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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Reserve"
Date 22nd February, 1949. Reference No. 219 /49.
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, New South Wales.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1949.

In accordance with G.N.O. 107/48 the report of proceedings for the month of January 1949 is submitted herewith.

- 1. January 1st - 3rd. on passage from Bremer towing O.P.L. 1205, arriving Sydney 1900 3rd. Berthing at Kurraba Oil wharf.
2. 4th. Commenced 50 days availability for refit and Christmas Leave.
3. 5th. From Kurraba Oil Wharf to alongside Wilcannia at Cruiser Wharf Garden Island.
4. 5th - 31st. At Cruiser Wharf refitting.

Health of Ship's Company Satisfactory.
Conduct of Ship's Company Satisfactory.

APPENDIX

Distance Run During the Month..... 670 Miles.
Hours Under Way ^{eight} During the Month..... 77 Hrs 5 Mins.
Average Distance per Ton of Dieseline..... 29.7 Miles.
Total Distance Run Since Refit - June, 1947..... 20383.6 Miles.
Total Hours Under Way Since Refit - June, 1947..... 2417 Hrs 14 Mins.



Signature: J.M. Hair
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R.(S).
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Reserve"
 Date 3rd. January, 1949 Reference No. 204/49
 To The Flag Officer-inCharge, New South Wales.
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1948.

In accordance with C.M.O. 107/48 the report of proceedings for the month of December, 1948, is submitted herewith.

1. The first two days of the month were spent alongside the A.U.S.N.Co. Wharf at Brisbane whilst the ship was under going repairs to the bedplates of her main engines. On the 2nd. these repairs were completed and with O.F.L. 1208 in tow alongside, the ship proceeded down river on her way to Cairns. At Hamilton Reach however, it was discovered that cracks had appeared in the after corners of the starb'd main engine casing, and course was altered to return to the A.U.S.N.Co. Wharf. After consultations with the Evans Deakin Co. engineers it was decided to shift both "Reserve" and the O.F.L. to alongside the Evans Deakin Co. Wharf at Kangaroo Point, to facilitate repairs, and this was done on the 3rd.

2. By the 7th. these repairs were completed and the ship put to sea in Moreton Bay for main engine trials and adjustments. These proving satisfactory "Reserve" sailed on the 9th. with O.F.L. 1208 in tow for Cairns, arriving there at 2035 on the 13th. after a voyage made under excellent weather conditions.

3. "Reserve" departed Cairns on the 13th., once more with O.F.L. 1208 in tow, and set course for Dreger, which was arrived at at 1920 on the 19th. An unfortunate accident occurred when Lieutenant W.G.W. Benson, R.N., had his hand badly crushed by a 2 1/2" wire whilst securing the O.F.L. alongside for towing into Dreger Harbour. He was taken ashore by Tug Boat and flown back to Sydney on the 22nd.

4. At Dreger it was learnt that "Reserve's" programme of transporting Japanese P's.O.W. from Rabaul to Manus had been cancelled and accordingly all haste was made to return to Sydney before the cyclonic season in the Coral Sea commenced. A sports meeting with "Tarangau" was held in the afternoon of the 21st. and Christmas Dinner was served that evening, it being anticipated that the ship would be at sea on the 25th.

5. With O.F.L. 1205 in tow, "Reserve" sailed from Dreger at 0900 on the 22nd. and after an uneventful voyage arrived at Cairns on the 27th. where she refuelled and sailed for Sydney on the 28th. At 0930 on the 29th. "Reserve" rendezvoused with an R.A.A.F. crash boat off Magnetic Island when Lieutenant J. McC. Barnard, R.A.N. joined the ship after being flown to Townsville from Sydney

Health of Ship's Company

Satisfactory.

Conduct of Ship's Company

Satisfactory.

APPENDIX

Distance Run During the Month..... 3095.6 Miles.
Hours Under Way During the Month..... 388 Hrs 51 Mins.
Average Distance per Ton of Dieseline..... 31.3 Miles.
Total Distance Run Since Refit - June, 1947..... 19713.6 Miles.
Total Hours Under Way Since Refit - June, 1947..... 2340 Hrs 9 Mins.



