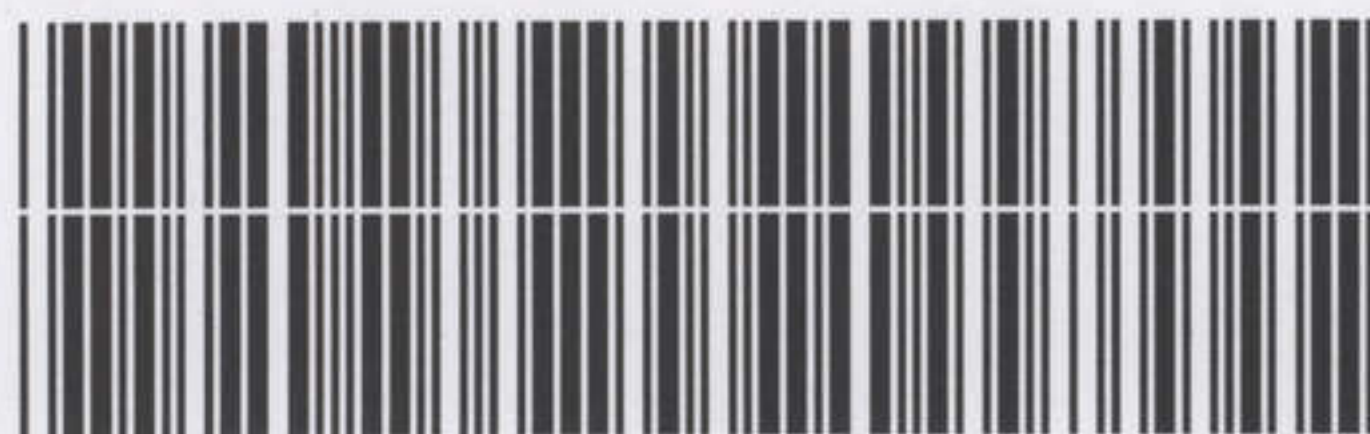


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The Secretary,  
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*Sgt. Woods.*

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
FOR A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date 10 September, 1945 Reference No. T.91/12  
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945 -  
H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of August, 1945 from H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".



a/Captain, R.N.

SEA ADMIRAL-IN-CHARGE  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

Date 2 August 1945

Reference No.

To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1945

Submitted:

During August, 1945, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" was standing by at "RUSHCUTTER" and towards the end of the month in "paying off".

2. No unusual events occurred during the month.
3. Main and Auxiliary motors in need of over-haul. Hull in need of repairs. Leakages in decking make for uncomfortable conditions in wet weather.
4. Fire drill was exercised on 16 August, 1945.
5. Conduct and morale of ships company is good.
6. No long leave was granted during the month.
7. Health of ships company is satisfactory.
8. One rating Able Seaman G.F. Nolan was discharged to M.L. 426 on relief by Able Seaman C.R. Ferguson.
9.
 

Distance steamed for month	12 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	7659 miles
Hours run during month	2 hours
Hours run since commissioning	1049 hours
Hours run since last overhaul	440 hours
Total fuel consumed	3 galls.
Average fuel consumed	1.2 galls.
Average speed	6 knots.

