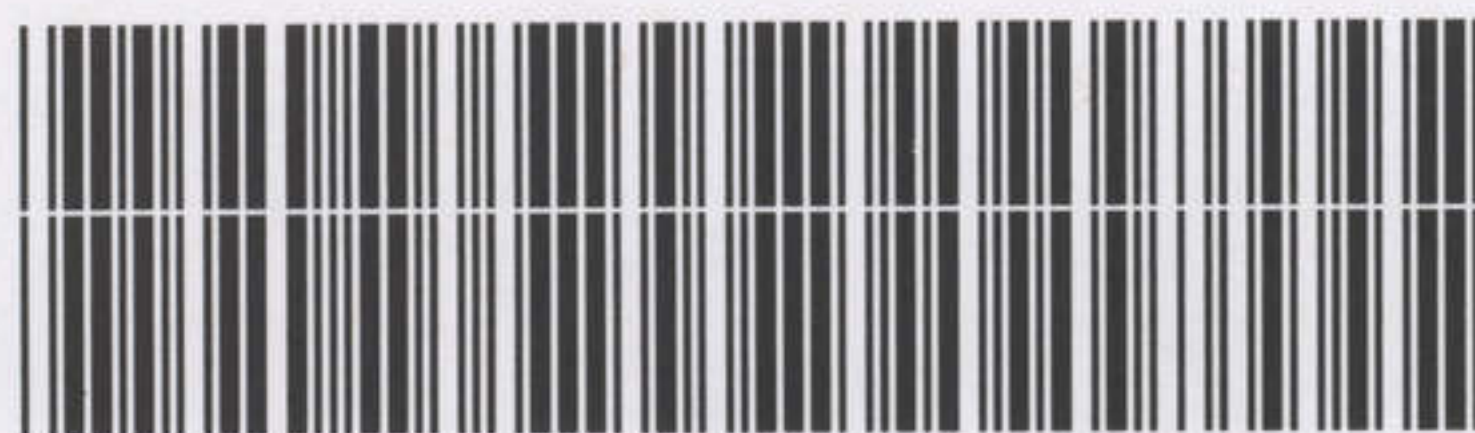


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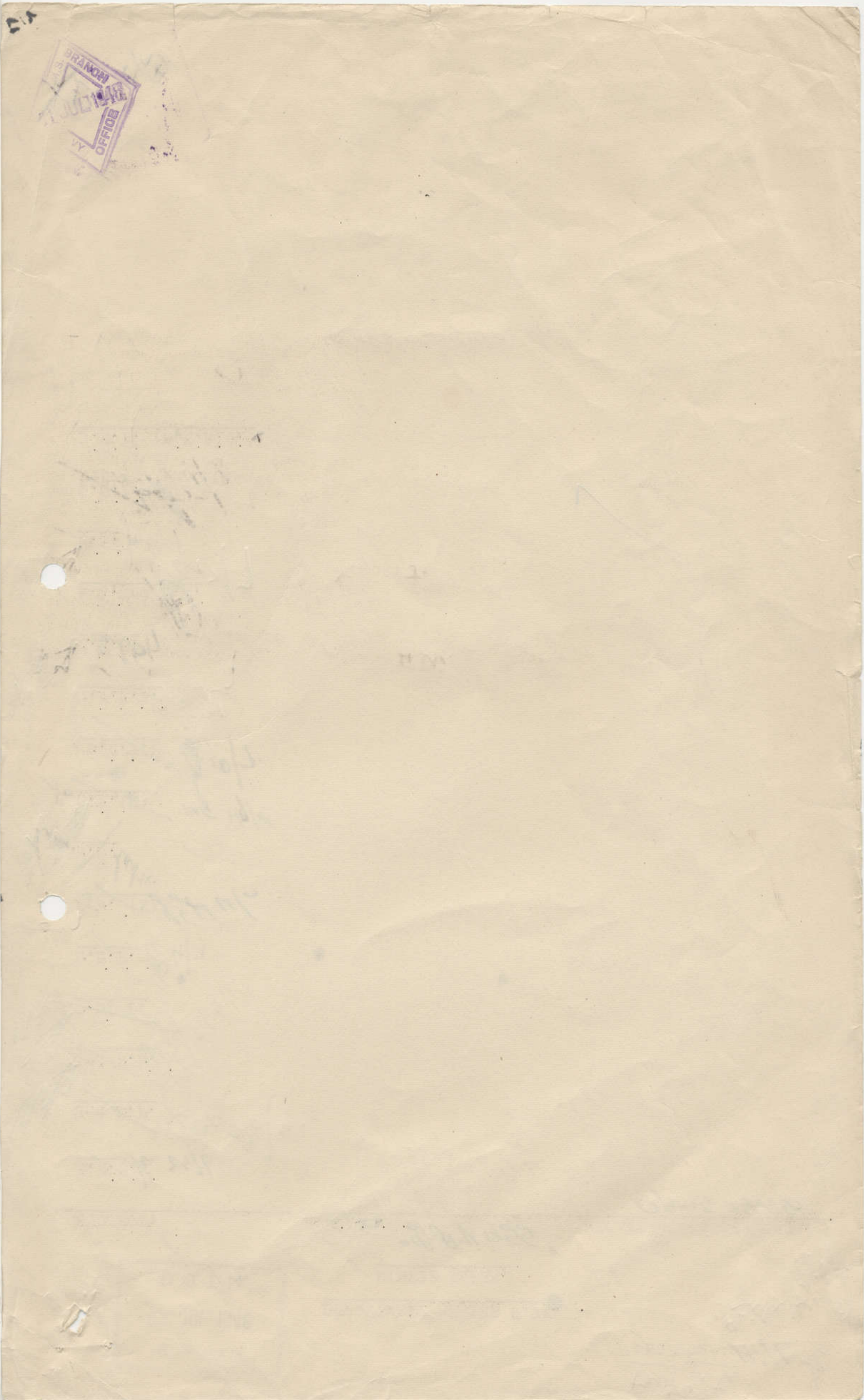
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