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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

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Royal Australian Navy.

From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. BOOMERA.

Date 4 October, 1949 *Reference No.* 60/12/49

To THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE NEW SOUTH WALES.

Subject

The enclosed report of proceedings for the month of September 1949, is submitted for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 107/48

FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
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A.H. Pearson
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. WOOMERA

4 October 1949

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THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1949

Submitted with reference to C.N.O. 107/48, the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 30th September 1949.

2. Loading Ammunition For Sydney

The month of September opened with WOOMERA alongside West Wing, Station Pier, Port Melbourne, awaiting loading of lighters at Swan Island with ammunition for Sydney. Cast off and proceeded towards Swan Island at 0900K 5th September. Secured to buoy off Swan Island Mine Depot and proceeded to back load for Sydney. Loading continued daily until operation was completed at 0950K 10th September, after approximately 20 tons of armament stores for drowning en route, had been taken inboard as deck cargo.

3. Passage To Sydney

Slipped and proceeded from Swan Island buoy at 1010K 10th September, for Sydney. The weather was good during the greater portion of voyage, but detiriorated when nearing Port Jackson. Port Jackson was entered at 0530K 13th September and secured to No 5 buoy off Garden Island at 0600K 13th September.

4. Discharge Of Ammunition

No gangs of wharf labourers were available on arrival and it was not until 16th September that a gang was engaged and discharge of ammunition was commenced. The discharge operation was completed at 1200K 21st September.

5. Refit Period

Proceeded alongside Gunwharf, Garden Island at 1300K 21st September to commence refit. When the period under review came to conclusion the ship was in dockyard hands, with work proceeding satisfactorily.

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6. CONDITION OF SHIP

Advantage is being taken whilst alongside, to chip all metal exposed to the weather. The upper deck is as good as can be maintained whilst in dockyard hands. Below decks remain good.

9. Health Of Ships Company

During the month of September, the health of the ships company remained good.

IO. Welfare

The ships company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

II. Conduct Of The Ships Company

During the month of September the ships company have conducted themselves, both ashore and afloat, in a befitting manner. Defaulters have been few and of a minor nature.

I, have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient servant,

R.R. Pearn

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING FIGURES

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	548.3 miles
(b)	Hours underway	7I 40/60 hours
(c)	Average distance per ton of fuel	I49.4 miles
(d)	Distance travelled since commissioning (20th. February I946)	226I2.I miles
(e)	Hours underway since commissioning	28I4 42/60

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1st. Februayy, 1949.
The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, MELBOURNE.
(Copies to: The Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.W., D.O.T.M. Navy Office.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, January, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command, for the period covering 1st. to 31st. January, 1949.

2.. Availability for Christmas leave.

The month of January opened with "Woomera" alongside Kuttabul "Dolphins" continuing availabiiity granted from 17th. December for leave to ship's company.

3.. Loading ammunition for Drowning.

In view of the fact that docking facilities were not available during the three weeks leave period and the earliest date available was 20th. January it was decided to complete a drowning trip before docking. "Woomera" cast off and proceeded from Kuttabul Dolphins at 0815K 11th. January and secured to No.7 buoy at 0825K where a lighter was placed alongside and loading was commenced at 0910k 11th. January. Loading by wharf-labour was continued daily until two lighters had been discharged into ship on 18th. January.

4.. Drowning Operation off Sydney Heads.

"Woomera" slipped from No.7 buoy at 0401K 18th. Jan. and proceeded towards dumping area. On reaching open water, rough sea and very heavy swell was encountered and as drowning operation was impossible, "Woomera" retunned to No7 buoy. Another attempt to carry out the operation was made at 0400K next morning 19th January, but after proceeding 18 miles to sea in the anticipation that the seas may ease during the day, it was again found impossible to attempt drowning operation and returned to No7 buoy. Proceeded at 0400K 20th. January and it was found the seas had moderated considerable, on reaching dumping area sea was moderating very quickly and operation was commenced and carried through until completion thence returning to No7 buoy.

5.. Dockyard in Floating docking No. 1002 alongside Garden Island.

At 0930k 21st. January slipped from No.7buoy and proceeded to Floating Dock No.1002, entered at 1010K 21st January, commenced pumping dock.

6.. Dockyard work on Hull, Shafts, etc.

On inspection the hull sheathing was badly rusted and chaffed on either side of hull and of necessity extra chaffing planks have been carried down to light draught water level. The chaffing of the sheathing is attributable to lighter alongside whilst loading at Swan Island in open water, when, even with the utmost care and attention to fenders the lighters at times come in contact with sheathing. When the period under review came to conc conclusion "Woomera" was still in Floating Dock No. 1002.

7.. Condition of Ship.

Condition of ship is good as can be expected during the docking period, but every advantage is being taken of the availability period to bring ship to first class condition and so commence programme in first class condition.

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8.. Health of Ship's Company.
The health of ships company during the month of January remained good.

9.. Welfare.
The ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

10. Engineroom.
List of work carried out in engine room for month of January on board H.M.A.S. "BOOMERA".

MAIN ENGINES.(Ruston Hornsby 5V.C.B.M.)
Oil seal on starboard main engine taken down and new gasket put in.
Manifold exhaust port main engine repaired namely new gasket.
Stern glands removed, propellors cleaned and polished and painted with under water grease. Shafts with drawn from main engines for realinement. Bushes taken out of "A" bracket main engines realined by dockyard, also inspection carried out of port main engine gear box. All sea water suctions and under water fittings stripped, inspected and repacked.

AUX. GENERATOR NO1.(Southern Cross.)
Top overhaul carried out on No1. aux. generator.

AUX. GENERATOR NO2.(Single Cylinder Ruston Hornsby.)
Top overhaul carried out on No2. aux. generator.
Salt water circulating pump sent ashore and repaired by dockyard.

11. STATISTICS.

(a) Total distance travelled for month of Jan.....132.7 miles.
(b) Total number of hours under way for month.....40 5/60 Hrs.
(c) Avera e distance run per ton of oil fuel.....73.7 miles.
(d) Total distance run since commissioning.....19367.3 miles.
(e) Total number of hours under way since comm....2414 3/60 hrs.
(f) Total amount of oil used on board for month...1308 Gallons.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your ovedient servant,

J R Pearson

Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1073300

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

1st. February, 1949.

The Flag Officer in Charge, New South Wales.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1949.

Submitted:-

The enclosed report of proceedings for the month of january, 1949 herewith for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, MELBOURNE.
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Your ovedient servant,

A.A. Pearson

Lieutenant,R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANLING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA",

1st. JANUARY, 1949.

THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1948.

Submitted :-

The enclosed Report of Proceedings for the month of December, 1948, is forwarded herewith for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

4 JAN 1949 NEW SOUTH WALES

for LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER. A.O.L.

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The Commanding Officer,H.M.A.S."WOOMERA",
1st. January,1949.
The Secretary,The Naval Board,Navy Office,Melbourne.
(Copies to : The Flag Officer-in-Charge,N.S.W.,D.O.T.M.,NavyOffice.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER,1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command,for the period covering 1st. to 31st. December,1948.

2. BACK LOADING FOR SYDNEY.

The month of December opened with "Woomera" anchored at Swan Island,Victoria, back loading ammunition cargo for Sydney. At 1545k,3rd. ,loading was completed and at 1622k.ship weighed and proceeded to Sydney.At 1500k,6th.,ship secured to No. 7 Buoy,in Sydney Harbour.

3. DISCHARGE AND LOADING.

Discharge of cargo,by wharf labour,was commenced A.M. Tuesday, 7th.,and completed A.M.Friday 10th.Ship was then loaded with a cargo of ammunition and mines in crates,for drowning at dumping-ground outside Port Jackson. Loading was completed P.M. 15th.

4. DROWNING OPERATION.

Ship slipped from No. 7 Buoy at 0402k 16th. and proceededto the dumping ground approx. 26 miles E.S.E. Port Jackson,and commenced drowning ammunition cargo at 0730k. At 1330k operation was completed and ship returned to Sydney,securing alongside"Koala" port side to at Cruiser Wharf,at 1750k,16th.

5. AVAILABILITY FOR LEAVE AND MAKING GOOD DEFECTS.

Availability for leave commenced Friday,17th. and all personnel were discharged to leave with the exception of Navigating Officer, and four ratings,who are remaining with ship during availability; the afore-mentioned personnel being victualled in "Koala",during this period.Ship was shifted A.M. Wednesday,22nd. and secured alongside "Koala",port side to,at Kuttabul Dolphins.

6. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Condition of ship above and below decks remains generally good.Defects are being made good by Dockyard,at Garden Island.

7. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

The health of the ship's company during the period under review,remained good.

8. WELFARE.

The ship's company have availed themselves of the usual shore amenities.

9. ENGINE ROOM.

Main Engines.

Two new thermometers replaced on Salt Water Circulating lines on Port Engine.

No. 1 Auxiliary Generator.

New gasket fitted on Salt Water circulating line.

No.2 Auxiliary Generator.

Usual maintenance carried out-

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10. STATISTICS.

Distance steamed during month.....562.2 miles

Hours under way during month.....84 35/60 hrs.

Average distance per Ton of Fuel.....147.11 miles

Total distance steamed since date of commissioning
(20th. February,1946.) .....19,234.6 miles

Total hours under way since commissioning.....2734 57/60 hrs.

Total amount of Fuel consumed for month.....1473 galls.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

LIEUTENANT,R.A.N.R.
FOR LIEUTENANT,R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER,A.O.L.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

2nd. DECEMBER, 1948.

THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1948.

Submitted:-

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G.R. Learmonth
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

2ND. DECEMBER, 1948.

THE SECRETARY, THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE,
COPIES TO : THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NEW SOUTH WALES,
DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE, TORPEDOES, AND MINES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command, for the period covering 1st. to 30th. November, 1948.

2. AVAILABILITY FOR MID-WINTER LEAVE.

The month of November, 1948, opened with "Woomera" alongside Kuttabul Dolphins, Garden Is., Sydney, where availability for leave had been granted. Availability ceased P.M. 10th. November, and "Woomera" 'cast off' and proceeded to No. 7 buoy at 0750k, 11th. November, to commence loading ammunition for Melbourne.

