

**THE NEW HEBRIDES RUNS OF THE MULIAMA  
BURNS PHILP & CO. LTD. IN 1947-48.**

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**MULIAMA** 689 gross tons, 384 net. Lbd: 165'7" x 31'1" x 12'6". (50.5 x 9.5 metres) on: 159461. Steel motorship built by Hong Kong & Whampoa Dockyard, Hong Kong for this concern's New Guinea trade. Single screw, diesel engine 148bhp 9 knots. 12 passenger capacity. Requisitioned 1941-2 WW2 served Darwin to Port Moresby shuttle. Sold 1957, in May to John Manners Hong Kong based shipping concern and renamed *Paloma*. 1958 renamed *La Paloma*. Later 1958 renamed *Soon Huat* for Great Asia Shipping Co. 1961 owned by Hua Siang Steamship Co and renamed *Selamat* working out of Singapore. Was still operating 1978. Deleted 1986 from Lloyd's register (last sighted 1978)

Data thanks to: <http://www.flotilla-australia.com/burnsphilp3.htm#muliama-bp>



<http://www.flotilla-australia.com/images/muliama-jh.jpg>

| Year   | SYDNEY departure | back at SYDNEY | port destination                 |
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| In 1947 the MORINDA which was the only connection between Sydney, Lord Howe Island, Norfolk Island and the New Hebrides needed a complete overhaul after the war. This was supposed to take three months in which there would have been no island connection at all.<br>When it was clear that the refitting took longer (11 months finally) the much smaller vessel MULIAMA was employed to take care of the needs of the islanders. She made six runs. |                  |                |                                  |
| 1947   | 1947-08-05       | 1947-09-19     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |
| 1947   | 1947-09-29       | 1947-11-15     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |
| 1947-48  | 1947-11-28       | 1948-01-09     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |
| 1948   | 1948-01-23       | 1948-03-05     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |
| 1948   | 1948-03-17       | 1948-04-30     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |
| 1948   | 1948-05-12       | 1948-07-09     | Lord Howe, Norfolk, New Hebrides |

**Addendum in August 2016:**

**Thanks to David Jackson who sent us a photo taken in April 1980 in Karachi:  
The MULIAMA showed up as SELAMAT and is looking quite uncared-for.**

