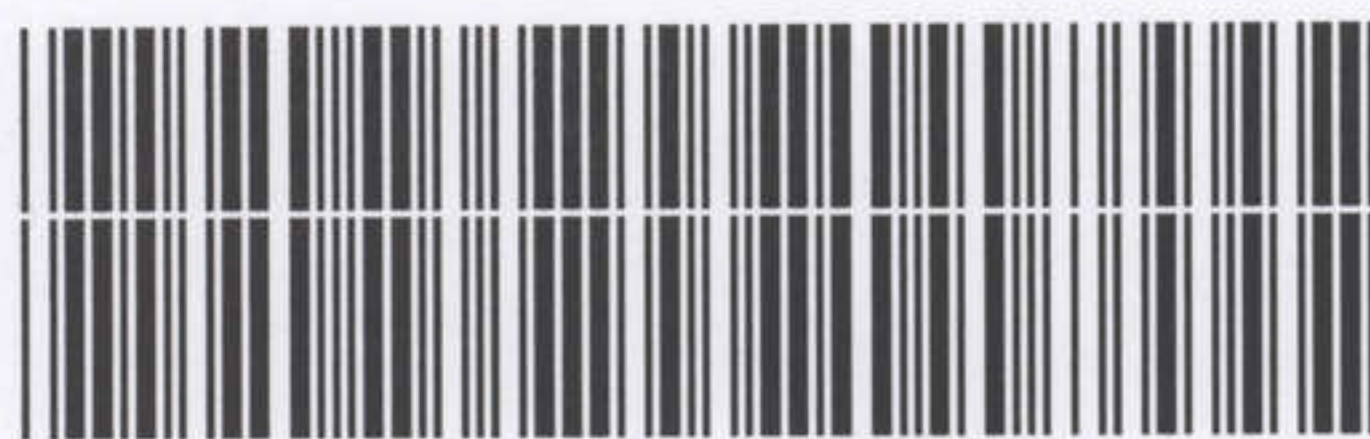


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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. Bingera
Date 22nd. April 1942 Reference No. 64
To The Secretary, The Naval Board
Copy to the Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney,
Subject Proceedings of H.M.A.S. Bingera for the period 13th to 21st April 1942.

Submitted for the information of Naval Board -- the following proceedings of H.M.A.S. Bingera and attached ships for the period 13th to 21st April 1942.

2. 13th April

1245 Bingera slipped from Station Pier, Anchored off; Shipped Asdic Dome.
1320 Weighed.
1330 Bingera, Bendigo and U.S. Submarines S40 and S37 joined company off Williamstown -- proceeded to sea via south channel in line ahead, at 10 knots.
1847 Cleared Port Philip Heads-- formed cruising order. Proceeded down searched channel
1920 Reduced speed to 6 knots owing to heavy southerly swell.

14th April

0220 Increased to 10 knots.
Noon Position 37° 42'S 150° 14'E.

15th April

0815 S37 reported defective port engine and speed to flotilla-- reduced to 6 knots to remain in company.
Noon Position 35° 35'S 152° 10'E.
1645 Bendigo reported Asdic installation out of action. On receiving a report from Bendigo that this was not reparable on board, Bingera's 0834/15 was despatched.

16th April

Noon Position 35° 35'S 152° 10'E.
1300 Passed through position B.
1310 Parted company with Bendigo and Submarines. Set course for Sydney.

17th April

0114 Entered Port Jackson.
0154 Secured No.6 Buoy.
0301 Slipped from No.6 Buoy. Proceeded to sea.
0333 Cleared Port Jackson, set course to rendezvous with Bendigo.
Noon Position 33° 12'S 152° 46'E.
At 1500 as Bendigo had not been sighted, ordered Bendigo to make smoke at 1600.
1612 Sighted smoke from Bendigo.
1620 Sighted Bendigo and Submarines.
1700 Position 33° 16'S 153° 33'E. Joined company with Submarines S40 and S37, Bendigo detached to proceed to Sydney
1743 Took station on S40 -- 6 knots. S37 engines still defective.

18th April

Noon Position 31° 43'S 153° 48'E

19th April

Noon Position 29° 24'S 154° 42'E.
1230 S40 proceeded ahead to carry out practice dive.

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19th April (Cont.)

1330 S40 dived.
1432 S40 surfaced and resumed station.

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20th April

Noon Position 27° 47' S 154° 8' 5" E
1745 Point Lookout sighted, bearing 264°.
2230 Formed single line ahead.
2250 Entered SCF 20.

21st April

0426 Stopped while Submarines embarked Pilots.
0440 Proceeded independently into Moreton Bay.
1105 Bingera secured alongside S.S. Marpessa at Vacuum Oil Co. Wharf.

3. Bingera's chart folio containing charts north of Sydney was transferred to Bendigo before sailing from Melbourne; weather was not suitable for retransfer when Bendigo was detached. Initial positions for landfall ^{and} passage up Moreton Bay were plotted on plotting chart 5004 from Light List and Searched Channel Directions. Courses up Moreton Bay and Brisbane River were taken from Sailing Directions.

4. All intership signals and alter course signals were made in plain language. Little difficulty was experienced in this direction, after the first day at sea. Some common signal book would have been an advantage.

5. A strong Southerly Set was experienced from the latitude ^{of Sydney} northwards.

6. All times given are ⁱⁿ Vzone - 10 hours.

7. Surface ships kept station on submarines throughout the voyage. Owing to ^{THEIR} low visibility this would have been impossible without the aid of Asdics during overcast nights.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. Bingera

Date 4th May 1942 Reference No. 66

To The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, Melb. Copy to D.N.O. Queensland.

Subject Proceedings of H.M.A.S. Bingera for the period of 30th April - 4th May 1942

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following proceedings of H.M.A.S. Bingera and ships in company for the period 29th April to 4th May 1942.

2. 30th April

1633 Bingera cast off from Howard Smith Brisbane Wharf and proceeded down river. H.M.A.S. Kybra and R.A.F.A. Kurumba slipped and followed when passed by Bingera, ships proceeded to Coloundra independently.

2300 Bingera and Kurumba arrived off Coloundra. Lay to until arrival of KYBRA.

2345 Kybra joined company. Proceeded down swept channel.

1st May

0330 Cleared searched channel S/C 020° at 9 knots. This speed was found to be too great for Kybra and speed was reduced to 8 knots, until Kybra was in station and then convoy proceeded at 8 1/2 knots

Noon Position 26° 06 N 153° 57 E course was set to keep 10 miles outside the 100 fathom line until off Sandy Cape when

Course was set for a position 5 miles eastward of Breaksea Spit light vessel. And thence into Harvey Bay. Paravanes were streamed by Kurumba on reaching the 100 Fat. line. Kybra was detached

2nd May. at 0400 to proceed independently as her speed was too low to permit convoy to reach anchorage on time.

Kybra rejoined at 0600 having proceeded southward of light Ship

0845 Kurumba detached anchor in position 212 degrees Sandy Cape Light 7 1/2 miles. and Bingera and Kybra carrying out A/S patrols to West ward.

0941 Masts of a ship were sighted to the northward.

1014 Ship identified as U.S.S. Whipple who closed and proceeded alongside Kurumba.

1200 Approx. Whipple completed fuelling.

1400 Whipple cast off, Bingera and Whipple commenced A/S patrol to Northward. Kybra remaining with Kurumba. Kurumba ordered to be under weigh by 1500

1457 H.M.A.S. Australia and Hobart sighted to Northward A/S to return to anchorage.

1620 Australia anchored. Kurumba proceeded alongside Australia Starboard side.

1700 Approx. Hobart proceeded alongside Kurumba's Starboard side. Bingera Kybra and Whipple patrolling inf to west ward.

2145 Australia and Hobart completed fuelling and proceeded with Whipple in company.

2155 Kurumba streamed paravanes and Bingera Kybra and Kurumba formed cruising order and proceeded

On passing clear of Breaksea Spit Light Ship, Course was set to proceed close to the 100 Fathom line.

3rd May Kurumba recovered PV's at 0500 and streamed then again at 1100.

Noon Position 25 39S 153 44 E

2000 Kybra ordered to proceed independently.

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2030 Bingera took station ahead of Kurumba and led in Channel. Searched channel.

2300 Kurumba recovered ~~2~~'s.

4th May

Kurumba and Bingera proceeded into Moreton Bay independently.

0659 Bingera secured to A.U.S.N. Wharf.

3. H.M.A.S. Kybra was only able to proceed at a maximum speed of $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots. This low speed was a considerable handicap in carrying out the operation. H.M.A.S. Bingera and R.A.F.A. Kurumba were both able to proceed at over 10 knots.



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From Commanding Officer HMAS "Bingera"

Date 8th August 1946 Reference No. _____

To Secretary Naval Board Melbourne (copy to NOIC Brisbane)

Subject Letter of proceedings for the month of July 1946.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, letter of proceedings of HMAS "Bingera" for the month of July 1946.

24. 1st - 7th July

Lights serviced.

0650 - 0945 K/1

Cairnes So. Lt.

1231 - 1405 K/1

Wyborn Reef Lt.

1513 - 1650 K/1

Albany Rock Lt.

0615 - 0759 K/2

Borac So. Lt.

1003 - 1124 K/2

Ince Point Lt.

1212 - 1537 K/2

Hammock Rock Lt.

D.N. 1 1600 - 1820 K/2

Goods So. Lt.

(NAKO) 3 At 1856 K/2 secured alongside main wharf Thursday Is. Harbour and at 0800 K/2 unloaded AWC cargo at Cairnes. Working parties were despatched to Goods So. and Hammock Rock to complete the servicing of these lights.

19/8 4 On 3rd July commenced loading Naval stores at HMAS

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1. At 0649 K/5 Stepped from Thursday Is. Jetty and proceeded to Booby Is, which was stored and serviced between 0850K and 1136K/5.
2. Weighed and proceeded at 1140K/5 to baspentaria Light vessel - working party was landed on the light ship at 1730K/5; work was completed at 1955 K, and course set for Double Is.
3. Serviced Hervey Is. 0835K - 1912K/6, weighed and proceeded to Bet Is. Is. which was serviced 1030-1205K/6, then proceeded to Saddle Is., which was serviced 1310-1445 K/6.
4. On completion of Saddle Is. weighed and proceeded to Double Is. to rendezvous with "Keith's" and embark mechanic Quantock. "Keith's" suffered engine defects, so after servicing East Strait Is. and Double Is. lights proceeded to Dalrymple Is., anchoring at 1837K/7.
5. At 0515K/8 weighed and proceeded to Bramble Bay, servicing Stephens Is. Light en route. Completed Bramble Bay Light at 1505K/8 and returned to anchorage at Dalrymple Is.
6. At 0459K/9 weighed and proceeded to Bet Beet Light, where the tide was unsuitable, so returned and carried out an inspection of Coconut Is. Light. Returned to Bet Beet at 1508K/9, anchored and awaited a suitable tide. Completed servicing the light at 2110K/9.
7. Weighed and proceeded to Thursday Is. Harbour at 0647, fixing the position of Herald Patch's Buoy

en route. At 1348K/10 secured alongside Naval Wharf, Thursday Island.

12. Commenced loading remainder of Naval stores on 11th July, and completed loading at 2100K/12.

13. July 13th - July 16th: Thursday Is. - Cairns.

Slipped and proceeded from Naval Wharf Thursday Is. at 0708K/13. Fixed position of Patches buoy and set course for Adolphus Channel, thence through the Barrier Reef to Pipow Is.

14. Anchored off Pipow Is. at 2104K/14th. Shifted anchorage at daylight on the 15th, and landed party to service Pipow Is. light. Completed servicing Pipow Is. light at 1139K, then weighed and proceeded to Cairns; secured alongside No. 8 wharf at 1002K/16.

15. July 17th - July 19th: Cairns - Bougainville Reef - Cairns.

At 1730K/17 slipped and proceeded from Cairns Harbour to Bougainville Reef, clearing Grafton Passage at 2200K.

16. Arrived at Bougainville Reef and landed motor boat with working party. Some difficulty was experienced in locating a boat channel through the reef, as the recommended channel was on the weather side of the island reef.