3. LOADING AMMUNITION FOR MELBOURNE.

An ammunition lighter was placed alongside at 0830k, 11th. November, and loading was commenced at 0900k, 11th. Loading continued with some loss of time, due to rain, and was completed at 1015k, 18th. November. Ship was secured for sea, and slipped and proceeded at 1310k, 18th. November.

4. PASSAGE TO MELBOURNE.

On reaching open water a moderate South Easterly wind was blowing. After passing Point Perpendicular, the wind 'came away' from the South, and brought up quite a rough short sea, which retarded speed considerably until Two-fold Bay was abeam when conditions improved and remained ideal for the remainder of the passage. At 1505k, 21st. November, ship entered Port Phillipand brought up with starboard bower off Swan Island.

5. DISCHARGE OF AMMUNITION.

An empty 100 ton lighter was placed alongside at 0900k 22nd. November, and was removed when laden at approximately 1500k same day. As portion of the ammunition for back-loading to Sydney was brought to Swan Island on 23rd. November, and no space was available to store it, the only empty available 100 ton lighter was used for stowage space. This necessitated "Woomera" having to wait until P.M. 25th. November before discharging could recommence. On resumption of discharge, the operation was completed at 1400k 26th. November. It would be of much advantage to the ship's company if dis-charging could be carried out continuously after arrival, as after six days, the fresh water position becomes very acute, and rationin is enforced during the entire period. The ship has on loan one tank of approx. 80 gallons, which after being filled ashore at Swan Is., is brought aboard to supplement the existing supply, but each time this tank is used, it entails a delay in loading and discharging operations.

6. BACK LOADING FOR SYDNEY.

On completion of discharge, "Woomera" proceeded to Station Pier, Port Melbourne, to refuel and replenish water supply, returning to Swan Island, and commenced back loading for Sydney at 0900k, 30th. November. When the period under revie came to a conclusion, "Woomera" was continuing with loading operation.

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7. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Condition of ship's side is fair, it being difficult to maintain appearance whilst working lighters alongside continuously. Condition of and below decks is good.

8. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

The health of the ship's company during the month of November, remained good.

9. WELFARE.

The ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

10. ENGINE ROOM.

Main Engines.

(a) Governor Gear Starboard Main Engine removed and surveyed. New arms and slippers fitted.

Auxiliary Generating Plants.

(a) 2000 hour overhaul completed on the Southern Cross.
(b) Effective repairs on Salt-water pump(Circulating) carried out, and also on bilge and fire pump, air extractor on the latter being dismantled and 2 new veins fitted to the inpellor.

Miscellaneous.

(a) New Holding down bolts for whip wire on winch drums fitted.

(b) Bilges of Engine Room washed out and cleaned, and sullage etc. removed and limber holds cleaned.

(c) Fuel oil pipe line to Galley range repaired where dractured.

(d) Wardroom Refrigerator removed from Wardroom and installed in Refrigerator Flat.

11. STATISTICS.

Distance steamed during the month.....581.1 miles.
Hours under way during the month.....81 22/60.
Average distance per ton of fuel.....119.0 miles.
Total distance steamed since date of commissioning
(20th. February, 1946.)....18672.4 miles.

Total hours under way since date of commissioning..2650 22/60

Total amount of fuel consumed for the month.....1873 galls.

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

G.D. Lean
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1073300

DUPLICATE

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA",

1st. NOVEMBER, 1948.

THE FLAG OFFICER -IN-CHARGE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1948.

Submitted:

Herewith is Report of Proceedings for month of October, 1948, for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
1 NOV 1948
NEW SOUTH WALES

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA",
1st. November, 1948.
The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
(Copies to: Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W., D.O.T.M., Navy Offic

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command, for the period covering 1st. to 31st. October, 1948.

2. LEAVE PERIOD.

The month of October opened with "Woomera" alongside Kuttabul Dolphins, Garden Island, Sydney, commencing mid-winter leave.

3. WORK BY DOCKYARD.

Advantage is being taken during leave period to carry out all outstanding work which has accumulated since last refit in January last. This work is being carried out by Garden Island Dockyard Staff.

4. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Although appearance on and about the upper deck is, as can be expected during the period that dockyard workers are employed on board, the ship's sides is looking quite smart, having been freshly painted. Below decks remains good.

5. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

During the month of October, the health of the Ship's company remained good.

6. WELFARE.

The Ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

7. ENGINE ROOM.

(a) Hot water service surveyed.
(b) Steering Chains adjusted.
(c) Seamens' Heads overhauled (Flushing Valve re-ground)
(d) All injectors on Main and Auxiliary engines cleaned and tested.
(e) Line welded on Ruston Hornsby Auxiliary Engine.
(f) Copper pipe fitted to compressed air siren.

8. STATISTICS.

(a) Distance steamed during the month.....Nil
(b) Hours under way during month.....Nil
(c) Average distance per ton of fuel.....Nil
(d) Total distance steamed since commissioning...18,091.3 miles.
(20th. February, 1946)
(e) Total hours under way since commissioning ....2,569 h

I have the Honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1073300

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

4TH September, 1948.

The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

(Copies to: Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.Wales, D.O.T.M.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my Command for the period covering 1st. to 31st. of August 1948.

2.. Loading Ammunition for Melbourne.

The month of August opened with "WOOMERA" secured to No.4 buoy off Garden Island, Port Jackson, loading 4 inch shells for inspection at Maribyrnong, Melbourne. Loading completed PM. 2nd. August and hatches, derricks, etc. were secured for sea.

3.. Passage to Melbourne.

Slipped from No.4 buoy at 1005K 3rd. August and proceeded via West Channel. On clearing harbour, course was set towards Melbbourne. Weather during the initial stages of passage was very good and as ship bottom was clean a noticeable increase in speed was evident. The weather deteriorated crossing the Victorian Bight and with the wind from a Westerly direction with resultant short sea, speed was retarded for remainder of passage. Point Lonsdale was brought abeam at 0720K 6th August and "WOOMERA" proceeded to an anchorage off Swan Island, Port Phillip. Came to with starboard bower in three fathoms at 0816K 6th. August.

4.. Discharge of Ammunition at Swan Island.

Derricks were rigged and commenced working cargo at 1300K 6th August. In order to supplement O.I.C. Swan Island's civillian labour and expedite the discharge operation, the ship's company were engaged discharging. The weather remained perfect for discharging into lighters and the operation was completed at 1155K 10Th. August.

5.. Defect in clutch of starboard Main Engine.

During manoeuvres at Swan Island the clutch of Starboard Main Engine began to be troublesome and during the passage to Station Pier for fuel oil, Stores, etc,. on completion of discharging of cargo, the clutch became entirely inoperative, necessitating the greater part of passage being steamed on Port engine only. On inspection of clutch by Base Engineer Officer, R.N.O. Port Melbourne Williamstown Dockyard Assistance was sought and clutch was dismantled and transported to Maribyrnong, Ordinance depot (The Makers of the clutch.) for repair. On repairs being completed and clutch installed in ship trials were carried out successfully on 27th. August.

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6.. Back loading of ammunition for Sydney.

The period under review came to a conclusion with "WOOMERA" awaiting the completion discharge of explosives from L.S.T.3501, AT Swan Island, before back loading a cargo of ammunition for S.A.S.O.(S), could be commenced.

7.. Condition of Ship.

Condition both above and below decks is good.

8.. Health of Ship's Company.

Health of Ship's company during the month of August remained good.

9.. Welfare.

The Ship's Company avail themselves with usual shore amenities.

10.. Engineroom.

(1) Main engines, Ruston hornsby 5 Cylinders Diesel(2 inNo)

(a) Gear box of Starboard engine dismantled and repaired.
(b) Oil fuel lines surveyed.
(c) Injectors cleaned.
(d) Commencement of painting of both engines.

(2) No.1, Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4Cylinder diesel.

(a) Commenced top overhaul, cleaned heads, cylinders etc.
(b) Checked oil fuel lines and injectors.

(3) No.2, Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby, Single Cylinder diesel

(a) Top overhauled.

11. (A) Distanced steamed during the month....656.3 Miles.

(B) Hours underway during the month.....82 15/60 Hours.

(C) Average distance per ton of fuel.....140.3 Miles.

(D) Total distance steamed since commissioning (20th. February 1946.).....17567.1 Miles.

(E) Total hours under way since commissioning.... 249219/60 MIles.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

[signature]
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

4th. August, 1948.

THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, N.S.W.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1948.

Submitted:-

The enclosed report of proceeding for the month of July, 1948, is forwarded herewith for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 286/46.

Lieutenant R.AN.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

4th. August 1948.

The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

(Copy to: Flag Officer in charge, N.S.Wales. D.O.T.M.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the period covering 1st. to 31st. July 1948.

2.. REPAIRS TO BILGE AND CIRCULATING PUMPS.

The month of July opened with "WOOMERA" alongside Gun Mounting Wharf, Garden Island, Sydney whilst repairs were being carried out by Dockyard on both Main Bilge and auxiliary diesel engine, circulating water pumps. Workwas completed on 5th. July and "WOOMERA" proceeded to No.4 buoy off Garden Island at 0845K to commence loading ammunition for drowning.

3.. FAILURE OF NO2. AUXILIARY DIESEL ENGINE.

On arrival at No.4buoy Dockyard engineer carried out trials on pumps which had been repaired at Dockyard. Whilst trials were being carried out No.2 Auxiliary which drives the main bilge pump broke down. Dockyard Assistance was sought to repair this engine and it was immediately dismantled and taken ashore.

4.. LOADING OF AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING.

Loading was commenced at 0915K 5th. July with a cargo mainly comprising shells for drowning. Due to the large number of empty fuse boxes returned fr m previous drowning trip and wet weather, loading was slow and it was not until 12th. July that ship was loaded.

5.. DROWNING OPERATION OFFPORT JACKSON.

Slipped from No.4 buoy at 0600K 13th. July, and proceeded to dumping area of Port Jackson. On arrival at area drowning was commenced and continued until completion of operation. On return to harbour "WOOMERA" proceeded to Kurraba Point fuelling wharf, arriving at 1905K 13th. July. On completion of fuelling at 1025K 14th July proceeded to Gun Mounting Wharf and a head inspecte ion was carried out on No.1 Auxiliary engine, as this engine had to be used constantly whilst secured to No.4 Buoy.

