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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

10th January, 1946.

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The following Report of Proceedings for the month of December, 1945, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On passage to Tarakan. Arrived Tarakan at 1027 on 9th December and secured alongside. Embarked A.I.F. 38 Officers 947 Other Ranks; R.A.A.F. 5 Officers 412 Other Ranks. Loaded 400 tons cargo and 29 bags Army mail.

3. Departed Tarakan 1444 on 10th December on passage to Morotai. Arrived Morotai 0904 on 12th December and anchored. At 1605 weighed anchor and proceeded to secure alongside Navy Dock. Disembarked personnel and unloaded cargo. Embarked R.A.N. Officers 2, 10 Ratings; A.I.F. 18 Officers, 1295 Other Ranks. Loaded 660 tons cargo and 1063 bags Army and R.A.A.F. mail.

4. Slipped from wharf at Morotai and proceeded at 1737 on 13th December, on passage to Madang. Arrived Madang 0705 on 17th December and anchored. Embarked R.A.N. 10 Officers, 46 Ratings; A.I.F. 2 Officers, 4 Other Ranks; R.A.A.F. 4 Officers, 1 Other Rank. Total number of personnel embarked for Sydney R.A.N. 12 Officers, 56 Ratings; A.I.F. 45 Officers, 1441 Other Ranks; R.A.A.F. 9 Officers, 413 Other Ranks. Total cargo loaded for Sydney discharge 1060 tons and 1113 bags mail.

5. Departed Madang at 1327 on 17th December on pa ssage to Sydney. Arrived Sydney 0816 on 23rd December and secured alongside No. 11 Wharf, Woolloomooloo. Discharged all embarked personnel and unloaded cargo.

6. At 0824 on 29th December slipped from No. 11 Wharf Woolloomooloo and proceeded to s ecure at No. 1 Wharf Circular Quay.

DISEMBARKATION OF ARMY PERSONNEL EX TARAKAN AT MOROTAI.

While on passage from Tarakan to Morotai instructions were received from Landops to disembark at Morotai Army personnel with less than 150 points. These personnel totalled 4 Officers and 775 Other Ranks. On arrival at Morotai the 775 Other Ranks refused to accept the instructions of the Army Officers on board and remained below on the Troop Decks. It was later made clear to them that they were to give up their places on board for personnel embarking at Morotai with a greater number of points and longer tropical Service. They were then disembarked in an orderly fashion and no delay in the time of sailing was caused.

HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

Report of Senior Medical Officer.

COMPLAINT	No. of Cases	No. days sick	Disposal
Common Cold	1	3	Duty
Myositis	1	3	Duty
Ddenitis	1	3	Duty

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COMPLAINT	No. of Cases	Days Sick	Disposal
Cellulitis	2	8	Duty (2)
Injury (off duty)	1	3	Duty
Furunculosis	1	2	Duty
Bursitis	1	2	Duty
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LEAVE, CONDUCT AND WELFARE.

Short leave was granted to the Ship's Company in Sydney. The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory. In the evenings both at sea and in harbour movie programmes have been shown to the Ship's Company and Embarked Troops.

SCHEDULE OF SHIPS PASSED.

1st December	1832	Passed	S.S.	"Fort Briselioes"
2nd December	0115	"	H.M.S.	"Glengyle"
3rd December	0646	"	H.M.A.S.	"Bathurst"
	0730	"	H.M.A.S.	"Cairns"
4th December	0110	"	H.M.A.S.	"Warrego"
	0623	"	H.M.A.S.	"Birchgrove Park"
	1550	"	H.M.A.S.	"Moresby"
	2030	"	H.M.A.S.	"Bowen"
	2130	"	H.M.A.S.	"Platypus"
		"	H.M.A.S.	"Inverell"
15th December	2025	"	H.M.A.S.	"Weasel"
17th December	0020	"	H.M.S.	"Bootle"
18th December	0630	"	H.M.S.	"Woodcock"
21st December	0345	"	H.M.S.	"Chaser"
	1855	"	H.M.S.	"Hogue"
		"	H.M.S.	"Armada"
22nd December	0255	"	S.S.	"Hickory Stream"
	1410	"	H.M.A.S.	"Junee"

DISTANCE STEAMED.

Distance steamed for month of December, 1945:-

Distance steamed	6805.2 miles
Hours under way	464 28/60 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel	10.9 miles

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 1st June, 1943:-

Total distance steamed	83570.7 miles
Total hours under way	6723 28/60 hours
Average speed	12.43 knots

S.H. Crawford

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A/Commander. R.A.N.R.(S).
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

The following Report of Proceedings for the month of November, 1945, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. At 0900n on 4th November slipped from Vacuum Wharf, Brisbane and proceeded on passage to Torokina. Arrived Torokina at 1021 on 8th November and anchored. Embarked A.I.F. 3 Officers and 67 other Ranks, 50 Native Troops, for Lae; 24 Officers and 658 other Ranks for Morotai. Loaded 199 tons cargo.

3. Departed Torokina 1621 on 10th November on passage to Lae. Arrived Lae 0830 on 12th November and secured alongside wharf. Disembarked A.I.F. personnel and native troops. Unloaded cargo. Embarked A.I.F. 40 Officers and 384 other Ranks for Morotai. Loaded 163 tons cargo.

4. At 1607 on 13th November slipped from wharf at Lae and proceeded on passage to Madang. Arrived Madang 0728 on 14th November and anchored. Embarked R.A.N. 3 Officers 90 ratings, A.I.F. 1 Officer, R.A.A.F.N.S. 3 Officers for Morotai and Brisbane discharge.

5. Weighed anchor and proceeded from Madang at 0832 on 14th November on passage to Morotai. Arrived Morotai 1840 on 17th November and secured alongside Army Wharf. Embarked personnel for Morotai disembarked and commenced discharge of cargo. Embarked for Brisbane R.A.N. 16 ratings, A.I.F. 61 Officers 992 other Ranks, R.A.A.F. 20 Officers 330 other Ranks. Loaded 108 tons cargo. Total number of personnel embarked for Brisbane R.A.N. 104 ratings, A.I.F. 61 Officers 992 other Ranks, R.A.A.F. 20 Officers 330 other Ranks, R.A.A.F. Nursing Service 3 Officers.

6. At 1600 on 20th November slipped from Army Wharf and proceeded on passage to Brisbane by standard route west of New Guinea and inside Barrier Reef. Arrived Brisbane at 0814 on 28th November and secured alongside Mercantile No. 2 Wharf. Disembarked personnel and unloaded cargo.

7. Slipped from Mercantile Wharf Brisbane at 1600 on 30th November and proceeded on passage to Tarakan

HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

Report by Senior Medical Officer.

Complaint	No. cases.	No. days sick	Disposal
Infected Tinea	2	13	1 Duty
			1 Hospital
Injury to Hand	1	5	Duty
Gonorrhoea	1	7	Duty
Malaria	1	12	Duty
Furunculosis	1	6	Duty
Synovitis of knee	1	7	Duty
Severed tendons of foot	1	6	Hospital
Carbuncle Rt. thigh	1	2	Remains

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LEAVE.

Short leave was granted to the Ship's Company in Brisbane and to recreational parties at ports visited.

CONDUCT AND WELFARE.

The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory. In the evenings both at sea and in harbour movie programmes have been shown to the Ship's Company and Embarked troops. Consequent upon the disposal of deck stowed Landing Craft, the resultant space is being used by the Ship's Company for all types of exercise and deck sport.

The following gratifying telegram has been received from a group of 392 A.I.F. long service personnel, embarked into Troop Deck No. 6, and disembarked at Brisbane on 28th November, 1945:

"Please accept gratitude of Compartment 6 for best voyage yet".

SCHEDULE OF SHIPS PASSED.

4th November	1300	Passed H.M.S. "STRIKER"
	1943	" H.M.A.S. "BARCOO"
14th November	0120	" H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE"
16th November	1415	" H.M.S. "CANVERY"
		" H.M.S. "ADVANTAGE"
		" H.M.S. "CHEERLY"
		" H.M.S. A.F.D.18
24th November	1811	" H.M.A.S. "MANOORA"
25th November	0337	" H.M.A.S. "YANDRA"
	1346	" S.S. "REYNELLA"
	1720	" H.M.S. "AIRE"
27th November	1658	" H.M.A.S. "SPRIGHTLY"

DISTANCE STEAMED.

Distance steamed for month of November, 1945.

Distance steamed	6186.4 miles
Hours under way.....	412½ hours
Average distance per ton of fuel.....	11.58 miles

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 1st June, 1943:

Total distance steamed.....	76,765.5 miles
Total hours under way.....	6,259 hours
Average speed.....	12.5 knots

S.H. Crawford

A/Commander. R.A.N.R.(S).
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Copyto: The Senior Naval Officer
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1 NOVEMBER, 1945 *Reference No.* 02094/26/191

To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE S.C.1.
(copy to S.N.O.A.L.S.)

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

The following Report of Proceedings for the month of October, 1945, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. Arrived Brisbane at 0910 on 4th October and secured alongside New-Farm Wharf. Embarked personnel disembarked and cargo unloaded. Contractors commenced repairs to main engines. Embarked R.A.N. 2 Officers 56 Ratings for Madang and Morotai discharge and A.I.F. 19 Officers 68 Other Ranks for Morotai. Loaded 295 tons cargo for Morotai discharge.

3. Departed Brisbane 0808 on 11th October on passage to Madang. Arrived Madang 0554 on 16th October and anchored. Disembarked R.A.N. 2 Officers, 11 ratings, embarked R.A.N. 6 Officers, 11 ratings.

4. Weighed anchor and proceeded from Madang at 0855 on 16th October on passage to Morotai. Arrived Morotai 1221 on 19th October and secured alongside Navy Dock. Disembarked R.A.N. and A.I.F. personnel and unloaded cargo. Embarked R.A.N., 14 Officers, 92 ratings, A.I.F. 87 Officers, 1314 Other Ranks, R.A.A.F. 2 Officers, U.S.N. 6 Enlisted men. Loaded 280 tons cargo. Total number of personnel embarked for Brisbane discharge R.A.N. 20 Officers, 96 ratings, A.I.F. 87 Officers, 1314 Other Ranks, R.A.A.F. 2 Officers, U.S.N. 6 Enlisted Men.

5. Departed Morotai 0822 on 22nd October on passage to Brisbane. Arrived Brisbane 0900K on 30th October and secured alongside No.1 Wharf, Hamilton. Discharged all embarked personnel.

Health of Ship's Company

Report by the Senior Medical Officer.

Complaint	No. of Cases	No. of days sick	Disposal
Urethritis	2	4	Moreton
Dermatitis	2	25	"
Rheumatic Fever	1	4	"
Coronary Occlusion	1	4	"
Funinculosis	1	4	"
Haemorrbraids	1	3	"
Cellulitis	3	15	2 Duty 1 Under Treatment
Broncho Sinusitis	1	-	Moreton
Fract Clavicle	1	-	"
Anxiety Neurosis	2	-	"
Varicose Veins	1	-	"
Tonsillitis	4	8	2 Moreton 2 Duty
Synovitis	1	-	Moreton
Deflectory Septim	1	-	"
Dupvytresis Contradion	1	-	"
Sprained Ankle	1	2	Duty
Common Cold	1	2	"
Gonorrhoea	1	4	"
Inguinal Adenitis	1	3	"
Dental abscess	1	3	"
Bronchitis	1	3	"

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Health of Ship's Company (Continued)

Complaint	No. of cases	No. of days sick	Disposal
Epididymitis	1	10	Under Treatment
P.U.O.	1	9	Moreton
Appendicitis	1	3	"

Leave.

Short leave was granted to the Ship's Company in Brisbane and to recreational parties in Morotai.

Conduct and Welfare

The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory. In the evenings, both at sea and in harbour, movie programmes have been shown to the Ship's Company and Embarked troops.

Schedule of Ships Passed During October, 1945.

3rd October	1716	Passed	H.M.A.S. "Yandra"
4th October	0715	"	H.M.A.S. "Reserve"
11th October	0942	"	H.S. "Wanganella"
12th October	1805	"	(H.M.S. "Speaker"
			(H.M.S. "Wrangler"
	2240	"	U.S.S. "Fairfield"
13th October	0345	"	H.M.A.S. "Swan"
	2115	"	H.M.S. "Wave Emperor"
	2145	"	H.M.S. "Pheasant"
14th October	0525	"	H.M.S. "Undine"
	0730	"	(H.M.A.S. "Bunbury"
			(H.M.A.S. "Cowra"
	1240	"	H.M.S."Manxman"
15th October	0940	"	U.S.S. "Calamares"
	2221	"	H.M.A.S. "Dubbo"
17th October	1444	"	U.S.S. "Coronet"

Distance Steamed

Distance steamed for month of October, 1945 :-

Distance Steamed	6458 miles
Hours under way	453.39/60 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel	11.9 miles

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 1st June, 1943 :-

Total distance steamed	70,579.1 miles
Total hours under way	5,846½ hours
Average speed	12.07 knots.

S.H. Crawford

Acting Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1 OCTOBER, 1945 *Reference No.* 01949/26/191

To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE S.C.1.
(Through S.N.O.A.L.S.)

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following Report of Proceedings for the month of September, 1945, is submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board.

2. 1st September, on passage to Brisbane. Arrived Brisbane and secured at 1410 on 4th September. At Brisbanee from 4th September to 6th September. Discharged 164 bags Army mail and disembarked A.I.F., 84 Officers and 1237 Other Ranks., R.A.A.F., 1 Officer. Embarked 98 R.A.N. personnel for Jacquinot Bay discharge. 3rd Australian Landing Ship Detachment discharged to shore.

3. At 0912 on 7th September, slipped and proceeded down Brisbane River on passage to Jacquinot Bay. Arrived Jacquinot Bay and anchored at 0901 on 11th September. Weighed anchor and proceeded alongside, secured at 1350. Discharged 47 ratings to H.M.A.S. "Vendetta" for passage to Madang. From 11th September to 13th September in Jacquinot Bay. Embarked A.I.F., 99 Officers, 972 Other Ranks and loaded 600 tons cargo for Rabaul discharge.

4. At 1730 on 13th September, slipped from Wharf and proceeded out of Jacquinot Bay on passage to Rabaul, Salvage Tug "Cambrian Salvor" in company 3 cables astern. Arrived Rabaul 0952 on 14th September, and anchored in Simpson Harbour. Disembarked army personnel and unloaded cargo. Discharged ratings borne for passage to H.M.A. Ships at Rabaul. Transferred 1 L.C.M. and 2 L.C.V.P.'s to N.O.I.C. Rabaul and 7 L.C.V.P.'s to H.M.A.S. "Manoora" for transport to Madang and Morotai.

5. Weighed anchor at 0711 on 17th September and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Wide Bay. Arrived and secured alongside Wharf in Wide Bay at 1339 on 17th September. Commenced loading 405 tons cargo and embarking A.I.F., 75 Officers, 1500 Other Ranks, 526 Native Troops.

6. Departed Wide Ba y 1233 on 19th September for Rabaul. Arrived Rabaul 1811 on 19th September. Disembarked Army personnel and unloaded cargo.

7. Weighed anchor at 1726 on 21st September and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Torokina. Arrived Torokina and anchored at 1002 on 22nd September. Loaded 160 tons cargo, embarked A.I.F., 67 Officers, 2070 Other Ranks for Rabaul discharge.

8. Departed Torokina 1556 on 23rd September for Rabaul. Arrived Rabaul 0845 on 24th September and anchored. Disembarked personnel and unloaded cargo. Embarked Army personnel and civilian internees for Lae.

9. Weighed anchor and departed Rabaul 1721 on 25th September. At 0723 on 26th September secured to Wharf at Jacquinot Bay. Loaded cargo and embarked personnel for Australia.

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10. At 1506 on 26th September, slipped from Wharf and proceeded on passage to Madang. Arrived Madang 1612 on 27th September. Embarked Army and Naval personnel for Australia. Transferred 3 L.C.V.P.'s to N.O.I.C. Madang for N.O.I.C. Moluccas.

11. Departed Madang 1806 on 27th September on passage to Lae. Arrived Lae and secured alongside Wharf at 1153 on 28th September. Disembarked civilian internees into custody of Red Cross Representative. Loaded cargo and embarked Army and Naval personnel for Brisbane discharge.

12. Departed Lae 0908 on 29th September for Milne Bay. Arrived Milne Bay 1028 on 30th September. Launch "Detheridge" loaded on board for transport to Brisbane. Embarked Naval personnel for Brisbane. Total number of personnel embarked for Brisbane discharge A.I.F., and R.A.A.F., 87 Officers, 1218 Other Ranks, R.N.Z.N. 2 Officers, R.A.N. 3 Officers, 113 Ratings, 1 Civilian. Departed Milne Bay 1359 on 30th September on passage to Brisbane.

Health of the Ship's Company

Report by the Senior Medical Officer.

Complaint	No. of Cases	No. of Days Sick	Disposal
Malaria	1	4	Duty
Furunculosis	1	4	Remains
Vaccinia	1	3	Duty
Common Cold	2	8	Duty
P.U.O.	1	2	Duty
Undetermined	1	11	Duty
Anxiety Neurosis	1	9	Duty
Adenitis	1	4	Duty
Infected finger	1	2	Duty
Tonsillitis	1	8	Duty
Prostatitis	1	6	Remains
Otitis Externa	1	6	Duty
Lacerated Scalp	1	2	Duty
Gastro-Enteritis	1	3	Duty
Dermatitis	2	4	1 Duty 1 Remains
Rheumatic Fever	1	3	Remains
Coronary Occlusion	1	3	Remains
Cases sent to hospital	5	0	"Moreton"
Total	24	82	

Leave

Short leave was granted to the Ship's Company and to recreational parties at the ports visited.

Conduct and Welfare

The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory. In the evenings, both at sea and in harbour, movie programmes have been shown to the Ship's Company and embarked troops

Schedule of Ships Passed

1st September	0200	Passed H.M.A.H.S. "Wanganella"
2nd September	2212	" H.M.S. "Pheasant"
8th September	1730	" H.M.S. "Berryhead"
9th September	1650	" U.S.S. "Triangulum"
10th September	1225	" U.S.S. "Will Mood"
29th September	1642	" H.M.A.S. "Lysander"

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Distance Steamed

Distance steamed for month of September, 1945 :-

Distance steamed	4567.5 miles
Hours under way	324.7/60 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel	12.91 miles.

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 1st June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	64121.1 miles
Total hours under way	5392.51/60 hours.
Average speed	11.88 knots

S.H. Crawford

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 2 SEPTEMBER, 1945 *Reference No.* 01723/26/191

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To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD. Copy to S.N.O.A.I.S.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

The following Report of Proceedings for the month of August, 1945 is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On 1st August ship on passage to Leyte. At 0901 signal Homonhon Island Signal Station and proceeded to anchorage in San Pedro Bay. Anchored at 1347. On 2nd August anchor was weighed at 0658. Proceeded to Guiuan Harbour and anchored at 1130. 37 tons of cargo unloaded and 12 Officers and 431 Enlisted men of U.S. Navy disembarked.

3. Departed Guiuan Harbour at 1704 on 2nd August on passage to Manila via San Bernadino Straits. At 0745 on 4th August signalled Corregidor Signal Station and at 1148 anchored in Manila Bay. From 4th August to 8th August unloading 421½ tons cargo and disembarking 7 Officers and 117 Enlisted men of U.S. Navy. Embarked A.I.F., 3 Officers and 8 Other Ranks.

4. Weighed anchor at 0646 on 9th August and proceeded out of Manila Bay on passage to Subic Bay. At 1126 entered Subic Bay and anchored. From 9th August to 12th August in Subic Bay unloading 513½ tons cargo and disembarking 8 Officers and 56 Enlisted men of U.S. Navy. Loaded 143 tons ammunition for discharge at Brisbane. Embarked A.I.F., 1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks.

5. At 0659 on 13th August weighed anchor and proceeded out of Subic Bay on passage to Morotai via Surigao Strait and Leyte Gulf. Arrived Morotai on 17th August and at 0840 secured alongside Navy Wharf, at Morotai. Embarked A.I.F., 30 Officers, 925 Other Ranks, R.A.A.F. 204 Other Ranks, U.S.N. 7 Enlisted Men. Disembarked A.I.F. 4 Officers and 13 Other Ranks.

6. Departed Morotai 0731 18th August on passage to Tarakan escorted by H.M.A.S. "Kapunda". At 0659 on 19th August H.M.A.S. "Kapunda" was dispatched -to investigate an emergency aircraft radar contact. No result, escort returned to station. Arrived Tarakan at 1328 on 20th August. Disembarked A.I.F. 30 Officers, 925 Other Ranks, R.A.A.F., 200 Other Ranks. Embarked A.I.F. long service personnel for Australia, 32 Officers and 423 Other Ranks. U.S.N., 1 Officer.

7. Departed Tarakan 1131 on 21st August on passage to Balikpapan. Arrived Balikpapan 1427 on 22nd August and anchored. Disembarked U.S.N. One Officer 7 Enlisted Men, R.A.A.F. 4 Other Ranks. On 23rd August embarked long service personnel for Australia, A.I.F. ,51 Officers, 814 Other Ranks. Loaded 94 bags Army mail for Brisbane discharge.

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8. Departed Balikpapan 1710 on 23rd August on passage to Morotai. Arrived Morotai 0854 on 26th August. Embarked A.I.F., 1 Officer, R.A.A.F. 1 Officer and 22 R.A.N. ratings for Australia. Loaded 70 bags Army mail for Brisbane discharge.

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9. Departed Morotai 1104 on 26th August on passage to Brisbane. Noon position 31st August 7° 42'S, 150° 56'E.

Health of the Ship's Company

Report by the Senior Medical Officer.

Complaint	No. of Cases	No. of Days Sick	Disposal
Dental Cyst	1	2	Duty
Fract Rt Femur & " Rt Radius	1	4	2/9th A.G.H.
Ingrowing Toenail	1	9	Duty
T.A.B. Reaction	1	2	"
Prostatitis	1	10	"
Common Cold	5	6	"
Gastro Enteritis	1	1	"
Cellulitis	3	9	"
Haematuria	1	1	"
Dermatitis	1	3	"
Lacerated Scalp	1	5	"
Tonsillitis	1	3	"
Adenitis	1	2	"
Otitis Externa	1	1	"
Pharyngitis	1	6	"
Synovitis	1	31	Under treatment
Subtarloid Dislocation Left Foot	1	18	" "
	23	113.	

Leave.

Short leave was granted to the Ship's Company while ship was anchored in Manila Bay.

Conduct and Welfare

The conduct of the Ship's Company remains generally satisfactory. While in harbour movie programmes have been shown in the evenings. General conditions on board concerning the Ship's Company are satisfactory.

Watchkeeping Certificates :-

All junior Executive Officers in this ship are in possession of Watchkeeping Certificates.

Schedule of Ships Passed.

2nd August	1006	Passed	U.S.S. "Brock"
13th August	1055	"	U.S.S. "Octans"
	1301	"	U.S.Ship "Jessie Copprell"
14th August	1830	"	U.S.S. "Sheridan" on opposite course.
17th August	0640	"	Small U.S. vessel on same course
22nd August	1055	"	H.M.A.S. "Burdekin".
27th August	1810	"	U.S.S. "Jamestown"
	1855	"	U.S. Ship "J.G. Darling"
29th August	0545	"	7 L.S.T.'s
	1259	"	U.S. Ship "Johnny Maddison"
	1320	"	U.S. Ship "Sherman O Houghton"
	1642	"	U.S.S. "Bootes"
30th August	0615	"	U.S. Ship "Charles J. Beolden"
	1135	"	U.S. Ship "Maria Sanford"
	1442	"	U.S.S. "Muliphen"
31st August	1119	"	S.S. "Bontekoe"
	1630	"	U.S. Ship "General E.C.Collins"

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Schedule of Ships Passed(Continued)

1656	Passed U.S.S.T. "Chippewa"
2216	" S.S. "Empire Charmain"

Distance Steamed

Distance steamed for month of August, 1945.

Distance steamed	5896 miles.
Hours under way	438.19/60 hours.
Average distance per ton fuel	10.4 miles

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 1st June, 1943 :-

Total distance steamed	59553.6 miles
Total hours under way	5068.44/60 Hours
Average speed	11.74 knots.

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Commander, R.A.N.R. (S)

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Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA"
9th July, 1945.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.R.(S)
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
AUSTRALIAN LANDING SHIPS.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" .

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To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD. Copy to S.N.O.A.L.S.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" .

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of July, 1945.

Sunday, 1st. July.

Covered in my Action Report OBOE SIX, number 01294/26/191 of 1st. July, 1945.

Monday, 2nd. July.

On passage returning to Morotai. Ships in company "Manoora", "Kanimbla", "Westralia", "Carter Hall" and "Titania". From 0855 to 0910 Ensign at half-mast, "Manoora" conducting a double burial.

Noon position - 0° 46½'N, 119° 31½'E. Barometer 1009.4 . Temperatures, dry bulb 80°, wet bulb 79½°, sea 84°. Wind SW 3-4. Overcast sky, moderate visibility.

At 1308 North Watcher was bearing 164°, 22½ miles distant. At 1850 Lieutenant C.Pudney, A.I.F., died of wounds received at Balikpapan during the assault landing. 1854 - Dusk Action Stations.

Tuesday, 3rd. July.

At 0615, guns crews stand to. From 0955 to 1008 Ensign at half-mast, SX6090 Lieutenant C. Pudney, A.I.F., buried at sea in position 2° 22'N, 124° 12'E. Burial service conducted by Commander A.V. Bunyan, RA.N.R.(S) Noon position - 2° 24½'N, 124° 39½'E. Barometer, 1008.1 . Temperatures, dry bulb 82°, wet bulb 81°, sea 85°. Wind SE -3. Sky generally cloudy good visibility.

Wednesday, 4th. July.

At 0610 ships in company proceeded independently into Morotai Harbour. Anchor was let go at 0729 in 10 fathoms in anchor berth B.1 , bearing 065°, 1 mile distant from Warrego Shoal buoy. From 0820 to 1720 troops were embarked and their stores and equipment loaded from L.C.T's 947 and 943. Total numbers of troops embarked, Officers 57, other ranks 740. Total weight of cargo loaded 247 tons, comprising 29 vehicles, 189½ tons of stores and equipment. Total cubic capacity utilised 35,000 cubic feet. At 1739 weighed anchor and proceeded out of Morotai Harbour in station, 5 cables from Port beam of "Manoora". Ships in company, "Manoora", "Kanimbla", "Westralia", escorted by A.P.D's "Lloyd", "Liddle" and "Alex Diachenko".

Thursday, 5th. July.

0611 - Dawn Action Stations. At 1035 escort screen carried out A/A firing practice.

Noon position - 2° 30'N, 124° 40'E. Barometer 1008.2 . Temperatures, dry bulb 82°, wet bulb 81°, sea 83°. Wind WSW -3. Sky partly clouded, excellent visibility. Dusk Action stations at 1852.

Friday, 6th. July.

At 0625, guns crews stand to. A convoy was sighted on the horizon bearing 210° at 0720. At 0945 action guns crews closed up and ship reduced speed and dropped astern 11 cables to clear line of fire. A/A firing practice was carried out from 1000 to 1015 and on completion, ship increased speed to resume station abeam of "Manoora".

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Noon position - 1° 7'N, 119° 50½'E. Barometer 1007.8 . Temperatures, dry bulb 85°, wet bulb 84°, sea 84°. Wind SSW -3. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. At 1425 North Watcher Island was abeam to Port 25½ miles distant. Heavy passing rain squalls were experienced at 2320, visibility Nil.

Saturday, 7th. July.

At 0628 escorts in line abreast approaching anchorage and at 0715, Signal Hill, Balikpapan, was bearing 293°, 12½ miles distant. At 0749 Port anchor was let go in 16 fathoms in position, Balikpapan Point bearing 308°, 8¾ miles distant. From 0819 to 1544 troops were disembarked and cargo unloaded. For this purpose L.C.T's 1306 and 1291 together with all the ship's boats were utilised. Anchor aweigh at 1930 and at 2000 in station off Port beam of "Manoora" five cables distant. Ships in company on passage to Morotai "Manoora", "Kanimbla" and "Westralia" escorted by A.P.D's "Lloyd", "Liddle" and "Alex Diachenko".

Sunday, 8th. July.