17. Completed servicing Bougainville Reef at 1225K, hoisted boats and proceeded to Cairns. Secured alongside No. 8 wharf at 0840K/19th and commenced lighthouse discharging lighthouse stores.

18. Slipped from alongside at 0627K/21 and proceeded from Cairns to Townsville.

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19/ The weather was unsuitable for working White
Rock, so proceeded and arrived at Channel Beacon
Townsville harbour at 0540K/22. Anchored until
daylight, then proceeded alongside general purpose
wharf. The motor boat was despatched to Bay
Rock light, which was serviced, and loading of
naval stores from HMAS "Abagetic" for Brisbane
was commenced. Completed loading cargo at 1955K.

20/ At 0305K/23 weighed and proceeded to White
Rock, the servicing of which was completed at
1319K, then proceeded to Brisbane.

21/ July 23rd - July 26th

P.W. passage Townsville to Brisbane.

22/ July 26th - July 31st. At Brisbane.

bleared Caloundra Point at 0415 and secured
alongside Lighthouse Service wharf at 1035K/26 and
commenced discharging cargo.

23/ At 0700K/30th July slipped from Lighthouse
wharf and proceeded to discharge naval cargo
at Mary St. wharf.

24/ At 1020K 31st July slipped from Mary St. wharf
and ~~landed~~ proceeded to Lighthouse wharf to
complete discharging Lighthouse cargo.

25/ MORALE

The morale of the ship's company continues to
be of a high standard.

26/ HEALTH

The health of the ship's company is good.

27/ HULL AND SHIP'S FITTINGS

The general condition of hull and ship's fittings
has been satisfactory.

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Distance steamed for the 26 out to 27 July.

Distance Steamed	2462 miles
Steaming time	251 hours
Average Speed	9.8 knots.

COMMANDING OFFICER
S. J. Macdonald
H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

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From The Commanding Officer. H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'

Date 2nd July, 1946

Reference No. 79/46

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. ^{Sydney} ~~Brisbane~~)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS---JUNE 1946

H.M.
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Forwarded herewith Letter of Proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of June, 1946.

J. Haultain
.....Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
Commanding Officer.

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To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. ~~base~~ ^{SYDNEY})

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS---JUNE 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, Letter of proceedings for the month of June 1946 from H.M.A.S. 'Bingera'.

2. Friday 1st. 0705-1835K. Servicing Cape Bowling Green Light
- Saturday 2nd. 0745-1130K. Anchored off Platypus Chanel. Despatched Motor Boat into Townsville Harbour for stores & Mail.
1330-1701. Servicing Bay Rock Light.
- Sunday 3rd. 0655-1220K. Inspected White Rock Light.
- Monday 4th. 0800-1621K. Servicing Brook Island
1721K. Weighed and proceeded to Dunk Island where three days were spent on Engine overhaul. During this time well earned recreational leave was granted to the ships company, who spent it to good avail swimming, fishing, and sailing.
- Friday 7th. 0630K. Weighed and proceeded from Dunk Island to North Barnard Island.
0840-1725K. Servicing North Barnard Island Light.
- Saturday 8th. 0700-1635K. Repairing Flying Fox at Little Fitzroy Island.
- Sunday 9th. 0700-1332K. Servicing Little Fitzroy Island.
1615. Servicing Fitzroy Islet
Secured alongside Cairns Wharf.
- Monday 10th. At Cairns. Discharged all Light service stores for Cairns Depot and loaded additional stores for Fitzroy Island. Unloaded empty Gas Cylinders for shipment to Brisbane.
- Wednesday 12th. 1742K. Slipped and proceeded to Fitzroy Island.
- Thursday 13th. 0620-0700K. Landed stores at Fitzroy Island.
0930-1800K. Servicing Russell Island Light.
- Friday 14th. 0700-1230K. Servicing Russell Island Light.
- Saturday 15th. 1650. Secured alongside No.1. Wharf Cairns. Loaded stores and embarked personnel for Willis Island.
- Sunday 16th. 0600K. On Passage Cairns to Willis Island.
- Monday 17th. 1425K.
- Monday 17th. 1425K. At Willis Island. Stores could be landed on the beach only at suitable tide which happened between 0700 & 1200, 1600 & 2300. All cargo was discharged at 2230K/18th.
- Wednesday 19th. 1135K.

Wednesday 19th. Embarked Willis Island Personnel, weighed and proceeded to Bougainville Reef. At 1225k Main Engine broke down because of a defective feed valve. Ship drifted for three hours in position 16 15' S 149 42.5 E, with charted depth of 200 fathoms, the ocean bottom was visible. Investigation disclosed a shoal patch of 15 fathoms extending over an area of 1/2 mile radius of the above position. Appended is a copy of the report to Hydrographic Office Sydney. At 1630k after the uncharted patch has been investigated and Engine repairs effected, weighed and proceeded to Bougainville Reef.

Thursday 20th)
Monday 24th) Arrived at Bougainville Reef at 1215k/20th, it was found impossible to land because of the weather, so proceeded to Grafton Passage and anchored in Trinity Inlet at 0140k/21st. Secured alongside No.1. Wharf Cairns at 1132k/21st. At 1330k 24th, completed loading cargo for A.W.C. at Thursday Island and other Lightservice cargo. At 2353k/24th slipped and proceeded to Low Island.

Tuesday 25th 0805-0920. Serviced and stored Low Island Light.
1520-1910. Serviced and stored Archer Point Light. Inspected Rocky Island Light.

Wednesday 26th 0600-0830. Serviced Grassy Point Light.
1053-1400. Inspected Three Island Light.
1652-1825. Inspected Saddle Island Light.

Thursday 27th 0605-0733. Inspected Coquet Island Light.
1430-1548. Inspected Wharton Reef Light.

Friday 28th 0600-0850. Serviced Hannah Island Light.
1127-1318. Inspected Heath Reef Light.
1521-1632. Inspected Waterwitch Light.

Saturday 29th 0600-0638. Inspected Chapman Island Light.
0934-1650. Serviced Restoration Rock.

Sunday 30th 0922-1215. Serviced Clerke Island Light.
1535-1650. Inspected Hannibal Island Light.
1909. Anchored off Cairncross Island Light.

3. HULL AND SHIPS FITTINGS. The condition of the hull and working order of the ships fittings has been satisfactory.
4. HEALTH. The health of the ships company has been satisfactory.
5. MORALE The morale of the Ships Company continues to be of a high standard.
6. GENERAL The seamen have received invaluable instruction and experience in the handling of the Surf and Meter boats under all conditions of weather and landing places, both beach and reef. This has been achieved through Mr. L.C. Balmanne, Meter Boat Coxswain attached to the ship, who has been tireless in his instructing of the young Seamen.
7. Distance Steamed During June. 1068 Miles
Steaming Time. 120 Hours
Average Speed. 8.89 Knots

J. Havelain
..... Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
Commanding Officer.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'

Date 13th June, 1946

Reference No. 71/46

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. Brisbane)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS--MAY 1946

*H.M.,
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Forwarded herewith Letter of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May 1946.

J. Baretain Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
Commanding Officer.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'Date 13th June, 1946 Reference No. 71/46To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. Brisbane)Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS---MAY 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, Letter of proceedings for the month of May 1946 from H.M.A.S. 'Bingera'.

2. 1st---11th.....ON PASSAGE SYDNEY--BRISBANE AND AT BRISBANE

Entered Moreton Bay at 0150K/2nd and secured alongside A.U.S.N. Wharf Mary Street at 0930. Unloading of A.U.S.N. Cargo commenced at 1030K/3rd and was completed P.M. 6th.

3. Proceeded alongside Commonwealth Light Service wharf at 1437K/7th and commenced loading general stores and Gas Cylinders for the various lightstations. Loading was effected by Ships Company and light Service personnel and was completed P.M. Saturday 11th May. At 1711K/11th slipped and proceeded to Double Island Point, clearing Moreton Bay at 2240K/11th.

4. Report on Lights Serviced During Period 12th----31st May

- (a) DOUBLE ISLAND POINT LIGHT 0703--1433K/12th
 (b) SANDY CAPE LIGHT 0635--1036K/13th
 (c) BREAKSEA SPIT LIGHTSHIP 1310--1430K/13th
 (d) LADY ELLIOT ISLAND LIGHT 0600--1800K/14th
 (e) BUSTARD HEAD LIGHT 0630--1010K/15th
 (f) GATECOMBE HEAD LIGHT 1235--1500K/15th....0800--1630K/16th

Entered Gladstone Harbour 1415K/15th and loaded stores, disembarked Mechanic H. Lewis and proceeded to Gatecombe Head at 1430K/16th

- (g) CAPE CAPRICORN LIGHT 0700--1202K/17th
 (h) SEA HILL LIGHT 1431--1845K/17th...0700--1015K/18th
 (i) NORTH REEF LIGHT Weighed and proceeded from Sea Hill 1015K/18th to North Reef. On arrival it was found to be impossible to work North Reef because of bad weather. The anchorage being insecure 'Bingera' steamed between North Reef and Cape Capricorn until daylight. The weather had not abated at 0600K/19th so proceeded to safe anchorage off Cape Capricorn. At 1205K/19th weighed and proceeded to Sea Hill and anchored at 1435K/19th. At 0815K/20th embarked pilot and proceeded up Fitzroy River to Rockhampton to seek Medical attention for one rating suffering from Malaria Fever who was discharged to Rockhampton Hospital A.M. 21st. At 1225K/21st embarked Pilot and proceeded to North Reef and anchored at 0620K/22nd. 1637K/22nd completed servicing North Reef weighed and proceeded to High Peak.

- (j) HIGH PEAK LIGHT 0640--0905K/23rd
- (k) PINE ISLAND LIGHT 1250--1729K/23rd
- (l) BAILEY ISLAND LIGHT 0630--1230K/24th
- (m) FLAT TOP ISLAND LIGHT At 1446K/24th entered Mackay Harbour secured alongside South Breakwater and discharged equipment ex North Reef. At 0800K/25th working party was despatched in Motor Boat to Flat Top Island and at 1345K/25th 'Bingera' slipped and proceeded from Mackay Harbour to Flat Top Island and at 1720K/25th picked up working party and proceeded to Lady Smith Island and anchored at 2116K/25th. Weighed and proceeded to Coppersmith Island at 0615K/26th.
- (n) COPPERSMITH ISLAND LIGHT 0730--0954K/26th
- (o) DENT ISLAND LIGHT 1245--1435K/26th
- (p) ESHELBY ISLAND LIGHT 0850--1746K/27th
- (q) CAPE BOWLING GREEN LIGHT 0630--1109K/28th. Cylinders only were landed at Cape Bowling Green while tide was suitable and weighed and proceeded to Townsville, securing alongside Inner wharf at 1525K/28th. Unloaded equipment ex Pine and Dent Islands disembarked Mechanic H.T. McGregor and embarked Senior Mechanic A.S. Kerlin and Mr. R.J. Cleghorn (Lighthouse Maintenance Engineer) At 0726K/30th slipped and proceeded from Townsville to Cape Cleveland.
- (r) CAPE CLEVELAND LIGHT 0900--1716K/30th
- (s) CAPE BOWLING GREEN LIGHT 0715--1815K/31st

5. GENERAL Work at various Lighthouses consists of landing stores for those lights which are manned and Gas Cylinders at those which are unwatched. The time spent on each light depends on the quantity of equipment to be landed and loaded. The work is hard, the hours long, and at times extremely uncomfortable as it entails working waist deep in water.

Routine ships work, painting and general maintenance of working gear has to be left undone because every available hand is required to work ashore. Ships complement of seamen has been reduced to fifteen. The most senior of whom has had only sixteen months service. The Chief Bosuns Mate and both Leading Seamen have been drafted without reliefs, which leaves a very small and inexperienced number of Seamen to carry out the work entailed.

6. HULL AND SHIPS FITTINGS The condition of the Hull and working order of the ships fittings has been satisfactory.

7. HEALTH The health of the ships company is good.

8. MORALE Despite long and arduous hours of work at cargo, the morale of the ships company continues to be high. They have acquitted themselves excellently in the task of working the ship while there has been a shortage of hands.

