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PERIODICAL REPORT - NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA
QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH, 1958

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board, the following report of activities in the NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA for the quarter ended 31 March, 1958.

2. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF WARSHIPS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Senior Officer</u>	<u>FFO supplied (Tons)</u>
0630 27 Jan	0930 27 Jan	HNMS DRENTHE (DD)	Cdr. H.A. Van Oorde, RNN	74
0815 1 Feb	0700 2 Feb	USS O'BRIEN " WALKER " HUBBARD " SMALL (DDs)	COMDES DIV 132 Capt. G.W. Albin USN in OBRIEN	1367
0800 7 Feb	1330 7 Feb	HMS CARDIGAN BAY (FF)	Capt. G.O. Roberts R.N.	248
1400 18 Feb	0600 19 Feb	USS VAMMEN " WILSON (DES)	Lt.Cdr E.J. Lewellyn USN in VAMMEN	301
0830 20 Feb	0900 21 Feb	USS BLUE " CUNNINGHAM " EVANS " McKEAN	COMDESRON 13 Capt B. Taylor USN in Blue	1386
0900 23 Mar	1330 23 Mar	USS ANDERSON	COMDESDIV 12 Capt. M.H. BUASS	2239
0900 23 Mar	2130 23 Mar	" AGERHOLM	in BAUSELL	
1700 24 Mar	1000 25 Mar	" BAUSELL " ROGERS		

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
0700 2 Jan	0600 3 Jan	MV MALAITA	Capt. B.Hilder	Regular voyage 230 tons service cargo.
1300 5 Jan	1400 6 Jan	MV MONTORO	Capt. F.Sadler	450 drums avgas for RAAF.
0730 7 Jan	1600 7 Jan	MV BULOLO	Capt.E.McDermid	Regular voyage 106 tons service cargo. 92 tons dieseline for RAN.
0730 8 Feb	1100 10 Feb	SS CALTEX VENICE (tanker)	Capt.E.Lauvrek	Cargo of 8197 FFO dischrged

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to RANOFI. Ship moored by two anchors off Sabukaleo Pt and discharged by jackstay method to Shore tanks

0730 17 Feb	1500 17 Feb	MV BULOLO	Capt. E. McDermid	Regular voyage 84 tons service cargo 90 tons Dieseline for RAN
1000 22 Feb	1730 22 Feb	MV MALAITA	Capt. B. Hilder	Regular voyage 150 tons service cargo
0700 4 Mar	0700 7 Mar	LST MAXWELL BRANDER	Capt. J. Marr	Operated by British Ministry of Transport Visit for fuel only FFO 350 tons

4.
VISITS BY RAN UNITS

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1430 8 Mar	1200 15 Mar	HMAS WOOMERA	Lt Cdr. T.J. O'BYRNE RANVR	Naval store ship Discharged Naval stores and loaded return stores for Sydney.
1500 8 Mar	-	HMAS KIMBLA	Lt. Cdr AR PEARSON RANVR	Boom working Vessel. Carried out removal and replacement of Seeadler Hbr. moorings up to 23 March.
-	1700 24 Mar	"	"	Coastwatching cruise in NEA with SOCAS embarked. To return 8 April.

5. VISITS BY INTER ISLAND SMALL SHIPS

Commercial type -		NIL		
1900 11 Mar	0700 13 Mar	AMV TARRA	Capt. N. STARK	Australian Army small ship. Transporting PIR from Madang.
1800 19 Mar	0700 21 Mar	"	"	"

6. MOVEMENTS OF ATTACHED CRAFT

MWL 255. Unserviceable. Being prepared for tow to Sydney by H.M.A.S. "KIMBLA".

MRL 252. (a) Operated as main propulsion towing alongside for OFL 1207 in replenishment operations. Also short trips not exceeding 8 hours in immediate area with exception of (b) below.

(b) MRL 252 (Lt. Cdr. W.B. SIMMS? RAN) departed Lombrum 0800 14th March for Kandrian (South coast New Britain) with 46 naval native labour repatriates. 38 new labourers were recruited at Kandrian and ship returned via Rabaul, arriving at Lombrum 0900 22 March.

MSL 706

General Harbour duties. Operating satisfactorily.

TB. 5.

Assisting in all OFL movements. Otherwise general harbour duties including routine trips to Govt. Station Lorengau. Operating satisfactorily.

MOTOR BOATS.

Motor boat "Maringo" under went extensive refit during quarter. Main engine, which had to be removed to workshops for major repairs, was ready for reinstallation at end of March.

Workboat 409 performed satisfactorily during quarter and was employed on general harbour duties including routine trips to Govt. Station Lorengau.

7. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

6th MARCH The World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell visited Manus and lunched with NOIC in HMAS TARANGAU on the day of arrival. The District Commissioner, Mr. E.G. Hicks was also present. Lady Baden-Powell then proceeded to Lorengau where a reception in her honour was held in the evening. On return to TARANGAU next day her ladyship again lunched with NOIC and took departure for Rabaul by air in the afternoon.

17th MARCH The Australian Minister for External Affairs, the Rt. Hon. R.G. CASEY arrived Manus by air from Hollandia. The Minister was taken on a tour of inspection of HMAS TARANGAU during which he inspected the Papua-New Guinea Division on parade. The Minister remained overnight at NOIC residence and departed by air for Madang on 18th March.

27th MARCH The General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, Major General T.J. DALY CBE, DSO visited P.I.R. Nutt Point officially and was the guest of NOIC at the residence "TARANGAU" overnight.

8.

HOUSING

During the three months ending 31st March, 9 of the 11 projected conversions were completed. These consisted of 8 former Chiefs and Petty Officers buildings (single accommodation) plus the former combined post office and class room building. Two buildings of the former category now remain to be completed by the end of April. Refrigerators, stoves and sinks were received in H.M.A.S. WOOMERA.

9. CONSTRUCTION

Consequent on disbandment of the Naval Works Unit as mentioned in the previous report no new construction was progressed with the exception of three new dormitories to cope with the expansion of the P.N.G. Division. This work was carried out by a combined party of Shipwright, PNG and Compound labour under the direction of the Shipwright Officer. It is intended to construct one additional dormitory in the Native labour compound using the same labour. All materials for such work are available locally. Beyond the "conversion" type of work as mentioned under "Housing" above no other construction can be contemplated in "Tarangau" at the present time.

