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RECONNAISSANCE TO AROE AND BANDA ISLANDS

21 OCT 45.

H.M.A.S. "KRAIT" slipped moorings and proceeded to sea in accordance with NOIC'S signal 040640Z at 1600I 4th October 1945. Heavy weather was encountered as soon as we cleared AMBON. A SE wind force 6 and a heavy sea running made conditions on board most uncomfortable.

At 1500 hrs next day 5th we closed BANDA ISLAND and at 1600 I moored to KPM buoy NAIKA, for the night.

From enquiries made ashore it was learned that a Javanese doctor named Dr. R. SOEWARNO TJOKROWARDOJO was head man. He spoke English and upon his invitation we visited his house that evening. It was quite a formal affair, the local police guard being lined up at the Residency and the doctor had all his district chiefs there and presented them to us.

He was able to supply the following information which tallied with independant enquiries made among the natives.

1. There are no Japanese on the island now.
2. There were 17 Japs stationed there under ~~XXX~~ a Sgt, acting as coast watchers, but had departed for AMBON on August 23 1945.
3. There are 80 drums (44gal) of aviation spirit left by the Japanese on the island.
4. 22-250lb Jap aerial bombs were located in cases in the old fort.
5. Particulars of an Allied airman's grave which was visited and photographed are as follows :-

Name : YOUNG
683 RAAF Gp TOWNSVILLE
Plane KITTYHAWK C5-554
Engine No. A449060
Crashed 10/12/44

These details have been handed to RAAF PW Location Unit Officer.

6. The population of BANDA ISLAND was approx 6000 who were mostly engaged in production of nutmeg and other spices. Approx 500000 Guilders annually were exported prior to war. Christian and Mohammedan being about 50-50 in proportion. In these islands the feeling between them does not appear as bitter elsewhere.

The doctor explained to me pending instructions from NICA he is acting as the Town Magistrate, During the Japanese occupation he was called upon to act in a medical capacity for them and stated they interferred very little.

The people appear fairly well clothed but are very short of food.

The entire population turned out to greet and bid us farewell putting on quite a show.

Moorings were slipped at 1000 hrs 6th, and we proceeded to sea setting course for DOBO through passage between WATABOELOG and KAI ISLAND Gps. Heavy weather was again experienced during that afternoon and during the night we shipped some heavy seas which saturated the sleeping quarters and damaged the wireless and survey equipment. The wireless was dried out but difficulty was experienced in making contact with AMBON and it was not until the night of 14th that contact was made.

Arrived off DOBO at 080845 I and shaped course for entrance and at 1015 secured alongside jetty. Proceeding ashore immediately we made contact with the Japanese. They had received no advice as to our intended arrival. DOBO is not their Hq there being only 53 personnel on the island. The AROE ISLAND Hq are situated at DOKUB BARA, a nine hour barge journey away. The Japanese have a small pedal wireless at DOBO and immediately got in touch with their Hq and next morning the Area Commander Col SAKAI, 21st Infantry Bn, enquiry officer and interpreter arrived. He was of the impression that we had arrived to take over, our mission was at once explained and understood by him.

He had with him the various plans and charts of the Area giving dispositions of defences, minefields, etc., which I took over. A list is attached showing the material taken over by me and handed to Col COSTELLO on H.M.A.S. GYMPIE at DOBO on the 14 Oct. after inspection of dumps and defences at DOBO a party of six from H.M.A.S. "KRAIT" including myself and together with Col SAKAI and his staff proceeded to DOKA BAI by barge. It is seven hour run to mouth of the SERWATU RIVER and from there to their camp jetty is approx a two hour journey.

This river though wide is totally unsuitable for any but barge traffic as there is a sand bar at the mouth.

Arrived at the Hq Jetty at 091645 I transport in the shape of a truck and a jeep were waiting and took us to camp. Time did not permit a journey to all areas but the dumps and the arms and supplies were inspected

the camp. The field guns at the time of inspection had not been breached so instructions to do so were given and carried out accordingly. Officer's swords, binoculars and precision instruments were taken over and subsequently placed on board H.M.A.S "GYMPIE".

