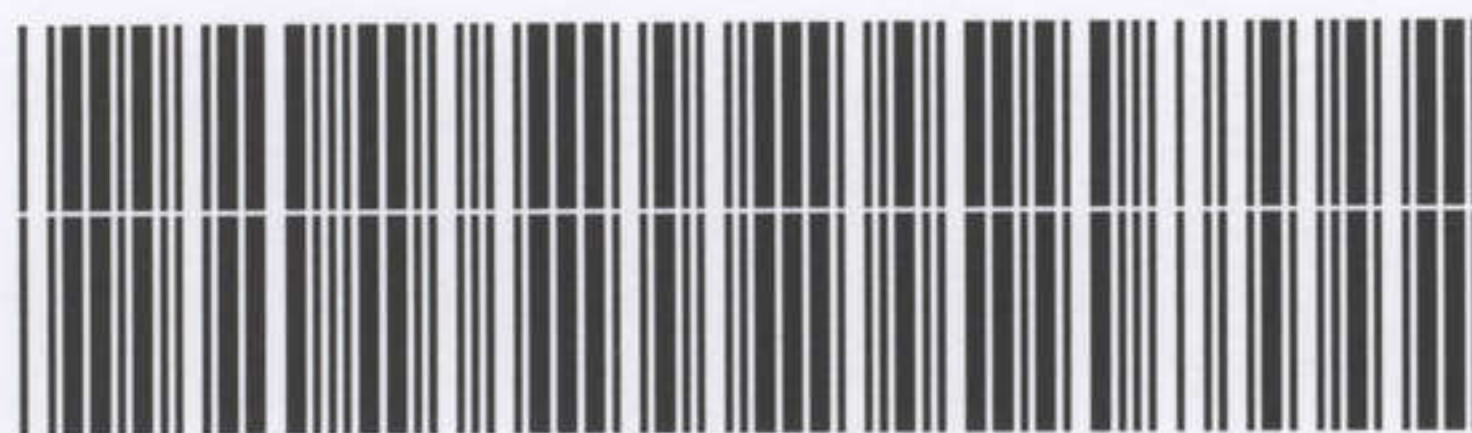


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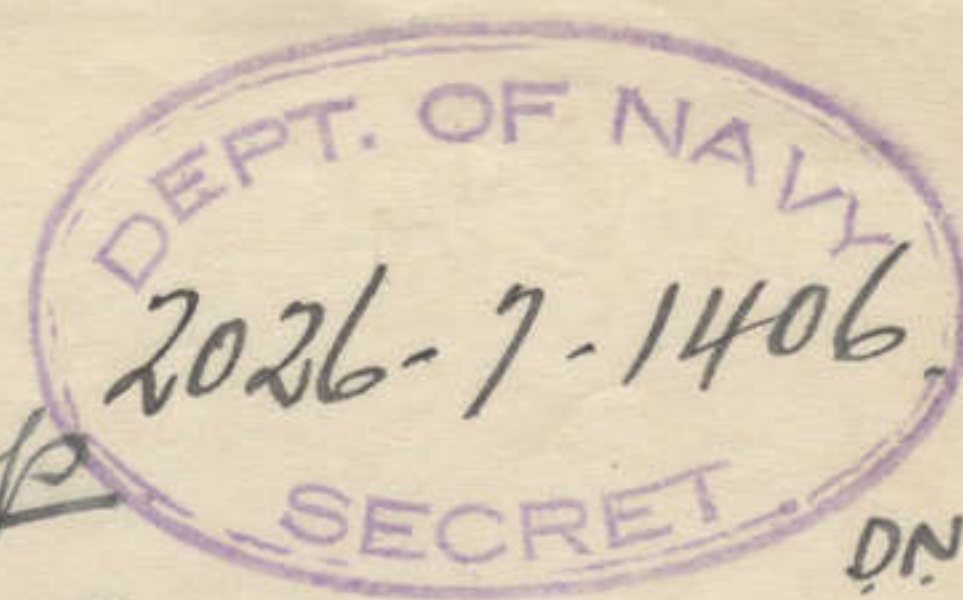
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1st December, 1945.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.I.

