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COMMANDING OFFICER.
"H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI"
8th. October, 1945.

Secretary,
Naval Board
Melbourne.

September

Report of Proceedings for the Month of October 1945.

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my command for the month of ~~October~~ ^{September} is submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/45.

(1) Recovered remaining survey beacons during Saturday 1st. then returned to harbour anchoring off Main Jetty at 1840/1. Five ratings having volunteered for further service were transferred to H.M.A.S. "SEPPARTON" in exchange for five ratings whose early demobilisation was expected.

(2) Slipped from Main Jetty at 0700/8 and proceeded on passage to Melbourne in company with H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN" and H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW". H.M.A.S. "BOONAROO" taken in tow 1120/8. Proceeded into Cairns securing outside H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN", Kuranda wharf 1140/15.

(3) Slipped 0800/16 and proceeded with H.M.A.S. "BOONAROO" in tow to Townsville in company with H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN" and H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW". Secured Coaling Wharf at 0815/17.

(4) Slipped 0800/18 and proceeded independantly with H.M.A.S. "BOONAROO" in tow to Brisbane passing Caloundra at 2130/21. H.M.A.S. "BOONAROO" taken by H.M. Tug 232 in Quarries Reach at 0910/22. Secured Coal Wharf at 1030/22.

(5) Slipped 0830/24 and proceeded to Sydney. Secured number 10 Bouy at 0145/27 and remained there awaiting orders.

(6) The health of the Ship's Company continues to be good.

(7) Mechanically the ship continues to run well.

(8) Ships met.

0610/9 Unidentified H.D.M.L. North Bound Near Cairns
Cross Is.

0758/10 H.M.S. "DESTINY" North Bound near Osborne Reef

1240/11 Three small craft North Bound Near Wilkie Is/

2115.14 Unidentified Merchant Vessel North Bound
Egret Reef.

2220/18 Unidentified Merchant Vessel North Bound
Witsunday Pass.

0033/19 Unidentified Auxiliary Schooner South Bound
Witsunday Pass

0135/19 Unidentified Merchant Vessel North Bound
Witsunday Pass.

0520/21 Unidentified Tanker North Bound Off Sandy Cape

0532/21 Unidentified Tanker North Bound off Sandy Cape

0718/21 H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" North Bound off Indian Hd.

1750/21 Unidentified Vessel North Bound off Low Bluff

0020/25 " " " " off Fingal Hd.

0320/26 " " " " " Smokey Cape.

0305/26 " " " " " " "

0505/26 " " " " " " "

1151/26 S.S. BENALBO " " " Near Sugarloaf
Light

1310/26 S.S. ARAKCOON " " " " "

1655/26 Unidentified Merchant Vessel North Bound
Near Nobbys Head.

1900/26 Two Unidentified Merchant Vessels North Bound
South of Nobbys Head.

(9) Distance Steamed	2001 miles.
Hours under way	274 hours.
Coal consumed	167 tons.
Average miles per ton	12 miles.
Average speed	7.3 knots.

Since 1st. February 1945.

Total Distance Steamed	9238 miles.
Total Hours Under Way	1390 Hours.
Average speed	6.7 Knots.

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LIEUT. R. A. N. R.

COMMANDING OFFICER.

Distribution.

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N.O.I.C. Thursday Island.
Ship;

Secretary,
Naval Board
Melbourne.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my command for the month of August is submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/45.

(1) Continued Bottom Sweeping in company with "Samuel Benbow" until 1200/2, when both vessels proceeded to Thursday Island, anchoring off Main Jetty at 1635/2. Remained in harbour until Monday.

(2) Proceeded with "Samuel Benbow" in company at 0730/6. Layed and fixed beacons until 1245/7, thence continued bottom sweeping on 8th and 9th. Sounded with "Samuel Benbow" on Friday 10th and returned to Normanby Sound that evening, anchoring there at 2120/10. Proceeded into harbour A.M. 11th.

(3) Cleaned Boiler from Monday 13th to Tuesday 21st at Thursday Island.