At 0630 guns crews stand to. Position by Loran at 0704, 00° 6½'N, 118° 48½'E. Noon position - 00° 47'N, 119° 28'E. Barometer 1008 .7 . Temperatures, dry bulb 80°, wet bulb 79°, sea 84°. Wind SSW -2. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. At 1858, Dusk Action Stations.

Monday, 9th. July.

Dawn Action Stations at 0617. Noon position 2° 24'N, 124°, 35'E. Barometer 1009 . Temperatures, dry bulb 82°, wet bulb 80°, sea 84°. Various winds, rain, moderate visibility. At 1519 Siau Island Peak was abeam to Port 14½ miles distant.

Tuesday, 10th. July.

At 0616 speed was reduced to 6 knots to form line ahead preparatory to entering Morotai Harbour. Port anchor let go at 0741 in 19½ fathoms in anchor berth C.21, bearing 166°, 2.2 miles distant from Tanjong Gila Signal Station.

Wednesday, 11th. July.

Weighed anchor at 0641 and proceeded alongside U.S.S. "Mink" for fuel. Fuelling completed at 0941 and returned to anchorage. Fuel received 327 tons.

Thursday, 12th. July.

In Morotai Harbour.

Friday, 13th. July.

At 0757 anchor aweigh and proceeding out of Morotai Harbour. Entrance buoy abeam to Port at 0820, course 157°, speed 13 knots. Noon position - 1° 44'N, 128° 57'E. Barometer 1007.4. Temperatures, dry bulb 82°, wet bulb 75°, sea 85°. Wind WSW -2, Generally cloudy, very good visibility. 1829 - Dusk Action Stations. At 2400 Asia Island bearing 224°.

Saturday, 14th. July.

Guns crews stand to at 0550. Noon position 00° 32'N, 133° 58'E. Barometer 1009.1 . Temperatures, dry bulb 83°, wet bulb 78°, sea 85°. Generally cloudy, excellent visibility. 1810, guns crews stand to. Clocks advanced one hour to "K" time at 2400.

Sunday, 15th. July.

Position by Loran at 0653, 00° 56'S, 137° 22'E. At 1100 Mt. Saoe, Liki Island, was bearing 122°, 29 miles distant. Noon position - 1° 23'S. 138° 28'E. Barometer 1010.8 . Temperatures, dry bulb 85°, wet bulb 79°, sea 85°. 1830 - Dusk Action Stations and at 1848 carried out L.A. firing practice at smoke float. P.W.S.S. Cape Soedja, Humboldt Bay, was signalled at 2317.

Monday, 16th. July.

At 1000 Wuvulu Island was bearing 353°, 27 miles distant. Noon position 2° 1½'S, 143° 17½'E. Barometer 1010.8 . Temperatures - dry bulb 83.5° wet bulb 78°, sea 85°. Generally cloudy, good visibility. 1816 - guns crews stand to.

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Tuesday, 17th. July.

At 0055 position by Loran 1° 49'S, 146° 6½'E. At 0340 Marengan Island was bearing 177°, 8½ miles distant. Passed over D.G. range at 0810 and Port anchor was let go at 0829 in 13 fathoms in Seeadler Harbour, Manus Island, anchor berth No.111 bearing 261°, 2.1 miles distant from Rara Island. At 1556 anchor aweigh and proceeding out of Seeadler Harbour. Commanced zig-zag at 1630 and at 1810 guns crews stand to.

Wednesday, 18th. July.

Ceased to zig-zag at 0030. Emirau Island bearing North 10 miles distant at 0400. 0543 - Dawn Action Stations. Commenced zig-zag at 0600. Noon position 2° 12'S, 151° 34'E. Barometer 1008. Temperatures, dry bulb 84°, wet bulb 78°, sea 85°. Wind SE -2. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. Position by Loran at 2100, 2° 44½'S, 153° 13½'E.

Thursday, 19th. July.

Ceased to zig-zag at 0030. Position by Loran at 0315, 3° 35'S, 154° 01'E. At 0743 both engines stopped. Signal Tower Barahun Island bearing 109°, 1.6 miles distant at 0745. Engine movements as required for maintaining position. At 0900 Observation spot, Nissan Island bearing 130°, 1.6 miles distant. Noon position 4° 29'S, 154° 08'E. Barometer 1008.6 . Temperatures, dry bulb 81°, wet bulb 79°, sea 85°. Wind S -5. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. From 1610 to 1650 U.S. Navy personnel embarked and cargo loaded from L.C.T.377. Heavy rain was experienced at 2330, visibility Nil.

Friday, 20th. July.

Position by Loran at 0134, 4° 54½'S, 153° 55½'E. Heavy rain at 0210, visibility Nil. Proceeding to loading position at 0515, South end Piniple Island bearing 060°, 13 miles distant. From 0645 to 0821, completed loading of cargo and embarking personnel from L.C.T. 375. Total numbers embarked, 11 Officers and 279 enlisted men. Cargo loaded 15 tons. At 0850 under way and working up to 16 knots. Noon position 3° 41'S, 153°, 50'E. Barometer, 1008.2 . Temperatures, dry bulb 79°, wet bulb 77°, sea 85°. Wind SSW -4. Heavy rain , very poor visibility. Guns crews stand to at 1745.

Saturday, 21st. July.

Massau Island abeam to Starboard at 0543, 24½ miles distant. Noon position 1° 48½'S, 143° 00'E. Barometer 1009.9 . Temperatures, dry bulb 81°, wet bulb 79°, sea 85°. Wind SSW -3. Generally cloudy, moderate visibility. At 1400 South East point Los Negros Island was bearing 219°, 15.8 miles distant and at 1526 passed inwards through Seeadler Harbour Boom Gates. Port anchor was let go in 10 fathoms in anchor berth No.217, bearing 312°, 2 miles distant from Rara Island, at 1549.

Sunday, 22nd. to Thursday 26th. July.

In Seeadler Harbour. Embarked further U.S.N. personnel and loaded cargo. On 24th. July completed loading in berth No.217 and at 1459 proceeded down harbour to berth No. 245 off Los Negros Island, Lombrom Point bearing 239°, 1.3 miles distant. Total numbers now embarked 27 Officers and 1114 enlisted men. Total amount of cargo loaded 972 short tons.

Friday, 27th. July.

Weighed anchor at 0840 and shifted ship to Oil Wharf, Los Negros. From 0945 to 1150 fuelling (247 tons received). At 1158 slipped from wharf and commenced to hoist boats. All boats hoisted at 1234 and proceeding out of Seeadler Harbour. Draught 23' 2" forward, 25'11" aft. At 1316 passed over D.G. range. Course 303° at 1326, increasing speed to 16 knots. Dusk Action Stations at 1818. Position by Loran at 1852, 1° 43'S, 146° 01'E. At 2140, Hermit Island bearing 315°. Clocks retarded 1 hour to Item time at 2400.

Saturday, 28th. July.

At 0516 position by Loran 2° 11'S, 143° 15'E. Nooh position 2°24'S, 141° 27"E. Barometer 1010.7 . Temperatures, dry bulb 84°, wet bulb 79°, sea 86°. Wind SW -3. Sky partly clouded, excellent visibility. At 1250 established identity with P.W.S.S. Humboldt Bay. Starboard anchor was let go at 1456 in 35 fathoms in anchor berth N.7, Humboldt Bay. North end Madoerau Island bearing 280°, 4½ cables distant. At 2026 weighed anchor and proceeded out of Humboldt Bay. Ships in company H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" (S.O.), U.S. Ships "General Brewster" and escort A.P.D. "Gilmer". Ships in cruising formation at 2125.

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Sunday, 29th. July.

Dawn Action Stations at 0530. Commenced zig-zag. Noon position 00° 14½'N, 138° 29'E. Barometer 1010.2 . Temperatures, dry bulb 86°, wet bulb 80°, sea 84°. Wind E -3. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. Ceased zig-zag at 1830.

Monday, 30th. July.

At 0530 commenced to zig-zag, Dawn Action Stations. Noon position 4° 35'N, 134° 44'E. Barometer 1007.8 . Temperatures, dry bulb 86°, wet bulb 80°, sea 84°. Wind E -3. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. Ceased zig-zag at 1830.

Tuesday, 31st. July.

Commenced zig-zag at 0530 and at 0535 Dawn Action Stations. Noon position 8° 01'N, 130° 08'E. Barometer 1009.8. Temperatures, dry bulb 85°, wet bulb 80°, sea 85°. Wind SSE -1. Sky partly clouded, very good visibility. Dusk Action Stations at 1843 and ceased zig-zag at 1900. At 2000 U.S.S. "General Brewster" and "Gilmer" detached and ordered to proceed in accordance with basic orders.

Health of the Ship's Company.

Report by the Senior Medical Officer.

Complaint	No. of Cases.	No. of Days Sick.	Disposal.
Common cold	2	10	Duty
Vincents angina	1	5	Duty
Dermatitis	2	10	Duty
Hernia (Inguinal)	1	0	2/5 A.G.H.
Infections (Various)	1	4	Duty
Synovitis	2	9	1 Duty 1 Remains
Tinea	1	3	Duty
Pyrexia U.O.	1	5	Duty
Otitis Externa	1	1	Duty
Cellulitis	3	8	2 Duty 1 Remains
Malaria	1	2	Duty
Oedema	1	4	Duty
Fractures	2	8	Duty
Haematuria	2	5	1 Duty 1 Remains
Tonsillitis	1	1	Remains
Epididymitis	1	0	2/5 A.G.H.
Total	23	75	

Leave.

When in harbour leave was granted to recreational and swimming parties.

Conduct.

The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory.

Training Classes.

Throughout the month classes have been instructed in gunnery. Seamanship classes for Able Seaman and higher rate have been in progress during the month. The whaler which was supplied to the ship has proved a valuable acquisition for the training of Seaman ratings in sailing and boat pulling.

Helmsmen's Certificates.

During the month 17 Helmsmen's Certificates were issued to qualified ratings.

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Schedule of ships passed at sea during July, 1945.

2 July -	0819	- H.M.A.S. "Cootamundra" towing two A.S.R. vessels, on opposite course.
2 July -	1825	- H.M.A.S. "Gascoyne" and Echelon 02 - J, on oppsoite course.
3.July -	1914	- H.M.A.S. "Stuart" on opposite course.
5 July -	1240	- U.S.S. "Wasatch" and one destroyer on opposite course.
6 July -	0800	- Return Echelon o2 -W on opposite course.
	1700	- Return Echelon 02-X on opposite course.
8 July -	0800	- Echelon 02 -P on opposite course.
13 July -	1528	- Y.P. 316 on opposite course.
14 July -	0600	- H.M.A.S. "Arunta" on same course.
	0615	- H.M.A.S. "Bundaberg" escorting Merchant ship, opposite course.
	1240	- H.M.A.S. "Wagga" and "Fremantle" on patrol.
	1440	- "Albert B. Lunt" on same course.
15 July -	0546	- H.M.A.S. "Junee" on patrol.
	0810	- "John Jacob Astor" on opposite course.
17 July -	0723	- Tanker K.165 on opposite course.
28 July -	0548	- Hospital Ship "Bountiful" on opposite course.

Distance steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of July, 1945.

Distance steamed	6249.4 miles
Steaming time	471 hours 53 minutes
Average speed	13.24 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total Distance steamed	53657.6 miles
Total steaming time	4630 hours 25 minutes
Average speed	11.59 knots.

A. P. Rowan.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S).

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

Date 1 July, 1945 *Reference No.* 01294/26/191

To The Secretary, The Naval Board. (Through S.N.O.A.L.S.)

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of June, 1945.

Friday, 1st. June.

In harbour, Morotai.

Saturday, 2nd. June.

1650 - 1710 : Loading Army ammunition.

Sunday, 3rd. June.

1000 - 1100 : Loading Stores.
1315 - 1530 : Flotilla carrying out gunnery practice.

The period 4th. to 14th. June was covered in my Action Report - OBOE SIX - number 01074/26/191 of 15th. June.

Friday, 15th. June - Friday, 22nd. June.

In harbour at Morotai. On 19th. June advance party of 2nd/9th. Infantry Battalion, 7th. Division, A.I.F., embarked and loading of cargo and stores commenced. At 1700 on 20th. June commenced embarking main body of troops, 101 Officers and 1129 other ranks. Vehicles loaded: 24 Jeeps, 22 Trailers, 2 Anti-tank guns, 6 2½ ton trucks. Total weight, 115 tons. Engineers stroes and equipment 246½ tons. Total weight of cargo on board, 361½ tons.

Saturday, 23rd. June.

0345 - Action Stations. Flash Red.
0408 - Secure Action Stations.
1340 - Anchor aweigh and proceeding out of harbour in following order:
"Wasatch", "Kanimbla", "Titania", "Carter Hall", "Manoora", "Westralia".
1510 - Ships formed cruising disposition One. Task Group on passage to Rehearsal Area.
2100 - Mount Pangeo bearing 131°, 15 miles distant.
2345 - Point Sopi bearing 152°, 1.6 miles distant.

Sunday, 24th. June.

0630 - Operational Action Stations.
0701 - In position in Transport Area, off Rehearsal Beach near Tanjong Mira, Morotai.
0704 - Away all boats.
0719½ - All boats away. Secured Operational Action Stations.
0730 - Commenced disembarking troops and discharging equipment.
0904 - Shifted ship closer inshore in order to expedite re-embarkation of troops.
1008 - Commenced reloading equipment and re-embarking troops.

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Rehearsal completed satisfactorily.
1245 - Formed Cruising Disposition 4T.U. and proceeded towards Morotai Harbour. Ships in company "Manoora", "Kanimbla", "Titania", "Westralia" and "Carter Hall". Other units of Task Group proceeded to harbour under orders of Task Unit Commanders.
1450 - Let go Starboard anchor in 20 fathoms. Anchor berth C.15, 351°, 2 miles distant from Tanjong Gila Signal Station.

Monday, 25th. June.

In harbour at Morotai. Further A.I.F. troops embarked. Total numbers 115 Officers and 1152 Other Ranks.

The period 26th. to 30th. June is covered in my Action Report-OBOE TWO - numbered 01293/26/191 of 2nd. July, 1945.

Health of the Ship's Company.

Report by the Senior Medical Officer:

Complaint.	No.of cases.	No.of days sick.	Disposal.
Arsenical Reaction	1	2	Duty
Common cold	8	20	Duty
Gastro Enteritis	4	6	Duty
Renal Colic	2	5	Duty
Post Traumatic - Headache	1	2	Duty
Impetigo	1	4	Duty
Total	17	39	

Leave.
Leave was granted to recreational and swimming parties in Morotai.

Conduct.
The conduct of the Ship's Company generally remains satisfactory.

Distance Steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of June, 1945.

Distance steamed	3,069.8 miles
Steaming time	339 hours, 57 minutes.
Awerage Speed	9 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	47,408.2 miles
Total steaming time	4,158 hours 32 minutes
Average speed	11.4 knots

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1 June, 1945 *Reference No.* 01030/26/191

To The Secretary, The Naval Board. (Through S.N.O.A.L.S.)

Subject Report of Proceedings - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of May, 1945.

Tuesday, 1st. May.

At Mercantile Wharf, Brisbane, loading stores. Advanced party of A.I.F. troops embarked.

Wednesday, 2nd. May.

Loading of stores was completed at 0630, then all watches employed hoisting boats. From 1230 to 1345 the remaining A.I.F. troops were embarked. At 1403 the Pilot was aboard and Tugs "Carlock" and "Fearless" standing by. At 1412 "Kanimbla" slipped from Mercantile Wharf and proceeded down river. Off Luggage Point at 1540 simulated air attacks were carried out by R.A.A.F. Beaufort Bombers. The ship cleared Caloundra and stopped at 1900 to disembark the Pilot and R.A.A.F. observers.

2030 - Cape Moreton Light dipped 166°, 31 miles distant.
2048 - Caloundra Light dipped, 210°, 24 miles distant.
2115 - Raised Double Island Light, 332°, 29½ miles distant.
2400 - Double Island Light dipped 243°, 29½ miles distant.

Thursday, 3rd. May.

At 0635 M.V. "Duntroon" was identified, overtaken on same course. 0917 crossed Tropic of Capricorn Northwards. Rangefinder and instrument exercises were carried out at 1040.

Noon position : 22° 45¾'S, 154° 31½'E. Barometer 1014.2 . Temperatures: Dry bulb 77°, Wet bulb 71°, Sea 78°. Adverse current 14.8 miles.

1820 - Raised Frederick Reef Light, 296°, 13 miles distant.
1827 - Passed and exchanged signals with H.M.A.S. "Deloraine" .
1835 - Frederick Reef Light to Port, 256°, 11 miles diatant.

Friday, 4th. May.

Noon position : 16° 28¾'S. 153° 59'E. Barometer 1011.7 . Temperatures: Dry bulb 80°, wet bulb 74°, Seav81°.

1730 - Exercised Action Stations.

Saturday, 5th. May.

0535 - Exercised Action Stations.
0716 - Sighted Panasia Is. bearing 018°, 88 miles distant .
0825 - Joinard Island Lighthouse to Starboard 1¼ miles.
1100 - Bunora Island bearing 286°, 4 miles distant.

Noon position: 10° 22' S, 151° 49'E. Barometer 1008.9 . Temperatures: Dry bulb 79°, Wet bulb 77°, Sea 83°.

1210 - Strathord Island bearing 058°, 5.2 miles distant.
1227 - Overtook R.F.A. "Bishopdale" 2 miles to Port.
1402 - Cape Pierson to Port, 21.2 miles.

At 1750, Action Stations were exercised and at 1928 Cape Denis Light was to Port 5½ miles. S.S. "W.C.Clark" was sighted and challenged at 1934.

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Sunday, 6th. May.

0930 - Ship's Company to Divisions and church.
0945 - Identity exchanged with P.W.S.S. Langemak.
Noon position: 6° 03¾'S. 147° 49'E. Barometer 1008.4 .
Temperatures: Dry bulb 78°, Wet bulb 74°, Sea 83°. Favourable currents.
1600 - Mount Reamur bearing 041°, 15.8 miles distant.
At 1700 a small vessel, Southward bound, was passed to Port, distant 5 miles.
1809 - Action Stations exercised.
2300 - Clocks retarded one hour to Item time.

Monday, 7th. May.

0130 - Rain squall reaching gale force, visibility nil.
0745 - Censorship Regulations read to the Ship's Company.
0940 - Heavy rain squall. Visibility nil. Wind force 7/8 .
Noon position: 2° 23¾'S. 142° 45'E. Barometer 1007.9 .
Temperatures: Wet bulb 83°, dry bulb 78°, Sea 85°. Adverse current experienced.
1300 and 1317 : Two Liberty ships with 4 barges and 4 LCT's in tow respectively were overtaken on same course. At 2021 anchored in Humboldt Bay.

Tuesday, 8th. May.

0600 - Commenced taking in fuel from U.S.S. "Tesrick". Fuelling completed at 0845.
0950 - 15 reconditioned LCVP's received in place of 15 returned to boat pool.
1305 - Anchor aweigh and proceeding out of harbour.
At 1500 Cape Tahahmerah sighted bearing 233°, 18¼ miles distant.
Action Stations exercised at 1737.

Wednesday, 9th. May.

At 1035 speed was decreased to 6 knots and streamed paravanes for test.
Noon position: 0° 09'S. 136° 03'E. Barometer 1009.9 .
Temperatures: Wet bulb 79°, dry bulb 76°, sea 85°. Adverse current experienced.
1534 - Cape Conbiri (Biak) sighted bearing 184°, 46 miles distant.
1804 - Action Stations exercised.
2200 - South end Mapra Island sighted bearing 020°, 7.5 miles distant.

Thursday, 10th. May.

0535 - Action Stations exercised.
0730 - Vessel passed to Port on opposite course, 15 miles distant.
0800 - Tanker S.S. "Beaver Dam" was passed to Port on opposite course.
Noon position: 1° 32½'S, 131° 39½'E. Barometer 1009.7 .
Temperatures: Dry bulb 86°, wet bulb 80°, sea 85°. Adverse current experienced.
1715 - Tanker Y.46 challenged and identified.
1823 - Action Stations exercised. Starboard guns fired.

Friday, 11th. May.

0500 - Established identity with P.W.S.S. Morotai.
0648 - Anchor let go in 22 fathoms in berth C24, Taujong Gila Signal Station bearing 143°, distant 1.7 miles.
1040 - Commenced discharging stores and beer to H.M.A.S. "Manoora".
1350 - 1825 L.C.T.'s alongside for the disembarkation of troops.

Saturday, 12th. May.

1313 - Anchor aweigh. 1346 anchored. Berth at Navy wharf not clear.
1720 - Weighed anchor and proceeded to Navy wharf and secured at 1756.
1920 - Commenced discharging cargo.

Sunday, 13th. May.

1045 - Divine Service.
2330 - Completed discharging cargo.

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Monday, 14th. May.

0625 - Slipped from Navy Wharf and anchored at 0655 in position 343° 2.1 miles from Gila Signal Station.

To Saturday, 26th. May, in Harbour at Morotai. General ship maintenance. All landing craft overhauled and made operational. Paint ship.

Sunday, 27th. May.

1600 - Advanced party of 9 Officers and 61 Other Ranks of 2/17th.Btn. embarked.

Monday, 28th. May.

1103 - Commenced taking in cargo, ammunition, stores and equipment.

Tuesday, 29th. May.

0710 - Completed loading.
1200 - Embarked remainder of troops. Total 79 Officers, 1215 Other Ranks. 320 tons of stores and equipment. 1600 completed.

Wednesday, 30th. May.

Embarked troops exercised at net drill.

Thursday, 31st. May.

0700 - Operational Action Stations exercised. LCVP's and LCM's embarked troops and carried out assault rehearsal.
1420 - Commenced second assault rehearsal.
1600 - Completed.

Health of the Ship's Company.
Report by the Principal Medical Officer :

Disease	No. of cases	No. of days sick	Disposal
Scabies	2	4	1 Duty 1 Treatment
Prostatitis	1	1	Duty
Appendicitis	2	4	Duty
Infected leg	1	4	Duty
Common cold	5	10	3 Duty 2 Treatment
Tinea Pedis	1	12	Duty
Bronchitis	2	6	Duty
Tonsillitis	1	2	Duty
Cellulitis	4	9	Duty
Burns	1	8	Duty
Malaria	1	4	Duty
Varicose Veins	1	2	Duty
Phimosis	3	12	Duty
Ingrown toenails	1	3	Duty
Quinsy	1	3	Duty
Pleurisy	1	2	Duty
Bronchiectasis	1	4	Treatment.
Total	29	90	

Leave.
Short leave granted in Brisbane and leave to recreation and swimming parties in Morotai.

Conduct.
The conduct of the Ship's company generally remains satisfactory.

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Distance steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of May, 1945.

Distance steamed	2,870.6 miles
Steaming time	192 hrs. 58 minutes
Average speed	14.87 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943 .

Total distance steamed	44,338.4 miles
Total steaming time	3,838 hrs 35 minutes
Average speed	11.55 knots.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

A/CAPTAIN.R.A.N.R.(S).
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

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To The Secretary, THE NAVAL BOARD.
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of April, 1945.

2. The Dockyard refit was continued at Oil Wharf, Garden Island. On Tuesday, 10th. April, at 0725, the Tugs "Hero", "Heroine" and "Lindfield" were alongside and at 0802 "Kanimbla" slipped and was moved to Woolich Dock, entering at 0920. At 1630 the Dock was dry and further refitting commenced. All underwater fittings were inspected while the ship was in Dry Dock.

3. On Friday, 13th. April, at 1535, flooding of the Dock was commenced, ceasing at 1705 with a depth of 14 feet. Flooding was re-commenced at 0600 on Saturday, 14th. April, and at 0705 the ship was afloat with a draft of 23 feet aft and 18 feet 6 inches forward. At 0750 Tugs "Hero", "Heroine" and "Lindfield" were standing by. Ship cleared Dock at 0815 and proceeded down harbour in charge of tugs, securing to the Oil Wharf, Garden Island, at 0955. At 1620 all accommodation and openings were sealed for the purpose of fumigation and the contractors commenced fumigation of the ship. Hatches and upper deck sections were unsealed at 0310 on Sunday, 15th. April, and the ship was unsealed at 0600. The ship was declared clear of gas, with the exception of the lower holds, at 0845 on Monday, 16th. April, 1945.

4. On Tuesday, 17th. April stores were loaded and the ship fuelled. Storing ship was carried out during 18th. and 19th. April. At 1440 on Friday, 20th. April, Tugs, "Hero", "Heroine" and "Lindfield" were alongside and "Kanimbla" slipped at 1502, securing to No.3 Buoy at 1532. On Saturday, 21st. April, ammunition for gunnery trials was taken aboard. Inclining tests were commenced at 0945 on Sunday, 22nd. April, and were completed at 1235.

5. "Kanimbla" slipped No.3 Buoy at 0856 on Monday, 23rd. April, and proceeded for trials. At 1118 Gunnery exercises commenced, completing at 1345. The following trials were carried out :- Engine, Anchor, Radar, Gunnery and W/T Trials.

Noon position : 33° 50'S, 151° 25½'E. Barometer 1020.4. Temperatures; Dry bulb 79°, Wet bulb 75°.
At 1548 ship secured to No.3 Buoy.

6. Stores and ammunition were loaded on Tuesday, 24th. April. On Wednesday, 25th. April, Anzac Day, the duty watch was employed cleaning ship and from 1400 to 1700 the ship was open to guests of the Ship's Company.

General ship maintenance was carried out on Thursday, 26th. April, and on Friday, 27th. April, the ship was stored and watered. Dockyard workers completed the refit.

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7. "Kanimbla" slipped No.3 Buoy at 1217 on Saturday, 28th. April, and proceeded from Sydney Harbour. The Hornby Light was abeam to Starboard at 1258. Action Guns' crews closed up at 1300 and a H/A shoot was carried out with a sleeve target between 1337 and 1400.

1500 - Barrenjoey Light bearing 285°, distant 20 miles.
1610 - Norah's Head Light abeam to Port, distant 17½ miles.
1630 - Bird Island abeam to Port - 18 miles.
1735 - Nobby's Head Light bearing 325°, distant 22 miles.
1817 - Raised Stephens Light bearing 008°, distant 21 miles.
1914 - Raised Sugar Loaf Point Light bearing 018°- 27 miles.
1945 - Stephens Light abeam to Port, distant 12.5 miles.
2140 - Sugarloaf Light bearing 312°, distant 7 miles.

Sunday, 29th. April.

0130 - North Brother abeam to Port, distant 12 miles.
0310 - U.S. Frigate abeam to Port, distant 1 mile, on opposite course.
0530 - Smoky Cape abeam, distant 11 miles. Small coastal vessel passed to Port, Southward.
0908 - South Solitary Island abeam to Port - 11 miles.
0912 - 0917 - Carrying out test fire on S.2 Bofors.
1030 - North Solitary Island abeam to Port, distant 6½ miles.
Noon position : 29° 40'S, 153° 34'E. Barometer: 1018.5. Temperatures: Dry bulb 73°, Wet bulb 68°. Sea 80°. Wind S.S.W.3 and slight seas.
1340 - Liberty Ship on opposite course passed abeam to Port, - 14 miles.
1505 - Cape Byron Lighthouse bearing 352°, distant 25½ miles.
1610 - North Head Light abeam to Port, distant 7 miles.
1730 - Cape Byron Light abeam to Port, distant 7 miles.
2145 - Raised Point Lookout Light.

Monday, 30th. April.

0044 - Cape Moreton Light raised.
0155 - Point Lookout abeam to Port, distant 10 miles.
0355 - Cape Moreton Light bearing 243°, distant 7½ miles.
0430 - Cape Moreton Light bearing 216°, distant 12 miles.
0545 - Passed identification to P.W.S.S.
0618 - Hamilton Patches Buoy abeam to Port. Entered N.W. channel to Moreton Bay.
1015 - Passed Pile Light and entered Brisbane River.
1112 - Boom Gate vessel abeam to Starboard.
1227 - "Kanimbla" berthed, Starboard side to, at Mercantile Wharf, Brisbane, assisted by tugs.

8. Health of the Ship's Company.

Report by the Principal Medical Officer from 28th. April, to 30th. April, 1945.

Disease	No. of Cases.	No. of days sick	Disposal
Syphilis	1	2	Remains
Concussion	1	2	Remains
Common Cold	4	8	3 Duty, 1 Remains.

9. Leave.

Short leave granted to watches off duty while in Port.

10. Conduct.

The conduct of the Ship's Company generally has been satisfactory.

