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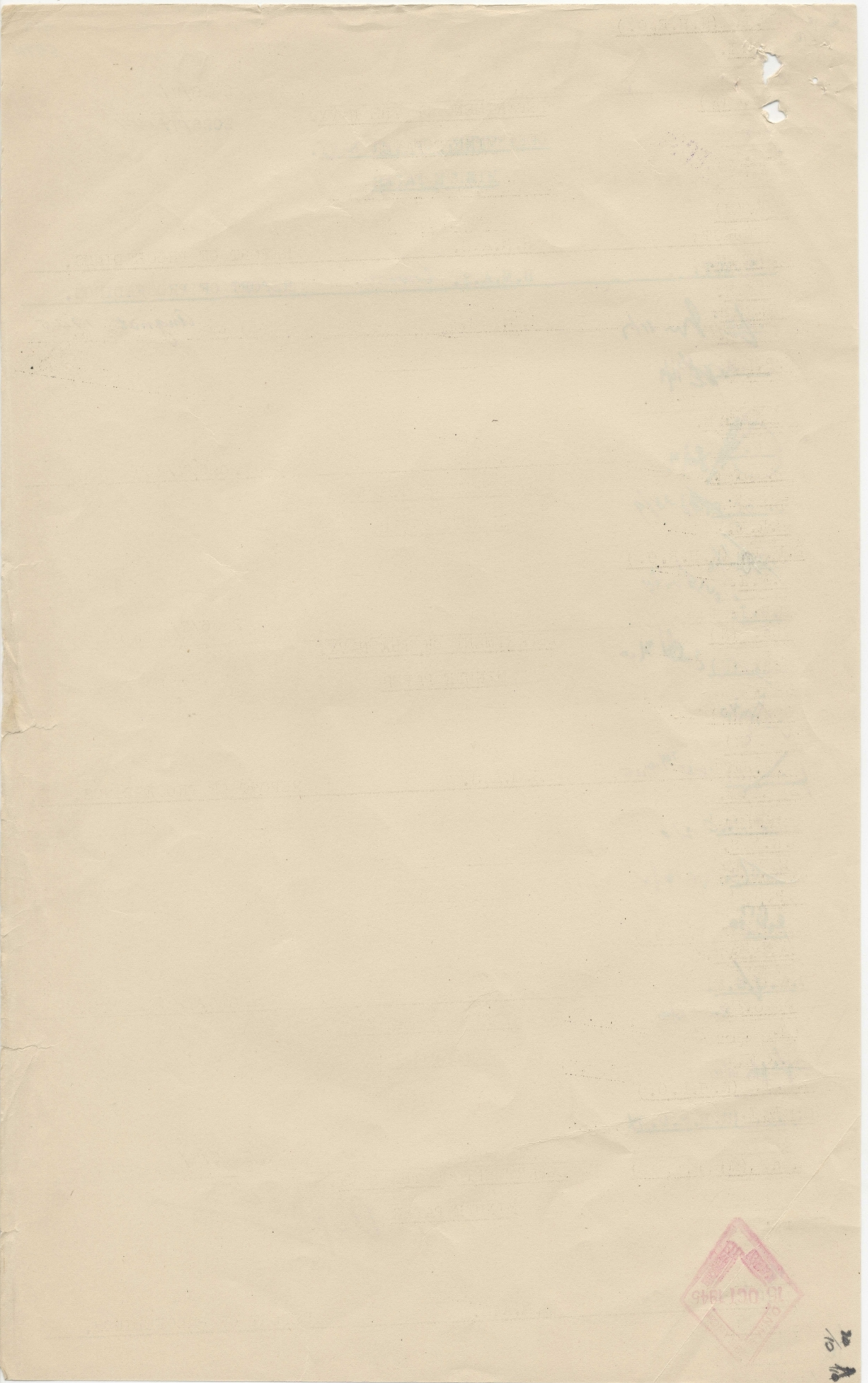
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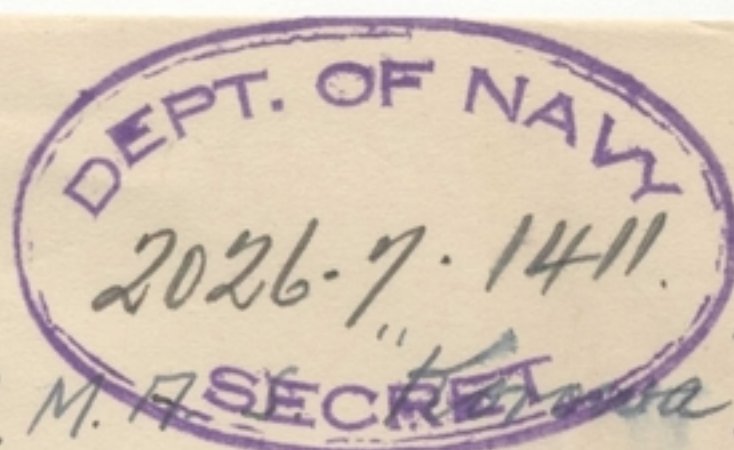
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H.M.A.

Sydney.

1st September 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge
Port Melbourne.
(Copy to The Secretary Naval Board.)

Sir.

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending
31st August 1945.

On the 4th August we operated as necessary for the Radar
calibrations of H.M.S. "Ursa"; on completion of this duty vessel proceeded
on voyage to Sydney, leaving Williamstown at 1534 K/4 and arriving at
Sydney at 1715 K/7; when 5 miles off Sydney Heads the fishing launch
"Dawn", L.F.B. 36733, was observed to be in distress, and we towed the
launch into Harbour.

