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Dutch Submarine K.X.V. III Arrives in Fremantle

Perth, June 21 – The Dutch submarine K.X.V. III arrived in Fremantle last night after a seven-month journey of over 21,000 miles. She is the first submarine to enter the harbor.

The vessel will remain at Fremantle until July 2, when she will leave for Surabaya, which is the terminal point of her voyage. There she will join 17 other submarines of the Royal Netherlands Navy already stationed there.

The complement of the submarine consists of six officers and 28 ratings, with Professor Meinesz as sole passenger.

The vessel has a standard displacement of 777 tons, with a length of 242 feet, a beam of 20 feet and a draught of 15 feet. Two diesel engines, of 1600 horsepower each, drive her at a speed of 18 knots on the surface and nine knots submerged. Under normal conditions, she has a range of approximately 11,000 sea miles.

The armament consists of eight torpedo tubes, of which four are bow tubes and two stern tubes, and two are in the superstructure amidships. She also has a 3.5-inch gun and two machine guns mounted fore and aft the bridge on the conning tower.

The arrival of the K.X.V. III is a significant event, as it is the first time a Dutch submarine has visited Fremantle. The visit is a sign of the strong ties between the Netherlands and Australia, and it is sure to be a popular attraction for visitors to the city.

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