6.. LOADING OF AMMUNITION AND DROWNING OPERATION.

Cast off from Gun Mounting Wharf and secured to No5 buoy where loading commenced at 0830K 19th. July. Loading was completed at 1600K 21st July. Slipped and proceeded to Dumping area off Port Jackson at 0600K 22nd. July. Drowning operations was completed and secured to No7. buoy at 1535K 22nd. July.

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7.. DOCKING FOR BOTTOM OVERHAUL.

0730K 23rd. July slipped and proceeded to floating Dock, Cockatoo Island for periodical docking. Entered dock at 1025K 23rd. July and remained in over the week-end, undocking and returning to No4 buoy 1500K 26th July.

8.. LOADING ARMAMENT STORES FOR MELBOURNE, No2 AUX. ENGINE RETURNED TO SHIP.

Commenced loading Naval Armament stores at 1000K 27th July and loading was still in progress when period under review csme to conclusion.

No 2 Auxiliary diesel engine was reassembled on board ~~on board~~ on 30th. July, and trials are yet to be carried out.

9.. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Condition both above and below decks is good.

10.. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

Health of ship's company during the month of July remained good.

11.. WELFARE.

The ship's Company avail themselves of the usual shore ammenities.

12.. ENGINEROOM.

I. Main engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder Diesel (2 in number.)

(a) Valve clearances checked and readjusted.

II. No 1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 Cylinder Diesel.

(a) Top over haul, valves lapped in, heads decarbonised.
(b) Injectors cleaned and tested.
(c) Crankcase drained, all strainers and filters removed and cleaned
(d) Cooling water pumps and lines inspected.
(e) Tachometer repaired.

III. No 2 Auxiliary. Ruston Hornsby Single Cylinder deisel.

(a) Complete over haul and repairs effected by dockyard, Garden Island.

IV. Miscellaneous.

(a) Fire and bilge pumps repaired by dockyard.
(b) Ship's refrigerator removed and replaced by one larger size.

13.. PERIODICAL DOCKING.

(a) S Ship was docked at Cockatoo Floating dock.
(b) Bottom was scraped and painted.
(c) Sheathing replaced where rusted through.
(d) All under water fittings inspected and reseated where necessary
(e) Wear down taken on stern tubes and "A" brackets.
(f) Propellors cleaned and polished and coated with underwater grease.

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(a)	Distance steamed during the month	136.6 Miles.
(b)	Hours under way during the month	23 22/60 Hours.
(c)	Average distance per ton of fuel	65.6370
(d)	Total distance steamed since commissioning (20th February1946.)	16910.8 Miles.
(e)	Total hours under way since commissioning	2410 4/60 Hours.

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Sir

Your obedient Servant.

Lieut R.A.N.V.R.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

1st. July, 1948.

THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, N.S.WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF ~~MAY~~ JUNE 1948.

SUBMITTED:

The enclosed report of proceedings for the month of June, 1948, is forwarded therewith for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

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COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"
1st. July, 1948.
THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to: FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, N.S.WALES. D.O.T.M.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. SHIP under my command for the period covering 1st. to 30th. June, 1948.

2. FITTING OF FAIRLEAD AFT PREPARATORY TO TOWING.

The month of June opened with "WOOMERA" alongside the Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, Brisbane, being fitted with an additional fairlead in preparation to tow L.R.V. "LARUS" to Sydney. The work was completed on fairlead by the A.U.S.N. Co. on 4th June 1948 and the weather, which had been unsuitable for towing, was becoming fair "WOOMERA" cast off from New Farm at 0800K 6th June and proceeded down Brisbane River to H.M.A.S. "MORETON" where "LARUS" was taken alongside.

3. PASSAGE TO SYDNEY WITH L.R.V. "LARUS" IN TOW.

AT 0855K "WOOMERA cast off from H.M.A.S. "MORETON" with "LARUS" alongside and proceeded to Pile Light in Moreton Bay where towing hawser was veered and "LARUS" taken in tow astern at 0915K 6th June, 1948. On reaching open sea and veering a suitable amount of hawser course was set towards sydney, the tow behaving quite well in a beam sea. A strong Southerly set was evident when Point Lookout was brought abeam. A Southerly set, at times estimated at as high as 3 knots was experienced for the entire passage to Sydney. Weather conditions were favourable for towing, the sea never coming forward of the beam and passage to Sydney was uneventful and made in good time due to the abnormal southerly set.

4. DISCHARGE OF EMPTY PACKAGES EX"GEEBUNG"

Sydney Harbour was entered and came to with Port Bower at 2345K 8th, June. Weighed and proceeded at 0700K 9th June and a after securing "LARUS" alongside North East boat camber "WOOMERA" proceeded to a berth at Naval Stores Wharf Garden Island, Discharge of cargo was delayed until 1330K due to heavy rain. Discharge of cargo continued daily until completion of operation on 15th June.

5. LOADING AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING OFF SYDNEY.

1200K 16th June, secured to No7 buoy off Garden Island and proceeded to load ammunition at 1045K 17th June. Due to unsettled weather loading was not completed until P.M. 21st June, when, besides loose shell and bombs over 1000 boxes of fuses were below hatches for drowming.

6. DROWNING OPERATION OFF SYDNEY.

Slipped and proceeded from No7 buoy at 0900K 22nd JUne and proceeded to dumping area off Macquarie Light. On arrival at dumping area commenced operation and continued during daytime hours until completion at 1730K 23rd June. During the forenoon of 23rd June a defect develpped in the main bilge pump and on the return passage to harbour the water circulating pump on No2 Auxiliary Diesel failed.

7. DOCKYARD ASS ISTANCE TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS ON BILGE AND CIRCULATING PUMP.

On arrival in harbour a berth was made available alongside H.M.A.S. "RESERVE" and work was commenced on defective pumps. When the period under review came to conclusion both Main Bilge and water circulating p umps had been removed from ship and being over hauled in Garden Island, dockyard workshops.

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8. CONDITION OF SHIP.
Condition both above and below decks is good.

9. HEALTH OF SHIPS COMPANY.
Health of Ships Company during the month of June remained good.

10. WELFARE.
The ships company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

11. ENGINEROOM
(1) Main Engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder Diesel (2 in No.)
(a) After oil seal in Port and Starboard engines dismantled and repaired.
(b) Exhaust and inlet valves in port engine reground and fitted.

(11) No1. Auxiliary Southern Cross 4 Cylinders Diesel.
(a) 600 hourly head over haul carried out.

(111) No2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby Single Cylinder Diesel.
(a) Head Overhaul carried out.
(b) Muffler dismantled and cleaned
(c) Circulating water pump repaired by Garden Island Dockyard.

12. (a) Distance steamed during the month.....656.8Miles.

(b) Hours under way during the month.....87 21/60 hours

(c) Average distance per ton of fuel.....93.42Miles.

(d) Total distance steamed since commisioning.....16774.2Mile
(20 February 1946)

(e) Total hours under way since commisioning....2387 42/60Hours

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient servant,

G.O'Connor
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S."WOOMERA"

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1st June, 1948.

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to: Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.W.; D.O.T.M.)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 31st May, 1948.

2. ARRIVAL IN BRISBANE FROM SYDNEY:

The month of May opened with "WOOMERA" approximately 3 miles to the Northeast of Danger Point proceeding towards Brisbane. The weather had deteriorated and strong winds and rough seas were encountered during the remainder of the passage until we entered the lee under Cowan Cowan, Moreton Bay. At 1800K 1st May the Pile Light was abeam and entered Brisbane River, proceeded to New Farm, Victualling Wharf and secured alongside at 2153K 1st May.

3. LOADING AMMUNITION EX "GEEBUNG" FOR DROWNINGS:

It was anticipated loading of 190 tons .5 Ammunition for drowning would commence 5th May, but due to congestion of shipping in the Port labour was not available until 10th May when "WOOMERA" proceeded at 0940K to Pinkenba Railway Wharf and commenced loading. Operation continued daily until completion on P.M.14th May when Ship was secured for sea.

4. DROWNING .5 AMMUNITION EX "GEEBUNG" OFF CAPE MORETON:

When secured for sea "WOOMERA" proceeded from Pinkenba Railway Wharf at 1700K 14th May towards dumping area in a position 27 Degrees 10 Minutes, South. 153 Degrees 50 Minutes, East. Arrived at Dumping Area at 0600K 15th May and commenced drowning operation. 1608K discontinued drowning operation and proceeded to an anchorage under the lee of Cape Moreton. Continued operation during 16th May until o peration was completed and proceeded towards Brisbane, Berthed alongside New Farm, Victualling Wharf at 1540K 17th May.

5. BACK LOADING FOR SYDNEY:

0800K 19th May proceeded to New Farm, Wharf to load empty packages ex "GEEBUNG" for Sydney. On completion of loading "WOOMERA" returned to New Farm, Victualling, Wharf to load N.S.O. and V.S.O. stores for Sydney in available remaining hold space.

6. FITTING OF FAIRLEAD FOR TOWING:

A.C.N.B's 170623Z indicating "WOOMERA" tow "LARUS" to Sydney necessitated the fitting of a suitable fairlead aft for towing, as existing fairlead is fitted in Bulwarks, both too high and at an angle of approximately 45 degrees to the line of tow. N.O.I.C. Brisbane's 200344Z asking for approval to fit same was approved by A.C.N.B's 270618Z and job was taken in hand by A.U.S.N.Co. Brisbane and was proceeding when the period under review came to conclusion.

7. CONDITION OF SHIP:

Advantage has been taken of delay in Brisbane, in ideal painting conditions, to paint ship. The condition above and below decks is good.

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8. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY:

One rating Tel. R. Lawson O/N 34846 was admitted to hospital suffering from influenza on 31st May.

9. WELFARE:

The Ship's company have formed an Australian Rules football team, under the supervision of Lieut. B.I. Currie R.A.N.R. At present no matches have been played as there is no Australian Rules teams in the Brisbane area, but practise has been continued each week and competition from other ships will be looked forward to with confidence when the opportunity arises.

