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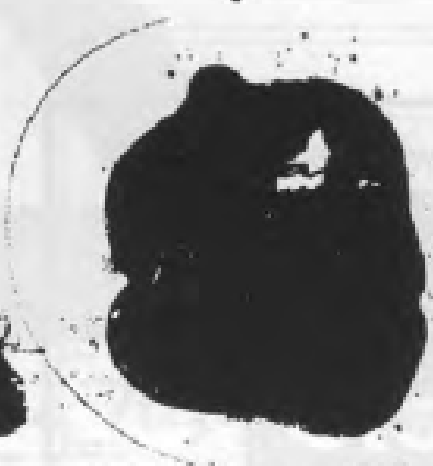

## **Naval Historical Review – Vol17 No.4 (December 1996)**

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a Short History of the Queensland Defence Force (Marine) 1900-1907

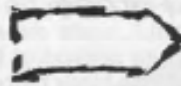
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I write this on 28/12/40. The triangle  
in Gold Bullion Lace represents my Sub:  
Lieutenant's Spentini Rank Brags in the Queensland  
Marine Corps under The Queensland Defence Act  
1884 see section 7 of The Defence Act 1884 Qld.  
The officer's Uniforms were exactly similar to  
the Imperial Naval uniforms with this exception that  
the Spentini Coat in R.N. was replaced by the triangle  
in the Queensland Naval forces. I also wish to note  
a further exception which was that the Green  
Uniform Buttons in addition to the Crown Anchor  
the letter  $\{H M\}$  diademine, these emblems (Her  
Majesty's Queensland Navy) I have endeavoured  
rather unsuccessfully to take an impression of  
a button from one of my uniforms above.  
I write as one of those whose efforts helped to  
found the Australian Navy in which as

as result of Federation the Queensland  
 Marine Defence Force was absorbed,  
 when the Commonwealth Naval Forces  
 were created by Commonwealth Legislation  
 May I interpolate the marks  on the  
 previous page indicate the size of my shoulder  
 straps on one of my white Duck uniforms  
 from which I cut the badge above



I append the Uniform Regulations that  
 governed us until the Commonwealth Regulations  
 superseded.

QUEENSLAND MARINE DEFENCE FORCE

GENERAL ORDER

By Captain WALTON DAVIS, Q.M.D.F., Acting  
 Commandant, Q.D.F.

Head-Quarters, Naval  
 Brisbane, 27 July, 1900

No. 254.

Previous Uniform Regulations for Officers are hereby cancelled.  
 The following are the descriptions of the Uniforms to be worn by the  
 Officers of the Queensland Defence Force (Marine) :-

Dresses.	Occasions.
No. 1. Full-Frock coat, cocked hat, epaulettes, plain blue trousers, sword, undress belt, white gloves	State occasions, and special ceremonies and entertainments at discretion of Senior Staff Executive Officer.
No. 2. Half and Mess Dress - Blue jacket, white or blue mess waistcoat, laced trousers, white gloves	Official and public balls, and special dinner and evening entertainments.
No. 3. Frock Coat - Frock coat, morning waistcoat, plain blue or white trousers, cap, sword, undress belt, white gloves	Ordinary occasions of duty and ceremony on shore or afloat, funerals, court-martial, dances, entertainments, &c., in the daytime.
No. 4. Undress - Undress coat, single-breasted with stand-up collar; morning waistcoat, plain blue or white trousers, cap, sword, undress belt, brown dogskin gloves.	Drills and exercises, and occasions of duty ashore and afloat as requisite.
White Undress - White undress coat, shoulder straps, white trousers, helmet or white cap-cover, sword, undress belt, brown dogskin gloves	As above.
No. 5. Mess Undress - Blue or white jacket, plain blue trousers, evening waistcoat (blue or white) or white cummerbund	At ordinary mess dinner, evening lectures, and entertainments.

Gaiters will be worn as ordered.

The gold lace triangle surmounting the upper distinctive stripe on Executive Naval Brigade Officers' Uniform shall enclose an equilateral triangle of blue cloth with sides three-quarter inch, and the buttons on the sleeves of Commissioned Officers' Uniform may be discontinued in future.

founders of the present very excellent Commonwealth Navy. Many of our officers passed automatically in to that Navy and "Handed on the Torch".

