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D.N.S. No information in D.N.S. 13 Sch. touched on Report received at Recs dp. 7/1/46.

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D.N.S. Has any approval to action as on 10th Dec. been given

2nd N.M. No trace can be found of any approval for this submitted representation

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See N.O.L. 18767 of 23/3/46 C.O. "Lonsdale" to be requested to report under what authority, if any, presentation of the Ship's Bell was made to Mayor of Maryborough.

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See N.O.L. 18767 of 23/3 ride notation above

re. 2nd N.M.'s Memo of 22/2

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DOD G 7/2 Presentation of ship's bell has not been approved for other ships - this has been done without any request for approval.

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FROM COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH"
TO SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
DATE 12TH JANUARY 1946.
SUBJECT LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS, DECEMBER 1945.

SUBMITTED.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR H.M.A.SHIP UNDER MY COMMAND FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1945 :-

DECEMBER.

SAT. 1ST. ARRIVED TOWNSVILLE FROM THURSDAY ISLAND AND SECURED ALONGSIDE NO.1 PIER, AT 1600.

SUN. 2ND. AT TOWNSVILLE.
MON. 3RD. " "
TUE. 4TH. SLIPPED AT 0500 AND PROCEEDE D TO MARYBOROUGH.

WED. 5TH. ON PASSAGE.

THUR. 6TH. EMBARKED PILOT OFF FAIRWAY BUOY AT 0700 AND PROCEEDED UP MARY RIVER.
ANCHORED OFF H.M.A.S."SHOALHAVEN" AT 0945 TO ENABLE OFFICIALS OF WALKER'S LTD. TO INSPECT SHIP. WEIGHED AT 1045 AND PROCEEDED, SECURING ALONGSIDE AT MARYBOROUGH , AT 1230.
MAJORITY OF TOWNSPEOPLE LINED RIVER BANK, GARDENS AND WHARF IN WELCOME.
MAYOR, MAYORESS, AND OTHER PROMINENT TOWNSPEOPLE CALLED AND BROADCAST SPEECHES OF WELCOME. REPLY BY COMMANDING OFFICE

FRI. 7TH. C.O. PAID OFFICIAL CALLS ON MAYOR AND MARYBOROUGH CLUB.
CIVIC DINNER AND DANCE GIVEN IN HONOUR OF OFFICERS AND SHIPS COMPANY, IN TOWN HALL.

SAT. 8TH. INSPECTION OF WALKER'S LTD. AND LOCAL SAWMILL, BY GROUP OF OFFICERS AND SHIP'S COMPANY.

SUN. 9TH. 45 OFFICERS AND MEN ENTERTAINED AT MOTOR DRIVE AND PICNIC BY MEMBERS OF THE R.A.C.
C.O.ENTERTAINED AT OFFICIAL DINNER AT LOCAL BOWLING CLUB.

MON. 10TH. SHIP'S BELL PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR FOR THE TOWN HALL.
EMBARKED PILOT AND SLIPPED FROM WHARF AT 1000, AND PROCEEDED TO BRISBANE.
CLEARED SOUTHERN ENTRANCE AT 1630 AFTER DROPPING PILOT.
ANCHORED OFF CALOUNDRA AT 2115.

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TUE. 12TH. WEIGHED AT 0415 AND PROCEEDED TO BRISBANE, SECURING ALONGSIDE "STAWELL", LIGHTHOUSE WHARF, AT 1000.

WED. 13TH. TO MON. 31ST. AT BRISBANE. 45 DAYS AVAILABILITY FOR LEAVE.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

H.N. THE HEALTH AND CONDUCT OF THE SHIPS COMPANY HAS BEEN VERY GOOD.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

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| NUMBER OF MILES TRAVELLED | ..... | 865 MILES. |
| NUMBER OF HOURS UNDER WAY | ..... | 88 HOURS. |
| NUMBER OF MILES PER TON OF FUEL | ..... | 14.1 MILES. |

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TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING 12TH JUNE 1941.

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| NUMBER OF MILES TRAVELLED | ..... | 148,747 .6 MILES. |
| NUMBER OF HOURS UNDER WAY | ..... | 15, 405.5 HOURS. |
| AVERAGE SPEED | ..... | 9.5 KNOTS. |

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER.H.M.A.S.MARYBOROUGH.

TO. SENIOR OFFICER,21st MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA.
(COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL BOARD.)

DATE. 2nd December 1945.

SUBJECT. LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS-NOVEMBER 1945.

Submitted,
The following is the report of proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of November 1945.

Thurs,November 1st. At Swatow.Slipped from wharf at 0830 and with Toowoomba completed sweep in search area.Returned alongside at 1530.

Fri, 2nd Alongside pontoon wharf.

Sat, 3rd Received calls from General Tan,Mayor,Captain Chen,Chinese Navy,and from the Commissioner of Customs.
In the evening C.O.'s and Officers of Maryborough and Toowoomba gave a cocktail party to 22 official guests,on board Toowoomba

Sun, 4th Slipped at 0600 and proceeded to Amoy,anchoring off that city at 2000.

Mon 5th Paid call on Captain Escort Forces on board H.M.S.Hart.
Weighed at 1030 to go alongside "Darst Creek",fuelled and secured alongside Ballarat at Pontoon Wharf at 1230.

Tues 6th Slipped at 0545 and with five ships of the 21st Minesweeping Flotilla proceeded to sweeping area off Chapel Island.
Anchored off Amcy at 1745.
Mine exploded near Ballarat at 1700.

Wed 7th Weighed at 0645 as Senior Officer of five ships to continue sweep off Chapel Island.Completed sweep and returned to harbour,Maryborough securing alongside Ballarat at Pontoon Wharf.

Thurs 8th Alongside Ballarat."Darst Creek" secured alongside to fuel both ships.

Fri 9th Alongside Ballarat.Official dinner given by Officers of the Flotilla to return hospitality at Amoy.

Sat 10th Alongside Ballarat.

Sun 11th As S.O. of Flotilla less Ballarat,sailed for Hong Kong at 0915.

Mon 12th Arrived Hong Kong at 1100.Completed with Fuel from "Bishopdale" and anchored at 1745.

Tues 13th At anchor.Attended Minesweeping conference on board "Anson"

Wed 14th At anchor.

Thurs 15th At anchor.Cocktail party given to C.E.F.and staff on board Cairns.

Fri 16th Flotilla under S.O. in Ballarat weighed and proceeded to Morotai.

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| Sat | 17th | |
| Sun | 18th | |
| Mon | 19th | On passage, H Kong to Morotai. |
| Tues | 20th | |
| Wed | 21st | |
| Thurs | 22nd | Arrived at ,Fuelled,and anchored at 1830.<br>Bathurst c 1845. |
| Fri | 23rd | Embarked 3 Army personnel for passage to<br>Australia.Weig nd proceeded with 21st M.S.F.<br>for Thursday Isla |
| Sat | 24th | On passage. |
| Sun | 25th | On passage.Fremantle a urnie detached for Darwin. |
| Mon | 26th | On passage.Toowoomba detached to Darwin with surgical case. |
| Tues | 27th | On passage.Cairns detached to Merauke. |
| Wed | 28th | Arrived Thursday Island 1330 and anchored in harbour.Army power boat secured alongside for tow to Townsville.<br>Weighed and proceeded with tow at 1630.Towing bollard carried away at 1700,and ship anchored to re-rig towing span.<br>Weighed at 1750 and proceeded with tow astern.<br>1820,grounded on Sunk Reef,and re-floated at 2020.<br>Anchored in channel at 2050.Bendigo came alongside to take over tow at 2300. |
| Thurs | 29th | On passage. |
| Fri | 30th | On passage. |

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health and conduct of the Ship's Company has been very good.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled.. .....4159 miles.

Number of hours under way.....389•5 hours.

Number of miles per ton of fuel.....13•4 miles.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING. 12th JUNE 1941.

Number of miles travelled.....147,882 miles.

Number of hours under way.....15,317•5 hours

Average speed..... ...9•6 knots.

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LIEUT COMMANDER.R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER.H.M.A.S.MARYBOROUGH.

TO. SENIOR OFFICER,21st MINESWEEPING ~~OFFICE~~ FLOTILLA,H.M.A.S.BALLARAT.
(COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL BOARD.)

DATE. 2nd November 1945.

SUBJECT. LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.OCTOBER 1945.

Submitted,
Following is the letter of proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of October,1945.

A.N.

Monday,October 1st. At Hong Kong.Weighed at 0700 with ships of the 21st M/S Flotilla and carried out sweep of Japanese minefield in Mirs Bay,Maryborough danlaying.
Mines swept and sunk.
Anchored in Mirs Bay at 1830.

Tuesday, " 2nd. Weighed at 0700 for continuation of sweep in Mirs Bay.
Maryborough sweeping.Returned to anchorage at 1130 because of bad weather after cutting one mine.

Wednesday " 3rd Weighed at 0700,and proceeded to Hong Kong for mail M/S stores etc for the flotilla.Left Hong Kong at 1330 ,weighed seven dan buoys in Tathong channel,and proceeded at 1600 to Mirs Bay.Secured alongside Mildura to transfer a float and otter,and to receive a derrick to replace one broken during danlaying.
Anchored at 2000.

Thursday 4th Weighed at 0700 and as Senior Officer danlayers,danned for sweeping force.Weighed all dan buoys by 1500 and proceeded in company to Bias Bay.
Swept and danned one lap then anchored off Three Is. at 1830.

Friday 5th Weighed at 0700 with 21st M.S.F. to continue sweep of Japanese minefield in Bias Bay.Swept and danned three laps,Maryborough as S.O.danlayers.
Set course for Hong Kong in company and anchored off Kowloon at 1800.

Saturday 6th At anchor,Hong Kong harb our.
Sunday 7th

Mon 8th Weighed at 0915,and weighed five dan buoys in Taitan Wan.Anchored off Kowloon at 1515 after fuelling from Wave Regent.

Tues 9th At anchor Hong Kong harbour.

Wed 10th Weighed at 0700 and proceeded with 21st M/S flotilla for Amoy.

