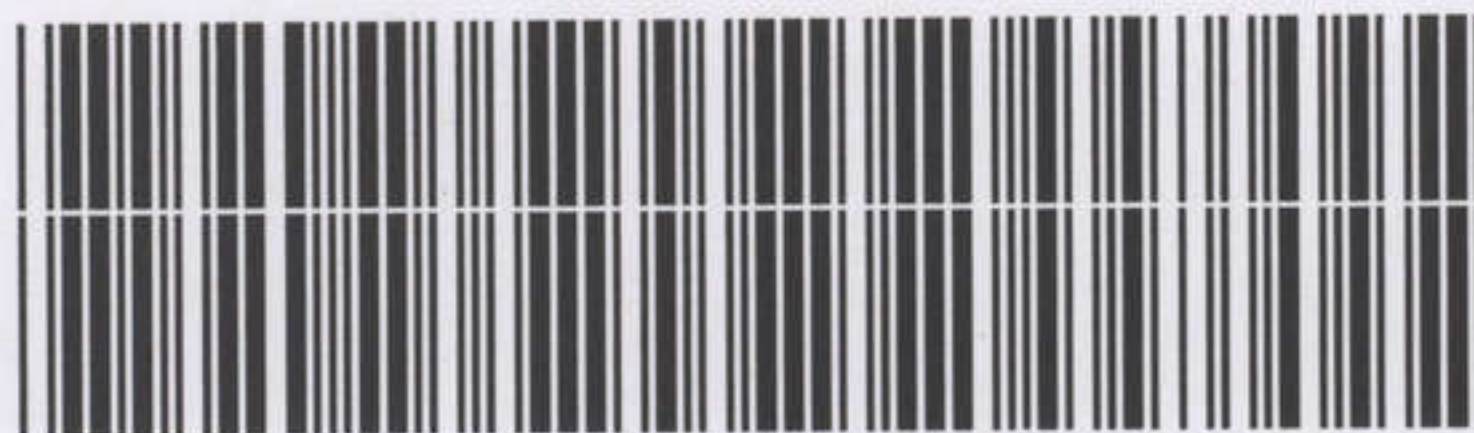


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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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GPV 957



REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 DURING  
AIDING OF M.V. "GREMLIN", 7th and 8th MARCH, 1950.

*Supplied*

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

It is considered that the Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 957" acted with promptitude and good judgement under the prevailing conditions and that Mr. Watson, Senior Commissioned Gunner, and Petty Officer Duckworth are to be particularly commended for their personal endeavours in rendering assistance to those on board the M.V. "GREMLIN" when in embarrassing circumstances.

Naval Staff Office,  
Edward Street,  
BRISBANE.  
22/3/50.

**H. S. CHESTERMAN**  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

From: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date: 10th March 1950.  
To: The Resident Naval Officer, BRISBANE.  
Subject: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 DURING  
AIDING OF M.V. "GREMLIN", 7th and 8th MARCH, 1950.

I have the honour to forward my report of the aid given to M.V. "GREMLIN" during the 7th and 8th March by H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

2. At 1135K Tuesday 7th March, Captain J.W. Barnes, Harbour Master for Thursday Island and Mr. W. Brooks, Sub Collector Customs, Thursday Island, asked if H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 could go out to the aid of M.V. "GREMLIN" that was at anchor near Murangi Island with 2 women and 3 children on board and her engines useless due to flat batteries and lack of the correct fuel. This message had been received at the Police Station, Thursday Island by telephone from Cape York Post Office and had been originated by Mr. Allan, one of the crew, after he had pulled ashore in the vessel's only dinghy.
3. After borrowing a really seaworthy dinghy from M.V. "A.H. SWINGLE" belonging to the Commonwealth Navigation Department and acquiring the fuel as requested by M.V. "GREMLIN", H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 proceeded to sea at 1228K and at 1527K, sighted M.V. "GREMLIN" at anchor in the lee of Murangi Island.
4. Due to the heavy sea and swell running caused by a force 5-6 N. Wind, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 could not approach very close to M.V. "GREMLIN" or get in shore of the sand banks. As a result, Mr. Watson, Senior Commissioned Gunner and P.O. Duckworth volunteered to pull the dinghy over to the M.V. "GREMLIN" with the fuel. At 1550K, the dinghy was lowered and Mr. Watson had instructions to help and advise as necessary on board, ferry the women and children ashore if in danger and report to me at Thursday Island by telephone at the earliest opportunity. At 1600K, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 returned to Thursday Island as she could render no more assistance in the vicinity.
5. Mr. Watson and P.O. Duckworth got on board and on interviewing Mr. H. Musicka, the owner, discovered that his main engines could only run for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before over-heating and that his auxiliary, for charging the starting batteries, could not run due to lack of fuel. As the weather did not abate and due to the passengers on board, Mr. Watson decided to stay on board for the night, ready in case of emergency.
6. During the forenoon of March 8th, the weather abated enough for Mr. Allan to return to M.V. "GREMLIN". On his return, Mr. Watson decided to go ashore in the M.V. "GREMLIN's" dinghy and leave the larger borrowed dinghy with the ship. At 1205K, I received a telephone call from Mr. Watson at Cape York Post Office to say that M.V. "GREMLIN" required a tow, was quite safe at the time in the lee of Murangi Island and requested to be picked up from the mainland.
7. At 1315K, after borrowing another dinghy and passing all the information to the Harbour Master, Thursday Island, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 proceeded to the lee of High Island to the West of Peak Point and after picking them up, returned to Thursday Island, securing alongside the jetty at 1940K.

(Sgd.) R.B.W. Bundle.