I am glad that I have had two sons, who at the time I write, are officers on Active Service in the Royal Australian Navy.<sup>(4)</sup>

30.12.40

H.S. HARRINGTON

**Editors notes:**

(1) Captain Simon Harrington, RAN, grandson of H.S. Harrington

(2) G.L. Macandie, Secretary to the Naval Board at the time this letter was written - 28/12/1940.

(3) Vice-Admiral Sir (Wilfred) Hastings Harrington, KBE, CB, DSO. Later Chief of Naval Staff, RAN. Son of the author.

(4) Lieutenant Commander W.H. Harrington RAN - "YARRA" and Surgeon Lieutenant C.F. Harrington DSC, RAN - Lost in "Parramatta".

**Enclosures**

(a) Queensland Naval Defence Force. General Order 8/5/1902.

(b) Queensland Marine Defence Force, December 1900. H.Q. and District Staffs.

(c) Appointment as Sub-Lieutenant in the Queensland Naval Force as from 20th December 1900.

(d) Appointment Terminated 29th November 1928.

**QUEENSLAND NAVAL DEFENCE FORCE.**

**GENERAL ORDER.**

By Captain W. R. CRESSWELL, C.M.G., Naval Commandant.

Head-Quarters, Naval Defence Force,  
Brisbane, 8th May, 1902.

No. 356.

THE following are the Results of Examinations for Substantive Rank and Promotion of Officers, Naval Defence, held in the State of Queensland, in accordance with Commonwealth Gazette Notice of 19th December, 1901 :-

Index Number.	Name.	Rank.	QUALIFICATIONS IN PRACTICAL DRILL.				EXAMINATION BY PAPERS.			Aggregate Percentage of Marks.	Remarks.
			Gun Drill.	Rifle, Outfits, and Field Exercises.	Boat Practice & Semaphore.	Ammunition and Fuzes.	Paper A. Marks 100.	Paper H. Marks 100.	Paper O. Marks 100.		
1	...	Acting Sub-Lieut.	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	28	65	46	46	Failed; allowed to resign
2	...	do.	do.	Indif.	Indif.	do.	39	39	26	26	do.
3	William Sellars Bennett	do.	Good	Good	Fair	Good	90	71	82	81	Passed for Sub-Lieut.
4	...	do.	Fair	Fair	do.	Fair	50	42	41	44	Failed; allowed to resign
5	...	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	29	54	39	40	do.
6	...	do.	do.	do.	do.	do.	14	40	38	30	do.
7	Charles McLay	Sub-Lieut.	Good	Good	Good	Good	84	76	78	79	Passed for Lieut.
8	Harold Moreton Rutledge	Acting Sub-Lieut.	Fair	do.	do.	do.	83	66	68	72	Passed for Sub-Lieut.
9	Thomas Arthur Bond	do.	Good	Fair	do.	Fair	73	71	54	66	do.
10	Rowland Griffith Bowen	do.	do.	Good	do.	do.	69	52	64	61	do.
11	Hubert Ernest Harrington	do.	Fair	Fair	do.	Good	67	57	67	63	do.
12	...	do.	do.	do.	do.	Fair	51	39	36	42	Failed; allowed to resign
13	John Whittaker Ward	do.	Good	Good	do.	Good	83	81	75	79	Passed for Sub-Lieut.
14	Charles Thomas Stephens	do.	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	42	66	69	69	do.
15	Edwin Adolphus Blackburn	do.	Good	do.	Good	Good	68	77	57	67	do.

NOTE.—The names of Officers who failed to pass are not published, but the index numbers will enable unsuccessful candidates to trace the marks which they have obtained in the various subjects.

25th March, 1902.  
WALTON DRAKE, R.N., Officer Commanding Naval Corps, }  
J. A. H. BERESFORD, Officer Instructor, Naval Corps, } Board of Examiners.  
By Order,  
J. A. H. BERESFORD, Lieutenant, Officer Instructor, Q.N.D.F.

