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~~HNB~~ 15/6. Registry and P Branch have been asked to ensure that Reports of Proceedings are passed direct to N Branch for circulation.

~~DCNS~~ This report is largely out of date. NOIC NG. during his visit stated that he was now reasonably happy about the water situation.

~~1STNM~~ 24/7 Watson (after 3/7/62) Will 19/6.

~~2NDNM~~ Will 15/6.

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ADMIN OFFICER "N" BRANCH MELBOURNE

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Note : (a) This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.

(b) The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

(1) D.C.N.S. — D.N.W. Remarks forwarded 12/7. In remarks re water supply. Noted. It is hoped that the future of ADVENT will be cleared up shortly. 13/7 Rothwell 5/7

(2) C.N.S. — D.N.W. minute is referred. It may become necessary to expend £1000 on the water project. Rothwell 12/7

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MINUTE PAPER

NOIC New Guinea. Report of Proceedings

ADMIN OFFICER "N" BRANCH MELBOURNE 1st January to 31st March, 62.

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NOIC New Guinea Report of Proceedings for period 1st January to 31st March, 62

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~~HPB~~ 5/7
~~DCNP~~ 5/7.
~~DOA~~ 6/7. Regarding para 12. Propose no action until future of Tarangau clarifies.
~~DMP~~ 10 Jul
~~D/DM~~ 26/7
~~DPS~~ 30/7
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~~D.N.W.~~
4NM

Submitted please reference your minute dated 5 July 62

R.E. Todd
9/7.

Reference 4th N.M. request - a short description of the Water Supply conditions at TARANGAU is submitted.

(F). Water reticulation.

Until 7th April water restrictions were in force at H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

Water was pumped to the establishment at the following times:-

6 a.m. to 8.30. a.m.
12 noon to 1 p.m.
4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Water was supplied from a dam which had reached a very low level and from two creeks on the Papitalai Road. After modifications had been made to the intakes at the two creeks the water restrictions were removed and the supply from the dam was shut off. The supply from the two creeks was sufficient to supply the needs of the establishment despite a leak of 16,000-18,000 gallons/day in the clear water tank at the purification plant.

At the water purification plant the water from the dam was originally fed to the plant through an aerator tower to a sedimentation tank, thence to rapid sand filters and from the filters passed through a chlorinating trough to a clear water storage tank from where it was pumped into the reticulation system.

For some years the aerator tower and the sedimentation tank have been unserviceable and have been by-passed by feeding the dam water direct to the filtration plant.

When the water shortage was first felt the two creeks on the Papitalai Road were connected to the purification plant through an existing 12" pipeline. This water was fed direct into the chlorinating trough without filtration.

The water supply from the creeks is to be connected through the filtration plant and with certain modifications to the intakes in the creeks a constant satisfactory supply should be available leaving the dam as an emergency supply.

To completely renew the water supply system the following work is required -

(a)	Renew Gravity Main from No.1 Dam	£ 6,100
(b)	Renew filtration plant	£30,000 - £35,000
(c)	Erect 150,000 gallon tank at Check Point	£13,000
(d)	Repair and resite existing 40,000 gallon tank	£ 1,000
(e)	Complete ring main renewal	£ 4,000

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The short term requirement beyond the capabilities of the TARANGAU personnel is £8000 for a new sedimentation tank.

However owing to changed circumstances the whole of the abovementioned work with the possible exception of (e) will be undertaken by another body without cost to Navy.

9th July, 1962.

A/DIRECTOR OF NAVAL WORKS.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
New Guinea,
H.M.A.S. TARANGAU,
R.A.N. P.O. No.3,
C/- G.P.O.

20 April, 1962.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH, 1962.

The following report of activities for the Quarter Ended 31 March, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MENO'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

French Training Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC (Captain Storelli).
French Frigate VICTOR SCHOELCHER (Captain Ludwig).
Port Moresby - 12/13 March.
Yule Island - 14/15 March.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA (Lieut.Commander E.R. Whitmore, R.A.N.) on survey work.

DCNTS DME DNC DEE DPS DMT DNW DPS HPB

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL VESSELS, INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING.

Ship.	Master.	Arrived.	Departed.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1630/6/1.	0700/8/1.
DAY STAR.	Smith.	1400/11/1.	0600/12/1.
TAMI.	Busch.	1500/1/2.	1800/1/2.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1030/4/2.	1100/5/2.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1200/6/2.	1530/6/2.
DUALI.	Goodyer.	1430/7/2.	1250/8/2.
MALAITA.	Hilder.	0700/21/2.	1500/21/2.
A.V. CLIVE STEELE (Army).		1400/6/3.	0730/9/3.
and various mission boats.			

4. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO MANUS.

Group Captain D.L. Wilson, D.F.C., R.A.A.F. H.Q. (stopover).
Colonel R.P. Baily, OBE., Senior Military Adviser to the British High Commissioner.
Lieut.Colonel W. Turnier, U.S.A.F., Leader of R.A.A.F. Survey Party.

5. VISITS BY OTHER PERSONS.

The following members of a R.A.A.F. Survey Party visited the establishment and were accommodated in the Wardroom:-

Squadron Leaders K. Isaacs, G.R. Harvey, F.E. Wittmer, B.B.S. Robertson, M.L. Donoghue, A.G. Woolley, C.J. Sugden, and J.W. Newman. Flying Officer R.P. Newman. Pilot Officers R. Aitken and L. Taylor.

D.C.N.T.S. - 9 MAY 1962

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25 MAY 1962

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

HYDROGRAPHIC REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH, 1962.

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 31 March, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL UNITS ENGAGED ON HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

Arafura Trading Timber CAIRNS (Captain Storelli).
French Frigate TUTOR BOUGAINVILLE (Captain Dubuig).
Port Moresby - 12/13 March.
Vale Island - 14/15 March.

H.M.A.S. PENGUIN (Lieut.Commander W.F. Whitmore, R.A.N.)
on survey work.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL NAVAL AUXILIARIES OR ACTION VESSELS.

Nil.

3. VISITS BY FOREIGN NAVAL OR MILITARY VESSELS, INTER-ISLAND TRADING.

Ship.	Master.	Arrived.	Departed.
PENGUIN	Whitmore.	1630/6/3	0700/8/3
MAY ISLAND	Smith.	1400/11/3	0600/12/3
PAMI	Quach.	1500/1/3	1800/1/3
TAMI VII	Brutnell.	1030/1/3	1100/5/3
TAMI VI	Brutnell.	1200/6/3	1550/8/3
TUAHI	Goodjer.	1430/11/3	1250/8/3
MALINA	Hilder.	0700/21/3	1500/14/3
H.M.A.S. PELICAN (Navy).		1400/6/3	0730/9/3

and various mission boats.

4. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO PLACES.

Group Captain D.C. Wilson, D.F.C., R.A.A.F. (stopover)
Colonel W.A. Reilly, O.B.E., Senior Military Adviser to the
British High Commissioner.
Lieut.Colonel J. Turner, Leader of Army Survey
Party.

The following members of a Army Survey Party visited the establishment and were accommodated in the saloon:-

Squadron Leaders H. Isaacs, G.R. Harvey, T.A. Hitchen,
D.F.C. Robertson, D. Donoghue, A.C. Tooley, W.J.
and C.W. Newman. Flying Officer D.F. Newman. Pilot Officer
R. Hitchen and L. Taylor.

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6. Mr. K. Walker, Plant Inspector from Comworks, Rabaul, was also accommodated in the Wardroom during the quarter.

7. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK.

A.D.301. No further leaks have been evident during the period. Cathodic protection has been installed and routine chipping and painting has been carried out. The following vessels have been docked during the quarter:-

T.B.5.
A.W.B.409.
M.R.L.253.
M.S.L.706.

T.B.5. has been refitted. A new engine block has been fitted and the engine replaced. A new stem post, false keel and rudder have also been fitted and the deck seams have been hardened down and repitched.

A.W.B.409 and MARINGO have both required minor maintenance only.

M.R.L.253. Both refrigeration compressors have been stripped and new gland packing has been fitted to the shaft. The system is currently being cleaned throughout due to large scale deposits in the liquid receivers.

O.F.L.1207. The starboard pump engine has been refitted and is presently awaiting final adjustments and testing.

M.S.L.706. All parts are now available to complete the refit of machinery. The craft is presently in dock and new stern bush, propellor shaft and propellor will be fitted as manpower becomes available.

8. HOUSING - HABITABILITY - ROSTER.

Although this is a big changeover period for families, at the present time there is a surplus of houses and this has enabled three of the worst residences to be left vacant until materials become available for repair work. The surplus has also enabled families to be brought up together so that at present there is no waiting time on the roster. When necessary one of the vacant residences is being used as transit accommodation until the allocated residence becomes available.

9. CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRESS.

(A). POWER HOUSE. No.1 Generator (Mirrlees) received 2000 and 1000 hour overhauls and Nos.3 and 4 Generators (Bellis & Morcom) received 2000 hour overhauls. The standby generator for the Transmitting Station has received a complete refit. The cooling water circulating pump and motor for No.1 Generator was replaced after failure of the electric motor and the unavailability of spares.

(B). ELECTRICAL. The electrical reticulation throughout the Naval area is most satisfactory. Three wooden cross-arms on high tension poles in the Army area at Nutt Point have been renewed with metal cross-arms but this area requires major rehabilitation. The supply of electric power to Momote has been continuous during the quarter and no difficulties have been experienced. The illness for three weeks of the only Radio Electrical rating borne disrupted the maintenance of radio equipment, but all equipment is now operating satisfactorily.

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(C). REFRIGERATION. All five cooling towers have been rebuilt and the pipe work and associated refrigeration equipment of four units has been completely overhauled.

Two 300 cubic feet self-contained coolrooms have been received and installed in the Victualling Store. These units are operating satisfactorily. However, the requirement for cool storage in the Shore refrigeration installation remains. A breakdown in a self-contained unit invariably involves food losses unless other storage is immediately available. In the Shore refrigeration installation it only involves the starting of another machine.

Many D.A.Rs. have received attention during the quarter but the lack of spares and the advanced state of corrosion in both cabinets and units is causing some concern. Due to maintenance commitments the October, 1961, report on the condition of D.A.Rs. was incomplete and the survey is currently being carried out. Indications to date are that all D.A.Rs. in residences will need to be replaced during the next two years.

(D). O.F.I. PORT MORESBY. Reports indicate a satisfactory condition and relevant returns have been received and rendered as necessary. Some minor repairs and inspections have been carried out by the Department of Works.

(E). O.F.I. MANUS. Fuel lines and tanks in use have been kept clear of vegetation and fuelling equipment has been inspected and serviced.

(F). WATER RETICULATION. Lack of rain in the area has aggravated the shocking state of the water supply. The main dam has not overflowed the spillway since 6 January and water restrictions are in force. The water is unsavoury despite increased chlorination and frequent flushing of the filters. Reports since 1951 have shown the inadequacy of both the water storage and quality and the last five months have shown the old reports to be most accurate.

Considerable man-hours have been spent in resurrecting the old disused water line from Papitalai to augment the dam supply by 75,000 gallons per 24 hours. This additional source has enabled the base to exist without imposing severe and intolerable restrictions for the present. The chlorination plant has been completely refitted after breakdown.

The 6" water main has been removed from the Nutt Point area and stored in the base pending the visit of A/D.N.W.

(G). ENGINEERING WORKSHOP SUPPORT FACILITIES. The milling machine has been stripped for overhaul and is currently awaiting spare parts. Two medium lathes are being investigated for defects, which have made them inoperable over the past two years at least. The Radial Drill is being inspected to attempt to bring more services into use. At present it is only fitted to drill a hole in one position and at one height.

(H). ROADS. The rainfall during the quarter was 2115 points and rain fell on 51 days.

The reasonably dry period has enabled maintenance to continue and the improvement to the roads has been noticeable. Areas where red clay is prevalent have been covered with coronous and Check Point Hill has been given a covering of from two to three inches.

Drainage has been a continuing requirement and within H.M.A.S. TARANGAU this task has been completed. It is still necessary, however, to have the outlip cleared after grading and roadwork and particularly after any heavy rainfall.

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The road between Lombrum and Momote, an Administration responsibility, has begun to shown signs of the reduced maintenance due to the Public Works Department working on the Lolac-Lorengau Road.

Sealing of the roads still remains an essential requirement.

(I) MOTOR TRANSPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

(a) Motor Transport. A large amount of breakdown maintenance has been carried out during the quarter and this is adversely affecting the routine maintenance of the newer vehicles. The condition of all vehicles over three years of age is poor and the garage staff of one European and ten natives is hard-pressed to keep sufficient vehicles on the road to cope with urgent tasks.

Native mechanics assistants are similar to native drivers in temperament and are inclined to cause more work than they carry out unless closely supervised all the time.

The new Land Rover vehicles namely the Utility, Station Wagon, Ambulance and Fire Engine are proving to be ideally suited to this environment and maximum advantage is being taken of their serviceability.

A survey of all motor transport in the base has recently been forwarded for consideration. (NOIC.,N.G. letter N.G. 109/3 dated 25th March, 1962).

(b) Heavy Equipment. All units have been inspected and serviced by the Department of Works during the quarter and operation has been satisfactory.

(J) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. AND COMPOUND).

(a) P.N.G. More married quarters are desired. In accordance with the draft P.N.G. Division Regulations, paragraph 30 states " A married member shall be provided free of charge with suitable married quarters within the limits of the Naval establishment at which he is serving", but at present this is not the case. There are 17 ratings still desirous of obtaining married quarters.

(b) Compound. Many of the old humpy type quarters have been demolished improving the appearance of the area immensely. These buildings had been made even more disreputable in appearance by the new quarters which have been erected in the same area. It was proposed as a 1961/62 New Works item to requisition materials for the construction of an additional unit of three married quarters in the Compound, but this was not approved.

10. WELFARE. Activities in the base are many and varied. An excellent Milk Bar and Ice Cream Bar adjoining the Canteen is now being run by the Welfare Committee, operated by one of the wives and assisted by a rating. Tables and chairs have been installed. Between the tables are indoor plants and ferns so that it is now known as the Jungle Bar. It is hoped to obtain a deep freeze unit to stock and sell Delicatessen items and other amenities are also envisaged. A Pie Stall selling hot pies three times a weekhas also been set up in the Milk Bar.

11. GENERAL INFORMATION.

New Years Eve. An excellent Ball was held for all in the Chief and Petty Officers Club.

Saturday 6 January. Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander (D) John Francis McNulty R.A.N., passed away early in the morning as the result of a Coronary Artery Occlusion.

Sunday 7 January. After a Service in the Base Chapel a full Service Funeral was conducted at Lorengau Cemetery.

Wednesday, 17 January. A R.A.A.F. Survey Party arrived by R.A.A.F. DC.3 and departed on Saturday, 20 January.

Monday, 29 January. Surgeon Lieutenant T. O'Malley, R.A.N. joined from H.M.A.S. PENGUIN, accompanied by his family.

Monday, 5 February. The Eclipse of the Sun was observed. Beforehand, Lectures and a Film Show had been given to all P.N.G. ratings and Compound natives and smoked glass screens were set up at vantage points for all to observe the Eclipse.

Wednesday, 7 February. M.R.L. 253 depprted for Rabaul to embark provisions from M.V. BULOLO and to take part in an Inter-District Athletic Meeting. The M.R.L. returned to Lombrum on Monday, 12 February.

Thursday, 15 February. A/Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander V.St.C.D. Logan,R.A.N. departed - appointed KUTTABUL for leave and discharge to shore.

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Monday 26 February. A Beat The Retreat Ceremony was held by the Army at Nutt Point and there were many spectators from the base, Momote and Lorengau. This was to be the farewell performance for the P.I.R. Company before moving to Moem near Wewak. A R.A.A.F. Hercules was used to carry men and equipment between Momote/Moresby and Wewak.

The following letter of thanks was received from the Officer Commanding 'C' Company, Pacific Islands Regiment:-

"I would like to express my thanks to yourself and all members of H.M.A.S. TARANGAU, for the many kindnesses and assistance given to us during my period of service in the area.

We also extend our thanks to all the families who have entertained us in their homes and to the various Clubs for their acceptance of us as honorary members".

Tuesday, 6 March. The R.A.A.F. Hercules was used to make a mercy flight to Rabaul carrying L/R.E.M. I.G. Phillips, R.50739, who was diagnosed as suffering from Salmonella Infection, and his wife. They both returned by civil aircraft on Tuesday, 13 February.?

Tuesday, 6 March. A.V. CLIVE STEELE arrived to complete the embarkation of all stores and equipment from P.I.R. Nutt Point and sailed on Friday, 9 March. She had beached adjacent to the wharf at Lombrum.

The following message of thanks was received from the C.O. A.V. CLIVE STEELE:-

" On our departure from H.M.A.S. TARANGAU we wish to express our admiration for the arrangements made to assist us during our stay. The unstinted co-operation and assistance we received played a large part in the successful loading and despatch of the vessel and could not have been bettered or more cheerfully offered.

Wednesday, 7 March. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, departed by air for Rabaul, Port Moresby and Daru.

Saturday, 17 March. M.R.L. 253 departed for Madang to embark fresh provisions from M.V. BULOLO and returned on Wednesday, 21 March.

Monday, 19 March. S.O.(C).A.S. departed by air for Rabaul to join the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, for passage by air to Honiara, B.S.I.P.

Friday, 23 March. Supply Sub-Lieutenant R.H. Beauchamp (W), R.A.N., Sports Officer, and four P.N.G. Division athletes departed for Kavieng by air to take part in an Inter-District Athletic Meeting. The party was highly commended by the District Commissioner for their showing during the visit and the meeting. Ordinary Seaman Labert was again successful in the 100 and 220 yards events and has been mentioned by many as a very likely starter for the Territory Team at the Games. The party returned on Tuesday, 27 March.

Friday, 23 March. Group Captain D.L. Wilson, D.F.C., R.A.A.F. H.Q., made a stopover in a R.A.A.F. D.C.3 and brought fresh fruit and vegetables and magazines for the base.

Tuesday, 27 March. Colonel R.P.Baily, O.B.E., Senior Military Adviser to the British High Commissioner, arrived. A P.N.G. Guard was paraded for him when he inspected the Division and their quarters. He also visited Mokerang and Lorengau and

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was entertained in the Wardroom before he departed on Thursday, 29 March.

12. COMPLEMENT.

The present complement is only sufficient to carry out essential maintenance and work within the base.

The lot of the watchkeepers in the Power House is considered to be unprecedented in the Service, i.e. continual watchkeeping in four watches for two years for accompanied ratings or for one year for the unaccompanied ratings. They have one free weekend in four by using M(E)s from other jobs as stand-ins.

If one more M(E) could be added to the complement, a reasonable change round period could be instituted in the Power House and the additional rating could be fully employed on motor transport maintenance.

13. MEDICAL.

The health of the ship's company remains excellent. Admissions to hospital during the quarter were R.A.N.8, Civilians (including dependants) 8, P.N.G. 19, Native Labour 40.

The average daily attending list was R.A.N. 5, Civilians 3, Dependants 4, Natives 8.

Operations performed during the Quarter were Major 10, Minor 16, Confinements 6.

A native labour boi SENGAS was found dead in the Compound quarters on 14 February. He had a previous history of exertional dyspnoea and at a post mortem he had evidence of extensive old pleurisy and of acute pulmonary oedema, the latter supported by subsequent histological confirmation.

There was an isolated case of paratyphoid fever during the Quarter and L/R.E.M. I.G. Phillips was evacuated to Rabaul where the diagnosis was established by Widal reaction. He has made a complete recovery.

As a consequence of this all personnel and dependants were inoculated with T.A.B. and advice concerning the boiling of reticulated water and personal hygiene was promulgated in the Daily Orders.

Reconstituted milk supplied in the base is now being tested daily for bacterial contamination in the hospital laboratory. The methylene reductase test indicates the milk is generally Class II (of fair average quality) or sometimes worse. The milk provided for testing is that remaining at the end of the delivery run and is therefore that longest unrefrigerated and exposed to contamination. Its standard should improve when it is distributed in sealed cartons.

There has been no report of malaria during the quarter. Mosquito control measures are at a standstill, awaiting Navy Office advice regarding solution strengths for use in the Swing-fog Machines.

All residences, workshops and buildings were sprayed during the quarter by a Malaria Control Team organised by the Administration as part of the plan of the United Nations World Health Organisation for the eradication of the Anophole Mosquito.

14. P.N.G. DIVISION.

M.R.L. 253 visited Rabaul and Madang during the Quarter for the purpose of provisioning from M.V. BULOLO and advantage was taken during both voyages to further the seamanship training of the younger members of the Division.

Two sports meetings were attended by teams from the Division, one in Rabaul andone in Kavieng. In Rabaul the team made prac-

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trically a clean sweep of all events and in both places Ordinary Seaman Labert won the 100 and 220 yards events. He now holds the Territory records for the 100 in 10.1 secs. and 23.3 for the 220 yards.

The Division although greatly depleted in strength worked well during the quarter and all buildings and grounds are in a satisfactory state.

A.W.B.407 has been used extensively, supporting a 26 foot length of railway line at various depths, sweeping for obstructions at and in the vicinity of the oiling wharf at Papitalai off Subukaleo Point and in Papitalai Harbour.

15. NATIVE LABOUR LINE.

On the whole the Labour Line is very satisfactory. Their morale is good and they work, eat and play well.

Four bois were included in the athletic team for Rabaul obtaining several places in events and they thoroughly enjoyed the trip and working on the M.R.L.

After a lecture and film show, the Eclipse of the sun passed without incident. The bois gained a great deal of knowledge from it all and the certain amount of fear of the unknown which had existed before will have vanished before the next eclipse occurs.

16. COASTWATCHING.

The Base Intelligence Officer carried out a Coastwatching and Intelligence Tour of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate from 20 March to 4 April in company with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.

Due to the limited time available a tight schedule was arranged and successfully maintained and all but two of the Coastwatchers in the area were visited.

It is considered that the tour was most timely and that goodwill has been created for the Royal Australian Navy.

A separate report covering the tour will be submitted.

17. SPORT.

Tennis, Badminton, Cricket, Swimming, .22 Rifle Shooting, Clay Trap Shooting, Basketball, Soccer, Waterpolo and now Rugby are played by many of the ship's company, dependants and P.N.G. Division ratings.

An enjoyable Badminton Tournament was held for all personnel and dependants interested and the officers are at present leading a tennis tournament between officers, C.P.Os. and the Junior Ratings.

The visits by ships in the next quarter is eagerly awaited for keen competition.

Several ratings have undertaken the trial of the R.C.A.F. 5BX Physical Fitness Plan and all have commented on its value so far.

It is also being used in the conditioning and training of P.N.G. Division athletes who are possibilities for the Territory Championships to be held later in the year to choose the Territory Team for the Commonwealth Games.

18. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE. Morale, discipline and conduct generally remain satisfactory.

May 62

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

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20 April, 1962.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH, 1962.

The following report of activities for the Quarter Ended 31 March, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MENO'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

French Training Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC (Captain Storelli).
French Frigate VICTOR SCHOELCHER (Captain Ludwig).
Port Moresby - 12/13 March.
Yule Island - 14/15 March.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA (Lieut.Commander E.R. Whitmore, R.A.N.) on survey work.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL VESSELS, INTER-ISLAND SHIPPING.

Ship.	Master.	Arrived.	Departed.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1630/6/1.	0700/8/1.
DAY STAR.	Smith.	1400/11/1.	0600/12/1.
TAMI.	Busch.	1500/1/2.	1800/1/2.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1030/4/2.	1100/5/2.
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1200/6/2.	1530/6/2.
DUALI.	Goodyer.	1430/7/2.	1250/8/2.
MALAITA.	Hilder.	0700/21/2.	1500/21/2.
A.V. CLIVE STEELE (Army).		1400/6/3.	0730/9/3.
and various mission boats.			

4. VISITS OF IMPORTANT PERSONS TO MANUS.

Group Captain D.L. Wilson, D.F.C., R.A.A.F. H.Q. (stopover).
Colonel R.P. Baily, OBE., Senior Military Adviser to the British High Commissioner.
Lieut.Colonel W. Turnier, U.S.A.F., Leader of R.A.A.F. Survey Party.

5. VISITS BY OTHER PERSONS.

The following members of a R.A.A.F. Survey Party visited the establishment and were accommodated in the Wardroom:-

Squadron Leaders K. Isaacs, G.R. Harvey, F.E. Wittmer, B.E.S. Robertson, M.L. Donoghue, A.G. Woolley, C.J. Sugden, and J.W. Newman. Flying Officer R.P. Newman. Pilot Officers R. Aitken and L. Taylor.

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21st July, 1962.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL, 1962 to 30 JUNE, 1962.

The following report of activities for the Quarter Ended 30 June, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN-O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA H.M.A.S. YARRA.	Commander G.Griffiths,D.S.C. R.A.N. Commander J.L.W.Merson, R.A.N.	28/29 Apl.
H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH	Captain B.S. Murray, R.A.N.	13 May.
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Wearing Flag of F.O.C.A.F.).	Captain V.A.T.Smith, D.S.C. R.A.N.	9/11 June.
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.	Captain J.M.Ramsay, D.S.C.,R.A.N.	
H.M.A.S. VOYAGER Samarai	Captain D.C.Wells, A.D.C.,R.A.N.	12/13 June.
H.M.A.S. SWAN, Port Moresby.	Commander P.J. Hutson, R.A.N.	30 May/1 June.
H.M.S. COOK Port Moresby.	Commander J. Paton R.N.	26/27 June.
H.M.A.S. PALUMA Survey work.	Lieut. Commander E.R.Whitmore R.A.N. Lieut. Commander M.Calder, R.A.N. assumed command on 20 April, 1962.	

2. VISITS BY R.F.As OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

NOONA DAN. Danish Scientific Research Vessel. Captain Joergen. (Danish Museum) 29/30 June.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ETC.

Ship.	Master	Arrived	Departed.
RASKAI	TUDEHOPE	1800/5/4	0800/6/4
MALAITA	HILDER	0700/9/4	1700/9/4
BETTY	CARRUISH	1600/11/4	0800/12/4
LEILANI	BRUTNALL	1100/17/4	1500/17/4
LEILANI	BRUTNALL.	0300/24/4	1100/26/4
TAMI	BUSCH	0930/1/5	1300/3/5
LEILANI	BRUTNALL	1630/9/5	0600/10/5
RASKAI	TUDEHOPE	1630/18/5	1400/19/5
LEILANI	BRUTNALL.	1330/28/5	1700/28/5
MALAITA	HILDER	0700/29/5	1700/29/5

4. VISITORS TO MANUS.

Lieut. Colonels H. Merritt, D.D. Ousset, J.Egert III, U.S.A.F., plus Geodetic Survey Team of 13 Officers and 2 civilians.
Sir Hugh Foot, Chairman of United Nations Mission to P.N.G.
Ambassador Carlos Salamanca (Bolivia)
Mr. Ashok Balkrishna Bhadkamkar (India)
Mr. Delmas H. Nucker (U.S.A.)
Lieut. Colonel J.Sharp, A.S.C.O. representative.
Mr. Carol Blum and team of 4 surveyors from Bechtel Corporation, U.S.A.

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Mr. R.Smith, Electrical Works Supervisor, Dept. of Works, Lae.
Mr. K.Walker, Plant Inspector, Dept. of Works, Rabaul.
Mr. J.Mackie, D.N.W. Navy Office, Canberra.
Messrs. F. Dunne and J.Shand, Commonwealth Auditors.
Mr. K. Payne, Hydraulics Engineer, Dept. of Works, Port Moresby.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK.

A.F.D. 301. All machinery has operated satisfactorily and only routine maintenance has been required. A minor leak has developed in Tank No. 4A, necessitating the tank being pumped out about every 14 days. This leak will be stopped during the next periodical opening of the tank. Scaling and scraping is continuing on the structure and an overall repaint is being progressed.

The following vessels have been docked during the quarter:

Two Concrete Ammunition Lighters.
M.S.L. 706
Administration Vessel M.V. TAMI.

MARINGO. The engine is presently completing a rebuild in the workshops due to stripping of all gears in the rear wheelcase. This defect was caused by the loss of the split pin retaining the pivot pin of one clutch operating roller. The roller had come adrift and entered the wheelcase via the breather space in the clutch housing and fouled the crankshaft gear. This boat has been out of action for the entire quarter, and points to the necessity for the spare engine as requested in my N.G. 171/1 of 3 May,1962.

M.R.L. 253. The auxiliary power unit has received considerable maintenance due to frequent breakdowns in the clutch mechanism. Both refrigeration receivers have been opened out to remove collection of scale deposits and each room is currently having all pipe joint packing renewed to prevent gas leaks, caused by deterioration of the old packing.

M.S.L. 706. No work has been carried out on this craft.

T.B. 5, A.W.B. 409, O.F.L. 1207. Only normal routine maintenance has been carried out and no major repairs have been necessary.

6. HOUSING - HABITABILITY - ROSTER.

At the present time there is no one waiting on the housing roster. Two old dongas are being used as transit accommodation and another old donga is also vacant. Extensive repairs and replacement of furnishings are required to these three residences to make them permanently habitable.

Major repairs have been effected on one permanent type residence and three temporary type residences.

7. CONSTRUCTION WORKS PROGRESS.

(A) POWER HOUSE. No. 1 Generator (Mirrlees) received a 1000 hour and 2000 hour overhaul and No. 2 Generator (Bellis and Morcom) received a 2000 hour overhaul. All other power units received running maintenance and top overhauls and No.1 Generator Cooling Tower was completely overhauled.

The Oil Circuit Breakers of running machinery have been opening at irregular intervals when no overload is apparent. Assistance was requested from the Department of Works, Port Moresby, to locate the fault and Mr. R.Smith, Electrical Supervisor, Lae, arrived on Monday, 25 June. The lead wire in the Time Limit Fuses of the Oil Circuit Breakers have been replaced with 15 Amp Fuse wire and further tests are in progress. Efforts are also being made to trace the cause of high circulating current, regardless of the machinery running in parallel.

(B) ELECTRICAL. The High Tension and Low Tension reticulation is in a very satisfactory condition and no trouble has been experienced during the quarter.

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(C) REFRIGERATION. Some 90% of the pipework, valves and fittings in the Shore Refrigeration System has now been renewed.

All D.A.Rs have been surveyed and a separate report has been forwarded.

(D) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY. Relevant returns have been received and rendered as necessary.

During fuelling operations with H.M.A.S. SWAN on 30 May, 1962, a leak became apparent from the fuel line in the wharf gate area. By shore dip 52.35 tons of F.F.O. were supplied but the ship's dip indicated that approximately 39.87 tons were received. The leak was temporarily repaired by the Department of Works, but has since been repaired by welding and the line is now satisfactory. A separate report on this fuelling operation has been forwarded.

The Base Engineer Officer visited Port Moresby between 19 and 21 June for the purpose of assisting the turnover of the POM(E) in charge of the installation. The installation and equipment was found to be in a satisfactory condition, except for the foam making equipment which requires a replacement engine. Firm proposals will be submitted for the replacement separately.

(E) O.F.I. MANUS. Five ships have been fuelled during the quarter and direct fuelling from the shore installation was used in three cases.

H.M.A.S. YARRA received 180.8 tons via 6" buoyant rubber hose from the Papitalai Fuel Wharf. H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA received 160.8 tons at the same time, using similar hose from Sabakaleo Point.

H.M.A.Ships QUEENBOROUGH and VENDETTA received 348.19 and 142.28 tons respectively from O.F.L. 1207 moored at Lombrum Wharf on 13 May and 9 June.

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE received 281.32 tons from Sabakaleo Point using two hoses from shore and 356.98 tons from O.F.L. 1207 alongside.

All these operations were successfully carried out and no defects occurred either in the shore installation or O.F.L. 1207.

(F) WATER RETICULATION. A concrete dam has been built across No. 3 creek near Papitalai and the water piped to the Water Treatment Plant. This has increased the water supply, from sources other than the main dam to approximately 120,000 gallons per day. During the April rainfall the main dam overflowed the spillway and the condition of the water has therefore improved.

(G) ROADS. The rainfall during the quarter was 3745 points and rain fell on 68 days.

Maintenance of roads continues and those within H.M.A.S. TARANGAU limits remain at a reasonable standard. A stockpile of coronus which now has to be obtained from Momote, has been built up and acts as "ready use" supply for daily repair work.

Work on drainage continues.

(H) MOTOR TRANSPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

(i) Heavy Equipment. All units have been inspected by a Department of Works Plant Inspector and a mechanic is currently carrying out repairs and adjustments found necessary during the inspection.

(ii) Motor Transport. Although a large amount of breakdown maintenance and overhauls has been carried out during the quarter, it is pleasing to note that all vehicles are currently on the road and only routine maintenance has been necessary during the past week.

This, however, is in part due to the heavy restrictions placed on the use of vehicles. None of the International Utilities are permitted to proceed beyond H.M.A.S. TARANGAU limits and only certain of the Land Rovers.

The newer vehicles continue to be worked to capacity.

(I) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. AND NATIVE COMPOUND). There is still an urgent need for many more P.N.G. and Native Labour Compound married quarters. Many requests are being received for permission to build shacks on Navy property, but in most cases

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these cannot be permitted. Even by native standards they would not be good! on account of lack of suitable materials available locally.

8. WELFARE.

The Milk and Ice Cream Bar has become a thriving asset to the Canteen. A deep freeze display unit has been purchased by the Welfare Fund and a variety of frozen meats is now available direct to families.

New books are purchased regularly for the Library and this is a popular institution for many of the ship's company, their dependants and also the P.N.G. personnel, who are allowed a certain selection of books.

Another successful Pre School Ball was held during the quarter in the Chiefs and Petty Officers Club.

9. COMPLEMENT.

The present complement is only sufficient to carry out essential maintenance and work within the Base and all hands have worked hard during this exceptionally busy quarter with the many additional calls by ships, aircraft and the large number of visitors.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION.

Monday 2 April Mr. Mackie, A/D.N.W. arrived from Navy Office.
Mr. K. Payne, Hydraulics Engineer, Department of Works, Port Moresby, arrived to inspect the water supply situation and departed on Wednesday 4 April.
Thursday 5 April. Supply Lieutenant C.W. SAWYER (S) R.A.N., departed with his family to take up his appointment to H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.
Monday 9 April. During a call in M.V. 'MALAITA' Mr. Wilson from Department of Works, Port Moresby, carried out an inspection of the Lombrum Wharf. A report has been rendered separately.
Thursday 12 April. A further U.S/Australian Inspection Team arrived by T.A.A. Charter aircraft, and departed for Rabaul on Sunday, 15 April.
Tuesday 17 April. The Native Labour Officer embarked in the inter-island vessel LEILANA to return Arawe native workers to their home and bring back Arawe recruit labourers for the Compound, returning on 24 April.
Wednesday 18 April. Sir Hugh Foote and U.N. Mission paid a call on N.O.I.C.,N.G. who drove them around the Establishment and entertained them to tea.
Monday 23 April. M.R.L. 253, commanded by Commander D.S. Harvey, R.A.N. departed for Kavieng with a ship's company and P.N.G. Division crew to take part in Kavieng's Anzac Day Services, returning on Friday 27 April.
Wednesday 25 April. Anzac Day Services were conducted at Lorengau, attended by N.O.I.C.,N.G., Officers, Ship's Company, dependants, P.N.G. and Compound.
Saturday 28 April. H.M.A.Ships PARRAMATTA and YARRA arrived a.m. Sport and social entertainments were arranged and they departed p.m. Sunday 29 April, taking many ship's company dependants to sea for an outing, before returning in M.R.L. 253.
Monday 30 April. Supply S/Lieutenant N. HENDERSON (S), R.A.N. arrived from H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS, accompanied by his family.

A U.S.A.F. Geodetic Survey Team arrived in a U.S.A.F. Hercules, accompanied by an Australian Army Liaison Officer, and remained on the base until p.m. Tuesday 1 May, when they departed for Guam. A separate report has been forwarded to the Board.
Sunday 13 May. H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH arrived early a.m. from Manila en route to Australia and departed p.m. after fuelling, sport and social entertainment.

M.R.L. 253 commanded by N.O.I.C.,N.G. sailed on a Mine Disposal trip to Alim Island late p.m. and returned late p.m. on Monday 14 May.
Saturday 19 May. N.O.I.C.,N.G. departed by aircraft for Navy Office, Canberra and returned on Wednesday 30 May.

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Wednesday 23rd May. A/Lieutenant (SD) P.D.ROUSE (B), R.A.N., joined from H.M.A.S. WATSON to take up his appointment as Officer-in-Charge, P.N.G. Division. He was accompanied by his wife and family.

Monday 28 May. A/Lieutenant (SD) N.J.B. FEGAN (B), R.A.N., departed to take up his appointment to H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL, accompanied by his family.

Wednesday 30 May. N.O.I.C.,N.G. returned from Navy Office, Canberra.

H.M.A.S. SWAN arrived Port Moresby for fuelling and departed on Thursday 1 June.

Wednesday 6 June. A survey team of five from the Bechtel Corporation U.S.A., arrived. They have been accommodated in the Wardroom.

Saturday 9 June. H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Commanding H.M.A. Fleet, and H.M.A.S. VENDETTA arrived. After various sporting and social activities H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE sailed a.m. Monday 11 June following by H.M.A.S. VENDETTA p.m.

Wednesday 13 June. Mr. F.Dunne and Mr. J.Shand, Commonwealth Auditors, visited the establishment and departed on Tuesday, 19 June.

Friday 15 June. Lieutenant Colonel J. Sharp, A.S.C.O. representative, visited the establishment and departed on Monday 18 June.

Saturday 16 June. M.R.L. 253, commanded by O.I.C., P.N.G. departed for Madang to embark fresh provisions from M.V. BULOLO and returned on Monday 18 June.

Monday 18 June The Base Engineer Officer departed for Port Moresby to muster stores at the O.F.I. and survey the O.F.I. Residence on the relief of the POM(E) in charge. He returned on Saturday 23 June having assisted the new O.I.C. and his family to settle in.

Sister J.Whyman joined the complement of the Base Hospital.

Friday 22 June. Sister J. Williamson was discharged to leave and shore.

Tuesday 26 June. H.M.S. Cook arrived Port Moresby for fuelling and departed on Wednesday 27 June.

Friday 29 June. The NOONA DAN, a Danish Scientific Research Vessel visited Lombrum. She was commanded by Captain Joergen and remained until a.m. Saturday 30 June. A cocktail party was given by the Wardroom for the Crew and Scientists.

11. MEDICAL.

The health of the ship's company remains excellent. Admissions to hospital during the Quarter were R.A.N. 6, Civilians (including Dependants) 8, P.N.G. 15 and Native Labour 85.

The average Daily Attending List was R.A.N. 3, Civilians 2, Dependants 3, and Native Labour 7.

Operations performed during the quarter were Major 7, Minor 20 and Confinements 4.

A Compound native, Gube/Mawor, died on 23 May, 1962, of a respiratory failure due to ingestion of toxic shellfish.

No malaria was reported during the quarter.

The Fleet Dental Officer, Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) G. Walker, R.A.N. was brought ahead to H.M.A.S. TARANGAU in H.M.A.S. VENDETTA. During the period 9 June - 11 June, most members of the ship's company and their dependants were attended to by him.

Hygiene measures are continuing, and the swing-fogging programme has been reinstituted.

Sister J.P.Williamson was relieved by Sister J.Whyman on 22 June.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION.

M.R.L. 253 with ship's company personnel and members of the Division, was present in Kavieng for Anzac Day. The White Ensign was paraded and an Armed Party of P.N.G. ratings led the march through the town to the Cenotaph. Cdr. D.S. Harvey, R.A.N. accompanied the party.

On 13 May, M.R.L. 253 commanded by N.O.I.C.,N.G. took a demolition team to Alim Island where an old mine was destroyed. A 500lb bomb was also disposed of at Papialou Island.

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On 15 May, M.R.L. 253 departed for Madang to embark fresh provisions from M.V. BULOLO and returned on 18 May.

On 20 May A/Lieutenant (SD) N.J.B. FEGAN (B) R.A.N., was relieved by A/Lieutenant (SD) P.D. ROUSE (B) R.A.N., as Officer-in-Charge, P.N.G. Division.

The diving team has been exercised during the quarter inspecting moorings and they performed well.

During the visit of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and H.M.A.S. VENDETTA the A.W.B. and T.B. 5 were used extensively and the crews performed their duties in a smart and seamanlike manner. F.O.C.A.F. inspected the P.N.G. Quarters and the Division.

The members of the Division have also performed well at sport during the quarter, in particular against visiting ships.

13. NATIVE LABOUR LINE.

The Native Labour Line is a very contented lot. They are working well, and I am pleased to report try their hand at the various sports in the base. Four teams were represented in a recent Basketball Competition and they showed much improvement and enjoyment of the game as the rounds progressed. There is a number training for an athletic meeting.

Commenting on the visits of ships pride of place went to the "Big fella ship long karim balus - Em i No. 1 (H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE) !

On 17 April the Native Labour Officer embarked in the inter-island vessel, LEILANI, to return Arawes to their home after completing their time with the R.A.N., returning on 24 April with their reliefs, also Arawes.

14. COASTWATCHING.

Initial supplies of the new Coastwatching Transceivers MTR1 have been received and tests conducted in the Manus area have proved to be satisfactory.

15. SPORT.

Badminton and Tennis continue to be played regularly.

In connection with preparations for the Commonwealth Games both Rabaul and Kavieng were invited to bring over their best athletic prospects for an athletic meeting to be held on Clark Field but at the last moment they sincerely regretted being unable to arrange boat transport. It is hoped they may come at a later date as the various districts are keen to get their teams together before the Territory Championships to be held at Lae in October when the T.P.N.G. Team will be selected. Mr. Kevin Gosper, former Australian Olympic Captain, will manage the T.P.N.G. team and has visited Manus to give encouragement to the Sports Officer and Able Seaman Labert of the P.N.G. Division, who is a very likely sprint prospect.

Plans to go ahead with a local District Athletic Meeting have had to be postponed on three occasions already because of bad weather.

A keen Basketball Competition of 4 P.N.G. Teams, 4 Native Labour Teams and 1 Ship's Company team, was conducted during the Quarter, and the Grand Final was fought out between P.N.G. 'A' and Ship's Company, the former winning 46-10 in dazzling style.

During the quarter opportunity was taken to battle with H.M.A.Ships PARRAMATTA, YARRA, QUEENBOROUGH, MELBOURNE and VENDETTA for sporting honours and the following creditable results were achieved.

H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA/YARRA.

Waterpolo.	Tarangau 7 defeated ships 1.
Soccer.	Tarangau 6 defeated ships 1.
Badminton.	Tarangau defeated ships 3 matches to nil.
Rugby.	Ships 13 defeated Tarangau 3.
.22 shoot.	Tarangau 508 defeated ships 437.

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H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH.

Rugby.	Tarangau 12 defeated ship 6.
Cricket.	Tarangau 44 defeated ship 33.
Waterpolo.	Tarangau 12 defeated ship 1.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.

Rugby.	Ship 14 defeated Tarangau 5.
Basketball.	Tarangau 46 defeated ship 12.
Waterpolo.	Tarangau 12 defeated ship nil.
Soccer.	Tarangau 3 defeated ship nil.
Cricket.	Tarangau 98 defeated ship 47..

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

Rugby	Ship 28 defeated Tarangau 14.
Basketball.	Ship 36 defeated Tarangau 32.
Waterpolo.	Tarangau 11 defeated ship 2.
Soccer.	Tarangau 5 defeated ship 2.
Cricket.	Ship 68 defeated Tarangau 62.

16. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale, discipline and conduct generally remain satisfactory.

I am concerned however by the direction to service personnel to wear anti malarial clothing at night.

There is no corresponding direction given to European employees of the Administration and the incidence of malaria amongstthese people is very low.

With the likely influx of a considerable number of civilian personnel into H.M.A.S. TARANGAU, some thought must be given to the lot of the serviceman, hotly overdressed by all modern standards.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1962.

The following report of activities for the Quarter Ended 30 September, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN-O-WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

U.S.S. CAYUGA COUNTY. Manus. 1 August and 19/20 September.
Lieutenant Commander T.C. MOORE, U.S.N.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA. Rabaul Area - surveying.
Lieutenant Commander M. CALDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. WARREGO. Port Moresby. 17/21 August.
A/Commander H.W.C. DILLON, R.A.N.

2. VISITS BY R.F.As OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

PACIFIC STAR. Panamanian Tug Towing Murchison and Hawkesbury to Far East - for F.F.O. - 28 September.
Master: T.A. HEDENKLINT.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS ETC.

SUNAM	Indigene	1115/10/7	1330/10/7
LEILANI	Brutnell	1030/11/7	1400/11/7
SPINDRIFT.	Jacobson	1100/11/7	1400/12/7
MALAITA.	Hilder	0720/13/7	1540/13/7
MARGARET	Brother Pedro	1300/25/7	1600/25/7
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	0830/8/8	0930/8/8
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1700/8/8	0600/19/8
TAMI.	BUCH	0900/21/8	1130/21/8
SPINDRIFT	Jacobson	1800/24/8	1600/25/8
LEILANI.	Tudehope	1600/28/8	1630/29/8
JASON	Lieut. Thomas USAF.	1600/2/9	0900/3/9
MALAITA	Dunne	0750/6/9	1600/6/9
TAMI.	Atkinson.	0930/19/9	1330/20/9

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS.

Major-General J.W. Harrison, C.B.E., Quarter-Master General (Whistle stop).

Major D.Barret, P.I.R. - Recruiting Officer on tour.
Mr. R.T. Pearson, Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs.
Mr. H.Gaywood, Dept. of Lands, Mines and Surveys.
Lieutenant M. Varley, R.A.N. - H.M.A.S. PALUMA.
Captain J.A. Miller, U.S.N. - Naval Attache.
Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N. - D.N.I.
Lieutenant-Commander A. Miller, U.S.N. - Asst. Naval Attache.
U.S.A.F., Army, Navy and Civilian Personnel in connection with Geodetic Survey.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK.

A.F.D. 301. At present the dock is out of service whilst undergoing a survey by ship's staff in accordance with Navy Office letter 1432/201/11 of 14/8/62. The survey is about 80% completed.

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HMAS Tarangau

Periodical report

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M.R.L. 253. This craft has been docked for periodical inspection cleaning and painting of the underwater area.

The starboard main engine received a complete refit after frequent breakdowns. The internal condition of this engine was in a poor condition and a separate report is being rendered. After constant gas leakage in the main refrigerator hold, all flange joints have been tightened but the packing has hardened and all joints require new packing before this hold can be used as a refrigeration space.

MARINGO. This craft has been docked for periodical cleaning and inspection.

A.W.B. 409 has been docked twice; once for periodical cleaning and inspection and a second time for repairs to leaking stern tube and realignment of shaft bearings and "A" bracket.

T.B.5 has been docked - the garboard plank repaired and 60 square feet of copper sheathing has been renewed.

6. HOUSING, HABITABILITY, ROSTER.

Five official residences have been extensively renovated and repainted on change of tenants.

Recently sufficient housing has been available for drafts-in to be accompanied by their families immediately, however, the last two have a waiting period of three weeks. With the present draft-out/draft-in cycle the housing prospects are favourable.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS.

(A) POWER HOUSE. The switchboard faults causing irregular black-outs during the previous quarter having been located and remedied during the visit of Mr. R.Smith, Department of Works Electrical Supervisor in June, have not been repeated in this quarter. The exciter commutator of No.1 Generating Set (Mirrlees) is very badly worn and has required constant attention when running. A replacement armature, which has been on order for nine months, is expected to arrive from the United Kingdom in October, and will be fitted during the current overhaul period. All other alternators and exciters are in good condition.

Two engines received 1000 hour overhauls and the Mirrlees received 2000 hour overhaul during the quarter. The auxiliary power plant for the Transmitting Station has been resited beneath the Transmitting Station building.

(B) ELECTRICAL. The High and Low Tension Reticulation is in very good condition and no difficulties have been experienced during the quarter.

(C) REFRIGERATION. All units in the shore reefers have operated satisfactorily during the quarter and a complete refit of all pipe-work, valves and fittings has been completed. All D.A.R.s are currently being surveyed for the bi-annual report and it is apparent that at least fourteen units must be replaced, if domestic refrigeration is to be provided for the present number of houses beyond December, 1962. My letter N.G. 102/3 dated 10 May, 1962, refers. Re-allocation in accordance with Navy Office instructions is not practical, as all serviceable units are in constant use and only three spare units are held. Normal drafting having been resumed, all residences are again occupied and the maintenance demand on the older units is becoming more than ship's staff can cope with. This matter is being raised separately.

(D) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY. All relevant returns have been received and rendered to Navy Office. A quantity of 213.95 tons of F.F.O. was supplied to H.M.S. COOK on 26 June, 1962, and 122.5 tons to H.M.A.S. WARREGO on 25 August, 1962.

The Foamite pump engine has been repaired by C.D.W. but this unit will be surveyed with a view to replacement. C.D.E. has commenced work on replacement of bad sections of fuel line beneath the wharf.

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(E) O.F.I. MANUS. POM(E) Craig handed over the O.F.I. to POM(E) Jacobson on 29/30 September and all relevant returns have been rendered. Several leaks in the line are still apparent and attempts at repair have proved fruitless due to earthfalls. A quantity of 297.46 tons of F.F.O. was provided to the Tug PACIFIC STAR on 28 September from O.F.L. 1207 without incident.

(F) WATER RETICULATION. The main dam has remained full for most of the quarter but the raw water pipeline and old treatment works continue to deteriorate at an alarming rate. The only treatment possible is filtration and chlorination, the latter being very much guesswork and therefore most unsatisfactory. All plant is required to run continuously and has done so for many years with the result that breakdowns are now frequent and cause considerable hardship whilst repairs are effected.

(G) ROADS. The rainfall during the quarter was 4622 points and ran fell on 74 days.

During this quarter work on the roads has been mainly confined within the Depot, Lombrum Road having been resurfaced with coronous between Check Point Hill and the P.N.G. Barracks.

Routine maintenance necessitated by the rains of the S.E. Season has continued.

A Roundabout was erected at the junction of Momote Compound and Lombrum Roads early in July to assist in controlling the expected heavy traffic during the construction phase of Project Advent. It has proved most useful even with the relatively small traffic presently using the intersection.

(H) MOTOR TRANSPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT. Breakdown maintenance has shown a marked increase on the old vehicles and it is noted that the largest proportion of work has been on chassis and suspension defects. There is little left of the old utilities to attach anything to and repair of chassis and bodywork is becoming impracticable.

Heavy Equipment. The C.D.W. mechanic completed quarterly maintenance during July and the equipment has been operating satisfactorily. All plants have been in constant use repairing and improving roads, but due to the light type of plant operated in the establishment, only work of a temporary nature can be achieved.

