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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL's" Letter of 16th Sept., '41)

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LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS "INNISFAIL".

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The Secretary,
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Commodore.

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H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL".

at SYDNEY. 16 September, 1941.

The Commodore-in-Charge,
SYDNEY.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of commissioning of H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" at Townsville, Qld., and proceeding to Sydney via Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "INNISFAIL" commissioned 0900 3 September, 1941, and hands were employed provisioning and cleaning ship. Cargo was loaded on Thursday, 4 September. Ship was shifted to Crane Berth on Friday, 5th September, at 0730 and 61 tons of Bunkers were taken. Sailing orders were received at 1515 on 5 Sept. from N.O.I.C. Townsville and I proceeded ~~ed~~ in execution of those orders at 1530 same day. Nothing of any importance occurred on passage to Brisbane via Witsunday Passage and ship arrived at Brisbane at 0110 Wednesday, 10th September, secured at Hamilton Wharf, Brisbane. Cargo was discharged from 0900 to 1430 and vessel was warped to Bretts' Wharf where loading commenced. At 2100 loading was completed and bunkering commenced. Bunkering was completed at 2330, having received 40 tons.

At 0524 on Thursday, 11th, slipped and proceeded in execution of previous orders. A good passage was made until passing South Solitary Island at 0145 on Saturday, 13th Sept., when S.S.W. wind, force 4/5, moderate sea and swell were experienced. The vessel was labouring and pitching heavily so that I deemed it necessary to steer for Trial Bay and take shelter. At 1530 vessel was anchored in Trial Bay and I proceeded ashore to Signal Station and informed Staff Officer, Sydney, by telephone. At 0600 on Sunday, 14th Sept., favourable weather report was received from Smokey Cape Lighthouse and at 0624 I hove up and proceeded. At 1300 on Monday 15 Sept., entered Sydney harbour and proceeded at No. 23 Darling Harbour as ordered by examination vessel, securing at 1407. Discharge of cargo was commenced at 1410 and completed at 2140.

At 0910 Tuesday 16th slipped and proceeded, securing alongside H.M.A.S. "Narani" at Garden Island 1007.

Lt. Cdr. J.H. Thompson, R.A.N.R. (S) assumed command at 1200.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



J. H. Thompson

Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R. (S).

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