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11. Distance Steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of April, 1945.

Distance Steamed	630 . 9 miles
Steaming time	52 hours 40 minutes
Average Speed	11.97 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	41,467.8 miles
Total steaming time	3,645 hours 37 minutes
Average speed	11.37 knots.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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Thursday, 1st March.

1030 Action guns crews closed up.
1047 Commenced scheduled gunnery exercises.
1130 Gunnery exercises completed.

Noon position : 14° 40'S, 151°48'E. Current, favourable 2.4 miles. Barometer, 1005. Temperatures, Dry bulb 78, Wet bulb 76, Sea 83.

1805 Sighted friendly vessel on horizon bearing 035°

Friday, 2nd March.

0537 Ship sighted, bearing 120°, distant 12 miles.
1115 S.S. "Charles M. Russel" overtaken to port.

Noon position : 20°06'S, 153°42'E. Current favourable, 10.9 miles. Barometer 1008.1. Temperatures, Dry bulb 82, Wet bulb 79, Sea 83.

Saturday, 3rd March.

0330 Passed Tropic of Capricorn.
0645 H.M.A.S. "Horsham" passed abeam to Port, distant 12 miles on opposite course.
0910 Sighted Indian Head (Sandy Cape), bearing 240°, distant 34½ miles.

Noon position : 25°22'S, 153°56'E. Current, 220° 20 miles. Barometer 1012.9. Temperatures, Dry bulb 80°, Wet bulb 73.5, Sea 81°

1820 Cape Moreton observed bearing 226°
1850 Raised Cape Moreton Light bearing 243°, distant 32 miles.
2052 Raised Point Lookout light bearing 241°, distant 28.5 miles.

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Sunday, 4th. March.

0123	Raised Cape Byron Light bearing 209°, distant 31½ miles.
0323	Cape Byron Light abeam to Starboard, distant 16.1 miles.
0615	Evans Head abeam to Starboard, distant 20 miles.
0840	Ship sighted ahead, distant 12 miles, and identified as "George Van Meye".
0955	Ship sighted bearing 160°, distant 12 miles.
1020	H.M.A.S. "Bowen" passed abeam to Port, distant 5 miles on opposite course.
1115	S. Solitary Is. abeam to Starboard, distant 11.5 miles.

Noon position : 30° 24'S., 153° 28½'E. Barometer 1008. Current S 19 W, 46 miles. Temperatures: Dry bulb 78°, Wet bulb 74°, Sea 81.

1245	Sighted Aircraft. 1248 : Challenged Aircraft.
1443	Smoky Cape Light House bearing 281°, distant 15.5 miles.
1710	Hacking Point abeam to Starboard, distant 12 miles.
2111	Sugar Loaf Light bearing 245°, distant 27.6 miles.
2345	Sugar Loaf Light abeam to Starboard, distant 20 miles.

Monday, 5th. March.

0123	Stephens Light sighted bearing 283°.
0245	Stephens Light abeam to Starboard, distant 18 miles.
0641	Barrenjoey Head bearing 268°, distant 17 miles.
0737	Macquarie Light bearing 264°, distant 11.4 miles.
0908	Hornby Light abeam to Port, distant 5 cables.
0952	Passed D.G. range.
1008	Picking up wire to No.2 buoy.
1024	Port cable shackled to buoy.
1030	Water barge alongside, Port side, amidships.
1430	Completed watering.
1700-1750	Loading Stores from punt secured alongside Starboard side, amidships.

Tuesday, 6th. March.

The first leave period commenced. Interstate ratings were discharged on long leave.

Wednesday, 7th. March.

0925	Slipped from No.2 buoy
1012	Secured, Starboard side to Oil Wharf, Garden Island.

The ship commenced dockyard refit.

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Health of the Ship's Company.

Report by the Principal Medical Officer from 1st. to 6th. March, 1945.

Disease	No. of cases	No. of Days sick	Disposal
Multiple Burns	1.	4.	Under Treatment
Common Cold	1.	1.	" "

Leave.

The Ship's Company has been divided into two watches for long leave. Interstate ratings of the first leave period were despatched on 21 days leave on 6th. and 7th. March.

Conduct.

The general conduct of the Ship's Company has remained satisfactory.

Distances Steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of March, 1945.

Distance Steamed	1,569 miles
Steaming time	116 hours, 29 minutes
Average speed	13.8 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	40,976.9 miles
Total steaming time	3,583 hours 37 minutes
Average speed	11.43 knots.

D. F. Duncan.
Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1st March, 1945 *Reference No.* 0206/26/191

To The Secretary, The Naval Board.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA". (FEB)

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of February, 1945.

The period Thursday, 1st. to Monday, 12th. February, was covered by my report 0126/26/191 of 12th. February to Commander, Task Group 78.5, copies to Secretary, Naval Board, S.N.O.A.L.S., Commander, Task Force 78, and Commander, Administrative Command, Seventh Amphibious Force. Copy of this report is attached for the information of the Naval Board.

Tuesday, 13th. February.

0640 : Sileno Island bearing 188°, distant 4.4 miles.
0954 : U.S.S. "Oxford" reported being on fire but under control.

Noon position : Lat. 10° 08½'N, Long 125°23½'E. Current, set and drift, 252°, 30 miles. Barometer 1010. Temperature : Air 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 81°. Light N.E. Wind.

1700 : Madiloo Pt. bearing 083°, distant 16.4 miles.

Wednesday, 14th. February.

0047 : Starboard anchor was let go in 32 fathoms in position 138°, distant 10 miles from Katman Hill. At 0652 under way with Task Unit 78.11.21 and proceeding towards San Pedro Bay. At 1040 all ships were ordered back to Dulag anchorage, no berths available. At 1105 let go Starboard anchor in 17 fathoms in position 5.6. miles from Katman Hill.

Thursday, 15th. February.

At 0630 ship under way and proceeding towards San Pedro Bay. At 0811 Port anchor was let go in 13½ fathoms, in position 294°, distant 4.6. miles from Mariquitdaquit Island, Berth No.145.

Friday, 16th. February.

0640 : Boats numbers 2,3,4,6,7,9,12,13,15,16,17,18,19,20 and 21 left the ship for the U.S. Boat Pool, Samar Island, to be handed over.

At 1257 anchor was weighed and "Kanimbla" proceeded to take up position in a convoy of 77 ships. At 1801 convoy was forned and proceeded at 9 knots.

1842 : Action Stations. At 1845 emergency turn to Star--board. At 1848 a second emergency turn of 45° was made to Starboard. Destroyer Escort "Chester T. O'Brien", off "Kanimbla's" Port bow, reported a submarine contact. Three patterns of Depth Charges were dropped at Red 30. At 1853 the Destroyer Escort reported floating debris which could have come from a wreck. The position of attack was 085°, 2 miles from "Kanimbla", 257°, 3¼ miles from Hinablan Point, Homonhon Island. 1922 : Secure Action Stations. At 1937 ship No. 51 of the convoy, U.S.S. "Cefula", dropped astern of the convoy and returned to port. At 1954 a submarine contact was reported ahead of the convoy. An attack was made by Destroyer Escort U.S.S. "Ahrens", who reported having dropped Depth Charges and marked the position with calcium flares.

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Saturday, 17th. February.

Noon position : Lat. 9° 45'N, Long. 127° 37'E. Barometer 1009.8 . Temperature: Air 83.8°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 83°. Light E by N airs.

At 1750 H.M.A.S. "Gascoyne" sank a derelict pontoon considered dangerous to navigation.

Sunday, 18th. February.

At 0725, U.S.S. "Susquehanna" reported a floating mine bearing 169°, distant 1000 yards. At 0740 the mine was reported between column 1 and column 2. At 0745 U.S. Destroyer Escort "Chester T. O'Brien" left station to sink the mine. At 0845 the Destroyer Escort reported the mine sunk and rejoined the convoy. At 0930 the Censorship Regulations were read to the Ship's Company.

Noon position : Lat. 7° 47'N, Long. 130° 09½'E. Barometer 1009.5 . Temperature: Air 84°, Wet bulb 82°, Sea 83°. Wind ENE 4/5.

Monday, 19th. February.

At 1100 column 1 (Susquehanna, Chapultec and Albert Hill) was detached from the convoy for Manus with escort.

Noon position : Lat. 5° 45'N, Long. 133° 05½'E. Current, set and drift 305°, 14 miles. Barometer 1009.1 . Temperature: Air 84°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 83°. Wind E, 6.

Tuesday, 20th. February.

Noon position : Lat 3° 03'N, Long. 135° 33'E. Current, set and drift, 289°, 13 miles. Barometer 1007.2 . Temperature: Air 84.8°, Wet bulb 79.5°, Sea 84°. Light E. wind.

At 1941 sighted escort for portion of convoy proceeding to Biak. At 2000 escort identified as H.M.A.S. "Deloraine". At 2200, this portion of the convoy was detached.

Wedday, 21st. February.

Noon position : Lat. 00° 16'N, Long. 137° 53'E. Barometer 1008.2 . Temperature: Air 80°, Wet bulb 78.8°. Wind S by E, force 5.

Thursday, 22nd. February.

0520 : Liberty ship passed to Port, 1½ miles.

0540 : Liberty ship passed to Port, 1½ miles. Both ships were on opposite course. At 0605 land was sighted bearing 160°.
1000 : Pt. Besar bearing 225°, distant 17 miles.
1130 : Tg. Tanah Merah bearing 228°, distant 12 miles.
Noon position : Lat. 2° 18¼'S, Long. 140° 38¼'E. Current, set and drift, 248°, 3 miles. Barometer 1007.1 . Temperature: Air 83°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 84°. Light NNW wind.
1258 : Formed cruising order No.2. At 1439 Starboard anchor was let go in 11 fathoms in position 097°, distant 1.9 miles from Hamadi Island in Berth No. 64.

Friday, 23rd. February.

General ship maintenance and harbour routine.

Saturday, 24th. February.

0618 : weighed anchor and at 0715 took up station 4 cables on Starboard beam of "Manoora". Ships in company, "Manoora" and "Westralia".

Noon position : Lat. 2° 41'S, Long.141° 55½'E. Current, set and drift 335°, 3½ miles. Barometer 1006.5 . Temperature : Air 84°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 84°. Light Easterly airs.

Sunday, 25th. February.

At 0600 Cape Croiselles was bearing 154o, distant 36 miles. Passed through reef entrance at 1034. At 1052 Port anchor was let go in 17 fathoms in anchorage T21 in Madang Harbour in position 256½°, distant 5½ cables from "B" beacon. The three L.C.M's which had been left at Madang on 27th. November, 1944, were returned to the ship and a large consignment of stores was received.

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Three R.A.N. Officers, 1 A.I.F. Officer, 1 R.A.A.F. Officer, 39 Naval Ratings, 34 other ranks, A.I.F., and 15 other ranks, R.A.A.F., were embarked for passage to Sydney. The Beach Party on temporary loan from H.M.A.S. "Kuranda" were discharged to "Westralia" for onward passage. At 1658 "Westralia" continued her passage.

Monday, 26th. February.

At 0620 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded from Madang Harbour. At 0900 Crown Island was bearing 069°, distant 41 miles. At 1110 two small tugs, with tow, and seven U.S. motor gun boats (Leader P008) passed Northbound.

Noon position : 5° 39'S, 147° 01'E. Barometer 1007.5 . Temperature : Air 84°, Wet bulb 82° . Light airs, calm sea.

At 1325 U.S.S. "Nathaniel" passed to Port, distant 3 miles on opposite course. At 1335 Submarine Tender "Anthedon" passed abeam to Port, distant 6 miles, on opposite course, followed at 1400 by U.S.S. "General W.F. Hase", distant 2 miles. At 2300, Liberty ship, westbound, passed to Port.

Tuesday, 27th. February.

At 0455 overtook and passed a Liberty ship to Port, on same course, distant 5 miles. At 0827 Cape Denis Light bearing 260°, distant 6.7 miles.

Noon position : Lat. 9° 15'S, Long. 151° 22½'E. Current, set and drift 197°, 12 miles. Barometer, 1006.9. Temperature : Air 86°, Wet bulb 85°, Sea 85°. Light airs, calm sea.

At 1443, sighted a four-masted Hospital Ship, Northbound, distant 18 miles. At 1820 Grant Island bearing 148°, distant 4.5 miles and at 1830 identities were exchanged with Kana Kopi Port War signal station. At 2105 Starboard anchor was let go in 20 fathoms in anchorage H.4, in position 054°, distant 2.2 miles, Stringer Bar signal station.

Wednesday, 28th. February.

Embarked at Milne Bay for passage to Sydney: R.A.AF., one Officer, 1 other rank, R.A.N., 1 Officer, and 6 R.A.N. Nursing Sisters.

At 1354 weighed anchor and proceeded. 1550 passed U.S. "S.S. Stargen", 2½ miles to Port. At 1607 Weku Una Rock was abeam to Starboard, distant 4 cables. 1732 : Passed over sunken barrier reef. From 2000 K onwards, heavy rain squalls.

Health of the Ship's Company.

Report by Principal Medical Officer :-

Disease	Cases	No. days sick	Disposal
Pyelitis	1	2	Duty
Sub Ac Appendicitis	3	7	"
Inguinal Adenitis	1	3	"
Common cold	10	24	"
Cellulitis	4	8	"
Tinea Pedis	1	13	"
Boils	2	4	"
Gastro Enteritis	3	7	"
Scabies	1	3	"
Dengue Fever	4	13	3 Duty & 1 Treatment
Malaria	1	5	Duty
Dermatitis	2	17	"
Strained Muscles	2	17	"
Phimosis	1	2	"
Ingrown Toe Nail	1	5	"
Tonsillitis	1	2	Under Treatment
Schizophrenia	1	20	" "

Leave.

Owing to operational duties during the month, little opportunity was available to grant short recreational leave.

Conduct.

General conduct of the ship's company has remained satisfactory.

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Distance steamed.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, during the month of February, 1945.

Distance steamed	4,972.8 miles
Steaming time	438 hours, 34 minutes
Average speed	11.34 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	39,407.9 miles
Total steaming time	3467 hours, 8 minutes
Average speed	11.37 knots.

A. F. Duncan
Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

13 FEB 1945 0126/29/161

Commander, TASK GROUP 78.5

ACTION REPORT - MUSHETEER MIKE I REINFORCEMENT.

Submitted for your information is the following Action Report.

Thursday, 18th. January.

At 1634 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded from Tay Tay anchorage to take station three cables astern of "Manoora" in the Starboard column of the convoy en route to Morotai. The accompanying ships formed Transport Divisions 11, 12, 21, 41 and 42 in the following order :-

T.D.41	T.D.42	T.D.12	T.D.11	T.D.21
Olmsted	Latimer	W.P.Biddle	Leonard Wood	Manoora
Laporte	Oxford	Calvert	Warren	Kanimbla
Lauzens	Barnstable	Andrian	Ocanto	Westralia
Banner	Elliot	Hoywood	Herald of-	Titania
	Diphda	Starlight	-the Morning	
		Storming	John Land	
		Electra	Warhawk	
			Ovaldo	

The convoy was escorted by the five U.S. Destroyers "Daufley", "Sigourney", "Phillip", "Waller" and "Renshaw".

At 1920 Transport Divisions 11 and 12 and U.S.S. "Renshaw" dropped astern and formed a separate unit.

The ships in company now consisted of Task Unit 78.5. Second Lingayen Reinforcement Group, in the following cruising order :-

T.D.41	T.D.42	T.D.21
Olmsted	Latimer	Manoora
Laporte	Oxford	Kanimbla
Lauzens	Barnstable	Westralia
Banner	Elliot	Titania
	Diphda	

Friday, 19th. January.

Heavy rain squalls were experienced during the morning.

Noon position: 9° 07'N, 127° 45'E. Barometer 1008.9. Temperature : Air 82°, Wet bulb 78.6°, Sea 83°. Wind NE/6.

Saturday, 20th. January.

At 0205, Transport Division 21 was detached from the Task Unit and proceeded towards Morotai, as Task Unit 78.5.2, in the following cruising formation :

Kanimbla Manoora
Titania Westralia

with escorts U.S. Destroyers "Sigourney" and "Daufley".

Noon position : 5° 28'N, 120° 23'E. Barometer 1009.2. Temperature: Air 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Wind ENE/2. Moderate sea.

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Sunday. 21st. January.
At 0740 ships formed single line ahead and entered the harbour. At 0821 "Kanimbla" entered Hoiotai Harbour and at 0853 let go Starboard anchor in 19 fathoms, in position North end of Kokoja Island bearing 273°, distant 2.4 miles. At 1113 ship weighed anchor and proceeded alongside Army wharf No.2. At 1155 secured.
Distance steamed, Leyte to Hoiotai, 735½ miles; steaming time 63 hours 39½ minutes; average speed 11.56 knots.

Monday. 22nd. January.
At 1315 the advance party, consisting of 8 officers and 30 enlisted men of 2nd. Bn., 130 Regt., 33rd. Division, of U.S. Army were embarked.

Tuesday. 23rd. January.
0920 - 1120 : 57 officers and 1179 enlisted men of the 33rd. Division, U.S. Army, were embarked.

Wednesday. 24th. January.
At 0816 "Kanimbla" slipped from Army wharf No.2 and proceeded to the anchorage, letting go Starboard anchor at 0849 in 17 fathoms, in position 015½°, distant 2 miles from Cape Gila.

Thursday. 25th. and Friday. 26th. January.
Net drills and abandon ship stations were exercised.

Saturday. 27th. January.
Two officers and 120 enlisted men were disembarked for passage in an L.S.T. at 1415.

Sunday. 28th. January.
At 0818 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and moved to Avgas wharf to fuel, slipping again at 1110, and anchoring in 16 fathoms in position 021½°, distant 1.9 miles, from Tg. Gila signal station.

Monday. 29th. January.
0745 : U.S.S. "Barnstable" entered harbour.
Harbour drills and abandon ship stations exercises were carried out.

Tuesday. 30th. January.
An additional 16 U.S. Troops were embarked at 1415.

Wednesday. 31st.Jan. and Thursday 1st. February.
Harbour drills and abandon ship stations exercises were carried out.

Friday. 2nd. February.
Harbour drills, abandon ship stations and Fire and Damage Control exercises were carried out.

Saturday. 3rd. February.
At 1513 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded from the harbour in company with H.M.A. Ships "Manoora" and "Westralia", U.S. Ships "Titania" and "Barnstable", escorted by U.S. Destroyer "Bigourney" and D.E. "Formoe". At 1610 cruising disposition XIII was assumed, "Kanimbla" taking station 3 cables astern of "Westralia" in the Starboard column.

Sunday. 4th. February.
Noon position : 5° 07'N, 129° 47'E. Current set and drift 016°, 20 miles. Light E winds. Barometer 1009.9 . Temperatures: Air 85.5°, Wet bulb 80.1°, Sea 83°.
1300 - 1325 : Scheduled gunnery exercises were carried out.

Monday. 5th. February.
At 0603 Transport Group 78.5 observed bearing 130°, distant 13 miles. At 0825 speed was reduced to 5 knots in order to join with T.G. 78.5. Ships in company were.

Oconto	Heywood	L.P.Wood	Zeilin	Olmsted	Manoora
Starlight	Biddle	John Land	Latimer	Laporte	Westralia
Andrian	Uvalde	Granville	Okford	Laurens	Kanimbla
Thuban	Rushmore	Warren	Comet	G.P.Elliot	Titania
Electra	Herald of the Morning	Calvert	Barnstable	Diphda	

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Escorts :

W.C. Wann	Nickel	Oberrender
Renshaw	Formoe	
Kimmel	Phillip	
Walter	Abercrombie	

Disposition 3T was assumed.
Noon position : 09° 49'N, 123° 49'E. Current set and drift 321°, 16 miles. Barometer 1008.2. Temperature: Air 85°, Wet bulb 81°, Sea 82°. Light NNE wind. Calm sea.

Tuesday, 6th. February.
0800 : Suluan Island bearing 315°, distance 26 miles. At 0830 a floating mine was observed bearing 290°, distant 1 mile. U.S.S. "Philly" investigated and destroyed it by gunfire.
Noon position : 10° 43'N, 125° 27'E. Current set and drift 213°, 6 miles. Barometer 1009. Temperature: Air 86°, Wet bulb 85°. Light NW airs, calm sea.
At 1442 Starboard anchor was let go in 17 fathoms in position 207°, 8.7 miles from Marinquitdaquit Island.

Wednesday, 7th. February.
At 1117 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and in cruising disposition 5T, 3 cables astern of "Westralia", proceeded from the anchorage in company with the following ships :-

T.G.78.6			T.G.78.5		
Warren	Heywood	L.Wood	Zeilin	Clinton	Hanoora
Calvert	Biddle	Freestone	Latimer	Laporte	Westralia
Presidio	Ocanto	Granville	Oxford	Laurens	Kanimbla
Herald of	Adrian	Thuban	Comet	Elliot	Titania
the Morning	Starlight	Electra	Barnstable	Diphda	Rixey

escorted by :

Formoe	Walter C. Wann
Renshaw	Charles J. Kimmel
Syroston	Robert Brazier
Oberrender	Walter
Gilgourney	Abercrombie.

Noon position : 9° 35'N, 124° 43'E. Barometer 1010. Temperature: Air 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Light NNE winds. Calm sea.
1830 - 1858 : Enemy aircraft reported in vicinity. Probably reconnaissance planes.

Thursday, 8th. February.
At 0155 Himalulan Point was bearing 000°, distant 9.5 miles.
0655 - 0717 : Enemy aircraft reported in vicinity. Probably reconnaissance planes.
Noon position : 09° 47½'N, 122° 03½'E. Current set and drift 187°, 15 miles. Wind force 5 ↑ by E. Temperature : Air 83°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 82°. Barometer 1010.
1940 : Task Group 78.6 detached and proceeded towards Mindoro.

Friday, 9th. February.
At 0902 Yapusan Point was abeam to Starboard, distant 26½ miles.
Noon position : 13° 53½'N, 119° 42'E. Current set and drift 210°, 18 miles. Wind ENE force 6. Barometer 1012.8. Temperature : Air 82°, Wet bulb 77.1°, Sea 83°.

Saturday, 10th. February.
At 0545 the ships proceeded independently to their assigned anchorages off San Fabian, "Kanimbla" arriving at 0741. All boats were away by 0757 and Starboard anchor was let go in 11½ fathoms in Berth E290, with Mount Agoo bearing 005° and Mount Santo Tomas 046°, and the San Fabian signal tower distant 2.6 miles.
At 0826 the first wave proceeded ashore. From 0836 to 1100 L.C.T. 721 was secured to Starboard side abreast No.4 Hatch and took on board equipment for discharge on the beach, returning fast 1140 for a second load, and slipping at 1346. At 1344 the discharge of No.2 Hatch was completed. All troops and equipment were discharged by 1443. Twenty-one L.C.M. loads, 48 L.C.V.P. loads and 2 L.C.T loads of equipment were discharged ashore in a period of six hours. After hoisting all boats "Kanimbla" weighed anchor at 1700 and proceeded to position 004°, distant 7.2 miles from Binmaley Belfrey, letting go Starboard anchor in 20½ fathoms to await other ships of the Task Group.

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At 2329 anchor was weighed and, in company with the following ships as Task Unit 78.11.21, "Kanimbla" proceeded from Lingayen.

T.U. 41	T.U.42	T.U. 21
Olmsted	Zeilin	Manoora
Laporte	Latimer	Westralia
Laurens	Oxford	Kanimbla
Diphda	Barnstable	Titania
G.F.Elliot	Epping Forest	Risey
Tangier		

The escorts were :- Sigourney, Dufilho, Douglas A. Munroe, Formoe, Eugene E. Elmore.

Sunday. 11th. February.

1025 - 1051 : Closed up at Action Stations.
Noon position : 15° 38'N, 119° 03'E. Current set and drift 035°, 13 miles. Barometer 1014. Temperature: Air 83°, Wet bulb 80°. Light airs;calm sea.

Monday. 12th. February.

At 0520 Sablayan Point was abeam to Port, distant 12 miles. At 0710 U.S.S. "Tangier" was detached with escort "Douglas A.Munroe" and proceeded towards San Jose, Mindoro.
"Douglas A. Munroe" returned and took up position in the screen at 0800.
Noon position : 11° 25'N, 121° 14'E. Current, adverse 5.6 miles. Barometer 1011. Temperature: Air 81°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Wind NNE, force 5.

Air Attacks.

During the passage to and from Lingayen several bogies were reported, but no attacks developed on the convoy.

Behaviour of Embarked Troops.

During the whole of the period, 22nd. January to 10th. February (20 days), that the troops were on board their conduct and behaviour were exemplary.
On disembarkation, the troop decks were left in a clean and tidy state.

Abandon Ship Exercises.

Each day, whilst on passage towards the Assault area, embarked troops were exercised at their abandon ship stations during daylight and night hours.

(sgd) A. V. BUNYAN

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)

Encl: Unloading Experience Table.

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H.M.A.S. "MANOORA".
24th February, 1945.

The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

(Copies to Commanding Officers H.M.A. Ships, "MANOORA", "KANIMBLA", and "WESTRALIA".).

EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL CARRIED IN A.L.S.I's DURING PERIOD 1ST MARCH, 1944 TO 10TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

The following record of equipment and personnel carried in the three Australian Landing Ships Infantry during the above-mentioned period is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

SHIP.	U.S.OFFICERS.	U.S.ENLISTED MEN.	U.S.ARMY VEHICLES.	TOTAL TONNAGE.
"MANOORA".	1396	22,240	534	5261
"KANIMBLA".	1549	24,973	1021	6363
"WESTRALIA".	1533	23,905	1148	7042
	4478 (75,596)	71,118	2703	18,666

(Sgd.) A. P. COUSIN

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1 February, 1945 *Reference No.* 0109/26/191

To The Secretary, The Naval Board, MELBOURNE.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of January, 1945, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

The period 1st. to 11th. January was covered in my letter 011/26/191 of 12th. January, 1945, to Commander, Task Group 79.3, copies to C.T.F.79, ComTransDiv EIGHT, Secretary The Naval Board and S.N.O.A.L.S. Additional copy for Secretary, The Naval Board herewith.

Friday, 12th. January.

At 0150 Silmo Island was bearing 114°, distant 9 miles. The U.S. Destroyer "Abercrombie" at 0835 rescued three natives from an overturned boat.

Noon position: 09° 39'N, 125° 07'E. Current adverse 16 miles. Barometer 1007.6 . Temperature: Air 85°, Wet bulb 82°, Sea 81° .

At 1750 "Manoora", "Westralia" and "Kanimbla" were detached and proceeded independently to the anchorage, "Kanimbla" anchoring in position 316°, 5¼ miles from Tay Tay Point, Leyte, at 1853.

Saturday, 13th. January.

General ship maintenance carried out. Boats were lowered and rehoisted as necessary for repairs.

Sunday, 14th. and Monday, 15th. January.

General ship maintenance.

Tuesday, 16th. January.

At 0803 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor in company with "Manoora" and proceeded to San Pedro Bay, anchoring there in 9¾ fathoms in berth No.33 at 1055. Comoropirdah Island 045°, 1.4 miles . In accordance with instructions received from S.N.O.A.L.S., depth charges were transferred to A.S.I.S. "Yunnan".

1550 - 1648 : Ammunitioning ship.

Wednesday, 17th. January.

Carried out general maintenance and storing ship.

At 1350, oil tanker U.S.S. Y8 secured port side amidships and commenced fuelling "Kanimbla", completing at 1555. At 2032 "Action Stations" was sounded and smoke was made. Some A.A. fire was observed over Tacloban. 2053: Ceased making smoke, securing Action Stations at 2116.

Thursday, 18th. January.

At 1103 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded back to Tay Tay anchorage, anchoring there at 1307 in 21 fathoms, with Tay Tay Point bearing 152°, distant 6.6 miles.

At 1634 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded from the anchorage to take station three cables astern of "Manoora" in the Starboard column of the convoy, en route to Morotai. The accompanying ships formed Transport Divisions 11, 12, 21, 41 and 42 in the following order :

T.D.41	T.D.42	T.D.12	T.D.11	T.D.21
Olmsted	Latimer	W.P.Biddle	Leonard Wood	Manoora
Laporte	Oxford	Calvert	Warren	Kanimbla
Laurens	Barnstable	Andrain	Ocanto	Westralia
Banner	Elliot	Heywood	Herald of the Morning	Titania
	Diphda	Starlight	John Land	
		Stormking	Warhawk	
		Electra	Ovalde	
		Thuban		

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The convoy was escorted by the five U.S. Destroyers "Saufley", "Sigourney", "Philip", "Waller", "Renshaw".

