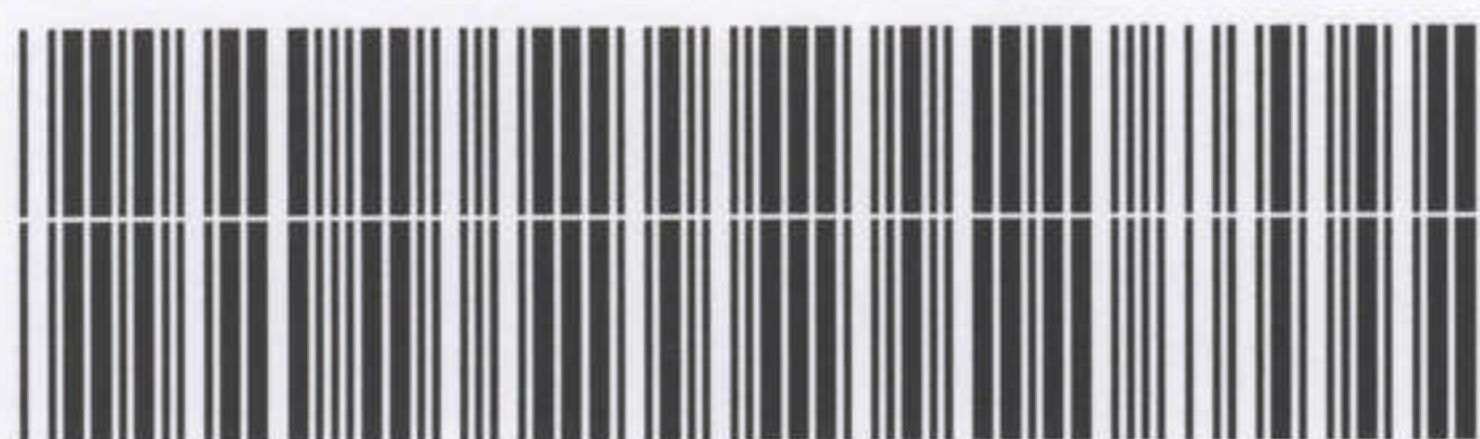


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15th. October, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

Submitted,

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, 1945.

- August 1st. to 2nd....Running lines of soundings in White Rock area Torres Straits, working with Polaris and ML1353.
- " 3rd. to 5th....At Thursday Island for water and boiler clean. Corvettes Benalla, Echuca, Castlemaine, & Horsham in harbour from Darwin survey.
- " 6th....."Shepparton" to Townsville for boiler clean, took over Survey Sweeping.
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- " 27th. to 29th...Bottom Sweeping with Goolgwai.
- " 30th.....Goolgwai & Durraween stationed on Shepparton, running lines of soundings.
- " 31st.....Survey concluded, weighed beacons, collected tide pole gear from Booby Island.
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Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.,
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J. J. J. J.
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

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H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN",
31st. July, 1945 .

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

Submitted,

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN" continuing under the orders of C.T.U.70.5.2.
in H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" proceeded as under :-

- July, 1st. to 5th.... Drag Sweeping with "Samuel Benbow" in Booby Island Area.
- July, 6th. to 8th.... At Thursday Island. Coaled from S.S. "Mako". Ship's in harbour - H.M.A.S. "Shepparton" "Goolgwai" and "Samuel Benbow" H.M.S. Boom Vessels "Barbein" and "Bartorpe". S.S. "Islander", "Mako", "Cape Otway"
- July, 9th. to 14th.... Continued Drag Sweeping in Booby Island Area with "Samuel Benbow". On 11th, Commanding Officer of "Samuel Benbow" taken ill and landed at Thursday Island, Lt. McDonald, (Surveying Officer) transferred to "Samuel Benbow".

During the above period of sweeping an unchartered rock was located off Banda Rock, and a further shoal patch to the west of Booby Isl. Bank.

