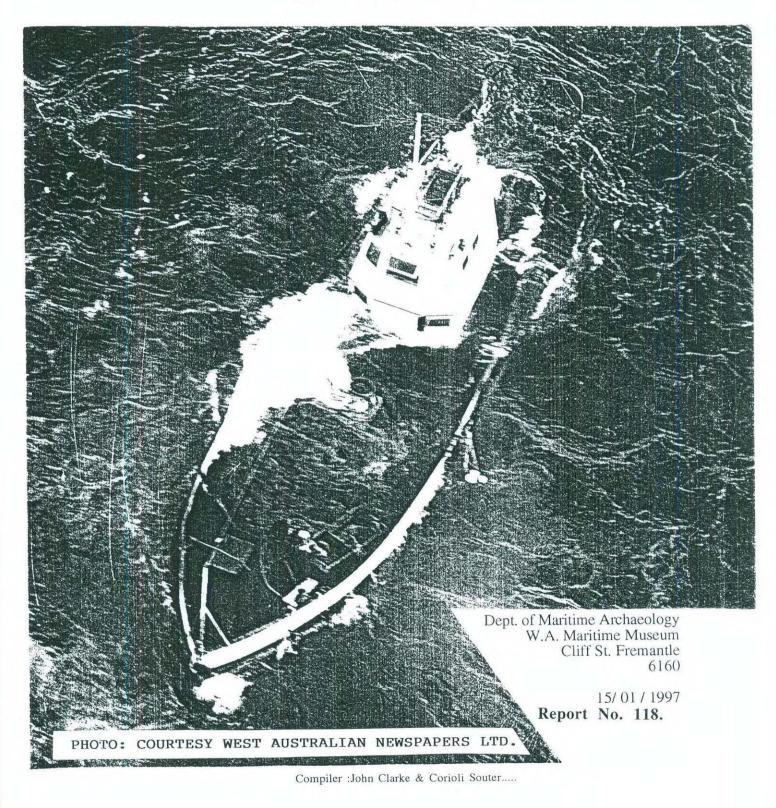
WRECK INSPECTION REPORT

Linda (20 October 1960)



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Background

Site Name: F.V. Linda

File No: 207.8

File: Moore River Wrecks

Resume:

John Clarke located the wreck in 1990 after talking to fishermen that had fished the Two Rocks area for many years.

A few artefacts were collected and retained. The position was recorded by radar distances. One of the purposes of this 1996 inspection was to establish an accurate GPS position and include it in the Wanneroo wreck trail brochure.

Technical Data

Site Name: Linda

Date lost 20/10/60

Date of Inspection: 12/11/96 Personnel: John Clarke (Skipper), Ray Krakouer, Corioli Souter OIC

Approximate Location 6.25 n.m. NW of Two Rocks Marina.

GPS.

(Datum Used.Aust...)

Chart No: Aus 754

(Datum Oscu.Aust...)

Long: 115° 29.974 'E

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File Name: Moore River Wrecks

Sailing Directions: Launch at south end of Two Rocks Marina then 6.25 n.m. NW avoiding reefs.

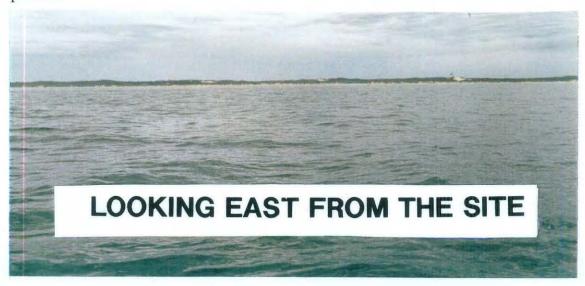
Lat: 31° 25.076 'S

Visual Transits:(Specify direction looking towards, e.g. NE 1. Photo 2. Photo:

Site Photographs: Colour: Fuji colour Transit Photos : Video: John Clarke on file.

Site Conditions on inspection

Depth: 2-3m (Dive Profiles, Appendix 6) Sea and Swell: Slight Surge: Slight Visibility: 10-15m Current: Slight towards the south Sea-bed coverage e.g. weed, sand :Reef bottom with substantial weed growth and sand patches.



Chemical Measurements :

Temperature: 20° Salinity: No measurements taken Ph: Ditto Dissolved O2: Ditto Corrosion Potentials (Reading and location): Ditto

Biological Data :

Colonising fauna: Various algaes colonise the limestone reef and a wide variety of small reef fish inhabit the site.

Site Condition and Integrity : High energy environment without much structure remaining. Most of the structure and artefacts have moved from their original position due the site environment.

Management considerations :

(i) <u>Natural Forces</u> e.g. Sea-bed composition, Depth of Burial of site, Seasonal site exposure, etc.: The remaining components are likely to remain in the condition found on inspection. Little of the wreck is buried and ongoing degradation of the metal is expected at a slow rate.

(ii) <u>Present and future Human forces e.g.</u> Diver Accessibility, Attractive loose artefacts, Evidence of interference.: Since the inclusion of the Linda in the Wreck Access program more diver visitation is probable. This may promote some fossicking for artefacts

(iii) <u>Projected General site Stability</u> in view of the above : The site has not greatly changed since the initial inspection in 1990. The site, however is aggressive and the continuous degradation of remaining artefacts over the long term is inevitable.

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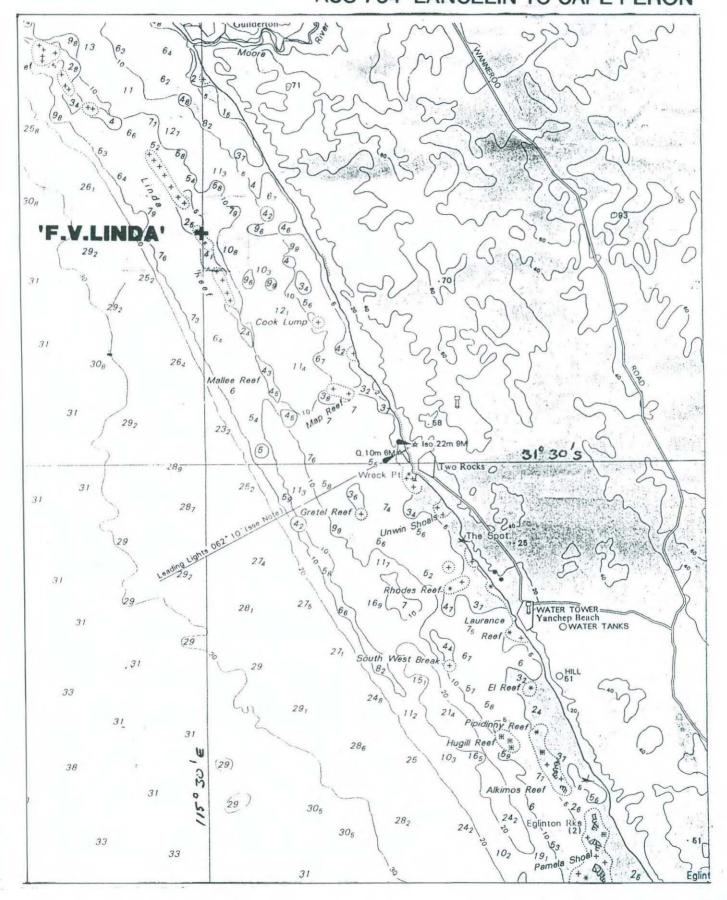


Figure 2. Chart Excerpt: AUS 754 LANCELIN TO CAPE PERON

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Description of Site

(including Seabed Topography and form at Site)

The *Linda* lies on top of the shallow reef platform on a north south axis with the bow to the north. (From engine, gearbox, shaft alignment.). The wreckage is in a depth 2-3 metres in a saucer shaped depression on top of the reef (See site plan). The site almost always has white water and at low tide part of the reef to the north west of the wreck is exposed.

Some material has been washed over the inside rim of the reef most notably, the remains of one tank.

One engine has been salvaged leaving an empty mount. Propellers, anchors and chain have also been salvaged. Among the remaining structural components is, an inspection port, prop shaft, ladder, tanks, rail ballast, engine block, water tight door and a cray winch.



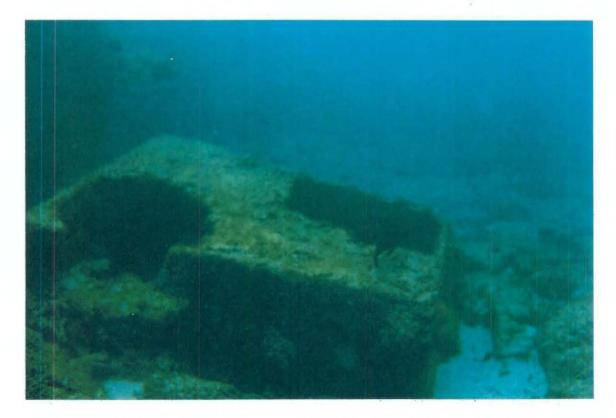
WHITE WATER OVER SITE

PHOTO BY CORIOLI SOUTER.