9. DISTANCE STEAMED DURING MAY	1665.5 Miles
STEAMING TIME	191.5 Hours
AVERAGE SPEED	8.8 Knots

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'Bingera'

Date 14th May, 1946 Reference No. 59/46

To The Secretary, Navy Board, Melbourne. (Copy to F.O.I.C. Sydney)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1946.

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Forwarded herewith Letter of Proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of April, 1946.

J. Havelin Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'Bingera'

Date 14th May, 1946 Reference No. 59/46

To The Secretary, Navy Board, Melbourne. (Copy to F.O.I.C. Sydney)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS-----APRIL 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, letter of proceedings of H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA' during the month of April, 1946.

2- 1st--2nd April. ON PASSAGE..MILNE BAY-TOWNSVILLE AND AT TOWNSVILLE

At 1655/1 anchored in Cleveland Bay then proceeded into Townsville Harbour and secured alongside A.U.S.N. Wharf at 1850/1

Watered Ship A.M. 2nd April and discharged Lt. J. Lefroy. Lt. H. D. Denton. W/O. H. J. Reed. W/O. A. Hilton. Lt. T. C. Gardner. USN. ex Milne Bay and one rating ex 'Tarangau'

4- 3rd--8th April. ON PASSAGE..TOWNSVILLE----SYDNEY

At 0620/3 weighed and proceeded out of Townsville Harbour and set course for Sydney. Warnings of Cyclones crossing the track to the Southward were received so at 1025/3/ anchored off Saddle Back Island.

5- Weighed and proceeded at 0815/4, and anchored off West Molle Island at 1021/4

6- Weather reports indicated that the Cyclones had passed, so weighed and proceeded at 0600/5

7- Fair weather was experienced until clearing Sandy Cape when moderate to strong S.E. wind with moderate to rough seas were experienced.

9- 9th-----29th April. AT SYDNEY.

Entered Port Jackson Heads at 0621/9, and proceeded to No. 6 bouy. Discharged all ratings on passage from Dreger Harbour and Milne Bay.

9- At 0750/12 slipped from No. 6 bouy and proceeded to No. 8 Wharf Walsh Bay and commenced unloading at 1030/23.

10- All cargo ex New Guinea was discharged at 1430/25 and at 0700/26, slipped from No. 8 Walsh Bay and proceeded to Wharf 20a Lime Street, where the loading of A.U.S.N. Co. Cargo and Ships owners stores was commenced.

11- 29th-----30th April.. ON PASSAGE...SYDNEY---BRISBANE

At 1115k/29, all cargo for Brisbane (Barbed wire and General Cargo), plus a quantity of Cargo for Willis Island, was loaded. At 2045k/29 slipped from A.U.S.N. Wharf and proceeded to Brisbane, clearing North Head at 2150k.

12- HULL AND SHIPS FITTINGS

The condition of the Hull and working order of the Ships fittings has been satisfactory.

13- HEALTH

The health of the Ships Company has been good.

14- MORALE

The morale of the Ships Company continues to be of a high standard

15- Distance Steamed During the Month of April.....1523 Miles
Steaming Time..... 152 Hours
Average Speed..... 10 Knots.

J. Haultain Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
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From The Commanding Officer. H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

Date 24/4/46 Reference No. 51/46

To The Secretary. Navy Board. Melbourne. (Copy to F.O.I.C. Sydney)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

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Forwarded herewith Letter of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of March 1946.

J. Havelin
.....Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

Date 24/4/46

Reference No. 51/46

To The Secretary, Navy Board, Melbourne. (Copy to F.O.I.C. SYDNEY)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.....MARCH 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, Letter of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA' during the month of March 1946.

2. 1st--4th March. On Passage Madang to Dreger Harbour & at Dreger Harbour
On March 1st while on passage, Motor Launch 'MANLY' was lost while in tow, Vide my appendix A. to Letter of Proceedings for February 1946, Reference No. 39/46.
3. At 2134k/1 anchored off Nussing Island with 'EVERON' alongside, then proceeded into Dreger Harbour at 0600 and finally secured alongside 11a wharf where all passengers were disembarked. Loading was commenced on Monday 4th and completed at 1600.
4. 5th--10th March. On Passage Dreger Harbour--Milne Bay & at Milne Bay
At 0610K/5 slipped and proceeded to Milne Bay. Cleared China Straits at 1241/6 and anchored at Gili Gili at 1606K/6th.
5. At 0835K/8th H.M.A.S. 'DIAMENTINA' arrived bearing N.O.I.C. N.G. inspecting Officers. After the inspection of Salvageable gear 'BINGERA' commenced loading at 1020/K 10th, completed loading at 1800K/10th, weighed and proceeded to Dreger Harbour at 0427K/11th.
6. 11th--23rd March. On Passage Milne Bay--Dreger Harbour & At Dreger Harbour
Cleared Raven Channel at 0802K/11th and after an uneventful passage arrived at Dreger Harbour 1231K/12th, securing alongside 11a wharf at 1430 K.
7. The small quantity of Cargo for Dreger Harbour was discharged, and ship was Oiled from 'ROCKLEA' on 14th. At 0850K/18th commenced loading Naval and Victualling stores, Transport, Mail and Personal gear for Sydney.
8. At 1500K/23rd all Deck cargo and general Cargo was loaded, and two Officers eight ratings embarked for passage to Sydney. Slipped at 1805K/23 and proceeded to anchorage off Nussing Island.
9. 23rd--26th March. On Passage Dreger Harbour--Milne Bay & At Milne Bay
At 2103K/23rd weighed and proceeded to Milne Bay. Encountered with H.M.A.S. 'KOALA' working on lights and beacons at Cape Nelson at 1450K/24th, and took aboard mail for Sydney.
10. Arrived at Milne Bay and anchored at Gili Gili anchorage at 1130K/25th and commenced loading Office Furniture, Transport, ~~XXXXX~~ and Naval Stores for Sydney. Loading was completed at 1545K/25th. m
11. Embarked Three Officers and Six Ratings for passage. Slipped and proceeded at 0345K/26th, to Townsville via China Straits and Great North East Passage.

12. MILNE BAY-----TOWNSVILLE

The weather was excellent during this part of the passage. Entered Great North East Passage at 1056K/28th and anchored off Double Island at 2348K/28

13. Weighed and proceeded at daylight and cleared Albany Pass at 0707K/29th.

14. During the afternoon watch the wind and sea increased, and cyclone warnings were received. At 2120K/29th anchored in Portland Roads because of poor visibility and the weather. Slipped and proceeded at 0600/30th. Weather had improved somewhat.

15. Wind of force 6-7, shifting from S.E. to E.S.E., and moderate seas were experienced up to 0000K/31st. Passed Fitzroy Island to starboard distance 1 mile at 2353K/31st.

16. HULL AND SHIPS FITTINGS

The condition of the Hull and working order of the Ships Fittings has been satisfactory.

17. HEALTH

The Health of the ships Company is good, but there is still a tendency for cuts and minor abrasions to turn Septic.

18. MORALE

The Morale of the Ships Company continues to be of a high standard.

19. Distance steamed during March 1946	2301miles
Steaming Time	238hours
Average Speed	9.7.knots

J. Havelain...Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'

Date 11th March, 1946 Reference No. 38/46

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. New Guinea)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS

Forwarded herewith letter of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship
under my Command for the Month of February 1946/.

J. Paulsen Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
Commanding Officer

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'
 Date 11th March, 1946 Reference No. 38/46
 To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to N.O.I.C. N.G.)
 Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board letter of Proceedings for the Month of February 1946 from H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'.

2. 1st--3rd February. ON PASSAGE MILNE BAY--DREGER HARBOUR AND AT DREGER HARBOUR
 Secured alongside 11A wharf Dreger Harbour at 0659 after making a good passage from Milne Bay. At 0945 commenced unloading Machinery, Oil, and other miscellaneous cargo. In order to expediate unloading it was necessary to work cargo until 2200 on the 2nd and 3rd. Ships Company worked until 1800, then they were relieved by working party from H.M.A.S. 'TARANGAU'.
3. At 1505/4th unloading was completed, at 1528 having loaded a small quantity of ANGAU cargo, slipped and proceeded to Madang with one ANGAU Officer on passage.
4. 4th--5th February. ON PASSAGE DREGER HARBOUR--MADANG AND AT MADANG
 Arrived at Madang at 1120/5, secured alongside "ROCKLEA" and commenced to take in fuel and discharge ANGAU cargo. At 1215 fuelling was completed and at 1510 slipped and proceeded to Morotai.
5. 5th--11th FEBRUARY. ON PASSAGE MADANG---MOROTAI
 The passage to Morotai was uneventful, moderate seas with fresh breeze and frequent rain squalls. Abnormal Compass ^{deviations} errors were experienced, it is considered that swinging of Compasses be carried out as soon as possible. At 0147/11 entered Morotai Harbour and anchored at 0200.
6. 11th--15th FEBRUARY AT MOROTAI
 Remained at anchorage until 0912/14 then proceeded alongside Navy Wharf and commenced loading Naval Stores for Sydney, plus Vehicles, furniture, and Machinery for Dreger Harbour. Loading was completed at 1105/15--30 tons of cargo for Sydney, 10 tons for Dreger Harbour.
7. Slipped from alongside on completion of loading and anchored. Weighed and proceeded to Dreger Harbour at 1615/15.
8. 15th--20th FEBRUARY ON PASSAGE MOROTAI---MADANG
 Experienced favourable weather conditions during the passage, light breeze, slight sea and low swell. Heavy thunder storms with torrential rain were frequent reducing visibility to 1 Cable.
9. At 1645/20th secured alongside No. 11A Wharf Dreger Harbour.
10. 21st--23rd FEBRUARY. AT DREGER HARBOUR AND LANGEMAK BAY
 Unloading of cargo consigned to Dreger was completed at 0945, and at 1136/21 slipped and proceeded to Langemak Bay to load Turpentine logs for Dreger. As the logs were 55 feet long, and the inside measurement of the hold 48 feet, plus lack of clearance of standing rigging and the hatch coaming, loading was slow and intricate.

11. At 0527/23rd, having loaded ten logs, slipped and proceeded to Dreger Harbour, secured alongside No. 11A Wharf and commenced to unload stores from "SPRIGHTLY", then unloaded the logs. Unloading was completed at 1520/23

12. 24th--28th FEBRUARY FROM DREGER HARBOUR TO MADANG AND AT MADANG

At 1233/24th slipped from No. 11A wharf Dreger Harbour and proceeded to Madang. Seasonal thunder storms and heavy rain squalls were experienced, arrived at Madang at 0658 securing alongside the Beliao Is. wharf and commenced loading unserviceable trucks, Weapon Carriers and Jeeps which were to be dumped outside the Harbour.

13. Loading completed, slipped and proceeded outside Dallman Passage, jettisoned the trucks, returned to the wharf and commenced loading the general appurtenances remaining at H.M.A.S. 'MADANG'.

14. When everything had been loaded at Beliao Is., slipped and proceeded outside Dallman Passage to dump another unserviceable vehicle, returned to Madang Harbour, secured alongside main wharf at 1118 and recommenced loading.

15. At 1600 loading was completed, 1 Officer, 14 R.A.N. and 10 R.A.A.F. personnel were embarked for passage to Dreger Harbour.

16. M.L. 1342 had taken in tow the Motor Launches 'MANLY' and 'EVERON', and at 1619 'BINGERA' slipped from alongside and proceeded outside Dallman Passage, where the tow was passed from M.L. 1342 to 'BINGERA'.

17. 28th FEBRUARY. ON PASSAGE MADANG---DREGER HARBOUR

When the tow was secured, set course for Dreger Harbour, speed six and half knots. Weather was unfavourable, following moderate sea and fresh NW winds. At 1750 tow parted between 'EVERON' and 'MANLY', was re-secured at 1842 and 'BINGERA' continued on to Dreger Harbour.

18. HULL AND SHIPS FITTINGS

The condition of the Hull and working order of the Ships fittings has been satisfactory.