The Japanese had prepared quarters for Aust Army personnel, sufficient for 50 at HQ and 100 at DOBO.

The minefield on SW coast of TRANGAN ISLAND between TUGONG NGABORDAMLU and MERUR a contact type. It is considered by the Japanese to be inoperative as attempts were made to blow the minefield up without success, and many are buried deep in the sand. All electrical circuits have been cut. There are two Naval type 5.5 guns mounted in this area the breaches of which have been removed by the Navy and taken to KAI.

During the evening the Japs set up a w/T set upon which we endeavoured to contact NOIC AMBON but without success. There w/T set in DOKU BAIJA is capable of raising Kai or DOBO but any message for AMBON is relayed through KAI HQ.

We were away at 0615 next morning and returned to mouth of river to rendezvous with "KRAIT" at 0800 hrs. On arrival we were unable to locate the vessel and so proceeded inshore to DOBO as previously arranged in case of late arrival of either party.

We arrived at DOBO at 1500 10th Oct, boarding "KRAIT" next morning, after spending night at the Jap camp in DOBO. Bitter feeling exists between native and Christian and Mohammedan population. There were incidents of violence every day, fortunately not of a major nature, although on two occasions the situation appeared as if serious consequences might arise. The Japanese appealed to us to help as the Christians would not obey their orders and they were unable to enforce them there being only three rifles in the camp. The general impression gained was that the Japanese definitely have had the war and were most anxious to carry out the terms of surrender, and were cooperating as fully as they knew how and were afraid lest an incident occur.

On 13th H.M.A.S. GYMPIE arrived at DOBO with Col COSTELLO and party aboard, and proceeded to DOKA BAIJA to inspect the Jap HQ. The ship returned to DOBO next morning and a conference was held ashore with the Japanese and the various village chiefs. When the policy and instructions were given.

Contact by w/T was made Monday night with NOIC AMBON for the first time and instructions were given for "KRAIT" to return. Slipped and proceeded on Tuesday and arrived AMBON 181850I.

LT. TANIER'S survey party were unable to complete their task owing to their instruments being damaged by sea water. Japanese instruments were obtained at DOKA BARA, but proved unsuitable.

A list of names of possible Japanese collaborationists has been obtained and was handed to NICA Officer, a copy of which will be forwarded

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From Commanding Officer N.M.A.S. Krait

Date 8 Sep 1945 Reference No.

To The Naval Officer - in Charge Moluccas

Subject Report of Proceedings - August 1945.

Three copies of Reports of Proceedings for August 1945 are attached for:

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The Naval Officer - in Charge Moluccas.



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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. Krait

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Subject Report of Proceedings - Month of August 1945.

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Repairs to the Ruston Hornsby 3 H.P. Generating Unit, the performance of which had been unsatisfactory, were completed on 21 August and this unit is now functioning normally.

On 13 August, the ship was docked at Harwin and the hull cleaned and repainted. Copper sheathing was replaced where necessary and the stern gland repacked. Two additional ventilators were fitted in the Engine room.

An undue vibration has become noticeable in the propeller shaft when the ship is under way and this may be

due to a mis-alignment of the shaft and the engine. This is being discussed with the Base Engineer Officer, Morotai.

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I.F.F. equipment was installed at Darwin on 14 August.

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(3) On 22 August, moorings were slipped and the ship proceeded in convoy for passage to Morotai under escort of H.M.A.S. Gynprie. The passage was uneventful and Morotai was reached on 29 August.

(4) With the exception of one rating apparently suffering from some blood disorder and discharged to hospital for observation, the health of the ship's company appears to be generally good. Conduct has been satisfactory.