(I) ADMINISTRATION BLOCK. The Captain's Office building has been altered to accommodate the Base Supply Officer, Pay and Accounts Office, C.B. Office and Intelligence Office, in addition to N.O.I.C., Executive Officer and Secretary. This concentration is already proving to be most beneficial.

(J) NATIVE LABOUR COMPOUND. One unit of two uninhabitable married quarters has been completely rebuilt from second hand materials salvaged from various sources. These have provided accommodation for two native families whose quarters (Wartime Quonset Huts) had collapsed due to complete corrosion assisted by a strong wind.

(K) PROPOSED SLIPWAY. The location and feasibility survey for the proposed slipway and an inspection of suitable available material has been completed and a separate report has been rendered to the Naval Board. A plan is now being prepared and other materials are expected in the next MALAITA. It is hoped that this project be completed before the appointment of the Shipwright Officer to PENGUIN without relief.

(L) M.T.R.1 RADIO SETS. The provision of M.T.R.1 radio sets for use between Tarangau and Momote has proved itself. A large number of vehicle hour/miles has been saved together with man/hours of driving and maintenance.

8. WELFARE. Welfare activities in the establishment remain at a high standard. There have been many changes of families in this quarter.

The Pre-school is operating satisfactorily, and the Primary School continues to be run most efficiently.

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9. COMPLEMENT. The Engine Room Department is still one E.O.W. under complement and the Engine Spare Gear Storekeeping is suffering as a result of the storekeeper attempting two jobs. Mr. M.MacDonald, M.S. Inspecting Officer, is currently carrying out his inspection of spare gear and fixtures but his work is proving extremely difficult due to the inadequate storekeeping over the last nine months.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION.

14 July. Able Seaman Labert, P.N.G., competing at an athletics meeting in Rabaul enhanced his prospects for Commonwealth Games selection with a good win in the 100 yards and second in the 220 yards.

19 July. A U.S.A.F. B50 aircraft made a short stopever at Momote in connection with the Geodetic Survey task.

27 July. After many postponements and disappointments due to bad weather, the Manus Athletic Meeting was eventually held on Clark Field and provided an excellent afternoon's entertainment both for the athletes and spectators.

30 July. M.R.L. 253 departed for Madang to embark provisions from M.V. BULOLO.

31 July. A U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft arrived in connection with Geodetic Survey.

1 August. U.S.N. L.S.T. CAYUGA COUNTY arrived 0900 and sailed 1300 (Geodetic survey).

Lieutenant M.VARLEY, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. PALUMA arrived from Rabaul, to "fix" the Papitalai oil wharf.

2 August. U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft departed having transhipped 28 personnel from the L.S.T.

3 August. M.R.L. 253 returned from Madang. Lieutenant Varley departed for Rabaul.

Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe departed for Rabaul/Honiara. N.O.I.C.,N.G. had been invited to attend the 20th Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

8 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe attended Ceremony marking 20th Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

9 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe attended a Memorial Service held on 20th Anniversary of sinking of H.M.A.S. CANBERRA in approximate position where she sank.

10 August. As an invitation was received to send boxers to Lae for the Territory Amateur Boxing Championships to be held in October, elimination bouts were commenced in the base. The first round was held in a ring constructed in the Cinema and 28 bouts of mixed standards, amusing and otherwise, were witnessed by a huge audience.

15 August. R.A.A.F. D.C.3 arrived a.m. on a training flight and departed a.m. 16 August.

17 August. H.M.A.S. WARREGO arrived Port Moresby.

18 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe returned from Honiara.

20 August. The second round of the boxing tournament was held in the Cinema and 12 bouts were fought. All contestants are P.N.G. ratings and Compound indigenes.

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21 August. H.M.A.S. WARREGO departed Port Moresby.

24 August. The U.S. Naval attache and Director of Naval Intelligence arrived in U.S.N.A.'s aircraft.

26 August. The U.S.N.A. and D.N.I. departed a.m. by air.

2 September. A U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft made a short stopover (Geodetic Survey).

18 September. Third and final round of the Boxing Tournament comprising 5 bouts was held.

19 September. U.S.N. L.S.T. CAYUGA COUNTY arrived a.m. and departed a.m. 20 September.
Captain Hinchliffe departed by air for Wewak/Vanimo.

20 September. M.R.L. 253 sailed p.m. for Vanimo.

22 September. Major D.Barret, P.I.R. arrived on a recruiting tour and departed 24 September.

23 September. Captain Hinchliffe embarked in M.R.L. 253 at Vanimo on 23 September and the vessel returned on 26 September.

24 September. Major-General J.W. Harrison, C.B.E., Quarter-Master General made a short stopover at Momote Airport enroute Wewak/Kavieng and in the absence of N.O.I.C., N.G. was met by Mrs. Hinchliffe and the Executive Officer.

28 September. Panamanian Tug PACIFIC STAR towing MURCHISON AND HAWKESBURY to the Far East called to take on F.F.O. and water. T.B.5 and small craft were utilised to meet the tug, and hold the tow whilst PACIFIC STAR came alongside Lombrum Wharf.

M.R.L. 253 sailed for Rabaul to embark provisions from M.V. SLAGEN.

11. MEDICAL.

The health of the ship's company is generally good. Acute suppurative otitis externa and pyogenic skin infections with cellulitis, adenitis and fever are the complaints which most frequently bring members for treatment.

Admissions during the quarter were R.A.N. 5, Civilians (including dependants) 9, P.N.G. 13 and Indigene Labour 25.

The average daily attending list was R.A.N.2, Civilians 2, P.N.G. 4 and dependants 3.

Operations performed during the quarter were major 8, minor 27 and confinements 5.

Two indigenous meris with complicated deliveries were also confined in the base hospital. One for a forceps extraction of a dead foetus, which was performed by a visiting practitioner. The second for twins.

The major operations included two Caesarian sections.

There have been five indigenous deaths during the period. Two indigenous infants died of cerebral malaria. One indigenous woman died of congestive cardiac failure. One elderly man died of reticulum cell Sarcoma. One meri died of shock following caesarian section.

LM(E) A.D.Dowsett, R52178, Cook (O) J. Mansom, R54377, M(E)1 Jangi, P.N.G., R80188 and Mrs. B. Collins, wife of L/Writer Collins were admitted to hospital during the quarter with Benign Tertian Malaria. In each case it was considered that irregular use of chloroquin was responsible for the patient contracting the disease.

Disciplinary action was taken with the Service personnel.

Consultations in Rabaul. Lieutenant-Commander J.L. Hanna, R.A.N. and S.A.(S) J.R.Robinson, R.52822, were investigated by Dr. M.F. Willis, Physician Specialist, Rabaul, and appropriate treatment was advised. Mrs. Kamonabi wife of Petty Officer Kamonabi, P.N.G. Division, was

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sent to Rabaul for delivery of her baby.

Dental Treatment. Supply S/Lieutenant R.H. Beauchamp (W), R.A.N., C.P.O. R.H.Brown, R21716 and S.A(V) G.L. Legge, R.55232 were despatched to Rabaul during the quarter for urgent dental treatment.

A Papuan Dental Assistant, Mr. Luscombe Gerau, spent a week in TARANGAU and dentally examined all P.N.G. and Indigene Labour Line personnel. He performed extractions and restorations where necessary. He did similar work on a number of the ship's company and their dependants.

The Base Medical Officer does limited dental work within his capabilities, including extractions and temporary dressings.

Hygiene and Malaria Control. The "Swingfog" programme continues. Residual spraying with D.D.T. by the Malaria Eradication Unit of the Administration, which is performed every six months, commenced at the end of this quarter.

Blood slides are taken of all patients with fever and these are forwarded to Dr. Jan Saave, Director of the Malaria Eradication Campaign.

Polio There was an epidemic of acute anterior poliomyelitis in the Sepik District, which was proclaimed an Infected Area by the Deputy Administrator on 28 August and quarantined. In view of air traffic between Manus and Wewak it was considered wise that the level of immunity of the local population should be raised. Primary Salk vaccination of a ll Native labourers and P.N.G. ratings were performed. Salk vaccinations of Europeans continue to be given.

All officers and ratings are currently immunised against Typhoid and Paratyphoid. All officers and ratings with the exception of S/Lieutenant Stead are fully immunised against Tetanus.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION.

All P.N.G. living quarters have been painted overall during the quarter.

Navigational buoys at Papitalai and Lombrum Points and the O.F.L. buoy at Papitalai have been replaced. The Boatswain's Party has inspected and preserved all towing equipment and both anchors of A.F.D. 301.

M.R.L. 253 has made trips to Madang, Vanimo and Rabaul during the quarter to embark provisions for the base and in connection with Coastwatching. During the cruise to Vanimo she visited Wuvulu Island, and the Ninigo and Hermit Groups. These opportunities for sea-time have been enjoyed by the ratings of the Division.

The Manus Show was held at Lorengau from 11 to 14 September, and the Naval exhibit of the Bofors mounting, fully-rigged sailing dinghy, diving equipment etc, was one of the main attractions. During this period M.R.L. 253, MARINGO and T.B. 5 were employed to transport over 1000 native passengers from the base to Lorengau and ret urn and also European personnel.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE.

The Indigene Labour Line works well and all workers are well behaved. Morale is very good and all this indicates that the various tribes of New Guinea can settle down and live and work in harmony when they are removed from their tribal areas. One of the ways by which much has been achieved in the welding together of the Compound has been the introduction of their teams to competition with the P.N.G. and Europeans. Some promising athletes and considerable talent have been unearthed. Anti-Polio injections were given to all workers during the quarter.

14. COASTWATCHING.

N.O.I.C.,N.G. visited Honiara, B.S.I.P. from 9 - 12 August to attend the 20 Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal and during this period opportunity was taken to complete the March Coastwatching Tour by visiting the stations at Kira Kira and Marau Sound. From 15-17 August all Coastwatching stations on

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Bougainville Island were visited with the exception of Buin.

Trials under tropical conditions at sea and ashore are still being carried out on the M.T.R.1 transceivers.

N.O.I.C.,N.G. visited Wewak, Vanimo, Wuvulu Island and the Ninigo and Hermit Groups between 19 and 26 September.

15. SPORT.

With an invitation to send boxers to Lae for the Territory Amateur Boxing Championships, the first of their kind, to be held in October, much interest was aroused in the P.N.G. Division and Indigene Compound and during the quarter three elimination rounds were conducted, commencing with 28 bouts, reducing to 12 bouts and finally 5, and from all these competitors a team of 5 has been chosen to represent the base. They have been training solidly and it is hoped will do great credit to H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

With the Territory Athletic Championships to be held at Lae also in October, after which the Territory Team for the Commonwealth Games will be chosen, training amongst the P.N.G. and Compound athletes has been keen and a solid team of 8 has been chosen to represent the base. Hopes for selection are centred on Able Seaman Labert of the P.N.G. Division.

A cheque for £90 raised from efforts within the base was forwarded to the T.P.N.G. Commonwealth Games Appeals Fund.

16. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale, discipline and conduct generally, remain satisfactory.

The lack of a Dance Band is keenly felt but it is hoped that in the next changeover of personnel due early next month, a nucleus of a band may be forthcoming.

Reverend N. Dietch of Lugos Mission and Father R.Skelly of Papitalai Mission continue to minister to our spiritual needs.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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1st October, 1962.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1962.

The following report of activities for the Quarter Ended 30 September, 1962, in the New Guinea area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN-O-WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

U.S.S. CAYUGA COUNTY. Manus. 1 August and 19/20 September.
Lieutenant Commander T.C. MOORE, U.S.N.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA. Rabaul Area - surveying.
Lieutenant Commander M. CALDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. WARREGO. Port Moresby. 17/21 August.
A/Commander H.W.C. DILLON, R.A.N.

2. VISITS BY R.F.As OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

PACIFIC STAR. Panamanian Tug Towing Murchison and Hawkesbury to Far East - for F.F.O. - 28 September.
Master: T.A. HEDENKLINT.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS ETC.

SUNAM	Indigene	1115/10/7	1330/10/7
LEILANI	Brutnell	1030/11/7	1400/11/7
SPINDRIFT.	Jacobson	1100/11/7	1400/12/7
MALAITA.	Hilder	0720/13/7	1540/13/7
MARGARET	Brother Pedro	1300/25/7	1600/25/7
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	0830/8/8	0930/8/8
LEILANI.	Brutnell.	1700/8/8	0600/19/8
TAMI.	BUCH	0900/21/8	1130/21/8
SPINDRIFT	Jacobson	1800/24/8	1600/25/8
LEILANI.	Tudehope	1600/28/8	1630/29/8
JASON	Lieut. Thomas USAF.	1600/2/9	0900/3/9
MALAITA	Dunne	0750/6/9	1600/6/9
TAMI.	Atkinson.	0930/19/9	1330/20/9

4. VISITORS TO MANUS.
Major-General J.W. Harrison, C.B.E., Quarter-Master General (Whistle stop).

Major D.Barret, P.I.R. - Recruiting Officer on tour.
Mr. R.T. Pearson, Dept. of Posts and Telegraphs.
Mr. H.Gaywood, Dept. of Lands, Mines and Surveys.
Lieutenant M. Varley, R.A.N. - H.M.A.S. PALUMA.
Captain J.A. Miller, U.S.N. - Naval Attache.
Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N. - D.N.I.
Lieutenant-Commander A. Miller, U.S.N. - Asst. Naval Attache.
U.S.A.F., Army, Navy and Civilian Personnel in connection with Geodetic Survey.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK.
A.F.D. 301. At present the dock is out of service whilst undergoing a survey by ship's staff in accordance with Navy Office letter 1432/201/11 of 14/8/62. The survey is about 80% completed.

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M.R.L. 253. This craft has been docked for periodical inspection cleaning and painting of the underwater area.

The starboard main engine received a complete refit after frequent breakdowns. The internal condition of this engine was in a poor condition and a separate report is being rendered. After constant gas leakage in the main refrigerator hold, all flange joints have been tightened but the packing has hardened and all joints require new packing before this hold can be used as a refrigeration space.

MARINGO. This craft has been docked for periodical cleaning and inspection.

A.W.B. 409 has been docked twice; once for periodical cleaning and inspection and a second time for repairs to leaking stern tube and realignment of shaft bearings and "A" bracket.

T.B.5 has been docked - the garboard plank repaired and 60 square feet of copper sheathing has been renewed.

6. HOUSING, HABITABILITY, ROSTER.

Five official residences have been extensively renovated and repainted on change of tenants.

Recently sufficient housing has been available for drafts-in to be accompanied by their families immediately, however, the last two have a waiting period of three weeks. With the present draft-out/draft-in cycle the housing prospects are favourable.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS.

(A) POWER HOUSE. The switchboard faults causing irregular black-outs during the previous quarter having been located and remedied during the visit of Mr. R.Smith, Department of Works Electrical Supervisor in June, have not been repeated in this quarter. The exciter commutator of No.1 Generating Set (Mirrlees) is very badly worn and has required constant attention when running. A replacement armature, which has been on order for nine months, is expected to arrive from the United Kingdom in October, and will be fitted during the current overhaul period. All other alternators and exciters are in good condition.

Two engines received 1000 hour overhauls and the Mirrlees received 2000 hour overhaul during the quarter. The auxiliary power plant for the Transmitting Station has been resited beneath the Transmitting Station building.

(B) ELECTRICAL. The High and Low Tension Reticulation is in very good condition and no difficulties have been experienced during the quarter.

(C) REFRIGERATION. All units in the shore reefers have operated satisfactorily during the quarter and a complete refit of all pipe-work, valves and fittings has been completed. All D.A.R.s are currently being surveyed for the bi-annual report and it is apparent that at least fourteen units must be replaced, if domestic refrigeration is to be provided for the present number of houses beyond December, 1962. My letter N.G. 102/3 dated 10 May, 1962, refers. Re-allocation in accordance with Navy Office instructions is not practical, as all serviceable units are in constant use and only three spare units are held. Normal drafting having been resumed, all residences are again occupied and the maintenance demand on the older units is becoming more than ship's staff can cope with. This matter is being raised separately.

(D) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY. All relevant returns have been received and rendered to Navy Office. A quantity of 213.95 tons of F.F.O. was supplied to H.M.S. COOK on 26 June, 1962, and 122.5 tons to H.M.A.S. WARREGO on 25 August, 1962.

The Foamite pump engine has been repaired by C.D.W. but this unit will be surveyed with a view to replacement. C.D.E. has commenced work on replacement of bad sections of fuel line beneath the wharf.

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(E) O.F.I. MANUS. POM(E) Craig handed over the O.F.I. to POM(E) Jacobson on 29/30 September and all relevant returns have been rendered. Several leaks in the line are still apparent and attempts at repair have proved fruitless due to earthfalls. A quantity of 297.46 tons of F.F.O. was provided to the Tug PACIFIC STAR on 28 September from O.F.L. 1207 without incident.

(F) WATER RETICULATION. The main dam has remained full for most of the quarter but the raw water pipeline and old treatment works continue to deteriorate at an alarming rate. The only treatment possible is filtration and chlorination, the latter being very much guesswork and therefore most unsatisfactory. All plant is required to run continuously and has done so for many years with the result that breakdowns are now frequent and cause considerable hardship whilst repairs are effected.

(G) ROADS. The rainfall during the quarter was 4622 points and ran fell on 74 days.

During this quarter work on the roads has been mainly confined within the Depot, Lombrum Road having been resurfaced with coronous between Check Point Hill and the P.N.G. Barracks.

Routine maintenance necessitated by the rains of the S.E. Season has continued.

A Roundabout was erected at the junction of Momote Compound and Lombrum Roads early in July to assist in controlling the expected heavy traffic during the construction phase of Project Advent. It has proved most useful even with the relatively small traffic presently using the intersection.

(H) MOTOR TRANSPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT. Breakdown maintenance has shown a marked increase on the old vehicles and it is noted that the largest proportion of work has been on chassis and suspension defects. There is little left of the old utilities to attach anything to and repair of chassis and bodywork is becoming impracticable.

Heavy Equipment. The C.D.W. mechanic completed quarterly maintenance during July and the equipment has been operating satisfactorily. All plants have been in constant use repairing and improving roads, but due to the light type of plant operated in the establishment, only work of a temporary nature can be achieved.

(I) ADMINISTRATION BLOCK. The Captain's Office building has been altered to accommodate the Base Supply Officer, Pay and Accounts Office, C.B. Office and Intelligence Office, in addition to N.O.I.C., Executive Officer and Secretary. This concentration is already proving to be most beneficial.

(J) NATIVE LABOUR COMPOUND. One unit of two uninhabitable married quarters has been completely rebuilt from second hand materials salvaged from various sources. These have provided accommodation for two native families whose quarters (Wartime Quonset Huts) had collapsed due to complete corrosion assisted by a strong wind.

(K) PROPOSED SLIPWAY. The location and feasibility survey for the proposed slipway and an inspection of suitable available material has been completed and a separate report has been rendered to the Naval Board. A plan is now being prepared and other materials are expected in the next MALAITA. It is hoped that this project be completed before the appointment of the Shipwright Officer to PENGUIN without relief.

(L) M.T.R.1 RADIO SETS. The provision of M.T.R.1 radio sets for use between Tarangau and Momote has proved itself. A large number of vehicle hour/miles has been saved together with man/hours of driving and maintenance.

8. WELFARE. Welfare activities in the establishment remain at a high standard. There have been many changes of families in this quarter.

The Pre-school is operating satisfactorily, and the Primary School continues to be run most efficiently.

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9. COMPLEMENT. The Engine Room Department is still one E.O.W. under complement and the Engine Spare Gear Storekeeping is suffering as a result of the storekeeper attempting two jobs. Mr. M.MacDonald, M.S. Inspecting Officer, is currently carrying out his inspection of spare gear and fixtures but his work is proving extremely difficult due to the inadequate storekeeping over the last nine months.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION.

14 July. Able Seaman Labert, P.N.G., competing at an athletics meeting in Rabaul enhanced his prospects for Commonwealth Games selection with a good win in the 100 yards and second in the 220 yards.

19 July. A U.S.A.F. B50 aircraft made a short stopever at Momote in connection with the Geodetic Survey task.

27 July. After many postponements and disappointments due to bad weather, the Manus Athletic Meeting was eventually held on Clark Field and provided an excellent afternoon's entertainment both for the athletes and spectators.

30 July. M.R.L. 253 departed for Madang to embark provisions from M.V. BULOLO.

31 July. A U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft arrived in connection with Geodetic Survey.

1 August. U.S.N. L.S.T. CAYUGA COUNTY arrived 0900 and sailed 1300 (Geodetic survey).

Lieutenant M.VARLEY, R.A.N., H.M.A.S. PALUMA arrived from Rabaul, to fix the Papitalai oil wharf.

2 August. U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft departed having transhipped 28 personnel from the L.S.T.

3 August. M.R.L. 253 returned from Madang. Lieutenant Varley departed for Rabaul.

Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe departed for Rabaul/Honiara. N.O.I.C.,N.G. had been invited to attend the 20th Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

8 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe attended Ceremony marking 20th Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal.

9 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe attended a Memorial Service held on 20th Anniversary of sinking of H.M.A.S. CANBERRA in approximate position where she sank.

10 August. As an invitation was received to send boxers to Lae for the Territory Amateur Boxing Championships to be held in October, elimination bouts were commenced in the base. The first round was held in a ring constructed in the Cinema and 28 bouts of mixed standards, amusing and otherwise, were witnessed by a huge audience.

15 August. R.A.A.F. D.C.3 arrived a.m. on a training flight and departed a.m. 16 August.

17 August. H.M.A.S. WARREGO arrived Port Moresby.

18 August. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe returned from Honiara.

20 August. The second round of the boxing tournament was held in the Cinema and 12 bouts were fought. All contestants are P.N.G. ratings and Compound indigenes.

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21 August. H.M.A.S. WARREGO departed Port Moresby.

24 August. The U.S. Naval attache and Director of Naval Intelligence arrived in U.S.N.A.'s aircraft.

26 August. The U.S.N.A. and D.N.I. departed a.m. by air.

2 September. A U.S.A.F. C.54 aircraft made a short stopover (Geodetic Survey).

18 September. Third and final round of the Boxing Tournament comprising 5 bouts was held.

19 September. U.S.N. L.S.T. CAYUGA COUNTY arrived a.m. and departed a.m. 20 September.
Captain Hinchliffe departed by air for Wewak/Vanimo.

20 September. M.R.L. 253 sailed p.m. for Vanimo.

22 September. Major D.Barret, P.I.R. arrived on a recruiting tour and departed 24 September.

23 September. Captain Hinchliffe embarked in M.R.L. 253 at Vanimo on 23 September and the vessel returned on 26 September.

24 September. Major-General J.W. Harrison, C.B.E., Quarter-Master General made a short stopover at Momote Airport enroute Wewak/Kavieng and in the absence of N.O.I.C., N.G. was met by Mrs. Hinchliffe and the Executive Officer. !!!

28 September. Panamanian Tug PACIFIC STAR towing MURCHISON AND HAWKESBURY to the Far East called to take on F.F.O. and water. T.B.5 and small craft were utilised to meet the tug, and hold the tow whilst PACIFIC STAR came alongside Lombrum Wharf.

M.R.L. 253 sailed for Rabaul to embark provisions from M.V. SLAGEN.

11. MEDICAL.

The health of the ship's company is generally good. Acute suppurative otitis externa and pyogenic skin infections with cellulitis, adenitis and fever are the complaints which most frequently bring members for treatment.

Admissions during the quarter were R.A.N. 5, Civilians (including dependants) 9, P.N.G. 13 and Indigene Labour 25.

The average daily attending list was R.A.N.2, Civilians 2, P.N.G. 4 and dependants 3.

Operations performed during the quarter were major 8, minor 27 and confinements 5.

Two indigenous meris with complicated deliveries were also confined in the base hospital. One for a forceps extraction of a dead foetus, which was performed by a visiting practitioner. The second for twins.

The major operations included two Caesarian sections.

There have been five indigenous deaths during the period. Two indigenous infants died of cerebral malaria. One indigenous woman died of congestive cardiac failure. One elderly man died of reticulum cell Sarcoma. One meri died as the result of shock following operation.

LM(E) A.D.Dowsett, R52178, Cook (O) J. Manson, R54377, M(E)1 Jangi, P.N.G., R80188 and Mrs. B. Collins, wife of L/Writer Collins were admitted to hospital during the quarter with Benign Tertian Malaria. In each case it was considered that irregular use of chloroquin was responsible for the patient contracting the disease.

Disciplinary action was taken with the Service personnel.

Consultations in Rabaul. Lieutenant-Commander J.L. Hanna, R.A.N. and S.A.(S) J.R.Robinson, R.52822, were investigated by Dr. H.F. Willis, Physician Specialist, Rabaul, and appropriate treatment was advised. Mrs. Kamonabi wife of Petty Officer Kamonabi, P.N.G. Division, was

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sent to Rabaul for delivery of her baby.

Dental Treatment. Supply S/Lieutenant R.H. Beauchamp (W), R.A.N., C.P.O. R.H.Brown, R21716 and S.A(V) G.L. Legge, R.55232 were despatched to Rabaul during the quarter for urgent dental treatment.

A Papuan Dental Assistant, Mr. Luscombe Gerau, spent a week in TARANGAU and dentally examined all P.N.G. and Indigene Labour Line personnel. He performed extractions and restorations where necessary. He did similar work on a number of the ship's company and their dependants.

The Base Medical Officer does limited dental work within his capabilities, including extractions and temporary dressings.

Hygiene and Malaria Control. The "Swingfog" programme continues. Residual spraying with D.D.T. by the Malaria Eradication Unit of the Administration, which is performed every six months, commenced at the end of this quarter.

Blood slides are taken of all patients with fever and these are forwarded to Dr. Jan Saave, Director of the Malaria Eradication Campaign.

Polio There was an epidemic of acute anterior poliomyelitis in the Sepik District, which was proclaimed an Infected Area by the Deputy Administrator on 28 August and quarantined. In view of air traffic between Manus and Wewak it was considered wise that the level of immunity of the local population should be raised. Primary Salk vaccination of a 11 Native labourers and P.N.G. ratings were performed. Salk vaccinations of Europeans continue to be given.

All officers and ratings are currently immunised against Typhoid and Paratyphoid. All officers and ratings with the exception of S/Lieutenant Stead are fully immunised against Tetanus.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION.

All P.N.G. living quarters have been painted overall during the quarter.

Navigational buoys at Papitalai and Lombrum Points and the O.F.L. buoy at Papitalai have been replaced. The Boatswain's Party has inspected and preserved all towing equipment and both anchors of A.F.D. 301.

M.R.L. 253 has made trips to Madang, Vanimo and Rabaul during the quarter to embark provisions for the base and in connection with Coastwatching. During the cruise to Vanimo she visited Wuvulu Island, and the Ninigo and Hermit Groups. These opportunities for sea-time have been enjoyed by the ratings of the Division.

The Manus Show was held at Lorengau from 11 to 14 September, and the Naval exhibit of the Bofors mounting, fully-rigged sailing dinghy, diving equipment etc, was one of the main attractions. During this period M.R.L. 253, MARINGO and T.B. 5 were employed to transport over 1000 native passengers from the base to Lorengau and ret urn and also European personnel.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE.

The Indigene Labour Line works well and all workers are well behaved. Morale is very good and all this indicates that the various tribes of New Guinea can settle down and live and work in harmony when they are removed from their tribal areas. One of the ways by which much has been achieved in the welding together of the Compound has been the introduction of their teams to competition with the P.N.G. and Europeans. Some promising athletes and considerable talent have been unearthed. Anti-Polio injections were given to all workers during the quarter.

14. COASTWATCHING.

N.O.I.C., N.G. visited Honiara, B.S.I.P. from 9 - 12 August to attend the 20 Anniversary of the Landing of the U.S. Marines on Guadalcanal and during this period opportunity was taken to complete the March Coastwatching Tour by visiting the stations at Kira Kira and Marau Sound. From 15-17 August all Coastwatching stations on

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Bougainville Island were visited with the exception of Buin.

Trials under tropical conditions at sea and ashore are still being carried out on the M.T.R.1 transceivers.

N.O.I.C.,N.G. visited Wewak, Vanimo, Wuvulu Island and the Ninigo and Hermit Groups between 19 and 26 September.

15. SPORT.

With an invitation to send boxers to Lae for the Territory Amateur Boxing Championships, the first of their kind, to be held in October, much interest was aroused in the P.N.G. Division and Indigene Compound and during the quarter three elimination rounds were conducted, commencing with 28 bouts, reducing to 12 bouts and finally 5, and from all these competitors a team of 5 has been chosen to represent the base. They have been training solidly and it is hoped will do great credit to H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

With the Territory Athletic Championships to be held at Lae also in October, after which the Territory Team for the Commonwealth Games will be chosen, training amongst the P.N.G. and Compound athletes has been keen and a solid team of 8 has been chosen to represent the base. Hopes for selection are centred on Able Seaman Labert of the P.N.G. Division.

A cheque for £90 raised from efforts within the base was forwarded to the T.P.N.G. Commonwealth Games Appeals Fund.

16. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale, discipline and conduct generally, remain satisfactory.

The lack of a Dance Band is keenly felt but it is hoped that in the next changeover of personnel due early next month, a nucleus of a band may be forthcoming.

Reverend N. Dietch of Lugos Mission and Father R.Skelly of Papitalai Mission continue to minister to our spiritual needs.

(Sgd.) L. M. HINCHLIFFE

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
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The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER, 1962

The following report of activities for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1962, in the New Guinea Area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA

(a) MANUS: H.M.S. COOK 8th/13th November, 1962 Commander M.F. Hunt, M.B.E., R.N.
H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT 21st/22nd November, 1962. Captain M. Fell, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.
U.S.S. CAYUGA COUNTY 31st October and 18th/19th December, 1962. Lieutenant Commander T.C. Moore, U.S.N.

(b) OTHER PORTS: H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Cheshunt Bay 13th December, 1962.
22nd December - Port Moresby
Lieutenant Commander M. Calder, R.A.N.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL SHIPS, INTER ISLAND SHIPPING

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Leilani	Tudehope	1400/13/10	1800/13/10
Malaita	Hilder	0700/19/10	1700/19/10
Margaret Thwaites	Catholic Mission	0730/21/10	1600/21/10
Duali		0830/21/10	0730/22/10
Tami	Busch	0930/22/10	1400/22/10
Spindrift	Jacobson	0800/30/10	1600/30/10
Spindrift	Jacobson	1830/2/11	0600/4/11
Moisana	Brutnell	1130/5/11	1300/5/11
Leilani	Tudehope	1500/5/11	0600/6/11
Daystar	Catholic Mission	0600/14/11	1530/14/11
Moisana	Brutnell	1800/18/11	0900/19/11
Rhoana Falls	Tebb	1300/24/11	1600/1/12
Malaita	Hilder	0700/2/12	1700/3/12
Tami	Busch	1100/28/12	1600/28/12
Moisana	Brutnell	1700/31/12	

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS

Miss Rossell - Administration Welfare Worker
Mr. Springer } U.S. personnel from South Coast Survey
Mr. Fletcher } Station.

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Mr. Keener, Mr. Seelock } U.S. personnel from South Coast Survey Station
Mr. J. Beaumont - A.M.P. Representative for New Guinea
Major General Wilton, Colonel Pascoe } Passed through Momote
Mr. K. Chambers - Chief Collector of Customs
Colonel O'Donnell - U.S.A.F. Geodetic Survey Inspector
Lt. Colonel Schmitt - U.S.A.F. Geodetic Survey Inspector
Mr. Justice Ollenshaw - Circuit Judge
Major General Kendrew, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. - Head of B.D.L.S.
Major David Butler - P.I.R.
Mr. K. Walker - Plant Inspector, Department of Works, Rabaul.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK A.F.D. 301

A.F.D 301

A survey was carried out and a report rendered to the Naval Board. All machinery has operated satisfactorily.

M.S.L. 706

Docked on 27th November for inspection of underwater area. Recommended for early disposal.

M.R.L. 253

The main generator has been refitted during the Quarter and all other machinery has operated satisfactorily. The following are M.R.L. 253 movements for the Quarter -

Oct. 2nd	Berthed ex Rabaul	Nov. 17th	Berthed ex Rabaul
Oct. 3rd	To Lae for Athletics	Nov. 22nd	Docked, A.F.D.
Oct. 9th	Berthed ex Lae	Nov. 26th	Undocked
Nov. 12th	To Rabaul	Dec. 4th	To Wewak, Vanimo, Madang
		Dec. 13th	Berthed ex Madang.

MARINGO

This craft is mechanically sound and has been satisfactory. Maringo has been docked twice, once for periodical inspection, cleaning and painting and a second time for repairs to a leaking stern tube, after decking, fuel tanks and renewal of corrosion pieces.

A.W.B. 409

The Work Boat was docked on 5th November for periodical inspection, cleaning and painting of underwater area, rudder and A bracket realignment, and repairs to fore deck. The gear box was removed and a new engine flywheel was fitted after failure of two retaining bolts. A new steering quadrant was manufactured and fitted.

T.B. 5

This craft was docked on 29th October for cleaning and inspection of underwater area and repairs to rubbing strake starboard side (approximately 20 feet renewed).

6. HOUSING, HABITABILITY, ROSTER

24 Residences (including 3 permanent) have been surveyed over the Quarter on change of tenancy, and after general maintenance are in good condition.

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The remainder while not fully surveyed have been inspected and the majority found to be in reasonable condition with the exception of Residences T1, T7, T8, and T11, and T15. The latter two form a double unit and deterioration and white ant infestation has reached a stage where it is beyond economical repair (This matter is being taken up separately).

Due to the present drafting policy, no waiting time is experienced currently for the acquisition of Married Quarters.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS

(a) POWER HOUSE

Two engines received 2000 hour overhauls and a further two received 1000 hour maintenance during the Quarter.
No. 1 Generator Mirrlees suffered mechanical failure necessitating renewal of several sleeves and two pistons.
All water coolers have received maintenance together with two stationary air compressors and three air bottles.
A new excitor armature arrived on 18th October, 1962 and was fitted to the Mirrlees No. 1 Generating Set, the old armature being returned on M.V. Malaita on 17th October.
All other generating sets are in good condition electrically.

(b) ELECTRICAL

A new Crompton Parkinson 30 h.p. Motor and Automatic Starter was received and this was fitted in the swimming pool pump house on 13th December, 1962.
The existing 40 h.p. motor and starter have been checked and will be kept for the proposed booster pump to the water system.
A survey of all table fans has been carried out and the results listed. Approximately 80% of fans have some minor defect and no spare gear is held to remedy defects.
At present a survey is being carried out on all domestic stoves and although some spare gear is held, the older type 2 plate G.E.C. Stoves are very hard to maintain in working order. This is due to the fact that most of the frame work which holds the plates in position is badly corroded and in some stages beyond repair.

(c) REFRIGERATION

All units have been surveyed and the report is being submitted separately.

(d) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY

All relevant returns have been rendered to Navy Office. Department of Works have been requested to survey the foamite pump engine with a view to replacement and a quote for a diesel engine in lieu.

The main line beneath the wharf has had all poor sections replaced by C.D.W.

(e) O.F.I. MANUS

H.M.S. COOK received 431.64 tons F.F.O. on the 9th November, and H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT received 403.40 tons on the 21st November, 1962.

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Both ships fuelled alongside Lombrum Wharf without incident.
All relevant returns have been rendered to Navy Office for the Quarter.
A considerable number of leaks developed during the Quarter and all have been repaired without serious loss of F.F.O. There still remain two leaks that have defied efforts to repair. One has been isolated and the other on the main line has been minimised.

(f) WATER RETICULATION

The main Dam has overflowed the spillway for most of the Quarter. The raw water line from the Dam has required further clamps to suppress leaks, and the line from the Papitalai water sources has suffered continual bursts requiring considerable resources to repair. The main electrically driven pump has lost considerable efficiency and during peak periods it is necessary to run the standby diesel to maintain an adequate service.

(g) ROADS

inches?

The rainfall during the Quarter was 29.94 points and rain fell on 72 days. Normal maintenance within the Depot has continued and internal roads are in a satisfactory condition. The onset of the North West Season has caused considerable deterioration in the Lombrum-Momote Road and filling of the more serious potholes has taken place.
Continued efforts at clearing drains proceeds.

(h) MOTOR TRANSPORT AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Breakdown maintenance has continued to increase on the older vehicles and the utilities spend more time under repair than on the road. One Land Rover has broken its back and the chassis is fractured in booms and beyond repair. Another land rover has a fractured block skirt and it is intended to make one vehicle out of two.
A G.D.W. mechanic and plant inspector visited the establishment during December but due to lack of suitable spares a further visit towards the end of January will be necessary. The Road Roller and Hyster Crane are out of use awaiting spares.

(i) SLIPWAY

The Slipway has been completed but the Cradle is not yet finished. On completion it is intended to test by means of water filled cubes up to a weight of 18 tons.
Completion of these tests will be reported to the Naval Board.

(j) RADIO SETS

Transmitters Type 1J8922 and 3J8922 are very reliable and require little attention. The condition of transmitters type N 51020 and 9J50904 is very poor and they require constant maintenance. Transmitters Type AMT150 and AT20 need little maintenance although they are in constant use. The B40 Receivers appear to drop in sensitivity rather quickly due to climatic conditions.

8. WELFARE

Welfare activities in the Establishment remain at a

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high standard. The addition of a photographic section to the Milk Bar and Canteen has proved very popular, cameras and films being readily purchased. Photography appears to have replaced shell collecting as the popular hobby.

9. COMPLEMENT

With the early arrival of the M.E. Yeoman of Stores, it is considered that considerable improvement will be made in the Engineer Stores Accounting.

The added responsibilities of the B.E.O. have necessitated extra work for the C.E.R.A. a rating who is already heavily committed.

The reduction in numbers of Officers has required a revised O.O.D. roster and additional responsibility in this respect has been placed on the Chiefs and Petty Officers.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

3rd Oct. MRL 253 departed for Lae with Athletic and Boxing Teams to compete for selection in the Empire Games Team.

6th Oct. The Welfare Committee held a Family Picnic Day at Clark Field which was most successful.

9th Oct. MRL 253 returned from Lae and reports that A.B. Labert P.N.G. had been selected for the Empire Games were confirmed.

11th Oct. Four U.S. personnel who had been based on the South Coast Survey Station walked in after having travelled to the entrance of Lonui Passage by canoe.

19th Oct. M.A.L. inaugurated a new Service - Madang-Momote-Madang and celebrated by taking personnel from TARANGAU and Lorengau for a fifteen minute flight around the Island.

21st Oct. Mr. F.C. Styles, Second Steward from M.V. Malaita was admitted to the Base Hospital where after an operation, he diedon Tuesday, 23rd October, being buried on the 24th October. Surgeon Lt. Cdr. O'Malley representing N.O.I.C. N.G. and P.O. Ck. McDonald representing Stewards attended the funeral.

25th Oct. U.S.A.F. C54 arrived with nine personnel for accommodation. Departed 27th October with Southern Survey Party.

31st Oct. U.S.S. Cayuga County arrived at 0800 departing at 1700K. The U.S.A.F. C54 also arrived and embarked personnel from the L.S.T. for Guam.

5th Nov. Surgeon Lt. Commander (D) O'Donnell arrived to carry out much needed dental work for Service members and dependants.

7th Nov. Major General Wilton and Colonel Pascoe made a short stopover at Momote Airfield enroute Wewak/Kavieng and were met by N.O.I.C. N.G. and Mrs. Hinchliffe.

8th Nov. H.M.S. Cook commanded by Commander F. Hunt, M.B.E., R.N. arrived and departed 13th November.

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11th Nov. Remembrance Day Guard paraded.

12th Nov. Captain and Mrs. Hinchliffe departed by air from Momote Airport and Commander D.S. Harvey assumed command. The M.R.L. departed for Rabaul on completion of a small ceremony at Momote.

13th Nov. U.S.A.F. C54 with 12 personnel arrived. The aircraft was forced to leave Guam due to a typhoon which caused great damage to that Base. The aircraft eventually departed on the 15th November.

17th Nov. M.R.L. 253 returned from Rabaul with stores.

21st Nov. H.M.S. Loch Killisport (Captain M. Fell, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) arrived, and departed 22nd November.

26th Nov. Chief Collector of Customs (Mr. K. Chambers) arrived at Momote and lunched at N.O.I.C.'s Residence later proceeding to Lorengau.

4th Dec. U.S.A.F. B50 and C54 arrived and stayed overnight. Colonel O'Donnell, U.S.A.F. and Lieutenant Colonel Schmitt, U.S.A.F., Inspecting Officers of the Geodetric Survey were aboard.

5th Dec. M.R.L. 253 departed for Wewak and Vanimo to carry stores and personnel for the P.I.R.
Mr. Justice Ollenshaw, Circuit Judge, arrived Momote.

11th Dec. The Primary School Break-Up Party was held in the Cinema and was attended by N.O.I.C. N.G., Mr. L.J. O'Malley, District Commissioner, and Mr. P.Jensen, District Education Officer. After speeches, N.O.I.C. N.G. presented prizes to the children for their work over the year. The Xmas School Vacation commenced the next day.

15th Dec. European Children's Xmas Tree was held in the Cinema. The next day the Native Children's Party was held.

17th Dec. The Head of the British Defence Liaison Staff, Major General Kendrew, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.xxx accompanied by Major D.M. Butler, P.I.R., arrived and stayed at H.M.A.S. TARANGAU until 19th December.

18th Dec. 1700 U.S.S. Cayuga County arrived departing a.m. 19th December.

23rd Dec. "Carols by Candlelight" was held outside the TARANGAU Chapel. Led by an excellent choir of 20 P.N.G. Ratings, nearly 200 attended and joined in.

11. MEDICAL

The health of the Ship's Company remains good. Admissions during the Quarter were R.A.N. - 1, Civilians - including dependants - 13, P.N.G. - 5, Dependants - 5. The number of operations performed were:-

Major - 3
Minor - 12
Confinements - 5

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11. MEDICAL

There were two cases of Malaria during the quarter. A.B. Derewa R 80159 and A.B. Labi R80187 P.N.G. Division had attacks of benign Tertian Malaria five days after returning from leave in the Morobe District.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) B.J. O'Donnell was loaned to TARANGAU for 3 weeks in November. All service members and their dependants were examined and necessary dental treatment carried out. This was a most satisfactory arrangement and dental health here would be maintained at a high level by similar visits at intervals of 6 months.

DEATHS.

There was one death during the quarter. Mr F.C. Styles was admitted from M.V. Malaita on 21st October with Peritonitis. An operation was performed in the Base Hospital by Malaita's Surgeon Dr. H.M. Busby. However the condition was very advanced and Mr Styles died on 24th October, 1962.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

In addition to the Swingfogging programme, 44 gallon drums have now been sited over all areas in which there is stagnant water, or slow moving water. From these A.D.D. will be dripped as a lavacidal measure.

STAFF.

S.B.A. H. Leentjes departed TARANGAU 10th November, 1962. S.B.P.O. T.L. Williams R49055 was relieved by S.B.P.O. S. Passfield R49293 on 21st December, 1962. Mrs J. Forder a single certified Sister has been employed on a casual basis to relieve Senior Sister J. Whyman for 8 hours daily when dependants are admitted as in-patients.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION

During the quarter, the M.R.L. steamed approximately 3, 500 miles and visited Vanimo, Wewak, Madang, Lae, Rabaul, and a number of Coastwatching Stations.

Apart from their Departmental duties members of the Division were employed at Lorengau erecting a Naval exhibit for the Manus Show, working parties painted the Tower on Lombrum Hill and derusted and repainted the fuelling equipment at Sabukaleo Point.

The P.N.G. Recreation Room has been converted into a Junior Rates Club, the building painted internally and a bar installed by the ratings.

Guards were paraded to farewell Captain Hinchliffe, for Major General Kendrew, and on Remberance Day.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE.

The Indigene Labour Line is working well and Morale is good. The sale of beer has made little difference to their work. They appear to enjoy the beer very much, but there has been no sign of absenteeism or trouble through excessive drinking. Two Sing Sings were staged with good results.

14. COASTWATCHING.

During the quarter Lieutenant Commander J.L. Hanna was relieved by Lieutenant Commander I.S. Benney as Staff Officer Intelligence. Points of Interest are -

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COASTWATCHING (Cont'd.)

(i) Mr. H.R. Brutnell and Mr. F.A. Jacobson purchased a new vessel named Moisana capable of carrying approximately 100 tons of cargo. Mr. Brutnell has transferred his equipment to Moisana.

(ii) The M.L. Loma one of the roving coastwatchers run by Mr. A.E. Palmer, was sunk in November in the Indispensable Strait 12 miles off Malaita in 100 fathoms. There was no loss of life but all stores were lost. Mr. P. Palmer, son of the owner, was Master at the time and was completely exonerated at the Board of Enquiry.

(iii) One Coastwatcher W.J. Grose has been appointed as Lieutenant (X) R.A.N.V.R.

(iv) Mr. J.R. Morgan Master of M.V. Nivani was appointed as Coastwatcher with a roving commission.

(v) Mr. G. Bladen reported on assisting in the rescue of 6 Americans who were lost in the Jungle at Mussau (Letter to D.N.I. 43/2/0 dated 8th November, 1962, refers).

15. SPORT

After the Territory Athletic Championships in Lae, it was learnt with pleasure that A.B. Labert P.N.G. Division had been selected for the Empire Games at Perth. Labert and other athletes are now looking toward the South Pacific Games to be held in 1963 at Suva. Badminton and Tennis continue to be played regularly.

Swimming in this season is always popular and a Swimming Carnival was held on 19th December for P.N.G. and Compound Natives. Prizes were shared evenly.

During the Quarter, opportunity was taken to battle with H.M. Ships COOK and LOCH KILLISPORT, with creditable results for H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

16. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale, discipline and conduct generally remain satisfactory.

The introduction of liquor for Natives has caused no untoward difficulties, both P.N.G. and Compound having accepted the situation calmly.

The introduction of the sale of spirits in the Junior Rates Club has been well received and is being treated with discretion. Beer remains the popular beverage.

The Reverend N. Dietch of Lugos Mission and Father P. Skelly of Papitalai continue to minister to our spiritual needs.

D.L. Harvey

A/COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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Captain L.M. Hinchliffe, D.S.C.,
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
LOMBRUM. MANUS. T.N.G.

Dear Sir,

We desire to place on record our Company's thanks to yourself and also Surgeon Lt. Commander T. O'Malley in connection with the Hospitalisation and Surgical treatment of the late Mr. Frederick Styles of M.V. "MALAITA".

We are,

Yours faithfully,

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The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY TO 31st MARCH, 1963

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 31st March, 1963, in the New Guinea Area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA

(a) MANUS: H.M.A. LOCH FADA, 9-10th March, 1963. Commander W.R. Hart, R.N.

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA and YARRA, 14-16th March, 1963. FOCAF, Captain Peek, Captain Murray, Commander Boase.

(b) OTHER PORTS: H.M.N.Z. TARANAKI - Port Moresby. Arrived 21st March, departed 21st March. (Re-fuelling)

H.M.A.S. PALUMA -

Cheshunt Bay 4th January - 24th January
Port Moresby 25th January - 30th January
Cheshunt Bay 31st January - 14th February
Port Moresby 15th February - 19th February
Cheshunt Bay 20th February - 7th March
Port Moresby 8th March (L.S.M.)

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL SHIPS, INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Moisana	Brutnall	1600/12/1	0730/13/1
Malaita	Hilder	0700/18/1	1800/18/1
Spindrift	Henderson	0930/19/1	1500/19/1
Huon	Bladen	1000/19/1	0800/20/1
Spindrift	Henderson	1000/26/1	0630/30/1
Spindrift	Henderson	1400/3/2	1130/4/2
Moisana	Brutnall	1400/17/2	0630/18/2
Spindrift	Henderson	0900/17/2	1600/17/2
Huon	Bladen	0730/19/2	0600/21/2
Duali	Goodyer	0700/27/2	1900/28/2
Josey	-	0900/2/3	0900/4/3
Malaita	Hilder	0700/5/3	0630/6/3
Huon	Bladen	1500/11/3	0630/13/3
Huon	Bladen	0900/16/3	0630/19/3
Spindrift	Henderson	0900/22/3	1130/22/3
Spindrift	Henderson	1400/26/3	1700/26/3
Leilani	Tudehope	1300/26/3	1600/26/3

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS

Mr. B. Costella	Ansett/A.N.A.
Reverend Diemer	Lutheran Mission, Madang
Mr. R. Jensen	District Education Officer.
Senator & Mrs. Paltridge	-
Mr. D.J. Anderson	Director-General of Civil Aviation
Mr. D.W. Poulton	Assistant Director-General (Policy)
Mr. G. Unkles	Director, Air Transport
Mr. H.W. Dickford	Director, Air Port Engineering
Mr. W.L. Milne	Senior Airways Supervisor
Mr. J. Martin	Director of Personnel and Accommodation
Mr. R.H. Harris	Superintendent of Operations, P.N.G.
Mr. D. Ross	Department of Civil Aviation
Mr. L. Owens	Department of Civil Aviation
Mr. A.H. Mann	Chief Justice Supreme Court, Territory Papua New Guinea.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK A.F.D. 301

M.R.L. 253. All machinery has operated satisfactorily and only routine maintenance has been carried out.

T.B. 5. Minor repairs carried out to deck house and screen damage by inclement weather.

A.W.B. 409. Minor repairs were carried out to internal fittings.

MARINGO. Slipped and is currently being surveyed to determine the extent of rotting in the ribs and hull structure. A separate report will be rendered.

O.F.L. 1207. All machinery has operated satisfactorily and only routine maintenance has been required.

A.F.D. 301. Routine maintenance and preservation of sections exposed to the weather has been carried out. Only used once during the quarter for replacement of false keel on Maringo.

M.S.L. 706. No work has been carried out on this craft.

SLIPWAY.

Construction and testing were completed successfully and Maringo slipped for survey.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY ROSTER.

From a total of 47 residences in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU, 7 permanent and 40 temporary dwellings, 4 including 1 permanent are vacant. The permanent residence, Depot No. P.5, is being reserved for one of the Officers allowed by complement but not at present borne. The remainder designated as T.8, T.11 and T.15 are very dilapidated, beyond economical repair and untenantable. Routine inspections and minor repairs were progressively carried out. Repairs generally were to freshwater services, plumbing fixtures, flooring, flywire screening, roofing and external woodwork, deterioration due to weather conditions and white ant infestation. Major repairs were carried out on residences P.6 and T.1 in the way of wall panelling in kitchens, bathrooms, toilets,

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laundrys, flywire screening, external woodwork, verandahs and facia boards.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I. MANUS

All relevant returns have been rendered to Naval Board. H.M.S. LOCH FADA was fuelled on the 8th March, 1963. All equipment has been working satisfactorily with only minor leaks during the quarter.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY

All relevant returns have been rendered to the Naval Board. During heavy rain, a rockfall occurred in the tank Bund and a report has been received from Com Works recommending early commencement of maintenance works. The estimated costs of the work together with a report of the damage has been forwarded separately. The Base Engineer Officer visited Port Moresby between the 20th and 24th March in connection with H.M.A.S. PALUMA's repairs and took the opportunity to confer with Com Works and visit the O.F.I.
During the quarter H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI received fuel from the O.F.I. and H.M.S. LLANDAFF received dieseline from Sheel, Port Moresby.
It was very pleasing to note that in a sitrep signal from Commander Navy Marianas to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, praise was given for the support received by U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY at Port Moresby. The relevant extract was - "Reprovisioning facilities and co-operation in Port Moresby was outstanding". This is due to the efforts of POM(E) B.F. Davies, O/N R38151, the Petty Officer in charge of the Oil Fuel Installation. This rating has been informed of Commander Navy Marianas remarks.

