

## **AWM78**

### **Reports of Proceedings, HMA Ships and Establishments**

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Period Ending 31st March, 1960.

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## QUEENSLAND PUBLICITY

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By C.N.P.R.

I was pleased to read of the excellent public relations liaison in Queensland. I will do everything I can to help in this good work, but I doubt whether it would be worthwhile teleprinting all ministerial releases to Brisbane. Such releases are normally, by their very nature, stories of national interest, and depend for their publication on public interest in the R.A.N. generally. These items are available to Queensland news organisations through the normal channels, and I doubt whether much would be achieved by local liaison. In fact, trying to influence the use of such material could prejudice the existing good relations.

2. C.N.P.R. watches constantly for stories that lend themselves to further local "home town" development. In cases where ministerial releases refer to establishments or events in Queensland, I will be happy to provide simultaneous teleprinter release to Brisbane so that they can exploit locally.

3. The "home town" photographs referred to in paragraph 33 are certainly worthwhile local publicity, and I hope to improve and extend this type of service. However, I feel this is a central administration activity, and can be most efficiently handled direct from Navy Office. As has already been found in the case of photographs released in Sydney, lack of central distribution leads to duplication, and other undesirable complications.

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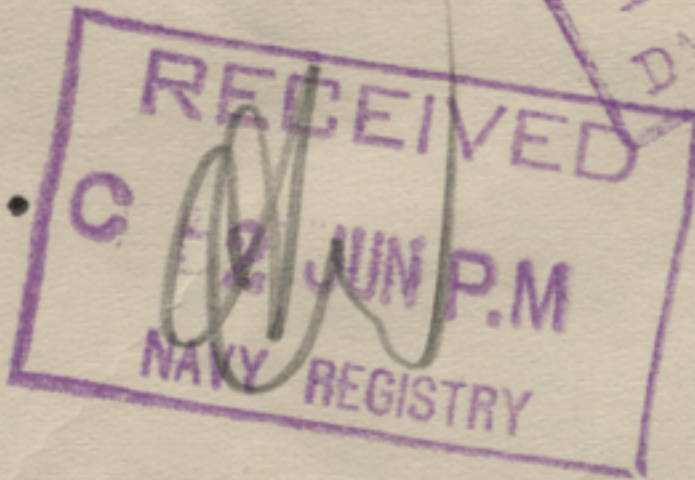
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - QUEENSLAND COMMAND -  
PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1960.

With reference to Navy Office Letter 4336/31/20 (13410) dated 13th April, 1954, submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the following report (in triplicate) for the period 1st January to 31st March, 1960.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

1. The following warships visited ports in Queensland during the above period :-

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
HMS ALERT	Brisbane	3. 1.60	18. 1.60
HMS ALERT	Cairns	21. 1.60	22. 1.60
U.B.S. MAYU	Cairns	2. 2.60	4. 2.60
HMAS BANKS	Urangan	19. 2.60	22. 2.60
HMAS QUEENBOROUGH	Cairns	19. 2.60	20. 2.60
HMS ST BRIDES BAY	Cairns	23. 2.60	25. 2.60
U.B.S. MAYU	Cairns	28. 2.60	3. 3.60
HMAS QUICKMATCH	Cairns	12. 3.60	13. 3.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	17. 3.60	17. 3.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	20. 3.60	22. 3.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	28. 3.60	29. 3.60

2. H.M.S. ALERT wearing the flag of the C. in C. F.E.S., (Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone, K.C.B.) arrived in Brisbane on Sunday 3rd January after visiting New Zealand. On the following morning C. in C. disembarked and boarded an R.A.F. aircraft for Singapore. Shortly after departure ALERT reported she had suffered damage to her port shaft and returned to her berth. ALERT entered the South Brisbane Dock on Friday 8th January for necessary under-water repairs, details of which are contained below, and finally departed for Singapore via Cairns on 18th January.

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REPORT ON THE VISIT OF THE H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" TO SINGAPORE AND PORTS IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND MALAYA DURING THE PERIOD 1st JANUARY TO 31st MARCH, 1940.

With reference to Navy Office letter #336/21/20 (13410) dated 18th April, 1939, submitted for the information of the Naval Board as the following report (in triplicate) for the period 1st January to 31st March, 1940.

1. THE FOLLOWING SHIPS VISITED PORTS IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND MALAYA DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD:-

Ship	Port	Arrived	Departed
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Bras Basah	1.1.40	18.1.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	21.1.40	28.1.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	2.2.40	4.2.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Trangar	19.2.40	22.2.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	19.2.40	20.2.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	23.2.40	25.2.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	28.2.40	3.3.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Catmon	12.3.40	13.3.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Townsville	17.3.40	17.3.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Townsville	20.3.40	22.3.40
H.M.S. "SHEPHERD"	Townsville	28.3.40	29.3.40

H.M.S. "SHEPHERD" was wearing the flag of the R. in S. T. 1. 2. 3. (British Air Force) Gladsport, S. C. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837. 838. 839. 840. 841. 842. 843. 844. 845. 846. 847. 848. 849. 850. 851. 852. 853. 854. 855. 856. 857. 858. 859. 860. 861. 862. 863. 864. 865. 866. 867. 868. 869. 870. 871. 872. 873. 874. 875. 876. 877. 878. 879. 880. 881. 882. 883. 884. 885. 886. 887. 888. 889. 890. 891. 892. 893. 894. 895. 896. 897. 898. 899. 900. 901. 902. 903. 904. 905. 906. 907. 908. 909. 910. 911. 912. 913. 914. 915. 916. 917. 918. 919. 920. 921. 922. 923. 924. 925. 926. 927. 928. 929. 930. 931. 932. 933. 934. 935. 936. 937. 938. 939. 940. 941. 942. 943. 944. 945. 946. 947. 948. 949. 950. 951. 952. 953. 954. 955. 956. 957. 958. 959. 960. 961. 962. 963. 964. 965. 966. 967. 968. 969. 970. 971. 972. 973. 974. 975. 976. 977. 978. 979. 980. 981. 982. 983. 984. 985. 986. 987. 988. 989. 990. 991. 992. 993. 994. 995. 996. 997. 998. 999. 1000.

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3. Two separate visits were made by the United Burmese ship MAYU to Cairns and considering the language difficulty both visits could be regarded as successful. For the first visit, an R.A.N. Liaison Officer and a Burmese Attache from Canberra were present at Cairns. Their presence eased the language difficulty but prior to their arrival the Naval Agent was confused by conflicting instructions and advice forwarded from Canberra and this office. Other examples of this "divided control" are contained below.

4. It is pleasing to report that arrangements for visiting H.M. ships, both from the operational and social, sporting etc., at Townsville has improved. This improvement has been made, particularly, by the excellent work performed by Mr. P. Chapman who is the Honorary Liaison Officer and accepts responsibility for all matters other than purely operational.

5. It has been proposed to the Naval Board that Captains of visiting ships may become aware of the authorities responsible for the co-ordination of all aspects affecting visiting ships at the different outports in Queensland.

#### H.M.A.S. MORETON.

6. There was little change in the performance of Naval activities this quarter from that previously reported. There is no definite date for the transfer of the remaining facilities at Alice Street to New Farm and until such time as the essential alterations are made at New Farm the inconvenience caused will have to be up with put!

7. The strength of MORETON, excluding Dockyard Police, is five officers and seven ratings. The complement of ratings is eight which will be attained when a Seaman Petty Officer is drafted.

8. Continued difficulty is experienced in making personnel available for berthing and slipping parties; boats crews and the many other extra commitments that arise. Consequently, there is no lack of variety of duties as frequently the Chief Writer and the S.B.A. have been used for berthing and slipping.

9. Lack of personnel precludes participation in Inter Service sport but when the exigencies permit some have played Tennis and Golf against the Army. The Tennis team failed by one point to qualify for the semi-finals of the Army Inter Unit Tournament.

#### WELFARE AND DESERTERS.

10. During the quarter 17 compassionate cases were investigated by the Port Chaplain and 8 deserters or absentees were recovered: of these 4 were Royal Naval personnel.

#### HOUSING.

11. At the end of the quarter two houses were vacant at the suburb of Inala. A separate recommendation has been made to the Board that these be returned to the Housing Commission.

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NAVAL RESERVES.

12. At the end of the quarter there were 38 officers, 235 ratings and 12 cadets on the strength of the Brisbane Division of the R.A.N.R. These figures show a decrease compared with last quarter which has been caused by expired engagements.

13. One Reserve E.R.A. is at present undergoing six months A.C.T. at F.N.D. and an average of 13 are performing 13 days A.C.T. each month.

"MILDURA"

14. Despite good efforts by the Reserves, the age of "MILDURA" becomes more evident as the months pass. Other attached craft are well maintained and their condition remains good.

"DIVIDED CONTROL" AT QUEENSLAND OUTPORTS.

15. As previously reported it is most desirable that all arrangements for the visits of H.M. ships to Queensland outports be initiated from this office. With the exception of Cairns, where a Naval Agent is appointed, operational matters are dealt with by the Sub Collectors of Customs, in a purely voluntary capacity. At Townsville the Honorary Liaison Officer has been appointed to assist the Sub Collector at this busy port.

16. In effect, the Sub Collectors are the Naval Representatives at the port and frequently deal with all matters of naval interest. Consequently, close and personal liaison exists between them and this office and every effort is made to lessen the work involved and to anticipate any problems which may confront them. This practice has been in existence for some considerable time and each look to this office for direction. A diplomatic approach is required at all times and it is customary for my Intelligence Officer to make a personal approach in order to maintain cordial relations.

17. Prior to the visit of the R.N. Squadron to Queensland ports last year it was learned that arrangements were being made by Canberra direct with the Mayors of the outports concerned and an explanation was necessary to the Sub Collectors to maintain their co-operation. Conflicting and confusing advice received by the Naval Agent, Cairns, from Canberra and this office has been reported upon above.

18. On other occasions H.M. and H.M.A. ships have either partially dealt with the Port Authority direct or certain operational authorities have done so on their behalf - without informing this office. Without this advice it is impossible to assist the local authority or avoid needless duplication regarding anticipated requirements.

19. Whenever practicable, ships should indicate their expected requirements, by letter, direct to the local authority and a copy to this office, or vice versa.

FUELLING.

20. A total of 1,196 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil was issued from the Cairns Oil Fuel Installation to H.M.Ss ALERT and ST BRIDES BAY, H.M.A. ships QUEENBOROUGH and QUICKMATCH and the Lighthouse and

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Navigation steamer S.S. CAPE LEEUWIN (twice). No issues of Furnace Fuel Oil were made from the Brisbane (Windsor) Installation during the quarter.

#### OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS.

21. No. 5 Tank at the Cairns Oil Fuel Installation has been cleaned in preparation for repairs to a crack in the concrete floor which has caused excessive leakage of the water base.

22. Minor repairs, only, were carried out to the plant and equipment at the Windsor Oil Fuel Installation and also at Newstead Wharf.

#### OVERSEEING.

23. Visits of inspection in connection with the fabrication of stores, repairs to small craft, motor vehicles and port equipment totalled 123 during the quarter.

#### REFITS AND DOCKINGS.

24. H.M.S. ALERT entered the South Brisbane Dock on Friday 8th January for major repairs to her port propellor and intermediate shafting which were bent, due to the sheering of coupling bolts, shortly after she sailed from a downstream berth in Brisbane on Monday 4th January. Captain E.A. Good, R.A.N. and Lieutenant Commander W.F.H. Staff, R.A.N.V.R. visited Brisbane in connection with these repairs which were effected by Evans Deakin & Co. Ltd., Engineers and Shipbuilders. After satisfactory basin trials ALERT departed Brisbane on Monday 18th January.

25. Periodical slipping and repairs to small craft in the Command were carried out during the quarter.

#### RECRUITING.

26. During the quarter 208 applications were received for General Service and 66 recruits entered. In addition, there were 5 re-entries.

27. Interest in the Naval Artificer Apprentice entry has been maintained and a total of 65 acceptable candidates will be considered for entry in May.

28. The Junior Recruiting Scheme had attracted 39 applicants up to the end of the March quarter and of these approximately 50% are of sufficient physical and intellectual standard to be considered for entry. Applications for the July entry close on May 15th and it is anticipated that additional suitable applicants will be available from those not selected for the R.A.N.A.T.E.

29. An effective liaison with press, radio and television media has been maintained and the opportunity was taken to feature on television the "swearing in" ceremony of both male and female recruits for the January entry.

30. On 28th March Commander R.H. Hain, R.A.N. commenced a three week tour of Queensland schools, the result of which will be reported in the next quarter's proceedings.

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#### PUBLICITY.

31. An excellent liaison is maintained with the press, radio and television in Brisbane and with all country newspapers and radio stations. Every opportunity is taken to publicise the activities of the Navy during visits of H.M. ships and senior officers to the Command, recruiting tours and, periodically, entry of recruits. Apart from Naval Reserve and Sea Cadet activities there is little else suitable of news value locally.

32. Official Ministerial releases from Canberra receive little space in the above media, mainly, owing to the lack of sufficient local interest. This could be overcome to some extent by personal representation provided the releases were made available promptly (copies of releases are invariably received in this office several days later). It might be considered feasible, therefore, for Ministerial releases to be routed by teleprinter in conjunction with the release to the press. In this way it would be possible for the Naval P.R.O. to expand upon the local angle (if any) and take advantage of the excellent liaison already maintained.

33. Interpretation of what is considered by the press to be of news value appears most necessary for all concerned. The activities of a "local boy" in a shore establishment or at sea is of news value, particularly to the local newspaper and radio and, if of sufficient interest, to the Capital City press. Pictures portraying these activities, suitably endorsed, giving personal details and unusual unclassified material should be made available for dissemination by the local administrative authority direct from Captains of ships and shore establishments. A constant flow of such publicity material would prove of great benefit to the recruiting effort. Over a lengthy period only one such item has been forwarded to this office. This was received from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE showing a picture of a Brisbane pilot cutting a cake to commemorate the ten thousandth deck landing.

#### STORES.

34. Progress was made in reducing stocks and generally speaking stores are now satisfactory due mainly to the unremitting attention of the officer responsible for stores - Lt Cdr H.R.B. Smith, M.B.E., R.A.N.

35. The disposal of Boom stocks has been processed and it will be interesting to see how much the large mass will be reduced when buyers have completed their transactions.

#### ALICE STREET NAVAL DEPOT.

36. Certain R.A.N. and R.A.N.R. activities are still being maintained at the Alice Street Depot and complete evacuation is dependent upon the completion of alterations to the New Farm Depot.

37. Sections of several Commonwealth Government Departments are in temporary residence at Alice Street and this has given rise to criticism from the public through local newspapers. This matter has been submitted to the Naval Board and advice is awaited regarding the eventual occupant of the premises.

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38. The Financial Section of the R.A.A.F. appear confident that they will eventually occupy the area but it has been recommended to the Naval Board that due consideration be given to the lack of recreational facilities and the retention of the Drill Hall for use as a basket ball stadium. In regard to this latter aspect, it is understood that the Naval Association (formerly Ex-Navalmen's Association) contemplate approaching the Department for a lease of the Drill Hall for use as a Naval Memorial House whilst retaining the basket ball facilities and its use by visiting warships for other recreational facilities, none of which are available in Brisbane at the present time.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

39. Lack of sufficient communication staff presents a problem on occasions. Prior to and during the docking of H.M.S. ALERT an abnormal amount of cypher traffic was received and in order to relieve the pressure, arrangements were made for plain language copies to be obtained from ALERT and the daily services of a communication rating from the ship. This period coincided during the absence of the C.R.S. on Christmas leave - the only communication rating borne in MORETON.

40. When ships are operating off the coast the extra traffic involved tends to become too much for the communication staff and assistance is usually given by visiting ships whilst alongside. An additional communication rating, if available, would improve the position.

41. Inward classified traffic received during the quarter amounted to 154 messages containing 17,600 groups and outward 8 messages containing 300 groups. The total amount of traffic handled was 1,180 inward messages and 430 outward.

#### DOCKYARD POLICE.

42. Three posts, namely Boom Defence Depot at Pinkenba, the Alice Street Naval Depot and the New Farm Depot continue to be the responsibility of the Naval Dockyard Police. The complement has been reduced to a total of 17.

#### SHIPS' PROVISIONS AND ACCOUNTS.

43. Five shipments, involving 35 orders, for 155 tons of meat were made on behalf of the Admiralty during the quarter. The total value £52,000.

44. Provision orders for visiting ships were reduced to 31 with a value of £320. The total number of accounts registered during the quarter was 739.

#### CIVIL STAFF.

45. No civil staff changes were made during the quarter but approval has been given for the creation of a position of Clerical Assistant Grade 3 to assist in the Intelligence Section. Arrears of work still exist in the Intelligence and Civil Personnel Sections and, to a lesser extent, in the Naval Reserve, Registry and Archives Sections.

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AUSTRALIAN SEA CADET CORPS.

46. T.S. GAYUNDAH have been working under some difficulties in their new headquarters at the New Farm Depot but when the necessary alterations are made, particularly for the safer stowage of stores and equipment, conditions will improve. Alterations are expected to be completed this financial year.

47. T.S. MAGNUS are in the process of building a new headquarters on the bank of the Norman Creek which runs through the school grounds. All necessary facilities, including slipways under cover, will be contained in the building which is being constructed by the strong and enthusiastic Parent's Committee.

48. Accommodation difficulties are still being experienced by T.Ss ENDEAVOUR and BUNDABERG and this is having an effect on the Units. At Cairns, an approach has been made by the newly established Trinity Bay High School to establish a detachment of Sea Cadets within the school. This can be achieved by appointing officers and instructors from the school to T.S. ENDEAVOUR and include the selected students in the Unit for normal training periods. Additional training could then be performed during school hours when the Army and Air Training Corps Units, already formed, carry out weekly parades. However, the Headmaster of the school is most anxious that A.C.T. be performed, similar to the other Services.

49. The whole question of the satisfactory performance of A.C.T. by Sea Cadet Units in Queensland is a difficult one and this matter has been submitted separately to the Board. It is hoped that the Director of Naval Reserves may be able to resolve the matter during his forthcoming visit of annual inspection in June/July.

50. T.S. PIONEER (at Mackay) and T.S. TYALGUM (on the Gold Coast) are progressing favourably.

WORKS MATTERS.

51. Seven major Works Requisitions were received during the quarter in connection with the supply of furniture, the transfer of the Rifle and Pistol Range, repairs to the wharf decking and the alterations, additions, surveys and repairs necessary at the New Farm Depot. Other major works are for the exterior painting at the Cairns Oil Fuel Installation and the acquisition of additional land there. Several sub-requisitions have been issued for furniture and fittings and minor repairs and maintenance in the Command, in addition to requests by letter and telephone. Twenty one departmental orders were placed under the new system as regards services under £25 in each instance.

GENERAL.

52. An R.M.S. party from H.M.A.S. WATSON rendered safe a mine located in a creek north of Bowen on 11th February after experiencing difficulty and combating floods and muddy conditions. The utmost co-operation was received from the R.A.A.F. at Townsville who supplied the necessary transport and accommodation for the period.

53. On completion of the above operation, the party proceeded to Cairns where arrangements were made to locate a mine previously reported to be in the vicinity of Cape Tribulation. As the finder

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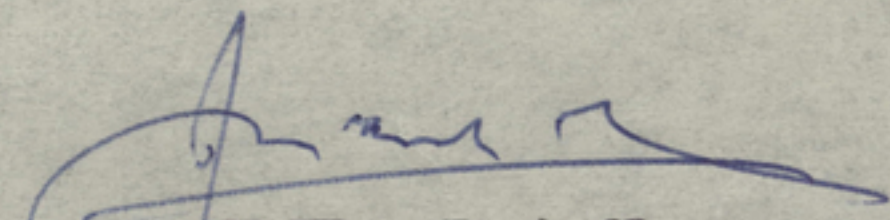
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resided at Cooktown the R.M.S. Officer (Lt B.A. Willcox, R.A.N.) was forced to proceed to the area, alone, and search the area. Previous contact had been made with a Coastwatcher situated in the vicinity of Cape Tribulation and he guided Lt Willcox to the location and which he considered was the position of the mine referred to. As a result the party was able to destroy several mine cases in the area which could have led to further reports had not the opportunity been taken to clear the beach.

54. During a navigational exercise by one R.A.N. Dakota in March the necessary accommodation and transport at Longreach was arranged by this office through the Department of Civil Aviation. A satisfactory liaison continues to exist with this Department.

55. NOIC QLD accepted H.M.A.S. BANKS on behalf of the Naval Board at Maryborough on Tuesday 16th February.

56. There was a significant reduction this quarter in social engagements and official R.A.N. representation following upon the hectic Queensland Centenary Celebrations which concluded on 31st December, 1959.