(5) Monthly figures

Distance steamed	1165 miles
Hours under way	172
" other	26
Fuel consumed	594 gallons
Average distance per gallon	2.13 miles

W. Melville ^{3rd Lt R.N.}
COMMANDING OFFICER

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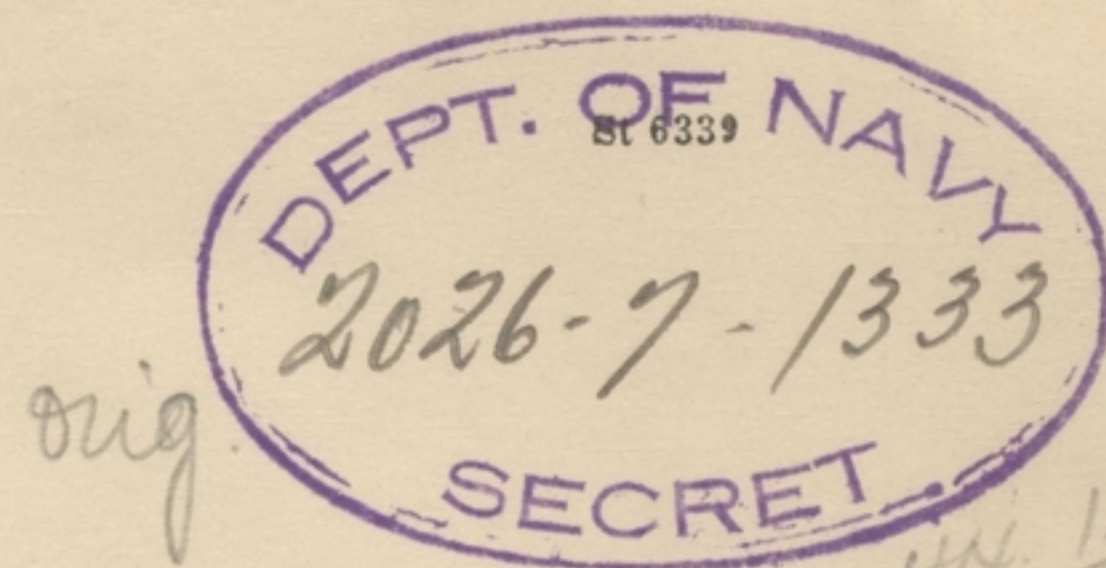
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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. KRAIT