At 1920 Transport Divisions 11 and 12 and U.S.S. "Renshaw" dropped astern and formed a separate unit.

The ships in company now consisted of Task Unit 78.5, Second Lingayen Reinforcement Group, in the following cruising order :

T.D.41	T.D.42	T.D.21
Olmsted	Latimer	Manoora
Laporte	Oxford	Kanimbla
Laurens	Barnstable	Westralia
Banner	Elliot	Titania
	Diphda	

Friday, 19th. January.

Heavy rain squalls were experienced during the morning.
Noon position: 9° 07'N, 127° 45'E. Barometer 1008.9.
Temperature: Air 82°, Wet bulb 78.6°, Sea 83°. Wind SE/6.

Saturday, 20th. January.

At 0205, Transport Division 21 was detached from the Task Unit and proceeded towards Morotai, as Task Unit 78.5.2, in the following cruising formation :

Kanimbla Manoora
Titania Westralia

with escorts U.S. Destroyers "Sigourney" and "Saufley".
Noon position: 5° 28½'N, 129° 28'E. Barometer 1009.2.
Temperature: Air 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Wind ENE/2.
Moderate sea.

Sunday, 21st. January.

At 0740 ships formed single line ahead and entered the harbour. At 0821 "Kanimbla" entered Morotai Harbour and at 0853 let go Starboard anchor in 19 fathoms, in position North end of Kokoja Island bearing 273°, distant 2.4 miles. At 1113 ship weighed anchor and proceeded alongside Army wharf No.2. At 1155 secured.

Distance steamed, Leyte to Morotai, 735½ miles, steaming time: 63 hours 39½ minutes, average speed: 11.56 knots.

Monday, 22nd. January.

Normal harbour routine. General maintenance carried out. At 1315 the advance party, consisting of 8 Officers and 30 enlisted men of 2nd. Bn., 130 Regt., 33rd. Division, of U.S. Army, were embarked.

Tuesday, 23rd. January.

0920 - 1120: 57 Officers and 1179 enlisted men of the 33rd. Division, U.S. Army were embarked.

Wednesday, 24th. January.

At 0816 "Kanimbla" slipped from Army wharf No.2 and proceeded to the anchorage, letting go Starboard anchor at 0849 in 17 fathoms in position 018½°, distant 2 miles, from Cape Gila.

At 0900 H.M.A. Ships "Stawell" and "Ararat" entered the harbour. "Stawell" departed again at 1440 accompanied by H.M.A. Ships "Gympie" and "Kapunda".

General ship maintenance carried out.

Thursday 25th. and Friday 26th. January.

General ship maintenance and harbour routine.

Saturday, 27th. January.

At 0830 H.M.A. Ships "Cootamundra" and "Deloraine" entered the anchorage. Two Officers and 120 enlisted men were disembarked for passage in an L.S.T. at 1415.

Sunday, 28th. January.

At 0818 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and moved to Avgas Wharf to fuel, slipping again at 1110 and anchoring in 16 fathoms in position 021½°, distant 1.9 miles, from Tg.Gila Signal Station. General ship maintenance and exercises carried out.

Monday, 29th. January.

0745 : U.S.S. "Barnstable" entered the harbour.
1755 : H.M.A.S. "Vendetta" entered the harbour.
Harbour drills and exercises were carried out.

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Tuesday, 30th. January.

An additional 16 U.S. troops were embarked at 1415.

Wednesday, 31st. January.

At 0915 H.M.A.Ships "Rockhampton", "Lithgow" and "Bundaberg" entered the harbour, followed at 1245 by "Colac" and "Deloraine".
General ship maintenance and drills carried out.

RECREATION.

During the ship's stay at Morotai, every opportunity was given for the Ship's Company to indulge in recreation. Competitive sports were entered into against "Manoora" and "Westralia". Swimming, picnic parties and fishing were popular pastimes.

MORALE.

The morale of the Ship's Company still remains high, although some recreational leave in a large city would be most appreciated.

MAIL.

The inconsistency of mail delivery is the cause of some concern, it now being over five weeks since the last mail was received on board, with the exception of small bags of Official mail. Every endeavour is made to inform the Port Directors concerned of Ship's movements re forwarding mail and personnel on draft.

GENERAL CONDITION OF SHIP.

The long period out of dockyard hands is having a telling effect on the general state of repair, and it is hoped that the next refitting period will not be much longer delayed.

HEALTH.

The health of the Ship's Company remains good. The following cases were treated during the month :

Appendicitis	4	Cellulitis	3
Pneumonia	1	Thrombosis	1
Burns	1	Cystitis	1
Common Cold	2	Renal Colic	1
Ulcers	1	Scabies	1
Inguinal Adenitis	2	Dermatitis	1
Malaria	2	Infected foot	1

PESTS.

There is a considerable number of rats on board. These are being kept in check by trapping. The bodies have been examined by the Medical Officer and there is no sign that they are disease carriers.

STATISTICS.

Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, during the month of January, 1945.

Distance steamed	4,116.4 miles
Steaming time	353 hours, 38 minutes
Average speed	11.64 knots
Average revolutions	77.9
Average slip under present conditions	12%

Oil consumed

Industrial Diesel	444.2	Tons
Diesel Distillate	2549	Imperial Galls.
Gasoline Motor Fuel	44	" "
Lubricating Oils	770	" "

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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UNIT PERSONNEL AND TONNAGE TABLE

UNIT

To be embarked in H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA.

TROOP OFFICERS 57 TROOP ENLISTED 1179 TOTAL 1236

	Line No.		Sq ft	Cu ft	Lbs
TROOP SPACE	1	"A" Bags	X	4497	102800
	2	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	X	5	50
	3	ORGANIZATIONAL INITIAL COMBAT EQPT.	x	116	1356
	4	TOTAL LINES 1-3		4618	104206
GENERAL CARGO	5	ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT	1475	8850	171000
	6	RATIONS: C,D,K.	X	-	-
	7	MESS EQUIPMENT	X	-	-
	8	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	X	-	-
	9	"B" BAGS OR SIMILAR EQUIPMENT	X	-	-
	10	TOTAL LINES 5-9	1475	8850	171000
VEHICLES	11	HAND CARTS			
	12	VEHICLES (Wheeled, tracked, towed guns)	6709	38448	539940
	13	TOTAL LINES 11-13	6709	38448	539940
	14	TOTAL WEIGHT OF PERSONNEL (pr man 224 lbs)		-	275072
	15	TOTAL LINES 4,10,13,14	8184	51916	1090218
		OTHER SUPPLIES (To be filled in by TQM.)			
COMBAT REPLACEMENTS	16	Ammunition-Small Arms			
	17	Commissary Sales Supplies			
	18	Chemical			
	19	Engineer			
	20	Medical			
	21	Motor Parts			
	22	Ordinance			
	23	Quartermaster (General Supplies)			
	24	Rations, C,D,K.			
	25	Signal			
	26	Total lines 17-26			
	27	Ammunition-Bulk			
	28	Pyrotechnics			
	29	Petroleum Products			
	30				
	31	Grand Total, lines 15,26,27,28,29,30	8184	31916	1090218
	32	Total weight in short tons			545

COMMANDING OFFICER
29 JAN 1945
H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

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FORM 1A

REVERSE SIDE OF UNIT PERSONNEL AND TONNAGE TABLE

VEHICLES

(Include herein: Towed Guns, Tanks and all wheeled and track laying vehicles.)							
Priority No.	TYPE	LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	SQ.FT.	CU.FT	WEIGHT
1	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
2	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
3	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
3A	1/4 ton Tlr	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
4	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
5	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
5A	1/4 ton Tlr	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
6	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
7	1/4 ton 4 x4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
8	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
9	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
9A	1/4 ton Tlr	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
10	H.D.7	12'	6'7"	6'	76.8	489	8.57
10A	M-10 Tlr.	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
10B	105 How.	19'7"	6'9"	5'4"	135	732	2.49
11	T.D.9	10'6"	6'4"	6'4"	66.7	420	5.66
11A	M-10 Tlr	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
11B	105 How	19'7"	6'9"	5'4"	135	732	2.49
12	T.D.9	10'6"	6'4"	6'4"	66.7	420	5.66
12A	M-10 Tlr.	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
12B	105 How.	19'7"	6'9"	5'4"	135	732	2.49
13	T.D.9	10'6"	6'4"	6'4"	66.7	420	5.66
13A	M-10 Tlr.	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
13B	105 How	19'7"	6'9"	5'4"	135	732	2.49
14	T.D.9	10'6"	6'4"	6'4"	66.7	420	4.66
14A	M-10 Tlr.	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
14B	M-10 Tlr	11'6"	9'	6'1"	79	379	3.00
15	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
15A	1/4 ton Tlr.	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
16	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
17	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
18	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
19	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
20	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
21	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
22	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
22A	1/4 tom Tlr.	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
23	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
23A	250 Gal.W/Tlr.	11'5"	5'11"	4'10"	68	326	2.00
24	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
X-1	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
X-2	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
X-3	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
25	2½ ton 6 x 6	22'5"	7'4"	9'2"	164	1508	10.5
TOTAL	Carried forward				3317.6	17031	126.74

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Priority No.	TYPE	LENGTH	WIDTH	HEIGHT	SQ. FT.	CU. FT.	WEIGHT
Total carried forward					3317.6	17031	126.74
26	T.D.9 W/B	13'3"	10'	8'8"	133	1157	6.16
26A	1 ton Tlr.D/W	13'3"	7'4"	6'1"	97	583	2.78
26B	1 ton Tlr.D/W	13'3"	7'4"	6'1"	97	583	2.78
27	1½ ton 6 x 6	19'3"	7'2"	7'3"	138	1001	6.68
27A	57mm A.T.	16'8"	6'3"	4'2"	104	435	1.53
28	1½ ton 6 x 6	19'3"	7'2"	7'3"	138	1001	6.68
28A	57mm A.T.	16'8"	6'3"	4'2"	104	435	1.53
29	1½ ton 6 x 6	19'3"	7'2"	7'3"	138	1001	6.68
29A	57mm A.T.	16'8"	6'3"	4'2"	104	435	1.53
30	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
30A	250 Gal.W/Tlr.	11'5"	5'11"	4'10"	68	326	2.00
31	2½ ton 6 x 6	22'5"	7'4"	9'2"	164	1508	10.5
32	2½ ton 6 x 6	22'5"	7'4"	9'2"	164	1508	10.5
33	2½ ton 6 x 6	22'5"	7'4"	9'2"	164	1508	10.5
34	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
35	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
36	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
37	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
38	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
X-4	1 Ton Tlr.S/W	12'1"	5'11"	6'1"	71.4	435.5	2.73
39	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
40	1½ ton 6 x 6	19'3"	7'2"	7'3"	138	1001	6.68
41	2½ ton 6 x 6	22'5"	7'4"	9'2"	164	1508	10.5
42	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
43	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
44	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
45	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
46	1/4 ton 4 x 4	11'	5'2"	4'4"	57	247	1.60
46A	1/4 ton Tlr.	9'	4'8"	3'5"	42	140	0.77
47	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
47A	250 Gal.W/Tlr.	11'5"	5'11"	4'10"	68	326	2.00
48	NIL						
49	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
50	3/4 ton W.C.	14'8"	6'11"	5'2"	101	529	4.27
TOTAL					6709	38448	270

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FORM 2

DEBARKATION PRIORITY TABLE

ORGANIZATION .....

EMBARKED IN H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

Priority.	DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION	USE	VEHICLE NO.	DRIVER	WHERE STOWED
1	1/4 ton 4x4	H.Q. 2nd 130 Inf.	Carg c	20546559	Konieczmi	2-G
2	1/4 ton 4x4	H.Q. 2ndBn 130 Inf.	Radio	20546562	Nagy	2-G
3	1/4 ton 4x4	124 Fd. Arty	Radio	20506070	Wasniewski	2-G
3a	1/4 ton tlr	124 Fd. Arty	Cargo		..	2-G
4	1/4 ton 4x4	H.Q. 2nd 130 Inf	Cargo	20546564	Gray	2-G
5	1/4 ton 4x4	"H" Coy 130Inf	Cargo	20546685	Ruths	2-G
5a	1/4 ton tlr	"H" Coy 130 Inf	Cargo			2-G
6	1/4 ton 4x4	Reg H.Q. 130 Inf Bn	Radio	20502376	Davis	2-G
7	1/4 ton 4x4	Reg H.Q. 13 0 Inf Bn	Radio	20507878	Chesney	2-G
8	1/4 ton 4x4	Reg H.Q. 130Inf Bn	Radio	20501345	Klempner	2-G
9	1/4 ton 4x4	C.I.C.	Cargo	20407817	Rosa	2-G
9a	1/4 ton tlr	C.I.C.	Cargo			4-F
10	HD-7 Tractor	124 Fd Arty	P.M.		Johns	4-F
10a	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
10b	105 Howitzer	"			"	4-F
11	TD-9 Tractor	"	P.M.		Barnes	4-F
11a	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
11b	105 Howitzer	"			"	4-F
12	TD-9 Tractor	"	P.M.		Mike	4-F
12a	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
12b	105 Howitzer	"			"	4-F
13	TD-9 Tractor	"	P.M.		Martin	4-F
13a	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
13b	105 Howitzer	"			"	4-F
14	TD-9 Tractor	"	P.M.		Wagner	4-F
14a	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
14b	M-10 tlr	"	Amn		"	4-F
15	1/4 ton 4x4	"H" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20531389	Lavamie	2-G
15 a	1/4 ton tlr	"	Cargo	"	"	2-G
16	3/4 ton W?C	124 F Arty	Cargo	2221107	Smith	2-G
17	3/4 ton W?C	"H" Cöy 130 Inf BN	Cargo	2228690	Reinbold	2-G
18	3/4 ton W/C	"	Cargo	2226646	Rabilam	2-G
19	1/4 ton 4x4	"G" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20546675	Aeschleman	2-G
20	1/4 ton 4x4	"F" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20546586	Allred	2-G
21	1/4 ton 4x4	"E" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20546687	Norris	2-G
22	1/4 ton 4x4	"H" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20546686	Deiders	2-G
22a	1/4 ton tlr	"	Cargo			2-G
23	3/4 ton W/C	Reg H.Q. 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	2206716	Sloan	2-G
23a	1 ton W/tlr 250g.	"			"	2-G
24	3/4 ton W/C	124 Fd Arty	Cargo	2218716	Alexander	2-G
25	2½ ton 6x6	H.Q. 2nd Bn	Cargo	4319890	Gilpin	2-H
26	TD-9	124 Fd Arty	P.M.		Odon	4-G
26a	1 ton tlr D/W	"	Cargo		"	4-G
26b	1 ton tlr D/W	"			"	4-G
27	1½ ton 6x6	H.Q. Coy 2nd Bn	Cargo	3305437	Peck	4-G
27a	57 mm A/T	"			"	4-G
28	1½ ton 6x6	"	Cargo	3305191	Ignatius	4-G
28a	57 mm A/T	"			"	4-G
29	1½ ton 6x6	"	Cargo	3337345	Vanderhayden	4-G
29a	57 mm A/T	"			q	4-G

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ORGANIZATION.....

PRIORITY	DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION	USE	VEHICLE NO.	DRIVER	WHERE STOWED
30	3/4 ton W/C	"H" Coy, 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	2220710	Uhls	4-G
30a	250g W/trailer	"	Water		"	4-G
31	2½ ton 6x6	"	Cargo	4172041	Curtis	2-H
32	2½ ton 6x6	733rd Ordinance	Cargo	4310090	Burton	2-H
33	2½ ton 6x6	H.Q. 2nd Bn	Cargo	4320501	Gilpin	2-H
34	1/4 ton 4x4	R.H.Q. 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20506478	McDonough	2-H
35	1/4 ton 4x4	124 Fd Arty	Cargo	20506617	Kay	2-H
36	1/4 ton 4x4	R.H.Q. 2nd Bn	Cargo	20503133	Scobie	2-H
37	1/4 ton 4x4	124 Fd Arty	Cargo	20506071	Levine	2-H
38	3/4 ton W/C	733rd Ordinance	Cargo	22111710	Seifert	2-H
X-4	1 ton tlr S/W	"	Cargo		"	2-H
39	3/4 ton W/C	H.Q. Coy 130 Bn	Cargo	2205580	Hopkins	2-H
40	1½ ton 6x6	"	Cargo	3305180	Giofre	2-H
41	2½ ton 6x6	R.H.Q. 2nd Bn	Cargo	4173030	Graham	2-H
42	3/4 ton W/C	124 Fd Arty	Cargo	2217313	Moreno	4-G
43	3/4 ton W/C	108 Med	Cargo	2219786	Zimmerman	4-G
44	3/4 ton W/C	108 Med	Cargo	2213363	Fisk	4-G
45	3/4 ton W/C	"H" Coy 130 Bn	Cargo	2218917	Fritz	4-G
46	1/4 ton 4x4	"H" Coy 130 Inf Bn	Cargo	20531388	Twedell	4-G
46a	1/4 ton tlr	"	Cargo		"	4-G
47	3/4 ton W/C	"	Cargo	2184181	Gjertson	4-G
47a	250g. W/trailer	"			"	4-G
48	Nil					-
49	3/4 ton W/C	124 Fd Arty	Cargo	2218617	Miller	4-G
50	3/4 ton W/C	"	Cargo	2203333	Tomey	4-G

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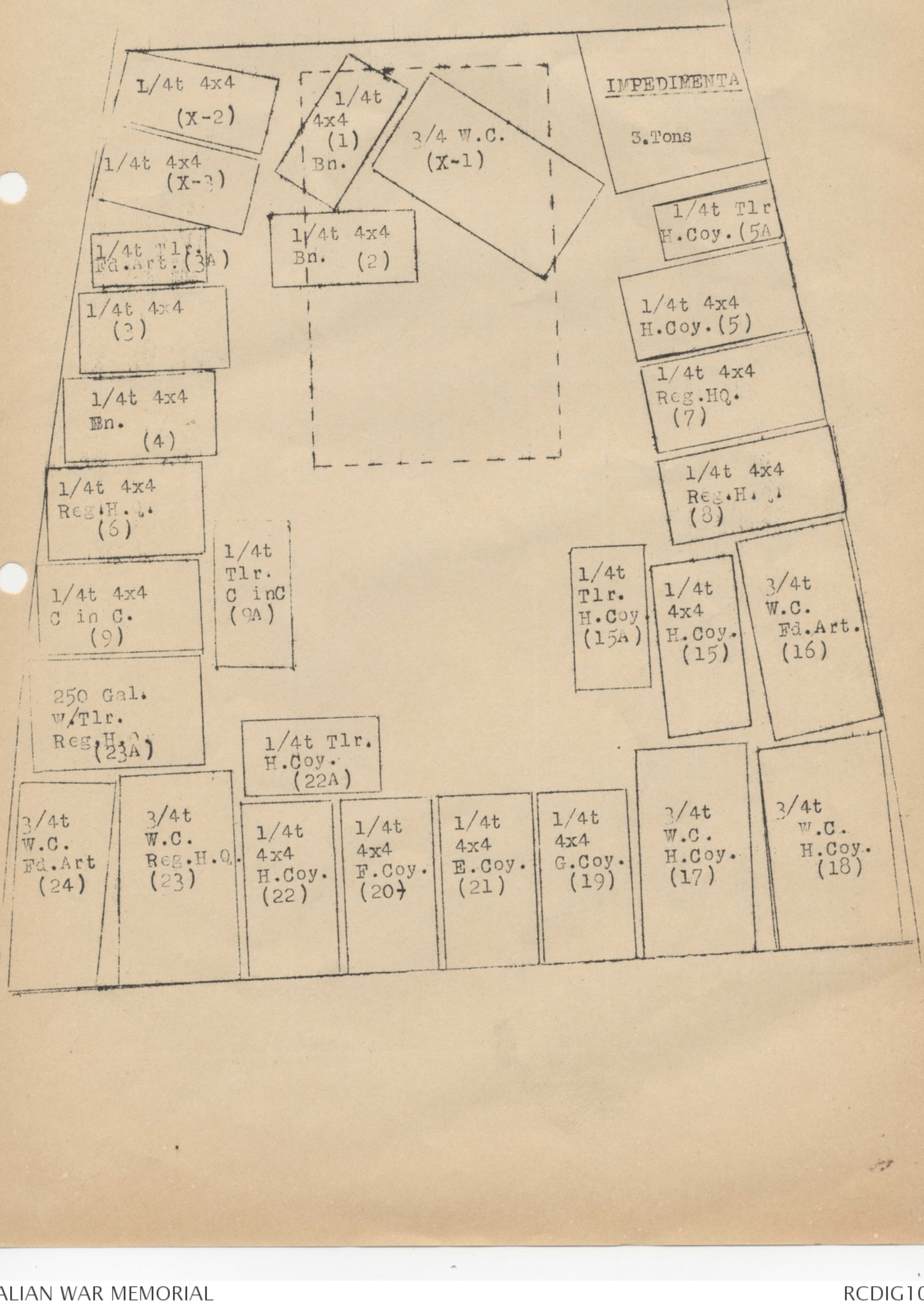
LOADING PLAN NO.2 HATCH "G" DECK
H.M.A.S."KANIMBLA"



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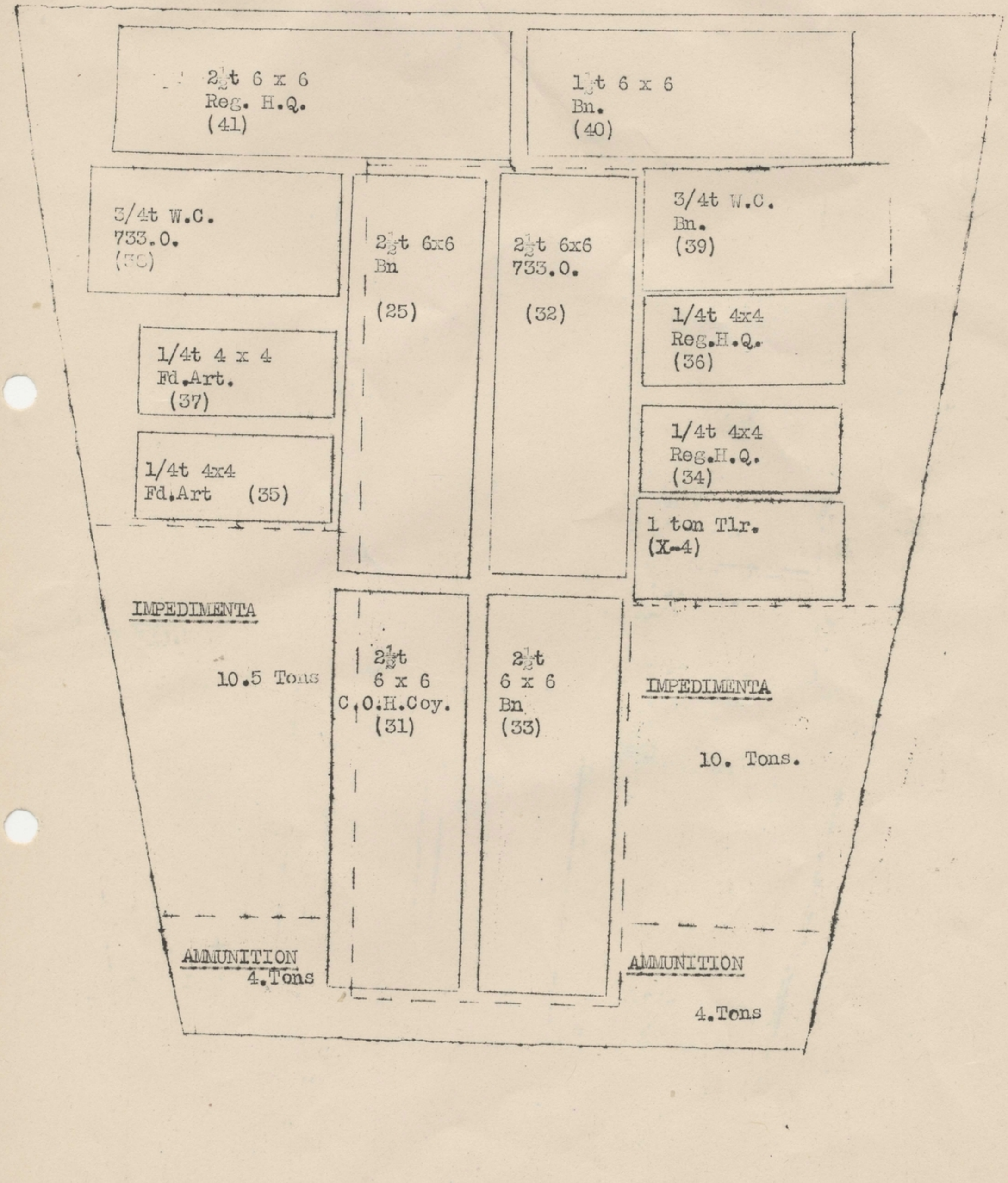

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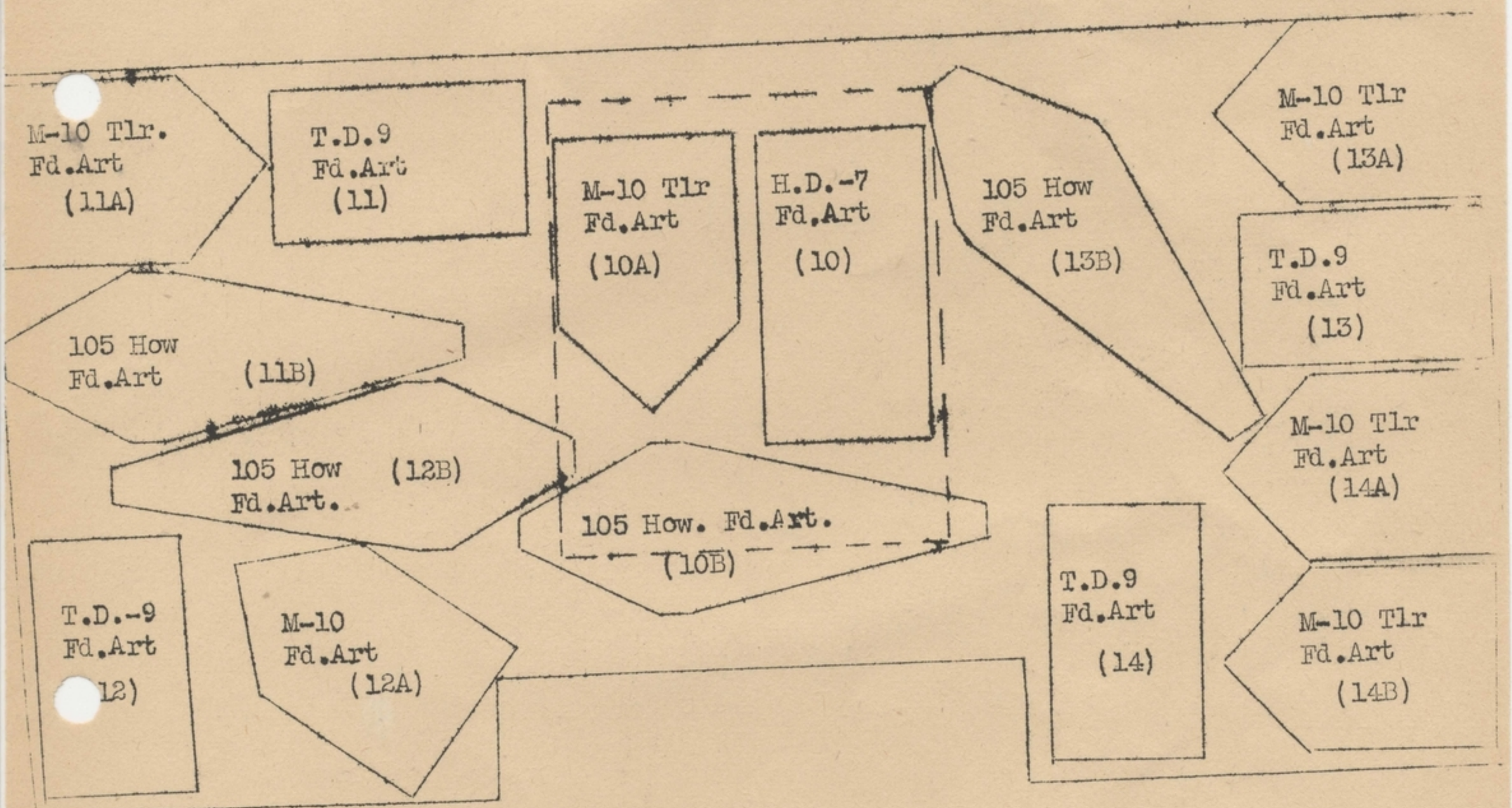