(Copy to Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hong Kong).

the Naval Board.

Submitted for the information of

  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.,  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MOLUCCAS.

Office of N.O.I.C.  
MOLUCCAS.  
2 January, 1946.

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Commanding Officer, HMV 2046 (Eduardo) letter of  
1st December, 1945.

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Naval Board,  
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(Copy to Naval Officer-in-Charge, Hong Kong).

Submitted for the information of

the Naval Board.

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

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MOLUCCAS.  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Office of N.O.I.C.  
MOLUCCAS.  
2 January, 1946.

*W. J. Smith*

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From:- Commanding Officer, HMMFV 2046 ( Eduardo )

Date:- 1st December 1945

To:- Secretary; Navy Board, through NOIC Moluccas  
Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, direct

Subject:- Monthly Letter of Proceedings for November 1945

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SUBMITTED, the following letter of proceedings for the month of November 1945.

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3 The ship sailed from Balikpapan at 1800I/14th for Macassar with 10 tons of mail, for slipping, and arrived at 1500I/16th;

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5 Orders have been received to proceed to Hong Kong as soon as the refit is complete; however, owing to the slowness with which bottom repairs are being carried out, it is not anticipated that the ship will be ready to sail before the 15th December at the earliest.

6 On my supercession as commanding officer of the ship, the general condition of all equipment, deck and engine room, was most unsatisfactory and much was unserviceable through neglect, largely due to an insufficient engine room staff and to the lack of any electrical knowledge aboard; good progress has, however, now been made towards serviceability of all equipment and general seaworthiness.

7 The discipline of the crew has been satisfactory

From: - Commanding Officer, HMMSV 2046 (Edwards)  
 Date: - 1st December 1945  
 To: - Secretary, Navy Board, through NOIC Moluccas  
 Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, direct  
 Subject: - Monthly Letter of Proceedings for November 1945

Several cases of mild dysentery have occurred during the month. P/O Engineman CORY suffered a nervous breakdown at Macassar and has been returned to Morotai, which has delayed completion of the engine room refit.

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 Time under way 29 3/4 hours  
 Average speed 7.2 knots

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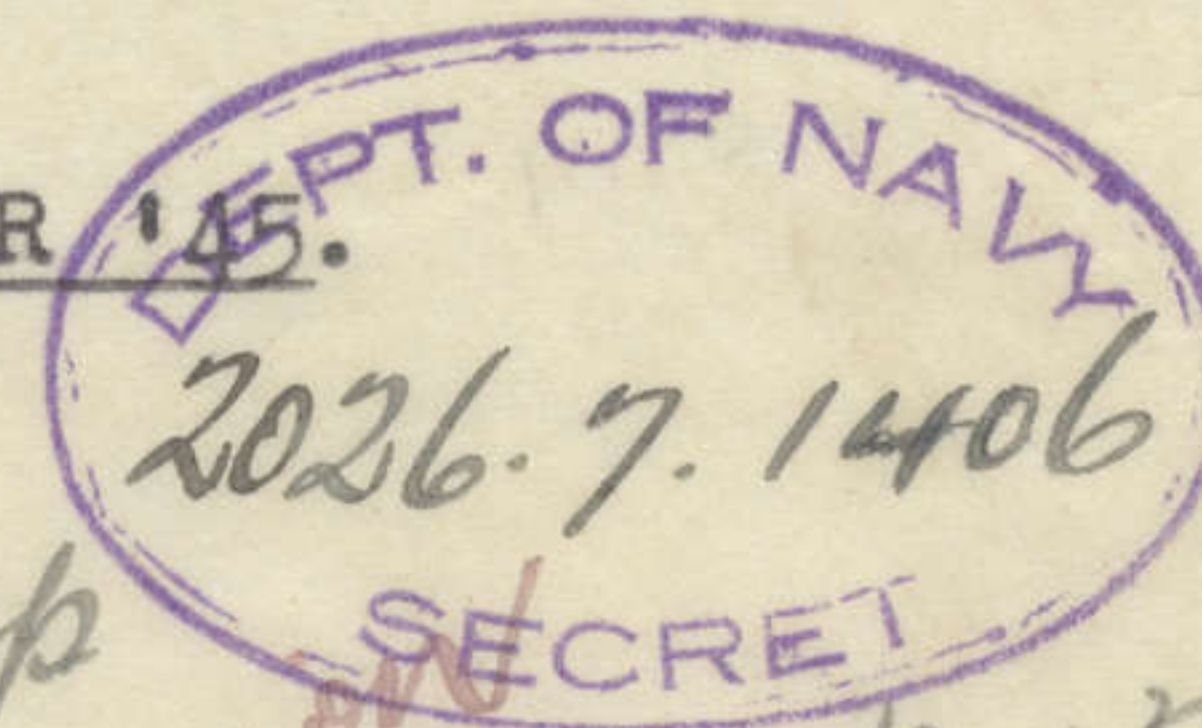
The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