Lieutenant R.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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G. P. V. 957 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1949.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Staff Office,  
BRISBANE.  
10/1/50.

COMMANDER, R. A. N.  
RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 957".  
Date 4th January 1950.  
To The Resident Naval Officer, BRISBANE.  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1949.

Submitted, the following report of proceedings for December 1949 in accordance with C.N.O. 107/48.

2. At 0001, 1st December 1949, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 957" was on passage from Cape Sidmouth to the Flinders Group. At 0245 "G.P.V. 957" anchored to the West of Stanley Island in the Flinders Group and at 0515 weighed and proceeded to Cape Melville.

3. At 0730 "G.P.V. 957" anchored two miles due west of Cape Rock and at 0800 the R.M.S. party landed to carry out a search of the coast. At 1315, ship weighed and proceeded to the East of Cape Melville to pick up the R.M.S. party. The R.M.S. party was sighted near Hayles Island at 1410 and G.P.V. 957 closed the shore to embark them as they had abandoned the search because of deteriorating weather.

4. The ship then proceeded to Cairns and arrived alongside KURANDA Jetty at 2055K, 2nd December after a rough, but uneventful, passage.

5. Leave and refit period commenced 6th December (vide R.N.O. Brisbane's 070630Z, copy attached) and 21 days leave was granted to each watch.

6. "G.P.V. 957" was slipped A.M. 19th December, unslipped A.M. 22nd December and returned to Kuranda Jetty, remaining alongside until the end of the month.

7. Apart from the work carried out on the hull and underwater fittings whilst on the slipway the Cairns Harbour Board have made good no defects because the workmen have been granted annual leave. Work is expected to commence early January, 1950 and be completed by the end of the refit period.

Health, Welfare and Conduct of the Ship's Company.

The health of the Ship's Company is good.  
As mentioned above 21 days leave was granted to each watch.  
The Conduct of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.

Conditions on board and Condition of Ship.

Conditions on board are good and condition of hull and machinery is good.

The work carried out during the refit period will be the subject of a separate report.

Steaming figures for the month.

Engine hours for month	39 hrs.	20 min.
Engine hours since last top overhaul	436 "	45 "
Engine hours since commissioning	5211 "	40 "
Distance steamed for the month.	231 miles	
Fuel consumed for month (M.E. & AUX.)	370 gals.	
Average fuel consumed M.E.	6.9 G.P.H.	

(Sgd.) R.G. Loosli.  
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.  
for COMMANDING OFFICER. A.O.L.



(Enclosure to Q.182/1/532B/3/1 dated 10/1/50).

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NAVAL MESSAGE

POSTAGRAM

UNCLASSIFIED

TO GPV 957

FROM RNO BRISBANE

INFO ACNB PENGUIN

070630Z

YOUR 060456 (.) AVAILABILITY FOR GRANTING 21 DAYS LEAVE  
PLUS TRAVELLING TIME TO EACH WATCH COMMENCING 6TH DECEMBER  
APPROVED (.) NAVAL BOARD APPROVAL FOR USE OF CIVIL AIR  
TRANSPORT HAS BEEN REQUESTED (.)

REF 060456 - REQUEST APPROVAL GRANT 21 DAYS LEAVE PLUS  
TRAVELLING TIME TO EACH WATCH COMMENCING 6TH  
DECEMBER AND APPROVAL USE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT.

POSTAGRAM

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7/11/49



COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.G.P.V. "957".

DATE: 6th OCTOBER, 1948.

TO: RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER, BRISBANE.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1948.

DUPLICATE

In Brisbane  
with 30/12/48.

SUBMITTED:

1. The following Report of Proceedings for this vessel for the month of September in accordance with C.N.O.107/48.

2. During the first 4 days of the month the ship was working with H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" and movements were as follows:

- (a) 0600/1st slipped from "AUSTRALIA" at Cid Harbour for reconnaissance of Bait Reef with Chief Staff Officer and others on board, returning at 1825/1st.
- (b) 0900/2nd. Admiral Farncomb walked around the ship which then proceeded for Mackay arriving at 1810/2nd.
- (c) 1300/3rd Slipped and anchored at St. Bees 1530/3rd.
- (d) 0200/4th Rendezvoused with "AUSTRALIA" off Bailey Island Light with mail.
- (e) Returned to Mackay with mail and at 1130/4th proceeded for Townsville arriving 1420/5th.

3. Departed Townsville 1115/8th and carried out coastal reconnaissance for mines to Murdering Pt, then proceeded for Cairns arriving 0730/10th.

4. From 11th to 25th was spent at Cairns stripping and making good defects on the main and auxiliary engines.

5. At 1200/26th slipped and proceeded on R.M.S. Operations north securing alongside at Portland Roads at 1900/30th. R.S. 5 mines.

1 mine in Indian Head  
1 mine in North Cape Bedford  
3 mines in Pascoe River area } My 110127 refers.

6. The only movement of personnel for the month was Sub.Lieut. Mc.Vinish to "AUSTRALIA" A.M. 4th for onward passage to Brisbane for leave.

7. The hull is now in need of cleaning and antifouling as it is 6 months since the ship was last slipped (19th April, 1948). Shell growth and weed are becoming increasingly apparent.

8. Discipline, efficiency and morale of Ship's Company are at a high standard. The period spent working with "AUSTRALIA" was a pleasant change from normal duties and was enjoyed by all.

9. Main Engines. There have been a few minor breakdowns of both main and auxiliary machinery but when the ship is slipped a top overhaul may uncover the causes of these. When the ship returns to Cairns from this operation the engine will be due for the 500 hour overhaul.