- July, 15th. At Thursday Island for water and stores.
- July, 16th. to 19th... Drag Sweeping and running lines of soundings with "Polaris" in Booby Island and Larpent Bank Area
- July, 20th. to 22nd... Coaling and watering at Thursday Island.
- July, 23rd. to 31st... Running lines of soundings in White Rock Area. Several shoal patches discovered in this area.

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GENERAL,..... Conduct and Health of Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

Morale, although still very good, shows signs of deteriorating, due to uninteresting work from ratings viewpoint, sameness of scenery, cramped living spaces, tinned food, and coal, coal dust and more coal.
Average No's borne :- 2 Officers, 1 Survey Officer on loan ex "Shepparton", 23 Men.

P. McK. Furnedye

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.,
Commanding Officer .

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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

Submitted,

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1945.

June, 1st. to 7th.....Refitting. June 3rd, Ship's Company returned from leave.
Took on stores for six months.
Ammunitioned ship.
Basin Trials.

June, 8th.....Shifted to coaling wharf, joined by "SAMUEL BENBOW" & "GOOLGWAI"; coaled ship.

June, 9th.....0600 - Taking "S, Benbow" & "Goolgwai" under my orders slipped and proceeded to Bowen. "GOOLGWAI" developed boiler trouble returned to berth.
Swung compasses in Moreton Bay.
"Samuel Benbow's" compasses, both condemned, returned her to harbour.
Anchored off Pile Light awaiting N.O.I.C. permission to proceed independently.
0040 - Permission granted.

June, 10th.....0500...Weighed and proceeded to Bowen.
1100...Ordered back to harbour. Cyclone warnings.

June, 11th.....1630...Joined by "SAMUEL BENBOW", weighed and proceeded to Bowen.
1850...Sailing deferred, further cyclone warning.
Anchored in north west Channel.

June, 12th.....0800...Requested permission to proceed - granted.
0900...Weighed & in company with "SAMUEL BENBOW" proceeded to Bowen.

June, 15th.....0800...Arrived Bowen. Average speed, 7.7 knots.

June, 16th. to 21st.....On passage to Thursday Island.
Arrived THURSDAY ISLAND, 0800, 21st.
Average speed, 8.8 knots.
Joined by "GOOLGWAI".

June, 22nd.....Reported to C.T.U.70.5.2 in H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON".

June, 22nd. to 24th.....Trawlers coaling.

June, 25th.....Lieut. McDonald, R.A.N.R. joined from H.M.A.S. "SHEPPARTON" as Surveying Officer.

June, 25th. to 30th.....Carried out Bottom Sweeping and sounding off Larpent Bank in Prince of Wales Channel.

GENERAL REMARKS.....Conduct and Health of Ship's Company continues satisfactory.
Average numbers borne..2 Officers, 23 men.

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H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN",
31st. May, 1945.

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The Secretary, NAVAL BOARD,
MELBOURNE.

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Submitted,

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1945.

May, 1st. to 4th..... On passage to BOWEN via Inner Route, anchoring each night from midnight to 0400. Two officers only on complement. Average speed, 6.65 knots.

May 5th..... Coaled at BOWEN. Sailed at 1200k for BRISBANE.

May, 9th..... Arrived Moreton Bay. Average speed 7.1 kts. At 1543 went aground by Clara Rock Buoy in BRISBANE RIVER. At 1730, high water, with assistance of H.M. Tug 232, came clear of bank. (Report of Grounding submitted to N.O.I.C. BRISBANE). At 1945 berthed alongside Beryl 11 at Lighthouse Jetty.

May, 10th..... Shifted berth to Milling Wharf for refitting. De-ammunitioned ship.

May, 11th..... Refitting berth cancelled. Shifted to C.S.R. Wharf, four miles down stream.

May, 12th..... Main Party of Ship's Company proceeded on Home Leave.

