

"EXCELLENCE AWARDS"

AUSTRALIAN SELECTED WEATHER REPORTING SHIPS

Following recommendations by the Commission for Maritime Meteorology and the practice established by overseas maritime countries, especially the British Commonwealth, and with the concurrence of the Minister for the Interior, the Australian Meteorological service has inaugurated the presentation of awards to certain Selected Weather Reporting Ships which, by reason of a consistently maintained high standard of accuracy and continuity of reports, have been deemed worthy of recognition.

The first ship so selected was M.V. "DUNTROON". This vessel was recruited in November 1950 and on the 23rd of that month commenced transmitting weather reports whilst on passage across the Bight and to date has furnished some 2000 reports.

As the majority of observing officers have had relatively short periods of service in the ship, it was decided that recognition by the Bureau would take the form of a Citation to the ship, an Award, consisting of an inscribed framed print - Early Melbourne 1861 - presented to the Captain and officers both of these being permanently exhibited in the ship's lounge, and a personal Award to Mr. D.G. Eadie, Radio Officer, who has had over five years continuous service in the "Duntroon".

The photograph (frontispiece) shows the Director, Mr. L.J. Dwyer, making the presentation on 23rd March 1956 to Mr. Eadie; the Ship Citation and Award may be seen to the right of the Master, Captain L.N. Fry. A Ministerial letter of appreciation was also handed to the Master, Captain L.N. Fry, from the Hon. Allan Fairhall M.H.R.

A pleasant ceremony concluded when all present were guests of the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company, Mr. D. York-Syme, in the ship's smoke room.S.W.S.R.