(a)	Engine hours for month	140 hours 15 minutes
(b)	Engine hours since last top overhaul	449 " 45 "
(c)	Engine hours since commissioning	3947 " 40 "
(d)	Distance steamed for month	987.7 miles
(e)	Fuel consumption for month	1050 galls.
(f)	Average fuel consumption (ME)	6.49 G.P.H.
(g)	Average fuel consumption at 8 knots	7.3 G.P.H.

In August Report of Proceedings the total engine hours were incorrectly listed as 3307 hours 25 minutes instead of 3807 hours 25 minutes.

(sgd) L. MUSHINS, LT. R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER, G.P.V. "957".



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date 1st April, 1948 Reference No.  
To Naval Officer in Charge, BRISBANE.  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1948.

Submitted:

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of March, 1948 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.
2. When the month commenced the ship was at sea proceeding to commence R.M.S. operations at C. Melville having sailed from Cairns on 29th February.
3. On the 3rd March the R.M.S.O. (Lt. W. Evans) and party left the ship to commence detailed reconnaissance of the coastline from C. Melville to Cape Sidmouth in the skiff. The party returned each evening to the ship which was forced to anchor well off due to the shallow waters of Princess Charlotte Bay. No mines were encountered until Sunday 7th March, when eleven unlisted mines were rendered safe within thirty miles of Cape Sidmouth (vide my 142215Z).
4. A reconnaissance of the coast was carried out from the ship on the return trip to Cairns but only one mine was rendered safe (Cape Flattery beach, unlisted) on the 10th March (vide my 142215Z). The ship was in Cooktown from P.M. 10th March to 0600 12th March. Secured alongside Fairmile Jetty, Cairns at 2035, 12th March.
5. The Outboard Motors worked well in the arduous duties required of them in the coastal reconnaissance. The only trouble encountered was with the small brass spring in the High Tension Pickup Lead.
6. Ldg. Smn. Hills was victualled into the ship on return to harbour, having been left in Cairns to assist in wiring G.P.V. 956. The new Coxswain, A.B. Smith H.E., joined the ship on 12th March.
7. On 22nd March, G.P.V. 956 became operational and long leave was approved for G.P.V. 957. The first Leave Party was despatched on 26th, 27th, and 28th March. The Commanding Officer of the ship (Lieut. L. Mushins, R.A.N.) was checked to leave A.M. 28th March leaving the First Lieutenant (Sub Lt. Pioch R.A.N.R.) in charge.
8. G.P.V. 956 proceeded on 30th March on her first operational trip since November, 1947.
9. Discipline and efficiency of the Ship's Company is very good and morale, which was good, became noticeably higher with the commencement of long leave. Health is very good.
10. With the improvement of the rail transport position, fresh provisions are again being received in some quantity and a consignment of Naval Stores has been received from Brisbane.
11. The hull is in good condition but a slipping is necessary as marine growth is evident in quantity. It is expected that the Cairns Harbour Board will be able to slip the ship during the second week in April.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

Date 7th March 1948.

To Naval Officer in Charge, BRISBANE.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1948.

Submitted.

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of February 1948 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

2. During the first part of the month, continuous heavy weather prevented the ship from proceeding to sea on Barrier Reef reconnaissance, as had been intended, this work requiring calm seas. On 13th, an attempt was made to depart Cairns, but an engine defect caused the ship to return. It was found that the defective parts (injectors and pumps) would have to be reconditioned in Brisbane and they were despatched Air Freight on 16th.

3. At 0700/18th, using parts from G.P.V. 956, proceeded to High Is., with Mr. Deahm (Com'd Gnr (T)) on board and Rendered Safe one mine (List No. 432 and my 180420Z refer) and returned to harbour 1630K/18th.

4. P.M. 22nd an urgent signal was received, to proceed to the assistance of H.M. Submarine Aeneas, aground at Eagle Is., and Cairns was departed at 1730K with Dr. Luke (Cairns District Hospital) on board to render aid to injured personnel. At 0900K/23rd Dr. Luke was transferred to Aeneas at sea, as she had refloated without assistance, she then proceeded for Cairns. G.P.V. 957 secured at Cairns 0200K/24th.

5. The ship proceeded on R.M.S. operations northwards, 0730K/29th. An unsuccessful search was carried out at Fitzroy Is. for a locally reported mine.

6. Lt. W.F. Evans, R.A.N. left on 6th for Townsville to attend the inquest in connection with the sinking of the Topsy A in 1946, and returned on 21st. While at Townsville he Rendered Safe two mines as follows:-

1 Mine Rollingsstone Beach List No. 428. ~~070700Z~~

1 " Ramsay Bay " " 431. 192320Z

List No. 430 is considered duplicate of 428.

" " 429 " " " " 431.

7. One rating was checked to hospital from 24th - 28th with malaria, otherwise general health is good. Morale is high, but questions regarding leave are becoming more frequent. Discipline and efficiency of Ship's company are very good.

8. Main Engines.

A defect developed on the Main Engine on the 13th (my 160301Z refers) and also other minor defects occurred, but it is hoped that these have been finally eliminated.



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(a)	Engine hours for the month	56 h. 25 m.
(b)	" " since last top overhaul	362 h. 55 m.
(c)	" " " commissioning	3400 h. 35 m.
(d)	Distance steamed for the month	359.5 m.
(e)	Fuel consumed " " "	550 gall.
(f)	Average fuel consumption Main Engine	6.65 g.p.h.
(g)	" " " " " at 8 knots	6.79 g.p.h.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins. Lt.R.A.N.

COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 above, a new injector was forwarded to Cairns by air freight on 19th February, 1948.

3. With reference to paragraphs 7 and 8, leave has been approved and arrangements have been made for slipping and engine top overhaul during April, 1948.