10. TRANSPORT

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in the maintenance of Motor transport due to the lack of personnel. Transportation commitments are heavy, considering the fact that there are over 700 people to be logistically supported by the Navy on Lombrum. In addition there are continuous transport commitments between Lombrum and Momote Airfield and the Oil Fuel Installation at Papitalai. Experience has shown that the present garage force of 1 POM(E) and native assistants cannot effectively cope with the rate of unserviceability which averages about 20 per cent of the vehicles held. The problem will become more acute during the next quarter when it will become necessary to declare a number of vehicles for disposal in accordance with Navy Office direction. This matter will be the subject of a separate report in due course.

11. GENERAL ELECTRICAL

No. 1 Alternator has been installed and is operating satisfactorily. Unfortunately No. 3 Diesel became unserviceable and is at Garden Island for repair. However, the power situation is in limits. The lights and batteries have been removed from the Ndillo light, No1 and No.9 light bouys have been removed from the harbour. Ten dongas, formerly the Chiefs and Petty Officers living quarters have been wired and converted to temporary residences. One other donga, formerly the post office and school room has been similarly converted. The police Bois married quarters has been wired for light and power. VENNERS time switches have been installed in hot water systems to relieve the load, these being set for off peak periods. Three new dongas have been erected and fitted out and wired for PNG Division.

12. RADIO.

The IJ 8922 Transmitter has been giving trouble. The internal wiring of this transmitter has deteriorated badly due to climatic conditions, and is due for replacement. Some concern was felt when without a Radio maintenance rating for one month during the change of drafts.

13. TELEPHONES

Telephones are still a constant source of annoyance and use many man hours. It is still not known whether a new system is to be installed in TARANGAU. (NEA 63/14 dated 12 February, 1958.) refers.

14. CINEMA

Correspondence is still being carried on regarding the fitting of two new 35mm machines and equipment or the fitting of 16mm machines and equipment. (NEA 44/17 dated 1st April, 1958 refers.)

15. POWER HOUSE

The generator for the Mirrlees Diesel driven generator was received after repair and is now in operation. This engine will be due for its 2,000 hours refit approx 1st May, 1958. No 2 Generator underwent its normal 2,000 hours refit completing on 17th January, 1958. No. 4 Generator underwent its normal 2,000 hours refit during the week ending 14th March, 1958. Minor stoppages only have been experienced mostly due to heavy overloads. No word of No. 3 Diesel which was returned to Sydney for repair has yet been received.

16. SHORE REEFERS

These are now working most satisfactorily as the P.N.G. Watchkeepers are now more familiar with their work. Unfortunately with their very rapid indoctrination to the work fluctuating temperatures caused the loss of a quantity of frozen produce. Constant supervision is still necessary.

17. A.D. 301 FLOATING DOCK was used once during this period to raise the "WOOMERA" three feet. Considerable difficulty was met with on the mechanical side, due to a shortage of E.R.A.'s. The former has now been rectified.

18. WATER RETICULATION

No major repairs to the mains were carried out during this period. Hot and Cold water fittings were installed in the new Temporary residences, and a hot water system in the main ablutions block.

19. MEDICAL

The health of the Ship's Company and residents remains satisfactory. No Malaria occurred among European or P.N.G. personnel. Three wives of service personnel were confined in N.H.M.I. during the quarter. SA(S) Peter John GLAZIER, R50780, suffering from a gunshot wound to the Rt. arm, was evacuated by air to Balmoral Naval Hospital for convalescence. Lieutenant Commander Eric Douglas WILLDER, RAN, suffering from severe Hepatitis was also evacuated to Balmoral Naval Hospital.

MEDICAL (continued)

....The present hospital routine in the first quarter since the "run down" appears to be working satisfactorily.

20. SPORTS

During the quarter ended 31st March, 1958, sport played in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU has mainly been of a social nature incorporating the families of residents, and "living in" members of the Ship's Company. Tennis has been the most popular game and some Badminton has also been played.

The granting of permission for ladies to use the swimming pool has greatly increased the use of the pool, and it is now proving to be one of the most popular amenities in the Depot. Three cricket matches have been played with the RAAF and good use has been made of the two sports ovals and the Basketball court by visiting American destroyer divisions. During the quarter, ratings of the P.N.G. Division have been learning to play Basketball and it is hoped that in the future this game can be added to their other sporting activities and matches arranged with the P.I.R.

21. SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS, VICTUALLING STORES.

During February advice was received from the suppliers in Goroka New Guinea, that they were unable, in the future, to continue the supply of fresh vegetables to this establishment. In spite of many promises that no difficulty would be experienced it is noteworthy that this firm has not once completely filled our order since November, 1957 when the supply commenced.

It has been decided in the interest of continuity and ensure wholesome supplies of vegetables to demand quick frozen varieties from the R.E.V. Yard. Negotiations for the supply of small quantities of salad vegetables from WAU, New Guinea are in progress.

22. NAVAL STORES

A considerable quantity of surplus naval stores and equipment was returned to Naval Yard, Sydney in H.M.A.S. Ships WOOMERA and KIMBLA. Action will be taken to further reduce holdings as opportunity for free freight occurs.

23. CONDUCT.

The conduct of the Ship's Company is satisfactory and morale is high.

24. COMPLEMENT

The reduced complement generally appears to be capable of keeping pace with current commitments. However a severe strain has been placed on the following Departments:-

(a) ENGINEERING Particularly with heavy fuelling programme and maintenance of small craft and motor transport and power house.

(b) SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAL The addition to service residents (total now 49) has considerably increased the work of the Victualling staff who are obliged to work long hours in order to keep accounts up to date. The typing problem will deteriorate further with the despatch of another writer without relief. Approval to employ civilian typists from local residents is awaited. (My letter NEA 2/3 dated 25 March, 1958, refers.)

(Sgd.) J. McL. ADAMS

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

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PERIODICAL REPORT - NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA
QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE, 1958.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board, the following report of activities in the NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA for the quarter ended 30 June, 1958.

2. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF WARSHIPS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Senior Officer</u>	<u>FFO supplied</u> (Tons)
0700 9 Apr.	0600 10 Apr.	USS BOYD USS McDERMOT USS WEDDERBURN	Comdesron 15 Capt. C.G. Nicholls in Boyd.	2284
"	1530 10 Apr.	USS HOPEWELL USS KIDD USS UHLMANN		
0630 28 Apr.	0600 29 Apr.	USS EPPERSON USS RENSHAW USS PHILIP USS NICHOLAS	Comdesdiv 252 Capt. T.J. Rudden in Epperson	1411
0900 30 Apr.	0600 2 May	USS LARSEN	Comdesdiv 92 Capt. J.B. Cresap in Swenson	1248
0900 1 May	2 May	USS SWENSON USS BLACK		
0830 2 May	0700 5 May	HMAS QUIBERON	Cdr. L.M. Ponton	308
0700 14 May	1400 14 May	HMS CAVALIER	Cdr. J. Cartwright	320
0915 14 May	1400 14 May	HMS ULYSSES	Cdr. Main	370
0900 26 May	0700 27 May	USS O'BRIEN USS SMALL USS WALKER USS HUBBARD	Comdesdiv 132 Capt. G.W. Albin in O'Brien	1218

3. VISITS BY MINOR WAR VESSELS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
0800 8 Apr.	1400 14 Apr.	HMAS KIMBLA	Lt. Cdr. R. Pearson	B.W.V. completed coast watching cruise with SOCAS and NOIC N.E.A. embarked 8 Apr. On dep. 14 Apr. took MWL 252 in tow to Sydney.

4. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1030 2 Apr.	1730 2 Apr.	MV BULOLO	Capt. EMc Dermid	Regular voyage 100 tons Service cargo and 90 tons dieseline for R.A.N.
1200 12 Apr.	1730 12 Apr.	MV MALAITA	Capt. W. Wilding	Regular voyage 146 tons Service cargo.
1900 30 Apr.	1500 3 May	SS KEMBLA BREEZE towing SS IRONMASTER	Capt. Esherling	On passage Sydney to Hong Kong. 136 tons FFO supplied.
0700 4 May	0630 7 May	SS CALTEX SINGAPORE (Tanker)	Capt. B. James	To replenish RAN OFI Manus 9995 tons FFO received.
1715 22 May	1015 23 May	MV BULOLO	Capt. E. McDERMID	Regular voyage 100 tons Service Cargo 120 tons Dieseline for R.A.N.
1230 29 May	0600 30 May	MV MALAITA	Capt. W. Wilding	Regular voyage 130 tons Service cargo.
0600 31 May	0600 2 June	SS CALTEX STOCKHOLM	Capt. K. Lorentzen	To replenish RAN OFI Manus 10059 tons FFO received.
1415 27 June	1030 29 June	MV KOKODA	Capt. C. Bignell	To take water and effect engine repairs On charter from B.Ps. to CSIRO.

5. VISIT BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARY.

1600 12 May	1030 14 May	RFA WAVE RULER (Tanker)	Capt. J. K. McKenzie	Loaded 5592 tons FFO from OFI Manus.
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6. MOVEMENTS OF ATTACHED CRAFT.

MWL 255. Unserviceable. Departed Manus under tow by HMAS Kimbla 14 April for delivery to HMA Dockyard, Sydney.

MRL 252. Operated as main propulsion unit for OFL 1207 in replenishment operations. Also short trips within Seeadler Harbour. Vessel was docked in AFD 301 during June, for periodical overhaul and maintenance. Condition and operational efficiency satisfactory.

MSL 706. General harbour duties and short PNG training trips within Seeadler Harbour. Conditions and operational efficiency satisfactory. Due for periodical docking in July.

TB 5

Assisting in all OFL movements. Also general harbour duties and PNG training including routine trips to Govt. Station Lorengau. Condition and operational efficiency satisfactory.

MOTOR BOATS.

Motor Boat "Maringo" - main engine was re-installed first week in April, after extensive overhaul in Tarangau Workshops. Deckhouse was removed and repaired. Boat operated during quarter on routine trips and recreational trips. Condition satisfactory. Work boat 409 was taken in hand for extensive refit of hull and upper works when Maringo returned to service. Condition of engine satisfactory.

OFL 1207

Employed in all refuelling operations. Condition satisfactory.

7.

VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO "TARANGAU".

4th JUNE.

The Air Officer Commanding Home Command, Air Vice Marshal Candy C.B.E. paid informal visit to "Tarangau" during his inspection of the R.A.A.F. Station, Momote.

22nd.JUNE.

Official visit to inspect Service Establishments on Manus by Ministerial Party viz: Minister for Defence, Sir Philip McBride, Minister for Labour and National Service, Mr.Holt, The High Commissioner for Pakistan, Lt.Gen. Yusef, The Administrator of T.P. & N.G., Brigadier Cleland, Lady McBride and Mrs.Holt, plus 2 Secretaries.

Party drove around "Tarangau" and inspected PNG Division, thereafter lunching with NOIC.

8.

OTHER PERSONAL VISITS.

1st.APRIL

Mr.G.E.Bain, Representative of the British Ministry of Supply. Discussed with Deputy NOIC and District Commissioner feasibility of tropical trials (materials) on Manus.

21st.- 22nd.APRIL.

Mr.W.B.Kenn, Representative of Department of Defence Production (Explosive Committee)

8th - 13th MAY.

Cdr.F.D.Shaw R.A.N. On Defence Dept. business.

9.

HOUSING.

The eleven projected conversions from the former Chiefs and P.Os. quarters and the former Post Office were completed in April, and all are occupied by ratings and their dependents. The total number of families now accommodated in Tarangau is fifty.

10.

CONSTRUCTION.

One new Native Compound Dormitory is under construction by Base Staff. During the quarter there has been some re-construction in the form of a complete renovation of the Native Labour Compound Office, also a renewal of the concrete swamp crossing near the Water pumping station. Work was commenced in June on the reconstruction of the Papitalai Bridge at the eastern boundary of the OFI.

11.

TRANSPORT.

