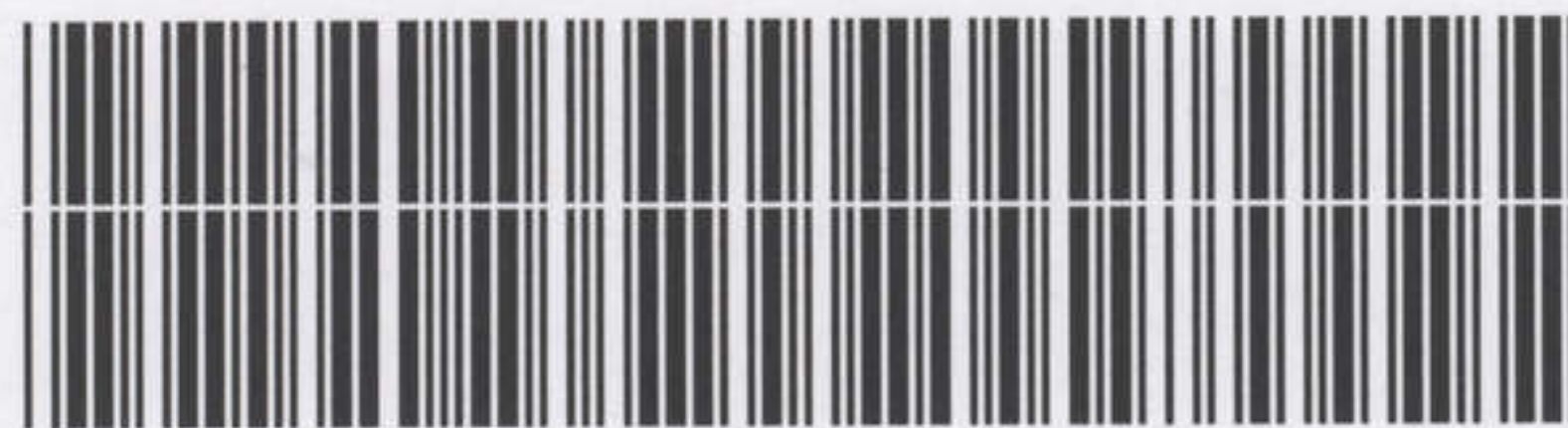


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H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

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- 2. It is intended to return H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" to Alexishafen for slipping and overhaul when a relief is available.

Sheward

A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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C O P Y.

FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL".
 DATE: 2 December, 1945. REF. NO.: AT 12/1.
 TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through NOIC NEW GUINEA.
 SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with NO 97/43 and CCNO 19/45.

2. From 1 to 7 November we lay alongside at Biak with the exception of a one day trip to Mios Woendi on the 6th.
3. At 0630I 17 we proceeded in company with an ASR Crash boat to Manokwari - the C.O. N.E.I. 120 Squadron inspected and photographed a Dutch pilot's grave. We anchored in Manokwari Hr. overnight and returned to Biak 1800 the following day.
4. From 18 to 28 we lay alongside excepting one trip to Mios Woendi on 20th.
5. 0630 28 we proceeded on ASR exercises, anchoring off Japen Is. at night and returning to Biak 1700 following day. Returning from Japen we picked up a native about four miles from land - he was clinging to a badly damaged mau and was too exhausted to wave to us. Fortunately we had a US Army doctor onboard - he treated the native and on reaching Biak handed him over to NICA.
6. The last day of the month we lay alongside.
7. The health of the ships company is good, morale fair.
8. Fire drills were carried out regularly - all pyrofoam extinguishers were expended and refilled. One C.O.₂ ext. was replaced by a recently tested extinguisher of the same type. The engine room C.O.₂ extinguishers are overdue for testing.

9. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main Engines	Starboard engine still blowing oil fumes but running satisfactorily. Port engine satisfactory.
Batteries	In good order.
Guns	In very good condition.
Hull	In good order. Due for scraping and painting on 10 Dec.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	710 Miles.
Hours underway during month	40.5 hours.
Hours underway on one engine	Nil.
Average speed for month	17.5 knots.
Gallons fuel expended during month	2600 galls.
Gallons fuel expended per hour	64 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	9882 Miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning	606 hours.
Date commissioned 8 February, 1945.	

