs.

Several D/F fixes of enemy submarines were obtained P.M./19 and A.M./20 over an area from Cape Orford to Solomons.

To 0900K/Monday, 19th July, 1943.

"HUMPHREYS" } are to proceed immediately to Brisbane from Townsville  
"SANDS" } for overhaul - including docking.

"BROOKS" } are to proceed immediately from Townsville to Mackay for  
"GILMER" } overhaul alongside "DOBBER".

"DRAYTON" departs Brisbane at 0900K/21 to rendezvous with "GEORGE WASHINGTON" in position 027°13'S. 161°08'E at 1300K/22. "LAMSON" (from Noumea) has been ordered to make same rendezvous. "DRAYTON" and "LAMSON" will then escort to Brisbane.

"STUART" departed Brisbane at 1006K/18 to rendezvous with "BARNES" in position 26°45'S. 160°09'E at 1000K/19 and escort to Brisbane.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Phillip at 2255K/17 escorting O.C. 109 (10 ships) also U.S. tanker "TRINITY". To return Port Phillip escorting C.O.109.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } departed Newcastle with Newcastle section C.O.110 at  
"ECHUCA" } 1010K/18. "WARRNAMBOOL" returned to Sydney at 1747K/18. 1 M.L. is to rendezvous with C.O.110 at 1100K/19 in vicinity of Montage Island and provide additional escort until daylight 20/7 then return to Twofold Bay.

"KALGOORLIE" } departed Sydney at 1350K/18 with Sydney section to  
"BROOME" } rendezvous with Newcastle section off Sydney.

"DELORAINÉ" } detailed to escort T.N. 118 E.T.D. 1800K/20.  
"KAPUNDA" } "DELORAINÉ" with section "A" (3 ships) for Port  
"BOWEN" } Moresby E.T.A. 0800K/23. "KAPUNDA" and "BOWEN" and S.C. 731 with section "B" (9 ships) and U.S.S. "KAILUA" and "BIRCHGROVE PARK" for Fall River E.T.A. 1000K/23.

"SWAN" } detailed to escort T.N. 119 (3 ships) for Port Moresby  
"PC.1119" } E.T.D. 0300K/20 "SWAN" with "TAROONA" (from Cairns) will rendezvous with remainder of Fitzroy Island light at 1600K/20. E.T.A. Port Moresby 0800K/22.

"BUNDABERG" } arrived Brisbane at 2346K/17 escorting G.P.59. At  
"YANDRA" } 1151K/18 "CASTLEMAINE" and escorts with exception of  
"GLENELG" } M.L.818 departed Caloundra escorting P.G. 59 (4 ships)  
"BENDIGO" } E.T.A. Sydney 1900K/20.  
M.L.818 }

"GOULBURN" departed Caloundra at 0242K/18 for exercises with U.S. submarine.a

"COLAC" arrived Townsville at 2133K/17 from Port Moresby.

"GEELONG" } escorting Q.L.3 (10 ships) and L.S.T. 473 departed  
"LITHGOW" } Caloundra at 1546K/18.  
"GLADSTONE" }  
S.C. 648 }

"PIRIE" } departs Fall River 19/7 escorting "CRIMER" and  
"KATOOMBA" } "MAETSUYCKER" to Townsville.  
20/6.

"BUNBURY" } departs Fall River/escort tanker "NORFOLD" for  
1 YMS. } Townsville.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "AROONA" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1807K/17.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Townsville at 1235K/18. E.T.D. 1800K/19 for Fall River with T.N. 118.

"BERYL 2" with "MARTINDALE" and "SUNDOWNER" in company departed Whyalla at 1330K/18 for Port Adelaide- E.T.A. 1800K/20.

"PING WO" arrived Newcastle from Port Stephens at 1800K/18.

"MIZAR" departed Sydney at 1500K/18 for Brisbane E.T.A. 0630K/20.

M.L.428 and 6 L.S.Ts. arrived Townsville at 2036K/17 from Mackay.

S.C. 748 departed Milne Bay at 1220K/17 escorting CITY OF FORT WORTH to Oro Bay.

L.M.L. is to rendezvous with O.C. 109 at 1400K/19 in position 20 miles south of Gabo. To provide additional escort until daylight 20/7 then return to Twofold Bay.

M.L.801 is to rendezvous with P.G. 59 off Clarence River at 1200K/19 and provide additional escort until daylight 20/7 then return to Coffs Harbour.

S.C. 746 escorting "BENJAMIN BONNEVILLE" departed Milne Bay at 1203K/18 for Oro Bay.

CAP DES PALMES arrived Sydney at 1042K/18.

S.C. 637 ) Form Task Unit 36.8.5 departing Noumea about 1130K/17  
S.C. 699 ) with "ADVENT", "CALAMARES", "JOHN PENN" and 4 merchant  
S.C. 703 ) ships including "DAVID JORDON". Convoy disperses at  
 24°30'S. 167°30'E. "DAVID JORDON" proceeding to  
 Melbourne by direct route, 3 S.Cs. remain as D.J's  
 escort towards Melbourne detaching in time to arrive  
 off Cape Moreton at 0800K/21.

YMS.50 departs Rockhampton when ready 19/1 for Brisbane.

YP.280 will rendezvous with Y.T.156 and 199 in vicinity Fitzroy Island light at 1300K/20 and provide navigational escort to Milne Bay E.T.A. 1400K/21.

"KEITH CAM" (reports anchored off Chapman Island, Cape Direction 155 miles south of Murray Island with broken engine, water pump - requests mechanic be flown to assist.

"SAN PABLO" (U.S. Seaplane tender) arrived Brisbane from Noumea 18/7.

ENEMY AIR RAIDS:

Darwin area - Warning 1018K/18  
 All clear 1052K/18.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Sunday, 18th July, 1943.

"KATOOMBA" returned Fall River 0956K/17 from escort duty to Oro Bay.

L.C. 1.228 and 343 departed Fall River 1220K/17 for Townsville.

"DELORAINIE" escorting N.T. 27 departed Port Moresby 1700K/17.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "YARRA" and "MATTHEW FLINDERS" arrived Thursday Island 0504K/17 from Darwin.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 1045K/17 from escorting N.T. 26.

"WAGGA" departed Cairns 0417K/17 to rendezvous T.N. 117 off Fitzroy Island 0600K/17. E.T.A. Port Moresby 1600K/19 with portion "A".

"BUNBURY" ) escorting T.N. 117 departed Townsville 1344K/18, E.T.A.  
YMS. 71 ) Fall River 1300K/19 with portion "B".

"KAPUNDA" escorting "ALAMO" and "COLORADO" arrived Townsville 0746K/17 from Port Moresby.

"FREMANBLE" departed Townsville 0704K/17 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 1700K/20.

"HENLEY" ) arrived Townsville 1410K/17.  
"BAGLEY" )

YP.280 arrived Townsville 1730K/17 from Brisbane.

L.S.T. 466, 447, 448, 449 and 390 arrived Townsville 1524K/17.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane 1657K/16 from escorting "MONTEREY" departed Caloundra 1800K/17 to rendezvous "TORRENS" in position 24°38'S. 158°48'E at 1600K/18 and escort to Lady Elliot Island "VENDETTA" returning Brisbane, "TORRENS" proceeding Townsville.

"GOULBURN" returned Brisbane 1129K/17 from escort duty with SUVA.

"MAHAN" ) departed Caloundra 0132K/17 for Port Moresby - E.T.A.  
H.T. ALLEN ) 1800K/20.

"STUART" E.T.D. Caloundra 1000K/18 to rendezvous "EARNES" in position 26°45'S. 160°09'E at 1000K/19 and escort to Brisbane.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle 0655K/17 arrived Port Stephens 1045K/17.

"WARRENAMBOOL" arrived Newcastle 0445K/17 having completed escort of O.C. 108.

"BROOME" arrived Sydney 0839K/17 from escorting O.C. 108 to Newcastle

"ECHUCA" ) detailed for C.O.110.  
"KALGOOLIE" )  
"BROOME" )

"FALIE" departed Sydney 2350K/16 for Townsville E.T.A. 0800K/25.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne 1201K/17 for duty with O.C. 109 including "TRINITY".

"BINGERA" E.T.D. Westernport 1500K/19 for Port Phillip for exercises E.T.A. 1930K/19.

"MARY CAM" ) arrived Whyalla 1023K/17 from Adelaide.  
"GRELKA" )

"NYROGA" arrived Whyalla 1132K/17 from Adelaide.

SIGHTING NEAR HINCHINBROOK ISLAND.

U.S. Small Craft "GERTRUDE" reported sighting in vicinity of Hinchinbrook Island (between Townsville and Cairns) a "suspicious large submarine" which after charging on surface for  $5\frac{1}{2}$  hours proceeded N.E. at 0030K/17, then submerged. N.O.I.C. Townsville grades the report as "very poor". There is not enough water in the vicinity for a submarine to operate. Whales have been sighted recently nearby.

AIR RAID WARNING.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Red warning 2332K/17.  
All clear 2335K/17.

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"OST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Saturday, 17th July, 1943.

"WARRAMUNGA" } E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/20 from Coral Sea.  
"ARUNTA" }

"LOOKOUT" arrived Belli Belli 0715K/15 from Fall River.

"PIRIE" } escorting T.N. 116 arrived Fall River 1510K/15.  
S.C. 743 }  
YMS. 53 }

P.C. 1121 escorting "VAN HEUTZ" departed Fall River 1335K/16 for Oro Bay.

"DELOBRAINE" arrived Port Moresby 0746K/16 from Fall River, escorting N.T. 27 E.T.D. 1700K/17, E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/19.

"WAGGA" escorting N.T. 28 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/20.