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3/4 t W.C Fd.Art. (49)

1/4 t 4x4 (46)

1/4t Tlr. H.Coy. (46A)

3/4t W.C. 733.O. (43)

3/4t W.C. 108 M (44)

3/4 t W.C. Fd.Art. (50)

250 Gal. W/Tlr. H.Coy (47A)

3/4 t W.C. H.Coy. (47)

3/4t W.C. Fd.Art (42)

57mm A.T. Bn. (29A)

1½t 6x6 Bn. (29)

57mm A.T Bn. (28A)

1½t 6x6 Bn. (28)

250 Gal W.Tlr. H.Coy. (30A)

3/4t W.C. H.Coy (30)

57mm A.T. (27A)

1½t 6 x 6 Bn. (27)

3/4t W.C. Bn. (45)

1t Tlr. Fd.Art. (26A)

1t Tlr. Fd.Art (26B)

T.D.9 Fd.Art. W/B (26)

ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT

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54 Tons

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PROFILE LOADING PLAN - H.M.A.S."KANIMBLA"

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	HATCH 4	HATCH 3	HATCH 2	HATCH 1
"D" DECK			145 Troops.	
"E" DECK	65 Troops	364 Troops	81 Troops	106 Troops
"F" DECK	H.D.7 - 1 T.D.9 - 4 M-10 Tlrs. - 6 105 How. - 4	178 Troops	232 Troops	SHIP'S STORE
"G" DECK	1 ton Tlrs- 2 TD/9 W/B-1 250g.W/T- 2 1½ton 6x6-3 Org.Eqpt. 3/4 ton WC-8 /54 tons 1/4 " 4x4-1 1/4 " Tlrs-1 57mm A/T - 3	SHIP'S STORE	3/4 ton WC- 6 250g W/Tlr.- 1 1/4 ton 4x4 - 16 1/4 ton Tlrs - 5 Org.Eqpt. - 3 ton	SHIP'S STORE
"H" DECK	MAGAZINE	SHIP'S STORE	2½ton 6 x6 - 5 1½ton 6 x 6 - 1 3/4ton WCs. -m 2 1/4ton 4 x 4s - 4 1 ton Tlr. - 1 Org.Eqpt. - 20.5 ton Ammunition - 8 ton	SHIP'S STORE

	4	3	2	TOTALS
L.C.M. LOADS	20	NIL	12	32
L.C.V.P. LOADS	20	20	20	60

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LOADING SUMMARY: H.M.A.S. KANIMBLA

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DATA ON CARGO SPACE					DATA IN MATERIAL TO BE LOADED			
HOLD & PLATFORM NUMBERS	CAPACITY Sq. Feet	CAPACITY Cubic Feet	HEIGHT CLEARANCE OF GIRDER	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF MATERIAL	SQUARE FEET	CUBIC FEET	LBS.
Hold No.2 "H" Deck	1840	14260	7'3"	Regt.H.Q.Coy.130	1x2½ ton 6 x 6	164	1508	21000
				" " " "	2x1/4 ton 4 x 4	114	494	6650
				" " " "	Org. Impedimenta	-	1350	27000
				124 Fd. Art.	2x1/4 ton 4 x 4	114	494	6650
				" " "	Org. Impedimenta	-	575	10500
				Bn.H.Q.Coy. 130	2x2½ ton 6 x 6	328	3016	42000
				" " "	1x1½ ton 6 x 6	138	1001	13375
				" " "	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8550
				" " "	Ammunition	-	600	16000
				733 Ordnance.	1x2½ton 6 x 6	164	1508	21000
				" "	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8550
				" "	1 Ton Tlr.	71	140	5470
				H.Coy. 130	1x2½ ton 6x6	164	1508	21000
					TOTAL	1469	12262	207745
					TOTAL SHORT TONS			103.87
Hold No.2 "G" Deck	2187	15870	7'3"	Regt.H.Q.Coy.130	Org.Impedimenta	-	450	9000
				" " "	3x1/4 ton 4 x 4	171	741	9975
				" " "	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8500
				" " "	1 Ton Water Tlr.	68	326	4000
				H.Coy. 130	3x1/4 ton 4 x 4	171	741	9975
				" "	3x1/4 ton Tlr	126	420	4650
				" "	2x3/4 ton W.C.	202	1058	17000
				Bn.H.Q.Coy. 130	4x1/4 ton 4 x 4	228	988	13300
				124 Fd.Art.	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	57	249	3325
				" "	1x1/4 ton Tlr.	42	140	1550
				" "	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8500
				C.I.C.	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	57	249	3325
				"	1x1/4 ton Tlr	42	140	1550

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DATA ON CARGO SPACE					DATA ON MATERIAL TO BE LOADED			
HOLD & PLATFORM NUMBERS	CAPACITY		HEIGHT CLEARANCE OF GIRDER	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF MATERIAL	SQUARE FEET	CUBIC FEET	LBS.
	Sq. Feet	Cubic Feet						
Hold No.2 "G" Deck	2187	15870	7'3"	A.T.Coy. 130	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8500
				" " "	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	68	326	4000
				E.Coy. 130	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	42	140	3325
				F.Coy. 130	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	42	140	3325
				G.Coy. 130	1x1/4 ton 4 x 4	42	140	3325
				124 Fd.Art.	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8550
					TOTAL	1772	8364	125675
					TOTAL SHORT TONS			62.83

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DATA ON CARGO SPACE					DATA ON MATERIAL TO BE LOADED			
HOLD & PLATFORM NUMBERS	CAPACITY Sq. Feet	CAPACITY Cubic Feet	HEIGHT CLEARANCE OF GIRDER	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF MATERIAL	SQUARE FEET	CUBIC FEET	LBS
Hold No.4 "F" Deck	1870	12662	6'10"	124 Fd.Art	6xM-10 Tlrs.	474	2274	36540
				" "	4x105 How	540	2928	19920
				" "	4xT.D.9	267	1680	45300
				" "	1xH.D.7	77	489	17140
					TOTAL	1358	7371	118900
					TOTAL SHORT TONS			59.45

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DATA ON CARGO SPACE					DATA ON MATERIAL TO BE LOADED			
HOLD & PLATFORM NUMBERS	CAPACITY		HEIGHT CLEARANCE OF GIRDER	ORGANIZATION	TYPE OF MATERIAL	SQUARE FEET	CUBIC FEET	LBS.
	Sq. Feet	Cubic Feet						
Hold No.4 "G" Deck	3865	25122	6'5"	2nd Bn.H.Q.Coy. 130	3x1½ ton 6 x 6	414	3003	40125
				" " "	3x57mm Guns	312	1305	9219
				" " "	1x3/4 ton W.C.	101	529	8550
				" " "	1x250 Water Tlr.	68	326	4000
				" " "	Org.Impedimenta	-	1350	27000
				Coy.H. 130	2x3/4 ton W.C.	202	1058	17100
				" "	1x250 Water Tlr.	68	326	4000
				" "	1x1/4 ton 4x4	57	247	3325
				" "	1x1/4 ton Tlr.	42	140	1550
				" "	Org.Impedimenta	-	1350	27000
				124 Fd.Art.	3x3/4 ton W.C.	303	1587	25650
				" "	1xT.D.9 W/B	133	1157	12325
				" "	2x1 ton Tlrs.D/W	194	1166	11140
				A.T.Coy.130	Org.Impedimenta	-	900	18000
				E.Coy.130	Org.Impedimenta	-	900	18000
				F.Coy.130	Org. Impedimenta	-	900	18000
				108 Med.	2x3/4 ton W.C.	202	1058	17100
					TOTAL	2096	17302	262084
					TOTAL SHORT TONS			131.04

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TROOP AND VEHICLE CONSIST: H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" FORM 6

ORGANIZATION	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN	1/4 ton 4x4	1/4 ton tlrs	3/4 ton w/c	1 ton tlrs	1 ton w/tlrs	1 ton tlrs dual wheel	M-10 tlrs	1½ ton 6x6	2½ ton 6x6	TD-9 Tractors	HD-7 Tractor	TD-9 w/t	105 Howitzer	57 mm A/T	TOTAL
HQ. Coy. 2nd Bn 130 Inf	12	117	4		1					4	2					3	14
"E" Coy 130 Inf Bn	4	164	1														1
"F" Coy " "	4	165	1														1
"G" Coy " "		4	1														1
"H" Coy " "	5	127	4	4	5		2				1						16
R.H.Q. 130 Inf Bn		11	5		1		1				1						8
124 Fd. Arty.	23	306	3	1	5			2	6			4	1	1	4		27
733rd Ordinance		12			1	1					1						3
108 Med.	1	29			2												2
C.I.C.		2	1	1													2
108 Engrs	2	76															
Cann. Coy. 130 Inf		15															
A/T Coy 130 Inf Bn	4	113	1		1												2
33 Div Det.	2	30															
544 E.B.B.		8															
TOTALS	57	1179	21	6	16	1	3	2	6	4	5	4	1	1	4	3	77

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

SECRET 12 January, 1945 011/26/191

Commander, TASK GROUP 79.3

ACTION REPORT - MUSKETEER MIKE I - HMAS "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for your information is the following Action Report.

Sunday, 31 December, 1944.

At 0803 anchor was weighed and "Kanimbla" proceeded from Seeadler Harbour. Station was taken three cables astern of U.S.S. "Titania" in cruising disposition 1 T.

This Task Group (Able) consisted of the following ships :-

Sarasota	Lamarr	Mt. Mc Kinley (F)	Harris
Manoora	Alpine	Almaack	Bolivar
Westralia	Starlight	Ozark	Doyen
Titania	Alshain	Pinkney	Sheridan,
Kanimbla	Harry Lee	Oak Hill	

the salvage tugs "Grasp" and "Chowanoc", the destroyers U.S.S. "Robinson", "Waller", "Cony" and "Renshaw", and the destroyer escorts U.S.S. "Gilligan", "Leroy" and "Wilson".

Noon position: Lat. 1° 32½'S. Long. 146° 53'E. Temperature: Air 76°, Wet bulb 76°, Sea 84°. Wind WNW 6 - 7. Heavy rain squalls. Barometer 1008.7. Draft ~~forward~~ 21' 9" F, 23' 11" A.

Drills and tactical exercises were carried out during the afternoon. At 1600 clocks were retarded to "I" time.

Monday, 1 January, 1945.

Heavy passing rain squalls were experienced. At 0800 the convoy carried out flag hoisting exercises, ceasing at 0900. Visibility was very poor. At 1000 the exercises were cancelled.

Noon position: Lat 0° 45'N. Long 143° 54'E. Temperature: Air 78°, Wet bulb 76°, Sea 83°. Wind NW/6. Barometer 1007. Rough sea and swell, cloudy and overcast sky.

From 1336 to 1412 paravanes were streamed for exercise. Time taken to recover and re-rig, 5 minutes. Tactical exercises were carried out between 1447 and 1516.

Tuesday, 2 January, 1945.

At 0817 paravanes were streamed for exercise, and were recovered at 0940. Time taken to recover, 4 minutes. At 1030, ships formed cruising disposition 5 T, and commenced scheduled gunnery exercises, ceasing at 1150.

Noon position: Lat 2° 37'N. Long 139° 55½'E. Current set and drift, S 61 E, 14 miles. Barometer 1006.8. Temperatures: Air 84°, Wet bulb 80°, sea 83°. Wind NW/2. Cloudy and overcast sky with slight sea and swell.

Wednesday, 3 January, 1945.

At 0915 ship drills were carried out.

Noon position: Lat 4° 43½'N. Long 135° 29'E. Current set and drift, S 64 E, 26 miles. Barometer 1007.9. Temperatures : Air 83°, Wet bulb 79.5°, Sea 84°. Wind NE. Light squalls with slight low swell.

At 1440 a possible submarine contact was obtained by one of the destroyer screen, all ships making an emergency turn of 40° to Starboard.

Thursday, 4 January, 1945.

From 1030 to 1130 aircraft gunnery exercises were carried out.

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Noon position: Lat 6° 58½'N. Long 131° 12'E. Current set and drift, N 78 W, 7 miles. Barometric pressure 1008.5. Temperature: Air 85°, Wet bulb 81°. Light NW wind. Sea smooth with low head swell.

Friday, 5 January, 1945.

At 0620, two tankers, U.S.S. "Tallulah" and "Schuylkill", joined the force to fuel the escorts.

Noon position: Lat 9° 3'N. Long 128° 27'E. Temperature: Air 83°, Wet bulb 79.6°, Sea 84°. Current set and drift, N 45 E, 3 miles. Barometer 1008.9. Light NW wind, cloudy sky, slight sea with low, moderate swell.

In Lat 9° 15'N. Long 128° 18'E., bearing 025°, 15 miles from the ship's position, an Allied aircraft reported sighting, at 1305, a submarine. The aircraft fired one burst, the submarine crash diving.

Saturday 6 January, 1945.

At 0206 a report was received that U.S. Ships "Howard" and "Thomas" were in collision, stating damage was caused to the boiler room of "Howard", while "Thomas" suffered damage to her forecastle, and was making water.

At 0610 U.S. Ships "Oak Hill" (L.S.D.), "Currituck" (S.V.), and two air-sea rescue ~~xxxxxx~~ boats, and the tug "Grapple" joined the Transport Group.

At 0930 Corsairs and Thunderbolts appeared over the convoy.

Noon position: Lat 9° 31'N. Long 124° 47½'E. Temperatures: Air 82.3°, Wet Bulb 78.6°, Sea 84°. Current set and drift, favourable, 7 miles. Barometer 1010.4 . Light NNE winds. Smooth sea with clear-cloudy skies.

At 1710 action stations were sounded. The destroyer screen closed to within, approximately, 500 yards of the Transport Group. At 1723 one Zeke aircraft was shot down by our air cover.

Sunday, 7 January, 1945.

An unidentified aircraft was detected in the vicinity at 0153. Action Stations were sounded, but secured again at 0216. At 0650, action stations. U.S. Ships "Harry Lee", "Currituck" and an escort opened fire. Action Stations were secured at 0714.

Noon position: Lat 10° 41'N, Long 121° 40'E. Temperatures: Air 85.5°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 82°. Current set and drift, adverse, 1 mile. Barometer 1009.8. Fresh NE wind, clear sky, slight to moderate sea, with low swell.

At 1223 a report was received that a U.S. submarine which was damaged and only able to submerge with extreme difficulty was proceeding from 11° 47'N. 111° 0'E. to 12° 35'N 117° 0'E.

From 2655 to 2128 Air raid red warning prevailed.

Monday, 8 January, 1945.

0455 - 0638: Action Stations. Enemy planes reported.
0908 - 1010: Action Stations.

At 1100 the Task Group was abeam of Manila Bay, approximately 60 miles distant.

Noon position: Lat 14° 31'N., Long 119° 23'E. Current set and drift, adverse, 12 miles. Moderate NE monsoon prevailed with clear skies and moderate sea. Temperatures: Air 82.6°, Wet bulb 78.8°.

1805 : Action Stations. Four Japanese planes, part of a group making an attack on the Task Force, were shot down by U.S. Hartlets, and seen to crash approximately 5 miles off the Port quarter of the convoy. At 1855 the U.S.S. "Kitkun Bay" (CVE) was hit near the waterline, Port side aft, by a suicide plane. At 1905 a Japanese Zeke appeared to make a run on "Kanimbla". All Port guns and the 4 inch opened fire. The plane was hit and dropped two light bombs, one of which hit the water 100 yards off the Port quarter, and the other 30 feet off the Port bow. The aircraft went into a steep dive and crashed into the sea, bursting into flames, between "Westralia" and "Titania", approximately 4 cables ahead of "Kanimbla". At 1915 "Westralia" reported her steering gear out of action, and dropped out of station, resuming her position again at 1925. The damaged carrier, with two destroyers standing by, was passed on our Port hand. At 2150 "Kanimbla" passed through a thick patch of oil.

Tuesday, 9 January, 1945.

Courses and speed as required to maintain station approaching the Assault Area. Fine, fresh ~~m~~rrong.

0650 Action Stations. Air Raid warning "Red".
0655 Deploy.
0717 Enemy aircraft over beach.

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0740 Let go Starboard anchor in 24 fathoms, in Transport area "Charlie".
Away all boats and commenced disembarking troops and equipment.
U.S. Cruiser "Columbia" reported being hit by a suicide plane. Director out of action, but continued bombardment of shore targets.
0925 Enemy H.A. fire observed behind Lingayen.
0929 Assault troops 800 yards from beach.
1047 Weighed anchor and proceeded into Transport Area "Mike".
1126 Let go Starboard anchor in 9 fathoms.
Continued discharging equipment and troops.
1305 Enemy plane dived at H.M.A.S. "Australia" and hit forward funnel. H.M.A.S. "Australia" answered S.N.O.A.L.S. signal if medical assistance was required by reporting that there were no casualties.
1600 Completed unloading No.2 Hold.
1800 Completed unloading No.4 Hold.
1810 All cargo unloaded.

Unloading of troops and equipment proceeded satisfactorily during the day, with L.C.M's and L.C.V.P's and one self-propelled barge. Work continued during Air raid alerts.

L.S.M. 12 which was designated to assist unloading in accordance with A701 - 44, Appendix G, 3-04, did not report alongside until all unloading was completed. Meantime, the services of L.C.T. 726 were obtained. Contact was made by V/S with L.S.M. 12 at 1347 whilst he was proceeding towards the beach fully loaded. It appears that unloading of this L.S.M. was delayed at the beach. In order to expedite unloading, the beach party was augmented by 34 members from Ship's Company, consisting of 1 Chief Petty Officer, 2 Seamen Petty Officers, 1 Leading Seaman, 4 Able Seamen, 1 Petty Officer Writer, 1 Writer, 4 Cooks, 3 Stewards, and 12 Stokers.

1835 Ship was ready to proceed to sea.
1840 Commenced laying smoke screen.
1937 Ceased making smoke.
1957 Anchor aweigh. Proceeded out of Gulf with TransDiv 8 : "Sarasota", "Manoora", "Westralia", "Kanimbla".
2300 Joined up with returning eacholon, Task Unit 79.14.1, in six columns.

Wednesday, 10 January, 1945.

0710 Action Stations. A single enemy plane made a run on the convoy and one light bomb was seen to hit the water four cables off Port beam of the Task Unit.
0745 Signal received to change station.
0844 In station Starboard wing column in the following order :-
H.M.A.S. "Australia", U.S.S. "Columbia", U.S.S. "Louisville", H.M.A. Ships "Manoora", "Westralia" and "Kanimbla".

Ships of the Unit now in the following order :-
Six Columns.

Sarasota	James O'Hara	Clay	Leonard F.Wood	Harris
Knox	W.P.Biddle	Sumpter	Callaway	Bolivar
Custer	A.Middleton	Strym King	Pierce	Doyen
Colvert	Baxter	Monitor	La Salle	Golden City
Lindenwald	Catskill	Cunston Hall	Chadwell	Sheridan
Casa Grande	Elliott	Belle Grove	Oak Hill	Ozark

Australia
Columbia
Louisville
Manoora
Westralia
Kanimbla

Screen : U.S.Ships "Jenkins" (DD), "W.C.Wann" (DE), "Hodges" (DE), "Sterrett" (DD), "Wilson" (DD), "Wickes" (DD), "Abercrombie" (DE), H.M.A.S. "Arunta", U.S.Ships "Picking" (DD), "Sproston" (DD), "Young" (DD), Lavallette" (DD).

1105 Sighted reinforcement group to Eastward on opposite course.
1137 Passed small dinghy, empty and waterlogged.
1200 Position 15° 19'N, 119° 3'E. 15 hours 41 minutes, 174 miles, - speed 11.1 knots. Barometer 1008.1 .Temperatures: Air 82.5°. Wind, NW/2. Clear and cloudy. Smooth sea.

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1259 Jap plane reported shot down 10 miles to Nor'ard of this Task Unit.

1303 to 1318 Flash "Red".

1430 to 1450 Flags at half mast; U.S.S. "Louisville" committing her dead to the deep.

1500 C.V.E., U.S.S. "Tulagahan Bay" joined Task Unit and took up station astern of "Ommaney".

1650 U.S.S. "Pickling" passed dead Japanese pilot.

Thursday, 11 January, 1945.

General ship position.

1200 11° 29'N., 122° 26'E. 24 hours, 325 miles, 13.5 knots. Barometer 1003.6 . Temperature 85.5°. Wind SW/S. Cloudy and overcast.

Air Attacks.

During air attacks on the 9th. inst., when enemy plane made a run on "Columbia" and dropped two light bombs, quite a considerable amount of small calibre fire from other ships passed between forecast and bridge but fortunately causing no casualties or damage.

Behaviour of Disembarked Troops.

During the whole of the long period, 11th. December to 9th. January (30 days), that the troops were on board their conduct and behaviour were exemplary.

Abandon Ship Exercises.

Each day, whilst on passage towards the Assault area, embarked troops were employed at their abandon ship stations during daylight and night hours.

Filipinos on Board.

The Filipinos encountered on the boats offered their services willingly to unload the barges, in return for some food. It is understood approximately 200 natives were obtained to assist, in return for some cases of "C" rations.

(sgd) A. V. BUNYAN

Commander, R.A.N.R.(1)
Commanding Officer.

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" " Group 77.1
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The Secretary, The Naval Board.
H.M.C.A.S. "Lolworth".

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REVISED FORM FOR REPORTING A.A. ACTION BY SURFACE SHIPS.

Location of ship (area)....15° 57'N., 119° 15'E. HMAS "KANIMBLA"

Zone time... 1905 I Date.....8 January, 1945.

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1. Surprise attack (yes or no)...No Day or Night...Day

2. Method picking plane up (Radar, binoculars, naked eye)..naked eye.

3. Range plane was picked up (50, 30, 10, less than 5 mls)..less 5 m.

4. Total No. of planes observed...1. Type } Like Zeke fitted with two light bombs.

5. Number of planes attacking own ship...1 Type }

6. No. of planes taken under fire by own ship....1
   (a) Of those attacking own ship....1 Type....as above
   (b) Others.....Nil

7. Speed and altitude of approach in knots and feet...200 kts., approaching, over 350 kts. when diving. Alt. 6000 feet Approx.

8. Number of guns firing - by calibre...1 x 4", 1 x 3", 1 x 2pdr., 6 x 20 mm.

9. Ammunition expended - by calibre...4" - 7, 3" - 8, 2pdr - 32, 20mm - 672.

10 Percent service allowance expended -------

11. Method of control...Phone Control. Method of spotting...Eye
    Method of ranging...Eye Method of firing...Officer of Quarters

12 Approximate time-tracking to first shot ----------

13 Approximate time of first hits...Times unknown. Several hits from 2 pdr and 20 mm. observed.

14. Approximate time first shot to last shot....Not known

15 Approximate angle open fire...65°

16 Approximate position angle cease fire...15°

17 Approximate bearing first shot...Red 140°

18 Approximate bearing last shot....Red 10°

19 Approximate range first shot.....6000 feet. Alt....6000 feet.

20 Approximate minimum range aircraft approached....600' Alt 600'

21 Approximate range last shot..700 feet Alt.....400 feet

22 Approximate altitude of bomb release...1500 feet/Size ofbomb..Small

23 Approximate range torpedo released ------ Size -------

24 Number of hits on ship by bomb...Nil. by Torp..Nil., Strafed? No.

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Number near bomb misses damaging ship...Nil

25. Planes shot down.
(a) Those attacking own ship...One, SURE (Assist), number of 2 pdr. and 20 mm hits observed.
(b) Other aircraft....Nil.

27. Best estimate of size gun or guns responsible for each "Sure",.... ..2 pdr. PomPom and 20 mm. hits observed.

28. Performance of ammunition (Excellent, good, bad, poor)..excellent.

29. What failures in material occurred in this action?....Nil.

30. Sketch (a) Indicate direction of attack relative ship's head.
(b) Show relative position of sun.
(c) Indicate own manoeuvres.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" for the period 1st to 28th December, 1944.

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COMMANDER. R.A.N.R.(S)
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

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Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the period 1st. to 28th. December, 1944.

Friday, 1st. December.

At Empress Augusta Bay, anchored in 29 fathoms, with Beacon "A" distant 3.15 miles, bearing 340°.

At 1555 L.C.T. 915 secured on the Starboard side abreast No.4 Hatch and the loading of equipment of the 251st. AAA Bn., U.S. Army, began. At 1820 L.C.T. 58 secured on the Starboard side abreast No.2 Hatch with further equipment. Both craft continued trans-shipping stores until 2320.

Saturday, 2nd. December.

At 0105 L.C.T. 326 secured on the Starboard side. More equipment was loaded. During the day, normal harbour routine was followed. At 1725 L.C.T. 915 trans-shipped more equipment, slipping at 1822.

Sunday, 3rd. December.

Monday, 4th. December.

Normal tropical harbour routine.

Tuesday, 5th. December.

At 1115 U.S. Tanker, Y.O.G.33, secured on the Starboard.side. Fuelling was completed at 1125.

Wednesday, 6th. December.

General ship maintenance and drills carried out.

Thursday, 7th. December.

At 1500 the ship was observed to be dragging. Action was taken to check this, the ship anchoring again at 1600 in 30 fathoms.

Friday, 8th. December.

At 0835 L.C.T. 70 secured alongside No.4 Hatch and unloaded further quantities of U.S. equipment.

Saturday, 9th. December.

Normal harbour routine drills and exercises carried out.

Sunday, 10th. December.

At 0017 Air Raid condition Yellow prevailed. Action Stations were sounded at 0020, the "All Clear" being given at 0022. Action Stations were secured at 0024.

Monday, 11th. December.

At 1015 an advance detail of 39 Officers and 316 enlisted men were embarked.

Tuesday, 12th. December.

At 0805 the embarkation of the U.S. troops began. 83 Officers and 1247 enlisted men, the elements of many assorted Battalions and Companies, were embarked. At 1030 lead lines were examined and checked.

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Wednesday, 13th. December.

General ship maintenance and drills carried out.

Thursday, 14th. December.

0620 : "Away all boats". Commenced discharging troops for landing exercises. At 0710 the 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. waves left the ship. At 1400 the troops were re-embarked.

Friday, 15th. December.

Ship maintenance and harbour routine followed.

Saturday, 16th. December.

At 0911 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded for Lae, in company with U.S.S. "Sarasota", "Lamar","Bolivar", "Harris", "Alpine", "Almaack", "Mount Olympus", "Starlight", "Ozark", "Doyen", "Titania", "Alsham", "Pinkney", "Sheridan", "Harry Lee" and H.M.A. Ships "Manoora" and "Westralia". The force was escorted by the U.S. Destroyers "Picking", "Sproston", "Wickes", "Monssen", "Leroy Wilson", and "Gilligan". Action Oerlikon and Pom Pom crews closed up at 1325 in readiness for firing exercises at sleeve targets towed by two "Avenger" aircraft. For the purpose of the exercise the convoy formed two columns. Firing commenced at 1420. Three types of runs were made by the aircraft :

(a) Crossing run, designated as a HOW run.
(b) Passing run, designated as an UNCLE run.
(c) Gliding approach run, designated as a CHARLIE TYPE TARE run.

At 1450 action 3 inch and 4 inch gun crews closed up. During the exercises, which were completed at 1615, all action guns crews were exercised.

1200 : Lat: 06° 31½'S, Long: 154° 52'E.
Weather : Temperature, dry bulb 85°, Wet bulb 81°, Sea 83°. Barometric pressure 1006.3 millibars. Wind N.W.

Sunday, 17th. December.

At 0909 manoeuvring exercises were commenced and were completed at 1030.

Cape Bali was sighted bearing 332°, distant 25 miles at 1330. Action gun crews closed up at 1655 to carry out tracking exercises. Task Group Baker was sighted bearing 267°, distant 20 miles at 1746.

1200 : Lat: 6° 42½'S, Long: 150° 10'E.
Weather : Temperature: Dry bulb 84°, Wet bulb 81°, Sea 83°. Barometric pressure: 1006.8 millibars. Light S.W. winds.