  
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1. The following warships visited ports in Queensland during the above period :-

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H.M. Sub ANDREW	Brisbane	4. 4.60	7. 4.60
HMAS SWAN	Brisbane	5. 4.60	11. 4.60
HMNZS ROTOITI	Cairns	6. 4.60	8. 4.60
HMAS GASCOYNE	Cairns	19. 4.60	21. 4.60
HMAS BANKS	Cairns	4. 5.60	6. 5.60
USS ELDORADO	Brisbane	5. 5.60	11. 5.60
HMAS KIMBLA	Brisbane	6. 5.60	11. 5.60
F.S. CASSARD	Cairns	24. 5.60	26. 5.60
HMAS SWAN	Brisbane	25. 5.60	1. 6.60
HMAS BASS	Maryborough (Launched)	26. 3.60	30. 5.60
HMAS TOBRUK ) HMAS ANZAC )	Brisbane	3. 6.60	7. 6.60
HMAS WARREGO	Bowen	4. 6.60	6. 6.60
HMAS WARREGO	Off Mackay	11. 6.60	26. 6.60
HMAS WAGGA	Brisbane	11. 6.60	13. 6.60
HMAS SWAN	Mackay	17. 6.60	18. 6.60
HMAS VAMPIRE ) HMAS QUIBERON )	Cairns	17. 6.60	18. 6.60
HMAS KIMBLA	Mackay	17. 6.60	26. 6.60

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H.M.S. GASCOYNE	Cairns	19. 4.60	21. 4.60
H.M.S. BANKS	Cairns	4. 5.60	6. 5.60
U.S.S. ELIZABETH	Brisbane	5. 5.60	11. 5.60
H.M.S. KILPATRICK	Brisbane	6. 5.60	11. 5.60
U.S.S. CASSARD	Cairns	24. 5.60	26. 5.60
H.M.S. SWAN	Brisbane	25. 5.60	1. 6.60
H.M.S. BASS	Maryborough (anchored)	26. 5.60	30. 5.60
H.M.S. TORRUK ) H.M.S. ANAC )	Brisbane	3. 6.60	7. 6.60
H.M.S. WARRAGO	Bowen	4. 6.60	6. 6.60
H.M.S. WARRAGO	Off Mackay	11. 6.60	26. 6.60
H.M.S. WAGDA	Brisbane	11. 6.60	13. 6.60
H.M.S. SWAN	Mackay	17. 6.60	18. 6.60
H.M.S. VAMPIRE ) H.M.S. GUTHRIE )	Cairns	17. 6.60	18. 6.60
H.M.S. KILPATRICK	Mackay	17. 6.60	26. 6.60

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<u>Ship</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	19. 6.60	20. 6.60
HMAS WARREGO	Townsville	27. 6.60	28. 6.60
HMAS KIMBLA	Brisbane	29. 6.60	1. 7.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	3. 7.60	4. 7.60
HMAS GASCOYNE	Cairns	9. 7.60	9. 7.60
HMAS VENDETTA ) HMAS QUEENBOROUGH )	Cairns	10. 7.60	11. 7.60
HMAS SWAN	Bowen	12. 7.60	13. 7.60
HMAS WARREGO	Townsville	14. 7.60	14. 7.60
HMAS PALUMA	Gladstone and Gladstone area	16. 7.60	
HMAS SWAN	Bowen	16. 7.60	18. 7.60
HMAS WARREGO	Bowen	16. 7.60	18. 7.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	21. 7.60	22. 7.60
HMAS WARREGO	Brisbane	23. 7.60	29. 7.60
HMAS SWAN	Townsville	30. 7.60	1. 8.60
HMAS KIMBLA	Brisbane	4. 8.60	9. 8.60
HMAS SWAN	Brisbane	8. 8.60	10. 8.60
HMAS WARREGO	Townsville	11. 8.60	12. 8.60
HMAS PALUMA	Bowen and Bowen area	20. 8.60	
HMAS WARREGO	Cairns	20. 8.60	22. 8.60
HMAS BARCOO	Brisbane	24. 8.60	26. 8.60
HMAS MELBOURNE	Brisbane	26. 8.60	29. 8.60
HMAS VENDETTA	Brisbane	26. 8.60	29. 8.60
HMAS TOBRUK	Brisbane	26. 8.60	30. 8.60.
HMAS ANZAC	Brisbane	26. 8.60	30. 8.60
H.M. Sub ANDREW	Brisbane	26. 8.60	29. 8.60
HMS CARYSFORT	Cairns	28. 8.60	30. 8.60
HMS CARYSFORT	Brisbane	1. 9.60	4. 9.60
HMAS PALUMA	Townsville	17. 9.60	19. 9.60
HMAS GASCOYNE	Cairns	23. 9.60	26. 9.60
HMAS BANKS	Thursday Island	24. 9.60	29. 9.60

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2. U.S.S. ELDORADO, wearing the flag of the Commander Amphibious Group One (Rear Admiral C.O. Triebel) was the official United States Navy visitor for Coral Sea Week in Brisbane. On the following day (6th May) the official United States guest - Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood - arrived, by air, as the guest of the Australian Government and Australian American Association. A Brisbane journalist embarked in ELDORADO in Sydney for passage to Brisbane and, in Moreton Bay, further pressmen and V.I.Ps embarked. This set the pattern for a considerable amount of publicity for the United States Navy during the ship's stay. As is customary, a full social and sporting programme was arranged by this office for the visit as the local American Consul's staff is inadequate.

During the stay personal invitations and the co-ordination of social events were handled through an operational room on board, which innovation was ideal but tended to suffer from the inevitable complaint of "too many cooks". Wide interest was displayed when ELDORADO was open to visitors as she was a unit of the U.S.N. and the fact she was the first Headquarters ship to have visited Brisbane. The ship landed a detachment of officers and ratings for a Memorial Service on Sunday 8th May together with similar detachments drawn from the R.A.N.R., Army and R.A.A.F.

3. Prior to the arrival of H.M.A.S. SWAN, the Flag Officer in Charge East Australian Area and Staff Officers carried out an inspection of the ship in Moreton Bay on 5th April. Abortive efforts were made to obtain a suitable embarkation point in Moreton Bay for embarkation of the inspection party by ship's boat and it was finally decided that SWAN provide a crew for MORETON's workboat for this operation in view of the small complement borne in this Command. Prior to SWAN's arrival in Brisbane for the second time during the period under review she intercepted a distress message from the SOUTH AFRICAN STAR who had an injured seaman on board. Prompt arrangements were made to rendezvous with the merchant ship, transfer the Doctor by ship's boat, resulting in prompt attention being given to the seaman prior to hospitalisation in Brisbane. A well co-ordinated effort between both ships and shore authorities received notice in the press.

4. The initial survey programme of H.M.A.S. WARREGO off the coast of Queensland was interrupted by the tragic Fokker Friendship accident off Mackay on Friday evening 10th June. Just prior to the receipt of the order to proceed forthwith to Mackay to render assistance to the Department of Civil Aviation Accident Team, WARREGO was about to enter Townsville for fuel, provisions and liberty. Her sudden diversion kept Mr. P. Chapman (the former R.A.N. Liaison Officer) busy cancelling all arrangements resulting in approximately 75 telephone calls to persons previously invited onboard. It is not intended to reiterate upon the excellent work performed by this ship in conjunction with H.M.A. ships SWAN and KIMBLA in salvaging the wreck, sufficient to say that the operation was successful in more ways than one, namely, the excellent publicity and goodwill obtained by the R.A.N. in consequence and the appreciation of the citizens of Mackay who took every opportunity to entertain the ships' companies when ashore.

5. During the period under review more than the usual number of visits were made to outports in Queensland. This was mainly due to fuelling visits by H.M. ships at Cairns and the presence of three survey vessels off the coast. At Cairns, the Naval Agent there continues to perform excellent work on behalf of the R.A.N. The Sub Collectors of Customs at the ports of Townsville, Bowen, Mackay, Gladstone and Thursday Island have all rendered sterling service in arranging all aspects of ships' visits. The relief of the Sub Collector of Customs, Townsville, from this Honorary function is

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6. H.M.A. ships MELBOURNE (F.O.C.A.F.), VENDETTA, TOBRUK, ANZAC and H.M. Sub ANDREW concentrated in Hervey Bay and Brisbane from 17th August to 7th September. Excellent publicity was gained by staging air displays over Maryborough, Rockhampton and Bundaberg and the embarkation of T.V. cameramen and a photographer in Hervey Bay, prior to the arrival of the fleet in Brisbane. The full co-operation given to the press on this occasion and also on the visit of F.O.C.A.F. to Ipswich to officially open the Naval Association's State Conference and on the "family day", was much appreciated by the press and of great value to the R.A.N. The "family day", being the first occasion such an event has been held in Brisbane, was a great success.

#### OFFICER APPOINTMENTS.

7. Lieutenant Commander (SD) H.R.B. Smith, M.B.E. was discharged to shore on 23rd May and Supply Lieutenant G.J. Cox R.A.N. joined H.M.A.S. MORETON on 16th May as Supply Officer, MORETON.

#### NAVAL AGENT AT TOWNSVILLE.

8. Some confusion was caused by the proposal to appoint an Army Officer as Naval Agent, Townsville, recently. The first indication was the request received from the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, for a detailed explanation of the duties to be performed which were forwarded after the Naval Board supplied the necessary information. In the meantime, G.O.C. nominated an Army Officer (Major S.R. Leach) for the appointment and informed his Headquarters accordingly.

9. The situation having now been clarified the Army Naval Liaison Officer in Townsville is ready to function. The success or otherwise of the experiment will depend upon whether the Army activities in other areas than Townsville will permit the Army Navy Liaison Officer to be present at the particular time of a ship's visit.

#### DIVIDED CONTROL AT QUEENSLAND OUTPORTS.

10. Since the last Report of Proceedings a full explanation has been given to the Naval Board regarding this problem and the present position is that the Flag Officer in Charge, East Australian Area, has concurred in the recommendations given.

11. A problem of a similar nature has recently arisen at Thursday Island where H.M.A.S. DIAMANTINA, en route from Djakarta to Port Moresby, made an unscheduled visit to Thursday Island to collect bottles of refrigeration gas without officially informing the Sub Collector of Customs. Apart from the fact that the Sub Collector is the honorary Naval Representative, the visit conflicted with normal port regulations in that the correct Customs procedure was overlooked (first port entry) and also possible pratique. The Sub Collector was thus placed in an embarrassing situation.

#### WELFARE AND DESERTERS.

12. 38 requests of a compassionate nature were investigated by my Port Chaplain - Reverend C.D. Alcorn, R.A.N.R. - during the six month period under review.

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13. During the first quarter only four deserters were claimed but during the last quarter a total of 12 were either arrested or surrendered. Of these three were Royal Navy ratings all of whom surrendered.

#### HOUSING.

14. Difficulty is again being experienced to find tenants for two Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement homes at Inala. The possibility of their return and replacement at a later date will be investigated.