Thurs 11th Arrived Amoy and anchored off the city at 1300.

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Friday, Oct 12th — Weighed at 0600 with flotilla for sweeping of mine-fields in entrance channel, Maryborough danning, then sweeping. Returned to anchorage at 1600.
All Commanding Officers dined with Admiral Lui.

Sat " 13th — Weighed at 0600 to continue sweep of field in the channel Maryborough sweeping. Secured alongside no.2 pontoon, Amoy at 1200. Bathurst secured alongside at 1315½.

Sun " 14th — Alongside Amoy Pontoon wharf.

Mon " 15th — Slipped at 0630 and proceeded in company for continuance of sweep in outer harbour, Maryborough sweeping. One mine exploded in Goulburn's sweep. Anchored at 1530.

Thurs " 16th — At anchor, Amoy harbour.

Wed " 17th — Weighed at 0540 and proceeded, with Toowoomba in company for Swatow. Embarked two bags of mail whilst under way from Bendigo proceeding north with Darst Creek in company. Arrived Swatow at 1700 after picking up Lieut Price, U.S.N. and interpreter outside harbour.
Paid an official call with Commanding Officer "Toowoomba" on General Auyang, Senior Officer, Swatow, at 1800.

Thur. " 18th. — With C.O. "Toowoomba" paid official calls on General Tan, Mayor of Swatow, The Commissioner of Customs, and Captain Chen, Senior Chinese Naval Officer.
Weighed at 1400, and secured alongside Pontoon wharf.
"Toowoomba" secured alongside at 1430.
Received return calls from General Tan, Commissioner of C Customs, and Captain Chen.
In the evening, Commanding Officers and Officers of both ships, attended an official dinner in our honour, given by General Auyang.

Fri. " 19th — Slipped at 0800 to commence sweep of harbour. Carried out "A" sweep, one run, with Toowoomba and then proceeded to search area selected by me. With Toowoomba laid dan buoys to mark the area. Sweep in the harbour hampered by fishing junks.
Returned to harbour and secured alongside pontoon wharf at 1530.
Commanding Officers and Officers of Maryborough and Toowoomba gave an official party to 20 Chinese guests on board Maryborough in the evening.

Sat " 20th — Slipped at 0700, and with Toowoomba continued "A" sweep and at 1000 commenced sweep outside harbour.
Same difficulty experienced with junks despite assurance of customs authorities that harbour would be cleared.
Secured alongside at 1330.
With C.O. Toowoomba, attended official dinner given by Commissioner for Customs.

Sun " 21st — Alongside Pontoon wharf.

Mon " 22nd — Slipped at 0800, and with Toowoomba carried out searching sweep with double Creposa in area outside harbour.
Returned and secured alongside at 1715.
Ordered by General Auyang to cease sweeping operations until instructions were received from Chungking.
Attended official dinner given by General Tan, Mayor of Swatow.

Tues " 23rd — Fremantle arrived from Amoy and secured alongside Toowoomba.

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| Tues, October (cont) | 23rd | With C.O.s of Fremantle and Toowoomba, paid a call on General Auyang. General Chu lunched on board.<br>In the evening attended an official dinner given by General Auyang. |
| Wed | 24th | Carried out survey of the harbour to ascertain extent of the channel westward of the city and to find positions of uncharted wrecks, buoys, etc.<br>Burnie arrived 2000 from Amoy. |
| Thurs | 25th | With C.O.s of Burnie and Toowoomba, was invited to attend at the airstrip to await arrival of General Ho, Chief of Staff to the Generalissimo, and General McClure, US Army.<br>Attended official luncheon given by General Tan, the Mayor of Swatow, to the visiting generals after a procession through the streets.<br>In the evening attended official dinner given by the Mayor.<br>Harbour survey completed by Ship's Officers.<br>Burnie left for Hong Kong at 1300. |
| Friday | 26th | Cairns arrived from Amoy and secured alongside Toowoomba. |
| Sat | 27th | Accompanied Lieutenant Lore, British-China Liason Officer for interview with General Auyang.<br>Cairns left for Hong Kong at 1600. |
| Sun | 28th | Alongside wharf. |
| Mon | 29th | Burnie arrived from Hong Kong at 1100, and Bathurst from Amoy at 1730. |
| Tues | 30th | With C.O.s of Toowoomba and Burnie paid official call on General Yu, Commander No.7 War Zone. Permission sought and granted to continue sweeping operations. |
| Wed | 31st | Slipped at 0830 and with Toowoomba continued searching sweep using double Cropesa, in area outside harbour, and to complete sweep of harbour using "A" sweep.<br>Secured alongside at 1630.<br>Lieut. Commander Griffiths, R.N. joined ship from Challenger as advance survey party. |

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health of the ship's company has deteriorated to a certain extent, the more serious cases being outbreaks of diarrhoea and seven cases of venerial disease, the latter occurring despite warnings and the use of prophylactics, these in limited supplies. The S.B.A. of the ship, J.N. Hooper has done splendid work in coping with these outbreaks.

Several cases of leavebreaking have occurred, but not enough to cause concern, otherwise the conduct of the ship's company has been excellent and they have set a good example to the Chinese.

When alongside at Swatow, football, baseball and tennis have been played against Chinese teams, and those of the other Minesweepers.

It is emphasized that the C.O.s of Maryborough and Toowoomba have suffered in health because of frequent attendance at official functions and also financially in return of hospitality. Gifts of cigarettes and other Chinese luxuries to high ranking officers have made a large call on their pockets, and also on their own meagre supply, these gifts being requested by the receivers.

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TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled ..... 1214 miles.
Number of hours under way ..... 142.8 hours.
Number of miles per ton of fuel ..... 12.3 miles.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING ( 12 th June 1941.

Number of miles travelled ..... 142,882 miles.
Number of hours under way ..... 14,928 hours.
Average speed ..... 9.56 knots.

Lieutenant-Commander R.AN.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER.H.M.A.S.MARYBOROUGH dep.

TO. SENIOR OFFICER.21st MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA.H.M.A.S.BALLARAT
(COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL BOARD)

DATE. 5th October 1945.

SUBJECT. LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.SEPTEMBER 1945.

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Submitted.

The following is the Letter of Proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of September 1945.

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| Sept 1st Sat. | On passage,Manus to Hong Kong as Senior Officer Escorts to Task Force 112•5•3. |
| Sun 2nd | Do. |
| Mon 3rd | Proceeded alongside H.M.S.FLAMBOROUGH HEAD while under way to transfer message for decoding. |
| Tues 4th | On passage. |
| Wed 5th | R.F.A.BROWN RANGER joined the convoy. |
| Thurs 6th to Sat 8th | On passage. |
| Sun 9th | Embarked 70 tons of fuel from Flamborough Head by stirrup method whilst under way.Sea 3•4. |
| Mon 10th to Thurs 13th | On passage. |
| Fri 14th | Entered Hong Kong harbour astern of Convoy and anchored off Kowloon at 1845,after completing with fuel and water. |
| Sat 15th | Weighed at 0700 to rendezvous with ships of 21st Minesweeping Flotilla in Tathong Channel for mine destruction and danlaying duties.Nine mines sunk by Maryborough. Anchored off Kowloon at 1830. |
| Sun 16th | At anchor Hong Kong harbour. |
| Mon 17th | Weighed at 1015,secured alongside "Wave Emperor" for dieselene,then alongside H.M.S.ENCHANTRESS at West Wall of H.M.Dockyard. Commenced boiler clean. |
| Tues 18th to Sun 23rd | Boiler cleaning alongside "Enchantress" |
| Mon 24th | Weighed at 0700 with H.M.A.Ships Goulburn and Bathurst in company and proceeded to 60 fathom patch to dump all depth charges. Returned to harbour and secured alongside H.M.S.Enchantress at 1900. |
| Tues 25th | Slipped at 0800 and with ships of the 21st M.S.Flotilla proceeded for sweeping in East Lamma Channel. Anchored in Stanley Bay on completion. |

D.N.I
(N.H.R.O)

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Wed 25th — Weighed at 0700, with Toowoomba to complete sweep at eastern end of Lamma Channel and of Repulse Bay. Port sweep wire cut by otter fouling an obstruction. Anchored in Repulse Bay to splice sweep wire, and at 1300 weighed and proceeded to Hong Kong to land damaged roller fairlead at dockyard. Anchored off Kowloon at 1530.

Thurs 27th to Sun 30th — At anchor Hong Kong harbour.

Health and Conduct.

The health of the ship's company has been good except for outbreaks of boils and prickly heat, mainly caused by the scarcity of fresh vegetables.

The conduct has been very good, although the number of punishments is above the average for this ship. The increase in punishments, under the circumstances is also excusable.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH

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| Number of miles travelled. | 2843 miles. |
| Number of hours under way. | 363 ½ hours |
| Miles per ton of fuel. | 15·8 miles. |

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING. (12th June 1941)

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| Number of miles travelled. | 141,668 miles |
| Number of hours under way. | 14,786 hours |
| Average speed. | 9·59 knots. |

LIEUT COMMANDER. R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

COMMANDING OFFICER
7/10 OCT 1945
H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT".

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."Maryborough"

To Senior Officer, 2Ist Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S."Ballarat"
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board)

Date 5th September I945.

Subject Report of proceedings August I945.

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The following is the report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of August I945 :-

Wed. Aug. Ist — On passage, Manus to Milne Bay with "Toowoomba" in company.
Thur. " 2nd.

Fri. " 3rd. — Anchored off Ladava after fuelling at Modewa, at I030 .

Sat. " 4th. — At anchor, Milne Bay.
until
Wed. 8th. — Weighed at I000, and proceeded at full speed to Ham Reef to assist HiM.Tug "Tancred" ostensibly aground and on fire.
Arrived at 2I30 to find "Tancred" anchored, with the fire extinguished, with "Falie" in company.
Anchored off Tufi at 22I5.
Ship maintained 2I0 revs (I4½ knots) for approximately 8 hours.