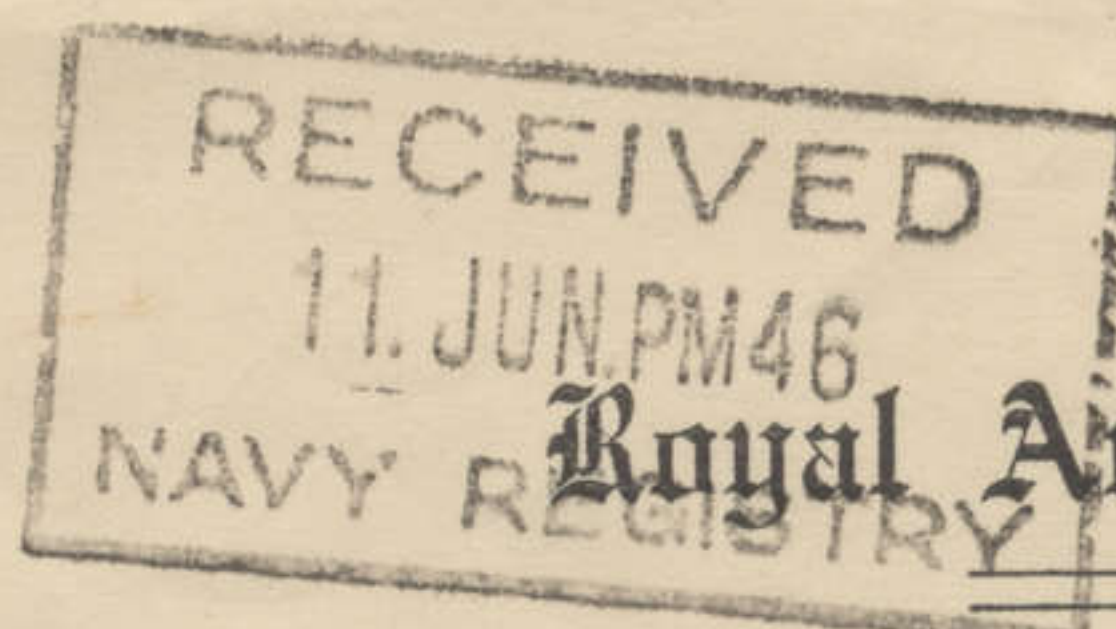
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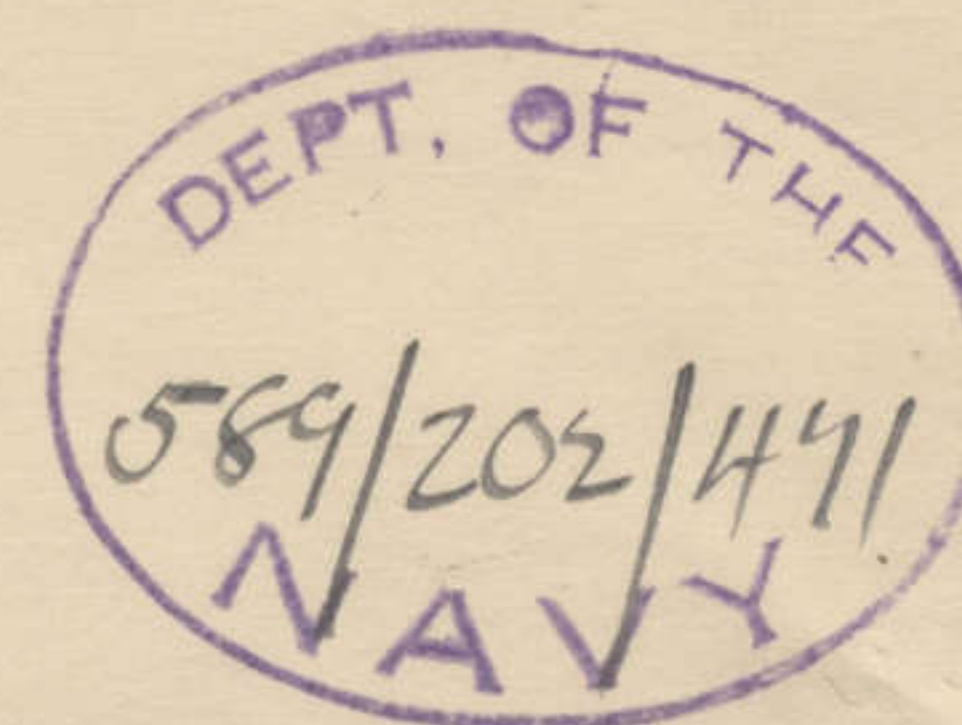