(4) Slipped 0730/23 and proceeded to Survey ground. Recovered a damaged beacon at 1120/23 and joined "Durraveen" at 1230/23. Commenced bottom sweeping at 1410/23 and continued on Friday 24th. Recovered a damaged beacon at 1845/24. Returned to Harbour A.M. 25th and remained there until 27th.

(5) Slipped 0630/27 and proceeded to Survey ground in company with "Durraveen". Began bottom sweeping at 1056. Secured 1400/27 and assisted in search for crashed aircraft until 2000/27. Continued bottom sweeping on 28th, 29th and A.M. 30th. Assisted "Shepparton" sounding from 1610/30 until 1835/31st.

(6) Each night the vessel anchored on the survey ground about dusk. Strong S.E. winds continued to make bottom sweeping difficult but conditions improved towards the latter part of the month.

(7) The Health of the Ship's Company continued to be good. The recent improvement in supply of fresh vegetables etc; will do much to keep our health good.

(8) Mechanically the ship continues to run well. Many minor repairs were effected with assistance of Base Engineer during recent boiler clean.

(9) Ships Met.

0615/1	Unidentified vessel eastbound west of Booby Island.
1345/1	" tanker " " " "
1515/1	" " " " " "
1530/1	H.M.A.S. "Hawkesbury" " " " "
1530/1	H.M.A.S. "Cape Leeuwin" " " " "
1315/2	Tanker "Cape Republic" westbound west of " "
1728/6	Unidentified vessel " " " "
1817/6	Tanker "Stanvac Palembang" westbound west of Booby Island.
1817/6	Tanker "Esso Springfield" " " " "
0620/7	Unidentified tanker eastbound west of Booby Island.
2200/7	Tanker "Samnid" westbound " " " "
0925/8	Tanker "Kings Canyon" eastbound " " " "
1330/9	Tanker "Cornell" westbound " " " "
1030/23	Unidentified Norwegian vessel eastbound west of Booby Is.
0720/28	H.M.S. "Hart" and 3 Sloops in company eastbound west of Booby I
1715/28	Tanker "Idahe Falls" eastbound west of Booby Island.
0645/29	H.M.S. "Hart" and 3 Sloops in company eastbound west Booby Is.
1740/29	Unidentified vessel westbound west of Booby Island.
0825/30	" tanker " " " " "

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(10) Distance steamed
Hours under way
Coal consumed
Average miles per ton
Average speed

957 miles.
153 hours 11 mins.
80 tons.
12 miles
6.2 knots.

Since 1st February 1945.

Total distance steamed
Total hours under way
Average speed

7237 miles.
1116 hours.
6.5 knots.

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Lieut. RANR.
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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. Shaw

Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Thursday Island.
3 September 1945.
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957 miles
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80 tons
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Average miles per ton
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Since 1st February 1945.

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1116 hours
6.5 knots

Total distance steamed
Total hours under way
Average speed

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my command for the month of July¹⁵ submitted, in accordance with CC.N.O.97/45

(1) The Commanding Officer returned on board Tuesday July 3rd. and the vessel remained in harbour until Monday 9th.

(2) Slipped 0730/9 and proceeded to survey area to westward of Booby Is. Layed improvised Survey Beacons from Monday to Wednesday anchoring each night off Booby Is. Commenced sounding this area at 0730/12 and continued on Friday/13. Returned to Thursday Is. Saturday securing alongside Main Jetty at 1215 /14. and remained there over the week-end.

(3) Slipped 0730/16 and proceeded to Survey area to Westward of Booby Is. Carried out a bottom Sweep in company with S. Benbow from 1330/16, anchoring each night as convenient with the area, until 1205/19. Thence returned to Thursday Is. Anchored off Main Jetty at 1543/19 and remained in harbour until Monday 23rd.

(4) Weighed 0730/23 and proceeded to Survey Area where the bottom sweep was continued in company with S. Benbow until Friday. Returned to Thursday Is. Saturday, securing alongside Naval Jetty at 1135/38.