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for
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. Reserve.
Date 4th. November 1948 Reference No. 177/2/48
To The Flag Officer In Charge, New South Wales.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1948

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O.107/48. Report of proceedings for the month of October is appended.

2. From ~~1st~~^{1st} October till 6th October the ship was alongside the Captain Cook dock, West Wall, Garden Island, Sydney.

3. At 1100 on 7th October, Reserve slipped from her berth and proceeded to sea with battle-practice target pattern I in tow at short stay for exercises with H.M.A.S. Arunta. At 1152 the towing wire parted whilst off Hornsby Light, and the target was taken in tow alongside. It was then decided to anchor in North Harbour so that the towing bridle of the target might be recovered, this being made difficult by the fact that the recovery wire had parted also. Lieutenant J.D. Stevens, R.A.N. carried out diving operations in a Salvus suit and eventually man aged to secure a recovery line to the bridle, thus facilitating its recovery. At 1655 the target was once more in tow astern, and at 1820 the ship rendezvoused with H.M.A.S. Arunta in position 125 degrees 5 miles from Macquarie Light. The practice shoot commenced at 1830 and was completed and by 2010.

At 2030 the tow was shortened in to 150 fathoms and at 2338 the ship anchored in Athol Bay, Sydney Harbour. The following morning Reserve berthed alongside the Captain Cook dock, West Wall with the Battle Practice target alongside.

4. The 9th and 10th of October were spent in harbour, and at 0720 on 11th October Reserve put to sea with the B.P.T. in tow alongside, for exercises with H.M.A.S. Shoalhaven. At 0800 however it was apparent that owing to poor visibility and strong southerly winds weather conditions were unsuitable for towing, and it was decided to anchor in Man-O-War anchorage and await further instructions. At 0900, due to the strengthening wind the exercise was cancelled, the ship berthing alongside H.M.A.S. Woomera at Kuttabul Dolphins, Garden Island, when the target was slipped from alongside and berthed at the Gunwharf by the Dockyard Tug "Wattle".

At 1400 the ship shifted berthed to the Captain Cook dock, West Wall and remained there till the 18th October, when she once more returned alongside H.M.A.S. Woomera.

5. On 26th October Reserve proceeded to sea for main engine adjustments, returning at 1509 to bert alongside H.M.A.S. Woomera, where she remained till the end of the month.

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Health of Ship's Company.

Satisfactory.

Conduct of Ship's Company.

Satisfactory.

Appendix.

Distance steamed during the month	39 miles.
Hours under way during the month	7 10/60 hours.
Average distance steamed per ton of fuel	18.8 miles.
Total distance steamed since refit June 1947	16104 miles.
Total hours under way " " " "	1876 33/60 hours.

No record is held in the ship of distances and hours under way previous to the refit in June 1947.

J. M. K. K. K.

Lieutenant-Commander. R. A. N. R. (S)
Commanding Officer.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Reserve"
 Date 7th. May, 1948 Reference No. 68/48
 To The Flag-Officer-in-Charge, New South Wales, through
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Kuttabul"
 Subject H.M.A.S. "Reserve". Report of Proceedings, April, 1948

Submitted:

In accordance with C.N.O. 266/46 Report of Proceedings for month of April is appended.

