

**STUDIES ON NEOTROPICAL PROTONEURIDAE. 7. *EPIPLEONEURA*
WESTFALLI SPEC. NOV. FROM THE AMAZON REGION
(ZYGOPTERA)**

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E. westfalli sp. n. (holotype ♂, allotype ♀ and paratypes: Giparana, Rondonia, Brazil) is described and illustrated. The new species is closely related to *E. humeralis* (Selys, 1886) and *E. machadoi* Racenis, 1960.

INTRODUCTION

During our 1961 expedition to the region of the river Giparana in the State of Rondonia, Brazil, we collected a species of *Epipleoneura* which was tentatively determined as *E. humeralis* (Selys, 1886). The determination was based mainly on the presence of a deep V-shaped excavation in the posterior lobe of the female prothorax, a character which according to SELYS (1886), distinguishes *humeralis* from all the other known species of his sub-genus *Protoneura*. However, redescription of the type of *E. humeralis*, represented by a single female in Selys' collection (MACHADO, 1984), revealed that the species from the river Giparana even though very close to *humeralis* is specifically distinct from it.

The new species, now described, is named after my dear friend Professor Dr MINTER WESTFALL in appreciation of his contribution to the knowledge of dragonflies.