19. Chipping and painting of the Ships Hull and superstructure has had to be neglected to a certain extent because of the short duration at sea, and the employment of hands at cargo. This should easily be remedied during the next long passage.

20. HEALTH

The health of the Ships Company is, on the average, good, but there is a general tendency for cuts and minor abrasions, which are numerous amongst the seamen working cargo, to turn septic. At Morotai one E.R.A. and one Able Seaman were discharged to Hospital, the E.R.A. suffering from Pyrexia, the Able Seaman from a septic leg.

21. MORALE

Despite long and arduous hours of work at cargo, the morale of the Ships Company continues to be high. They have acquitted themselves excellently in the task of working the Ship while there has been a shortage of hands.

22. LOSS OF "MANLY"

Attached Appendix A. is a copy of a report to N.O.I.C. New Guinea of the loss of the Motor Launch "MANLY" while in tow from Madang to Dreger Harbour

23.	Distance steamed during February	3116 miles
	Steaming Time	312 hours
	Average speed	10 knots

J. Hauke
.....Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'

Date 12th February, 1946 Reference No. 23/46

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS

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Forwarded herewith letter of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for month of January 1946.

J. Paulsen
.....Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA'
 Date 12th February, 1946 Reference No. 23/46
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 Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDING FOR JANUARY, 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, a letter of proceedings of H.M.A.S. 'BINGERA', for the month of January, 1946.

2. 1st -- 2nd JANUARY. ON PASSAGE--SYDNEY - TOWNSVILLE and at TOWNSVILLE

After an uneventful passage from Sydney, arrived at Townsville at 1430/2, secured at Eastern Breakwater, inshore Berth. 30. 3 tons of fuel were taken aboard.

3. 3rd-10th January. ON PASSAGE..TOWNSVILLE--SAMARAI Is and at SAMARAI Is.

At 1455/3 slipped from Eastern Breakwater and proceeded to Samarai, clearing Grafton Passage at 0945/4. The weather during the passage across the Coral Sea was good. Arrived at Samarai at 1154 and anchored. After examining the wharf and depth of water, weighed and secured alongside Samarai wharf at 1425.

4. Commenced discharging cargo from No. 2 Hold at 0845/7. Because of the size of the wharf it was possible to work only one Hold at a time.
5. The cargo was worked by Natives, under ANGAU supervision, consequently it was possible to grant some recreational leave to the Ships Company, who were appreciative of the opportunities for swimming, Cricket, and walks around the Island.
6. Finished discharging cargo approximately 80 tons at 0920/9, but when slipping from alongside, the Engines failed. The Ship was secured alongside again, repairs were effected and at 0558/10 slipped and proceeded to Madang, clearing China Straits at 0820. En route to Madang, called in at Gamododo, Milne Bay, to replenish with fresh water, but as a few hours delay would have been incurred because the main wharf was occupied, proceeded to Madang, clearing Raven Channel at 1745.
7. 10th-14th January. ONE PASSAGE..SAMARAI..MADANG and at MADANG
- At 1826/12 arrived at Madang, and as the wharf was occupied by 'MELINGA' anchored off Belias Is for the night. At 0725/13 'Melinga' slipped from the wharf. 'Bingera' weighed and proceeded alongside and at 0805/1 commenced discharging both holds. The cargo was worked by Natives. At 1945/13 a Native suffered a badly lacerated thumb when the hatches were being covered.
8. At 0910/14 completed discharging cargo for Madang, approximately 90 tons and commenced loading Machinery, Office Furniture and the personal effects of the Personnel proceeding to Dreger Harbour. At 1315 Four Officers and 28 Ratings embarked for passage to Dreger Harbour. At 1645 completed loading, N.O.I.C. New Guinea embarked; slipped and proceeded to Dreger Harbour, clearing Dalman Passage at 1725.

9. 15th-21st January. ON PASSAGE MADANG..DREGER HARBOUR and at DREGER HAR.

Arrived at Dreger Harbour at 1024 and anchored until 'Melinga' slipped from 11a wharf, then occupied her Berth at 1349. N.O.I.C. New Guinea disembarked and took up his Headquarters aboard H.M.A.S. 'Ping Wo'.

10. Commenced discharging cargo at 0830/16, all Personnel on transit disembarked. Both holds were worked by Ships' Company and Natives. The Natives were used for two days only, the Ships' Company working both holds and assisting in loading the trucks. An earth tremor shook the Ship and wharf mildly at 1945/17

11. Both holds and all deck cargo were discharged at 1820/20 and at 0755/21 shifted berth to 12a wharf. A Make and Mend was granted to the Ships Company.

12. 22nd January. Dreger Harbour to LAE

Slipped from 12a wharf at 0802/22 and proceeded to Lae carrying One Officer and 16 Men of an Army Signals Unit to Lae,. Arrived at Lae at 1458 and secured alongside the main wharf. The Army Personnel disembarked and at 2320/22 slipped and proceeded to Milne Bay.

13. 23rd-30th January. ON PASSAGE..LAE...MILNE BAY and at MILNE BAY.

Arrived at Milne Bay and secured alongside No.3 wharf at 0903/24 until communication was made with P.D. Milne Bay. We then shifted to No.4 wharf which was in slightly better condition than No.3. All wharves are on the verge of collapse.

14. Commenced loading heavy Machinery, (lathes, furnaces etc) and a general cargo of Paint, Grease, Timber, etc. A working party of 12 Hands was despatched from Madang in H.M.A.S. 'Kalgoorlie' to assist in loading the Ship.

15. At 1100/29, when covering the hatches Leading Seaman P. Mouchemoore. O/N.W. 1554 suffered severe lacerations to the left foot. He was discharged to U.S. Naval Hospital. Gamododo for Medical attention.

16. When all general cargo had been loaded, slipped from No.3 wharf at 0630/30 and anchored off ~~XXXXXX~~ 'Ladava', where the remainder of the cargo, drums of oil, was loaded from barges.

17. 31st January. ON PASSAGE...MILNE BAY....DREGER HARBOUR

Weighed and proceeded for Dreger Harbour at 0840, clearing Raven Channel at 1203.

18. GENERAL

The condition of the Hull and working order of Ships fittings has been satisfactory.

19. HEALTH

The health of the Ships Company has been good, except for a general tendency for minor cuts to turn Septic.

20. MORALE

During the month the 'Bingera's' ships Company loaded and unloaded at Madang, Dreger, and Milne Bay, sometimes assisted by working parties from ashore. Although the work was long and arduous, it was undertaken and executed with good heart, and morale continues to be of a high standing.

Distance Steamed.....2259 miles
Steaming Time..... 212 hours
Average Speed.....10.7 knots.

J. Houston
.....Lieut. R.A.N.R. (S)
Commanding Officer.

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Date 7/1/46

Reference No. 6/46

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.

Subject Letter of Proceedings

Forwarded herewith letter of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for month of December 1945.

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..... J. Paulain
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. (S)
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"Date 7/1/46 Reference No. 6/46To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne,Subject Letter of Proceedings.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, letter of proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Bingera" for the month of December 1945.

2. December 1st -- 27th --- At Sydney

This period was spent at No. 8 & 9 wharves Walsh Bay, loading cargo for Samarai Island, Madang, and Dreger Harbour. The cargo consisted of cloth and trade goods for the ANGAU at Samarai, and Naval stores for Madang and Dreger.

3. On December 1st 7 days leave was granted to half of the Ship's Company.

4. On December 15th loading was completed and sailing date was postponed to December 28th.

5. December 28th--31st.--Sydney to Townsville on passage.

At 0810 December 28th, slipped and proceeded to Townsville, clearing North Head at 0858. The weather was moderate, and up to December 31st the voyage was uneventful.

6. Health

The health of the Ships Company during the month of December has been excellent.

7. Morale

Morale continues to be at a very high standard.

8. Hull and Fittings

The condition of the Hull and Ships fittings has been satisfactory.

9.	Distance Steamed	843 miles
	Hours under way	88 hours
	Average speed	9.6 Knots

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FOR A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
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Potts Point, Sydney.

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Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Copy to F.O.I.C.
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Letter of Proceedings -- November 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board,
letter of proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Bingera" for the month of
November 1945.

2. Sydney -- Thursday Island. November 3rd.

After an uneventful passage from Sydney, Bingera
arrived at Thursday Island at 0700/K. After discharging Naval
stores at Navy Wharf, slipped and proceeded to Darwin at 1400/K
November 4th.

3. Thursday Island -- Darwin. November 7th - 13th.

Arrived in Darwin at 1515/L November 7th without incident,
and commenced to discharge cargo. After completion of discharge,
ship was fuelled and the loading of Naval stores for Sydney
commenced.

4. Darwin -- Sydney 15 - 25th November.

At 0555L/15th November, slipped and proceeded for
Sydney, clearing Boom gates at 0635L. The weather was excellent,
and the voyage entirely without incident until 0539K/ 21st
November when a floating mine was sighted. Course was altered
to avoid the mine, and immediate attempts were made to sink it
by rifle fire. The mine was barnacle covered and despite
observed hits on the horns, and numerous hits on the mine proper,
we were unable to sink it. The position of the mine was fixed,
Bernard Island bearing 043° distant 2.8 miles, and a reporting
signal despatched to NOIC Townsville.

5. Resumed previous course and speed at 0635 and proceeded
to Sydney, arriving at 1815K/ 25th November 1945/

6. At Sydney 25th - 30th November 1945.

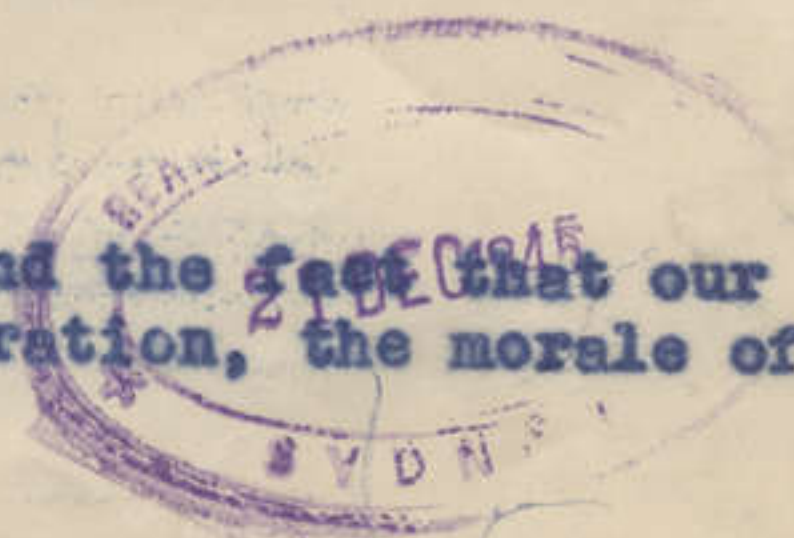
On arrival secured alongside Bengalow shifting to No. 8
Walsh Bay on the 26th and commenced unloading. Sub-Lieut.
C.F. MacMahon RANR joined PM 3rd December as relief for Sub-Lt
H.R. Featherstone RANR who was discharged to Lonsdale for
demobilisation on the 5th December.

7. Health.

The health of the ship's company during the month has
been excellent.

8. Morale.

Because of the prospects of leave and the fact that our
absence from a capital city is of short duration, the morale of
the ship's company has been high.



9. Hull and Fittings.

The general condition of the hull and fittings is satisfactory.

10. Distance steamed in November:- 2520 Miles.

Hours under way. :- 229 hours 42 Min.

Average speed. :- 10.9 knots.

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

Commanding Officer.