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Dreger Harbour, New Guinea.

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on  
Registration*  
The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - G.P.V. 955

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. G.P.V. 955 for the month of April, 1946.

2. With reference to movements on 30th April, "Proceeded to Duke of York Islands with picnic party. Aground on reef, no damage sustained", it is understood that this matter was dealt with by Naval Officer in Charge, Rabaul. It would appear that G.P.V. 955 touched ground and was not actually aground on reef.

*Heenan*  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer H.M.A.G.P.V. 955

Date 4th May 1946

Reference No.

To Secretary Naval Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea

Subject Report of Proceedings April

- 1st Towed H.M.A.S. Diamantina to new anchorage.
- 2nd Towed M.S.L. 705 alongside H.M.A.S. Macquarie.
- 3rd Led H.M.A.S. Quiberon into harbour.
- 4th Towed M.S.L. 705 to No.1 buoy. Proceeded alongside Omissio Maru. Returned and towed M.S.L. 705 alongside H.M.A.S. Macquarie
- 5th Towed M.S.L. 705 to No.1 buoy. Proceeded to M.W.L. 255 with water barge. Proceeded to ~~Mass~~ Cape Gazelle with N.O.I.C. Rabaul and C.O. H.M.A.S. Diamantina.
- 6th Watered Kurumba.
- 10th Proceeded with water barge to watering point.
- 12th Towed A.S.R. 912 to Water Transport buoy.
- 13th Towed A.S.R. 912 to Water Transport buoy. Proceeded to Massava Bay.
- 15th Proceeded to Rabaul. Watered Chogei and Harazuki.
- 16th Proceeded to Copra wharf with water barge.
- 17th Proceeded alongside H.M.A.S. Macquarie with water barge.
- 19th Watered Oki.
- 20th Proceeded alongside H.M.A.S. Macquarie with water barge.
- 21st Proceeded to Massava Bay.
- 22nd to 27th Maintained watering point and watered Kurumba.
- 28th Proceeded to Rabaul.
- 29th Watered British Ambassador.
- 30th Proceeded to Duke of York islands with picnic party. Aground on reef, no damage sustained.

### Efficiency Report

Main Engines.	Satisfactory.
Auxiliary.	Satisfactory.
Batteries.	Satisfactory.
Hull.	Satisfactory.

### Monthly Figures

Dist. steamed during month.	596
Hours under way during month.	74.5
Average speed during month.	8Knots
Fuel expended during month.	457
Fuel expended per hour.	6.1
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	8372
Total distance steamed before commissioning.	584
Hours under way since commissioning.	1046.5
Hours under way before commissioning.	73
Date commissioned	17th August 1945.
The health of the ships company is	satisfactory.