(Sgd) W. S. CHESTERMAN

COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
for NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (A.O.D.)

BRISBANE.  
23/3/48.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From     Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date     2nd February 1948.  
To       Naval Officer in Charge, Brisbane.  
Subject  REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1948.

Submitted,

1.       The following Report of Proceedings for the month of January 1948, in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

2.       At 1230/2nd departed Cairns for Lockhardt River, with Mr. Deahm Comm'd Gnr(T) aboard as R.M.S.O. in the absence of Lt. Evans (on leave). Beaches from Cape Sidmouth to First Red Rocky Head were examined in detail, with the aid of an aborigine guide from Lockhardt River Mission, and 13 mines were rendered safe (all unlisted my 082230Z refers).

3.       On 13th the Commanding Officer (Lt. Mushins R.A.N.) proceeded by civil aircraft to Sydney to attend Courts Martial concerning the sinking of H.M.A. G.P.V. 956 on the 12th November 1947. A.M. on 14th the 1st Lieutenant (Sub Lieut. R.A. Pioch, R.A.N.R.) proceeded to Sydney for the same reason. Mr. Deahm was left in charge of the vessel in the absence of the ship's officers.

4.       Sub Lieut. Pioch returned on the 17th and Lieut. Mushins on the 19th. On 23rd Lieut. Evans returned from leave.

5.       It was intended to proceed to Townsville to deal with List No. 428, and carry out reconnaissance of nearby reefs but rough weather intervened. The R.M.S.O. will R.S. this mine when he proceeds to Townsville to attend the inquest on the Topsy A.

6.       Discipline and efficiency of ships company are very good indeed. Health is as usual, excellent.

7.       The hull is in first class condition and stood up well to the very rough seas encountered last voyage.

8.       Main Engines. .

(a)	Engine hours for the month	108 h. 15 m.
(b)	" " since last top overhaul	306 h. 30 m.
(c)	" " " commissioning	3344 h. 10 m.
(d)	Distance steamed for the month	714.5 m.
(e)	Fuel consumed " " "	934 gall.
(f)	Average fuel consumption of Main Engine	6.6 g.p.h.
(g)	" " " " " " at 8 knots	6.75 g.p.h.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins Lt.R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957



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The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 956,  
23rd January, 1948.

The Secretary,  
Naval Board,

Through the Naval Officer-in-Charge, BRISBANE.

(Copy to The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957).

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1947.

Submitted,

The following Report of Proceedings.

2. During the month the work of reconditioning the ship, mustering stores and crating and returning them was continued.
3. Leave of a balance to make up twentyfour days for the leave year was granted the ship's company commencing 20th December.
4. E.R.A. IV N. Hodgson was discharged to Cairns District Hospital 2nd of month suffering from a fever which was subsequently diagnosed as Malaria. Returning on board 14th December.
5. Despite the longer hours and nature of their work the morale of the crew has been generally high and their health good.

(Sgd) R. G. GRAY.  
Lt. R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. It is anticipated that H.M.A. G.P.V. 956 will become fully operational during February, 1948.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

BRISBANE.  
30/1/48.



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H.M.A. G.P.V. 957 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1947.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

BRISBANE.  
23/1/48.

*Mr. Fisher 30/1/48*  
*P.R.O.*  
*N.H.R.S.*



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

Date 19th January '48

To Naval Officer in Charge, Brisbane.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 1947.

Submitted,

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of December 1947 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

2. At 0530/1st anchor was weighed at Brook Island and we proceeded to Cape Bowlingreen. R.M.S. Party dealt with the bomb at Ayr. (List No. 399 and my 050220Z refer.). From here the ship proceeded to Townsville arriving 1830/2nd. Departed Townsville 1400/3rd and a detailed reconnaissance was carried out around Rib and Bramble Reefs with negative results. Secured alongside Fairmile Jetty Cairns at 1300/5th.

3. From the 5th to 16th the ship remained at Cairns being held up by lack of parts for the auxiliary engine. At 1830/16th slipped and proceeded North and Rendered Safe the following -

1 Mine	Annan R.	List No.	424.	} 222330Z
2 Mines	Near Indian Hd.	"	" 421.	
4 Mines	Cape Flattery Beach	"	" 419.	

Searched	Cape Grenville	List No.	417	No Mine.
"	Birkett Is.	"	" 418	No Mine.

It is reported that List No. 416 detonated on hitting the shore. The ship arrived back at Cairns 0430/23rd.

4. A detailed reconnaissance of the coast South to Russel River and High Is. was carried out leaving Cairns at 0700/28th and arriving back 1630/28th. No mines sighted.

5. Discipline and Efficiency of ship's company are excellent. Morale is high and health good.

6. Mr. F. Allen of the Marine Biological Laboratories was embarked on the 15th and collected specimens of marine growth on mines during R.M.S. operations. He was disembarked A.M. 25th. Details regarding the mines from which specimens were collected will be given in the R.M.S. report from Lt. Evans (R.M.S.O.).

7. The hull is in first class condition.

8. Main Engines.

(a)	Engine hours for the month	162 h. 20 m.
(b)	Engine hours since last top overhaul.	198 hr. 15 m.
(c)	" " " commissioning	3235 " 55 m.
(d)	Distance steamed during month	1329.5 m.
(e)	Fuel consumed for month	1237 gall.
(f)	Average fuel consumption Main Engine	6.4 g.p.h.
(g)	" " " " " at 8 knots	6.57 g.p.h.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins. Lt.R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.



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H. M. A. G. P. V. 957 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 1947.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

BRISBANE.  
30/12/47.



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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date 9th December 1947.  
To Naval Officer in Charge, BRISBANE.  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 1947.