(5) Slipped 0730/30 and proceeded to Survey Area. Chibber Rock Buoy adrift, recovered near Banda Rock. In company with S. Benbow continued with the bottom sweep on Monday and Tuesday 31st.

(6) During this month the Survey Area has been subjected to strong South Easterly Winds which rendered Sweeping Operations rather difficult, particularly towards the latter part of the month when it became impracticable to pass sweeps on two occasions.

(7) The health of the ships company whilst still good has deteriorated a little since last report. There have been three cases of Dengue Fever and a noticeable tendency for cuts to fester rather than to heal quickly.

(8) Mechanically the ship continues to run well and minor repairs are being kept in hand with shore base assistance.

(9) Ships Met.

1050/9 Unidentified Tanker east bound off Booby Is.
1055/9 Unidentified Tanker east bound off Booby Is.
0635/10 Unidentified Vessel east bound off Booby Is.
1000/11 Two unidentified Tankers west bound off Booby Is.
1730/16 Unidentified Tanker westbound off Booby Is.
1400/17 U.S. Tanker "IDAHO FALLS" westbound off Booby Is.
1200/18 Unidentified Vessel eastbound off Booby Is.
1105/19 " Liberty Ship eastbound west of Booby Is.
1135/19 " Tanker " " " " "
1007/23 " " " " " "
1430/23 " " westbound " " " "
2100/24 " " eastbound off Booby Is.
0730/25 U.S. Tanker "Powder River" westbound off Booby Is.
0910/25 H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" eastbound off Booby Is.
1545/25 Unidentified Tanker eastbound west of Booby Is.

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1730/25 Tanker "HADLEY" eastbound west of Booby Is.
 1018/27 Unidentified Tanker eastbound west of Booby Is.
 0950/31 " " Vessel eastbound west of Booby Is.
 1616/31 U S Tanker "WAGON BOK" eastbound west of Booby Is.
 1650/31 U S Tanker "ESSO MILTON" westbound off Booby Is.

(10) Distance Steamed 1002 Miles
 Hours under way 168 Hours 52 Mins.
 Coal Consumed 80 Tons
 Average Miles per Ton 12.5 Miles
 Average Speed 5.9 Knots

Since 1st. February 1945

Total Distance Steamed 6280 Miles
 Total Hours Under Way 963 Hours
 Average Speed 6.5 Knots

S. G. Russell Lieut. RANR
 Commanding Officer.

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The Secretary,
 NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

M. Shaw
 Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.
 NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Thursday Island.
 8 August 1945.
 SC/469/12

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- 1835/17 Small tug and two barges north bound off Cape Bowlinggreen
- 2342/17 Tug south bound off Brook Is.
- 2359/17 Merchant ship south bound off Brook Is.
- 0025/18 " " " " " " "
- 1955/19 H.M.Aircraft carrier north bound near Chapman Is.
- 2040/19 " " " at anchor " "
- 1640/20 " " " west bound off Hammond Rk.
- 1520/26 U.S.Tanker west bound off Larpent Bank.
- 1700/27 U.S.Tanker west bound off Tucker Point Buoy.
- 1830/27 " " " " "Goode Is.
- 1840/27 U.S.Tug at anchor Normanby Sound.
- A.M./28 H.M.Tugs W.176, W.17 and H.M.A.S."HEROS" with floating dock and H.M.A.S."TAMWORTH" east bound off Larpent Bank.

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H.M. Kelly

Distance steamed	1063 miles.
Time under way	131 hours 17 mins.
Coal consumed	61 tons.
Average miles per ton	17.2 miles.
Average speed	8.01 knots.

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Since 1st. February, 1945.

Total distance steamed	3525 miles.
Total hours under way	587 hours 48 mins.
Average speed	6.805 knots.

FOR JUNE.

Distance steamed	1753 miles.
Time under way	206 hours 12 mins.
Coal consumed	103 tons.
Average miles per ton	17.02 Miles.
Average speed	8.5 knots.

Since 1st. February, 1945.