Thur. " 9th. — Went alongside "Tancred" at 0600 and weighed 200 fathoms of 6½ and 4½ inch wire veered astern of her.
On arrival of "Cambrian Salvor", slipped at 0900, and proceeded to Milne Bay with "Falie" in company at 5 knots.

Fri. " I0th. — Arrived Milne Bay and secured alongside "Salvictor" for minor repairs to port condenser.

Sat. " II th. — Alongside "Salvictor" at Milne Bay.

Sun. " I2th. — Anchored off Ladava at I030.

Mon. " I3th. — Weighed at I600, took Force S.T., consisting of Salvestor, Salvictor, Toowoomba, Lariat, and A.F.D. I8 in tow of
until — Integrity, under my orders and proceeded to Manus, speed 5 knots .
Passage uneventful, average speed of advance 8 knots.
[illegible]t. " I8th — Arrived Seeadler Harbour and anchored at 2000.

Sun. " I9th. — At anchor.

Mon. " 20th. — During the week, minesweeping and danlaying exercises were
until — carried out independently and in company.
Fri. " 24th.

Sat. " 25th. — Ship de-permed.

Sun. " 26th. — At anchor.
Mon. " 27th. — " "

Tue. " 28th. — Calibrated on D.G.range, fuelled and watered.

Wed. " 29th. — Stored and swung ship for compass adjustment.

Thur. " 30th. — Weighed at 0800 to look for dieselene finally going alongside Toowoomba and embarking three tons.
Slipped at II30 and took up position as Senior Officer of five escorts to T.U. II2.5.3. consisting of seventeen ships of Fleet Train with Commodore in Flamborough Head.
Proceeded to Hong Kong, speed 8 knots.

Fri. " 3Ist. — On passage. At 2I00, Tamworth, Launceston, Gawler, Salvestor, Salvictor and Rapidol detached to proceed with all available speed to destination, leaving Maryborough and Arbutus as escorts.

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The following is the report of proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the Head Office, Melbourne, on Thursday, 28th day of September 1944 :-

Copy of Secretary's Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 1944.

Report of proceedings at Annual Meeting held 28th September 1944.

Supplementary Report of proceedings at Annual Meeting held 28th September 1944.

Dated

Senior Officer, Staff Manageress, Melbourne, H.M.A.S. "Watson" (Copy of Secretary's Annual Report for year ended 30th June 1944.)

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for submission to the Annual Meeting of Members of the Australian War Memorial, to be held in the Council Room, Australian War Memorial, Campbell Park, Canberra, A.C.T. on Thursday, 28th September 1944, at 10.30 a.m., the Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 30th June 1944, together with the Statement of Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for the same period, duly audited.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Annual Report of the Council for the year ended 30th June 1944.

Introductory.

The Council has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 1944.

Membership.

The membership of the Memorial at the 30th June 1944 was 1,001, made up as follows :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Life Members | 1,001 |
| Ordinary Members | Nil |
| Total | 1,001 |

Meetings.

Meetings of the Council were held on the following dates :-

| | |
|---|---|
| 28th July 1943 | |
| 25th August 1943 | |
| 29th September 1943 | |
| 27th October 1943 | |
| 24th November 1943 | |
| 15th December 1943 | |
| 26th January 1944 | |
| 23rd February 1944 | |
| 29th March 1944 | |
| 26th April 1944 | |
| 31st May 1944 | |
| 28th June 1944 | |

Attendances of members at meetings were as follows :-

| | Meetings held during period of membership | Meetings attended |
|---|---|---|
| Sir John Latham, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., LL.D. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Frederick Shedden, K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Keith Murdoch, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Robert Garran, K.C.M.G., C.B., LL.D. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Frederick Eggleston, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Harold Luxton, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Frederick Stewart, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Frederick Chaney, K.B.E., C.B. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Alexander Kerr, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Alexander Peacock, K.B.E. | 12 | 12 |
| Sir Thomas White, K.B.E

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HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been excellent.

After V.J. day, requests for drafts to home depots were received, and forwarded, from ratings in Category A for de mobilisation and from others on compassionate grounds. They have no hard feelings however and the morale is high.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled ..... | 2166 | miles. |
| Number of hours under way ..... | 296 | hours. |
| Number of miles per ton of fuel ..... | 19.5 | miles. |

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING (12th June 1941 )

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled ..... | 138,825 | miles. |
| Number of hours under way ..... | 14, 423 | hours. |
| Average speed ..... | 9.6 | knots. |

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Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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To Senior Officer, 21st Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S. Ballarat. Copy to Secretary, Naval Board.

Date 3rd August 1945.

Subject Report of proceedings, July 1945.

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The following is the report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of July 1945.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday | July 1st. | | Arrived Seeadler Harbour at 0800 from Brisbane with "Kalgoorlie" and "Launceston" in company. |
| Monday | " 2nd. | | Weighed at 0800, fuelled, and proceeded to sea to adjust minesweeping gear. Returned to anchorage at 1800. |
| Tuesday | " 3rd. | | At anchor. |
| Wednesday | " 4th. | | Weighed at 0730 and carried out 24 hour A/S patrol outside Seeadler Harbour. |
| Thursday | " 5th. | | Exercised minesweeping gear while waiting for relief by "Kalgoorlie". Returned to anchorage at 1130. |
| Friday | " 6th. | | At anchor. |
| Saturday | " 7th. | " " | Flotilla pulling regatta. |
| Sunday | " 8th. | " " | Flotilla sailing race. |
| Monday | " 9th. | " " | |
| Tuesday | " 10th. | | Weighed at 0730 for A/S patrol outside harbour. |
| Wednesday | " 11th. | | Relieved on patrol by American Patrol Boat. Went alongside five ships for fuel, water, stores, provisions and ammunition. Anchored at 1600. |
| Thursday | " 12th. | | Weighed at 0630 and secured alongside "Prinses Maria Pia" to exchange defective Oerlikon ammunition. Slipped at 0900 and proceeded to anchorage. Grounded on reef off Rara Island at 0941. |
| Friday | " 13th. | | Ship refloated at 2330, after de-fuelling and de-ammunitioning, by H.M.Tugs "Reserve" and "Empire Josephine". Proceeded alongside "Springdale" under own power. |
| Saturday | " 14th. | | Proceeded alongside H.M.S."Montclare" at 1515. |
| Sunday until | " 15th. | | Alongside "Montclare" during which a new A/S dome was fitted. |
| Sunday | " 22nd. | | Slipped at 1030 and proceeded to sea for A/S trials. Anchored at 1300. |
| Monday | " 23rd. | | At anchor. |
| Tuesday | " 24th. | " " | |
| Wednesday | " 25th. | | Shifted berth to near H.M.S."Pioneer". |
| Thursday | " 26th. | | Commanding Officer court-martialled for standing ship, on board "Pioneer". Punishment "Reprimand" |
| Friday | " 27th. | | Shifted berth to Small Ships anchorage at 0900. |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Saturday | 28th | July. | At anchor. |
| Sunday | 29th | " | " " |
| Monday | 30th | " | " " Eye-shooting exercise carried out against four aircraft in Bombing, dive-bombing and torpedo attacks. |
| Tuesday | 3Ist | " | Weighed at 0730, watered ship from "Flamborough Head" and proceeded to exercise area with "Toowoomba" in company. Carried out A.A.C.R. firing against a towed drogue. On completion, set course for Milne Bay with "Toowoomba", at II00. |

HEALTH AND CONDUCT. ETC.

The health and conduct of the ship's company have been excellent.

Every opportunity was taken for competitive games as well as for normal shore recreation. The ship was successful in eight of the ten games of football played (Australian Rules and Rugby) drawing one and losing one to "Toowoomba".
Several games of water polo were also played as well as three cricket matches.

A weekly magazine of ship's topics has been produced and is improving ~~xitth~~ each issue, as the talent comes forward.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

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|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled ..... | 737.I miles . |
| Number of hours under way ..... | 9I.½ hours. |
| Number of miles per ton of fuel..... | I4 miles. |

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING I2th June I94I.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled ..... | I36,659 miles. |
| Number of hours under way ..... | I4,I27 hours. |
| Average speed ..... | 9.65 knots. |

Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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To Senior Officer, 21st Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S."Ballarat"."
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board.)

Date 3rd July 1945.

Subject Report of proceedings, June 1945.

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Submitted.

The following is the report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of June 1945.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Friday | 1st June | On passage , Adelaide to Sydney. |
| Saturday | 2nd June | Secured to No. 7 buoy, Sydney, at 1000 after fuelling at Kurraba. |
| Sunday | 3rd " | At Sydney. |
| until Saturday | 9th " | Entered Cockatoo Dock under tow, for examination of shaft clearances. |
| Thursday | 14th " | Left Cockatoo and secured at No. 7 buoy. |
| Friday | 15th " | Slipped at 0715 and proceeded to Brisbane with H.M.Submarine "Voracious" in company. |
| Saturday | 16th " | On passage. |
| Sunday | 17th " | Carried out A/S exercise with "Voracious" before reaching Caloundra, then proceeded to Brisbane, securing alongside "Kalgoorlie" at Victualling Wharf at 1520. |
| Monday | 18th " | At Brisbane. |
| until Wednesday | 20th " | Slipped at 1200 to escort "Voracious" to Caloundra, anchoring at1640. |
| Thursday | 21st " | Carried out daily exercises, as Senior Officer, with "Kalgoorlie", Pirie, Launceston and Parrett" in company, in accordance with Captain, Escort Forces Programme. |
| until Sunday | 24th " | Exercises consisted of A/S, day and night full-calibre shoots with a Patt. VI target towed by "Lismore", close range A/A practises against towed drogue and surface close range attack on splash target. |
| | | At 1730 , Sunday 24th, set course with Kalgoorlie" and "Launceston" in company, for Manus. |
| Sunday | 1st July. | Arrived Manus 0800. Passage uneventful. Various exercises carried out with ships in company. |

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health and conduct of the Ship's company have been very satisfactory.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled .....2954 miles.

Number of hours under way ..... 277.8 hours.

Number of miles per ton of fuel ..... 16.4 miles.