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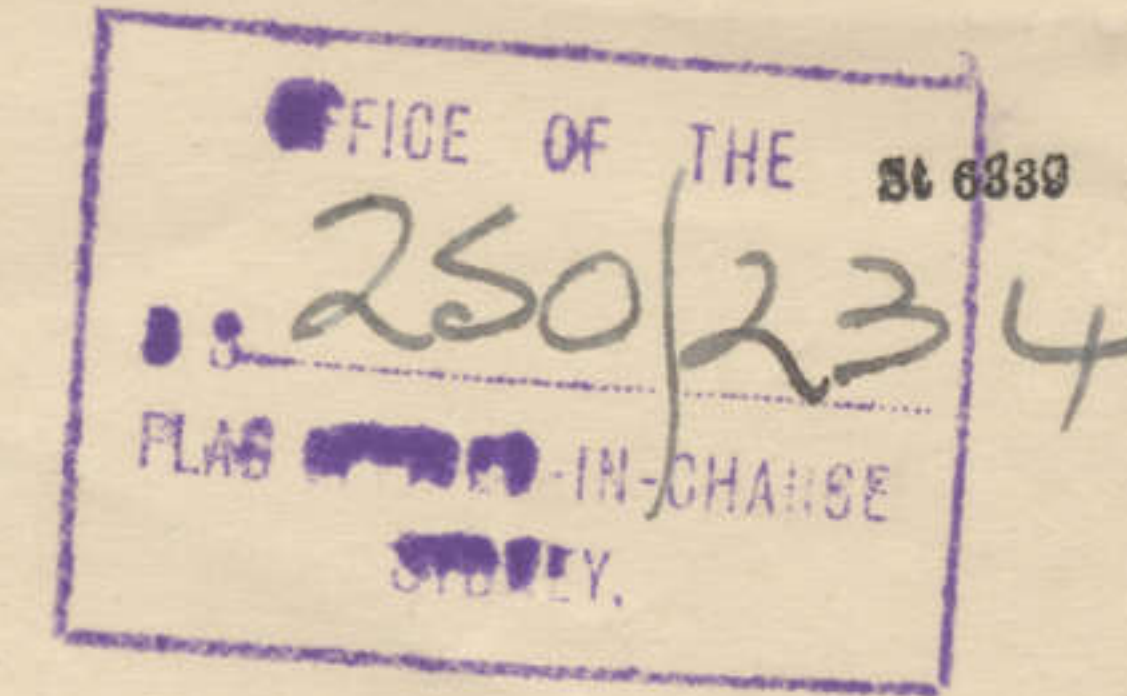
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Date 7th November 1945. Reference No. 200/45.
To Flag Officer in Charge, Sydney. (Copy to Secretary,
Naval Board).
Subject Letter of proceedings -- October 1945.

Forwarded herewith are copies of Letter of Proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for month of October 1945.

R. Haultain

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



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H.M.A.S. "Bingera".

7th November 1945.

Letter of Proceedings -- October 1945.

Monday 1st - 2nd. Alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
Wednesday 3rd. Slipped and proceeded to Station Pier, Port Melbourne.
Thursday 4th - 5th. Loading N.A.A.F.I. and Naval Stores for Sydney. 180 Tons.
Saturday 6th. 1300 Slipped and proceeded to Sydney.
Sunday 7th - 8th. On passage to Sydney.
Tuesday 9th. 0800 Secured at No.10 Buoy.
Wednesday 10th. Secured at No.10 Buoy.
Thursday 11th. Slipped and proceeded to No.9 Walsh Bay, commenced discharging cargo.
Friday 12th-15th. Unloading cargo.
Tuesday 16th. Preparing for loading.
Wednesday 17th. Commenced loading cargo for Thursday Island and Darwin (900 Tons).
Thursday 18th-23rd. Loading cargo.
Wednesday 24th. Finished loading. Slipped and proceeded to No.6 Buoy.
Thursday 25th. Compass adjustment.
Friday 26th. Slipped and proceeded to Thursday Island.
Saturday 27th-3rd. On passage to Thursday Island.
Saturday 3rd. Nov. 1400K arrived Thursday Island. Commenced unloading.

Distance steamed. 1748 Miles.
No. of hours steamed. 181.
Average distance steamed per ton of fuel. 88 Miles.

Sunday 4th Nov. Slipped from Thursday Island and proceeded to Darwin.
Monday 5th-6th. On passage to Darwin.
Wednesday 7th. 1400 arrived and secured alongside at Darwin. Commenced unloading. (Distance from Thursday Island 738 miles in 72 hrs.

Date of last Docking: 19th September 1945.
Total miles steamed: 2486.
Total hours : 253.
Average distance steamed per ton of fuel: 92 Miles.

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A/Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge
New Guinea.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".
Date 1st AUGUST 1945. Reference No. 138/45.
To SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. Copy to:- N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.
Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1945.

Sunday 1st:- Secured alongside West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne. Re-fitting.

Monday 2nd:- 1045. Slipped and proceeded to Victoria Docks, assisted by two Tugs.
1230. Secured alongside No. 16 Wharf, Victoria Docks.

Tuesday 3rd Secured alongside No.16 Wharf, Victoria docks. Blue metal ballast, buoyancy drums,
and
Wednesday 4th:- and 4" Gun landed.

Thursday 5th:- 0815. Slipped from No.16 Wharf, Victoria Docks and proceeded to Port Melbourne, assisted by two Tugs.
0935. Secured alongside West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne.

Friday 6th Secured alongside West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne. Re-fitting.
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Tuesday 31st:-

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Last Docking :- 19th May 1944.

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Friday 1st. 0600. Weighed anchor at Cid Island and proceeded to Sydney.

Saturday 2nd
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Monday 4th. On passage to Sydney.

Tuesday 5th. 1105. Secured No.5 Buoy, Sydney Harbour.

Wednesday 6th
to
Friday 8th. Secured No.5 Buoy, Sydney Harbour.

Saturday 9th. 1600. Slipped from No.5 Buoy, Sydney Harbour and proceeded to Melbourne.

Sunday 10th. On passage to Melbourne.

Monday 11th. 1210. Anchored in Oberon Bay, Wilson's Promontory.
1700. Weighed anchor and proceeded to Melbourne.

Tuesday 12th. 0915. Secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown, and commenced to de-ammunition ship in preparation for Re-fit.

Wednesday 13th. Secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown.

Thursday 14th. Secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown.

Friday 15th. 1120. Slipped from Nelson Pier and proceeded to West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne.
1145. Secured alongside West Wing, Station Pier.

Saturday 16th
to
Saturday 30th. Secured alongside West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne, RE-FITTING.

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Distance Steamed for June :- 1546 Miles.

Hours under Way :- 159 hours.

Average distance steamed
per Ton of Fuel..... :- 103 miles.

Last docking..... :- 19th May 1944.

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W. Webb
Lieutenant Commander. R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of Naval Board.

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A/Captain R. A. N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge
New Guinea.

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Date 1st JULY 1945. Reference No.
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Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1945.

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Saturday 9th. 1600. Slipped from No.5 Buoy, Sydney Harbour and proceeded to Melbourne.

Sunday 10th. On passage to Melbourne.

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Lieutenant Commander. R.A.N.R.
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The Secretary,
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MELBOURNE.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. D. Davis

A/Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge
New Guinea.

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Letter of proceedings --- May 1945.

- Tuesday 1st. On passage to But.
0855. Slipped tow and anchored in But anchorage.
- Wednesday 2nd. 0800 Weighed and proceeded for Madang.
On passage to Madang.
- Thursday 3rd. On passage to Madang.
0940. Anchored in Binnen Harbour.
- Friday 4th-7th. At anchor in Binnen Harbour, Madang.
- Tuesday 8th. 1320. Weighed and proceeded down Binnen Harbour.
1340. Anchored off Belue Island.
1815. Loaded Army stores for Hansa Bay.
2115. 7 AIF personnel and 3 Native Police embarked for passage.
2155. Weighed and proceeded for Hansa Bay.
- Wednesday 9th. On passage to Hansa Bay.
0843. Anchored in Hansa Bay, disembarked AIF personnel and Native police.
1728. Weighed and proceeded Madang with AIF personnel for passage.
- Thursday 10th. On passage to Madang.
0710. Anchored in Binnen Harbour, Madang.
Landed Army personnel.
- Friday 11th-12th. At anchor at Madang.
- Sunday 13th. 1030. Weighed and proceeded alongside No.1. Berth to load Army stores.
- Monday 14th. 0545. Slipped from berth and proceeded for Hansa Bay with 250 Army personnel on board and LCM in tow.
1550. Anchored in Hansa Bay, disembarked Army personnel.
- Tuesday 15th. 1755. Weighed and proceeded for Madang with 130 NGIB aboard.
- Wednesday 16th. On passage to Madang.
0650. Anchored in Binnen Harbour, Madang.
Disembarked NGIB.
1350. Weighed and proceeded for Manus with 25 RAN personnel for passage.
- Thursday 17th. On passage to Manus.
1540. Anchored in Sleadler Harbour and discharged RAN personnel.
- Friday 18th. 0700. Weighed and proceeded for Madang.
On passage to Madang.
- Saturday 19th. On passage to Madang.
0710. Steamed alongside "Stuart".
1700. Slipped and proceeded for Manus with RAN personnel on passage.

Sunday 20th. On passage to Manus.
1735. Anchored in Seidler Harbour and discharged RAN personnel.

Monday 21st. 0700. Weighed and proceeded for Hansa Bay.
On passage to Hansa Bay.

Tuesday 22nd. 0715. Anchored in Hansa Bay.
1800. Weighed and proceeded for Madang with 200
200 AIF personnel on board for passage.

Wednesday 23rd. 0645. Secured alongside wharf at Madang, disembarked
AIF personnel.
1255. Slipped from berth and proceeded alongside
"Rocklea" for fuel.
1510. Slipped and proceeded for Alexishafen with
Commander Lewis RAN and 3 Army Personnel aboard for
passage.
1645. Stopped off Alexishafen to take ML 820 in tow.
1710. Proceeded for Finschafen with ML 820 in tow.

Thursday 24th. 1450. Stopped off Finschafen to slip tow.
1505. Proceeded for Sydney.

Friday 25th-29th. On passage to Sydney.

Wednesday 30th. 1100 Secured alongside wharf Townsville to load
stores.
1600. Slipped and proceeded.

Thursday. 31st. 0720. Secured alongside wharf Bowen to load stores.
0920. Slipped and proceeded.
1500. Anchored in Cid Harbour, Whitsunday Passage.

Distance steamed for May. 2375 Miles.
Hours under way. 391 Hours.
Average distance steamed per ton of fuel 77 miles.
m Last Docking 19th May 1944.

W. R. H.

Lieutenant Commander RANR

Commanding Officer.

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New Guinea, Madang,
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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL - H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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(C.R. Reid)
A/Commander R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge,
New Guinea. (A.O.D.)

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H.M.A.S. "Bingera".

1st May 1945.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS --- APRIL 1945.

Sunday 1st.-Monday 2nd. On A/S patrol off Hollandia.

Monday 2nd. Embarked 41 tons of fuel oil.

Tuesday 3rd. At anchor at Hollandia.

Wednesday 4th - Thursday 12th. On A/S patrol off Hollandia.

Thursday 12th - Friday 13th. Alongside wharf and at anchor at Hollandia.

Friday 13th. Proceeded to sea at 1700, bound Madang, ML 1339 in tow.

Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th. On passage to Madang.
1620 anchored in Madang.

Monday 16th. At anchor in Madang.

Tuesday 17th. 1155 Departed Madang for Mios Woendi with NOIC NG. aboard.

Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th. On passage to Mios Woendi.

Friday 20th. 1300 Anchored in Mios Woendi.

Saturday 21st. Anchored in Mios Woendi.

Sunday 22nd. 0600. Departed Mios Woendi for Hollandia.

Monday 23rd. On passage to Hollandia.
1045. Anchored at Hollandia in Challenger Cove.
1800. Departed Hollandia for Aitape.

Tuesday 24th. On passage to Aitape.
0905. Anchored in Aitape anchorage.

Wednesday 25th. 0630. Departed Aitape for But.
1220. Anchored in But anchorage.
1645. Departed But for Madang.
1828. Opened fire with 4" gun on Saurai Village (Kairiru Island).
1842. Ceased fire 45 rounds D.A. expended.
Proceeded.

Thursday 26th. On passage to Madang.
1700. Anchored in Binnen Harbour, Madang.
1710. NOIC NG. disembarked.