EXHAUST - WATER INJECTION BOX

ENGINE IN THE BACKGROUND



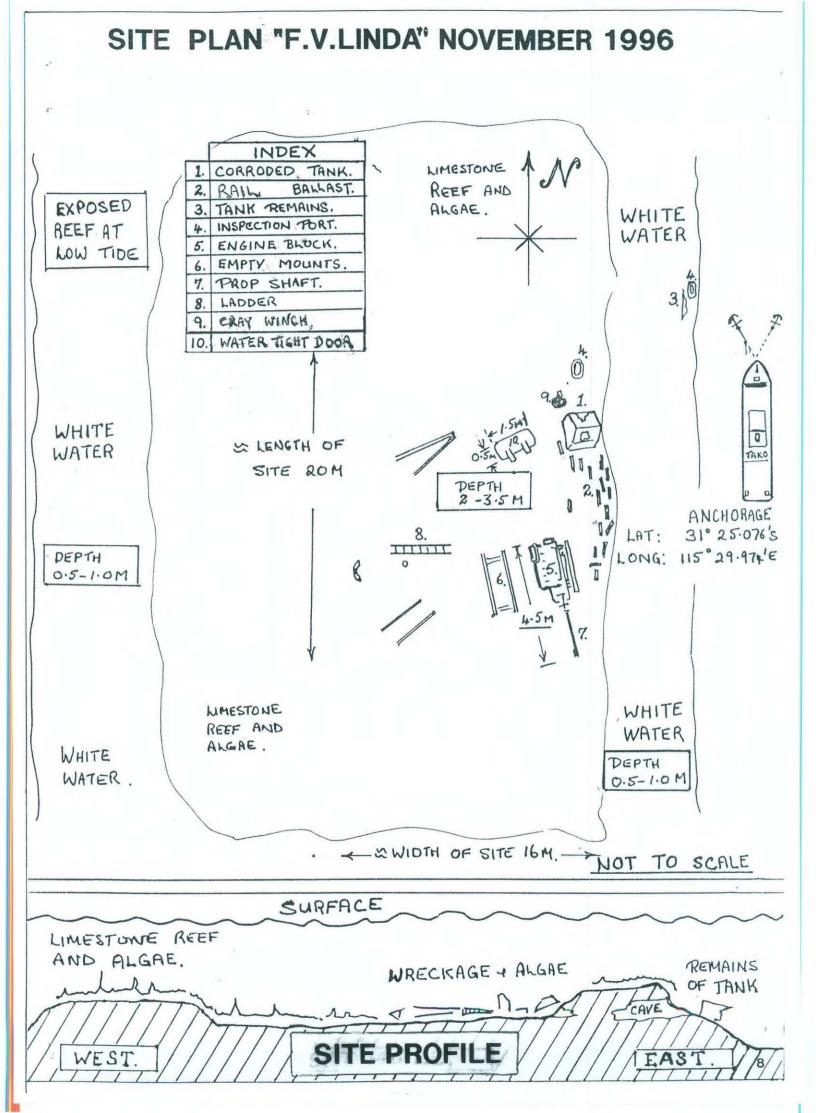
LARGE TANK - WATER OR FUEL?



PROPELLER SHAFT?



J.CLARKE WITH LEAD BATTERY PLATE.

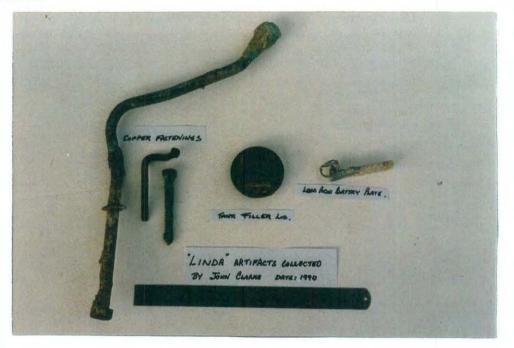


Material Raised

In 1990 a number of non ferrous fastenings were retrieved from the site. A tank lid and some timber samples were collected.

During the 1996 inspection a gearbox identification plate was recovered revealing that the gearbox was made by Twin Disc Clutch Company in Racine Wisconsin, U.S.A., exclusively for the Gray Motor Marine Co.

A tea spoon was also recovered from the site along with a skin fitting, hose fitting and timber samples. A fitting which is probably part of the toilet lid hinge was also identified





ARTIFACTS RECOVERED IN 1990

PHOTOS BY JOHN CLARKE.



ARTIFACTS RECOVERED 12/11/96.



LHS - GEARBOX ID PLATE. (SEE NEXT PAGE)

RHS - TEA SPOON.

PHOTOS BY JOHN CLARKE.

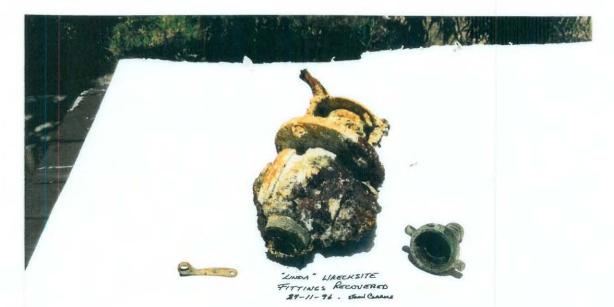
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GEARBOX ID PLATE AFTER CONSERVATION.

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ARTIFACTS RECOVERED 27-11-96



TIMBER SAMPLES RECOVERED 27-11-96

PHOTOS BY JOHN CLARKE

Site Identification Comments

Historical Precis of vessel identified and cause of its loss : The Linda was a 72 ft harbour defence motor launch (smaller than the Type B Fairmile). (Navy communications; Appendix 1)(Appendix 2).The vessel was returning to Geraldton from Fremantle to participate in the Cray Season. The loss of the Linda was recounted by the only survivor Les Sommerfield of Geraldton. He stated that he was dead on course to Geraldton by the compass and that it was possible that there had been insufficient allowance for current drift. (See Newspaper article dated Saturday October 22, 1960 Appendix 3)

Both the Department of Transport and the Department of Fisheries had no information on this vessel. (Appendix 4)

Wreck- site History

(i) Contemporary Salvage: It has been suggested that the original salvage was carried out by cray fisherman Bob Hugill, (now deceased).

(ii) When found in modern times and by whom (usually reporters) : The vessel was reported in 1990 by Mr John Clarke after talking to fishermen who had fished the Two Rocks area for many years. At that time W.A.M.M. had no information on the vessel or the wreck event.

(iii) Modern diver use, if any.: Recreational dive site for local charters in low swell conditions.

Assessment of Site Significance

(i) Archaeological: At this point, being a modern wreck the site does not have substantial archaeological significance.

(ii) Technological: The *Linda* is an example of a type of massed produced vessel supplied to the Navy.

(iii) Scientific: The wreck shows the deterioration of a vessel in a high energy, shallow water site.

(iv) Educational : None

(v) Recreational: A good recreational second dive in low swell.

(vi) Cultural: Further research might reveal the Naval History of this vessel. It should be noted that after WWII these vessels were sold off to many types of services including cray fishing and ferries. A similar vessel the *Norwegian Bay* is wrecked at Wedge Island. (Appendix 5)

Analysis of this particular wrecking led to the formal readdressing of distress call response. Every distress call must now activate rescue activity prior to identification of the vessel.

Recommendations

(i) Include the GPS position in Wanneroo Wreck Access Program.

(ii) Visit the site periodically as part of a wreck inspection program

(iii) Wood samples currently held in conservation could be identified to determine the likely origin of the vessel.

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Appendices

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MR VIC JEFFERY NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS (W.A.) FAX : 5500454

DEAR VIC,

RE : FAIRMILE MOTOR LAUNCHES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAX DATED : 5/12/96.

YOUR BRIEF SUMMARY WILL BE INCLUDED AS BACKGROUND IN OUR REPORT.

SINCE SPEAKING TO YOU MANY MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE WRECKED "LINDA" HAVE COME TO LIGHT. IN THE PAST THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION BETWEEN THE "LINDA" AND ANOTHER WRECKED FAIRMILE "NORWEGIAN BAY". (SEE COPY OF ATTACHED LETTER).

IT IS NOW FAIRLY CERTAIN THAT THE "LINDA" STARTED LIFE AS A 72FT HARBOUR DEFENCE MOTOR LAUNCH (SMALLER THAN THE TYPE 'B'FAIRMILE) A GEAR BOX ID PLATE RECOVERED FROM THE WRECK SITE INDICATES THAT THE LINDA WAS POWERED BY TWO "GRAY MARINE" DIESEL MOTORS. THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT IT MIGHT BE VESSEL No 1171 - 1194 OR 1315 -1320. (NATURALLY THE VESSEL COULD HAVE BEEN RE-POWERED WITH GRAY MARINE MOTORS SOME TIME BEFORE WRECKING). FROM THIS VESSEL LIST THE FOLLOWING CAN BE REMOVED BECAUSE THEY WERE EITHER LOST PRIOR TO 1960 OR STILL OPERATIONAL AFTER 1960 :- 1179, 1190, 1191 1192, 1193, 1194. THIS LEAVES 24 VESSELS ON OUR LIST.

UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER DEPT. OF TRANSPORT NOR DEPT. OF FISHERIES HAVE ANY RECORDS OF THIS VESSEL.

I AM LED TO BELIEVE THAT "GRAY MARINE" MOTORS WERE NOT FITTED TO AUSTRALIAN BUILT 72FT HARBOUR DEFENCE MOTOR LAUNCHES, BUT THAT SOME WERE USED IN NEW ZEALAND.

CAN YOU ADD ANYTHING MORE TO TIE DOWN THE ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF THE "LINDA" ? WOULD YOU HAVE THE CONTACT ADDRESS FOR NAVY P.R. IN NEW ZEALAND?

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION, AND WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

JOHN F.CLARKE

10TH DECEMBER 1996.

Appendix 2 Extract from <u>Allied Coastal Forces of WWII Vol 1: Fairmile Designs & U.S.</u> <u>Submarine Chasers</u> To: Mr John Clarke

From: Vic Jeffery, Navy Public Affairs (WA)

FAIRMILE TYPE 'B' MOTOR LAUNCHES

A total of 35 units were constructed for the Royal Australian Navy between 1942-44. They were ML 424-431 and ML 801-827.

The RAN Fairmiles distinguished themselves in the 'Island' war to the north of Australia, particularly in support of the Australian 6th Division in its operations against the Japanese along the north east coast of New Guinea.

In this region, as well as in the waters farther north, the Fairmiles engaged in patrol and convoy duties; they carried troops, ammunition, stores and mails, and were employed in many intelligence missions. During these operations ML 430 was lost off Biak on 15th August, 1944, and ML 827 became the RANs final war loss when she sank on 19 November, 1944 - three days after her grounding off New Britain.

All remaining 33 RAN Motor Launches were sold out of service in 1947.