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TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING. I2th June I945.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled | ..... | I35,922 miles. |
| Number of hours under way | ..... | I4, 036 hours. |
| Average speed | ..... | 9.68 knots. |

M.J. Lancaster

Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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FROM. Commanding Officer H.M.A.S."Maryborough"

TO. Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.

DATE. 2nd June I945.

SUBJECT. Reports of proceedings.

Submitted.

Herewith one copy each of report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the months of April and May I945.

Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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

TO The Senior Officer, 2Ist Minesweeping Flotilla,
H.M.A.S."Ballarat". (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board)

DATE 4TH May I945.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL I945.

Submitted.

The following is the report of proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of April I945.

| | |
|---|---|
| Monday April Ist. | On passage between Manus and Brisbane. |
| Monday April 2nd. | Passed through Grafton Passage at I000. |
| Tuesday " 3rd. | On passage. Carried out bombardment practice at Nares Rock with ten rounds 4" practice and twenty-four rounds pom-pom, followed, after dark, by star-shell practice with eight rounds. Wind and sea increasing. |
| Wednesday " 4th. | Owing to high fuel consumption and in view of storm warnings, proceeded to Brisbane to complete with fuel. |
| Thursday " 5th. | Secured at No.4 oiling wharf, Brisbane, at 2000 and topped up with fuel. |
| Friday " 6th. | Slipped at 0900 and proceeded. Ordered to Adelaide instead of Sydney. |
| Saturday " 7th. | Strong wind and sea which increased to gale force about midnight. |
| Sunday " 8TH. | When off Point Perpendicular light at I600, course was altered to the south-east to ensure the safety of the ship. Wind force 8 - I0 and sea 77. |
| Monday " 9th. | Altered course to make Gabo Island about 0600, which was passed about I700. Wind and sea still very high. |
| Tuesday " I0th. | On passage. |
| Wednesday " IIth. | " " |
| Thursday " I2th. | Anchored off Port Adelaide 0630 to embark inspection personnel and secured alongside Birkenhead Pier at I030. |
| Friday " I3th. | De-ammunitioning and de-storing ship. |

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Saturday ~~May~~ April I4th. De-ammuntitioning and de-storing ship. Ship's Company proceeded on foreign service and 28 days leave.

Sunday ~~May~~ April I5th to Monday May 28th Ship in dockyard hands.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health and conduct of the Ship's Company has been very good and morale high.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled.....2955.7 miles.

Number of hours under way.....259.4 hours.

Number of miles per ton of fuel.....I0.47 miles.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING - I2th June I94I.

Number of miles travelled.....I32,298.6 miles.

Number of hours under way.....I3,697.4 hours.

Average speed .....9.6 knots.

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Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MAY 1945.

Submitted.
The following is the report of proceedings of H.M.A.S."Maryborough" for the month of May 1945.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday until Monday | May 1st. May 28th. | Ship at Port Adelaide in dockyard hands, undergoing refit. Prodeeded to sea for the usual trials, on 24th and 27th May. |
| Tuesday | " 29th. | Slipped at 0800 and proceeded to Sydney. |
| Wednesday | " 30th. | On passage. |
| Thursday | " 31st. | " " |
| Friday | June 1st. | " " |
| Saturday | " 2nd. | Arrived Sydney. Passage uneventful except for remarks below. |

REMARKS.

Machanical trouble whilst on passage was experienced as follows :-

Severe vibration throughout ship was experienced at speeds over 140 revolutions (9.8 knots), the trouble apparently centred near the port A bracket.
Evaporator distiller defective, causing high boiler densities.
New Radar A272 very unsatisfactory, requiring one new valve and complete re-tuning of set.

High fuel consumption noted below, includes flashing up for basin trials etc. and also is owing to the poor quality fuel taken aboard at Adelaide.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled ..... 670.

Number of hours under way ..... 64.

Number of miles per ton of fuel ..... 7.2.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING. 12th June 1941.

Number of miles travelled ..... 132,968.6.

Number of hours under way ..... 13,758.4.

Average speed ..... 9.6 knots.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH I945.

Submitted.

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of MARCH I945:-

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| Thursday Ist March. until Thursday I5th March. | Ship was at Sydney alongside Kuttabul Steps or at No. 4 buoy, with the exception that on Tuesda I3th, an Anti-Submarine exercise was carried out with H.M.Submarine "Voracious", in the exercise area south of Sydney Heads. |
| Friday I6th March. | After completing with fuel at Kurraba Point, slipped at I300, and in company with "Glenelg" proceeded out of harbour and took up escort station on "Empire Arquebus" (Senior Officer) en route to Manus.<br>At 20I5, when off Newcastle, a submerged contact was made and a depth charge dropped over its position. Contact was held for about an hour, until investigation proved the contact first doubtful and then non submarine.<br>Although the night was dark, there appeared to be a lot of oil on the surface.<br>Station was resumed on "Empire Arquebus" about midnight. |
| Saturday I7th March.<br>Sunday I8th "<br>Monday I9th "<br>Tuesday 20th " | On passage to Manus. |
| Wednesday 2Ist March. | At 0600, when in position I5° 50' S, I53° I5' E. sighted and investigated a well made raft, about I0 feet square, with a mast carrying a signal flag acting as a sail. Ship circled it at close range and then resumed escort station. |
| Thursday 22nd March. | Passed through Jomard Passage at 0730. |
| Friday 23rd March. | On passage, |
| Saturday 24th March. | Sighted Admiralty Islands at 0600, and entered Seeadler Harbour in company with "Glenelg" at I500, anchoring at I530, "Empire Arquebus" enter -ing at I5I5. |
| Sunday 25th March. | Weighed at I220 to go alongside "San Amado" for fuel, and slipped at I400 to escort "Empire Arquebus" to Ponam Island, anchoring there at I740. |
| Monday 26th March. | Weighed at 06I5 and proceeded to Seeadler Harbour arriving alongside "San Amado" to complete with fuel at I000, then to "Stagpool" for water, and anchoring in berth at I500.<br>Both boilers were shut down to effect repairs to to main engines. |
| Tuesday 27th March | At Seeadler Harbour. |
| Wednesday 28th March | |

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Thursday 29~~th~~ March. Weighed at 0615 and proceeded alongside "Stagpool" to top up with water, and slipped at 0745 for passage to Sydney.

Friday 30th March. At 1100 heard firing and observed an aircraft fall into the sea ahead, distant about eight miles. Altered course towards it, and soon afterwards saw another aircraft being engaged by shore batteries off Langemak. This after a close burst, spread a parachute and fell into the sea astern. Presumed they were controlled aircraft targets, and resumed course, as fighter aircraft in the vicinity showed no interest.

Saturday 31st March. Passed through China Straits at 1715 and set course for Grafton Passage.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health of the Ship's Company has been good and their conduct very satisfactory.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled.....3237 miles

Number of hours under way.....278.45 hours.

Number of miles per ton of fuel....10.4 miles.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING 12th June 1941.

Number of miles travelled.....129,342.9 miles.

Number of hours under way.....13, 438 hours.

Average speed. .....9.6 knots.

Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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# REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

TO: THE SENIOR OFFICER, 21ST MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA, H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT".
(Copy to: The Secretary, Navy Board, Melbourne.)

DATE: 2ND MARCH,1945.

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Submitted:

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of February, 1945 :-

| | |
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| THURSDAY,1st.- SUNDAY,4th. | Ship alongside Garden Island for boiler cleaning and seven days leave for men returned from overseas. |
| MONDAY,5th. | Slipped at 1340, carried out degaussing trials and secured at Parsley Bay Wharf at 1530. |
| TUESDAY,6th.- FRIDAY,16th. | Slipped at 0830 and with "Lismore" and "Goulburn" secured at No.16 Wharf, Darling Harbour for shipment of 4" Mk. XIX. gun in place of twelve pounder. |
| SATURDAY,17th. | Slipped at 1130 and oiled ship at Kunaba Point, securing at Parsley Bay at 1840. |
| SUNDAY,18th. | Slipped at 0830,anchored in Obelisk Bay as duty ship for operation "Kempton". Weighed at 1845 and carried out A/S patrol, returning to anchor at 0615. |
| MONDAY,19th.- TUESDAY,20th. | Proceeded alongside Parsley Bay wharf at 0830. |
| WEDNESDAY,21st. | Slipped at 0930 to carry out trials of new 4" gun, securing again at 1120. |
| THURSDAY,22nd.- FRIDAY,23rd. | At Parsley Bay,Sydney. |
| SATURDAY,24th. | Slipped at 0900,in company with "Launceston", "Lismore", and "Bendigo", under orders of "Pirie" and carried out full calibre L.A. shoot on Patt. VI. target towed by "Goulburn", followed by H.A.C.R. runs on aircraft sleeve target. Secured alongside at 1300. |
| SUNDAY,25th. | Slipped at 0915 and anchored in Obelisk Bay as duty ship for operation "Kempton". Weighed at 1800, carried out A/S patrol and anchored again at 0630. |
| MONDAY,26th. | Weighed at 0830 to go alongside Parsley Bay Wharf. |
| TUESDAY,27th.- WEDNESDAY,28th. | At Parsley Bay. "Goulburn's" Gyro compass received and installed. |

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -

continued. 2nd March,1945.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT: The health of the ships company has been good and the conduct satisfactory.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH:

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|---|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled | - | 241.3 miles |
| " " hours under way | - | 36.3 hours |
| " " miles per ton of fuel | - | 11.3 miles |

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING - 12th June,1941.

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|---|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled | - | 126,105.9 miles |
| " " hours under way | - | 13,159.8 hours |
| Average speed | - | 9.6 knots |

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

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S." Maryborough"

To Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.

Date 5th February 1945. Regd. no. 45/45

Subject. Report of Proceedings; January 1945.

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Enclosed is report of proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of January 1945.

Lieutenant- Commander R.A.N
Commanding Officer.

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FROM The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S."Maryborough"

TO The Senior Officer, 21st. Minesweeping Flotilla. "H.M.A.S. "Ballarat". (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.)

6th January 1945.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1945.

SUBMITTED.

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of January 1945.