Total distance steamed	5278 miles.
Total hours under way	794 hours.
Average speed	7.15 knots.

R.A.N.R.

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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

Submitted for information.

R.A.N.R.

H.S.

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Thursday Island
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Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.
Naval Officer in Charge.

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COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI"
1st. JULY, 1945.

Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE, 1945/

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my command for the months of May and June is submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 19/45.

1. Continued passage to Bowen anchoring in Port Denison at 0940 3rd. May. Coaled during that night and proceeded on passage to Brisbane at 0600/4. Arrived Caloundra at 0230/7 thence into harbour, securing at Thomas Brown's wharf at 1015/7.
2. From 8th. May until 8th. June the ship was refitted at Brisbane by the Horne Engineering Co. On 9th. June the boiler man hole door was found to be defective. This defect was remedied and the ship was ready for sea A.M. 11th.
3. The vessel remained in harbour awaiting M.L. 1353 which we were to tow. A.M. Wednesday 13th. ordered to proceed independently without tow. Slipped from coal wharf at 1230/13, passed Caloundra at 2110/13, on passage to Bowen arriving alongside at 1500/16, and coaled during the remainder of the afternoon. Slipped at 0610/17 and proceeded to Thursday Island anchoring off Main Jetty at 1805/20.
4. Vessel remained in harbour until Monday 25th. taking on coal stores etc. and preparing to carry out Bottom Sweeping.
5. Slipped 0730/25 from Main Jetty and proceeded to Survey Grounds in company with H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEE". Swept from 0930 to 1805/25; 0900 to 1635/26; 0805 to 1330/27. Sounded swept area from 1455 to 1700/27. The vessel anchored each night in Normanby Sound. Sounded from 0845 to 1230/28 when vessel returned to harbour anchoring off Main Jetty at 1520/28. Commanding Officer landed sick to Thursday Island Hospital at 0905/29.
6. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be good. Leave and time in Brisbane should tend to even improve this. Owing to refit and leave very little work has been done during these two months.
7. Mechanically the ship continues to run well, only essential defects were attempted during refit. The improved performance of the ship both in speed and handling, after the docking, is very noticeable.
8. SHIPS MET.
May: 1440/4 "EDENDALE" north bound near Coppersmith Rock.
1505/4 "KISTNA" " " " " "
1825/4 Unidentified ship near St. Bets Is/
0015/5 "KING WILLIAM" north bound near Sphinx Is.
1748/6 F.S. 23 north bound near Fraser Is.
June:
1443/14 3 Frigates south bound off Break Sea Spit.
0330/16 Unidentified vessel with Launch in tow south bound
Cumberland Channel
0724/16 Unidentified Merchant ship south bound Coppersmith Rk
0754/16 U.S. Tug towing ketch south bound off " "
1020/16 Unidentified merchant ship north bound Witsunday pass

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From The Naval Officer in Charge, Thursday Island.
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To The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne S.C.I.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - April 1945 - H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI".

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board
the attached report of proceedings for month of April 1945
from H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI".

J. Shaw

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

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D.N.I. (N.N.R.O.) +

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The attached report of the ...

Very truly yours,

(Signature)

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H. M. A. S. "GOOLGWAI",
1st. May, 1945.

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Secretary,
Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1945.