#### NAVAL RESERVES.

15. At the end of the quarter there were 36 officers, 203 ratings and 18 cadets on the strength of the Brisbane Division of the R.A.N.R. Approximately fifty per cent of these regularly attend training each Tuesday evening.

16. At the present time an E.A. and a M(E)2 are undergoing twelve months continuous training at sea.

17. Each month weekend training is conducted onboard the Training ship MILDURA, alongside, and approximately each second month G.P.V. 957 is manned for training around Moreton Bay.

#### FUELLING.

18. The Brisbane (Windsor) Oil Fuel Installation made a total of 1102 tons of F.F.O. to H.M.A. ships SWAN, KIMBLA (4 issues), WARREGO, BARCOO, VENDETTA and H.M.S. CARYSFORT during the period. A total of 2921 tons of F.F.O. was made from commercial stocks to H.M.A. ships WAGGA, MELBOURNE, ANZAC, TOBRUK and U.S.S. ELDORADO during the same period. The issue of F.F.O. from commercial stocks is dependent upon the availability of berths in Brisbane - Newstead Wharves being the only fuelling berths being serviced by the Windsor Installation.

19. A total of 3019 tons of F.F.O. was made from the Cairns (Edge Hill) Installation during the period involving 16 issues to 10 warships and the lighthouse ship CAPE LEEUWIN. H.M.A. ships SWAN and WARREGO were fuelled from commercial stocks at Townsville where the fuelling berth situation remains acute with one berth available (No. 1) at the Eastern Breakwater and one either side of Concrete Pier No. 1.

#### OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS.

20. Minor repairs only have been carried out to plant and equipment at the Windsor and Newstead Wharf Installations. No. 5 tank at the Cairns Installation is still empty and undergoing necessary repairs.

#### OVERSEEING.

21. At the end of the quarter (30th June) visits of inspection in connection with the local fabrication of stores, repairs to small craft, motor vehicles and port equipment totalled 140 which was higher than the preceding quarter. However, these visits of inspection were reduced the following quarter due to the resignation of the Senior Examiner in the middle of August but a replacement has recently been engaged.

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#### REFITS AND DOCKINGS.

22. The annual refit of the R.A.N.R. Training ship MILDURA has been carried out together with the periodical routine slipping and minor repairs to small craft.

23. The routine slipping of G.P.V. 957, which was scheduled for 4th July, has been delayed by industrial trouble affecting slipping facilities at South Brisbane Dock, Cairncross Dock and Peters Slip. It is anticipated that this industrial trouble will be resolved in October, 1960.

#### WORKS MATTERS.

24. Five major works requisitions were received for the period ending 30th June. Three were for the supply of furniture and lockers at New Farm and two for a refrigerator and blinds for H.M.A.S. MORETON and the Caretaker's Flat at New Farm, respectively. Three sub requisitions were issued for minor New Works and nine sub requisitions for minor repairs and maintenance, together with 16 departmental orders as regards services under £25.

25. For the quarter ending 30th September seven major works requisitions were received. The majority of these were bulk requisitions and the remainder are for the repair of electrical installation at the Cairns O.F.I., the painting of fuel tanks at the Windsor O.F.I. and the supply and delivery of safes to the Staff Office. One Sub Requisition was issued for Minor New Works, three for Furniture and three for Repairs and Maintenance also 34 departmental orders and three telephone requests.

26. The Department of Works have been finalising the costing of works proposals for New Farm during both quarters and to date nothing has been finalised. They are being pressed to produce the answers.

#### RECRUITING.

27. During the period ending 30th June, 115 applications were received for General Service and 53 recruits entered; in addition there were 4 re-entries. For the last quarter 137 applications were received and 72 recruits entered for the General Service Branches with 2 re-entries.

28. A total of 31 Junior Recruits were selected from 155 enquiries and 62 firm applications. An additional 13 candidates not selected for the RANATE were considered suitable for the Junior Recruit scheme and were among those finally selected. It is pleasing to note that an alternative selection is possible for some of these boys and it is expected that this will prove a continuous opportunity.

29. Nine Naval Artificer Apprentices were finally selected from 21 boys interviewed (from 65 applications) for the July intake and the same high average of selected Queensland boys is expected to be maintained for the January 1961 intake as 26 boys from 72 applications were recently interviewed by the Committee.

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30. Ten W.R.A.N.S. were despatched to Flinders Naval Depot during the first quarter and thirteen in the last. There has been a noteworthy increase in the number of enquiries for this branch since the lowering of the entry age last month to 17 years.

31. In the course of a tour in March/April, Commander Hain interviewed Headmasters and addressed boys at 29 schools throughout Southern and Central Queensland. Captain Marks also took the opportunity of addressing pupils at a number of schools during his Tour of Inspection of the six Queensland Sea Cadet Units. Interest in recruiting both for the R.A.N.C. and General Service Branches has been stimulated considerably as a result of these talks.

32. In August opportunity was taken for visits to H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE by Undergraduates and members of the Engineering Faculty of the University of Queensland, and the T/S GAYUNDAH Sea Cadet Unit.

33. Arrangements have been made for a visit during October to the R.A.N. College of six Headmasters from all parts of Queensland. A close liaison is kept with Headmasters of Schools, with the Vocational Guidance Officers of the Education Departments Research and Guidance Council, and with the University Guidance Counsellor.

#### PUBLICITY.

34. An effective liaison with the Press, T.V. and Radio is being maintained, particularly on Recruiting matters, and visiting H.M. ships and when senior officers visit the Command. The swearing-in of Junior recruits and their despatch by train to Western Australia was shown on two T.V. stations and the pre-arrival and the "family day" during the Fleet's visit has been mentioned above. The films of the latter are in the process of being purchased from the three T.V. stations and one has already been shown for recruiting purposes.

35. It is proposed, subject to any financial restrictions, to obtain other suitable T.V. films depicting Fleet exercises, "family days" and other Naval activities for showing at Navy League Sea Cadet gatherings, schools and other organisations where they will be of publicity and recruiting value.

36. The Recruiting Staff Officer has already shown the newsreel films "Naval Occasions" and the "family day" T.V. film to the Rotary and Legacy Clubs at Gympie; at the Pomona High School during Education Week and to Sea Cadets and their parents and friends of T.S. BUNDABERG and T.S. MAGNUS.

37. A valuable general discussion was held with the Co-ordinator of Naval Public Relations and my P.R.O. on the occasion of the "family day" onboard H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. Recommendations made in my previous Report of Proceedings were discussed and already some improvement, particularly with regard to the prompter despatch of ministerial releases, has been noticed.

#### VISIT BY DIRECTOR OF NAVAL RESERVES.

38. The Director of Naval Reserves (Captain W.B.M. Marks, C.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N.) and Staff Officers carried out the annual inspection of the R.A.N.R. in Brisbane and Sea Cadets in Queensland during the period 18th June to 2nd July. This visit was complicated, and extended, by accommodation difficulties in places north of

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Brisbane; inspecting Sea Cadet Units on other than their normal parade evenings and commitments by the Director of Naval Reserves to deliver lectures at the United Services Institute at Brisbane and Toowoomba. The opportunity was taken by Captain Marks to address students at colleges and high schools and also deliver lectures to interested organisations at Brisbane, Toowoomba and Warwick. These talks were most interesting and instructive and were well received. Suitable publicity was gained, particularly in country centres.

#### STORES.

39. Stores matters generally are satisfactory and large reductions in ancient stock have been made by disposal or return.

#### ALICE STREET NAVAL DEPOT.

40. The R.A.N. and the financial Section of the R.A.A.F. are now maintaining dual occupancy of the Alice Street Naval Depot. Complete occupation of the Depot by the R.A.A.F. is contingent upon the completion of the necessary alterations and additions at the New Farm Depot to allow certain R.A.N. and R.A.N.R. activities to be transferred from Alice Street.

#### COMMUNICATIONS.

41. The procedure whereby all traffic is passed through the teleprinter installed in the M.S.O. located in the Staff Office is working reasonably well. Inward traffic is still subject to a delay in the Inter-Service teleprinter channels and although signals with a priority precedence are usually re-routed there still remains the problem of certain Routine traffic which is held in these channels until after 0001Z the following working day. The late receipt of this Routine traffic has, on occasions, caused dismay.

42. Inward classified traffic received during the quarter ending 30th June amounted to 141 messages containing 19,120 groups and outward 18 messages containing 1866 groups. The following quarter (ending 30th September) there were 96 inward messages containing 14,920 groups and 14 outward containing 790 groups. The total amount of traffic handled each quarter was approximately the same as previously - total inward averaging 1120 and outward 500.

#### SECURITY OF STAFF OFFICE.

43. Combination safes have been requisitioned to replace the existing steel chests containing C.Bs and S.P.s, and other additions and alterations are in hand to increase the physical security of documents and of the Staff Office. A 24 hour patrol of the Staff Office and an almost continuous clearance of inward teleprinter traffic by the N.D.P. may be possible eventually which would enable complete security to be maintained. Accommodation for constables in the Staff Office, however, is a problem but one which is not applicable at the New Farm Depot had the Staff Office been transferred there.

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#### DOCKYARD POLICE.

44. Since 14th April a Dockyard Constable has been made available to carry out rounds in the Staff Office at least five times after office hours with additional visits over weekends and Public Holidays. With the teleprinter set for unattended operation the Constable refers inward signals for necessary action but does not operate the teleprinter for any outward traffic.

45. The manned posts remain at the New Farm Depot, Alice Street Depot and the Boom Depot, Pinkenba. The complement has been reduced to 16 with the discharge of 1/C Sgt R. Orme on 9th September.

#### NAVAL BOOM DEPOT, PINKENBA.

46. All stores and equipment at the Boom Depot are in the process of disposal which it is hoped to complete in the present quarter. The question of the disposal of the buildings will require clarification.

#### SHIPS' PROVISIONS AND ACCOUNTS.

47. The number of provision orders for visiting ships varied greatly for each quarter. For the quarter ending 30th June, 28 orders were processed to the value of £846 but for the period ending 30th September it showed a sharp increase to 149 orders totalling £11,195 in value.

48. Similarly, shipments of meat on behalf of the Admiralty were maintained at five, involving 14 orders to the value of £24,542, for the first quarter, and a sudden increase to ten shipments were made in the last quarter which involved 32 orders to the value of £89,176. Three shipments of cheese were made during the six month period totalling £1,762 (two in the first quarter and one in the last quarter).

#### CIVIL STAFF.

49. Two changes in the complement of civil staff were made in the latter quarter. An additional Fourth Division position was created and filled in the Intelligence Section and a temporary examiner in the Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch was retrenched.