Submitted for the information of  
the Naval Board.

*Jack Brown*  
A/COMMANDER, R.A.N.,  
FOR A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (A.O.D.).

Office of N.O.I.C.  
MOLUCCAS.  
13 November, 1945.

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FOR A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (A.O.D.).  
A/COMMANDER, R.A.N.

*[Handwritten signature]*

the Naval Board.

Submitted for the information of

MELBOURNE, S.C.I.  
Naval Board,  
The Secretary,

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COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. V. 5046 LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER, 1945.

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From:- Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

Date:- 1st November 45

To:- Secretary, Naval Board, through NOIC, Moluccas,  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, direct)

Subject:- Monthly Letter of Proceedings

SUBMITTED,

The following letter of proceedings  
for the month of October 1945, in accordance with CNO 97/43.

2 Lieut R.O. Richards, RNVR, succeeded Lieut L.K. Smith  
as commanding officer on 23rd October, and on the  
same date Sub Lieut R.A. Clark, RNVR, succeeded Sub Lieut  
G. Sanders, RANR, as 1st Lieutenant. Lieut Smith proceeded  
to Australia in HMAS Baroco on 25th Oct., and S/Lt Sanders  
to Morotai in LST 419 on 23rd October.

3 The ship proceeded to Macassar on 30th Sept.,  
escorting "Tokoyama Maru", LCT's 1308 and 1297, arriving 2nd  
October. She left again for Balikpapan on 6th Oct., in  
company with the same ships, arriving without incident 8th  
October.

4 On 10th Oct one company of 7 Div was embarked at  
Balik Papan; the ship sailed at 1900I/10th and arrived at  
Tanahgrogot, Pasir River, next day. She returned to Balikpapan on the 12th October.

5 The ship sailed at 2300I/12th from Balikpapan  
in company with LCT's 1297 & 1289 for Banjarmasin, arriving  
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Burdekin and HMAS Gascoyne were already anchored. On the 16th  
and 17th liberty parties from these two ships were taken  
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for Balikpapan in company with HMAS Grass Snake, LCT's 1297  
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6 The main engine, for which few spares are available  
is becoming increasingly difficult to start owing to defective  
air starting valves, which cannot be repaired locally. Hull  
sheathing also requires attention as mentioned in last months  
letter of proceedings.

7 The general condition of the ship, especially  
regarding rot in the woodwork, indicates that she will not  
be seaworthy for much longer if left in tropical waters.  
Attention to machinery and hull at a major base are  
required at the earliest possible moment.

From: - Commanding Officer, H.M. V. 2046.

Date: - 1st November 45

8 The health and discipline of the crew have  
been satisfactory throughout the month.

9 Monthly figures.

Subject: - Monthly Letter of Proceedings  
Distance steamed 1475 miles  
Time under way 257 hours  
Average speed 5.0 knots  
(escorting LCT's, etc.)

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10 Total figures for the month of October 1945, in accordance with G.O. 27/45.

Distance steamed 20051 miles  
Time under way 2792 hours  
Average speed 7.2 knots  
Same date Sub Lt R. A. Clark, RNVR, succeeded Sub Lt  
G. Sanders, RANVR, Lt. Smith proceeded  
to Australia in LCT 1001 on 25th Oct., and Sub Lt Sanders  
to Morotai in LCT 1019 on 23rd October.

