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From : The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 1358.
Date : 2nd September, 1945.
To : The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
Subject : PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1945

Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 and CGNO 19/45

For the month of August the ship was stationed at Hollandia for harbour A/S defence. During the period 264 hours were spent on patrol.

Until the 8th the ship was undergoing a top overhaul on the main engines carried out by ship's staff and U.S.N. Destroyer Repair Base staff.

On the 14th H.M.A.S. Martindale coming alongside at sea with stores, damaged the port depth charge rubbing strake and knocked an engine room ventilator over the side. The repairs to the rubbing strake were effected by U.S.N. Destroyer Repair Base.

HEALTH.

Health of the ship's company has been excellent.

EFFICIENCY REPORT:

Main engines.	Very good.
A/S Engines	Very good.
A/S Equipment	Good.
Batteries.	Good.
Guns.	Very good.
Hull	Very good.

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MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed	2200 miles
Hours under way	275 hours
" " " one engine	-
Average speed	8 knots
Fuel used for month	1505 gallons
Fuel used for 1 hour (average)	5.8 gallons

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Distance steamed since commissioning	13400 miles
Hours under way since commissioning	2016 hours
Date Commissioned	21 October 1944.

Lt. R.K. Swarbrick RANVR,
Commanding Officer
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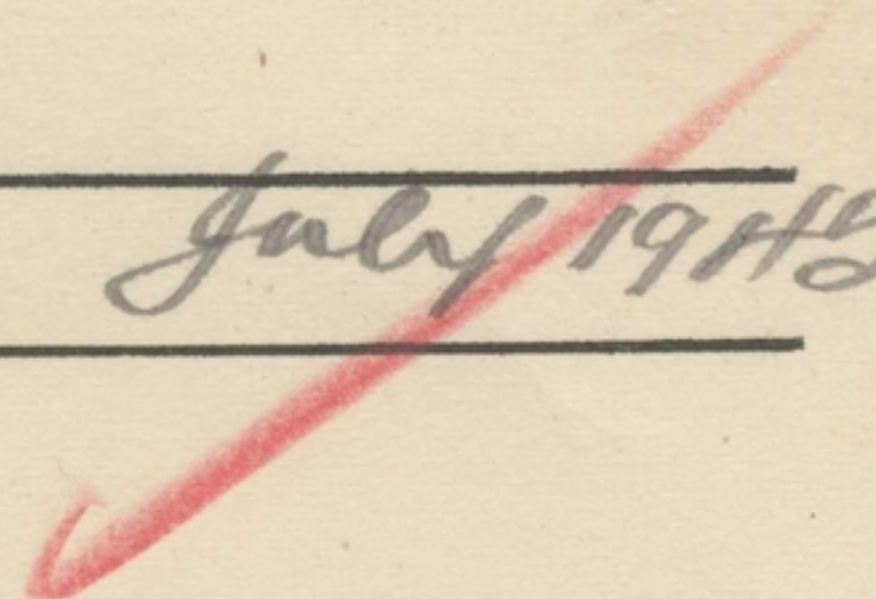
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From : Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L.1358.
Date : 1 August 1945.
To : The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
(Through Naval Officer in Charge New Guinea)
Subject: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY 1945.

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Submitted in accordance with E.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45. For the month of July the ship was stationed at Hollandia for harbour A/S defence. During the period 265 hours were spent on patrol.

2. On the 12th the ship was docked by the U.S.N. "A.F.D.25" for 48 hours, for routine overhaul and inspection. The port propellor and after section of shafting were damaged so were changed for the spares carried aboard. The damaged screw and shaft were repaired by U.S.N. Destroyer Repair Base. The underwater hull was found to be in excellent condition and the "Pheenerock" underwater paint only chipped in one place a foot square along the keel. (Pheenerock was applied in August 1944).

3. At sea on the 25th M.L. 1357 coming alongside with stores tore away three guard rail stanchions and some decking was splintered and lifted.

4. A top overhaul was commenced on the main engines by ships Engine Room staff and USN DESREPBASE on 29th July. It was found that the starboard engine water pump gears (the originals) were badly worn and in need of renewing.