50. Work is still in arrears principally in the Intelligence and Civil Personnel Sections. There are some arrears also in the Registry and Archives Sections.

#### AUSTRALIAN SEA CADET CORPS.

51. Steady progress is being maintained in the six Sea Cadet Units throughout Queensland. The new Director of Naval Reserves made his first annual inspection of all Units in late June and reported that all were flourishing, particularly T.S. MAGNUS the "closed" unit at the Church of England Grammar School, East Brisbane, which D.N.R. regards as a "school" for R.A.N.C. entries.

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52. Expansion of the most northern Unit - T/S ENDEAVOUR - at Cairns is contemplated with the inclusion of students from the Trinity Bay High School. A Master of the school has been appointed recently as a Sea Cadet Sub Lieutenant which is an initial step to the objective of having a unit within the school without being formed as a "closed" unit. This could result in T.S. ENDEAVOUR being, ultimately, the largest Unit outside of Brisbane.

53. T.S. MAGNUS staged an excellent camp of continuous training onboard MILDURA in the August holidays and completed it with a weekend trip around Moreton Bay in a "convoy" of 15 privately owned craft provided by the parents and friends of the Unit.

54. The new headquarters for T.S. GAYUNDAH at New Farm has now been completed and this will encourage this, the largest Unit in Australia, to maintain its complement of 120 cadets.

55. Arrangements were made for cadets from T.S. TYALGUM (South Coast) to visit H.M.A. ships TOBRUK and ANZAC and lunch onboard. This was particularly well received and did much to maintain the enthusiasm of this comparatively new Unit.

#### GENERAL.

##### (i) Anzac Day Memorial Service.

The State Council of the Naval Association of Australia (formerly the Ex-Navalmen's Association) staged a very successful Naval Memorial Service in the Alice Street Drill Hall on Anzac Day.

NOIC Queensland was the principal guest on this the possible last occasion such a ceremony will be conducted at Alice Street. Arrangements will be made for the many hundreds of ex-navalmen, their families and friends to meet at the New Farm Depot (when facilities are available) on future Anzac Days as the R.A.A.F. require the Drill Hall for other purposes.

##### (ii) R.M.S. Duties.

In May an R.M.S. party spent a period of eight days searching and finally destroying an aerial type bomb located in Michaelmas Cay off Cairns, owing to the inability of the person who reported the bomb to spare the time and finally unsuccessfully guide the party to the location. The initiative of Lt B.A. Willcox, by carrying out a concentrated search of the area and by questioning professional fishermen in Cairns, finally resulted in locating the bomb and its prompt disposal. Reports of this nature by amateurs who are unable to accurately determine a position cause considerable difficulty for an R.M.S. team but there is little that can be done other than a comprehensive search.

The Police at Bundaberg reported an alleged naval projectile washed ashore in Hervey Bay on 12th September which was referred to the Army authorities for appropriate action, observing that it was reported above the high water mark!

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(iii) Mail "Diversion"

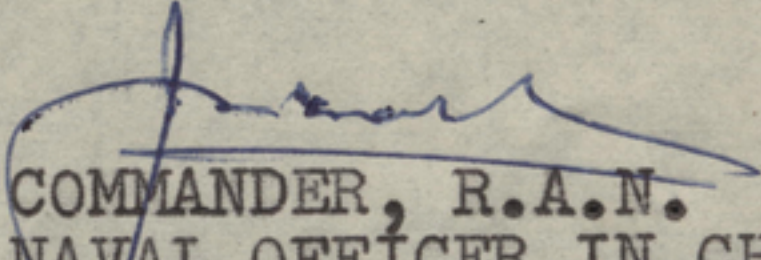
A legacy of the visit by the R.N. Squadron to Australia in 1959 was brought to notice in June this year by the Postmaster General's Department who reported the finding of a bundle of 25 letters, addressed to R.F.A. RELIANT, washed ashore in Hervey Bay. A full report and the letters and damaged containers were forwarded to the Commander in Chief, Far East Station, by safe hand. It can only be assumed that this particular bag, which was one of a considerable number of mail bags uplifted by aircraft from H.M.S. CENTAUR, was inadvertently lost overboard during transfer at sea.

(iv) Rehabilitation.

Able Seaman R.A. King who lost his right hand and leg in an accident in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE early in the year has now finished his hospital treatment in the Repatriation General Hospital, Greenslopes. The hospital has undertaken rehabilitation training in the use of his left hand and has arranged for educational facilities, by a private tutor, under the provisions of the Naval Rehabilitation scheme.

(v) Social.

During the whole period a total of 126 invitations were received, 54 of which were attended by me personally. These included ten Receptions, four State Government and Parliamentary functions and six functions held at Government House. Where possible the remainder were attended by Staff Officers.

  
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1. VISITING WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

The following Warships visited ports in Queensland during the above period.

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H.M.A.S. BANKS	Thursday Island	17.10.60	18.10.60
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Brisbane	19.10.60	20.10.60
H.M.A.S. PALUMA	Gladstone	22.10.60	24.10.60
H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Cairns	22.10.60	25.10.60
H.M.S. CARYSFORT	Cairns	21.11.60	22.11.60
H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE	Brisbane	29.11.60	1.12.60
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2. ADMIRALS INSPECTION.

The Flag Officer Commanding H.M.A. Fleet, Rear Admiral W.H. HARRINGTON, C.B.E., D.S.O. inspected the Ship's Company of H.M.A.S. MORETON and the Naval Establishments in Brisbane on the 10th October, 1960. The Admiral was accompanied by the following Staff Officers:-

FLEET (L) OFFICER	-	CAPTAIN F.F. LORD, A.D.C., R.A.N.
FLEET (E) OFFICER	-	CAPTAIN J.F. BELL, R.A.N.
FLEET (S) OFFICER	-	CAPTAIN A.G. McFARLANE, R.A.N.
FLEET OPERATIONS OFFICER	-	COMMANDER D.J. HAMER, D.S.C., R.A.N.
FLEET COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER	-	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER I.H. NICHOLSON, R.A.N.
FLAG LIEUTENANT	-	LIEUTENANT COMMANDER H.J.P. ADAMS, R.A.N.

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- LEFT (E) OFFICER - CAPTAIN S.V. BELL, R.A.N.
- RIGHT (S) OFFICER - CAPTAIN A.G. METCALNE, R.A.N.
- LEFT OPERATIONS OFFICER - COMMANDER D.J. HAMER, D.S.O., R.A.N.
- LEFT COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER - LIGHTSWART COMMANDER I.B. NICHOLSON, R.A.N.
- LEFT TENDERS OFFICER - LIGHTSWART COMMANDER H.P. ADAMS, R.A.N.

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The Admiral and party arrived P.M. Saturday, 8th October by air from Darwin and departed PM Monday, 10th October by air for Sydney to rejoin the Flagship.

3. TRAFALGAR DAY.

The Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australian Area, Rear Admiral G.C. OLDHAM, D.S.C., A.D.C., was the official guest of the Queensland Division of the Navy League at Trafalgar Day Functions in Brisbane.

The Admiral arrived in Brisbane P.M. Friday, 21st October, by air, from Sydney and attended the Navy League Trafalgar Day Dinner at the Anzac Club.

On Sunday, 23rd October, the Admiral delivered a Trafalgar Day address at New Farm Park at a Sea Cadet Ceremony.

Over 200 Navy League Sea Cadets and members of the Dolphin Sea Cadet Corps paraded in the park accompanied by the Naval Reserve Band.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, was the guest of honour at the Sandgate Sub-Section of the Naval Association at a Trafalgar Day Dinner in the R.S.L. Hall.

At the request of the Rockhampton Naval Association, Lieutenant-Commander J.E.A. TOULOUSE, R.A.N.V.R., attended the Rockhampton Trafalgar Day Dinner as guest speaker.

4. WELFARE AND DESERTERS.

During the period under review, 7 deserters were claimed, of this number, 4 were arrested by the Civil Police and 3 surrendered. All were despatched to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

In addition, 3 R.N. Ratings, who had missed their ship in Wellington, New Zealand, were met on arrival by R.A.F. Aircraft at Amberley R.A.A.F. Base. These ratings were emplaned the same day from Amberley for Richmond, N.S.W., by R.A.A.F. Aircraft to rejoin their ship in Sydney.

5. HOUSING.

There not being a tenant to fill one of the two vacant Commonwealth/State Housing Commission Housing Agreement Homes at Inala, it was returned to the Commission.

6. NAVAL RESERVES.

At the end of the quarter, there were 37 Officers, 186 ratings and 13 cadets on the strength of the Brisbane Division of the R.A.N.R. Approximately fifty per cent of these regularly attend training each Tuesday evening.

At the present time, an E.A. and a M(E)2 are undergoing twelve months continuous training at sea.

Week-end training was conducted on board "MILDURA" on 1st and 2nd October, 5th and 6th November and 3rd and 4th December. Week-end training in G.P.V. 957 was carried out 19th and 20th November and 17th and 18th December.

7. SCHOOL CADETS CEREMONY.

A total of 550 Cadets from the Church of England Grammar School, East Brisbane took part in the Schools Annual Ceremonial Parade on the main oval of the school during the afternoon of Friday, 14th October.

The Parade consisted of 60 Navy League Sea Cadets, 430 Army Cadets and 60 Cadets of the Air Training Corps.

The Reviewing Officer was the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, and principal guests were the President of the Navy League (Commander N.S. PIXLEY, M.B.E., V.R.D., R.A.N.R. (RTD.)), the Commanding Officer of the Army Cadet Corps, (Lieutenant-Colonel F.S. WALSH) and the Officer Commanding Air Training Corps (Squadron Leader STOTT).

At the conclusion of the ceremonial parade, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, officially opened the new Headquarters Building for both the Sea Cadets and Air Training Corps Units.

8. WORKS MATTERS.

Four major works Requisitions were received during the quarter, consisting of £2,800 for the provision of Boat Landing, Naval Depot, New Farm; £2,270 for combined Workshops (Alterations and Installation of Machinery) Naval Depot, New Farm; £220 for Installation of Urinal Stall in male toilet, Naval Staff Office, and £929 for the supply and delivery of furniture, Naval Depot, New Farm.

One Sub-Requisition was issued for Minor New Works for £150 for the re-organisation of fire fighting equipment in the Naval Staff Office, and the installation of a fire-escape from the 1st floor.

Five Sub-Requisitions and 28 Departmental Requisitions chargeable to Division 475/0/10 were issued for Minor Repairs and Maintenance during the quarter.

The demolition of Cruiser Berth "C" was completed in late October. The contract was let in August, 1959 and the complete cost amounted to £16,515.