Vessel has since remained in port, destoring ship and
preparing to hand over to the Owners, Red Funnel Trawlers Ltd.,
vessel should be ready to be handed over on the 4th September. The
crew were discharged to H.M.A.S. "Lonsdale" for disposal on the 28th
August, a ship-keeping party of 7 hands being retained on board.

Hours under way for the month of August = 76 hrs. 49 mins.
Total distance steamed = 620 miles. Average distance = 17 miles to one
ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October 1944 = 11,422 miles
at an average speed of 6.7 knots. Total hours under way = 1714 hrs.
04 mins.

I have the Honour to be, Sir.

Your Obedient Servant

C. W. Whyte

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

Commanding Officer.

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1st September, 1945.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending 31st August, 1945.

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I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(SGD) C.A. WHYTE

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office Letter 053065 of 23 October, 1944.

[Signature]
A/Commander, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge

4 September, 1945
Port Melbourne.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

July 1945.

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H.M.A.S. "KOROWA"
PORT MELBOURNE.

1st August, 1945.

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INIT. *[Signature]*The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to; The Secretary, Naval Board)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending
31st July, 1945.

Vessel sailed at 0800K/3 for Cape Otway area, and carried out a single oropesa sweep off Cape Otway on the 4th July, then proceeded to Wilson's Promontory area for sweeps and patrols as necessary until the 8th, when we were recalled and berthed at Inner West Nelson Pier, Williamstown, at 1300K/9.

Vessel since has remained in Port Phillip, being engaged on the 11th operating as required for Radar calibrations of the H.M.S. "Whelp". Vessel then commenced preparing for return to the Owners, Red Funnel Trawlers Ltd, entering Duke and Orr's dry-dock at 0900K/16, when E.10 port and starboard plates were renewed, and underwater part of hull sealed and painted, vessel undocked at 1500K/26 and returned to Williamstown, and has since continued preparations for returning to trade.

The standard of health and conduct of the Ship's Company is good; condition of the Ship is very good. *W*

Hours under way for the month of July - 59 Hours 42 minutes. Total Distance steamed 465 miles. Average distance steamed since 1st October 1944 - 10802 miles at an average speed of 6.6 knots. Total hours under way since 1st October, 1944 - 1637 hours 15 minutes.

I have the Honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*[Signature]*Lieutenant R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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June, 1945.