3 The Sub Lt R. O. Richards, RNVR, arrived on 30th Sept.,  
escorting "Tokoro", LCT's 1308 and 1327, arriving 2nd  
October. She left again for Balikpapan on 5th Oct., in  
company with the same ships, arriving without incident 8th Oct.

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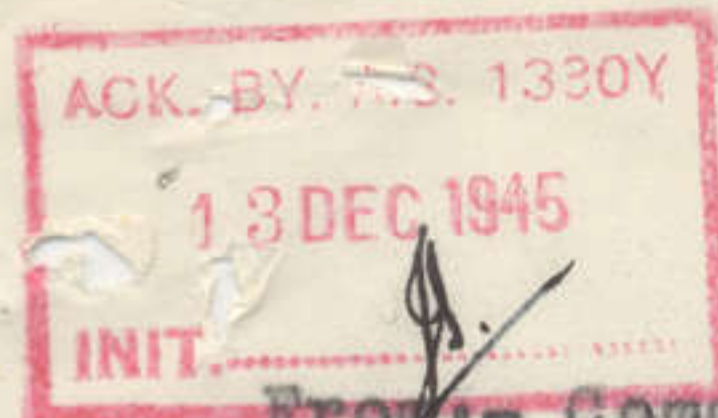
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From:- Commanding Officer, HMDFV 2046 ( Eduardo )

Date:- 1st December 1945

To:- Secretary, Navy Board, through NOIC Moluccas  
Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, direct

Subject:- Monthly Letter of Proceedings for November 1945

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7 The discipline of the crew has been satisfactory

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From: Commanding Officer, HMV 2046 (Barado)

Date: 1st December 1945

To: Secretary, Navy Board, through HOD HMAS  
Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, direct

Subject: Monthly Letter of Proceedings for November 1945

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8 Monthly figures

Distance steamed 1045 miles  
Time under way 143 hours  
Average speed 7.3 knots

9 Total figures since 1/2/44.

Distance steamed 21096 miles  
Time under way 2936 hours  
Average speed 7.2 knots