(c) WATER RETICULATION

The main dam level was reduced by three feet during the quarter due to lack of rainfall, but overflowed again on the 30th March, 1963. The chlorination equipment was inoperative on two occasions due to breakdown, and water for drinking required boiling.

(d) POWER HOUSE

2000 hour refits were carried out on Nos. 1, 4 and 5 Diesel Generators and No. 1. also received a 1000 hour refit during the quarter. All equipment has operated satisfactorily.

(e) SHORE REEFERS

Two compressor units have been refitted and the Vilters ice machine has had a new storage box constructed. Three cooling towers required replacement of a number of timbers due to rot and during the last 15 months, all expansion valves and pipework in the Installation have been replaced, excepting the cooling coils and evaporator coils.

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(f) ELECTRICAL

Approximately 80% of table fans have minor defects and spare parts are expected from Department of Works. Reticulation and all sub-stations are in good condition. Sub-station No. 7 at Nutt Point has been abandoned, and all switch gear etc. removed to the Electrical Workshop.

(g) ATTACHED CRAFT

All craft are in good condition electrically. Whip aerials have been received for use with the M.T.R.1's and have been fitted in each craft.

(h) RADIO

The transmitters generally have operated satisfactorily excepting one 1000 Watt unit which required a complete rewire of the frequency control unit. One 500 Watt unit has suffered numerous faults mainly due to overheating. The transmitting station building has totally inadequate ventilation and transmitter blower motors are constantly overheating and burning out. A separate submission will be made recommending ventilation improvement. All receivers have operated satisfactorily and only routine maintenance has been required.

(i) D.A.R.'s

Several units have been replaced with new machines and twelve more are expected shortly. It is expected that the domestic refrigeration maintenance load will be reduced by some 10% after installation of the new units.

(j) HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The road roller and Hyster crane have been out of use for the quarter. Funds are awaited to enable Com Works mechanic to return and complete the work commenced in December last. Difficulty has been experienced in the movement of heavy items and the roads within the Establishment have deteriorated.

(k) TRANSPORT

Two Landrovers have been completely stripped and rebuilt, and one has been built up from two. Two Landrovers and 6 15 cwt. International Utilities are awaiting disposal. Six new Landrovers expected shortly should reduce the heavy maintenance load on the garage staff and allow Depot maintenance to proceed efficiently. The movement of men and materials between jobs has been most difficult during the quarter due to lack of efficient transport.

(l) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. & COMPOUND).

P.N.G. Routine maintenance only required on plumbing fixtures and fresh water services.

Native Labour Compound. One unit complete with kitchen and fixtures and fresh water services was constructed to replace one married quarter unit demolished as beyond economical repair. 75% of materials used in construction were arisings from old unit.

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Construction was commenced on a toilet block for Wardroom Native Staff consisting of 2 W/C's, 2 showers and 2 wash hand basins.

8. WELFARE

Welfare activities in the Establishment remain at a high standard.

9. COMPLEMENT

The Technical Departments are fully up to complement for ratings, but the lack of a Shipwright Officer and Electrical Officer has increased the work of the senior C.P.O.s and reduced the effectiveness of these rates as working hands. This has caused other rates to supervise more jobs undertaken by Native Labour, with the result that supervision is inadequate for good workmanship and efficiency.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

1st Jan.	New Year Sing Sing held in Compound.
21st Jan.	Mr. J. Reilly, new Schoolteacher, arrived.
28th Jan.	Supply Lieutenant Commander R.N. Anderson, R.A.N., new Base Supply Officer, arrived.
8th Feb.	Lieutenant Commander T.J. Brooker departed Momote for leave and to take up new appointment in H.M.A.S. LONSDALE.
9th Feb.	Base Engineer Officer, Lieutenant Commander B.G. Coker Godson departed for Sea Air Rescue Conference, Port Moresby.
10th Feb.	A cricket match was held in Tarangau between Lorengau and Tarangau, the former being the victors.
11th Feb.	Mr. G. Griffith, Schoolteacher, and wife, departed for new appointment.
18th Feb.	M.R.L. departed for Madang for stores.
28th Feb.	M.R.L. arrived from Madang. Delay due to breakdown of Malekula in Lae.
8th March	A Swimming Carnival was held for the Permanent Naval Forces, which was most successful.
9th March	H.M.S. LOCH FADA arrived commanded by Commander W.R. Hart, R.N. and departed 10th March.
14th March	Flag Officer Commanding, Australian Fleet, H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA and YARRA arrived and departed 16th March.
16th March	Commander M.G. Pechey, and family, arrived to take up appointment as Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.
18th March	Commander D.S. Harvey, and family, departed Momote by air for leave and to take up new appointment in H.M.A.S. LONSDALE. Commander M.G. Pechey assumed command as Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

11. MEDICAL

The health of the ship's company remains excellent.

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	Nil	Civilians including dependants	5
P.N.G.	6	Native Labour	27

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THE AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST

R.A.N. 1 Civilians 2
P.N.G. 6 Dependants 4

OPERATIONS PERFORMED

Major 5 Minor 12 Confinements 4

MALARIA

There were no cases of malaria during the quarter.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) O'Donnell of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE was loaned to Tarangau for two days during the ship's visit to Manus Island in March, and he was able to attend to the outstanding urgent cases.

DEATHS

No deaths occurred during the quarter.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

Owing to periodical breakdowns of the Swingfog Machines, it was difficult to maintain a full Swingfog programme.

POLIOMYELITIS

There was an outbreak of poliomyelitis in the Manus district during the quarter, sporadic cases appearing in widely separated areas. There were two cases in Tarangau. One was a two year old European dependant and the other a native infant.

One hundred doses of Sabin oral vaccine were provided by the Public Health Department for use in infants under five years of age, not previously vaccinated with Salk vaccine. Other routine immunizing injections were with-held because of their inherent danger of precipitating paralytic polio in an otherwise sub-clinical case.

GENERAL

There were visits during the quarter by the Regional Medical Officer, Dr. C. Haszler and the District Commissioner, Mr. L.J. O'Malley, for discussions with N.O.I.C., N.G. and the Base Medical Officer concerning treatment of European civilians who are non-Naval dependants in the Base Hospital. Their proposals have been forwarded to Navy Office for decision.
During the visit of Flag Officer Commanding Australian Fleet, the Fleet Medical Officer, Surgeon Commander R. McNeill, R.A.N., paid an informal visit to the hospital.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION - GENERAL

A number of navigation buoys in Seeadler Harbour and Hyane Harbour have been surveyed and re-conditioned buoys and buoy pendants have been secured to the moorings.

Although 90 per cent of the Division were keen to be selected to go to Sydney and join BANKS, it was generally agreed that the crew selected had earned the trip. BANKS arrived at Port Moresby on the 31st March.

On 18th February, M.R.L. 253 sailed for Madang to load stores and returned to Lombrum on 28th February.

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Guards were inspected by Rear Admiral McNicoll during the visit of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and by Commander Harvey prior to his departure from Momote.

The Junior Rates Club is running very well. A large fan was purchased from club profits and in the near future a number of small tables and chairs will be bought to replace the tables and forms being used at present.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE

The Indigene Labour Line is working well and morale is good.

14. COASTWATCHING

As from 1st February, 1963, Lieutenant Commander I.S. Benney, R.A.N. was reappointed to H.M.A.S. Tarangau as Executive Officer. The duties of S.O.C.A.S. have been taken over by Lieutenant Commander Wogan Browne who will currently be based at Canberra and will carry out annual visits to Coastwatchers in the area.

15. SPORTS

Teams are competing in Volley Ball, Deck Hockey and Cricket. At Water Polo the P.N.G. Team remains undefeated in matches against visiting ships. Athletes and Boxers are at present in training for the Territory Games to be held in Rabaul in June.

16. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale and discipline continue to be satisfactory.

M.J. Benney.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL TO 30th JUNE, 1963

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 30th June, 1963 in the New Guinea Area, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA

(A) MANUS: Nil

(B) OTHER PORTS: U.S.S. HANSON - Port Moresby. Arrived 25th May, departed 27th May (Coral Sea Celebrations).

U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY - Port Moresby. Arrived 20th June, departed 11th July.

U.S.S. CURTIS F. SHOUP - Port Moresby. Arrived 23rd June, departed 1st July.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Surveying in New Guinea Area.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL SHIPS, INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Moisana	Tudehope	0900/1/6	1530/1/6
Spindrift	Howell	1630/6/6	1130/7/6
Huon	Bladen	0630/7/6	0630/8/6
Spindrift	Howell	0815/12/6	1100/12/6
Bulolo	Wilding	0720/15/6	1530/15/6
Spindrift	Howell	0900/20/6	1100/20/6
Moisana	Tudehope	0945/25/6	1100/25/6

4. VISITORS TO MANUS

Lt. Cdr. A.S. Cuthbert, R.N.	O.I.C. Diving Section, H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER
Lt. Colonel Hind	Australian Services Canteen Organisation.
Major Frenberg	Australian Services Canteen Organisation.
Lt. Cdr. Wogan Browne	Staff Officer, Coastwatchers
Mr. McCullough	Senior Inspecting Officer, Naval Stores
Senior Matron J. Jones	Public Health Department

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Sir G.A. Currie, B.S.C., D.S.C.	Vice Chancellor, University of New Guinea 1952-1962 (Retired).
Professor O. Spate, Ph.D.	Australian National University, Canberra.
Dr. J.T. Gunther, O.B.E., M.B., B.S.	A/Administrator, Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
Mr. J. Shand	Commonwealth Auditor.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK A.F.D. 301

M.R.L. 253. Was docked in A.F.D. 301 in June for half yearly painting and inspection of Underwater fittings.

T.B.5. Minor repairs carried out to wooden decking, bulwarks and gunwhale capping and superstructure which were affected by wet rot.

A.W.B. 409. Was docked in A.F.D. 301 in April for underwater area inspection, renewal of false keel and 50 sq. ft. of copper sheathing. Currently undergoing clutch repairs.

MARINGO. No change to report rendered. Currently awaiting stern tube.

O.F.L. 1207. All machinery has operated successfully, minor and routine maintenance only required.

A.F.D. 301. Routine maintenance and leak stopping carried out. Dock generally is in very poor condition and would not now be considered safe for docking purposes.

M.S.L. 706. No work carried out on this craft.

SLIPWAY

Slipway is fairly satisfactory, local minor modifications will have to be incorporated.

GENERAL

M.R.L. 253 will be returning to Sydney on 5th November and it has been approved to dispose of M.S.L. 706 and T.B.5. When these craft are withdrawn from H.M.A.S. TARANGAU, it will not be possible to move the oil fuel lighter except under ideal weather conditions, and consequently fuelling of ships will be liable to lengthy delays.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY ROSTER

A total of 46 residences are available in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU and rosters are being maintained in accordance with C.N.O. 580/61 as reported in N.O.I.C. N.G. Letter 88/16 dated 2nd July.
Routine inspections and minor repairs were progressively carried out, the majority of repairs being caused by weather and white ant infestation.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I., MANUS

All relevant returns have been rendered to Naval Board. All equipment has been working satisfactorily with only minor leaks. No issues were made to ships during the quarter.

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(b) O.F.I., PORT MORESBY

All relevant returns have been rendered to Naval Board. Department of Works completed work on Pump House and Garage, including painting. They are currently engaged in constructing an access road to the bund to remove rockfall and also overhanging rock from bund face. Duration of the work is estimated at 12 weeks. H.M.A.S. PALUMA completed her refit and the M.V. SINKIANG and U.S.S. HANSON were refuelled. The American ships HARRIS COUNTY and SERGEANT CURTIS F. SHOUP arrived during June and necessary arrangements were made for their Public Relations. Wreaths were laid by the Petty Officer-in-Charge, O.F.I. on the occasion of ANZAC and CORAL SEA days on behalf of N.O.I.C. N.G.. The relieving B.E.O. spent two days with the Petty Officer-In-Charge, O.F.I. and inspected the installation which was in good condition. A good relationship exists between the R.A.N., Department of Works and Port Moresby residents mainly due to the efforts of the Petty Officer-in- Charge, O.F.I.

(c) WATER RETICULATION

Generally water supplies have been adequate with only minor work required to chlorination plant at Water Point and leak stopping. Excellent progress is being made with the laying of 6" pipe from Water Point to Dams 3 and 4. The rainfall for the quarter was 37.1 inches. Rain fell on 61 days.

(d) POWER HOUSE

1000 hour and 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on No. 1 and 1000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 2 and 4 Diesel Generators. No. 1 Air Compressor required repairs to the extent of a replacement big end, piston and rings. All other equipment has operated satisfactorily and is generally in good condition. A spare brush holder for Mirrlees Diesel Generator is still outstanding.

(e) SHORE REEFERS

Normal maintenance routines with minor rectifications have been carried out during the quarter. Generally, the plant has been very well cared for which explains the minor nature of the work required to ensure constant operation.

(f) ELECTRICAL

All L.T. and H.T. reticulation is in good condition. Feeder to Nutt Point (ex P.I.R.) has been dismantled at Nutt Point and all switch gear held in Spare Gear. Sufficient Nickel Cadmium batteries were commissioned by Electrical Department for Coastwatching transmitters. Table fans for residences are still in bad repair pending arrival of spares.

(g) ATTACHED CRAFT

Maringo has been rewired completely and M.R.L. 253 is in sound electrical condition.

(h) RADIO

Only average serviceability has been recorded for transmitters during the quarter; the defects are of mostly minor nature except for some rewiring. The receivers fared better but a separate defect report has been raised on the M.T.R.1.

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(i) D.A.R.'s

10 New Units have been supplied and fitted. This has considerably reduced the maintenance work load and has enabled the older units to be given more attention.

(j) HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Since Department of Works mechanic completed overhauls and repairs, the equipment has been satisfactory. A replacement work engine was fitted to the Rock Crushing Plant.

(k) TRANSPORT

Two Landrovers and all 15 cwt. Utilities are still awaiting disposal. During the quarter the maintenance task has been quite considerable and much labour is expended to keep the necessary Transport operational. The proposed new vehicle supply should, however, make the maintenance task much lighter and allow full running maintenance routines to be carried out.

(l) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. & COMPOUND)

P.N.G. Routine maintenance to combat the effects of weather and white ant infestation was required.

Native Labour Compound. One unit, which fell down, is in the process of being demolished whilst another will be built in its place. Materials used will be largely arisings.

The toilet block for the Wardroom native staff has been completed with the exception of electric lighting. Major repairs were carried out on the laundry attached to the Wardroom block to rectify damage caused by white ants.

8. WELFARE

Welfare activities in the Establishment remain at a high standard.

9. COMPLEMENT

The Technical Departments are fully complemented for Senior and Junior ratings, but the lack of an Electrical Officer and Shipwright Officer increases the supervisory scope of the senior Chief Petty Officers. This reduces an appreciable amount of their effectiveness as skilled working hands. Consequently, less skilled rates supervise the work of native labour and their supervision is inadequate for good workmanship and efficiency.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

6th April	H.M.A.S. BANKS arrived under the command of Lieutenant P. Mellish, R.A.N.
22nd April	H.M.A.S. BANKS sailed on coastwatching cruise. 11 P.N.G. ratings in crew.
21st April	M.R.L. 253 sailed for Kandrian with compound native labour force and to recruit a new labour force.
25th April	Anzac Day Ceremony Lorengau, Colour and Catafalque Party comprising European and P.N.G. personnel were provided. After the ceremony a barbeque luncheon was held in the Lorengau Sports Club. H.M.A.S. BANKS provided personnel for the Anzac Day ceremony in Kavieng.

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26th April	M.R.L. 253 returned with native labour force.
26th April	Lieutenant Commander A.S. Cuthbert, R.N. Officer-in-Charge Diving Section, H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER arrived for inspection of diving equipment and exercised divers.
14th May	M.R.L. 253 departed for Madang with P.N.G. Division Guard for the opening of the Mt. Hagen Show on May 18th.
18th May	Opening of the Mt. Hagen Show attended by His Excellency the Governor General Lord de L'Isle. The P.N.G. Division of the R.A.N. provided a Guard of Honour. Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea attended the Show as a guest of the Mt. Hagen Show Committee.
21st May	M.R.L. 253 returned from Madang with the P.N.G. Guard and N.O.I.C. N.G.
25th May	The U.S.S. HANSON visited Port Moresby for the Coral Sea Celebrations under the command of Commander C.S. Swift, U.S.N. A March was organised through the streets of Port Moresby and consisted of detachments of the Royal Papuan Constabulary, Pacific Islands Regiment and Armed Party of 32 men from HANSON, who were well received by a large crowd of spectators. Numerous sporting fixtures and social entertainments were arranged for the Ship's company.
27th May	U.S.S. Hanson departed Port Moresby.
26th June	M.R.L. 253 departed for Lae with a Boxing Team of 7 and a Basketball Team of 9 to compete for selection in the Suva Games.
28th June	Sub-Lieutenant Dodds, R.A.N. accompanied by Mrs. Dodds arrived to take up appointment as Base Engineer Officer, relieving Lieutenant Commander B.G. Coker Godson, R.A.N.

11. MEDICAL

The health of the ship's company remains excellent.

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	2	Civilians	2
P.N.G.	6	Dependants	7

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST

R.A.N.	1	Civilians	1
P.N.G.	5	Dependants	3

OPERATIONS PERFORMED

Major 12 Minor 10 Confinements 5

MALARIA

There were no cases of malaria during the quarter.

DENTAL TREATMENT

M(E) Tully, L.J., R53932 was sent to Rabaul for repair of a thrice-broken denture. The Base Medical Officer has repaired two other dentures and two dependants have received temporary fillings. Extractions - 1 Civilian and 23 natives.

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DEATHS

No deaths occurred during the quarter.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

Both 'Swingfog' machines have been unserviceable and no anti-malarial spraying has been carried out during the quarter. It is anticipated that parts will soon be available for adequate repair and maintenance of these machines. Native labour gangs continue with clearance of drainage ditches into which A.D.D. is dripped as a larvacidal measure.

POLIOMYELITIS

100% immunisation of all residents, Native and European, has been attempted, using both Salk and Sabin vaccines, (the latter having been made available by the Papua and New Guinea Department of Health) and this ideal appears to have been achieved. There have been no further cases of poliomyelitis in the Manus District in this quarter.

GENERAL

All routine vaccinations and immunisations (suspended during the outbreak of poliomyelitis) have been resumed.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION - GENERAL

H.M.A.S. BANKS arrived Lombrum on 6th April and sailed on Coastwatching cruise on 22nd April with 11 P.N.G. ratings in crew.
M.R.L. 253 sailed for Kandrian with compound native labour force on 21st April, recruiting replacements on arrival at Kandrian, and returned to Lombrum on the 26th April.
East Australia Area Diving Officer, Lt. Cdr. Cuthbert inspected the Diving Equipment and exercised divers from 26th April to 1st May.
M.R.L. 253 sailed for Madang on 14th May with Guard to be paraded at the opening of the Mt. Hagen Show by the Governor General. Returned to Lombrum on 21st May.
M.R.L. 253 docked on Friday, 21st May, bottom cleaned and painted, undocked on Monday, 24th May.
M.R.L. 253 sailed for Lae Wednesday, 26th June with a Boxing Team of 7 and Basketball team of 9 to compete for selection for the Suva Games.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE

The Indigene Labour Line is working well and morale is good.

14. SPORTS

P.N.G. Boxers, Athletes and Basketball Players have been training during the quarter for the Territory Championships to be held late in June. Cricket has become very popular and inter Part games are played every Sunday. Volley Ball and Deck Hockey competitions were very keenly contested and teams are now being formed for Basketball and Tennis.

15. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale and discipline continue to be satisfactory.

M. H. Bailey.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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2nd October, 1963

The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JULY TO 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1963

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 30th September, 1963 in the New Guinea area is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS: Nil

(B) OTHER PORTS: H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA - Port Moresby. Arrived 26th July, departed 29th July (Captain - Captain B.S. Murray, R.A.N.)

H.M.A.S. YARRA - Port Moresby. Arrived 26th July, departed 29th July (Captain - Commander N.A. Boase, R.A.N.)

H.M.A.S. PALUMA (Surveying in New Guinea Area)

H.M.A.S. BASS - Port Moresby. Arrived 6th September, departed 7th September.

U.S.S. CURTIS F. SHOUP (Geodetric Survey)

U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY (Geodetric Survey)

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL SHIPS, INTER ISLAND SHIPPING

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Slevik		1400/12/7	1300/14/7
Moisana	Brutnall	0845/16/7	1200/16/7
Malekula	Dunne	1700/17/7	0630/19/7
Spindrift	Howell	0730/17/7	1130/17/7
Huon	Bladen	1545/21/7	1030/22/7
Leilani	O'Connor	0800/22/7	0920/22/7
Tami	O'Shannessy	1030/30/7	1430/30/7
Moisana	Brutnall	0700/10/8	1045/10/8
Spindrift	Howell	0730/12/8	1300/12/8
Kulu		1130/14/8	1700/14/8
Huon	Bladen	0730/18/8	0900/18/8
Moisana	Brutnall	1330/25/8	1700/25/8
St. Laurence	Batt	1015/28/8	1330/7/9
Malaita	Hilder	0700/31/8	1500/31/8
Leilani	O'Connor	0945/5/9	1045/5/9
Duali		0600/6/9	1200/6/9
Moisana	Brutnall	1040/19/9	0920/21/9
Leilani	O'Connor	0700/27/9	1100/27/9

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS

Senator Armitage	
Senator Breen and Mrs. Breen	
Dr. Scragg	Director-General of Health, T.P.N.G.
Mr. T.R. Iverson Mr. H. Von Appenfeld Mr. L.H.S. Emerson	Members of World Bank Organisation conducting Economic Survey.
Sir Giles Chippindall Air Vice Marshall E.C. Wackett, C.B., C.B.E. Sir R. Groom and Mrs. Groom J.P. Ryland, C.B.E., D.F.C. and Mrs. Ryland L.J. Burne Captain L.J. Thrift and Mrs. Thrift Mrs. J. MacMillan	Members of the Australian National Airlines Commission.
Captain T.W. Stocker, R.N.	Royal Naval Liaison Officer.
Mr. Hamilton	Overseas Telecommunications. Superintendent in charge Naval Coast Radio Stations.
Mt. Hagen Gun Club	A social visit.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT AND FLOATING DOCK A.F.D. 301

M.R.L. 253. Safety plates and brackets were fitted to galley range. Wheel house windows were repaired and refitted.

T.B.5. Minor repairs only pending disposal.

A.W.B. 409. Port and Starboard windows were repaired where affected by dry rot. Minor repairs were carried out on canopy and decking.

MARINGO. Was slipped in July for fitment of replacement stern tube. During this time its underwater area was cleaned, inspected and painted.

O.F.L. 1207. All machinery has operated successfully, minor and routine maintenance only required.

A.F.D. 301. Disposed of by sale. It is expected that this dock will be removed in November or December depending on weather conditions.

M.S.L. 706. No work carried out on this craft. Awaiting disposal.

SLIPWAY

Upon recent slipping of Maringo the minor modification was most effective. Only slight adjustments need now be made to ensure excellent results.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY

A recent survey showed seven temporary residences as being beyond economical repair and a separate submission has been made to replace these units. Routine maintenance has been carried out during the quarter with, once again, special attention to white ant infestation. Residences P.3, P.5 T.10 and T.32 were renovated upon change of tenants.

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Repairs required were due to weather, white ants and fair wear and tear. Routine repairs were carried out on fresh water plumbing facilities.

7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I., MANUS

All relevant returns have been rendered to Naval Board. One major leak has been rectified and the remaining part of the serviceable section of the system is in fair to good condition. No issues were made to ships during the quarter.

(b) O.F.I., PORT MORESBY

All relevant returns have been rendered to Naval Board. The repair work to the bund is proceeding satisfactorily and should be completed in the very near future. A separate report has been rendered on this subject. H.M.A.S. YARRA and H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA arrived during July and were fuelled from the installation. The question of water contamination arose during fuelling and this matter was taken up by separate report. The usual Club facilities were extended to the two ships during their stay and the ship's companies were made welcome. H.M.A.S. BASS arrived in September, and arrangements were made to fuel her with A.D.D. During her stay the Ship's company were entertained by the local clubs and a satisfactory visit was enjoyed. The Base Engineer Officer visited Port Moresby for discussions with Department of Works and to inspect the O.F.I. and S.M.B. SEAMEW. A continuing good relationship exists between the R.A.N. and Port Moresby generally, due to the efforts of the Petty Officer-in-Charge, O.F.I.

(c) WATER RETICULATION

Water supplies have been adequate and only routine maintenance has been required. The new 6 inch line from Water Point has reached No. 3 Dam and further progress is halted pending supply of pipe approved in the 1963/64 Repair and Maintenance Programme.

(d) POWER HOUSE

1000 hour and 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on No. 1, 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 2 and 3 and a 1000 hour overhaul was carried out on No. 5 Diesel Generators. No. 1 Air Compressor was given a Top overhaul. No. 2 Diesel Generator required a new Piston, Connecting Rod and Liner. A large quantity of main and big end bearings have cracked during 2000 hours running. This defect is the subject of a separate report. No. 1 Generating set (Mirrlees) developed a major fault by short circuiting of Main Field Coil (Stator) and the unserviceable unit was despatched to Machinery & Spares Depot for repair. Estimated time of completion is mid October. With this unit out, the reticulation approaches maximum output when refits are being carried out on the remaining plant, and to ease the load the Momote feeder has been temporarily disconnected.

(e) SHORE REEFERS

Normal maintenance routines with minor rectifications have been carried out during the quarter. The plants generally are in very good condition and reflect credit on the maintainers.

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(f) ELECTRICAL

All L.T. and H.T. reticulation is in good condition. The table fan position has improved considerably with the recent supply of 20 new 16 inch fans. The outstanding demands for fan spares to service the older units still create a maintenance problem.

(g) RADIO

Transmitters had only fair serviceability during the quarter and currently AMT 150, 1J and 9J transmitters are unserviceable. The Junction boxes in the land line from CRS to TS have been repaired and are in a satisfactory condition. The aerial farm is in good condition with only minor repairs required on 2 aerials.

(h) D.A.R.'s

Generally all units are in good condition and the servicing routines are being carried out satisfactorily. A general condition report is being submitted in accordance with relevant Naval Board instructions.

(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT

The Commonwealth Department of Works Plant Inspector is currently on site and is carrying out routine repairs and inspection. No major defects have arisen and the plant has been operating very satisfactorily. The Rock Crushing plant is currently working to produce rock for roadways and filling.

(j) TRANSPORT

The six No. International 15 cwt. Utilities have now been disposed of. The six No. replacement 109 inch Wheel Base Land Rovers are on site and are proving to be very useful. Routine maintenance tasks are continually in hand and the only major work this quarter was the replacement of a differential, Stub Axle and King Pins. Routine servicing of the new vehicles is being carefully supervised to ensure maximum efficiency and life.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. & COMPOUND)

Routine maintenance was carried out on these buildings. The sewer and shower drain in the Compound area was removed and a separate system incorporated for each facility.

(l) GENERAL

Whilst there has been no construction activity as such, the corrugated iron roof of the Canteen and Junior Rates Club is being completely replaced together with necessary repair or replacement to beams and supports. Department of Works are currently concerned with a fresh survey on Lombrum Wharf and separate reports will be rendered.

8. WELFARE

Welfare activities in the Establishment remain at a high standard.

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9. COMPLEMENT

The Technical Department is at full complement strength, and the Senior Ratings in charge of sections are producing good results. The Department, as a whole, is currently capable of maintaining its commitments satisfactorily.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION

4th July	Lieutenant Commander B.G. Coker Godson, Base Engineer Officer, departed Tarangau for leave and to take up appointment to H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.
24th July	Lieutenant J.N. Lattin, R.A.N. joined Tarangau for appointment as Captain, H.M.A.S. BANKS.
2nd August	Lieutenant P. Mellish, Captain H.M.A.S. BANKS departed for leave and to take up appointment in the United Kingdom.
21st August	Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea in H.M.A.S. BANKS visited island plantations in the vicinity of Manus Island and returned to Lombrum 24th August.
2nd September	Captain T.W. Stocker, R.N., British Defence Liaison Staff, arrived Manus Island. He inspected the P.N.G. Division and was impressed by the standard of dress and bearing.
4th September	Captain Stocker departed.
6th September	Mr..S. Hamilton from Overseas Telecommunications arrived for discussions with Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea regarding communication services.
9th September	Mr. S. Hamilton departed.
14th September to 16th September	Thirty-two members of the Mt. Hagen Gun Club arrived Manus Island per chartered aircraft. All guests were accommodated by Tarangau residents and a full programme of sporting and social activities was arranged for the week-end. This visit proved a great success and provided the ship's company with the opportunity of making contact with the people of Mt. Hagen thus facilitating future reciprocal visits.

11. MEDICAL

A high standard of general health is maintained.

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	Nil	Dependants	6
P.N.G.	4	Civilians	8

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST

R.A.N.	1	Dependants	3
P.N.G.	7	Civilians	1

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MALARIA

There have been no cases of malaria during the quarter.

DENTAL TREATMENT

There is an increasing rate of dental caries amongst the residents of the Lombrum area. One officer and one rating have been sent to Rabaul for prosthetic dental treatment.

DEATHS

CPO. Writer C.A. French was accidentally drowned on 14th July, 1963.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

'Agserve Fogrite No. 5' is now in use in the Swingfog machines, both of which are now serviceable. It produces a dense penetrating fog and has very effective knockdown properties.

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATIONS

M.H.D.'s have been mustered, and all personnel brought up to date with vaccinations and T.A.B., T.P.T. and Salk Vaccine injections.

12. P.N.G. DIVISION - GENERAL

M.R.L. 253 anchored off Cutarp Plantation on 2nd July and the Demolition Party went ashore the following morning to dispose of a mine. The vessel then visited Rabaul for fuel and arrived at Lombrum on 7th July.
A Funeral Firing Party was provided by the P.N.G. for the burial of Chief Petty Officer French on the 15th July.
H.M.A.S. BANKS returned on the 19th July after an extensive cruise since 22nd April. The P.N.G. crew benefited by the experience and sea time.
All navigational aids have been inspected and serviced during the quarter. Buoys at Hyane Harbour and off Lorengau were replaced. Davies Tower was painted and the guy wires replaced.
The Junior Rates Club is in a sound position financially and the purchase of a number of folding tables and chairs of various colours has added to the appearance of the Club considerably.

13. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE

The Indigene Labour Line is working well and morale is good.

14. SPORTS

Although two P.N.G. Boxers did very well at Lae in the boxing trials for the Suva Games, neither caught the selectors' eye.
The basketball team defeated the two top teams competing at the same selections and one rating was selected but later dropped from the Territory team.
Cricket and basketball are the most popular sports at present.

15. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale and discipline continue to be satisfactory.

M. H. O. Becher.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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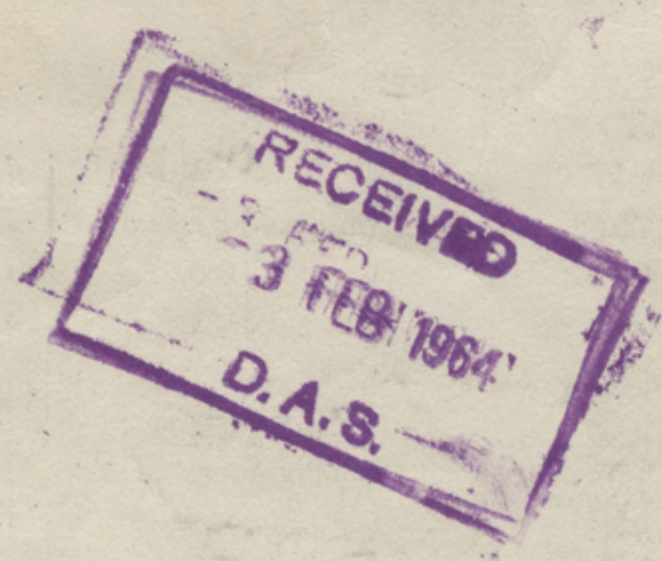



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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st OCTOBER TO 31st DECEMBER, 1963

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 31st December, 1963 in the New Guinea Area is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA

(A) MANUS: H.M.S. COOK - Arrived 20th December, 1963 departed 21st December, 1963. Returning to United Kingdom.

(B) OTHER PORTS: H.M.A.S. SUPPLY - Kieta - Tonolei Area, 19th-27th November. Port Moresby - 30th November-2nd December, (Captain - Captain G.V. Gladstone, D.S.C. & Bar, R.A.N.)

TON CLASS MINESWEEPERS - H.M.A.S. HAWK, TEAL, GULL, CURLEW, IBIS, SNIPE accompanied H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Port Moresby 20th December. Departed 2nd January, 1964.

U.S.S. CURTIS F. SHOUP - Geodetric Survey

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2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS

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Leilani	O'Connor	1500/9/10	1000/10/10
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Moisana	Brutnall	0745/17/10	1000/18/10
Malaita	Ealey	0800/21/10	0530/22/10
Moisana	Brutnall	0900/31/10	1015/31/10
Spindrift	Howell	0915/31/10	1000/31/10
Moisana	Brutnall	0615/11/11	0715/11/11
Moisana	Brutnall	0745/13/11	1400/13/11
Leilani	O'Connor	0800/17/11	1700/17/11
St/ Laurence	Batt	1300/24/11	1400/24/11
Moisana	Brutnall	1100/2/12	1745/2/12
Malaita	Ealey	0700/6/12	0530/7/12
Spindrift	Brutnall	0745/11/12	0900/11/12
Moisana	Brutnall	1500/17/12	1815/17/12
Spindrift	Brutnall	0900/17/12	1100/17/12
Moisana	Brutnall	0930/18/12	1200/19/12

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS

Colonel R.P. Wollard	Director, Army Signals Division
Captain Kelly	Pacific Island Regiment, Port Moresby
Mr. N. Thompson	Public Service Commissioner, Territory Papua & New Guinea
Major-General M.F. Brogan, O.B.E., M.I.D. and Mrs. Brogan	G.O.C., Northern Command
Colonel J. Pascoe	Area Commander, New Guinea
Brigadier Sir Donald Cleland, O.B.E., O. St. J. and Lady Cleland	His Honour the Administrator of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea
Major Barret	Pacific Islands Regiment
Mr. H.W. Miller	Regional Director Designate, Attorney-General's Department, Port Moresby.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT

M.R.L. 253. Machinery space of this vessel was flooded inadvertently, causing damage to the electrical fittings. Repairs were effected and it has been despatched South in accordance with previous A.C.N.B. instructions.

T.B.5. Disposed of and removed by purchaser from site.

A.W.B. 409. Routine maintenance and repairs carried out on this craft. Generally operated satisfactorily.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310). Routine maintenance carried out. Flywheel bolts and dowels replaced.

O.F.L. 1207. Slight pumping engine defects, but mostly the machinery has operated successfully. Routine maintenance carried out.

A.F.D. 301. Disposed of and removed by purchaser from site.

M.S.L. 706. Disposed of and removed by purchaser from site.

SLIPWAY

Recently slipped D.C.A. workboat for repairs. Generally the Slipway is operating very successfully.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY

Residences Numbers T.2, T.12, T.26, T.40, T.41. T.43 and P.2 have been renovated upon change of residents. The majority of the remaining residences have received attention to combat white ant infestation and rain water ingress. Most temporary residences require the roofing iron to be completely replaced. However, this is being held in abeyance pending the decision on new houses. Fairly extensive repairs were effected on the Base Hospital, the Shore Reefers Block and Junior Rates Club. The spire on the Chapel was completely ruined by white ants and rot and is being replaced with a re-designed unit.

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7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I. MANUS

All relevant returns will be made to Naval Board. The system is in fair condition. One fuelling was made to H.M.S. COOK during the quarter from O.F.L. 1207.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY

All relevant returns will be made to Naval Board. Repair work to the bund is not yet complete and a few outcrops of rock remain to be demolished. Mechanical failure of the front end loader has hampered the operation. Cementing of the storm drain is under way. M.R.L. 253 passed through en route South and arrangements were made to fuel her with A.D.D. A programme of sports and tours was arranged. H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and the Minesweepers were next to arrive and the ships' companies were well catered for by the residents of Port Moresby. Unfortunately, Lieutenant B.J. HAMIL, R.A.N., Captain of H.M.A.S. SNIPE met with an accident and was hospitalised. However, he has since recovered and has departed for Balmoral Naval Hospital. Relations between the R.A.N. and Port Moresby continue in the usual high standard for which the Petty Officer-in-Charge of the O.F.I. must be given credit.

(c) WATER RETICULATION

Water supplies are adequate and the system is operating well. With the supply of new pipe, the fire main line has been extended through half the length of Wireless Road, and various valves have been installed as integral parts of the revised system. This revised system should be operational by the end of next quarter.

(d) POWER HOUSE

1000 hour overhauls were carried out on Numbers 2, 3 and 4 Diesel Generators with a 2000 hour overhaul on Number 5. General routine and rectification maintenance was carried out on the remaining machinery. The stator for Number 1 Diesel Generator is scheduled to arrive from Sydney in January. To date no reply has been received concerning the cracking of the main and big end bearings.

(e) SHORE REEFERS

Normal maintenance routines and minor rectifications were carried out. The Werner "Scotsman" Ice Machine is currently unserviceable pending the fitting of a new stator which has been supplied. The plants generally continue to be in very good condition and indicate good maintenance.

(f) ELECTRICAL

The power reticulation system is in good condition and the only major faults are the lack of the "Mirrlees" Diesel Generator and interruptions due to damage caused by high winds.

M.R.L. 253 required extensive electrical work, after the flooding of the machinery space, including the fitting of a replacement armature and field coils for the 20.K.W.D.G. The Department, however, worked well and repaired the craft with the limited equipment available.

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Valuable assistance was rendered to H.M.A.S. BANKS during her self maintenance period and some 85 per cent of her electrical machinery was overhauled. A Motor Generator has been received to supply shore power for H.M.A.S. BANKS and this will be wired in after the unit has been used by the vessel during her refit in Port Moresby.

The domestic appliance situation is good and most spares are available. A high incidence of electric stove hot plate failures has depleted this particular spares holding and action is being taken to replenish.

(g) RADIO

All service transmitters and receivers have enjoyed a high degree of serviceability during the quarter and routine maintenance has been well progressed. One aerial mast collapsed at the T.S. installation due to a guy wire failure but this has been repaired and is ready for re-erection. All other masts have been inspected and faulty guy wires and attachments attended to. Remote lines between C.R.S. and T.S. installation have been renewed and all Junction Boxes resealed.

(h) D.A.R.'s

Most of these units are in good condition. As the results of a recent survey, however, those which are deteriorated have been noted and replacements ordered on the 1964/65 Programme for Furniture and Fittings. Servicing routines are being carried out satisfactorily.

(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT

This equipment is in constant use maintaining the roads and drainage systems. All units continue to render good service and the larger repair and maintenance problems are adequately dealt with by the Commonwealth Department of Works mechanics. Routine repairs and maintenance are being satisfactorily carried out.

(j) TRANSPORT

Two 88" and one 109" Wheel Base Land Rovers arrived recently which brings the Land Rover fleet up to 7 new 109" and 2 new 88" W.B. These coupled with the new replacement Holden have considerably helped to reduce the maintenance task. Difficulty is being experienced with replacement parts for the A.A. 150 International Tip Trucks and photographs are being used to expedite delivery of parts that are not identified in spare parts manuals. Major servicing work this quarter was on the replacement of back axles in the Tip Trucks and a gear box in the Fire Tender/ Body and chassis corrosion is still the largest source of vehicle deterioration. The Steam Cleaner applied for on 1964/65 Estimate should greatly assist in combating this menace.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. AND COMPOUND)

Routine maintenance has been carried out in these buildings and application has been made to erect additional Married Quarters and rebuild the less serviceable of those existing. Substantial repairs have been carried out on the wood burning stoves which will all require replacement in the very near future.

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8. WELFARE

Welfare activities in the Establishment remain at a high standard.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

9th October	Colonel Wollard, Director Army Signals Division and Captain Kelly, A.R.A., Pacific Islands Regiment, Port Moresby arrived and stayed overnight.
13th October	Mr. N. Thompson, Public Service Commissioner, Territory of Papua and New Guinea arrived.
25th October	Major General M.F. Brogan, O.B.E., G.O.C. Northern Command and Mrs. Brogan, Colonel. J. Pascoe, Area Commander, New Guinea arrived and were accommodated at N.O.I.C. N.G.'s Residence.
26th October	Major General Brogan and Colonel Pascoe inspected the Guard and Division paraded by the P.N.G. Division. On completion of Divisions they were conducted on a tour of the Establishment. P.M. they departed for Kavieng.
2nd November	Major Barret, P.I.R. Port Moresby arrived to conduct a recruiting campaign for the Pacific Islands Regiment. Interviews had been arranged by the District Commissioner at Lorengau.
4th November	Major Barret departed.
12th November	M.R.L. 253 departed for Sydney.
15th November	Surgeon Lt. (D) G.J. Allen, R.A.N. arrived from H.M.A.S. CERBERUS on 4 weeks loan service.
22nd November	A party of 30 indigenes, undergoing the Adult Education Course conducted by the Department of Native Affairs visited H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.
	N.O.I.C. New Guinea departed by air for Kavieng to attend the New Ireland District Inaugural Show.
25th November	Surgeon Lt. B.V. McDonnell, R.A.N. arrived from H.M.A.S. PENGUIN to take up his appointment as Base Medical Officer.
26th November	N.O.I.C. New Guinea returned to Manus from Kavieng.
27th November	N.O.I.C. New Guinea and Mrs. Pechey attended the official opening by His Honour the Administrator of the Baluan & North Coast Manus Native Local Government Council Chambers.
28th November	His Honour, the Administrator Brigadier Sir Donald Cleland and Lady Cleland attended a dinner given by N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
29th November	N.O.I.C. New Guinea departed in H.M.A.S. BANKS for Bipi to visit Bipi Mission.
30th November	N.O.I.C. New Guinea returned in H.M.A.S. BANKS.
2nd December	An Advancement Board was convened to examine ratings in Parts 1, 2 and 3 of Section 1 for advancement to Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer and Leading Rate.
4th December	Mr. H.W. Miller, Regional Director Designate arrived to inspect the Security Organisation of the Establishment.
5th December	Surgeon Lt. Cdr. T. O'Malley, R.A.N. departed for leave prior to discharge on completion of Short Service Commission.
	H.M.A.S. BANKS departed for Bundralis and Hermit Islands with N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked.

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10th December H.M.A.S. BANKS returned to Lombrum.

14th December The Christmas Tree sponsored by the Welfare Committee was held for the European and P.N.G. Division children.

15th December The Christmas Tree for the Compound children was held.
Both these functions were a great success.

18th December Surgeon Lt. (D) G.J. Allen departed for leave prior to joining H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN on 6th January, 1964.

20th December H.M.S. COOK arrived, returning to the United Kingdom after having completed 2 years survey service in the New Guinea - Pacific Islands area.

21st December H.M.S. COOK departed.

31st December H.M.A.S. BANKS departed Lombrum for Port Moresby to undergo a refit.

10. MEDICAL

A high standard of general health is apparent in the Depot.

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	1	Civilians	3
P.N.G.	1	Dependants	2

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST

R.A.N.	1	Civilians	1
P.N.G.	4	Dependants	4

OPERATIONS PERFORMED

Major 1 Minor 5 Confinements 3

MALARIA

There have been no cases of malaria during the quarter.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Surgeon Lieutenant (D) G. Allen of H.M.A.S. CERBERUS was loaned to TARANGAU for four weeks. All necessary treatment of service personnel and dependants was carried out and the standard of dental fitness is high at present. The excellent work carried out by this Officer was appreciated by everyone.

DEATHS

One native infant died from meningitis.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL

Both "Swing Fog" machines have been kept in operation this quarter. A brief visit by Dr. Saave, Director of the Malaria Eradication Campaign, resulted in the offer of supply of a more potent anti-malarial drug for children's use. Further advice on this is now awaited.

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STAFF

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander T. O'Malley departed on 5th December. Senior Sister J. Whyman departed on 1st November and Sister Wardell has since carried out the Sister's job with commendable efficiency.

11. P.N.G. DIVISION - GENERAL

A P.N.G. Guard was paraded for Major General Brogan, O.B.E., M.I.D., G.O.C. Northern Command when he visited Lombrum on 26th October. After inspecting the Guard, Major General Borgan was conducted through the P.N.G. Quarters.

During the month of October, preparations were made for the departure of M.R.L. 253 for Sydney. The vessel was painted overall, Fixture Lists and Permanent Loan Lists were compared and all items checked on hand over. There were no discrepancies. The P.N.G. Crew were issued with loan clothing for shore leave in Brisbane and Sydney. On 12th November the M.R.L. sailed for Sydney, having been attached to Tarangau for just over two years. All members of the Division had seen service in her and much valuable experience was gained by the different crews on the many thousands of miles steamed during this period.

The Bosun's Party have performed many and varied tasks including removing and replacing H.M.A.S. BANKS' engines and generators, servicing of all fittings on the transmitting masts and replacing the mast atop the 150 feet tower from which the Ensign is flown.

The Diving Team removed the growth from BANKS' underwater areas, inspected a shoal patch in Lombrum Bay and surveyed all piles on Lombrum Wharf and Loniu Bridge.

P.N.G. Instructors instructed higher rates training classes in Power of Command and ABCD subjects. All candidates subsequently passed the Advancement Board.

Dependants of P.N.G. ratings attended a Christmas Tree at the Cinema and the children were presented with very handsome gifts. The dependants were also entertained at the Chiefs and Petty Officers Club and the P.N.G. Club provided funds for additional gifts which were presented at the P.N.G. Club. On Christmas Day, Officer-in-Charge, P.N.G. and the Instructors served Christmas dinner and N.O.I.C. New Guinea visited the Dining Hall at 1200 to wish all members and their dependants Season's Greetings.

SPORT. One rating was invited to compete in the Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships which were held at Mt. Hagen.

In the annual Basketball Championships a P.N.G. Team was defeated in the final.

During the short visit of H.M.S. COOK in December, P.N.G. players participated in a Water Polo Game in which the visitors were swamped to the tune of 31 Goals to 1.

12. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE

The Indigene Labour Line is working well and morale is good.

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13. RAINFALL

Total Points for October	1,389
" " " November	768
" " " December	1,339
Total for Quarter	3,496

No. of Days Rain Fell during -

October	21
November	14
December	21
No. of Days for Quarter	56

RAINFALL FOR YEAR 1963

Total No. of Points	13,787
No. of Days Rain Fell	239

14. SPORT

The following sporting competitions have been conducted with great success throughout the quarter -

Tennis - Men's Singles
Tennis - Women's Singles
Tennis - Men's Doubles
Basketball
Volley Ball
Badminton
Swimming Carnival for P.N.F. Members and dependants
Swimming Carnival for P.N.G., Labour Line and dependants.

Sporting fixtures were arranged during the visit of H.M.S. COOK. Results were -

Soccer	-	Compound 2 drew with Cook 2
Water Polo	-	Tarangau 31 defeated Cook 1
Rifle Shoot	-	Tarangau 703 defeated Cook 675

15. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale and discipline continue to be satisfactory.

M. G. Bentley.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST MARCH, 1964.

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 31 March, 1964 in the New Guinea Area is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS: F.S. AMIRAL CHARNER - Arrived 0830K 16 March, 1964 departed 0800K 18 March 1964 - Commander Servent.

U.S. Army Freight Ship 392. - Arrived 1000K 20 March, 1964 departed 1050K 25 March, 1964. Filipino Master and crew.

(B) OTHER PORTS: H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Port Moresby-Samarai area - Surveying duties.

U.S.S. CURTIS F. SHOUP - Geodetric Survey.

U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY - Geodetric Survey.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS, ARMY SMALL SHIPS, INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	0830/2/1	1130/2/1
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1140/7/1	1200/7/1
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	0730/28/1	0900/28/1
Malaita	Ealey	0700/30/1	0600/31/1
Kavieng Trader	Carruthers	1630/31/1	0600/2/2
Spindrift	Brutnall	1530/2/2	1700/2/2
Spindrift	Brutnall	0815/3/2	1030/3/2
Marmuna	Penrose	1250/4/2	1400/4/2
Spindrift	Brutnall	1400/25/2	1800/25/2
Leilani	O'Connor	1445/1/3	0500/2/3
Leilani	O'Connor	1300/13/3	1800/14/3
Pacific Enterprise	-	1200/14/3	0600/15/3
Malaita	Ealey	0900/18/3	1745/18/3
Leilani	O'Connor	1500/19/3	1730/19/3

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4. VISITORS TO MANUS.

Mr. & Mrs P. Steadman	General Manager, Ansett-M.A.L., New Guinea.
Wing Commander W.J.P. Straker, A.F.C., R.A.F.	Overnight stay.
Mr. May	C.D.W. Engineer, Port Moresby.
Rear Admiral Scitivaux	French Navy
Madame Messmer	Wife of French Minister for Army Overnight stay.
Dr. P. Enders	New Regional Medical Officer.
Dr. C. Hazsler	Retiring Regional Medical Officer.
Mr. & Mrs J. Grose	Plantation Owner, New Ireland.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT.

A.W.B. 409:- Periodical slipping carried out for inspection and repair of underwater areas, cleaning and painting. Repairs were carried out on spurn water, rubbing stroke, canopies and windows. Zinc electrods replaced in various areas. Minor repairs carried out on engine pumps and piping.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310):- Periodical slipping carried out for inspection and repair of underwater areas, cleaning and painting. Repairs were made to windows and cabin top. The engine suffered a broken crankshaft which was replaced by a spare. Various other minor repairs carried out to engine, pumps and piping.

SLIPWAY:- Slipped craft previously mentioned satisfactorily. Modification carried out to rail tie bars to ensure rigidity of rails. Periodic servicing of bogies carried out.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY.

Residences Numbers T.20, T.21, T.23, T.29, T.32, T.35, T.39, have been surveyed and extensive repairs carried out upon change of residents.

T.16 has been surveyed and considered below the required standard of habitability and it is also considered that it would not be economical in repairing this residence for occupancy.