"SANDS" } arrived Townsville 1956K/15 from Fall River.  
"GILMER" }

"BUNBURY" } escorting TN.117 departed Townsville 1344K/16 - E.T.A.  
YMS. 71 } Fall River 1300K/19 with portion B.

"WAGGA" is to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island 0600K/17, E.T.A. Port Moresby 1600K/19 with portion A.

"FREMANTLE" arrived Townsville 0910K/16 from Brisbane.

U.S.S. "KAILUA" arrived Townsville 1100K/15 from Brisbane.

M.L. 423 in company with S L.C.T. departed Mackay 1730K/16 E.T.A. Townsville 0230K/18.

"MAHAN" } E.T.D. Caloundra 0200K/17 for Port Moresby E.T.A. 1800K/  
"H.T. ALLEN" } 20.

"GEELONG" } escorting Q.L. 3 (11 ships with L.S.T. 473 attached)  
"LITHGOW" } E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/18.  
"GLADSTONE" }  
S.C. 648 }  
M.L. 816 }

"CASLEMAINE" } escorting P.G. 59 E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/18.  
"HUNDABERG" }  
"YANDRA" }  
"GLENELC" }  
"BENDIGO" }

S.C. 731 departed Caloundra 2045K/16 for Fall River via Townsville. E.T.A. 0600K/19.

"KYBRA" arrived Sydney, 0550K/16.

"KALGOORLIE" escorting O.C. 108 arrived Sydney 2012K/16.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } are to escort Newcastle section of O.C. 108 to  
"BROOME" } Newcastle, "BROOME" to return to Sydney, "WARRNAMBOOL"  
to remain Newcastle and escort C.O.110 A.M/16  
to Sydney.

"FALIE" E.T.D. Sydney 16/7 for Townsville.

"BURRAMBRA" arrived Sydney 1242K/16 from Jervis Bay.

"MARY CAM", "GRELKA" and "HYROCA" departed Adelaide 1830K/15 for Whyalla, E.T.A. A.M/17.

"ORANJE" arrived Wellington 0845K/15 from Melbourne.

AIRCRAFT SIGHTING VICINITY JERVIS BAY - At 2105K/16 N.O.I.C. Sydney advised that interrogation of pilot did not confirm object sighted at 0700K/16 about 40 miles S.E. of Jervis Bay was submarine. Report has been graded B2. by Station Intelligence Officer but N.O.I.C. Sydney considers this to be too high.

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DAILY NARRATIVE.

SECRET.

To 0900K/Friday, 16th July, 1943.

- "STUART" escorting "G.M.LIVANOS" arrived Brisbane at 0907K/15.
- "VENDETTA" escorting "MONTEREY" to 159°E., departed Brisbane at 0629K/15.  
"VENDETTA" to return Brisbane in completion.
- "BROOKS" ) arrived Townsville from Milne Bay at 1516K/15.
- "HUMPHREYS" )
- "SWAN" ) departed Port Moresby at 1700K/15 escorting WT26
- "COLAC" ) (4 ships) for Townsville.
- "BUNDABERG" ) Departed Sydney at 0811K/15 escorting G.P.59 (11 ships)
- "YANDRA" ) including "GOLD STAR".M.L.801 will detach at daylight/
- "GLENELG" ) 17 and proceed to Coff's Harbour. E.T.A. Caloundra
- "BENDIGO" ) 0300K/17.
- M.L.801 )
- "MORESBY" ) escorting Newcastle portion C.O.109 departed
- "TOWNSVILLE") Newcastle 0826K/15.
- "ROCKHAMPTON") escorting Sydney section C.O.109 departed Sydney
- M.L. 430 ) at 1414K/15. M.L.430 will detach daylight/17  
and proceed to Twofold Bay.
- "DELORAINE" is to depart Milne Bay so as to arrive Port Moresby at 1900K/16 for escort duties.
- "GOULBURN" escorting SUVA for Townsville departed Caloundra at 1339K/15.  
"GOULBURN" will part company at Bustard Head and return Brisbane.
- "GEELONG" ) escorting L.Q.2 arrived Brisbane at 0741K/15.
- "LITHGOW" )
- "CASTLEMAINE" )
- S.C.648 )
- "LATROBE" departed Thursday Island at 1700K/15 for Melville Bay, E.T.A. 0930K/17 to rendezvous with and supply stores to "SOUTHERN CROSS". Also to embark naval survey party and then proceed to Darwin E.T.A. 1430K/19.
- "BINGERA" departed Melbourne at 0805K/15 for Westernport E.T.A. 1600K/15.
- "Y.M.S.8" returned Brisbane at 2046K/15 from minesweeping operations in vicinity Double Island Pt. - no report of results.
- M.L.814 departed Darwin at 2207K/15 escorting "ALAGNA" en route to Wyndham E.T.A. 1930K/16. M.L.814 returns to Darwin from Mendusa Bank Buoy.
- M.M.S.71 ) arrived Townsville at 2232K/14.
- L.S.T.468 )
- AND 464 )
- S.C.731 is to depart Brisbane forthwith for Milne Bay.
- S.C.747 arrived Townsville at 0945K/14.
- P.C.1121 arrived Milne Bay from Oro Bay at 0912K/15.
- M.L.804 commissioned under command of Lt.N.F.BROOKER at 1200K/15.

"KIETH CAM" departed Thursday Island at 0827K/15 for Cairns,  
E.T.A. 18/7.

"LOOKOUT" departed Milne Bay at 0942K/15 for Belli Belli,  
Goodenough Island.

SUBMARINE REPORTED BY AIRCRAFT:- in position 40 miles S.E. Jarvis  
Bay at 0700K/16. S/M is reported to have submerged.  
in this position - Aircraft dropped sea marker.

B.A.M.S. issued to Area 5B.

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To 0900K/Thursday, 15th July, 1943.

"HUMPHREYS" } departed Milne Bay 13/7 - E.T.A. Townsville 1500K/15.  
 "BROOKS" }

"TJERK HIDDIS" arrived Fremantle at 0030K/14 from Melbourne.

"GILMER" ) departed Fall River at 1215K/13 escorting "JOSIAH B."  
 "SANDS" ) GRINNEL" for Townsville.

"VENDETTA" E.T.A. Caloundra 0600K/15 escorting "MONTEREY" to 159°E. where "CENDETTA" parts company and returns to Brisbane.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) arrived Sydney at 2131K/13 escorting Sydney section  
 "GLENELG" ) O.C.107 including "GOLD STAR".

"MILDURA" ) arrived Sydney escorting P.C. 58 at 0203K/14.  
 "MORESBY" )  
 "YANDRA" )  
 "TOWNSVILLE" )

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) detailed to escort C.O.109 "MORESBY" and "TOWNSVILLE"  
 "MORESBY" ) are to R.V. with Newcastle section off Nobby's Heads  
 "TOWNSVILLE" ) at 0600K/15. "ROCKHAMPTON" and M.L.430 are to clear  
 M.L.430 ) Heads with Sydney section at 1400K/15 and R.V. with  
 Newcastle Section. M.L.detaches at daylight 17/7  
 and proceeds to Twofold Bay.

"BENDIGO" arrived Sydney at 0730K/14 having completed escort duties with Newcastle Section O.C. 107.

"BUNDABERG" ) detailed to escort G.P.59 clearing Sydney Heads at  
 "YANDRA" ) 0800K/15. M.L.818 and 819 are to proceed from Coffs  
 "GLENELG" ) Harbour and R.V. with convoy in position 80 miles south  
 "BENDIGO" ) of Coffs Harbour at 1200K/16, at daylight/17 819 and  
 M.L.801 ) 801 will detach and proceed to Coffs Harbour. M.L.818  
 will remain with convoy to Brisbane.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSEN" arrived Williamstown at 0901K/14 having completed escort duties with C.O.108.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Caloundra 1400K/15 escorting "SUVA" for Townsville  
 "GOULBURN" will part company at Bustard Head and return Brisbane.

"GEELONG" ) departed Gladstone at 2200K/13 escorting L.Q.2 (4  
 "CASTLEMAINE" ) ships) E.T.A. Caloundra 1300K/15.  
 "LITHGOW" )  
 S.C. 648 )

"BENALLA" departed Fall River at 0842K/14 for survey ground.

"BUNBURY" escorting "BOTH" and "NANCY HANKS" arrived Townsville at 0658K/14 from Fall River.

"SWAN" ) E.T.D. Pt. Moresby 1700K/15 escorting N.T. 26 - 4 ships  
 "COLAC" ) E.T.A. Townsville 2000K/17.

"KAPUNDA" departed Port Moresby at 1400K/14 escorting N.T. 25 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 0500K/18.

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Thursday Island at 0310K/14 escorting "AROONA" to Darwin E.T.A. 1800K/17.

M.L.428 arrived Mackay at 1050K/14. E.T.D. 1200K/16 providing navigational escort for 6 L.C.T.'s to Townsville and Cairns.

S.C. 747 departed Townsville at 1438K/14 for Mackay E.T.A. 1600K/15.

M.L.431 will R.V. with O.C. 108 in position 30 miles S.E. Gabo Is. at 1500K/15 and provide additional escort until daylight/16, then join C.O.109 - 10 miles E. of Montague Is. at 1200K/16.

M.L.431 (contd.)

returning to Twofold Bay with M.L.430 at daylight/17.

M.L.802 arrived Sydney from Jervis Bay at 0945K/14.

M.L.803 arrived Jervis Bay from Sydney at 1803K/13.

L.S.T.466 and 462 arrived Townsville at 1659K/13.

YMS.8 departed Brisbane at 1816K/13 for sweeping operations, in vicinity Double Island <sup>Point</sup> 45 miles N. of Caloundra.

YP.280 departed Brisbane at 1731K/14 for Townsville.

YMS.9 arrived Brisbane at 0856K/14.