(SGD) M.T. BATH  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

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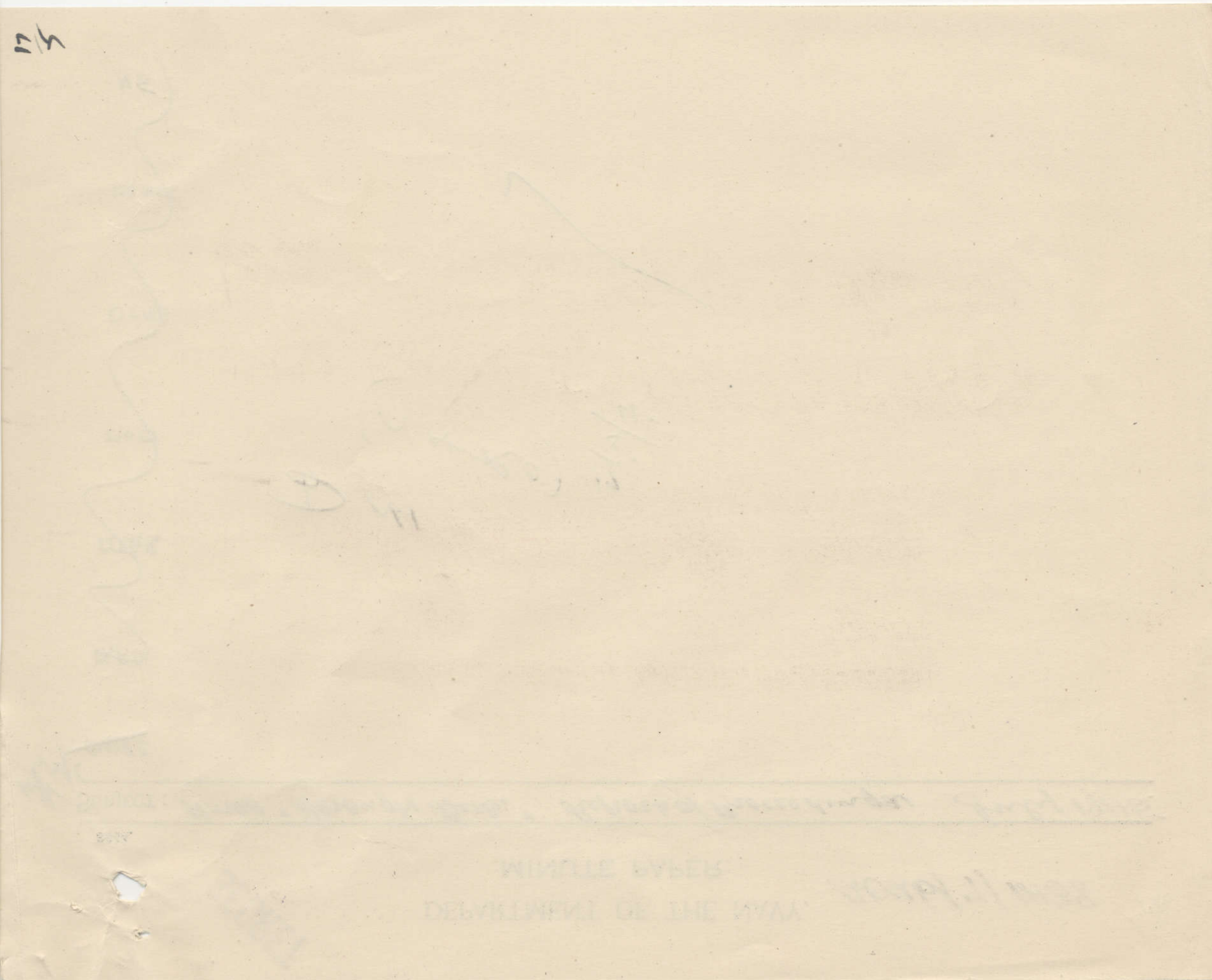
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1945 -  
H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of July, 1945, from H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".

2. With reference to paragraph 3, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" will be undergoing refit in the near future.

*Henry John Campbell*

a/Commander, R.N.



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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

2 August 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1945.

Submitted:

During July, 1945, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" was engaged on Boom Patrol duties over the period 1st to 26th July and was standing by at Rushcutter from 27th to 31st.

1st to 26th	-	16 days at Boom
27th to 31st	-	Balance at Rushcutter standing by Rushcutter, stand by.

2. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

3. Propellor shaft coupling plate - starboard motor became uncoupled but repairs were effected without interception of routine duties. Main and auxilliary motors in need of overhaul. Hull is in urgent need of repairs. Leaks in decking make for uncomfortable conditions (including wet bunks) in wet weather.

4. Fire drill was exercised on 23rd.

5. Conduct and morale of crew is good.

6. No leave long leave was granted during the month.

7. Health of ships company is satisfactory. One rating R.C. Hanson entered hospital 12th with hernia condition.

8.	Distance steamed	-	208 miles
	Distance steamed since commissioning		
	Hours run	-	34 1/2 hours
	Hours run since commissioning last overhaul	-	
	Total fuel consumed	-	250 gallons
	Average fuel consumption	-	1.2 galls per mi
	Average speed	-	6 knots.