May, 14th. to 31st..... Taken in hand for refit and docking.
Contractors :- A. Sargent & Co.
Peter's Slip.
Metal Products.

GENERAL REMARKS :- Conduct and Health of Ship's Company very satisfactory.
Miles steamed.....1316.
Average No's borne.....2 Officers, 25 men.

R. McK. Furnedje

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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30th. April, 1945.

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The Secretary, NAVAL BOARD,
MELBOURNE.

Submitted,

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS * 1st.JULY,1944 to 30th.APRIL,1945.

All reports prior to July, 1944 have been submitted to Naval Officer in Charge, PORT MELBOURNE, and no copies kept as per h&h instructions.

The following, in brief outline, are proceedings of H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN", as from 1st. July, 1944, :-

- July, 1st. to 4th.....Oropesa Sweeping off Port Phillip Heads.
- July, 5th. to 10th.....Oropesa Sweeping and Patrol in Wilson Prom.Area. During this period full calibre firing and dropping of depth charge exercised. Oil Lighter adrift from S.S. "RAMON" salvaged in heavy weather.
- July, 11th. to 12th..... Coaling and Storing at Williamstown.
- July, 13th. to 14th..... Towing targets for H.M.A.S. "QUIBERON" in Port Phillip Bay.
- July, 15th. to 17th..... Oropesa Sweeping off Port Phillip Heads.
- July, 18th. to Aug.28th.. Ship undergoing Annual Refit, presumably for service in Northern Waters. Ship's Company granted 21 days leave.
- Aug. 30th..... Completed trials, sailed for Sydney under operational control of N.O.I.C. SYDNEY.
- Sept.2nd..... Arrived SYDNEY, average speed 8.4 knots. Berthed on S.S."YUNNAN" at Poole & Steel's Yard at Belmain. Received overdue mailed instructions to join C.T.U. 70.5.2 under Lt.Cdr.R.Tripp,R.N. in H.M.A.T."GOOLGWAI". Third trawler of Group H.M.A.T. "SAMUEL BENBOW".
- Sept.3rd..... E.R.A.111, D.HENDERSON,R.A.N.R., E.R.A. in charge of Engine Room, sustained fatal injuries from accidental fall from City building.
- Sept.4th. to 19th..... Ship taken over by Messrs. Polle & Steel for fitting out as surveying sweeper. Echo Sounding Forced Air Ventilation, Refrigerators, etc.fitted. On Sept.6th, funeral of late ER.A.Henderson attended by C.O. and Ship's Co, with Guard from Balmoral Depot. Ship docked twice at Chapman's Dock for fitting of E/S Gear and for withdrawal of Propellor Shaft. Boilers cleaned and given thorough inspection continuous trouble having been experienced with tubes. Report, No.13040 of 20th.Sept was submitted to A.C.N.B. by N.O.I.C. SYDNEY.
- Sept. 19th. to 22nd..... Harbour Trials of E/S Gear. Embarking of Bottom Sweeping Gear at Pyrmont. Storing at Garden Isl. Deperming at Kyrraba Oil Wharf. Coaling at Woolloomooloo.
- Sept. 23rd..... Sub.Lieut. Jonas,R.A.N.R. of H.M.A.S. "CHALLENGER" joined for watchkeeping duties on trip north. Adjusted compasses and at 1610k sailed for TOWNSVILLE.
- Sept 29th..... Arrived TOWNSVILLE, average speed 8 knots. Coaled and watered.
- Oct. 2nd..... Sailed for Thursday Island, base for surveying operations in Torres Straits. At 0445k, Oct.6th, when off Adolphus Islands received signalled instructions to proceed to assistance of H.M.A.S. "KAZEMBE" in difficulties off Bird Island. Weather bad, speed reduced to 4 and 5 knots. At 1400k sighted "KAZEMBE" under her own power, escorted her to shelter of Escape

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Anchored at 2230 in lee of Cape York.