**QUEENSLAND MARINE DEFENCE FORCE.**

DECEMBER, 1900.

Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE C. W. A. NAPIER, BARON  
LAMINGTON, G.C.M.G.  
9th October, 1895.

Honorary Aide-de-Camp.

Lieutenant George Arthur Hamilton Curtis, R.N.R., 1st Lieutenant, H.M.Q.S.  
"Gayundah," 26th July, 1899.

**HEAD-QUARTERS' STAFF.**

Naval Commandant.	Date of First Appointment.	Date of Appointment to present Rank.
Captain William Rooker Cresswell, Ret. R.N., C.M.G.	May 1, 1900	May 1, 1900
Officer Commanding Naval Corps.		
Commander Walton Drake, Ret. R.N.	Jan. 1, 1896	May 1, 1900
Officer Instructor Naval Corps.		
Lieutenant Joseph Arthur Hamilton Beresford	May 1, 1897	Mar. 23, 1898
Staff Paymaster and Secretary to Naval Commandant.		
Edward Vincent Pollock	Oct. 10, 1886	Jan. 9, 1889

Chief Gunner and Storekeeper  
(T) PN in Harry Benda Miles June 5, 1899 May 18, 1899

**DISTRICT STAFF.**

**SOUTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT.**

**BRISBANE.**

Chief Gunner and Instructor, John Rogers	Jan. 11, 1900
Instructor Thomas P. Jones	May 1, 1900
Instructor Patrick Keane	Nov. 1, 1900
Torpedo Instructor John Thorne	Jan. 1, 1901
Assistant Storekeeper George Samuel Green	May 1, 1899
Bandmaster Daniel George Bloomfield	Dec. 1, 1899

**MARYBOROUGH.**

Gunner and Instructor Alfred Richard Knowles Mar. 1, 1900

**BUNDABERG.**

Acting Gunner and Instructor William Lewis Aug. 1, 1900

**CENTRAL MILITARY DISTRICT.**

**ROCKHAMPTON.**

Acting Gunner and Instructor George J. Jones Aug. 18, 1900

Date of Commission or Appointment.

MARYBOROUGH (14 Companies).

Lieut. John Alexander Cairns Penny  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Hubert Ernest Harrington  
Acting Sub-Lieut. John Melville Horsburgh  
Engineer James Parker Howitt

Feb. 1, 1898  
Jan. 1, 1900  
Jan. 1, 1900  
Aug. 23, 1900

BUNDABERG (1 Company).

Acting Lieut. Robert Stiller  
Sub-Lieut. Harold Kilner  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Harold Morston Rutledge  
Sergeon Thomas William Francis, M.R.C.S., E., L.R.C.P., L.

Sept. 20, 1900  
April 21, 1900  
Sept. 22, 1900  
May 9, 1900

ROCKHAMPTON (1 Company).

Acting Lieut. Thomas Penlington  
Acting Sub-Lieut. William Sellars Hennett  
Acting Sub-Lieut. William Henry Carr-Boyd  
Sergeon Newton Wade, M.R.C.S., E., L.R.C.P., L.

May 7, 1900  
May 7, 1900  
May 7, 1900  
May 8, 1900

MACKAY (1 Company).

Acting Lieut. Alfred Gibbs  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Thomas William Peck  
Acting Sub-Lieut. James Henry Thornber  
Sergeon Arthur Palmer Hensell, M.B., B.S., Melb.

June 23, 1900  
May 11, 1900  
May 11, 1900  
June 8, 1900

TOWNSVILLE (2 1/2 Companies).

Lieut. Charles George Gray  
Sub-Lieut. Thomas Nisbet  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Ralph Herbert Paul  
Sergeon  
Chaplain (N. Division) Rev. Joseph Pike

Sept. 1, 1899  
Dec. 1, 1899  
July 1, 1900  
Sept. 1, 1896

CAIENS (14 Companies).

Lieut. John Gilbert  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Edmund Allen  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Thomas Spence  
Sergeon Edward Albert Koch, M.D., Univ. Glasg.

Sept. 1, 1899  
Sept. 1, 1899  
Sept. 1, 1899  
Sept. 1, 1899

WARRANT OFFICERS.