I am, Sir

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : G.P.V.955 : MARCH 1946Submitted for the information of the Naval  
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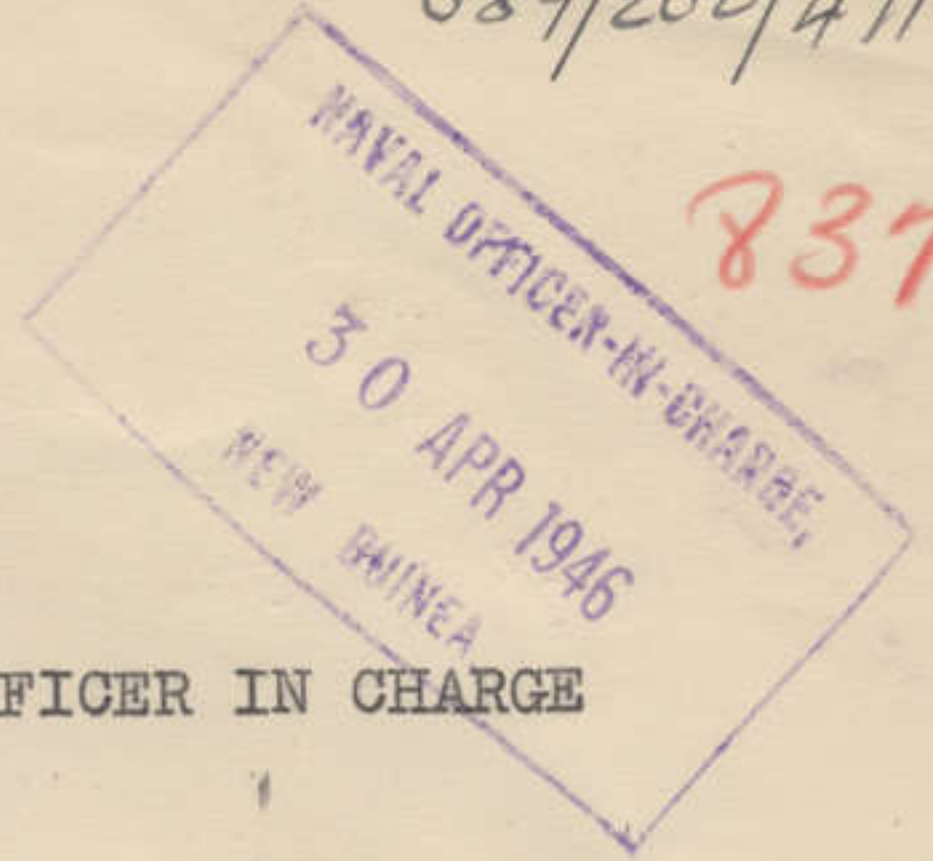
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A/COMMANDER R.A.N.  
for A/CAPTAIN R.A.N. (A.O.D.)  
Naval Officer-in-Charge

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FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 955"  
 DATE: 4th April, 1946.  
 TO: SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD through NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
 NEW GUINEA.  
 SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH.

Submitted;

1st & 2nd Transported Jap. working parties to Macquarie at Karavia Bay.  
 6th Assisted in towing salvaged Jap tanker Naruto alongside.  
 9th Lead Nissio Maru to anchorage in harbour.  
 11th & 12th Proceeded alongside Yoizuki with water barge.  
 13th Proceeded alongside Hikawa Maru with water barge.  
 14th Proceeded alongside ~~Hikawa Maru~~ Kumano Maru with water barge.  
 15th Lead Hatsuzakura to anchorage in harbour.  
 19th Proceeded alongside Settu Maru with N.C.S.O. and S.T.O. aboard.  
 20th Proceeded with water barge to water Hobart and Arunta.  
 21st Watered Echuca.  
 22nd Assisted M.S.L. in towing Oil Fuel Lighter alongside British Ambassador and Echuca.  
 24th Proceeded to Duke of York Is. to load sand for N.O.I.C. Rabaul and ships in harbour. Towed M.S.L. with engine trouble from near Kokopo to Rabaul.  
 25th Watered Echuca, Kurumba and Harazuki.  
 26th Lead Canberra to anchorage. Towed M.S.D. 705 to Smallcraft Park for engine repairs.  
 27th Watered Echuca  
 29th Watered Deloraine  
 30th Proceeded to Duke of York Is. to load sand for N.O.I.C. Rabaul and ships in harbour.  
 31st Lead Kanimbla to anchorage. Transported stores and personnel between Kanimbla and shore.

#### EFFICIENCY REPORT

Main Engines; Satisfactory  
 Auxiliary: Satisfactory  
 Batteries: Satisfactory  
 Hull: Satisfactory

#### MONTHLY FIGURES

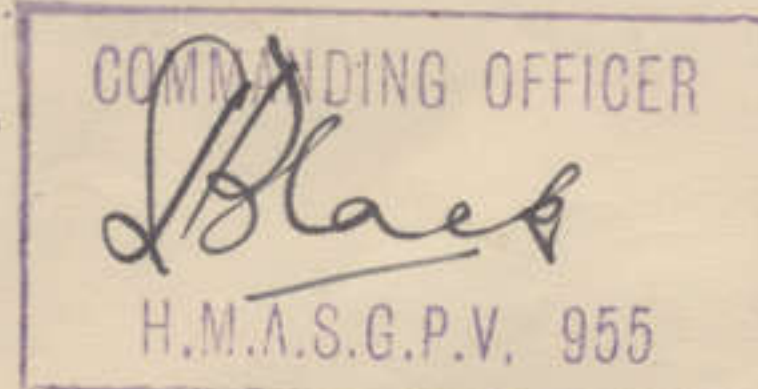
Distance steamed during month- 576  
 Hours under way during month- 72  
 Average speed during month- 8kts.  
 Fuel expended during month- 481gals.  
 Fuel expended per hour- 6.7gals  
 Total Distance steamed since Commissioning- ~~7844~~ 7776  
 Total Distance steamed before Commissioning- 584  
 Hours under way since Commissioning- 972  
 Hours under way before Commissioning- 73  
 Date Commissioned- 17th August 1945.

