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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BERYL II"
TO: Secretary, Naval Board.
DATE: 31/10/45 REF. NO: BP/24
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER, 1945.

The following report of proceedings for the month of October, 1945, is submitted.

1. On 1st and 4th October, vessel proceeded from Reid Street Pier, Williamstown, with ammunition for drowning, and this was carried out in a position off Port Phillip Heads in depths of 4--45 fathoms. On completion of drowning vessel returned to Reid Street Pier.
2. Hours under way for the month of October - 19 hours, 15 mins. Total distance steamed - 166 miles. Average distance - 15 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st June, 1945 - 1341 miles at an average speed of 6.82 knots. Total steaming time - 196.5 hours.
3. The standard of health and the conduct of the ship's company is good. The condition of the ship is good.

(SIGNED) J.C. PAULSEN

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.(S)

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

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

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

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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BERYL II"
TO: Secretary, Naval Board (Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Melbourne.)
DATE: 1 October, 1945. REF. NO: BP/19
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Submitted:

The following is report of proceedings for the month of September, 1945.

1. On 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 22nd and 28th vessel proceeded from Reid Street Pier, Williamstown, with ammunition for dumping, and this was carried out in a position off Port Phillip Heads in depths of 40-45 fathoms. On completion of dumping vessel returned to berth.

2. From 13th to 17th, Minesweeping gear was embarked and fitted and at 0802 on 18th vessel slipped and proceeded to Port Phillip Bay to calibrate same. Trials were satisfactory and vessel returned to berth at 1530.

3. On the 20th, vessel proceeded at 1251 with target in tow to enable H.M.A.S. "Doomba" to carry out a day and night exercise. On completion, vessel secured at 0022/21st.

4. At 0818 on the 26th vessel slipped and proceeded to assist H.M.A.S. "Cowra" calibrate her Radar equipment. On completion vessel secured at Reid Street Pier at 1442.

5. Hours under way for the month of September - 34.75. Total distance steamed - 666 miles. Average distance 15 miles to one ton of coal. Total distance steamed since 1st June, 1945 - 1175 miles at an average speed of 6.63 knots. Total hours under way - 177.25.

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

(SGD) J.C. PAULSEN

J.C. Paulsen

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

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

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

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A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

2nd October, 1945.

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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BERYL 11"

TO: *ACK. BY. A.S. 1280Y*
12 SEP 1945 Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne
(Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board)

DATE: *INT.* 8/9/45

REF. NO: BP/08

SUBJECT: REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31st, 1945.

Submitted:

The following is a report of operations for month ending August 31st, 1945.

1. Vessel refitted at Reid Street Pier, Williamstown during the greater part of the month.

2. On 30th August, vessel slipped at 0915K and adjusted compasses off Fawkner Beacon returning to berth at 1345. Vessel slipped again at 1500, towing pattern V1 target for H.M.A.S. "Doomba" to carry out a day and night exercise. Vessel secured, on completion, at 2355.

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

4. Hours under way for the month of August - $8\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Total distance steamed - 53 miles. Average distance - 15 miles to one ton of coal.

5. Total distance steamed since 1st June, 1945 - 509 miles at an average speed of $5\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Total hours under way - $92\frac{1}{2}$.

(SIGNED) J.C. PAULSEN

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

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

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

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

11th September, 1945.

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From... Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. Beryl II
To... Secretary, Naval Board. (Naval Officer in Charge Port Melb.)
Date.... 8.9.45. Ref. No. BP/08

Subject... Report of Operations for month ending 31st August, 1945.

Submitted,

The following is report of operations for month ending 31st August, 1945.

1. Vessel refitted at Reid St. Pier, Williamstown, during the greater part of the month.

2. On 30th August, vessel slipped at 0915 k, and adjusted compasses off Fowler's Beacon, returning to berth at 1345 k. Vessel slipped again at 1500 k, towing pattern VI target for H.M.A.S. "Doomba" to carry out a day and night exercise. Vessel secured, on completion, at 2355 k.

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

4. Hours under way for the month of August = 8 1/2. Total distance steamed = 53 miles. Average distance = 15 miles to one ton of coal.

Total distance steamed since 1st June, 1945, = 509 miles at an average speed of 5 1/2 knots. Total hours under way = 92 1/2.

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

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board)

"BERYL II" - MONTHLY REPORT.

Sir,

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

Vessel refitting at Reid Street pier Williamstown, Ship's Company on 24 days leave.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

a Mackenzie.
Warrant Officer, R.A.N.R.(S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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Naval Staff Office,
Port Melbourne.

9th August, 1945.

The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 055065 of 23rd October, 1944.