January 1st. At Sydney. Slipped at 0830 from No.7 buoy and carried out A/S patrol between Jervis Bay and Newcastle. Relieved by "Goulburn" at 0900.

January 2nd. 3rd. 4th. At Chapman's Pontoon Dock for examination of hull and for fitting of new A/S dome and oscillator.

January 5th. Left Chapman's Dock at 1500 and proceeded with "Lismore" in company for Jervis Bay.

January 6th. Anchored in Jervis Bay at 0200. Weighed at 0500 and carried out independent Danlaying exercise, then Minesweeping exercises under orders of Senior Officer in "Ballarat". Anchored off Captain's Point on completion.

January 7th 8th. 9th. 10th. At Jervis Bay. Carried out Minesweeping and Danlaying exercises under orders of S.O. in "Ballarat" or 2nd S.O. in "Whyalla"

11th. p.m. Sailed for Sydney at 1900, in company with Flotilla

January 12th. Off Sydney Heads, carried out full calibre shoot, followed by L.A.C.R. run with close range weapons v. Patt. VI target. On completion, secured alongside "Whyalla" at No. 4 buoy after oiling.

January 13th. 14th. 15th. At Sydney.

January 16th. 17th. 18th. 19th. 20th. 21st. At Sydney. A/S, Radar, and Gunnery classes landed for instruction daily, according to programme.

January 22nd. Slipped at 0845, took "Lismore", "Kalgoorlie" "Goulburn" and "Whyalla" under my orders, and proceeded to carry out Minesweeping exercises. Returned to harbour at 1115 to land an injured rating, leaving "Lismore" as guide. Rejoined and continued exercises at 1230. On completion, secured at Parsley Bay wharf at 1545.

January 23rd. 24th. At Sydney. A/S and Gunnery classes landed for instruction

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January 25th. Slipped at 0815 and with "Lismore" under my orders, carried out A/S exercises with U.S.Submarine "S 43", with "Kybra" as escort.On completion, returned to harbour and secured at 1615.

January 26th. Slipped at 0830 in company with Flotilla and carried out H.A.C.R. shoot v. Aircraft sleeve target, followed by full-calibre and L.A.C.R. attack v. Patt. VI target. Captain, Escort Group and staff embarked in Flotilla. On completion, secured at Kuttabul Sharf. 46 officers and ratings landed for seven days leave. 33 R.N. ratings as care and maintenance and boiler-cleaning party arrived on board.

January 27th. At Sydney, boiler cleaning.
28th.
29th.
30th.
31st.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health of the Ship's Company has been very good and the conduct satisfactory. The granting of seven days leave to ratings who returned from overseas in the ship should have a beneficial effect on the morale of the men, which had a tendency to be below average.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

Number of miles travelled.....671 miles.
Number of hours under way .....123.5 hours.
Number of miles per ton of fuel....9.41. miles.

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING (12th June 1941.)

Number of miles travelled.....125864.6 miles.
Number of hpurs under way.....13123.5 hours.
Average speed. .....9.2 knots.

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Lieutenant-Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 6TH JANUARY, 1946. *Reference No.* S7161/44.

*To* SENIOR OFFICER, 21ST MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA, H.M.A.S. "BALLARAT". (Copy to Secretary, Navy Board, Melbourne.)

*Subject* REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1944.

**Submitted:**

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The following are the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of December, 1944 -

**Dec.1st-2nd.** On passage to Fremantle - H.M.A.S's "Toowoomba", (S.O.) "Burnie" and "Lismore" in company - escorting R.F.A. "Arndale".

**Dec.3rd.** Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Lismore" in Fremantle at 0835H.

**Dec.4th.** At 0803H, slipped and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S's "Burnie" (S.O.) and "Lismore" towards Melbourne.

**Dec.5th-8th.** On passage to Melbourne.

**Dec.9th.** At 1212, S.S. "Ilossos" reported being attacked by submarine in position 37° 11' S, 139° 15' E. "Burnie" received orders from Melbourne for ships to search submarine area. Heavy seas necessitated housing of Asdic dome. At 1800JK S.S." Ilossos" was sighted ahead, eastbound, and reported that submarine surfaced and fired on him but submerged on fire being returned. He stated no damage was sustained. Search was continued until 1718JK on 10th Dec., when course was set for Melbourne with "Burnie".

**Dec.11th.** At 1441K search was commenced off Anglesea for survivors from R.A.A.F. aircraft reported to have crashed into sea. Result was negative. At 2130K ship secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown.

**Dec.12th.** At 0822 proceeded to sea to carry out minesweeping operations in ~~Eastern~~ WESTERN Approaches to Port Philip.

**Dec.13th.** At 0643 rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S." Lismore" off Cape Otway and minesweeping commenced towards Point Lonsdale. Sweep was completed at 1800 with negative result. Anchored off Portsea at 1950.

**Dec.14th.** At 0409 weighed and proceeded with H.M.A.S. "Burnie" and "Lismore" to continue searching sweep of ~~Eastern~~ WESTERN Approaches to Port Philip, "H" formation to port. Sweeps were streamed from 0534K to 2130K. Negative result.

**Dec.15th.** Searching sweep continued, sweeps streamed from 0349 to 1700K. At 1815 entered Port Philip and secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown at 2123.

**Dec.16th.** At Williamstown, Melbourne.

**Dec.17th.** Slipped from Nelson Pier at 1900 and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. "Burnie" (S.O.) and " Lismore" to sweep Through Route in Bass Strait.

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H.M.A.S. "Maryborough",
6th January, 1945.

Report of Proceedings - continued.

18th Dec. Minesweeping from 0530 to 2030 towards Wilsons Promontory with negative result.

Dec.19th. Weather unsuitable for minesweeping. All ships anchored in Apollo Bay at 1140.

Dec.20th. At 0001 weighed and proceeded with "Burnie" and "Lismore" and commenced sweeping from Cape Otway to Wilsons Promontory. Sweep carried out from 0340 to 2005 with negative result. At 2220 anchored in Oberon Bay.

Dec.21st. At 0209 weighed and proceeded in company with "Burnie" and "Lismore" to sweep towards Cape Otway. Sweeps streamed from 0405 to 1720, with negative result. At 2005 entered Port Philip and anchored off Gellibrand Light at 2242.

Dec.22nd. At 0550 weighed and secured alongside H.M.A.S." Lismore" at Nelson Pier, Williamstown. Commenced boiler cleaning.

Dec.23rd-26th.
Boiler cleaning alongside Nelson Pier. 48 hours leave granted to Melbourne natives.

Dec.27th. At 1400 Lieutenant Commander, M.W. Lancaster, R.A.N. assumed command from (Temporary) Lieutenant J.C.P. Boyle, R.A.N.R.(S). 1600. Proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S's "Whyalla" (S.O.) and " Burnie" towards Jervis Bay.

Dec.28th-29th.
On passage to Jervis Bay. At 0825/29th exercised minesweeping turns (negative sweeps) until 1009. At 1050 set course to carry out search for submarine reported off Montagu Island, "Whyalla" and "Burnie" in company. H.M.A.S."Quiberon" sighted at 1400 carrying out independent search. Catalina and Beaufort aircraft sighted overhead during afternoon. At 1654 one depth charge was dropped on an A/S contact in position 36° 34' S, 150° 51'E, but contact was classified as non-sub. At 1828 joined by H.M.A.S's "Ballarat" (S.O., 21st M/S Flotilla), "Goulburn", "Kalgoorlie" and "Quiberon". Search was continued under orders of "Ballarat". At 1940 "Whyalla" detached for Sydney with defective A/S gear. At 2040 H.M.A.S."Kiama" joined.

Dec.30th. At 0015 H.M.A.S."Kiama"detached from search and at 0543 H.M.A.S."Bathurst" joined. At 1420 course was set northwards.

Dec.31st. At 0550 entered Sydney Heads and secured to No; 7 buoy, Man-o'-war Anchorage at 0625.

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H.M.A.S. "Maryborough",
6th January, 1945.

Report of Proceedings - continued.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT.

The health of the ship's company has been good during the past month and conduct satisfactory.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH.

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|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled..... | 5,045.7 miles |
| Number of hours under way..... | 483 hours |
| Number of miles per ton of fuel..... | 14.1 miles |

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING (12th June, 1941)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of miles travelled.....124, | 993.6 miles |
| Number of hours under way..... | 13000 hours |
| Average speed ..... | 9.6 knots |

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

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*From* THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

*Date* 1st December, 1944 *Reference No.* SM/56/44

*To* THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD
(copy to Captain, East Indies Escort Force)

*Subject* REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1944

The following Report of Proceedings for November, 1944, of H.M.A.Ship under my command is submitted for the information of the Naval Board:-

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Nov.1st - 4th :- At anchor Khor Kuwai. 4th/0010z - weighed and proceeded to rendezvous with Convoy P.B.86 five miles north of Anion Island. 0203z/4th - commenced escorting Convoy P.B.86 towards Bombay (four ships S.S. "Soutay", "Newton D.Baker", "Islami" and "Barala"). H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company.

Nov.5th 0940z Position 23°25'N, 90°16'E, H.M.I.S. "Khyber" carried out attacks on doubtful contact. Both escorts hunted and obtained many contacts which we considered non-sub. "Maryborough" rejoined convoy at 1450z/5th. H.M.I.S. "Khyber" rejoined at 1953z/5th. At no time did "Khyber" classify this as a submarine. We could not confirm.

Nov.6th - 8th Escort duty towards Bombay. 2240z/6th - S.S. "Islami" and "Barala" detached and proceeded towards Karachi escorted by local escort (H.M.I.S. "Agra").

Nov.9th 1017F-G Entered Bombay Harbour. 1500F-G - anchored in Naval Anchorage. 2000F-G - weighed and proceeded independently towards Colombo.

Nov.10th - 13th Proceeding toward Colombo. 13th/0830F-G - anchored in Examination Anchorage Colombo. 13th/1330F-G - weighed and proceeded to carry out M.F./D.F. calibration. 1708F-G - entered Colombo Harbour and secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Ipswich".