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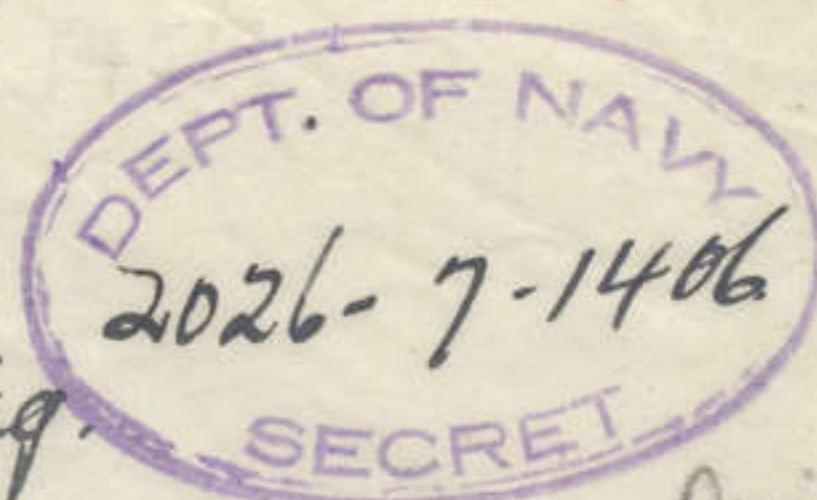
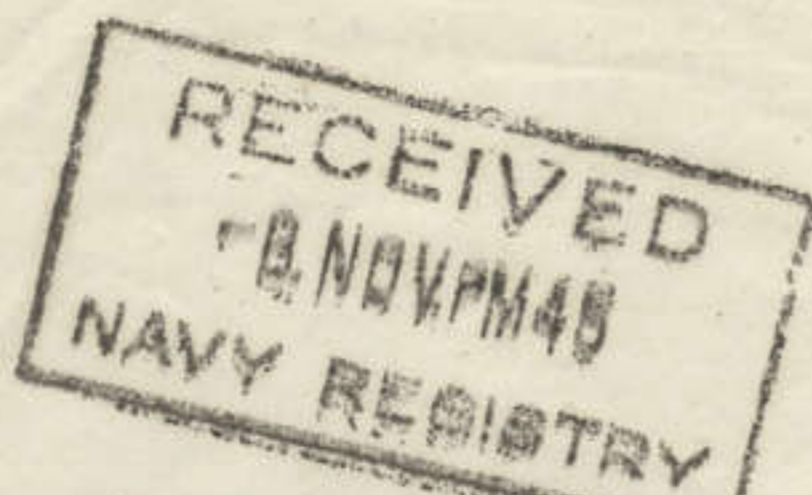
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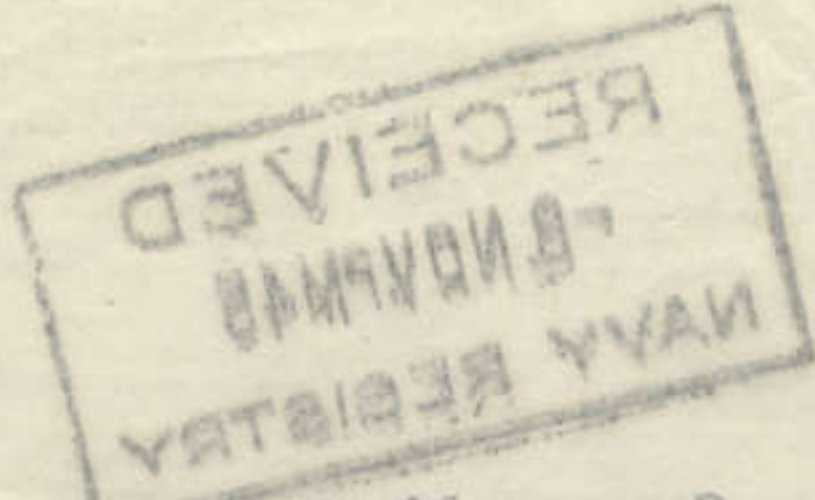
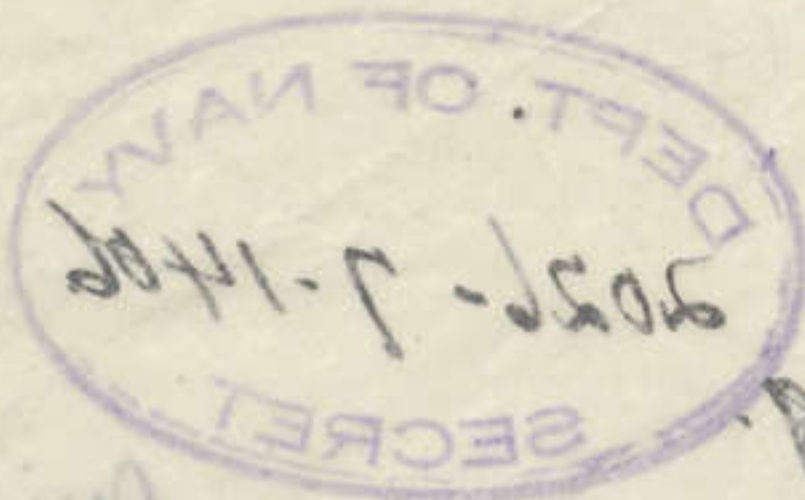
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8 From: - Commanding Officer, H.M.S. V. 2046  
The health and discipline of the crew have  
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9 To: - Secretary, Naval Board, (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, direct)  
Monthly figures.  
Distance steamed 1475 miles  
Time under way 257 hours  
Average speed 5.0 knots  
(Corrected LCT's, etc.)

10 Total figures since 1/2/44.

Distance steamed 15001 miles  
Time under way 2793 hours  
Average speed 5.2 knots

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SUBJECT: *Amas "Eduardo" Report of Proceedings September 1945.*

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COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "EDUARDO" LETTER DATED  
1 OCTOBER, 1945.



