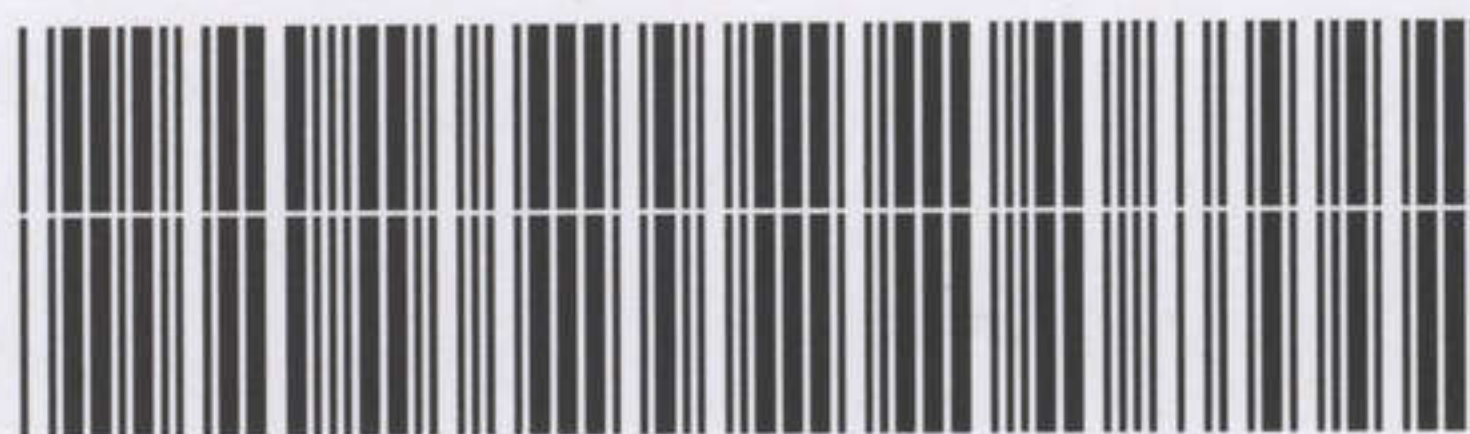


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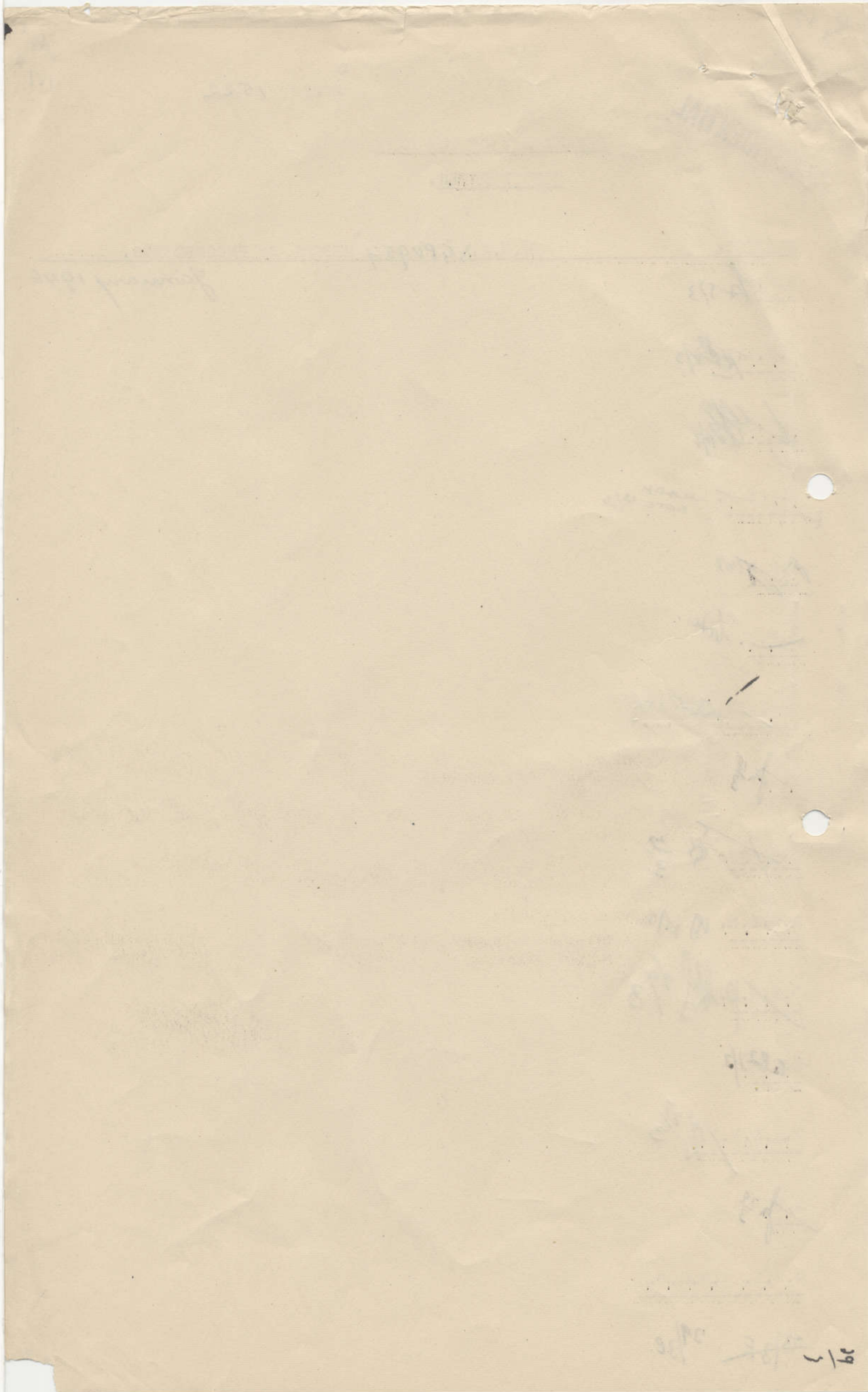
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Commanding Officer, H.M.A. G.P.V. 959.

7th. February, 1946.

RT/CMP.

Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin II", KEANE'S POINT.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1946.

Submitted:

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During the month the vessel was employed loading and jettisoning ammunition and transporting stores to H.M. Ships on the following dates:

3rd. January: Transported 270 cases of Jam to H.M.S. Formidable.  
5th. " Transported V.S.O. Stores to H.M.S. "Anson".  
8th. " Transported V.S.O. Stores to H.M.S. "Anson".  
9th. " Loaded 9 tons USN ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
10th. " Loaded 10 tons USN ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
11th. " Loaded 10 tons Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
14th. " Loaded 10 tons USN ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
15th. " Loaded 10 tons USN and 1 ton Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. and jettisoned.  
16th. " Loaded 10 tons Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
21st. " Loaded and transported stores for HMS King George V.  
22nd. " Loaded 10 tons Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
23rd. " Loaded 8 tons Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned

2. It was found that during loading of ammunition in steel boxes that the hatch covers and decks were being badly marked and scored - so I have had hard wood battens fixed to decks and hatch covers for protection.

3. During the slack period at end of month, opportunity was taken to paint ship throughout.

4. The Ship's company has enjoyed good health and morale has maintained a high standard.

5. The Ship's fittings and equipment generally is in good order and no major defects have developed.

6. Monthly figures:

Distance steamed during month  
Hours under way for month.

610 miles approx.  
77 hours "

R. Turville.  
LIEUTENANT. RANVR.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "G.P.V. 959".

7th. January, 1946.

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Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin II", KEANE'S POINT.  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1945.

Submitted:

During the month the vessel was employed loading and jettisoning ammunition and transporting mail to and from H.M. Ships on the following dates.