Nov.14th - 17th Boiler cleaning alongside H.M.S. "Lucia".

Nov.18th Completed boiler cleaning. 1401F-G - cast off and proceeded towards Fremantle; H.M.A.Ships "Toowoomba"(S.O), "Burnie" and "Lismore" in company.

Nov.19th 1225F-G - commenced escorting R.F.A. "Arndale" towards Fremantle (position 4°59'N, 80°59'E).

Nov.20th - 30th Escort duty towards Fremantle.

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FUELLING

Nov.20th Escorts fuelled from R.F.A."Arndale" at sea. Tanker stopped and two escorts ~~fuelled~~ fuelled at a time. The other two escorts carried out patrol round the tanker. "Maryborough" secured on tanker at 1310F-G and slipped at 1340F-G and received 25 tons of oil fuel.

Nov.27th "Maryborough" refuelled from tanker by buoyant hose method. Course of convoy was maintained at a speed of nine knots. Wind Force 3-5, Sea and Swell 35. No difficulty was found fuelling by this method, except in heaving the hose over the edge of forecastle to connect up. As it was our first attempt by this method, I consider the evolution was satisfactory.

(a) 1140F-G Steadying line secured.
(b) 1205F-G Hose connected. Commenced pumping.
(c) Received 85 tons of oil fuel.
(d) 1300F-G Completed fuelling and disconnected hose.
(e) 1330F-G Slipped steadying line and proceeded.
(f) No damage to tanker's oiling equipment.

HEALTH AND CONDUCT

The health of the Ship's company has been good and the conduct satisfactory during November.

GENERAL

Copies of signals re leaving Colombo are attached to Naval Board's copy of this letter.

TOTALS FOR THE MONTH

No. of miles travelled .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 5269.6
No. of hours under way .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 515
No. of miles per ton of oil fuel .. .. .. .. 17.91

TOTAL SINCE COMMISSIONING

No. of miles travelled .. .. .. .. .. .. 119947.9
No. of hours under way .. .. .. .. .. .. 12517
Average Speed .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. 9.5 knots

J.C.Boyle.

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.(S)

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TOOWOOMBA, BURNIE, LISMORE, MARYBOROUGH

FROM:
CAPT. E.F.E.

*Write Across*

THERE COMES A TIME WHEN BEST OF FRIENDS MUST PART.

IT IS WITH PRIDE AND REGRET THAT I WATCH YOU LEAVING MY COMMAND. THANK YOU ALL FOR THE GRAND JOB YOU HAVE DONE.

AU REVOIR. GOOD LUCK AND THE BEST OF HUNTING IN THE FUTURE.

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TO: CAPTAIN, EASTERN FLEET ESCORT FORCE

FROM: MARYBOROUGH

*Write Across*

YOUR 181335. VERY MANY THANKS. THOUGH PLEASED TO BE GOING HOME, WE LEAVE YOUR COMMAND WITH GENUINE REGRET.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST NOVEMBER, 1944. *Reference No.* 50453/44

*To* THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD.
(Copy to Captain, Eastern Fleet Escorts.)

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1944.

Submitted:

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October, 1944 -

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| SUNDAY, 1ST-: TUESDAY, 3RD. | Anchored at Khor Kuwai (Persian Gulf). |
| WEDNESDAY, 4TH. | 0900D. Weighed and proceeded to Khasab Bay to rendezvous with convoy PB 85 - H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company. 1016D. Anchored in Khasab Bay. 1725D. Weighed, and commenced escorting convoy PB 85 (2 ships - S.S. "Jaladurga" and "Sontay") towards Bombay. |
| THURSDAY, 5TH: | 1315D. S.S. "Jaladurga" reported engine trouble which could not be repaired at sea. H.M.I.S. "Khyber" detailed to screen her to Karachi, H.M.A.S. "Maryborough" escorting "Sontay". |
| FRIDAY, 6TH - SUNDAY, 8TH. | Escort duty. 2040FG/8th. Anchored in Bombay Harbour. |
| MONDAY, 9TH - SUNDAY, 22ND. | Boiler cleaning and making good defects. 9th - 14th: In dry dock. 16th: Ship carried out runs over D.G. range. |
| MONDAY, 23RD. | 1837FG. Proceeded to sea to escort convoy BP 119 towards Persian Gulf. |
| TUESDAY, 24TH - FRIDAY, 27TH. | Escort duty towards Persian Gulf. 2330D/27th - convoy dispersed. |
| SATURDAY, 28TH. | 0716D. Entered Khor Kuwai harbour, refuelled and proceeded to anchorage. |
| SUNDAY, 29TH - TUESDAY, 31ST. | At anchor in Khor Kuwai harbour. |

REMARKS/

The health of the ship's company during the past month has been good and conduct satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES:

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| Distance steamed for month.... | 2239.8 mls. |
| Hours under way..... | 337 hrs. |
| Miles per ton of fuel.... .... | 14.6 mls. |

TOTAL FIGURES:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Distance steamed | since 12/6/41 | 114678.3 | mls |
| Hours under way | " " | 12002 | hrs |
| Average speed | " " | 9.5 | kts |

J.C. Boyle.
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S),
Commanding Officer.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST OCTOBER, 1944. *Reference No.* SM 52/44.

*To* THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD. (Copy to Captain, Arabian-Bengal-Ceylon Escort Force).

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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Submitted:

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of September, 1944 -

FRIDAY 1ST-FRIDAY 8TH. Boiler cleaning at Colombo. 52 members of ship's company proceeded to Diyatalawa Rest Camp for four days.

SATURDAY 9TH. 0700: Cast off from H.M.S. "Lucia" and proceeded independently towards Addu Atoll.

SUNDAY 10TH-MONDAY 11TH. Towards Addu Atoll. 1817FG/11th. Entered Addu Atoll harbour, fuelled from R.F.A. "Olwen" and then proceeded to anchorage.

TUESDAY 12TH. 1257FG. Proceeded out of harbour to escort "City of Dieppe" towards Kelai and Colombo.

WEDNESDAY 13TH-THURSDAY 14TH. Escort duty towards Kelai. 1645FG/14th. Entered Kelai, followed by "City of Dieppe". 1730FG. Proceeded out of harbour and carried out A/S patrol off entrance. 2010. Resumed escorting "City of Dieppe" towards Colombo.

FRIDAY 15TH-SATURDAY 16TH. Escort duty towards Colombo. 1019FG/16th. Entered Colombo harbour and secured to H.M.I.S. "Hindustan".

SUNDAY 17TH: At Colombo.

MONDAY 18TH: 1519. Proceeded out of harbour towards Bombay. H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company.

TUESDAY 19TH-FRIDAY 22ND. Towards Bombay. 0900FG/22nd. Entered Bombay harbour, fuelled and proceeded to anchorage.

SATURDAY 23RD: 1930; Proceeded out of harbour, H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company, to escort convoy BP.118 towards the Persian Gulf (one ship-S.S. "Sontay".)

SUNDAY 24TH-MONDAY 25TH. Escort duty. 1720EF/25th. S.S. "Jaladurga" joined convoy in position Lat. 24°19'N, Long. 66° 36'E, escorted from Karachi by H.M.I.S. "Agra".

TUESDAY 26TH-WEDNESDAY 27TH: Escort duty towards the Persian Gulf.

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**THURSDAY 28TH.** 0100D. Convoy dispersed, proceeded independently towards their destinations - escorts proceeding towards Khor Kuwai. 0610D. Entered harbour.

**FRIDAY 29TH.** At Khor Kuwai.

**SATURDAY 30TH.** Proceeded to sea, H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company for exercises. Exercised minesweeping, Gunnery, R/T, D/C practice, O.O.W. manoeuvres and checked Radar ranges. 1750D. Entered harbour.

**REMARKS:**

The health of the ship's company during the past month has been good generally.

Ship's company's behaviour has been satisfactory.

**MONTHLY FIGURES:**

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| Distance steamed for month..... | 4170.1 mls. |
| Hours under way..... | 365 hrs. |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 14.45 mls. |

**GRAND TOTALS:**

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| Distance steamed since 12/6/41..... | 112438.5 mls. |
| Hours under way " " ..... | 11665 hrs. |
| Average speed..... | 9.7 kts. |

J. C. Boyle.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S),
Commanding Officer.

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Perhaps a signal from the Board to C-in-C EF pointing out that the services of 2 Surg. Lts. Cdn COATS RNVR were appreciated, would not be amiss. 15/10

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As this is the duty of the N.O. A.B.C. force do not consider signal appropriate. 18/10.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1944. *Reference No.* SM 50/44

*To* SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVY BOARD, MELBOURNE.
(Copy to Captain, Arabian-Bengal-Ceylon Escort Force.)

*Subject* MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1944.

Submitted:

The following are the proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August, 1944 -

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TUESDAY, 1ST -
WEDNESDAY, 2ND. At Vizagapatam.

THURSDAY, 3RD. 0902. Slipped and proceeded to sea, H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" in company.

FRIDAY, 4TH -
SUNDAY, 6TH. Proceeding towards Colombo. 1045. Closed dismasted native dhow (C.B.21 Toy), and provided crew with food and water, and directed them to coast, distant 17 miles.

MONDAY, 7TH. Towards Colombo. 0020. S.B.A. Jessen, O/N PM2989, reported that L.S.A. Ogle, O/N S5032, was suffering from suspected acute appendicitis. Permission was granted by Senior Officer (H.M.A.S "Bathurst") to proceed with all despatch. 0825. Secured at N3C Berth, Colombo Harbour.

TUESDAY, 8TH. At Colombo.

WEDNESDAY, 9TH. 0903. Proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. "Geraldton" for Radar exercise. 1332. Re-entered Colombo Harbour.

THURSDAY, 10TH. 0906. Slipped ~~and~~ from H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" and proceeded to sea to tow target for Gunnery practices for Escort Force. 1910. Returned to harbour.

FRIDAY, 11TH. At Colombo. 1148. A/B. K.R. Turner, O/N 21 604, discharged to hospital.