10. ENGINEROOM:

During the month of May the following work was carried out -

(1) Main engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder diesel (2 in No.)

(a) Starboard engine oil primary pump dismantled and re-packed.

(b) Governor gear on Starboard engine dismantled, repaired and replaced.

(c) Five fuel pumps and one injector from Starboard engine serviced.

(d) Timing gear adjusted and fuel and lubricating oil, filters and strainers cleaned on both engines.

(11) No.1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 cylinder diesel.

(a) Complete overhaul effected and one set of rocker arms fitted.

(b) Head, circulating water and exhaust gaskets replaced.

(c) Injection cleaned and tested.

(iii) No.2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby single cylinder diesel.

(a) Head overhaul, new injector fitted, circulating water pump serviced.

11.

(A)	Distance steamed during the month	454.8 Miles
(B)	Hours under way during the month	53.16/60 Hours.
(C)	Average distance per ton of fuel	87.14 Miles.
(D)	Total distance steamed since Commissioning(20th February 1946)	16117.4 Miles.
(E)	Total hours under way since Commissioning	2300.21/60 Hours.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.D. Leaver

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

5th May, 1948.

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to: Flag Officer in Chareg, N.S.W.; D.O.T.M.)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF APRIL,1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for the period covering 1st to 30th April, 1948.

2. BACK LOADING NAVAL AND EMPTY AMMUNITION PACKAGES FOR SYDNEY.

The month of May opened with "Woomera" alongside Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, continuing the back loading of Naval Stores and Ammunition packages ex "GEEBUNG". Loading was concluded at 1000K 6th April and "Woomera" slipped and proceeded at 1317K 6th April towards Sydney.

3. PASSAGE TO SYDNEY.

On leaving the sheltered waters of Moreton Bay, a considerable swell was encountered, which retarded speed to some extent until Cape Byron was abeam. The sea having subsided, a good passage was made and Sydney Heads entered at 1015K 9th April.

4. DISCHARGE OF CARGO AND BACK LOADING FOR MELBOURNE.

Discharge of cargo commenced at 0830K 12th April; wharf labourers being employed, under the supervision of The Central Stevedoring Co. Holds were cleared at 0905K 15th April and "Woomera" proceeded to Kurraba Fuelling Wharf to refuel. On completion of refuelling at 1210K 15th April, slipped and proceeded to No. 5 buoy of Garden Island, secured to same at 1225K 15th April and commenced loading ammunition for drowning en route to Brisbane at 1315K 15th April.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF PASSAGE TO BRISBANE AND FAILURE OF STARBOARD ENGINE.

Having loaded approximately 180 tons of ammunition, including approximately 35 tons being stowed on deck, "Woomera" slipped from No. 5 buoy at 0915K 21st April and proceeded towards dumping area off Macquarie Light, South Head to drown the more dangerous deck cargo. When dumping area was reached and just before drowning operation was commenced, the starboard engine had to be stopped due to a shaft driving the oil pump becoming sheared. The drowning of deck cargo was completed and a return to harbour commenced on port engine. Progress was very slow, the wind being very strong from a Westerly direction and tending to back to South West, thus bringing the wind on the port bow, and as only the port engine could be used, steering at times was most difficult. Harbour was entered and secured to No. 3 buoy , 2020K 21st April.

6. REPAIRS TO STARBOARD ENGINE AND FURTHER LOADING OF AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING.

On return to harbour, repairs were taken in hand immediately by dockyard and ship's engineroom department. On a gang of wharf labourers being available, loading of ammunition commenced 27th April. Having fitted new parts and made all necessary repairs, trials were completed at 2300K 27th April.

7. PASSAGE TO BRISBANE

Slipped and proceeded from No. 5 buoy at 0802K, 28th April

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and proceeded to dumping area off Macquarie light, area being reached and operation commenced at 1200K, 28th April. On conclusion of drowning operation at 1748K, 28th April, course was set towards Brisbane. Voyage was continued in good weather until Danger Point was abeam at 2330K, 30th April, when it deteriorated and strong Easterly winds and rough seas were encountered. When the period under review was concluded "Woomera" was approximately 3 miles to the North of Danger Point.

8. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Condition above and below decks is good.

9. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

During the month of April, health of ship's company remained good.

10. WELFARE.

The ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

11. ENGINEROOM.

(1) Main engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder diesel (2 in No.)

(A) Fuel and lubricating oil strainers and filters cleaned and overhauled.
(B) Timing chains of Main engines inspected and tightened.
(C) Broken lubricating oil pump shaft renewed.
(D) Injectors dismantled and tested.
(E) Heads lifted on Starboard ~~and~~ MAIN engine, all joints and seals renewed.
(F) Exhaust and Inlet valves overhauled.

(2) No. 1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 cylinder diesel.

(A) Strainers and filters cleaned.
(B) Lubricating oil changed.
(C) Valve tappets adjusted.
(D) Bearings inspected.

(3) No. 2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby single cylinder diesel.

(A) Injector dismantled and tested.
(B) Head lifted and piston inspected.
(C) Lubricating oil changed.
(D) Timing re-adjusted.
(E) Circulating water pump repaired.

12.

(A)	Distance steamed during the month	1100.4 Miles
(B)	Hours under way during the month	145.40/60 Hours
(C)	Average distance per ton of fuel	78.5 Miles
(D)	Total distance steamed since commissioning (20 February 1946)	15662.6 Miles
(E)	Total hours under way since commissioning	2247.5/60 Hours.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.L. Pearson.
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

2nd April, 1948

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to: Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.W.; D.O.T.M.)
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1948.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 31st March, 1948.

2. COMPLETION OF REFIT AND COMMENCEMENT OF LOADING AMMUNITION

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Refitting period was concluded 1st March and "Woomera" proceeded from "PENGUIN" wharf in Hunter Bay, Port Jackson, to the Naval Fuelling Wharf at Kurraba Point and replenished with fuel. Slipped and proceeded to No. 3 buoy at 0900K 2nd March to "swing" compasses. On completion of compass adjustment secured to No.4 buoy off Eastern side of Garden Island to load ammunition en route to Brisbane. Due to wharf labourers dispute loading did not commence until 5th March and was continued daily until completion on 10th March.

3. DROWNING OF AMMUNITION IN DEEP WATER OFF SYDNEY

Due to dispute by wharf labourers in Brisbane, "Woomera" did not proceed to Brisbane, but slipped at 0800K 11th March and proceeded to Dumping area off Sydney and commenced drowning ammunition at 1403K 11th March. Drowning operation was not concluded before night fall and to avoid the long journey back to harbour at the slow speed necessary to "run in" the engines after refit, it was decided to keep the sea all night and conclude drowning operation next day. Drowning was commenced at daylight 12th March and on conclusion returned to harbour, securing to No. 4 buoy at 1305K 12th March.

4. LOADING NAVAL STORES AND AMMUNITION FOR BRISBANE

0900K 15th March commenced loading Victualling and Naval Stores and carried on to load ammunition for drowning. Loading continued each day until completion when hatches were covered and ship secured for sea 18th March.

5. PASSAGE TO BRISBANE

Slipped and proceeded at 0910K 18th March and after clearing Sydney Heads course was laid to dumping Area which was reached and operation of drowning commenced at 1320K 18th March. The operation was concluded at 1700K 18th March and course was set towards Brisbane in good weather. Weather continued fair until P.M. 20th March when strong winds and rough seas from an Easterly direction were encountered. A great increase in the amount of fuel consumed by main engines was most evident during the early part of the voyage attributable to tight bearing etc., but as the voyage progressed and "Running in" period advanced fuel consumption dropped considerably. It is anticipated that on return journey to Sydney fuel consumption will be back to normal. Entered Moreton Bay and proceeded to Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, securing to same at 0515K 22nd March.

6. DISCHARGE OF STORES AND BACK LOADING NAVAL STORES AND EMPTY AMMUNITION PACKAGES.

0935K 23rd March commenced discharging Naval Stores. As the dispute with Wharf labourers still continues in Brisbane no gangs are

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available to load ships, this being the case it was decided to abandon the original plan of drowning 190 tons of ammunition ex "GEEBUNG" and load Naval Stores and empty packages using Naval Ratings to do the job. A.M. 30th March loading of Naval Stores by N.S.O. and V.S.O. Staff was commenced and when the period under review was concluded the loading of empty ammunition packages was progressing very satisfactorily.

7. CONDITION OF SHIP.

Condition above and below decks is good.

8. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY

During the month of March health of ship's company remained good.

9. WELFARE

The ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

10. ENGINEROOM

(1) Main engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder diesel (2 in No)

(A) Broken Pyrometers replaced in Nos. 1 and 3 Cylinders in Starboard main engine.
(B) Lubricating oil filters packed and reseated in Port main engine.
(C) Broken circulating water discharge line, rewelded, Starboard main engine.
(D) Fuel and lubricating oil filters and strainers cleaned.

(2) No. 1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 cylinder diesel.
(A) 200 hour top overhaul carried out.
(B) Broken fuel line in No. 3 cylinder repaired.

(3) No. 2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby single cylinder diesel.
(A) 400 hour overhaul carried out.
(B) Repairs to air extractor on Fire and bilge pump.

11. (A) Distance steamed during the month 754.9 Miles
(B) Hours under way during the month 121.27/60 Hours
(C) Average distance per ton of fuel 84.12 Miles
(D) Total distance steamed since commissioning (20 February 1946) 14562.2 Miles
(E) Total hours under way since commissioning 2101.25/60 Hours

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.D. Paine
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

3rd March, 1948.

THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, N.S.W.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1948.

Submitted:

The enclosed report of proceedings for the month of February, 1948, is forwarded herewith for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

W. A. Pearson
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

3rd March, 1948

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to: Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.W.; D.O.T.M.)
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1948.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 29th February, 1948.

2. REFITTING PERIOD

The month of February opened with "Woomera" alongside West Dock Wall, Captain Cook Dock, Port Jackson, continuing refitting programme. Caulking of decks, testing lifting appliances, etc. and all works to be carried out at Garden Island, Dockyard, was completed Friday, 6th February, and "Woomera" proceeded to H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" in Hunter Bay A.M. 9th February to complete re-assembly of Main and Auxiliary Engines. Main Engines refit was completed 25th February and full power trials carried out. Minor adjustments having been completed a further trial was carried out Saturday, 28th February, when Main Engines were quite satisfactory.

