

Cristobal, C. Z.
May 10th, 1943.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the undersigned Diver was working around the stern of the S. S. "FORT CONNOLLY" at Cristobal on May 8th., 9th. and 10th. 1943 clearing a manila line, wire rope and kedge anchor which had fouled the ship's propeller and rudder. First I removed the anchor which was suspended alongside the rudder on the port side with the cable fouled in the screw and under the rope guard. Then I removed the top half of the rope guard and finally the bottom half of the rope guard, after which I was able to remove all the rope and wire cable.

In the course of this work I observed the following:-

Propeller Blades: Small abrasions on the leading edges of the blades apparently caused by the cable.

Stern tube fastenings: Intact. Safety wire still in place.

Rudder: No damage found. Pintles sound and free of rope.
No. damage found on framework.

Screw Shaft: Minor abrasions found on shaft liner underneath the rope guard. Caused by cable. Not serious.

Rope Guard: Top half lost after removal. Bottom half placed on board.

Stern Section of Hull: No damage found:

(Sgd) B. K. Lyon,

Diver.

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