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 (SGD) V.G. MADDISON,
 Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.
 COMMANDING OFFICER

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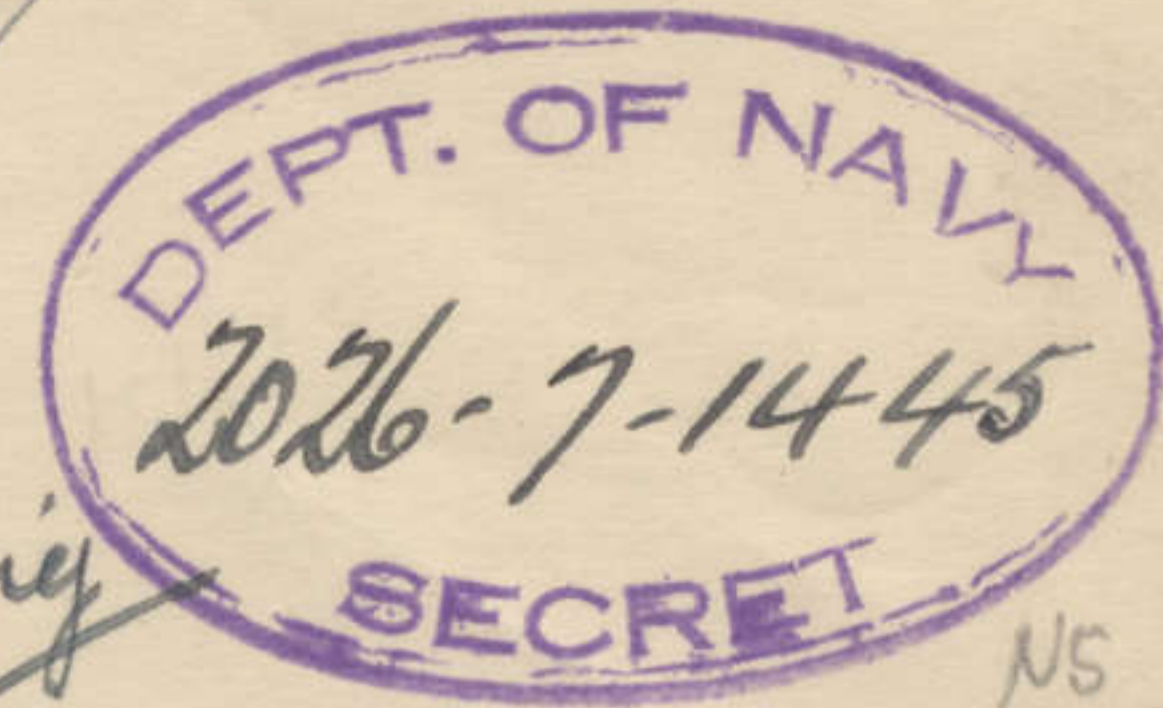
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New Guinea, Madang.
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The Secretary, Naval Board,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR TRIAL" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

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A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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C O M M O N W E A L T H of A U S T R A L I A.

Department of the Navy.

FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRIAL".
DATE: 2 November, 1945.
TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

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

2. From the 1st to the 13th we lay alongside the A.S.R. Base in Binnen Harbour, Madang. On the 2nd we slipped to pick up two R.A.A.F. men who had capsized a lakatoy, and on the 10th we proceeded on one hour's trial to run our main engines.

3. At 1000 on the 13th we commenced on our passage to Biak, anchoring overnight at Potsdam Harbour and arriving Wewak 1200 14th. Departed Wewak 0600 15th and secured Hollandia that afternoon. We were delayed in Hollandia because fuel was hard to obtain and, I understand, becoming scarce. Sailed 0800 21st and anchored overnight at Wakde Island. Proceeded early next morning for Biak but experienced engine trouble and had to proceed on one engine, making Mois Woendi anchorage just before nightfall - next morning we departed for Biak arriving there 1200 the same day.

4. Spare rocker arm for port motor was received a.m. 26th - trials were carried out the same day and proved successful.

5. P.M. 26th a storm broke out and we proceeded to Mios Woendi next morning for shelter. The weather and seas had abated by the 30th so we returned to Biak and were laying alongside there on the last day of the month.