1965 "Boat for Island Service - A sixth passenger boat for the Rottnest Island service arrived at Fremantle from Brisbane during the weekend. It is the 170-ton former Moreton Bay pilot boat, Captain Heath, owned by Norman Hunt (32) and his brother Douglas (24). The brothers came to WA last June and bought and operated the Islander between Perth, Fremantle and Rottnest..... sailed the Captain Heath the 3,500 miles. The boat will need some modification before it can pass underneath the Fremantle rail and road bridges. It is expected to be in service in time for the net Christmas holidays and will carry up to 400 passengers." (WA, 24 May 1965, p20)

1966 "The Ferries to Rottnest - The three [?] Rottnest Island ferries, Islander I, Islander II, and the Katameraire, carried nearly 35,000 passengers last year. Only one, however, was originally designed as a passenger ferry." Islander I - Hunt brothers own, originally built during war as submarine chaser (ML 826), worked off WA coast armed with 20 depth charges, built by Norman Wright of Brisbane in 1943, belonged to the Fairmile B class. Borthers owned Islander I for 18 months, originally owned by Mr E P McGann and Mr G M McGann, 18 knots top, one of fasted in Australia, 2 x 630hp V12 petrol engines, fittings made from copper and bronze, use of Islandr on Rottnest run ensured wood in perfect condition due to salt water (wood rot); carried 22,000 passengers in 1965, load 275 passengers, inured for £28,000. Islander II - owned by Hunt bros, orig Captain Heath, £8,000 spent modifications, built 1944, carries 310 passengers, insured £22,000. Katameraire - catamaran ferry, only in austrlaia, owned by Mr A W Kitcher, passengers act as ballast, more passengers more stable, 300hp V8 engines, 11 knots, 125 passengers; Kitcher ran Temaraire for 6 years, on Rotto run for 10 years.

(WA, 31 Jan 1966, p5)

1973 "Islander Sold to Rival - The ferry Rottnest Islander has been sold to the Rottnest Passenger Service (Katameraire) Pty Ltd, the owner of the other two passenger boats servicing the island", no comp for first time in 17 years, RI would be kept on Rottnest run, opeated by West Coast Ferries pl (subsid of RPS); RI owned by Hunts, bought in 1964; also taken over glass-bottomed *Seaviewer*, opeates from Rottnest; Kitchers claims can provide a btter service, as will be able to run ferries more time effectively; Kitcher recalls competition always hard, ill-feeling between owners; marine enquiry into ramming of ferry on river; in 1972 122,000 people travelled by ferry to Rottnest, 70% carried by RPS, return fare \$4; *Western Isle* being built, intro comp.

(WA, 12 April 1973, p1)

The 72ft harbour defence motor launch

The 72ft HDML has been included here even though it was conceived before the Fairmile organisation was properly in being, because it nevertheless was an important naval motor launch type. The HDML was constructed using normal shipbuilding practice, rather than from prefabricated kits in the manner of the other Fairmile ML types

In late 1939 the Admiralty prepared the design of a small wooden motor launch which, armed with depth charges, asdic (sonar) and a small gun, would be used to protect estuaries and harbours against infiltration by enemy submarines.

The Admiralty requirements were for a craft not exceeding 72ft in length, and thus capable of being shipped abroad as deck cargo for operations wherever such vessels were required, particularly in less hostile holding operations.

The design was of round bilge form with the hull subdivided into eight watertight compartments, with the short hull having two underslung rudders for maximum manoeuvrability against an underwater target in a confined area.

The HDMLs were to be driven by two diesel engines, and a number of different makes were used: Buda Lanova, Gleniffer, Hercules, Gray, Gardner, or – as shown in these drawings – Thornycroft designs. The horsepower was from 130 to 150 each, depending upon make, which gave a maximum speed of 11 to 12 knots on a displacement of some 46 to 54 tons.

Hull construction was of double diagonal planking with formed transverse timbers, outside longitudinal stringers and reinforcing timbers at intervals inside the stringers. This system of framing proved to be both strong and very resilient, verified by the fact that a small number of HDMLs are still in existence as yachts. Early boats were planked with mahogany, but when this became scarce it was necessary to use larch for planking, which in some cases led to leaky boats (and was specially subject to dry rot). The use of larch was discontinued as soon as the supply of mahogany improved.

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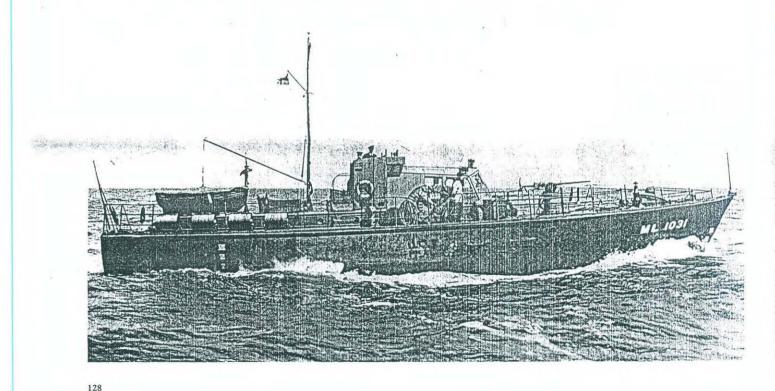
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Asdic was to be standard equipment, and in general the class was armed with a single 3-pounder Mark I mounting or the 2-pounder sub-calibre gun, carried forward of the bridge. Later, when supply became easier for the RN, and with both home-built and US Lend-Lease guns available, a single 20mm Oerlikon mounting was also carried aft. Early units had whatever could be found for close-range defence, usually one or two .303in Lewis guns or a stripped Lewis on a pedestal mount, or .303in Hotchkiss guns. Later, again as supply improved, two twin .303in Vickers gas-operated mountings were also carried in the bridge wings. Later again the armament was further improved by the retrofitting of a second 20mm forward. Other boats carried a 2-pounder Mark IIC mounting, a weapon dating from between the wars.

The normal offensive punch was eight depth charges, which were dropped over the sides from the standard depth charge chute. A box of grenades was usually carried on the upper deck for close defence, to prevent boarders.

The main fuel tanks held 1250 gallons in four tanks situated forward of the engineroom, combined with 300 gallons in the en-

ML 1031 in September 1940, armed with a 3-pounder Mark I forward, a .303in Hotchkiss gun aft and eight depth charges. Note the reduced open bridge of the early units. Imperial War Museum



Nos 1338–47 and 1352–59 were for the RAN, with 1348–51 for the RNZN and the remainder, 1360–67, for the RN on Lend-Lease. The three UK-built boats were followed by both locally-built units and US-built boats during 1944–45. During the war these HDMLs served as far afield as New Guinea, Borneo, Timor and the Philippines. By 1948 nineteen boats had been paid-off and sold, and four transferred to the RN in 1950 (and later to the Philippines Navy). One was wrecked in August 1952 and another sold in 1958. Three units (MLs 1321,1324 and 1325) were reclassified as Seaward Defence Boats and underwent modernisation refits, being lengthened by approximately 8ft (amidships), and having new diesel engines. The first was sold in August 1971, the second dismantled in 1982 and the last, 1325, unarmed, was still in service as a general-purpose tender in 1984.

The Royal New Zealand Navy acquired a total of sixteen units: the four noted above, four built in Burnham-on-Crouch in the UK and eight constructed in two boatyards in Cairo. One other, ML 1090, was allocated in June 1942, but was lost the following month while being transported out. Postwar, those that were retained were re-engined and the upperworks modified, and used for inshore survey work until the late 1970s.

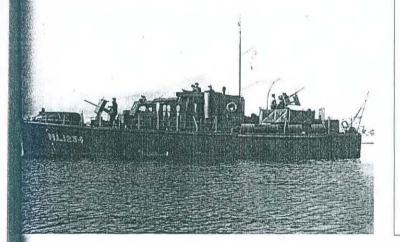
Eight units (1197–1204), ordered on 15 November 1941 in South African boatyards for the RN, were transferred to the South African Navy before completion, to be joined by a further three boats in 1944 (1330–1332).

The Royal Netherlands Navy gathered together a number as the war in Europe drew to a close. Of sixteen ordered from American yards under Lend-Lease, six were supplied on completion, followed by another seven from both British and US sources, two more in 1946 and three more the following year.

The Greek Navy borrowed or purchased seven 72ft MLs, six in 1945 and an additional unit in 1947. Burma found them ideal craft for their new peacetime navy. First the Burmese RNVR was provided with four in 1945, then these boats were presented to the Government as gifts and followed by a total of thirteen more purchased the following year. Nearer home, Italy purchased eight in 1946, Portugal bought two for Macao in April 1947, and eight were purchased by China the same year. Malaya found them very useful for her long coastline, purchasing nine between 1947 and 1958.

Other nations purchased the HDMLs in small numbers during 1946; the Palestine Government two, the Palestine Police two, Is-

HDML 1234 in October 1942, with the typical armament fit of the period. Imperial War Museum



THE 72FT HARBOUR DEFENCE MOTOR LAUNCH



HDML 1240 in July 1943, crewed by the Free French. Note the sprinkle of RN ratings on the upper deck. An off-loaded Liberty ship can be seen in the background. Imperial War Museum

rael one, the Singapore Customs two, and a single unit was obtained for the Penang Pilot Service. In 1947 the Pakistan Navy purchased four and in 1958 the Philippine Navy bought five. Nigeria bought a single unit in 1959 and Iran purchased three, one during 1948, another the following year and the last in 1956.

Harbour Defence Motor Launch data

Numbers ML 1001-1600.

- Dimensions Length 72ft (oa), 70ft (pp), beam 15ft; draught 4ft 6in to 5ft 6in.
- Displacement 46 tons, 54 tons deep load.
- Machinery Twin diesel engines with six different manufacturers used; 300bhp Gardner, 320bhp Gleniffer, 330bhp Gray, 480bhp Hercules, 300bhp Buda Lanova or 260bhp Thornycroft. A Stuart 24-volt lighting set was fitted.
- Speed 11-121/2 knots maximum, 11.4 knots continuous (according to make).
- Range 1000 nautical miles at 12 knots, 2000 at 10 knots.
- Fuel capacity 1500 gallons, with provision for additional long-range deck tanks of 200 gallons.
- Heating and cooking Paraffin cooking range; coal stoves for messdeck heating. A paraffin-burning refrigerator was fitted for overseas postings.
- Communications W/T and asdic; Type 291 radar and Type 253 IFF fitted later.
- Complement Two officers, two petty officers, eight to ten ratings.
- Armament One 3-pounder Mark I mounting or one 2-pounder Mark IX mounting, two .303in Lewis or stripped Lewis guns, eight depth charges. A single 20mm Oerlikon was added by 1943, with two 20mm mountings later. By 1945 the majority had two 20mm or one 2-pounder and one 20mm, four .303in Vickers GO Mark I (two twins), plus four to eight depth charges.