The health of the Ship's Company is satisfactory. The irregular mail service has had a dampening effect on morale.

*Mails have been directed to Rabaul since 11/2/46 in accordance with N.O.C. N.G. directions.*

*N.N.B.  
 29.5.46.*

I am,  
 Sir



Sub.Lt. R.A.N.R.



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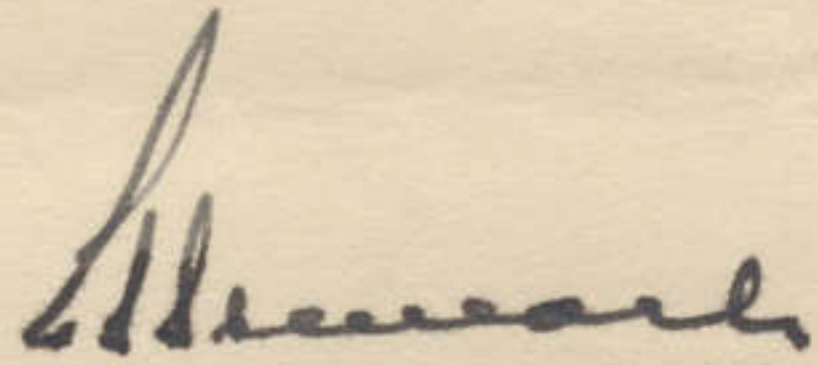
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NEW GUINEA.

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : GPV.955 : FEBRUARY 1946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval  
Board the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. "G.P.V.955"  
for the month of February, 1946.

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

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# Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

## Royal Australian Navy.

From... COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 955".

Date... 2nd March, 1946.

Reference No.

To... SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD - THROUGH N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.

Subject... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. - FEBRUARY.

### Submitted:-

- 3rd Proceeded from Madang to Dreger Harbour with cargo of cable, oil, and firebricks.
- 4th Arrived at Dreger and discharged cargo.
- 5th Sub-Lt. I.A. Black R.A.N.R. assumed command vice Sub-Lt. W. Anderson R.A.N.R.
- 6th. Proceeded to Rabaul via Gasmata and Jacquinot Bay. Loaded cargo of Army Ordnance stores at Jacquinot for Rabaul.
- 10th Arrived Rabaul and discharged cargo.
- 12th Proceeded to Karavia Bay with N.O.I.C. Rabaul aboard, who inspected beached Japanese tanker.
- 17th Embarked R.M.S. party and proceeded to Credner Is. Located two Japanese mines on beach. Landed R.M.S. party who found mines had already been rendered safe. Returned to Rabaul.
- 21st Proceeded to Karavia Bay with Commanding Officer "Barcoo" aboard, who inspected tanker.
- 23rd Lead Japanese aircraft-carrier and cruiser to respective anchorages in harbour.
- 24th Towed water barge out to and watered M.V. "British Ambassador".
- 25th Returned barge to filling point.

The health of the Ship's Company is fair except for a few cases of tropical skin disease.

### Efficiency Report

Main Engines Satisfactory. Maximum Revs. seems to have decreased slightly since top overhaul.

Auxiliary Satisfactory

Batteries Satisfactory

Hull Good condition.



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### Monthly Figures

Distance Steamed during month- 728 miles

Hours under way during month- 91 hrs.

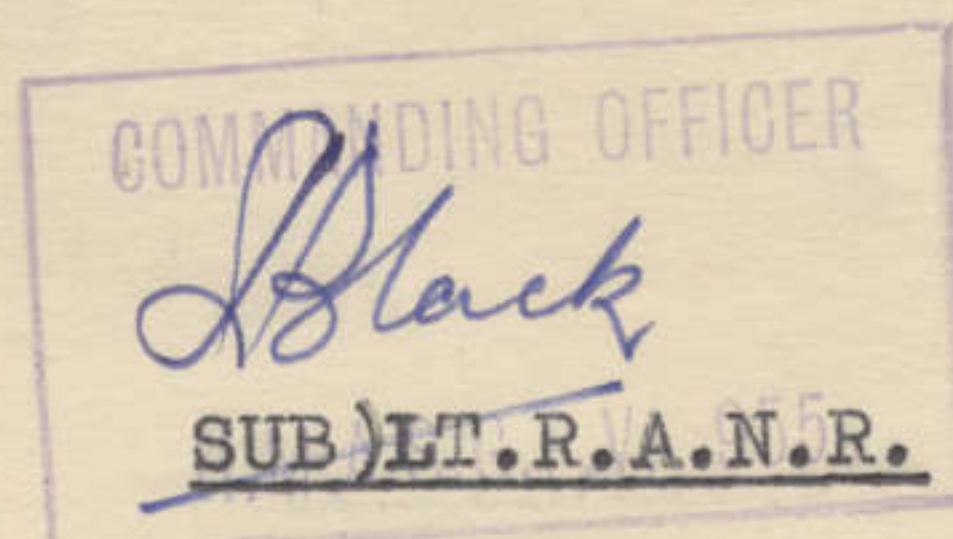
Average Speed during month- 8 knots.