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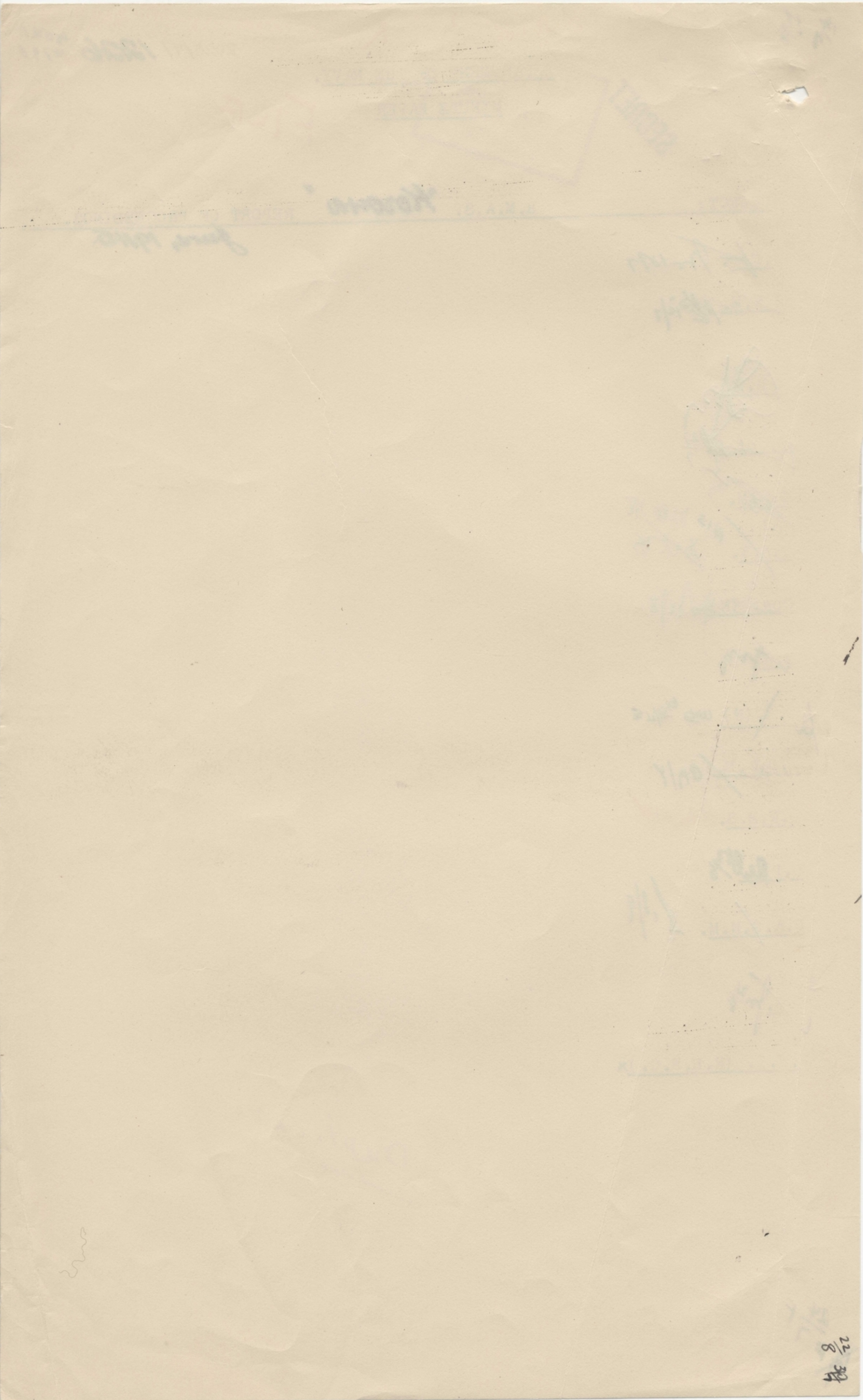
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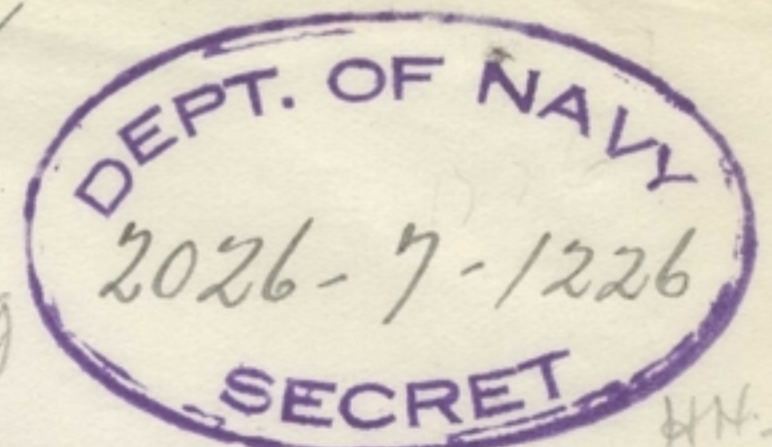
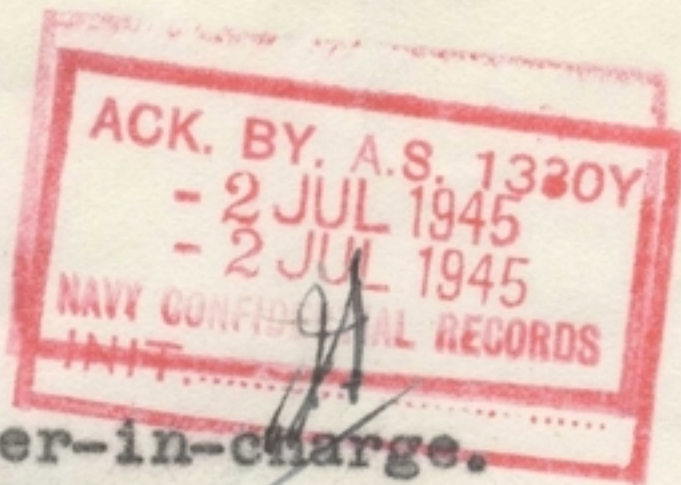
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H.M.A.S. "Korowa".
Port Melbourne.
1st. July 1945.

The Naval Officer-in-charge.
Port Melbourne.
(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending
30th. June 1945.

Vessel arrived at Reid Street Pier Williamstown from Sydney at 0830k/1st. June, and closed down for Boiler cleaning on arrival. Boiler cleaning was completed A.M. 7th, and we sailed at 1300 k. same day for Cape Otway, where a single Oropesa sweep was carried out from dawn to dusk on the 8th, sweeps were then taken in and we proceeded to Wilson Promontory area, where we carried out sweeps and patrols until the 14th. June; at 0925k/9, approaching Citadel Island, a "King George V" class Battleship passed West.

Vessel berthed at Inner East Station Pier, Port Melbourne, at 0910k/15, and remained in Port for 11 days while the crew were given instruction in Gunnery and general drills at H.M.A.S. "Lonsdale". Vessel sailed again at 1200k/25 for Cape Otway, then proceeded to Wilson Promontory and returned to Port Melbourne, sweeping having proved impossible on voyage owing to heavy weather, vessel berthed at middle west, Nelson Pier at 1300k/28; on the 29th. we were employed operating as necessary for Radar Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Cessnock", then remained at Williamstown until close of month.

The standard of health and conduct of the Ship's Company is very good condition of the Ship is very good.

Hours under way for the month of June @ 120 hours 44 Mins.
Total distance steamed = 909 Miles, Average distance = 14.2 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance since 1st. October 1944 = 10337 miles at an average speed of 6.55 knots. Total hours under way since 1st. October 1944 = 1577 hours 33 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

R.A. Whyte

Lieutenant R.A.N.R. (S).
Commanding Officer.

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H.M.A.S. "Korona"
Port Melbourne,
1st June, 1945.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Melbourne.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending
31st May, 1945.

Vessel continued sweeping in the Wilson's Promontory area until Wednesday, 2nd May when we returned and berthed on "Ping Wo" at West Wing Station Pier, Port Melbourne at 1345K/3. Vessel remained in port until the 12th May; being engaged on the 7th May recovering dummy Depth Charges and operating for Radar Calibrations for H.M.A.S. "Lithgow", then operating for Radar Calibrations for H.M.A.S. "Gympie" on the 9th May. Vessel sailed for Cape Otway at 1300K/12 and carried out a single Oropesa Sweep in that area on the 13th May, then proceeding to Wilson's Promontory area and carried out single Oropesa Sweeps and Patrols as requisite in that area until the 17th May and returning to berth at Nelson's Pier, Williamstown at 1000K/18.