The following assets have received extensive repairs during the quarter due to areas affected by wet and dry rot and white ant infestation:-

P.5	P.6	Primary (A) School
T.12	T.27	Base Hospital
T.18	T.1	Junior Rates Club
T.14	T.19	Water Point Buildings
T.7	T.6	P.N.G. Quarters
T.22	T.24	N.O.I.C. N.G. Residence
T.37	T.5	Wardroom
T.25	T.41	Compound Bar
P.4	T.10	Compound Buildings
		Stores Buildings
		Base Engineer's Office.

Most residences still require the roofing iron to be replaced although patching with a bitumen compound lessens the situation to a suitable extent.

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7. CONSTRUCTION, WORKS, PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I. MANUS: All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The position of stocks of Furnace Fuel Oil at this installation has been the subject of other correspondence.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY: All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. Repair work to the Bund is complete and the water introduced to the tank, to safe-guard against damage to plates, has been run down. The installation is considered to be fully serviceable. Commonwealth Department of Works completed repairs and renovations on the Wharf Furnace Fuel Oil lines. The Base Engineer Officer, H.M.A.S. TARANGAU visited Port Moresby to inspect the installation and discuss works projects with Commonwealth Department of Works. The Captain of H.M.A.S. BANKS arranged a Memorial Service for those lost in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, this took place in St. John's Church. His Honour the Administrator attended the Service.

(c) WATER RETICULATION: Water supplies have been adequate and the system is operating well. The Wireless Road and 2nd Street parts of the extended reticulation system are complete. Final documentation is still outstanding for the new Water Treatment Plant and 5,000 gallon storage tank. The 4 inch water pipe link between Upper and Lower Compound Road will commence next quarter.

(d) POWER HOUSE: A 2000 hour overhaul was started on Number 3 Diesel Generator but a defective crankpin was revealed. The crankshaft has been despatched to Machinery Spares Depot for machining. A 2000 hour overhaul is in progress on Number 2 Diesel Generator. The Mirrlees Diesel Generator Stator was returned from Machinery Spares Depot and works satisfactorily but, trouble is being experienced with the replacement armature for Mirrlees exciter in that it will not generate. Commonwealth Department of Works and Captain of Port assistance is being sought. The Mirrlees cooling tower fan motor burned out and was replaced. The foregoing faults have delayed routine overhauls but every endeavour is being made to catch up on them.

(e) SHORE REEFERS: Normal maintenance routines and minor rectifications carried out. The supply of the Halogen Leak Detector has greatly facilitated the finding and stopping of gas leaks. The Werner "Scotsman" ice machine stator has again failed and has been returned to Machinery Spares Depot for rectification. The plants generally are in very good condition.

(f) ELECTRICAL: The Power Reticulation system is in good condition and is being progressively overhauled as part of normal routine maintenance. A Commonwealth Department of Works electrical inspector has been invited to inspect the system to ensure its continuing to operate successfully. A shore power motor has been installed on the Wharf to enable H.M.A.S. BANKS to be supplied from the Reticulation system whilst she is alongside in Lombrum.

The domestic appliance situation is good and all spares are now available.

(g) RADIO: All service transmitters and receivers have maintained a high incidence of serviceability. Routine maintenance and running repairs have been carried out. The OTC 9J 500W transmitter on MF has caused a great deal of concern. An OTC Technician has inspected this unit and will be forwarding his report.

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(h) D.A.R's: Continue to give good service and those which have seriously deteriorated have been noted for replacement in 1964/65. A good spares holding ensures that unserviceable units are repaired quickly. The "Halogen Leak Detector" has been of great assistance in repair work.

(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT: This equipment is in a very satisfactory condition and is being used constantly to remake the roads within the Establishment. There have been no major breakdowns.

(j) TRANSPORT: The new vehicles are operating very satisfactorily and most maintenance tasks are restricted to the older vehicles. Procurement Demands have been raised to supply 3 Number 88" W/B Land Rovers, 1 Number 109" W/B Land Rover Van and 1 Number 109" W/B Land Rover Station Waggon. No major repairs have been required during the quarter.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G.): Routine maintenance has been carried out on these buildings. No major work has been necessary. An increase in the number of P.N.G. Married Quarters is, however, a necessity.

8. MEDICAL

The general health of the Ship's Company remains excellent.

Admissions to Hospital:

R.A.N.	2	Civilians	3
P.N.G.	3	Dependants	3

Base Hospital average daily inpatient = 1.1
Native Hospital " " " = 6

Average Daily Attending List:

R.A.N.	1	Civilians	0.5
P.N.G.	3	Dependants	6

Operations Performed:

Major	4	Minor	20

Confinements

European	= 3
Native	= 17

Malaria.

There have been no cases of malaria in R.A.N. and P.N.G. personnel, dependants or indigines.

Dental Treatment - by B.M.O.

Dental repairs	=	4
Extractions	=	10 (All Natives)
Temporary Fillings	=	3 (Dependants)

Deaths.

One European infant died at birth.

Hygeine, Malaria control:

Both swingfog machines remain serviceable. The malaria control programme appears to have made good progress, and there have now been no cases of malaria for approx. 12 months.

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Staff.

There have been several changes in the hospital staff, Sister Wardell was relieved by Sister C.M. Walsh on the 3rd February, 1964. S.B.P.O. Ring arrived on the 13th January and S.B.P.O. Passfield departed for H.M.A.S. PENGUIN. S.B.A. L.Peel relieved S.B.A. G.Dudley on 16th January, 1964.

First Aid.

Instruction in First Aid has been commenced, and will be continued until all P.N.F. and P.N.G. ratings have qualified.

General.

There were visits during the quarter by the retiring Regional Medical Officer, Dr. C. Haszler, and the new appointee Dr. P. Enders.

9. P.N.G. DIVISION- GENERAL

As the M(E) complement of the Division has fallen to four below numbers allowed, four Able Seamen were selected from volunteers to undergo a conversion course to M(E). Two of the ratings have proved readily adaptable to the technical training and it is hoped that the other ratings will show improvement as the course progresses.

Since the amended P.N.G. ration scale has been introduced, the quality and variety of meals has improved. The inclusion of butter on the menu has met with the ratings approval.

The Diving Team inspected the moorings of navigational aids in Seeadler and exercised with C.A.B.A. divers from the French Naval Ship "AMIRAL CHARNER".

The Demolition Team successfully detonated two 500 lb and one 250 lb bombs in the Momote area.

The interiors of all living quarters and offices have been painted and now present a light, airy appearance.

10. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE.

Continues to work well and morale is good.

11. SPORT.

The following competitions have been conducted throughout the quarter, providing a varied and popular programme:-

Day	Commencing Time	Sport	No. of matches per day.	No. of teams in competition.
Monday	1600	Basketball	2	7
	1930	Tennis	2	7
Tuesday	1600	Volleyball	2	14
Wednesday	1630	Waterpolo	2	5
Thursday	1630	Hockey	1	5
	1930	Badminton	Doubles Comp.	12
Friday	1600	Volleyball	2	14
Saturday	1330	Softball	2	7
	1630	Soccer	2	7
Sunday	1100	Cricket	1	6

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Members of the P.N.F., P.N.G. and Native Labour Line employees have been integrated in these teams. This system has proved to be highly successful and indigenous sportsmen of high calibre are being discovered and encouraged by their European counterparts.

Sporting fixtures were conducted against visitors throughout the quarter and resulted in:

Soccer F.S. AMIRAL CHARNER defeated TARANGAU 4 - 1

Volleyball TARANGAU defeated F.S. AMIRAL CHARNER 3 - 1

Basketball TARANGAU defeated F.S. AMIRAL CHARNER 42 - 22

TARANGAU defeated U.S. ARMY 74 - 52.

AN ATHLETIC CARNIVAL was conducted on Saturday, 28th March, 1964, between the P.N.F., P.N.G. and Native Labour Line employees.

The Labour Line team proved too strong and ran out winners by 37 points to P.N.G. 27 points and 8 points P.N.F.

GUN CLUB. A Clay Pigeon Club was formed at TARANGAU on the 19th February, 1964, under the name of the Tarangau Gun Club. This Club has become affiliated with the Australian Clay Target Association and has a membership of 12 members. All residents of the Manus district are eligible for membership. It is intended in the near future to hold the first competition.

12. RAINFALL.

Total Points for:	January	1600
	February	664½
	March	1159
Total for Quarter		3423½

No. of days rain fell during:

January	26
February	23
March	28
Total for Quarter	77

13. GENERAL INFORMATION

18 January — R.A.F. aircraft from No. 48 Squadron, Changi, Singapore arrived and remained overnight at Momote. Crew were accommodated and victualled in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU. Wing Commander W.S.P. Straker, A.F.C., R.A.F. was the Commanding Officer of the aircraft.

1 February — Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea departed Lombrum for visit to Port Moresby for inter service meetings and discussion with Administration officials.

8 February — Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea returned to Lombrum.

10 February — Mr. May - Engineer from Department of Works, Port Moresby arrived for discussion on the Water Reticulation.

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11 February	French Navy C.54 arrived Momote from Tontonta. Crew and passengers accommodated and victualled in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU. On board were Rear Admiral Scitivaux and Madame Messmer, wife of the French Minister for the Army.
12 February	French Navy C.54 left for Manilla.
13 February	Mr. May left for Port Moresby.
16 February	A memorial service for H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was conducted by Rev. N. Deitch from Lorengau. This was the only date available that Rev. Deitch could conduct a service.
29 February	French Navy Plane C.54 on its return trip to Tontonta arrived Momote and remained overnight.
6 March	Dr. C.Haszler the retiring Regional Medical Officer visited Manus Island with his relief Dr. P. Enders.
11 March	H.M.A.S. BANKS returned to Lombrum after annual refit in Port Moresby.
16 March	H.M.A.S. BANKS sailed for Rabaul, visiting Coast-watchers on the way.
	French Frigate "AMIRAL CHARNER" arrived Lombrum.
18 March	"AMIRAL CHARNER" sailed from Lombrum for Noumea. The Ship's Companies were entertained by the Wardroom, Chief & Petty Officer's Mess and Junior Rates Club respectively. The visit was well received by all in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU
20 March	U.S. Army Freight Ship 392 arrived Lombrum,
25 March	U.S. Army Freight Ship 392 departed.
28 March	Successful athletic carnival was held in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

14. WELFARE.

Welfare activities in the establishment remain at a high standard.

15. MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale and discipline continues to be satisfactory.

M. H. Bailey.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
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Reference: Navy Office Letter 18/6/321 dated 27 July, 1964.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board the attached additional copy of the above periodical report as requested in the reference.

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The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 1964
TO 30th JUNE 1964.

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 30th June 1964 in the New Guinea Area is Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS:

H.M.A.S. HAWK - LT CDR. B.G.J. DUNN. R.A.N.-
Arrived 14 May Departed 18 May.

H.M.A.S. GULL - LT H.C. FINDLAY R.A.N. -
Arrived 14 May Departed 18 May.

H.M.A.S. SUPPLY - Captain G.V. GLADSTONE, D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N.
Arrived 18 May Departed 19 May.

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE - Captain D.J. HAMER, D.S.C.* R.A.N.
Arrived 18 May Departed 19 May.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - Captain J.P. STEVENSON. A.D.C., R.A.N.
Rendezvous off Seeadler Harbour, Entrance on 30 May with Workboat from TARANGAU.

H.M.A.S. SNIPE - LT. K.E. LANGFORD, R.A.N.
Arrived 18 June Departed 24 June.

H.M.A.S. CURLEW - LT. M. de.V.SALMON. R.A.N.
Arrived 18 June Departed 24 June.

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE - Captain H.D.STEVENSON. R.A.N.
Flying the Flag of the Flag Officer Commanding, Her Majesty's Australia Fleet, Rear Admiral O.H.BECHER, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C.*.
Arrived 29 June Departed 30 June.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - Commander A.A.WILLIS, R.A.N.
Arrived 29 June Departed 30 June.

ARMY L.S.M. HARRY CHAUVEL -
Arrived 16 May Departed 17 May.

ARMY L.S.M. VERNON STURDEE.-
Arrived 16 May Departed 17 May.

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(B) OTHER PORTS.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Kimbe Bay - Rabaul- Kavieng Areas- Surveying Duties.

U.S.S. CURTIS. F. SHOUP - Geodetric Survey.

U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY - Geodetric Survey.

U.S.S. BRISTER - LT CDR. A. STRUCK. U.S.N.
Rabaul 14 - 16 April.

U.S.S. MANSFIELD - Commander C.D. JOHNSON, U.S.N.
Port Moresby - 29 April.

U.S.S. DE HAVEN - Commander J.A. DELANY, U.S.N.
Port Moresby - 2 May.
Port Moresby 21 - 22 May.

H.M.A.S. HAWK - PORT MORESBY 9 - 11 May.
H.M.A.S. GULL

H.M.A.S. ANZAC - Commander. D.A.H.CLARKE, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.
Arrived Talasea 17 May thence New Guinea Area flying the flag of His Excellency the Governor General.
Departed Port Moresby 9 June.

H.M.A.S. CURLEW	Port Moresby	6 - 10 June.
H.M.A.S. SNIPE	Samarai	11 - 12 June.
	Madang	15 - 17 June.

U.S.S. LYMAN. K. SWENSON - CDR. B.W. HANCOCK, U.S.N.
Port Moresby 20 - 21 June.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

NIL.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0645/7/4	0845/7/4
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	1115/20/4	1145/20/4
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0645/28/4	1145/28/4
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	2115/4/5	0700/5/5
Malaita	Earey	0700/14/5	1430/14/5
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1400/16/5	1700/16/5
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0900/4/6	1600/4/6
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0730/20/6	1000/20/6

4. SUPPORT CRAFT:-

A.W.B.409:- Routine maintenance only carried out on this craft during the quarter.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310) :- Slipped for inspection of stern bearing. New bearing manufactured in workshop and fitted together with a new shaft. Routine maintenance and repairs carried out.

H.M.A.S. BANKS:- Complete refit carried out on winch by Base Staff.

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O.F.L.1207:- Number 7 A.D.D. tank drained and cleaned to accept A.D.D. for exclusive use of Minesweepers.

SLIPWAY:- Slipped Maringo satisfactorily. Routine maintenance carried out on cradles and bogies.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:- Residences T.5, T.10, P.4 and T.24 have been surveyed on change of residents. Of the foregoing T.5 was condemned and T.10 required extensive repairs. Minor repairs were carried out on P.6, T.2, T.3, T.6, T.9, T.12, T.14, T.18, T.19, T.20, T.21, T.24, T.27, T.37,T.38, T.42 and N.6.I.6's residence, residence T.8 was demolished. Minor repairs were carried out to Boi houses 91A, 117A, 117C.

6. GENERAL WORKS:- The victualling store, electrical and heavy equipment workshops had roofing replaced and flywire was installed in the victualling store. A new concrete base was laid at Water Point to mount the diesel pump. Extensive repairs were carried out on the Compound ablution block and a new galley is being constructed. A Comworks bridge carpenter is currently replacing unsound timbers on the Wharf and the Shipwrights have manufactured and fitted two new ladders.

7. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I. PAPITALI:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. No issues of F.F.O., were made during the quarter. Slight leakage from pipelines experienced and rectified. A total of 153 tons A.D.D. was issued to Army L.S.M's. from O.F.L.1207 and H.M.A.S. Supply replenished the stock with 191 tons A.D.D. Arrangements were made to fuel H.M.A.Ships Curlew and Snipe at Madang.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The following ships were fuelled with a total of 1684 tons of F.F.O. in 5 fuelling operations. U.S.S. Mansfield (once) U.S.S. De Haven (twice) U.S.S. Lyman K. Swenson (once) H.M.A.S. Anzac (once). H.M.A. Minesweepers Hawk, Gull, Curlew and Snipe were fuelled from the local oil companies.

Wreaths were laid to commerorate the death of General Mc Arthur and Anzac Day.

The man proof fence above the oil fuel tank is completed and work is well under way on the alteration to the residence and office building. Continuing good relationship exists between the R.A.N. and Port Moresby residents.

(c) WATER RETICULATION:- Water supplies have been adequate despite the low rainfall figures. Number 1 dam is low but as it is seldom used it presents no problems. The monies are available for the Water Treatment Plant and Comworks have called for tenders. The entire establishment is now coupled for water to a complete ring main and additional fire points have been incorporated.

(d) POWER HOUSE:- 1000 and 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on No.1 Diesel Generator and a 2000 hour overhaul on No.4 D.G. The crankshaft for No.3 D.G. is expected in M.V.Malaita. Trouble was experienced with No.5 D.G. exciter armature and has been returned to M.S.D. for repairs. The Mirrlees has operated successfully during the quarter, the trouble reported previously was caused by the armature being wound in reverse. The Power House was painted externally.

(e) SHORE REEFERS:- Normal maintenance routines and minor rectifications carried out. The Werner Scotsman ice machine stator has not yet arrived. The plant generally is in good condition.

(f) ELECTRICAL:- Power Reticulation system is in good condition. The Comworks inspector was generally satisfied with the system as a whole.

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Adequate stocks of spares ~~for~~ For domestic appliances are held or are on demand.

An 8 way T.C.B, has been installed to connect 9 points in the establishment. Apart from minor teething troubles it is working satisfactorily.

(g) RADIO:- Normal maintenance and running repairs have been carried out, As a result of a visit by an O.T.C. technician, a demand has been raised for spares to replace service spares installed in their sets. It is hoped that the O.T.C, will eventually make labour available to rewire most of their units. A fair amount of repairs to M.T.R.1 sets has been carried out during the quarter. Assistance was rendered to the Army L.S.M's to repair the installed 975 Radar and the Tx Rx 696.

(h) D.A.R's:- One failure of a G.E.C. 10 cu.ft. sealed unit has occured, and the older units are proving to be incapable of carring out the task required of them. The replacement units expected in the 1964/65 period will be most welcome.

(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT:- Generally in satisfactory condition and used constantly within the establishment. The services of a Comworks mechanic are being sought to carry out the larger running repairs and adjustments.

(j) TRANSPORT:- Most vehicles have operated satisfactorily with the notable exception of the International Tip Trucks. During the quarter each one of the three has been in the garage, for varying periods, for large mechanical repairs. Some of the failures are of course attributed to the drivers.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G.):- Routine maintenance carried out on these buildings. Proposals have been forwarded to increase the number of P.N.G. Married Quarters.

8. MEDICAL:

The health of the Ships Company remains excellent.

ADMISSIONS TO BASE HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	= 5	CIVILIANS	= 4
P.N.G.	= 8	DEPENDANTS	= 3

Base Hospital average daily in-patients = 1

Native Hospital " " " " = 5

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST.

R.A.N.	= 2	CIVILIANS	= 0.5
P.N.G.	= 3	DEPENDANTS	= 6

Native Labour and Dependants = 14.

OPERATIONS PERFORMED.

MAJOR	= 3	CONFINEMENTS EUROPEAN	= 3
MINOR	= 18	CONFINEMENTS NATIVE	= 12

Two of the Major operations were Caesarean sections and in addition there have been many other complicated deliveries.

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MALARIA.

There has been one case of Malaria seen this quarter.

DENTAL TREATMENT.

Emergency dental treatment has been carried out by the B.M.O. Surg. Lt. Cdr. (D)G.Harris was lent to Tarangau from Melbourne and spent five busy days. Members of the P.N.F. received full dental treatment. The v olume of work presenting from the dependants was far too large to be coped with in the short time and many of them received temporary treatment only. The work done by this Officer was greatly appreciated.

DEATHS.

One native child died from cancer, another died at birth.

HYGEINE AND MALARIA CONTROL.

The antimalarial spraying programme continues as previously. Daily water testing for free chlorine content is undertaken at the hospital.

INNOCULATION AND VACCINATION.

All Australian personnel are kept up to date with routine innoculations. In addition the members of the P.N.G. Division have been commenced on a course of innoculations.

FIRST AID.

Lectures continue in First Aid and most of the P.N.F. ratings are now qualified.

GENERAL.

Several visits by H.M.A. Ships have been enjoyed. Treatment was given to many ratings from H.M.A.S. HAWK, GULL, CURLEW and SNIPE, and the Army vessels HARRY CHAUVEL and VERNON STURDEE. The senior ratings from CURLEW and SNIPE were given a refresher lecture in First Aid.

9. P.N.G. DIVISION - GENERAL.

The Division has continued to work well but the static nature of this force and lack of promotion prospects means that there is very little incentive and little sense of achievement. Under these conditions Morale is likely to suffer although at present there are no outward signs of any decline of morale.

The diving team has had few exercises as of the three P.N.G. divers available one is at present unfit and one is on leave.

The demolition team has acted on reports from local areas of unexploded bombs and has detonated or destroyed two 500lb, two 250lb and eleven 100lb Japanese and American aerial bombs.

Members of the Division took part in the celebrations to mark the opening of the New Guinea Legislative assembly by leading a march through the streets of Port Moresby.

The living quarters and offices are in a good state of repair and improvements to grounds and surrounds are continually being carried out.

Lieutenant (SD) (B) P.ROUSE R.A.N. was relieved on 22nd May as O.I.C. P.N.G. by Lieutenant (SD) (B) D.J.ANGUS R.A.N.

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10. INDIGENE IABOUR LINE.

Continues to work well and morale is good.

11. SPORT.

A very successful quarter has been evident in the Sporting programme in H.M.A.S.TARANGAU. All Sports with the exception of few against H.M.A.Ships SUPPLY and VAMPIRE has taken place during non-working hours.

During the quarter the following competitions have been completed :-

Softball
Basketball
Waterpolo
Hockey
Tennis

The following will be completed early in the new quarter.

Volley Ball
Soccer
Cricket.

BASKETBALL.

The Sports Officer arranged for a visit by Mr. Mervyn EMMS, noted Australian Olympic Basketball Selector and N.S.W. State Coach over the weekend 13/15 June. Mr. Emms, sponsored by the Amateur Basketball Federation of Papua and New Guinea, gave lectures, demonstrations and screened special Basketball films whilst at Lombrum. This visit was appreciated as Basketball is the most popular sport of the P.N.G. Division ratings and Indigenous employees.

A squad of ten players journeyed to Lae over the Queens' Birthday weelend to participate in the Territory Basketball Championship. Although the Tarangau team did not win the series, very valuable experience was gained by all concerned.

RESULTS OF SPORT AGAINST VISITING SHIPS.

1. H.M.A.Ships HAWK AND GULL VISIT.

SPORT.	WON BY.
Volleyball	Tarangau 2 - Nil.
Basketball	Tarangau 46 - 14.
Rifle Shooting	Tarangau 811 - 648.
Hockey	Tarangau 6 - Nil.
Cricket	Tarangau 70 - 64

2. H.M.A.Ships SUPPLY AND VAMPIRE VISIT.

SPORT.	WON BY.
Softball	Tarangau 51 - 4
Hockey	Tarangau 4 - 1
Soccer	Tarangau 3 - 1
Basketball	Tarangau 86 - 36
Waterpolo	Tarangau 14 - 2
Volleyball	Tarangau A 2 - 1
Volleyball	Vampire / Supply B 2 - NIL.
Rifle Shooting	Vampire / Supply 625 - 576.
Badminton	Tarangau 2 - 1.

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3. H.M.A.Ships SNIPE AND CURLEW VISIT.

SPORT.	WON BY.	
Volleyball	Snipe / Curlew	2 - 1
Basketball	Tarangau	38 - 4
Cricket	Snipe / Curlew	162 - 53
Waterpolo	Tarangau	11 - 2
Tennis	Tarangau	10 - 2

4. H.M.A.Ships MELBOURNE AND VENDETTA VISIT.

SPORT.	WON BY.	
Rifle Shooting	1st. Tarangau	131 points.
	2nd. Melbourne	130 "
	3rd. Vendetta	29 "
Badminton	1st. Tarangau	5 sets.
	2nd. Vendetta	4 sets.
	3rd. Melbourne	1 set.

MELBOURNE.

Soccer	Tarangau A	1 - 0
Volleyball	Tarangau A	2 - 0
Basketball	Tarangau A	36 - 27
Waterpolo	Tarangau A	9 - 1

VENDETTA.

Soccer	Tarangau B	5 - 0
Volleyball	Vendetta	2 - 1
Basketball	Vendetta	28 - 26
Waterpolo	Tarangau	8 - 0

5. SPORTS OFFICER.

LT. (SD) (B) D. ANGUS. R.A.N., will take over the duties of Sports Officer from Supply Lieutenant (S) N. HENDERSON, R.A.N. early in July 1964.

12. RAINFALL.

Total Points for:-	April	432
	May	465
	June	805½
Total for Quarter		1702½

Number of days rain fell during :-

April	11
May	19
June	20
Total for Quarter	50

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13. GENERAL INFORMATION.

10 April. Mr. K.SHANDS and Mr. R.DUNNE, The Commonwealth Auditors from Port Moresby arrived.

12 April. H.M.A.S.BANKS returned to Lombrum from Port Moresby and Rabaul.

16 April. Mr. K.SHANDS and Mr. R.DUNNE departed for Port Moresby.

20 April. Flt. Lieut. S.C.MITCHELL, R.A.A.F, arrived Momote, on a proving flight of the Governor General's visit to Papua New Guinea. Members of the party were accommodated overnight in H.M.A.S.Tarangau.

22 April. H.M.A.S.BANKS departed Lombrum for Rabaul.

25 April. ANZAC DAY. A service was held at Lorengau and was well attended by Officers, ratings and indigenous employees from H.M.A.S.Tarangau.

27 April. Lieutenant Commander I.S.BENNY, R.A.N., departed Lombrum in M.V.Moisana for Kandrian to repatriate Arrawee labour line employees.

2 May. Lt. Cdr. BENNY returned to Lombrum with replacement Arrawees' from Kandrian.

7 May. The Red Cross Touring Concert Party visited Lombrum and gave a very good show in the cinema. This was well attended by Naval personnel and dependants, Civilian personnel from Lorengau and Momote and a very large indigenous group.

Major P.D.CAMERON, A.R.A. arrived to co-ordinate arrangements for the Army L.S.M's that were passing through Manus to Borneo.

11 May. Major Cameron departed for Lae.

13 May. H.M.A.S.BANKS arrived Lombrum.

19 May. His Excellency the Governor General Lord De L'isle arrived on Manus Island for a 24 hour visit. He was met at Momote by The District Commissioner of Manus District and Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea. A Guard of Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary was paraded.

20 May. His Excellency visited H.M.A.S.Tarangau in the forenoon. He inspected The Royal Guard of members of the Papua New Guinea Division and the Ship's Company at Divisions. On completion a tour of the establishment was undertaken. His Excellency and Official party were entertained at lunch by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.
The Governor General and party left for Kavieng by air at 1400.

Lieutenant (SD)(B) D.J.ANGUS, R.A.N., joined H.M.A.S.Tarangau from H.M.A.S.Creswell.

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22. May. Lieutenant (SD)(B) P.D.ROUSE, R.A.N. left H.M.A.S.Tarangau for leave prior to joining H.M.A.S.Supply on 6 August, 1964. Lieutenant Angus assumed duties as Officer-in-Charge, Papua New Guinea Division.

23 May. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, Commander M.G.PECHEY departed Lombrum for Port Moresby to arrange details for the R.A.N, participation in the opening of the House of Assembly.

27 May. Commander M.G.PECHEY returned to Lombrum.

28 May. H.M.A.S.BANKS departed Lombrum.

4 June. Commander M.G.PECHEY and Mrs. PECHEY departed Lombrum for Port Moresby to attend the opening of the House of Assembly.

5 June. Lieutenant D.J.ANGUS and Guard of P.N.G. Division personnel left Lombrum by Charter Air craft for Port Moresby.

10 June. Commander and Mrs. PECHEY., and Lieut. ANGUS and members of the P.N.G. Division returned to Lombrum.

13 June. Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea and the District Commissioner, Manus District were at Momote Aerddrome to meet The Honourable C.E.BARNES. M.P. - Minister of State for Territories, who was Passing through Momote enroute to Wewak.

A party consisting of The United States Naval Attache, - Captain J.D.MOONEY, U.S.N. , United States Army Attache, - Colonel G.GIRARD and the Assistant United States Naval Attache, - Lt. Cdr. H.L.PIPER, U.S.N., accompanied by their wives, arrived in H.M.A.S.Tarangau for a two day visit. Captain and Mrs Mooney and Colonel and Mrs Girard were accommodated at Naval Officer-in-Charge's residence while Lt Cdr. and Mrs Piper were accommodated at the Executive Officer's residence.

In the evening an informal Buffet Dinner was given by The Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea and was attended by The District Commissioner, Manus District and Americans living on Manus Island.

15 June. Party left Momote by Air for Wewak.

The Minister for the Navy - The Honourable F.C.CHANEY A.F.C., M.P. and Mrs Chaney, Mrs Chaney Junior and Mr. J.Mercovitch - Private Secretary to the Minister, arrived for a 2 day visit.

In the afternoon Mr Chaney inspected the Guard of Papua New Guinea Division and members of the Ships Company at Divisions. On completion of Divisions a tour of the establishment by motor vehicle was completed.

In the evening all officers and wives had the opportunity to meet Mr and Mrs Chaney at a Buffet Dinner given by Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.

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16 June. The Minister and party visited Lorengau in the forenoon and after lunch departed for Rabaul by R.A.A.F aircraft.

25 June. Rear Admiral A.DAVIES,- Head of the British Defence Liasion Staff, Canberra, and Mrs Davies arrived at H.M.A.S.Tarangau. A visit to Lorengau where lunch was given by the District Commissioner, and a visit to Lugos Mission in the afternoon was undertaken.

Surgeon Lt. Cdr. (D) G.J.HARRIS from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE arrived to carry out Dental treatment and inspection of Naval personnel and dependants,

26 June. Rear Admiral Davies inspected the guard of the Papua New Guinea Division and members of the Division in the forenoon. On completion a tour of the establishment was completed.
After lunch Rear Admiral and Mrs Davies departed by air for Rabaul.

27 June. H.M.A.S.BANKS returned to Lombrum.

29 June. The Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet - Rear Admiral O.H.BECHER, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., arrived in H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE (Captain H.D.STEVENSON) with H.M.A.S.VENDETTA (Cdr. A.A.WILLIS) in company.
During the forenoon Rear Admiral Becher inspected the Guard of the Papua New Guinea Division and members of the Ships Company at Divisions. After Divisions an inspection of H.M.A.S.Tarangau was carried out.
In the afternoon the Departmental Inspections were carried out by the various Fleet Staff Officers ~~whilst~~ whilst Rear Admiral Becher, Commander G.Mc. C.JUDE, Commander P.H.DOYLE, R.A.N. and Commander M.G.PECHEY, R.A.N., visited Lorengau and Momote by Helicopter.
During the evening Officers and wives from H.M.A.S. Tarangau were entertained on board H.M.A.S.Melbourne. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Executive Officer and Base Supply Officer and their wives were invited to buffet supper by The Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet.

Surgeon Lieutenant Cdr. (D) G.J.HARRIS rejoined H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE.
The four days spent by this Officer in H.M.A.S. Tarangau was greatly appreciated by all.

Captain G.J.WILLIS, R.A.N. and Captain A.J.ROBERTSON, D.S.C., R.A.N. ~~and~~ members of the Complements Committee arrived H.M.A.S.Tarangau.

30 June. H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE and H.M.A.S.VENDETTA departed Lombrum.

During the quarter under review H.M.A.S.Tarangau has been busily occupied with the visits of H.M.A.Ships, V.I.P's and preparations for Admiral's Inspection.
Fourteen ratings were studying for various examinations for Advancement.
On 8 May three ratings were examined in Section 1 of the Advancement Board for Leading Rate. From 11 - 15 May nine ratings sat for various Branch Technical Tests and two ratings for the HET Examiations.
Welfare Activities in the establishment remain at a high standard and the Morale and Discipline has continued to be very satisfactory.

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Appendix A. Visit to Port Moresby on the occasion of the opening of the House of Assembly by His Excellency the Governor General of Australia.

Appendix B. Extract from a report by Petty Officer in Charge Oil Fuel Installation Port Moresby.

M.G. Pechey.

(M.G.PECHEY)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
NEW GUINEA.

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APPENDIX "A" TO N.O.I.C.N.G. LETTER N.G. 33/1 DATED 13th JULY, 1964.

H.M.A.S.Tarangau,
Lombrum,
New Guinea.

10th June.

VISIT TO PORT MORESBY BY
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NEW GUINEA.
COMMANDER M.G.PECHEY D.S.C, R.A.N.

Friday 5 June. — Commander and Mrs Pechey arrived Port Moresby.

Saturday 6 June. — H.M.A.S.Anzac wearing flag of His Excellency The Governor General with H.M.A.S.Curlew and H.M.A.S.Snipe in company arrived in Port Moresby.

Commander and Mrs Pechey had the honour to be invited to lunch with His Excellency The Governor General on Board H.M.A.S.Anzac and in the evening attended a reception on board H.M.A.S.Anzac.

Monday 8 June. — Commander and Mrs Pechey attended the following functions:-

1000. Investiture in H.M.A.S.Anzac.

1430. Opening of House of Assembly.

1900. Buffet Dinner at Government House, followed by Garden reception.

Tuesday 9 June. — At 0845 His Excellency The Governor General took the salute at a Combined Services March. The Naval detachment consisted of an armed party of 30 from the Papua New Guinea Division from H.M.A.S.Tarangau and H.M.A.S.Banks and 2 unarmed parties of 60 each made up of 100 ratings from H.M.A.S.Anzac and 10 ratings each from H.M.A.S.Curlew and H.M.A.S.Snipe. The march was very successful and many favourable comments were made regarding the smart appearance of the Naval detachment.

His Excellency The Governor General accompanied by Miss Sidney departed Port Moresby to return to Canberra by air at 0940 Tuesday 9 June.

Commander and Mrs Pechey returned to Lombrum 10 June.

(M.G.PECHEY)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.
NEW GUINEA.

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APPENDIX "B" TO N.O.I.C.N.G. LETTER N.G.33/1 DATED 13th JULY, 1964.

EXTRACT OF REPORT BY PETTY OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE R.A.N. OIL FUEL INSTALLATION AT PORT MORESBY.

(1) H.M.A.S.Banks arrived alongside at 0800 on Tuesday 2nd. June. Victuals and replacement motor for refrigerator were delivered on board on arrival. Fuelling did not take place until Monday 8th. June, owing to the breakdown of "Mobil Tanker". H.M.A.S.Banks sailed at 0800 10th.June.

(2) On Friday 5th. June N.O.I.C. New Guinea and the P.N.G. contingeht arrived from Manus. They were met by P.I.R. who transported them to Taurama Barracks. Accomodation and transport to and from official and sporting fixtures were carried out by P.I.R.

(3) H.M.A.S.Anzac with Governor General,in company with H.M.A.S.Snipe and Curlew, arrived at 0900 6th. June. On arrival copies of official and social engagements plus sporting arrangements were presented to the liasion officer.

Fueling was then undertaken, the ship receiving 471.06 tons of F.F.O. Hoses were set up the night before, and on commencement of fueling it was found that an armoured hose had been squashed by a crane, rupturing it. This meant sucking back and replacing the length of hose. A small delay resulted otherwise fueling was completed without further trouble.

(4) The reports I received on behaviour of personnel ashore at Clubs and Hotels and also from Police was very favourable with the exception of very isolated cases - i.e. one rating convicted of drunkeness, and also a chair taken to the wharf - which I later returned. The manager was quite happy after it was returned to the Club.

The committees of the various Clubs stated that they were very happy to give their hospitality to the Ships Co's.

Through an unfortunate misunderstanding the R.S.L. Club was put out of bounds on the Sunday afternoon. Still after a phone conversation with the Captain of H.M.A.S.Anzac the matter was put right.

(5) It was observed, and favourably commented upon by people of Port Moresby that the U.S.N.S. Curtis F. Shoup and various small craft, made the Harbour very colourful with their dressing ship.

(6) The social and sporting activities seemed popular and were very well attended.

The Victoria League Youngersets barbecue at Sogeri in honour of the Hon. Catherine Sidney was a great success.

By far the most popular sporting fixture was rugby - the matches being played at the Papuan Rugby League ground. The first match on the Saturday was won by the Army against Navy, by one point. On the Monday night Navy was narrowly defeated by Magani - a local first grade side. After each match a barbecue with liquid refreshments for Navy players and supporters was supplied by the Clubs.

A trip to Sogeri was arranged, and although the only transport available was a five ton truck, those that went really enjoyed themselves. They became very dirty with the dusty roads, but no one complained.

The R.S.L. and D.C.A. Clubs arranged dances which were well supported. Girls from the respective hostels provided the partners.

The basketball games on the Saturday and Tuesday evenings were well patronised and good basketball was seen. Although Navy failed to win a game, they played very well. P.N.G. played extremely well and were popular for their good sportsmanship. They must have gained considerable experience.

Other activities could have been arranged, but there was no transport available owing to V.I.P. commitments at this time.

(7) Victualing was carried out successfully by the Army at Murray Barracks. Very few items were unable to be procured. All ships were amply provided for.

(8) Sullage drums were provided and ships instructed to ring the contractor if any trouble with disposal arose

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(9) The march past was very successful and the arrangements organised by the Army went off extremely well. I am enclosing the detailed programme produced by the Army.

(10) It was unfortunate that a rating was badly injured in a motor vehicle accident. I am glad to report that he is progressing favourably.

(Sgd) B.F.DAVIES.
P.O.M.(E)
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6th October, 1964.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1964
TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1964.

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 30th September, 1964 in the New Guinea Area is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS:

H.M.A.S. SUPPLY - Captain G.V.GLADSTONE, D.S.C*, A.D.C., R.A.N.
Arrived 2 July Departed 3 July.

H.M.A.S. IBIS - Lieutenant A.R.CUMMINS, R.A.N.
Arrived 29 August Departed 1 September.

H.M.A.S. TEAL - Lieutenant K.MURRAY, R.A.N.
Arrived 29 August Departed 1 September.

H.M.A.S. HAWK - Lt. Cdr. G.J.M.CLARKE, R.A.N.
Arrived 9 September Departed 11 September.

H.M.A.S. GULL - Lieutenant H.C.FINDLAY, R.A.N.
Arrived 9 September Departed 11 September.

(B) OTHER PORTS:

H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Kimbe Bay - Rabaul - Kavieng Areas. Surveying Duties.
Departed for Sydney 21 July.

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE - Captain H.D.STEVENSON, R.A.N. flying the flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral O.H.BECHER, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C*.
Rabaul 21 - 24 August.

H.M.A.S. TEAL
H.M.A.S. IBIS - Madang 27 - 28 August.

H.M.A.S. HAWK
H.M.A.S. GULL - Madang 12 - 14 September.

U.S.S. HARRIS COUNTY - Geodetric Survey.

U.S.S. CURTIS.F.SHOUP - Geodetric Survey.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

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3. VISITS BE MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0700/4/7	0830/4/7
Pacific Enterprise	N.K.	0745/11/7	1300/11/7
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1545/29/7	1800/29/7
Moisana	" "	0630/30/7	0730/30/7
Private Landing Craft	McDougall	1730/6/8	0900/7/8
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	1000/16/8	1045/16/8
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1230/17/8	1400/17/8
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	0630/24/8	1130/26/8
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1330/2/9	1500/2/9
Malaita	Ealey	1300/2/9	1200/3/9
Spindrift	Brutnall Jnr.	1130/21/9	1300/21/9

4. SUPPORT CRAFT.

A.W.B.409:- Slipped for periodical inspection of underwater areas and fittings. Major repairs were carried out to the skeg and a new false keel was fitted. Hard canopy was replaced by canvas canopy.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310):- Slipped for periodical inspection of underwater areas and fittings. A new false keel was fitted.

O.F.L.1207:- Number 1 - 6 F.F.O. tanks pumped out to allow Dockyard Officer to carry out survey of maximum underwater area. Vessel was heeled as necessary to facilitate this inspection. Numbers 1 - 6 tanks are now being thoroughly cleaned prior to rebunkering the O.F.L.

SLIPWAY:- Slipped both Maringo and A.W.B.409 satisfactorily. Routine maintenance carried out on cradles, bogies and rails.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:- Residences T.18,T.22,T.30 and T.35 were surveyed on change of residents. Of the foregoing major repairs were effected to T.22,T.30 and T.35 and temporary repairs made to T.18 pending demolition. Minor repairs were carried out on T.1,T.2,P.2,P.4,P.5,P.6, T.10,T.13,T.14,T.19, T.20,T.21,T.24,T.25,T.27,T.32,T.34,T.35,T.39,T.41 and NOIC's Residence, residence T.16 was demolished. A large percentage of the remaining assets had repairs carried out on them; generally to replace roofing iron and timber affected by white ants and rot.

6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS.

(a) O.F.I. PAPITALI:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. No issues of F.F.O. were made during the quarter. O.F.L.1207's load of F.F.O. was pumped back to the tank farm to allow the lighter to be inspected and tanks cleaned. A total of 40 tons of A.D.D. was issued to H.M.A.Ships Hawk, Gull, Ibis and Teal. Arrangements were also made for these ships to fuel at Madang. The base for the new 200 ton A.D.D. tank is completed and the tank sections and associated pipes are expected shortly.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. No ships were fuelled during the quarter. The F.F.O. pipeline from the tank to the wharf was pressure checked and no leaks were visible. The 3 fuelling points on the main wharf are now operable. The approved alterations to the O.F.L. Residence are complete and a new office has been erected. Continuing good relationship exists between the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY and PORT MORESBY residents.

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(c) WATER RETICULATION:- Water supplies have been barely adequate during the quarter due to very low rainfall. Rainfall during the last six months compared with the monthly averages is shown below.

	(a)	(b)
APRIL.	432	1011
MAY.	465	1055
JUNE.	805	1266
JULY.	543	1466
AUGUST.	568	1480
SEPTEMBER.	612	1091

Column (a) Rainfall registered in 1964.
Column (b) Average Rainfall for month indicated taken over a period of 7 years including 1964 rainfall.

Water rationing is in force and will remain so until the situation improves. Number 1 dam is empty. The concrete base for the new Water Treatment Tower and the concrete base for the new 5000 gallon tank have been laid at Water Point and Wireless Hill respectively. Supplies of materials for the commencement of these projects is expected shortly.

(d) POWER HOUSE:- 1000 and 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on No. 1 D.G. and a 2000 hour overhaul was carried out on NO.4 D.G. The Crankshaft for No. 3 D.G. is re-installed and currently the flywheel bolt holes are being hand reamed to accept new bolts. No. 1 D.G. cooling tower and header tank were cleaned and all header tanks were fitted with overflow pipes. A replacement Crossley compressor was installed in lieu of an unserviceable unit.

(e) SHORE REEFERS:- No. 1 unit is currently being refitted. All other plant is in good condition and only requires normal maintenance. The Werner "Scotsman" Ice machine is still unserviceable pending supply of a replacement stator.

(f) ELECTRICAL:-Power Reticulation system is in good condition and routine servicing of the Switch contacts in the Power House was carried out. A local system of Planned Maintenance has been evolved to ensure that the entire system is maintained systematically. A sample of transformer oil has been sent for analysis to ascertain whether the oil should be replaced in all transformers.

The domestic appliance maintenance is good and most spares are available.

(g) RADIO:- All units have given reasonable service during the quarter. Most rectification work has been on the 3J,9J and AT20 units. Assistance was rendered to H.M.A.S. Gull to repair her 618. All OTC units are being progressively overhauled and non standard parts are being replaced. Several MTR 1's have been repaired and overhauled. The underground 20PR cable between CRS and TS has been checked with a result that 2600 ft. will be replaced when finance is available.

(h) D.A.R's:- When the outstanding approved refrigerators are supplied, the situation regarding D.A.R's will be quite satisfactory. Many units now held are not efficient due to age and deterioration. All possible repairs are being carried out and a good spares holding exists which makes the present situation reasonable.

(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT:- The D7 Bulldozer is unserviceable awaiting two sets of tracks. The remainder of the equipment is being employed remaking the roads. Apart from the D7 no major unserviceability exists and the equipment is being well used.

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(j) MOTOR TRANSPORT:- The complement of new vehicles is now complete and the old units are awaiting disposal by tender. This outfit of new vehicles has considerably reduced the maintenance task. No major repairs were needed during the quarter.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G.):- Routine maintenance carried out on these buildings. Money is available to build one more 3 flat Quanset.

(l) GENERAL:- During the visits of the Minesweepers all sections of the Technical Department rendered assistance to them for minor maintenance. Work on the warf is being progressed by Comworks bridge carpenter.

7. MEDICAL:

The health of the Ships Company remains excellent.

ADMISSIONS TO BASE HOSPITAL

R.A.N.	= 2.	CIVILIANS	= 3.
P.N.G.	= 6.	DEPENDANTS	= 5.

Base Hospitals average daily in-patients = 1
Native Hospital average daily in-patients = 10

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST

R.A.N.	= 2.	DEPENDANTS	= 5.
P.N.G.	= 2.	CIVILIANS	= 1.
NATIVE LABOUR LINE	= 12.		

OPERATIONS

MAJOR	= 11	EUROPEAN CONFINEMENTS	= 4
MINOR	= 13	NATIVE CONFINEMENTS	= 9

MALARIA

There have been no cases of malaria this quarter.

DENTAL

Emergency dental work has been done. Some dental treatment has been obtained from a Public Health Department Dental Assistant at Lorengau.

DEATHS

There have been three native deaths this quarter, one from suicidal hanging, one premature infant and one death from cardiac failure.

HYGEINE AND MALARIA CONTROL

The spraying programme continues. The P.H.D. Malaria Eradication Unit carried out residual D.D.T. spraying of the depot during the quarter. A course of drug treatment designed to eliminate malaria parasites from all persons in the Manus district is now being administered under the direction of the Malaria Eradication Unit.

INNOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS.

These are carried out progressively to ensure that all persons are kept up to date.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

An outbreak of chicken pox amongst the Native labourers employed here has caused an increase of hospital admissions.

FIRST AID

A further course of First Aid lectures has been completed.

GENERAL

Treatment was provided for several ratings from visiting ships.

8. P.N.G.DIVISION

The Division has continued to carry out its duties in a satisfactory manner. Some incentive has been provided in the advancement of four men to the Leading Rate and the general morale of the men has received a boost by this action.

The diving team has exercised on routine tasks and has carried out one underwater demolition exercise on a local reef.

The demolition team has completely cleared the Mokerang Peninsular of all known dangerous World War 11 weapons, Since this work started in early March an estimated 11 - 12,000 lbs of miscellaneous bombs, grenades and shells have been countermined. This has resulted in a greater expenditure of Safety Fuse and Cordtex than would normally be expected as the majority of these weapons were situated in dense jungle where the escape routes of the demolition team took a long time to negotiate.

Members of the Division constructed an exhibit for display at the Manus Island Show which was considered to be outstanding by the Show Committee.

Living quarters and offices are in a good state of repair and improvements to grounds and gardens are continually being carried out.

9. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE

Continues to work well under supervision. Unfortunately due to the lack of Supervision and the increase in requirements for the employment of the line, the amount and quality of the work has slipped.

The morale is still good.

10. SPORT

BASKETBALL

The Basketball Club has enjoyed a most successful period. The Club now consists of 80 playing members from the P.N.F.,P.N.G. and Native Labour work force and the integration of Europeans and Indigenes on the sporting field has proved popular.

Throughout the quarter a weekly competition has been c conducted with 8 teams participating. The competition will draw to a close early in October after two rounds have been completed.

Two teams journeyed to Wewak on 12th September, 1964 to play against Wewak Association. A most enjoyable weekend was spent by all with the 22nd Army Construction Unit and the P.I.R. playing hosts. It is hoped to arrange a return visit by the Army and P.I.R. teams in the near future.

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An Inter-island competition has been started between Lorengau and Tarangau. The three representative teams are selected after the weekly internal competition matches are played - this system leads to inproved standards of play. These matches against Lorengau are being conducted each Saturday afternoon and are proving to be popular with the Naval Dependants as a spectator sport.

11. RAINFALL

Total Points for :-	July	543½
	August	568½
	September	611½
		1723½

Number of days rain fell during :-

July	12
August	19
September	21
Total for Quarter	52

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

14 July.	The Minister for the Army - Dr.A.J.FORBES, M.C., M.P. accompanied by Mrs. Forbes, Brigadier K.MACKAY, M.B.E.,D.M.O. & P.A.H.Q. Mr. W.H.LENG, - Assistant Secretary to the Minister, and Colonel J.E.PASCOE, - Commander Papua. New Guinea Military District arrived by R.A.A.F. Aircraft. During the afternoon Dr. Forbes inspected the P.N.G. Guard and Divisions followed by a tour of the establishment
15 July.	Dr. Forbes and party visited Lorengau and thence departed Momote for Rabaul.
24th August.	Manus Show.
25th August.	" "
26th August.	" "
27 August.	Annual Inspection of H.M.A.S. BANKS. Complete report of the inspection has been forwarded.
28 August.	Lieutenant (SL) F.R.GARDINER, R.A.N. arrived TARANGAU to join H.M.A.S. BANKS prior to sailing for the annual Coastwatching cruise.
31 August.	An advancement board was convened in H.M.A.S. Tarangau. Results have been forwarded under cover of my letter N.G.3/28 dated 3 September, 1964.
4 September.	Dr. Margaret Mead, American Anthropologist, visited Lombrum.
7 September.	E.D.P.(Stores Preparatory) Team arrived Tarangau.
11 September.	Major S.S.AGNEW, A.R.A. from Headquarters P.N.G. Military District, PORT MORESBY arrived H.M.A.S. Tarangau for discussions on the Army base being established at MOEM.
12 September.	A Team of 29 from Mount Hagen Gun Club arrived Tarangau for a Competition shoot against the Tarangau Gun Club. They were billeted out at residences. Saturday and Sunday nights were occupied with socials by Junior Rates and Chief

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& Petty Officers Messes. They departed from Momote by charter in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

14 September. Major AGNEW departed for Port Moresby.

19 September. The U.S. Air Attache from Canberra - Colonel C.M.OTTAWAY, U.S.A.F., the Assistant Air Attache, Major T.FINNEY, U.S.A.F., Wing Cdr. P.MEDZLER, U.S.A.F. and a party of 7 senior Australian Civilian Officers were accommodated overnight in H.M.A.S. Tarangau. In the afternoon an informal drive around the establishment was undertaken.

28 September. The Head of the New Zealand Joint Services Liason Staff from Canberra - Commodore L.S. STANNERS, O.B.E. was met at Momote by N.O.I.C.N.G. and The District Commissioner, Manus District, Mr L.J.O'MALLEY. Commodore Stanners remained at Lorengau for the evening.

29 September. Commodore Stanners arrived from Lorengau at 1800 and remained at N.O.I.C.N.G. Residence.

30 September. In the forenoon Commodore Stanners inspected Guard and members of the P.N.G. Division followed by an inspection of the establishment. At 1225 he departed for Rabaul.