3. DAMAGE CONTROL COURSES

The Officers and Members of Ship's Company not urgently required during refitting period attended Damage Control & Fire Fighting Courses at H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN". As the opportunity occurs every member of the Ship's Company will be given this valuable course.

4. CONDITION OF SHIP

During refit, ship has been chipped and painted inside and out and is in good condition and appearance. Decks have been scraped and appearance is gradually being worked up after caulking.

5. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

During the month of February health of Ship's Company remained good.

6. WELFARE

The Ship's Company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

7. ENGINEROOM

(i) Main Engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 cylinder diesel (2 in No.)
Completely assembled and in running condition.
All circulating lines tested for leaks etc.
Valve timing adjusted.

(ii) No. 1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 Cylinder diesel
Circulating water pump fitted.
New Valve push rod fitted to No. 3 cylinder
Engine run in and timing readjusted.

(iii) No. 2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby single cylinder diesel.
Water pump dismantled and refitted.
Engine run in and timing readjusted.

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8.

(A) Distance steamed during the month — Nil
(B) Hours under way during the month — Nil
(C) Average distance per ton of fuel — ---
(D) Total distance steamed since commissioning (20 February 1946) — 13807.3 miles
(E) Total hours under way since commissioning — 1979 58/60 hours.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

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THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copies to: Flag Officer in Charge, N.S.W., D.O.T.M.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1948

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 31st January, 1948.

2. REFITTING PERIOD.

The month of January opened with "WOOMERA" alongside West Wall, Captain Cook Dock, Sydney, continuing refitting programme. The caulking of decks was commenced, lifting appliances, derricks, etc., tested and surveyed. Main Engine refit being carried on continuously.

3. DAMAGE CONTROL COURSES

During the period of refit as many as practical officers and men in the Ship's Company are attending Damage Control courses at H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN". Portion of the Ship's Company have attended the last two courses and it is anticipated that before proceeding to sea, total Ship's Company will have completed this most valuable course.

4. CONDITION OF SHIP.

As ship is in dockyard hands very little can be accomplished as regards appearance, but as dockyard work proceeds ship's company are chipping and painting, scraping decks etc.

5. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY

During the month of January health of Ship's Company remained good.

6. WELFARE

The Ship's Company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

7. ENGINE ROOM

(1) Main Engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder diesel (2 in no.)

(a) Starboard Casing lifted and mainbearings fitted, bigend bearings renewed and refitted, new rings fitted.
(b) Circulating waterpumps overhauled and replaced.
(c) Cylinder heads refitted.
(d) Port main engine dismantled ready for lifting casing for inspection of main bearings.

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7. ENGINE ROOM (Cont.)

(ii) No. 1 Auxiliary, Southern Cross 4 Cylinder Diesel

(a) New liners fitted
(b) Big end bearings renewed and refitted
(c) Compression and scraper rings fitted
(d) Fuel pump tested and calibrated
(e) Injectors tested.
(f) Exhaust and inlet valves renewed and refitted.

(iii) No. 2 Auxiliary, Ruston Hornsby single cylinder diesel.

(a) New liner fitted
(b) New Compression and scraper rings fitted.
(c) Fuel pump tested and calibrated.
(d) Injector tested.
(e) Cylinder head overhauled.

8.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	Nil
(b) Hours under way during the month	Nil
(c) Average distance per ton of fuel	--
(d) Total distance steamed since commissioning (20th February, 1946)	13807.3 Miles
(e) Total hours under way since commissioning	1979 58/60 hrs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

G. A. Pearson

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Naval Board, with reference to Commonwealth Navy Order 266 of 1946.

A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of the Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
Wylde Street,
Potts Point, Sydney.

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SYDNEY.

Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "Woomera"

8th January I948

Flag Officer -in-Charge N.S.W.

Report of proceedings for month of December. I947

Submitted.

The enclosed report of proceedings for the month of December I947 is forwarded for distribution in accordance with C.N.O. 266/46.

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12 JAN 1948
SYDNEY

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.

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FROM COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA".

DATE Ist JANUARY I948

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE MELBOURNE

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER I947.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedin of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering Ist to 3Ist December I947.

(2) DISCHARGE OF AMMUNITION EX- GEEBUNG BRISBANE.

Discharging of ammunition into lighter was commenced at No 3 buoy off Garden Island by wharf labourers at I330K Ist December I947. The cargo comprised only approx 30 tons of explosives the remainder being empty packages. Discharging continued daily until completion at I630K 4th December I947.

(3) COMMENCEMENT OF REFIT AND LEAVE PERIOD.

Slipped and proceeded from No 3 buoy off Garden Island 0845K 5th December I947 to wharf at Penguin in Hunter Bay Middle Harbour and commenced availability for refit and Christmas leave period. The dismantling of Main engines was commenced on securing alongside and parts for fitting and turning removed ashore to Penguin.

(4) DOCKING FOR BOTTOM OVERHAUL IN FLOATING DOCK No I003.

Ship was taken in tow by Naval tug Wattle at I205K IIth December. and entered floating dock No I003 at I340K IIth December I947 On the dock being raised work was commenced on cleaning. painting inspection of underwater fittings, inspection of anchor and cables etc .Docking was completed and Woomera was towed to west wall Captain Cook Dock to continue work undertaken by Dockyard at 0953K 22nd December I947.

(5) CONDITIONS OF SHIP.

When the ship was taken in hand for refit the appearance of the hull had depreciated and it is intended to bring the outward appearance of the ship up to a high standard before proceeding to sea after refit.All interiors which deficiate ~~of~~ PRECIATE ON account of dockyard activity are being cleaned and painted as dockyard work allows.

HEALTH OF THE SHIPS COMPANY.

(6) During December the health of the ships company remained good There were no admissions to hospital during this month.

(7) WELFARE OF THE SHIPS COMPANY.

During December it was possible to grant 3 weeks leave to all memb of the ships company to include at least the Christmas or New Year period at home.Members of the ships company remaining on board during first leave availed themselves of the usual shore amenities The morale of ships company remains high.

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(8) ENGINE ROOM.

Main engines 5 cylinder Ruston Hornsby Diesel, 2 in number.

(a) Removed top covers and cylinder heads.
(b) Removed valves and cages, fuel pumps and atomisers.
(c) Removed air start valves and piping, fuel oil and lubricatir oil piping.
(d) Removed pistons and connecting rods.
(e) Removed starboard housing for refitting ~~of~~ OF main bearings.
(f) Removed oil coolers for cleaning and testing.
(g) Removed main air compressor for refit.

No. 2 Auxiliary Ruston Hornsby Single Cylinder Diesel.

(a) Removed cylinder head and valves.
(b) Removed piston and connecting rod.
(c) Removed main bearings for renewal.
(d) Removed atomiser and fuel pump for cleaning and testing.
(c) Removed exhaust manifold for cleaning.

Hamworthy Air Compressor,(Single Stage.)

(a) Compressor complete removed from bed plate to Fairmile workshop "H.M.A.S.PENGUIN" for complete refit.

Rotary Bilge Pump.

(a) Removed complete from bed to Fairmile workshop for complete refit.

No I Auxiliary Southern Cross 4 Cylinder Diesel.

(a) Removed oil cooler for cleaning and testing

(9) DOCKYARD WORK CARRIED OUT.

Hull and miscellaneous.

(a) Hull sheathing repair where necessary
(b) Rudder chains tested and tightened
(c) Removed lifting appliances for testing.
(d) Galley range rebricked.

(IO) ENGINEERING.

(a) Main engine fuel pumps IO-number tested.
(b) Bottom and bearings of main engines IO -number re-installed and machined to size.

ELECTRICAL.

(a) Anchor windlass motor skimmed and under cut . Contacts and wiring tested and repaired.
(b) Electric winch motors four in number skimmed and under cut, contacts and wiring tested and repaired.
(c) No 2 Auxiliary generator skimmed and undercut. Contacts and wiring tested and repaired.

FLEET ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF 12 JAN 1948 SYDNEY

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant.

G A Pearson
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.

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(II). (a) Distance steamed during the month — 6 Miles

(b) Hours under way during the month — 40 Hours 60

(c) Average distance per ton of fuel — I76.I Miles

(d) Total Distance steamed since commissioning 20th February I946. — I3807.3 Mil

(e) Total hours under way since commissioning — I979 58/60.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

4th December, 1947.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Copies to: F.O.I.C. (S); D.O.T.M.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period coveing 1st to 30th November, 1947.

2. ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY ON PASSAGE FROM BRISBANE.

The month of November opened with "Woomera" on the final stage of her passage to Sydney from Brisbane with a full cargo of ammunition ex "Geebung" Brisbane. The passage was made in good time, due to strong Southerly set and commanding winds throughout the voyage.
0449K 1st November Hornby light was brought abeam and "Woomera" proceeded to No. 7 Buoy and secured at 0520K 1st November.

3. DISCHARGE OF AMMUNITION EX "GEEBUNG"

Ammunition lighter was secured alongside and discharge of ammunition was commenced at 0900K 2nd November. Discharge of cargo was continued until completion of operation at 0935K 8th November.

4. LOADING AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING EN ROUTE TO BRISBANE.

Back loading of 300 lbs. bombs was commenced at 1015K 8th November and after the hold was filled to capacity. Approximately 30 tons measurement of mixed ammunition was stowed as deck cargo. Ship was completely laden p.m. 14th November.

5. PASSAGE TO BRISBANE.

Sailing time was delayed due to defective W/T equipment, but Ship's staff with dockyard assistance, had effected repairs and departure from No. 7 buoy was made at 1720K 15th November. On account of delayed departure, deck cargo which it was proposed to drown off Port Jackson, was carried on to dumping area off Cape Moreton. Passage to dumping area off Cape Moreton was uneventful with favourable wind and sea. Position was reached and drowning of ammunition commenced at 0430K 18th November and carried through until completion at 1030K 18th November. 1050K 18th November set course for Moreton Bay, arriving at Pile Light at 2040K 18th November in a very heavy wind and rain squall. Proceeded to and berthed at Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, at 2245K 18th November.