6. The health of the ships company is good, but their morale only fair. The cause for the latter is due to the lack of operational activity.

7. Fire drills were carried out regularly during the month - all equipment is in good condition

8. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines - Rocker arm on the port engine cracked and has been replaced. Oil fumes are escaping from the starbd engine through forward crankshaft bearing - defect is not considered serious. Both engines running satisfactory.
Batteries - In good order.
Guns - Very good condition.
Hull - In good order and condition.

9. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	-	790 Miles.
Hours under way	-	52 Hours.
Hours under way on one engine	-	6.25 Hours.
Average speed for month	-	15.2 Knots.
Gallons fuel expended during month	-	2800 Gallons.
Gallons fuel expended per hour	-	54 Gallons.
Total distance steamed since Commissioning		9172 Miles
Total hours under way since Commissioning		565 Hours.
Date commissioned	-	8th February, 1945.

Noted 26/11/45

Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR TRIAL".

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Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

J. M. Barwood
A/Commander, R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge.
New Guinea.

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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL".
DATE 1st. October, 1945.
TO Secretary, Naval Board, Through Naval Officer in Charge N.G.
SUBJECT MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with NO. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. We sailed from Biak Island AM 1st. September and secured alongside at Wakai Island late that afternoon - slipped first light the following morning and arrived Hollandia at 1200 the same day. Departed Hollandia AM 4th and anchored Wewak Harbour late in the afternoon. Proceeded 1200 5th for Hansa Bay, anchoring there PM same day, and departed for Alexishafen AM the following morning arriving there PM that day.

3. From the 7th to the 20th we were undergoing a 500 hour overhaul and fourteen additional defects were attended to at Alexishafen Coastal Craft Repair Base - the work was carried out efficiently and to my entire satisfaction.

4. Proceeded to Madang A.M. 21st and anchored at 111th A.S.R. Base, Binnen Harbour.

5. AM 23rd we proceeded to sea in company with "Air Faith" and exercised 'Communications' - the exercises were satisfactory and we returned to Madang PM the same day.

6. AM 24th we proceeded to Alexishafen and had several minor defects attended to; returned to Binnen Harbour AM 27th and remained there till the end of the month.

7. The health and morale of the ships company are satisfactory.

8. Fire drills were carried out regularly during the month.

9. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	- Performing excellently since the top overhaul.
Batteries	- In good condition - auxiliary charger overhauled and operating well.
Guns	- In very good order.
Hull	- Slipped on the 10th and found to be in very good condition - scrubbed and painted. The port propeller was replaced by a reconditioned spare.

10. Naval Stores.

The anchor line had to be renewed during the month and the heaviest suitable line obtainable in the area was 3 inch sisal.

11. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	942 mls.
Hours under way during month	63 hrs.
Hours under way on one engine	13 hrs.
Average speed for month	15 kts.
Gallons of fuel expended during month	3568 gals.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	56.8 gals.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	8382 mls.
Total hours under way since commissioning	513 hrs.
Date commissioned	8th February, 1945.

Sub. Lt.G. MADDISON
COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL".

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New Guinea Madang.
12th September, 1945.

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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY AND AUGUST 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. M. Bamwood
A/ Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge
New Guinea.

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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL"
DATE 2nd September, 1945
TO The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1945.

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

2. On the first day of the month we proceeded at 0600 on an A.S.R. operation off Manokwari and returned to Biak late the following afternoon.

3. From the 3rd to the 7th we lay alongside at Biak having the W/T and a faulty distributor attended to.

4. We proceeded to Middleburg early on the 8th and arrived there P.M. 9th - we secured to the stern of M.V. "WANAKA" as there is no safe or even suitable anchorage for a small craft and there is no buoy to secure to.

5. The guns' crews had good practice strafing the mainland adjacent to Middleburg on the 11th.

6. A.M. 23rd we returned to Biak for the safety of the ship.

7. We had laid a buoy on the 19th and were secured to it when she dragged at 0440 23rd in a force 7 wind and a heavy sea. The anchorages are deep coral shelves, unsheltered and definitely dangerous and unsuitable for a light craft with a rope anchor line. I did not know how long the wind and seas would last so instead of laying off I returned to Biak whilst I had sufficient fuel. We arrived in Biak midday the 24th.