The maintenance of motor transport is a continuing difficulty. The general situation remains similar to that reported in the previous quarter. It is intended to report separately on this matter when final declaration of vehicles for disposal is made. Certain repairs are still being carried out to vehicles from P.I.R. (at Nutt Point). Despite the Armys promise there is still no sign of a Diesel Mechanic to assist in such work (NOL No. 3391/121/11 (03299) dated 1 April, 58 refers).

12.

M.V. DAROA. The winches, windless and associated electric motors were shipped to Rabaul in M.V. "Bulolo". The main Engine blocks and crankcase etc. have now been stripped and are now awaiting shipment in "Bulolo" E.T.A. 4th July, 1958. It is estimated that all remaining equipment will be shipped in the next vessel to Rabaul. M.V. "Kakoda" called and collected many DAROA engine parts for use as spares on her present protracted voyage on charter to C. S.I.R.O.

13.

POWER HOUSE. A start has been made on the erection of No. 5 B & M Diesel Engine. This is a spare time job and is liable to be protracted.

No. 1 Mirrlees has completed its 2,000 hourly refit and is now back on load.

No. 2 B. & M. Diesel has completed its 1,000 hourly refit and No. 4 will shortly be due for its 1,000 hourly refit.

All engines are running satisfactorily but we have little for emergency. During the refit of engines any shut down would seriously inconvenience all residents and require the imposition of serious power restrictions. The repair of the Belliss and Morcom Diesel damaged before Christmas and despatched to Garden Island for repairs appears to be progressing particularly slowly and its return is urgently requested.

DME

MM

14.

WATER RETICULATION.

A number of minor holes have appeared in the water pipe line but all have been satisfactorily repaired without the necessity of shutting off supplies.

15.

REFRIGERATION.

The main reefers continue to work most satisfactorily. The pre-fabricated 300 cub.ft. cold room has now been erected in the ORIC Store and is working satisfactorily. This has now enabled the moving of the Butcher's shop from its unsatisfactory position at Tarangau Reefers to a more suitable and convenient position in the ORIC Store.

Good!

16.

MEDICAL.

The general health of the Ship's Company and residents remains satisfactory.

No Malaria occurred among European or P.N.G. personnel. There were three confinements in N.H.M.I. during the quarter.

Two appendicectomies were carried out over the period. One was a R.A.A.F. dependent - Mrs. Daveson, and the other was S.R. Dale MURPHY, U.S.N. 3199791 of the U.S.S. Everett E. Larsen, D.D.R. 830.

CM(E) Alan William HILL, R-35017 was evacuated to Balmoral Naval Hospital suffering from severe Psycho-Neurosis.

The purity of the water supply is at present in the process of being examined both bacteriologically and chemically.

Endemic skin infections have been more prominent and troublesome during the later part of this quarter.

This is expected to be controlled in due course.

Co-operation has been given to the Administration Medical Officer at Lorengau.

A start has been made at repainting those parts of the hospital where the paintwork had deteriorated badly.

Arrangements have been made to acquire some medical and surgical stores from the R.A.A.F. Momote on their closing down.

17.
ELECTRICAL, GENERAL.

No.3 Alternator Bellis & Morcom Deisel has not yet been repaired by Garden Island. The time taken to do urgent jobs seems excessive. The Power House has only had three serviceable Alternators for some considerable time. As one Diesel is generally in the process of overhaul no stand-by Alternator is available.

A larger Hot Water System was installed in the Wardroom living quarters.

A larger battery charging generator was installed in the Battery Shop.

Maintenance equipment ordered on the local quarterly maintenance schedule appears to be slow in coming forward.

The Cinema is operating reasonably satisfactory.

A decision is awaited regarding the installation of new equipment (NOL No.3474/61/5 (12153) dated 29 May, 58 refers.)

18.
TELEPHONES.

The system is operating but deterioration has considerably limited its efficiency, and continuous maintenance is required. Early installation of an automatic exchange, tropical type hand sets and new aerial cable outlined in NOL No.3169/2/357 (13394) dated 13th June, 1958, is awaited.

19.
A.D. 301.

During this period dock was lowered and raised three times to take A.W.B. 409, pontoon cubes, M.R.L. 252, and to facilitate refuelling.

20.
SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS, VICTUALLING STORES.

Regular supplies of quick frozen vegetables of good variety have been available for family victualling during the quarter. Meat is now being received prepacked in cello. Both of these innovations are proving very satisfactory; are much much appreciated by the resident families and have made a considerable difference in the efficient conduct of the victualling store.

21.
SPORTS.

These have been mainly confined to social matches of Cricket, Badminton and Basketball between families of residents, and "living in " members of the Ships Company. The swimming pool is at present undergoing half yearly overhaul.

22.
CONDUCT.

The conduct of the Ships Company is satisfactory, and morale is high.

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<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Senior Officer</u>	<u>FFO supplied</u> (Tons)
0945 16 July	1300 18 July	F.S. Francis Garnier	Cdr. B. LeGrand	Wearing Flag of R.A. de Toulouse Lautrec.

3. VISITS BY MINOR WARSHIPS.

NIL.

4. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
0900 1 July	1430 1 July	M.V. MATORIGO	Cpt. Herbert	Loaded 230/44 gall. petrol drums for return to Shell Co. Rabaul.
0700 4 July	1600 4 July	M.V. BULOLO	Cpt. McDermid	Regular voyage discharged 122 tons general cargo, 92 tons Diesel Oil. Backloaded Daroa parts & R.A.A.F. equipment.
0730 14 July	1130 14 July	M.V. MALAITA	Cpt. M. Lawson	Discharged 40 tons general cargo.
0800 14 July	0600 15 July	M.V. BUSAMA	Cpt. McGregor	Discharged 227 drums Navy petrol. Backloaded 300 empty 44 Gall. drums.
1730 17 July	0800 19 July	M.V. KOKODA	Cpt. Bignell	Embarked fresh water.
1000 16 August	0600 17 August	M.V. BULOLO	Cpt. W. Wilding	Discharged 90 tons cargo for R.A.N. & R.A.A.F. Backloaded R.A.A.F. Equipment.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1400 23 August	0600 24 August	M.V.MALAITA	Cpt.C.Lawson	Discharged 130 tons of general cargo.
0800 3 Sept.	0700 5 Sept.	ARMY VESSEL M.V.TARRA	Cpt.R.Stark	Discharged Army Equipment and fresh section of new PIR Coy. Embarked section D Company
1700 14 Sept.	0900 17 Sept.	ARMY VESSEL M.V.TARRA	Cpt.R.Stark	Discharged Army Equipment and remainder B Coy. Embarked Army equipment and remainder D Company
1000 24 Sept.	1200 24 Sept.	M.V.LEILAMI		Embarked Coastwatching Stores.
0930 25 Sept.	1650 25 Sept.	M.V.BULOLO	Cpt.Wilding	Discharged general cargo 66 tons for Navy and D.C.A. 88 tons of Distillate for Navy. Backloaded 6 tons of General Naval cargo.