6. LOADING AMMUNITION EX "GEEBUNG" FOR SYDNEY. ANCHORAGE PILE LIGHT.

0903K 20th November proceeded to Pinkenba Railway Wharf to load ammunition for Sydney. It was intended to load ship, using Naval Ratings supplied by H.M.A.S. "MORETON", but an alteration in plans necessitated an application to load under order No. 66 of the National Security Act 1939-1943 and Waterside Workers were engaged. "Woomera", on all previous occasions, has been worked under the above order, but being a R.A.N. Ship was granted the privilege of staying alongside overnight and at weekends, but on this occasion

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6. LOADING AMMUNITION EX "CEEBUNG" FOR SYDNEY. ANCHORAGE PILE LIGHT (Cont.)

an anchorage at Pile Light, between the hours of sunset and sunrise was indicated in the Orders received from the Department of Supply and Shipping, Dangerous Cargoes Section. Acting under instructions of N.O.I.C. Brisbane, "Woomera" remained alongside Pinkenba Wharf, Thursday night, but Dangerous Cargoes Section withdrew Order No. 66 and "Woomera" had to anchor at Pile Light during the whole weekend period.
This is most unsatisfactory from a leave point of view, as Ship's Company had to remain on board from Friday until Monday forenoon. Main engines, routine maintenance which can be carried out alongside cannot be carried out in an exposed anchorage. This contributed in some measure to the engine Stoppages referred to paragraph 7 of this report.
As deck space for recreation purposes is limited in a ship of this size, shore leave is most essential for the men's welfare. It would seem apparent that before "Woomera" could lay alongside overnight whilst loading, as was the usual practice, waterside workers would have to be dispensed with and Naval Ratings used to load in Brisbane. As the cargo loaded consisted of mainly empty packages; approximately 30 tons only of explosives being loaded, the operation was completed at 1930K 24th November, after a deck cargo of ammunition and V.S.O. Stores was stowed for drowning in dumping area off Cape Moreton.

7. PASSAGE TO SYDNEY.

1940K 24th November departed Pinkenba Railway Wharf and proceeded towards Sydney. 0550K 25th November in dumping area and proceeded to drown deck cargo under good weather conditions. Operation was completed at 0635K 25th November and passage towards Sydney continued. During the afternoon of 25th November the wind came away from the South and remained in a Southerly direction with a resultant fairly heavy head sea; this retarded speed considerably at times, coupled with the fact that considerable trouble was being experienced with exhaust valves sticking in the pat main engine, necessitating frequent stoppages during the voyage, ship was eight hours astern of her E.T.A. at Sydney.
1524K 27th November Hornby Light was abeam and secured to No. 3 buoy at 1550K 27th November.

8. DISCHARGE OF AMMUNITION IN SYDNEY.

Although waterside workers had been ordered for 28th November, no gangs were available when the period under review was concluded.

9. CONDITION OF SHIP.

In view of quick "turn rounds" in port, little time has been available to do other than essential maintenance jobs, consequently the outer appearance of ship has suffered to some extent, but as a refit is over-due it is anticipated that during availability ship's side etc. will be brought back to good appearance. Below decks remains good.

10. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY.

Health of Ship's Company remains good.

11. WELFARE

The Ship's Company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

12. ENGINE ROOM.

During the month of November the following work was carried out:

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12. ENGINE ROOM (Cont.)

(1) Main engines, Ruston Hornsby 5 Cylinder diesel (2 in no.)
(a) Fuel strainers and filters cleaned.
(b) Lubricating oil filters cleaned.
(c) No. 3 Port exhaust valve exchanged for a reconditioned spare.

(2) No. 1 Auxiliary Southern Cross 4 Cylinder diesel.
(a) Broken stud removed and replaced from salt water cooling system.
(b) Salt water pump dismantled, inspected and re-assembled.

(3) No. 2 Auxiliary Ruston Hornsby Single Cylinder.
(a) Muffler removed and cleaned.
(b) Injector cleaned.
(c) Newscraper rings fitted to piston.
(d) Valves re-seated and adjusted.
(e) Cylinder head de-carbonised.

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(a) Distance steamed during the month.	1085 Miles
(b) Hours under way during the month	157 27/60 hrs.
(c) Average distance per ton of fuel	161.1 miles.
(d) Total miles steamed since commissioning (20th February, 1946)	14892.3 miles
(e) Total hours under way since commissioning.	2136 45/60 hrs.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

J.A. Pearson
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

DATE 6th OCTOBER 1947.

TO SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
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SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1947.

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Sir.

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the period covering Ist to 30th SEPTEMBER I947.

.2. LOADING AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING EN-ROUTE TO BRISBANE.

Loading of ammunition to be drowned in dumping area off Cape Moreton being completed, on the return of N.S. Wales and Queensland ratings from leave Woomera slipped from No 7 buoy in Port Jackson and proceeded towards brisbane at I440K 4th Septemner.

.3. PASSAGE TO BRISBANE.

The weather was fair and conditions generally very good during the passage and after drowning ammunition "Woomera" berthed along-side Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, Brisbane at I444K 7th September.

.4. LOADING AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING.

Discharged Naval Victualling stores A.M. 8th September slipped and proceeded to Railway Wharf Pinkenba 0835K 9th September I030K 9th September commenced loading ammunition for drowning I330K I0th September loading was completed and "Woomera" slipped and proceeded at I605K for dumping area. After anchoring during the dark hours a course was laid for dumping area off Cape Moreton at o6ooK IIth

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.4. September.On reaching open sea swell was too big for drowning operations came to anchor at Cape Moreton until weather moderated Weighed and proceeded at 2020K IIth September and on reaching dumping area, drowned ammunition and proceeded back to Naval Victualling Wharf, New Farm, making fast alongside at I400K I2th September.

.5. LOADING AMMUNITION EX GEEBUNG FOR SYDNEY.

0810K I5th September slipped and proceeded for Pinkenba Railway Wharf made fast alongside same at 0910K commenced loading ammunition at I020K I5th September loading continued daily until completion I445K I8th September. Ship secured for sea and ready to proceed 0600K I9th September but adverse weather report and subsequent weather conditions delayed sailing until 0500K 27th September.

.6. PASSAGE TO SYDNEY

0500K slipped and proceeded towards Sydney on reaching open sea quite a big swell and moderately rough seas were enccunted this retarded speed appreciably.When abeam of Danger Point conditions had improved and the remainder of passage was under good conditions. A southerly set was very evident until Sugarloaf Point was abeam and at times was running 2.3knots . Hornby Light was brought abeam at I445K 29th September and "Woomera" secured to No 7 buoy at I5I7K.

.7. Discharge of cargo.

Derricks were rigged and after the discharge of deck cargo hatch was broken out and commenced discharging into lighter at 0930K 30th SEPTEMBER.

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.8. CONDITION OF SHIP

Advantage was taken whilst in Brisbane of painting superstructure and the appearance of ship and ships fittings motor boat, life boat, etc is good . Below decks is also good.

.9. HEALTH OF SHIPS COMPANY.

Health of ships company remains good.

.IO. WELFARE

The ships company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

.II. ENGINEROOM.

During the month off September the following work was carried out.

I. MAIN ENGINES RUSTON THORNSBY 5 CYLINDER DIESEL

New spring fitted to non return valve in circualting pump on Starboard Main Engines.

2. SOUTHERN CROSS DIESEL GENERATOR 4 CYLINDER

New set of coupling rubbers fitted in coupling

New spring fitted in No 2 fuel pump

3. RUSTON HORNSBY GENERATOR SINGLE CYLINDER.

Pulley made and fitted to circulating water pump.

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.II. ENGINEROOM

4. MISCELLANEOUS

Galley skylight repaired.

Chart table refitted.

Motor boat engine over hauled Stern sheet and seat repaired.

New pedestal Pan and connecting pipe fitted in Ships companys Heads.

Winch Foot Brakes refitted.

Fresh water Semi- Rotary pump refitted.

Port and Starboard Aft Semi-Rotary Bilge pump refitted

Two links taken out of each chain of steering gear

Lock on Ships companys heads door refitted.

New centre piece made and fitted to Galley Range.

.I2. DISTANCE TRAVELLED FOR SEPTEMBER I947.

Distance travelled for the month	I022.3 miles
Hours under way	I58 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel	I72.I miles
Total distance since commissioning 20th Feb I946.	I2747.I miles
Fuel consumed for September	
Main engines	I580 galls
Generators and Galley	920 galls
TOTAL	2500 Galls

I have the honour to be Si
Your obedient servant

A.T. Pearson

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA"

DATE. 2nd JULY 1947. REF.No. 8/6

TO: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
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SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1947.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. ship under my command for the period covering 1st to 30th June 1947.

2. PASSAGE FROM BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE CARRYING AMMUNITION EX GEEBUNG BRISBANE

The month of June opened with "woomera" off Cape Liptrappe on the final part of the voyage to Melbourne. Weather conditions were favourable and Point Lonsdale was brought abeam at 0846K 1st June. Port Phillip was entered and proceeded via South Channel to Williamstown and berthed alongside Cross berth between Reid and Nelson Piers at 1340K 1st June.

3. DISCHARGE OF AMMUNITION CARGO

Broke out the hold and commenced discharging ammunition at 1000K 2nd June. Discharging was continued each day until completed on 6th June. During the Discharging period, operations were held up on occasions, due to unfavourable weather conditions. I consider the zeal with which NASO's staff carrying out the discharge and loading of the hold, worthy of favourable comment.

4. BACK LOADING AND LOADING OF AMMUNITION FOR DROWNING

Back loading of armament stores for Sydney and ammunition for drowning in deep water was commenced at 0900K 9th June. This operation was completed when a deck cargo of smoke floats was secured to be drowned en route to Sydney.