9. RECRUITING.

Applications received for General Service Branches during the period numbered 139 and 27 New Recruits were entered; in addition, there was 1 Re-entry. Selection of 13 candidates for Naval Artificer Apprentice Training was announced in December (to be entered in the first week in January).

Selections for the Junior Recruit Training Establishment were also made during the quarter, 31 boys were selected from a total of 110 enquiries and 62 firm applications being entered during the first week in January. It is noted that a number (7) of candidates not selected as Naval Apprentices were considered suitable for Junior Recruits and were among the Junior Recruit final selections. Two W.R.A.N.S. were sworn in and despatched to Flinders Naval Depot for the November intake. A very large number of

applications (46) were received during the quarter, due to a great extent to the reduction of the age of entry to 17 years and it is anticipated that the January and March intakes will total as many as 20 for Queensland.

Seven normal entry and 2 Matriculation entry Cadets were selected during the quarter to be despatched to the Royal Australian Naval College on 30th January, 1961.

Four candidates for the Medical Undergraduate Scheme were interviewed in November and the final selections will be known after the University Post Examination results in February. Fullest advantage has been taken to feature various aspects of Naval Public Relations with Press, Radio and Television.

During visits to the Country Centres of Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and Southport, Officers of the Command availed themselves of opportunities to visit appropriate schools and Sea Cadet Units as well as the Sea Cadet Units in the Metropolitan area.

The visit of six Headmasters to the Royal Australian Naval College referred to in the previous Quarter Report took place in October and it is noteworthy, that the two Queensland Matriculation Candidates selected for the College this year both came from the Charters Towers School represented by one of their headmasters.

The combined Recruiting Centre has now completed its first year of operation at the new premises, 130 Mary Street and it is felt that the move has resulted in greater efficiency in processing enquiries and applications and in greater convenience to candidates generally.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS.

The procedure whereby all traffic is passed through the teleprinter installed in the M.S.O. located in the Staff Office continues to work reasonably well.

Inward classified traffic received during the quarter amounted to 84 messages containing 9104 groups and outward 15 messages containing 936 groups. Unclassified traffic amounted to 865 inward messages and 363 Outward Messages.

#### 11. NAVAL DOCKYARD POLICE.

The complement remains at 16, i.e. 1 Sergeant 2/c. and 15 Constables and the manned posts remain at Alice Street, Depot, New Farm Depot and the Boom Depot, Pinkenba.

Security Rounds by a Dockyard Constable continue to be carried out at the Naval Staff Office after Office hours, and during week-ends and Public Holidays.

12. SHIPS' PROVISIONS AND ACCOUNTS.

The number of provision orders for visiting ships in Queensland waters processed during the quarter were 72 for a total value of £2,832.12. 9.

Shipments of meat on behalf of the Admiralty amounted to 6 involving 28 orders for 159 $\frac{1}{2}$  tons valued at £62,203. One shipment of cheese involving 1 order for 960 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs. valued at £1136 was made on behalf of the Admiralty.

13. CIVIL STAFF.

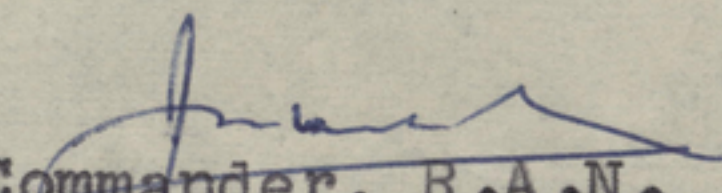
No changes were made affecting the complement during the quarter.

Work is still in arrears principally in Intelligence and Civil Personnel Sections. Some also in R.A.N.R. and Registry and Archives Sections.

Mr. D.F.P. LOGAN, Civil Secretary and Accountant proceeded on Recreation Leave from 29.12.60 and his retirement will become effective on 23.1.1961.

14. SOCIAL.

During the quarter a total of 29 invitations were received, 20 of which were attended by me personally, the remainder where possible being attended by Staff Officers. Of the total invitations, 5 were Receptions, the remainder being general.

  
Commander, R.A.N.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,  
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - QUEENSLAND COMMAND  
PERIOD - 1ST JANUARY 1961 - 30TH JUNE 1961

With reference to Navy Office letter 4336/31/20 (13410) dated 13th April, 1954, submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report (in triplicate) for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1961.

1. VISITING WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVED</u>	<u>DEPARTED</u>
H.M.A.S. PALUMA	Cairns	19.1.61	21.1.61
F.N.N. LA CAPRICIEUSE	Brisbane	25.3.61	28.3.61
H.M.A.S. SWAN	Brisbane	21.4.61	26.4.61
U.S.S. GURKE	Brisbane	26.4.61	1.5.61
U.S.S. ROWAN	Brisbane	26.4.61	1.5.61
U.S.S. GURKE	Mackay	13.5.61	15.5.61
U.S.S. ROWAN	Townsville	13.5.61	15.5.61
U.S.S. GURKE	Cairns	16.5.61	17.5.61
U.S.S. ROWAN	Cairns	16.5.61	17.5.61
U.S.S. SOMERS	Brisbane	16.5.61	17.5.61
U.S.S. SOUTHERLAND	Brisbane	16.5.61	17.5.61
H.M.A.S. SWAN	Townsville	20.5.61	22.5.61
H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Brisbane	27.5.61	29.5.61
H.M. Submarine TAPIR	Brisbane	27.5.61	29.5.61
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE	Brisbane	2.6.61	6.6.61
H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Brisbane	2.6.61	6.6.61
H.M. Submarine TAPIR	Brisbane	2.6.61	6.6.61
H.M.A.S. SWAN	Townsville	3.6.61	5.6.61
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE	Off Townsville	8.6.61	8.6.61
H.M.A.S. VOYAGER	Townsville	8.6.61	8.6.61
H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Port Alma	8.6.61	10.6.61
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE	Moreton Bay	11.6.61	11.6.61
H.M.A.S. VOYAGER	Brisbane	11.6.61	11.6.61
H.M.A. S.D.B. 1321	Brisbane	21.6.61	24.6.61

2. WELFARE AND DESERTERS.

During the period under review 14 deserters were claimed, of this number 11 were arrested by the Civil Police and 3 surrendered. All were despatched to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

33 cases of a compassionate nature were investigated by the Port Chaplain, Reverend C.D. Alcorn, R.A.N.R. during the period.

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11 DECEMBER 1951

Box 1746-T. G.P.O. 31.10.51

Naval Staff Office,  
Edmund Street,  
BRISBANE.

15th October, 1951.

The Secretary,  
Department of the Navy,  
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OUTBOARD COMMAND  
PERIOD - 1st JANUARY 1951 - 30th JUNE 1951

With reference to Navy Office letter #33631/50 (13410) dated 13th April, 1951, submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report (in triplicate) for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1951.

1. VISITING VESSELS TO THE COMMAND.

DEPARTED	ARRIVED	PORT	SHIP
21.1.51	19.1.51	Calms	H.M.A.S. PALLAS
28.2.51	25.3.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. LA CARTE
26.4.51	21.4.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. SWAN
1.5.51	26.4.51	Brisbane	U.S.S. GUNN
1.5.51	26.4.51	Brisbane	U.S.S. ROWAN
15.5.51	13.5.51	Mackay	U.S.S. GUNN
17.5.51	15.5.51	Townsville	U.S.S. ROWAN
17.5.51	16.5.51	Calms	U.S.S. GUNN
17.5.51	16.5.51	Calms	U.S.S. ROWAN
17.5.51	16.5.51	Brisbane	U.S.S. SOMERS
17.5.51	16.5.51	Brisbane	U.S.S. SOUTHWELL
22.5.51	20.5.51	Townsville	H.M.A.S. SWAN
23.5.51	22.5.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. SUTHERLAND
23.5.51	22.5.51	Brisbane	H.M. Submarine TARTAN
6.6.51	2.6.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. VIGILANT
6.6.51	2.6.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. QUICKMARCH
6.6.51	2.6.51	Brisbane	H.M. Submarine TARTAN
7.6.51	3.6.51	Townsville	H.M.A.S. SWAN
8.6.51	8.6.51	Off Townsville	H.M.A.S. NEPTUNE
8.6.51	7.6.51	Townsville	H.M.A.S. VOYAGER
10.6.51	8.6.51	Fort Sims	H.M.A.S. SUTHERLAND
11.6.51	11.6.51	Moreton Bay	H.M.A.S. NEPTUNE
11.6.51	11.6.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. VOYAGER
24.6.51	21.6.51	Brisbane	H.M.A.S. D.D.E. 1321

2. DETACHMENTS AND DESERTERS.

During the period under review 14 deserters were claimed of this number 11 were arrested by the Civil and Military Police. All were detached to H.M.A.S. PENQUIN.

33 cases of a compassionate nature were investigated by the Post Office, Reverend C.D. Leorn, M.A.R. during the period.

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3. HOUSING.

Of 16 Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement houses available in Brisbane, tenants have changed in 6 during the period under review. One rating did not vacate an Agreement house on his discharge, engagement expired, and remained in residence. The Deputy Crown Solicitor was requested to take eviction proceedings but these did not become necessary.

4. SOCIAL.

The first "At Home" of the Officers of H.M.A.S. MORETON in the new Wardroom at the New Farm Naval Depot took place on the 25th March.

A total of 61 invitations to various functions were received during the period under review. Of these, 20 were attended by me personally, the remainder, where possible, being attended by Staff Officers.

5. NAVAL RESERVES.

At 30th June there were 30 Officers, 191 ratings and nil cadets on the strength of the Brisbane Division of the R.A.N.R., approximately 50% of these regularly attend training each Tuesday evening.

Week-end training was conducted on board "MILDURA" 4th - 5th March and 5th - 6th May.

Annual Continuous Training was carried out in "MILDURA" 15th - 28th May.

G.P.V. 957 was slipped on Peters slip on 6th May and "MILDURA" on the 9th May.

The Sea Cadet Training Ships "GAYUNDAH" and "TYALGUM" carried out Annual Continuous Training in "MILDURA" 2nd - 9th January.

S.D.B.1321 manned by the Sydney Division R.A.N.R. visited Brisbane 21st - 24th June.

6. ENGINEERING.

OVERSEEING: Visits of inspection in connection with the local Fabrication of Stores, repairs to small craft, motor vehicles, and Port Equipment were slightly above normal.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS:

CAIRNS: One issue of Furnace Fuel Oil was made to S.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" (119 tons).

BRISBANE: One issue of Furnace Fuel Oil was made to H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH (263 tons).

Minor repairs only were carried out to both Installations during the quarter.

BRISBANE: One issue of Furnace Fuel Oil was made to H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, 263 tons, from Oil Fuel Installation, Windsor.