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my command acting under the orders of Lieutenant G. L. Glen, R.N. (H.M.S. "CHALLENGER") for the month ending 30th April, 1945, is submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Throughout the month this vessel has worked in company with H. M. A. S. "DURRAWSEN" sweeping generally in weather just fine enough to sweep. The work has been hindered considerably more by the accompanying very poor visibility than by rough seas.
3. Proceeded from anchorage off Richardson Reef at 0630/1 and carried out drag-sweep until 1707 anchoring at 1755/1 off the Reef. Weighed at 0630/2, attempted to sweep and the weather being too rough for sweeping proceeded to Thursday Island securing to main jetty at 1840/2. Remained in harbour until 6th.
4. Slipped from main jetty 1005/6 and proceeded to Vigilant Channel anchoring off Richardson Reef at 1747/6. Swept from 0630 until dusk on 7th and 8th anchoring off Sue Island at night. Remained at anchor until 1230/11 when the very heavy dust cloud obliterating Survey marks was cleared by heavy rain. Swept from 1330/11 until dusk returning to Sue Island at night. Weighed at 0700/12, swept until 0850 then proceeded to Thursday Island anchoring off Naval jetty at 1345/12. Remained in harbour until 15th.
5. Slipped from Naval jetty, Thursday Island, at 0720/15 and proceeded to Larpent Bank area. Carried out bottom sweep from 0920 until 1644/15: 0630 until 1745/16: anchoring each night in Normanby Sound. Swept from 0630 until 1200/17 thence proceeding to Thursday Island anchoring off Naval jetty at 1630/17. Remained in harbour until 19th.
6. Slipped from main jetty at 0630/19, proceeded to Vigilant Channel anchoring off Sue Island at 1300/19. Weighed at 0655/20 and proceeded to Richardson Reef anchoring there at 1020/20. Weighed at 0630/21 and the weather having moderated a little carried out drag-sweep until 1700/21 returning to Richardson Reef anchorage for the night and the following day. Weighed at 0637/23 swept until 1625/23 proceeding to anchor off Bet Reef and anchoring there for the night. Weighed at 0645/24 and swept in rather rough weather returning to anchorage off Sue Island at 1818/24. Weighed at 0645/25 and continued sweeping until 1540/25 under difficult conditions thus completing the sweeping in this area. Proceeded to Thursday Island at 1603/25 anchoring in Normanby Sound at 2305/25. Weighed at 0630/26 and proceeded into harbour securing to Naval jetty at 0710/26.
7. Coaled ship on 26th and 27th and landed heavy sweeping gear also depth charges were replaced in hatches in preparation for proceeding to Brisbane for refitting. Depth charges were landed on commencing bottom sweeping operations. I considered the risk of a depth charge being knocked into the swept channel by a heavy board and wire to be too great to allow them to remain onboard.
8. Slipped at 0633/28 and proceeded independently on passage to Bowen for refuelling anchoring in Port Denison at 0940 3rd. May.

Very poor speed was made on 28th, 29th and 30th in continued very poor visibility and heavy south easterly weather.

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SHIPS MET

- 1720/6 "SILEN MODJESCA" south bound off Richardson Reef
- 1205/10 unidentified Liberty Ship east bound Vigilant Channel
- 1350/22 "BERYL II" south bound Vigilant Channel
- 0710/29 H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" with two attendant small craft at anchor off Haggerstone Island.
- 1222/29 "WONDANA" and "LUCY STAR" north bound near Little Reef
- 1215/30 unidentified ship west bound near Eden Reef
- 1630/30 M.L. "1322" north bound west of Pipen Island

10. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be good. Marked improvement in the supply of fresh provisions was noted. The work imposed on Ship's Company has been considerably harder than last month, the men however, have reacted very favourably with prospect of refit and leave.

Mechanically the ship continues to run well. Defect lists were prepared for N.O.I.C. Thursday Island on 24th. The increase in marine growth noticed during this month and particularly during passage has reduced the ship's speed by about 1½ knots.

11. The work imposed on the ship's officers during the survey to date has been quite difficult (~~see attached letter~~).

12.

Distance steamed	1152 miles
Hours under way	180 hours 40 minutes
Coal consumed	69 tons
Average speed	6.4 knots
Average distance per ton of coal	16.7 miles

Since 1st. February, 1945.

Total distance steamed	2462 miles
Total hours under way	456 hours 31 minutes
Average speed	5.6 knots

S. G. W. Mill

LIEUTENANT, R. A. N. R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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4 MAY 1945
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D.C.N.S. D.E.M.

When is this vessel likely to drydock. 1/2/45

This month. Ship is in Brisbane / the

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Being refitted in Brisbane & will dock on completion about 5th June 1945. 1/5/45.

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~~Lt McArthur~~
~~Lt Bennett~~
~~Mr. Hester~~

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COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI".