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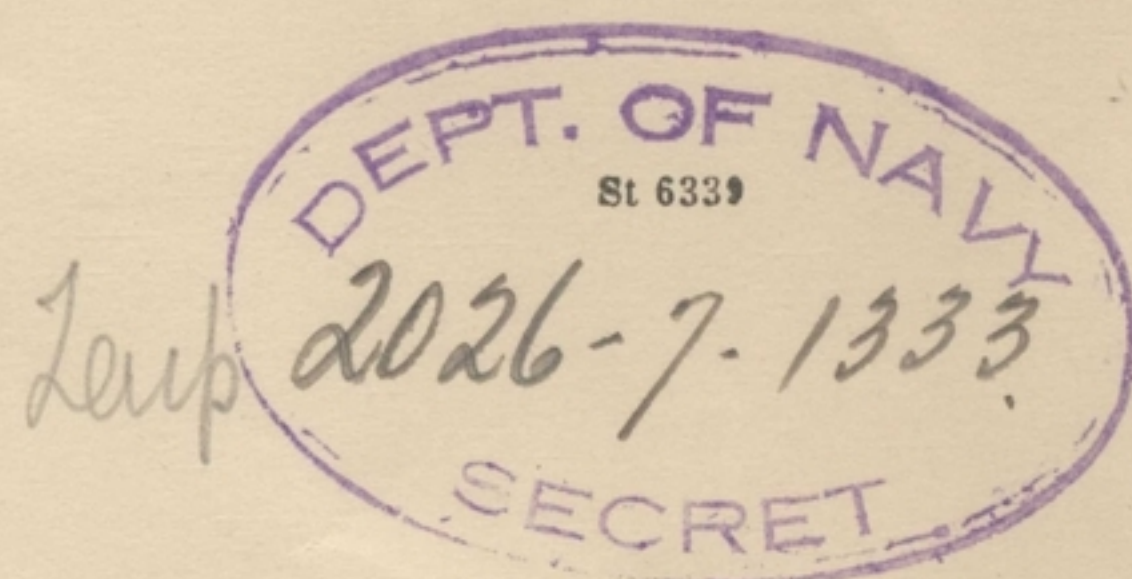
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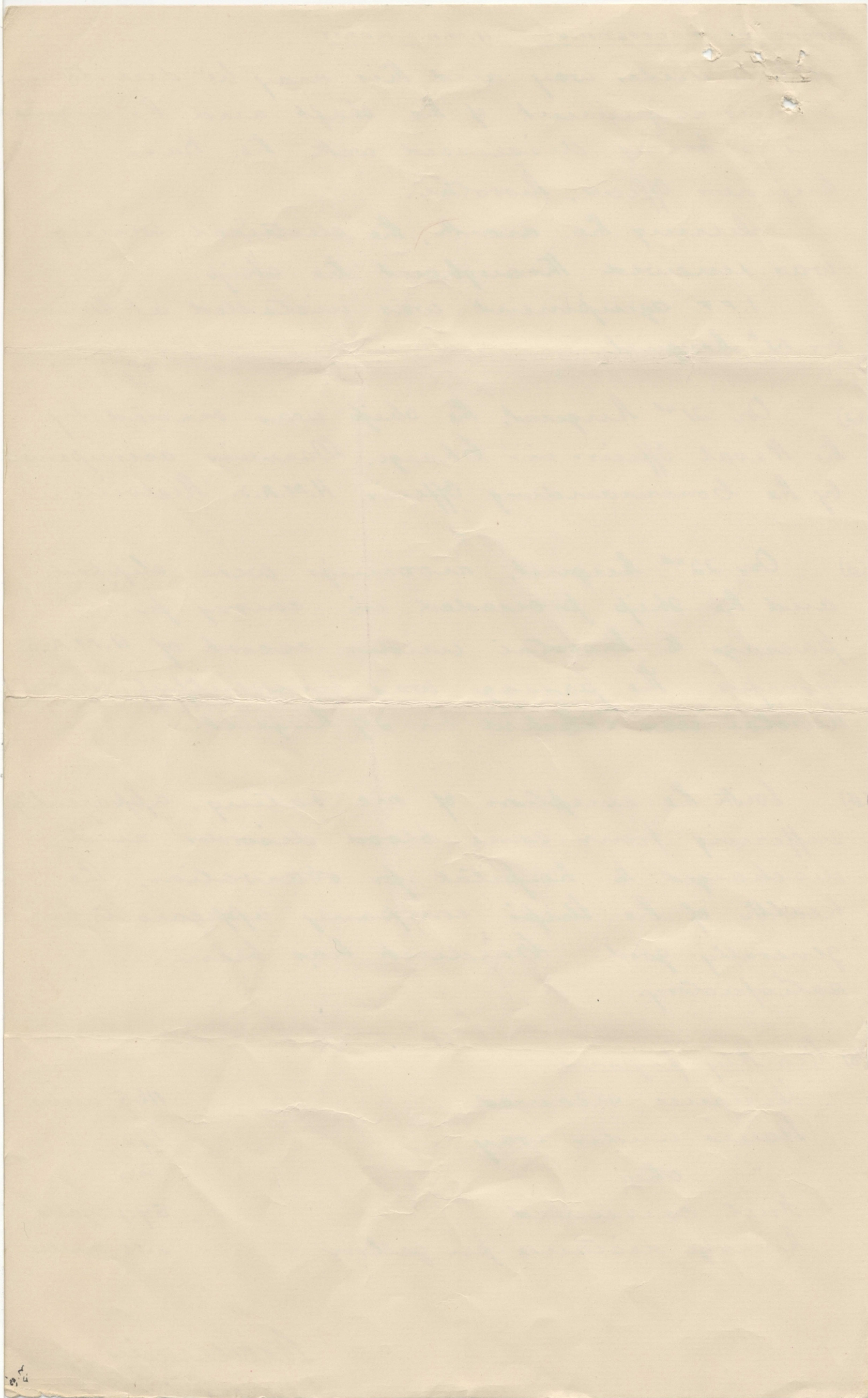
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COMMANDING OFFICER



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H.M.A.S. "Krait"