Fuel expended during month- 827 gals.

Total Distance Steamed- 7196 miles.

Total hours under way- 970.

Date Commissioned- 17th August 1945.





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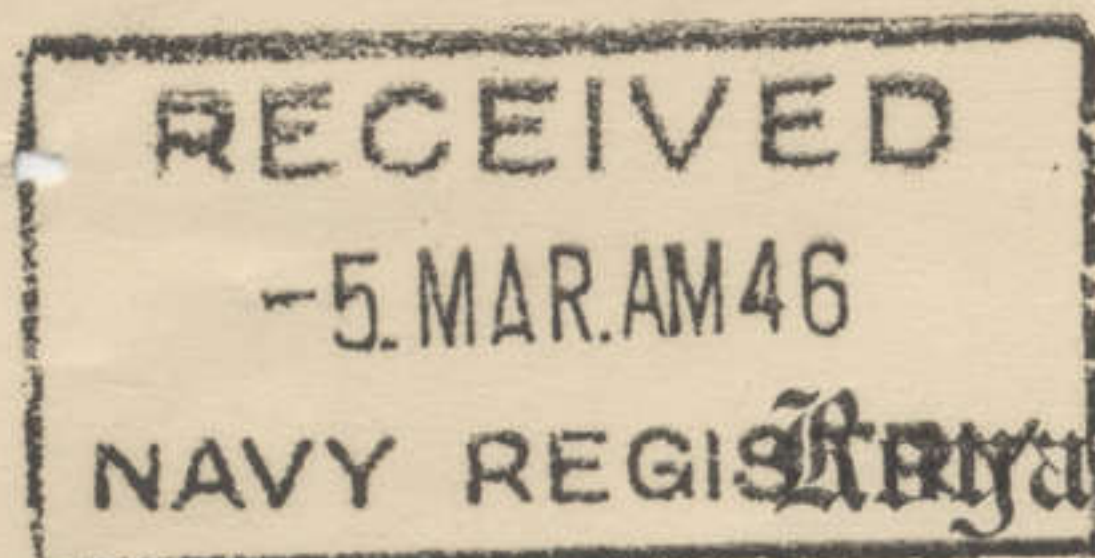
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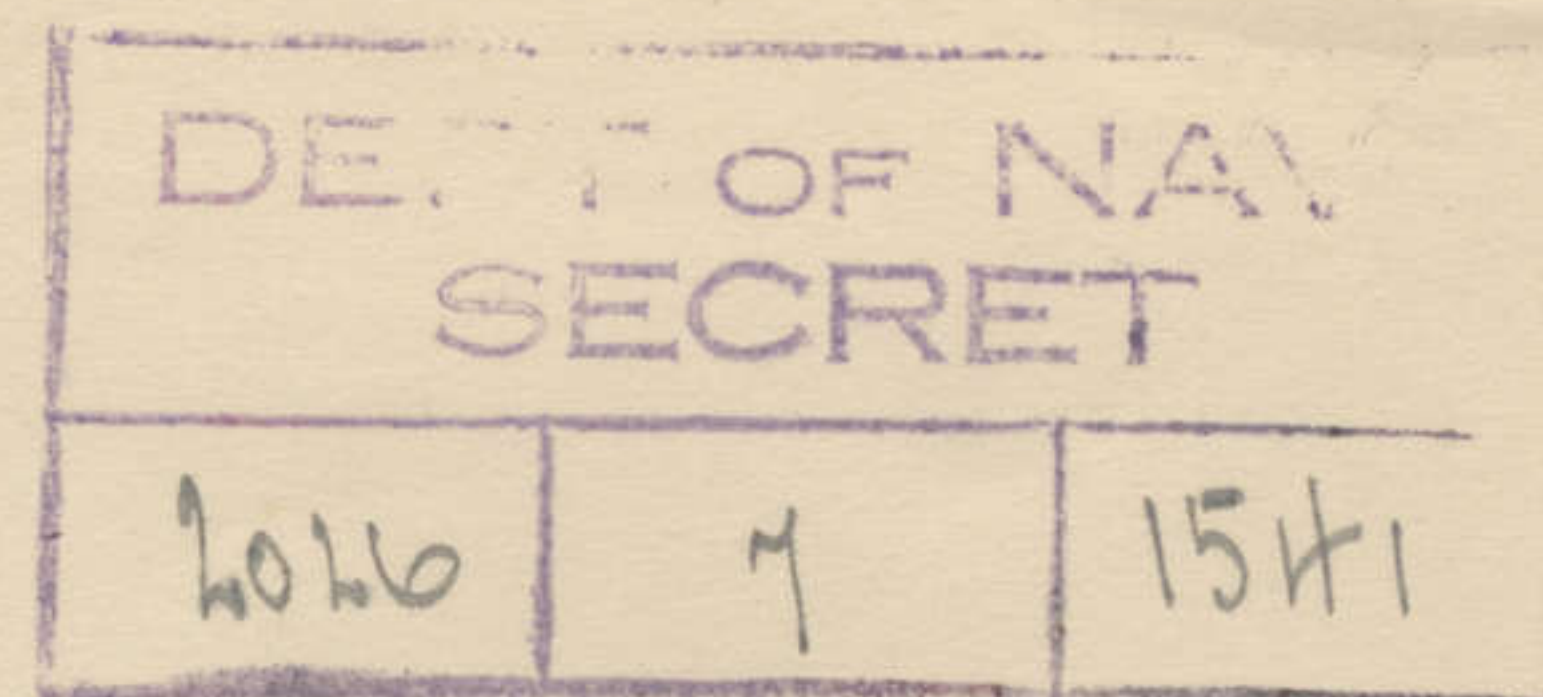
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The Secretary, Naval Board,  
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H.M.A. "G.P.V. 955" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1946.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval  
Board.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of Report,  
signal action was taken to route all mail for this vessel  
direct to Rabaul.