Other armament variations included: (84 boats) one 3-pounder, one 20mm, four MGs, eight depth charges; (46 boats) two 20mm (singles), four MGs, eight depth charges; (50 boats) two .5in MGs (two singles), one 20mm, eight depth charges; (22 boats) one 3-pounder, one 2-pounder, one 20mm, four MGs, eight depth charges; (13 boats) one 40mm (Bofors), one 20mm, four MGs, eight depth charges.

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219	52S		-	Lost on stocks at fall of Singapore, 2.42
220	52S			Lost on stocks at fall of Singapore, 2.42
	red 17.12.41			
221	37	Ga	6. 8.42	Greek Bizani, on loan 22.8.45; for disposal 19
222	37	Ga	9. 3.43	Sold 1946
223	51	Th	9. 3.43	French VP3 1945
224	51	Th	6.43	Sold 1947, = yacht Santa Clara
225	39	Ga	6. 8.42	French VP12 1944
226	39	Ga	12.10.42	Mined off Alexandropolis 4 10 45 (Eastern
-		-	0.11.10	Mediterranean)
227	49	Th	24.11.42	Sunk by gunfire of German surface craft off
		-	real remain	Piraeus 5.10.44
228	49	Th	23. 1.43	French VP6 1944
229	33	Th	19.10.42	Sold 1946. = French VP749
230	33	Th	3.12.42	Scuttled off Malta, 9.46
231	7	Ga	7.10.42	Free French 30.8.43, = VP23, = French VP758
232	7	Ga	23.11.42	Sold 1946
233	4	Th	2.10.42	Free French 1.6.43, = VP3
234	4	Th	19.10.42	For disposal 1.46 at Gibraltar
235	23	Th	4. 9.42	For disposal 1 46 at Gibraltar
236	23	Th	21.10.42	Sold 1947, = yacht Neba
order	ed 18.12.41			
237	6	Th	30. 7.42	Scuttled off Malta 9.46
238	6	Th	17. 9.42	Sold 11.46
239	6	Th	14.10.42	To Italy 26.3.46
240	6	Th	14.11.42	Free French 1.6.43, = VP4
241	34	Th	5. 2.43	Scuttled off Malta 9.46
242	34	Th	31. 4.43	For disposal 9.46
243	34	Th	29. 5.43	To Turkey 18.11.43, = LM8
244	34	Th	20 8.43	Lost in transit from the UK 25.11.43
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245	47T	Ga	3. 4.43	To Turkey 26.10.43, = LM7
246	47T	Ga	14. 4.43	To the Palestine Police 5.1.46
247	47T	Th	22. 4.43	Sold 3.47
248	47L	Th	2. 6.43	To Singapore Customs 4.7.46. = Panah
249	39	Ga	11,11,42	Free French 16.4.43, = VP1
1250	39	Ga	1.12.42	Free French 16.12.43. = VP10
1251	39	Ga	25. 1.43	To Italy 26.2.46
1252	39	Ga	19. 2.43	Greek Farsala on Ioan 9 11 45; sold 1962
252	39	Ga	5. 4.43	Sold 11.46
		Carter (Carta)		Mediterranean Survey Unit 1 1946: sold 9.47
1254	39	Ga	15. 4.43	
1255	6	Th	11.12.42	Sold 1.46 at Freetown
1256	6	Th	18. 1.43	To Turkey 7.8.43. = LM3
1257	6	Th	18. 2.43	Sold 5.46, = yacht Marica 1948
1258	6	Ga	1. 4.43	Sold 3.47
1259	6	Ga	28. 4.43	Hull damage 10.44, paid off 31 10.44 to be
				broken up
1260	6	Ga	28. 6.43	Sold to Holland 1946
3 order	ed 29.3.42 for	the Royal	Indian Navy	
1261	9	Th	18.11.45	Royal Pakistan Navy 1947, = ML3517 1951
1262	9	Th	11.45	Royal Pakistan Navy 1947, = ML3518 1951
1263	9	Th	16. 1.45	Royal Pakistan Navy 1947, = ML3519 1951
1264	9	Th	(151) A (185)	Cancelled 1945
1265	36	Th	28. 9.44	Sold 1947
	36	Th	7.11.44	Royal Pakistan Navy 1947, = ML3520 1951
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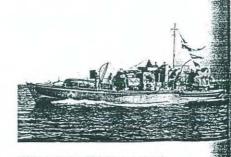
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* It is doubtful if any of these eight were in fact laid down

HDML in June 1945 at Marseille; by this time she had become the Free French VP 1. Note the detail of the 2-pounder gun. Imperial War Museum

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HDML 1294 in July 1943. She was built by the Sussex Ship Building Company at Shoreham. Imperial War Museum

1268	48	Th	29. 1.45	Sold 1947
	ered 24.4.42			
1269	23	Ga	7. 1.43	Sold 8.46
1270	23	Ga	1. 4.43	Sold 1946
1271	23	Ga	22. 4.43	Sold 5.46, = Madonna Ta Pompei
1272	23	Ga	5. 7.43	Lent to Burma 8.45, sold to Burma 1.48
1273	4	Th	6. 3.43	French VP82 1946
1274	4	Th	23. 1.43	= FDB62; sold 14.6.48
1275	4	Th	21. 6.43	For disposal 1947 at Singapore
1276	37	Ga	21. 1.43	= FDB63; sold 7,47
1277	37	Ga	20. 3.43	To Israel 1946
1278	37	Ga	20. 5.43	For disposal 1946; sold, = yacht Lady Walrus
1279	12	GI	24 11.43	= FDB70, = ML3511; sold 1948, = Islandu
1280	12	GI	25. 4.44	= ML3503; sold 1958, = Lady Ellen
1281	49	Th	19. 5.43	Sold 13.10.49
1282	49	Th	26.7.43	To Turkey 26, 10, 43, = LM6
1283	52H	Th	25. 3.43	To WD 1946; sold, = Amanda Mary 1948
1284	52H	Th	3. 4.43	Sold 11.46, = yacht Nejm
1285	52H	Th	27. 4.43	To Singapore Government 16.7.46
1286	52H	Th	22. 4.43	To Burma 2.4.46
1287	52H	Th	25. 6.43	
				To Singapore Customs 6.7.46
1288	52H	Th	26. 5.43	To Panang pilots 1946
1289	52H	Th	2: 7.43	Lost 25.11.43 on passage abroad
1290	52H	Th	23. 7.43	Sold 1946
1291	52H	Th	28. 8.43	Sold 1946
1292	51	Ga	8. 6.43	Greek Distraton on loan 4.9.45; sold 1962
1293	51	Ga	1. 6.43	Sold to France 1.7.46 for Indo China
1294	51	Ga	20. 7.43	To Turkey 26. 10.43, = LM5
1295	51	Ga	12.11.43	= FDB74, = ML3512; sold 17 11.58
1296	33	GI	29. 1.43	To Turkey 7.8.43, = LM4
1297	33	GI	10. 4.43	Sold 1946
1298	33	GI	17. 6.43	Sold to Burma Government 2.4.46
1299	33	GI	5. 8.43	Burma RNVR 8.45; sold to Burma 1946
1300	7	Ga	20. 1.43	= FDB64; sold 6.48
1301	7	Ga	6. 4.43	= Mediterranean Survey Unit 2 1946, = SML35 (Meda); sold 25.6.66
1302	7	Ga	19. 4.43	Sold 11.46, = Santa Katerina
1303	7	Ga	15. 6.43	Cannibalised 5.46 in India
1304	57	Ga	20. 4.43	Burma RNVR 8.45; gift to Burma 1.48
1305	57	Ga	5.43	
	1			Sold 1947, = yacht Lewina
1306	57	Ga	13, 8,43	Burma RNVR 8.45; gilt to Burma 1.48
1307	57	Ga	20, 9.43	Greek Karia on Ioan 11.45; for disposal 1961
1308	11	GI	4. 9.43	Sold 5.46 at Gibraltar
1309	11	GI	4. 2.44	= FDB 75; sold 14.4.48
1310	11	GI	5. 5.44	= FDB 79; sold 1947, = yacht The Bee
6 order	ed 31.8.42			
1315*	41	Gr	15. 5.45	= FDB40; for disposal 1946
1316	41	Gr	30. 5.45	= FDB41, for disposal 1946
1317	41	Gr	19. 6.45	= FDB42; for disposal 1946
1318	41	Gr	30. 6.45	= FDB43; lent WD 1945; for disposal 1946
1319	41	Gr	8.45	= FDB44; for disposal 1946
1320	41	Gr	31, 7.45	= FDB45; for disposal 1946
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1321	43	B	tralian Navy	10
			11.11.43	(Commissioned) sold 7.71
1322	43	B	17. 1.44	(Commissioned) to Philippines Navy 1958
1323	32	В	21. 1.44	(Commissioned) to Iran 21.6.56
1324	32	В	12. 6.44	(Commissioned) listed to 1964
1325	29	В	4,11,43	(Commissioned) listed 1964
1326	29	В	19. 1,44	(Commissioned) to Philippines Navy 1958
3 order	ed 24.5.43 for	Royal Aus	tralian Navy	
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*4 (MLs 1311-1314) r in Ceylon; cancelled