Chief Carpenter Stephen Bartlett  
Boatswain (Moreton Bay Pilotage Duties) Michael Brennan

April 1, 1895  
Mar. 1, 1899

Naval Volunteer Cadet Corps.

BRISBANE (2 Companies).  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Rowland Griffith Bowen  
MARYBOROUGH (1 Company).  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Algernon Howard Moreton  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Horace John Page  
BUNDABERG (1 Company).  
ROCKHAMPTON (1 Company).  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Duncan Thomas Milne  
MACKAY (1 Company).  
Sub-Lieut. Hugh Adrian  
CAIENS (1 Company).  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Seymour Herbert Wares

Feb. 12, 1900  
Sept. 14, 1900  
Sept. 18, 1900  
Dec. 9, 1900  
May 12, 1900  
Dec. 8, 1900

Date of Appointment to present Rank.

NORTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT.

MAGEAY.  
Acting Gunner and Instructor, Ernest Widdup

Aug. 23, 1900

TOWNSVILLE.

Chief Gunner and Instructor, William Henry Blake  
Acting Gunner and Instructor, Edward Pember

April 1, 1898  
July 26, 1900

CAIENS.

Gunner and Instructor, Samuel Toombs

May 1, 1899

H.M.Q.S. GAYENDAH, 4. Steel Twin-screw Gun-Vessel, 360 Tons, 400 H.P.

Captain William R. Creswell, C.M.G.  
Lieutenant (N.) Geo. Arthur Hamilton Curtin, R.N.R.  
Acting Chief Engineer, Alfred Allen Barnes  
Chief Boatman, James Gready  
Gunner, Arthur Campbell  
Artificer Engineer, Joseph Dole

May 1, 1900  
Nov. 1, 1898  
Aug. 18, 1900  
Dec. 1, 1899  
Jan. 1, 1899  
Dec. 1, 1898

PALUMA, 4. Steel Twin-screw Gun-Vessel, 360 Tons, 400 H.P. (Reserve.)

MOSQUITO, 1 (Nordenfeldt). Second-class Steel Torpedo Boat.

MIDGE, 2 (Nordenfeldt). Pocket Steam Pinnace.

Naval Brigade.

LUCINDA. Government Steam Yacht.  
Lieut. (N.) James Hodder South  
Chief Engineer John Barclay

Mar. 14, 1892  
Mar. 14, 1892

OTTIER, 2. Steel Twin-screw Armal Tender, 290 Tons, 470 H.P.

Lieut. (N.) Alexander Junner  
Engineer John Frederick Shale

Mar. 23, 1899  
April 23, 1900

COMPANY OFFICERS.

BRISBANE (5 Companies).

Lieut. William John Weatherill  
Lieut. Samuel Augustus Pethbridge  
Lieut. Waverley Fletcher Cameron  
Lieut. George Benjamin Barnett  
Sub-Lieut. William Horsburgh Beattie  
Sub-Lieut. Charles McLay  
Sub-Lieut. John Marcus Stewart  
Sub-Lieut. William Harris  
Sub-Lieut. Ernest William Cameron  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Edwin Adolphus Blackboro  
Acting Sub-Lieut. John Whitaker Ward  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Thomas Arthur Bond  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Charles Octavius Vidgen  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Trevor Neilson  
Acting Sub-Lieut. Canon Richard Arthur Hay, M.A.  
Chaplain Rev. Canon Richard Arthur Hay, M.A.  
Sergeon Robert Augustus Meek, M.B., B.S., Melb.  
Sergeon Claude Somerville Hawkes, M.R.C.S., E., L.R.C.P., L.

April 1, 1893  
April 4, 1894  
April 6, 1894  
Oct. 9, 1893  
April 6, 1899  
April 19, 1899  
Nov. 1, 1899  
Nov. 14, 1899  
Feb. 9, 1900  
Mar. 15, 1900  
Mar. 15, 1900  
Sept. 1, 1900  
Sept. 6, 1900  
Sept. 10, 1900  
June 5, 1900  
Aug. 1, 1900  
Aug. 3, 1900

\* Completed Annual Course of Gunnery Training.