1ST APRIL 1945.

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SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD NAVY OFFICE MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945.

The report of proceedings for the vessel under my Command acting under the orders of Lieutenant G.L. Glen R.N. (H.M.S. CHALLENGER) is submitted in accordance with C.C.M.O. 19-45.

2. Throughout this month this vessel has worked in company with H.M.A.S. DURRAWHEEN sweeping, it is hoped, the most difficult section of the channel. The weather has been most unkind, rough seas, strong winds accompanied by frequent rain squalls and very poor visibility has reduced the sweeping time considerably although on only four days sweeping could not be attempted.

3. Weighed at 0933/1 and returned to Thursday Island. Anchored off main jetty at 1650/1 and remained in harbour until Thursday 5th. Proceeded at 1207/5 to Bet Reef anchoring off the light at 1630/5. Assisted Durrawheen from 6th to 8th in testing the effectiveness and improving the sweep. Continued sweeping with the improved sweep from 1300 to 1530/8, 0900 to 1615/9, 0700 to 1700/10 and from 0700 to 1040/11, returning each night to anchorage off Bet Reef light.

4. Departed sweeping ground at 1050/11 for Thursday Island. Anchored in Normanby Sound at 1930/11 and proceeded at 0630/12 into harbour securing at Main Jetty at 0720/12. Coaled ship P.M. 12th and remained in harbour until Friday 16th.

5. Slipped at 1210/16, proceeded to Bet Reef and anchored off light at 1930/16. Swept from 0725 to 1505/17^{1/2} remained at anchor during 18th. Weighed at 0710/20 and returned at anchorage at 0812/20 without passing sweep. The weather was not fine enough for the drag sweep but the bottom sweep was attempted at 1300/20 with success. Continued bottom sweeping from 0700 until dusk on 21st and 22nd. On completion of sweeping at 1730/22 proceeded to Sue Island anchoring there at 1830 to replace a defective generator, part of the tide-camp W/P equipment.

6. Weighed at 0630/23 returned to Thursday Island and anchored off Main Jetty at 1230/23. Remained in harbour until 1220 on Monday 26th.

7. Departed Thursday Island at 1220/26 for Vigilant Channel anchoring off Sue Island at 1840/26. Weighed at 0905/27 and proceeded to survey ground off Richardson Reef, sweeping until 1715 and anchoring there at 1732. Weighed at 0630/28 swept until 1615 thence proceeding to Bet Reef, anchoring there at 1715. Proceeded at 0705/29 to Coconut Island for shelter, anchoring there at 0950/29. Weighed at 1430/30, swept until 1830 and anchored off Coconut Island at 1907. Weighed at 1620/31 rejoined Durrawheen off Richardson Reef and swept from 0735 until 1750. Anchored off Richardson Reef at 1915/31.

8. Ships Met.
1215/1 H.M.A.S. "SWAN" and two H.M.A. Frigates N. bound near Harvey Rocks.
1230/1 H.M.A. "CHALLENGER" N. bound near Harvey Rocks.
1120/3 Q1357 E. bound Vigilant Channel.
0900/10 Liberty Ship unidentified N. bound off Bet Reef.

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- 0955/10 Liberty ship unidentified N. bound off Bet Reef.
 1305/11 H.M.A.S. "MILAN" W. bound near Harvey Rocks.
 1457/16 H.M.A.S. "MILAN" W. bound near Double Island.
 Night of 18th H.M.A.S. "MILAN" at anchor off Bet Reef light.
 2005/19 Unidentified ship N.E. bound off Bet Reef.
 1520/20 H.M.A.S. "MILAN" W. bound off Bet Reef.
 1600/20 A.K. 82 N. bound off Bet Reef light.
 2035/20 Two small craft N. bound off Bet Reef light.
 2120/20 Tug with small craft in tow N. bound off Bet Reef light.
 1252/22 Van Groll N. bound off Bet Reef light.
 0943/23 H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" N. bound near Double Island.
 Night of the 20th H.M.A.S. "CHALLENGER", 1353 at anchor off Double Island.
 0805/27 H.M.A.S. "MILAN" W. bound Vigilant Channel.
 0905/27 H.M.A.S. "BIRCHGROVE PARK" with tow W. bound Vigilant Channel.
 1025/27 A.K. "DESIRABLE" S. bound off Bet Reef.
 1145/28 H.M.A.S. "MILAN" W. bound off Richardson Reef.
 Night of the 30th H.M.A.S. "CHALLENGER" at anchor off Cocoon Island.
 1625/31 Dutch mine sweeper "SIBER" N. bound off Richardson Reef.

9. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be good. Frequent rains have allowed the men to enjoy a much freer use of fresh water during this month (Fresh water is the limiting factor of our endurance). The fresh food position has improved slightly. A supply of fresh vegetables being received prior to sailing on the 26th. This was much appreciated by the ship's company. The work imposed on the ship's company has been lighter this month, as the generally inclement weather restricted operations considerably.

10. Mechanically, the ship continues to run well although the continued endurance of the steam generator is becoming quite a handicap. The vessel last docked in August 1944. The increase in marine growth together with a marked reduction in speed for revolutions has been noticed during the month.

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Distance steamed	811 miles.
Hours under way	170 hours 25 minutes.
Coal consumed	49 tons.
Average speed	4.75 knots.
Average distance per ton of coal.	16.5 miles.
Since February 1st 1945. Total distance steamed	1312 miles.
" " " " Total hours under way	275 hours 43 minutes.
" " " " Average speed	4.76 knots

S. J. O'Neill

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
 COMMANDING OFFICER.

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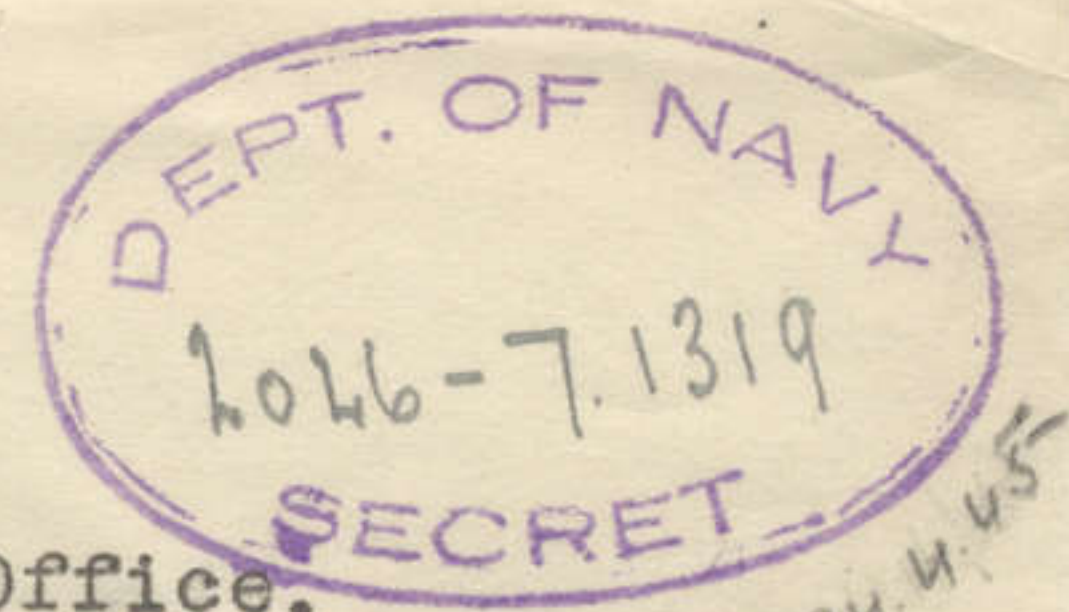
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 The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Commanding Officer "Goolgwai's" 26/45/8 dated 12 March 1945, the following remarks.