M.G. Pechey

(M.G. PECHEY)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st OCTOBER, 1964 TO 31st DECEMBER, 1964.

The following report of activities for the quarter ended 31st December, 1964, in the New Guinea Area is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS: H.M.A.S. DERWENT - Commander R.C. SWAN, R.A.N. Arrived 25th November Departed 26th November.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - Commander A.A. WILLIS, R.A.N. Arrived 4th December Departed 5th December.

(B) OTHER PORTS:

PORT MORESBY: H.M.A.S. MORESBY - Commander J. OSBORN, R.A.N. Arrived 17th October Departed 20th October.

H.M.A.S. BASS - Arrived 16th November Departed 19th November.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA - Arrived 5th December Departed 8th December.

RABAUL: U.S.S. WANDANK ATA204 - Arrived 6th November Departed 6th November. Arrived 20th November Departed 21st November.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

NIL.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND ENTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0700/17/10	1400/17/10
Malaita	Cole	0700/29/10	0600/30/10
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1020/31/10	1315/31/10
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	0900/14/11	1515/14/11
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1400/1/12	1800/1/12
Si-Ti-Si	Lavery	1545/23/12	0900/27/12
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1530/29/12	1600/29/12
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1500/30/12	1700/30/12
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SUPPORT CRAFT.

A.W.B.409:- Slipped for examination of stern tube and shaft. Temporary repairs carried out to bearings and stuffing box. New tube and shaft demanded. Minor repairs to steps and floor.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310):- Exhaust system collapsed. Replaced with locally manufactured exhaust line. Bilge line renewed. Minor repairs to timbers.

H.M.A.S. BANKS:- Base staff employed on Base components of defects listed on forms A.S.2061Z prior to refit at private yard.

O.F.L.1207:- Numbers 1 - 6 F.F.O. tanks thoroughly cleaned out and rebunkered with F.F.O. Repairs carried out on valves. Damaged guard rails repaired.

SLIPWAY:- Slipped A.W.B.409 satisfactorily. Routine maintenance carried out on cradles, bogies and rails.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:- Residences P.1, T.34 and T.38 were surveyed on change of residents. No major repairs were necessary. Minor repairs were carried out on P.2, P.4, T.9, T.10, T.14, T.18, T.20, T.21, T.23, T.24, T.25, T.27, T.29, T.30, T.35, T.38, T.39, T.41, T.42 and NOIC's residence. Residences T.5, T.11, and T.15 were demolished and two sets of three flats for Indigenes are in course of construction. Most of the remaining assets received repairs during the quarter to combat corrosion, wet and dry rot and white ant infestation. Tenders have been called for the construction of 20 new Married Quarters but it is not known when work will commence.

6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS

(a) O.F.I. PAPITALI:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. 233 tons and 241 tons of F.F.O. were issued to H.M.A.S. Derwent and H.M.A.S. Vendetta respectively. Several leaks were experienced on the Tank Farm pipe lines and the condition of the Farm generally is very poor. There has been no action on the supply and errection of the 200 ton A.D.D. tank.

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. Three ships visited Port Moresby during the quarter. The French Naval tug R.M.H. Rhinocerous, H.M.A.S. MORESBY and H.M.A.S. BASS. Assistance was rendered in all cases but only H.M.A. Ships required A.D.D. This was arranged through the local contractors. H.M.A.S. Moresby's visit was an outstanding success.

(i) Fuel Hoses:- The following is a list of fuel hoses held at O.F.I. Port Moresby.

5" Flexible Bronze	3½" Flexible Bronze
4 x 30 ft.	6 x 30 ft.
2 x 23 ft.	4 x 20 ft.
3 x 20 ft.	
1 x 19 ft.	
1 x 16 ft.	
2 x 12 ft.	

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Of these hoses, the following have yet to be pressure checked to prove serviceability. A further report will be made when results of test are known.

5" Flexible Bronze	3½" Flexible Bronze
3 x 30 ft.	2 x 30 ft
2 x 23 ft.	1 x 20 ft.
1 x 19 ft.	
1 x 16 ft.	
2 x 12 ft.	

(c) WATER RETICULATION:- Rainfall has improved considerably but much trouble was experienced with the 12" Outlet and Scour lines from No.1 dam. These pipes were uncovered and proved to be badly corroded causing numerous leaks. Rectification of these lines is the subject of a separate submission. Work was commenced by the contractor on the assembly of the Water Treatment Tower, however, due to several faults in design, work ceased before completion to allow Comworks to recheck the stress loadings and provide extra material as necessary. A separate report will be made on this subject. No other work associated with this project has yet commenced.

(d) POWER HOUSE:- 1000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1, 4 and 5 D.Gs. and 2000 hour overhaul on No.2. All D.Gs. are now serviceable. Mirrlees exciter armature was removed, skimmed and polished. 4 x 1000 gallon cube tanks have been installed to collect rainwater to supplement the engine cooling water towers.

(e) SHORE REEFERS:- All 5 units are serviceable and operate satisfactorily. Routine overhauls and maintenance were carried out. Werner "Scotsman" Ice Machine is still unserviceable pending supply of a replacement stator.

(f) ELECTRICAL:- Power Reticulation is generally in good condition, several minor faults on H.T. have been discovered and rectified. All sub-station transformers are undergoing their quarterly maintenance routine. The Mirrlees exciter armature suffered a feed back through the brushes which necessitated having the armature skimmed. Acidity value of all transformer oil is acceptable and other samples are being sent out for a High Voltage c heck.

Domestic appliances are in reasonable condition and 10 new Electric stoves have been installed which helps reduce the work load.

Assistance has been rendered to H.M.A.S. BANKS on the Base aspect of her Planned Maintenance and defects.

(g) RADIO:- Units have given reasonable service during the quarter with occasional defects which have interfered with Radphone communication. The following transmitters received repairs during this period, 691, 618, 9J, AT20, 3J, AMT150. The underground cable between CRS and TS had several faults due to condensation and dry joints. These have been repaired and insulations restored to an acceptable level. Several MTR1s have been maintained and repaired during the period under report. The MTR 1 work load is becoming greater owing to the rescinding of the contract with the private radio repair shop in Rabaul.

(h) D.A.R's.:- All older units held are barely adequate for the task but a fair proportion of these will be replaced in the current financial year. 2 new units outstanding from last year arrived and helped the situation considerably. As much work as possible is carried out on the old units to ensure the best possible service from them.

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(i) HEAVY EQUIPMENT:- The D7 Bulldozer still lacks the replacement tracks but these units are on passage at this time. No other unserviceability exists and routine maintenance is being carried out. The serviceable equipment has been employed on road repairs. The crane has been working full time with the contractor on erecting the Water Treatment Tower.

(j) MOTOR TRANSPORT:- Routine servicing of all vehicles has been carried out. The major repair work has been confined to the 3 International tip trucks. This includes 2 rear axle changes and repair to brake systems. The International Water Tanker is being stripped and will be refurbished prior to fitting a new cab complete. This will considerably rejuvenate this unit. All new Land Rovers are giving good service and only minor defects have developed.

(k) MARRIED QUARTERS (P.N.G. - COMPOUND):- Routine maintenance carried out on these buildings. Several new fuel stoves have been fabricated to replace burned out units. Concrete bases and frames have been laid and errected for 2 x 3 flat Quansets. 1 each to P.N.G. and Compound.

(l) COMPLEMENT:- The Engineering Department is still short 1 ERA and there has been no draft forecast to fill this gap. This shortage makes it difficult for the other ERAs to fully carry out the work programmes. The Electrical Department is at full strength. The Shipwright Department is at approved strength but 3 Shipwrights are very hard pressed to maintain fully the many assets held.

(m) GENERAL:- The Swimming Pool pump became completely unserviceable due to major corrosion and wasting. A replacement unit has been fitted and operates satisfactorily. During this period the pool was recaulked, chipped and painted and repairs were effected to the concrete pathway and drains.

7. MEDICAL:

The general health of the ships company and of dependants remains good. As usual, tropical ulcers are the most frequent condition seen at the hospital.

ADMISSIONS TO BASE HOSPITAL:

R.A.N.	= Nil.	P.N.G.	= 6.
CIVILIANS	= 5.	DEPENDANTS	= 6.

Base hospital average daily in-patient = 1
Native hospital average daily in-patient = 5

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST:

R.A.N.	= 2	P.N.G.	= 4
CIVILIAN	= 1	DEPENDANTS	= 5

OPERATIONS:

MAJOR	= 8	EUROPEAN CONFINEMENTS	= 5
MINOR	= 10	NATIVE CONFINEMENTS	= 8

MALARIA:

There have been no cases of malaria this quarter.

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DENTAL:

Emergency work has been done by the Medical Officer. Mr. S. PARO a native dental assistant from the P.H.D. spent a week in TARANGAU and examined the P.N.G. and many of the native labour line in addition to the school children.

DEATHS:

One death occured in the Base hospital, the patient being a native infant with gastroenteritis.

MALARIA CONTROL:

The P.H.D. campaign to eliminate malaria from the whole of Manus district has now finished. A follow up campaign to take in all newcomers to the Island is now to be instituted. It is too early yet to judge the success or otherwise of the campaign.

INNOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS:

These are being kept up to date. An anti-tetanus campaign has bee started amongst our native labour line personnel using vaccine supplied by administration. This course will be completed by June next year. The members of the P.N.G. Division have been brought fully up to date with innoculations.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

An outbreak of gastroenteritis among the Native population of Manus resulted in 12 deaths of infants. Many of these patients were referred initially to this hospital and one of these died. Only two cases arose from within the depot.

STAFF:

The staff of the hospital has been increased by the arrival of S.B.C.P.O. D. WEST. Senior Sister E. LAWRIE, R.A.N.N.S. arrived in December to relieve Sister C. WALSH of the P.H.D. Nursing Service. Sister Walsh has been here for ten months and had proved her capability and worth again and again during this period.

8. P.N.G. DIVISION:

The morale of the Division was considerably boosted by the announcement by the Prime minister regarding the procurement of five Patrol Craft for Papua-New Guinea.

Mambers have settled down and are working extremely well now that there is a definite aim in view.

Discipline has been tightened up within this already well disciplined body and although the discharge S.N.L.R. of A.B. TOURA, A.B. SARANGAP and A.B.MARAZULU reduced the strength to 80 the effect on the remainder has more than made up for the reduction.

During the quarter men of the Division have been mainly employed on routine tasks in Tarangau departments and within the division itself. Boats have been hauled out for repair and painting and all are operating satisfactorily. The grounds and surrounds of the P.N.G. area have received considerable attention and are now beginning to present a pleasing appearance.

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When a T.A.A. Catalina flying boat made an overnight stop early in December, members of the Division helped with her fueling and handling and manned safety and runaway boats for landing and take-off. They were complimented by the crew on their care and attention to detail when working about the aircraft.

Classes in English - given by the European School Teacher, Mrs Keena and in Mathematics by O.I.C. P.N.G., were started during October and take place in the Dog Watches on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Instruction in the handling of small arms and automatic weapons - borrowed from H.M.A.S. BANKS - has been given on the old P.I.R. area at Nutt Point. Members of the Division cleared and rebuilt the range and constructed a shelter from native materials under which to stow targets etc. Instructional films are shown in the P.N.G. Junior Rates Club as they are made available.

9. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE.

The Labour Line has worked well and the Morale is high. A Sing Sing was held on Christmas night much to the entertainment of the European population. This proved so popular that another was held on New Years Eve.

10. SPORT.

There are no Interpart Sporting Fixtures arranged at the present time due to a fairly rapid change round of personnel over the later part of the year. However it is intended that a new round of competitions will commence in January.

The newly formed Tarangau Basketball Association has been prominent in Manus Island Sport, their teams having been beaten only twice in some thirty matches. Several of the members have qualified for or are already members of the T.P.N.G. Basketball Referees Association.

Cricket, Basketball and Waterpolo were played by Tarangau teams against H.M.A. Ships Derwent and Vendetta. The ships winning the cricket and Tarangau the Basketball and Waterpolo matches.

The annual Swimming Carnival proved a success with races and diving events being competed for by all ages. Canteen Vouchers were presented as prizes.

11. RAINFALL.

Total points for :-	October	717
	November	1356
	December	761
		2834

Number of days rain fell during :-

October	14
November	25
December	14
	53

Rainfall for Year 1964.

Total number of points :- 9682.

This is the lowest annual rainfall recorded from

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records available since 1958. The average annual rainfall is 140 inches.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION.

3 October.	N.O.I.C. New Guinea departed Tarangau for Port Moresby for discussions with Army and Administration officers.
8 October.	N.O.I.C. New Guinea returned to H.M.A.S. Tarangau.
	Commander H.K. DUNCAN arrived Tarangau on detached duties.
19 October.	Commander Duncan departed Tarangau.
26 October.	Su. S. LT.(S) E.W. BAXTER, R.A.N. jjoined H.M.A.S. Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Kuttabul.
27 October.	Major General M.F. Brogan, C.B.E., Mrs Brogan and Lieutanant N. Mason-Jones, A.R.A. arrived H.M.A.S. Tarangau and were accommodated for the evening departing for Rabaul on the 28th October.
30 October.	Su. LT.(S) N. HENDERSON, R.A.N. departed Tarangau for leave and appointment to H.M.A.S. Kuttabul on completion.
8 November.	A R.A.A.F. Caribou aircraft landed at Momote for one hour on a familarisation flig ht of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
12 November.	Advancement Board to examine 3 ratings in Section 1 for advancement to Leading and Petty Officer rate was convened. Report was forwarded vide N.O.I.C. N.G. letter N.G. 3/28 dated 18 November.
	Major R. BARRETT, P.I.R. Division, accompanied by a P.I.R. Sergeant were accommodated in Tarangau overnight.
13 November.	Colonel V. HINDS, Major FIENBERG and Mr. FITTS A.S.C.O. executives visited Tarangau.
21 November.	H.M.A.S. BANKS returned to Lombrum on the completion of the 1964 Coastwatching cruise.
	Su. LT.(S) C.W. SAWYER joined H.M.A.S. Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Cerberus.
	Eng. Lieutenant T.C. DODDS, R.A.N., departed for Port Moresby for turnover stocktake between the two attendants.
23 November.	H.M.A.S. BANKS departed Lombrum for PAK Island remaining overnight and returning on 24 November.
	Lieutenant (SL)(O) F.R. GARDINER, R.A.N. departed H.M.A.S. BANKS for Navy Office, Canberra.

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26 November.	Eng. LT. T.C. DODDS returned to Lombrum.
27 November.	Rear Admiral T.K. MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.C., Air Vice Marshall HANNA, General ANDERSON and Colonel BURN, U.S.A.F., arrived Momote enroute to Guam by U.S.A.F. Aircraft for a brief stopover of 1 hour.
28 November.	Supply Commander R.N. ANDERSON, R.A.N., departed Tarangau for leave and thence appointment to H.M.A.S. Lonsdale (Navy Office)
30 November.	Garden Island technicians for H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Pre Refit Trial - Mr. J.P. WEARNE, Mr. A. FOXCROFT, Mr. B. MILLER arrived Lombrum and were accommodated until arrival of H.M.A.S. Vendetta.
4 December.	Mr. D. SHANDS, Mr. F. DUNNE and Mr. S. HUNTLEY - Commonwealth Auditors from Port Moresby arrived Lombrum for one night stop-over on an inspection tour of the territory.
7 December.	T.A.A. Catalina Aircraft enroute to Hong Kong for repairs landed in Lombrum Bay. A report of this visit was forwarded vide NOIC. N.G. letter N.G. 22/26 dated 16 December, 1964.
9 December.	H.M.A.S. BANKS departed for PATU, remaining there overnight before returning to Lombrum,
	Sister C. WALSH - Administration Nursing Sister departed Tarangau.
11 December.	Walk around BANKS by N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
12 December.	The Welfare Xmas Tree was held in the Cinema. As usual Father Xmas was warmly greeted by the children of the P.N.F., P.N.G., and Native Police members.
18 December.	Senior Sister E.H. LAWRIE, R.A.N.N.S. joined H.M.A.S. Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Penguin.
20 December.	Xmas Carols by Candlelight were held in the Cinema. A choir of 30 children from Lugos Lutheran Mission, conducted by Rev. Dietsch led the singing.
24 December.	A Xmas Eve Social was held in the Chief & Petty Officers Mess.
25 December.	Xmas Day.- XMAS DINNER ROUNDS.
31 December.	New Years Eve Social held in Junior Rates Club.

(M.G. PECHEY)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY, 1965 TO 31st MARCH, 1965.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of activities for the New Guinea Area for the quarter ended 31st March, 1965.

Apart from routine tasks, the main concentration during the period, has been on clearing the area of jungle and "junk". The entire ship's company has responded well to this task and some progress can already be seen.

The health of the Ship's Company is good. The morale is high and only rare minor breaches of discipline have been experienced.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O'WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS:

H.M.A.S. CURLEW (Lt. K.E. Langford, R.A.N.) and H.M.A.S. SNIPE (Lt. M. De V Salmon, R.A.N.) arrived 20th January, 1965, departed 22nd January, 1965.

H.M.A.S. DUCHESS (Cdr. I.M. Burnside, R.A.N.) arrived 26th January, 1965, departed 27th January, 1965.

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE (Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 4th February, 1965, departed 5th February, 1965.

H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Captain H.D. Stevenson, R.A.N.) flying the flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral T.K. Morrison, C.B.E., D.S.C.

H.M.A.S. SUPPLY (Captain W.J. Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N.) and H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA (Cdr. R. Percy, R.A.N.) arrived 3rd March, 1965, departed 4th March, 1965.

H.M.A.S. DUCHESS (Cdr. I.M. Burnside, R.A.N.) arrived and departed 12th March, 1965.

(B) OTHER PORTS:

PORT MORESBY: F.N.S. La BAYONNAISE arrived 8th January, 1965, departed 11th January, 1965.

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(B) OTHER PORTS:(Cont'd)

F.N.S. La DUNKERQUOIS arrived 18th January, 1965, departed 21st January, 1965.

H.M.A.S. PALUMA arrived 21st February, 1965, departed 2nd March, 1965. (Lt. Cdr. J.M. Mac Kay, R.A.N.)

H.M.A.S. BANKS (Lt. J.N. LATTIN, R.A.N.) arrived 11th January, 1965, departed 24th March, 1965.

MADANG: H.M.A.S. CURLEW and H.M.A.S. SNIPE arrived 23rd January, 1965, departed 25th January, 1965.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

NIL.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED.
Malaita	Ealey	0700/16/2	0930/17/2
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1030/1/3	0745/2/3
Moisana	Brutnall Snr.	1800/15/3	1020/16/3
Martin	Father Asher	0920/17/3	1100/17/3
Raskai	Father Skelly	1200/18/3	1330/18/3
Kurwina	C. Rant	1530/25/3	1200/27/3
Tugala	R. Eggington	1515/30/3	—

4. OFFICIAL CALLS PAID:

12th January, 1965: His Honour the Acting Administrator - Dr. J.T. Gunther.
Assistant Administrator (Economic Affairs) Mr. H.H. Reeve.
Director of District Administration - Mr. J.K. McCarthy.
Secretary for Labour - Mr. N.J. Mason.
Director of Trade and Industry - Mr. G.D. Cannon.
Chief Collector of Customs - Mr. K.M. Chambers.
A/Commissioner for Police - Mr. P.R. Larkin
A/Regional Director, A.S.I.O. - Mr. J. McFarlane.
A/District Commissioner, Central District - Mr. R.T. Galloway.

13th January, 1965: A/District Commissioner, New Britain District - Mr. E.G. Hicks.
A.S.I.O. Rabaul - Mr. M.G. Grace.

25th January, 1965: A/District Commissioner, Manus District - Mr. R.S. Bell.

9th March, 1965: District Commissioner, Manus District - Mr. L.J. O'Malley.

5. SUPPORT CRAFT:

A.W.B. 409 - Slipped to facilitate fitting of new stern tube, bearings and shaft. 'A' bracket removed to scarf in new skeg piece and realign bearing. Repairs carried out to canopy which was rotted. Replacement engine fitted and original engine removed to workshop for overhaul.

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Maringo (M.M.B. 1310) - Several holes in planks due to rot. Craft was slipped and internal lining and copper sheathing removed. After extensive survey it was decided that the craft was beyond repair and unseaworthy. Tingles were placed over holes and craft unslipped and moored pending disposal instructions. A replacement craft has been requested in other correspondence.

OFL 1207 - Two holes approximately ⅛" diameter appeared in third plate strake from keel on starboard side between frames 59, 60 and 61. Repairs were carried out and an underwater inspection revealed general pitting in this area, the largest of which was ¾" diameter and3/16" deep. The plate in this area is 5/16" thick. A request was made by signal for instructions concerning slipping of this craft.

Slipway - Continues to operate satisfactorily and has had routine maintenance carried out on cradles, bogies and rails.

H.M.A.S. BANKS - Proceeded to Port Moresby for annual refit at Steamship's Trading Company Slipway. Due to a fault in the generator stator windings and the lack of skilled staff the refit has not been completed on time. A refit inspection was carried out but because of the lack of progress on the part of the contractors little value was gained as most equipment was in a partially stripped condition. It would appear that with the amount of work handled by this Company and the lack of staff, consideration should be given to refitting H.M.A.S. BANKS in Garden Island to ensure that all work detailed is carried out within the specified refit period.

6. HOUSING HABITABILITY:- Residences N.O.I.C.'s, T1, T9, T14, T19, T23, T25, T31, T36, and T42 were surveyed on change of residents. A considerable amount of Major repairs were necessary to these residences. Minor repairs were carried out on P3, P4, P5, P6, T2, T7, T10, T13, T20, T24, T25, T29, T30, T31, T34, T39 and T40. Residences T7 and T18 were demolished in accordance with instructions and T1 has been offered for disposal. The contract for the erection of 20 CRI type houses has been let to Messers Bird and Knoth of Rabaul. Almost the entire equipment of Assets listed in the Register of Assets received attention during the period and much work still remains to be completed if these assets are to remain habitable. It is intended to progress a composite working party through all buildings in an endeavour to ensure their continued utilisation. In this context the Wardroom Building is currently undergoing considerable repairs. Most repair work is to combat the ravages of white ants, wet and dry rot and corrosion.

7. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS.

(a) OFI PAPITALI - All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. 626 tons and 316 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil were issued to H.M.A.S. DUCHESS and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE respectively and 10 tons and 13 tons of Automotive Diesel Distillate were issued to H.M.A.S. SNIPE and H.M.A.S. CURLEW respectively. Once again several leaks were experienced on the Tank Farm pipelines and the condition of the Farm as a whole is extremely poor. The tank plate for the 200 ton A.D.D. tank is expected in M.V. MALAITA which is due in Lombrum 17 April approximately.

(b) OFI PORT MORESBY - All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. H.M.A.S. BANKS has been undergoing refit at Steamship's Trading Company Slipway and H.M.A.S. PALUMA was slipped in the same yard for inspection of the port propeller and shaft. Caltex Saigon delivered 5002.27 tons of F.F.O. to the Installation during the period. Water test cocks are being fitted to the fuel line by Department of Works.

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(i) The following is a list of Serviceable fuel hoses held at O.F.I. Port Moresby.

5" Flexible Bronze.	3½" Flexible Bronze.
1 x 30 feet	5 x 30 feet
3 x 20 feet	4 x 20 feet
2 x 12 feet	

Demands have been raised to replace hose unserviceable under test vide N.O.I.C. N.G.'s letter N.G. 33/1 dated 17 February, 1965.

(c) WATER RETICULATION:- Rainfall has been adequate but the 12" line from Nos. 3 and 4 dams is finally non-repairable. The 6" line which was laid to mate up with the new water treatment plant is now being coupled into the system. The 12" outlet and scour lines to No. 1 Dam will be replaced with material supplied as soon as the 6" line is coupled. All necessary materials to complete the Water Treatment Plant are now on site and work should re-commence in the near future.

(d) POWER HOUSE:- 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1, 4 and 5 Diesel Generators and a 1000 hour overhaul on No. 3 Diesel Generator. No. 4 Diesel Generator is currently awaiting main and big end bearings. Work is continuing with fitting of extra cube tanks for rain water collection. Minor running faults have occurred but these have not interfered with power availability.

(e) SHORE REEFERS:- Routine maintenance carried out on 5 compressors and several minor leaks have been repaired. Repairs were effected on the air lock doors on A and B cold rooms. The Werner Scotsman ice machine has several electrical faults which are being investigated.

(f) ELECTRICAL:- Routine maintenance has been carried out on the Power Reticulation and as a result of the High Voltage check on the Transformer Oil, the oil was changed in 5 transformers. The switch gear on the distribution panel was overhauled during the period. Several repairs were effected on domestic inlet wiring which became unserviceable due to deterioration. Efforts will be made to replace all suspect wire when stocks become available. A high percentage of the work effort has been concentrated on repairs and replacement to internal lights and associated fittings. Domestic appliances are in good condition with the exception of Main Galley equipment which has been nominated for replacement.

(g) RADIO:- All units have produced satisfactory results during the period with only occassional defects. Repairs were carried out on the following units, 3J8922, 1C55163, 9J, 618, AMT150, 1J51020 and 1J50904. Trouble was again experienced with the 20 pair underground cable due to water ingress. Several MTR 1 sets were overhauled and repaired. The general state of all radio equipment is satisfactory but the units are becoming increasingly more difficult to maintain as they become older.

(h) D.A.R.'s :- 13 new replacement G.E.C. 10 cubic feet refrigerators were recently received but 4 of these units were unserviceable on arrival. Comworks have been informed and replacement sealed units are expected. The present position with regard to D.A.R.'s is very good and with the proposed supply of 17 No. new units in the next financial year domestic refrigeration should no longer be a problem.

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(j) HEAVY EQUIPMENT:- All units are fully serviceable and have been utilised as required clearing sites for the new Married Quarters. The remainder of the equipment is currently employed on repairing and maintaining the roads. Routine maintenance is being carried out on all units.

(k) MOTOR TRANSPORT:- Routine servicing has been carried out. The majority of repair work has been on brake systems, shock absorber rubber replacements, Landrover steering box bush replacement.

The 3 International Tip Trucks are still the largest source of unserviceability, during the period two differential assemblies, one clutch and pressure plate and two propeller shafts have failed. Replacement of these trucks is now becoming a priority as it is extremely difficult to obtain spares for this model.

(l) MARRIED QUARTERS- (P.N.G. COMPOUND):- Many minor repairs carried out to these buildings during the period. The construction of the 2 x 3 flat Quansets is progressing but is being seriously hampered by lack of staff.

(m) COMPLEMENT:- The Engineering Department is below complement by 1 E.R.A. and it is understood that this situation will obtain with the current Fleet shortages of this rate. The Shipwright and Electrical Departments are at approved strength.

(n) GENERAL:- During the period the Engineering Staff rendered assistance to the District Commissioner by making serviceable two Administration work boats namely HABOB and LUNAMAH. This was a most necessary service as these craft were urgently required to tow surf boats for unloading M.V. MALAITA at Lorengau.

8. MEDICAL:-

The general health of the ships company is good. As usual minor health problems in the dependants are the most frequent conditions, with a fair sprinkling of major illnesses amongst the indigines.

ADMISSIONS TO BASE HOSPITAL:

R.A.N.	= 1	P.N.G.	= 1
CIVILIANS	= 6	DEPENDANTS	
		R.A.N.	= 4
INDIGINES	= 10	P.N.G.	= 6

Average daily in-patients = 0.8

INDIGENES.

Only seriously ill or those requiring surgery are admitted to the base hospital. The remainder are cared for in the Native Hospital.

ADMISSIONS TO NATIVE HOSPITAL:

P.N.G. = 5

P.N.G. DEPENDANTS, LABOUR LINE and VILLAGES = 84

Average daily in-patients = 10.5

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AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST:

R.A.N. = 2 P.N.G. = 4

DEPENDANTS = 3 CIVILIANS = 5 (Weekly)

INDIGINES - BASE HOSPITAL = 3

NATIVE HOSPITAL = 15-20

OPERATIONS:

MAJOR = NIL EUROPEAN CONFINEMENTS = 4

MINOR = 9 NATIVE CONFINEMENTS = 12

MALARIA:

No malaria has been seen this quarter. The administration follow up to their recent malaria elimination campaign is now in progress.

DENTAL:

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) A. Kyd was appointed to Tarangau for the period 1 February, 1965 to 15 March, 1965. His presence here was of great value to the Depot and all Naval personnel are now dentally fit.

DEATHS:

There have been four deaths this quarter. One was a full term stillborn infant, the second a native woman who died from septicaemia. The third was a native child, the provisional diagnosis of cause of death being leukaemia. The fourth, a native child died suddenly from Gastro-enteritis.

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL:

The swing fog programme has continued with only minor interruptions. There has been no further work carried out on the new water treatment plant.

INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS:

All persons are being kept up to date with protection against smallpox, typhoid, tetanus and poliomyelitis. In addition children are given protection against diptheria and whooping cough.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Two cases of infectious hepatitis have occurred, one, a child within the depot. One native patient with Hansen's disease was sent to a Public Health Leprosarium. There have been sporadic cases of chicken pox amongst the native children.

STAFF:

There has been a complete turnover of Sick Berth Staff during this period.

The inclusion of a laboratory technician in the present staff is proving of great value.

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9. P.N.G. DIVISION:

The morale of the Divisions members continues at a high level, and with the receipt of new equipment - Bren and Thompson machine guns, temts, jungle boots etc, and the introduction of more war like training, interest and general keenness has also shown a marked improvement.

The fact that they are being taught new things and to handle new weapons etc has made them aware that they are part of the R.A.N. and not just another labour force.

During the period the men of the Division have been employed on routine tasks and duties within the Division area and in Tarangau's various departments.

Regular diving and demolition exercises have been carried out. During February two Army divers were added to the team for two weeks and many diving tasks in Seeadler Harbour were completed.

Classes in English and Mathematics continue on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and good progress is being made.

The grounds and surrounds and living quarters of the Division are well cared for and clean, this fact being favourably commented upon by the F.O.C.A.F. during his "walk round" on March 3rd.

10. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE:

The Labour Line maintains a high morale, and continues to work well. A party of 12 natives under the supervision of one Able seaman has been formed into a "BLITZ" party, its function is to hit bad areas that require cleaning up, in time it is hoped to equip this party with the necessary tools to cope with a wide variety of jobs.

11. SPORT:

Sporting activities in Tarangau continue mainly as Social games between messes. However, a keen Volley ball competition is in progress at the present time, and the Tarangau Basketball Association is even more keen.

Basketball matches are regularly played between Tarangau and Lorengau, and visiting ships are usually given a lesson on the game.

The Papua New Guinea Division is the mainstay of the Association but without the help and guidance of the European members the T.B.A. would not amount to much. It is hoped to send a representative team to the T.P.N.G. Basketball Championships to be held in Rabaul on the June long weekend.

12. RAINFALL:

Total points for :-	January	1159
	February	901
	March	1308
Total for quarter ending 31 March.		3368

Number of days rain fell during :-

	January	22
	February	23
	March	23
Total for quarter ending 31 March.		68

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13. GENERAL INFORMATION:

7 January.	H.M.A.S. BANKS sailed for Port Moresby to undergo annual refit.
11 January.	Mr. G. Johnson arrived from Commonwealth Department of Works, Port Moresby, for inspection of Fuel Oil tanks at Papitalai.
14 January.	Commander C.J. Schmitzer, R.A.N., joined H.M.A.S. Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Harman.
15 January.	Commander M.G. Pechey, D.S.C., R.A.N., departed Tarangau for leave prior to appointment to H.M.A.S. Kuttabul. Commander Schmitzer assumed command as Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.
28 January.	Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) A.L. Kyd, R.A.N., joined H.M.A.S. Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Watson.
1 February.	N.O.I.C. New Guinea attended opening of Manus Native Society Co-operative building at Lorengau by Mr. G.D. Cannon - Director of Trade and Industry.
14 February.	Non denominational memorial service was conducted by Rev. N. Deitch for those who lost their lives in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.
19 February.	Mr. M. McDonald - Naval Stores Inspecting Officer arrived.
20 February.	Engineer Lieutenant (AE) T.C. Dodds, R.A.N., departed for Port Moresby to carry out inspection of R.A.N. Oil Fuel Installation and discussions with Department of Works.
26 February.	Papua New Guinea Division guard and drum band preceded a contingent of P.N.G. members in the Churchill Memorial march past at Lorengau.
27 February.	Lieutenant Dodds returned to Lombrum.
28 February.	Non denominational church service was conducted by Rev. H. Deitch in honour of the late Sir Winston Churchill.
3 March.	The Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet - Rear Admiral T.K. Morrison, C.B.E., D.S.C. inspected the Papua New Guinea Division Guard and Divisions, then walked around H.M.A.S. Tarangau. Commander R.E. Lesh, R.A.N. - Director of Communications arrived for an inspection of Tarangau's communications facilities. Mr. E.J. Looker and Mr. K. Moran - Internal Audit Inspectors arrived Tarangau to carry out an inspection.
4 March.	Lieutenant Commander R.W. Holister, R.A.N. joined Tarangau from H.M.A.S. Cerberus.

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5 March.	Commander R.E. Lesh departed for Navy Office.
10 March.	A Royal Air Force Argosy aircraft from 215 Squadron Changi arrived Momote from the Phillippines. The crew were accommodated overnight in Tarangau and departed for Lae on the morning of the 11th.
11 March.	Lt. Cdr. Holister assumed duties as Executive Officer.
12 March.	Lieutenant Commander I.S. Benney, R.A.N., departed Tarangau for leave prior to appointment to H.M.A.S. ALBATROOS.
15 March.	Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) A.L. Kyd departed Tarangau to rejoin H.M.A.S. WATSON.
17 March.	R.A.A.F. D.C.3 arrived Momote from Lae. R.A.A.F. inspection team of 13 shown over area. Departed same day.
24 March.	Mr. Looker and Mr. Moran departed for Sydney.
25 March.	A party of workmen arrived from Rabaul in M.V. KURWINA to commence building the 20 new residences.
28 March.	H.M.A.S. BANKS returned to Lombrum.
29 March.	The United Nations Inspection Team at present touring the Territory of Papua and New Guinea arrived Momote.
31 March.	Post refit inspection H.M.A.S. BANKS. H.M.A.S. BANKS departed Lombrum for Madang.

C.J. Schmitzer

(C.J. SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
NEW GUINEA.

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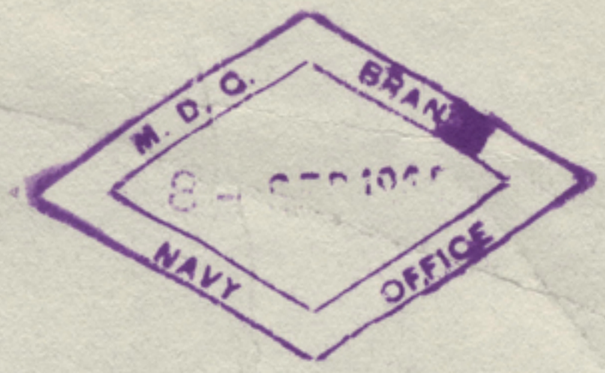

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5th July, 1965.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL, 1965
TO 30th JUNE, 1965.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of activities for the New Guinea Area for the quarter ended 30th June, 1965.

The health of the Ship's Company is good. The morale is high and only rare minor breaches of discipline have been experienced.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O' WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS: H.M.A.S. YARRA (Commander B.H.Loxton, R.A.N.) arrived 7th April, departed 8th April, 1965.

H.M.A.S.DERWENT (Commander R.C.Swan, R.A.N.) arrived 16th April, departed 17th April, 1965.

H.M.A.S.VAMPIRE (Captain D.J.Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 29th April, departed 30th April, 1965.

F.N.S.DOUDART DE LAGREE (Commander De Queylar, F.N.) arrived 29th April, departed 30th April, 1965.

H.M.N.Z.S.OTAGO (Commander R.N.L.Humby, R.N.Z.N.) arrived and departed 18th May, 1965.

H.M.A.S.ANZAC (Commander I.H.Nicholson, R.A.N.) arrived 30th May, departed 31st May, 1965.

H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE (Captain H.D.Stevenson, R.A.N.) flying the flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral T.K.Morrison, C.B.E., D.S.C.Arrived 15th June, departed 16June.

H.M.A.S.SUPPLY (Captain W.J.Dovers, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 15th June, departed 16th June, 1965.

H.M.A.S.VAMPIRE (Captain D.J.Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 15th June, departed 16th June, 1965.

(B) OTHER PORTS:

RABAUL: U.S.S.ADVANCE (Lt.Cdr. W.H.C.Self, U.S.N.)
U.S.S.CONSTANT (Lt.Cdr. R.B.Moore, U.S.N.)
U.S.S.PLUCK (Lt. Cdr. R.K.Leopold, U.S.N.)
U.S.S.ENERGY (Lt.Cdr.J.W.Tucker, U.S.N.)
U.S.S.PIVOT (Lt.Cdr.R.H.Fall, U.S.N.)
arrived 19th April, departed 20th April, 1965.

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1.(B) OTHER PORTS (Cont'd)

PORT MORESBY: F.N.S.DOUDART DE LAGREE - arrived 24th April, departed 27th April, 1965.

WEWAK: H.M.A.S.ANZAC, arrived 24th May, departed 26th May, 1965.

AITAPE: H.M.A.S.ANZAC, arrived 27th May, departed 28th May, 1965.

VANIMO: H.M.A.S.ANZAC, arrived 28th May, departed 29th May, 1965.

KAVIENG: H.M.A.S.ANZAC, arrived 1st June, departed 3rd.June, 1965.

H.M.A.S.PALUMA operated in the KAVIENG/RABAUL area during the quarter. Departed for Sydney on 13th June, 1965.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

NIL.

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
TUGALA	R.Eggington	-	1800/1/4
MARGRET	Father Skelly	1200/6/4	0600/7/4
RASKAI	J. Poon	1540/6/4	1830/6/4
MALAITA	Ealey	0645/17/4	1730/17/4
NEW GUINEA TRADER	S.Haines	1045/19/4	1130/22/4
LOATTA	Brutnall, Snr.	1120/19/4	0600/20/4
SAGA STAR	R.C.Jelstad	1130/22/4	2300/24/4
RASKAI	J. Poon	1300/3/5	0900/4/5
LOATTA	Brutnall, Snr.	1000/12/5	1800/12/5
SPINDRIFT	B.Jacobson	1510/24/5	1530/24/5
SPINDRIFT	B.Jacobson	0845/28/5	1030/28/5
LOATTA	Brutnall, Snr.	1100/3/6	0855/4/6
DAY STAR	Native Coxswain	1400/9/6	1500/9/6
RASKAI	J.Poon	1020/11/6	1315/11/6
MALAITA	Ealey	0730/17/6	1025/18/6
LOATTA	Brutnall, Snr.	0630/18/6	1045/18/6
TAMI	Native Coxswain	1100/18/6	1300/18/6
CRAESTAR	F.Hughes	1200/20/6	1000/21/6
RASKAI	J.Poon	0800/23/6	1430/23/6
SPINDRIFT	B.Jacobson	1435/24/6	1540/24/6
CRAESTAR	F.Hughes	1420/29/6	1550/29/6
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	1140/30/6	1645/30/6

4. SUPPORT CRAFT:

A.W.B.409:- Not slipped during the period. Several repairs effected on engine cooling, exhaust and fuel system. Fuel tanks were removed and holes repaired.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310):- Awaiting disposal.

O.F.L.1207:- No further holing of the underwater area has yet occurred, indications are that this craft will be replaced in the very near future. Tanks Nos.7 and 8 were drained of A.D.D. and cleaned out prior to receipt of A.D.D. from H.M.A.S.SUPPLY.

Slipway:- Not used during this period. Pressure of other work has precluded full maintenance on this unit but the necessary work to reduce corrosion will be undertaken shortly.

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4. SUPPORT CRAFT (Cont'd)

H.M.A.S.BANKS:- Assistance by the Shipwrights Shop rendered during the period to repair fore peak hatch cover, bathroom door and Bren Gun stowage. The 17'6" motor boat was hauled and repairs were carried out to hull planks by shore staff. Replacement exhaust system manufactured and fitted during this period.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:- Residences P 2, P 4, P 5, T 3, T 21, T 24, and T 32 received a considerable amount of major repairs. Minor repairs were carried out on residences N.O.I.C., P 1, T 2, T 9, T 19, T 20, T 37, and T 38. Residences T 6 and T 28 were demolished to enable new houses to be built on their sites and T 13 has been offered for disposal. A large amount of major repairs have been effected in the Wardroom, P.N.G. area, Primary School and Water Point. Most of the remaining assets have received attention during to offset the ravages of corrosion, white ants and wet and dry rot. New house construction is proceeding at a reasonable rate and it is considered that the first two will be available by the end of August or early September.

6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS:-

(a) O.F.I. PAPITALI:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. 3021.04 tons of F.F.O. were received from SAGA STAR on 23rd. April, 1965, and 3620 tons of F.F.O. and 236 tons of A.D.D. were received from H.M.A.S.SUPPLY on 15th June, 1965. The following ships were refuelled during the period under report:- H.M.A.S.YARRA, 250 tons F.F.O., H.M.A.S.DERWENT, 240 tons F.F.O., H.M.A.S.VAMPIRE, 408 tons of F.F.O., H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO, 234 tons F.F.O., H.M.A.S.ANZAC, 458 tons F.F.O.,.Several leaks occurred in the pipelines but considering the traffic in F.F.O. and the age of the pipes these leaks were considered reasonable. All plate and pipe line for the 200 ton A.D.D. tank has arrived and construction commenced on 25th June. Estimated completion date of this project is September, 1965.

(b) O.F.I. MORESBY:-All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The relieving Attendant has taken over and a supercession muster of equipment and fuel was carried out in conjunction with the B.E.O., H.M.A.S.TARANGAU. A leak has occurred in the pipeline near the main wharf and Comworks are currently excavating to locate and repair this fault. Painting of the tank and installation is in progress. Some slight rockfall has occurred in the bund and Comworks have been asked to clear this and inspect the bund face for any further rock movement.

The following is a list of serviceable fuel hoses held at O.F.I. Port Moresby:-

5" Flexible Bronze	3½" Flexible Bronze
1 x 30 ft	5 x 30 ft
3 x 20 ft	4 x 20 ft
2 x 12 ft	

Replacement 6" rubber hoses and adaptors have not yet arrived. Hastening action has been taken.

(c) Water Reticulation:- Rainfall has been adequate. The 6" line to Nos.3 and 4 dams has been coupled to the Water Treatment Plant and a new 6" line laid up to No. 3 dam. The effort to replace the unserviceable 12" outlet and scour lines to No. 1 dam by jacking 8" bore casing through the bank was unsuccessful. Comworks now intend to breach the bank and lay the 8" bore case and encase it in concrete tied to the parent rock. Work should commence on the project shortly. The new Water Treatment Plant should be completed in 4 to 5 weeks.

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6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS (Cont'd):-

(d) Power House:- 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1, 3 and 4 D.G's., and 1000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 D.G's. Several minor breakdowns have occurred due to valve spring failure, air start valve failure and main bearing stud failure. Trouble is being experienced with the governor drive mechanism on the Mirrlees but repair action and minor local modifications are being carried out to effect repairs. The cooling spray nozzles in Mirrlees cooling tower were cleaned out during this period.

(e) Shore Reefers:- Routine maintenance carried out on all Shore Reefer plant and machinery. General work carried out associated with replacing pipe hangars and making good the system. Minor maintenance carried out on cooling towers.

(f) Electrical:-Routine maintenance carried out on Power Reticulation, Switchboard gear and Transformers. Power has been disconnected from buildings disposed of and all electrical fittings recovered to further use. New poles are being erected and aerials connected to supply power to the new houses. Maximum work concentration is still domestic lighting and fittings. Assistance was given to H.M.A.S.BANKS on several instances during the period to effect electrical repairs, replacement and planned maintenance routines. Some trouble has been experienced with the swimming pool pump motor but the fault has been eliminated by preventing moisture ingress to the starter box.

(g) Radio:- All units have given reasonable service during the period with defects occurring in the following units:- 3 J 8922, AMT 150, 691, 9 J 50901, AT 20 and 1 J 51020. A quantity of MTR 1's have been serviced and repaired. Planned maintenance and repairs were carried out on the 974 radar fitted to H.M.A.S. BANKS. Considering the age of the radio equipment held, the unservicibility rate is low and this reflects creditably on the maintainers.

(h) D.A.R's:- With the exception of the old Electrolux units and the 4 G.E.C. 10 cubic feet units received unservicable from the suppliers, the domestic refrigerator situation is satisfactory. As reported previously, the 1965/66 financial year will allow for replacement of all old units and the establishment should then be standardized with G.E.C's.

(j) Heavy Equipment:- The following units are undergoing repair and refit by a comworks mechanic:- Traxcavator, D 7 Bulldozer, Grader. Unfortunately spare parts non-availability is retarding the progress of these units. During the earlier part of the quarter all plant was being well utilized on site clearing for the new houses, repairing the roads and re-making a disused road linking the Base Hospital with Lower Compound Road. The rock crusher has been working continuously supplying aggregate for use by Contractors.

(k) Motor Transport:- Routine servicing has been carried out on all vehicles and the major work has once again been confined to the 3 in No. 3 ton Tip Trucks. Early replacement of these vehicles has been proposed in other correspondence. Troubles have been experienced with the steering on Landrovers and this has been overcome by lapping of the fibre bushes in the front universal joint.

(l) Married Quarters (P.N.G. - Compound):- Minor repairs and maintenance carried out on these assets. The construction of the 2 new 3 flat Quansets is nearly complete and only a small amount of internal fitting is required.

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6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS (Cont'd):-

(m) General:- Minor assistance was rendered to various fleet units during their stay at H.M.A.S.TARANGAU. Some assistance was rendered to the MV NEW GUINEA TRADER, but due to lack of co-operation and knowledge by her crew the assistance could only be limited to pumping out the water in the machinery space and an internal check for leaks.

7 MEDICAL:- The health of the Ship's Company remains excellent.

BASE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

R.A.N.	4	P.N.G.	3
CIVILIANS	4	DEPENDANTS R.A.N.	1
INDIGENES	25	DEPENDANTS P.N.G.	5
TOTAL	42		

AVERAGE DAILY IN-PATIENTS 1.2.

NATIVE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

P.N.G. 2

P.N.G.DEPENDANTS, LABOUR LINE AND VILLAGERS 133.

TOTAL 135

AVERAGE DAILY IN-PATIENTS 10.1.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST.

R.A.N. 1

P.N.G.BASE HOSPITAL 2 P.N.G.DRESSING STATION 10.

DEPENDANTS 2.5

CIVILIANS 4.5 (Weekly)

INDIGENES BASE HOSPITAL 4

NATIVE HOSPITAL 12

OPERATIONS.

Major	11	European Confinement	1
Minor	12	Native Confinements	10

MALARIA

Two patients with malaria have attended this quarter. Both were native children and neither were taking suppressives.

DENTAL.

Emergency dental treatment has been done by the Medical Officer. Mr. P. Meyger, an Administration Dentist, visited here for two days and carried out some dental treatment. In addition Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (D) N. Merrifield treated three patients during the visit of H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE.

DEATHS.

There has been one death this quarter. The patient was an elderly native man with pulmonary hypertension and cardiac failure.

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7 MEDICAL (Cont'd):-

HYGIENE AND MALARIA CONTROL:-

The Swing Fog programme continues. It is expected that residual D.D.T. spraying will be resumed by the Public Health Department Malaria Control Unit in the near future.

Inoculations and vaccinations.

All persons are being kept up to date with inoculations.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A leprosy survey was carried out by Mr. M. Baelen, a Public Health Department Inspector. Three persons were classed as possible suspects and biopsies were taken. No results are yet available.

An epidemic of influenza appeared in the Native Labour Compound early in the quarter, commencing in the Arawe people but eventually involving others. Altogether 55 patients were treated and one of the Native Labour Accommodation Huts was used as a ward. The epidemic lasted approximately two weeks.

8. INDIGENE LABOUR LINE:-

In May the Arawe Labour line comprising 44 Natives were repatriated to Kandrian and a new line recruited. The new recruits have settled in quite well and have quickly adapted to our routine. The "Blitz" team is continuing to function well, adding landscaping to their list of achievements. Work was interrupted early in the quarter for a period of two weeks due to an influenza epidemic.

9. RAINFALL.

Total points for:-	April	1186 points
	May	963 "
	June	1391 "
Total for quarter ending 30th June		3540 points.
Number of days rain fell during		
	April	25 days
	May	24 "
	June	23 "
Total for quarter ending 30th June		72 days

It is interesting to note that June rainfall is the highest in one month since January, 1964 when 1600 points were recorded.

10. P.N.G.

The Papua New Guinea Division is progressing well. The news of the proposed expansion of and recruiting for the Division has boosted morale considerably, even though the present numbers realise they have little chance of serving in the forthcoming Patrol Craft.

Training in small arms handling is progressing although other commitments prevented this being carried out for some weeks. The Nutt Point Range is undergoing some repair and firings are expected to recommence during July.

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10. P.N.G.(Cont'd)

The Diving and Demolition teams have been carrying out useful practices and exercises in blasting reef passages and in the detonation of unexploded bombs and projectiles, nine of which were destroyed in and around Wewak Harbour during the week 21st to 27th June.

Members of the Division took the leading role in the ANZAC DAY Parade at Lorengau and their drill, bearing and general behaviour has been very fabourably commented upon by all concerned.

11. SPORT

During the period matches were played against teams from visiting ships and the TARANGAU teams acquitted themselves well, losing only one game of those played as follows:-

7th April	TARANGAU v YARRA	Waterpolo won by "TARANGAU." (Cricket & Basketball washed out.)
29th April	TARANGAU v VAMPIRE	Basketball won by"TARANGAU" Waterpolo won by"TARANGAU" Cricket won by "TARANGAU".
30th May	TARANGAU v ANZAC	Basketball (1) won by "ANZAC". Basketball (11) won by "TARANGAU". Waterpolo won by "TARANGAU". Cricket ended in a "tie".

No matches were played against teams from MELBOURNE, SUPPLY or VAMPIRE during their visit in June owing to other commitments having prioroty.

The Tarangau Basketball Association has played several matches against other Manus Island Teams and have so far emerged undefeated. An enthusiastic inter-part Volleyball Competition is in its final stages and when completed will be replaced by Softball. Social Cricket and Softball matches have also been played between scratch teams, not enough interested personnel being available to runa competition. However these games provide good entertainment for both players and families.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION:-

10th April	H.M.A.S.BANKS returned to Lombrum.
16th April	M.V.MALAITA arrived Lombrum and anchored out.
17th April	M.V.MALAITA came alongside Lombrum Wharf and discharging of cargo was completed in the one day. 426 tons.
19th April	M.V.NEW GUINEA TRADER arrived alongside Lombrum Wharf. There was a lot of dissatisfaction amongst the crew members onboard, therefore the Customs Officer from Lorengau was consulted and proceeded to make enquiries. My message 2001002 April 1965 refers.
	H.M.A.S.BANKS departed Lombrum.
22nd April	M.V.NEW GUINEA TRADER was shifted to Lorengau anchorage by Customs Officer.
	M.V.SAGA STAR arrived Lombrum to discharge Furnace Fuel Oil into the Papitalai Oil Farm.
24th April	M.V.SAGA STAR completed discharging of fuel early morning and departed late p.m.