5. MOVEMENTS OF ATTACHED CRAFT.

MSL 706 MSL 706 was surveyed whilst in dock. All scuttles were chalk tested. A visual survey was carried out on chain cable. Compasses were adjusted on 21 July. Performed trials during week ending 1 August, and proceeded to Rabaul on Monday 4 August for training and stores trip, returning to Lombrum 1415 Sunday 10 August. MSL 706 was also used to transport Tarangau Europeans and Natives (including P.I.R.) to and from Lorengau on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September, to attend the Annual Manus Show at Lorengau. Conditions on board and operational efficiency satisfactory.

MRL 252 Used to transport Tarangau europeans and natives to and from Lorengau on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th September.

TB-5. Assisting in all OFL movements and routine trips to Lorengau.

MOTOR BOATS.

Maringo carried out routine harbour and recreational trips and has performed satisfactorily.

W.B.409. Under refit for period under review.

OFL.1207. Employed in all refuelling operations. Condition satisfactory.

6. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO H.M.A.S."TARANGAU".

4 July The Speaker of the House of Representatives (The Hon. J.J.McLeay) a passenger in the M.V.Bulolo, together with his wife and daughter were driven around Tarangau and lunched with Captain and Mrs.Adams.

16 July The Commanding Officer, French Naval Forces Pacific (Rear Admiral de Toulouse Lautrec) arrived Lombrum in the F.S. Francis Garnier. The Admiral called on The Naval Officer in Charge and inspected the P.N.G. Division and Guard.

4 August The new District Commissioner for Manus (Mr.L.J.O'Malley) arrived and the Naval Officer in charge called officially on Monday 4 August. Call was returned on 5 August.

7. OTHER PERSONAL VISITS.

17 July Mr.Hicks, Department of Works, Melbourne, recently relieving in Port Moresby, visited this Establishment to determine the necessity for new fender piles for the wharf. He also visited the Oil Fuel Installation and examined the fuel tanks to determine the advisability for repair or renewal. Representatives of Hastings Deering, Lae, the Rabaul Slipway and Madang Slipway and Engineering Works have inspected the heavy equipment preparatory to submitting quotations for repair and maintenance of these items as called for by Department of Works.

25 July Mr.Shand, Commonwealth Audit Inspector called and left the same day.

21 July Mr.McDonnell from Hastings Deering of Lae arrived Lombrum to inspect heavy equipment with view to maintenance. Departed 22 July.
Mr.Jarvis and Mr.Cresser, P.W.D. Inspectors arrived to inspect Loniu bridge project and Papitalai bridge construction. Departed 22 July.

30 July Mr.Reeve, Treasurer, Department of Finance, and Mr.Rutter, Assistant Director of Works, Port Moresby, arrived Lombrum to inspect material for disposal at Lombrum and Momote.

11 August Mr.McDonald, Machinery Spares Inspecting Officer R.A.N. (civilian) arrived to carry out inspection. Completed task and departed Monday 29 September.

11 August Mr.Kelly, Clerk of Naval Stores Department arrived to carry out survey of Works Stores.

8. HOUSING.
Surveys were continued of housing (with the result that dwelling T12 was condemned. (my letter N.E.A. 250/1, dated 27 August,1958.)

9. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.
Construction of New Compound Dormitory and new Residence T12 continued throughout the quarter. The following projects were completed.

- (a) Papitalai Bridge.
- (b) Extension to P.N.G. Cafeteria.
- (c) Partial rebuilding of Waterpoint catwalk.
- (d) Reconstruction of stumping in Residence T2.
- (e) Modification and extension to canteen.
- (f) Emergency construction at Dam Spillway floor.
- (g) Extension of P.N.G. Bo'sns. Store.
- (h) Roof of Residence T18 was renewed.
- (i) Renewal of toilet facilities at Native Labour Compound.

In addition to items listed above, various minor tasks were carried out on attached craft, buildings and residences. To combat the rapid deterioration of buildings and equipment the small Shipwright Department (Shipwrights and Plumbers) has been hard pressed and the appropriation of additional Shipwrights, when available, to help alleviate this situation is sorely needed.

10. TRANSPORT.
The maintenance of motor transport continues to present some difficulties. The general situation remains similar to that reported in the previous quarter. A separate report of the requirements and final declaration of vehicles for disposal has been forwarded. (My letter N.E.A. 101/23 of 17 September, 1958.) Certain repairs and servicing are still being carried out to vehicles from P.I.R. (Nutt Point). Assistance was provided to right and tow out from Harbour foreshores to P.I.R. Base their 3 ton truck which had run off the road and capsized on the night of Wednesday 16 July.
11. GARAGE.
The installation of the Hydraulic Hoist has been completed and this unit is now working very satisfactorily. Small concrete platforms have been constructed to provide a suitable flat base for the Wheel Alignment Unit. These two additions will improve the efficiency of the garage.
12. WATER RETICULATION.
Numerous leaks have been found and repaired in the main water line from Water Point. This is original American Combat piping and is nearing the end of its useful life. A hole in the timber sheathing adjacent to the dam spillway was found. This caused a washaway of the adjacent earth and serious water loss, but was speedily repaired.
13. SMALL CRAFT.
The corroded water cooled muffler in MSL 706 collapsed on the vessels trip to Rabaul and fumes and cooling water were discharged into the engine room. Pending receipt of a new unit from Machinery and Spares Depot a satisfactory substitute has been fabricated by Ship's Staff.
14. M.V. "TARA".
The Army Vessel "TARA" received fuel and water on 15 September. Assistance was also provided with certain repairs to their refrigerating machinery.
15. R.A.A.F. SURPLUS STORES.
An Aerated Water Machine purchased by the Canteen Fund, H.M.A.S. Tarangau, has already been dismantled and brought to H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU". This will shortly be erected adjacent to the Bakehouse. The Baker's Oven is a large and heavy item. It is proposed to dismantle part of this and an endeavour will then be made to lift the remainder for transport to "TARANGAU". The smaller components have already been received. The Rock Crushing Unit and small Willy's engine at the quarry, formerly belonging to R.A.A.F., has been taken over and repaired to enable crushing to be resumed.
16. REFRIGERATION.
With the withdrawal of R.A.A.F. one only Cold Room is now required for use. Two only compressors are now required to maintain temperatures.
17. ELECTRICAL - GENERAL.
Only one serious fault developed over the period 1 July, 1958 to 30 September, 1958. A Generator broke down between phases. The Generator was stripped down, risings unsoldered, bars lifted and repair satisfactorily completed.