2. Reference Para 2. In view of the limited number of personnel borne on this station and the amount of work on hand, it was not possible to supply a boiler cleaning party for this vessel on the occasion to which reference is made.
3. Reference Para 6. Owing to the lack of sufficient small craft to fulfil other than routine commitments and the absence of refrigeration in any of these vessels, it is impracticable to convey fresh provisions to the survey ground. Weather permitting, launches are sent to the survey ground at every opportunity with mails and such provisions as will survive the journey. However, in most cases, meat and fresh vegetables would rot en route. Bread could be sent, but as only two or three days' supply could be carried, the trip would not appear to be justified.
4. Reference Para 8. The repair of the generator has been referred to Townsville from time to time. Advice has been received that the armature of the generator has been passed to an outside electrical firm for repairs, but no estimate could be given when it would be ready for return to the ship.

R. A. N. R.
Lieutenant Commander R. A. N. R.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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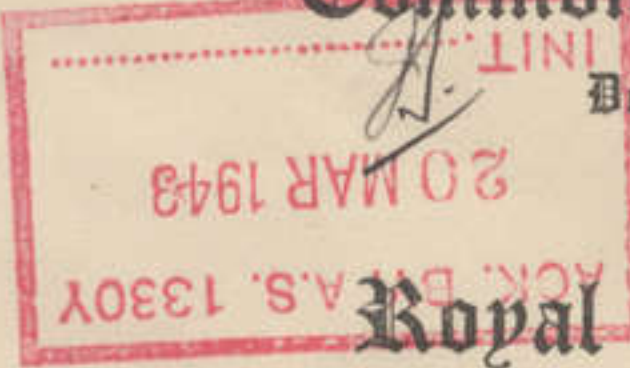
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "GOOLGWAI".
Date 12 MARCH 1945. Reference No. 26/45/8.
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945.

The following report of proceedings for the vessel under my command acting under the orders of Lieutenant C.L. GLEN, R.N. (H.M.S. "CHALLENGER") is submitted in reference to C.C.N.O. 19/1945.

2. The month began with orders to boiler-clean at THURSDAY IS. Commenced boiler-cleaning on 2nd at HORN IS, the only berth available, with a sufficient water supply, and completed Sunday 11th without assistance of boiler party. The vessel remained in harbour until 0630K/14 when she proceeded to SUE IS, anchoring at 1650K/14 in company with H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW".
3. From 15th. to 19th. incl. weighed at 0700K and carried out survey drag sweep in Vigilant channel in company with "SAMUEL BENBOW", anchoring off SUE IS. about dusk each day. Swept until 0925K/20 then proceeded to THURSDAY IS. arrived there at 1740K/20 and remained until 24th.
4. Proceeded at 1200K/24 to VIGILANT CHANNEL and anchored off SUE IS. at 1748K/24. Swept on the 25th, 26th and 27th in VIGILANT CHANNEL in company with H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN" from 0700K until about dusk anchoring each night off SUE IS. The weather then became too severe for sweeping and the vessel remained at anchor off SUE IS. during the 28th. in company with H.M.S. "CHALLENGER", H.M.A.S. "DURRAWEEEN", H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW" and H.M.A.S. "POLARIS".
5. Ships met.
1630K/14. Liberty ship south bound near SUE IS.
Night of 27th. H.M.A.S. "ECHUCA" at anchor near SUE IS.
Night of 27th and 28th. H.M.S. "CHALLENGER" at anchor near SUE IS.
6. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be good but with the continued absence of greens skin troubles are arising. Fresh meat and bread can only be carried for three to four days and as yet no replenishment on the sweeping ground has been effected.
7. The work imposed on the Ship's Company has been comparatively light but monotonous. However, interest in the work is still maintained.
8. Mechanically the ship continues to run well, and with the exception of the steam generator, being repaired at Townsville, no defects have occurred to reduce the ship's efficiency.

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9. Distance steamed: 501 miles.
Hours under way: 105 hours 15 mins.
Coal consumed 36 tons.
Average speed 4.76 knots.
Average distance per ton of coal: 14 miles.
10. There are no previous records regarding total figures since commissioning.

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