Submitted,

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of November 1947 in accordance with CN0266/46.

2. During most of the month, work was continued on the main & auxiliary engines, while alongside the Fairmile jetty. When GPV 956 sank AM 12th the ship was warped alongside in an attempt to render assistance, but this was of no avail. (Separate report forwarded).

3. At 1345/26th we proceeded to sea for full power trials with Lt. C.C. Connolly (B.E.O. Brisbane) on board. Trials were satisfactory & the ship secured alongside at 1620/26th. While doing basin trials alongside the new stern tube bearing commenced to heat, & the extra work correcting this fault delayed sailing 24 hours. Cairns was departed at 0630/30th for R.M.S. operations South. R.S. one mine (List No. 414 my 050220Z Dec. refers).

4. During the month the R.M.S. Party dealt with the following mines by road & R.A.A.F. A.S.R. launch.

2 mines	Arlington Rf.	Unlisted.	080630Z
2 "	Michaelmas Rf.	"	100800Z
1 "	Porters Beach	List No.410	122330Z
1 "	Yule Pt.	List No.420	240610Z
1 "	Batt Rf.	Unlisted	282315Z

5. Discipline & Efficiency are very good. Health is excellent. A noticeable improvement in the morale of the crew was apparent when the ship was again seaworthy & when it proceeded to sea.

6. The hull is in excellent condition.

7. Main Engines.

(a)	Engine hours for the month	35 hr. 55 min.
(b)	" " since last top overhaul	35 hr. 55 min.
(c)	Engine hours since commissioning	3073 hr. 35 min.
(d)	Distance steamed for the month	124.5 m.
✱ (e)	Fuel consumed for the month	253 gall.
(f)	Average fuel consumption Main Engine	6.47 g.p.h.
(g)	" " " " " at	
	8 knots	6.6 g.p.h.

✱ 20 gallons given to GPV 956 for cleaning purposes.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins. Lt.RAN.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date 8th Nov. '47  
To Naval Officer in Charge, BRISBANE.  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 1947.

Submitted,

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of October, in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.
2. The ship has not been to sea this month, owing to the necessity of having repairs carried out on the propeller shaft and bearing. At 1800K/7th the ship was slipped at Cairns (by Cairns Harbour Board) and remained on the slip until 0800K/29th. During this time the shaft was removed and a new one inserted, also, the stern tube bearing was remetalled. Ship's staff carried out a top overhaul on the main and auxiliary engines.
3. Owing to the non arrival of spares the ship is not yet operational as both the Main Engine and Auxiliary need the spares on order, to be made operative.
4. The hull, which was cleaned and given two coats of anti-fouling, was in excellent condition, and only one small piece of copper had to be replaced. A further report on slipping and overhaul will be rendered when operational.
5. Discipline and efficiency of the ship's company have been very good. There were no defaulters for the month.
6. During the month, the R.M.S.O. (Lt. Evans) rendered safe  
3 mines. 2 mines unlisted Opal Reef. } 100125Z. refers.  
1 " " Michaelmas Reef
7. (a) Engine hours for the month, Nil,  
engines undergoing top overhaul.  
(b) Engine hours since commissioning 3037 H. 40 m.  
(c) Fuel consumed for month NIL.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins. Lt.R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. It is expected that G.P.V. 957 will be ready for sea by end of November, 1947.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

BRISBANE.  
26/11/47

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 956.

1st November 1947

The Secretary,  
Naval Board,

Through The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane.

(Copy to The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957).

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1947.

Submitted,

The following report of the activities of this vessel during the months of September and October 1947.

2. Owing to a defective auxiliary engine, as reported in my report of Proceedings for August no operation was carried out by this vessel during the month of September, although Mr. F. Deahm, Commd. Gnr. joined P.M. 17th.
3. Cairns was eventually departed 1330K 1st October for operations North to Portland Roads. Mail, embarked for H.M.A.S. "SWAN" and 20th M.S.F., was handed to "SWAN" at Stokes Bay, Stanley Is. 1600 on 3rd of the month. Supply of fresh meat was obtained and the journey continued A.M. 4th Night Is. being reached that evening.
4. Owing to the good weather being experienced it was decided to land the R.M.S. party at Hayes River on 5th to work up the coast towards Lockhart Mission. During that day seven mines (all that could be discovered of the twelve reported in Reference No. 404) were destroyed.
5. Bad weather prevented further work being carried out until Wednesday 8th October, shelter being obtained at Portland Roads. On that day a local report of a mine at Pascoe R. was investigated without result so course was laid to search South end of Temple Bay where two mines were sighted and one was destroyed before bad weather forced the R.M.S. party to return. The other was left pending more favourable weather and the ship once more secured at Portland Roads Jetty.
6. The following morning the ship departed at 0300K in order that Lockhart Mission could be made at first light. Here two mines were destroyed (Reference Nos. 406 and 407) and another unlisted mine on Stork Rf. was also destroyed before Night Is. was reached that evening.
7. "SWAN" was met P.M. the following day and water and fresh provisions were obtained. Some mail was also embarked to be posted at Cairns.
8. During 11th October a mine was discovered and destroyed on Ingram Is. and another which had been reported on Barrow Is. was found not to exist. Further reports of mines at Cairns and Rosser Reefs were investigated and positions of two on Cairns reef were noted.
9. Cairns was finally reached at 1620K. 16th October.
10. The vessel again sailed from Cairns 1330K 27th October and Portland Rds. reached at 1630K 29th and again departed 0545K. for Sir Charles Hardy Is. which were reached at 1220K. R.M.S. party landed at 1400 and a mine (Ref. No. 412) was destroyed. Weather prevented thorough search being made for the other mine which was reported visible only at low water. Search carried out during 31st proved unsuccessful and the mine considered no longer to exist. Course was therefore laid for Hannibal Is. where the ship anchored at 2115K./31st.