On completion of bunkering and storing Ship, we sailed at 1230K/19 and rendezvoused with H.M. Tugs "Lariat" and "Integrity" with A.F.D. 17 in tow at a position south of Cape Nelson and escorted this Unit to Sydney, berthing at Garden Island at 1000K/26. Vessel sailed from Sydney independently at 1000K/29 on the return trip to Melbourne.

The standard of health and conduct of the Ship's Company is very good; condition of the Ship is good.

Hours under way for the month of May = 299 hours, 03 mins. Total distance steamed = 2120 miles. Average distance = 17.2 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944 = 9428 miles at an average speed of 6.5 knots. Total hours under way since 1st October, 1944 = 1456 hours, 49 mins.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) C A WHYTE.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer

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*N.I.S. **
D.N.I. (N.N.R.O.)

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
4th June, 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1945.

A. M. Barker
Chas. Lessor

[Signature]
A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

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H.M.A.S. "Korowa",
NAVAL STAFF OFFICE
Port Melbourne,
1st May, 1945.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending
30th April, 1945.

Vessel remained in Port Phillip until the 3rd April when
we sailed at 1000K to a position S.E. of Cape Nelson to intercept
H.M. Submarine "Virtue" and then escorted this vessel back to Port
Phillip. On arrival in Port Phillip, "Korowa" rendezvoused with
H.M.A.S. "Junee" and operated as necessary for that vessel's radar
calibrations, proceeding to and berthing at Nelson Pier, Williamstown
at 1530K/5.

Vessel then remained in port until 1300K/9, when we sailed
to the Wilson's Promontory area and carried out Single Oropesa Sweeps
and Patrols of adjacent islands until p.m. 18th April, when we returned
to Port Melbourne, berthing at 1400K/19. On the 26th April vessel
was employed towing a pattern VI target for firing practice of H.M.A.S.
"Doomba", day and night firing. Vessel then sailed at 1100K/27 for
sweeping in Cape Otway area on the 28th April, carrying out a practice
full-calibre shoot in area "NX" en route. Vessel then proceeded to
the Wilson's Promontory area p.m. 28th April and continued sweeping
and patrolling adjacent islands in that area at the close of the month.

The standard of health and conduct of the ship's company
is good; condition of ship is good.

Hours under way for the month of April = 184 hours, 54 mins.
Total distance steamed = 1333 miles. Average distance = 14 miles
to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944
= 7308 miles at an average speed of 6.32 knots. Total hours under
way since 1st October, 1944 = 1157 hours, 46 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. Whyte

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
7th May, 1945.

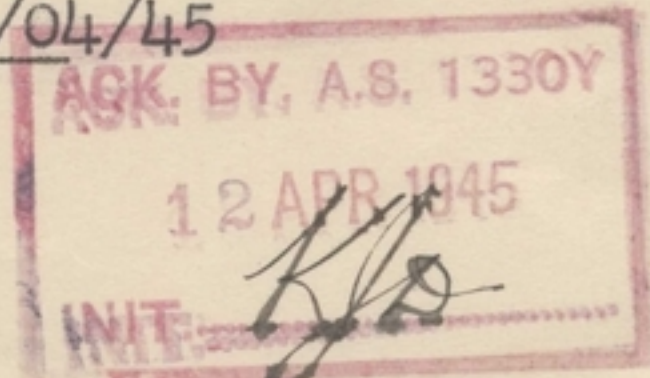
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with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1945.

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A/Commander, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

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H.M.A.S. "Korowa",
Port Melbourne,
1st April, 1945.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending 31st March, 1945.

On the 2nd March vessel sailed to intercept and escort H.M. Submarine "Vox" to Port Phillip, returning to Nelson Pier at 1110K 3rd March. On berthing the boiler was blown down and vessel prepared for dry-docking, boiler cleaning being carried out at the same time. Vessel entered the Melbourne Steamship Company's Floating Dock at 0703K/5th March. Ship's bottom was scaled and painted and vessel undocked at 0805K/7th March. Boiler cleaning was completed A.M. 7th March.

On 8th March vessel was employed as Target Vessel for Radar Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Barcoo"; on returning to Middle East, Nelson Pier, Williamstown vessel bunkered, then commenced preparing for inspection by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne, which was carried out on the 14th March. Vessel sailed at 1300K 15th March for Cape Otway Area, where a single Oropesa Sweep was carried out on the 16th March and vessel then proceeded to Wilson's Promontory Area, where vessel swept and patrolled until the 27th March when vessel returned to Melbourne. On the 22nd March vessel proceeded to Port Welshpool to land an injured rating, loaded remaining stock of coal from the jetty on the 23rd and sailed to resume sweeping on the 24th March. Vessel was employed as target vessel for Radar Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Napier" on the 28th March.

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is good; condition of ship is good.

Hours under way for month of March = 119 hours 33 mins.
Total distance steamed = 917 miles. Average distance 13 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944 = 5975 miles at an average speed of 6.39 knots. Total hours under way since 1st October, 1944 = 972 hours, 52 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[Signature: E.A. Whyte]

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

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Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
9th April, 1945. ✓

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1944.