"BANGALOW" departed Sydney at 0649K/14 for Port Stephens.

HMS."ALSEY" departed Sydney at 0718K/14 for Port Stephens.

"ORARA" departed Port Phillip at 2035K/13 for S.C.F. 18.

BUNA ACTIVITY:

15 L.C.1's and 3 L.S.T's escorted by 4 S.C's and 2 YMS's will R.V. A.M/16 40 miles <sup>N</sup> of Fall River (in Ward Hunt Strait) and proceed to Buna in 2 waves. E.T.A. 1st wave A.M/17.

SILVER CLOUD (C.P.B.) at 2135K/13 N.O.I.C. Sydney reported "SILVER CLOUD" as result of back fire caught fire and suffered extensive damage and it is most unlikely that she will again be serviceable. 2 ratings were admitted to hospital suffering from effects of fumes.

C. in C. E.F. RAIDER REPORT.

"HOEGH SILVER DAWN" (7715 tons gross - cargo) sunk by "German Raider in approx. position 025°S. 090°E. on 15/7.

"FERNCastle" (9940 tanker) overdue Abadan from Esperance could also be a victim of this raider which is possibly "B".

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

- To 0900K/Wednesday, 14th July, 1943.

"BENALLA" arrived Fall River 1534K/13 from Cairns.

"DELORAINÉ" escorting T.N. 114 B arrived Fall River 2136K/12.

P.C. 1121 ) escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" departed Fall River  
YMS. 72 ) 1314K/13 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1005K/14.

"KAPUNDA" escorting T.N. 114A arrived Port Moresby 0640K/13, escorting  
N.T. 25 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/14.

S.C. 747 departed Cairns 1755K/13 for Mackay via Townsville for  
stores, E.T.A. Townsville 0300K/14.

"KAZEMBE" (N.A.P.) departed Cairns 0500K/13 for Thursday Island  
E.T.A. about 21/7 via Cooktown and Portland Roads.

S.C. 746 departed Cairns 0613K/13 to rendezvous T.N. 116 off  
Fitzroy Island 0900K/13.

"PIRIE" ) escorting T.N. 116 departed Townsville 1802K/12, E.T.A.  
YMS. 53 ) Fall River 1100K/15.

"BOWEN" escorting "PATRAS" and "E.R. SILL" arrived Townsville 0511K/13  
from Fall River.

L.S.T. 470 departed Townsville 12/7 for Cairns.

"GEELONG" ) escorting L.C.2 E.T.D. Gladstone 2200K/13.  
"CASTLEMAINE" )  
"LITHGOW" )  
S.C. 648 )

M.L. 428 to proceed Mackay and provide navigational escort for 6  
L.C.T. E.T.D. 1200K/16 for Townsville and Cairns.

"STUART" is to continue escort of "DOBBIN" (bound Mackay) until  
"G.M. LIVANOS" (E.T.A. vicinity Cape Capricorn about  
1000K/14) is met, then escort to Brisbane.

"DRAYTON" ) escorting H.T. ALLEN arrived Brisbane 0805K/13 from  
"MAHAN" ) Townsville.

Y.P. 291 arrived Brisbane 0310K/13 from Townsville.

"PING WO" departed Port Stephens 1250K/13 arrived Newcastle 1528K/13.

"BENDIGO" is to escort Newcastle section of O.C. 107 to Newcastle,  
returning Sydney on completion.

M.L. 803 departed Sydney 1238K/13 for Jervis Bay.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne 1217K/13 to assume escort  
duty with O.C. 108.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "MATHEW FLINDERS" and "YARRA" departed Darwin  
0417K/13 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 0300K/17.

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To 0900K/Tuesday 13th July, 1943.

"BUNBURY" escorting F.T.5 departed Fall River 1614K/11 for Townsville

"LOOKOUT" arrived Fall River 0928K/12 from Port Moresby.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T.26 E.T.D. Port Moresby P.M/4.

"COOTAMUNDRA" escorting "ARONA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 0300K/14 for Darwin.

L.S.T. 462 arrived outside anchorage Cairns 2129K/11.

L.S.T. 466 towing L.S.T. 462 departed Cairns 1135K/12 for Townsville E.T.A. 1600K/13.

S.C. 746 returned Cairns 0957K/12 from investigation of oil slick - search negative.

YMS.53 arrived Townsville 0345K/11.

"PIRIE" ) escorting TN116 - E.T.D. Townsville 1800K/12 - S.C. 746  
 "YMS.53" ) to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island. 0900K/13 - E.T.A. Fall River 1100K/15.

"SWAN" ) escorting T.N. 115 departed Townsville 1720K/12 - E.T.A.  
 "COLAC" ) Port Moresby 1700K/14.

"CASTLEMAINE" arrived Gladstone 0900K/12 from Thursday Island.

"FREMANTLE" departed Caloundra 1718K/11 escorting L.C.Ts. E.T.A. Mackay 2359K/14 when "Fremantle" proceeds independently to Townsville E.T.A. 1700K/15.

"GLADSTONE" returned Brisbane 0506K/12 from exercises.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" returned Brisbane 2021K/11 from firing practice and has developed defects. No details known at present.

"GOULBURN" escorting Task Unit 36.8.4 arrived Brisbane 1429K/12.

"STUART" escorting "LURLINE" arrived Brisbane 2025K/12, escorting "DOBBIN" departed Caloundra 2242K/12, "STUART" to return Brisbane from Bustard Heads "DOBBIN" proceeding Mackay.

YMS.49 arrived Brisbane 1124K/12 from Townsville.

"PING WO" arrived Port Stephens 1035K/12 from Newcastle.

"VAN HEEMSKERK" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Wellington 0541K/12 - E.T.D. 1500K/22 for Hobart E.T.A. A.M/26.

"ORANJE" departed Port Melbourne 0801K/12 for Wellington - E.T.A. 15/7

"KOTOR" DUE ADELAIDE.

"KOTOR" was reported by Salvage Board to be due Adelaide 2359K/12. No arrival signal has yet been received.

A.S.V. CONTACT OFF COFF'S HARBOUR.

A/C covering P.G. 58 obtained an A.S.V. contact about 15 miles E. of Coff's Harbour at 2222K/12 and lost it shortly afterwards. This position is about 20 miles inside the convoy route. N.O.I.C. Sydney advised "MILDURA", Convoy S.O.escort. C.S.W.P.S.F. warned BAMS 5B. A.G.R.E.A. arranged for a Catalina to search.

AIR RAIDS:

FALL RIVER - Yellow warning 1102K/12. All clear 1132K/12.



MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday, 12th July, 1943.

"VENDETTA" escorting "MONTEREY" arrived Brisbane at 1016K/11. At 24 hours reducing notice from P.M/11 to make good condenser defects. Defect made good at 2310K/11 - now at 4 hours' notice.

"STUART" departed Brisbane at 1834K/11 to rendezvous with "LURLINE" in position 27°07'S. 157°54'E at 0900K/2 and escort to Brisbane.

"FLUSSER" ) arrived Townsville at 0545K/11, departed Townsville at  
"DRAYTON" ) 0900K/11, escorting "HENRY T. ALLEN" to Brisbane - E.T.A.  
"MAHAN" ) 1100K/13.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Brisbane at 1112K/11 to carry out full calibre firing seaward of Cape Moreton at 1600K/ and 1800K/11. E.T.A. Caloundra at 1001K/12 escorting "DOBBIN" to Mackay.

"GEELONG" ) departed Caloundra at 1724K/11 escorting Q.L.2 including  
"LITHGOW" ) L.S.Ts 464, 466 and "KAILUA". After dispersal of convoy  
S.C. 648 ) "GEELONG", "LITHGOW" and S.C. 648 proceed Gladstone.  
YMS 71 ) YMS.71 and M.L.428 proceed independently to Townsville.  
M.L.428 )

"KAPUNDA" E.T.D. Port Moresby 1600K/13 escorting N.T. 25 "A" - E.T.A. Townsville 0700K/16.

"SWAN" E.T.D. Townsville 2000K/12 escorting TN115 ("TAROONA" and "DUNTR-  
OON" ) to Port Moresby E.T.A. 1700K/14.

"MILDURA" ) escorting G.P.58 including L.S.T. 473 arrived Brisbane  
"MORSEBY" ) at 0634K/11. Departed at 1150K/11 (escort P.G.58  
"YANDRA" ) 10 ships) M.L. 818 and 819 will rendezvous with  
"TOWNSVILLE" ) P.G.58 in vicinity of Solitary Island and act as  
additional escorts until daylight/13 then return to  
Coff's Harbour.

"GLADSTONE" and U.S. submarine departed Caloundra at 1959K/10 for exercises seaward of Cape Moreton.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" arrived Port Phillip at 1257K/11 having completed escort duties with C.O.107.

"BROOME" departed Sydney at 0312K/11 to rendezvous with "ECHUCA" and Newcastle section C.O.108 off Nobby's Head and escort to rendezvous with Sydney section off Sydney - "ECHUCA" to remain at Sydney.

"WARRNAMBOOL" ) arrived at 1735K/11 escorting Sydney section C.O.108  
"KALGOORLIE" ) departed Sydney at 1246K/11.

arrived  
"BUNBURY" escorting "BOTH"/Milne Bay from Oro Bay at 1108K/11.

"BENALLA" departed Cairns at 1145K/11 for Fall River E.T.A. 1600K/13.

"PIRIE" arrived Townsville at 0502K/11 from Port Moresby.

"SHEPPARTON" arrived Townsville from Fall River at 0600K/11.

"INVERELL" escorting "DARVEL", "TIME" and "KOOLIGA" arrived Thursday Is. at 0409K/11 from Darwin.

"LATROBE" escorting "KURUMBA" arrived Thursday Island from Darwin at 0732K/11.

