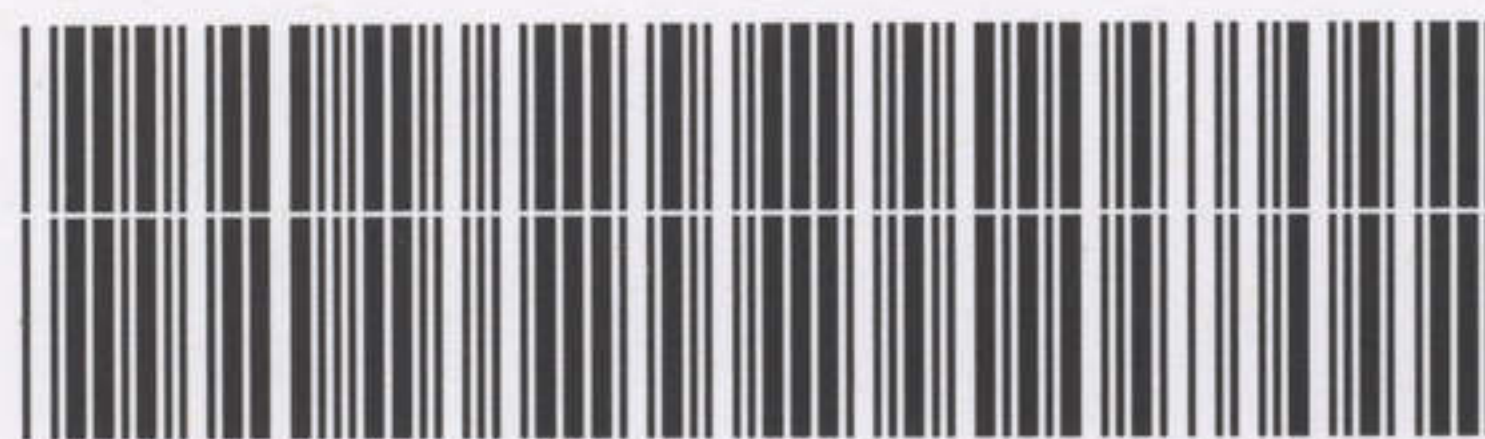


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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM"

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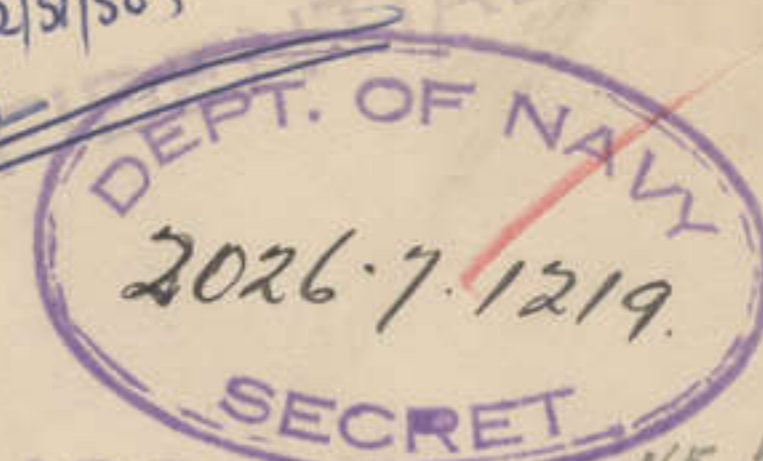
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From COMMANDING OFFICER,

Date 6th. January, 1945 Reference No. HM 06/ 41.

To THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-- DECEMBER 1944.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin, N.T. letter NT 0599/5 dated 30th October 1944 the attached copy of Monthly Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Horsham" for month of December 1944.

W.H. Newby

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

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RESTRICTEDMONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM"DECEMBER 1944.