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12 GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont'd)

25th April	ANZAC DAY.
30th April	Major D. Barrett and Lieutenant D. Carter arrived to conduct Pacific Island Regiment recruiting on Manus Island.
3rd. May	Major Barrett and Lieutenant Carter departed. Mr. M. H. McDonald - Stores Inspecting Officer departed TARANGAU. Mr. Elliott of Department of Supply arrived TARANGAU for discussions re Project ANNA.
5th May	Mr. Edens arrived TARANGAU to join Mr. Elliott.
7th May	Mr. Elliott and Mr. Edens departed. Lieutenant D.J.Angus (SD) (B) R.A.N., PO CD R.A. Donne, R.37368, RO W.R.Hosking, R.53979 and three members of the Papua New Guinea Division proceeded by the Mission Boat MARGRET to BIPI ISLAND off the western end of Manus Island to investigate reports of unexploded wartime weapons.
11th May	French Naval C54 Aircraft landed Momote to refuel. Crew were accommodated overnight in TARANGAU and aircraft departed early morning of the 12th May for Cebu.
13th May	Captain Thorsen, J.S., U.S. Army accompanied by a Staff Sergeant and a Technical NCO arrived TARANGAU in connection with project SECOR.
14th May	A Sub-Committee of the Commonwealth Explosives Transport Committee comprising:- Lt.Col. G.B.Combes - Director of Movements, Army HQ; Mr.A.B.Grieg - Director of Transport, Dept.of Supply; Mr.L.N.Etherton - Executive Officer, Dept.of Shipping and transport arrived TARANGAU. They were accommodated in the Wardroom over the weekend and departed Monday 17th May.
17th May	CPO RP L.E.Hood, R.49598 departed Momote via Ansett - Mal Charter to repatriate the Arawe Native bois from the Labour Line to Kandrian. Owing to the bad weather encountered this two day journey developed into a 5 day trip which resulted in Ansett-Mal being considerably out of pocket having to make 4 return trips in lieu of the intended 2.
19th May	Captain Thorsen from Project SECOR Team departed Manus.
24th May	8 Members of the Papua New Guinea Division proceeded to Wewak to join H.M.A.S.ANZAC for passage to Lombrum.
28th May	H.M.A.S.BANKS returned to Lombrum.
29th May	Naval Officer-in-Charge New Guinea, Commander C.J. Schmitzer, R.A.N., departed TARANGAU for PORT MORESBY, to meet the Minister for the Navy and Official party on their arrival from CANBERRA.

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12 GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont'd)

2nd June — Commander Schmitzer accompanied by the Minister for the Navy and Official Party comprising:-

Mr.S. Landau, O.B.E., M.A., - Secretary, Department of the Navy.
Instructor Captain R.G.Fennessy, D.S.C., R.A.N., - D.N.E.S.;
Commander J. Ferguson, D.S.C., R.A.N.;
Commander J.G.Stacey, R.A.N.;
Lieutenant Commander G.J.Tilley, R.A.N.; and
Mr. R. Anderson - Head of Personnel;

from Port Moresby to Momote by R.A.A.F.Aircraft.

3rd. June — The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Landau, Instructor Captain Fennessy and Mr. Anderson departed Momote for return to Canberra.

4th June — Mr. R. E. Todd - Director of Naval Works arrived TARANGAU.

5th June — Commander Ferguson departed TARANGAU.

7th June — Mr. Todd, Commander Stacey and Lieutenant Commander Tilley departed TARANGAU.

The Commanding Officer Second Battalion Pacific Islands Regiment - Lieutenant Colonel D.M.Ramsay, ARA, arrived Lombrum for discussions with the District Commissioner, Manus District.

9th June — Lieutenant Colonel Ramsay departed.

11th June — The Staff Sergeant and Technical NCO departed, having completed the initial set up for Project SECOR.

16th June — H.M.A.S.BANKS returned to Lombrum.

Surgeon Commander S.J.Lloyd, R.A.N., joined TARANGAU from H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE.

18th June — Engineer Lientenant T.C.Dodds, R.A.N. departed TARANGAU for routine inspection of R.A.N.Oil Fuel Installation at Port Moresby.

H.M.A.S.BANKS departed Lombrum.

19th June — Surgeon Commander Lloyd departed TARANGAU for return to Medical Director General Department.

21st June — Lieutenant D.J.Angus (SD)(B) R.A.N., PO CD R.A.Donne, R.37368 and two members of the Papua New Guinea Division Diving Team departed Lombrum for Wewak to assist the Army in disposing of bombs located in Wewak Harbour.

Mr. J. Farquharson - editor of the Territory Newspaper - SOUTH PACIFIC POST, visited TARANGAU.

C.J.Schmitzer

(C.J.SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
NEW GUINEA.

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The Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1965

Reference: Navy Office letter 18/6/1615 dated 9th October, 1969.

Forwarded.

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Commander RAN

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The Secretary,
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PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY, 1965
TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 1965.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of activities for the New Guinea Area for the Quarter ended 30th September, 1965.

The Health of the Ship's Company is good and the morale is high. Discipline is most satisfactory.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O' WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(A) MANUS: H.M.A.S.SNIPE (Lieutenant B.S.COURTIER, R.A.N.)
arrived 25th July, departed 28th July, 1965.

H.M.A.S.HAWK (Commander G.J.M.CLARK, R.A.N.)
arrived 4th August, departed 8th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.GULL (Lieutenant H.C.FINDLAY, R.A.N.)
arrived 4th August, departed 8th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.DUCHESS (Commander I.M.BURNSIDE, R.A.N.)
arrived 18th August, departed 19th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.VENDETTA (Commander D.W.LEACH, R.A.N.)
arrived 18th August, departed 19th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.YARRA (Captain B.H.LOXTON, R.A.N.)
arrived and departed 27th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.PARRAMATTA (Commander R. PERCY, R.A.N.)
arrived and departed 27th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.DUCHESS (Commander I.M.BURNSIDE, R.A.N.)
arrived 18th September and departed 20th September, 1965.

H.M.A.S.VENDETTA (Commander D.W.LEACH, R.A.N.)
arrived 18th September, departed 20th September, 1965.

H.M.A.S.SYDNEY (Captain G.J.B.CRABB, D.S.C., R.A.N.)
arrived 19th September and departed 20th September, 1965.

H.M.A.S.ANZAC (Commander I.H.NICHOLSON, R.A.N.)
arrived and departed 19th September, 1965.

(B) OTHER PORTS:

MADANG — H.M.A.S.SNIPE (Lieutenant B.S.COURTIER, R.A.N.)
arrived 23 July departed 24th July, 1965.

H.M.A.S.HAWK (Commander G.J.M.CLARK, R.A.N.)
arrived 9th August and departed 10th August, 1965.

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1 (B) OTHER PORTS (Cont'd)

MADANG — H.M.A.S.GULL (Lieutenant H.C.FINDLAY, R.A.N.) arrived 9th August and departed 10th August, 1965.

H.M.A.S.ANZAC (Commander I.H.Nicholson, R.A.N.) arrived 20th September, and departed 21st September, 1965.

PORT MORESBY: H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE (Captain H.D.STEVENSON, R.A.N.) flying the flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet (Rear Admiral T.K.MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.C.), arrived 18th September, departed 20th September, 1965.

RABAUL — F.N.S. LA DUNKERQUOISE (Lt. Cdr.GLACHANT, F.N.) arrived 10th September and departed 12th September, 1965.

H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE (Captain H.D.STEVENSON, R.A.N.) flying the Flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet (Rear Admiral T.K.MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.C.), arrived 24th September and departed 27th September, 1965.

LAE — H.M.A.S.ANZAC (Commander I.H.NICHOLSON, R.A.N.) arrived 22nd September and departed 24th September, 1965.

TULAGI B.S.I.P. — H.M.A.S.SUPPLY (Captain W.J.DOVERS, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 22nd September and departed 24th September, 1965.

HONIARA B.S.I.P. — H.M.A.S.SUPPLY (Captain W.J.DOVERS, D.S.C., R.A.N.) arrived 24th September and departed 27th September, 1965.

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

Nil

3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	0700 2/7	1215 2/7
LOATTA	H.Brutnall, Snr.	0910 8/7	1230 9/7
DAY STARR	Native Coxswain	1535 8/7	1550 8/7
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	0800 9/7	0806 9/7
DAY STARR	Native Coxswain	1535 10/7	1545 10/7
BRAESIDE		0725 11/7	1410 11/7
ROUNA FALLS	W. Tebb	1310 20/7	1200 22/7
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	1435 23/7	1600 23/7
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	1100 29/7	1645 30/7
MARTIN	Native Coxswain	1515 3/8	1118 5/8
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	1800 10/8	1500 11/8
SLITAN		0735 14/8	2055 14/8
SPINDRIFT	Brutnall, Snr.	0950 18/8	1200 18/8
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	1250 23/8	1815 23/8
PEU	Native Coxswain	1120 26/8	1130 26/8
SPINDRIFT	Native Coxswain	1840 29/8	0935 30/8
MORESBY	Captain Ealey	1530 6/9	0630 7/9
MARGARET	Native Coxswain	0905 8/9	1300 8/9
LEI LANI	Brutnall, Jnr.	0820 9/9	0630 10/9
ENDAVOR	Native Coxswain	0820 9/9	0630 10/9
RASKAI	J. Poon	1100 16/9	1545 16/9
LOATTA	H. Brutnall, Snr.	1650 21/9	1900 22/9
SYDNEY COVE			
with OFL1205 in tow		1005 22/9	
with OFL1207 in tow			1200 24/9
LEI LANI	Brutnall, Jnr.	1415 27/9	0700 28/9
SLITAN		1415 30/9	-
SPINDRIFT	B.Jacobson	1530 30/9	-

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4. SUPPORT CRAFT:

A.W.B.409:- Slipped for periodic inspection. Cutlass rubber bearing was loose as was propeller. All except one Rudder retaining bolts were sheared. General condition of underwater hull is poor. All immediately necessary repairs were effected but this craft will be slipped again at the first available opportunity for removal of copper sheath and thorough survey. A full report on this survey will be rendered in other correspondence.

MARINGO (M.M.B.1310):- Awaiting disposal instructions.

A.W.B.4008:-Slipped prior to service to apply standard paint scheme and incorporate minor local modifications.

O.F.L.1207:- Was prepared for towing to Sydney. No further holing of underwater plating occurred during the period. Vessel departed for Sydney in tow by tug "SYDNEY COVE" at 1200, 25th September, 1965.

O.F.L.1205:- Arrived on Wednesday 22 September, 1965. All possible fuel was transferred from 1207 and lighter was prepared for service.

SLIPWAY:- Slipped Á.W.B.'s 409 and 4008. Minor modifications are required on this equipment and will be undertaken as pressure of work on the Shipwright's Section eases.

H.M.A.S.BANKS:- Considerable assistance was rendered by all Sections of the Department during the Long Self Maintenance. All outstanding defects were rectified with the exception of items requiring dockyard assistance. Some top weight reductions were carried out and will be reported elsewhere.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:-

Residences T26, T41, P 3 and P 4 received extensive repairs after survey on change of tenants. T 40 was completely re-roofed with corrugated galvanised iron to effectively repair numerous leaks. Wardroom block heads and showers were stripped of lining and shower floors resealed to prevent water seepage to lower bathroom. A new construction single boi house was erected behind P 3, and a duplex boi house behind P1 and 2. Fair progress is being made with the continued construction of the 72 man sleeping hut, and a 30 ft by 30 ft Dining Hall to contain the current P.N.G. personnel. Two completed C.R.1 Type Residences were taken over as from 31 August, these are P.20 and P.21. The next three residences are already some two weeks behind scheduled hand-over date. Minor repairs were effected on residences P.1, T12, T19, T23, T32 and T39, also on the Wardroom and Base Hospital. Wet and Dry rot and white ant ravages still account for most of the repair requirements.

6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS.

(a) O.F.I. PAPITALAI:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The following ships were refuelled during the period under report - H.M.A.S. DUCHESS (twice) 304.15 tons Furnace Fuel Oil Respectively. H.M.A.S.VENDETTA (Twice) 264.58 and 271.63 tons Furnace Fuel Oil respectively. H.M.A.S.PARRAMATTA 229.33 tons Furnace Fuel Oil and H.M.A.S. YARRA 230.95 tons Furnace Fuel Oil. H.M.A.S.SYDNEY was refuelled with 1236.51 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil direct from the installation at Papitalai. H.M.A.S. HAWK received 9.87 tons of Automotive Diesel Distillate and H.M.A.S.Gull received 15.22 tons of Automotive Diesel Distillate. Project ANNA has also been supplied with Automotive Diesel Distillate.
The 200 ton A.D.D. Tank has been completed and Naval personnel are now welding and laying pipeline to connect the tank to the Main Wharf and Power House. Estimated date of completion for this project is mid October, 1965.

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6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS (Continued)

(b) O.F.I. PORT MORESBY:- All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The leak in the main fuel line has been located and repaired. An inspection of the pipeline under the wharf was undertaken by the B.E.O. and Comworks have been requested to effect immediate descaling of the pipe and to refinish with protective paint. The rock fall in the bund was also inspected and further clearance has been suggested together with repairs to the opencut drain.

The following is a list of serviceable fuel hoses at O.F.I. Port Moresby:-

5" Flexible Bronze	3½" Flexible Bronze	6" I.R.
3 x 20 ft	4 x 30 ft	4 x 30 ft
2 x 12 ft	4 x 20 ft	

(c) Water Reticulation:- Rainfall has not been adequate to maintain full reticulation and a system of rationing is in force to provide water for two hours between 0600 and 0800, 1 hour between 1200 and 1300 and two hours between 1700 and 1900. These periods have not seriously effected habitability. No. 1 Dam was breached by a trench and new sections of 10" pipes, cast iron concrete lined, have been laid. It remains now to connect the outlet riser and scour line valve inside the dam and an outlet valve outside the dam. The breaching trench has been partially back filled. It is expected to complete this operation by late October. Erection of the Sedimentation Tank is complete and the associated pipelines at Water Point are being laid and connected. The completion of this project should co-incide with No. 1 Dam completion.

(d) Power House:- 1000 hour overhauls were carried out in Nos. 1 and 5 Diesel Generators, 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1 and 3 D.G.'s. The governors on No. 1 D.G. were refitted and the pilot bearing on No. 4 D.G. Exciter motor was removed, scraped and refitted. No. 1 Diesel Compressor was stripped and refitted. Complete repainting of all D.G. mounting blocks and deck was undertaken and completed.

(e) Shore Reefers:- Refit carried out on No. 4 N.H. 3 Compressor. Minor gas leaks detected and repaired. Routine maintenance carried out on remainder of the plant. Several defects occurred on Walk-in Cold Rooms in Victualling Stores and Wardroom Galley. Generally all plant is in good condition.

(f) Electrical:- Routine maintenance carried out on Reticulation, Switch Board and Transformers. New aerial poles and aerials connected to supply power to new houses. Currently power is now available to 5 new C.R. 1 residences. Maximum assistance was rendered to H.M.A.S.BANKS during L.S.M., and all electrical defects were rectified. The section is tooling up to instal full electrical facilities to the 72 man Sleeping Hut now in course of erection. Materials are not yet available for this project but are held at C.D.W.Rabaul. Most of the maintenance effort is still being concentrated on repairs to Domestic services. To ensure that adequate power is available in the accomodation area, another transformer is being installed together with associated power board and switch gear.

(g) Radio:- All units have given good service during the period and only usual defects have been evident. Aerial displays at the C.R.S. were lowered and masts straightened. Several M.T.R.1 units were repaired in the workshops. Assistance was rendered to H.M.A.S.BANKS during L.S.M. and repairs and routines were carried out to the 974 radar. All defects which occur on radio equipment held here are reported in other correspondence.

(h) D.A.R.'s:- The situation with regard to D.A.R.'s is very good and with 27 new units ordered for delivery in the near future no difficulty is expected with this equipment. Some defects have occurred on the older units but ample spares holdings have precluded difficulties for householders.

(j) Heavy Equipment:- All heavy equipment units are serviceable and are being employed on road repairs, dam repairs, general site

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6. CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS (Continued)

(j) Cont'd.
clearing and levelling. Routine maintenance is being carried out.

(k) Motor Transport:- Routine servicing has been carried out on all vehicles and major repair work has been fairly limited. The maintenance task has increased slightly as the last replacement vehicles are now a year old. In most cases the repairs are to under body fittings which deteriorate rapidly with coronous accumulations.

(l) Married Quarters - P.N.G. - Compound:- All new construction Indigenous Married Quarters are complete. A new kitchen has been built onto one of the older existing buildings. Remainder of these units have received routine repairs and replacement of materials to offset ravages of rot and white ants.

(m) ComplementF- The Engineering, Electrical and Shipwright Department are at approved complement.

(n) General:- Assistance as necessary was rendered to Fleet units during their visits. Several visits have been made to H.M.A.S. TARANGAU by Department of Works personnel to estimate on major work on roads, sewerage and increased electrical reticulation.

7. MEDICAL:-

(a) The general health of the Ship's Company is good.

(b) Base Hospital Admissions:-

R.A.N.	5	CIVILIANS	3
P.N.G.	3	RAN DEPENDENTS	9
INDIGENES	10	PNG DEPENDENTS	2

TOTAL 32

AVERAGE DAILY IN-PATIENTS 1.3

(c) Native Hospital Admissions:-

LABOUR LINE & DEPENDENTS, PNG DEPENDENTS & VILLAGERS 73.

AVERAGE DAILY IN-PATIENTS 8.

(d) AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST:-

R.A.N.	1		
P.N.G.BASE HOSPITAL	2	P.N.G.DRESSING STATION	9.
DEPENDENTS	4		
CIVILIANS	6 (Weekly)		
INDIGENES BASE HOSPITAL	2.		
NATIVE HOSPITAL	23.		

(e) OPERATIONS:-

Major	7	European Confinements	5
Minor	29	Native Confinements	10

Major Burns Dressings 11.

(f) MALARIA:- There have been eight patients with malaria this quarter. All of these were natives who had not been taking suppressives.

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7. MEDICAL (Continued)

(g) Dental:- Emergency Dental work was carried out by the Medical Officer during the first part of the Quarter. Surgeon Lieutenant (D) G. Thomas joined Tarangau in September and is currently bringing all personnel to a state of dental fitness.

(h) DEATHS:- One Native Child died from Cerebral Malaria.

(j) Hygeine and Malaria Control:- Residual D.D.T. spraying was carried out throughout the depot this quarter. The weekly fog spraying also continues. Greater supervision of the antimalarial tablet issues to all local indiginous persons has also been instituted.

(k) Inoculations and Vaccinations:- All Naval Personnel are up to date with inoculations. The Administration of tetanus toxoid to the members of the Native Labour Line has now been completed.

(l) Infectious Diseases:- There have been no outbreaks of infectious disease this quarter.

8. RAINFALL:-

Total points for JULY	487. 5
AUGUST	455
SEPTEMBER	548

Total for quarter ending 30th September 1490.5 points.

Number of days rain fell during:-

JULY	10 days
AUGUST	11 days
SEPTEMBER	14 days

Total days rain fell for quarter ending 30th September - 35 days.

9. PAPUA NEW GUINEA DIVISION:- During the period members of the Division have been employed within the Division area on routine tasks within the various TARANGAU Departments.

(a) Much work was carried out repainting and preparing for sea, AWB 4008. This craft now presents a pleasing and servicelike appearance.

(b) Disposal instructions with regard to MMB 1312 "MARENGO" are still being awaited.

(c) The Diving and Demolition teams have carried out routine practises and drills during the period and have detonated or dumped in deep water a number of small bombs, anti tank rockets and small arms ammunition.

(d) The conduct and morale of the Division is satisfactory.

(e) Members of the Division took the part of infiltrators in an exercise designed to test the Boarding Parties of DUCHESS and VENDETTA during their visit on 18 August. This drill was treated seriously by all concerned and valuable lessons learned.

10. SPORT:- The TARANGAU Volleyball competition is in its final stages with the last matches due to be played between the R.A.N. Sailors and the P.N.G. Sailors.

Basketball and Waterpolo matches played against DUCHESS and VENDETTA resulted in their defeat by TARANGAU 30 - 38 and 2 - 17 respectively.

A lively Badminton Competition is now under way with some of the dependants taking part as these games are played at night in the Cinema.

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10. SPORT (Continued)

A TARANGAU Cricket team were narrowly defeated by an Administrative side at TARANGAU in a Sunday"Social"Game. A return match is to be played at TARANGAU.

11. OFFICERS JOINING AND LEAVING.

JOINING.

DATE	NAME	FROM
23rd August	Lieutenant K.G.SMITH, R.A.N.	CERBERUS
27th August	LIEUTENANT (S.L.)(O) A.E.JOHNSON, R.A.N.	NAVY OFFICE (DNI)
5th September	Lieut. Cdr.(SD) K. GRAHAM, R.A.N.	STUART
9th September	Lieut.Cdr. T.H.BARKER, R.A.N.V.R.	MORETON
11th September	Lieut.(SP) J.D'A.C.STANFIELD, R.A.N.V.R.	Shore MORETON.
11th September	SURG.LEIUT.(D) G.A.THOMAS, R.A.N.	NIRIMBA

LEAVING

25th September	Lieut.R.D.LAMB, R.A.N.	62 days leave thence CERBERUS.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION:-

6th July	Mr. B. Wisely from C.S.I.R.O. Division of Fisheries and Oceanography arrived TARANGAU to investigate into the marine fouling organism on the bottom of O.F.L.1207.
13th July	Mr. Wisely departed TARANGAU.
14th July	Mr. G. Plush and Mr. J. Tugami, both members of the Project ANNA team arrived TARANGAU.
15th July	Mr. D. Elliott, Head of the Project ANNA team arrived TARANGAU. The tracking vans and diesel generators arrived from Salisbury, South Australia by United States Air Force Globemasters. This equipment was uplifted in two flights.
17th July	Commander C.J.Schmitzer departed TARANGAU for Port Moresby for discussions with the Department of the Administrator.
23rd July	The 5 remaining members of the Project ANNA team arrived TARANGAU.
24th July	Commander C.J.SCHMITZER returned to Lombrum.
6th August	Promotion Boards for Section 1 Parts 1 and 2 for advancement to Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer and Leading Hand were convened with officers from TARANGAU, HAWK and GULL comprising the examining officers. Results of the board were forwarded vide. N.O.I.C.N.G. letter N.G.3/28 dated 7th August, 1965.
21st August	Parents and Citizens committee of the Lombrum School conducted a very successful fete in the Cinema which resulted in the funds of the Association being boosted by £160.10. 0d.
5th September	Lieut.Cdr.(SD) K. GRAHAM, R.A.N. assumed duties as

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12. GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

5th September	Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea at Port Moresby.
9th September	Lieut.Commander GRAHAM arrived TARANGAU for discussions with N.O.I.C.N.G.
10th September	Engineer Lieutenant T.C.DODDS, R.A.N. departed for Port Moresby to undertake quarterly stocktake of R.A.N. Oil Fuel Installation and discussions with Commonwealth Department of Works.
13th September	Lieutenant Commander GRAHAM departed from H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

C. J. Schmitzer

(C.J.SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
NEW GUINEA.

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9 OCT 1969

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Papua New Guinea.

NOIC PNG REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1965

1. No record can be found of the abovementioned Report of Proceedings having been received in Navy Office.

2. It is requested that a copy be obtained and forwarded at your earliest convenience.

/S/ D. [illegible]
Secretary.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MINUTE PAPER

NAVY—CANBERRA

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NOIC PNG – Report of Proceedings Q.E. SEPTEMBER 1965

1. OIC Registry

1. Please advise whether the abovementioned Report of Proceedings has been received in Navy Office.

2. If it has not been received please register this part as requested in the attached proforma

[signature]
HMAS 2/10/69

* The "part" referred to was in fact the July 1965 report of activities of the PNG Division. As it is not a Report of Proceedings it has been removed and passed to OIC Registry (Canberra) for appropriate action.

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John Clarkson
for Historian

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

MINUTE PAPER

18-6-602

NOIC — New Guinea — Report of Proceedings. Oct'65-Dec'65

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1st ~~NM~~ The remarks of Dep NOIC on recruiting need some pretty

2nd ~~NM~~ firm follow up action. Noted. Action is already in hand and D/NOIC N.G. 11/2

3rd ~~NM~~ is confident that improvement can be expected in Nov/Dec 1966 when we next recruit. 14/12.

4th ~~NM~~ AM 15/2

SEC 21/2/66 — 2nd NM - Perhaps an approach to Territories seeking more co-operation from local authorities + School authorities? SL 21/2/66

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~~FAS~~ (FM) 14/3

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AS (NS) (N5)

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This has been dealt with & relevant papers are with DPNG1)

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(b) The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

* Here is to be a follow up by NOIC NG before Territories Ministers is approached

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- 7 FEB 1966

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NUMBER OF COPIES

Reference: Your N.G./33/1 of 19th January, 1966.

Only one copy of your Report of Proceedings for the quarter ended 31st December, 1965 has been received.

2. To allow adequate circulation throughout Navy Office it is requested that two additional copies be forwarded and that in future, three copies be provided in accordance with the instruction contained in Appendix 29A of RI.

Secretary.

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H.M.A.S. TARANGAU,
Lombrum,
NEW GUINEA.

15th February, 1966.

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Reference: Navy Office letter dated 7February, 1966.

Two additional copies of the December Quarter Report Proceedings are attached as required in the reference.

C.J. Schmitzer

(C.J. SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.
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H.M.A.S. TARANGAU,
Lombrum,
NEW GUINEA.

19th January, 1966.

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

PERIODICAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER, 1965

TO 31 DECEMBER, 1965.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of activities for the New Guinea Area for the Quarter ended 31 December, 1965.

The Health of the Ship's Company is good and the Morale is high. Discipline is most satisfactory.

1. OPERATIONAL VISITS OF MEN O' WAR TO NEW GUINEA AREA.

(a) MANUS: H.M.A.S. CURLEW (Lieutenant B.A. Willcox, R.A.N.) arrived 10 October, departed 12 October, 1965.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain G.J.B. Crabb DSC R.A.N.) arrived 11 October, departed 12 October, 1965.

H.M.S. DAMPIER (Commander M. Barker, R.N.) arrived 21 October, departed 22 October, 1965.

H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST (Captain P. Vallant, R.N.Z.N.) arrived 29 October, departed 30 October.

(b) OTHER PORTS:

MADANG — H.M.A.S. CURLEW (Lieutenant B.A. Willcox, R.A.N.) arrived 7 October, departed 9 October.

WEWAK — H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain G.J.B. Crabb DSC, R.A.N.) arrived 29 November, departed 1 December.

PORT MORESBY — H.M.S. DAMPIER (Commander M. Barker, R.N arrived 8 November, departed 9 November, 1965 arrived 9 December, departed 10 December, 1965

2. VISITS BY ROYAL FLEET AUXILIARIES OR FOREIGN VESSELS.

American Army vessel F.S. 216 arrived 1800 16th October, departed 0800 20th October, 1965. Discharged SECOR tracking equipment.

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3. VISITS BY MERCHANT SHIPS AND INTER ISLAND SHIPPING.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED		DEPARTED.	
SLITAN				0515	1/10
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson			0630	1/10
PIRI	J. Lundin	1150	7/10	1615	7/10
LOATTA	H. Brutnell	1705	8/10	1400	9/10
MONTORO		1405	13/10	0630	14/10
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	0745	17/10	1835	18/10
ENDEAVER	Native Coxswain	1320	21/10	1710	21/10
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	1610	30/10	0545	1/11
CALTEX ROME	Captain Ward	0840	4/11	1715	5/11
MORESBY	Captain Sturt	1045	5/11	0545	6/11
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	1845	11/11	0115	13/11
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	0900	16/11	1600	16/11
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	0730	26/11	1020	26/11
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	0820	26/11	0545	27/11
SUNAM	Native Coxswain	1355	30/11	1405	30/11
SPINDRIFT	B. Jacobson	1330	1/12	1545	1/12
TAMI	Native Coxswain	1320	7/12	1500	7/12
WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	0530	8/12	1000	8/12
PACIFIC ENTERPRISE	Captain Garle	0830	18/12	1400	18/12
RASKIA	J. Poon	1355	19/12	0705	20/12
MALEKULA	Captain Davis	0730	21/12	1000	22/12

4. SUPPORT CRAFT:

AWB 409: Slipped for thorough inspection of hull and supporting timbers. Extensive repairs being carried out on underwater planking, frames, stempost, transom, rubbing strakes and decking. Engine and transmission undergoing overhaul.

Maringo (FMB 1310): Dismantled and burned.

AWB 4008: Slipped to replace rudder bolts. Serviceability good during period.

OFL 1205: Minor repairs effected in machinery spaces together with application of standard paint scheme. All systems working satisfactorily.

Slipway: Slipped AWB 4008 and 409 during period. Rectification and modification carried out on cradle and rails. Both slippings were carried out satisfactorily.

H.M.A.S. BANKS: Pre refit work commenced and many small defect items being undertaken prior to refit slipping in Port Moresby. Both diesel generators are being changed prior to this trip to enable time expired units to be shipped to Sydney at the earliest opportunity.

5. HOUSING HABITABILITY:

Residence T20, T36, and T39 received extensive repairs consequent on change of tenants. Minor repairs were effected on residences P2, P6, T2, T19, T22, T25, T33, T34, T37, T41, and T42. Considerable minor repairs have been carried out to Base Hospital, Workshops and Stores buildings. The 30 ft. x 30 ft. Dining Hall for the P.N.G. has been completed and good progress is being made on the continued construction of the 72 man sleeping accommodation. Most major construction materials for this project are to hand. Partitions have been erected in two current P.N.G. Quanset huts to form classrooms. To date 17 No. CR1 type Residences have been accepted from the contractor namely P7 to P23 inclusive. The remaining 3 No. (P24 to P26) are not expected to be completed until early in January as the contractor has withdrawn his staff for the holiday period.

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CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS:

(a) OFI Papitali: All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. The following ships were refuelled during the period under report: H.M.S. DAMPIER (twice) 226.53 and 392.48 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY with 843.18 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil. H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST with 788.31 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY and one of H.M.S. DAMPIER'S fuellings were carried out from the OFI Papitali. A cargo of 5529.70 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil was received from "CALTEX ROME" directly into the OFI Papitali and a cargo of 103.14 tons of Automative Diesel Distillate was received from "PACIFIC ENTERPRISE" into OFL 1205. Several leaks have occurred in the pipe at the Oil Fuel Installation, the most serious of which involved digging through two 20 ft. high bank to replace 6 No. 30 ft. lengths of 12" combat pipe. The replacement of lines and incipient leakage incurred a loss of some 27.69 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil. The 200 ton ADD tank is not yet completed as repairs to the Main Wharf have retarded pipe laying. Early January should see this project completed.

(b) OFI Port Moresby: All relevant returns will be made to the Naval Board. H.M.S. DAMPIER was refuelled twice during the period with 425.72 and 370.99 tons of Furance Fuel Oil respectively. Work commenced on descaling the pipelines under the Main Wharf and information will be passed should it become necessary to replace any sections of this line. In the event of such replacements, fuelling facilities would not exist at this port until completion of repairs.

The following is a list of serviceable fuel hoses at OFI Port Moresby:

5" Flexible Bronze	3½ Flexible Bronze	6" IR
1 x 30 ft.	4 x 30 ft.	4 x 30 ft.
3 x 20 ft.	4 x 20 ft.	
1 x 19 ft.		
1 x 16 ft.		

(c) Water Reticulation: Rainfull has been inadequate and rationing has been in force as previously reported. However No. 1 Dam is completed and water collection commenced in this catchment. As the water increase was slow a Cub Diesel pump was introduced into the line and a forced head applied which enabled some of No. 1 Dam water to be utilized. This precluded rationing for period until the dam level became dangerously low. Normal rainfall for the area commenced in the second week of December and the dam head has risen by 8 feet in 9 days. It is considered that with reasonable precautions water shortages should not exist in the future. The Water Treatment Tower is connected and treatment of the water commenced.

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CONSTRUCTION AND WORKS PROGRESS. cont'd.

(c) This unit does not function effectively and requires considerable manipulation of valves to ensure a smooth flow through. The most serious defect is that the water introduced into the hoppers is aereated and causes flock carry over. Comworks Rabaul have passed the problem to Comworks Port Moresby for comment and rectification. Some benefit is being received from this unit in terms of accurate Chlorination and partial sediment removed.

(d) Power House: 1000 hour overhaul was carried out on No. 1 DG and 2000 hour overhauls were carried out on Nos. 1, 2 and 4 DG. The old pump driving gear on No. 1 DG failed during the period, and this component was replaced. No auxiliary damage was caused. Minor running defects occurred on other machines but were quickly and effectively rectified.

(e) Shore Reefers: Routine inspections and minor rectifications carried out during the period. Gauges changed on cool rooms and minor gas leaks detected and repaired. New cooling drum fitted to Werner Scotsman Ice Machine. Plant continues to give good service and this reflects creditably upon the maintenance.

(f) Electrical: Routine maintenance carried out on Reticulation, Transformers and switchboard. All 20 No. new CR1 Residences are connected to mains. Installation work continues on the new transformer to reduce the high loading on No. 2 transformer. This will allow the 72 man sleeping accommodation and other new projects to be connected to the reticulation system without overloading. Considerable work has been required during the period on repairs to Shipwrights Shop electrical equipment due to heavy usage by the housing contractor. Repairs to residence and single accommodation electrical fittings and equipment were also quite numerous.

(g) Radio: All transmitters and receivers have given good service during the period. Only minor defects have occurred on the AMT 150 transmitter. The 20 pair land line between CRS and TS is now reduced to 6 only serviceable pairs, but a length of replacement c cable (2660 ft.) is on demand and when fitted will redtify this defect. Overhauls and repairs to MTR 1 sets have been carried out.

(h) Dar's: All old units have now been replaced and the Establishment is equipped with either GEC 10 cu.ft. or Metters. None of these units are over 3 year old. Only Minor defects noticed so far on the GEC poor door sealing. Retification action is being undertaken

(i) Heavy Equipment: The W9 Tractor is awaiting fitment of a replacement con. rod. All remaining units are serviceable and have been utilised on roads repairs and maintenance and clearing of sites. Maintenance routines are up todate and the equipment is generally quite sound.

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(j) Motor Transport cont'd.

Many starter failures have occurred due to the retaining nut on the Bendix drive being thrust off completly stripping the shaft and nut threads and shearing the split pin. A high incidence of minor accidents has added to the repair task and much work is outstanding on replacement of mudgrards, panels and lights. Routine serviceing is being carried out weekly.

(k) P.N.G. - Compound Married Quarters: Routine repairs and maintenance carried out on these units to repair white ant and dry and wet, rot damages. No new structures were undertaken during the period.

(i) Complement: The Engineering, Electrical and Shipwright Departments are at approved complement.

(m) General: CDW personnel continue to visit the Establishment to assist in costing New Works proposals and other necessary services. All relevant details from these visits have been reported elsewhere.

Morale: Morale and discipline are both satisfactory.

MEDICAL:

(a) The general health of the Ships company remains good. As usual infected ulcers and otitis externa are the most common complaints.

(b) Base Hospital Admissions.

R.A.N.	1	CIVILIANS	3
P.N.G.	1	R.A.N. DEPENDANTS	4
INDIGINES	11	P.N.G. DEPENDANTS	1

TOTAL 21

AVERAGE DAILY INPATIENTS 0.7

TOTAL FOR 1965 123 ADMISSIONS.

(c) NATIVE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

TOTAL 127

AVERAGE DAILY INPATIENTS 10.5

TOTAL FOR 1965 424 ADMISSIONS.

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDING LIST.

R.A.N.	CONSULTATIONS 1	TREATMENTS 5	
P.N.G. (AT BASE HOSPITAL)	CONSULTATIONS 1	TREATMENT	6

P.N.G. DRESSING STATION TREATMENTS 11

DEPENDANTS AND CIVILIANS 3

INDIGINES BASE HOSPITAL 3

NATIVE HOSPITAL 15

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(e) OPERATIONS AND CONFINEMENTS

MAJOR	9	EUROPEAN CONFINEMENTS	2
MINOR	18	NATIVE CONFINEMENTS	9
MAJOR BURNS DRESSING	11		

(f) MALARIA. There have been 26 patients with malaria this quarter -22 of these being indigines. Three of the positive cases were taking suppressives at the time. One native child died from cerebral malaria. The resurgence of this disease has caused considerable worry during this quarter though none have occurred in December.

(g) DENTAL. The visit of Surgeon Lieutenant (D) Thomas brought all R.A.N. personnel and most dependants to a state of dental fitness. There has been very little emergency dental work since his departure.

(h) DEATHS. Two deaths occurred in hospital this quarter, both native patients. One child died from malaria. Another adult male patient died from carcinoma. Another infant was brought to to hospital after a drowing accident, but was dead on arrival.

(i) MALARIA CONTROL. Increased publicity has been given to all residents and local indigines concerning the necessity for strict anti-malarial precautions. Supervision of tablet issues for indiginous personnel continues. The swingfog spraying programme has had numerous interruptions due to machine breakdowns. The efficiency of Agserv Fogrite, a DDTpreparation appears to have decreased presumably of larvel and adult resistance. A demand for "Diazinon", described in the report by the Joint Services Committee on Inspection, has been forwarded to Naval Stores and this preparation will be used on a trial basis when available.

(j) INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS. All naval personnel and most dependants have now received Cholera protection in addition to the previous routine inoculations. Vaccinations against smallpox has been done by the Public Health Department for all the indiginous population. The labour line and all other local indigenes were vaccinated by the Hospital Staff using freeze dried vaccine supplied by the Public Health. Department.

(k) INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There have been no outbreaks of infectious diseases.

(l) P.N.G. RECRUITS. ALl the new P.N.G. Recruits have been medically examined on arrival.

8. RAINFALL.

Total points for October.	563	points
November	479	points
December	1112	points

Total for quarter ending 31st. December 1965, 2,154 points,

Number of days rain fell during

October	13	days.
November	14	days
December	25	days

Total days rain fell for quarter ending 31st December, 1965. - 52 days

Total points of rain for 1965.	10,552	points.
Total days rain fell for 1965	226	days.

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9. PAPUA NEW GUINEA. DIVISION. During the period P.N.G. Sailors have been employed inTARANGAU departments maintaining support craft and the P.N.G. Division Area.

(a) The Diving and Demolation team have carried out routine practises and drills during the period. No specific tasks, with the exception of the disposal of a small quanity of American WW11 30 Ammunition, were required.

(b) Much of the effort within the Division has been directed towards the preparation of accommodation, classrooms and training aids for the intake of Recruits expected to commence formal training on January 10th 1966.

Work progressed well until material and stores were exhausted.

Equipment for which estimates and demands were requested and placed during July and August are only now beginning to arrive in Manus. Work on training aids etc. was progressed steadily and training is expected to commence on time.

(c) On 28th November the first five recruits for the P.N.G. Division arrived at TARANGAU,and men continued to arrive until 23rd. December when the last of the 19 new men arrived - four sailors from the "old" P.N.G. Division successfully completed the required tests and joined them making the total intake 23.

(d) The morale of the old members of the Division has fallen slightly they seem to feel that they are being "left out of it", because of the effort being put towards the training of the new men.

Some of the more intelligent of the old hands can see the writing on the wall and have expressed their intention of going out at the end of current engagements.

(e) The conduct of the Division remains satisfactory.

10. SPORT. The main sporting interest in TARANGAU at the moment is Badminton with many members of the community taking part in the Wednesday evening sessions.

During the visits of H.M.S. DAMPIER cricket and Soccer matches were played. These matches resulted in wins for TARANGAU in cricket and for DAMPIER at Soccer.

Two"Social" Cricket matches have been played against the administration personnel from Lorengau, both games being won by TARANGAU.

The TARANGAU Basketball Association still remains a force to be reckoned with, the members practise constantly and being able to field up to four teams they provide some lively games.

The posting of a PO P.T. to TARANGAU early in the New Year will no doubt result in much more lively and well organised activities.

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11. OFFICERS JOINING AND LEAVING.

JOINING.

DATE	NAME	FROM
29th November	Lieutenant D.BOLEN, R.A.N.	SYDNEY
7th December	Senior Sister P.C.VINES, R.A.N.N.S.	PENGUIN
30th December	Inst. Lieut. Cdr. J.R.BARR, R.A.N.	WATSON

LEAVING

7th December	Senior Sister E.H. LAWRIE, R.A.N.N.S.	Leave and PENGUIN O.C.L.
10th December	Lieut. (SL) (O) A.E. JOHNSON, R .A.N.	HARMAN
14th December	Lieut. (SP) D.C.STANFIELD, R.A.N.R.	Shore
	Lieut. J.M. LATTIN, R.A.N.	Leave and VENDETTA O .C.L.

C.J. Schmitzer

(C.J. SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.
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QUOTE No. P.M. 11/2.

Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge,
New Guinea.
Naval Oil Fuel Installation,
PORT MORESBY.

January, 1966.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
New Guinea.
MANUS ISLAND.

Sir,

I have the honour to Report the Proceedings from 28th November until 31st. December, 1965.

2. At 0645 on Sunday 28th November accompained by Surgeon Lieutenant Commander B. Wadham R.A.N.R. and Mr. D.Tucker Naval Psychologist on staff of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, I departed Port Moresby for Rabaul. It had been scheduled to commence interviews in the Local Government Council Hall at 1330, but with the customary mix up of overbookings and Special flights, the Team did not arrive Rabaul until 1650. Ldg. Wtr. Beresford who had had arrived four days earlier to finalise arrangements and arrange X-Rays luckily had found out about the delay and had cancelled the appointments.

3. On Monday 29th at 0815 the Recruiting Team were ready for interviews and examinations, but with applicants arriving at different times it made things very difficult to get started. The result of the first day was very encouraging in the quality of the successful applicants, but disappointing in the numbers who reported. Six out of the Seventeen selected applicants failed to report, because they had failed to obtain their Parents Consent, but during the day four "others" over the age of 18 years reported and after a brief interview, I allowed them to attempt the "tests", so as to give the Team experience with the Standard v1 and V11 level of about two years ago. All four failed, mainly on their lack of appreciation and understanding of the English Language. Interviews were completed at 1800 and the applicants (from the outlying Schools) then billetted at the District Compound, together with six other applicants, who had arrived from Kavieng at 1700.

4. At 0700 on Tuesday 30th the six Successful applicants were flown to Manus. The team "saw" eleven applicants during the day of which five passed and six failed (three medical and three p.sych.). This completed the Rabaul recruiting, but I feel, that this will be our main recruiting centre in future, because of the High Standard of Education being taught in the District and the large numbers of nearby High Schools.

5. On Wednesday 1st December at 0600 the Team departed for Lae. On arrival I was met by the Assistant District Com Commissioner, who informed me that the previously arranged Scout Hall, had now been given to another Local Council Body and we would have to find another Hall. Eventually, after much phoning and chasing around we managed to get the use of the PNGVR Drill Hall, which though not ideal served the purpose. As no applicants were found waiting and as the majority of them were from the Lae Technical School I went out and saw the Headmaster there, who admitted that he had forgotten to inform the "boys" about the interviews, hence they were either working in the grounds or listening to a careers talk by a Public Service Official. Of the twenty Selected from the School only eleven now were available for "testing" as the others, either could not get Parents Consent or had obtained other Jobs. Only five passed, but of these only three were eventually recruited as the othertwo, whilst we were awaiting

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their Parents Consent (previously asked by telegram to their local Kiap) found other employment. This was a most disappointing day, but as we (The Navy) are so dependant on the assistance of the District Officers and Headmasters, little can be done about it.

6. Thursday 2nd. was spent interviewing and testing three R.A.N. applicants and one P.N.G. entry. Only one R.A.N. entry passed, but was later rejected as a personality risk, whilst the P.N.G. applicant passed the aptitude tests easily but failed his medical because of a bad skin rash.

7. At 0630 on Friday 3rd. the Team departed Lae for Manus. Seven serving P.N.G. sailors had applied for transfer to the new P.N.G. and these were given the "tests" of which four passed of sufficient standard and were accepted. Although two of the four accepted were bordering on the upper age limit, I considered it worthwhile taking them.

8. On Saturday 4th at 0730, the eleven new P.N.G. recruits were tested on the R.A.N. "test battery" and it was very pleasing to find, that all the boys would have passed for entry in the R.A.N. in the categories we selected for them in the P.N.G. At 1035 the Team departed for Wewak. On arrival at 1230 the Ldg. Wtr. made ready the local Government Council Hall, whilst I drove out to Brandi High School to collect the two applicants. On arrival I found, after much searching of the School by prefects that the Headmaster had given the boys leave and no one knew where they had gone. Once again this showed the "dont care attitude' of some of the teachers, because in this case I had written to the Headmaster, informing him of the details of the appointments and also only 48 hours previously on my way through to Manus I had phoned the School and confirmed the date and time with one of the teachers. At 1920, I received a phone call from a lady teacher of the nearby Girls School who said that one of our applicants had just arrived back and said "he had forgotten about his appointment, but he was now ready and would the Team come out to the School".

9 At 0600 on Sunday 5th the Team departed arriving Madang 0725. At 0900 testing began in the Local Court House of the two applicants from Tusab High School, both of whom were successful.

10. On Monday 6th. the Team departed at 0730 and commenced testing at the Ela Beach Primary School Port Moresby at 1300. The two Form 1V Sogerio boys previously tested were medically examined, but unfortunately one failed the medical.

11. Recruiting continued on Tuesday 7th, when boys from Idubada Technical School and town boys were tested. Once again Parents Consent depleted the attendance by almost fifty per cent.

12 At 1045 on Wednesday 8th, the Surgeon Lieutenant Commander and Naval Psych. departed. This brought to end the first of the Recruiting Tours a Summary of which is contained in my 090550Z December and P.M. 2/8 dated 17 December. H.M.S. DAMPIER arrived for refuelling and provisions.

13. At 1225 on Thursday 9th I met Captain J.A. Gledhill D.S.C. R.A.N. and other members of the Joint Planning Group.

14. On Tuesday 14th at 1550, the Joint Planning Group arrived at the Oil Fuel Installation for discussions.

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15. Ldg. Wtr. L. Beresford was despatched on twenty five days seasonal leave on Wednesday 22nd (my 162316 Z Dec. refers) leaving me with no typist or messenger. Though Beresfords leave is most inconvient, I considered it essential, as he being the only single Sailor here and living in a tent in the wet season at isolated Murray Barracks, it does not lend itself to remaining a "contented Sailor. Even with a writer on the Staff, driver/orderly is also considered a necessity (will be raised separately). At 1620, I attended a small Party arranged by C.M.E. B. Zemek for 35 members of the local community.

16. All day Thursday 30th was spent at the Sub-committee meeting of the L.I.C.

17. Even though from the eighth until thirty first was spent endeavouring to recruit more local boys for the P.N.G. none of suitable standard were forthcoming.

18. It is interesting to note that the Army Recruiting Team had the same difficulties in their recruiting as ourselves and when their official Recruiting Tour ended, they still had only seventy five per cent of the required numbers (240). They kept their large team of ten together, andcontinued recruiting and were accepting applicants of as low as standard four at the finish.

19.

19. During January, it is hoped to be able to come to some agreement with Administration officials over the question of Parents Consent to join the Armed Services, because I feel, that the present situation is not good enough, for example if a boy really wants to join up he says he is 18 years old and no one can dispute it or if the Recruiting officer says he looks 18 years he also can join up.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

K. GRAHAM,
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.
Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge.
NEW GUINEA.

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DNW action has been taken on urgent matters (Appropriate report given to ANM Ref. 2575.)

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DCNP MA position is becoming Summer.

DQA Very Gen Indeed. 27/5 26/5.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
31 MARCH, 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 31 March, 1966.

2. The following Officers movements occurred during the quarter;

(a) Surgeon Lieutenant Commander B?V. McDonnell R.A.N., left on 4 February, 1966 for 56 days leave and to commence a further two years service in H.M.A.S. TARANGAU on his return on 4 April, 1966.

(b) Surgeon Commander J.R. McNeill R.A.N. joined on 3 February, 1966 to relieve Surgeon Lieutenant Commander McDonnell whilst on leave.

(c) Surgeon Lieutenant Commander A. Kyd (D), R.A.N. joined on 28 February 1966 for 6 weeks to undertake the regular Dental check of personnel and their dependents.

(d) Supply Lieutenant I.P. McConnochie (W), R.A.N. joined on 3 March, 1966

3. A Native Garden has been established in the Labour Line Compound and it is hoped that in due course it will be possible to produce sufficient vegetables to meet the needs of the native labourers housed in the compound.

4. The Police Boi's Quarters, also in the compound area, have been modified by converting a store room into an enclosed mess hall.

5. Minor maintenance is carried out throughout the compound accommodation when possible to ensure that the quarters are at least watertight.

6. U.S. Army Ship FS 216 (SECOR Supply Ship) arrived at 070725K January and departed at 080700K January. SECOR Team have completed task and depart on Monday 4 April, 1966.

667. The following Merchant Ships and Inter-Island traders visited Lombrum during the quarter;

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED.
M.V. SPINDRIFT	B. JACOBSON	061405K Jan	062359K Jan
M.V. MORESBY	CAPT. COLE	090700K Jan	091340K Jan
M.V. WAIMANA	W. CUNNINGHAM	131745K Jan	141200K Jan
M.V. RASKAI	S. POON	211330K Jan	211345K Jan
M.V. SLETTA	CAPT. MOLSKRED	250700K Jan	251255K Jan

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SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED.
M.V. MARGARET	B.M. RITCHIE	270845K Jan	270945K Jan
M.V. RASKAI	S. POON	070830K Feb	071100K Jan
M.V. BRAESIDE	CAPT. LAWSON	130630K Feb	130900K Feb
M.V. WAIMANA	W. CUNNINGHAM	211900K Feb	220930K Feb
M.V. SIMON	NATIVE COXSWAIN	251230K Feb	251330K Feb
M.V. MONTORO	CAPT. STURT	260730K Feb	261515K Feb
M.V. RASKAI	S. POON	271555K Feb	281000K Feb
M.V. MOISANA	A. JACOBSON	081745K Mch	091330K Mch
M.V. MORESBY	CAPT. EALEY	171420K Mch	180600K Mch
M.V. ARONA	NATIVE COXSWAIN	181300K Mch	181615K Mch
M.V. PEU	NATIVE COXSWAIN	181300K Mch	181615K Mch
M.V. MARGARET	B.M. RITCHIE	190800K Mch	191840K Mch

8. Rainfall during the period has been as follows;

(a) Total points for January - 1590
(b) Total points for February - 2139
(c) Total points for March - 1522
(d) Total number of days on which rain fell in January - 25
(e) Total number of days on which rain fell in February - 27
(f) Total number of days on which rain fell in March - 26
(g) Total points of rain for the quarter - 5251
(h) Total number of days on which rain fell during the qtr. - 78

9. Section 1 Advancement Board was convened on 11 February, 1966 and four candidates for Leading Sailor and two for Chief Petty Officer were examined of which all were successful.