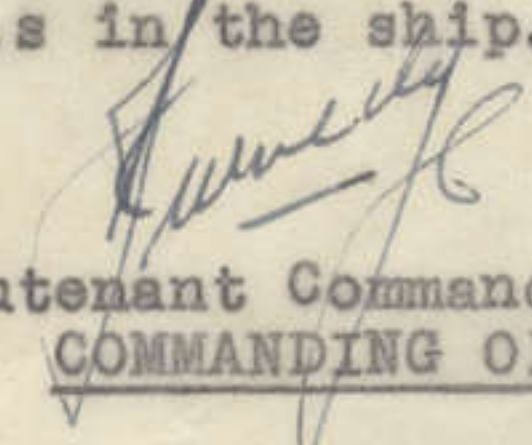
- Oct. 7th..... Arrived THURSDAY ISLAND.
 Oct. 8th. to 9th..... Coaled from Naval Lighter "Mombah" in Normanby Sound. Watered at Horn Island, water supply at Thursday Island depleted.
 Oct. 10th. to 17th..... Bottom Sweeping and sounding with trawlers "GOOLGWAI" and "SAMUEL BENBOW" in PRINCE OF WALES CHANNEL. Landed 2 Seamen for Tide Pole Party at Horn Island.
 Oct. 18th..... Watered at Muttee Head as supply at Horn Island depleted.
 Oct. 22nd..... H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" arrived in area and assumed operational control of survey as C.T.U.70.5.2.
 Oct. 18th to Dec. 7th... Bottom Sweeping in Prince of Wales Channel. Coaling from dump at Thursday Island & watering at Muttee Head and Horne Island.
 On 7th. November, Lt. Cdr. Tripp joined "DUR-raween". SubLt. Jonas to "Samuel Benbow".
 During this period sweep wire was twice fouled around screw. On first occasion ship was towed by "SAMUEL BENBOW" to Naval Jetty, Thursday Isl, and wire cleared by Port Diver. On second occasion members of Ship's Company cleared the ten turns, using improvised diving gear consisting of Smoke Mask and Sigmund Pump.
 Dec. 8th..... Sailed for CAIRNS for Boiler Clean.
 Dec. 12th. Arrived CAIRNS.
 Dec. 13th. to 19th..... Boiler Cleaning. Each Watch allowed 48 hours Recreational Leave. The welcome at this port was very much appreciated by Officers and Men. No defects could be taken in hand by shore staff.
 Dec. 20th..... Sailed for Thursday Island. Landed mail at Stanley Island for R.A.A.F. en route.
 Dec. 24th..... Arrived THURSDAY ISLAND.
 Dec. 25th. to Jan 24th.. Drag sweeping in Prince of Wales Channel, using 1,000 ft wire with depth setting wires every 100 ft. On Jan. 4th. Lieut. N.C. Glenn, R.N. took over from Lieut. Comdr. Tripp.
 Jan. 25th. to Feb. 10th... Drag Sweeping in Vigilant Channel. One rating to Sue Island for Tide Pole Party.
 Feb. 11th. to 20th..... Boiler Cleaning at THURSDAY ISL. Fresh water available at Naval Jetty as from 18th. Feb. Minor Defects made good by Base Staff and Ship's Staff.
 Feb. 21st. to Apr. 26th. Drag and Bottom Sweeping in Vigilant Channel Area. Bottom Sweeping off Larpent Bank.
 April 29th..... Sailed to Brisbane for Refit and Leave.

GENERAL REMARKS :- Conduct and Health of Ship's Company under trying conditions in a trawler in the tropics have been surprisingly good.

Fresh food available at Thursday Island very limited.

Coaling arrangements not very satisfactory, only one truck being available to the Navy.

A considerable amount of trouble has been experienced with E.R. Machinery & Boilers, due to a large extent to the drafting of juniors and inexperienced E.R.A.s as senior E.R.A.s in the ship.


 Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.,
 COMMANDING OFFICER.

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