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
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Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin,
R.A.N.
A. CAPTAIN
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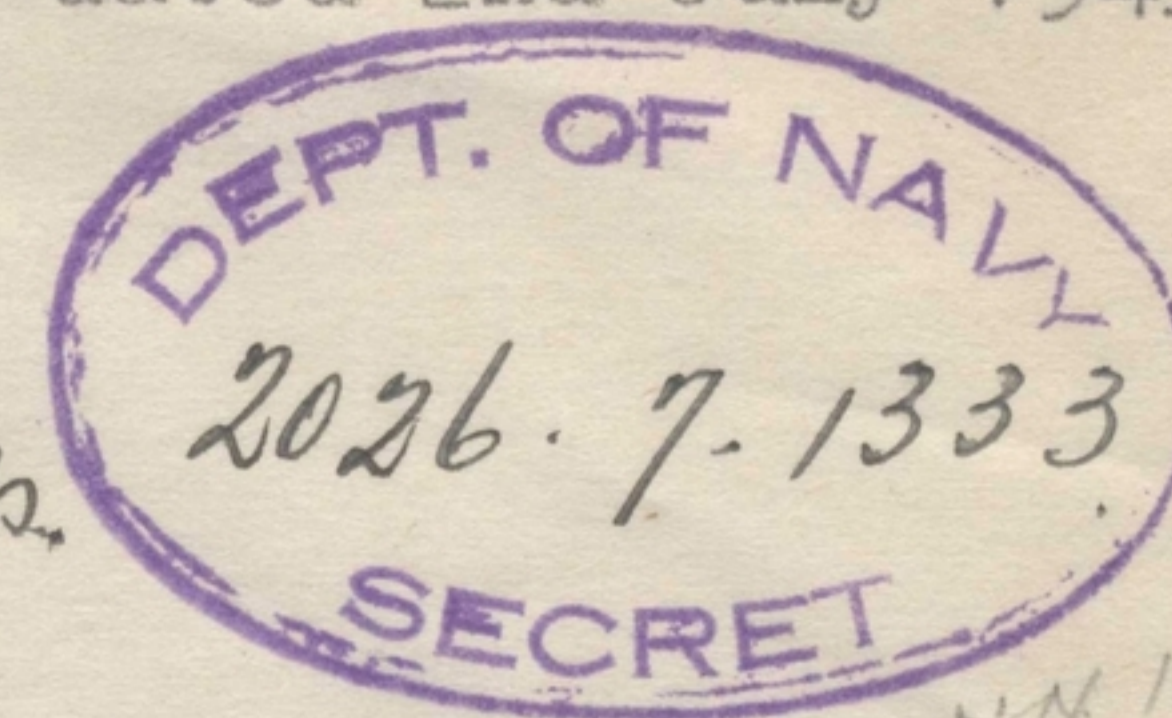
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2. Steps are being taken to improve engineroom ventilation.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.
3rd August, 1945.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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H.M.A.S. "KRAIT" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
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H.M.A.S. "KRALIA" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
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To : Navy Board, through Naval Officer-in-charge Darwin.

From : Commanding Officer - H.M.A.S. KRAIT.

Subject:- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MONTH OF MAY 1945.

Date:- 1st June 1945.

1. The Main engine has been run for a total period of $9\frac{1}{2}$ hrs, mainly for routine check-ups on working parts. Alterations have been made to the exhaust system and the exhaust which previously passed through a funnel whose outlet was above the permanent awning aft, is now discharged over the ships' side. An extension pipe has been fitted enabling the exhaust to be discharged under water when necessary and so reducing exhaust noise to a minimum.

The Auxiliary engine has been run for a total period of $83\frac{1}{2}$ hours and continues to give a satisfactory performance.

2. Electrical installation was checked over during the month by the Base staff. The W/T cabin was re-wired and the condition of the installation now considered to be satisfactory.

3. Following receipt of A.C.N.B.'s authority to mount the two spare mountings for .5 Calibre Brownings, carried in H.M.A.S. "Sea Snake", the guns and mountings have been delivered to N.A.S.O. Darwin for checking over prior to mounting. In the meantime pads have been fitted to the deck in readiness for the mountings and the deck-head strengthened where necessary.