"HERON" arrived Fremantle at 1029K/11.

"ORANJE" E.T.D. Port Melbourne 0800K/12 E.T.A. Wellington 15/7.

YMS.9 departed Townsville at 0714K/11 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 0900K/14.

S.C. 746 at 1116K/11 N.O.I.C. Townsville requested N.O.I.C. Cairns to sail S.C. 746 forthwith to investigate oil slick reported vicinity Snapper Island - 25 miles North Cairns - to return Cairns before dark/12.

L.C.T. 360 and 385 arrived Port Stephens at 1555K/9.

5 L.C.Ms. departed Sydney at 0424K/11 for Port Stephens.

YT 199 and 156 arrived Cairns at 1301K/11.

S.C. 745 arrived Milne Bay at 1612K/10.

M.L. 431 is to rendezvous with O.C. 107 in position 15 miles S.E. of Cape Island at 1400K/12 and provide additional escort until daylight/13 then return to Twofold Bay.

M.L. 817 escorting "WILLIAM MEREDITH" arrived Fall River from Oro Bay at 0914K/11.

L.S.T. 462 at 1735K/11 N.O.I.C. Cairns reported L.S.T. 462 refloated and returning to Harbour. "WAGGA" standing by; "GYMPIE" returned to Cairns at 1816K/11 - WAGGA arrived Cairns at 2131 K/11.

S.C. 748 arrived Milne Bay at 1559K/10.

"RESERVE" (Tug) towing 2 lighters arrived Sydney at 2054K/11.

D/F FIXES

A number of D/F fixes of enemy units, some submarine others unidentified, in Solomons Area were obtained P.M/11.

SOUTHBOUND ENEMY SUBMARINE passed Cape Orford at 1645K/11 - reported by coastwatcher.

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To 0900K Sunday, 11th July, 1943.

- "STUART" arrived Brisbane at 1141K/10 from escort duties with "KATOOMBA". E.T.D. 1830K/11 to rendezvous with "LURLINE" in position  $27^{\circ} 07' S$ ,  $157^{\circ} 54' E$ . at 0900K/12 and escort to Brisbane.
- "LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Brisbane at 0917K/10 escorting U.S.S. "OTUS" from Sydney. E.T.D. 1000K/12 escorting "DOBBIN" to vicinity Percy Islands where "LE TRIOMPHANT" proceeds to Townsville and "DOBBIN" to Mackay.
- "SWAN" arrived Townsville at 1912K/9 from Fall River.
- "BOWEN" departed Fall River at 1554K/10 escorting F.T.4. (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 0300K/13.
- "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 1451K/10 to assume escort duties O.C.107 (5 ships) including "GOLD STAR".
- "ECHUCA" arrived Sydney at 1926K/10 having completed escort duties with O.C.106.
- "WARRNAMBOOL" ) arrived Sydney at 1435K/10 escorting O.C.106.  
"KALGOORLIE" )
- "MILDURA" }  
"MORESBY" } Detailed to escort P.G.58 (10 ships) E.T.D. Caloundra  
"YANDRA" } 1200K/11.  
"TOWNSVILLE" }
- "BUNDABERG" escorting "CHARON" arrived Sydney at 0951K/10.
- "BALLARAT" arrived Sydney at 0617K/10 from escort duties.
- "GOULBURN" departed Caloundra at 1127K/10 to rendezvous with Task Unit 36.8.4 in position  $26^{\circ} 11' S$ ,  $157^{\circ} 27' E$ . at 0700K/11 and escort to Brisbane.
- "KATOOMBA" escorting "JOHN WHITEAKER" departed Fall River at 1222K/9 for Oro Bay.
- "ATREUS" arrived Sydney at 0641K/10.
- "BALAO" (U.S. Sub.) arrived Brisbane at 0847K/10.
- "PING WO" arrived Newcastle at 1540K/10.
- M.L.814 departed Darwin at 0042K/10 escorting "ALAGNA" to Drysdale and Wyndham then to return Darwin E.T.A. Drysdale 1830K/11.
- Y.P.291 departed Townsville at 1230K/10 for Brisbane E.T.A. 1300K/13.
- Y.M.S.9 arrived Townsville at 1330K/10.
- L.S.T's 386, 37, 172, 387 and 388 E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/11 for Cairns escorted by "FREMANTLE" to Mackay. L.S.T's call at Mackay and Townsville en route.
- "BROOME" N.O.I.C. Sydney reported at 1258K/10 "BROOME" now ready for service.
- "RESERVE" Two Barges located by "RESERVE" (Tug) were taken to Eden for inspection then "RESERVE" with barges in tow departed at 1100K/10 for Sydney E.T.A. 1200K/11.
- "KOTOR" (3678 tons gross) en route Whyalla to Melbourne. Reported at 0700K/10 being in distress due to heavy weather. No. 1 hold badly damaged - water 15 feet and steadily increasing - assistance urgently required - position Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island.  
At 1627K/10 N.O.I.C. Adelaide despatched "WOONDA" (Tug) with diver to render assistance. E.T.A. 2330K/10.

FURTHER TO L.S.T. 462 AGROUND NEAR CAIRNS.

At 2156K/9 N.O.I.C. Townsville ordered "WAGGA" (escorting N.T.24 "A") when inside Grafton Passage detach from convoy and render assistance to L.S.T. 462.

At 0626K/10 Y.T.199 and 156 departed Townsville for Cairns to assist - E.T.A. 1600K/11.

PROBABLE SUBMARINE reported by aircraft in position 100 miles east of Cape Wessel at 1330K/10. Report indicates aircraft had A.S.V. contact - not graded.

"LATROBE" escorting "KURUMBA" advised.

To 0900K/Saturday, 10th July, 1943.

"BUNBURY" departed Fall River 1214K/8 escorting "BOTH" to Oro Bay.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River 1244K/8 for Townsville to boiler clean.

"BOWEN" escorting "PATRAS" arrived Fall River 1132K/9 from Oro Bay.

"LYSANDER" (PMB) departed Fall River 1012K/8 for Oro Bay E.T.A. 1900K/9.

"KWATO" (PMB) departed Fall River 1312K/9 for Port Moresby - E.T.A. P.M/12.

"LAURABADA" (PMB) arrived Port Moresby 1026K/9 from Fall River.

"LOOKOUT" departed Port Moresby 0836K/9 for Fall River - E.T.A. P.M/11.

"WAGGA" ) escorting N.T. 24B departed Port Moresby 1653K/8.  
"PIRIE" )

S.C. 748 escorting "ELIZABETH BLACKWELL" departed Port Moresby 1250K/9 for Fall River E.T.A. 1600K/10.

"STELLA" arrived Cairns 1141K/9 from Port Moresby.

"KAPUNDA" ) escorting T.N. 114 departed Townsville 2110K/9,  
"DELOIRINE" ) "KAPUNDA" and Portion "A" E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K/13.  
S.C. 738 ) "DELOIRINE", S.C. 738 and Portion "B" E.T.A. Fall River 1000K/13.

"COLAC" escorting "TAROONA" and "CANBERRA" arrived Townsville 2000K/8 from Port Moresby.

YMS. 49 arrived Townsville 0625K/9 from Thursday Island - departed 1702K/9 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1900K/12.

"MIZAR" departed Townsville 2126K/8 for Sydney.

YP. 291 arrived Townsville 0830K/9 from Fall River.

"EAGLEY" ) escorting 6 L.S.T's departed Townsville 1700K/9.  
"HENLEY" )

"STUART" E.T.A. Brisbane 1200K/10 from escorting "KATOOMBA".

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane 1501K/8 to rendezvous "MONTEREY" and escort to Brisbane.

TASK UNIT 36.8.4 composed of L.S.T. 475, APCs. 6, 7, 11, 14, 16 and 18, YPs. 278, 279 and 283 E.T.A. Cape Moreton 0700K/12 from Noumea.

"GOULBURN" E.T.D. Caloundra 1100K/10 to rendezvous T.U.36.8.4 in position 26°11'S. 157°27'E at 0700K/11 and escort to Brisbane.

"GEELONG" ) arrived Brisbane 0545K/9 from escorting L.Q.1A.  
"GOULBURN" )  
"GEELONG" ) detailed to escort G.L.2 (11 ships) E.T.D. Caloundra  
"LITHGOW" ) 1600K/11. M.L.428 and YMS.71 to proceed independently  
S.C. 648? ) from Bustard Head to Townsville.  
M.L.428 )  
YMS.71 )

"PRIMANTLE" returned Brisbane 0340K/9.

"WARRNAMEOOL" ) detailed for C.O.108. "BROOME" to sail to rendezvous  
"KALGOORLIE" ) "ECHUCA" and Newcastle section off Newcastle 0930K/11,  
"BROOME" ) "WARRNAMEOOL" and "KALGOORLIE" to rendezvous Newcastle  
"ECHUCA" ) section off Sydney about 1300K/11, "ECHUCA" then proceeding Sydney.

- "BUNDABERG" escorting "CHARON" E.T.A. Sydney 0900K/10.

"MOUNT VERNON" departed Sydney 1156K/9 for Auckland.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" departed Sydney 1031K/9 for Maryborough and  
Townsville.

L.C.T. 360 and 395 departed Sydney 0445K/9 for Port Stephens.

"ROCKHAMPTON" } escorting Sydney Section oc C.O.107 departed Sydney  
"GLENELG" } 1241K/8.

M.L. 431 to rendezvous with C.O.107 10 miles E. of Montague Island  
1200K/9, escorting until daylight then return Twofold Bay.

M.L. 820 E.T.A. Sydney 0830K/10 from Jervis Bay.

"TJERK HIDDIS" departed Port Melbourne 1030K/9 for Fremantle E.T.A.  
1400K/14.