8. From the 24th to the 31st, we lay at Biak undergoing repairs to the W/T.

9. Action stations and fire drills were satisfactory.

10. Health and morale of the ship's company remains very satisfactory. *W*

11. Efficiency Report

Main Engines	-	Distributor trouble only
Batteries	-	Very good
Guns	-	Defect with right hand gun of starboard turret to be reported to Armament Officer, Madang. Other guns in very good order.
Hull	-	In good condition.

12. The galley stove is now completely unservicable and being returned for survey. Defect was reported to N.O.I.C. New Guinea by signal T.O.O. 040321 z.

13. Monthly Figures.

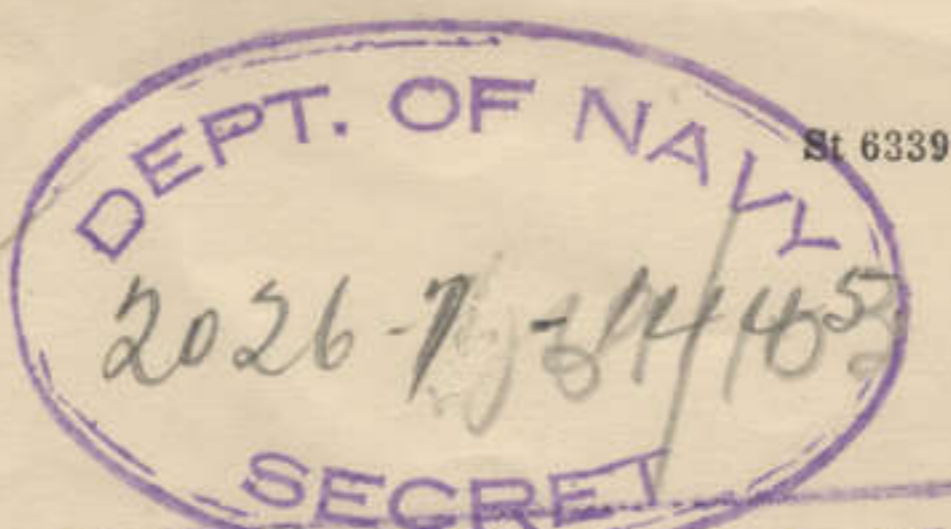
Distance steamed during the month	900 miles
Hours under way during the month	51
Hours under way on one engine during month	Nil
Average speed for month	17.6 knots ✓
Gallons of fuel expended during month	3256 gallons
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	63.6 gallons
Total distance steamed since commissioning	7440 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning	451 hours
Date Commissioned - 8th February, 1945.	

(Sgd) V.G. Maddison

Sub Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From... Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. AIR TRAIL.

Date... 21st. August, 1945. Reference No.

To... Secretary, Naval Board Through NEW GUINEA (N.O.I.C.)

Subject... Monthly Report of Proceeding for JULY, 1945.

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,

7 SEP 1945

NEW GUINEA.

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

2. From 1st. to 3rd. July, we were at MADANG storing ship and having the Radio compass fitted by the R.A.A.F.

3. Slipped 0630 4th. and proceeded to WEWAK arriving there late the same date. 0700 the following day we sailed and arrived at ATTAPE that afternoon - left ATTAPE at 0500 6th. and entered HOLLANDIA at midday the same day. After having repairs made to W/T we slipped 1100 8th. and arrived TANAH MERAH BAY p.m. that afternoon and proceeded next day to BIAK at 0400 arriving there p.m. the same day.

4. Carried out an Air Sea Rescue operation on 10th. and damaged starboard propeller on a submerged log. The following day proceeded to MIOS WOENDI where we had to remove the propeller under water. P.M. 17th. we returned to BIAK.

5. On 22nd. we carried out an air sea rescue exercise off coast of BIAK.

6. At 1500 24th. we proceeded A.S.R. operation in the vicinity of MANOKWARI. We hit another submerged log at 1650 but continued on with the operation. Logs are large and numerous in this area. Returned to BIAK the following day and secured alongside at 1800.

7. We proceeded to MIOS WOENDI on 26th. and once again straightened the starboard propeller - returned to BIAK a.m. 27th.