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5. PASSAGE TO SYDNEY

Ship was secured and ready for sea P.M. 10th June and departure was expected A.M. 11th June.Due to Gale warnings sailing was postponed until 14th June,when weather conditions gave every indication of remaining fair for some days.Slipped and Proceeded from Cross berth at Williamstown 1100K 14th June.Port Phillip heads were cleared at 1445K and weather outside was good.Southern Point light,Wilsons Promontory was abeam at 0250K 15th June.A fresh to strong North West wind was experienced after the passage across the Victorian Bight was commenced. Gabo Island light was brought abeam 0054K 16th June weather conditions being good. A very heavy West North West squall was experienced for about an hour from 1630K 16th June.Point Perpendicular light was abeam at 2316K 16th June weather conditions being good.The weather deteriorated when abeam of Port Kembla and the wind at times reached gale force from North West. The sea at 18 miles off shore was rough and drowning operations impossible,so proceeded to harbour and berthed at Kurraba Point fuelling wharf at 1055K 17th June.

6. DROWNING OF AMMUNITION,DISCHARGE OF STORES AND LOADING FOR BRISBANE

Weather conditions were unsuitable for drowning of deck cargo until 19th June,when Woomera proceeded from Kurraba Point Fuel wharf to dumping area.Drowning operations commenced at 1300K 19th June and completed at 1400K 19th June,returned to C.O.R. Fuelling wharf.Fuelling was completed and returned to Kurraba Point Fuelling wharf to load ballast and stores for Brisbane.Loading was completed and Woomera sailed for Brisbane 1000K 24th June.

7. PASSAGE TO BRISBANE AND DROWNING OF BALLAST EN ROUTE

Off shore winds and slight seas were encountered until in the vicinity of Danger Point at 0700K 26th June when the wind freshened from the South and as a course was laid to the dumping area conditions were becoming bad for drowning operations.When area was reached at 1600K 26th June drowning operation was commenced in very poor conditions. Drowning operation completed at 1800K 26th June and proceeded to harbour, arriving at Naval Victualling Wharf,New Farm,Brisbane at 1430K 27th June.

8. DISCHARGE OF VICTUALLING STORES AND BACK LOADING STORES FOR MELBOURNE.

The discharge of Naval Victualling stores being completed and ship refuelled,Woomera slipped and proceeded for Pinkenba Railway Wharf at 0730K 30th June,on arrival alongside at 0830K 30th June hatches were uncovered and at 1025K 40M.M. Bofor ammunition was commenced loading. When the period under review came to a close approximately 20 tons of 40 M.M. Bofor ammunition ex Geebung for NASO Maribyrnong had been loaded.

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9. CONDITION OF SHIP

Perfect weather conditions in Brisbane have been taken advantage of to paint ships side. This job is proceeding satisfactorily. Above decks are in fair condition and below decks remains good.

10. HEALTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY

Health of ship's company remains good.

11. WELFARE

The ship's company avail themselves of the usual shore amenities.

12. ENGINEROOM

During the month of June the following was carried out:

1. MAIN ENGINES RUSTON HORNSBY 5 CYLINDER DIESEL.

Exhaust valve cage number two Cylinder starboard engine renewed.
Circulating discharge pipe starboard engine brazed at flange.
Circulating pump relief valve port engine reseated.
Lubricating oil settling tank guage glass renewed.
Exhaust valves and cage on Number one Cylinder head starboard engine renewed.
New joint fitted in oil line on starboard gear box.

11. SOUTHERN CROSS 4 CYLINDER DIESEL (AUXILIARY NUMBER 1)

Air filters, lubricating oil strainers and fuel strainers cleaned.
Valve tappets adjusted.
New rubber coupling bushes fitted in coupling.

111. RUSTON HORNSBY SINGLE CYLINDER DIESEL (AUXILIARY NUMBER 2)

Rocker arm bushes renewed.
Air pump vanes refitted.
Air compressor clutch adjusted.
Circulating water discharge line refitted and flange welded

13. (a) Distance steamed during the month 1290 Miles
(b) Hours under way during the month 171 Hours
(c) Average distance per ton of fuel 215 Miles
(d) Total distance steamed since commissioning 20th February 1946 10,070 Miles
(e) Total hours under way since commissioning 1460 Hours.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

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Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S."WOOMERA"

DATE. APRIL2nd 1947. REF: No 4/1

TO. SECRETARY TO THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELB.
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SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for the month of March 1947 of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the period 1-3-47 to 31-3-47.

2. Drowning of 1000 lb Aerial Bombs.

The month of March openedwith "Woomera" loading 1000 lb Aerial Bombs for drowning. The loading of approximately 250 tons of bombs was concluded 4th March by wharf labourers, taking four days in all.

Slipped and proceededto dumping area 0948K 4th March, arrived at position and commenced dumping at 1345K The ship's speed was noticeably slow owing to marine growth on her bottom. Returned to Watson's Bay at 1900K. At 0500K 6th March slipped and proceeded to dumping area and commenced dumping at 0811K, continuing until completion of operation at 1340K. Returned to Kurraba Point for fuel, arriving at 1740K.

3. Re-fuelling, and Wharf-labourers Dispute.

Re-fuelling ship was completed at 1045K 7th March and ship was berthed at No 9 Walsh Bay, but due to Waterside Workers' dispute no labour for loading was available.

4. Docking, and Windlass defect.

As orders had been received from A.C.N.B. that when ship was next loaded she was to be sailed to Brisbane, and in view of the fact that the dispute would hold up the ship's programme indefinitely, application was made for docking. "Woomera" was taken in hand for defect in port clutch of windlass, and docked in Fitzroy Dock, Cockatoo Island on 17th March. Ship was undocked P.M. 18th March and berthed on Destroyer Wharf, Cockatoo Island, until repairs to windlass were effected on 20th March. Vessel then proceeded toNo 9 Walsh Bay. During the passage from Cockatoo Is. to Walsh Bay considerable difference was noticed in ship's speed - attributable to clean bottom.

5. Compasses adjusted

Ship proceeded to No 6 buoy off Clarke Is. at 1030K 21st March. Compasses were adjusted , and ship was berthed at No 9 Walsh Bay to await labour to load ammunition.

6. Shortage of labour.

The waterside dispute was settled and men returned to work on 25th March. Labour was sought for "Woomera", but due to congestion of food and other essential cargoes which had accumulated in the port, the priority for this ship is very low, and at the conclusion of the period under review labour had not been obtained.

7. Condition of ship.

Condition of ship has improved since a small quantity of paint was supplied from Naval Stores.
Deck and general appearances are very good.

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8. Health of Ships Company.
Health remains good.

9. Welfare.
The ships company avail themselves of the usual amenities ashore.

10. Engineroom.
During the month of March the following work was carried out by the engineroom staff.

1. Main Engines (Ruston Hornsby 5 Cyl Diesel)
Oil strainers removed, cleaned and replaced.
Circulating water pump relief valves reground.

2. Southern Cross 4 Cyl Diesel.(Aux No 1)
Fuel injectors cleaned of carbon.
New spring replaced in No 1 fuel pump.

3. Ruston Hornsby Single Cyl Diesel (Aux No 2)
Heads removed, cleaned and inspected for cracks.
Fuel injectors claaned.
Copper head-gasket re-newed.
Inlet valves re-ground.
Exhaust valves re-ground.
Air Compressor stripped, cleaned and re-placed.

4. All exhaust mufflers cleaned of carbon and re-placed.

11. (a) Distance steamed during the month.....133m
(b) Hours under way " " 23 10/60
(c) Average distance per ton of fuel .....~~556.6m~~ 594.44m.
(d) Total distance steamed since commissioning
~~(K)~~ on Feb: 20th 1946.....5108m
(e) Total hours under way " " 789 52/60

I have the honour to be,Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. T. Pearson

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM. Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."WOOMERA".

DATE. March 1st 1947. REF. NO. 3/1.

TO. The Secretary to the Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne. Copies to the Flag Officer-in-Charge Sydney, and to D.O.T.M. Melbourne.

SUBJECT. Report of proceedings for the month of February, 1947, in accordance with C.N.O.266/46.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the period 1st February 1947 to 28th February 1947.

2. LEAVE TO SHIP'S COMPANY.

The period under review, with "WOOMERA" alongside No 10b Walsh Bay, Port Jackson, continued the thirty-five days unavailability to allow leave to be granted the ship's company.

3. REPAIRS TO ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT TO FORECASTLE.

Dockyard re-wired electric cables for lighting crews' quarters forward, and to electric windlass.

4. ENGINEROOM REPAIRS.

The following repairs were carried out by the Engineroom staff:-

MAIN ENGINES (RUSTON-HORNSBY).

Oil filters and strainers removed, cleaned, and replaced.
Oil relief valves re-adjusted.

4CYL. SOUTHERN CROSS DIESEL(AUX:No1.)

Rubbers of flexible coupling re-newed.
Heads removed and cleaned of carbon deposits.
Exhaust Manifold cleaned of carbon deposit.
Exhaust Manifold and Inlet valves re-ground.
Gasket rings re-newed.
Valve clearances re-adjusted.

1 CYLINDER RUSTON-HORNSBY DIESEL(AUX: No2)

Compressor stripped and cleaned.
Felt oil-ring for pump drive bearing re-newed.

FUEL CONSUMED.

238 galls; for auxiliary engines.
108 galls; for galley.

5. LOADING OF 1000lb AERIAL BOMBS.

On February 27th leave was completed, and vessel shifted to No 9 Walsh Bay, Port Jackson, and commenced to load 1000 lb aerial bombs.

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LIEUTENANT. R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."WOOMERA".

Date: 1st. ~~2nd~~ November,1946. Ref. 11/1

To: Secretary of the Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
Copies to: Fleet Officer in Charge, Sydney, D.O.T.M..

Subject: Report of Proceedings For The Month of October,1946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.S."WOOMERA" for the month of October,1946.

1. Loading and Drowning of Ammunition and Depth Charges - At Sydney.

The month of October opened with "Woomera" loading Ammunition and Depth Charges for drowning at sea at Central Wharf, Walsh Bay. Loading was completed P.M. 1st. October and at 0700k 2nd. October, ship slipped and proceeded to dumping area as defined by F.O.I.C.(S). Drowning of Ammunition proceeded throughout that day under very unfavorable conditions, and "Woomera" returned to harbour and anchored between East and West Channel lights at 1825ksame day.