- On the 1st. April the ship was secured alongside at Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island.
- April 2nd.: Slipped from Cruiser Wharf and proceeded to West Wall, Captain Cook Dock, Garden Island.
- April 2nd-7th.: Secured alongside West Wall, Captain Cook Dock, for machinery repairs.
- April 8th.: Slipped from West Wall and proceeded to Floating Dock 1002, Garden Island.
- April 9th-16th.: Secured in Floating Dock 1002.
- April 17th.: Slipped from Floating Dock 1002 and secured at West Wall, Captain Cook Dock.
- April 17th-21st.: Secured alongside West Wall.
- April 22nd.: Slipped and proceeded for Engine Room Trials in Harbour. Trials satisfactory. Returned and secured and at West Wall, Captain Cook Dock.
- April 23rd.: 0730. Ship slipped and proceeded to carry out J.B.X. Serial 32 in accordance with F.O.I.C.(S)210548 April, 1948. 0755. Battle Practice Target in tow. 0830. J.B.X. Serial 32 cancelled by H.M.A.S. "Australia". Returned to harbour. 0832. Towing wire parted 0905. Target secured alongside. 0945. Slipped target to Harbour Tug "Heros". 1045. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Dubbo" at Cruiser Wharf. 1540. Slipped from H.M.A.S. "Dubbo" and proceeded to West Bank Wall, Captain Cook Dock.
- April 24th.-30th.: Secured alongside West Wall, Captain Cook Dock.

Conduct of Ship's Company: Satisfactory.

Health of Ship's Company: Good.

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Lieut-Commander R.A.N.R. (S)
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Reserve".

Date 14th. February 1948. Reference No. 22 /48.

To Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W. through Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. Kuttabul.

Subject H.M.A.S. "RESERVE", REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. JANUARY 1948.

Submitted,

In accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/45 report of proceedings for month of January 1948 is appended.

Vessel arrived from Melbourne 21st. December 1947.
Availability granted to give 2nd. Feb. 1948, to give Ship's Company long leave in two watches and to make good operational defects.

- Jan 1st. to 13th. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Kangaroo" at West Wall Captain Cook Dock.
- " 14th. 0850 Entered Floating dock Cockatoo dockyard for under water repairs. Commenced work as per Docking Defect List dated 23rd. Dec. 1947, including cleaning and painting ship's hull and rudder repairs which included the lowering of skeg by 2½" to enable rudder to be removed when required.
- " 19th. Extension of availability to 6th. Feb. approved by A.C.N.B. In addition ship's Suppl. Defect List dated 12th. Jan. 1948 was carried out by Cockatoo Dockyard and all items of the Main Defect List of 1st. Jan. 1948 not completed during period of major overhaul June/July 1947, were taken in hand and the work satisfactorily carried out.
- " 29th. Cleared Floating dock and secured along-side Coal Wharf Cockatoo Dockyard.
- " 29th. to 31st. Repairs to main machinery continued.
2. Conduct of Ship's Company, Satisfactory.
3. Health, Generally good. One case Pulmonary Abscess, landed.

W. H. Miller

Lieut. Cdr. R.A.N.R. (S).

Commanding Officer.

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Mr. Fisher
P.R.O.
N.H.R.S.
5/12/48

From The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"
Date 5th January 1948 Reference No. 5/48
To Flag Officer in Charge New South Wales
through Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "KUTTANUL"
Subject H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - Report of proceedings, December 1947

Submitted/

C No 266/46.

In accordance with ~~COMO 97/45~~, report of proceedings for month of December 1947 is appended.

2 On 30th November ship was at Yarra St. wharf, Geelong in company with H.M.A.S. Kangaroo for operations in Corio Bay.

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Dec. 1st Moved Fremantle and Castlemaine from south end Corio Bay to alongside Cootamundra at No. 3 AMS buoy,
2nd At Yarra St. wharf.

3rd Moved MRL from alongside Macquarie to alongside Burdekin.
Weather unsuitable for operations - returned to Yarra St wharf.

4th Moved Burdekin and Diemantina to no. 2 AMS buoy for inspection of frigate moorings.

5th Replaced Burdekin and Diemantina on no. 1 frigate buoy
Moved Wagga from AMS buoy to alongside Burdekin
Macquarie moved from no. 2 frigate buoy and replaced after inspection of moorings.

6th/7th At Yarra St. wharf.

8th 0950 Proceeded to Wagga with inspection party from FND.
1400 Proceeded to Wagga with S.O.R.F. and party.
1600 Returned to Yarra St. with S.O.R.F. and party.

9th At Yarra St. wharf.