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

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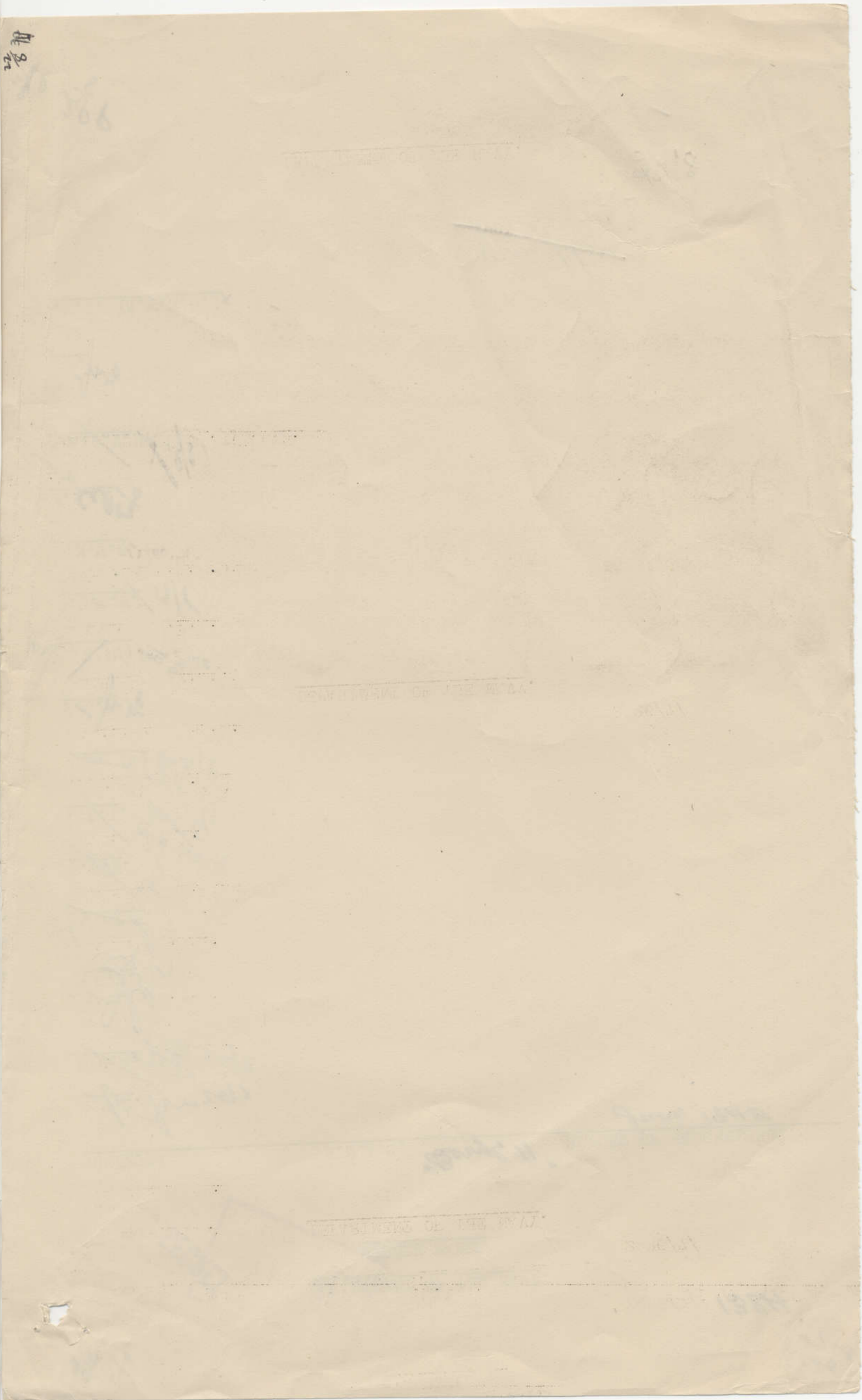
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Port Melbourne
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The Secretary, Naval Board,
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A/Commander, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

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H.M.A.S. "BERYL II",
1st July, 1945.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
PORT MELBOURNE.

(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).

Sir,

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

On the 1st June, vessel proceeded from Nelson Pier at
0915K to Port Phillip bay to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "Gascoyne"
and operated as necessary for that vessel's radar calibrations,
proceeding to and berthing at Nelson Pier at 1610K.

Vessel then remained in port until 0925K the 4th June,
when sailed to dump ammunition in Bass Strait; afterwards anchoring
of Queenscliff at 1755K until Wednesday, 6th June, then returned
to Williamstown, berthing at 1055K/6.

Vessel remained in port until 0920K/11, when sailed to
dump ammunition in Bass Strait, on returning to port, owing to
dense fog, anchored approximately 4 miles south of Gellibrand light
at 2030K until 0810K/12, when proceeded to berth for pattern VI
target for firing practice of H.M.A.S. "Doomba", at 1230K/12
proceeded to "NX" area towing target, but owing to bad visibility
returned to berth at 1620K/12.

Vessel then remained in port until 1017K/14, when sailed
to dump ammunition in Bass Strait, on returning to port, owing to
dense fog, anchored off Fairway Beacon until 1212K/15, secured
alongside Nelson Pier at 1305K/15.

Vessel again remained in port until 0925K/18, when sailed
to dump ammunition in Bass Strait, returning to berth at 1925K/18.

Vessel remained in port until 0945K/20 when sailed to
dump ammunition in Bass Strait, carrying out full calibre practice
shoot in "NX" area on route, berthing at 2053K/20.

Vessel remained in port until 1015K/22 when sailed to
dump ammunition in Bass Strait, returning to berth at Williamstown
at 2116K/22, vessel shifted berth to Station Pier, Port Melbourne
on 25th until 29th of June, when returned to Reid Street Pier to
commence refit.

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

Hours under way for month of June = 84 hours. Total distance
steamed = 456 miles, average distance = 14 miles to one ton of coal,
average speed $5\frac{1}{2}$ knots.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

a Mackenzie

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