At 0610k 3rd.October weighed and proceeded to dumping area and remainder of cargo was drowned by 1350k that day. "Woomera" passed through Sydney Heads at 1550k and secured alongside Central Wharf, Walsh Bay at 1633k.

During whole of dumping operation trouble was experienced with the electric winches, and a signal was made to F.O.I.C.(S). requesting that these be overhauled. On 4th. October, Southern Cross Diesel broke down completely, and this also was reported to F.O.I.C.(S). "Woomera" remained alongside Central Wharf till 0803k Tuesday, 8th. October and then proceeded to Garden Island in accordance with instructions from F.O.I.C.(S.) for repairs to be carried out. Ship was still in dockyard hands when period under review came to an end.

2. Condition of Ship.

Condition of ship on deck and over the side is good. During repairs at Garden Island ship was painted overside and topside, and also many of the compartments. All standing and running gear is in first class order. All electric winches have been completely overhauled by Base Staff, Garden Island.

3. Health of Ship's Company.

Health remains good.

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4. Welfare.

The ship's company avail themselves of usual amenities ashore. A new wireless has been installed in forward mess deck in place of the old one. This was supplied in response to a request to F.O.I.C.(S.) and referred to in September report of proceedings.

5. Engine Room.

During the month of October the engine room staff carried out the following repairs:-

1. Main Engines. (Ruston Hornsby 5 cyl. Diesel Engines)

~~1x~~ Top Overhaul.

All inlet and exhaust valves ground and cleaned. New copper rings fitted to valve cage seat. Rocker arms adjusted to correct clearences. Injectors cleaned and tested.

2. Auxiliary Engine. (Ruston Hornsby 1 cyl. Diesel Engine)

Complete Overhaul.

New big end bearings fitted. New oil scraper and compression rings fitted. New cyl. head gasket fitted. Circulating water pump gland repacked. Oil lines and strainers cleaned. Air Filter cleaned. Fuel line welded and tested. Injector cleaned and tested. New inlet and exhaust valves fitted. Lubricating Oil renewed.

3. Auxiliary Engine. (Southern Cross 4 cyl. Diesel Engine)

This Engine was taken out and is being replaced by Dockyard, as it was considered to be ~~irrepairable~~ irrepairable in the time at Dockyard's disposal. Work on this was being carried out when period under review came to an end.

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Hours under weigh.	.....	22 6/60. Hours.
Distance Run.	.....	138 Miles.
Average Speed.	.....	6.27 Knots.
Fuel Consumed.	.....	222 Gallons.
Gallons per Mile.	.....	1.61 Gallons.
Total distance run since Commissioning on 20/2/46	.....	4041.8 Miles.
Total hours under weigh.	.....	587.6 Hours.

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Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM : The Commanding Officer,H.M.A.S.WOOMERA

DATE : 3rd.July I946. REF.NO. : 7/1

TO : Secretary of the Naval Board,Navy Office,Melbourne.
Copies to: Naval Officer in Charge,Port Melbourne.
Director of Ordnance,Torpedoes and Mines.

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SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE I946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.S.Woomera for the months of May and June I946.

I. WILLIAMSTOWN TO DUMPING AREA

At I000K 2nd.May Woomera slipped from cross berth between Nelson and Reid St.piers and cleared Port Phillip heads at I620K the same day,arriving at dumping area at 09I5K 3rd May and commenced dumping 2 pounder shot and anti-verm.

2. DUMPING

Dumping was comtinued until II55K 6th.May,and ship proceeded to Refuge Cove coming to anchor at 0830K 7th May. After cleansing ship of anti-verm Woomera wieghed and proceededat I2I4K 8th May arriving at Port Phillip heads at I630K 9th.May and securing at cross berth between Nelson and Reid Street Pier Williamstown at 1020K the same day.

3 AT WILLIAMSTOWN AND H.M.A.NAVAL DOCKYARD.

During The period 9th.to 12th May valuable stores and C.B.s were landed and ship made ready for refit in H.M.A.Dockyard Williamstown. Woomera shifted into Dockyard at 0825K 13th May and ships As&As and defects were taken in hand. Ship entered Dry Dock with H.M.A.S.Barcoo at 1520K the 24th June and is in dock when period under review came to an end.

4 CONDITION OF SHIP.

In dockyard Hands.

5 HEALTH OF SHIPS COMPANY

Health remains good.

6 WELFARE.

Ships company avail themselves of the usual amenities ashore. Leave during refit granted only to permanent service and interim period ratings.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR H.M.A.S.WOOMERA FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE I946.(Continued).

Hours under way	60 Hours
Distance run	394.I Miles
Average speed	5.7 Knots
Fuel Consumed	793.0I Gallons
Gallons per mile	2.0I Gals.per mile
Total distance run since commissioning ..	I69I.I Miles.

R. B. Hellyar.
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMAMDING OFFICER.

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FROM : The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Woomera".

DATE : 1st. May 1946. REF. NO. : 5/1

TO : Secretary of the Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
Copies to : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.
Director of Ordnance, Torpedoes and Mines.
Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Depot
Williamstown.

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following report of proceedings of H.M.A.S."Woomera" for the month of April 1946.

1. DUMPING.

On 1st. April "Woomera" left West Cove, Erith Island and proceeded to dumping area. Dumping was commenced at 0830k/1st. April. and proceeded during that day and the 2nd. April. Ship then proceeded to Refuge Cove and anchored at 1700k/3rd April.

2. DUMPING AREA TO WILLIAMSTOWN.

After cleansing ship of anti-verm, unrigging derricks and gear ship weighed anchor at 1330k/4th. April and proceeded to Port Phillip, entering Port Phillip Heads at 0800k/5th. April and proceeded to Williamstown via the West Channel. Ship berthed at 1240k/5th. April at Middle West berth Nelson Pier. Ship was shifted to cross berth between Nelson and Reid Street Piers at 1321k/5th. April.

3. WILLIAMSTOWN.

"Woomera" remaind at Williamstown from 1240k/5th. April until 1107k/14th. April.

4. LOADING.

The loading of 352 barrels of anti-verm was commenced at 0950k/9th. April and completed at 1430k/12th. April

5. WILLIAMSTOWN TO DUMPING AREA

"Woomera" slipped from cross berth between Nelson and Reid Street piers at 1107k/14th. April in accordance with N.O.I.C.'B.M. signal 130339Z April, arriving at Port Phillip Heads via the South Channel at 1655k/14th. April. Ship arriving at dumping area at 0930k/15th. April.

6. DUMPING.

Dumping was commenced at 0930k/15th. April and completed at 1700k/16th. April. Ship then proceeded to Oberon Bay, anchoring at 1500k/17th. April.

7. DUMPING AREA TO WILLIAMSTOWN.

After cleansing ship of anti-verm and unrigging derricks and gear, ship weighed and proceeded at 1435k/18th. April, arriving at Port Phillip Heads at 0630k/19th. April and proceeded to Williamstown via the West Channel. Ship berthed at 1130k/19th. April alongside H.M.A.S. "Rockhampton" at inner West berth Nelson Pier. At 1513k/19th. April ship was shifted to cross berth between Nelson and Reid Street piers.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL CONTINUED

8. WILLIAMSTOWN.

"Woomera" remained at Williamstown from 1130k/19th. April until 1050k/2nd. May.

9. LOADING.

The loading of 340 barrels of anti-verm and 50 tons o 2 pounder shot was commenced at 0830k/24th. April and completed at 1135k/30th. April.

10. CONDITION OF THE SHIP.

Condition of the ship is satisfactory except for items listed in A & A and Defect lists already submitted and due for rectification in the proposed refit. The adding of an A.B. L.T.O. to the ship's scheme of complement has overcome the difficulty experienced with the electric winches and mass of electrical equipment installed. Running gear has undergone quite a lot of stress and strain owing to the type of work carried out and conditions prevailing. Some of it has already been renewed but the remainder will last for some time yet. Ship is in urgent need of painting according to Naval Specifications, but until dumping og all anti-verm is completed, this is not deemed practicable, owing to the corrosive nature of the chemical. Ship's bottom which is very foul, will be scraped and cleaned during refit.

11. HEALTH OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY.

Health of the Ship's Company remains good, and no ill effects from handling of anti-verm were noted.

12. WELFARE.

In harbour Ship's Company avail themselves of the usual amenities of the port. The Mission to Seaman, Willimmstown has catered for the welfare of the Ship's Company and also supplied some sporting gear. The Head Branch Of the Mission to Seaman, Melbourne and the Australian Comforts Fund have supplied the Ship with two radio sets and sportin gear.

13. MAIN ENGINES AND AUXILARY MACHINERY.

During the month the main engines have performed satisfactorily and the only work done on these has been through fair wear and tear, these defects are listed as follows. On Monday 8th. April circulating water pump on the starboard main engine was overhauled and on Thursday 11th. April the circulating water pump on the port main engine was overhauled, both were taken in hand whilst alongside the wharf at Williamstown, Whilst starting the starboard main engine prior to leaving Murray Passage, Kent Group on Tuesday 16th April the exhaust valve stem in no. 4 cylinder was found to be stuck down, due to carbon deposits on the valve stem, this was replaced by the ship's staff in three quarters of an hour. Whilst in Williamstown on Tuesday 23rd. April the circulating water pump relief valve springs on the port and starboard main engines were found to be broken, these were taken out and new springs ordered through Base Engineer Officer on Friday 26th April.

The Southern Cross has shown satisfactory performance during this month, but on Monday 1st. May the starter motor was found to be defective and is to be repaired by Base Engineer Officer's Staff.

As was shown in the previous months report the circulating water pump on the Ruston and Hornsby Generator was defective and in Base Engineer Officers hands, This was taken in hand on Friday 5th. April and installed on Saturday 13th April by Williamstown Depot workshop. Whilst repacking the pump on 18th. April the suction pipe of the pump was found to be broken at the flange and this was repaired by the ship's Staff. Apart from this pump the engine has performed satisfactorily, as all other auxiliaries.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A.S. "WOOMERA" FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL CONTINUED.

	Hours under way	101hours.
	Distance run	629 miles.
	Average speed	6.2 knots.
Main engines	Fuel consumed under way	1,354.5gals.
	Gallons of fuel per mile	2.15 gals.
	Total distance run since commissioning. ..	1297 miles.

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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