## UNATTACHED OFFICERS.

Commander Alexander Leeper (retired Commander R.N.)	Aug. 6, 1896
Hon. Commander Thomas Michael Almond	Oct. 1, 1898
Lieut. V. E. de F. Pennafather	April 16, 1886
Retired: Alexander Douglas (late R.N.)	May 11, 1885
Lieut. Hugh P. H. Bennell (late R.N.)	May 14, 1885
Lieut. H. Cornwall Eyre	Oct. 31, 1887
Lieut. W. C. Hume	Aug. 6, 1896
Lieut. Thomas Fulton Swallow	Oct. 9, 1896
Lieut. (N.) John Jacob Fawcett	May 28, 1894
Acting Lieut. (N.) Arthur Hugh Neville Osher	April 1, 1899
Lieut. (N.) Sydney Mercer Smith	Dec. 20, 1899
Lieut. (N.) William Hurford	Feb. 1, 1900
Lieut. (N.) Joseph Edward Butcher	Feb. 9, 1900
Lieut. (N.) Edward James Hamill	Feb. 20, 1900
Lieut. (N.) Thomas Law Johnston	Feb. 26, 1900
Lieut. (N.) Francis George Lee	Mar. 10, 1900
Lieut. (N.) George Andrews	Mar. 26, 1900
Lieut. (N.) John Dempsey Joy	April 4, 1900
Lieut. (N.) James Grull	April 21, 1900
Lieut. (N.) A. C. Mackenzie	May 17, 1900
Sub-Lieut. S. B. H. Smith	May 1, 1898
Staff Engineer Thomas Bennett	Jan. 16, 1888
Chief Engineer Robert Wilson	May 10, 1885
Surgeon H. A. F. E. Kortum, M.D., Civ., Berlin	Aug. 21, 1891
Surgeon Walter Fisher, L.R.C.S., Edin., L.F.P.S., Glas.	Mar. 15, 1900

\* Completed Annual Course of Quinary Training.