4. The health of the Ships' company appears to be generally good and conduct has been satisfactory.

5. Monthly Figures:

Main Engine	- Running Hours	$9\frac{1}{2}$ hours
	Fuel Consumption	29 galls

Auxiliary engine-	Running Hours	$83\frac{1}{2}$
	Fuel Consumption	16 galls



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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
Darwin, N.T.
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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[Signature]
CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
Darwin, N.T.
1st May 1945.

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To : Navy Board, through Naval Officer in Charge - Darwin.

From : Commanding Officer - H.M.A.S. KRAIT

Subject;- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

1 May 1945.

1. In execution of previous orders, moorings were slipped at 0730Z/10 April and the ship passed the Boom at 0830 Z, proceeding to sea en route for West Bay.
2. Landfalls were made at Peron Island 0100 Z 11 April and at Cape Londonderry 0905 Z 12 April. West Bay was reached on 13 April and the vessel anchored in Mackenzie Anchorage at 0915 Z.
3. On 14 April stores were transferred to H.M.A.S. Coongoola and minor adjustments made to the engine.
4. Departed West Bay 2335 Z 14 April but at 0035 Z 15 April the condition of a rating who had been suffering from Urticaria, had become so bad, that the ship was put back in order that he could have proper medical attention ashore. On return to the anchorage, he was taken ashore and the ship stood be pending a report on his condition before proceeding. Advice was finally received that it would be necessary for him to remain in the RAAF Hospital. Arrangements were made for him to be returned to Darwin by air as soon as possible.
5. At 0930 Z 15 April, slipped and proceeded to sea en route for Darwin. Landfalls were made at Cape Londonderry at 0430 Z 16 April, Cape Ford 0155 Z 18 April and Point Blaze 0655 Z 18 April. At 0300 Z 19 April signals were exchanged with H.M.A.S. "River Snake" off Darwin and the ship passed the Boom at 0445 Z 19 April, returning to moorings at 0530 Z.
6. The Main engine has been run for a total period of 120 hours during the month. No trouble has been experienced with it and it's condition is good.
The Auxiliary engine has been run for 81½ hours and continues to give a satisfactory performance.
7. The repaint of the hull, reference to which was made in the report for March, was completed on 8th April.
8. Commencing on 23rd April, personnel have been undergoing training in the use and care of the .5 Browning in anticipation of the mounting of two .5 Brownings on board.
9. The health of the ship's company, with the exception of one rating, appears to be generally good. The condition of the rating referred to has been mentioned previously. He has now been re-admitted to the Naval Hospital Darwin and a report on him by the Senior Medical Officer is now awaited.
Conduct of the Ship's company during the month, has been satisfactory.

10. MONTHLY FIGURES

Main Engine Running Hours	120
Fuel Consumption	360 galls
Auxiliary Engine Running Hours	81½
Fuel Consumption	20 galls

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MONTH OF MARCH 1945.

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1. During March work has gone forward in improving the condition of the ship and preparing her for sea.

The canopy covering the after part of the ship was leaking badly in many places. It has now been recovered with heavy duck and new side-curtains fitted. The whole has been repainted and made waterproof, considerably improving the sleeping and living quarters of the crew.

The Engine room and W/T cabin have been repainted and the hull is in the process of being repainted at the time of this report. The work has been delayed from time to time by bad weather.

2. The Main engine was run for a total period of 7 hours, mainly for routine check-ups on working parts.

The Auxiliary engine has been de-carbonised and the valves re-ground. As a result, this engine's performance has greatly improved and it's condition is now regarded as good.

3. A new Patt No.1151 compass has been installed on board and the ship swung.

4. The W/T equipment has been checked over. It's condition is good and the set is ready for operational use.

5. The health of the ship's company, with the exception of one rating who was admitted to Naval Hospital suffering from a form of skin rash, has been good. The rating mentioned has since been discharged but is still receiving treatment as an out-patient.

The conduct of the ship's company has been good.

6. MONTHLY FIGURES

Main Engine running hours	7
" Fuel consumption	21 galls.
Auxiliary Engine running hours	85
" Fuel consumption	21.5 galls

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