Monday 18th. December.

By 0741 "Kanimbla" was in Transport Area "C" and all boats were away by 0755. At 0915 waves left the ship for landing rehearsal on Crimson One Beach. After moving to the inner Transport Area, "Kanimbla" anchored in 50 fathoms at 1216. At 1615 the embarked troops returned to the ship and the boats were hoisted. Smoke was made between 1920 and 1934.

Tuesday,19th. December.

During the morning 5 L.C.V.P's were lowered and participated in landing exercises. All boats were hoisted by 1430, and the ship secured for sea. Anchor was weighed at 1641 and position taken in the convoy, 3 cables astern of "Titania", and course set for Manus . U.S.S. "Mount Olympus" remained at Lae.

Wednesday, 20th. December.

Manoeuvring exercises were carried out during the forenoon. At 1440 gunnery exercises were commenced at drogue targets, guns crews securing at 1655.

1200 : Lat: 4° 41'S, Long: 147° 21'E.
Weather : Temperature: dry bulb 82°, Wet bulb 80°, Sea 83°. Barometric pressure 1004.5 millibars.

Thursday, 21st. December.

At 0258 the peak of Baluan Island was abeam to Starboard, distant 3 miles, bearing 090°. Manoeuvring exercises were completed at 1107 and at 1345 the convoy formed single column to enter Seeadler Harbour. Anchor was let go at 1700 in 13 fathoms in position 160°, 1.5 miles from "N" in anchorage 121. At 1715 clocks were retarded one hour to "K" time.

1200 : Lat: 1° 43'S, Long: 147° 34'E.
Weather : Temperature: Dry bulb 87°, Wet bulb 81°, Sea 84°. Light N.E. wind.

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Friday, 22nd. December.

Storing and normal harbour routine carried out.

Tuesday, 26th. December.

From 1245 to 1445 oil was taken aboard from an oiler secured alongside. At 1635 L.C.V.P. K.10 left the ship to be exchanged at the Boat Pool.

Wednesday, 27th. December.
Thursday, 28th. December.

Storing and general maintenance and normal harbour routine carried out.

Health of the Ship's Company.

A copy of the report by the Senior Medical Officer is attached.

Recreational.

Recreational leave was granted as opportunity offerred at Empress Augusta Bay and Seeadler Harbour.

Conduct of the Ship's Company.

The conduct of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory and the morale remains high. However, all members are anxious to see the bright lights of more civilised areas.

Distances Steamed.

Distance steamed for the month of December, 1944, including manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	998 Miles
Steaming time	94 hours 52 minutes
Average speed	10.52 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	30,276.7 Miles
Total steaming time	2671 hours, 02 minutes.
Average speed	11.33 knots.

H. L. Mayall.
Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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LIST OF CASES SICK ON BOARD H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1944.

DISEASE	No. of Cases.	No. of Days Sick	Disposal
HEPATITIS	1	3	Duty
BRONCHITIS	3	11	"
PAPILLOMA	1	4	"
BOILS	5	32	"
PAROTITIS	1	9	"
PYELITIS	2	11	"
PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS	1	1	106 Aust C.C.S. Bouganville.
APPENDICITIS	2	16	Still under treatment.
TONSILLITIS	1	4	Duty
HAEMATOCOELE	1	8	"
FRACT Lt RADIUS (Linear)	1	4	"
	19	103	

SGD. Sidney A. Sewell

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D.T.S.R Tuesday 28th Nov. A dangerous procedure. 16/12

D.O.D. Propose we ask SNOALS for his proposals for docking this ship. See para marked "Performance" on last page. 19/12

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D.C.N.S. This is Com. 7th PHIB's affair. The ship belongs to him. 3/1.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 1 December, 1944 *Reference No.* 26/191/22

To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.
(Through S.N.O.A.L.S.)

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of November, 1944.

Wednesday, 1st. November.

At Humboldt Bay where general ship maintenance was carried out.

Thursday, 2nd. November.

"Kanimbla" weighed anchor at 1629 to proceed to Aitape with the escorts P.C. 1179 and P.C. 1600.

Friday, 3rd. November.

At 0639 "Kanimbla" anchored in 9½ fathoms in position 094° distant 1.75 miles from Rohm Point.

Weather - Barometric pressure 1004 millibars. Temperature Dry 82°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Airs light and various.

Saturday, 4th. November.

At 0735 L.C.T. 127 secured alongside Starboard side abreast No.4 Hatch with Military equipment. At 1730 10 Officers and 90 enlisted men of 112th. U.S. Cavalry Regiment were embarked.

Sunday, 5th. November.

At 0610 L.C.T. 729 secured alongside Starboard side abreast No.2 Hatch with military equipment, and then, throughout the day until 1525, equipment was loaded from L.C.T.'s 127, 728 and 729. By 1600 all Army personnel, namely 12 Officers and 143 enlisted men of 112th. Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army, had been embarked.

Monday, 6th. November.

With the escorting P.C.'s 1179 and 1600, anchor was weighed at 0553 for the return passage to Humboldt Bay where "Kanimbla" anchored in 13 fathoms at 1429 in position 090°, distant 2.7 miles from Mathilde Island.

1200 - Lat. 2° 33'S. Long. 141° 15'E.

Weather - Barometric pressure 1002.6. Temperature, Dry 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. S.W. airs.

Tuesday, 7th. November.

General ship maintenance and drills carried out.

Wednesday, 8th. November.

At Humboldt Bay, general maintenance and drills were carried out.

For the period 9th. to 19th. November see "Kanimbla's" letter 26/191/21 dated 19th. November, 1944.

Monday, 20th. November.

At Humboldt Bay, storing and general maintenance work was carried out.

Tuesday, 21st. November.

At 0530 the Oiler "Seakonk" secured alongside Starboard side and commenced fuelling. Fuelling was completed at 0900. At 0959 anchor was weighed and we proceeded, in company with "Manoora", towards Madang.

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1200 - Lat. 2° 31½'S. Long. 141° 10½'E.
Weather - Barometric pressure, 1005.4. Temperature, Dry 85°, Wet bulb 80° , Sea 83°. Airs, various.

Wednesday, 22nd. November.

At 0417 Bam Island was abeam to Starboard, bearing 232°, distant 3 miles. At 1145 Cape Croiselles was bearing 278°, distant 5½ miles. At 1331 the Starboard anchor was let go in 19½ fathoms in position 257°, 8.3 cables from Tab Island beacon, T18 anchorage.
1200 - Lat. 4° 53¾'S. Long. 145° 53'E.
Weather - Barometric Pressure 1004.7. Temperature, Dry 84°, Wet bulb 82°, Sea 82°. Northerly breeze.

Thursday, 23rd. November.

At Madang where water and stores were obtained.

Friday, 24th. November.

At 0030 "Kanimbla" finished taking on water from H.M.A.S. "Terka" who slipped at 0550. At 0815 H.M.A.S. "Tolga" secured alongside Starboard side to supply further quantities of water, slipping again at 1440.

Saturday, 25th. November.

During the day H.M.A. Ships "Tolga" and "Terka" continued to supply water. General ship maintenance was carried out.

Sunday, 26th. November.

At Madang, normal routine.

Monday, 27th. November.

At 1400 three L.C.M.'s were sent to the base at Alexishafen. At 2030 ten ratings were checked ashore as care and maintenance party for L.C.M.'s.

Tuesday, 28th. November.

At 0821 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and, in company with "Manoora", proceeded on track to Finschafen to rendezvous with U.S. Ships "Almaack" and "Titania" and H.M.A.S. "Westralia" for the purpose of hoisting in U.S. Army L.C.M.'s. At 2052 "Kanimbla" arrived off Finschafen and, as the L.C.M.'s were not available, the ships drifted off the harbour entrance during the night, with P.C's 1179, 470, and 1731 maintaining an A/S screen.
1200 - 5° 27'S. Lat. 146° 35'E. Long.
Weather - Barometric pressure 1001.9. Temperature, Dry 86° , Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Light East Wind.

Wednesday, 29th. November.

At 0715 three U.S. Army L.C.M's were hoisted in. At 0821 "Kanimbla" proceeded, in company with "Manoora", "Westralia", U.S.S. "Almaack" and P.C's 1179 and 470. At 1530 U.S.S. "Titania" was sighted bearing 268°.
1200 - Lat., 6° 35½'S. Long., 148° 38'E.
Weather - Barometric pressure 1002.8. Temperature, Dry 83°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°.

Thursday, 30th. November.

At 1205 U.S.S. "Titania" joined company and assumed tactical command. At 1700, in Line Ahead with "Westralia" guide of the fleet, convoy proceeded into Torokina anchorage. At 1903 "Kanimbla" anchored in 32 fathoms in position bearing 015°, 2.3 miles from Beacon "E", Putuata Island.

Health of the Ship's Company.

A copy of the report by the Senior Medical Officer is attached.

Recreational.

Every opportunity was taken during the Ship's stay at Madang for Ship's Company to participate in sports events, games being arranged with teams from the A.I.F. Picnic parties to neighbouring beaches were also arranged, and every opportunity taken to grant short recreational leave.

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The conduct of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

Distance steamed for the month of November, 1944, including manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	3,783.8 miles
Steaming time	323 hrs. 11½ mins.
Average speed	11.71 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	29,278.7 miles
Total steaming time	2,576 hrs. 10 mins.
Average speed	11.7 knots.

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Performance of ship.

Diesel fuel being supplied in this area is a light type, being of .840 S.G. Maximum engine efficiency is not being obtained from this class of fuel. This fact, coupled with the long period out of dock has reduced the speed by 14%. Date of last docking : 28 August, 1943.

Distilling Plant.

This plant is in need of a thorough overhaul, having been in continual operation for the past fourteen months with the exception of short periods for coil cleaning.

Dockyard assistance would be required for a thorough overhaul. At present the distilling capacity is down to 60%.

C. Burnett.
Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

H.M.A.S. "MANOORA"
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COMMANDER. R.A.N.R.(S)
SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER.
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STATEMENT OF SICK ON BOARD - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

Disease	No. of Cases	No. of Days Sick	Disposal
BOILS	2	7	Duty.
DEBILITY	1	2	"
DISLOCATED MEDIAL MENISCUS	1	3	"
BRONCHITIS.	3	10	"
PHARYNGITIS	1	2	"
SCABIES	1	3	"
BRONCHO PNEUMONIA	2	13	"
PHIMOSIS	1	4	"
INGROWN TOENAIL	2	5	"
COMMON COLD	1	3	"
INGUINAL HERNIA	1	1	"
HEPETITIS	1	5	Under Treatment.
Total	17 Cases	58 Days sick.	

SGD. Sidney A. Sewell

Surg.Lieut-Commander, R.A.N.R.
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",
19th. November, 1944.

The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - TASK UNIT 79.15.6

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following report of proceedings of Task Unit 79.15.6.

Thursday, 9th. November.

During the morning all hands were employed in general ship maintenance. One Officer left the ship to take up a new appointment at H.M.A.S. "Tuscawtter" and 60 U.S. Army Officers of Headquarters, 8th. Army and 126th. General Hospital joined from H.M.A.S. "Manoora".

At 1155 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded from the harbour and took up her position 3 cables astern of "Westralia" as part of Task Unit 79.15.6. The Task Unit consisted of the following ships, drawn up in three section, under the command of Captain S.P. Jenkins, U.S.N., in "Crescent City".

Section III.	Section II.	Section I.
"Manoora"	"Crescent City"	"Du Page"
"Westralia"	"Warren"	"Wayne"
"Kanimbla"	"Windsor"	"Fuller"
"Capricornus"	"Titania"	"John Land"
"Cape Johnston"	"G.F. Elliot"	"Aquarius".
	"Mount McKinley"	

The U.S. Destroyers "Remey"(F), "Hertz", "Monssen", "McDermut", "McGowan" (FD), "McNair" and "Melvin" were deployed as a screen as directed by ComDesRon 54, Captain Coward, U.S.N. At 1340 zig-zagging was commenced, mean course being 324°.

Friday, 10th. November.

At 0930, with a view to a Unit practice shoot, the centre column dropped astern and firing exercises were carried out by all ships until 1030.

At 1400 mean courag was set at 316°. Noon position 1° 15'N 138° 15½'E. Current set 340°, drift 13 miles. Barometric pressure 1006.5 millibars. Temperature, Air 84°, Wet bulb 82.5°. Light NNE airs prevailed.

Saturday, 11th. November.

The day proved uneventful. A Catalina was sighted bearing 110° at 1015. Gunnery exercises were carried out at 1030 by the ships of the Task Unit. Noon position 04° 32'N, 135° 15'E. Current set 013°, drift 2½ miles. Light NE wind. Barometric pressure 1008.8 millibars. Temperature, Air 86°, Wet bulb 82°, Sea 82°.

Sunday, 12th. November.

0652 mean course 290°. At 0715 Task Unit 79.15.2 under Captain Haight, U.S.N., was sighted bearing 200°. This unit joined up at 0907 and consisted of the following ships:- "Clay"(F), "Middleton", "Biddle", "Almack", "Katskill" which took up position to Port, and "Fayette", "Ormsby", "Leedstown", "Hercules", "Funston", which took up position to Starboard. In addition, in Section II, "Mount McKinley" changed position with "Warren" and a new arrival, "Monitor", assumed "Cape Johnston's" position, the latter ship taking up position astern of "Warren".

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The U.S. Destroyers "Erben"(F), "Black", "Walker", Abbot", "Kidd" and "Hale"(FD) under Captain Marshall, U.S.N., augmented the screen. When all ships were in position at 0907 speed was increased to 13½ knots, mean course being set at 0920 at 298°. At 1750 a man was reported overboard from "Fayette" and was fortunately rescued at 1801 by a destroyer. Noon position 7° 37½'N, 132° 12½'E. Current set 063°, drift 5 miles. Light NNE winds. Barometric pressure 1008.2 millibars. Temperature, Air 84°, Wet bulb 83°.

Monday, 13th. November.

At 0955 "Action Stations" was sounded and the escorting destroyers closed in to provide an A/A screen. Nothing eventuated, however, and secure was sounded at 1030. All remained peaceful until 1540 when "Action Stations" sounded again and at 1556 A/A fire was seen astern of the convoy. Secure was sounded at 1633. At 1648 the alarm was sounded once more and at 1700 Bogey was identified as a Jill type Japanese aircraft coming in from 18000 feet in a steep dive. At a very fast speed the plane headed for the ships at the stern of the convoy, dropping a torpedo at 1702. Intense A/A fire was directed at the enemy who crashed into the sea close to "Monitor", passing as close as 50 feet astern of "Warren". A great cheer went up from the ship's company. To many this was a new and exciting experience. The torpedo did not run true as it is considered the angle of hitting the water being too steep for the torpedo to run true, the plane having been previously hit. The torpedo kept breaking surface. It was last seen travelling at a slow speed towards a destroyer which took evading action. A destroyer at 1706 passed through the debris of the plane and reported no survivors. At 1800 "Action Stations" were secured. At 2225 "Action Stations" were sounded again. Gunfire from destroyers was seen at 2247 but this ceased two minutes later. Planes were heard passing over the ships but were not sighted. Secure was sounded at 2335. It is considered that full use was made of Radar Decoy by the enemy.

The honour of shooting down "Jill" was credited to U.S.S. "Katskill".

Noon position, 9° 47'N, 127° 48'E. Current set 349M, drift 8½ miles. Barometric pressure 1009 millibars. Temperature, Air 84°, Wet bulb 83°, Sea 83°.

Tuesday, 14th. November.

At 0722, when the ships were approaching the shore of Leyte Gulf, "Action Stations" was sounded. Four Japanese aircraft caught in the A/A fire of the ships were seen to Starboard. At 0724 an Oscar type was brought down, crashing into the sea.

"Kanimbla", in company with "Westralia", "Fayette", "Ormsby", "Leedstown", "Hercules" and "Funston", anchored at 0801 in 8 fathoms off Tanauan Beach.

By 0816 all boats were away and two minutes later Action Stations were secured. To facilitate the unloading which commenced at 0824, L.S.T. 10 secured alongside Starboard No.4, slipping again at 1400. By 1504 unloading was completed and all boats were hoisted by 1615.

The following signal, addressed to Westralia and Kanimbla from ComTransDiv 8 was received: You are to be congratulated on today's performance. It was a pleasure to have you with us."

At 1743 anchor was weighed for the return trip to Humboldt Bay and at 1920 "Kanimbla" took up her position in the convoy, in company with "Crescent City", "Warren", "Ormsby", "Westralia", "Manoora", "Monitor", "Clay", "Middleton", "Katskill", "Fayette", "Leedstown", "Funston", "Windsor", "Elliot", "John Land", "Du Page", "Wayne", "Fuller" and "Biddle".

Barometric pressure 1007.9. Temperature, Air 88°, Wet bulb 830, Sea 83°. Light NNE airs.

Wednesday, 15th. November.

At 0630 the convoy took up cruising disposition. At 1200 "Action Stations" was sounded but the aircraft proved friendly. At 1245 five Escort Carriers with a destroyer screen were sighted abeam to Port distant 12 miles.

Noon position 9° 15'N. 128° 03'E. Barometric pressure 1007.8 millibars. Temperature, Air 85°, Wet bulb 83°, Sea 82°. ENE breeze. Current adverse 5 miles.

Thursday, 16th. November.

The day remained uneventful. At 1515 a large convoy of L.S.T's and Liberty Ships passed abeam to Port in the opposite course distant 15 miles. At 1600 "Manoora", "Kanimbla", "Westralia" and "Monitor" escorted by U.S. Destroyers "Kidd" and "Black" parted company with the Task Unit which proceeded to Manus.

The following signal was received from C.T.U. 79.15.6: "Appreciate interest and co-operation in the accomplishment of a difficult job. Well done. Good luck."

Noon position 6° 53'N, 132° 15'E. Current set N87W, drift 18½ miles. Barometric pressure 1009.2 millibars. Temperature, Air 86.4°, Wet bulb 81.7°, Sea 83°. Wind N by E force 3.

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Friday. 17th. November.

The day passed uneventfully. Noon position 3° 32'N. 135° 39'E. Barometric pressure 1007.2. Temperature, Air 86°, Wet bulb 82°. Light NNW airs.

Saturday. 18th. November.

At 0902 the accompanying destroyers carried out a practice shoot. Noon position 00° 05'S 138° 55'E. Current set S78E, drift 24 miles. Barometric, pressure 1005.9. Temperature, Air 84°, Wet bulb 83°, Sea 83°. Light WSW airs.

Sunday. 19th. November.

We arrived off Humboldt Bay at 0620 and anchored in Berth M.6 at 0638.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",
1st. November, 1944.

The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of October, 1944.

2. From 1st. to 3rd. October at Humboldt Bay the days were occupied overhauling gear and in general ship maintenance. Captain Frank Norton, Official War Artist, joined on the evening of 3rd. October from H.M.A.S. "Warrego".

At 2054 on Wednesday, 4th. October, "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded to Navy Wharf, Challenger Bay, to take in water, and berthed on the Starboard side of the "Benjamin Ide Wheeler".

Thursday, 5th. October, was occupied in taking in water and stores.

At 0707 on Friday, 6th. October, "Kanimbla" cast off and proceeded to the anchorage, anchoring in 40 fathoms. At 1149 anchor was weighed and "Kanimbla" proceeded to No.5 Wharf, Hollandia Bay to load vehicles and Army equipment and Benzine for the forthcoming operation. This loading was completed at 0355 on Saturday, 7th. October, and at 0908 "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded to the anchorage. At 1500 an advance party of three Officers and 55 men of the 3rd. Battalion, 21st. Infantry Regiment, 24th. U.S. Division, were embarked.

On Sunday, 8th. October, at 0915, orders having been received to leave behind the ship's landing barges, 2 Officers, 2 Motor Mechanics, 2 Shipwrights, 22 Seamen and 9 Stokers proceeded to the boat compound with the ship's boats. At 1000 the E.S.B. boats, consisting of 20 L.C.V.P's, 3 L.C.M's and 1 L.C.P., were hoisted in. Six Officers and 146 men of "C" Coy, 532 E.S.B. were embarked.

3. Reference "Kanimbla's" report No. 26/191/19 dated 22nd. October, for the period 9th. to 20th. October.

4. At 0212 on Saturday, 21st. October, North Point, Dinagat Island was abeam to Starboard distant 1½ miles. During the middle watch 15 ships from various units formed up in line astern. Later the disposition changed to five columns, "Kanimbla" taking station 3 cables astern of "Manoora" in the Starboard column.

At 0920 U.S.S. "Fayette" experienced trouble with her steering gear and she dropped astern to effect repairs. At 1400 Zig-Zag No.6 was commenced, and was ceased at 2100, course then being 116°, speed 12 knots.

5. At 0530, Sunday 22nd. October, Zig-Zag No.6 was commenced. The day was uneventful. Course 116°, speed 12 knots. At 1647 the Zig-Zag was stopped, being recommenced at 1818. At 1942 U.S.S. "Wayne", not under command, dropped astern of the convoy, rejoining at 2030. Zig-zagging ceased at 2200. Noon position 7° 34'N, 131°33E. Current set 262°, drift 3½ miles. Wind SSW. Temperature, dry bulb 85°, Wet bulb 82°, Sea 83°. Barometric pressure 1006.5 millibars.

6. At 1234 on Monday, 23rd. October, U.S. Destroyer "Dashiell" obtained a weak submarine contact in position 04° 19'N, 134° 57'E. An attack run was made and a pattern of 15 charges dropped. "Dashiell" was ordered by the Rear Admiral in Command to remain in the vicinity until sunset and endeavour to kill. She reported damaging the submarine, air bubbles and oil being observed on the surface, and was later relieved by other attacking forces and rejoined the convoy at 0350, 24th. October. Current set 070° drift

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10 miles. Noon temperature Dry bulb 85°, Wet bulb 83°. Barometric pressure 1008.3.

Tuesday, 24th. October, remained uneventful. Noon readings, Temperature, Dry bulb 85°, Wet bulb 80°. Barometric pressure 1008.5. Light ESE airs. Current set 307° drift 6½ miles. Position 00° 18'N, 138° 09'E.

At 0530 on Wednesday, 25th. October, Point Desar was bearing 208°, distant 17½ miles and at 1019 "Kanimbla" anchored in Humboldt Bay in position 102°, 2.2 miles from Mathilde Island.

The 2 Officers, 4 P.O.'s and 31 other ratings who had been left in charge of the boats returned on board. The four boats which were lent for the return passage were returned to "Westralia".

8. At 1720, Thursday, 26th. October, an oiler secured alongside. Fuelling was completed at 2025.

L.S.T. 341 secured alongside at 1230 on Friday, 27th. October, to supply water. A heavy swell was running at the time, several lines being parted. At 0020, Saturday, 28th. October, L.S.T. 341 slipped. General ship maintenance was carried out during the day.

On Sunday, 29th. October, Sunday routine and Divine Service.

9. "Merkur" arrived early on Monday 30th. October, and storing commenced at 0750, the fresh provisions obtained being very acceptable.

From 1330 to 2245, Tuesday 31st. October, water was taken on from L.S.T. 341. Normal harbour routine was observed.

10. Health of the Ship's Company.

A copy of the report by the Senior Medical Officer is attached.

11. Recreational Leave.

Leave was granted as opportunity permitted at Hollandia but few ratings took advantage of this leave. As few recreational facilities exist in this area, the Ship's Company are eagerly looking forward to the next docking period.

12. The conduct of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed for the month of October, 1944, including manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	2,688.8 miles
Steaming time	286 hours 05 minutes
Average speed	9.4 knots
Total distance steamed	25,494.9 miles
Total steaming time	2,252 hours 58½ minutes
Average speed	11.31 knots.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Senior Naval Officer, Australian Landing Ships.
Commander, SEVENTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.

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LIST OF CASES SICK ON BOARD H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA"
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1944.

Disease	Cases	No. of Days sick.	Disposal.
PAROTITIS	4	46	Duty
TINEA. Pedis	1	8	Duty
SCABIES	3	10	Duty
MALARIA	1	15	Duty
SUBMAXILLARY ADENITIS.	1	6	Duty
COMMON COLD	1	3	Duty
DENGUE FEVER.	2	14	Duty
CELLULITIS OF FOOT	2	9	Duty
BOILS	2	5	1 Duty, 1 Under Treat.
APPENDICITIS	2	12	1 Duty, 1 Under Treat.
FRACTURED LT. TIBIA & FIBULA	1	5	1. Under Treatment
DEBILITY.	1	1	1.Under Treatment.
	21	135	

The threatened Mumps epedemic on board appears to have subsided although there is a possibility of further cases in the next two days.

SGD. Sidney A. Sewell

Surg.Lieutenant Commander, RANR.
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

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The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

With reference to your submission 17/26/191 of 13th January, 1945, I am directed by the Naval Board to inform you that your Letter of Proceedings, dated 18th September, 1944, was received at Navy Office on 27th September, 1944.

Secretary.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",
13th. January, 1945.

The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, with reference to H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla's" letter 26/191/15, dated 18th. September, 1944, "Report of Proceedings - Task Force 77", it is advised that no receipt note has yet been received in this ship.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",
1st. October, 1944.

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The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.
(Through S.N.O.A.L.S.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of September, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. At 0225 on Friday, 1st. September, "Kanimbla" parted company off Aitape with the convoy with which she had been travelling from Alexishafen, and anchored in Aitape Roads at 0652 to the Eastward of "Westralia". At 1655 L.C.T.347, and at 1700 L.C.T. 940, were secured alongside and 32 tons of rations and 26 tons of small arms ammunition loaded.

3. On Saturday, 2nd. September, an advance party of One Officer and 20 men of 124th. Coastal Regiment, 31st. Division, were embarked. The loading of 77 vehicles into No.2 and No.4 Holds was completed at 1515. Loading troops from L.C.T. 83, secured alongside, commenced at 1500 on Sunday, 3rd. September, and by 1850 the last of 95 Officers and 965 men were embarked.

4. At 0405 on Monday, 4th. September, "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded to sea and took up station in convoy for landing exercises. Exercises commenced at 0740 and "Kanimbla" returned to anchorage on completion of landing troops at 0903.
The following four days were occupied overhauling gear and general ship maintenance.

5. On Friday, 8th. September, an advance party of Nine Officers and 25 Enlisted Men of 124th. Regiment, 31st. Division, were embarked.
At 1030 on Saturday, 9th. September, the embarking of troops began. At 1155 Rear Admiral D. Barbey, U.S.N., paid a visit and left at 1330. All troops were embarked by 1400.
Reference "Kanimbla's" Report No. 26/191/15 dated 18th. September, for period 9th. September to 15th. September.

6. At 0639, Monday, 18th. September, "Kanimbla" anchored at Hollandia and at 1100 six U.S. Army personnel, convalescent Malaria cases, were disembarked.
U.S. Tanker "Panda" secured alongside at 1115 on Tuesday, 19th. September, and fuelling was completed by 1525.

7. On Monday, 25th. September, at 0537 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded, escorted by U.S.S. "Van Buren", for Madang to pick up stores and personnel for "Manoora", "Westralia" and "Kanimbla". General drill was carried out en route.
The next day at 1213 "Kanimbla" anchored at T.21 anchorage at Madang and commenced loading stores at 1700, completing at 1840. At 0800 on Wednesday, 27th. September, recommenced loading stores. Water was taken on between 0850 and 1100. At 1428 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded to Aitape escorted by U.S.S. "Van Beuren".
On Thursday, 28th. September, at 1040, "Kanimbla" anchored at Aitape where seven ratings and a quantity of stores were discharged to "Westralia".
At 1700 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded arriving at 0648 at Hollandia where "Manoora's" ratings and stores were discharged.

10. Health of the Ship's Company.
A copy of the report of the Senior Medical Officer is attached.

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11. Recreational Leave.

Leave was granted as opportunity permitted at Hollandia but few ratings took advantage of this leave as no recreational facilities exist in this area.

12. The conduct of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed for the month of September, 1944, ancluding manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	2627.5 Miles
Steaming time	257 hours 36½ mins.
Average Speed	12 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	22806.1 Miles
Total steaming time	1966 hours 53½ mins.
Average speed	11.59 knots

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Commander Transports, SEVENTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE
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Secretary,
Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

5th October, 1944.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.R.(S).
S.N.O.A.L.S.

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LIST OF CASES SICK ON BOARD H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1944.