11. The earlier trip was notable because during only four days were tinned provisions used, a complete reversal of normal procedure when fresh meat does not last beyond the first four days.

12. Lt. E.F.S. Nutt, R.A.N.R. joined P.M. 16th October and Acting Lt. W.J. Watts was discharged A.M. 21st.

13. Minor trouble has been experienced with the bilge pump of the auxiliary engine but it is anticipated that this will be corrected while the vessel is next in Cairns.

14. The general condition of the ship is sound but the approaching docking is badly needed to clear the bottom which is now quite foul.

15. Morale of the crew is high and health and efficiency generally good.

16.	Hours under way during month	170 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.
	" " " since last refit	201 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.
	" " " commissioning	2442 hrs.
	Distance steamed at an average speed of 7.5 knots	1280.6 miles
	Distance steamed since commissioning at an average speed of 7.5 knots	16936.38 miles
	Fuel consumed during months	1043 gals.
	Average hourly fuel consumption.	6.1 gals.

(Sgd.) R. G. GRAY.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 956.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

BRISBANE.  
11/11/47.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

Date 3rd August, 1947.

To Naval Officer in Charge, Brisbane.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY 1947.

Submitted.

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of July 1947 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

2. At 1400/3rd proceeded south for Townsville stopping at Palm Is. to R.S. one mine (List No. 356 and my 050325Z refer) and securing alongside Hine's Wharf Townsville 1405/5th. On the 7th the R.M.S. party R.S.d one mine at Annabranche Burdekin River (List No. 361 and my 080917Z refer) and then the ship returned to Cairns, arriving there at 1745/8th.

3. The ship again put to sea on R.M.S. operations North at 0830/13th. At 1220/18th we secured alongside Portland Rd Jetty. R.S. 14 mines. We then proceeded to Piper Is, rendered safe one mine and returned to Portland Road.

The 20th and 21st were unsuitable for R.M.S. work, and the ship proceeded South on coastal reconnaissance where possible 0800/22nd. R.S. one mine on Pison Is. 23rd and secured alongside at Cairns 1430/24th. R.S. signals and list Numbers as follows -

240330Z July. List Numbers 357, 358, 360, 364, 369, 366.

260120Z July. List Numbers 363, 376, 379.

List Number 376 was referred to in my 240330 July as an unlisted mine six miles North West of Portland Road. List Number 379 is duplicate of 358 and number 363 duplicate of 360.

4. In addition to mines rendered safe from the ship the R.M.S. party rendered safe three other mines during the month, one at Innisfail and two on Tongue Reef. My 102330 July List Number 368 and my 302300 July List Number 374 refer.

5. S/Lt. W.K. Fisher, R.A.N.R. (R.M.S.O.) was discharged A.M. 7th for onward passage for demobilisation and Lt. W.F. Evans, R.A.N. joined P.M. 9th for R.M.S. duties. S/Lt. R. Pioch joined for 1st Lieutenant's duties 26th and S/Lt. R.S. Gye discharged to G.P.V. 956 on 31st. M/M<sub>3</sub> Brewster departed for "Free Discharge" A.M. 13th, and A/E.R.A. IV McConnel joined A.M. 9th. A/E.R.A. McConnel was discharged to leave A.M. 28th.

6. Discipline and Efficiency of ship's company are quite good, and morale has noticeably improved since the ship has again proceeded to sea.

7. The hull is in first class condition and the Main Engine has shown excellent results for the last month.

8. Main Engines.

(a)	Engine hours for the month.	147 h. 40 min.
(b)	" " since last top overhaul.	204 h. 20 min.
(c)	" " commissioning	2744 h. -



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H. M. A. G. P. V. 957 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1947.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

BRISBANE.  
19/6/47.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS  
CAPTAIN.  
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## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.

Date 8th June, 1947.

To Naval Officer in Charge, BRISBANE.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1947.

Submitted,

1. The following report of Proceedings for the month of May 1947 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.
2. The only time spent at sea this month was on the 1st when the ship steamed from North Barnard Is. to Cairns arriving at 1830K, completing last voyage. At Brampton Beach, R.M.S.O. landed but was unable to R.S. mine due to the state of the sea. This has since been dealt with by the shore party.
3. On the 6th, Cairns Harbour Board, under the direction of Engineer Lieutenant Anderson (Asst. B.E.O. Bris.) commenced refitting the ship. From 10th to 23rd was spent on the slipway, where repairs were carried out to the hull. Several sheets of copper were replaced. There was little sign of worm in the exposed timber & where found was eradicated.
4. Underwater fittings (rudder, propellor etc.) were in perfect condition & did not require any attention.
5. On the 23rd the ship was refloated & towed to No.1 wharf, where the refit continued. It is estimated that G.P.V. 957 should be operational by 15th June. This date will be reported by signal when known for certain. A separate report on the refit will be forwarded on completion.
6. On the 6th the Commanding Officer, Coxswain & three ratings proceeded on 14 days leave returning on 22nd. The M/M<sub>3</sub> took leave from 18th & four other ratings from 22nd. The 1st Lieutenant commenced leave on 24th. One rating joined ship from F.N.D. & one discharged to Torrens for demobilisation.
7. Health & morale of ship's company are excellent, this is due, I think, partly to the leave & partly to the revelation of the new pay code.
8. Engines.
 

