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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY H.M.A.S. "COOMBAR" - JULY, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/45, the following:-

- July 1 & 2. Alongside Queen's Pier, Hobart.
- July 3. Slipped and proceeded at 0900 to Searched Channel. At 1045 starboard sweep was streamed and recovered at 1330 when course was shaped for Adventure Bay to check Compasses. This was completed at 1650, and anchor dropped in Adventure Bay.
- July 4. Weighed and proceeded to channel at 0800. Streamed sweep at 0950 and recovered at 1250. Anchor was dropped in Safety Cove, Port Arthur, at 1420.
- July 5. Weather bad. Weighed and proceeded 1110 and came to anchor in Bull Bay 1550.
- July 6. Weighed and proceeded to Harbour at 0900, berthing Queen's Pier, Hobart, at 1115.
- July 7. Alongside. 1200 N.O.I.C., Hobart, and R.N. Officers aboard.
- July 8 & 9. Alongside.
- July 10. Slipped and proceeded 0900 - Port engine defective. Anchored off One Tree Point at 0930 to repair faulty manoeuvring valve. At 1100 repairs were completed and course set for Searched Channel. Starboard sweep was streamed at 1235 and recovered at 1600. At 1635 anchored in Safety Cove.
- July 11. Weighed and proceeded at 0730. Streamed sweep at 0830 and recovered at 1155. Anchored in Port Arthur at 1430.
- July 12. Weighed and proceeded 0830 and during forenoon exercised various stations. 1330 Starboard sweep was streamed and recovered at 1545. Anchored Wedge Bay at 1645.
- July 13. Weighed at 0730 but Port Engine manoeuvring valve being defective, anchored in lee of Wedge Island in bad weather. At 0830 repairs having been effected, shaped course for Harbour,

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July 13 (Cont.)

berthing at 1120 alongside Queen's Pier, Hobart. Slight damage was caused to wharf and port anchor of Ship in berthing.

July 14-17. Alongside.

July 18. 0905 slipped and proceeded. 1055 streamed sweep and recovered at 1540. Anchored in Safety Cove at 1630.

July 19. Weighed and proceeded at 0800, streaming Port sweep at 0915. Weather deteriorated during morning and at 1220 float was missing, evidently having fouled heavy floating Kelp and torn adrift. Sweep was hove in and search made for float until 1410 with negative results. At 1510 anchored in Safety Cove.

July 20. Intended proceeding at 0500 in endeavour to meet barque "LAWHILL" bound for Hobart in Storm Bay and offer assistance. However, at 0330 wind had backed to South and blew very hard, so weighed and proceeded at 0345. Cape Raoul rounded at 0800 in very bad weather. At 1030 signal received from Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hobart, that "LAWHILL" had made Harbour with fair winds, so course was shaped for Harbour, berthing at 1222. Owing to defect in Port reversing gear, 'full ahead' was given on Port engine when coming alongside instead of 'full astern' as ordered, and Ship made impact with Wharf causing slight damage to Wharf timbers but none to Ship.

July 21-24. Alongside.

July 25. Alongside. 1140 commenced coaling from Hulk. 1330 coaling stopped.

July 26. Alongside.

July 27. Alongside. 0800 continued coaling - 1700 coaling completed.

July 28. Alongside. 1500 blew down for boiler clean.

July 29-31. Boiler cleaning.

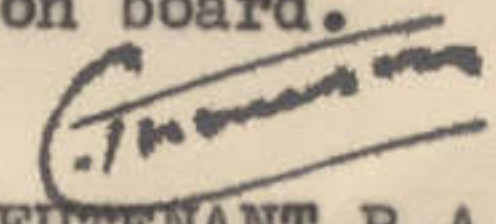
The health of Ship's Company has been excellent and conduct very good. After recent extensive refit the Ship generally is in very sound condition and every effort is being made to maintain this standard. Conditions on board for the Ratings could not be bettered and this also refers to quality of food and standard of cooking.

Distance Steamed 447 miles.

Hours under way 66<sup>55</sup>/<sub>60</sub>

Average distance per ton of Fuel - 13.3 miles.

It is regretted that total distance steamed since commissioning, which was on 30/4/41, cannot be given from data on board.

  
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.