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1105	2	Ga	3. 3.43	= ML3502, = Malay Sri Trengganu 1949
1106	2	Ga	3. 8.43	Sold to Portugal 20.4.47 for Macao
1107	2	Ga	30.11.43	Sold 4.48
1108	2	Ga	6. 6.44	Sold to Portugal 20.4.47 for Macao
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1109	36	GI	15. 5.44	Sold 1947
1110	36	GI	1. 5.44	= ML3110 8.51
1111	36	GI	6.44	Sold 1947
1112	25	GI	6.12.44	= ML3112 8.51
1113	25	GI	24.12.44	Sold 1947
1114	10	GI	21. 1.44	For disposal 11.46
1115	19	GI	10. 6.43	For disposal 11.46
1116	9	GI	4.44	For disposal 11.46
1117	9	GI	23. 3.44	= ML3117 8.51
1118	27	GI	11.11.44	= ML3118 8.51
1119	27	GI	27. 7.44	Lost 7, 10, 44 in Indian waters
1120	19	GI	22. 7.43	Sold 1947
	ered 30.5.41			
1121	51	Th	10. 7.42	Lost - foundered off Pantellaria 31.12.43
1122	51	Th	29. 5.42	Sold 1946
1123	51	Th	2.8.42	Sold 10.46
1124	51	Th	2.10.42	To Turkey 1943, = LM1
1125	6	Ga	28. 4.42	Royal Australian Navy 1943; Royal Indian Navy
				1944, sold 1947
1126	6	Ga	21. 5.42	Sold Palestine Police 27.6.46
1127	6	Ga	9 6.42	Free French 16 11.43, = French VP9 1944
1128	6	Ga	30. 6.42	French VP6 1944
1129	52H	Th	23. 4.42	Royal Australian Navy 7 11 42; sold 10 12 47
1130	52H	Th	30. 4.42	Sold 1946
1131	52H	Th	12. 5.42	Sold 1946
1132	52H	Th	13. 6 42	Free French 20.9 43, = French VP8 1944
1133	52H	Th	27 6.42	Free French 1.9.43, = French VP7 1944
1134	52H	Th	13 8 42	For disposal 7 46 at Gibraltar
1135	52H	Th	18. 9.42	To Turkey 3.43, = LM2
1136	52H	Th	22.10.42	French VP14 1944
1137	47L	Th	10. 9.42	Sold 18.12.45 at Freetown
1138	47L	Th	17 11 42	Free French 5.43, = French VP2 1944
1139	47T	Ga	3. 7.42	= French VP16 1944
1140	8	Ga	19. 6.42	= Air Safety Launch 7, = Gannet 1946; sold 1.3.5
1141	8	Ga	12 10.42	Free French 30.8.43, = French VP22 1944
1142	57	Ga	4.7.42	French VP13 14.1.44
1143	57	Ga	20. 8.42	French Palmyre 1944. = VP31
1144	57	Ga	10.11.42	French VP15 26.2.44
1145	57	Ga	26.11.42	To Palestine Police 5.1.46
1146	4	Th	6. 6.42	Sold 1946
1147	4	Th	22 5 42	For disposal 6 45
1148	37	Ga	23 4.42	Royal Indian Navy 1943; sold 1947
1149	37	Ga	29, 5,42	Greek Klissoura 4,9,45; for disposal 1962
1150	7	Ga	10. 5.42	Sold 22.7.47
1151	7	Ga	6.42	Royal Indian Navy 1944; sold 1947
1152	7	Ga	2. 7.42	French VP11 1944
1153	7	Ga	18. 8.42	To Turkey 1942, lost 9.42 on passage out
1154	11	Th	30, 1.43	Mined 14.5.43 at Bizerta
1155	11	Th	2. 4.43	To Italy 26.3.46
1156	12	GI	10.11.42	Sold 1946
1157	12	GI	30.12.42	Lost 4.43 in transport
1158	23	Th	11, 5,42	To Palestine Government 2,46
1159	23	Th	8. 6.42	For disposal 7.46 at Alexandria
1160	49	Th	4 6.42	Sold 22.12.45 at Freetown
1161	49	Th	8.42	Royal Australian Navy 9 1 43; sold 10 12 47, = Los Negros
1162	15	Ga	14 5.42	Sold 1946

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Walker, Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka)
Woods, Potter Heigham, Norfolk

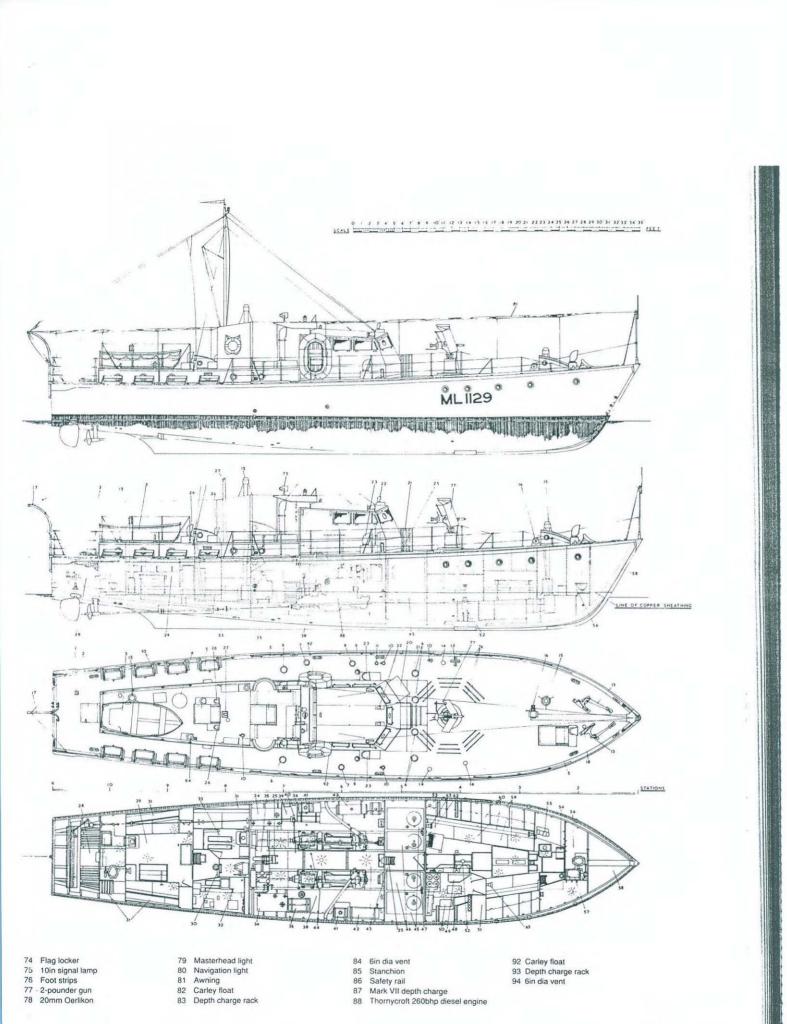


HDML 1245 in April 1943, prior to her transfer to Turkey in October. Imperial War Museum



The wheelhouse and armoured window covers of HDML 1246. They were clipped shut, particularly during the hours of darkness, to prevent light escaping from the wheelhouse. They also gave protection to the helmsman. Courtesy Roy Tyldesley

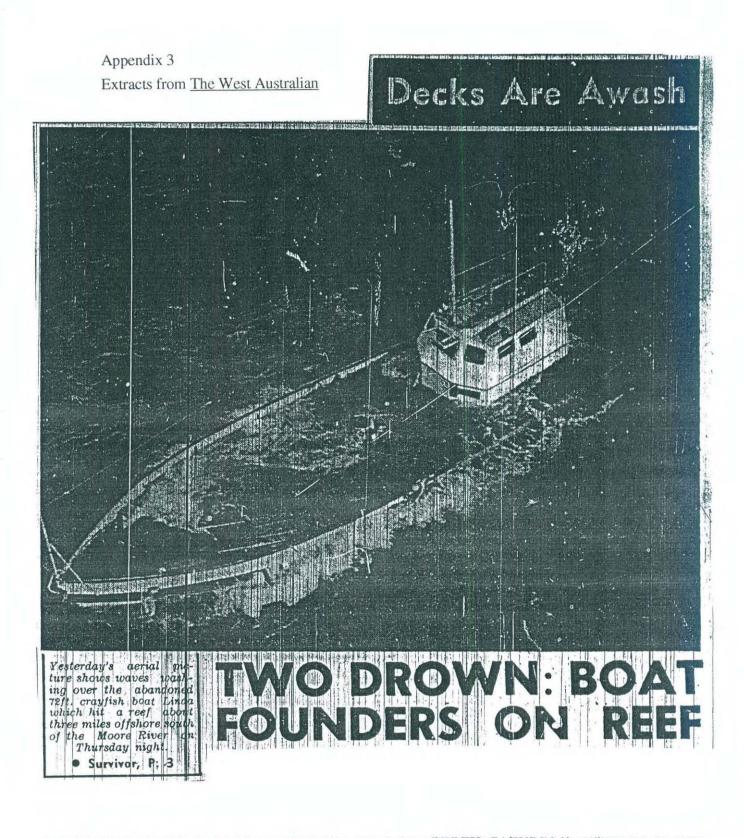
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1163	15	Ga	31.12.42	Torpedoed 5.1.45 in the Adriatic
1164	56	Th	18. 9.42	French Baalbek 1944, = VP32
1165	56	Th	16.10.42	Sold 1946
1166	56	Th	2. 2.43	French VP5 1945, = La Belle Brise 1952
2 orde	red 17.6.4	and 2 order	ed 26.6.41	
1167	52S		_	Lost on stocks at the fall of Singapore
1168	52S			Lost on stocks at the fall of Singapore
1169	52S		_	Lost on stocks at the fall of Singapore
1170	52S			Lost on stocks at the fall of Singapore
		2 on Lend-I	ease agreement	
1171	13	Gr	11.12.42	
1172	13	Gr	16.12.42	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1173	13	Gr	7. 1.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1174	13	Gr		Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
			16. 1.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1175	13	Gr	12. 2.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1176	13	Gr	12. 2.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1177	13	Gr	12. 2.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1178	13	Gr	4. 3.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1179 -	13	Gr	4. 3.43	Lost 21.8.44 in a hurricane off Jamaica
1180	13	Gr	4, 3.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1181	13	Gr	23. 3.43	Returned United States Navy 3.47 at Bombay
1182	13	Gr	23. 3.43	Returned United States Navy 3 47 at Bornbay
1183	35	Gr	3.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = P3551 1950, = Mako 1956
1184	35	Gr	3.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = P3552 1950, = <i>Paea</i> 1956
1185	35	Gr	4.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = Army <i>Bombardier</i> 1948, = <i>Manga,</i> = <i>Olphert</i>
1186	35	Gr.	5.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, sold 5,47
1187	17	Gr	5.43	
1188	17	Gr	5.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = 35556B, = Tarapunga
				Royal New Zealand Navy, = 3556A, = Takupu 1955
1189	17	Gr	5.43	Sold 1946
1190	17	Gr	6.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = 3562, = Olphert 1956, = Parore 1967
191	20	Gr	8.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = 3553, = Tamaki 1961, = Kahawai 4.66
192	20	Gr	8.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = 3554, = Irirangi 1961, = Maroro, sold 1972
193	20	Gr	8.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = 3555, = <i>Viti</i> 1955, = <i>Ngapona</i> 1959, = <i>Tamure</i> 1967; sold 1973
194	20	Gr	8.43	Royal New Zealand Navy, = Ngapona 1948, = 3561 1950; stranded 8.11,57 and broken up
order	ed 4.6.41			erer loss, sitelises of their and proven up
195	2	Ga	12.44	For disposal 1945
196	2	Ga		Cancelled 1945 (launched 9.45)
			avy and transfor	rred to South African Navy before completion
197	40	Ga	24. 7.43	Listed to 1961
198	40	Ga	26. 7.43	
199	40	Ga	20. 7.43	Listed to 1951 Listed to 1951
200	40	Ga		
200	40		4. 8.43	Listed to 1961
		Ga	6. 8.43	Listed to 1951
202	40	Ga	3. 8.43	Listed to 1961
203	50	Ga	22 7.43	Listed to 1961
204	50	Ga	10.12.43	Listed to 1961
	d 17.7.41			
	55	GI	29.12.44	Lent to Burma 1946, listed to 1949
ordere 205	55	GI	28. 6.45	Lent to Burma 4.46; sold to Burma 1949
	55	GI		Cancelled 29.12.44
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Harbour defence motor launch typical sheer elevation, internal profile, deck plan and plan below deck (MLs 1129--1136)