10. Section II Branch Technical Tests were held on 8th and 9th February, 1966, only one candidate sat the test (for L'WTR) and failed.

11. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C.J. Schmitzer

(C.J. SCHMITZER)
COMMANDER R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE
NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Enclosures; Appendices 1, II, III, and IV.

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APPENDIX 1

P.N.G. DIVISION

Throughout the period the PNG Division sailors not under training have been employed on routine tasks within Tarangau departments, the PNG area and in support craft.

2. Recruits under training have made good progress in most aspects of instruction but marks attained in English and Mathematics are below the standard expected at this stage. However, with few exceptions, marks in progress tests show improvement and it is expected that all recruits will qualify educationally at the final tests.

3. Class room facilities and training aids are satisfactory.

4. Although there is no open show of ill feeling between the 'old' and 'new' PNG sailors, there is an obvious note of dissatisfaction among the 'thinkers' of the 'old'. They know they are being overshadowed by the recruits and are jealous of the facilities and training available to them. This situation will no doubt be eased when training programmes and other activities at present envisaged are put into practice.

5. The conduct of the Division remains satisfactory.

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APPENDIX 11

ENGINEERING AND WORKS

AWB 407. This craft is expected to be completed by the end of April.

2. AWB 4008 and OFL 1205. Both are in a satisfactory condition.

3. H.M.A.S. BANKS. This vessel was given a refit by Base Staff and the Fleet Maintenance Party. It is considered that the job was very well done and augers well for the future refitting of Patrol Craft. The assistance rendered by the Fleet Maintenance Party was most welcome. Due to non-availability of stores the starboard cable holder is unserviceable.

4. All 20 new CR1 residences have now been accepted and two have passed their contract maintenance period. Two houses (4 months old) are infested with white ants, in timber that was supposed to have been treated against this pest.

5. Sewage absorbtion trenches have been a failure and it has taken some two months to get work started on temporary repairs despite the obvious health hazards.

6. The older houses are deteriorating rapidly, mainly due to white ant infestation, and consideration must be given to at least another 20 new houses in the not too distant future. 90% of the old houses are beyond economic repair. The Commonwealth Department of Works have estimated $9000 to repair NOIC's residence.

7. The Oil Fuel Installation at Papitalai is also in a bad state of repair. An average of 4 tons of FFO is lost per month due to minor leaks in the maze of pipework.

8. The underwharf section of the line in the Oil Fuel Installation at Port Moresby is beyond economic repair. Temporary repairs (using flexible hoses) are being made. ACNB 090635Z March refers.

9. Persistent trouble has been experienced with the supply of fresh water from Water Point. Funds have been allocated for two new tanks and with the imminent arrival of spares for the pumps the problem should soon be solved.

10. Little trouble has been experienced in the Electrical department.

11. Difficulty is experienced in maintaining adequate serviceable transport due mainly to the age of the vehicles and aggravated by the condition of the roads. My NG 81/24 dated 20th December, 1965 refers. Two new 3 ton trucks approved vide NOL 459/56/244 dated 15th October, 1965 have not yet arrived and are not expected for three months.

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APPENDIX III

MEDICAL REPORT.

The general health of the Ship's Company remains good. Outpatients mainly consist of those treated for infected tropical ulcers.

2. BASE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

R.A.N.	3	CIVILIANS	3
P.N.G.	4	R.A.N. DEPENDENTS	3
INDIGINES	9	P.N.G. DEPENDENTS	2

TOTAL 24.

3. NATIVE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS.

TOTAL 84

4. AVERAGE DAILY OUTPATIENTS.

R.A.N. CONSULTATIONS	2	TREATMENTS	6
P.N.G. CONSULTATIONS	1	TREATMENTS	4
P.N.G. DRESSING STATION TREATMENTS	10		
DEPENDENTS AND CIVILIANS	4		
INDIGINES BASE HOSPITAL	6		
NATIVE HOSPITAL	10		

5. OPERATIONS AND CONFINEMENTS.

MAJOR	3	EUROPEAN CONFINEMENTS	2
MINOR	7	NATIVE CONFINEMENTS	6

6. MALARIA.

There have been ten patients with malaria this quarter - one P.N.G. Sailor had Vivax Malaria. One European Woman from Kumuli Plantation had Cerebral Malaria and was transferred to Nonga Base Hospital.

7. The visit of Surgeon Lieutenant Commander A. Kyd (D), R.A.N. brought all R.A.N. personnel and most dependents to a state of dental fitness.

8. DEATHS.

Two deaths occurred during the quarter, both natives. One child lived for two hours after birth (premature), another died from Pneumonia.

9. MALARIA CONTROL.

The increase in the consumption of Malaria tablets over the past three months indicates that more natives are now taking the tablets.

The 'Swing Fog' spraying programme has onee again had numerous interruptions due to breakdown of the machines.

10 INOCULATIONS AND VACCINATIONS.

All naval personnel are up to date with inoculations.

11. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There has been one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis during the quarter. AB Wakem G.80096. This case has been reported to the Public Health Department where he has been registered (No.531) and on completion of a Final Medical Survey will come under treatment at the Lae T.B. Clinic. Routine investigations have been commenced on all contacts.

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APPENDIX IV.

SPORT.

Inter-part sport has commenced with all games being keenly contested.

2. The basketball competition has been completed with the undefeated BANKS team beating the Recruits in the final.

3. Currently underway, are volleyball and softball competitions, there are still three teams undefeated in the volleyball, so competition is still very keen. In the softball, even after one round , the Recruits team stands out as a potential winner.

4. Two basketball afternoons have been played against Lorengau, each of three matches, Tarangau winning the first 2 - 1 and Lorengau winning the second by the same margin.

5. Some good games have been played against the visiting ships with Tarangau narrowly defeating Hawk in cricket. Games against Vampire and Derwent were also very close with Tarangau being successful in eight sports and Vampire/Derwent's four.

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The Secretary,
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NOIC NEW GUINEA'S REPORT OF PRODEEDINGS
30TH JUNE, 1966

Reference: (a) NOL 18/6/650 dated 30th August, 1966.

(b) QR & AI Article 1851 (8).

(c) NOIC NG Message DTG 130503Z May, 1966.

The following information is forwarded further to paragraph 2 of reference (a).

(a) the instructions contained in reference (b) are followed

(b) it is regretted that the wording of the report resulted in misinterpretation at Navy Office. In fact the "meeting" was a general discussion, which took place in the P.N.G. Division Junior Sailors Club. I am confident that it was not an organised "meeting" or "combination of men" within the meaning of QR & AI 1849.

2. It is not considered possible to prevent sailors - P.N.G. or R.A.N. - discussing pay and conditions and the report in reference (c) was made only as an indication of the general feeling regarding lack of action on pay and conditions which had been under review for some years.

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L.T. Schmitzer

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

NOIC NEW GUINEA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
30th JUNE, 1966.

It has been noted from the Report of Proceedings - 30th June, 1966, that at a meeting held in New Guinea by P.N.G. sailors, discussion arose concerning lack of action regarding pay increases and that dissatisfaction was expressed with regard to their future employment in the R.A.N.

2. It is requested that information be forwarded detailing the action taken:

(a) To ensure that P.N.G. sailors are conversant with Regulations and Instructions for the R.A.N., i.e. Discipline (Part I) Section IV Representations and Complaints; and

(b) To ensure that such meetings do not take place in naval premises in the future.

Secretary.

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30TH JUNE 1966

2 N.M. Approved D 8/VIII.
HPB. PILW.

By D.C.N.P.

In Appendix I (Conduct and Morale) of the circulating copy of the above Report of Proceedings, NOIC New Guinea has stated that "Some signs of discontent were evident among old members during the period, and on Friday 13th May, they held a meeting to discuss the lack of action regarding pay increases and indicated dissatisfaction with the way they were being treated by the Navy; mainly with regard to their future employment."

Such meetings are against the regulations and create an unhealthy precedent in the new PNG particularly as in this case, it might seem to members that their actions have brought about a satisfactory solution.

It is proposed that NOIC New Guinea be asked what action he has taken to:-

(a) Ensure that PNG sailors understand the Regulations.

(b) Ensure that such meetings do not take place in naval premises in the future.

8th August, 1966

D.C.N.P.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

30TH JUNE, 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 30th June, 1966.

2. The establishment was inspected by Rear Admiral V.A. Smith C.B.E., D.S.C., Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet and his Staff on Saturday 2nd April, 1966.

3. During the quarter visits were made to the establishment by:

(a) the United States Ambassador to Australia, Mr. E. Clark.

(b) the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee.

(c) representatives of A.S.I.O..

(d) various Commonwealth Department of Works representatives.

4. On Tuesday 31st May, 1966, I visited Madang to survey the land at Binnen Harbour for defence purposes vide NOL 1605/203/37 (CO2029) dated 4th May, 1966. The results of the visit were reported in my letter 1/8/3 dated 9th June, 1966.

5. The following Merchant Ships and Inter-island traders visited Lombrum during the quarter:

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
MV MOISANA	A.Jacobsen	011800K April	020545K April
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	030750K April	031645K April
MV BRAESIDE	Capt. Lawson	060720K April	060915K April
MV PACIFIC) ENTERPRISE)	Capt. Visser	091245K April	100600K April
MV MOISANA	A. Jacobsen	121215K April	121430K April
MV LEILANI	Native Coxswain	141810K April	150630K April
MV WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	161730K April	171100K April
MV WAIMANA	W. Cunningham	181000K April	200900K April
MV MOISANA	A. Jacobsen	260930K April	261345K April
MV MONTORO	Capt. Edwards	290930K April	291300K April
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	081100K May	081300K May
MV RASKAI	A. Pats	091345K May	100600K May
MV MOISANA	A. Jacobsen	160850K May	161330K May
MV MORESBY	Capt. Ealey	161700K May	162230K May
MV MARGARET	B.M. Ritchie	200935K May	201030K May
MV RASKAI	S. Poon	211600K May	230845K May
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	231430K May	240600K May
MV MALEKULA	Capt. Barr	241000K May	241445K May
MV CALTEX) SAIGON)	Capt. Hewitt	260800K May	280900K May
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	271234K May	271700K May

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SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
MV MOISANA	A.Jacobsen	311215K May	311340K May
MV PACIFIC) ENTERPRISE)	Capt. Visser	311330K May	311845K May
MV SLITAN	Capt. Auberg	140930K June	141640K June
MV MOISANA	A. Jacobsen	151100K June	151400K June
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	170920K June	171700K June
MV MARGARET	B.M. Ritchie	230830K June	231315K June
MV RASKAI	S. Poon	251200K June	251235K June
MV MONTORO	Capt. Costello	280945K June	281800K June
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	281900K June	291530K June
MV MOISANA	A. Jacobsen	300815K June	301045K June
MV SPINDRIFT	M. Honey	300815K June	301045K June

6. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter:

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
MELBOURNE	Capt.D.C.Wells, R.A.N.	020700K April	030730K April
SUPPLY	Capt.N.E.McDonald, A.D.C., R.A.N.	020700K April	030745K April
YARRA	Capt.G.J.Willis, A.D.C., R.A.N.	020700K April	030715K April
VAMPIRE	Capt.J.L.W.Merson, R.A.N.	261840K April	271815K April
ANZAC	Cdr.I.W.Broben, R.A.N.	272115K April	281730K April
SYDNEY	Capt.A.M.Synnot, R.A.N.	121445K May	130700K May
SYDNEY	Capt.A.M.Synnot, R.A.N.	271030K June	280900K June
VENDETTA	Cdr.D.W.Leach, R.A.N.	270830K June	280930K June

7. The following Army Vessels visited Lombrum during the quarter:

VERNON STURDEE	Capt. Burnett	210900K April	220700K April
JOHN MONASH	Capt. Barsley	211015K April	220700K April
JOHN MONASH	Capt. Barsley	310715K May	311145K May

8. The following U.S.N. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter:

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
U.S.S BERKELEY	Cdr.W.R.Smedgberg,IV, U.S.N.	221100K April	230800K April
U.S.S BENJAMIN) STODDART)	Cdr.J.R.KENT,USN	221100K April	230800K April

9. The following H.M.N.Z. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter:

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
TARANAKI	Cdr.K.M.Saull, R.N.Z.N.	230900K April	231400K April

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10. Rainfall during the period has been as follows:

(a) Total points for April - 1241 points
(b) " " " May - 1212 "
(c) " " " June - 1988 "
(d) Total number of days on which rain fell in April - 22
(e) " " " " " " " " " May - 28
(f) " " " " " " " " " June - 25
(g) Total points of rain for the quarter - 4441 points
(h) Total number of days on which rain fell during the quarter- 75.

11. Section I Advancement Board was convened on Friday 6th May. One candidate for CPO, two for PO and one for L.R. were tested and all were successful.

12. Section II Branch Technical Tests were held on 10th & 11th May, 1966, for six candidates, one for RO, one for CME, one for CPOCK, three for LSAN. To date only three results have been received indicating a pass for LRO and CME and a failure for CPOCK.

13. The following diving and demolition tasks have been carried out by the Diving Team:

(a) Placing strops on old wharf piles for CDW repair gang.

(b) Demolition of a nigger head opposite the wharf at Lorengau.

(c) Location and recovery of stores lost overboard from MV MORESBY at main wharf.

(d) Location and identification of a reported UXB in Rabaul Harbour which proved to be a gas cylinder.

(e) Bringing down of rock to feed Tarangau's rock crusher.

(f) Routine diving exercises.

14. AWB 4009 and 4008 continue to function satisfactorily but damage to the wheels of the slipway cradle has prevented these boats being hauled out. AWB 409 was given an extensive refit and was painted overall. This craft is used only as a standby. The whaler and two dinghies will be surveyed as it is considered that they are beyond economical repair.

15. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L. J. Schnitzler

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Enclosures: Appendices I, II, III, IV.

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A P P E N D I X I

P.N.G. DIVISION

General

During the period members of the Division have been employed on routine tasks.

Training

The training of P.N.G. Recruits is progressing satisfactorily and test results indicate that the required standard is being attained. Recruit training will complete Friday 8th July. Tests will be held during the following week. After two weeks working Part of Ship successful Recruits will be rated Ordinary Seaman and commence specialist training on Monday 1st August.

At this time it is intended to form classes of "old" PNG seaman for refresher courses.

Diving

Introductory Diving Training has been commenced with the P.N.G. Recruits and at present only three of the 22 sailors have proved unsuitable. It is intended to call for volunteers for Divers in the near future.

Conduct and Morale

The conduct of members remains satisfactory.

Some signs of discontent were evident among "old" members during the period, and on Friday 13th May, they held a meeting to discuss the lack of action regarding pay increases and indicated dissatisfaction with the way they were being treated by the Navy; mainly with regard to their future employment.

The problems have now been resolved and the morale of the whole Division came to its normal high standard after assurance that new pay scales and conditions would come into effect on July 1st, 1966.

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A P P E N D I X II

ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND WORKS

"Caltex Saigon" arrived on 26th May, and supplied approximately 4,500 Tons of FFO bringing H.M.A.S. TARANGAU up to full capacity. "Pacific Enterprise" arrived 31st May, and supplied 350 Tons of ADD to fill up all tanks including the new 200 Ton Tank.

2. Continual trouble has been experienced with the main supply pumps. Lack of spares is the main trouble despite efforts by Captain of the Port. The problem has been slightly alleviated by the completion of a 150,000 Gallon storage tank at Check Point.

3. The new 72 man accommodation block has been completed and work started on the hospital extensions which is now 40% complete. If all the materials arrive in time the hospital will be finished by 31st August.

Continual trouble has been experienced with the contractor regarding maintenance on the 20 new residences. The matter is now in the hands of Commonwealth Department of Works.

4. The state of the sewerage main and the large number of septic tanks in use continue to cause concern. This can only be overcome by the provision of a sewerage system.

5. The main generators are in a very bad condition and No.4 generator blew out on the morning of 21st June. My 210601Z and 220045Z refers. With aid of sailors from SYDNEY and VENDETTA the remaining generators will be cleaned and tested.

6. The visit of Mr. McCullagh, Senior Naval Stores Inspecting Officer has greatly helped in the re-organisation of the Engineering and Electrical Spare Gear.

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A P P E N D I X III

MEDICAL REPORT

The general health of the Ships Company is good.

2. POPULATION CARED FOR:

P.N.F.	77	Native Labour & Dependants	448
P.N.G.	81	Police	10
Dependants	225	Other European Civilians	178

TOTAL 1019

These figures have been collected since F.O.C.A.F!s inspection and report, in which approximate population figures were given.

3. BASE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS: (To June 20th)

R.A.N.	1	Native Labour & Dependants	13
P.N.G.	4	Other Indigenes	9
Dependants	4	Other Civilians	10

TOTAL 41

Average Daily Inpatients 2.7

4. NATIVE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS: (To June 20th)

TOTAL 108

Average Daily Inpatients 9.8

5. OUTPATIENTS:

Daily Average Attending List

R.A.N.	1.5	Dependants & Civilians	5
P.N.G.	1	Villages	0.5
Labour Line	1	Native Hospital	6

TOTAL 15

Daily Average Treatment Attendances

Base Hospital	13	Labour Line Dressings	30
Native Hospital	66	P.N.G. Dressing Station	6.5

TOTAL 115.5

6. OPERATIONS:

Major	7	European Confinements	2
Minor	15	Native Confinements	11

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7. PUBLIC HEALTH OUTPATIENTS ATTENDANCES:

Immunizations 911
Ante Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics 258.

In addition antimalarial tablets are given under supervision to all indigenous personnel each week a total of approximately 700 persons.

8. MALARIA:

There have been eight cases of malaria this quarter. At least four of these patients had been taking regular antimalarial medication at the standard dosage. The increase of malarial infections in Manus District has been such that approximately 20% of all admissions to the Public Health Department Hospital this year have been due to this disease.

9. MALARIA CONTROL:

Despite the few cases of malaria "break through" in patients taking suppresives the small overall incidence of malaria is considered satisfactory. Treatment of these cases has been with higher dosage of the same drug and has been successful.

10. DENTAL:

Very little emergency dental work has presented. The regular visits of R.A.N. dental officers is proving effective.

11. DEATHS:

Three deaths occurred in hospital, all being new born infants. Causes of death were (1) Prematurity. (2) Hyaline membrane disease. (3) Atelectasis.

12. IMMUNIZATIONS:

All naval personnel are kept up to date with all laid down immunizations.

Mantoux testing has been carried out on R.A.N., P.N.G., and Labour Line personnel. A total of 74 non-reactors were given B.C.G. Vaccine.

Mantoux testing for all dependants will be carried out in the near future.

13. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Large numbers of patients have been treated for upper respiratory tract infections. There have been few cases of infatile diarrhoea but no other infectious diseases of note.

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A P P E N D I X IV

SPORT

The quarter commenced with a visit by SYDNEY, YARRA and SUPPLY against whom eleven sports were played with TARANGAU being successful in all.

2. Later in the month we were visited by U.S.S. BERKELY and U.S.S. BENJAMIN STODDART both of whom defeated us in Softball rather convincingly. These ships were closely followed by ANZAC and VAMPIRE with whom badminton and volleyball were the favorite sports.

3. During the visit of SYDNEY and VENDETTA, Tarangau was beaten two sports to one. Both ships sent off quite a number of sportsmen for inter-ship events.

4. Cricket is becoming much more popular now that the fine weather is here but Lorengau still has the edge on Tarangau. Quite a few inter-mess cricket matches have been played with the P.N.G. Division coming out on top.

5. The Volleyball competition is well advanced with only the finals to be played. The final will be between Goody's Gang and Hansch's Handlers both Junior Sailors teams.

6. Basketball is still very popular especially the games between Lorengau and Tarangau which are played every three weeks. The honours are about even in these games.

7. The inter-part Softball is now in the second round with the P.N.G. team clear leaders.

8. A Saturday Soccer Competition is being played which is very popular amongst the Indigenes, and draws quite a good crowd of spectators. Only one point separates the top three teams. Two games have been played against Lorengau with teams winning one each.

9. A Ladies Social Tennis and Ladies Basketball team have been formed and should prove quite popular.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 30th September, 1966.

2. On 1st July the Army Vessel "HARRY CHAUVEL" visited Lombrum as part of a Pacific Islands Regiment Prestige Patrol of Territory waters. The Patrol was a combination of both "showing the flag" and "recruiting". The P.I.R. Staged a "Beat the Retreat" ceremony, which for the numbers involved was very smartly performed.

3. From the 4th to 8th July the Director of Public Relations, Mr. D. Green, Films Officer, Mr. P. Hobson and Film Editor Mr. V. Donovan accompanied by Deputy Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea, visited the establishment to produce a colour film on the P.N.G. Division and to obtain general photographs and articles for home town newspapers and Navy News.

4. The Medical Director General, Rear Admiral R. Coplans, Q.H.S. inspected the establishment from 25th to 27-th August, 1966. He was dined by the Wardroom Mess on the night of 26th August, 1966.

5. On 17th August some trouble was experienced with the native "labour line" employees over rates of pay. This matter has been reported upon fully in separate correspondence.

6. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
STUART	COMMANDER P.GOLDRICK, RAN	280800 JULY	290800 JULY
PARRAMATTA	COMMANDER J.A.MATTHEW MBE RAN	311330 JULY	311700 JULY
ANZAC	COMMANDER I.W. BROBEN RAN	240830 SEPT.	251700 SEPT.

7. The following Army Vessels visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
A.V. HARRY CHAUVEL	CAPTAIN LAIDLAW	011630 JULY	020700 JULY
A.V. CLIVE STEEL	CAPTAIN BONNETT	050715 JULY	060745 JULY
A.V. VERNON STURDY	CAPTAIN BURNETT	080700 JULY	090700 JULY
A.V. JOHN MONASH	CAPTAIN BLUMENFIELD	081100 AUG.	090700 AUG.
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8. The following H.M. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
AJAX	CAPTAIN TAIT R.N.	010900 SEPT.	020900 SEPT.

9. The following Merchant Ships and Inter-Island traders visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
M.V. MARGARET	B.M.RITCHIE	190900 JULY	191300 JULY
M.V. MALEKULA	CAPTAIN BARR	221350 JULY	230600 JULY
M.V. RASKAI	S. POON	231220 JULY	261100 JULY
M.V. ENDEVOUR	NATIVE COXSWAIN	251100 JULY	261130 JULY
M.V. SLITAN	CAPTAIN AUBERG	021040 AUG.	021605 AUG.
M.V. MORESBY	CAPTAIN EALEY	041030 AUG.	041500 AUG.
M.V. PACIFIC-CARRIER	CAPTAIN VISSER	081730 AUG.	090700 AUG.
M.V. LOATTA	A. JACOBSEN	110700 AUG.	121530 AUG.
M.V. CRAESTAR	CAPTAIN McARTHUR	191400 AUG.	200915 AUG.
M.V. MONTORO	CAPTAIN STURT	251430 AUG.	252045 AUG.
M.V. MARGARET	B.M. RITCHIE	150830 SEPT.	151300 SEPT.
M.V. MALEKULA	CAPTAIN BARR	151430 SEPT.	160600 SEPT.

10. Rainfall during the period has been as follows:

(a)	Total points for July	3563 points
(b)	" " " August	1379 points
(c)	" " " September	1296 points
(d)	Total number of days on which rain fell in July	28
(e)	" " " " " " " " August	26
(f)	" " " " " " " " September	19
(g)	Total points of rain for the quarter	6238
(h)	Total number of days on which rain fell during the quarter.	73

11. Section I Advancement Board was convened on 5th August, 1966, three candidates for Petty Officer were tested and all were successful.

12. Section II Branch Technical Tests were held on 9th and 10th August, 1966 for two L.S.A.N. candidates; both sailors were successful.

13. Diving practices in accordance with the regulations have been carried out throughout the period.

During September a signal was received from Army sources asking for aid in the rendering safe of 9 Japanese torpedo air vessels and in the disposal of some 25 Japanese type J.E. mines.

On 22nd August P.O.C.D. Donne and A.B.W.M. Clarke went to Rabaul to work with and under the orders of the Army B.D.N.C.O.

The mines were found to be in a cave in dense jungle and in an uninhabited area. Four holes were dug to a depth of 6 feet along the line of the roof of the cave and a mine and countermining charge was placed in each. These were detonated together with other countermining charges placed inside the cave and the cave and mines destroyed.

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14. A.W.B. 4008 and 4009 were both slipped, overhauled and repainted, and are fully serviceable. A.W.B. 409 was given an extensive refit earlier in the year but mechanical trouble is still being experienced.

15. As No. 1 and 2 Naval Stores were rapidly deteriorating, and to condense stores space, four storerooms were resited; work commenced on 4th July and re-stowing was completed on 26th August, notwithstanding the working of two freight ships. The old racking barely stood up to the move.

The number of "King quonsett" storerooms holding Naval and Works stores was reduced from nine to six.

16. The visiting Dental Officer arrived on 19th September, 1966 and reports initially that generally speaking the dental conditions of personnel is highly satisfactory.

17. The Administrator, Sir Donald Cleland and Lady Cleland payed a farewell visit to the area on 29th September, 1966, but unfortunately their programme did not allow them time to visit the establishment.

18. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. T. Schmitzer
COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
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NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
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P.N.G. DIVISION

1. First part recruit training for the new entry of P.N.G. sailors was completed during the first week in July. Examinations were held during the week 15-18th July all recruits were successful and all gained time.

2. The recruits commenced speciallised courses on Monday 1st August and have since shown steady progress.

3. Conduct and Morale

The conduct of the members of the Division remains satisfactory.

Morale is high, due mainly to the introduction of the new pay scales and the elimination of all doubts regarding the future of the Division.

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A P P E N D I X II

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL SECTION

1. Water Point

The sedimentation and flocculation tower is functioning correctly and has been accepted. It is worth noting that it has taken Commonwealth Department of Works almost one year to achieve this.

Captain of the Port has effected supply of spares for the electric driven pump and this pump is now operating satisfactorily.

2. POWERHOUSE.

The mechanical state of the main generators and diesels is still causing concern. The large maintenance effort should have its reward in October when Nos. 1, 2 and 4 diesels should be running having had a thorough major overhaul. Nos. 3 and 5 then will undergo major refit.

The powerhouse itself has had a complete new roof and guttering. Some new metres have been supplied and the remainder have been demanded.

3. HOSPITAL

The additions to the hospital are almost completed with the exception of the tiling of decks. The tiles have not yet been received.

4. NEW EQUIPMENT

The build up of new equipment has started with more equipment arriving on every ship. The arrival of the 5 ton mobile crane will alleviate many problems.

5. HOUSING

Some difficulty is being experienced with the maintenance of the 20 new C.R.I. residences. The building contractor left the area before the maintenance period expired and whilst maintenance work was outstanding. The matter has been taken up with Department of Works, Rabaul, but to date has not been resolved.

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A P P E N D I X III

MEDICAL REPORT

The general health of the Ship's Company is good.

2. POPULATION CARED FOR:

There has been no substantial change in the numbers of people cared for.

3. BASE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS: (to 23rd September)

R.A.N.	Nil	NATIVE LABOUR & DEPENDENTS	26
P.N.G.	1	OTHER INDIGENES	28
DEPENDENTS	21	OTHER CIVILIANS	5
		TOTAL 81.	

Average daily Inpatients 3.6

4. NATIVE HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS:

TOTAL 68.

Average daily Inpatients 7.3.

5. OUTPATIENTS:

Daily average attending list:

R.A.N.	1.5
P.N.G.	0.4
LABOUR LINE	1.
DEPENDENTS	4
CIVILIANS	1
VILLAGE INDIGENES	0.5
NATIVE HOSPITAL	5

TOTAL 13.4

Daily average Treatment Attendances

BASE HOSPITAL	22
NATIVE HOSPITAL	68
PNG DRESSING STATION	5.5

TOTAL 95.5

6. OPERATIONS:

Major	6	European Confinements	2
Minor	39	Native Confinements	22

7. PUBLIC HEALTH OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCES:

Immunizations	570
Ante Natal & Infant Welfare Clinics	144

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8. MALARIA:

There have been six cases of malaria this quarter all indiginous patients. In all of these there was a history of at least irregularity in their use of suppressives.

9. MALARIA CONTROL:

The control of malaria is considered satisfactory. However the mosquito nuisance has increased recently. The swing fog programme has continued but using D.D.T. again. It is felt that the Diazinon gives superior results and further supplies are expected shortly.

10. DEATHS:

One premature infant died - one of twins, and there was one other stillborn infant during the quarter.

11. IMMUNIZATIONS:

All naval personnel have been kept up to date with routine immunizations. Mantoux testing and, when appropriate, B.C.G. vaccinations were carried out on all dependents.

12. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

There have been no outbreaks of infectious diseases.

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A P P E N D I X IV

SPORT

BASKETBALL:

Play has commenced in the competition for the "Allan Burne Trophy" at Lorengau and at present Tarangau is leading 2 - 1. The trophy is competed for over 8 games.

SOFTBALL:

The interpart competition has reached the finals which will be played between Junior Sailors and P.N.G..

WATER POLO:

Play in this competition has been delayed due to the pool being out of order. At the end of the first round Recruits were clear leaders having won four games and drawn one out of the five played.

TENNIS:

One social day was held against Lorengau with Tarangau emerging winners 8 - 3.

HOCKEY:

A hockey competition has now commenced but as each team has only played one game it is impossible to forcast the winners as most players are beginners.

SPORT AGAINST VISITING SHIPS:

Water Polo, Volleyball, Badminton and Basketball were played against STUART in July with Tarangau winning all sports.

H.M.S. AJAX defeated Tarangau at soccer 3-2 during their visit.

Tennis, cricket, volleyball and soccer were played against H.M.A.S. ANZAC with Tarangau winning in all except volleyball.

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Para 4 of Appendix II is noted. The Cabinet decision excluded expenditure on TARANAKI during 66/67. But DNW is endeavouring arrange inclusion of electrical supply work by NOIC NG's proposals - vide para 3 of App III and 5th enabled and delaying processing with Treasury. Even if commenced by May 67, work is unlikely to be completed before late 1968

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

31ST DECEMBER, 1966

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 31st December, 1966.

2. On 8th October and 20th November a Family Day was held onboard H.M.A.S. BANKS. On the first occasion Pak Island was visited and on the second, Rara Island.

3. On 14th October, Mr. D.O. Hay the Administrator Designate paid a short visit to the establishment as part of his tour of the Territory prior to taking up office.

4. The following Officer's posting changes have taken place during the period under report.

B/LEUT MLIT W.L. Turnbull R.A.N. joined on 10th October, 1966.

LEUT SDENL H.M. Pedersen R.A.N. joined on 3rd November, 1966 as Base Electrical Officer.

SENIOR SISTER M.J. Cowell R.A.N.N.S. joined on 5th December, 1966 and relieved SENIOR SISTER P.C. Vines R.A.N.N.S. who was posted to leave and H.M.A.S. HARMAN the same date.

SBLT SDSUS R.M. Rathbone R.A.N. joined on 19th December, 1966 as Deputy Supply Officer and relieved LEUT SDSUS E.W. Baxter R.A.N. who was posted to leave and H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS on 21st December, 1966.

LEUT MLIT J.J. Berrell R.A.N. joined on 12th December, 1966.

5. On 17th November I and my Departmental Officers inspected H.M.A.S. BANKS and she made her final departure from Lombrum on 22nd November to sail to Sydney to pay-off. The P.N.G. Division members of her crew returned to H.M.A.S. TARANGAU by air on 19th December.

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6. The Second and Third Recruiting Tours took place during the period. The Base Instructor Officer accompanied the Second Tour and the Base Medical Officer the Third.

Of 225 accepted applicants 57 were actually recruited of these 57, three withdrew before being attested, one was discharged Fraudulent Entry and two were selected as Cadet Midshipmen (P.N.G.).

The final numbers obtained therefore were as follows:

Apprentices	4
REM	4
Writers	2
SA's	4
RO's	5
Seamen	12
MED's	16
SBA's	3
Cooks	1
Midshipmen	2
TOTAL	53

7. On 23rd November, accompanied by the Base Engineer Officer I inspected the Oil Fuel Installation at Port Moresby. Whilst ships can be fuelled from this installation, the methods used are of a temporary nature, but this matter has been the subject of separate correspondence.

8. I attended the Naval Symposium at H.M.A.S. WATSON on 26th - 27th November, 1966.

9. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the period.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
SNIPE	LT.CDR.D.J.ORR RAN	230800 K Nov.	251300 K Nov.
CURLEW	LT.K.J.BALE RAN	230800 K Nov.	251300 K Nov.
BANKS	LT.K.G.SMITH RAN	-	221600 K Nov.

10. The following Merchant Ships and Inter-Island traders visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
MV MALAKULA	CAPTAIN BARR	021000 K Nov.	020600 K Nov.
MV MORESBY	CAPTAIN COLE	221030 K Nov.	230600 K Nov.
MV JASON	NATIVE COXSWAIN	100710 K Dec.	100850 K Dec.
MV EMUVA	NATIVE COXSWAIN	161300 K Dec.	161317 K Dec.
MV MALAKULA	CAPTAIN EALEY	291445 K Dec.	301200 K Dec.

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11. The following U.S.N. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
USS TAUSSIG	CDR.S.L.GRAVELY USN	150900 K Oct.	151730 K Oct.
USS BOYD	CDR.G.G.ROBERTS USN	150900 K Oct.	151730 K Oct.

12. Rainfall during the period has been as follows:-

(a)	Total points for October	1063 points
(b)	Total points for November	1136 points
(c)	Total points for December	1586 points
(d)	Total number of days on which rain fell in October.	21
(e)	Total number of days on which rain fell in November.	21
(f)	Total number of days on which rain fell in December.	23
(g)	Total points of rain for the quarter.	3785 points
(h)	Total number of days on which rain fell during the quarter.	65
(i)	Total points of rain for the year 1966.	19,715 points
(j)	Total number of days on which rain fell during 1966.	291.

13. Section I Advancement Board was convened on 4th November, two candidates for Chief Petty Officer and two for Leading Rank were examined, all passed.

14. Section II Branch Technical Tests were held on 8th/9th November; one LEMC, two POME, and one CPOCK candidates sat but to date results have not been received.

15. The Tarangau diving team has been exercised constantly during the period. They have removed a number of old piles from the P.N.G. area and made approaches to the boat landing clear.

When replacing navigation marks at Hyane Harbour (AUS 662) 28 x 100 lb UXB's were discovered in the water and successfully detonated.

In addition 11 anti-tank mines and many other small explosive devices of American manufacture have been disposed of.

16. All Tarangau boats are serviceable and in good condition. A 14 foot Utility boat was supplied during the period for use in training Patrol Craft crews.

17. All Harbour Marks are in position and have been freshly painted during the period.

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18. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

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The Secretary,
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APPENDIX I

P.N.G. RECRUIT TRAINING DIVISION

During the period training of Papua New Guinea Division recruits continued satisfactorily. Recruit, Cooks, Stores Assistants and Writers continuing on the job training within Tarangau Departments.

2. Recruit Seamen qualified as QMG's and Recruit RO's continued formal instruction.

3. The results of Tests for QMG, held during the week 31st November to 4th December, were pleasing. The class average was high and only five sailors failed in one or more subjects. These men were re-examined on the 5th December and all passed successfully.

4. All Recruit Seamen have now been promoted ORD QMG.

5. Four recruit seamen commenced a CABA course on Monday 7th December but by the end of the week three had withdrawn and the course was abandoned.

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APPENDIX II

ENGINEERING SECTION

POWERHOUSE:

All generators are serviceable and a build up of spares is now taking place so that further delays in maintenance do not occur.

2. WATER RETICULATION:

The water race has now been demolished in accordance with FOCAF's 1966 Inspection Report. Work will start in the New Year on the construction of a new pump house by Ship's Staff.

3. GARAGE:

The garage has been re-roofed and the floor concreted. An estimate is awaited for the cost of roller doors to complete this building.

4. ROADS:

Parts of Lombrum Road have been sealed and already the drop in vehicle suspension troubles is most noticeable.

5. SPARE GEAR:

The problems with Engineering Spare Gear have in most cases been resolved. Captain of the Port is most co-operative, with almost all spares arriving air freight thus reducing breakdown times.

6. HEAVY EQUIPMENT:

The arrival of the 5 ton crane has alleviated many problems, and tasks which were not possible previously have been carried out. It is a most manoeuvrable and reliable machine. The D7 Bulldozer engine has been shipped to Comworks, Rabaul, for a complete overhaul. The grader engine is undergoing a major refit by Ship's Staff. Remaining equipment, though old, is satisfactory.

7. MOTOR TRANSPORT:

With the improvement in the roads and garage facilities the state of the motor transport is slowly but surely improving. However the age of most of the vehicles is a severe handicap. Replacement vehicles for all taxis, ambulance and long base land rovers have been requested in the 1967 - 68 Machinery and Plant Proposals.

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8.CONSTRUCTION:

(a) Ship's Staff have completed the telephone exchange and are awaiting the supply of an air conditioning unit for installation.

(b) The Bakery and Issue Centre have been resited to make way for the new refrigeration project and the entire Victualling Store has been made water tight.

(c) Naval Stores have been made water-tight and several large internal "valuables" stores spares constructed.

(d) A new swimming pool pump house has been constructed. Previously a 45 HP electric motor burnt out every 3 months due to ingress of rain water.

(e) The Ship's Staff component of the RO's Classroom has been completed since July and finance for the Commonwealth Department of Works component was made available on 22nd December.

(f) Due to the various delays no work has started on the construction of 6 new classrooms. The first materials consisting of lights and fans arrived approximately mid December and there is no hope of these buildings being completed in time for the New Entries. Temporary classrooms have been built in the old Native Hospital.

(g) The Hospital extensions have been completed.

(h) No work has been started on the Practical Training Centre. The supply of benches is still awaited from GMGID.

9.NEW WORKS:

The only item on the 1966-67 New Works Programme is the provision of a new water tank at Water Point. The omission of the remaining items has made the dates in Project Directive 2/65 completely unrealistic.

Without the original New Works programme many delays in the sailing of the Patrol Boats can be expected as there will be next to no facilities for their repair and refits. In particular the lack of shore power will mean greatly increased generator hours and the lack of a Diesel Injector Clean Bay and Electronics Maintenance Room will greatly hamper attempts to repair the generators and radio equipment.

10.GENERAL:

During the last quarter many pumps, machines, etc., have been overhauled and are now in satisfactory condition. All Powerhouse fuel tanks have been cleaned as have many other small tanks in the establishment.

The morale of the department is very high due mainly to a feeling that Tarangau is building up and there is a job to do.

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APPENDIX III

ELECTRICAL DIVISION

The formation of the Electrical Department under the Electrical Officer is progressing. Prior to his arrival the Department was under the administration of the Base Engineer Officer. Providing the proposed increase in Electrical complement for Tarangau is accepted, it is envisaged that the Electrical Department will have little trouble meeting its training and maintenance commitments.

2. Plans are being drawn up for the proposed layout of the Electrical workshop during its overall rehabilitation. This layout will include storerooms and spare gear stowage, a classroom for on the job linesman training and the general workshop areas with the arrival of the necessary equipment the Electrical workshop will be a self contained unit capable of carrying out its required function.

3. Proposals and planning for a rehabilitated power supply and reticulation system is now nearing completion. It is expected that firm proposals and quotes will be forwarded early in the new year.

4. The first of the Recruit Radio Electrical Mechanics to be trained under the P.N.G. project have arrived in Tarangau. It is expected that they will commence specialist training in June 1967. The special classroom required for this training has not yet commenced nor has the bulk of test equipment and training aids arrived for this classroom.

5. The first of the equipment to be installed in the proposed Electronic Maintenance Room has arrived. However as the first Patrol Craft is due about July 1967, it is felt that the building of the EMR and the despatch of the necessary test equipment should be expediated.

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APPENDIX IV

MEDICAL REPORT

The Ship's Company remains generally healthy. A large increase in the amount of upper respiratory infections has been evident this quarter.

2. Population has increased slightly with addition in December of 52 new recruits in the P.N.G. Division.

3. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS (to 21st December)

R.A.N.	2.	Native Labour and Dependents	53
P.N.G.	7.	Other Indigenes	7.
Dependents	20.	Other Civilians	5.

TOTAL 94.

Average Daily Inpatients 4.7

4. OUTPATIENTS Daily average Attending List:

R.A.N.	1.1	Dependents	5.8.
P.N.G.	1	Civilians	0.3
Labour Line	2	Village Indigenes	0.5

TOTAL 10.7

Daily average Treatment Attendances:

Base Hospital	50.6
Native Hospital	42
P.N.G. Dressing Station	4.5

TOTAL 97.1

5. OPERATIONS:

Major	2	Europeans-Confinements	2
Minor	27	Native Confinements	11

6. PUBLIC HEALTH OUTPATIENTS ATTENDANCES:

Immunizations 236

Ante Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics 70.

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7. MALARIA:

There were four patients with malaria during the quarter; all indigenous labourers or their dependents.

8. MALARIA CONTROL:

There has been very little use of fogging this quarter due to unserviceability of the Swing Fog Machines.

9. DEATHS:

One infant died on the fourth day after birth. At autopsy he was found to have a ventricular septal defect.

10 IMMUNIZATIONS:

All naval personnel have been kept up to date with routine immunizations.

11. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

There have been outbreaks of varicella,,morbilli, infectious parotitis and a few cases of glandular fever during the quarter. All parts of New Guinea have been involved in these outbreaks.

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APPENDIX V

SPORT

The Depot Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 5th December with the Junior Sailors Team being successful. The final of the Water Polo was held on completion in which the Recruits defeated Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers 3 - 2.

2. Two basketball teams were entered in the Lorengau Competition. Tarangau "A" Team reached the final four but were defeated by Paradise who won the competition.

3. The final game in the Alan Burns Trophy, for Basketball between Navy and Lorengau is to be played on the 29th December. At present the teams are equal with two games each.

4. The inter-part Basketball was won by the Recruits Team from the P.N.G. Division.

5. Two games of cricket have been played against Lorengau. Tarangau have won both of these on the first innings.

6. Inter-part Hockey was won by the Victualling Store Team. This team comprising of European, P.N.G. and Native Labour personnel were undefeated throughout the competition.

7. The inter-part Softball was won by P.N.G. Division who defeated Recruits 12-8 in the final.

8. The only two visiting ships in the last quarter were HMAS SNIPE AND CURLEW, against whom Water Polo and Basketball were played, Tarangau winning both

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Appx III refers to Tags and includes requests for early action

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Every effort is being made by DNT etc to 13/4
effect early procurement and delivery of electrical training equipment 21/4

Action is being taken on matters raised in Appx. III. The tenders for the EMR was due to be advertised in May but may be delayed by PWC intervention into manros. However, even if not delayed I see no hope of completion before early 68

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 31st March, 1967.

2. Lieutenant Commander B.A. Milford, R.A.N., Staff Officer PNG Division to Director of Manning and Training, visited the establishment from 23rd January to 27th January, 1967, as part of a familiarisation tour of the PNG Division.

3. The Indonesian Naval Attache, Lieutenant Colonel Moedjono Poerbonegoro, accompanied by the Deputy Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea, visited the establishment on the 25th - 26th January, 1967, during a tour of the Territory.

4. On 22nd February, 1967, I assumed command of H.M.A.S. TARANGAU and took up duty as Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea, Naval Control of Shipping Officer, Manus and Commander PNG Division.

5. During the period 2nd/6th March, Mr.H. Sforcina, Assistant Director of Naval Works, Mr. F. Carse, Senior Executive Officer (Material), Mr. F. Pitman, Head of Master Planning Section, Department of Works, and Messrs I. Woods and R. Boyce of Commonwealth Department of Works, Port Moresby, visited the establishment for discussions on the planned development of H.M.A.S. TARANGAU and to prepare a Master Plan for the establishment. At this time, Mr. McGarry of the Principal Electrical Engineer's Staff and Lieutenant Commander P. Boling RANVR of Director of Naval Intelligence Staff also visited the establishment to discuss and plan the new Communications Centre, in conjunction with DNW Staff.

6. There have been no appointment changes during the period under report, apart from my own.

7. Clearance Diving Team One arrived on 10th March, 1967, in H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and have almost completed their tasks in this area of clearing a boat channel through the southern end of Loniu Passage and assisting H.M.A.S. KIMBLA in surveying moorings. The Team is due to depart for Wewak on the 10th April, to undertake the removal of a sunken barge and thence to Rabaul to demolish an old wharf in Simpson Harbour.

8. Section I Advancement Board was convened on 17th February, to examine two candidates for Petty Officer and one for Leading Sailor, all of whom passed.

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9. One LME, one ME and one SAV were candidates at the February Branch Technical Tests all of whom failed.

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10 The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the period.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
HMAS SUPPLY	Captain B.S.MURRAY R.A.N.	100800 MAR	120625 MAR.
HMAS KIMBLA	Lieutenant G.K.DOVE R.A.N.	211605 MAR	-

11. The following Australian Army Ships visited Lombrum during the period.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
AV VERNON STURDY	Captain BURNETT	011005 FEB	021350 FEB.
AV CLIVE STEELE	Captain BONNETT	040645 MAR	050555 MAR.

12. The following Merchant Ships and Inter-Island Traders visited Lombrum during the period.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
MV. MOISANA	MR. JACOBSON	151500 JAN	160630 JAN.
MV BRAESIDE	Captain LAWSON	240715 JAN	241350 JAN.
MV MOISANA	MR. JACOBSON	301125 JAN	301600 JAN.
MV RASKAI	MR. POON	031300 FEB	031700 FEB.
MV NUKATOA	MR. AUSTIN	060645 FEB	061130 FEB.
MV RASKAI	MR. POON	220530 FEB	221400 FEB.
MV MALEKULA	Captain BARR	260700 FEB	261615 FEB.
MV JASON	Native Coxswain	271435 FEB	271435 FEB.
MV SPINDRIFT	Native Coxswain	131730 MAR	141140 MAR.
MV JASON	Native Coxswain	181140 MAR	181445 MAR.
MV MOISANA	MR. JACOBSON	181703 MAR	191035 MAR.
MV SPINDRIFT	MR. KNIGHT	290730 MAR	291630 MAR.

13. Rainfall during the period has been as follows:

(a)	Total points for January	1109 points
(b)	" " " February	1104 "
(c)	" " " March	1006 "
(d)	Total number of days on which rain fell in January	27
(e)	" " " " " " " " February	22
(f)	" " " " " " " " March	22
(g)	Total number points of rain for the quarter	3219
(h)	Total number of days on which rain fell during the quarter	71

14. During the visit of H.M.A.S. SUPPLY it was not possible to discharge her cargo of ADO due to the sea state and the lack of adequate Support Craft.

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15. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
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APPENDIX I - P.N.G. TRAINING DIVISION

Progress of Recruits through their course is quite satisfactory.

2. Two monthly progressive examinations have just been completed with quite pleasing results. Two out of forty seven failed, but almost half obtained over 70%.

3. All recruits seem to have considerable trouble grasping new words and Naval terms which has caused some delay in the teaching of certain subjects. In addition some technological words are completely new and have no equivalent in native dialects, for example the SBA trainees have never encountered the words, tablet, thermometer, constipation, cavity.

4. General discipline is satisfactory.

5. Five ORDQMG are at present in H.M.A.S. ANZAC undergoing further training and another four will shortly join H.M.A.S. MORESBY.

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APPENDIX II - ENGINEERING AND WORKS SECTION

During the period under report one of the wooden cooling towers collapsed due to wet rot and a new tower was constructed. It is not intended to replace the remaining towers unless they also collapse, as new equipment should be installed by December, 1967.

2. The semi trailer has been unserviceable for most of the quarter due to cylinder head trouble. Advice has been received on remedial measures but it has been decided to await the arrival of a new body for the vehicle before proceeding with road trials.

3. The bulldozer engine is undergoing a complete overhaul by Commonwealth Department of Works Rabaul and is expected to be serviceable in the near future.

4. AWB 409 was given a routine slipping during which it was found that the shaft and propellor were very badly worn. A new propellor and shaft have been demanded. This temporary loss of one third of the AWB strength has seriously affected the amount of support which this establishment is expected to provide to visiting ships.

5. Two houses have been demolished and major repairs carried out on three others. Minor repairs have been carried out on five houses.

6. A 'Coronous' brick making factory has been completed and is now producing bricks for the construction of small buildings.

7. A contract has been let and work commenced on the rehabilitation of the Shipwrights, Electrical and Engineering workshops. Progress, although hampered by heavy rain, is satisfactory.

8. With the completion of the topographical survey, design work has commenced on the proposed Oil Fuel Installation, Slipway and Sewerage system.

9. A proposed Master Plan to cater for the possible future development of H.M.A.S. TARANGAU is currently being prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Works.

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APPENDIX III - ELECTRICAL SECTION

Very little of the Radio Electrical Mechanics training equipment has arrived in TARANGAU during the quarter. Although delivery was planned to be completed by the 15th April, 1967, it is obvious from inspection of ships manifests that this target date will not now be met. The delay in the supply of this equipment will seriously affect the training programme.

2. The special classroom in which basic theory training will be taught is not expected to be completed before June.

3. The majority of test equipment laid down for Patrol Boat maintenance (although programmed for arrival in TARANGAU on 30th June) is still outstanding. It is considered that this equipment should be supplied as soon as possible. Maintenance personnel will then have the opportunity to thoroughly familiarise themselves with any new equipment and test it for satisfactory operation.

4. The Electronic Maintenance Room due for completion on 15th June, 1967, has not yet commenced building. It is doubtful that this project will be completed on time unless immediate action is taken. It is felt that if an efficient maintenance programme is to be planned, the EMR should be completed and operational at least two months prior to the first maintenance requirement.

5. No information has been provided regarding the list of Electrical Spare Gear to be carried for Patrol Boats. However, it is expected that a suitable store room will be completed in the Electrical workshop area before the arrival of the spares.

6. All Telecommunication equipment which has arrived and can be installed is operational and satisfactory. The lack of first issue spares for new sets is a problem and necessitates many urgent airfreight demands. However, as spares are expected soon, this problem will correct itself.

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APPENDIX IV - - MEDICAL

GENERAL HEALTH OF SHIPS COMPANY: The ships company and native labour line remain generally healthy.

2. POPULATION CARED FOR: The release of the T.P.N.G. Summary of Statistics shows that the previous estimates of population cared for were low.