10th Moved Bowen and Junee to no. 2 AMS buoy.

11th Moved Wagga to alongside Bowen at no. 2 buoy.

Moved Junee to no. 1 AMS buoy.

Moved Fremantle to alongside Junee.

1300 Operations completed - proceeded to Williamstown.

1620 Secured alongside Barwon at Outer East, Nelson Pier, Williamstown.

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 12/15th At Williamstown undergoing essential repairs.
 17th 1630 Proceeded to West wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne
 for fuelling.
 18th 0800 Commenced fuelling.
 19th 1130 Fuelling completed.
 1155 Slipped and proceeded towards Sydney.
 20th On passage.
 21st 1615 Secured alongside Kangaroo at West Dock wall, Garden Island.
 22/31st At West Dock wall, with Kangaroo.

Ship has been granted availability until 2nd February for purpose
 of granting 31 days leave in 2 watches to ships company and to
 carry out repairs to operational defects.

3
Conduct of ships company : Entirely satisfactory.
4 Health : Good; one minor accident only.

5 Figures :

Distance run	565 miles
Hours under way	51 hrs 25 mins
Average distance per ton of Dieseline	53.6 miles @ 11 knots
Total distance run since refit June 1947	7737.25 miles
Total hours under way since refit do.	930 hrs 35 mins
Average speed since refit ..	8.3 knots
Average speed for December ..	11 Knots

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 Commanding Officer

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "RESERVE"

Date 9th December 1947 Reference No. 90/47

To FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE NEW SOUTH WALES

Subject H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1947

Submitted/ CNO 266/46

In accordance with ~~CNO~~ 97/45, report of proceedings for month of November 1947 is appended.

2 On 31st October ship was at Kuttabul Dolphins, Garden Island undergoing repairs. Subsequent movements were as follows:

3 Nov. 1st/3rd

At Kuttabul Dolphins

4th

1130 Slipped and proceeded to carry out engine trials
1300 Secured at Kuttabul Dolphins, trials satisfactorily completed
1605 Slipped and proceeded towards Brisbane

6th

1730 Secured at New Farm Victualling Wharf, Brisbane

8th

0700 Slipped and proceeded down river to HMAS Whyalla
1000 Slipped with Whyalla and proceeded down river
1220 Slipped and streamed Whyalla and proceeded towards Melbourne

14th

0945 Secured at Princes Pier, Pt. Melbourne

18th

1000 Slipped and proceeded to Station Pier, Pt. Melbourne

22nd

0640 Slipped and proceeded alongside Whyalla
0900 Secured Whyalla alongside Gascoyne at Nelson Pier, Williamstown

24th

0805 Slipped and proceeded alongside Junee
0940 Slipped and proceeded with Junee in tow to Corio Bay
1445 Secured Junee alongside Bowen in Corio Bay
1808 Secured at Nelson Pier, Williamstown

25th/27th Undergoing repairs by Williamstown Dockyard

NO. 28th

- I015 Slipped and proceeded with MRL 253 in tow to Corio Bay
- I445 Secured MRL 253 alongside Macquarie in Corio Bay
- I500 Secured alongside Cootamundra, No.3 buoy
- I640 Secured at Yarra St. Wharf, Geelong

29th/30th

At Yarra St. Wharf.

3 Conduct of ships company : Entirely satisfactory.

4 Health : Good, Minor complaints only.

5 Machinery : Propelling machinery is being reported on seperately by Engineer Officer.

Emergency communication by telephone from bridge to engine room proved very unreliable when bridge propulsion controller broke down when ship was manoeuvring into wharf at Brisbane and when used during voyage to Melbourne, as the high noise level in the engine room makes understanding of orders from bridge to watchkeeper very difficult while manoeuvring ship by engine room control. This proved the urgency of request stated in my letter 40/47 of 8th Sept. 47 regarding fitting of acoustic booth in Engine room, and as was demonstrated to the Second Electrical Asst. at Garden Island at a trial held on 4th Nov. 47 as requested by memo 57/36/537 from Admiral Supt. Sydney.