- Deck fitting to emergency tiller Hatch to after peak 1
- 2 3 10ft sailing dinghy
- Holman projector chock Companion 4
- 5
- 6 Fuel tank filler
- Lubricating oil filler Gravity tank fuel filler 7
- 8
- 9 Deck light
- 10 Bilge pump deck fitting
- Deck filer to paraffin tank M/S socket for davit 11
- 12
- 13 CQR anchor
- 14 15 MV with fan under Stove pipe
- 16 Windlass
- 17 18 Davit
- Mushroom vent
- 19 Ready use locker
- Vegetable safe
- 20 21 22 Warp crate
- 3in dia vent
- 23 8in dia vent
- 24 25 Machine gun mounting Ladder
- 26 4in dia vent
- 27 Mast
- 28
- After peak Wardroom 29
- Keyboard
- 30 31 32 Shelves W/T room
- 33 POs' cabin
- 34 35 150gal fuel tank
- Lister auxiliary engine Batteries 36
- 37 Stool
- 38 Engineroom
- Workbench Vice 39
- 40
- 41 20gal oil tank
- 50gal gravity tank Portable decking 42
- 43 44 Sea inlet
- 45
- Fuel tank, 345gal 46 Fuel tank, 315gal
- 47
- Passage Galley 48
- 49 Hinge-up table
- Sink Cupboard 50 51
- 52 Asdic gear
- 53 54 Refrigerator Coal locker Alternator
- 55
- 56 Crew's WC
- 57 58 Wash basin
- Forepeak Settee berths with foam cushions 59
- 60 Hinged cot frames
- Portable water tank under table Loudspeakers 61 62
- 63 Fan
- Wheelhouse
- 64 65
- Throttles Voice pipes 66
- Chart table A/S recorder 67
- 68
- 69 Rifle rack
- Pistol rack First aid chest
- 70 71 72 Blackout curtain
- 73 Compass

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12月4月1日,他们还要把你的时候。他们们能回到你们的。

The sole survivor of a three-man crew of a 72ft. Fairmile, Linda, told how he tried to hang on to his shipmates after the ship foundered on a reef outside the Moore River yesterday.

The bodies of the two the light of an underwater men who lost their lives torch which he suffed into were recovered by police and civilians from the beach two miles south of the estuary. the estuary.

the estuary. They were John Roberts 'We could hear her break-(54), the skipper, the Phil ing up with great searing Hind (58) single, both of Geraldton. The skipper's make a raft. little black dog. Patrick, 'We lashed two 44-gallon drums together with rope and pushed it into the sea. The tragedy was discover-ed when Les Sommerfeld (38), blue with cold, stag-

(38), blue with cold, stag-(38), blue with cold, stag-gered up to two fishermen, W. L. Lobb and Ted Watts, both of Northam, who were fishing from the beach at Gilderton, the settlement at the mouth of the river. Sommerfed was at the wheel when the ship hit the reef three to four miles out at 9.20 p.m. on Thursday.

Repairs

The men were taking the ship back to Geraldton from Fremantle where it had un-dergone repairs and main-tenance. It was due at Ger-aldton at 2 p.m. yesterday. The Linda was valued be-tween £15,000 and £20,000 and was insured for £11,000. It was owned by Jim Davey and Bill Horwood, both of Geraldton, and used on

Geraldton, and used on the Geraldton to Abrolhos . on

Islands run. The men had left Fre-mantle at 5.15 p.m. and were sailing in fair weather.

Sommerfeld said that he was dead on course by the compass, but said that it was possible that there had

for current chift. Standing freezing in his soaked clothing, still in the willington boots which he had kept or in case he got an opportunity of resting on

a neef. Sommerfeld said that he peached the beach at ten minutes past seven that morning.

He had watched the time during the ordeal, by his waterproof wristwatch, which kept going, and from

he said.

we lashed the animal to the top of, the raft." It was bitterly cold and shortly after the raft was launched the sea started to turn rough.

For four hours he hung on to his skipper, but the task, with the other man getting weaker in the severe conditions, made it necessary for. Sommerfeld to let Roberts

beach a couple of dumpers came in and tossed it over. I managed to get the dog free and struggle to the shore," he said.

The second man had died in the water, and Sommer-feld hauled him out above the waterline before staggoring off to try to find

"I was worried | about sharks as they could have got the scent of the dog,"

he said. With no idea where he was, Sommerfeld looked along the shore and saw the glimmer of a fire. It was the Northam fshermen's

fire. He made for the light, and stammered out his story. The fishermen gave him a hot drink and made him a brakfast.

Six Flares

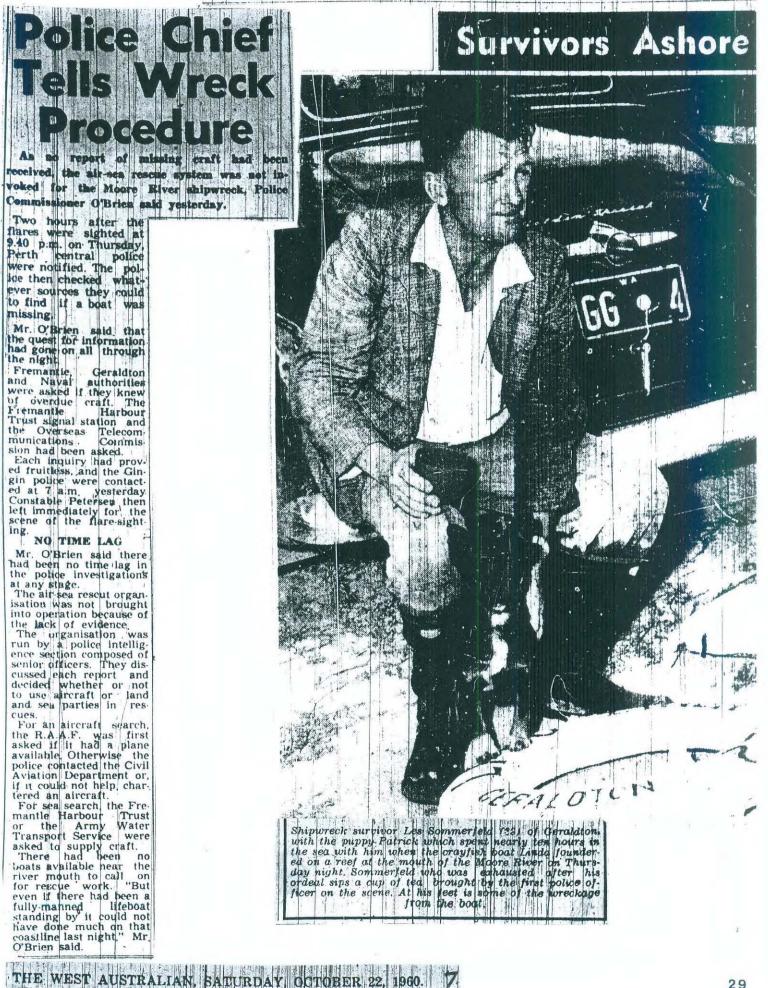
Sommerfold said that he had fired off six flares after the ship foundered.

hese were seen by Mr Max Dease, of Tropical Tra-ders, Fremantle, as he was driving past Moore River that night. They were also seen by Mr. B. C. Robin-son, a plastere, of Mt. Voking Yokine.

Yokine. They both climbed a high sandhill and shone their torches to try to find the cause, but there was no other sign to guide them so they reported the matter to

they reported the matter to the police. Central police spent the night trying to trace a miss-ing ship, but the boat had had no wireless with it so no message could be sent. • Wreck Procedure, P. 7

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MR.TONY FERRINDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FREMANTLE W.A. 6160 FAX : 2392279

DEAR TONY,

RE: REPORT ON THE WRECK OF THE "F.V.LINDA" FOR THE W.A. MARITIME MUSEUM.

THIS LETTER IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM YOUR RECORDS AND FILES PERTAINING TO THE VESSEL "LINDA" A 72FOOT FAIRMILE (EX NAVAL VESSEL) WRECKED SOUTH WEST OF MOORE RIVER ON THE NIGHT OF 20TH OCTOBER 1960, WHILE HEADING NORTH TO ENGAGE IN FISHING. SKIPPER : JOHN ROBERTS (54).

DETAILS FROM YOUR SURVEY FILES WOULD BE OF INTEREST AND MIGHT HELP TO IDENTIFY THE VESSEL. POSSIBLY "HARBOUR DEFENCE MOTOR LAUNCH" No 1315,1316,1317,1318,1319 OR 1320.

DETAILS FROM AN INCIDENT REPORT, MIGHT INDICATE THE REASON FOR THE WRECK EVENT AND THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE. PERHAPS THERE WAS AN OFFICIAL INQUIRY ?

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT YOU ARE PREPARED TO MAKE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

JOHN F.CLARKE

26TH NOVEMBER 1960.

P.S. I AM A REGISTERED RESEARCHER WITH THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE OF W.A. No.6077.



My ref: DT/96/0056 Your ref:

Mr John Clarke SMALLCRAFT Lot 99 Hardy Court TWO ROCKS WA 6037

Dear Mr Clarke

Wreck of the "FV Linda" for the WA Maritime Museum

Thank you for your letter of the 26 November 1996.

We have conducted a search of our records dating back to the time of the incident and unfortunately have been unable to locate any documents.