On Friday 1st. December in course of Survey Operations in Browse Island area, as directed by C.T.U. 70.5.3; continuing for following days. Action stations were closed up at 1032 Sunday 3rd. December when escorted merchant ship seen approaching. Identified as H.M.A.S. "Fremantle" with convoy. Tide poles and parties were recovered from Browse Island, and p.m. Sunday joined H.M.A.S. "Moresby" and proceeded to Darwin N.T. Practice firings were carried out with 40 mm. Bofors gun at surface target a.m. Monday 4th. with satisfactory results. Entered Darwin, N.T. harbour at noon Tuesday, 5th. December and commenced fuelling at Boom jetty 1300. Fuelling and watering completed 1630 and ship proceeded to anchorage in harbour. Boiler cleaning commenced 0800 Wednesday 6th. December with 5 Humber stokers from H.M.A.S. "Melville" to assist. Stores and provisions as required embarked while at anchor. Seamen hands employed painting and working ship. Sunday 10th. depot stokers returned ashore at 1510. Boiler clean completed and steam raised by 0400 Monday, 11th. December. Passed out through boom gate 0831 and course set for survey area. 2035 A meteorite of extraordinary magnitude was observed travelling from East to West, illuminating the sky for some miles. 2119 Exchanged identities with H.M. Submarine "Storm". Arrived Cassini Island 1800 December 12th. joined group.

Sounding operations and fixes carried out in company as Lieutenant Saunders and observation party embarked ex "Moresby" Friday 15th, for Saturday's operations fixing beacons. Anchored Saturday night, and at 0600 Sunday 17th. commenced further sounding operations. Continued until Monday when Lieutenant Hardstaff and recorders joined from "Moresby" and proceeded to carry out sounding runs until Wednesday 20th December, when returned to "Moresby" 1140. Course set at 1343 to return to Darwin, N.T. station being taken on beam bearing distant 2 miles from senior ship. 1435 Liberty ship and Beaufort aircraft escort on Westerly course passed at 1435. Thursday 21st, a depth charge was dropped for practice. Arrived at Darwin 0625 Friday 22nd. and passed in through boom gate. Made fast at main jetty and ship fuelled between 0830 and 1415. Tentative Inclining Experiment carried out in slack water whilst alongside. Darwin base torpedo officer carried out an electrical inspection of the Ship --report good. Saturday 23rd. at anchor.. Darwin base gunnery officer carried out gunnery inspection of Ship and reported armament in very good condition.

Christmas Day was spent in harbour, and a good time had by all. Meals were excellent. Wednesday 27th. December weighed and proceeded in company H.M.A.S. "Shepparton", "Castlemaine", and "June" for Survey Area, passing through boom gate at 0808. At 0908 commenced survey operations in the Western approaches. Friday 29th. December closed up action stations - submarine alarm. Contact identified as U.S.S "Perch" with sister ship. Weighed beacons. Weather very poor, fixing positions assisted with H. E. Shell bursts. Saturday 30th. December continued operations which were delayed at times by inclement weather. 1755 Practice firings carried out with A.A. weapons at rocket targets. Anchored for night at 2345, Sunday 31st. December.

SUMMARY

The Ship's Company have been in fairly good health throughout the month of December 1944. Some cases of 'Boils' have appeared owing to shortage of fresh provisions which have not been in such good supply recently. Prickly heat and perspiration rash occurs as previously. There has been approximately 15% of the Ship's Company treated by the Sick Berth Attendant for "Tropical Ear".

One rating in Darwin Naval Hospital for gastro-intestinal observation.

One stoker rating serving 21 days detention at Military Detention Barracks.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance Steamed	3242.9 miles
Hours under way	328 hours 12 min.
Average distance per ton of oil fuel	11.223 miles

TOTAL FIGURES.

Total distance steamed	65,598 miles
Total hours under way	7542 hours 6 min.
At an average speed of	8.698 knots.