L.S.T. 462 AGROUND NEAR CAIRNS:

Further attempts at towing L.S.T. 462 failed. Oil  
and ballast have been discharged. Cargo is to be transferred into  
barges. L.S.T. is in no apparent danger although holed. A  
further attempt to tow her off will be made.

N.A.P.

STELLA MARIS and AMOHINE commissioned Sydney 8/7.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Friday, 9th July, 1943.

T.F.74 returned Flinders Group 6/7 from Coral Sea - Nothing to report. E.T.D. A.M/10 to resume patrol, to return Flinders Group 16/7.

"SWAN" escorting "NORFOLD" (ex Townsville) arrived Fall River 1514K/7 departed 1624K/7 for Townsville E.T.A. 1900K/9.

P.C. 1121 escorting W.E. CNAHHING arrived Fall River 1947K/6 from Hervey Bay.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River 1947K/6 for survey ground.

"LYSANDER" (PMB) arrived Fall River 1516K/7.

"RESURGAM" (NAP) from Port Moresby.

"KATOOMBA" ) escorting T.N. 1112B arrived Fall River 2114K/7.  
"BUNBURY" )  
YMS 72 )

"WAGGA" ) escorting N.T. 24A departed Port Moresby 1600K/8, E.T.A.  
"PIRIE" ) Townsville 0500K/11.

S.C. 748 returned Port Moresby 1106K/8 from escorting "THOS. CORWIN" to China Strait.

"CASTLEMAINE" departed Thursday Island 1105K/7 for Gladstone.

S.C. 745 departed Cairns 0711K/8 for Fall River E.T.A. 1200K/10.

"SOEDOE" arrived Cairns 1155K/8.

"MUGFORD" ) escorting 5 L.S.T's departed Townsville 1330K/7.  
"HELM" )

"MIZAR" arrived Townsville 0918K/8.

YT.156 and 159 arrived Townsville 1350K/8.

"KAPUNDA" ) detailed to escort T.N. 114 E.T.D. Townsville 2000K/9,  
"DELORAINNE" ) "KAPUNDA" and portion A E.T.A. Port Moresby 0900K/13,  
S.C. 738 ) "DELORAINNE", S.C. 738 and portion B, E.T.A. Fall River 1000K/13.

"GLADSTONE" ) escorting L.Q.1 arrived Brisbane 1029K/8.  
"LITHCOW" )  
S.C. 648 )  
M.L. 429 )

"BUNDABERG" on completion of escort of "MERKUR" Sydney/Lady Elliot Island to rendezvous "CHARON" in vicinity of Lady Elliot Island after 0800K/8 and escort to Sydney.

"FREMANBLE" ordered at 1108K/8 to return Brisbane, U.S.A.T's, "NORAB" "VAQUERO" and "BARBARA" having arrived Brisbane.

YP.233 arrived Brisbane 0114K/8 from Townsville.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle 1209K/8 for Port Stephens.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "OTUS" departed Sydney 1401K/8 for Brisbane.

"BENDIGO" departed Sydney 0315K/8 to rendezvous C.O.107 off Newcastle.

"MILDURA" ) escorting G.P.58 including L.S.T. 473 departed  
"MORESBY" ) Sydney 0941K/8.  
"YANDRA" )  
"TOWNSVILLE" )

M.L.818 and 819 to rendezvous G.P.5 in position 31°30'S. 153°40'E  
at 1200K/9 augment escort until daylight/10 then return  
Coff's Harbour.

"BURRABRA" departed Sydney 1009K/8 for Jervis Bay.

"INNISFAIL" departed Port Kembla 1001K/8 arrived Sydney 1329K/8.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" returned Melbourne 1345K/8 from escorting C.O.108

"GOLDSTAR" arrived Port Melbourne 1935K/8 from Bunbury.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" departed Fremantle 1630K/6 for Melbourne E.T.A.  
0600K/15 to join convoy to Sydney.

"HERON" departed Exmouth Gulf 0900K/8 for Fremantle, E.T.A. A.M/11.

"LATROBE" escorting "KURUMBA" departed Darwin 0834K/8 for Thursday  
Island E.T.A. 1330K/11.

"HEMSKERCK" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Hobart 0930K/8  
from Fremantle; departed 1615K/8 for Wellington.

L.S.T. AGROUND:

0959K/8 "GYMPIE" (with "COLAC" escorting N.T.23)  
reported one L.S.T. had broken tow and was drifting on to Arlington  
Reef (12 miles N.E. of Fitzroy Island).

"GYMPIE" was endeavouring to pass tow.

1831K/8 "GYMPIE" reported that L.S.T. 482  
was aground and efforts to refloat had failed. On account of the  
closeness of the reef it was intended to await daylight before making  
a further attempt.

AIR RAIDS:

"DOBADURA" - Red warning, All clear 1341K/8.

GOODENOUGH ISLAND - Yellow 1354K/8 All clear.

GURNEY - Yellow 1001K/8, All clear 1016K/8.

"NIZAM" to refit in Australia.

"NIZAM" is to leave Eastern Fleet at end of  
July for refit in Australia. "NIZAM" will bring longest away  
R.A.N. ratings from "NAPIER", "NORMAN" and "QUICKMATCH".

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 8th July, 1943.

"STUART" departed Sydney at 0812K/7 escorting H.T. "KATOOMBA" to Lady Elliot Island then to proceed Brisbane.

"TJERK HIDDES" arrived Port Melbourne at 1010K/7 from Sydney - E.T.D. A.M./9 upon completion repairs to fuel tank.

"VENDETTA" returned Brisbane at 0331K/7 from escort duties. E.T.D. 1445K/8 to rendezvous with "MONTEREY" in position 27°10'S. 162°15'S at 0930K/10 and escort to Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" arrived Sydney at 1730K/6.

"GLADSTONE" ) departed Gladstone at 2110K/6 escorting L.Q.1. (10  
"LITHGOW" ) ships) M.L.429 joins en route E.T.A. Brisbane 0910K/8.  
S.C. 648 )

"GEELONG" ) departed Gladstone at 1638K/7 escorting Q.L.1 "A" (2  
"COULBURN" ) ships).

"YANDRA" ) arrived Sydney at 2309K/6 escorting Sydney Section O.C. 10  
M.L.430 )

"BALLARAT" arrived Sydney at 1148K having completed escort duties with O.C. 105.

"TOWNSVILLE" escorting "BUNGAREE" (en route to Auckland) departed Sydney at 1713K/6. "TOWNSVILLE" detached at daylight/7 and returns to Sydney 1542K/7.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting P.C. 57 arrived Sydney at 1828K/6.  
"MILDURA" )  
"AGLENELU" )

"MILDURA" ) detailed to escort G.P.58 clearing Sydney Heads at  
"MORNSBY" ) 0800K/8.  
"YANDRA" )  
"TOWNSVILLE" )

"BUNDABERG" is to rendezvous "CHARON" in vicinity Lady Elliot Is. at 0800K/8 and escort to Sydney E.T.A. 1100K/10.

"PIRIE" ) escorting T.N.112 "A" (5 ships) arrived Port Moresby  
"WAGGA" ) at 1430K/7.

"INVERELL" escorting "DARVEL", "KOOLIGA" and "TIME" departed Darwin at 0359K/7 for Thursday Island E.T.A. 2000K/10.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Thursday Island at 1254K/6 from Townsville.

"WILCANNIA" escorting "YARRA", "ALAGNA", and "TAMBAR" arrived Darwin from Thursday Island at 1910K/7.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSSEN" departed Port Phillip at 1419K/7 escorting O.C. 106.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" E.T.D. Sydney A.M./9 - E.T.A. Woody Island. Great Sandy Strait P.M./12 to proceed Townsville, arriving about 19/7 then to Milne Bay.

S.C. 745 escorting L.S.T.466 arrived Cairns at 2115K/7.

P.C. 1119 escorting A. JUDSON and REIJNOT arrived Townsville at 0700K/7.

L.S.T. 473 E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/8 for Brisbane to join convoy G.P.58.

M.L.806 launched at Green Point, Sydney, 6th July.

YMS.9 departed Thursday Island at 1152K/7.

L.S.T. 360 and L.S.T. 358 E.T.D. Sydney 0400K/8 for Port Stephens - to take shelter at Newcastle during night if unable to arrive at destination on day of departure.

"ORAMA" (proceeding independently Newcastle to Burnie) Passed message to Wilson's Promontory at 1710K/7. Have picked up 5 airmen survivors from escorting aircraft.

ENEMY DESTROYER - passed Cape Orford - northbound at 1015K/7 - also southbound. Submarine passed at 1825K/7 and submarine sighted by aircraft in vicinity at 2221K/7.

DARWIN AIR RAID 6/7.

27 bombers 21 fighters attacked in Darwin area - 26 spitfires intercepted destroying 5 bombers, 2 fighters. Probably destroyed for the 4 bombers - Our losses 7 spitfires.

FLOATING MINE - reported at 1300K/7 in position 132° 9 miles from Double Island Pt. (off Great Sandy Strait). Air search arranged for A.M/8.

Report of attack on "American Manufacturer". At 1415K/7 by enemy submarine in position 108° 29' E. 27° 29' S. has now been cancelled. Aircraft received report from "AMERICAN MANUFACTURER" that mistake was due to disturbance in water 2 miles distant Graded D.4.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

T 000K/Wednesday, 7th July, 1943.

"STUART" escorting "MOUNT VERNON" arrived Sydney at 1315K/6.  
"STUART" to rendezvous with "H.T. KATOOMBA" off Sydney  
Heads at 0700K/7 and escort to vicinity Lady Elliot Island.

"TJERK HIDDERS" E.T.A. Melbourne 1000K/7 from Sydney - Requests crack  
in 90 ton fuel tank be examined immediately on arrival.