We do have a listing of a file "1020/60" titled "Inquiry into loss of L.F.B Linda near Moore River" on Harbour and Light index cards but have been unable to locate the file. The file would probably have been destroyed, as a Retention and Disposal schedule dating back to the sixties indicates that incident files such as this one were to be kept for two years then destroyed. We however have not been able to locate any documentation which verifies the destruction of the file.

We also contacted the Public Records Office and they carried out a search of records they hold from Harbours and Rivers, Harbour and Light and Marine and Harbours but were unable to locate the file.

A check of our survey records also did not locate any information on the "FV Linda". Unfortunately we are unable to assist in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Tony Ferrinda FOI Coordinator

28 November 1996

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MR.PETER ROGERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES FAX : 4827389

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DETAILS SUCH AS LENGTH, BREADTH, DRAFT, FISHING BOAT LICENSE NUMBER, NUMBER OF POTS FISHED, THE YEAR THAT IT FIRST BECAME A LICENSED FISHING BOAT ETC. WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR REPORT.

I APPRECIATE THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE ON COMPUTER AND MAY TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO UNEARTH.

THANKING YOU IN ANTISIPATION,

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Mr J Clarke Smallcraft Lot 99 Hardy Court TWO ROCKS WA 6037

Dear Mr Clarke

RE: F V LINDA

Thank you for your letter of 27 November seeking information on the fishing boat "Linda".

Unfortunately, this Department has no records of this boat.

Yours sincerely

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DR J W PENN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

29 November 1996

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Appendix 5 Comparisons between the *Linda* and *Norwegian Bay*



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MR.MIKE MCCARTHY W.A. MARITIME MUSEUM CLIFF ST. FREMANTLE W.A. 6160

DEAR MIKE,

FAIRMILES WRECKED ON THE W.A. COAST.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION, IN MUSEUM PUBLICATIONS, REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE FAIRMILE "LINDA" WRECKED SOUTH WEST OF MOORE RIVER. A DETAILED REPORT ON THE VESSEL, THE WRECKING EVENT AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE WRECK SITE BY CLARKE AND SOUTER IS NEARING COMPLETION. RESEARCH HAS UNEARTHED A SECOND FAIRMILE THAT HAS CAUSED SOME OF THE CONFUSION : THE "NORWEGIAN BAY" AT WEDGE IS.

LISTED ARE A FEW DETAILS OF BOTH VESSELS TO CLEAR ANY CONFUSION FOR FUTURE PUBLICATIONS:

	"LINDA"	"NORWEGIAN BAY".
DATE OF WRECKING:	20/10/1960	17/06/1950
LOCATION:	MOORE RIVER	WEDGE ISLAND.
FATALITIES:	TWO MEN LOST	NO CASUALTIES.
SALVAGED BY:	BOB HUGIL	FRANK DOUGLAS & ALAN ROBINSON.
GEAR RECOVERED:	ONE ENGINE, PROPS, RUDDERS, PORT HOLES AND ANCHORS.	PORT HOLES ETC. (NEITHER ENGINE
ENGINE TYPE :	GRAY MARINE.	HERCULES.
FISHING OPERATION :	CRAY FISHING.	WHALING.
DESTINATION:	ABROLHOS IS.	POINT CLOATES.
FRANK DOUGLAS, NOW	RETIRED, SPENT MAN	Y YEARS CRAY FISHI

FRANK DOUGLAS, NOW RETIRED, SPENT MANY YEARS CRAY FISHING OUT OF SEA BIRD. FRANK HAS PROVIDED MANY OF THE DETAILS REGARDING THE "NORWEGIAN BAY". A CHART WILL BE SENT TO HIM SHORTLY, FOR HIM TO MARK THE ACTUAL WRECK SITE.

THE DATE FOR THE WRECKING OF THE NORWEGIAN BAY AND ITS DESTINATION CAME FROM "WRECKS ON THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN COAST" BY JACK LONEY.

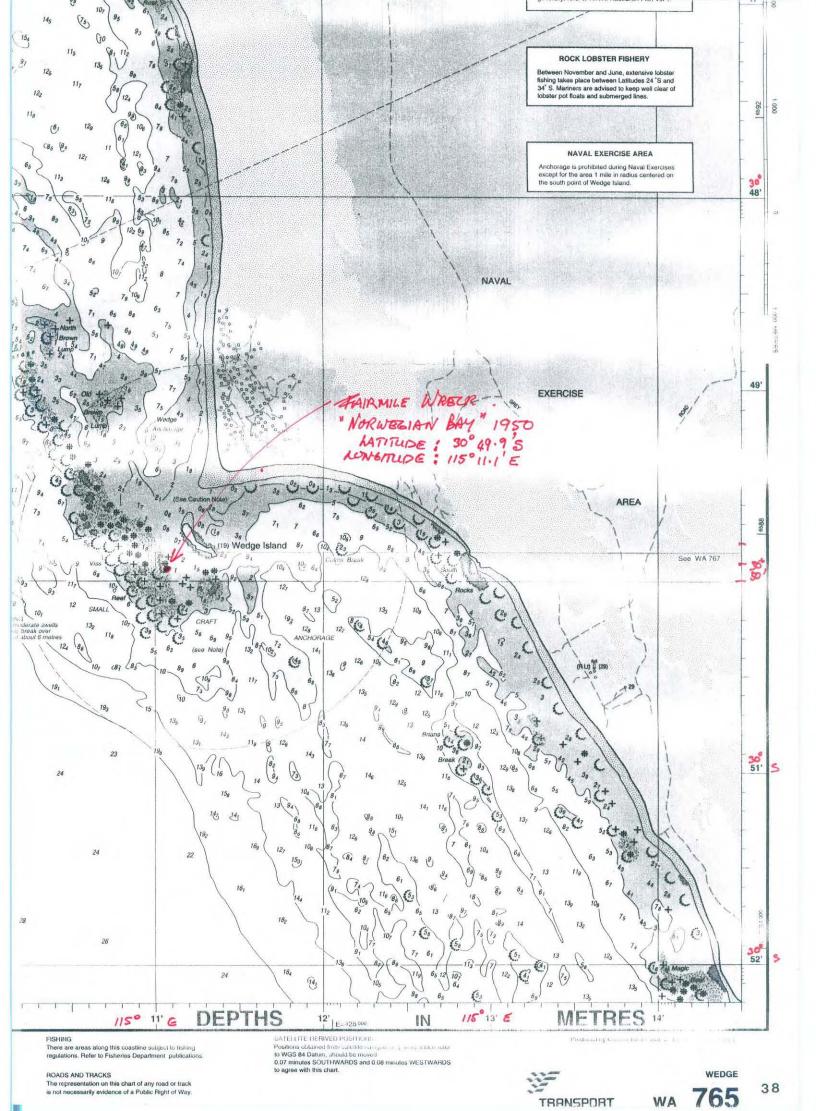
I HOPE THIS INFORMATION WILL GO ON FILE TO AVOID ANY CONFUSION IN FUTURE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

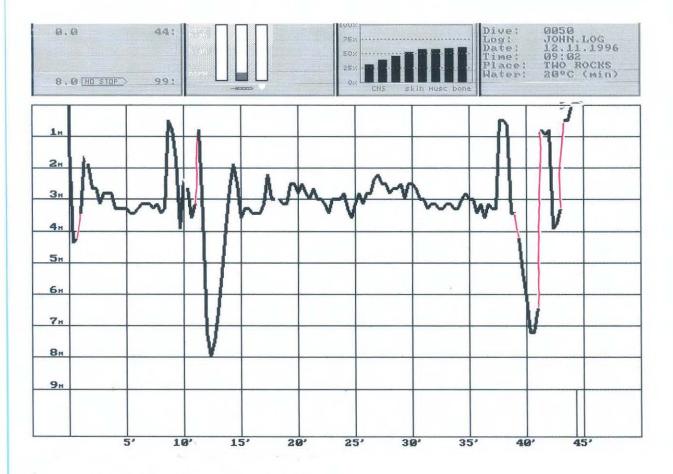
JOHN F.CLARKE

30TH NOVEMBER 1996.

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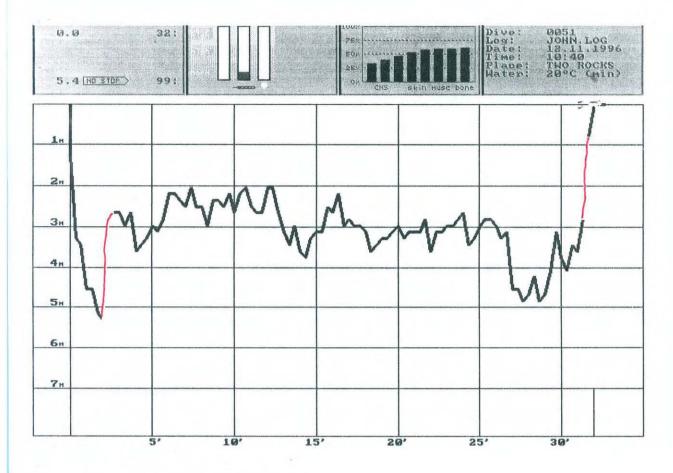


Appendix 6 <u>Dive Profiles</u>



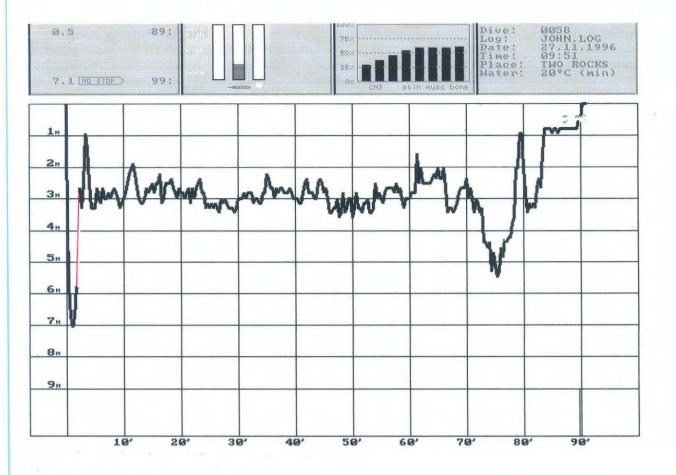
DIVE 1 PROFILE

Date: Tue, Nov. 12, 1996 Time: 09:02 Locality: TWO ROCKS Dive site: LINDA WRECK SITE Surf. int: 0 m... 900 m Alt. range: 26 °C Weather: clear Air temp: Dive suit: wet suit Tank size: Maximum depth: Dive time: 00:37 8.0 m Min. temperature: 20 °C Used air: Type of dive: Multiple ascent Dive activity: Wreck-dive Logged alarms: ASCENT Dive buddies: CORIOLI SOUTER RESEARCH VESSEL 'TAKO'. DECKHAND - RAY KRAKOUER. Remarks: MARINE ARCHAEOLOGIST - CORIOLI SOUTER. SKIPPER - JOHN CLARKE. Signature(s): Jol Heley Jasoult Dive #0050 JOHN.LOG



