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(HMAS LITHGOW and others)

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From Senior Officer, 24th. Minesweeping Flotilla.

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To Commodore in Charge, DARWIN.

Subject War Diary of 24th. M/S Flotilla for June, 1942

War Diary of the 24th. Minesweeping Flotilla for the month of June, 1942.

Based on Darwin under the orders of Commodore C.J. Pope, C.B.E., R.A.N.

H.M.A. Ships LITHGOW, TOWNSVILLE, DELORAINÉ, and WARRNAMBOOL.

LITHGOW:

Carried out patrols in Eastern and Western approaches to Darwin, Minesweeping and Escort duties until Saturday 20th., when American ship "PORTMAR" was escorted, under tow by Tug "St. Giles" to Thursday Is. arriving 2nd. July.

TOWNSVILLE:

Was employed on North East coast duties returning to Darwin, Tuesday 16th. June and carrying out escorts and patrols for the remainder of the month.

DELORAINÉ:

Carried out patrolling, escort and minesweeping duties throughout the month in Eastern and Western approaches to Darwin.

WARRNAMBOOL:

Returned to Darwin from North East Coast duty Sunday 21st. and carried out local patrolling and minesweeping.

A. Skirrow
Commander, R.A.N.R.(s).

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Royal Australian Navy.

From Senior Officer, 24th. Minesweeping Flotilla

Date 8th. June, 1942 Reference No. KI/2/42

To Rear Admiral Commanding Australian Squadron.

Subject War Diary, 24th. M/S Flotilla.

War Diary of 24th. Minesweeping Flotilla for the month of May, 1942, based on Darwin under the orders of Commodore C.J. Pope, C.B.E., R.A.N.

H.M.A. Ships, LITHGOW, TOWNSVILLE, DELORAINÉ, and WARRNAMBOOL.

LITHGOW:- Carried out minesweeping, A/S patrols and escort duties during the month in the Eastern and Western approaches to DARWIN.

TOWNSVILLE:- Departed on short escort duties Sunday 10th. and returned Thursday 14th. Was despatched again Saturday 16th. on escort duty to Thursday Is. and for service on the North East Coast, during which period H.M.A.S. BALLARAT was towed off a reef with the assistance of H.M.A.S. WARRNAMBOOL.

DELORAINÉ:- Was detached Saturday 2nd. and proceeded to Thursday Is. on escort duty returning to Darwin Monday 11th.

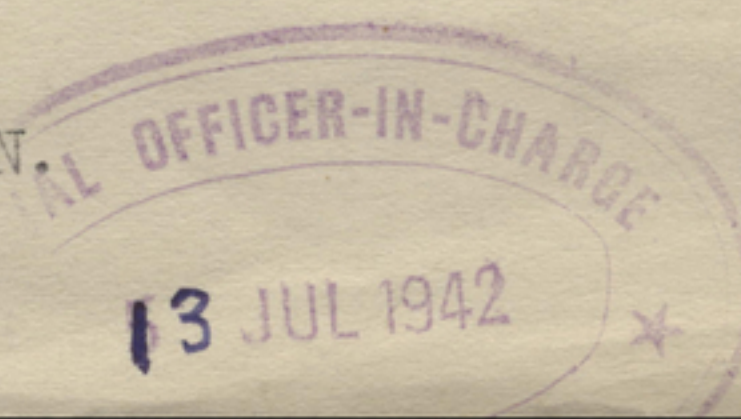
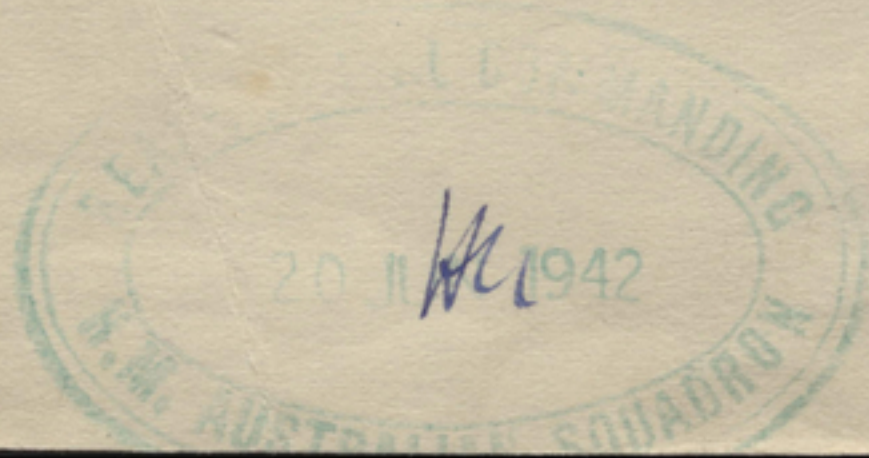
WARRNAMBOOL:- Proceeded on short escort and general duty Sunday 3rd. returning with evacuees from Saumlaki (Tanimbar Islands) Thursday 7th. Was despatched on short escort duty Wednesday 13th., returning Saturday 16th. and again Monday 18th. on escort duty and service on North East Coast; assisting H.M.A.S. TOWNSVILLE with H.M.A.S. BALLARAT as previously mentioned.

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Commander, R.A.M.R.(s).
Senior Officer,
24th. M/S Flotilla.

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Commodore-in-Charge, DARWIN.

N.O.I.C. DARWIN.
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Secretary,
Naval Board.
Submitted.



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