Friday. 27th 1100. Fuelled from tanker "Rocklea".
1205. Returned to anchorage.

Saturday 28th. 0726. Weighed and proceeded alongside "Liberty" wharf to load petrol.
0953. Petrol loading delayed. Proceeded alongside Whang Pu to assist in firefighting.

Sunday 29th. Slipped from Whang Pu, proceeded alongside "Liberty" wharf to load with petrol, at 0745.
0910. Slipped from wharf.
0922. Anchored in Binnen Harbour.

Monday 30th. 0600. Departed Madang for But with L.C.M. in tow.

Tuesday 31st. On passage to But.
0855. Slipped tow and anchored in But anchorage.

Distance steamed for April 3727 Miles.
Hours under way. 452.
Average distance per ton of fuel. 87.2 Miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning. Not Held.
Last docking. 19th May, 1944.

N. P. Webb
Lieutenant Commander RANR.
Commanding Officer.



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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".
1ST APRIL 1945.

H.N. 29. 11. 44.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS -- MARCH 1945.

Thursday 1st - Friday 9th.

At anchor at Mios Weendi, accomodating boiler cleaning and armament maintenance parties for, and supplying water to H.M.A. escort vessels.

Friday 9th.

0930 - 1300. Proceeded to Sorido, Biak. Commander Morrow (RAN) accomodated on board.

Friday 9th - Sunday 11th. At anchor off Sorido as "Ready" ship.

Sunday 11th.

0845 - 1150. Proceeded to Mios Weendi - Commander Morrow disembarked.

Sunday 11th - Tuesday 27th.

At anchor at Mios Weendi, (as for Thursday 1st to Friday 9th).

Tuesday 27th

0900. Proceeded to sea, bound for Hollandia.
1030 - 1050. Exercised A/A sheet with 4inch, Bofors, and Cerlikon guns.

Wednesday 28th

1400. Entered Hollandia Bay.
1640. Anchored in Challenger Cove.

Thursday 29th

0600. Weighed and proceeded.
0630. Relieved H.M.A.S. "Celac" of outer A/S patrol off Hollandia.
1645. Established A/S contact - ship's company closed up at action stations - lost contact - carried out search for possible submarine.
1750. Considered contact non-sub - resumed patrol.
2246. Established A/S Contact - action stations.
2301. Dropped 5 charge pattern - mean depth 200 feet.

Friday 30th.

0010. Considered contact non-sub. resumed patrol.

Friday 30th - Saturday 31st.

On A/S patrol off Hollandia.

The health and conduct of the ship's company during the month have been good. Living conditions in the mess-decks have improved greatly since the disembarkation of the boiler cleaning and armament maintenance parties. m

Considering it is over 10 months since the ship was last dry docked, it is in good condition. However it is considered necessary for the ship to be docked first available opportunity.

H.N. 2/50
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Distance steamed for March - 1186 Miles.
Hours under way - 152 Hours.
Average distance per ton of fuel - 104 Miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning - No record.
Last docking - 19th May 1944.



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Commander "D"
File No. 7/27/28
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COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".

31ST MARCH 1945

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N.O.I.C.N.G. (Copy to Secretary Naval Board, Commander D
H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter", P.D. Hollandia.)
DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK ON THE 29TH MARCH 1945.

Submitted:

At 2248 1/29 March whilst on patrol off Hollandia between following positions 030° 11000 yards from signal station on Cape Soeada to position 060° 11000 yards from Cape Djar an asdic contact was obtained, relative bearing red 80 at approximately 500 yards range, ship's course S43°E Magnetic, ship's position approximately 01 degrees 31' S, 140 degrees 50'E, speed 7 knots.

Ship continued on this course opening out the range to 1100 yards where clear sharp echos were obtained, extent of target 10 degrees, no doppler, no movement, centre bearing N20°W Magnetic.

Ship turned towards at 7 knots, at 700 yards echo was still clear but no doppler or movement relative speed of approach being 7 knots with extent of target increasing. Owing to depth of water (approximately 600 fathoms), clarity of echo and also that echo was obtained in area constantly patrolled echo was classified as a possible submarine and it was decided to attack, ship then increased speed to 11 knots, ran over target and dropped a 5 charge pattern with a mean depth of 200 feet at 2301 i, position 01°31' S 140° 50' E.

After pattern had exploded lost contact and reduced speed to 6 knots, continued on same course and regained contact at 700 yards, echo appeared to be less clear than on first run.

As target still had no doppler and no movement and a large extent (25°) with furry edges it was considered that target was not a submarine, ship then altered course towards at 700 yards centre bearing S 10° E Magnetic to run over target again and investigate, speed still 6 knots. Ran over contact which was still stationary and fixed ship's position by cross bearings, echos being less distinct than on the first run in and contact being maintained with difficulty.

Whilst opening the range lost contact at 350 yards, then turned towards previous position and regained contact at 400 yards, still no doppler, no movement, and extent of target varying from 25° to 30°, echos no longer clear and sharp.

Ship then altered course, speed 6 knots and ran over target from various directions on three more occasions, fixing target position on each occasion, similar conditions being experienced on each run.

After pattern had been dropped it was noted that echoes deteriorated throughout period of contact but during each run over target contact was maintained until approximately 500 yards range on the runout and then lost. Contact was finally lost and patrol resumed.

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Ship searched area of contact at dawn but no debris was observed. The possibility of contact being a shoal of fish is considered remote as no fish were observed on surface after pattern had been dropped and during subsequent runs over contact. No echo has since been heard over this position. Trace forwarded to H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

Weather conditions:

Wind Force 1 - 2.N.W.

Sea ll.

Weather C.

Visibility 6.

Moon Full.

Tidal stream 1 knot to the westward.

Asdic conditions good.

H. Webb

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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3 N.M. *4*

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1st March, 1945.

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Letter of Proceedings - February 1945.

Submitted:-

The month of February was spent at anchor at Mios Woendi accommodating boiler cleaning and torpedo parties, and supplying water to H.M.A. Escort Vessels in the area.

The ship itself is in good condition considering that it has not been dry docked for over 19 months, but it is considered necessary for the ship to be docked first available opportunity.

Apart from tropical rashes, the health and conduct of the ship's company has been good.

Although not as bad as last month, the mess-decks are still overcrowded and ratings are still forced to sleep in the open.

Distance steamed : Nil.

Hours under way : Nil.

Distance steamed since

commissioning: No record.

Date of last docking : 19th May, 1944.

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W. Webb

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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D.N.I. (N.H.R.O.) *8/4/45*

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Mr Slessor
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Jeonui but - can other accommodation for Boulder Party be found - NORC New Guinea does not seem to think so.

There is a proposal to use "Orara" for this purpose. Message from Comdr D T.O. 260130 [Mar 1945. indicates border cleaning party satisfactorily accommodated in "Bombah" local bulk temporarily? to release Bingera in 1 week from 26 March 1945

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Bingera released by Commander 'D' on 26th March via 26 0130 from Comdr D

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January 1945.

S.N.B. *Wm 26/2*

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3 N.M. *10/3* *PAR 4. Concern par 4 - Can other arrangements be made?? Suggest this is a matter on which some N Guinea might express an opinion*

D. of P. *Ref 3rd N.M. Remarks. Minute has been raised recommending ORARA for this duty* *14/3*

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N.S. *Wm 22/3*

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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".
1ST FEBRUARY, 1945.

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LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1945.

Submitted:

1 The period Monday 1st January to Wednesday 31st January has been passed at anchor at Mios Woendi accommodating boiler cleaning and armament maintenance parties for, and supplying water to H.M.A. Escort Vessels. The ship was under way for fuelling and to supply electric power to H.M.A.S. "Gympie" only.

2 The health and conduct of the ship's company have been good and the tropical rashes mentioned in last month's report have been reduced. *ln*

3 As stated last month the living conditions of the men have not been satisfactory. Owing to the overcrowding of the messdecks, ratings have been forced to sleep on the deck in spite of bad weather. Although awnings have been rigged, many men have still had to sleep in the open.

4 It is my opinion that this ship is being wasted in acting as accommodation ship only for a boiler cleaning party, and that it is too valuable for this work if other arrangements can be made for the accommodation of these ratings.

Distance steamed - 6.0 Miles.
Hours under way - 3.
Distance steamed since commissioning - no record held.
Date of last docking - 19th May 1944.

HN

W. Webb

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Ops (N) *24/2*

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H.P.B. *23/2*

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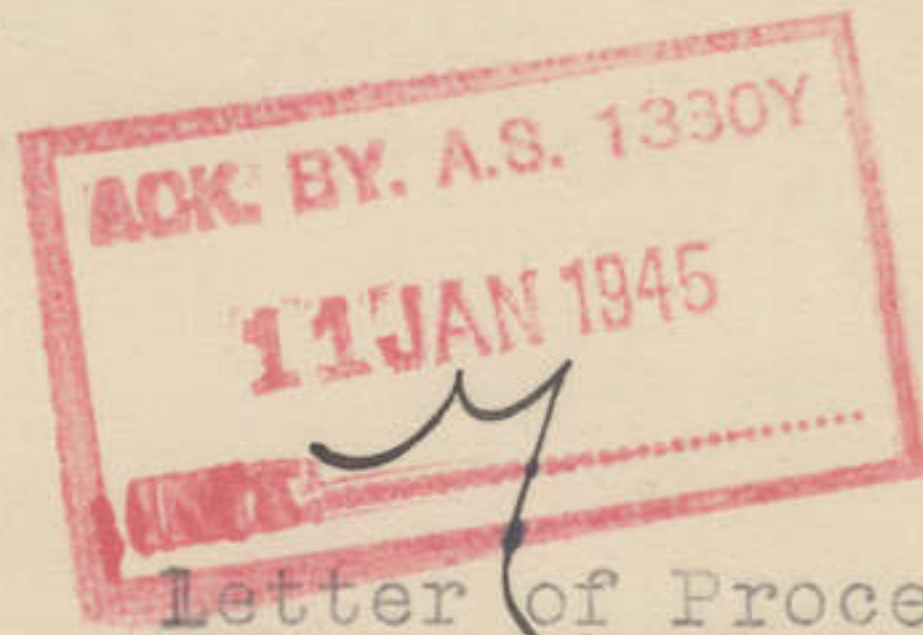
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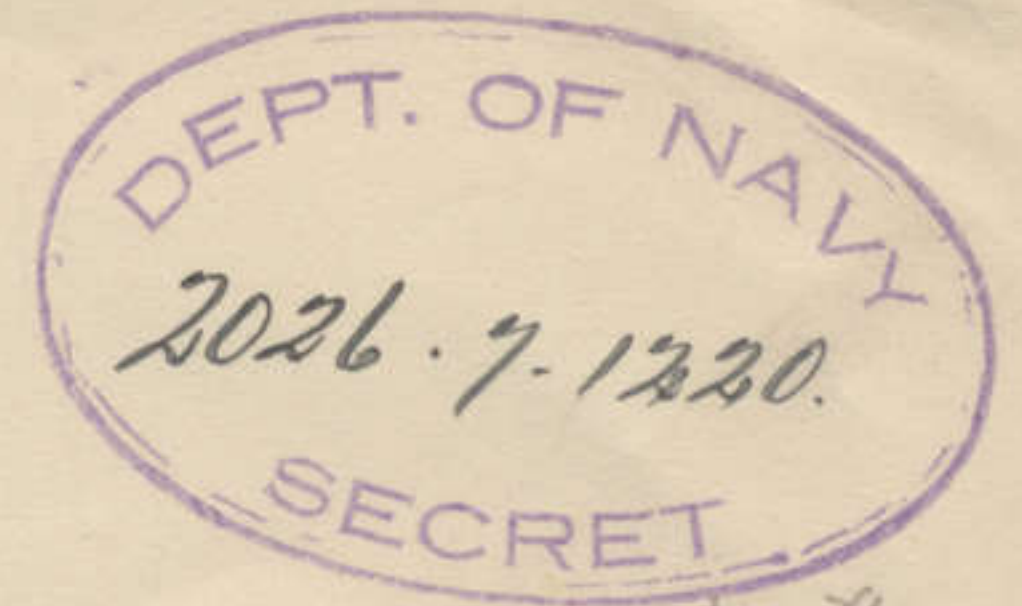
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Letter of Proceedings - December, 1944.