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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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


the Naval Board.

Submitted for the information of

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"EDUARDO" will be made to slip at Macassar.

H.N.

  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.,  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MOLUCCAS.

Office of N.O.I.C.  
MOLUCCAS.  
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22 October, 1945.

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*Mr. J. Kelly 20/4/45*

From: The Commanding Officer, H.M.M.F.V. *MOISOLUCCAS FILE*  
Date: 1stt. October 45.  
To: The Secretary, Navy Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.  
(Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.)  
Subject: Monthly Letter of Proceedings for September, 1945.

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6. While on passage from Morotai to Balik Papan, several square yards of zinc anneal sheathing was torn from the ship's bottom, due to pounding into head seas. Without facilities it has not been possible to repair this in either Macassar or Balik Papan, and it is submitted that the ship should be docked at the earliest to prevent worms entering the timber.

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9. Statistics.

Monthly figures.	Distance steamed.	1427 miles.
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	Distance steamed for ton of fuel.	160 miles.

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Total figures.

Distance steamed since  
commissioning 1/2/44.

18576 miles.

At average speed of

7.3 Kts.

Hours under way.

2536 Hours.



*R.A. Smith*

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Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer.

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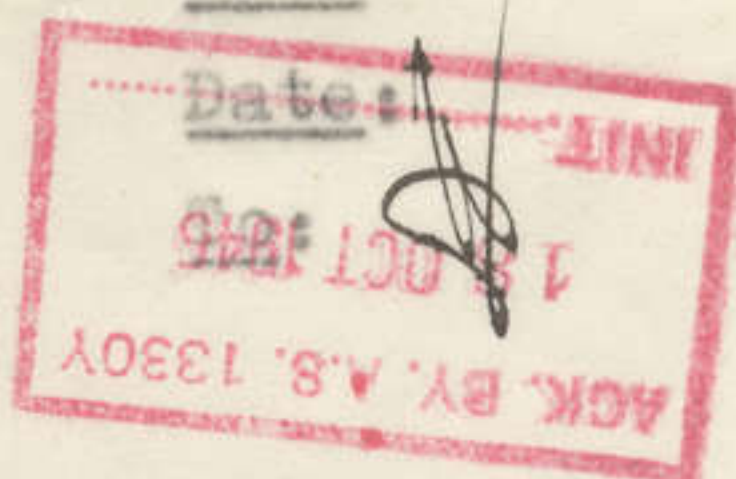
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.M.F.V. 2046.

Date:

1stt. October 45.



The Secretary, Navy Board, Navy Office, Melbourne. DNI 2/10/45  
through N.O.I.C. Moluccas.

(Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, Navy Office, Melbourne)

Subject:

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*4/9* SUBJECT: *H.M. "M.F.V. 2046"* *Report of Proceedings.* *August 1945*

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From. Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

Date. 1st September 1945.

To. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

through Naval Officer ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ in Charge, Molluccas.  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.)

Subject. Monthly Letter of Proceedings for August, 1945.

Submitted.

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Distance steamed per ton of fuel.	162 miles.

Total Figures.

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At average speed of	7.4 knots
Hours under way.	2324 hours.

Lieutenant. R.A.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

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Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

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Commanding Officer, H.M. M.T.V. 2046.

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Commanding Officer, H.M. M.T.V. 2046.

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SUBJECT: *Ad. M. M. F. V. 2046. Letter of proceedings. July and June 1945.*