3rd. Dec. Loaded 15 tons. American Ammunition and jettisoned on 4th.  
6th. " Loaded 10 tons. Army ammunition at Woodman's Pt. and jettisoned.  
10th. " Loaded 10 tons. Army Ammunition at Woodman's Pt. and jettisoned.  
11th. " Loaded 10 tons of American ammunition and jettisoned.  
14th. " Loaded mail and baggage for "Aquitania" from Victoria Quay.  
15th. " Off. loaded mail from H.M.C.C. "Perseus".  
17th. " Loaded 8 tons. R.A.A.F. smoke floats at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
18th. " Loaded 8 tons. R.A.A.F. smoke floats at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
19th. " Loaded 8 tons. R.A.A.F. smoke floats at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
20th. " Loaded 8 tons. R.A.A.F. smoke floats at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned  
21st. " Loaded 8 tons. R.A.A.F. smoke floats at Woodman's Pt. & jettisoned

22. On the 14th. December Lt. Turville assumed command, relieving Lt. Warden, who returned to H.M.A.S. "Lonsdale".

3. It was found during jettisoning ammunition that the Derrick was too difficult to use at Sea to raise cargo from the hold and as the ammunition loaded was too heavy to man handle from the hold, approximately 8 tons of pig iron ballast was loaded on deck of hold and the tiller flat, to enable ammunition to be carried on the deck. This has proved to be very satisfactory.

4. The Ship's company has enjoyed good health and morale has maintained a high standard.

5. The Ship's fittings and equipment generally is in good order and no major defects have developed.

6. Monthly figures:

Distance steamed during month	.	625 miles.	approx.
Hours under way for month	.	30 hours.	"

*R. Turville*  
R. Turville.  
Lieutenant, RANVR.



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Commanding Officer, H.M.A.. "GPV" 959",

12th. December, 1945

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Commanding Officer, HMAS "LREUW II", Keane's Point:

(Copy to Secretary Naval Board)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1945.

Submitted:

1st. to 6th. Nov. Ship continued the passage from Adelaide to Albany in company with HMAS "Kybra". For most of this passage weather conditions were most unfavourable for a vessel of this size, with a long South Westerly swell and the wind blowing from the West at a force varying from 3-6. The ship proved herself very sea-worthy and at no time was the S.M.G. less than 7 knots, under normal conditions the S.M.G. was found to be 8-5 knots. Quite a lot of mess traps were broken on this passage and no blame could be attached to the Ship's company.

2. The final stage of the journey was from Albany to Fremantle and was made in very good weather. Ships sailed from Albany on the 8th. and berthed Fremantle on the 10th.

3. For the passage the ship carried 15 tons of victualling stores to act as ballast. These were duly landed and delivered to V.S.O.

4. The ship was not required from 10th. to 21st. and opportunity was taken to overhaul auxiliary engine, paint superstructure and settle down to a normal routine.

5. Ship was employed loading and jettisoning ammunition on the following date:

21st. loaded 14 tons at Woodman's Point and jettisoned.

26th. loaded 20 tons at Woodman's Point and jettisoned.

27th. loaded 20 tons U.S.N. ammunition and jettisoned 28th.

29th. loaded 25 tons U.S.N. ammunition and jettisoned 30th.

In addition ship proceeded to Woodman's Point to load on 23rd. but conditions being unfavourable and no crane available, returned to Harbour. From experience it was found more practicable to sail at dawn as the sea-breeze started about 1000 and freshened as the day progressed.

6. The Ship's company has enjoyed satisfactory health, and it's conduct and morale has been good. One rating has requested a compassionate discharge to his home Depot and this matter is well in hand. Application has been made for hard lying money, and it is my considered opinion that conditions warrant the payment of at least half hard lying money.



7. Fire and abandon ship stations were exercised to my satisfaction during the month.

8. No major defects have developed and the engines have run most satisfactorily. The ship appears to make a little water in the after compartment and is overdue to have the alignment of shafts checked. These matters were reported on arrival by signal. The ship's fittings and equipment generally is in good order.

9. Monthly figures:

Distance steamed during month	:	:	:	1665 miles.
Hours under way for month	:	:	:	211 hours.

*M. St. Warden*  
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Lieut. RANVR.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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