"VENDETTA" departed Brisbane at 2014K/5 escorting "NORTHFIELD" to  
Lady Elliot Island thence returning Brisbane.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" E.T.D. Sydney A.M/8 escorting "OTUS" to Brisbane.

"PIRIE" ) E.T.D. Pt. Moresby A.M/8 escorting N.T. 24A - 3 ships.  
"WAGGA" )

"GEELONG" ) E.T.D. Caloundra 1800K/7 escorting Q.L.1A. Escorts  
"GOULEURN" ) will detach in vicinity Lady Elliot Island and return  
to Brisbane.

"GLADSTONE" ) detailed to escort L.Q.1 (7 ships) departing Gladstone  
"LITHGOW" ) 2200K/6. S.C. 648 and M.L.429 join as additional  
S.C.648 ) escort in vicinity Lady Elliot Island.  
M.L.429 )

"FREMANTLE" will depart Brisbane (on completion exercises with U.S.  
Submarine off Cape Moreton) so as to rendezvous with "NORAB"  
"VAQUERO" and "BARBARA C" in position 27°12'S, 156°00'E at  
0900K/8 and escort to Brisbane.

"MORESBY" ) are to escort Newcastle section O.C. 105 to Newcastle.  
"BALLARAT" ) "BALLARAT" remains Newcastle to escort C.O.107 to Sydney  
rendezvous A.M/8. "MORESBY" is to return to Sydney.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) detailed as escorts for C.O.107. "BENDIGO" departs  
"BALLARAT" ) Sydney to rendezvous with "BALLARAT" and Newcastle  
"BENDIGO" ) section off Nobby's Head at 0930K/8. "ROCKHAMPTON"  
"GLENELG" ) and "GLENELG" are to clear Sydney Heads with Sydney  
section at 1300K/8. After rendezvous is made  
"BALLARAT" returns to Sydney.

"DELOIRINE" arrived Townsville at 0615K/6 from Sydney.

"INVERELL" escorting "KURUMBA" arrived Darwin at 1515K/6 from Thursday  
Island.

"TOWNSVILLE" E.T.D. Sydney P.M/6 escorting "BUNGAREE" (en route to  
Auckland) until daylight/7 then to return Sydney.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 2201K/6 to assume A/S  
duties with O.C. 106 (9 ships) "ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" and  
convoy are to anchor off Portsea until further sightings  
of C.O.106 (at least 10 hours astern) have been received, so  
that convoys will pass at daylight.

"SHEPPARTON" E.T.A. Townsville 10/7 from Fall River.

"GREENLING" (U.S. Submarine) arrived Brisbane A.M/8.

"INNISFAIL" (CABLE REPAIR SHIP) arrived Pt. Kembla at 1405K/6 from  
Sydney

"BINGERA" arrived Melbourne at 1617K/5.

S.C. 748 departed Port Moresby at 1200K/6 escorting "THOS. CORWIN"  
to Milne Bay. S.C. 748 returns to Port Moresby from China  
Strait.

YMS. 49 departed Thursday Island at 0811K/6 - E.T.A. Townsville 1800K/9.

YP. 291 departed Fall River at 1027K/6 for Townsville.

YT. 156 and 199 (Tugs) arrived Mackay at 1720K/6.

YMS. 10, 47 and 48 towing Floating Dock arrived Thursday Island at 1537K/6 from Cairns.

AIRCRAFT A/s SEARCH:

From 1600K/6 to 0900K/7 Catalina will search area from 100 miles north Newcastle to Sandy Cape - 60 miles to seawards.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

DARWIN AREA - Warning 1222K/6 - All Clear 1250K/6. No further details.

ENEMY DESTROYER - sighted passing Cape Orford proceeding south at 1740K/6.

AIR SEARCH to commence dawn/7 to locate barges adrift from tug "JAMES PATTERSON" in vicinity Gabo.

SUBMARINE D/F FIXES -

<u>Time</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Classification.</u>
0216K/6	09°09'S. 155°00'E (160 miles S.E. Woodlark Is.)	A - within 50 miles.
1922K/6	08°30'S. 154°30'E (100 miles E. of Woodlark Is.)	V - " 250 miles.

FOUR SURVIVORS FROM SAN ERNESTO (8078 tons gross en route Sydney to Bahrein) landed at Fremantle by ALCOA POINTIER.

SAN ERNESTO sunk in position 09°18'S. 80°20'E 450 miles E. of Diego Garcia at 0349K/17 June.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Tuesday, 6th July, 1945.

YP.291 arrived KANAKOPE 1622K/4 from Townsville.

"BOWEN" departed Fall River 0838K/5 escorting "PATRAS" and "NANCY HANKS" to Beli Beli and then "PATRAS" to Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1200K/7.

H.D.M.L. 1161 with U.S. Launch J.549 departed Port Moresby 0836K/5 - E.T.A. Oro Bay P.M/7.

"GYMPIE" ) escorting N.T.23 departed Port Moresby 1400K/5.  
"COLAC" )

"BENALLA" arrived Cairns 1045K/5 from Milne Bay area.

"SWAN" departed Cairns 1342K/5 to rendezvous T.N. 113 off Fitzroy Island 1400K/5 and escort to Fall River - E.T.A. 1300K/7.

"PIRIE" ) departed Cairns 0415K/5 to rendezvous T.N. 112, "PIRIE"  
"KATOOMBA" ) and "WAGGA" E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/7 with portion "A",  
"BUNBURY" ) "KATOOMBA" and "BUNBURY" - E.T.A. Fall River 1800K/7  
"WAGGA" ) with portion "B".

"HENLEY" ) escorting L.S.T. 13 arrived Townsville 1756K/5.  
"EAGLEY" )

"VENDETTA" E.T.D. Caloundra 1930K/5 escorting "NORTHFIELD" to Lady Elliot Island, thence returning Brisbane.

"FREMANTLE" escorting "ANHUI" arrived Brisbane 0745K/5 from Gladstone.

"TJERK HIDDES" departed Sydney 1738K/5 for Melbourne.

"BUNDABERG" escorting "MERCUR" to Lady Elliot Island, departed Sydney 0806K/5.

M.L.431 detailed to rendezvous C.O.106 ordered by N.O.I.C. Sydney at 2139K/4 to remain in Twofold Bay and effect repairs.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Williamstown 1205K/5 for Sydney - E.T.A. 1730K/6.

"KYBRA" departed Port Melbourne 1401K/5, E.T.A. Westernport 0700K/6, E.T.D. Westernport 1500K/6 for Wilson's Prom. area thence E.T.A. Devonport A.M/10.

"ABRAHAM CRIJSEN" arrived Port Melbourne 1914K/4 from escorting C.O.105.

U.S.S. "CHANTICLEER" arrived Exmouth Gulf 0605K/4 from Fremantle.

#### AIR ATTACK ON CONVOY.

At 1149K/5 in position 11°28'S. 134°7'E (about 115 miles 256° from Cape Wessel) two float planes made an unsuccessful attack on "WILCANWIA" escorting 3 ships from Thursday Island to Darwin.

#### SUBMARINE D/F FIXES.

2034K/5 - within 50 miles of 18°30'S. 157°E (position is about 620 miles E. of Townsville).  
2218K/5 - within 100 miles of 18°S, 155°30'E.

Comment: possibly same unit as at 2034K/5; and the same unit as reported within 100 miles of 20°15'6"E at 1800K/4.

1810K/5 - 0220K/6 a series of fixes in the Solomons Sea.

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Monday 5th July, 1945.

"BARNES" (Aux. A/C Carrier) departed San Francisco 0300K/2 for Brisbane.

"BENALLA" passed North Foreland, Milne Bay 1255K/3 bound Cairns.

P.C. 1119 escorting F.T. 3 departed Fall River 1252K/4, E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/7.

"BOWEN" escorting E.R. SILL arrived Fall River 1819K/3 from Port Moresby.

"GYMPIE" ) escorting T.N. 111 arrived Port Moresby 1125K/4.  
"COLAC" )  
S.C. 748 )

"GYMPIE" ) escorting N.T. 23 E.T.D. Port Moresby 1700K/5.  
"COLAC" )

"SWAN" is to rendezvous T.N. 113 off Fitzroy Island at 1400K/5 and escort to Fall River 1300K/7.

S.C. 746 escorting L.C.T. 176 arrived Cairns 1137K/4 from Townsville.

"WAGGA" arrived Cairns 1149K/4 from escorting "DUNTROON" from Port Moresby.

"MUGFORD" ) escorting L.S.T's 436, 465, 472, 457, 458 and 459 arrived  
"HELM" ) Townsville 0700K/4.  
S.C. 738 )

"COOTAMUNDRA" departed Townsville 2346K/3 for Flinders Group E.T.A. 0930K/4 and Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1000K/6.

YMS72 arrived Townsville 0820K/4 from Brisbane.

YP. 238 arrived Townsville 0455K/4 from Fall River departed 1648K/4 for Brisbane - E.T.A. 1900K/8.

YMS. 72 - escorting T.N. 112 departed Townsville 1450K/4.

"PIRIE" ) are to rendezvous off Fitzroy Island at 0600K/5, "PIRIE"  
"KATOOMBA" ) and "WAGGA" with portion "A", E.T.A. Port Moresby 1800K/  
"BUNBURY" ) 7, remainder with portion "B" - E.T.A. Fall River  
"WAGGA" ) 1800K/7.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting G.P. 57 arrived Brisbane 2356K/3.  
"MILDURA" )  
"CLENELG" )  
ML. 428 )

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting G.P. 57 ~~arrived Brisbane 2356K/3~~ departed  
"MILDURA" ) Caloundra 1131K/4, E.T.A. Sydney 2100K/6.  
"CLENELG" )

U.S. TUG "COUCAL" towing salvaged lighter, returned Brisbane 1851K/3.