(a)	Hours under way for the month	7 hr. 50 min.
(b)	" " " since last top overhaul	487 hr. 25 min.
(c)	" " " commissioning	2539 " 40 "
(d)	Distance steamed for the month	53.5 miles.
* (e)	Fuel consumed for month	172 gall.
(f)	Average consumption of M.E.	7.64 g.p.h.
(g)	" " at 8 knots	8.0 g.p.h.
9. Reference Para. 8(e). 110 gallons remaining in tank bottoms had to be drained off to clean & repair tanks. This fuel contained sludge & water & was discarded as useless. 62 gallons were used in the engines.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins Lt.



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From      Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date      2nd May, 1947.  
To        Naval Officer in Charge, Brisbane.  
Subject   Monthly Report of Proceedings, April 1947.

Submitted,

1.        The following Report of Proceedings for the month of April 1947 in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.
2.        At 0630K/1st departed Portland Road, & commenced reconnaissance southwards, this was found to be impracticable in Princess Charlotte Bay, due to the fact that the ship could not approach the coast, closer than eight miles, & also that neither outboard motor would run longer than about half an hour, without overheating & seizing. R.S. one mine at Howick Is. (Not Listed my 112300Z refers) & then proceeded to Lizard Is. anchorage. By this time the weather had deteriorated such that it was unsafe to proceed & impossible to work. The ship remained sheltering until 0600/10th when we proceeded for Cooktown, where we arrived at 1500/10th. Received no information re mines here, & departed at 0600/11th, arriving at Cairns 2100/11th.
3.        This trip was made more unpleasant by a large crack developing in the port fresh water tank, causing a loss of half the water, & necessitating it being strictly rationed, there being no port north of Cairns at which fresh water can be embarked.
4.        The leaky tank was repaired by Cairns Harbour Board, & at 0600/18th departed Cairns on R.M.S. operations south to Townsville & Whitsunday Passage. Arrived Townsville 1700/21st. R.S. two mines. (List Nos. 342 & 344 duplicated & 339. My 280410Z refers.)
5.        While at Townsville, the new outboard motor arrived, & it appears to be a vast improvement on the others, but the reliability of its performance has yet to be tested in beach landings. The ship was delayed for 36 hours due to the M/M<sub>3</sub> having a poisoned arm. He received treatment at the R.A.A.F. Base, Garbutt.
6.        Proceeded at 1400/24th for Whitsunday Passage. R.S. two mines (List Nos. 338 & 343, & my 280410Z refer.) Arrived back at Townsville at 0730/28th. An incorrect mine report signal (No. 347) stating BRAMPTON ISLAND instead of BRAMSTON BEACH, caused 100 miles extra steaming.
7.        Departed Townsville at 0630/29th anchoring at Nth. Barnard Is. at 1845/30th. R.S. four mines. (List Nos. 332, 337, 345 & 350 & my 012350 May refer.)
8.        Discipline & efficiency of ships company are good, & there were no defaulters for the month. Health generally is good.
9.        The main engine while still giving an efficient performance, is now obviously in need of the coming refit, as fuel & oil consumption have increased to figures never before reached.



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10. (a) Hours under way for the month 200 h. 15 m.  
 (b) " " " since last top O'haul 479 h. 35 m.  
 (c) " " " " commissioning 2531 h. 50 m.  
 (d) Distance steamed at average speed 8 knots 1207.3 m.  
 (e) Fuel consumed for the month 1761 gall.  
 (f) Average consumption of Main Engine 7.64 g.p.h.  
 (g) " " " " " at 8 knots 8.0 g.p.h.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins Lt.RAN.

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The Secretary,  
 Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

CAPTAIN.  
 NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

BRISBANE.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.  
Date 9th April 47  
To Naval Officer in Charge, Brisbane.  
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MARCH 1947.

Submitted,

1. The following Report of Proceedings for the month of March 1947, in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.
2. The ship proceeded to sea at 1400/5th for coastal reconnaissance south to Townsville stopping en route, to search for the mine reported near Mourilyan (No. 306). After a thorough search, it was decided that it was not now in that position (this was afterwards checked by the shore party with similar results.). Arrived at Townsville 1800/7th. R.S. two mines - (Ref. No. 301 and my 071800Z March refer.).
3. Slipped from Townsville 0800/10th for Cape Bowlingreen and Edgecombe Bay. While at Edgecombe Bay, a report was received re one mine on Shay Rock, South of Mackay (No. 318) but a search there the next morning failed to reveal it. On the return trip a close search was made along the Eastern side of Cape Bowlingreen for Ref. No. 264. It is presumed that this mine is either completely buried in sand or washed away by rough weather. R.S. two mines. (Ref. Nos. 302 & 311 duplicated 317 & my 140645Z refer). Arrived Townsville 1730/14th.
4. At 1430/17th proceeded for Cairns arriving there at 0730/20th. R.S. three mines. (Nos. 313, 320 & 321 & my 192200Z refer.).
5. Discipline & Efficiency of the ship's company have been uniformly good. Morale is high, although bewilderment has been expressed regarding non payment of Hard Lying Money whilst in harbour, as conditions in this ship vary very little in harbour or at sea, not having the amenities of a parent ship, or a naval operating base.
6. The fuel & oil consumption of the main engine has increased considerably, this can be put down to the fact that the main engine is now nearing the 2500 hour complete refit as laid down by the makers, when worn bearings, piston rings, cylinder liners etc. will have to be replaced.
7. Main Engines.

(a) Hours under way for the month	162 h. 25 min.
(b) " " " since last top overhaul	279 h. 20 min.
(c) " " " " commissioning.	2331 h. 35 min.
(d) Distance steamed at average of 8 knots.	1409.7 m.
(e) Fuel consumed for the month.	1325 gal.
(f) Average consumption of Main Engine.	7.2 g.p.h.
(g) " " at 8 knots	7.96 g.p.h.