18. TELEPHONES.
Telephones continue to take up a large number of valuable man hours. A plan for the new automatic telephone exchange has been forwarded to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, as directed by Navy Office letter 3169/2/357 (20349) dated 12 September, 1958.

19. MEDICAL.
The health of the Ship's Company and Dependents has been generally satisfactory. There has been no malaria in the European or P.N.G. personnel. Admissions to Hospital during the quarter:

<u>R.A.N.</u>	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>P.N.G.</u>	<u>P.I.R.</u>	<u>R.A.A.F.</u>
16	6	9	6	1

Operations carried out during the quarter.

MAJOR

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MINOR.

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There were six successful confinements in the Hospital during the period under review, all being the Wives of Naval personnel. Assistance and co-operation has continued to be given to the Administration Medical Service at Lorengau. Staphylococcal infections mainly effecting the skin have continued to be prevalent amongst the Europeans. Gammaxane concentrate for use in the Swingfog apparatus has NOT proved to have a satisfactory residual effect on cockroaches or mosquito control. A further request has been submitted to the M.D.G. for Dieldrin concentrate. Senior Nursing Sister K.Pratt arrived for duty in N.H.MI on 1/9/58.

20. M.V. DAROA.
All machinery parts have been shipped to Burns Philp, Rabaul with the exception of two (2) Main Engine Flywheels remaining in the beached hull and a number of main engine components selected by the Chief Engineer of M.V. Kokoda to be used as spares in this vessel as requested by Burns Philp (my letter N.E.A. 200/21 dated 1 October, 1958.)

21. POWER HOUSE.
All engines have been taken in hand for refits as their hours become due. Minor break downs only have occurred. No.3 Belliss & Morcom Crankcase & Shaft have recently been received after repair in Sydney.

22. SPORT.
The sport in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU over the past three months has been mainly confined to tennis and badminton of a social nature incorporating the families of residents, as well as the 'living in' members of the ship's company. Two cricket matches have been played against a visiting team from Lorengau, and some basketball practise games have been played. During the quarter a Fishing Club and a Clay Pigeon Shooting Club has been formed, and active interest is being shown in both. The fishing club meets once a week and some very good sport has been had fishing in Seeadler Harbour and some good catches made. There has been a considerable upsurge of sporting interest shown in the P.N.G. division during the quarter, and weekly sporting events are held. Cricket, basketball and soft ball are the main games played, and matches have been arranged between the P.N.G. and P.I.R. at Nutt Point.

Instruction has been given in these games by the P.N.G. Instructors and by other members of the Ship's Company.

The swimming pool retains its popularity with the resident families and is in constant use.

23.

WHARF.

With Mr. Hicks, from Commonwealth Department of Works, main wharf was inspected and fortyone (41) in number fender piles found to need renewal due to Brcoming being eaten away or missing. (Navy Office letter No.3169/2/344 (1656) dated 21 Jan., 1958 refers)

24.

FLOATING DOCK -A.D. 301.

Two holes in bottom of tank IC were repaired by using rubber grommets inside and out, with through bolts.

25.

CONDUCT.

The conduct of the Ships Company is satisfactory, and morale is high.

(Sgd.) J. McL. ADAMS

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NORTH EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

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9 JAN 1959

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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st.DECEMBER,1958.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board
the following report of activities for quarter ended
31st.December,1958.

2. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF WARSHIPS:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Senior Officer</u>	<u>F.F.O.supplied.</u>
1000 22nd.Nov.	0830 25th Nov.	H.M.S.Cook	Cdr.H.R.Hatfield	428.6 tons R.N.
0900 7th Dec.	0900 8th Dec.	H.M.S.Crane	Cdr.R.K.Emden	D.S.C. R.N. 250 tons.

3. VISITS BY MINOR WARSHIPS:

NIL.

4. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS:

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
0700 23rd.Oct.	1200 24th.Oct.	M.V.Montoro	Capt.F.Sadler	Discharged 33 tons general cargo. Backloaded R.A.A.F. heavy equipment.
1130 6th Nov.	0600 7th Nov.	M.V.Bulolo	Capt.W.Wilding	Discharged 50 tons general cargo. Backloaded small amount miscellaneous cargo.
1600 13th Nov.	1300 17th Dec.	M.V.Airco	Capt.J.Livingstone	Arrived under tow of MRL 252. Airco discharged Petrol for Tarangau. Remaining alongside awaiting tow to Rabaul.
0700 1st.Dec.	0600 2nd.Dec.	M.V.Malaita	Capt.M.Lawson	Discharged 90 tons general cargo.
1800 16thDec.	1300 17th Dec.	M.V.Nereus	Capt.J.Livingstone	Arrived from Rabaul to tow Airco back to Rabaul.

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<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1900 14th Dec.	1400 15th Dec.	M.V. Malekula	Capt. E. McDermid	Loaded R.A.A.F. heavy equipment and small amount general cargo.
1030 19th Dec.	1800 19th Dec.	M.V. Bulolo	Capt. W. Wilding	50 tons general cargo 100 tons of Distillate. Small amount of back-loading general cargo.