[Signature]
A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

Royal Australian Navy

H.M.A.S. "Porpoise"
Port Melbourne
1st April, 1945

Naval Officer-in-Charge
PORT MELBOURNE

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month ending 31st March, 1945.

On the 2nd March vessel sailed to intercept and escort H.M. Submarine "Vox" to Port Phillip, returning to Nelson Pier at 1100 3rd March. On berthing the boiler was blown down and vessel prepared for dry-docking, boiler cleaning being carried out at the same time. Vessel entered the Melbourne Steamship Company's Floating Dock at 0700 5th March. Ship's bottom was sealed and painted and vessel undocked at 0800 7th March. Boiler cleaning was completed at 0800 7th March.

On 8th March vessel was employed as Target Vessel for Radar Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Harcon"; on returning to Middle East, Nelson Pier, Williamstown vessel bunkered, then commenced proceeding for inspection by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne, which was carried out on the 14th March. Vessel sailed at 1300 15th March for Cape Otway Area, where a single engine gear was carried out on the 16th March and vessel then proceeded to Nelson's Promontory, where vessel was dry-docked and boiler cleaned. On the 22nd March vessel returned to Port Melbourne to land an injured rating, loaded remaining stock of coal from the jetty on the 27th and sailed to resume sweeping on the 28th March. Vessel was employed as target vessel for Radar Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Harcon" on the 28th March.

The standard of health and conduct of ship's Company is good; condition of ship is good.

Hours under way for month of March = 119 hours 33 mins.
Total distance steamed = 917 miles. Average distance 17 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944 = 5975 miles at an average speed of 6.39 knots. Total hours under way since 1st October, 1944 = 972 hours, 52 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieutenant, R.A.N. (S)
Commanding Officer

Naval Staff Office
Port Melbourne
1st April, 1945

The Secretary, Naval Board
Naval Staff Office

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 0700 of 2nd October, 1944.

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February 1945.

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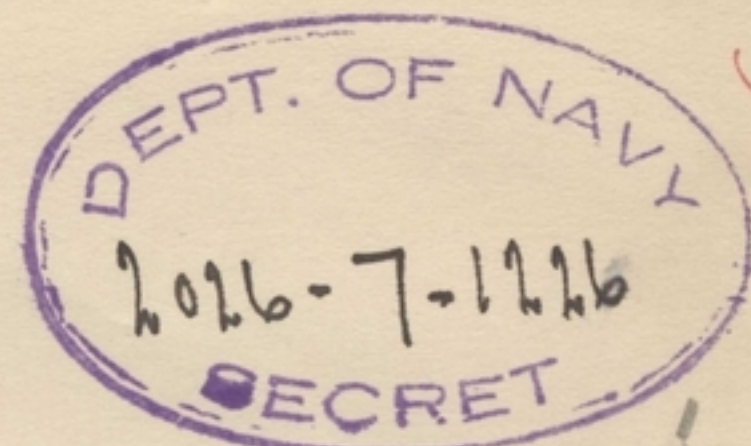
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H.M.A.S. "Korowa",
Port Melbourne,
1st March, 1945.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).

Sir.

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of February 1945:-

On the 1st of February vessel towed pattern V1 target for practice firings of H.M.A.S. "Nizam"; vessel then returned to West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne and remained alongside until P.M. 7th February, when vessel sailed for Cape Otway area, carrying out a single Oropesa sweep there on the 8th February, then proceeded to Wilson's Promontory area and carried out single Oropesa sweeps and patrols from the 9th February to the 15th February. Vessel then returned to Melbourne, berthing at Nelson Pier, Williamstown P.M. 16th February.

Vessel remained in Port Phillip until the 21st February; on the 17th February vessel acted as transmitting ship for R.D.F. calibrations of R.F.A. "San Ambrosio". On the 20th February vessel was target ship for Radar calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Glenelg". Vessel sailed P.M. 21st February to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "Voracious" and escorted that vessel to Port Phillip, berthing at Nelson Pier A.M., 23rd February. On 28th February vessel towed an "Excellent" target for the practice firings of H.M.N.S. "Tromp".

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is good; condition of ship is good.

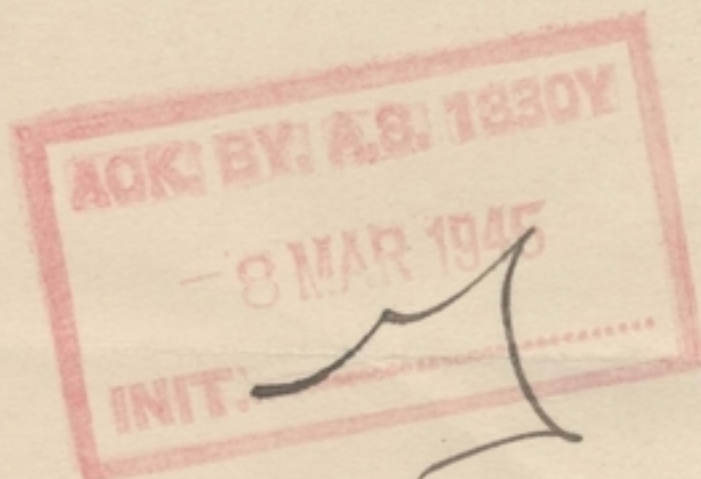
Hours under way for month of February, 127 hours, 23 mins. Total distance steamed 904.5 miles. Average distance 12.2 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October 1944, = 5058 miles at an average speed of 5.9 knots. Total hours under way from 1st October, 1944, = 853 hours, 19 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

C.A. Whyte

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.