*Admiral*  
A/Captain, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.



## Commonwealth of Australia.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From... COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.G.P.V. 955

Date 1st February 1946 Reference No.

To... The Secretary, Naval Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Subject Report of Proceedings - January 1946

Submitted in accordance with N.O.97/43 and C.C.N.O.19/45

2. On 1st January ship arrived at Torokina from Rabaul.  
Approx. 24 tons of rice was carried for the Army.

3. Departed on 3rd January with H.M.A.S. Air Faith in tow for Alexishafen, via Jacquinot Bay and Langemak, arriving at Alexishafen on 10th January.

4. From 12th to 31st January ship was at M.L. Repair Base Alexishafen for top overhaul and remedying of various minor defects.

5. Health of ship's company is satisfactory; morale could be better than it is at present. As mentioned in my two previous reports, the non payment of hard lying money is a constant source of discontent. No potatoes or fresh vegetables have been obtainable over the past month, but this appears general in the area. The mail position over the past six weeks has been most unsatisfactory and cannot be entirely explained by the fact that the ship has been to Rabaul and back.

6. Efficiency Report.

Main engines; Very satisfactory.

Batteries; Satisfactory.

Hull; Good. the leak in the starboard fuel tank could not be repaired by Alexishafen.

7. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	955 miles
Hours under weigh during month	138 hours.
Average speed during month	7 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended during month	955 gallons
Total distance steamed	6835 miles
Total hours under weigh	873 hours
Date Commissioned 17th August 1945.	

\* Mail were directed to Rabaul 17-12-45 NOL 15140130 Dec 45  
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 H.M.A.S.G.P.V. 955



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H.M.A. G.P.V. 955

The attached extract from Report of Proceedings for November, 1945, from Commanding Officer, H.M.A.G.P.V.955, regarding defects in hull of G.P.V.955 is referred for information and remarks of Overseers.

2. Copy of Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea's letter No.N.G.269/113 dated 12th December, 1945 in regard thereto is also attached.

[Sgd] G. I. D. Hatcheson

Director of Engineering.(Naval).

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Copy N.G.269/113 letter  
dated 12.12.45.



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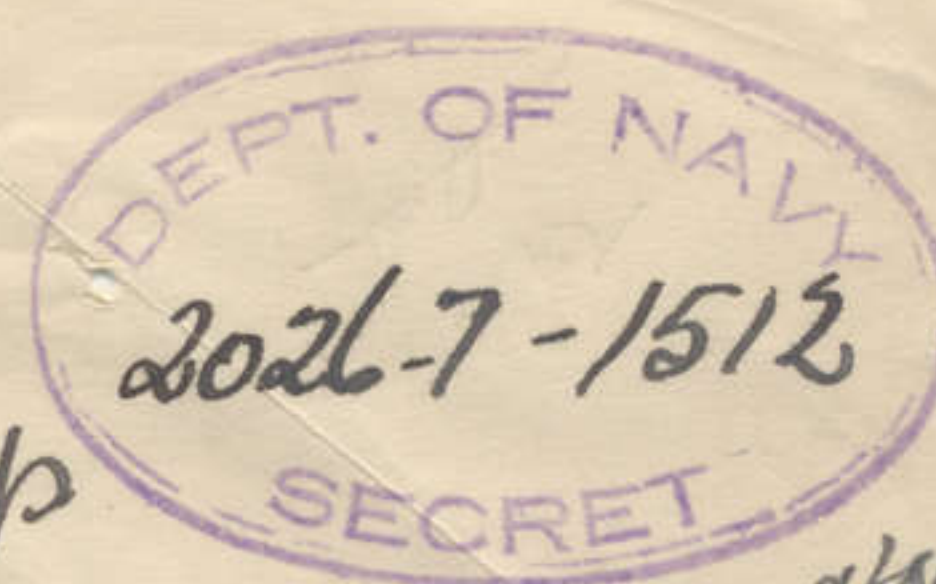
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New Guinea, Madang.  
12 December, 1945.*HN.29*  
*4/45*The Secretary, Naval Board,  
Navy Office,  
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.H.M.A. "G.P.V.955" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. On return from Dreger Harbour in approximately one week it is intended to weld the outside seams of the fresh water tanks and carry out cement washing.