Issues of Furnace Fuel Oil, from ex commercials Stocks (B.P. Australia) totalling 1296 tons, were made to U.S.S. GURKE, U.S.S. ROWAN, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.

TOWNSVILLE: One issue of Furnace Fuel Oil from ex commercial stocks (Shell Company) was made to U.S.S. ROWAN, 231 tons.

CAIRNS: Replenishment of Furnace Fuel Oil Stocks, 4997.60 tons, ex Tanker S.S. "CALTEX VENICE" was received.

Issues of Furnace Fuel Oil totalling 1033 tons, were made to S.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" (Twice) U.S.S. GURKE, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON and H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI.

Minor repairs only were carried out to Windsor and Cairns Installations during the quarter.

REFITS AND DOCKINGS: Slipping, refit and maintenance of A.W.B's 431 and 432 was carried out and refit of G.P.V. 957 is proceeding.

Routine slipping of G.P.V. 957 and docking of H.M.A.S. MILDURA, scheduled for January and February, 1961 respectively, was put back to May 1961 in view of retarded docking programmes at Cairncross and South Brisbane Docks and Peters Slip attributable to a Painters and Dockers strike between June and October, 1960, and, also to an overtime ban, imposed by metal trades, which has persisted for several months.

Routine slipping of G.P.V. 957, Docking of H.M.A.S. MILDURA, and slipping and refit of Boom Net Punt were carried out.

Minor repairs only were carried out to Work Boats A.W.B.431 and 432.

#### 7. RECRUITING:

During the three months ended 31st March, 183 applications were received for General Service, and 96 new Recruits were entered; in addition there were 4 Re-entries.

Interest in the Naval Artificer Entry has been maintained, 65 applications having been accepted for consideration by the Selection Committee during the current quarter. It is anticipated that the selections will be announced early in June.

Junior Recruits selected during the previous quarter totalling 31, were entered and despatched to the Junior Recruit Training Establishment during the first week in January. The Scheme had attracted 49 applicants up to the end of the March quarter of which 60% are of sufficiently high physical and intellectual standard to be considered for entry. Applications for the July Entry of Junior Recruits close on May 31st, and it is anticipated that a number of candidates not selected as Naval Apprentices may be suitable for the Junior Recruit Entry.

Twenty WRANS were sworn in, and despatched to Flinders Naval Depot.

One Medical student was appointed as Sub. Lieut.(U) during the quarter.

An effective liaison with Press, Radio and T/V media has been maintained and opportunity was availed of to feature the number of personnel entering the Royal Australian Navy in Queensland during the month of January (a total of 103) being a record for any 1 month since the Korean War.

The Recruiting Staff Officer showed films and addressed the Nambour and Sandgate Naval Associations and the Beaudesert R.S.L. during March. These talks are quite good value as a sprinkling of Scouts, Cadets and Guides are usually invited to fill up the empty benches.

There has been an upsurge of interest in Recruiting generally for the Services in Queensland during the last four months. It is difficult to give the exact reason for this, but unemployment has contributed substantially, and recent improvements in advertising have been noticeable.

During the three months ended 30th June, applications received for General Service Branches numbered 149 and 108 new Recruits were entered; in addition, there were 4 Re-entries. As a result of 79 applications for Naval Artificer Apprentice School, 19 boys were interviewed by the Committee and 13 were finally selected to be entered in the first week in July.

Selections for the Junior Recruit Training Establishment were made during the quarter (the 39 boys selected from a total of 181 enquiries and 105 firm applications being entered during the first week in July). It is noted that a number (7) of candidates not selected as Naval Apprentices were considered suitable for Junior Recruits and were among the Junior Recruit final selections.

Three W.R.A.N.S. were sworn in and despatched to Flinders Naval Depot.

In the course of Country Tours during this period my Recruiting Staff Officer and I were able to visit 25 Schools and the six Queensland Sea Cadet Units. The contacts thus maintained with boys and Headmasters has created considerable interest especially in the Junior Categories of Recruiting.

#### 8. CIVIL STAFF.

##### CIVIL PERSONNEL: (Changes Affecting Complement)

Mr. M.L. KELLOW, T/Storehouseman-in-Charge, £1193/1270 ceased duty 25th January, 1961, on Retirement (maximum age).

Mr. A. SLY, T/Caretaker (Wages Staff) commenced duty 20th February, 1961.

Mr. J.W. MCKENZIE, Cadet (Naval Armament Supply) £400/968, Armament Depots, NSW, resumed studies at the Queensland University on 27th February, 1961.

Mr. J. NIXON, T/Examiner, £798/849, commenced duty 7th March, 1961, on temporary transfer from Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch, Sydney.

VISITS: Mr. J.S. WHITE, Senior Inspector, (Organisation) Department of the Navy, Canberra, visited this office from 13th March, 1961 to 16th March, 1961, for the purpose of reviewing the organisation of the Queensland Branch.

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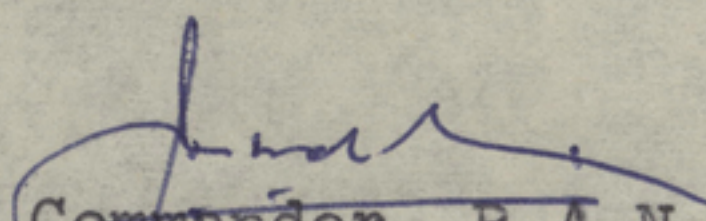
Mr. J. NIXON Temporary Examiner ceased duty 22nd June, 1961, on transfer to Naval Ordnance Design and Inspection Branch, Sydney.



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Security Rounds by a Dockyard Constable continue to be carried out at the Naval Staff Office after Office hours, and during week-ends and Public Holidays.

  
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - QUEENSLAND COMMAND.

Period 1st July, 1961 - 6th October, 1961

With reference to Navy Office letter 4336/31/20 (13410) dated 13th April, 1954, submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report, in triplicate, for the period 1st July to 6th October, 1961.

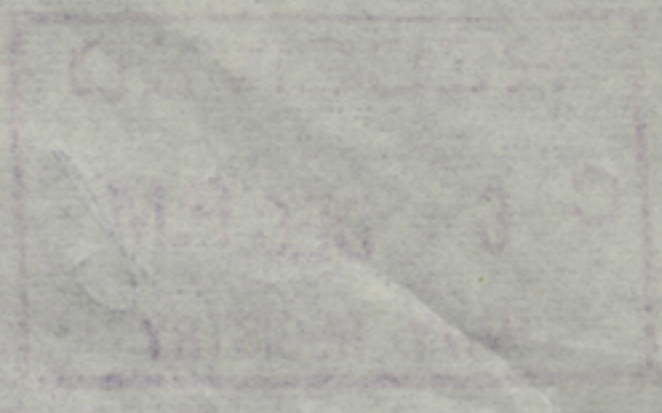
1. VISITING WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
H.M.A.S. SWAN	Cairns	5. 7.61	7. 7.61
H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH	Cairns	10. 7.61	10. 7.61
R.I. DEWARUTJI	Brisbane	12. 7.61	15. 7.61
R.I. DEWARUTJI	Cairns	20. 7.61	22. 7.61
H.M.A.S. SWAN	Townsville	24. 7.61	25. 7.61
H.M.A.S. BASS	Gladstone	29. 7.61	
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Townsville	29. 7.61	1. 8.61
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Townsville	4. 8.61	7. 8.61
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE	Brisbane	9. 8.61	15. 8.61
H.M.A.S. ANZAC	Brisbane	9. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE	Brisbane	9. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M. SUBMARINE TRUMP	Brisbane	9. 8.61	15. 8.61
H.M. SUBMARINE TAPIR	Brisbane	9. 8.61	15. 8.61
H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO	Brisbane	12. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE	Cairns	12. 8.61	14. 8.61
H.M.A.S. BASS	Rockhampton	15. 8.61	22. 8.61
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Townsville	25. 8.61	28. 8.61
H.M.S. CRANE	Brisbane	26. 8.61	3. 9.61
H.M.S. ST. BRIDES BAY	Brisbane	26. 8.61	2. 9.61
H.M. SUBMARINE TEREDO	Brisbane	26. 8.61	31. 8.61
H.M.S. CRANE	Townsville	9. 9.61	13. 9.61

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Period for July, 1961 - 6th October, 1961

With reference to Navy Office letter 432631X29 (1310) dated 13th April, 1961, submitted for the information of the Navy, please find the following report, in triplicate, for the period 1st July to 6th October, 1961.

1. VISITING VESSELS TO THE COMMAND.

Ship	Port	Arrived	Departed
H.M.S. ...	Cairns	7. 7.61	7. 7.61
H.M.S. ...	Cairns	10. 7.61	10. 7.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	12. 7.61	15. 7.61
H.M.S. ...	Cairns	20. 7.61	22. 7.61
H.M.S. ...	Townsville	24. 7.61	25. 7.61
H.M.S. ...	Gladstone	29. 7.61	
H.M.S. ...	Townsville	29. 7.61	1. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Townsville	1. 8.61	2. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	9. 8.61	15. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	9. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	9. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	9. 8.61	15. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	9. 8.61	16. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Cairns	12. 8.61	14. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Rockhampton	15. 8.61	22. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Townsville	25. 8.61	28. 8.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	26. 8.61	3. 9.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	26. 8.61	2. 9.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	26. 8.61	2. 9.61
H.M.S. ...	Brisbane	26. 8.61	2. 9.61
H.M.S. ...	Townsville	2. 9.61	

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<u>Ship</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Townsville	13. 9.61	14. 9.61
H.M.A.S. BANKS	Thursday Is.	14. 9.61	
H.M.A.S. WARREGO	Brisbane	22. 9.61	1.10.61
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE	Cairns	24. 9.61	24. 9.61
H.M.A.S. BANKS	Thursday Is.	30. 9.61	4.10.61

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

2. During the period under report, the expenditure of much time and effort culminated in the various celebrations to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy. Detailed reports have been rendered on these celebrations and it is not intended to reproduce those reports in this Report of Proceedings. Briefly, the celebrations in Queensland consisted of:-

- (i) March through the streets of Brisbane by the Combined Bands of the R.A.N.
- (ii) Beating Retreat at Brisbane and various country centres by Combined Bands of the R.A.N.
- (iii) Tableau and marching display at the Royal National Exhibition by Fleet personnel, Combined Bands of the R.A.N. and T/S MAGNUS Sea Cadets.
- (iv) Marching display by Combined Bands of the R.A.N. at Eagle Farm racecourse.
- (v) Entertainment of about 30 Old Sailors and their wives onboard H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.
- (vi) Units of the Fleet were open for inspection by the public.
- (vii) Fleet at Home onboard H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.
- (viii) A small party of prominent citizens were invited to join in a Splice the Mainbrace at H.M.A.S. MORETON on 10th July, 1961.
- (ix) Lectures to Secondary Schools throughout Queensland by retired and reserve officers and ratings.
- (x) Navy League Seminar.