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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1944.

[Signature]
A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
6th March, 1945. ✓

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January 1945.

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1. The following is a list of the names of the personnel who were present at the meeting held on 11th January 1942 at the Korowa Camp, New South Wales. The names are given in the order in which they were called.

2. The names of the personnel who were present at the meeting held on 12th January 1942 at the Korowa Camp, New South Wales, are given in the order in which they were called.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board
in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October,
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A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
6th February, 1945.

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H.M.A.S. "Korowa",
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Port Melbourne,
1st February, 1945.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Melbourne.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of
January, 1945.

Vessel was operating under the orders of the Commanding
Officer, H.M.A.S. "Hobart" from the 2nd January to the 9th January
during "Hobart's" working up period; being engaged in towing targets
and as target vessel for Radar Calibrations. On Sunday 7th January
vessel was engaged picking up dummy depth charges and for Radar
Calibrations of H.M.A.S. "Bower"; all above movements were in Port
Phillip.

Vessel sailed at 2130K on the 10th January for a
position south of Cape Nelson to carry out a searching sweep;
returning to Nelson Pier, Williamstown at 1530K on the 14th
January. Vessel bunkered and sailed again at 1609K on the 15th
January for Cape Otway, carried out a single Copesa searching
sweep on the 16th January, then returned to berth at Nelson Pier
at 1045K on the 17th January.

Vessel sailed again at 2100K on the 18th January to
Wilson's Promontory and carried out a single Copesa searching
sweep on the 19th, 20th and 21st January, then returned to berth
at Nelson Pier at 1210K on the 22nd January. Vessel had gunnery
trials in area NX on the 23rd January, then sailed at 0450K on the
24th January escorting the R.N.N. submarine "K.14" to a position
south of Cape Nelson, then returned to berth at West Wing Station
Pier at 1354K on the 26th January. Vessel has since been working
in Port Phillip towing targets and target vessel for Radar
Calibrations for H.M.A.S. "Nizam".

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is
good, and condition of ship is satisfactory.

Hours under way for month of January, 281 hours 51 mins.
Total distance steamed, 1603 miles. Average distance, 12 miles
to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October,
1944 - 4153.5 miles at an average speed of 5.72 knots. Total
hours underway from 1st October, 1944 - 725 hours 56 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Sgt. C. A. Whyte

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.



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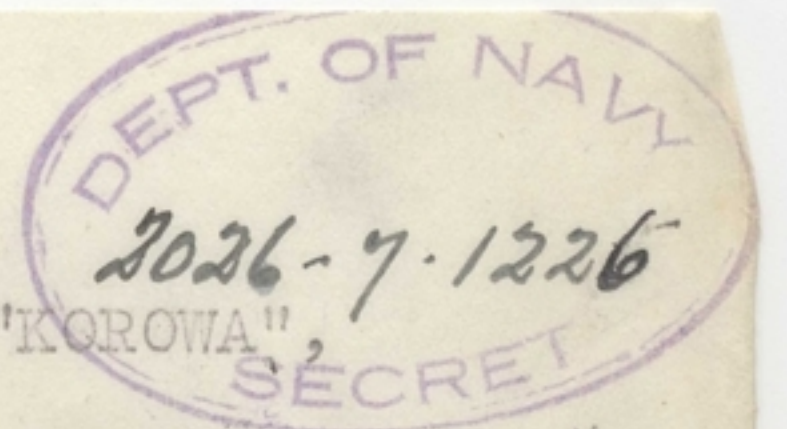
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H.M.A.S. "KOROWA" ✓

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1st January, 1945.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to
The Secretary, Naval Board.)

HN. Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of
December, 1944.

Vessel shifted A.M. 2nd December to Inner Berth, Reid Street
Pier, Williamstown from Port Melbourne, and became immobilized while
repairs were effected. Repairs were completed at 1700K, 20th December,
and vessel was engaged on the 21st December towing a pattern V1
target for practice firings of H.M.A.S.'S "Ballarat", "Kalgoolie" and
"Goulburn."

Vessel sailed at 1600K 21st December for Sweeps and Patrols
in the Wilson's Promontory and Cape Otway areas, returning to Inner
East, Reid Street Pier, Williamstown at 0700K 30th December for minor
repairs.

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is
good. Conditions on board, and condition of ship is satisfactory.

Hours underway for month of December 108 Hrs. 46 minutes.
Total distance steamed 585 miles. Average distance 9.6 miles to
ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944
2549.5 miles at an average speed of 5.7 Knots. Total hours underway
from 1st October 1944; 444 hours 05 minutes.

I have the Honour to be, Sir.

Your Obedient Servant,

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.(S)
Commanding Officer.

