

# MATUNGA

23 December 2012



S.S. MATUNGA

**MATUNGA** 1,618 tons. Lbd: 273" x 37'1" x 17'2". Steel passenger-cargo steamship built by Napier & Miller Ltd., Glasgow as the *Zweena* for the Mersey Steamship Co., Liverpool. Acquired 1910 by this concern for their Solomon Islands trade. En route to Rabaul from Sydney via Newcastle, she was captured and sunk by the German raider 'Wolf' near Waigeu Island, North-East of Dutch New Guinea on the 26th July 1917. Photograph taken as vessel lay in Alexis Harbour in German New Guinea

Source: <http://www.flotilla-australia.com/burnsphilp3.htm#moresby1-bp>

Year	Sydney Departure	Sydney Arrival	Port Destination
MATUNGA replaced the MALAITA for one run in the New Hebrides trade during an overhaul of MALAITA			
1910	1910-04-30	1910-05-28	Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides, Capt. Weatherall
MATUNGA was in Vila from 16 – 20 April			

### **MATUNGA, FROM NEW HEBRIDES.**

Burns, Philp, and Co.'s steamer *Matunga* arrived in port at 8 p.m. on Saturday from New Hebrides, via Norfolk Island and Lord Howe Island. Captain Wetherall reports leaving Sydney on May 1, and arriving at Lord Howe Island at 7.30 a.m. on the 3rd. The vessel left, again at 2 p.m. the same day for Norfolk Island, arriving there at 12.30 p.m. on the 6th.

Owing to heavy sea breaking all round the island only mails and passengers were landed. The ship stopped for the night at the Cascade, and went round to the town at daylight, but as the weather continued squally with a very low barometer, the ship was headed for Vila (New Hebrides), which port was reached on the 16th. After transshipment with the *Tambo*, which vessel proceeded round the group again, the *Matunga* left for Norfolk Island on the 20th, arriving there on the 23rd at 8 p.m. The voyage was resumed at 3.30 p.m. on the 24th for Lord Howe Island, which was reached at 6 p.m. on the 26th, and the *Matunga* left for Sydney direct at 11 p.m.

H.M.S. *Pegasus* arrived at Vila at midnight on the 19th, and left again on the 20th at noon for Fiji.

The *Matunga* brings the following cargo:—342 tons copra, 1127 bags maize, 168 bags palm seeds, 200 cases fruit, and a quantity of sundries.