Friday 1st December to Sunday 31st December.

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At anchor at Mios Woendi accommodating boiler cleaning party for, and supplying water to H.M.A. Escort Vessels. Ship under way to shift anchorage only.

The health and conduct of the ship's company during the month has been good, except for numerous tropical rashes. The ship itself is in good condition.

As stated in last months letter of proceedings, the living conditions of the men have not been satisfactory. The mess decks are overcrowded and ratings are still forced to sleep on deck in spite of bad weather.

Distance steamed	-	6 miles.
Hours under way	-	2 hours.
Distance steamed since		
Commissioning	-	No record.

Last period of docking 19-5-44.

H. Webb

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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D.N.I. (N.H.R.O.)

*Lt Parker
Mr Messer
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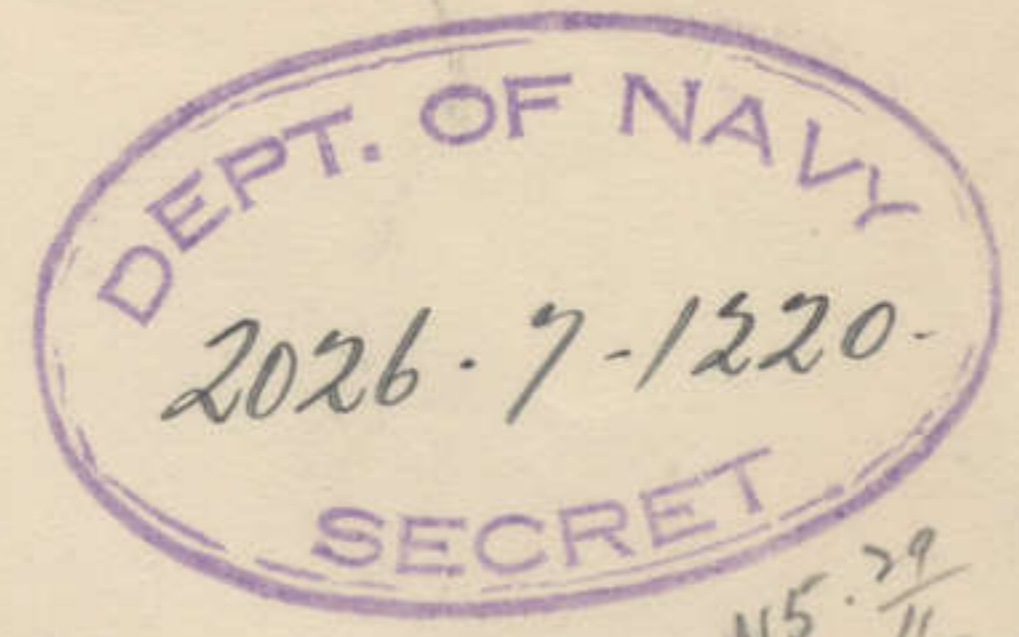
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~~D.G.N.S. 10/1~~

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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".

1ST DECEMBER, 1944.

N5. 29/11/44

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1944.

Wednesday 1st. till Thursday 30th November.

HN

At anchor at Mios Woendi accommodating boiler cleaning party for, and supplying water to H.M.A. Escort Vessels operating in the area.

The health and conduct of the ship's company during the month have been good.

The ship itself is in good condition.

The living conditions of the men have been far from satisfactory. The ship has been providing accommodation for boiler cleaning and armament maintenance parties in addition to many ratings awaiting passage and on draft to ships in the area. The result has been that the ship's company formerly 63, has been doubled, the P.O's Mess decks are still very much overcrowded, many men have been forced to sleep on deck in spite of the rainstorms which occur frequently at night, so the comfort of the men is not what it should be.

Distance steamed - Nil.

Hours under way - Nil.

Distance steamed since commissioning - No record.

W. R. Bell

Lieutenant Commander RANR.
Commanding Officer.

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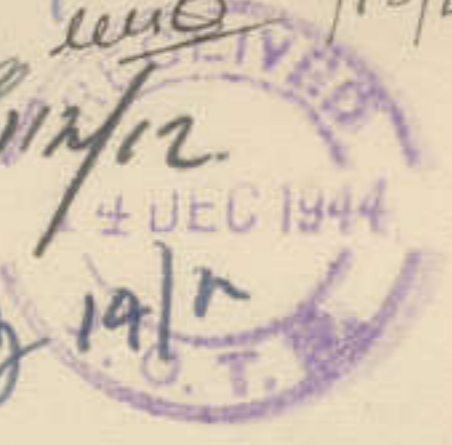
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H.M.A.S. "Bingera"
1st November, 1944.



Letter of proceedings from 1st October.

Sunday, 1st October, 1944.

0435 Exercised dawn action stations.
1400 Passed U.S.S. York bound for Hollandia.
1500 Carried out A/S patrol off Humbolt Bay, to cover convoy whilst entering harbour.
1710 Proceeded into Hollandia Bay.
1720 Anchored off Madurau Is.

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Monday 2nd October.

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0550 Weighed and proceeded alongside U.S. Tanker X125.
0700-0735 Embarked dieselene.
0753 Slipped from tanker and proceeded to anchorage off Rotshock Pt.
0820 Anchored.

Tuesday 3rd October.

1200 Weighed and proceeded from Humbolt Bay for Madang.

Wednesday 4th October.

On passage to Madang.

Thursday 5th October.

On passage to Madang.

1000 Exercised practice H.A. shoot.
1400 Sighted convoy off Karkar Is. bound north.
1718 Entered Madang harbour and embarked fresh water from H.M.A.S. "Ping Wo".

Friday 6th October - Saturday 7th October.

At anchor in Madang Harbour.

Sunday 8th October.

0604 Anchor aweigh and proceeded from Madang on passage to Saidor.
0620 Passed Norweigan Freighter "Aun", bound Madang.
1320 Identified by P.W.S.S. Saidor.
1600 Commenced embarking stores of P.D. Saidor.

Monday 9th October.

At Saidor embarking stores of P.D. Saidor.

Tuesday 10th October.

At Saidor embarking stores.
1600 Native prisoner and escort on board.

Wednesday 11th October.

0605 Anchor aweigh and proceeded to Madang.
1220 Anchored in Binnen Harbour.
2020 Native Prisoner and escort ashore.

Thursday 12th October.

1620 Hands mustered for payment.

Friday 13th October - Saturday 14th October.

At Madang - shore party carried out armament test -
Armament correct.

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Sunday 15th October.

0600 Proceeded from Madang to Alexishafen and embarked fresh water.
1510 Proceeded from Alexishafen to Madang.
1722 Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Whang Pu" and disembarked water.

Monday 16th October.

As for Sunday the 15th.

Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th October.

Alongside "Whang Pu" - disembarked water to Q1338, H.M.A.S. "Gum Leaf", M.L. 827, M.L. 802.
(19th) Air compressor for A.M.S. boiler cleaning aboard.

Friday 20th October.

H.M.A.S. "Strahan" alongside for welding repairs.

Saturday 21st October.

0600.
H.M.A.S. "Strahan" slipped and proceeded.
0810 M.L. 802 alongside for water.
1112 Slipped from "Whang Pu" and proceeded alongside wharf for lubricating oil for A.M. SWEEPERS.

Sunday 22nd October.

1105 Slipped and proceeded to Alexishafen and commenced embarking fresh water.

Monday 23rd October.

0600 Weighed and proceeded on passage to Meos Woendi.
0800 Passed U.S. Ships "Geo. S. Boutwell" and "Rossiter" bound south, off Kakar Is.
1255 Passed Salvage tug bound south.
1430 Passed U.S. Frigate escorting 8 L.S.l's bound south.
1600K Ships clocks retarded one hour- 1500 I time.
1900 Passed ship bound south.

Tuesday 24th October.

On passage to Meos Woendi.
0550 Passed U.S.S. "McCrackin" bound south.
1310 Passed 5L.C.T's bound east.

Wednesday 25th October.

15000 Passed through A/T boom into Meos Woendi Anchorage.
Identified by P.W.S.S.
1614 Anchored off Noesi Is.

Thursday 26th October.

At Mois Woendi anchorage.

Friday 27th October.

At Mois Woendi anchorage.
Embarked stores.
Exchanged our Port Whaler for H.M.A.S. "Glenelg's" damaged one.

Saturday 28th October to Tuesday 31st October.

, At Mios Woendi.

Health, welfare, and conduct of the ship's company has been good. Conditions on board are good. The ship itself is in good condition.

Distance steamed - 1317.7. Hours under way - 156 40/60
Average distance per ton of fuel - 59.3.

N. H. H.
Lieutenant Commander RANR.

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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPT, 1944.

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Friday 1st Sept. 1944 to 5th Sept. 1944.

Secured alongside wharf at F.N.D.

Tuesday 5th September.

1415 Slipped from wharf F.N.D. and proceeded down Hann's Inlet.
1635 Set Course from Cape Schanch, on passage to Sydney.

Wednesday 6th September.

1232 Challenged and identified S.S. Iron Knob bound West.

Thursday 7th September.

1705 Entered Sydney Harbour.
1720 Passed over D.G. Range.
1732 Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Nepal" at Cruiser Wharf, Garden Is

Friday 8th Sept. to 12th Sept, 1944.

Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Nepal", Cruiser Wharf, Garden Is.

Tuesday 12th Sept.

0800 Slipped from alongside H.M.A.S. "Nepal".
0835 Secured to No 6 buoy, Sydney Harbour.
1020 to 1145 Swung compasses.
1300 Slipped from No. 6 buoy.
1352 Passed outward through Sydney Harbour Heads.
1415 Set course north on passage to Madang - New Guinea.

Wednesday 13th September 1944.

1130 Passed Smoky Cape.

Thursday 14th Sept, 1944.

0810 Cape Byron Light abeam.
1845 Identified by Signal Station, Cape Moreton.

Friday 15th Sept, 1944.

1238 Sandy Cape abeam.
1520 A/C to N 74° W.
1940 Lady Elliot Island abeam A/C to N 58° W.

Saturday 16th Sept, 1944.

0325 North Reef light abeam, A/C to N 31° W.
1400 High Peak Is. Light abeam, A/C to N 44° W.
1540 A/C to N 53° W.
1825 Identified H.M.A.S. "Geelong".

Sunday 17th September.

0615 Identified S.S. "Cape Otway".
0635 A/C to N 10° W, to enter Whitsunday Passage.

Monday 18th September.

0120 S.S. "Poonba" identified, bound south.
0345 Identified tug towing four barges bound North.
0410 Identified S.S. "taroona" bound south.
1117 A/C to N 31° E to enter Grafton Passage.
1255 Cleared Grafton Passage, set course N 27° E to pass Bouganville Reef.
2300 Bouganville Reef abeam A/C due north.
2350 A/C to N 22° E to cross Coral sea for China Straights.

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Tuesday 19th September.

On passage across Coral Sea.

Wednesday 20th Sept, 1944.

On passage across Coral Sea.

1336 A/C to N 84 E.

1500 Identified S.S. "Sherman O. Haughton" off Arch Islands.

1700 Anchored off Nawaupa Bay, to pass through China Strait in day light.

Thursday 21st September, 1944.

0600 Anchor Aweigh, proceeded in course N 22 E bound for China Strait.

0715 A/C to N 40 E to make entrance to China Strait.

0912 A/C to enter Raven Channel.

0930 Cleared Raven Channel, A/C to pass Liberty ships to Port.

1145 Challenged and Identified S.S. Gorgon.

1430 Sighted liberty ship aground on Dart Reef, salvage tug standing by.

Friday 22nd September

0100 Passed Oro Bay.

0615 Identified Port Renselair (Dutch Ship).

1215 Received S.O.S. from W.R.Z.J.I. but considered two other ships much nearer his vicinity, Bingera's position being 110 miles from W.R.Z.J.I.