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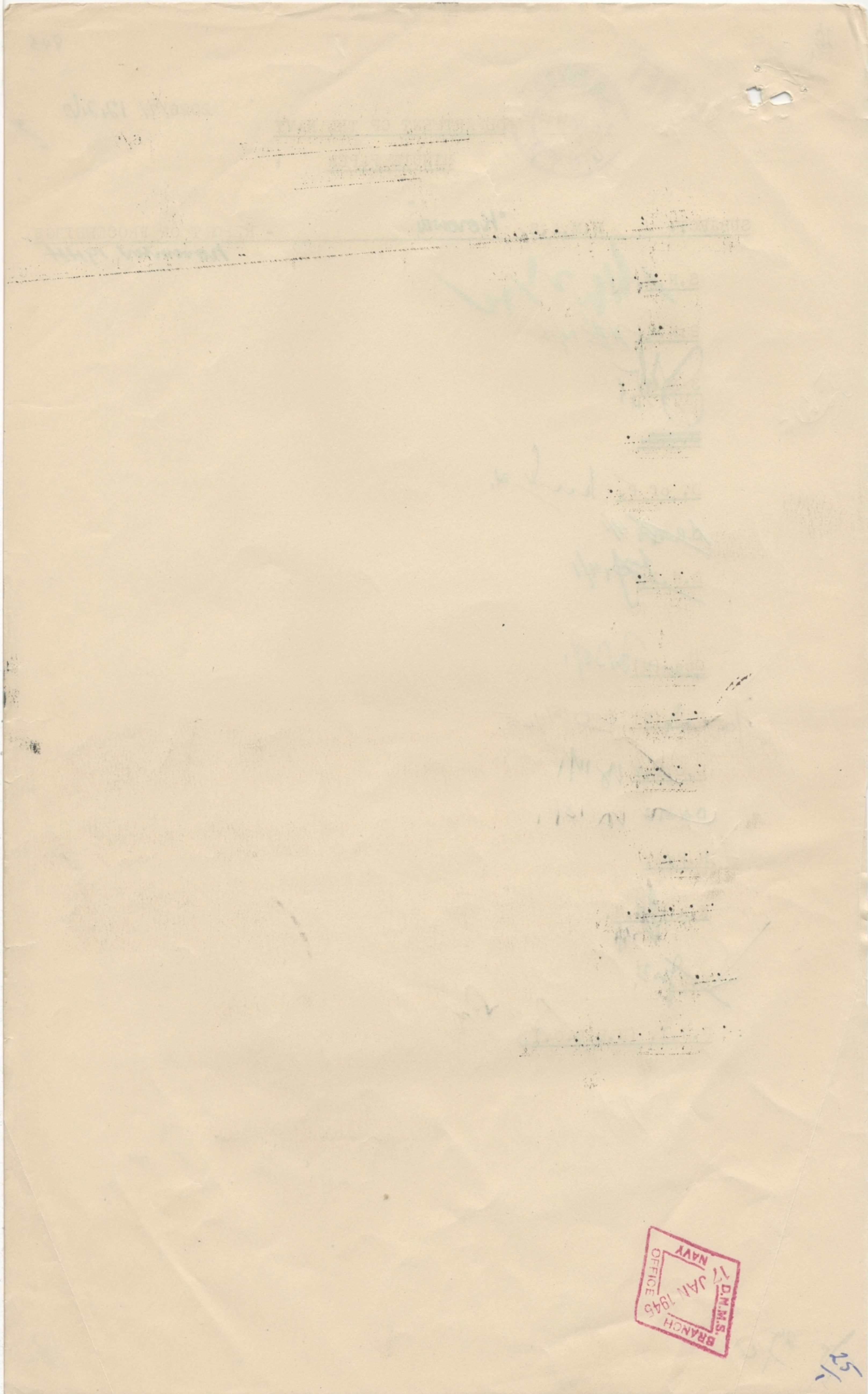
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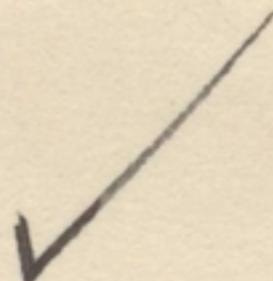
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NAVAL STAFF OFFICE
Port Melbourne,
11th December, 1944.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1944.

2. With reference to the Commanding Officer's remarks in paragraph 3 on the collision with Station Pier on 30th November, this has been dealt with separately in my submission C.145/7 of 6th December, 1944.

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A/Commander, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

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H.M.A.S. "KOROWA",
Port Melbourne,
4th December, 1944.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Melbourne.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of
November, 1944.

2. Vessel berthed at Inner West Station Pier at 0840K/1st
November, remaining in port until the 8th November. Vessel towed
pattern VI. target on 7th November for practice firing of H.M.A.S.
"Doomba". Vessel sailed at 0830K, 8th November for sweeps and
patrols off Wilson's Promontory and to Welshpool for bunkering;
arriving Welshpool P.M./10th November and sailing A.M./13th November;
returned to Inner West Station Pier, Port Melbourne A.M./15th
November.

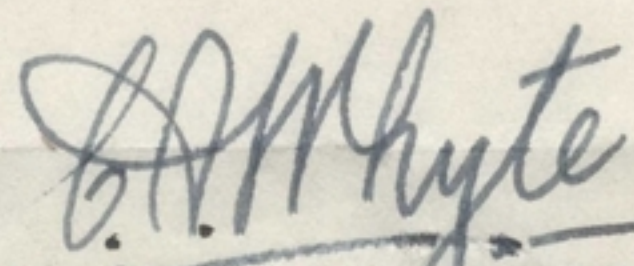
3. Vessel was engaged cruising in Port Phillip Bay on 18th
and 19th November for calibration of Radar by H.M.A.S. "Ballarat";
sailed A.M./20th for sweeps and patrols Cape Otway area and returned
to Inner West Station Pier, Port Melbourne P.M./22nd November.
Vessel was engaged towing pattern VI. target for practice firings
of H.M.A.S. "Doomba" on 23rd November and sailed A.M. 27th in company
with, and under the orders of R.N.N. Submarine "K.14" for exercises
with R.A.A.F. in Bass Strait, returning to Inner West Station Pier,
Port Melbourne P.M. 30th November. Vessel's anchor struck stringer
of wharf while berthing and vessel sustained damage to Hawse Pipe and
adjoining plate.