(Sgd.) L. Mushins Lt. RAN.

COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. G.P.V. 957.



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Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer HMAGPV 957

Date 1<sup>st</sup> February 1947 Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

To Naval Officer in Charge Brisbane.

Subject Report of Proceedings for GPV 957 January 1947.

*Submitted*

The following Report of Proceedings  
for the month of January 1947 in accordance with CNO. 266/46.

1 Proceeded to sea 1100K 2nd on coastal &  
reconnaissance to Townsville, arriving there 1630K 4th.  
4 mines R.S. 5<sup>th</sup> Lt Fisher joined for RMS duties P.M. 4th.

2 After repairs to running rigging on 6th & 7th  
ship proceeded for Whitsunday Is at 1115K 8th, arriving at  
Shaw Is 0630K 9th. 1 mine R.S. Reconnaissance amongst other  
islands in Whitsunday Passage failed to reveal further mines &  
ship anchored at Hayman Is from 1500 to 2300 when we proceeded  
for Cape Upstart area (2 mines R.S.) & thence Cape Bowlingreen  
(2 mines R.S.) Secured alongside Hines Wharf Townsville 2200K/10th.

3 Sailed 1300K 10th for Cairns arriving at  
1420K/12th. En route, R.S. 3 mines High Is. Russell Is area.



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4 From 13th to 16th the hands were employed, preparing the ship for overhaul. 16th Mr Clatworthy Gun (T) & RMS rating proceeded on leave. Main engine trials on GPV 956 being satisfactorily completed 1700 K/15th, GPV 957 was laid up, alongside the fairmile wharf at Cairns for overhaul.

5 The ship's company proceeded on 14 days leave (including travelling time) 1400 K/17th, the 1st Lieutenant, Motor Mechanic & one A/B. remaining on board. Assistance for the motor mechanic was obtained from Cairns Harbour Board. Long leave expired on board PM 30th, & there was no one adrift.

6 It was necessary to request further availability to 7th February, as time did not permit defects uncovered to be made good. (Separate report of overhaul of machinery will be forwarded on completion)

7 Health & discipline of ship's company are very good. There were no defaulters during the month. Morale of the crew is high, due in part to the fact that so little of the limited leave period was spent in travelling, return ANA passages being arranged by RNO(T)



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8 On 25th, S/Lt R.S. Gye RANK joined for 1st Lieutenant's duties, & relieved S/Lt A.C. Cole RANK who was discharged on 28th for onward ANA passage to HMAS Koroake for demobilisation.

## Main Engines (to 17th January)

(a) Hours under way for month	122 h. 40 m.
(b) " " " since last top overhaul	918 h. 45 m.
(c) " " " " commissioning	2052 h. 15 m.
(d) Distance steamed at av. speed of 8 knots	791.0 miles
(e) Fuel consumed for the month	895 gal.
(f) Average fuel consumption	6.3 g.p.h.
(g) " " " at 8 knots	7.0 g.p.h.

COMMANDING OFFICER

F. Mushins RANK.

H.M.A. G.P.V. 957

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

(Sgd.) E. P. THOMAS

BRISBANE.  
11th February, 1947.

CAPTAIN.  
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

THE SECRETARY

Dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of a motor launch for the use of the R.A.N. at the Naval Base, Brisbane.

(The proposed purchase of a motor launch for the use of the R.A.N. at the Naval Base, Brisbane.)

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THE SECRETARY

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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THE SECRETARY



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July 1946

Submitted,

October 1946. No C.N.O.s are carried in this ship but a copy of CNO 266/46 relevant to Reports will be obtained as soon as practicable.

2nd-7th At sea on P.M.S. operations as far North as Cape

Flattery. anchoring at night. 2.6 Miles R.S. between  
Cape Flattery & Indian Head. Night of 7th secured  
alongside at Porttown.

8th (At sea. 1 Mine R.S. at Hob Head, then weather unsuitable to land. Returned to Cooktown.

9th-10th. Weather unsuitable for P.M.S. Remained along side.

10th. R.M.S. Party proceeded on foot to Indian Head. 8 Miles

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11th R.S.  
Shipped & proceeded to Cairn.

12th. Secured alongside at Cairns. Stowed ship etc

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Royal Australian Navy.

From \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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To \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Report of Proceedings

13th-16th. Cleaning ship & necessary maintenance.

17th. Salt water pump broke down due to worn bearings.  
New ones demanded.

18th-31st Ship remained alongside. General repairs &  
maintenance carried out.

2/ On the morning of the 12th, the  
ship was hove to for two hours with engine trouble, this  
was found to be a bent rocker arm. Replacement was demanded  
by signal.

5/ Half of this month was spent alongside  
awaiting spare parts. Neither the rocker arm nor bearings for  
the salt water pump have yet arrived. Repairs to the main  
engine were effected with the aid of C.E.R.A. Drewitt from  
Brisbane, but nothing can be done to the salt water pump  
until the arrival of the bearings.

As the Docking Plan did not arrive until

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NAVAL OFFICE HOBART

Royal Australian Navy.

From \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (3) Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_

Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Report of Proceeding

the 30th there was unavoidable delay in  
shipping the ship.

General.

Efficiency. No armament on board.  
Fire & Abandon Ship Stations exercised  
weekly.  
General work around ship very good.

Discipline. There were no defaulters for the month.

Health. Excellent.

Main Engines. ~~Under way~~ Hours running for Month 61 hrs.  
Average Fuel Consumption 5.6 gallons per hour.  
Hours since last overhaul 522.  
Total hours running 1658.

COMMANDING OFFICER

K. M. M. Lt. H.M.A. G.P.V. 957

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