5. MOVEMENTS OF ATTACHED CRAFT.

M.S.L. 706.

M.S.L. 706 was in dock from 24th October till 13th November for underwater inspection and repairs. One plank was renewed and approximately 100 sq.ft. of timber and copper sheathing was repaired.

M.R.L. 252.

On 11th November M.R.L. 252 departed Lombrum in answer to a call for assistance from M.V. "AIRCO" (converted Fairmile). This vessel was taken in tow and both vessels arrived Lombrum at 1600 on 13th November. M.R.L. 252 was also used as the main propulsion unit for O.F.L. 1207 when used for replenishing operations. Tarangau Europeans were transported to and from Lorengau on Saturday 6th December. There was also one picnic to Rara Island on 12th October.

T.B.5.

Assisted in all O.F.L. movements and routine trips in Seeadler Harbour.

MOTOR BOATS:

MARINGO carried out routine harbour and recreational trips.

W.B. 409.

Undergoing refit.

O.F.L. 1207.

Employed in fuelling H.M. Ships "COOK" and "CRANE" and embarking Deiseline from M.V. "BULOLO".

6. VISITS BY INTER-ISLAND SHIPS.

<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1600 13th Nov.	1300 18th Dec.	AIRCO	Capt. Livingstone	Discharged approx. 36 ton of petrol.
1800 16th Dec.	1300 18th Dec.	NEREUS	Capt. Livingstone	To tow AIRCO to Rabaul.
1430 18th Dec.	0700 19th Dec.	LEILANI	Capt. Bruknell	Disembarked Coastwatching stores.

7. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

21st. October.

Major General Daly C.B.E. D.S.O. (G.O.C. Northern Command) arrived Lombrum and departed Wednesday 22nd October. Purpose of visit was routine inspection of Pacific Islands Regiment Establishment at Nutt Point. Major General Daly stayed with the Naval Officer in Charge, North East Australian Area, overnight.

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29th October.

Chaplain Bloxham of the Pacific Islands Regiment conducted Protestant Church Services on Wednesday 29th and four christenings for Naval families on Thursday 30th in St. Nicholas Chapel, H.M.A.S. Tarangau.

1st. November.

The Roman Catholic Army Chaplain General, Father Morgan called on the Naval Officer in Charge, North East Australian Area and celebrated Mass in St. Nicholas Chapel, H.M.A.S. Tarangau on Sunday 2nd. November and Monday 3rd. November.

2nd. December.

Mr. Justice Kelly passed through Lombrum en route Lorengau.

8. OTHER PERSONAL VISITS.

6th October.

Miss Kemp, Regional Girl Guide Association Representative visited H.M.A.S. Tarangau.

29th October.

Mr. Reynolds, Manager of Shell Coy., Rabaul, visited Tarangau and discussed supply of motor spirit, kerosene etc.

1st. December.

Mr. W. J. England, Commonwealth Auditor, Port Moresby, for annual audit. Completed task on the 18th December.

5th December.

Mr. R. G. Parker, Chief Commonwealth Auditor, New Guinea, for annual audit. Departed on the 8th December.

8th December.

Mr. Marlow, Engineer Supervisor, Department of Works, Port Moresby, visited this Establishment to examine the position with reference to No's. 3 and 5 Bellis and Morcom Diesel Generators. He was shown what was required and stated he was a Supervisor only and expected that Tarangau would provide labour, skilled and unskilled. He returned to Port Moresby on 9 December and anticipates returning in the New Year with two native apprentices and possibly an electrician.

9. HOUSING:

Surveys were continued with the result that dwellings T16 and T17 were condemned. Naval Board decision is awaited for approval to rebuild these residences as "donga" type dwellings because of the poor condition of Quonsett material available. My letter N.E.A. 250/1 dated 10th December, 1958 refers.

December 6th. Commander's Quarters, Wardroom Block, destroyed by fire (my N.E.A. 33/17 dated 18/12/58 refers.)

10. CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

Construction of new dwelling T12 was completed on the 8th October and re-construction of Commander's Quarters commenced on the 6th December.

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The following projects were completed:-

- (a) Extension to P.N.G. Bosun's Store.
- (b) New dormitory in Native Labour Compound.
- (c) New Toilet Block for Native Women.
- (d) Toilet Block for Native Police Bois.

On Thursday 4th December work commenced laying new water pipe line from Water Point to Check Point with materials available in H.M.A.S. Tarangau, which had been supplied previously for this task. This project has become an urgent commitment due to the rapid deterioration of pipe line in use. Anticipate completion at approximately the end of January, 1959. In addition to items listed above various minor tasks were carried out on attached craft, buildings and residences. To combat the rapid deterioration of buildings and equipment the small Shipwright Department has been hard pressed. However, the assistance of the Mobile Works Unit for approximately six weeks greatly assisted the Ship's Staff to overcome this backlog of defects, but the appropriation of additional personnel to this Department is still sorely needed.

11. MOTOR TRANSPORT.

The native labour potential is being used to great advantage assisting with running repairs and general maintenance in this section. However, constant supervision is necessary at all times and it is an extremely difficult task coping with a never ending stream of work caused by bad roads and adverse tropical conditions. The establishment of vehicles for H.M.A.S. Tarangau has now been received and a survey and list of vehicles for disposal is being prepared.

12. POWER HOUSE.

All diesel generators have been taken in hand for periodical refits as hours became due. During the 1,000 hour overhaul of the "Mirrless" diesel a water leak was detected in number five cylinder. The liner was removed, found to be holed and a spare was fitted.

Power lines were brought down by severe storms during the quarter causing No.1 Generator to race when load was released. No damage was detected and power was restored to normal after repairs had been effected to the lines.

The job of rebuilding No.3 and No.5 Bellis & Morcom diesel generators is still being progressed as manpower can be spared. Extra work has been caused by the cylinder block being exposed to weather during passage from Sydney.

13. HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

The Caterpillar type 955 Traxcavator which arrived per M.V. "Malaita" 12th December has been assembled and tested satisfactorily but this machine will not be of any great value until one of the Caterpillar Bulldozers can be made serviceable by Hastings Deering Ltd., Lae.