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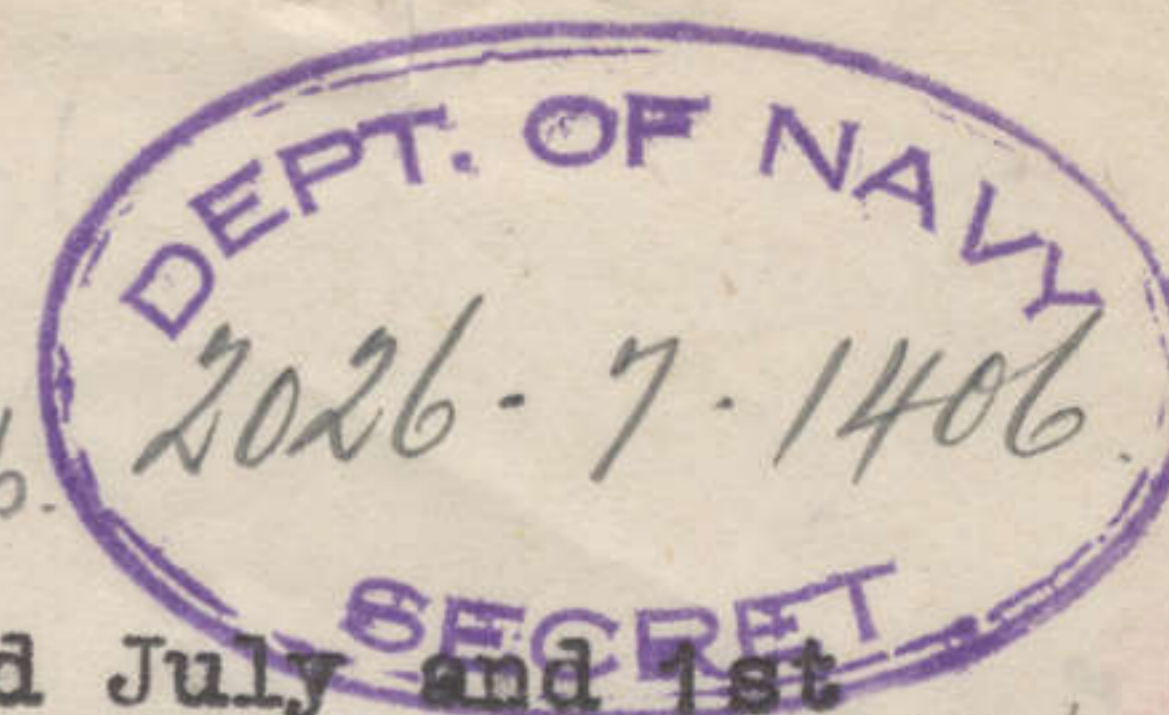
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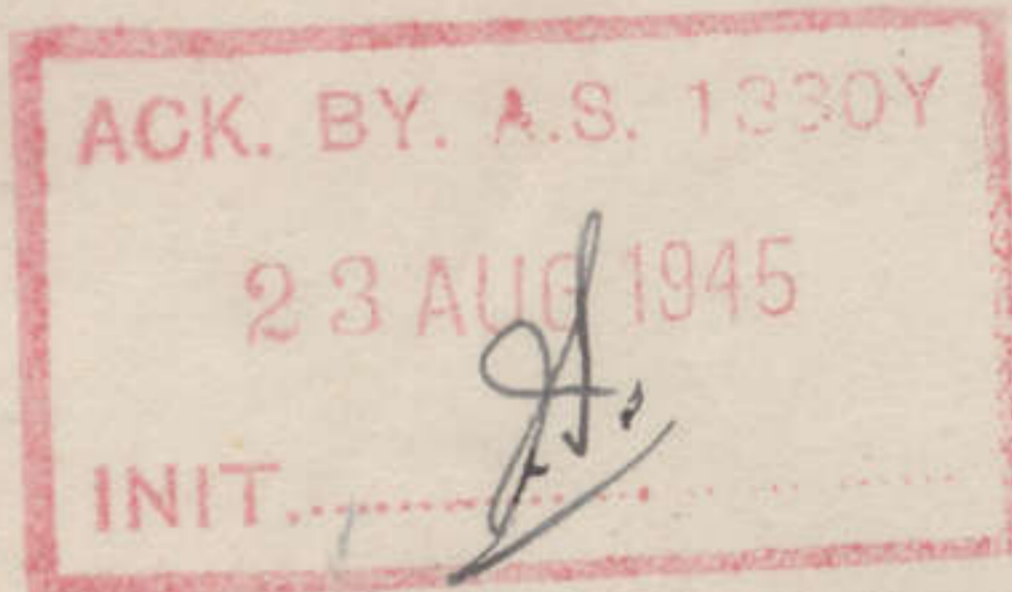
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MONTHLY LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR  
JULY & JUNE 1945.