SATURDAY, 12TH. At Colombo. 1600. Stoker J.A. Sargeant, O/N S5144 discharged to hospital. Commanding Officers H.M.A.S. "Geraldton" and "Maryborough" proceeded ashore to attend funeral of Ord. Sea. A. Morton of H.M.A.S. "Bathurst". Sub. Lieut. K. Kimball, H.M.A.S. "Maryborough" also attended. 2045. Ship placed in quarantine.

SUNDAY, 13TH -
SATURDAY, 19TH. Ship in quarantine. 14TH. Commanding Officers "Bathurst" and "Maryborough", two Officers and ten ratings attended funeral of late A/B. K.R. Turner, O/N. RAN. 21604. (See attached report.)

SUNDAY, 20TH. 0800. Quarantine lifted - Normal leave to ship's company.

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1st September,1944.

Report of Proceedings, August,1944 - continued.

(to ship's company -)

MONDAY,21ST-
WEDNESDAY,23RD. At Colombo. 0934 FG/23RD. Slipped and proceeded to sea to escort convoy CX 29, 1 ship,S.S."Olwen" (Tanker, R.F.A.) to Addu Atoll.

THURSDAY,24TH-
SATURDAY,26TH. Escort duty.

SUNDAY,27TH. 1002FG. Entered Addu Atoll,fuelled and proceeded to anchorage.

MONDAY,28TH. At Addu Atoll. 1900FG. Weighed and proceeded towards Colombo.

TUESDAY,29TH-
WEDNESDAY,30TH. Towards Colombo.

THURSDAY,31ST. Entered Colombo Harbour and secured at 1015FG.

REMARKS.

The behaviour of the ship's company during the month of August has been satisfactory.

Health of ship's company - see attached report.

MONTHLY FIGURES:

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| Distance steamed for month..... | 27 74.9 | miles. |
| Hours under way ..... | 261 | hours. |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 10.1 | miles. |

GRAND TOTALS:

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| Distance steamed since 12/6/41..... | 108268.4 | miles. |
| Hours under way " " ..... | 11300 | hours. |
| Average speed..... | 9.58 | knots. |

J.C. Boyle.

Lieutenant,R.A.N.R.(S),
Commanding Officer.

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H.M.A.S."Maryborough",
1st September,1944.

Report of Proceedings,August,1944 - continued.

Death of Able Seaman K.R.Turner,O/N. RAN.21604.

Submitted:

It is with regret that I have to report the death of the late Able Seaman K.R.Turner,O/N. RAN.21604, at 1200EG/13th August. He was admitted to Royal Naval Auxiliary Hospital,Colombo, at 1300EG/11th August and his complaint was diagnosed as Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis. (paralysis)

The burial took place at Liberamenta Cemetery at 1730EG/14th August. The Commanding Officer and one Officer from "Bathurst" attended "Maryborough" was represented by the 1st Lieutenant and myself. A party of 10 ratings from both ships attended. Pall bearers and 20 mourners in charge of an Officer were provided by H.M.S."Lanka". Owing to quarantine restrictions it was not thought advisable to land a larger party from H.M.A.S."Maryborough" Other H.M.A.Ships present in Harbour could not be informed by me as I did not receive news of the rating's death until 1515EG/14th August.

Wreaths and transport for funeral party were arranged at very short notice by Captain, A-B-C E.F.. This was appreciated by all concerned.

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Stoker J.A. Sargeant,O/N.S 5144, was admitted to R.N.A.H. Colombo with a similar complaint to the late A/B.K.R.Turner. Last report received was that he was making satisfactory progress.

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Quarantine Period.

During the period of the ship's quarantine, the daily visits of the Senior Medical Officer of the A-B-C Escort Force, (Surgeon Lieut.-Commander Coats, R.N.V.R.) did much to hearten the ship's company. He was most helpful and quickly gained the confidence of the men. His services were greatly appreciated. p.m.

It is also felt that the picnics for ship's company to Mount Lavinia arranged by the Escort Force Staff Officer helped during a difficult period.

All other ailments reported during the month were of a minor nature.

J.C. Boyle.

Lieutenant,R.A.N.R.(S),
Commanding Officer.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST AUGUST, 1944. *Reference No.* S/M249/44

*To* SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE. (Copy to Captain, A-B-C Escort Force.)

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1944.

**Submitted:**

HN. 19/9/44.

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for July, 1944 -

**SATURDAY, 1ST.** Escort duty, escorting convoy JC 54 towards Vizagapatam. 1100. Trincomalee section of convoy detached.

**SUNDAY, 2ND.** Escort duty. 1600. Madras section detached, 8 joiners from Madras escorted by H.M.I.S. "Amritsar".

**MONDAY, 3RD.** Escort duty.

**TUESDAY 4TH.** Escort duty. 0855. Passed convoy orders to H.M.I.S. "Kalivati", detached and proceeded to escort one Merchant Vessel to Vizagapatam in company with H.M.A.S. "Bathurst". 1215. Secured at Oil Berth, Vizagapatam Harbour.

**WEDNESDAY 5TH-**
**FRIDAY, 7TH.** At Vizagapatam.

**SATURDAY, 8TH.** 1332. Slipped and proceeded out of harbour to escort convoy CJ 34 towards Colombo, H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" (S.O.E.) in company. 1500. Relieved H.M.I.S. "Netravati" and "Kumaon".

**SUNDAY 9TH -**
**MONDAY, 10TH.** Escort duty. 1645/10th - convoy JC 55 passed bound north.

**TUESDAY 11TH-**
**THURSDAY 13TH.** Escort duty towards Colombo. 1600/13th - 2 joiners from Trincomalee.

**FRIDAY, 14TH.** Escort duty. 1615. Secured alongside H.M.S. "Lucia" in Colombo Harbour to boiler clean.

**SATURDAY 15TH-**
**THURSDAY 20TH.** Boiler cleaning at Colombo.

**FRIDAY 21ST.** 0957. Slipped from H.M.S. "Lucia" and proceeded out of Harbour to carry out Gunnery and A/S Exercise in company with H.M.A.S. "Bathurst". 1840. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" in Colombo Harbour.

**SATURDAY 22ND -**
**MONDAY 24TH.** At Colombo.

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TUESDAY 25TH. 0740. Slipped and proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" to escort convoy JC 58 towards Vizagapatam.

WEDNESDAY 26TH
THURSDAY 27TH. Escort duty. 1025. Trincomalee section of convoy detached.

FRIDAY 28TH. Escort duty. 1340. 1 ship detached for Madras. 1635. 6 joiners from Madras.

SATURDAY 29TH. Escort duty.

SUNDAY 30TH. Escort duty. 0930. H.M.I.S. "Madura" and "Cuttack" relieved H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" and "Maryborough". 1409. Secured at Oil Berth, Vizagapatam Harbour.

MONDAY 31ST. At Vizagapatam.

REMARKS.

The behaviour of the ship's company during the past month has been satisfactory.

Health of ship's company is good, only minor tropical complaints being reported during the month.

MONTHLY FIGURES:

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| Distance steamed for month..... | 3,532.4 | miles |
| Hours under way..... | 366 . | hours |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 19.17 | miles |

GRAND TOTALS:

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| Distance steamed since 12/6/41..... | 105,493.5 | mls. |
| Hours under way..... | 11,039 | hours |
| Average speed..... | 9.55 | knots |

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H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH

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Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. ( S ).

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*Date* 1ST JULY,1944. *Reference No.* S1447/44

*To* THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD.
(Copy to Captain, A-B-C Escort Force.)

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE,1944.

Submitted:

The following are the proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command during the month of June,1944:-

THURSDAY,1ST. Escort duty towards Colombo.

FRIDAY,2ND. Escort duty towards Colombo.1304.Entered Colombo. 1325.Secured alongside H.M.S."Avon" to boiler clean.

SATURDAY,3RD-
THURSDAY,8TH. Boiler cleaning and made good minor defects, alongside H.M.S."Lucia".Four days leave granted to port watch.

FRIDAY,9TH. 1035. Slipped and proceeded to sea to carry out Gunnery and A/S exercise with H.M.I.S."Khyber" and Italian submarine "Brin".Splash target shoot carried out and A.S. P.6 with submarine.

SATURDAY,10TH. 1800.Left harbour to escort convoy J.C.51A toward Trincomalee - 2 tankers,S.S."Empire Coral" and "Saroena".

SUNDAY,11TH. Escort duty towards Trincomalee.

MONDAY,12TH. 0633. S.S."Saroena" detached to proceed to destination. 0857.Escorted S.S."Empire Coral" to entrance to Trincomalee Harbour and then detached and proceeded towards Colombo.

TUESDAY,13TH. Towards and at Colombo. 1630.Secured alongside H.M.A.S."Bathurst" in Colombo Harbour.

WEDNESDAY,14TH. At Colombo.

THURSDAY,15TH. 1100.Left harbour to rendezvous with submarine "Brin" for A/S exercise. A.S.P.7 carried out, A/S conditions good; considered to be a very successful exercise.

FRIDAY,16TH. At Colombo.

SATURDAY,17TH. 1334. Left Colombo Harbour to carry out H/F-D/F calibration with H.M.S."Taff". 2126.Secured at NO.18½ berth Colombo Harbour.

SUNDAY,18TH. 0646.Slipped and proceeded to sea to complete H/F-D/F calibration with H.M.S."Taff".1030. Calibration completed, returned to harbour. 1150.Re-secured at 18½ berth.

MONDAY,19TH-
TUESDAY,20TH. At Colombo.

WEDNESDAY,21ST. 0652.Left harbour to assist in escorting convoy J.C.53 towards Vizagapatam,H.M.A.S. "Bathurst"(S.O.E.),H.M.A.S."Tamworth",H.M.I.S. "Konkan" in company. 2118.H.M.I.S."Konkan" identified friendly submarine "Surf".

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST JULY,1944. *Reference No.*

*To* THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD.
(Copy to Captain, A-B-C Escort Force.)

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDING FOR JUNE,1944 - continued.

THURSDAY,22ND. Escort duty. S.S."Iris" straggling from convoy.