3. With reference to borers in the main cross beam and one stringer of hold, this matter is being investigated and a full report will be made on completion.

*Pearson*A/Commander, R.A.N.  
for Naval Officer in Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.*18/12/45*



C O M M O N W E A L T H o f A U S T R A L I A

FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A..G.P.V. 955.

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DATE: 1 December, 1945.

TO: The Secretary, Naval Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

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NEW GUINEA.

Submitted in accordance with NO97/43 and CCNO19/45.

2. On the 3rd November sailed from Torokina to Langemak via Jacquinot Bay. Cargo was carried from Jacquinot Bay to Gasmata. Arrived Langemak 8th November. Departed 15th arriving Madang following day.

3. On 16th November Sub Lieutenant W.C. Anderson RANR assumed command vice Lieutenant A.C. McAllister, RANVR.

4. Since 16th November ship has been in Madang harbour. On 25th November with G.P.V. 953 towed H.M.A.S. "TOLGA" to Alexishafen and back.

5. Health and morale of ship's company is satisfactory. Discontent is felt that hard lying money is not paid for these craft and it is considered that living conditions are worse than in B class Fairmiles, which are paid this allowance.

6. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main Engines Very satisfactory

Batteries W/T satisfactory. Auxiliary Batteries - 2 replacements required.

HULL Good. However wood borers in main cross beam and one stringer of hold are spreading rapidly. These were in the wood when ship was built. Mr. Garland Commissioned Shipwright, advised that this beam and stringer need replacing, but as it is part of the main structure, local repair facilities are inadequate to remedy defect. Both freshwater tanks are leaking. All seams need welding and tanks need cement washing.

7. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance Steamed during month	744 miles.
Hours under way " "	93 hours
Average speed for month	8 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	650 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	7 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3968 miles
" " " before "	584 Miles.
Total hrs under way since commissioning	496 hours
" " " before "	73 hours.
Date Commissioned : 17 August, 1945.	

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



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2. On 10th Dec. sailed from Madang to Dreger Harbour with cargo, arriving there the following day. Left on 13th Dec. arriving at Madang the following day.

3. While returning from Dreger Harbour heavy seas were encountered and approximately 30 sq. ft. of copper sheathing was torn from hull. On 17th Dec. ship was slipped at Alexishafen and sheathing replaced.

4. While at Alexishafen part of main cross beam affected by wood borers was cut away and top stringer of port side of hold treated with copper naphthalene. Both fresh water tanks were welded.

5. On 20th Dec. sailed for Rabaul via Langemak and Jacquinet Bay, arriving there on the 24th. Cargo for the army was carried from Jacquinet Bay to Rabaul.

6. On 29th Dec. sailed from Rabaul for Torokina to tow H.M.A.S. Air Faith to Alexishafen. Returned to Rabaul that night with a sick rating; departed again on 30th arriving at Torokina on 1st Jan. A cargo of rice was carried for the Army.

7. Health of ship's company is satisfactory. As mentioned in my last report, discontent is felt with the non-payment of hard lying money for these craft; this has been increased by granting this allowance to M.S.Ls. As these craft are engaged in exactly the same work and living conditions are the same, Navy Board's attitude is considered highly inconsistent and not calculated to inspire confidence or satisfaction with the Service. It is apparent from the fact that men serving in A.M.Ss receive more money than men in these vessels that the living conditions in these ships is not understood by the authorities responsible for withholding this allowance.

8. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines. Satisfactory. Top overhaul is required.

Batteries. W/T satisfactory. Auxiliary Batteries 2 replacements required.

Hull. Good but starboard fuel tank leaking.



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9. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	1328 miles.
Hours under way " "	166 hours.
Average speed for month	8 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1162 gallons.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	7 gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	5296 miles.
" " " before "	584 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning	662 hours.
" " " before "	73 hours.
Date commissioned	17th August 1945.

COMMANDING OFFICER

*W. Anderson*  
*Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.R.*  
H.M.A.S.G.P.V. 955



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