(300)  
H.T. BATH  
Subaltern, R.A.N.V.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" -  
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Nil.

ENCLOSURES:

1. Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" letter C.O. 22/41/1 dated 1st March, 1945.
2. Flag Officer-in-Charge, New South Wales, letter B.S. 250/207 dated 20th March, 1945.
3. Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" letter T/91/12 dated 9th April, 1945.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office letter 589/201/941 (053065) dated 23rd October, 1944.

2. The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER", is being informed that arrangements should now be made to overhaul the engines of "BOROUGH BELLE" as soon as opportunity occurs.

*J.C. Rhine*

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.  
Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER."

Date 1 MAR 1945 Reference No. C.O. 22/41/1

To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER - H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of December, from H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".

2. With reference to paragraph 3, the majority of this work has already been taken in hand.

Rear-Adm  
7-MAR-1945  
SYDNEY



a/Commander, R.N.

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*From* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".  
*Date* 9th January, 1945. *Reference No.*  
*To* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
*Subject* MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER.

Sir,

Herewith monthly report of proceedings for the month of December, 1944.

1. This ship was on duty the whole of the month, 25 days on patrol at boom stations, 1, 2 & 3, the remainder at 4 hours' notice at Rushcutter.
2. The usual routine patrol duties were performed at the boom.
3. The mechanical condition of the ship is bad, and requires a thorough overhaul. During the 25 days patrol duties the vessel broke down 11 times and on one occasion, the 12th instant, it was necessary to call for assistance and be taken in tow to Watson's Bay by "Miramar". During the majority of duty hours the vessel could not exceed 5 knots.  
The hull also requires repair, sundry leaks wet bunks during washing down routine and wet weather.
4. Except for A.B. K. Manderson, who was in hospital with malaria, the health and discipline of the ship's company has been satisfactory.
5. Fourteen days recreational leave was granted to one rating.
6. Total number of hours under weigh - 59 Hrs.
7. Total quantity of petrol consumed - 232 Galls.

8. Average fuel consumption :- 4 Galls per hr.
9. Total distance steamed since commissioning-  
5,829 miles.
10. Total distance steamed for month -  
354 miles.
11. Hours under weigh since last overhaul -  
156 hours.
12. Fire drill was held 11th December.

I remain,

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) C.J. GILLARD.

Sub-Lieut.

Commanding Officer.



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*From* The Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W., Naval Base Headquarters, Potts Point, Sydney.

*Date* 20th March, 1945 *Reference No.* B.S. 250/207.

*To* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

*Subject* REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" - DECEMBER, 1944.

With reference to your letter No. C.O. 22/41/1. of 1st March, 1945, it is noted that paragraphs 7 and 10 of "BOROUGH BELLE" report of 9th January, 1945, disclose a petrol consumption of 1.52 miles to the gallon, which appears excessive.

2. Your remarks are requested.

(SUD.) N. G. MOORE.

A/Rear-Admiral.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date 9 April 1945 Reference No. T/91/12  
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" -  
DECEMBER, 1944

Attached report of Sub-Lieutenant Gillard is submitted with reference to your B.S. 250/207 dated 20th March, 1945.

2. Engineer Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" has conducted a rough consumption trial on H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" and discloses a consumption of approx. 2.2. miles per gallon on a straight run.

3. When manoeuvring, etc., is taken into account the figure of 1.52 m.p.g. is considered satisfactory.

REAR-ADM  
12 APR 1945  
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a/Commander, R.N.

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"  
 Date..... 28 March, 1945..... Reference No.....  
 To..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE" -  
DECEMBER, 1944

The following report is submitted with reference to F.O.C.S. letter B.S. 250/207 dated 20th March, 1945.

2. A large proportion of the total engine hours are not included in "hours under way". Due to the short runs on boom duties, considerable time is spent in manoeuvring, and mechanical adjustment to engines, when not under way. Defects are noted in paragraph 3 of my report of 9 January, 1945.

3. The engines are two 108 b.h.p. Gray Marine Motors.



(SGD) C.J. GILLARD

Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER - H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE"

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(Sgd.) H. M. NEWCOMB  
a/Commander, R.N.

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BOROUGH BELLE".

9th January, 1945.

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