1900 Entered Langemak Harbour, received orders from P.W.S.S. TO PROCEED TO FINSCHAFEN.

1940 Plane observed to crash in sea off Finsch. Harbour.

2000 Standing by Finsch Harbour awaiting Pilot, visibility preventing entrance being made.

Saturday 23rd Sept, 1944.

Escorted H.M.A.S. "Tolga" from Finschhafen, bound for Madang.

Sunday 24th September.

0830 Entered Heads of Madang Harbour.

0855 Anchored in Binnea Harbour, Madang.

Monday 25th Sept to 28th September.

Anchored in Binnea Harbour, Madang.

Thursday 28th September.

0557 Anchor aweigh.

0620 Cleared Madang Harbour.

0655 Entered Alexihafen and anchored.

1230 Anchor aweigh.

1240 Cleared Otillen Passage, carried out A/S sweep in company with H.M.A.S. "Bendigo" and "Glenelg".

1322 Challenged Beaufort Aircraft - convoy escort plane.

1400 Convoy consisting of U.S.S. "OTUS", salvage tug, fleet tanker, and L.S.T., towing petrol and two floating docks, clearing harbour Escorts taking up appointed positions.

H.M.A.S. "Bingera" on starboard wing of convoy. Convoy bound for Hollandia.

1500 H.M.A.S. "Broome" joined convoy escorts.

1710 Convoy in formed state.

1730 Escorts taking up night stations.

Friday 29th September.

0440 Exercised Dawn Action Stations.

1450 Challenged Catalina aircraft - reply correct.

1715 Assumed night station - Exercised dusk Action Stations.

Saturday 30th September.

0115 Investigated A/S contact, classified as non-sub.

0440 Exercised dawn Action Stations.

Saturday, 30th September, 1944. (Con't).

07 15 Passed convoy of two U.S. escort vessels.
1240 Challenged and identified S.S. "Celestial".
1740 Exercised dusk action stations. Took up night stations.

Distance run through the water :- 3340.2.

Complement as at 30th September, 1944.

6 Officers.

58 Ratings.

The health of personnel during the month has been good. 267

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".

War Diary for Month of September 1940.

1-2nd. September. At Sydney, No.7 Buoy.

3-4-5th. September. Embarked A/S classes for instruction at No. 7 Buoy.

6th. September. Embarked A/S class and proceeded to sea in company with "HEROS" for A/S exercises.

7-8th. September. Alongside new wharf, Garden Island.

9th. September. Shifted to No. 7 Buoy, signalling exercises from Garden Island.

10th. September. Embarked A/S class and signal ratings from "RUSHCUTTER" for A/S and Signalling exercises at sea in company with "St. GILES".

11th. September. Exercises at sea with A/S class.

12th. September. Officers A/S class for exercises at sea in company with "St. GILES".

13th. September. Proceeded to Berry's Bay, C.O.R. Wharf for Bunkers.

14-15th. September. Alongside Oil Wharf, Garden Island.

16th. September. Carried out trial of Indicator Loops in conjunction with Extended Defence Officer.

17th. September. Shifted to No. 2 Buoy.

18th. September. At No.2 Buoy.

19th. September. A/S Officers class for exercises at sea in company with "HEROS".

20th. September. A/S class for instruction at No.2. Buoy.

21-22nd. September. At No.2 Buoy.

23rd. September. Embarked A/S class for instruction at No.2 Buoy.

24th. September. At No.2 Buoy. Signalling exercises from Garden Island.

25th. September. Carried out trials of Indicator Loops in conjunction with Extended Defence Officer.

26-27th. September. Embarked A/S class for instruction at No.2 Buoy.

28th. September. Shifted alongside Garden Island, New Wharf.

29th. September. At Garden Island.

30th. September. Commenced refit : additional accommodation. Hands sent on leave.


Lieutenant Commander.

("PENGUIN's" letter No. W2266/8/40/44 of 20th August, 1940.)

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The Secretary,
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H.M.A. Naval
Establishments, Sydney.
16th September, 1940.

C. C. Quirkhead-Dodd

Commodore-in-Charge.

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August 1st. Entered Fitzroy Dry Dock, Cockatoo Island for cleaning and painting.

2nd. Left Dry Dock and secured to No.6 Buoy.

3rd. & 4th. At No.6 Buoy.

5th. & 6th. At No.7 Buoy, painting ship, signalling exercises from Garden Island.

7th. Sub-calibre firing and A/S exercises with "HEROS" and "St. GILES" off Sydney.

8th. Towing target for Sub-calibre firing by "NAMBUCCA" and "DURAWEEEN".

9th. At No.6 Buoy. S/D Ratings to Depot for instruction. Engineer room inspection.

10th. A/S patrol and screen for Strathallan and Manoora.

11th & 12th. At No. 6 Buoy.

13th & 14th. Embarked one Officer and 7 Ratings from A/S School for exercises at sea in company with "St. GILES".

15th. Sub-calibre firing off Sydney in company with "HEROS" and "St. GILES".

16th, 17th and 18th. At No.6 Buoy.

19th. Proceeded to Newcastle in company with "St. GILES".

20th and 21st. Conducting A S P/40 exercises with "St. GILES" off Newcastle.

22nd. Returned to Sydney with "St. GILES". Rendezvous with "MOREBY" en route for general exercises.

23rd. A/S patrol off Sydney.

24th. A/S patrol in company with "HEROS" and "St. GILES". Area covered from Newcastle to Pt. Kembla.

25th. A/S Patrol off Sydney.

26th. At Sydney.

27th. At Watson's Bay. Stand-by patrol vessel.

28th. A/S patrol off Sydney.

29th. Returned to Man-o-war anchorage, embarked Officers A/S Class for exercises at sea, but owing to rough conditions making Asdic results unsuitable, returned to Garden Island.

30th. A/S sweep ahead of "CANBERRA" and troopship.

31st. At Sydney. No.7 Buoy.

(Signed) E.W. Livingston.

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

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H.M.A.S. "Bingera"

- July 1st = 2nd. ¹⁹⁴⁹ Alongside Garden Island, S/D and V/S ratings to Depot for instruction.
3. Exercise with "Heros & St Giles" off Sydney.
4. Thirteen Officers embarked from A/S School for Asdic instruction at sea.
P.M. dropped pattern 5 depth charges.
5. A/S classes for instruction in removing underwater fitting.
- 6 - 7. Alongside Garden Island.
8. Secured to No.3 buoy.
9. Vessels of Group 51 inspected by His Excellency The Governor General.
10. Exercises off Sydney with "Heros and St Giles" Anchored overnight at Watsons Bay.
11. Exercises with "Moresby, Heros and St Giles" off Sydney.
15. A/S patrol and screen for S.S. "Orontes".
16. At No.2 buoy. One Officer, twelve ratings from A/S School for instruction.
17. One Officer, six ratings for instruction from A/S School. Gunners Mate from Depot exercising. Gun Drill and Rifle exercise.
18. Officers class embarked for instruction A/S exercises in company with "Heros and St Giles". off Sydney.
19. At sea with "Heros and St Giles". One Officer, thirteen ratings for instruction.
- 20 - 21. Alongside Barrack Jetty.
22. Bunkered at Berry, s Bay.
23. At No.6 buoy. One officer, 6 ratings from A/S School for instruction.
24. As yesterday.
25. Officers for exercise in company with "St Giles at sea.
- 26 to 29. At No. 6 buoy.
30. Exercises at sea with "Heros.
31. Sub-calibre firing and exercises (A/S) off Sydney.

Edward Kingdon

Commanding Officer.

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WAR DIARY - H.M.A.S. "BINGERA"

H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" commissioned at Sydney on Monday, 5th February, 1940, being then in dry dock at Cockatoo Island, and shifted to Mort's Dock at 1500 on the same day.

6th February to 19th February. - Fitting out at Morts Dock and Garden Island, bunkered and ammunitioned.

20th February. Proceeded to sea for gun trials - compass adjusted on return to harbour.

21st February. Depth Charge Tests at Buoy.

23rd February. a.m. Asdic Exercises off Sydney; p.m. Speed and acceleration tests.

26th February. Proceeded Jervis Bay arriving 1825.

27th February. to 1st March - At Jervis Bay for "shake down" and exercises. Returned Sydney 1428 1st March.

2nd & 3rd March - Alongside Garden Island.

4th March. - 6th March - Exercises off Sydney.

7th - 10th March. - alongside Garden Island.

11th - 13th March - Exercises off Sydney

14th - 15th March. - At No.5 Buoy; Asdic Dome removed for inspection.

16th - 17th March - Alongside Garden Island.

18th - 19th March. - Exercises off Sydney

20th March. - Exercises in company with "HEROS" & "ST.GILES".

21st March - 25th March - Alongside Garden Island.

26th March. - Proceeded Port Kembla with "HEROS"

27th March. - Exercises off Port Kembla.

28th March - Returned to Sydney

29th March - 2nd April - At No.5 Buoy, Sydney - gun drills.

3rd - 4th April - Gunnery exercises off Sydney in company with "HEROS" and "ST.GILES".

5th April - Sub-calibre firings off Sydney.

6th - 9th April - At Sydney.

10th April - A/S Patrol and screen for "RAMILLES" and "ADELAIDE".

11th April - Sub-calibre firing off Sydney.

12th April - Full calibre firing off Sydney.

13th - 22nd April - At Sydney; painted ship.

23rd April - Exercises with "HEROS" and "ST.GILES" off Sydney.

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- 24th April - Exercises off Sydney with "HEROS" & "ST.GILES".
- 25th April - At Sydney
- 26th April - Exercises off Sydney/
- 27th - 28th April. - At Garden Island.
- 29th April. - Proceeded Jervis Bay; "MORESBY", "HEROS" & "ST.GILES" in company.
- 30th April. - Returned Sydney, stored and ammunitioned and departed for Fremantle, "HEROS" and "ST.GILES" in company, at 2300.
- 1st May - At sea. Hove to at 1115 while "HEROS" repaired broken check valve; 1300 proceeded at 5 knots, ("HEROS" one boiler); 1400 Full away; 2000 "ST.GILES" reports boiler trouble and becomes totally disabled; standing by until daylight.
- 2nd May. - Strong wind and heavy sea; prepared towing gear and passed line to "ST.GILES" which is shackled on to her cable; all fast and commenced towing at 0900.
- 3rd May.- Arrived Watson's Bay 1300, "ST.GILES" slipped tow line and proceeded to Garden Island assisted by Tug "WATTLE". Towing distance 133 miles. Recommended that vessels of Group 51 be supplied with appropriate towing gear. Recommendation approved and duly received.
- 4th - 13th May. - Alongside Garden Island - Dockyard hands.
- 14th May - Exercising off Sydney - 2 officers and 11 ratings from A/S School embarked - "MORESBY" in company.
- 15th - 20th May - alongside Garden Island - S.D., W/T and Signal ratings to instruction.
- 21st - 22nd May - 4 officers and 5 ratings from A/S School embarked - exercising with "MORESBY" off Sydney.
- 23rd May. - Towing Hong Kong target for sub-calibre shoot by "MORESBY".
- 24th - 30th May. - Alongside Garden Island.
- 31st May to 13th June. - Ship's Company granted 14 days' leave. D/G equipment fitted during leave period.
- 14th June. - Ship's Company returned from leave.
- 15th - 17th June - At Sydney; Instruction fitting pistols to Depth Charges.
- 18th June. - D/G Tests at Chowder Bay.
- 19th - 20th June. - A/S Exercises off Sydney with "HEROS" and "ST.GILES".
- 21st - 25th June. - Alongside "PENGUIN" - S.D. W/T and Signal ratings to Depot for training. Instruction on board fitting primers to Depth Charges

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26th June. - A/S Exercises off Sydney with "HEROS" and "ST.GILES".

27th June. - At sea testing Maxim guns of Group 51 - Lieutenant Commander Anderson supervising.

28th June. - Alongside Garden Island.

29th June, 1940 - A/S Patrol off Sydney. Group 51 formed A/S Screen ahead of "MANOORA" and Convoy, picked up Gun Trial Party and returned to Harbour.

30th June - Alongside Garden Island.