M.L. 818 ) are to rendezvous P.G. 57 about 29°37'S. 153°57'E at 1000K/  
M.L. 819 ) 5, augment escort until daylight/6, then return Coff's  
Harbour.

"GLADSTONE" ) escorting Q.L.1. departed Caloundra 1600K/4.  
"LITHGOW" )  
S.C. 648 )  
M.L. 429 )

"TOWNSVILLE" returned Sydney 0759K/4 from escorting "SUMNER".

"KALGOORLIE" ) departed Sydney 0136K/4, escorting C.O.106 departed  
"ECHUCA" ) Newcastle 0918K/4.

"WARRNAMBOOL" escorting C.O.106 departed Sydney 1345K/4.

M.L. 451 is to rendezvous C.O.106 in position  $36^{\circ}18'S$ ,  $150^{\circ}23'E$  at 1200K/5, augment escort until daylight/6, then return Twofold Bay.

M.L. 430 is to rendezvous O.C. 105 in position  $36^{\circ}15'S$ ,  $150^{\circ}38'E$ . at 0600K/6 and augment escort to Sydney.

"ABRAHAM WRIJNSSEN" escorting O.C. 105 departed Port Phillip 0155K/4; escorting C.O.105, returned 1630K/4.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" departed Williamstown 0710K/4 for full speed trials in Bass Strait, returned Port Phillip 2047K/4; E.T.D. Williamstown 1200K/5 for Sydney.

U.S.S. "TRINITY" arrived Fremantle 0943K/4.

"LATROBE" escorting T.D. 25 arrived Darwin 1409K/4.

D/F FIXES:

There were five D/F fixes in the Solomons Area from 1833K/4 to 0152K/5 and one at 1800K/4 within 100 miles of  $20^{\circ}S$ ,  $156^{\circ}E$  (about 345 miles  $030^{\circ}$  from Sandy Cape).

H.D.M.L. 803 commissioned at Sydney 1600K/3.

ENEMY AIR ATTACK ON CONVOY.

N.O.I.C. Darwin reported a second attack on "LATROBE" convoy 1630K/2 by 2 aircraft 140 miles W.S.W. of Cape Wessel. Two bombs dropped no damage. One aircraft shot down by escorting Hudson. Third attack at 1045K/3 by 3 zeros in 60 miles N.E. of Melville Island. Minor damage to bridge of "TIME" which was one of the three ships being escorted by "LATROBE".

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Sunday, 4th July, 1943.

"HEEMSKERCK" departed Fremantle at 1015K/3 escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" to Hobart E.T.A. 0600K/8. "VAN GALEN" acts as local A/S escort till 2030K/3, then return Fremantle.

"STUART" departed Caloundra 1145K/3 escorting NASSAU (en route to Noumea) to vicinity 159° east. "STUART" detaches so as to R.V. with "MOUNT VERNON" in position 30°35'S. 158°52'E. at 1001K/5 and escorts to Sydney.

"VENDETTA" escorting "PENNANT" arrived Brisbane at 1541K/3.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) E.T.D. Caloundra 1200K/4 escorting P.G. 57 (6 ships)  
"MILDURA" )  
"GLENEELG" )

"BUNDABERG" ) arrived Sydney at 0648K/2 having completed escort  
"KALGOORLIE" ) duties with Newcastle section G.C. 104.

"BUNDABERG" is to depart Sydney so as to R.V. with "MERKUR" off Sydney Heads at 0800K/5 and escort to Lady Elliot Is. "BUNDABERG" is to return to Sydney.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" departed Port Melbourne at 1301K/3 to assume A/S protection of ships in convoy O.C.105 (12 ships) departing Gellibrand Light at 2200K/3.

"BENALLA" E.T.D. Fall River 0900K/3 E.T.A. Cairns 1100K/5 for boiler cleaning.

"PIRIE" ) detailed to escort T.N. 112 departing Townsville  
"BUNBURY" ) 1400K/4 "PIRIE" escorts section "A" (3 ships) to Port  
"KATOOMBA" ) Moresby. E.T.A. 1800K/7 "BUNBURY" and "KATOOMBA"  
escort section "B" (5 ships) to Fall River -  
E.T.A. 1800K/7 Convoy splits into sections when  
in position 11°18'S. 148°48'E at 0001K/7.

"INVERELL" departed Thursday Island at 1011K/3 escorting "KURUMBA" to Darwin.

"WILCANNIA" departed Thursday Island at 1815K/2 escorting T.D. 26 (3 ships) to Darwin.

"COOTAMUNDRA" arrived Townsville at 1500K/3 from Brisbane.

"ROCKHAMPTON" (U.S. M.T. ) departed Port Melbourne at 0951K/3 E.T.A. Wellington 1001K/9.

"TULSA" arrived Milne Bay at 1312K/2.

"LAURABADA" ) arrived Milne Bay at 1912K/2 from Port Moresby  
HDML1074 )

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Sydney at 0054K/3 from Port Kebla.

"BINGERA" departed F.N.D. at 0712K/3 for Port Phillip for exercises.

"ALLENWOOD" departed Williamstown at 1442K/3 for S.C.F. 18.

YP.236 arrived Brisbane at 0324K/3 from Cairns.

S.C. 698 with L.C.T's 73, 224 and A.P.Cs. 2, 4 and 17 arrived Cairns at 1215K/3 for Townsville.

S.C. 742 with L.C.T. 226 arrived Cairns at 1627K/3 for Townsville.

S.C. 698 ) E.T.D. Cairns 0500K/5 with YMS 70 1 LC. and 2 A.P.C's  
S.C. 742 ) for Milne Bay.



S.C. 746 departed Townsville at 1539K/3 escorting L.C.T. 176 to Cairns - E.T.A. 1400K/4.

P.C. 1119 detailed to escort convoy F.T. 3 (2 ships) E.T.A. Townsville 0600K/7.

Y.P. 416 U.S.A.T.'s NORAB, VAGUERO and "BARBARA "C" with POLYNESIAN E.T.D. Noumea 1500K/3 Y.P. 416 return to Noumea from 159° E. - convoy then proceeds to Brisbane (ships to be transferred to U.S. Small Ships Branch) except "POLYNESIAN" for Sydney detaching at 156°E.

D/F FIXES:

Submarine D/F fixes were obtained at 2 enemy submarines in the Solomon Sea Area P.M/3 and A.M/4.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN by Hudson covering LATROBE and convoy T.D. 25. North of Millingimbi.

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0900K/Saturday, 3rd July, 1943.

"STUART" escorting "NORFOLD" (en route to Townsville then Milne Bay) departed Brisbane at 2356K/1. "STUART" parted company at Lady Elliot Island and returns Brisbane - E.T.A. A.M/3 to rendezvous with "MOUNT VERNON" at 1400K/5 and escort to Sydney. "STUART" is then to escort "KATOOMBA" to Lady Elliot Island.

"VENDETTA" is to escort PENNANT from rendezvous to Lady Elliot Island - then return independently to Brisbane.

"GYMPIE" departed Cairns at 1106K/2 to rendezvous with TN111 escorted by "COLAC" off Fitzroy Island - E.T.A. Port Moresby 1000K/4. S.C.F. 748 departed Cairns at 1031K/2 to rendezvous with and join escort T.N. 111 to Port Moresby.

"COLAC" } E.T.D. Port Moresby P.M/5 escorting N.T. 23 "A" (5 ships).  
 "GYMPIE" }

"PREMANTLE" escorting B.V. 73 ordered by N.O.I.C. Brisbane at 1810K/2 to proceed forthwith to Gladstone and escort "ANHUI" to Brisbane. E.T.D. Gladstone 1000K/3.

"BUNDABERG" } having completed escort duties with O.C. 104  
 "KALGOORLIE" } (Newcastle section) departed Newcastle at 0300K/2 for Sydney.

"WARRNAMBOOL" } detailed to escort C.O.106. "ECHUCA" and "KALGOORLIE"  
 "ECHUCA" } are to rendezvous with Newcastle section at 0800K/4.  
 "KALGOORLIE" } "WARRNAMBOOL" is to clear Sydney Heads 1400K/4 with Sydney Section.

"TOWNSVILLE" escorting Sydney Section O.C. 104 arrived Sydney at 1932K/1  
 "TOWNSVILLE" is to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine Tender "SUMNER" (en route to Espiritu Santo) off Sydney Heads at 1100K/2 and escort as far as possible so as to return Sydney by 1000K/4.

"CASTLEMAINE" } escorting "CHARLES P. STEINMETZ" arrived Thursday Is. at  
 "INVERELL" } 1039K/2 escorting "KURUMBA" - E.T.D. Thursday Island 100K/3. E.T.A. Erwin 1500K/6.

"WILCANNIA" E.T.D. Thursday Island 1800K/2 escorting "ALAGNA" "YARRA" and "TAMBAR" E.T.A. Darwin 1600K/7.

"GOULBURN" } escorting V.B. 45 arrived Brisbane at 0423K/2.  
 "LITHGOW" }  
 M.L. 429 }  
 S.C. 648 }

"GLADSTONE" } E.T.D. Caloundra 1600K/4 escorting Q.L.1 (5 ships) to  
 "LITHGOW" } Gladstone.  
 M.L. 429 }  
 S.C. 648 }

"BOWEN" departed Port Moresby at 1500K/2, escorting "EDWARD BOLAND" "SILL" E.T.A. Milne Bay 1800K/3.

"WAGGA" escorting "DUNTRON" departed Port Moresby at 1830K/2. E.T.A. Cairns 1030K/4.

"BENALLA" arrived Fall River at 1417K/2 from survey area.