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*HN.*  
The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN, N.T.  
18th August 1945.

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From. Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.  
Date. 1st August 1945.  
To. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.  
through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.  
(copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.)

Subject. Monthly Letter of Proceedings for July 1945.

Submitted.

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3. After the Armament had all been checked over by Base Staff, and the guns' crews drilled by the Base Gunner's Mate, the ship proceeded on 5th July for gunnery exercises. At the same time, long range W/T tests were carried out and all were satisfactory.

4. After loading special stores the previous day, the ship sailed on 7th July for Grant Island, where working up exercises, and exercises with S.R.D. personnel were to be carried out.

5. Approximately four hours after sailing for the exercises mentioned in Para 4, the brake band holding the starboard anchor broke, releasing the anchor and cable which ran through the hawse pipe and were not recovered. A separate report on this accident has been rendered on Form S54I.

6. Three junior officers from S.R.D. ships were carried on these exercises to be given training in navigation. At the end of the cruise, great improvement had been shown by them.

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8. Return was made to Darwin via Clarence Strait, and the ship anchored in East Arm on 14th July.

9. The ship remained in harbour, having minor defects made good until 24th July, when a S.R.D. party was embarked, and again with the officers referred to in Para 6, the ship proceeded to the vicinity of Cape Fourcroy, Beaurist Island for exercises and navigational training. Return was made to Darwin on 27th July.

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Monthly Figures.

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Hours under way.	147 18/60 hours.
Distance steamed per ton of fuel.	124.8 miles

Total Figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning on 1/2/1944.	16011 miles.
At average speed of	7.5 knots.
Hours under way.	2153 18/60 hrs.



*L. K. Smith*  
Lieutenant. R.A.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

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To. ACK. BY. A. 1330Y The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.  
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SUBJECT: *ANNA "M.V. 2046" Report of Proceedings June, 1945.*

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From. Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.  
Date. 2nd July 1945.  
To. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne  
Through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.)  
Subject. Monthly letter of proceedings for June 1945.

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Submitted.

The following letter of proceedings in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 for the month of June is submitted.

2. The ship was alongside Refitting Jetty, Darwin from 1st June to 18th June, having defects made good.

3. On the 18th June, the ship was towed to the ~~dry~~ Floating Dock for docking and undocked on 23rd June, when she was steamed to the Refitting Jetty under own power. During this time, underwater valves were ground, zincs renewed, and the tail shaft wear down taken.

4. For the remainder of the month, work was progressed on the shipwright items of the defect list. The W/T installation had been rewired and completely refitted; all electrical defects rectified or circuits renewed; and the main engine defects rectified by completion date, 26th June, awaiting sea trials. I have been particularly satisfied with the work done by the W/T and Torpedo Departments, especially as the major defects involved these two sections.

5. On 23rd June, new seamen personnel joined in lieu of those drafted for disciplinary reasons, and since that date, the cleanliness of the ship, and the morale of the ship's company have considerably improved. The health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

Statistics.

Monthly Figures.

Distance Steamed. I mile.  
Hours under way. 12/60 hours.  
Distance steamed per ton of fuel. 124.8 Miles.

Total Figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning 1/2/1944. 15043 miles.  
At average speed of 7.5 knots.  
Hours under way. 2006 hours.



*R.A. Smith*

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.

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From. Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.  
Date. 2nd July 1945.  
To. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne  
Through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.  
17 AUG 1945 (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.)  
Subject. Monthly letter of proceedings for June 1945.

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From. Commanding Officer, H.M. M.F.V. 2046.  
Date. 2nd July 1945.  
To. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melb.  
through Senior Naval Officer,  
Services Reconnaissance Dept.  
Copy to Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.  
Subject. Monthly letter of proceedings for June 1945.

*H.N. [unclear]*

Submitted.

The following letter of proceedings in accordance with C.C.N.O. / for the month of June is submitted.

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