4. The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is
good. Conditions on board and condition of ship is satisfactory. *W*

5. Hours under weigh for month of November 157 hours 43 mins.
Total distance steamed 739.5 miles. Average distance 10.5 miles per
ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944, 1964.5
miles at an average speed of 5.8 knots. Total hours under weigh from
1st October, 1944 335 hours, 19 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



Lieutenant. R.A.N.R.(S)
Commanding Officer.

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NAVAL STAFF OFFICE

H.M.A.S. "KOROWA",

Port Melbourne,

4th December, 1944.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Melbourne.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).

Sir,

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of November, 1944.

Vessel berthed at Inner West Station Pier at 0840K/1st November, remaining in port until the 8th November. Vessel towed pattern VI. target on 7th November for practice firing of H.M.A.S. "Doomba". Vessel sailed at 0830K, 8th November for sweeps and patrols off Wilson's Promontory and to Welshpool for bunkering; arriving Welshpool P.M./10th November and sailing A.M./13th November; returned to Inner West Station Pier, Port Melbourne A.M./15th November.

Vessel was engaged cruising in Port Phillip Bay on 18th and 19th November for calibration of Radar by H.M.A.S. "Ballarat"; sailed A.M./20th for sweeps and patrols Cape Otway area and returned to Inner West Station Pier, Port Melbourne P.M./22nd November. Vessel was engaged towing pattern VI. target for practice firings of H.M.A.S. "Doomba" on 23rd November and sailed A.M. 27th in company with, and under the orders of R.N.N. Submarine "K.14" for exercises with R.A.A.F. in Bass Strait, returning to Inner West Station Pier, Port Melbourne P.M. 30th November. Vessel's anchor struck stringer of wharf while berthing and vessel sustained damage to Hawse Pipe and adjoining plate.

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company is good. Conditions on board and condition of ship is satisfactory.

Hours under weigh for month of November 157 hours 43 mins. Total distance steamed 739.5 miles. Average distance 10.5 miles per ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st October, 1944, 1964.5 miles at an average speed of 5.8 knots. Total hours under weigh from 1st October, 1944 335 hours, 19 minutes.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Lieutenant. R.A.N.R.(S)
Commanding Officer.

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H.M.A.S. "Korowa"

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE

Port Melbourne,

3rd November, 1944.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

HN. (Copy to the Secretary, Naval Board.)

Sir.

Submitted is report of Operations for the month of October, 1944.

2. 1st October, vessel carried out single Oropesa sweep off Cape Otway and returned to Melbourne A.M. 2nd October, berthing at Nelson Pier, Williamstown. Vessel remained in port until 11th October, carrying out the following duties in the interim. 3rd October, cruising for H.M.A.S. "Stawell" to calibrate Radar. 5th October, searching for reported floating object outside Port Phillip Heads - result negative. 9th October, cruising for H.M.A.S. "Napier" to calibrate Radar. 10th October, towing target for Gunnery practice for H.M.A.S. "Nepal".

3. Vessel proceeded to Cape Otway on the 11th October and carried out a single Oropesa searching sweep in that area until the 13th October. On the 14th October, vessel proceeded to Wilson's Promontory and swept in that area until the 17th October, when vessel returned to Melbourne, berthing at Station Pier, Port Melbourne, A.M. 18th October, vessel remaining at wharf for general repairs until the 23rd October.

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4. On the 24th October, vessel proceeded outside the Heads to rendezvous with the Dutch submarine K.15, then returned to Swan Island to load depth charges. On 25th October, vessel proceeded to sea and dropped three condemned depth charges for practice in 35 fathoms of water; pistols set at 500 feet, 350 feet and 250 feet respectively; vessel then continued to Cape Otway and carried out single Oropesa searching sweep in that area until 27th October, then proceeding to Wilson's Promontory, in which area searching sweep was continued until the 31st October. = 210 feet

5. The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company has remained satisfactory. Conditions on board are comparative with other vessels of the Trawler class, and condition of ship is fair considering the vessel's age.

6. Hours under weigh for month of October, 177 Hours, 36 minutes. Total distance steamed, 1225 miles. Average distance, 13.5 miles per ton of coal. No data to hand for compiling total figures.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. A. Whyte

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Lieutenant. R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

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Submitted is report of Operations for the month of October,
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On the 24th October, vessel proceeded outside the Heads to rendezvous with the Dutch submarine K.15, then returned to Swan Island to load depth charges. On 25th October, vessel proceeded to sea and dropped three condemned depth charges for practice in 35 fathoms of water; pistols set at 500 feet, 350 feet and 250 feet respectively, vessel then continued to Cape Otway and carried out single Oropesa searching sweep in that area until 27th October, then proceeding to Wilson's Promontory, in which area searching sweep was continued until the 31st October.

The standard of health and conduct of Ship's Company has remained satisfactory. Conditions on board are comparative with other vessels of the Trawler class, and condition of the ship is fair considering the vessel's age.

Hours under weigh for month of October, 177 Hours, 36 minutes. Total distance steamed, 1225 miles. Average distance, 13.5 miles per ton of coal. No data to hand for compiling total figures.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) C A WHYTE.
Lieutenant. R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 053065 of 23rd October, 1944.

Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne,
9th November, 1944.

[Signature]
A. Commander, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

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