"ORARA" returned Melbourne from S.C. F.18 at 0029K/2.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Port Kembla at 1220K/2 from Sydney.

"ATREUS" departed Fremantle at 1800K/1 for Sydney.

S.C. 698 } departed Townsville at 1605K/2 escorting L.C.T's 73,  
S.C. 742 } 224, 226 also 3(?) A.P.Cs. for Cairns E.T.A. 1000K/3.

S.C. 745 departed Caloundra 1303K/2 escorting L.S.T's 466, 467 and 470  
to Townsville.

Y.P. 291 departed Townsville at 1746K/1 for Fall River - E.T.A.  
159K/4.

P.C. 1121 escorting W.E. CHANNING departed Milne Bay at 1318K/2 E.T.A.  
Hervey Bay 1100K/3.

"GOO MBEE" } are carrying out searching sweep in approaches to  
"SEL BENBOW" } Port Stephens anchoring overnight in Nelson Bay.  
"S" } On completion to return Newcastle. Similar sweep  
will be carried out weekly, when circumstances permit.

"GERARD" (Examination Service Vessel) departed Port Kembla at 1407K/2  
for Sydney.

A/C Attack on "LATROBE"

At 1050K/2 one unidentified aircraft attacked "LATROBE"  
escorting T.D. 25 (3 ships) in position 90 miles West of Cape Wessel.  
Two bombs dropped - no damage.

ENEMY AIR RAID:

AUGUSTA - Warning 2/7 All clear 1739K/2.

GOODENOUGH IS. Warning 2331K/2.

M.Ls. to search for missing aircraft.

At 2015K/2 White light which the R.A.A.F. considered  
might possibly be distress signal from crew of missing Beaufort  
aircraft was seen in position 080° 6 miles from Moruya. 2 M.L's  
from Jervis Bay and aircraft will search area from dawn 3rd July.  
M/V NGATORO in that vicinity was ordered to keep a sharp lookout  
and if seen render assistance.

DOG FOX FIXES:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>
SUBMARINE	2153K/2	10°00'S. 155°30'E (280 miles E. Milne Bay)	N - within 100 miles.
UNIDENTIFIED	2202K/2	06°00'S. 152°00'E (Vicinity Cape Orford)	V - within 250 miles.

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MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

0900K/Friday, 2nd July, 1943.

"SHEPPARTON" departed Fall River 1624K/30 for survey ground.

"BOWEN" escorting T.N. 110B arrived Fall River 1034K/1.

M.L. 817 escorting "W.M. MBRREDITH" departed Fall River 1258K/1 for Oro Bay - E.T.A. 1100K/2.

"WAGGA" escorting T.N. 110A arrived Port Moresby 0755K/1.

"STELLA" passed Thursday Island 1445K/30 bound Cairns from Port Moresby.

Y.P. 291 arrived Townsville 0910K/1 from Brisbane.

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 21B arrived Townsville 0656K/1.

S.C. 698 ) with 3 L.S.Ts, 3 L.C.Ts and 3 A.P.Cs arrived Townsville  
S.C. 742 ) 1510K/30 from Brisbane.

S.C. 748 departed Townsville 1702K/1 for Cairns E.T.A. 0700K/2.

"GAMPIE" escorting "CANBERRA" and "TAROONA" is to rendezvous T.N.111 escorted by "COLAC" and S.C. 748 off Fitzroy Island at 1100K/2 and join escort to Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1000K/4.

"VENDETTA" departed Caloundra 0715K/1 to rendezvous PENNANT and escort to Brisbane.

"STUART" escorting NASSAU arrived Brisbane 0830K/1.

"COOTAMUNDRA" ) escorting B.V. 73 departed Caloundra 0545K/1,  
"FREMANTLE" ) "FREMANTLE" to part company at Bustard Head and return Brisbane, "COOTAMUNDRA" to part company as necessary to arrive Thursday Island 5/6.

"GEEELONG" escorting 3 L.C.M's arrived Brisbane 1605K/1.

"PING WO" departed Newcastle 0800K/1 for Port Stephens.

"SUMNER" E.T.D. Sydney 2/7 for Espiritu Santo.

"ROCKHAMPTON" ) escorting G.P.57 including L.S.T's 464 and 468 depart-  
"MILDURA" ) ed Sydney 0750K/1, M.L. 819 to detach at Coff's  
"GLENELG" ) Harbcur.  
M.Ls. 428, 819 )

"YANDRA" ) departed Sydney 0040K/1, escorting Newcastle section  
"BALLARAT" ) C.O.105 departed Newcastle 0842K/1.

"MORESBY" escorting Sydney section C.O.105 departed Sydney 1405K/1.

M.L. 801 arrived Sydney 0951K/30 from Jervis Bay.

"DELORRAINE" departed Sydney 1507K/1 escorting "VICTORIA" to Curtis Channel, "VICTORIA" thence to Flinders Group independently, "DELORRAINE" to Townsville - E.T.A. 1500K/6.

"TJERK HIDDIES" escorting "OTUS" arrived Sydney 1401K/1 from Fremantle.

"LE TRIOMPHANT" escorting "ROCHAMBEAU" arrived Pt. Melbourne 1443K/1.

"TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" arrived Fremantle 1345K/1.

"CHANTICLEER" departed Fremantle 0923K/1 for Exmouth Gulf.

D/F FIXES Six D/F fixes were obtained in the Solomons area from 1634K/30 to 0237K/1.

AIR RAID WARNINGS - Cairns, Red Warning 1315K/1 All clear 1337K/1. 1.  
IRON RANGE (About 50 miles S. of Cape Grenville) Yellow Warning 1101K/1

MOST SECRET.

DAILY NARRATIVE.

To 0900K/Thursday, 1st July, 1948.

YP.233 departed Fall River 1204K/30 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0100K/5.

"BOWEN" E.T.A. Fall River 1100K/1 with T.N. 110E is to proceed Port Moresby to escort E.R. SILL to Fall River.

"BENALLA" returned Fall River 1430K/28 from survey ground; departed Fall River 1831K/29.

"SHEPPARTON" returned Fall River 1751K/29 from survey ground.

"WAGGA" escorting N.T. 22 E.T.D. Port Moresby 2/7.

"SOEDOE" arrived Merauke 1815K/29 from Thursday Island and Cairns.

"LATROBE" escorting T.D.25 (3 ships) departed Thursday Island 1145K/30.

"SWAN" arrived Cairns 1243K/30.

YMS.10, 47 and 48 towing dock departed Cairns 0731K/30 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1600K/4.

"GILMER" } departed Townsville 1016K/29.  
"SANDS" }

"KAPUNDA" escorting N.T. 21B E.T.A. Townsville 1000K/1.

"TULSA" departed Townsville 1700K/29 for Fall River - E.T.A. 1200K/2.

"YUNNAN" departed Townsville 0620K/30 with mails and stores for T.F.74.

"KURUMBA" departed Townsville 1930K/29 for Thursday Island - E.T.A. 1300K/2, thence Darwin.

M.L. 429 } escorting "ULOOLOO" (bound Bowen) departed Caloundra 0647K/  
S.C. 648 } 30.

"STUART" escorting "NORFOLD" (for Townsville) to Lady Elliot Island. E.T.D. Caloundra 2100K/1.

S.C. 745 escorting L.S.T.'s 466, 467 and 470 E.T.D. Caloundra 1130K/2 for Townsville.

YMS.72 departed Brisbane 1815K/39 for Townsville - E.T.A. 0800K/4 for onward routing to Fall River.

M.L. 428 E.T.D. Sydney 0800K/1 as additional, escort for G.P.57.

L.S.T. 464, 468 are to proceed from Sydney to Brisbane in G.P.57.

M.L. 818 is to rendezvous G.P.57 at 1200K/2 in position 31°28'S. 153°41'E. (about 55 miles E. of Sugarloaf Point) and escort until daylight/3 when M.L.'s 818 and 819 are to return Coff's Harbour.

"BUNDABERG" } are to escort Newcastle section of O.C. 104 to Newcastle  
"KALGOORLIE" } and return Sydney.

M.L. 430 } are to rendezvous C.O.105 9 miles E. of Montague Island at  
M.L. 431 } 1100K/2, escort until daylight/3 then return to Twofold Bay.

"BIRCHGROVE PARK" arrived Sydney 1625K/29 from Brisbane and Port Stephen

ML.802 arrived Jervis Bay 1730K/29 from Sydney.

"ABRAHAM CRIJNSSEN" returned Port Melbourne 1727K/30 from escorting C.O.104.

"GOLD STAR" departed Bunbury 0900K/29 for Melbourne - .T.A. 2000K/7.

"CHANTICLEER" arrived Fremantle 1938K/29 from Exmouth Gulf.

DANIEL BOONE'S QQQQ CANCELLED.

0118K/1 - "DANIEL BOONE" signalled "QQ Q 1510Z/30.  
Position 30°16'S 110°20'E Suspicious.

0125K/1 - "DANIEL BOONE" cancelled the QQQQ message, and a second time 1 hour later as required by Mersigs (Vol. III, Art. 366). The position of the report is 295 miles 290° from Fremantle. "DANIEL BOONE" departed Fremantle 1118K/29 for Persian Gulf. N.O.I.C. Fremantle advised "TROMP" escorting "NIEUW AMSTERDAM" of QQQQ and cancellation.

AIR RAIDS.

MILLINGIMBI - Red warning 1242K/30. All clear 1330K/30.

DARWIN - Raid No. 57 Fenton Aerodrome was raided at 1315K/30 by 57 medium bombers escorted by 18 fighters.

FALL RIVER - Warning 2214K/30. All Clear 2225K/30.

D/F FIXES.

Nine D/F fixes were obtained from 1634K/30. to 0237K/1 in the general area of the Solomons Sea.

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