DIVE 2 PROFILE

Date: Tue, Nov. 12, 1996 Locality: TWO ROCKS	Time: Dive site:	10:40 LINDA WRECK SITE
Alt. range: 0 m 900 m Weather: clear Dive suit: wet suit	Surf. int: Air temp: Tank size:	00:51 26 °C
Maximum depth: 5.4 m Min. temperature: 20 °C Type of dive: Single ascent Dive activity: Wreck-dive Logged alarms: Dive buddies: CORIOLI SOUTER. Remarks: MEASURED LENGTH AND BREA CONFIRMED SITE PLAN	Dive time: Used air: DTH OF SITE.	00:30
signature(s): Job Yilleler.	en:	Sonto.
JOHN.LOG		Dive #0051



DIVE 3 PROFILE

Wed, Nov. 27, 1996 Time: Date: 09:51 Locality: TWO ROCKS Dive site: LINDA WRECK Alt. range: 0 m... 900 m Surf. int: Weather: 24 °C Air temp: clear Dive suit: wet suit Tank size: Dive time: Maximum depth: 01:20 7.1 m 20 °C Used air: Min. temperature: Multiple ascent Type of dive: Dive activity: Wreck-dive Logged alarms: Dive buddies: SOLO Remarks: DECKHAND RAY KRAKOUER. DRAGGED ANCHOR DURING DIVE. RAY SET SECOND ANCHOR. SUCCESSFUL DIVE IN MODERATE CONDITIONS. WOOD SAMPLES TAKEN. SEACOCK AND SKIN FITTING RECOVERED FOR RESEARCH. ound blocks, Signature(s): JOHN.LOG Dive #0058



MANAGER LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE KATE O'SULLIVAN LIBRARY BUILDING 2 SWANBANK ROAD MAYLANDS W A 6051

TELEPHONE NUMBER (09) 370 7174 FAX NUMBER (09) 370 7175

REQUEST FOR HISTORICAL INFORMATION/ACCESS TO POLICE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS

Public Records Office. Accession Number	
File/Volume Number(s)/ Date(s)	
File/Volume Number(s)/ Date(s)	-
Title of File/Volume, as per Public Records Office Register - Fishing boat 'hinda' Wheeked 21.10.1960	-
Historical information required	
REASON FOR LOSS OF VESSER, DETAILS OF LOSS OF LI	E
Reason for Request PREPARING A REPORT ON THE LINDA FOR WIA MAT	RIT A M
Name of Researcher JOHN FARIS CLARKE	
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Address hat 99 HARDY CRT Two Rocks	
W.A. 6037.	
Contact Telephone Number 5611588 Date 13/11/26 ignature John John	-
Request Granted/Denied [] Yes [] No Officer's SignatureDateDateDateDateDate	
Action taken	
Appiicant Advised []Yes [] No Public Records Office Advised []Yes [] No	

NOTES

If unrestricted access is granted, the records may be viewed at the Public Records Office. Released documents may be photocopied at the discretion of the Manager, Public Records Office - telephone number (09) 427 3360.

If the information contained in the required documents is found to be of a sensitive nature, this application may be forwarded to the Police Service Freedom of Information Unit for consideration on the understanding that a fee may apply.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE



WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE HEADQUARTERS 2 ADELAIDE TERRACE, EAST PERTH WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6004 TELEPHONE: (09) 222 1111 FACSIMILE: (09) 222 1664

TELEX: 92145

REPLY TO

Police Academy 2 Swan Bank Road MAYLANDS W A 6051

Mr John Clarke Lot 99 Hardy Court TWO ROCKS W A 6037

Fear Mr Clarke

Your request of November 13, 1996, to access police file Accession 1910 4607/1960 *Fishing boat Linda - wrecked about two miles south of the mouth of Moore River on 21 10 1960* is granted.

As discussed there is no reference to an inquest. The file relates to the action taken by police to locate the vessel after the distress flares were sighted.

Yours sincerely

Jean Nobso -

S J HOBSON for JUDY BALLANTYNE MANAGER LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE

November 27, 1996

Your Ref: W.A. Police Ref; EXTRACT FROM THE TELEPHONE MES AGE BOOK DATED 20-10-60.

RECEIVED FROM.

Maxwell DEASE of 40 Lockart St. Como (60-3201 or Tropical Traders, Quean Victoria St, Frementle, Phone 5-3291.

RECEIVED BY.

Const BISHOP at 11-40pm.

MESHAGE.

I have just returned from the mouth of the Moore River in the Gin Gin District.

At about 9-10pm I noticed three red flares fired out at sea just South of the Moore liver, The flares indicated that a boat was apparently in distress.

Another man named " ROEINSON" also noticed the flares, and together we went to a hill and flashed a signal in the direction but got no response. I am definite that they were flares.

ACTION TAKEN.

Const BISHOP attending, contacted Signal Station. Overseas Telecommunication Commission, no information to to assist.

Fremantle Police and Victoria May contacted, to enquire re fishing craft in vicinity or information of overdue craft .

Dept of Navy H.F.A.S. Leeuwin contacted, report/ed no naval craft in vicinity. Fremantle and Victoria Quay reports no information re overdue boats.

Gingin Police to be given information at 7am 21-10-60 , and asked to make inquiries , and to advise Central .

Const PETERSON Gingin Police advised at 7-30am 21-10-60 and making inquiries.

V.K.I. message no 339 to Geraldton Police forwarded per C.I.B. for transmission at 7-48 am as foldows.

At about 9-40pm 20th inst, three red flares were sighted at sea , just south of Mouth of Moore River "STOP" Possibly from boadt in distress, "STOP"

Check of all sources this end failed to obtain information re boats likely to be in that vicinity " STOP "

Please inquire at ^Geraldton re boats likely to be in above mentioned area, and advise.

MAXON Sergt.

A.H. Howell

Const 2910.

CENTRAL STATION.

21-10-60.

INSPECTOR BROUN :

I note the action taken upon receipt of the information from Mr. Dease, and although fairly comprehensive it should have been furthered by early advice to either the Deputy Commissioner of Chief Inspector, so that immediate action could have been taken to have a sea craft proceed to the vicinity by dawn to search under the Air Sea Rescue Organisation.

Although we have had such reports which have proved negative, each must be regarded as serious until otherwise proved.

I also consider the Officer in Charge Gin-Gin should have been alerted to be on the coast by daybreak. 7.30 a.m. was far too late.

The outcome may or may not have been different regarding the loss of life.

Please instruct in future, any such reports must be notified to those officers mentioned, or in their absence, myself.

24th October, 1960. RTN:MR.

COMMIS POLICE

Inspector Culleton.

The foregoing communication from the Commissioner of Police is forwarded for information at Central Station.

It sould be noted by all Inspectors and First Class Sergeants.

A copy is to be taken and posted at Central for general information.

The instructions contained in the memorandum are to be carried out promptly if any reports of this nature are received in the future.

D.O.Perth 24/10/60

SERGEANT MEAKINS.

For attention, please.

Please post copies of above memoranum at Central Office and Sergeants Room.

Central Stn. 24: 10: 60.

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INSPECTOR

SERGEANT PURKISS.

Please have the attached memorandum by the Commissioner of Police noted by all First Class Sergeants at Central Station.

Central Stn. 18: 11: 60.

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Inspector. Lowry

Forwarded. File has been noted by 1st Class Sergeants at Central Station.

Copy memorandum has been taken and posted at Central Station.

Central Station 21-12-60

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Sergeant 1707

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Inspector Reilly.

Copy of Memorandum has been posted at Central Station, and in the Sergeants Room at Central Station.

File noted by me.

Central Station. 24---10---1960

heakint sgt. 1813.

Sergeant Purkiss.

For your information and to note please, then pass to other Relief for similar attention.

Central Station. 24----1960

SERGG.MEAKINS.

Noted.

File to Sergeant Menhennett for his information.

CENTRAL STN. 24:10:60.

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INSPECTOR LOWRY

Attached memorandum respectfully noted.

Central Station 24.10.60

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2. C. Shomas Turp

Burnissiones . Inspector Clark, Midland unction advised at 10. 20 and he received brief information from Doniable Fetercen of Lin Fin thalf The fishing boat "Linda" was wrecked about 2 miles South of the Month of the Moore Kines last might One of the crew got ashore safely, one body has been washed up on the beach and a third member is missing ! The names of the crew are not available at present. for the body to be conveyed to a Montuny inpector black requested assestance in search for missing person repeitor From SPeaks is anonging for Ronstable Manten to report with a point to whether the con get & to vicinity by per and whether mounted Police on assist. Taspector phaston, Trementle is ascentaining once of boat Central Habon about 1. to for on Tothe und as per report attached 21/10/100

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Commissioner of Police Toryau information . For a and returned . 910 Perch 22126 nieb Ine this ie. ROAS INDEXS 52

Appendix 8 Extract from <u>Lloyds Register 1959 - 1960</u>

26/11/96 15:01 WA MARITIME MUSEUM 09 4305120 001 Western Australian TAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET Maritime TO: NAME: JOHN) CLARKE ORGANIZATION: CITY/TOWN: Materials Conservation Department Cliff Street, Fremantle FROM: NAME: ALAN KENDRICK Western Australia 6160 Tel: (09) 43;8499 Fax: (09) 3357224 DEPARTMENT: WAMM. NO. OF PAGES TO FOLLOW: DATE: 26.11.96 MESSAGE/COMMENTS This is from Lloye's 1959-60. Not your boat as it is still registered in 1964. we have lists of back registrations in W.A. of over this period & there is not Linda mantioned. Registered in another state maybe? cheers, Alan

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