The Caterpillar D8 Bulldozer belonging to R.A.A.F. was eventually shipped to Sydney per M.V. Malekula on 15th December.

14. WATER RETICULATION:

The old "combat piping" rising main from Water Point still continues to be a source of annoyance; numerous leaks have been detected and repaired during the quarter. Trouble has also been experienced with the main filter isolating valves becoming detached from the spindles through excessive wear; temporary repairs have been made pending receipt of spares. All the old sand and gravel has been removed from the filters and new media inserted with a resultant cleaner water condition.

The pipe line to one filter became choked by two pieces of timber preventing sufficient flow to the filters. The 12" pipe was disconnected and the timber removed. A strainer has now been fitted to prevent a repetition of this.

The timber supports for the open trough have been replaced by concrete blocks and when time permits it is intended to concrete all around the trough, as it has practically reached the end of its effective life.

The Chlorinator and associated equipment has now been lifted into position and is being connected by piping to the water system. More details is required before the flow meter can be connected up and the building housing the Chlorinator requires extra stiffening when labour can be made available. Arrangements have been welded to the existing piping for connecting the new 9" Rising Main the laying of which is well under way insofar as 265 lengths (each 12') have been placed end to end ready for connecting from Water Point to Check Point.

Repairs to the 6" and 4" mains within the Depot area continue to multiply and it is considered that a complete renewal of these mains will be required in the near future.

15. REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING.

Three main shore refrigeration compressors were refitted by members of the Mobile Maintenance Force and the plant is running satisfactorily. Water sprayers in cooling towers were also removed and renewed. In addition the hospital air conditioning plant was refitted by this Force, but requires further adjustment.

A 100 cub.ft. "Coldstream" Refrigerator Unit ex R.A.A.F. Momote has been installed in the Chief and Petty Officer's Mess and a "Werner Scotsman" Ice making Machine also ex R.A.A.F. is ready for installation, but a few small spares are required before this machine can be made serviceable. The aerated water machine mentioned in the last report has been installed and works satisfactorily. It is also expected that the quality of "lolly-water" will improve as the "brew-master" gains experience.

16. SMALL CRAFT:

Two new Exhaust Silencers have been installed in M.R.L. 252. Assistance on repair of auxiliary machinery was rendered by the Mobile Maintenance Force and the refrigeration plant is still in the process of being refitted by the Ship's Staff.

17. FLOATING DOCK - A.D.301.

During the quarter two boats, Maringo and M.S.L. 706 were docked. 300 ft. of sheathing, 80 ft. of planking and 100 sq.ft. of copper sheathing were renewed in M.S.L. 706. A survey showed that this Craft requires extensive repairs in the near future as planks are badly damaged by torado worm. False keel is practically non existant for the same reason.

Tank 3C had to be pumped out by portable diesel pump. Key through control rod to valve appears to be sheared off. Tank emptied and survey being carried out to locate defect.

All control rods greased and examined to outside of tanks. Work on repairs to dock have been held up due to prevailing weather conditions.

18. ELECTRICAL.

Generally satisfactory. During a recent gale damage was caused to the 11,000 volt and 415 volt reticulation system. By isolating the affected areas essential services were maintained without serious delay.

19. MEDICAL:

The health of the Ship's Company and dependents has been generally satisfactory. There has been no malaria in the European or P.N.G. personnel. Admissions to Hospital during the quarter:

<u>R.A.N.</u>	<u>WIVES</u>	<u>P.N.G.</u>	<u>P.I.R.</u>	<u>R.N.</u>
11	5	12	7	1

Operations carried out during the quarter:-

<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>MINOR.</u>
5	10

There were five successful confinements in the Hospital during this quarter, four being wives of Naval personnel, one a civilian. During 1958 the wives of seventeen Naval personnel had successful confinements in Naval Hospital, Manus Island. In addition there were three emergency abnormal confinements in native women.

Staphylococcal infections which have been prevalent during the past six months, have diminished considerably, since inoculations with Staphylococcal Vaccine have been introduced. Malaria control has been 100% effective due to the elimination of the reservoir of infection. All personnel, native and european are now taking suppressives. Larvae control has been in abeyance during the past three months as the vehicle used to fill the drip drums throughout Lombrum has been unserviceable. The "Swingfog" has been used less than normally due to weather conditions; wind and rain preclude its effective use. Expert opinion received by Doctor Peters, Malariaologist to the New Guinea Administration suggested that Gammexane used in the "Swingfog" apparatus is useless as a residual spray for use in dwelling houses. It has only a "knockdown" effect.

The main autoclave in the Operating Theatre has been unserviceable from time to time, but is working at 50% efficiency. A new suitable autoclave has been demanded.

The air conditioning in the Operating Theatre is still not functioning satisfactorily. Further work on this plant is pending. The sterile water supply in the Operating Theatre which is badly contaminated with rust is now in the process of re-organisation.

20. PERSONNEL AND AMENITIES.

The conduct and morale of personnel continues to remain very good and the amenities are satisfactory. The Ship's Company wet canteen has been modernized and painted out in a variety of pastel colours and renamed "Junior Rates Club". Club Sporting facilities have also been provided. The Ship's Company have been encouraged to attend social functions at Nutt Point and Momote and to partake in more sporting activities.

21. SPORT.

With the advent of the Northwest season, with its unsettled weather and heavy rain, the opportunities of playing outdoor sports have been very limited during this quarter.

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However, one cricket fixture was held against a team from Lorengau, and a very successful match was played against H.M.S. COOK, which resulted in a win for TARANGAU. During her stay at Lombrum H.M.S. COOK made good use of the various sporting facilities at H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

The numbers of people playing tennis has again increased during the quarter, and social tennis is played on most days of the week, weather permitting.

An enjoyable sports afternoon of track events was held during December, the P.N.G. versus the Pacific Islands Regiment. This resulted in a clear victory for the P.N.G.

The final sporting event of the year for H.M.A.S. TARANGAU was a highly successful water carnival held on 31st. December. The programme included novelty events, races and diving with the items equally divided between men women and children.

22.

CONDUCT:

The conduct of the Ship's Company is satisfactory, and the morale is high.

K. K. A. N.
A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.
NEW GUINEA.

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