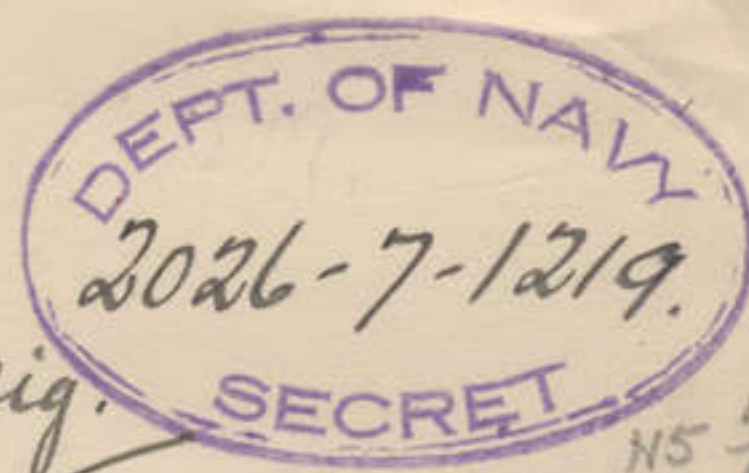
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H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM".

1st. November, 1945.

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM"
OCTOBER, 1945.

A.M.
Month commenced with H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM" at Darwin. At 0700 on the 7th. October weighed and proceeded in company with "BENALLA" and "ECHUCA" for further survey of route between Point Jahleel and Thursday Island. At 2115 took up station for soundings which commenced at 2130. Stopped sounding at 0600 on the 10th. October, passed Carpentaria Light Ship at 0815 and made fast alongside, Thursday Island at 1520 for fuel and stores. At 1245 "ECHUCA" proceeded to Brisbane.

2. At 1135 on 12th. October, weighed and proceeded in company with "BENALLA" for return sounding run to Point Jahleel. At 1815 anchored off Carpentaria Light Ship, position of which was fixed by evening stars. At 1920 weighed and took station for sounding which commenced at 2000. Fine and clear weather. Stopped sounding at 1610 on the 14th. October when ships returned to Darwin. Anchored in the stream at 1100 on the 15th., proceeding alongside for fuel and stores at 1320.

3. At 0800 on the 17th. October let go from wharf and proceeded in company with "BENALLA" for survey ground North of Bathurst Island. At 2030 took station and commenced sounding. Anchored for night at 2330 on the 18th. Weighed and resumed sounding at 0600, 19th. until 2045 thence to anchor in Popham Bay at 2235. At 0630, 20th. weighed and returned to Darwin, making fast to main jetty at 1545 for fuel and stores.

4. At 0630 on the 23rd. weighed and proceeded to join "BENALLA" at Port Essington. Arrived and anchored at 1900. Weighed and proceeded with "BENALLA" at 0630 the following day to continue sounding operation North of Melville Island, which commenced at 1230. Anchored for the night at 1900. Fine and clear weather. Weighed at 0630, 25th., and resumed sounding until 1750 when anchored for the night. Weighed at 0500, 26th., and resumed sounding until 1815 when anchored in Popham Bay. Weighed at 1830 on the 27th. and proceeded to weigh beacons, which completed, returned to Popham Bay and anchored at 1730. Weighed at 0630 the next day 28th. October and returned to Darwin, making fast to Main Jetty at 1537 for fuel and stores.

5. Sub Lieutenant R. Brasch joined on the 29th. as Gunnery Officer in lieu Lieutenant M. Rae, promoted to First Lieutenant, the First Lieutenant, Lieutenant Commander Downey being discharged to "BENALLA" for passage to Fremantle.

6. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company has been good throughout the month.

7. Condition of the Mess Decks was very good.

8. Abstract of distance steamed and hours under weigh is attached.

TO.

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
Melbourne, S.C.I.

W.H. Newby.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
R.A.N.R. (S).
COMMANDING OFFICER

H.M.A.S. "HORSHAM".

Ist. November, 19 45

ABSTRACT OF DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS
UNDER WEIGH.

Distance Steamed	2965.1 Miles.
Hours under weigh	288 Hrs. 10 minutes.
Average distance per ton of oil fuel	10.13 Miles.

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TOTALS

Distance Steamed	93,249 Miles.
Hours under weigh	11,057 Hours.
At an average speed of	8.433 Knots.

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W. H. Newby

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