COMPLAINT	NO. OF CASES.	NO. OF DAYS SICK.	DISPOSAL.
Infections	1	1	Duty
Inguinal Adenitis	1	2	Duty
Appendicitis	2	18	1 Duty 1 Under Treatment
Cellulitis	2	4	Duty
Parotitis	2	24	Duty
Diarrhoea	1	4	Duty
Common Cold	1	2	Duty
Bronchitis	1	2	Duty
Orchitis	1	3	Duty
Dental Caries	1	2	Duty
Dermatitis	2	3	Duty
Myopic Astigmayism	2	2	Duty
	17 Cases	67 days sick	

U.S. PERSONNEL SICK ON BOARD FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1944.

Bronchitis	1	2	Duty
Dengue Fever	5	23	U.S. Hospital Hollandia.
Diarrhoea	1	2	Duty
Malaria	5	17	4 to Duty 1 to U.S. Hospital Hollandia.
	12 Cases	44 Days sick	

(SGD) Sidney A. Sewell

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Date 18th. September, 1944 *Reference No.* 26/191/15

To The Secretary, The Naval Board.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, TASK FORCE 77 - OPERATION PLAN 8/44.

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The following is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Saturday, 9th, September.

Between 0900 and 1300, 1060 men and 155 Officers, including one Lieutenant-Colonel and one Captain of the Canadian Army and one Brigadier, one Lieutenant-Colonel and two Majors of the A.I.F., were embarked.

Sunday, 10th. September.

At 0715 "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded in company with Flagship U.S.S. "Wasatch" and Relief Group Flagship U.S.S. "Anderson" and White Beach Units consisting of the following ships:-

Destroyers	U.S.S. "Morriss", "Russell", "Mustin", "McKee" and "John Roberts".
A.P.D.'s	"Ward"(F), "Scheley", "Kilty", "Crosby", "Herbert".
L.C.I.'s	25(F), 29, 30, 224, 225, 226, 430, 432, 361. (Total 9.)
L.S.T.'s	470(F), 245, 459, 474. (Total 4)
L.C.T.'s	947(F), 939, 940, 941. (Total 4)
Special Craft	P.C.1119, 1134. L.C.I.'s 73, 72(R), 68, 70(G) 227(D). Sonoma (A.Tug).

Monday, 11th. September.

Between 0830 and 0930 flag hoisting exercises were carried out between Flagship U.S.S. "Wasatch" and accompanying units.

At 1050 group arrived off Maffin Bay and joined up with Red Beach Unit, consisting of the following ships:-

Flagship	U.S.S. "Hughes".
Destroyers	U.S.S. "Fletcher"(F), "Radford"(FD), "Jenkins"(FD) "La Valette" and "Stack".
Transport	H.M.A.S. "Manoora".
L.C.I.'s	546(F), 543, 544, 545, 547, 663, 744, 577, 746, 747, 748, 850, 1014, 958, 578, 579, 1015, 962, 964, 965, 967, 969, 971, 977, 978, 976, 979, 981, 968. (Total 29)
L.S.T.'s	466(F), 181, 452, 456, 468, 462, 467, 472.(Total 8)
L.C.T.'s	948(F), 942, 943, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953.(Total 8)
L.S.D.	U.S.S. "Carter Hall".
Special Service Craft	P.C.'s 1120, 1133, 1122, 476.(Total 4) Y.M.S.'s 8, 47, 51, 334. (Total 4) L.C.I.'s 65, 66, 67, 69F. (Total 4(G)). L.C.I.'s 31 and 34 (Total 2(R)).

At 1130 Y.M.S. 51 secured alongside and we received aboard 12 U.S. Army personnel who comprised the crews for the three L.C.M.'s. Fine weather prevailed since leaving Aitape with light variable airs, light passing showers and a calm sea.

1200 : Barometer 1008.9, Air Temperature 85°. Wet bulb 80° . Sea 83° . Current, sea and drift 295°, 45 miles during the past 23 hours. Latitude 1° 44½min South. Longitude 138° 55min. East.

In order to maintain station at slow cruising speed it was only necessary to run on one engine.

At 1140 convoy proceeded en route.

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Tuesday, 12th. September.

The day was uneventful and the Force remained on course 293. Speed was increased at 0800 from 6 to 8 knots. Showers were encountered during the morning but later fine weather prevailed. During the afternoon the sky remained overcast with calm seas.

1200 : Latitude 00° 35 min South. Longitude 136° 38 min East. Current, set and drift 150°, 7 miles. Barometer 1009.2. Air Temperature 77°. Wet Bulb 75°. Sea 83°.

At 1330 Biak Island was bearing 243° distant 31.5 miles. At 1645 U.S. Destroyer "McKee" reported a contact but on investigation it was found to be non-sub. All units executed 50° turn to Starboard together. At 1720 mean course was resumed.

Wednesday, 13th. September.

At 0230, an American soldier fell overboard from "Manoora" and was fortunately rescued by U.S.S. "Stack".

At 0300 course was altered in succession to 282°. Position by star sight at 0526 was Lat. 00° 18min North. Long. 134° 19 min East.

At 0530 H.M.A.S. "Australia" and "Shropshire" with the U.S. Cruisers "Boise" and "Phoenix" with destroyer escorts including H.M.A.S. "Arunta" and "Warramunga" were sighted and joined the convoy. It was quite a cheering sight to see a few more White Ensigns join the Task Force. At 0626 course was altered to 293° and at 0655 speed was increased to 8 knots.

At 0740 U.S. Cruiser "Nashville" and U.S. Destroyers "Almer Reid" and "Bush" joined the convoy and cruising disposition C2 formed. At 1620 speed was reduced to 7 knots.

Throughout the day the weather remained fine with light South East breezes, with a calm sea. Barometric pressure at 1200 read 1010.4. Air temperature 86°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 83°. Noon position Latitude 00° 42 min North, Longitude 133° 32½ min East. Average speed 8.5 knots. Current, set and drift 335°, 31 miles.

At 1807 Damage Control Parties exercised.

At 2300 U.S. Aircraft Carrier Force of "Sangawon"(F), "Suwannee", "Chenango", "Santee", "Fanshaw Bay"(F) and "Midway" , (including 8 D.E.'s) joined the convoy.

Thursday, 14th. September.

The day dawned over a calm sea. Clear skies prevailed with light South West winds.

Noon position : 1° 32¼ min North, 130° 35¾ min East. Current, set and drift, N51W, drift 12 miles. Barometric pressure 1011.3. Air temperature 84°, Wet bulb 79°, Sea 84°.

A diversion from the ship's normal routine was caused at 1400 with the alarm for Action Stations. Unidentified Aircraft had been reported but at 1408 this was negatived as they proved friendly and Action Stations were secured. At 1440 course was altered to 275°.

Friday, 15th. September.

As dawn broke the vague outlines of the islands of Halmahera and Morotai could be discerned ahead. Mountainous volcanic cones made an imposing scene. The most arresting feature of the landscape was a volcano spouting forth an immense cloud of white smoke and steam which rose high in the air. Tinted by the sun this great plume caught all eyes.

C.T.F. 77 ordered Cruiser units, if objects to the North of them were barges, to engage them.

At 0610 "Warramunga" opened fire on an enemy barge in Pitoe Bay. Eleven minutes later she opened fire again on another large enemy barge. By this time her first victim was beached. The Cruisers "Australia" and "Shropshire" commenced bombarding the objectives inland from White and Red beaches. This was gratifying sight and drew many comments from the ship's company - comments that were full of pride. The way they lay close inshore pounding away without the slightest opposition at the Jap installations in the jungle was good to see. "American Cruisers "Phoenix", "Nashville" and "Boise" at this time were bombarding targets in Galela Bay area. They reported having destroyed two aircraft on the ground and set fire to a large house. Meanwhile much air activity was observed overhead. Flight after flight of Carrier-borne Aircraft passed back and forth. It was comforting to know they were ours.

As "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" had to wait outside the harbour a long line of A.P.D.'s, L.C.I.'s and L.C.T.'s passed to Starboard making to round Cape Gila for Red and White beaches where the landing was to be made. These were followed by a second line which passed to Port.

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At 0730 "Kanimbla" moved towards the Transport Area. Twenty minutes later, "Australia" and "Shropshire", having completed their part of the bombardment moved away from the shore to a position 5 miles South of Cape Gila leaving a heavy pall of black smoke rising to merge with the clouds.

At 0755 K.1 proceeded to White Beach with Brigade Headquarters Staff and at 0745 'lower all boats' was piped. At 0805 Dive bombers provided a thrill by picking out a target and bombing it for twenty minutes. Explosions could be seen along the beach and a little inland. At 0829 the first wave of our boats made for White beach, followed three minutes later by "Manoora's" First wave, headed for Red beach. At 0834 our second wave left the ship followed in four minutes by our third wave. A short while later the heartening news was received that no resistance had been encoubtered on either Red or White beaches. As these beaches, however, were of pure coral, landing conditions for the boats were very severe, the troops on some occasions being up to their necks in water.

Meanwhile at 0835, Operational Action Stations were secured. "Kanimbla" then entered harbour to the Western side of Cape Gila and at 1005 anchored in 24 fathoms. At 1022 the following L.C.T.s were delegated to assist in unloading equipment : L.C.T.'s 939, 940, 943, 947, 949, 951. By 1351 all cargo had been discharged. Excellent work was done by the 3rd. Landing Ship Detachment in the unloading of equipment. By 1443 all boats were hoisted and a signal was made to C.T.F. 77 that we were ready to proceed.

Anchor was weighed at 1501 and we proceeded from the harbour escorted by U.S. Destroyer "Stevens" and P.C. 476.

C.T.F.77 made the following signal to "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" - "Well done".

All members of the ship's company willingly carried out their duties, thereby making the above signal possible. Everyone appeared in high spirits at having helped to carry out a successful landing.

At 1515 the Washington News announced that General MacArthur's Forces had landed on the island of Morotai, North of Halmahera, with little opposition and few casualties. Naval and Air units carried out a bombardment of enemy installations. No Naval or Air losses had been sufferred.

It is also submitted for information that during the current operation from 9th. September to 15th. September the following numbers were borne in this ship.

Wardroom.		Ship's Galley.	
U.S. Officers	152	U.S. Troops	1054
U.S. Enlisted men	18	Ship's Company	503
Ship's Officers	38	Sick Bay	1
Cooks (O) & Stewards	17		
Total	225	Total	1558.

It is observed that the number of Officers that can be accommodated, as laid down in the ship's Characteristics and Planning Data as at 15th. November, 1943, are viz. a total of 147. Therefore we were trying to victual 78 Officers over and above the number for which the Wardroom Galley can provide. This, combined with the lack of fresh provisions, insufficient mess traps, rationing of foodstuffs and a dearth of laundry facilities tended to produce a lower standard of victualling than that usually provided, resulting in a number of complaints from the senior U.S. Officers on board.

In contrast with the messing in the Wardroom, the food provided in the Ship's Galley was excellent and was commented on favourably by those Officers attending the messing of their troops and by the men themselves.

It is submitted that in future operations, where practicable the number of Officers detailed for passage in "Kanimbla" be kept within the limits as provided for in the ship's characteristics, i.e. a total of 86 U.S. Officers, allowing for 44 ship's Officers and 17 Cooks and Stewards to make a grand total of 147.

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Commander, R.A.N.R.(S).

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of August, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On Tuesday 1st. August, "Kanimbla" was anchored in Megim Island Anchorage and during the day the 2nd. Battalion of 136th. Infantry Regiment of 33rd. U.S. Division, consisting of 47 Officers and 1027 enlisted men, was embarked for training and equipment loaded.

At 0600 on Wednesday, 2nd. August, the ship proceeded to the landing beach at Fortification Point but after the First Wave landed landing conditions were unsatisfactory and the exercise was cancelled. Attempts to salvage L.C.V.P.'s K.18 and K.21, two boats of the First Wave which had broached to on the beach, were unsuccessful. (Later, on 10th. August, K.21 was refloated and returned to the ship in a badly damaged condition. The engine of K.18 was salvaged.) Ship then returned to Megim Island Anchorage and anchored at 1605, where the troops were disembarked. The equipment was unloaded on 4th. August.

3. On 6th. August the troops and equipment of 2nd. Battalion of 136th. Infantry Regiment were again loaded. At 0700 on 7th. August the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to Fortification Point for landing exercises. A heavy surf was evident and again the exercise was cancelled, and the ship returned to the anchorage. On anchoring at 1317 troops and equipment were unloaded.

4. On Wednesday, 9th. August, equipment of 1st. Battalion of 130th. Infantry Regiment of 33rd. U.S. Division was loaded; 87 Officers and 979 men were embarked on 10th. August. A landing exercise was carried out at Fortification Point on Friday, 11th. August, the ship leaving the anchorage at 0606 and anchoring on return at 1747, when troops were discharged.

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5. Commander A.V. Bunyan, R.A.N.R.(S), assumed command of "Kanimbla" from Lieutenant Commander S.H. Crawford, R.A.N.R.(S), a.m. Thursday, 10th. August.

6. At 1642 on 12th. August, "Kanimbla" proceeded on passage to Alexishafen in company with "Manoora" and anchored in Sek Anchorage at 0749 on Sunday, 13th. August. "Kanimbla" shifted anchorage to Tab Anchorage off Madang at 1311 on Friday, 18th. August.

7. During the period whilst the ship was at Sek and Tab Anchorages general maintenance was carried out, particularly in the Engine Room, and repairs were made to the Landing Craft.

On 22nd. and 23rd. August, the ship's old L.C.M.'s were replaced by three other L.C.M.'s and two reconditioned L.C.V.P.'s were handed over to the ship to replace those lost during landing exercises.

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8. Lieutenant (J.G.) J.F. Quinn, U.S.N.R., U.S. Naval Communication and Liaison Officer was discharged on 27th. August to U.S.S. "Blue Ridge" in accordance with ComSevPhib's instructions.

9. On Wednesday, 30th. August, "Kanimbla" weighed anchor at 1100 and proceeded in company with "Manoora" to rendezvous with escort U.S.S. "Muskogee" and 4 L.C.I.'s off Alexishafen. As the departure of the escort was delayed rendezvous was not made until 0100. Ships were formed up in cruising order and proceeded on passage to Aitape at 0136 on Thursday, 31st. August.
"Kanimbla" parted company with convoy off Aitape at 0225 on 1st. September and anchored in Aitape Roads at 0652.

10. Health of the Ship's Company.

A copy of the report of the Senior Medical Officer is attached.

11. Recreational Leave.

Leave was granted as opportunity permitted at Cape Cretin and Madang. Many ratings took advantage of swimming and sports parties arranged at Madang in conjunction with the A.I.F. Arrangements were made with the Amenities Officer of the A.I.F. for the Tasmaniac Concert Party to come aboard and entertain the ship's company and they were much appreciated by all concerned.

12. The conduct of the ship's company remains satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed for the month of August, 1944, including manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	631 miles
Steaming time	59 hours 05 minutes
Average speed	10.68 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	20,178.6 miles
Total steaming time	1,709 hours 17 minutes
Average speed	11.74 knots.

Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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LIST OF CASES SICK ON BOARD H.M.A.S.
"KANIMBLA" FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1944.

COMPLAINT	NO. OF CASES	NO. OF DAYS SICK	DISPOSAL
Infected Toe	1	11	Duty
Ganglion Lt. Wrist	1	5	"
Fractures	2	3	Excused Duty
Parotitis	3	34	2 - Duty 1 - under treat.
Scabies	6	31	Duty
Otitis Externa	1	3	"
Phimosis	2	8	"
Dislocated Rt. Medial Meniscus	1	7	"
Corneal Ulcer	1	10	"
Ulcer Rt. Leg	1	5	"
Appendicitis (sub acute)	2	6	"
T.A.B. Reaction	2	4	"
Infected Lt. Ankle	1	4	"
Diabetes Insipidis	1	0	2/11th. A.G.H.
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The health of the ship's company has been extremely good in spite of a high incidence of minor injuries.

A number of cases of Otitis Externa have been treated have been treated on the attending list as have been a variety of the skin complaints so common in the tropics.

No Malaria has been encountered.

On the whole the health and hygiene of the ship are in an extremely satisfactory state.

SGD. Sydney A. Sewell.

Surg.Lieut Commander, R.A.N.R.
SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the above mentioned report.

2. A report of the grounding of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" will be forwarded under separate cover.

CAPTAIN R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of July, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. During the period from Saturday, 1st. July to Tuesday, 18th. July, "Kanimbla" carried out a training programme at Megim anchorage, Cape Cretin, with the 33rd. U.S. Division.

Date Embarked	Unit	No. of Officers	No. of Other ranks	Date Disembarked.
30th. June	2nd.Btn 123 Inf.Reg	63	1037	2nd. July
4th. July	3rd.Btn 123 Inf,Reg.	74	1084	6th. July
8th. July	3rd.Btn. 130 Inf.Reg.	56	1075	10th. July
12th. July	2nd.Btn. 130 Inf.Reg.	61	1014	14th. July
16th. July	Composite Battalion 130 Inf.Reg.	73	1017	18th. July

On Sunday, 2nd. July, Thursday, 6th. July, and Monday 10th. July, "Kanimbla" proceeded to Fortification Point, returning after carrying out landing exercises. On return the troops were disembarked.

3. On Friday, 14th. July, the ship proceeded to Fortification Point. On completion of the landing exercise the troops were disembarked at Cape Cretin and the ship anchored in Langemak Bay to complete with water. The ship weighed and returned to Megim Anchorage on Sunday, 16th. July.

4. At 0234 on 18th. July a sudden squall struck the ship and the Officer of the Watch, Sub Lieutenant A.J. Robinson, R.A.N.V.R., immediately called the Navigating Officer who called the Captain. The Navigating Officer then went forward and let go the Starboard anchor. Power was immediately ordered for the main engines.

Owing to the proximity of other vessels it was impossible to veer more cable and the ship commenced to drag down rapidly onto Landing Ships Tank 454 and 474 which were beached.

5. As soon as the main engines were available at 0250, the Starboard anchor was weighed and both engines put dead slow ahead. This relieved the strain on the cable but the U.S.S. "Ward", which was anchored to the Southwestward, also commenced to drag down on "Kanimbla" and to avoid ramming her the ship was manoeuvred clear.

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The Captain then ordered the Port anchor to be weighed and endeavoured to turn the ship's stern up to the wind. Unfortunately the Port anchor fouled the stern kedge anchor of Landing Ship Tank 454 and, although all possible efforts were made to keep the ship to windward by the engines, she grounded gently at 0308 before the anchor could be cleared. An attempt was then made to turn the ship against the bow and a signal was made to U.S.S. "Ward" asking her to take a line. "Ward", however, was still in difficulties and was unable to do so. A signal was immediately despatched to Port Director, Langemak, for a tug or towing vessel. The engines were beginning to labour and were stopped whilst awaiting the arrival of assistance from Langemak.

6. At 0645 on 18th. July, H.M.A.S. "Whyalla" arrived and took a line (8" manilla) from our Port quarter. This parted. "Whyalla" then anchored off our Port quarter and a 5" wire was passed. This also parted under the strain as the ship was rolling slightly in the choppy sea. "Whyalla" again manoeuvred into position and anchored and a 5½" wire with 15 fathoms of 2½" cable was passed to her. This held for some considerable time but finally the surge parted the wire in spite of excellent efforts by "Whyalla".

7. At 1630 on 18th. July, H.M.A.S. "Bundaberg" arrived and 4½" wires were passed to both ships from the Port quarter; "Bundaberg", however, became doggo and had to slip. Darkness was now falling and as the sea had decreased and the ship was lying comfortably towing was discontinued for the night.

8. At daylight H.M.A.S. "Whyalla" and "Bundaberg" anchored in position for towing and wires were passed and the strain taken. S.T. "James Wallace" and United States Army Tug 458 arrived with 2 four ton anchors. Captain Brown of the United States Army Salvage service also arrived and returned to Finschafen for more gear which he considered necessary. The anchors were laid out from bow and stern with 10" manilla hawsers. S.T. "James Wallace" secured to Port quarter and a strain was taken on all. This was maintained throughout the day to prevent the ship working further on to the beach. Efforts were made to roll the ship by hoisting and lowering L.C.M.'s at No.2 and No.4 hatches, but with little success.

9. The tide, which is erratic and unpredicted in this harbour, made continuously from about 1100. At 0230 on 20th.July, the bows began to mave very slightly and continuous weight was kept on the forward kedge anchor which gradually gained. By 0300 on 20th. the forward end of the ship was afloat and heaving was stopped forward and the towing ships warned to stand by for full power. This, however, was unnecessary and the ship floated off at 0325 on 20th., coming down rather rapidly on the towing ships. These, however, were excellently handled and cleared without anything but very minor damage.

10. "Kanimbla" dropped anchor at 0430 on 20th. in 23 fathoms while the forward kedge was weighed and the towing wires hove in. Engines and steering gear were then tested and worked satisfactorily, and the ship moved to her previous anchorage with Megim Island wreck bearing 068½° distant 6.2 cables.

11. The ships underwater fittings were examined by divers from salvage vessel "Caledonian Salvor" on 21st. July and found undamaged.

12. The ship embarked for training 33 Officers and 692 enlisted men of 2nd. Battalion, 136th. Regiment, 33rd. U.S. Division on Saturday 21st. July. The troops were disembarked on the following day.

On Tuesday, 25th. July, 56 Officers and 987 enlisted men of 136th. Infantry Regiment were embarked. The ship proceeded to Fortification Point on 26th. July, and on completion of landing exercise returned to Megim Anchorage where troops were disembarked.

13. "Kanimbla" proceeded to Langemak Bay on Saturday, 29th. July, securing at the oil wharf. On Sunday, 30th. July, the ship returned to Megim Anchorage, having completed with water.

14. During the period under report the health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

15. Recreational leave was granted to the ship's company at Cape Cretin during the month whenever opportunity offered. Few ratings took advantage of this leave as no recreational facilities are available.

16. The conduct of the ship's company remains very satisfactory.

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17. Distance steamed for the month of July, 1944, including manoeuvres.

Distance steamed	313.4 miles
Steaming time	30 hours 38 minutes
Average speed	10.24 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	19,547.6 miles
Total steaming time	1650 hours 12 minutes.
Average speed	11.84 knots.

S.H. Crawford

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" for the month of June, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On Thursday, 1st. June, "Kanimbla" weighed anchor in Milne Bay at 0550 and, in company with "Manoora", proceeded on passage to Wakde Island. Embarked were troops from 1st. and 2nd. Battalions, 1st. Infantry Regiment, 6th. U.S. Division, and equipment and supplies were loaded.

Ships arrived off Cape Cretin at 0730 on Friday, 2nd. June, and hove to while the Commanding Officer of H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" proceeded ashore for orders. Meanwhile 3 L.C.M.'s from 542nd. Boat Shore Battalion were hoisted in place of the ship's L.C.M.'s which had been left at Milne Bay.

At 1358 "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" proceeded, escorted by U.S.S. "Witter", "Foreman" and "Bower", and at 0709 on Sunday, 4th. June, anchored in Humboldt Bay.

Ship's and escorts proceeded at 1954 and on arrival at Wakde Island atb0610 on Monday, 5th. June, anchored and discharged troops and cargo to Toem Beach. On completion of discharge ships and escorts proceeded at 2036 to Humboldt Bay and anchored there at 0656 on Tuesday, 6th. June, where 55 American casualties were embarked for passage to Finschafen.

"Kanimbla" and "Manoora" proceeded from Humboldt Bay with escorts at 1250 to Cape Cretin and anchored in Dreger Harbour at 0854 on 8th. June, where casualties were landed.

At 1250 ships proceeded to Cape Sudest and anchored in Buna Roads at 2201. Three small landing craft were hoisted aboard for shipment to Milne Bay, and "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" weighed and proceeded to Milne Bay.

The ship received a signal from S.S.Cape Mindoc̃ino at 0915 on 9th. June reporting an Auto Alarm signal from S.S.Pulganbar aground on Dart Reef. When ship arrived off Ipeteto Light it was decided to try to salvage S.S. Pulganbar and the "Manoora" was signalled to proceed independently. "Pulganbar" was found to be aground on Dart Reef inaa position 9° 36' 10" S, 150° 10' 15" E. The wind was from S.E. Force 6, and this made salvage difficult. A boat was lowered and one of the mooring lines was passed to "Pulganbar" but this had to be let go later. A second attempt was made and the "Pulganbar's" 3 inch wire was taken aboard and towing commenced but after fifteen minutes this parted at 1345. Further salvage was considered unsafe due to the wind and sea increasing. After asking "Pulganbar" if any further assistance could be rendered "Kanimbla" proceeded on her course.

Because of this delay the ship was unable to arrive at Raven Channel before dark and passage through Raven Channel was impossible till the morning of 10th. June and vessel anchored in Milne Bay at 1054 on Saturday, 10th. June.

3. "Kanimbla" weighed and secured alongside the Oil wharf at 0820 on Tuesday, 13th. June, and completed with fuel. On Friday, 16th. June, ship returned to anchorage.

4. During this week the heel of the forward derrick was shifted from the tabernacle erected in Sydney to the original trunnion on the after side of the foremast. This was carried out by the ship's staff and necessary alterations to the heel fittings by U.S. Ship repair Unit. The derrick has since worked satisfactorily.

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5. Commander N.H. Shaw left the ship for "Manoora" for passage to Sydney to take up an appointment at "Penguin" on Sunday, 18th. June, Lieutenant Commander S.H. Crawford assumed temporary command.

6. Captain Jamison and 9 Officers and 16 men of the US. Navy and U.S. Army were embarked from A.T.C., Milne Bay, on 21st. June, for passage to Cape Cretin.

7. "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded to Cape Cretin at 0555 on Thursday, 22nd. June, and anchored in Megim Island anchorage at 0820 on Friday, 23rd. June.

8. During the period from 26th. June to 28th. June, 46 Officers and 1016 enlisted men from 1st. Battalion, 123rd. Infantry Regiment, 33rd. U.S. Division, were embarked for training. Ship proceeded to Fortification Point at 0559 on Wednesday, 28th. June, where the troops carried out an exercise landing on an adjacent beach. The troops were re-embarked and the ship returned to Megim Island anchorage where all troops and equipment were landed.

On Friday, 30th. June, 63 Officers and 1037 enlisted men of 2nd. Battalion, 123rd. Infantry Regiment, 33rd. U.S. Division, were embarked for training.

9. In the forenoon of the 30th. June, K.14 broached to on the beach during the embarkation at Megim. Several hours were required to refloat the boat during which time it was seriously strained by the surf and subsequently sank alongside in 13½ fathoms while efforts were being made to hoist it inboard.

10. During the period under report the health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

11. Recreational leave was granted to the ship's company at Milne Bay and Cape Cretin during the month when ever opportunity offered. Few ratings took advantage of this short leave as no recreational facilities are available.

12. The conduct of the ship's company remains very satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of June

Distance steamed	2756.5 Miles
Steaming time	215 hours 37 minutes.
Average speed	12.78 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	19,234.2 Miles
Total steaming time	1619 Hours 34 minutes
Average speed	11.87 knots.

S.H. Crawford

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",
6th. June, 1944.

The Secretary,
The Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of May, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On Monday, 1st. May, at 1008, "Kanimbla" proceeded from Milne Bay for Beli Beli, Goodenough Island, where she arrived at 1721. berthing at No.3 wharf, and completed with fresh water.
The ship slipped and proceeded to Cape Sudest at 0805, Tuesday, 2nd. May, and anchored in Buna Roads at 1810.

3. Anchor was weighed at 2145 and in company with U.S.S. "H.T. Allen", "Manoora" and "Westralia", "Kanimbla" proceeded to Cape Cretin. The ship anchored in Megim Island anchorage at 1057 on Wednesday, 3rd. May.
On Thursday, 4th. May, 12 Officers and 270 enlisted men of 11/12 Engineer Combat Company and 104th. Coast Artillery were embarked and military stores and equipment loaded. The ship's 3 LCM's with the crews, 16 ratings, Sub Lieutenant Bourne in charge, left the ship to remain at Langemak Bay. The ship's LCM's were replaced by 3 LCM's from the Engineer Shore Boat Regiment, U.S. Army, and the crews, 30 men, were embarked.
At 0620 on Friday, 5th. May, anchor was weighed and the ship, in company with U.S.S. "H.T.Allen", "Manoora" and "Westralia", proceeded on passage to Humboldt Bay escorted by U.S.S. "Van Buren", "El Paso", "Overton", "Ward" and "Forsyth". The convoy arrived at Humboldt Bay on Sunday, 7th. May, and "Kanimbla" anchored at 0641. Troops and equipment were discharged and all the ship's boats were hoisted by 1710, the 3 LCM's of the E.S.B. remaining at Humboldt Bay. Anchor was weighed at 1717 and the Transport Group, escorted by U.S. Destroyers "Swanson", "Nicholson", "El Pasco" and "Ward" and A.P.D. T222, proceeded on return passage to Cape Cretin.
On Tuesday, 9th. May, at 1117, convoy stopped off Langemak Bay. "Westralia" parted company and the "Kanimbla"s" 3 LCM's returned and were hoisted. At 1202, "Kanimbla" in company with U.S.S. "H.T.Allen", and "Manoora", with escorts U.S.S. "Swanson","Nicholson" and "Overton", proceeded to Cape Sudest and anchored in Buna Roads at 2136.