3. The press, radio and T.V. were extremely co-operative towards making a success of the anniversary in bringing the R.A.N. to the notice of the public in the form of almost daily news items feature articles, photographs, T.V. coverage and radio broadcasts for a period of about one month before the anniversary until the departure of the Fleet.

4. It was gratifying to find that only a very small percentage of the retired and reserve personnel approached to present lectures at schools, did not make themselves available for this duty. In fact, in a lot of areas, there were more lecturers than schools at which to lecture.

NAVAL RESERVE.

5. Week-end training was carried out during the periods 1st-2nd July, 22nd-23rd July, 29th-30th July to prepare H.M.A.S. MILDURA and other R.A.N.R. facilities for the Director of Naval Reserve's inspection which was carried out on 2nd July and the Navy League Seminar on 30th August, 1961.

COMMUNICATIONS.

6. Inward classified traffic received during the period, contained 19785 groups and outward traffic despatched contained 2677 groups. This abnormally large amount of cypher traffic was occasioned by both Exercise Tucker Box and the Fleet visit.

7. Unclassified messages amounted to 1403 inwards and 611 outward.

8. Drafting changes during the period resulted in a delay of about four weeks between the discharge of the outgoing C.R.S. and the arrival of the incoming C.R.S. After strong representation had been made to the Naval Board, a temporary relief was drafted from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

ALICE STREET DEPOT.

9. On Monday, 18th September, all Naval activities at Alice Street ceased and the depot was formally handed over to the Royal Australian Air Force. The only exception to this was the R.A.N.R. Radio Training equipment which was transferred to New Farm on the week-end 30th September-1st October.

WORKS MATTERS.

10. The following major works requisitions were received during the period:-

D.N.W. 56/61-62	Bulk Requisitions for Minor New Works	£500.
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D.N.W. 92/61-62	Oil Fuel Installation, Windsor. Repairs to pipe line, Newstead Wharf	£765.
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11. Progress of work at New Farm Naval Depot proceeded in a satisfactory manner.

ENGINEERING.

12. Overseeing.

Visits of inspection in connection with the fabrication of stores, repairs to Small Craft, Motor Vehicles and port equipment were slightly less than normal during the quarter.

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1. Date Received . . . . .

3. Job No. . . . .

13. Fuelling and Oil Fuel Installations.

- (a) Brisbane - One issue of Furnace Fuel Oil was made to WARREGO (117 tons) ex Windsor Oil Fuel Installation. Issues ex Commercial Stocks (BP(Aust.) Pty. Ltd.) to H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE (twice) VAMPIRE, ANZAC and KIMBLA and H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO totalled 263<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> tons.

Issues of "Dieso" to H.M.A. Ship ex Vacuum Oil Co. totalled approximately 12300 gallons. Maintenance work completed during the quarter comprised the painting (interior and exterior) of the Foam Fire Fighting Water Supply Tank and the tops of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Furnace Fuel Oil Tanks. Major maintenance of the pipeline system under Newstead Wharf by chipping and painting of corroded sections and the welding of all screwed coupling joints on the 8" section of the line, has been put in the hands of the Commonwealth Department of Works.

- (b) Townsville - Issues of Furnace Fuel Oil to SWAN and WARREGO ex Commercial Stocks (Shell Co.) totalled 788 tons. Dieso issued to H.M.A. Ships ex Commercial Stocks (Vacuum Oil Co.) totalled 13200 gallons.

- (c) Cairns - A total quantity of 879 tons of Furnace Fuel Oil was issued ex Naval Stocks to H.M.A. Ships SWAN, QUEENBOROUGH, GASCOYNE and VAMPIRE and S.S. CAPE LEEUWIN. Issues of "Dieso" to H.M.A. Ships ex Commercial Stocks totalled approximately 6950 gallons. Minor repairs only were carried out to plant and equipment at Cairns Oil Fuel Installation.

14. Dockings and Refits.

Minor urgent repairs only were carried out to H.M.A.S. MILDURA, G.P.V. 957, and A.W.B's 431 and 432.

STORES.

15. Naval Stores were moved from Alice Street to New Farm during the week-end 22nd and 23rd July.

16. Ninety six orders for provisions of a total value of £9,860 were received from ships visiting Queensland waters. In addition, 6 shipments of Meat involving 33 orders of 192 tons and 1 shipment of Cheese of 6,985 lbs. valued at £65,507 and £821 respectively were supplied on behalf of the Admiralty.

17. There were 1052 accounts registered during the period.

HOUSING.

18. Tenants changed in two Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement houses during the period.

19. Approval was obtained from the Naval Board for a discharged member to retain the residency of a house at Inala until such time as the house is required for a serving member.

PUBLICITY.

20. As stated previously, the Royal Australian Navy was treated very generously in regard to Press, Radio and T.V. coverage before and during the period of the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

21. The Ship's Company of H.M.A.S. MORETON, splicing the mainbrace, appeared on the "news" on two television channels on 10th July.

22. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, the President of the Navy League in Queensland, Commander N.S. PIXLEY, M.B.E., V.R.D. and Mr. Alec Nicholls gave a 4 minute interview on QTQ9. Commander Pixley spoke on the Queensland Navy, Mr. Nicholls on the First World War and the Naval Officer-in-Charge on the Second World War and the post war period. Mr. Nicholls was a crew member of the submarine AE2 and is a foundation member of the Naval Association.

23. By arrangement with the Public Relations Officer, QTQ9 invited Commander Pixley and L/Wr. M.P. Gilbank, R.84750 to appear on the Channel 9 Show for approximately 10 minutes during which time Commander Pixley gave a resume of the Australian Naval History and L/Wr. Gilbank outlined briefly the life of a W.R.A.N. They were supported by film showing aspects of naval life and T.V. stills of Fleet Units.

24. The Captain's Secretary was interviewed for a period of 4 minutes on radio (ABC) and talked on the arranging of the lectures to school children throughout the state and gave an outline of the, at that time, forthcoming band visit and other activities connected with the fiftieth anniversary.

RECRUITING.

25. During the period, 141 applications were received for General Service, and 57 new recruits were entered; in addition, there were 5 Re-entries.

26. Interest in the Naval Artificer Apprentice entry has been maintained, and from a total of 81 applications received, 20 boys were interviewed by the Selection Committee early in October. (Final selections have not yet been announced.) The 13 boys selected during the previous quarter were entered in the first week of July.

27. Junior Recruits selected during the previous quarter, totalling 39, were entered and despatched to the Junior Recruit Training Establishment during the first week in July. The scheme attracted 45 direct applicants during the September quarter, and it is confidently anticipated that a number of candidates not selected as Apprentices will be suitable for the Junior Recruit Entry.

28. Eight W.R.A.N.S. were sworn in and despatched to Flinders Naval Depot, and there were 31 of all categories selected and awaiting entry at 30th September, 1961.

29. Two Medical students (candidates for Medical Undergraduates Scheme) were medically examined prior to aptitude test and selection during the current quarter.

30. The response to recent calls for Observers and Naval Airmen has not been encouraging so far, but it is hoped that further press publicity and mention in Recruiting brochures will help to achieve the desired result.

31. Opportunity was taken during the August Fleet visit to arrange for parties of Engineering Undergraduates, Sea Cadets, School children etc. to see as much of the ships as possible, and there is no doubt that this form of Public Relations is of great benefit to Naval Recruiting.

32. During the period, Displays were arranged at the Royal National Show, Brisbane, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers and the Mackay Industries Fair (this latter through the PIONEER Sea Cadet Unit).

#### DOCKYARD POLICE.

33. On the closing down of the Dockyard Police Post at Alice Street, a new post was instituted at Naval Staff Office. This new post is manned at other than normal working hours. During normal working hours, two Constables are employed at New Farm. These arrangements are working very satisfactorily.

34. The Director of Naval Reserves decided, during his inspection, to reduce the complement of Naval Dockyard Police in Brisbane by four from 8th January, 1962 by which date it is considered it will no longer be necessary to man a post at the Boom Depot, Pinkenba. There has been no lowering of morale because of this decision. Two of the four Constables involved have sold their homes in Brisbane preparatory to their transfer to Sydney.

#### WELFARE AND DESERTERS.

35. Twenty one cases of a compassionate nature were investigated by the Port Chaplain, Reverend C.D. ALCORN, R.A.N.R. during the period.

36. During the period under report, five deserters were claimed of whom 2 surrendered to H.M.A.S. MORETON and 3 were apprehended by civil police (one in Cairns).

#### SOCIAL.

37. Forty five invitations were received during the period, of which 4 were receptions. Seventeen were attended personally by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, and he was represented at a further twelve.

#### NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

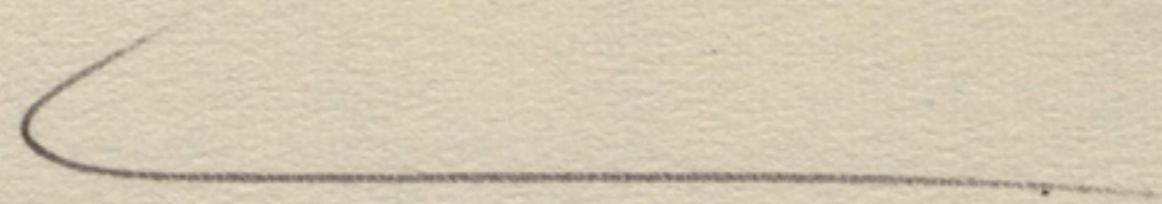
38. Commander J.A. WALSH, O.B.E., R.A.N. was relieved in his appointment as Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland on 6th October, by A/Commander J. FERGUSON, D.S.C., R.A.N.

(J.A. WALSH)  
Commander R.A.N., (Retd.)

NO FURTHER REPORTS RECEIVED

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CHARTS

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Remainder

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CELEBRATIONS

- (a) Naval participation in Trc  
Local celebrations
- (b) Remainder

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CERTIFICATES

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Alphabetical

Drc  
D2

After personnel  
leave Brisbane  
Area.

- (c) Remainder

D6

CHARGES

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Remainder

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D6

CHAPLAINS

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Local history, problems, Trc  
etc. associated with  
attendance at  
religious services, etc.
- (c) Remainder

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D5

COLLECTIONS

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Remainder

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CLAIMS AND COMPENSATION

- (a) Instructions
- (b) Compensation - Alphabetical
- (c) Remainder

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