5. Efficiency Report:

Main Engines	Very Good.
A/S Engines	" " .
A/S Equipment	" " . A new HFMA was installed on the 29th.
Batteries	Good to fair.
Guns	Very Good.
Hull	" " .

6. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed	2180 miles	Hours Under way	273 hours.
Hours one engine	-	Average Speed	8 knots.
Fuel used for month	1480 gls.	Fuel used per hour	5.5 gls.
Hrs. under way since commissioning			1741 hours
Distance steamed since commissioning			11200 miles

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Date commissioned

21 October 1944.

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Commanding Officer.
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Health of the ships company has been good.

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The Secretary,
Navy Board.

Herewith, submitted in accordance
with CO 97/45 and CCNO 19/45, Report of
proceedings for H.M.A. 1358 for month of June 1945

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.K. Swarbrick
Lt. RANVR.
H.M.A. M.L. 1358

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PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1945

H.M.A. "M.L. 358"

OPERATIONS

For the month this ship was engaged on harbour defence A/S patrols Hollandia. The patrols were carried out without incident. Hours on patrol for the month amounted to 338½.

WORK ON SHIP

The interior of the ship was painted throughout. The Bridge steering came adrift at sea on patrol but patrol was continued and defect repaired in harbour by Ship's Company at finish of patrol.

EFFICIENCY - Main Engines:

No defects, in good condition, due for top overhaul.

A/S Engines and Equipment: No defects, H.F.M.A. noisy but working well.

All batteries: In good condition.

Hull: As far as can be ascertained in good condition. The ship has not been slipped since December 18, 1944. She is not coppered. Screws need straightening as they are bent. Plywood deck head of wheel house is deteriorating and leaking. Needs renewing.

FIGURES

Distance steamed	2728 miles
Hours under way	341½ hours
Hours under way - one engine	136 hours
Average speed	8 knots
Gallons of fuel used	2330 gallons
Gallons per hour	6.83 gallons
Total distance since commissioned	9020 miles
Average speed since commissioned	8.9 knots
Date commissioned	21 October 1944.

H.K. Seabrook.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From : H.M.A. "ML 1358".
Date : June 2, 1945.
To : ^{Secretary Navy Board.} ~~N.O.I.C. New Guinea.~~
Subject @ PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1945.

Submitted herewith Proceedings for the month
of May, 1945, in accordance with CCNO 97/43, and ACB 0238
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H. K. Swarbrick
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Commanding Officer,
H.M.A. "ML 1358".

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF
MAY, 1945.

H.D.M.L. 1358.

OPERATIONS

The duty of the ship was to carry out A/S patrol outside Humboldt Bay. Patrol hours for the month were 314.

On the 27th A/S and gunnery exercises were carried out seven miles to the westward of Humboldt Bay. The exercises were very satisfactory. During the afternoon (at 1600) a cracked depth charge was dropped at a 100 ft. setting in 60 fathoms at 13½ knots and exploded satisfactorily on time.

WORK CARRIED OUT

By U.S.N. Destroyer Repair Base, Hollandia.

The Ship was in Des. Rep. Base hands between the following dates for repairs to ships electrical gear; 1st to 3rd, 8th to 10th, 14th to 20th.

By Ship's Company.

On 17th A/S Oscillator was taken in board, and on the 19th a new one fitted. On 18th ship was backed into shallow water and repairs to the damaged screws made by ships officers as it was impossible to have the ship slipped or docked and the excessive vibration of the bent blades of the screws was dangerous to the ship's hull and engines.

HEALTH

The Ships company has been in good health there being no cases of sickness. Three ratings received dental treatment from the U.S.N. Dental Clinic, Navy 3115.

REMARKS

The ship was last slipped and painted and had her under water fittings checked six months ago. As this ship is not coppered and worm in these waters seem to abound, and further delay in slipping and inspecting and painting the underwater hull is dangerous.

considered.

Hours under Way for Month	319½
Distance Covered	2400 miles
Fuel Used	1560 gallons
Miles per Gallon distillate	1.5.

High rating of M.P.G. is because most patrolling is carried out on one engine.

H. K. Swarbrick
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Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.M.L. 1358.

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