4. "Kanimbla" weighed anchor at 1811 on Wednesday, 10th. May, and proceeded to Milne Bay. 13 U.S.N. Officers and 135 ratings were embarked for passage. The ship anchored in Milne Bay at 1000, Thursday, 11th. May, and the U.S.N. Officers and ratings were disembarked.

5. During the periods from Friday, 12th. May, to Sunday, 14th. May, from Tuesday, 16th. May, to Thursday, 18th. May, and from Friday, 19th. May, to Sunday, 21st. May, 3 Composite Battalions of the 20th. and 63rd. Infantry Regiments, 6th. U.S. Division, consisting of 58 Officers and 1230 enlisted men, 69 Officers and 1198 enlisted men, and 59 Officers and 1028 enlisted men, respectively, were embarked for training.

6. The Commanding Officer left the ship on Wednesday, 17th. May, for a conference at Cairns, returning on board on Tuesday, 23rd. May.

7. At 1103, Sunday, 21st. May, "Kanimbla" shifted anchorage to berth inside the boom where ship took on 250 tons of fresh water from a water barge, and returned to Stringer Bay at 1730 on Tuesday, 23rd. May, securing to Blue Ridge buoy.

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8. During the period from Wednesday, 24th. May, to Friday, 26th. May, 59 Officers and 1117 enlisted men of Composite Battalion, 20th. Infantry Regiment, 6th. U.S. Division, were embarked for training.

9. On Saturday, 27th. May, the ship commenced to load military equipment for another period of training, but loading was ceased at 0815 and the cargo already loaded was discharged. The ship slipped from the buoy at 0640 on Sunday, 28th. May, and berthed at No.2 wharf, Ahioma, where military equipment and stores were loaded and the ship completed with fresh water.

At 1708 on Monday, 29th. May, "Kanimbla" slipped from No.2 wharf and proceeded to anchorage in Stringer Bay.

99 Officers and 1864 enlisted men of 1st. and 2nd. Battalions, 1st. Infantry Regiment, 6th. U.S. Division, were embarked on Wednesday 31st. May, for transport to the Sarmi area, opposite Wadke Island.

10. The health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

11.. When the training programme permitted, recreational leave was granted in Milne Bay.

12. The conduct of the ship's company remains very satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of May.

Distance steamed	1956 miles
Steaming time	150 hours 23 minutes.
Average speed	13.0 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943

Total distance steamed	16,477.7 miles
Total steaming time	1403 hours 23 minutes
Average speed	11.73 knots.

W.H. Shaw.

A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of April, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On Saturday, 1st. April, "Kanimbla", at anchor in Beli Beli anchorage, Goodenough Island, embarked the 1st. Battalion of the 21st. Infantry Regiment of the 24th. U.S. Division, and the 1st. and 2nd. Sections of "C" Company of the U.S. Engineers Special Brigade, whose boats, 12 L.C.V.P.'s, 1 L.C.S. and 3 L.C.M.'s, were carried in the ship.
During the forenoon of 1st. April, the L.C.S. was replaced by an L.C.V.P. from L.S.D. "Carter Hall".
All troops were disembarked on Monday, 3rd. April, after a period of training.

3. "Kanimbla's" Landing Organisation, a Battalion comprising one Company of Officers and Naval ratings and a company of the Officers and men of the Landing Ship Detachment, landed at Goodenough Island at 0915 on Tuesday, 4th. April, carried out a route march of about 12 miles and returned on board at 1515.

4. Anchor was weighed and the ship berthed at No.3 Wharf at 0648 on Thursday, 6th. April. During the day the vehicles, equipment and stores, a total tonnage of 570 tons made up of:-

Rations (Bulk)	2%
Guns and ammunition	23%
Vehicles (Loaded)	75%

were loaded into No.2 and No.4 Holds.
While alongside opportunity was taken to complete with fresh water and "Kanimbla" returned to anchorage the following morning.
On Saturday, 8th. April, the 1st. Battalion of the 21st. Infantry Regiment of the 24th. U.S. Division was again embarked and at 2029 anchor was weighed and ship proceeded with Task Unit 76.4, which included U.S.S. "H.T.Allen", with Commander Transports on board, "Manoora", U.S. L.S.D. "Carter Hall", 7 L.C.T.'s and 16 L.C.I.'s, escorted by Destroyers "Gillespie" and "Hobby", and on Sunday, 9th. April, a landing exercise was carried out at Taupota Beach, New Guinea.
On conclusion of the exercise all ships returned to Beli Beli anchorage and "Kanimbla" anchored at 2042.

5. Lt. General Krueger, Lt.General Eichelberger and Major General Irving of the 24th. U.S. Division unexpectedly visited and inspected the ship during the afternoon of Friday, 14th. April.

6. At 1953 on Sunday, 16th. April, anchor was weighed and ship berthed at No.3 Wharf, completed with fresh water and returned to anchorage at 0836 on Monday, 17th. April.

7. On Monday, 17th. April, at 1141, "Kanimbla" as one of the vessels of Transport Task Group 77.1.2, proceeded from Beli Beli with a total of embarked troops of 83 Officers and 1181 enlisted men, with 3 A.I.F. Officers and one U.S.N. Officer as observers. Included in the embarked U.S. Army Officers were Brigadier General K.F. Kramer, Assistant Divisional Commander . Lt.Colonel T.R. Clarkin, a representative from General Marshall's staff and Colonel W.T. Ryder, a representative from General MacArthur's staff.

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The Transport Task Group 77.1.2 was part of the Western Attack Group, detailed to carry out a dawn landing on Tanah Merah Beaches, Dutch New Guinea, on 22nd. April, 1944.

The Western Attack Group comprised :-
Group, Flagship, U.S. Destroyer "Swanson" (Rear Admiral Barbey, the Commander of Task Force 77 on board.)
3 A.P.A.'s, U.S.S. "H.T.Allen", H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla", H.M.A.S. "Manoora"
1 L.S.D., U.S.S. "Carter Hall",
1 A.K., U.S.S. "Ganymede",
15 L.C.I.'s, 7 L.C.T.'s, 2 S.C.'s, 1 A.T., 1 L.C.I. (Rocket)
2 Y.M.S., 1 Tug,
6 Destroyers, U.S. Destroyers "Hobby", "Nicholson", "Wilkes", "Grayson", "Kalk" and "Swanson" above.

After an uneventful passage the entire Task Force 77 made a rendevous at point GUN (a position N.W. of the Admiralty Islands) at 0700 on 20th. April.

Task Force 77 comprised the Western, the Central and the Eastern Attack Groups and their escorts.

Fire Support Groups were:-
Escort Carrier Force : T.F.78 (8 Carrier Escort Vessels and 16 Destroyers.)
Covering Force A. : T.F.74 (2 Cruisers and 4 Destroyers, including "Australia", "Shropshire", "Warramunga" and "Arunta".)
T.F.74 was the Fire support group for the Western Attack Group during the landing.
Covering Force B. : T.F.75 (3 Cruisers and 6 Destroyers)

8. The Western Attack Group arrived off Tanah Merah Bay (Red beach I and Red Beach II) and "Kanimbla" was stopped in the Transport Area at 0423 on Saturday, 22nd. April.

The Naval Bombardment was commenced at 0600 and the Cruisers withdrew at 0630. The first of the aircraft from the U.S. Fifth Fleet Carriers were seen overhead at 0651, and air cover was maintained throughout the operation.

The landing of the Assault waves was made on time, "H" hour being 0700, and without opposition.

The following are the details of the despatching of the Assault waves and the unloading of cargo from "Kanimbla".

0600	Operational Action Stations.
0615	Away all boats. All boats were away in the record time of 12 minutes.
0630	First Wave left ship.
0640	Commenced discharging vehicles for the third wave from No.2 Hold.
0645	Second Wave left ship.
0701	Third Wave left ship.
0702	Commenced discharging from No.2 and No.4 Holds.
0741	Stopped discharging cargo and transports proceeded to within 3000 yards of Red Beach II.
0836	Recommenced discharging cargo.
1145	Completed unloading No.2 Hold.
1247	Completed unloading No.4 Hold.
1433	All ships boats returned to the ship and hoisted. E.S.B. boats remained at Tanah Merah.

Number of boats used in discharging cargo:

H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla"	8 L.C.V.P.'s
E.S.B.	13 L.C.V.P.'s, 3 L.C.M.'s
U.S.S. "Carter Hall"	3 L.C.M.'s
From various L.S.T.'s	7 L.C.V.P.'s

Delay was experienced in unloading from 1115 onwards due to a shortage of boats arising from congestion on the beach, otherwise "Kanimbla" would have completed discharging by 1145.

9. "H.T.Allen", "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" proceeded on return passage to Cape Sudest at 1548. At 1650, off Humboldt Bay, "Westralia" joined company and the Transport Division, complete, proceeded escorted by U.S. Destroyers "Nicholson", "Welles" and "Gillespie" and two A.P.D.'s

"Westralia" parted company off Cape Cretin at 0942 on Monday, 24th. April, and at 1817 "Kanimbla" anchored in Sudest Roads.

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10. The ship's boats which ahd been left at Buna returned to the ship on Tuesday, 25th. April.

11. "Kanimbla" with "Manoora" and "Westralia" in company proceeded to Milne Bay for fuel, stores and fresh water on Friday, 28th. April, at 1158 and anchored in Milne Bay at 0951 on Saturday, 29th. April.
Fuel and stores were obtained but owing to lack of adequate facilities and insufficient time "Kanimbla" proceeded to Beli Beli, Goodenough Island, to complete with fresh water.

12. The health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

13. While at Beli Beli recreational leave was granted and swimming and fishing parties were arranged when opportunity availed.

14. The conduct of the ship's company remains very satisfactory.

15. Distance steamed including manoeuvres for the month of April.

Distance steamed	2113.5 miles
Steaming time	224 hours 18 minutes
Average speed	9.42 knots

Total distance steamed including manoeuvres since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	14, 521.7 miles
Total steaming time	1253 hours 34 minutes
Average speed	11.58 knots.

J.M. Shaw.

A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following report of proceedings for the month of March, 1944, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On Wednesday, 1st. March, "Kanimbla" was berthed at No.8 Berth, Cairns, starboard side to.
During the forenoon and afternoon of Friday, 3rd. March, the ship's 12 A.L.C.A.'s and 10 L.C.V.'s were handed over to the shore authorities and 22 L.C.V.P.'s were transferred to the ship in their place. At 1433 the ship was swung and berthed Port side to to enable the starboard side boats to be lowered and the new boats hoisted.

3. At 1805 on Saturday, 4th. March, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded on passage to Milne Bay with "Manoora" in company and U.S.S. "Longbeach" and "Glendale" as escorts.
At 1733 on Sunday, 5th. March, after receiving instructions, "Kanimbla" and "Manoora" altered course and proceeded to Gladstone. The escorts, "Longbeach" and "Glendale" continued on passage to Milne Bay.
At 1041 on Wednesday, 8th. March, ship anchored in Port Curtis. Anchor was weighed at 1631 and ship berthed at Gladstone wharf and completed with fuel, fresh water and stores.

4. On Wednesday, 8th. March, and Thursday, 9th. March, the 3rd. Battalion of 166th. Infantry Regiment of 41st. U.S. Division, consisting of 49 Officers and 924 enlisted men, and stores and equipment, was embarked.
At 1721 on Thursday, 9th. March, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded on passage to Megim Island, with "Manoora" in company.
At 1820 on Saturday, 11th. March, off Fitzroy Island, "Ararat" and "Townsville" joined company for escort duties.
At 0946 on Monday 13th. March, off Milne Bay, "Townsville" parted company and P.C.476 joined company as escort.
At 1020 on Tuesday, 14th. March, "Kanimbla" anchored in Megim Island anchorage, and troops and equipment were discharged.

5. At 1451 on Tuesday, 14th. March, "Kanimbla" weighed anchor and proceeded on passage to Gladstone with "Manoora" in company and P.C.'s 476 and 479 as escorts.
At 1245 on Wednesday, 15th. March, off Milne Bay, escorts P.C.'s 476 and 479, parted company.
At 1354 on Saturday, 18th. March, "Kanimbla" berthed at Gladstone wharf and completed with fuel, fresh water and stores.

6. On Monday, 20th. March, the 3rd. Battalion, of 162nd. U.S. Infantry Regiment, consisting of 51 Officers and 1135 enlisted men, was embarked, and their stores and equipment loaded; also 88 ratings joined the ship for passage to Milne Bay.
At 1700 on Monday, 20th. March, "Kanimbla" slipped and, with "Manoora" in company, proceeded on passage to Megim Island.
At 1820 on Wednesday, 22nd. March, U.S.S. "San Pedro" and "Rockhampton" joined company off Fitzroy Island for escort duties.
At 0915 on Friday, 24th. March, s.s. "Monterey" joined company off Bremer Island for passage through China Straits.
At 1150 off Milne Bay, s.s. "Monterey", U.S.S. "San Pedro" and "Rockhampton" parted company and at 1250 P.C.'s 1122 and 1132 took up stations as escorts. The 88 ratings on passage to Milne Bay were discharged to "Rockhampton" and from M.L.803, 26 ratings joined the ship for passage to Langemak Bay.

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At 1006 on Saturday, 25th. March, "Kanimbla" anchored in Megim Island anchorage and troops and equipment, and the 26 ratings for Langemak Bay, were discharged.

At 1359, anchor was weighed and "Kanimbla" with "Manoora" in company and P.C.'s 1133 and 1134 as escorts, proceeded on passage to Cape Sudest.

At 2341 ship anchored in Buna Roads.

7. During the forenoon of Sunday, 26th. March, 14 of the ship's L.C.V.P.'s and the 3 L.C.M.'s were sent inshore and these boats and their crews, 74 ratings, under the charge of Sub Lieutenants A.E. Le Page and J.B. Mackay, were to remain at Buna for an indefinite period. In place of the ship's boats were hoisted the boats - 13 L.C.V.P.'s, 3 L.C.M.'s and 1 L.C.S. - of the 1st. and 2nd. sections of "C" Company of 542nd. Engineer Boat Shore Regiment (U.S.) and the personnel of the sections (2 Officers and 63 men) was embarked.

8. At 1554 on Sunday, 26th. March, anchor was weighed and "Kanimbla" joined Task Unit 76.4.1, consisting of U.S.S. "Henry T. Allen" (Senior Officer) and "Manoora" which proceeded on passage to Beli Beli, Goodenough Island, in company with Task Unit 76.4.2, consisting of 1 L.S.D., U.S.S. "Carter Hall", and 5 L.C.I.'s, part of Task Unit 76.4.3, the whole being part of 76.4 Training Task Group.

At 0908 on Monday, 27th. March, ship anchored in Beli Beli anchorage in company with the ships of the Task Units.

At 0800 on Thursday, 30th. March, ship weighed and berthed at No. 3 wharf and completed with fresh water, and the 1st. Battalion of 21st. Infantry Regiment Combat Team of 24th. U.S. Division, consisting of 45 Officers and 1054 enlisted men, was embarked.

At 0757 on Friday, 31st. March, "Kanimbla" slipped from No. 3 wharf and returned to anchorage.

During the period embarked, the American Boat crews were exercised in boat lowering and hoisting and the troops were exercised in making their way to net loading positions and generally becoming acquainted with the ship and the routine.

9. During the period under report the health of the Ship's Company has been very satisfactory.

10. Short leave was granted when the ship visited Cairns and Gladstone, and while at Beli Beli, Recreational Leave was given.

11. The conduct of the Ship's Company continues to remain very satisfactory.

12. Distance steamed including manoeuvres for the month of March.

Distance Steamed	5607.2 miles
Steaming time	443 hours 28 minutes
Average speed	12.64 knots

Total distance steamed including manoeuvres since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	12408.2 miles
Total steaming time	1029 hours 16 minutes
Average speed	12.05 knots.

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A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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1st. March, 1944.

The Senior Naval Officer,
Australian Landing Ships,
H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

The following is the report of proceedings for the month of February, 1944.

2. On Tuesday, 1st. February, "Kanimbla" was alongside No.1 Berth, Townsville, and during the forenoon and afternoon of that day the 166th. A.A. Gun Battalion, U.S. Army, consisting of a total of 41 Officers and 929 enlisted men, and stores and equipment were embarked.

3. At 0703 on Wednesday, 2nd, February, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded on passage to Finschafen.
At 1745, off Fitzroy Island, "Warrego" joined as escort.
At 0903 on Friday, 4th. February, off Milne Bay, M.L.816 closed ship and inward and outward mails were exchanged.
At 0840 on Saturday, 5th, February, "Kanimbla" anchored in Finschafen but at 0845 was instructed to proceed to Langemak Bay. Anchor was weighed and at 0928 the ship was stopped in Langemak Bay. No anchorage was available but, under the prevailing favourable weather conditions no difficulty was experienced in manoeuvring the ship whilst troops were disembarked and stores and equipment discharged.
"Warrego" maintained an A/S patrol outside the harbour.
By 1310 all troops and stores and equipment had been landed and at 1358 "Kanimbla" cleared Langemak Bay and proceeded on passage to Beli Beli, Goodenough Island, "Warrego" escorting.

4. On arrival at Beli Beli at 0929 on Sunday, 6th. February, all boats, 22 L.C.V.P.s and 3 L.C.M.s, were lowered and handed over to the shore authorities.
At 1027 "Kanimbla" proceeded on passage to Port Moresby.

5. At 1442 on Monday, 7th. February, ship berthed at Elavala Oil Jetty, Port Moresby, and completed with fuel.
Berth was shifted to Government Wharf at 1542 after fuelling.
During the forenoon of Tuesday, 8th. February, the 2/33rd. Aust. Infantry Bat'n, 2/4th. Aust. Field Ambulance, 2/2nd. Aust. Pioneer Bat'n. and small miscellaneous units, making a total of 110 officers and 1987 men and equipment were embarked and at 1102 "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded on passage to Townsville, escorted by "Warrego".

6. At 0445 on Wednesday, 9th. February, "Warrego" stopped with engine trouble and "Kanimbla" proceeded unescorted except for air cover.

7. At 0643 on Thursday, 10th. February, Lance Corporal R.A. Howard, VX 73549, 2/2nd. Aust. Pioneer Battalion, accidentally shot himself while climbing a ladder from "B" deck to "A" deck. He died later on board.

8. At 0721 on Thursday, 10th. February, "Kanimbla" anchored off Townsville, and at 0848 weighed and proceeded up channel and berthed at No.1 Berth where troops were disembarked. At 1934 the ship slipped and proceeded on passage to Cairns.

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9. At 1123 on Friday, 11th. February, "Kanimbla" moored in Trinity Inlet, Cairns, where the ship's boats, previously left in Cairns, were returned to the ship. At 0944 on Sunday, 13th. February, anchors were weighed and ship berthed at No.1 Berth and completed with fuel, fresh water, petrol and stores.

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10. On Tuesday, 15th. February, the 2/11th. Aust. Infantry B'n consisting of 82 Officers and 1205 men and equipment were embarked for training. "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded out of harbour at 1302 on Wednesday, 16th. February, and anchored off channel entrance at 1407. At 0330 on Friday, 18th. February, ship weighed and proceeded and arrived off Bramston Beach at 0720 and an exercise landing was carried out. At 1850 after all troops and equipment had been landed, the ship,anchored.

11. During the forenoon of Saturday, 19th February, the 19th Aust. Infantry Brigade, 84 officers and 1744 men, was embarked. At 1409 the ship weighed and proceeded and at 1756 anchored in Trinity Bay off Trinity Beach, where all embarked troops were landed during the forenoonof Sunday, 20th. February. At 1307 on Sunday, 20th. February, anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded and anchored in the vicinity off"Manoora" off Cairns. At 1707 the ship weighed and proceeded up channel and berthed at No.8 Berth where fuel, fresh water and stores were replenished.

12. On Monday, 21st. February, 39 Officers and 862 Men of the 1 Aust. Beach Group, and equipment, were embarked for training. At 1759 "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded out of harbour and at 1939 anchored in Trinity Bay off Palm Beach where the landing exercise was carried out. The ship returned to Cairns, berthing at No.1 Berth at 0939 on Thursday, 24th. February, and completed with fuel fresh water and stores.

13. On Thursday, 24th. February, 34 Officers and 939 Men of the 11 Aust Beach Group and equipment were embarked. At 0959 on Friday, 25th. February, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded out of harbour and at 1142, anchored in Trinity Bay off Palm Beach where the landing exercise was carried out. The ship returned to Cairns and Berthed at No.8 Berth at 1258 on Monday, 28th. February, and completed with fuel, fresh water and stores.

14. During the period under report, the health of the Ship's Company has been very satisfactory.

15. Short leave has been granted as opportunity offered at Townsville, Port Moresby and Cairns.

16. The conduct of the Ship's Company continues to remain very satisfactory.

17. Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of February.

Distance Steamed	2513.4 miles
Steaming time	220 hours 22 minutes
Average speed	11.4 knots

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since recommissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total distance steamed	6801 Miles
Total steaming time	585 hours 48 minutes
Average speed	11.61 knots.

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MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board.

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SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached Report of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. "Kanimbla" for the month of January, 1944.

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H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA",

5th. February, 1944.

The Senior Naval Officer,

Australian Landing Ships,

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA".

H.M.A.S. "KANIMBLA" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The following is the report of proceedings for the month of January, 1944.

2. On Saturday, 1st. January, "Kanimbla" was at anchor in Moreton Bay off Moreton Island, the 2nd. Battalion of 186th. Infantry Regiment of U.S. 41st. Division having been previously embarked for training. At 0928 "Kanimbla" shifted berth to anchorage off Redcliffe and the Battalion was landed on Bribie Island. Again at 1838 ship shifted anchorage to Redcliffe.

3. During the period 3rd. January to 8th. January the 3rd. Battalion of 186th. Infantry Regiment of U.S. 41st. Division, consisting of 46 Officers and 951 enlisted men and equipment was accommodated. Exercise landings were made on Moreton Island and the final landing of all troops and equipment was made on Bribie Island on Saturday, 8th. January. "Kanimbla" shifted berth to anchorage off Moreton Island on Thursday, 6th. January, and returned to anchorage off Redcliffe on Friday, 7th. January.

4. At 0742 on Monday, 10th. January, "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded on gunnery exercises. Low angle practices were conducted at a pattern VI target. Ship was then swung for Compass Deviations and on completion , and in company with "Cowra" and "Townsville" carried out practice firings of Close Range A.A. weapons at a sleeve target. Afterwards "Kanimbla" proceeded up River and berthed at Cruiser "C" wharf to complete with Petrol. At 1038 on Tuesday, 11th.January, ship shifted berth to Vacuum Oil Wharf and, after completing with fuel, proceeded up River and berthed at New Farm Wharf to replenish with fresh water and stores.

5. At 1725 on Saturday, 15th. January, commenced loading stores and equipment of the 469th. Quartermaster Truck Battalion, Mobile, and 155th. Quartermaster Truck Battalion, Mobile, and at 0300 on Sunday, 16th. January, this was completed and by 0820 30 Officers and 945 enlisted men of the two Battalions had been embarked. At 1130 on Sunday, 16th. January, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded down stream on passage to Cairns, escorted by P.C.1123.

6. On arrival at Cairns at 0601 on Wednesday, 19th. January, ship anchored. Immediately after anchoring all boats were lowered and replaced by 3 L.C.M.'s and 22 L.C.V.'s(P), the ship's boats remaining at Cairns. At 1520 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Milne Bay escorted by "Mildura". "Kanimbla" arrived and anchored at Milne Bay at 1158 on Friday, 21st. January.

7. At 0458 on Saturday, 22nd. January, "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded on passage to Langemak Bay, escorted by P.C.1124. At 2030 ship approached Buna anchorage and U.S. destroyer "Bache" joined company and provided additional escort. At 0840 on Sunday 23rd. January, "Kanimbla" anchored in Langemak Bay, escorts "Bache" and P.C.1124 remaining outside harbour on patrol. Immediately after anchoring, Ship's Company went to Operational Action Stations and commenced to land all embarked troops, stores and equipment. This was completed by 1445. Two Air Raid Red alarm signals were given by the shore authorities, the first at 2044 and the second at 2220. During the first alarm the shore batteries opened fire, and on both occasions ship closed up to Action Stations. At 2256 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Buna.

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8. On arrival at Buna at 1013 on Monday, 24th. January, "Kanimbla" anchored. At 1854 anchor was weighed and ship proceeded, without escort, on passage to Beli Beli, Goodenough Island, On arrival at Beli Beli at 0830 on Tuesday, 25th. January, "Kanimbla" anchored. All boats were lowered and the 3 L.C.M.'s and 22 L.C.V.'s(P) were handed over to the shore authorities. At 0945 "Kanimbla" weighed and proceeded on passage to Port Moresby.

9. On arrival at Port Moresby at 1142 on Wednesday, 26th. January, "Kanimbla" berthed at Elavala oil wharf and completed with fuel. At 1427 ship shifted berth to Government wharf, where Australian Army stores and equipment, totalling 606 tons, and 807 bags of Army and Air Force Mail, were loaded. During the forenoon of Thursday 27th. January, the following A.I.F. troops were embarked :-

2/31st. Aust. Inf. Bn.	33 Officers	693 Men
2/33rd. " " "	2 "	23 "
54th. Aust. Fd. Bty. R.A.A.	2 "	14 "
2/25th. Aust. Inf. Bn.	2 "	23 "
7th. Aust. Inf.Bds. Rear details	3 "	25 "
14th. Aust. Fd.Coy.R.A.E.	3 "	147 "
12th. Aust. C.R.E.Works	6 "	23 "
War Correspondent	1	
2/4th. Aust. Fd.Amb.	1 "	9 "
Det.2/25th.Aust. Inf. Bn.	1 "	31 "
Det.2/23rd. " " "	2 "	30 "
Det. 25th. Aust. Inf. Bde.Sigs.		16 "
H.Q. 25th.Aust. Inf.Bde.	2 "	2 "
A.D.Y. 2nd. Aust.Corps.		1. "
Total Embarked	58 Officers	1037 Men.

10. At 1649 on Thursday, 27th. January, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Cairns, escorted by "Kapunda". During the passage all the armament was fired for exercise. "Kanimbla" arrived at Cairns at 1141 on Saturday, 29th. January, and berthed at No.1 Berth where fresh water and stores were replenished, and 3 L.C.M.'s and 22 L.C.V.'s(P) were handed over to the ship and were hoisted on board.

11. At 1301 on Sunday, 30th.January, "Kanimbla" slipped and proceeded out of harbour on passage to Townsville and arrived at Townsville at 0759 on Monday, 31st. January, and berthed at No.1 Berth. Embarked troops were discharged and all stores and equipment were unloaded by 0320 on Tuesday, 1st. February.

12. During the period under report the health of the Ship's company has been very satisfactory.

13. Recreational leave was granted at Redcliffe when "Kanimbla" was anchored in Moreton Bay, and on the occasion of visiting Brisbane 7 days leave to Queensland natives who could be recalled to the ship within four hours was granted and also short leave of 36 hours was given to each of the three watches twice. When at the ports of Cairns, Port Moresby and Townsville short leave was also given.

14. The conduct of the Ship's Company continues to remain very satisfactory.

15. Distance steamed, including manoeuvres, for the month of January.

Distance steamed	3182.6 miles
Steaming time	261 hours 22 minutes
Average speed	12.2 knots.

Total distance steamed, including manoeuvres, since commissioning on 1st. June, 1943.

Total Distance steamed	✓4287.6 miles
Total steaming time	365 hours 26 minutes
Average speed	11.7 knots.

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