8. We carried out a further A.S.R. operation off MANOKWARI on the 30th. returning to BIAK p.m. 31st.

9. Action stations and fire drills were carried out regularly during the month.

10. Health and morale of ship's company is most satisfactory.

11. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

main engines	-	very satisfactory.
Batteries	-	very satisfactory.
Guns	+	in excellent order.
Hull	-	in very good condition.

12. The galley stove still causing considerable trouble - consider that it will soon be completely out of order.

13. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	1892 miles
hours under way during the month	122 hours
hours under way on one engine	nil. ✓
Average speed for month	15.5 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during the month.	5927 gallons
Gallons of fuel expended per hour.	48.75 gallons
Total distance steamed since commissioning	6540 ^{miles.} hours
Date commissioned	8th. Feb. 45.

COMMANDING OFFICER
J. J. Macdonald
R.M.A.S. AIR TRAIL

Sub. Lieutenant,
R.A.N.R.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL"
 Date 16 July, 1945.
 To The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1945.

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

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2. We remained at anchor in Treacherous Bay Darnby Is. till the 7th on which date the weather abated and ~~xxxx~~ we were able to proceed to Port Moresby, arriving there P.M. on the 8th. We sailed from that port on the 9th and entered Milne Bay a.m. the 10th. Several minor defects were attended to before proceeding to Oro Bay P.M. 13th arriving there p.m. 14th. Departed Oro Bay A.M. 16th and secured alongside at Finschafen that afternoon - sailed for Madang A.M. 18th arriving there P.M. the same day.

3. At first light on the 22nd ~~xxxx~~ we proceeded to Russ Pt. with an R.M.S. party onboard to destroy a mine - our mission fulfilled we returned to Madang A.M. the following morning.

4. On the 24th we searched along the coast as far as Ulingen Harbour looking for a small craft well overdue of her E.T.A. but met with no success and secured alongside at Alexishaven that afternoon.

5. P.M. the 26th and A.M. the 27th we were in the floating dock at Alexishaven for scrubbing and painting the hull. Several minor defects to engines and hull were carried out to my entire satisfaction by the Base Staff.

6. The galley stove caught fire on the 29th and was quickly extinguished by fearnought cloth. Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent fires with this stove but without success - the trouble appears to lie in old faulty burners; no new burners are obtainable. The stove is not only dangerous but also inefficient for seldom is more than one burner operating at the one time.

7. On the last day of the month we returned to Madang.

8. Fire drills and "Action Stations" were carried out regularly during the month and were highly satisfactory.

9. Efficiency Report.
 Main engines - Most satisfactory.
 Batteries - Most satisfactory
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 Gallons of fuel expended during month 4333

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRIAL".

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR TRAIL"
Date 16 July, 1945.
To The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1945.

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

2. We remained at anchor in Treacherous Bay Darnby Is. till the 7th on which date the weather abated and ~~XXXXX~~ we were able to proceed to Port Moresby, arriving there P.M. on the 8th. We sailed from that port on the 9th and entered Milne Bay a.m. the 10th. Several minor defects were attended to before proceeding to Oro Bay P.M. 13th arriving there p.m. 14th. Departed Oro Bay A.M. 16th and secured alongside at Finschafen that afternoon - sailed for Madang A.M. 18th arriving there P.M. the same day.

3. At first light on the 22nd ~~XXXXXX~~ we proceeded to Russ Pt. with an R.M.S. party onboard to destroy a mine - our mission fulfilled we returned to Madang A.M. the following morning.

4. On the 24th we searched along the coast as far as Ulingen Harbour looking for a small craft well overdue of her E.T.A. but met with no success and secured alongside at Alexishaven that afternoon.

5. P.M. the 26th and A.M. the 27th we were in the floating dock at Alexishaven for scrubbing and painting the hull. Several minor defects to engines and hull were carried out to my entire satisfaction by the Base Staff.

6. The galley stove caught fire on the 29th and was quickly extinguished by fearnought cloth. Every possible precaution has been taken to prevent fires with this stove but without success - the trouble appears to lie in old faulty burners; no new burners are obtainable. The stove is not only dangerous but also inefficient for seldom is more than one burner operating at the one time.

7. On the last day of the month we returned to Madang.

8. Fire drills and "Action Stations" were carried out regularly during the month and were highly satisfactory.

9. Efficiency Report.
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