6 Docking : This is overdue and condition of ships bottom makes it increasingly necessary.

<u>7</u> <u>Figures</u> :	Distance run	1579 miles
	Hours under way	184 hrs
	Average distance per ton of Dieseline	35.75 miles
		at 8.6 knots
	Total distance run since refit-June 1947	7172.25 miles
	Total hours under way since refit do.	879 hrs
	Average speed since refit	8.2 knots
	Average speed for November	8.6 "

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Commanding Officer

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No. 32/47

From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "Reserve"

Date 7th August 1947

To Flag Officer in Charge, New South Wales.
(Thro' Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "KUTTABUL").

Subject Monthly report of proceedings. July 1947

Submitted.

For information in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 the appended report of proceedings for the month of July 1947.

2. Passages for the month of July were as follows:-
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| 8th July 1947 | proceeded to sea A.M. & P.M. for speed trials. |
| 9th " " | Proceeded to Jervis Bay with pattern VI target, arriving same day. |
| 10th " " | Proceeded to sea with target for exercises returning to Jervis Bay P.M. |
| 11th " " | Returned to Sydney |
| 15th " " | Proceeded to Jervis Bay with battle practice target. |
| 22nd. " " | Proceeded to sea for exercises with Australian Squadron. No previous exercises due to adverse weather. |
| 22nd " " | Returned to Sydney. Remainder of the month was spent at Garden Island, Sydney, to complete refit. |

3. Officers. On 12th July 1947 Lieutenant Neville R.A.N.R.(S) was relieved in command by A/Lieutenant Commander R.H.Creasey R.A.N.R.(S). Lieutenant I.Allen is at present in hospital with a crushed ankle. Relief has not yet joined. In view of the possibility of towing work for long distances, it is submitted that consideration of the vessel being allowed three watchkeeping officers may be given.

4. Health of ship's company appears to be average. There has been no sickness of a serious nature.

5. Condition of ship. On first inspection, the general condition of the hull etc. appears to be satisfactory.

6. Machinery. Is undergoing completion of refit, which was much needed, having been badly neglected. On completion of refit, it is considered that this will be in better condition than for a long time past.

COMMANDING OFFICER

14 AUG 1947

H.M.A.S. "KUTTABUL"

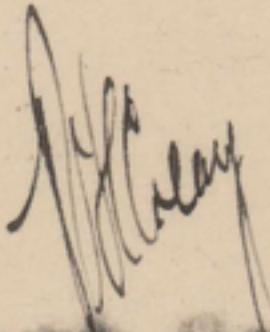
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7. Dockings. Consideration of dockings at six monthly intervals is requested, in view of the lengthy periods sometimes spent in ports.

8. Figures. Distance run during the month was 423 miles.
Hours under way 44 45/60
Average distance per ton of fuel 40.7 miles.
Average speed 9.44 knots.


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

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From C.O. HMAST Reserve

Date 1st Sept 1945 Reference No. _____

To NOIC (NC) Copy to ACNB

Subject Letter of proceedings Month of August 1945
Submitted

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1st Aug at Madang 1300 left Madang with "Trunga" and LCM in tow

2nd. 0800 arrived Wewak. Discharged stores.
1100 left Wewak with tow.

3rd. 0940 Arr Hollandia. Discharged stores

4th. 1305 Left Hollandia with tow.

5th & 6th. at sea

7th. 2045 Arr Morotai with tow.

8th. Discharged stores handed over "Trunga" and LCM

9th. Left Morotai

10, 11, 12, 13. at sea

14th. 1117 Arr Madang

15th. Left Madang

16th. 1445 Arr Langemak Bay. Fuelled
1730 left Langemak

17th. 1000 Arr Oro Bay discharged stores
1300 left Oro Bay

18th. 1050 Arr Milne Bay

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Subject Letter of Proceedings August 1945

Aug 19th 20th at Milne Bay
" 21st left Milne Bay with "Sterna" in tow
" 22nd at sea
" 23rd 1230. Anchored Torokina. Handed over tow
1415 left Torokina
24th at sea
25th 1610 Arr Madang
26th at Madang
27th 1205 Left Madang with "Rocklea" in tow
28th Arr Langemak at 1300 hrs. Rocklea commenced
taking fuel oil and dieselene.
29th 1025 Left Langemak with "Rocklea" in tow
30th 0742 Arr Madang with Rocklea
31st at Madang.