Present figures are:-

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	209
Dependents	236
Native Labour & Dependents	507
Police & Dependents	16
Other European Civilians	224
Total	1192

3. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS:

R.A.N.	3
P.N.G.	14
Dependents & Civilians	128
Total	145

Average Daily In-Patients: 8.5

4. OUTPATIENTS: Daily average Attending List:

R.A.N.	1.5
P.N.G.	1
Labour Line	3
Dependents & Civilians	5
Total	10.5

Daily average Treatment Attendances:

Base Hospital	52
Compound Dressing Station	32
P.N.G. & Workshop Dressing Stations	27
Total	111

Statistics quoted in paragraphs 3 and 4 are based on a seven day week, and cover the period 1st January to 22nd March.

5. OPERATIONS:

Major	3	European Confinements	3
Minor	26	Native Confinements	10

6. PUBLIC HEALTH OUTPATIENTS ATTENDANCES:

Immunizations	564
Ante Natal and Infant Welfare Clinics	162

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7. MALARIA:

There were 15 patients with Malaria during the quarter, mostly indigenes.

8. MALARIA CONTROL:

The Swingfog machines have remained unserviceable for most of the quarter.

A larger model, the Tifa Fog Applicator, has been demanded.

Supplies of Diazinon are again to hand and this preparation is now being used. Oiling of possible mosquito breeding sites continues.

9. DEATHS:

One Australian infant died from pneumonia, at the age of 8 weeks.

An elderly native patient died from a sarcoma.

10. IMMUNISATIONS:

Routine immunisations of P.N.G. recruits is partly completed. All other personnel and their families are kept up to date with all immunisations laid down.

11. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

The outbreaks of minor infectious diseases reported in the last quarter have ceased.

One patient suffering from Hansens disease and one with Meningitis have been notified to the Public Health Authorities.

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APPENDIX V - SPORT

WATER POLO:

The inter-part competition has commenced. There is a good deal of interest in the outcome and the standard of play is high.

SOFTBALL:

This competition has only just commenced but already the recruits are showing that they will be very hard to beat.

VOLLEYBALL:

Volleyball has been completed. The competition was won by the Supply and Secretariat Team.

CRICKET:

Interest in this game has increased over the past few months. A successful season is envisaged.

VISITING SHIPS:

We have had visits from HOBART, SUPPLY and KIMBLA in the last three months and we were defeated in only one sport, that being cricket against SUPPLY.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 30TH JUNE, 1967

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 30th June, 1967.

2. The Flag Officer Commanding H.M.A. Fleet, (Rear Admiral R.I. PEEK, OBE) made an informal inspection of TARANGAU on 11th April, 1967 during the visit of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. I accompanied him to lunch with the District Commissioner at LORENGAU on the same day.

3. On 15th to 17th April, 1967, I was honoured to receive a visit by the Chief of the Naval Staff, (Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNICOLL, KBE, CB, GM) and Lady McNICOLL who were accompanied by the U.S. Naval Attache. (Captain L. WILLSON, USN) and Mrs. Willson the Director of Plans, (Captain R.A.H. MILLAR, RAN) and Mrs. MILLAR, the Secretary to the Chief of the Naval Staff, (Captain J. DAVIDSON, RAN) and Mrs. DAVIDSON, the U.S. Army Attache, (Lieutenant Colonel W. MYERS), the Assistant U.S. Naval Attache, (Lieutenant Commander G. HAMELIN, USN) and Mrs. HAMELIN. A reception was held at my residence on the night of 15th April, and a Barbecue was held in honour of the guests in the Wardroom on the evening of 16th April.

4. The R.A.N. Complements Committee comprising, the Director of Manning and Training, (Captain R.C. SWAN, RAN), Commander H.W. STAPLEFORD, RAN, and Mr. C.A. BROMWICH of Director of Organisation and Methods Branch, visited the establishment from 23rd April, to 26th April, 1967.

5. On 17th May, 1967, I attended the opening of an indigenous school at MOKERANG Village. The School had been building for some years and was entirely financed by the villagers themselves. The end result is creditable and illustrates what these people are capable of when they can be aroused from their normal lethargy.

6. The Parliamentary Works Committee visited the establishment from 29th to 31st May, 1967. The Committee were informed of the nature of existing facilities and of the extent of proposed future additions. A comprehensive tour of the depot was also conducted. They also met Senior and Junior Sailors in their Messes. A reception and barbecue was held in the Wardroom Mess on the 30th May.

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7. There have been no appointment changes during the period under report.

8. Section 1 Advancement Board was convened on 19th May, 1967 to examine 3 candidates for Chief Petty Officer and 2 for Leading Rank. All three candidates for Chief Petty Officer and one of the candidates for Leading Rank were successful.

9. One Petty Officer and one ME were candidates at the May, Branch Technical Tests. The ME was successful. In addition the results of one NS2 test for NS1 are awaited.

10. On 21st June, 1967, I attended a dinner given by the District Commissioner, MANUS District on the occasion of the farewell visit of the Director of District Administration (Mr. K McCARTHY, CBE).

11. Rainfall for the period has been as follows:

Total points of rain for	April	1057
" " " "	May	757
" " " "	June	853
Number of days rain fell for	April	21
" " " " "	May	18
" " " " "	June	17
Total points for the quarter		2667
Total number of days rain fell for the Quarter		56

12. The following Merchant Ships and Inter Island traders visited Lombrum during the Quarter.

VESSEL	MASTER	ARRIVAL	DEPARTED
MV RASKAI	Mr. Poon	031055K April	031600K April
MV MOISANA	Mr. Jacobson	031545K "	031730K "
MV BRAESIDE	Captain Lawson	130600K "	131300K "
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	180700K "	190600K "
MV NUKATOA	Mr. Austin	271500K "	280600K "
MV JASON II	Native Coxswain	030630K May	031230K May
MV EROS	Native Coxswain	041130K "	050830K "
MV LIVARNY	Native Coxswain	081340K "	081535K "
MV MORESBY	Captain Costello	131530K "	140025K "
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	051300K June	060615K June
MV PACIFIC ENTERPRISE	Captain Visser	061805K "	070715K "
MV LEILANI	Native Coxswain	120900K "	121200K "
MV LEILANI	Native Coxswain	131500K "	131805K "
MV FRISIA	Mr. Cunningham	260700K "	261515K "

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13. The following US Naval Ships visited Lombrum during the Quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
USS GRIDLEY DLG 21	Captain A. Slifer USN	280800K April	281600K April
USS MADDOX DD 731	CDR T.H. McGlaughin USN	280800K "	281600K "
USS TURNER JOY DD 951	CDR E.S. Briggs USN	290900K "	291600K "
USS McKEAN DD 784	CDR W.H. Hawkins USN	290900K "	291600K "

14. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the Quarter.

SHIP	CAPTAIN	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
HMAS KIMBLA	LT.G.K. Dove RAN		021000K April
HMAS VAMPIRE	Capt. N.E.McDonald RAN	121815K April	132200K "
HMAS SYDNEY	Capt. E.J. Peel, DSC RAN	131100K "	132200K "
HMAS ANZAC	CDR I.W. Broben RAN	131100K "	141330K "
HMAS GULL	Lt. A.M. Carwardine RAN	150800K "	170930K "
HMAS HAWK	Lt.(SD) P.D. Rouse (B) RAN	150800K "	170930K "
HMAS MORESBY	CDR H.W.C. Dillon RAN	070700K May	080900K May
HMAS SYDNEY	Capt. E.J. Peel, DSC RAN	070800K "	071600K "
HMAS MELB-OURNE	Capt. A.M. Synnot RAN	110800K "	120900K "
HMAS DERWENT	CDR G.J.H. Woolrych RAN	110800K "	120900K "
HMAS DIAMAN-TINA	Lt.CDR M. Ward RAN	120930K "	130900K "
HMAS SUPPLY	Capt. B.S. Murray RAN	121530K "	140915K "
HMAS SYDNEY	Capt. E.J. Peel, DSC RAN	231015K "	231800K "
HMAS STUART	CDR R.G. Loosli RAN	231015K "	231800K "

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15. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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APPENDIX I - P.N.G. TRAINING DIVISION

The Recruits Common Course was completed on the 30th June. Final examinations are due to commence on the 3rd July, 1967. Eleven recruits are volunteers for the Diving Course which will commence on the 10th July.

2. Progress examinations for Cadet Midshipmen and Apprentices have been completed. A report on the results achieved is being prepared.

3. The Radio Operators Course has not been completed. My letter 29/3/2 dated 28th June refers.

4. Branch training for the 1967 common entry will commence on the 10th July. Meanwhile sea training of P.N.G. QMG's in HMA Ships ANZAC and MORESBY is progressing.

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APPENDIX II - ENGINEERING AND WORKS SECTION

During the period under report work commenced on the construction of a new classroom block for the PNG Training Division. All walls and roofing have been completed, wiring is 75% complete and it is expected that the building will be ready for use on 17th July, 1967.

2. The rehabilitation of workshops has proceeded satisfactorily.

3. Construction of an 80,000 gallon clear water tank at Water Point is almost complete.

4. AWB 409 is still on the slipway awaiting supply of a new propellor shaft. The shaft left Sydney on 19th April, 1967, per air freight and is now at Wewak awaiting shipment by sea to TARANGAU.

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APPENDIX III - ELECTRICAL SECTION

TRAINING:

Most of the training equipment required for the commencement of training of Radio Electrical Mechanics has been received. Training will commence on time and with basic training aids made in TARANGAU, the first phase of training should not pose many problems.

2. The electronic training aids will be required as training progresses and though there is no immediate urgency, every effort should be made to expedite delivery. This will ensure that equipment is installed and functional to allow continuity of training.

3. The special classroom set aside for R.E.M.s theory and laboratory training is nearing completion and is expected to be completed and fitted out before theory training is due to commence.

PATROL BOAT MAINTENANCE:

The test equipment required for this function is now arriving steadily. It is expected that all outstanding items will have arrived prior to the date they are required.

2. Tenders for work on the Electronic Maintenance Room close on 4th July, 1967, and providing the contract is let without delay, it is expected there will be ample time to set equipment to work prior to the arrival of the first Patrol Boat.

3. A preliminary list of some spare gear has arrived but more detail of equipment fitted, planned maintenance schedules and spare gear is still considered a matter of urgency so that planning may be finalised.

BASE MAINTENANCE:

There has been no progress on increased power supply arrangements, and those arrangements thought to be final in the last report are now subject to alteration. This is a result of the Commonwealth Department of Works receiving the final layout of the Master Plan for TARANGAU.

2. The alterations consist of an increase in size of main generator output capacity and will be the subject of future correspondence.

3. The situation regarding the existing generators continues to give concern. Too much reliance has to be placed on the serviceability of the Mirrlees generator. Without this generator, difficulty is often experienced in meeting the Base load.

4. The rehabilitation of the Electrical workshop is very satisfactory and it is expected that it will be again functional by the 30th June.

5. Work on the installation of the PABX telephone exchange has not yet commenced, but the cable required for this work is expected soon. Cable laying will not commence until a firm delivery date for the exchange is received, this is expected to be in early December.

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INTERIM COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE:

The modernisation of the communications installations has commenced. This work is being undertaken by Garden Island Dockyard with assistance of Base Staff. At a progress meeting held between Garden Island and Base Staff Officers on 19th June, it was decided that progress is satisfactory and on schedule.

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APPENDIX IV - MEDICAL

General Health of Ships Company:

This remains generally satisfactory.

2. Population cared for:

There have been no major changes and the figure remains at approximately 1200.

3. Hospital Admissions: (To 22/6/67)

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	17
Labour Line & Dependants	113
Dependants & Civilians	29
TOTAL	159
Average Daily Inpatients	9

4. Outpatients: (To 22/6/67)

Daily average treatment attendances

Base Hospital	51
Compound Dressing Station	29
PNG & Workshop Dressing Station	13
TOTAL	93

Daily average attending list

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	3.5
Labour Line	2.5
Dependants & Civilians	6.
TOTAL	12.

5. Operations:

Major	1	European Confinements	3
Minor	24	Native Confinements	17

6. Public Health Outpatients Attendances:

Immunizations	720
Ante Natal & Infant Welfare Clinics	189

7. Malaria:

There were seven patients with malaria during the quarter, all natives.

8. MALARIA CONTROL:

Swing Fog serviceability remains a problem and very little fogging has been possible during the quarter.

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9. Deaths:

One still birth occured during the quarter.

10. Immunizations:

Routine immunizations have been kept in date for all personnel.

11. Infectious Diseases:

An outbreak of gastro enteritis has occured throughout the whole of the Manus District affecting mainly children under two years. Thirty six cases were notified to the Public Health authorities. One case of infectious hepatitis has occured in a native girl.

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APPENDIX V - SPORT

BASKETBALL:

In the Lorengau competition the Tarangau 'A' team are now leading having beaten the Recruits team 39 - 38 in the first round. The Tarangau 'B' team is in fifth position but it seems unlikely that they will reach the final.

In the depot competition the Seamen are clear leaders being undefeated, the closest team being Recruits II, four points behind.

Four sailors were selected for the Manus Team which played in the Territory Championships at Lae during the Queen's Birthday weekend. Lack of first class competition was very evident with our players but they gained a lot of experience and improved towards the end of the competition.

SOFTBALL:

A very close competition is underway with three teams being on equal points - Recruits I, Recruits II and Seamen.

WATERPOLO:

Play in this competition has been held up due to the swimming pool being unserviceable, but Supply and Secretariat are clear leaders.

VISITING SHIPS:

The following results were achieved against visiting ships during the quarter -

Tarangau defeated	Vampire 3 sports to 1
	Anzac 3 sports to Nil
	Hawk and Gull 3 sports to Nil
	Diamantina 2 sports to Nil
	Supply 3 sports to Nil
	Stuart 4 sports to Nil

During the visit of Melbourne and Derwent, Tarangau won 4 sports, Melbourne 4 and Derwent 3.

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APPENDIX VI - DIVING AND DEMOLITIONS

In providing assistance to the administration in diving and demolition matters as laid down in CANO 47/66 Appendix A, the following work has been completed in the last 12 months:

Countermining of numerous World War II explosive ordnance.
Demolition of coral reef to provide boat channel into Native Association anchorage, LORENGAU.
Clearance of LONIU Passage by CDT 1.
Buoying of LONIU Passage - 13 marker buoys laid.
Replacement of marker buoy at LORENGAU and survey of remaining two buoys.
Demolition of unwanted concrete on playing field site of the MANUS High School.

2. In addition the following tasks have been accepted for action in the following quarter:

Demolition of collapsed portion of LORENGAU wharf
Demolition of old NABU Jetty
Demolition of coral reef to provide boat passage into anchorages at RAMBUTYO and BALUAN Islands.

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APPENDIX VII - ACCOMMODATION REQUIREMENTS

The following transients have been accommodated during the period under report.

NAME	STATUS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
L. HOFFMAN	C.D.W.	3/4/67	17/5/67	Wharf repairs
W. VON APPEN	C.D.W.	3/4/67	6/4/67	
T.A. JACKSON	G.I.D.	5/4/67	7/4/67	Comcentre
S.T. SEWELL	G.I.D.	5/4/67	7/4/67	"
A.F. MORRISS	Customs Officer	10/4/67	15/4/67	Clear MV BRAESIDE
R. HOWE PIENING	C.D.W.	10/4/67	13/4/67	
E.D. SCHULLER	Contractor	15/4/67	20/4/67	Clear Water Tank
B.W. WRIGLEY	Dept of Interior	16/4/67	16/5/67	Surveyor Slipway etc
E.I. CASEY	C.D.W.	17/4/67	2/5/67	
C.A. BROMICH	Navy Office	23/4/67	26/4/67	Complements Committee
A.J. WIGHT	C.D.W.	26/4/67	27/4/67	
J.P. HOLLOWAY	C.D.W.	27/4/67	10/5/67	
R.R. STIENDL	C.D.W.	30/4/67	3/5/67	
H.L. JONES	C.D.W.	1/5/67	3/5/67	
E.L. CASEY	C.D.W.	2/5/67	3/5/67	
R. HOWE PIENING	C.D.W.	4/5/67	7/5/67	
A.J. HUNT	Steamships Trading Company	8/5/67	15/5/67	Canteen
E.I. CASEY	C.D.W.	11/5/67	29/5/67	
R.P. RIDDETT	Naval Auditor	13/5/67	31/5/67	
R.C. FREEMAN	" "	13/5/67	31/5/67	
A.F. MORRISS	Customs Officer	13/5/67	15/5/67	Clear MV MORESBY
L.C.A. VINES	C.D.W.	16/5/67	17/5/67	
J.D. SCOTT	C.D.W.	23/5/67	25/5/67	
S. GUDIKSEN	C.D.W.	16/5/67	17/5/67	
T.J. RAE	Contractor	18/5/67	-	Fresh Water Tank
T.V. MOLONY	"	18/5/67	-	" " "
T.A. JACKSON	G.I.D.	22/5/67	21/6/67	Comcentre
R.E. TODD	D.N.W.	23/5/67	31/5/67	D.N.W.
E.F. REILLY	G.I.D.	23/5/67	-	Comcentre
N.K. DOUGLAS	C.D.W.	24/5/67	25/5/67	
K.J. RODDA	C.D.W.	27/5/67	31/5/67	
R.W. BOYCE	C.D.W.	27/5/67	1/6/67	
F.J. PITMAN	C.D.W.	27/5/67	1/6/67	
F.C. CHANEY	M.H.R.	29/5/67	31/5/67	Chairman PWC
W.P. O'CONNOR	M.H.R.	"	"	Vice Chairman PWC
L.L. BOSMAN	M.H.R.	"	"	Member PWC
A.W. JAMES	M.H.R.	"	"	" "
R.M. HOLTEN	M.H.R.	"	"	" "
G.H. BRANSON	Senator	"	"	" "
F. DITTMER	Senator	"	"	" "
E.W. PROWSE	Senator	"	"	" "
M. ADAMSON		"	"	Secretary to PWC
G. PIKE		"	"	Transport Officer PWC
R.C. SWAN	Captain	"	"	D.M.T.
M.T. HYLAND		"	"	FAS(FM)

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NAME	STATUS	FROM	TO	REMARKS
E.D. SCHULLER	Contractor	1/6/67	5/6/67	Clear Water Tank
E.L. LEONARD	Customs Officer	1/6/67	5/6/67	Clear MV MALEKULA
A.G. HAYES	C.D.W.	6/6/67	8/6/67	
E.L. CASEY	C.D.W.	6/6/67	14/6/67	
F. McCULLAGH	Inspecting Officer Navy	7/6/67	-	Stores
S.D. GUDIKSEN	C.D.W.	13/6/67	15/6/67	
R.R. STIENDL	C.D.W.	19/6/67	22/6/67	
E.L. CASEY	C.D.W.	20/6/67	-	

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Ref para 2 of App II - provision of mas Sets is dependent on Cabinet decision on MANUS development but will take a long time even when approved. Preliminary planning is in hand with Dept of Works.

Ref para 3 of App III DSAP is investigating Equipment Lists for Patrol Boats tag 'A'.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 30th. September, 1967.

2. The following officers posting changes have taken effect during the period under report -

Deputy Naval Officer in Charge, Papua New Guinea, LCDR SDEX D.K. Graham, R.A.N. has been relieved by LCDR SDEX TAS D.C.S. Smith, R.A.N.
Base Engineer Officer LCDR GLEN ME J.A. McKenzie, R.A.N. has been relieved by LCDR SDEN ME J.K.Markham, R.A.N.
Base Medical Officer LCDR SSSG B.V.McDonnell, R.A.N. has been relieved by LCDR SSSG T. Gidley, R.A.N.
In addition LEUT SDSH P.B. Timmins, R.A.N. has joined together with LEUT GLEX W.S.G. Bateman, R.A.N. The latter, the Commanding Officer (Designate) of Aitape has been reposted to H.M.A.S. WATERHEN for Special Duties.

3. On 5th, July, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. Paliau and the District Commissioner Mr. L.J. O'Malley departed Manus to attend the launching ceremony for Aitape at which Mrs. Paliau officiated.

4. Mr. W. Grose, Member of the House of Representatives, for the Special New Guinea Island electorate called on 12th. July, 1967 during his attendance at the Native Associations Conference held at Lorengau.

5. Mr. H.B. King, Michelin Area Representative visited the establishment on 25th. July, 1967, to investigate the problems associated with tyre wear and punctures of which there is a high incidence. As a result, a trial is to be carried out for a two month period using tyres recommended by Mr. King.

6. On the 14th. August, 1967, Mr. G. Warwick Smith OBE, Secretary to the Department of Territories and Mrs. Warwick Smith accompanied by the District Commissioner Mr. L.J. O'Malley and Mrs. O'Malley paid a brief visit to the depot.

7. On 25th. September, 1967, His Honour the Administrator, Mr. D.O. Hay, CBE, DSO visited the establishment during his visit to the District Commissioner at Lorengau. His stay was brief, but the opportunity was taken to show him some aspects of the P.N.G. Division Training Organisation. During the evening of the same day I attended a Reception at the Residency, Lorengau, given for His Honour by the District Commissioner.

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8. The Regional Director of the Commonwealth Bureau of Meteorology, Mr A. Shields paid a brief visit to the establishment on 27th September, 1967, during his routine inspections of the outstations which included Momote.

9. The old unserviceable wooden racking in the Naval Stores has now been completely replaced with steel racking which has improved both the appearance of the store and the stowage of items of stores.

10. Section 1 Advancement Board was convened on 18th August, 1967, to examine three Leading Sailors and 3 Able Ranks. All passed Part 1 and two failed Part 2.

11. One Leading Rank and three Able Ranks attempted the August Branch Technical Tests. The Leading Rank passed and two of the Able Ranks failed. Results are still awaited for the third sailor.

12. Rainfall for the period has been as follows:

(a)	Total points for July	1268	
(b)	" " " August	1142	
(c)	" " " September	946	
(d)	Total number of days on which rain fell in	July	26
(e)	" " " " " " " "	August	27
(f)	" " " " " " " "	September	15
(g)	Total number of points for the quarter	3,356	
(h)	Total number of days on which rain fell during the quarter		68

13. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
HMAS PERTH	Captain P.H. Doyle RAN	080700K Sept.	081730K Sept.
HMAS HOBART	Captain G.R. Griffiths DSC RAN	201400K Sept.	210600K Sept.

14. The following USN Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
USS CARPENTER	CDR W. Beck USN	090810K August	091415K August
USS SPROSTON	CDR H. Scudder USN	090810K August	091415K August

15. The following Merchant Ships and Inter Island Traders visited Lombrum during the Quarter.

		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
MV MARGARET	Native Coxswain	031235K July	031330K July
MV MORESBY	Captain Cole	091045K July	100600K July
MV JASON	Mr David	100710K July	101345K July
MV MOISANA	Mr Jacobson	101300K July	110600K July
MV SPINDRIFT	Mr Knight	161600K July	171445K July
MV MARGARET	Native Coxswain	171500K July	171600K July
MV MOISANA	Mr Jacobson	281055K July	281500K July
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	281445K July	291000K July
MV FRISIA	Mr W. Cunningham	311615K July	020900K August
MV JASON	Mr David	311745K July	311930K July
MV MOISANA	Mr Jacobson	141230K August	141600K August
MV CHEKIANG	Captain	150915K August	160910K August
MV JASON	Mr David	231530K August	231800K August
MV MORESBY	Captain Cole	300715K August	301515K August
MV FRISIA	Mr W. Cunningham	091520K September	101025K September

MV RASKAI	Mr Poon	141715K September	140600K September
MV MOISANA	Mr Jacobson	190730K September	191000K September
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	210650K September	211707K September

16. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Enclosures - Appendices I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII.

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APPENDIX I - P.N.G. TRAINING DIVISION

The Radio Operator's Course remains incomplete as stated in my Report of Proceedings for the previous quarter. However, further instruction has been given in Technical Practical.

2. The new Radio Operator's classroom has been completed and came into use on 11th September, 1967.

3. All Recruits passed the Seamanship Section of the Common Course Test held on 7th July, 1967.

4. One Recruit was transferred from QMG to REM. This was reported in separate correspondence.

5. A Diving Course commenced on 10th July, 1967, with 5 candidates one of whom withdrew during the course. The remaining four successfully completed the course on 4th August, 1967.

6. Ordinary Seaman Sea Training Tests were conducted for three sailors of the 1966 entry who are due for leave and posting to Patrol Boats. All were successful. Helmsman's Certificates had been awarded during their sea training.

7. The new PNG Division Training Centre, constructed by ships staff, was completed on 14th July, 1967. The classrooms are cool and pleasant to work in and have solved the classroom problem.

8. With the arrival of two 14 foot dinghies sailing instruction is now possible. The dinghies and whaler are in constant use both for instructional and recreational purposes.

9. Cadet Midshipmen (PNG) test results so far indicate that the syllabus in English and Mathematics will be completed by December and that fair results should be obtained by the four Cadets.

10. Some difficulties have been encountered in some sections of the Mathematics syllabus for Apprentices due to their general lack of mathematics background. Term 2 results may indicate a need for revision of the syllabus to include more emphasis on earlier work on basic processes, especially in Algebra. English progress is satisfactory in view of their limited experience with the language.

11. All five REMs are working to capacity and have passed their first progressive test. Great interest is attached to this course because of the many unfamiliar technical aspects. Once again, lack of mathematics background could hamper progress in later work.

12. All training equipment received has been installed and is working satisfactorily. The range and quantity is considered most adequate for present training requirements. The Crow training aids are ideal for the type of Electrical Training being conducted in TARANGAU. It is hoped that the outstanding Electronic Training Aids on order from America will arrive by late November. This will allow installation and testing to be carried out prior to bringing them into use in January.

13. Twelve of the second intake of recruits failed to pass the Educational Test for promotion to the Leading Rank.

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14.
PNG ARTIFICER APPRENTICES

Satisfactory progress is being maintained in Workshop Theory and Practical Workshop Training, two test jobs have been completed with average results. Some difficulty has been experienced with Mechanical Drawing but improvement is now being made.

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Training has progressed satisfactorily with Marine Engineering Diesel instruction, Workshop Theory and Practice and Practical Maintenance tasks. Progressive test results have indicated that they are obtaining a good basic grasp of all subjects.

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APPENDIX II - ENGINEERING SECTION

PATROL BOAT MAINTENANCE.

The situation regarding the Diesel Injector Test Bay is unsatisfactory. Although tenders for this work have closed enquiries have indicated that finance for this commitment has not yet been made available.

2.

POWER HOUSE.

The main diesel generating sets have operated satisfactorily throughout the quarter.

As the total electrical load requirements are now increasing it is necessary to run three generators sets in order to cope with peak loadings. With further increases in total electrical loading expected early next year when the patrol boats and additional staff arrive, it is considered essential that early replacement of Number 4 and 5 Belliss and Morcom generating sets will be essential, as the load carrying capacity of these units is considerably reduced due to age and the deterioration of their foundations. As an interim measure portable auxiliary generating sets are being obtained to cope with emergencies that may arise.

A considerable amount of work was necessary to bring Number 5 Belliss and Morcom Diesel to a satisfactory condition. Three large end and 5 main bearings had to be replaced, wear being due to the failure of Number 6 combined main and thrust bearing and excessive misalignment of the alternator pedestal bearing. On completion of realignment satisfactory crankshaft deflection readings were obtained. This engine is now operating satisfactorily and the vibration of the engine foundations have been considerably reduced when the set is on high load.

3.

WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM.

The stand by diesel driven pumping unit has been completely overhauled. The unit has now been reinstalled at Water Point pump house and is operating satisfactorily.

Construction of the new pump house is at a stand still as the rockcrusher which is required to provide aggregate has been unserviceable.

4.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT.

A major overhaul of the Bulldozer engine has been completed by C.D.W., Rabaul and the engine re-installed by Base Staff. This unit is now operating satisfactorily.

With the exception of the Hyster Crane for which spares are awaited the remaining heavy equipment is operating satisfactorily.

5.

MOTOR TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE.

Generally satisfactory. The maintenance load is increasing due to the age of some of the vehicles and the general conditions prevailing in tropical areas which cause rapid deterioration of vehicle bodies.

Purchase of a new 6 ton tipping truck has been approved and procurement action taken. This unit will be a valuable asset to the road maintenance and heavy equipment section.

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6.

BUILDING REHABILITATION.

Generally progressing satisfactorily. Considerable delay to all construction work by Base Staff and Contractors has been caused by the lack of aggregate for concreting.

7.

OIL FUEL INSTALLATION.

The general condition of the storage tanks at Papitalai is steadily deteriorating.

The present total Diesel fuel storage capacity is 500 tons. Taking into account future base consumption figures and the requirement to fuel regularly two Patrol Boats each week fuel requirements in the future are likely to run at about 60 tons per week. If construction of the additional bulk Diesel fuel storage as provided in the Master Plan is to be deferred it is considered that the fuel problem could be solved by utilising any of the following alternatives:-

(a) More frequent replenishment from civilian sources

(b) Provision of a prefabricated storage tank to be erected by ships staff.

(c) Provision of a small lighter for dieso only.

(d) Additional 44 gallon drum storage.

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APPENDIX III - ELECTRICAL SECTION

PATROL CRAFT MAINTENANCE:

1 Test equipment required for this function has arrived. The only remaining outstanding item is a CT 471A, the requirement for which has been stated in separate correspondence.

2 The situation regarding the Electronic Maintenance Room is unsatisfactory. Although tenders closed for this work on 4th July, queries by TARANGAU as to the likely commencement date revealed that the $16,000 had not been made available for committal. It is considered that unless construction commences without further delay it will be necessary for Base Staff to set up a temporary Servicing Maintenance Room for Patrol Boat Electronic equipment. This will require allocation of additional finance so that some of the necessary requirements of an EMR can be met.

3 Electrical Spare Gear for the Boats is now arriving steadily and is being documented and stowed. This process would be greatly simplified if the Lists of Equipment for Patrol Boats were held in TARANGAU.

No approved planned maintenance schedules are held, and although the receipt of these documents is not a matter of urgency, they would greatly assist in planning.

An interim shore power supply facility for the Boats is under construction. With the extra generating capabilities of the approved Emergency Generators, no supply problem is envisaged.

BASE MAINTENANCE:

The contract for the Electrical rehabilitation of the Base Hospital has been let and the completion date is expected to be late November.

Installation of the PABX Telephone Exchange has not progressed beyond communications between Posts and Telegraphs Department and TARANGAU. However indications are that work will commence early December.

The rehabilitation of buildings to be carried out by Base Staff has commenced and the Electrical Workshop internal storerooms and offices have been completed. Delays are now being experienced through having to wait for materials supplied by Commonwealth Department of Works.

INTERIM COMMUNICATION CENTRE:

The modernisation of the Comcentre is nearing completion. The progress is most satisfactory.

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APPENDIX IV - SHIPWRIGHT AND WORKS SECTION

During this period under report the slipway cradle was refurbished, wheels and axles removed and replaced, new dolphins fitted, and a hand operated winch refitted and positioned at the head of the slip.

All three workboats were slipped in rotation for underwater maintenance and painting, in addition a considerable amount of refit work was carried out internally to AWB 409.

Major depot effort over this period was devoted to the completion of the P.N.G. Classrooms. The construction of the new Comcentre is proceeding on time. Part of the requirement entailed the laying of 526' of 3" firemain and the construction of a complete septic system. Work was completed on refurbishing the 72 man Sailors accommodation block, and work on furniture is proceeding. To date 17 combined lockers and writing tables have been completed.

Two offices and 6 lockup stores have been built in the "L" Workshop, and work on refurbishing stowage racks furniture and fittings in the Naval Stores was completed.

General repairs of an extensive nature to the Hospital were completed and repairs are now being carried out on the Medical Officer's residence.

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APPENDIX V - MEDICAL SECTION

General Health of Ships Company:

Generally satisfactory.

2. Population cared for:

The figure remains at approximately 1200.

3. Hospital Admissions:(To 27/9/67)

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	13
Labour Line & Dependants	132
Dependants & Civilians	27
Total	172

Average daily Inpatients 10

4. Outpatients:(To 27/9/67) Daily average treatment attendances.

Base Hospital	52
Compound Dressing Station	39
PNG & Workshop Dressing Station	46
Total	137

Daily average attending list.

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	3.5
Labour Line	4.0
Dependants & Civilians	8.5
	16

5. Operations:

Major	NIL	European Confinements	4
Minor	18	Native Confinements	17

6. Public Health Outpatients Attandances:

Immunizations 590

Ante Natal & Infant Welfare Clinics 346

7. Malaria:

There were FOUR patients with Malaria during the quarter, all Natives.

8. Malarial Control:

Swingfogging has continued. The Tiffa Fog Applicator which has been demanded, will greatly increase the malarial control efficiency. During the Quarter the Department of Public Health Spray Team from Lorengau sprayed the Depot area Workshops, and all living quarters.

9. Deaths:

Three deaths occurred during the quarter.

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10. Immunizations:

Routine immunizations have been kept in date for all personnel. The first dose of Sabin Poliomyelitis vaccine has been given to all R.A.N. and P.N.G. personnel, also to R.A.N. Dependants.

11. Infectious Diseases:

There were four cases of Gastro-enteritis during the quarter. One case of Meningitis occurred in a Native child.

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APPENDIX VI - SPORT

During the period under report competitions have been held in the following sports - Volleyball, Basketball, Cricket, Water Polo, Tennis and Badminton. All sports enjoy a good following and considerable spirit is evident.

2. An athletics carnival was held which was won by the Recruits.

3. All sports mentioned above were played against visiting ships with TARANGAU winning all but one game of Cricket.

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APPENDIX VII - DIVING AND DEMOLITIONS

Routine diving tasks have been carried out during the period under report and all divers have carried out ditching drill and night dives.

2. The demolition of coral reef to provide a boat passage into Rambutyo Island anchorage was completed during the quarter and work has commenced on the demolition of the old Nabu Jetty at Lorengau. The Public Works Department are suppling the demolition stores for the latter task which involves the removal of approximately 450 old wharf piles. A new jetty is to be constructed on the same site.

3. Explosive Ordnance Disposal work during the period has included:-

(a) Two 2" mortars located in the grassy area behind the Primary School.

(b) One 1000lb. US General Purpose Bomb in the reef on the seaward side of Mokerang Peninsula.

(c) One 500 lb. US 'AN' Standard Bomb (SAP) behind Naringel Village.

(d) One Japanese rifle grenade at Oil Fuel Farm, Papitalai.

(e) Three US rocket propelled mortars at Hauwie Island.

(f) Two Japanese JB type contact mines in the Duke of York Islands together with several Japanese type JE anti boat mines in the same area.

4. With the introduction of Form OM 100, items such as those mentioned in para 3 (a) to (e) above will in future be reported in accordance with the instructions on the Form. When a stock of Forms S1516 is received the report on the mines will also be made.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings for the period ended 31st December, 1967.

2. The following officers posting changes have taken effect during the period under report -

LCDR MLIT D.A. Cameron, RAN, relief for the Base Instructor Officer, LCDR MLIT J. Barr, RAN has joined.
LEUT SSIT D. Kent, RAN has relieved LEUT SSIT W. Turnbull, RAN.
B/SIS M. Abraham, RANNS has joined and SENS M. Cowell, RANNS has proceeded on 42 days leave and will return to TARANGAU during January, 1968, to commence her second year of service in the establishment.

3. The Director of Manning and Training, (Captain R.C. Swan, RAN), Director of Naval Works, (Mr R.E. Todd M.B.E.) and Mr R. Boyce of the Commonwealth Department of Works, Port Moresby visited the establishment from 19th October, to 23rd October in their capacity as a Working Party formed to investigate alternative proposals for the developement of HMAS TARANGAU.

4. Section 1 Advancement Board was convened on 24th November, 1967, to examine 5 Petty Officers 5 Leading Ranks and 4 Able Ranks. All candidates passed with one exception, an Able Rank who failed both Parts 1 and 2.

5. Seven Petty Officers, 2 Leading Ranks and 6 Able Ranks attempted the November, Branch Technical Tests. A total of 7 of the applicants passed.

6. Routine diving tasks have been undertaken during the period and all Divers have undergone regular ditching drills and free ascents.

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7. Rainfall for the period has been as follows:

Number of points of rain during	October	1594
" " " " " "	November	695
" " " " " "	December	1206

Number of days on which rain fell during	October	25
" " " " " " "	November	21
" " " " " " "	December	26

Total number of points during the period 3475
Total number of days on which rain fell during the period.72

Total points of rain for 1967 12,376
Total number of days on which rain fell during 1967 264

8. The following H.M.A. Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
HMAS SUPPLY Captain B.S. Murray RAN	271045 Nov. 67	281620 Nov,67.

9. The following French Naval Ship visited Lombrum during the quarter.

	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
F.N.S. PROTET Commander Desprets	140815 Dec.67	151810 Dec. 67.

10. The following Merchant Ships and Inter Island vessels visited Lombrum during the quarter.

		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
MV MORESBY	Captain Cole	150700 Oct.67	151530 Oct.67
MV MOISANA	Mr Jacobson	170830 Oct.67	171030 Oct.67
MV PACIFIC ENTERPRISE	Captain Visser	271530 Oct 67	280500 Oct.67
MV MARGARET	Native Coxswain	300945 Oct.67	301010 Oct.67
MV PIRI	Native Coxswain	301330 Oct.67	310530 Oct.67
MV SPINDRIFT	Mr R. Knight	301330 Oct.67	310530 Oct.67
MV JASON	Mr David	020720 Nov.67	021030 Nov.67
MV RASKAI	Mr Poon	061030 Nov.67	061135 Nov.67
MV MALEKULA	Captain Barr	081415 Nov.67	090630 Nov.67
MV PIRI	Native Coxswain	141130 Nov.67	150600 Nov.67
MV JASON	Mr David	141345 Nov.67	150630 Nov.67
MV NUKATOA	Captain Austin	250945 Nov.67	251200 Nov,67
MV MARGARET	Native Coxswain	270610 Nov.67	271030 Nov.67
MV JASON	Mr David	281030 Nov.67	281300 Nov.67
MV MORESBY	Captain Cole	301145 Nov.67	010740 Dec.67
MV PIRI	Native Coxswain	090900 Dec.67	091045 Dec.67
MV MARGARET	Native Coxswain	120700 Dec.67	120930 Dec.67
MV RASKAI	Mr Poon	151615 Dec.67	160630 Dec.67
MV JASON	Mr David	190945 Dec.67	191100 Dec.67
MV MALEKULA	Captain Munden	241345 Dec.67	270545 Dec.67
MV SPINDRIFT	Mr R. Knight	241835 Dec.67	260600 Dec.67

11. The following USN Ships visited Lombrum during the quarter.

		ARRIVED	DEPARTED
USS FOX	Captain Welander, USN	210710 Nov.67	211145 Nov.67

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12. Both morale and discipline remain satisfactory. The older members of the PNG Division are anxiously awaiting a decision concerning the introduction of a pension scheme.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Enclosures - Appendices I, II, III, IV, V, VI.

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APPENDIX I - P.N.G. TRAINING DIVISION

On the 17th November, 11 QMG recruits of the 1966 entry completed their ORD QMG's Course. All passed with quite satisfactory results.

2. On the 8th December the remaining three courses of the 1965 entry were completed. viz:-

(a) Ord. Stores Assistants - two on course.

(b) Ord. Sick Berth Attendant - one on course.

(c) Ord. Cook - one on course.

3. Courses still in progress - 1966 entry.

ME(D)	16	On course - due to be completed	26/1/68.
REM	5	" " - " " " "	28/6/68.
RO	5	" " - " " " "	18/5/68.
SA	4	" " - " " " "	Dec.,68.
WTR	2	" " - " " " "	Dec.,68.
SBA	3	" " - " " " "	Dec.,68.
COOK	1	" " - " " " "	30/1/68.
APPRENTICES	4	on course " " " "	Dec.,68.

4. The four Cadet Midshipmen completed their academic course on 13th December and have proceeded on leave.

5. The first half of the Radio Electrical Mechanics training has been completed and training in the Electronics section has commenced.

6. Throughout the quarter apprentices have been engaged in fitting exercises and training in shaping has been progressed. At present they are attempting their fitting test job, (the standard 'h' block) and reasonable progress is being maintained. Considerable improvement has been noted in their knowledge of Workshop Theory and Mechanical Drawing.

7. PNG MED training is progressing satisfactorily.

8. Recruits making up the 1967 entry joined during December. The entry consists of the following sailors:-

5 NAA
2 REM
3 RO
11 ME(D)
8 QMG
4 COOKS

9. ACADEMIC TRAINING

A. Cadet Midshipmen

Results of Passing Out Tests in English and Mathematics, which Cadets sat in mid December, are not due in TARANGAU until mid January, 1968.

2. It is expected that all four Cadets will pass the Mathematics test. English Expression still contains grammatical errors endemic in foreign students' English, but comprehension of all but the most difficult material is satisfactory.

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3. The Cadets applied themselves to their studies extremely well throughout the year. Extra curricular activities such as taking charge of sporting activities, Expedition Training, Officer of the Guard, Duty Cadet's Rounds and Debating increased their confidence and initiative.

4. The impression created by the Cadets both in TARANGAU and amongst the civilian community has been favourable.

B. Apprentices

The four Apprentices have completed their Term II tests and results generally, were satisfactory.

2. Lack of ability to apply formula detracted from Mathematics marks, and English Expression still lacks a high degree of coherency and freedom from grammatical errors. Comprehension is good.

3. The Physics syllabus for Term II was not completed, but results of tests on work done were satisfactory.

4. It is considered that their academic progress has been such that they are now capable of undertaking Term III training.

C. Radio Electrical Mechanics

Diligent work by all five recruit REM's has enabled them to maintain a passing standard in all progressive tests. Though handicapped by lack of mathematical background, the results of their final test in Basic Electricity were satisfactory, which will allow them to start the course in Basic Electronics in January, 1968.

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APPENDIX II - ENGINEERING SECTION

A. PATROL BOAT MAINTENANCE

Construction of the Diesel injector overhaul and test bay clean room has commenced and satisfactory progress is being made.

2. A steady flow of spare gear items, both operating and maintenance base spares are being received from S.M.S.O. Sydney.

B. POWER HOUSE

The main diesel generating sets have operated satisfactorily throughout the quarter.

2. During this period 1000 hour overhauls have been completed on Nos. 2 and No. 3 Belliss and Morcom Generators and No. 1 Mirrlees Generator. 2000 hour overhauls have also been completed on No. 3 Belliss and Morcom and No. 1 Mirrlees Generators.

3. During the 2000 hour overhaul extensive work was necessary to bring No. 3 Bellis and Morcom Generator to a satisfactory standard. Work included the replacement of 7 Main Bearings and 5 large end bearings. Failure of these bearings was due to the bottom half of the thrust bearing being completely fractured, and misalignment of the pedestal bearing, resulting in overloading of the remaining bearings. This misalignment defect appears to be occurring to all Bellis and Morcom sets and may be caused by deterioration of the concrete bases due to oil soakage over the years.

4. Both halves of the water cooled exhaust manifold were also renewed. During the 1000 hour overhaul of No. 1 Mirrlees the cylinder column securing studs of No. 1 cylinder were found to be fractured and were renewed.

5. After 1900 hours running the governor drive mechanism of the Mirrlees failed and it was therefore decided to advance the 2000 hour overhaul. Opportunity was taken to carry out a more extensive refit than had previously been possible, as the remainder of the generating plant was running satisfactorily. The cylinder column securing studs of the remaining 7 cylinders were renewed, the governor, all over head gear, 4 fuel pumps, and two bottom end bearings replaced.

6. Whilst the Mirrlees engine was under refit it was necessary to run 3 Belliss and Morcom generators continuously, with the 4th unit being required to cope with peak power loadings.

7. During the 1000 hour overhaul of No. 2 Bellis and Morcom engine, opportunity was taken to examine all bottom end and main bearings, in an attempt to forestall excessive work load and use of spares at the major overhaul period. It was found necessary to renew 4 bottom end bearings as there were several fractures throughout the white metal.

8. A 1000 hour overhaul has also been completed on No. 3 Bellis and Morcom engine, sample bottom end bearings and main bearings being removed for examination and on being found satisfactory, replaced.

9. No. 4 and 5 Bellis and Morcom generators have given trouble free service this quarter.

10. A replacement emergency 60 KW Meadows generator has been installed at the R.A.N. Hospital, TARANGAU, and is now being wired into the system.

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C. WATER RETICULATION SYSTEM

Satisfactory. A complete overhaul of the motor driven pumping unit has been completed. Extensions to the firemain system have been completed and now provide adequate coverage for the Wardroom and Junior Sailors accommodation blocks.

D. HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Satisfactory. All earth moving equipment is being fully utilised in the maintenance of roads and construction of playing fields. The Rock Crushing plant is fully serviceable and a reasonable stock pile of aggregate is now available.

E. REFRIGERATION

Main refrigeration plant has operated satisfactorily, normal maintenance routines have been carried out and minor defect rectified.

F. TRANSPORT

Generally satisfactory. The maintenance load is still heavy and considerable delay is experienced in obtaining Land Rover replacement parts.

G. OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

Manus:- The general condition of the tanks and pipelines remains as previously reported. It has been necessary to replace several sections of the 12" combat line and refit 6 in No. isolating valves.

2. USS FOX received 543.69 tons of F.F.O. on 21st November, and H.M.A.S. SUPPLY replenished the O.F.I. with 4431 tons F.F.O. on 27th and 28th November, 1967.

3. At present there are eleven tanks containing a total of 6928.97 tons of fuel. Of this total only 6568.39 tons of fuel, contained in five tanks, is serviceable, the remaining 360.58 tons deteriorated to such an extent that there would be serious risk of contamination of serviceable fuel if it was admitted to the system. Action has been taken to seek approval to write off this fuel.

4. A cargo of 308.65 tons of Diesel fuel was received from M.V. Pacific Enterprise on the 27th October.

5. Port Moresby:- The Base Engineer Officer, H.M.A.S. TARANGAU inspected the installation on the 27th November, 1967. A report of the inspection has been forwarded.

6. The fuel stocks were changed by H.M.A.S. SUPPLY during November, 5860.26 tons being pumped into SUPPLY, and 2000 tons of new stock discharged from SUPPLY to No. 5 tank.

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APPENDIX III - ELECTRICAL SECTION

A. PATROL BOAT MAINTENANCE

All test equipment required for Patrol Boat maintenance has now been received.

2. Construction of the Electronic Maintenance Room has commenced and it is expected to be operational by late March, 1968.

3. Electrical Spare Gear for the boats is still arriving steadily but no Lists of Equipment are yet held in TARANGAU.

4. The Weapons Electrical Planned Maintenance Schedules are held in TARANGAU and a card system will be implemented pending the arrival of the Master Index.

5. The interim shore power supply facility for the boats has been completed and a 25KW supply direct from the Base Power House will be available for each of two boats. Where more than two boats alongside require shore supply, 20KW Emergency generators at the wharf will be used.

B. BASE MAINTENANCE

The Base Electrical Load continues to mount steadily but except for isolated cases Main Generators have been able to cope. Sufficient Emergency Generators will be available in the near future to meet emergencies as they develop.

2. The Electrical Rehabilitation of the Base Hospital is nearing completion. Acceptance tests for this work by Base Staff and Commonwealth Department of Works officers will be conducted and all electrical work is expected to be completed and accepted by mid January, 1968.

3. Installation of the PABX Telephone system has commenced and trench digging and cable laying is progressing. It is estimated that this work will require 20,000 yards of trench to be dug. Cable laying is to be completed by the end of February 1968.
Discussions with the representatives of Ericssons the suppliers of the Exchange Equipment, indicated that equipment is expected to arrive in TARANGAU in March, 1968 and installation will commence immediately after arrival.

4. Electrical materials required for the Building Rehabilitation programme are now arriving steadily and satisfactory progress is being maintained.

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APPENDIX IV - SHIPWRIGHT & WORKS SECTION

General maintenance was carried out on all assets during the period under report. The following Specific maintenance and new work was also carried out.

A. Fire Mains

An additional 520' of 3" firemain was constructed around the Junior Sailors block supplying 5 hydrants. 540' of 3" firemain was constructed around the Wardroom supplying 4 hydrants. 440' of 3" firemain supplying 4 hydrants was extended along the length of the wharf. Modifications were effected to a 4" diesoline line by raising the supply valve to wharf deck level to facilitate connection of flexible supply hoses for AWB fuelling.

B. Junior Sailors Ablution Blocks

All W.C. Suites have now been fitted and 50% of wash basins and water heaters have been replaced by units with a larger capacity.

C. Junior Sailors Accommodation

Modifications have been completed and 72 lockers installed.

D. Wardroom

Extensive renovations are being progressed. New trunking to fans to exhaust wild heat from the galley have been installed.

E. Waterpoint

Replacement of all 12" valves is being progressed.

F. Slipway

A refurbished hand operated winch has been fitted to the slipway.

G. Boats

All boats have been slipped during this period for routine bottom maintenance.

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APPENDIX V - MEDICAL SECTION

General Health of Ships Company:

The Ships Company and Native Labour Line remain generally healthy.

2. Population cared for:

The figure remains at approximately 1,245.

3. Hospital Admissions:(to 22nd December, 1967)

R.A.N. AND P.N.G.	22
Labour Line & Dependants	95
Dependants & Civilians	19
Total	136
Average daily Inpatients	7

4. Outpatients: (to 22nd December, 1967)
Daily average treatment attendances.

Base Hospital	46
Compound Dressing Station	50.6
PNG & Workshop Dressing Station	57
Total	153.6

Daily average attending list

R.A.N. & P.N.G.	2.3
Labour Line	7.4
Dependants & Civilians	4.5
	14.2

5. Operations:

Major	3	European Confinements	2
Minor	35	Native Confinements	14

6. Public Health Outpatient Attendances:

Immunizations	2101
Ante Natal & Infant Welfare Clinics	358

7. Malaria:

There were 8 patients with Malaria during the quarter, all Natives.

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8. Malarial Control:

Swingfogging has continued each day, weather permitting. It has been requested that the Tifa Fog Applicator be supplied as soon as possible from Australia.

9. Deaths:

One death occured during the quarter - Native child.

10. Immunizations:

Immunizations have been kept up to date for all personnel and dependants.
The second dose of Sabin Poliomyelitis vaccine has been given to all RAN, PNG personnel and also to RAN dependants.
Compound Labour Line have received their first dose of Sabin.

11. Infectious Diseases:

There were three infectious disease cases during the quarter.

Mumps (1)
Gastroenteritis (1)
Hepatitis (1)

12. Dental:

The visit of Surgeon Lieutenant (D) D. Putnam brought all RAN personnel and most Dependants to a state of dental fitness.

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APPENDIX VI - SPORT

Competitions have been held in the following sports - Volleyball, Basketball, Hockey and Cricket.

A swimming carnival was held and was won by the Junior Sailors for the second year in succession.

Hockey, Water polo, Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball have been played against visiting ships with Tarangau successful in all but soccer.

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