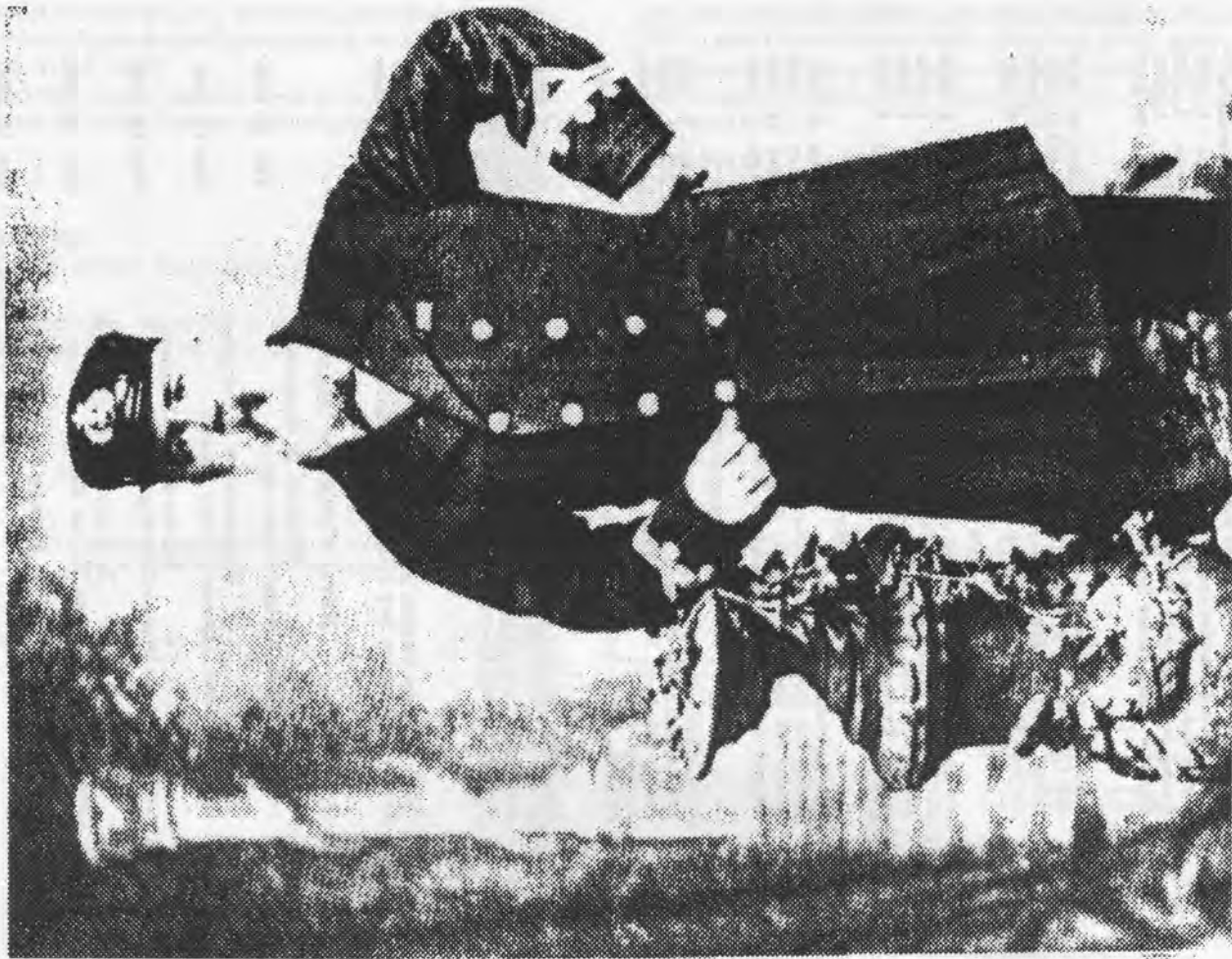
## RETIRED LIST

Name	Date of Commission	Appointment in Retired List
Lieut. Henry M. Chester (late R.I.N.)	June 2, 1885	July 1, 1898
Lieut. Robert R. B. Williams	April 18, 1885	July 1, 1898
Lieut. Walter M. Byrr	Nov. 1, 1890	July 1, 1898
Lieut. Alfred Cowie	July 24, 1891	July 1, 1898
Lieut. William M. Lee Bryce	Jan. 1, 1892	July 1, 1898
Lieut. Patrick Ruoka	April 10, 1894	July 1, 1898
Sub-Lieut. Robert Sturt	Nov. 6, 1889	July 1, 1898
Sub-Lieut. John R. Hamilton	Jan. 9, 1892	July 1, 1898
Sub-Lieut. Robert Campbell	April 19, 1894	July 1, 1898
Lieut. (N.) Robert Keen	Feb. 16, 1892	July 1, 1898
Lieut. William Archer Ackers	Feb. 4, 1887	Sept. 6, 1898
Chief Gunner William Mudford	July 1, 1887	Mar. 1, 1900

W. R. CRESWELL.

Naval Commandant.

\* Copy of photo attached &amp;





DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

NAVY OFFICE.

MELBOURNE, 5<sup>th</sup> December 1928

Notification of Appointment under Naval Defence Act.

(Gazetted 29<sup>th</sup> November 1928, Page 3280.)

To Hubert Ernest Harrington, Esq. —

You are hereby notified that your ~~has been~~ appointment as Sub-Lieutenant on the Retired List of the Citizen Naval Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, Royal Australian Naval Reserve, has been terminated.

Appointment to take effect from \_\_\_\_\_

By direction of the Naval Board.

Seniority in rank: \_\_\_\_\_

[Handwritten signature]

Secretary,

Naval Board.

D. 9/26/19/27.—C. 17339.—80.

No 22/564

NAVAL OFFICE

MAY 23 1902

Sir,

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General, in and over the Commonwealth of Australia, has been pleased to appoint you to be a Sub-Lieutenant in the Queensland Naval Force as from 20th December, 1900. Notification thereof appeared in the Commonwealth Gazette of 23rd May, 1902.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Secretary Naval Commandant.

Sub-Lieutenant H. E. Harrington,

Queensland Naval Force,

MARYBOROUGH.