Crews health very good. Hull and fittings good except for engines which are beginning to give trouble. They are in much need of overhaul. Liners have done over 14000 hrs. It was recommended that they be changed after 6000 hrs.
Engine running time since commissioning 573 days
3 hrs 30 mins.
Effert Lt Cdr RANR(S)
60. Reserve

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From Commanding Officer HMAS Reserve

Date 1st April 1945 Reference No. _____

To NOIC New Guinea (copy to Secretary Naval Board)

Subject letter of Proceedings for March 1945

From the 1st to the 3rd March this vessel lay in Subic Bay, Luzon Island, awaiting orders to join a convoy bound to Leyte.

2. At 0635 on the 4th departure was taken from Subic Bay and a southbound convoy from Lingayen Gulf was joined off the Port. The passage was uneventful and the convoy anchored off San Pedro Bay, Leyte, at 2045 on 7th March, moving to a berth in the Bay at 1045 the following day.

3. Orders were received on 12th March to proceed at 1200 to Guinan, Samar, to assist during the assembling of Advanced Base Sectional Dock Number 5 (A.B.S.D. 5). The vessel anchored in Guinan Harbour at 1710 the same day.

4. At 0855 on the 13th orders were received to assist Y.F.D. 644 to place the forward section of that Dock in position and when this was done to put strain on the anchor cables to

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take up the slack so that further anchors could be dropped. This work was carried out on the 13th, 14th and 15th. That evening at 1700 H.M.A.S. "Reserve" anchored near the sections of A.B.S.D.S.

5. At 0645 on the 16th orders arrived to weigh and proceed to Bueth 245, then to take a 75 Ton Floating crane in tow and place it alongside S.S. "William Fargo" at Jacoban, heite. At 1900 the same evening the tow was completed and the ship secured alongside S.S. "William Fargo" for the night, returning to Guianan on the 17th and anchoring at 1835.

6. At 0645 on the 18th orders were received to proceed forthwith to San Pedro Bay to tow Y.F. 610 back to Guianan. At 1310 the towline was secured and departure was taken at 1315 for Guianan; arriving there at 1845 that evening.

7. On the 19th March Y.F. 610 was secured on A.B.S.D.S. for transshipment of stores and later in the day towed back to her anchorage.

8. With a party of U.S.N. Officers aboard the ship departed at 0640 on the 21st for the U.S. Naval Base on Kalikoan Island returning to her anchorage at 1630.

9. On the 22nd at 1035 secured alongside U.S. Tanker 26 for fuel oil and returned to anchorage on completion at 1510.

10. From the 23rd to the 31st routine work was carried out on board while awaiting the arrival of the last 4 sections of the Dock, which had been delayed by storms.

During this period the passage of two typhoons restricted activities and HMAS "Reserve" was kept standing by in case any of the Sections or Barges under the orders of A.B.S.D.S dragged anchor and went on the reefs which infest the anchorage.

11. Engineer lieutenant Goff R.A.N.R.(S) was discharged to HMAS "Penguin" for medical examination, p.m. on the 27th March, upon orders from Naval Board. Engineer lieutenant Dalrymple R.A.N.R.(S) took over as chief engineer.

12. On 31st March the commanding officer lieutenant D. Morrison R.A.N.R.(S) was examined by the Medical Officer A.B.S.D.S and removed to the Sick Bay of A.P.L. 17, aboard which vessel the commanding officer A.B.S.D.S is quartered pending the completion of the Dock.

John Pye
lieutenant R.A.N.R.
A/Commanding Officer.

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