FRIDAY,23RD. 0703. H.M.A.S."Bathurst" and "Maryborough" commenced escorting Trincomalee section. 0930. Escorts detached from Trincomalee section of convoy and proceeded towards Colombo.

SATURDAY,24TH. Towards and at Colombo, H.M.A.S."Bathurst" in company. 2315. Secured at N3C berth,Colombo Harbour.

SUNDAY,25TH. At Colombo.

MONDAY,26TH. 0827. Proceeded out of harbour with H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" (S.O.) to carry out A/S exercise with submarine "Brin" and escort her during exercise over loops. A/S conditions bad during exercise.1541. Secured alongside H.M.A.S."Bathurst" in Colombo Harbour.

TUESDAY,27TH. At Colombo.

WEDNESDAY,28TH. 1211. Left harbour to carry out A/S exercise with H.M.A.S."Bathurst" and submarine "Brin". A.S. P.7 carried out. Afternoon A/S conditions during exercise were very bad,submarine lost and operation "Observant" carried out to find S/M, but was unsuccessful.

THURSDAY,29TH. 1508. Left harbour and commenced escorting convoy J.C.54 towards Vizagapatam,H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" (S.O.E.).

FRIDAY,30TH. Escort duty.

Be pleased to report to the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board that during the month of June,1944, H.M.A.S."Maryborough" joined the band of A.M.S.vessels that have completed 100,000 miles.

The distance was completed the evening before the ship commenced her fourth year of commission.

H.M.A.S."Maryborough" has travelled from Hobart to Singapore and from Fremantle to Gibraltar, and thence to Durban and back to the Eastern Fleet to achieve this.

Notwithstanding a three months' refit,almost half this distance has been done during the last twelve months.

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The health of the ship's company remains good, except for minor tropical ailments, and conduct has been very good.

MONTHLY TOTALS.

Distance steamed for month.....2,702.2 miles.
Hours under way.....272 hours.
Miles per ton of fuel.....17.6 miles.

GRAND TOTALS.

Distance steamed since 12/6/41...101,961.1 mls.
Hours under way.....10,673 hours.
Average speed.....9.56 kts.

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "HARVESTOUCH".

*Date* 1st JUNE, 1944. *Reference No.* S/M 444/1444

*To* CAPTAIN A.D.C. RECORD FORCE, Colombo. (Copies to Commander in Chief, Eastern Fleet; Secretary, Australian Commonwealth Naval Board.)

*Subject* REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1944.

Submitted:

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command during the month of May, 1944:-

MONDAY, 1ST.
SATURDAY, 6TH. Boiler cleaning alongside H.M.S. "Lucia" at Colombo.

SUNDAY, 7TH. Completed boiler cleaning. 0955. Proceeded and secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Burnie" (S.S.2 Buoy) at 1042.

MONDAY, 8TH. 0811. Proceeded to sea for D.G. Ranging and to adjust compasses. 1145. Completed adjustment of compasses and re-entered harbour. 1421 - Secured alongside Guide Pier to land spare propeller. 1530. Slipped and proceeded to S.S.2 Buoy. 1617. Secured in S.S.2 berth.

TUESDAY, 9TH. 1015. Slipped and proceeded to sea for A/S and Gunnery exercises. A.M.A/S Exercise with Sound target. 1311. R/V with H.M.A.S. "Burnie" for A.A. shoot. 1543. Exercises completed, entered harbour. 1645. Secured at S.S.2 buoy.

WEDNESDAY, 10TH
THURSDAY, 11TH. In harbour - Colombo.

FRIDAY, 12TH. 1225. Slipped and proceeded to sea to escort convoy J.C.48 towards Visagapatam, H.M.A.S. "Burnie", S.O.E.

SATURDAY, 13TH. Escort duty towards Visagapatam.

SUNDAY, 14TH. Escort duty. 2012. S.S. "Oliver Wendall Holmes" broke down. Shore authorities concerned informed and tug requested. Later informed by N.O.I.C. Trincomalee that S.S. "Oliver Wendall Holmes" was proceeding and would rejoin convoy.

MONDAY, 15TH. Escort duty-1000. S.S. "Oliver Wendall Holmes" and "Tenfield" (straggler) rejoined convoy - 9 joiners from Madras.

TUESDAY, 16TH. Escort duty. 0516. Attacked doubtful contact with one depth charge (150 feet). Contact classified as non-sub, during second run. (Report forwarded through H.M.A.S. "Burnie" S.O.E.)

WEDNESDAY, 17TH - Relieved by H.M.I.S. "Cuttack" and "St. Anthony" and proceeded towards Visagapatam escorting one tanker. 1240. Entered harbour. 1314. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Burnie" at oil berth, Visagapatam.

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THURSDAY 19TH. At Vizagapatam.

FRIDAY 19TH. 1224. Slipped and proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. "Burnie", S.O.E., to R/V with and escort convoy C.J.28 towards Colombo. 1330. Relieved H.M.I.S. "Kalavati" of escort duty and commenced escorting convoy.

SATURDAY 20TH. Escort duty.

SUNDAY 21ST. Escort duty. 2 joiners from Madras.

MONDAY 22ND. Escort duty. 2000. R/V with convoy J.C.49 and exchanged stations with H.M.A.S. "Tamworth", and commenced escorting convoy J.C.49 towards Vizagapatam. H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" S.O.E.

TUESDAY 23RD. Escort duty - H.M.I.S. "Lahore" and two ships joined from Madras.

WEDNESDAY 24TH. Escort duty.

THURSDAY 25TH. 0858. Relieved of escort duty by H.M.I.S. "Kumaon" and commenced escorting S.S. "Utsire" to Vizagapatam. 1305. Entered harbour. 1403. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" at oil berth.

FRIDAY 26TH. At Vizagapatam.

SATURDAY 27TH. 1111. Slipped and proceeded to escort Vizagapatam section, (3 ships), of convoy C.J.29 to R/V with main convoy. H.M.A.S. "Bathurst" S.O.E., H.M.I.S. "Berar" in company. 1223. R/V with main portion of convoy C.J.29 and relieved H.M.I.S. "Cuttack" and "St. Anthony".

SUNDAY 28TH-
MONDAY 29TH. Escort duty - no joiners from Madras.

TUESDAY 30TH. Escort duty. 2143. Convoy J.C.50 contacted by Radar, bearing 143° -13000 yards, S.O.E. informed. Steaming lights switched on and convoy passed safely. No positions were obtained during the day.

WEDNESDAY 31ST. Escort duty - 3 joiners from Trincomalee.

REMARKS:

The health of the ship's company during the month, except for minor tropical complaints, has been good. Ship's company's behaviour during the month has been satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES:

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| Distance steamed..... | 3,930.6 | miles. |
| Hours under way..... | 367 | hours. |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 19 | miles. |

TOTAL FIGURES:

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41- | 99,258.9 | miles. |
| " hours under way..... | 10,401 | hours. |
| Average speed..... | 9.58 | knots. |

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

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## Royal Australian Navy.

*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 6TH MAY, 1944. *Reference No.* SM 42/44

*To* CAPTAIN, A-B-C ESCORT FORCE (Copy to Commander in Chief, Eastern Fleet).

*Subject* REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. APRIL, 1944.

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Submitted:

The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of April, 1944:-

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| SATURDAY, 1ST. | Durban - carrying out basin trials. 2359. Completed refit. |
| SUNDAY. 2ND. | Ammunitioned ship, 0600-1045. 1100-1630. Gunnery and full power trials. |
| MONDAY. 3RD. | 0636. Proceeded to No.1 Island View berth and degaussed. |
| TUESDAY. 4TH. | Compasses adjusted - completed storing ship. |
| WEDNESDAY. 5TH. | 1400. Slipped and proceeded to sea to escort S.S."Talma". H.M.S."Jasmine" (S.O.E.) in company. |
| THURSDAY. 6TH - WEDNESDAY. 12TH | Escort duty towards Kilindini. |
| THURSDAY, 13TH. | 0810. Arrived Kilindini and completed with fuel and water. |
| FRIDAY. 14TH. | At Kilindini. |
| SATURDAY, 15TH. | 0556. Slipped and proceeded to escort S.S."Talma" towards Seychelles. H.M.S."Jasmine" in company. |
| SUNDAY. 16TH - TUESDAY. 18TH | Escort duty towards Seychelles. |
| WEDNESDAY, 19TH. | 1100. Arrived Port Victoria, Seychelles, and completed with fuel. |
| THURSDAY, 20TH. | At Seychelles. |
| FRIDAY, 21ST. | 0903. Weighed anchor and proceeded to escort S.S."Talma" towards Colombo. H.M.S."Jasmine" in company (S.O.E.). |
| SATURDAY, 22ND - SUNDAY, 23RD. | Escort duty. 1320/22nd. Dropped one depth charge on contact later classified as non sub. (Posn. 01° 25' S, 59° 16' E). 1415/22ND; H.M.S."Jasmine" dropped one depth charge - non sub. |
| MONDAY, 24TH. | Escort duty - 1220. R/v with convoy RK1. H.M.S. "Snowflake" (S.O.E.), "Rosebay" joined escort. H.M.S."Jasmine" detached and joined H.M.S."Freesia" to escort convoy RK1 towards Kilindini. |
| TUESDAY. 25TH. | 1055. Dropped two depth charges on non sub contact - Posn. 05° 02' N, 68° 20' E. |
| WEDNESDAY. 26TH | |
| THURSDAY. 27TH. | Escort duty. |
| FRIDAY. 28TH. | 1122. Secured to S.S.1 Buoy Colombo Harbour. |
| SATURDAY, 29TH - SUNDAY, 30TH. | At Colombo. 1329/30. Secured alongside H.M.S. "Snowflake" and commenced boiler cleaning. |

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1944.

Remarks:

Conduct of the ship's company during the last month has been good with three exceptions, two ratings losing badges for leave breaking, and one missing his passage in Durban.

Health of the ship's company remains good.

Monthly figures:

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| Distance steamed..... | 5,123. 8 | miles |
| Hours under way..... | 463 | hours |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 17.97 | miles |

Total figures:

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| Distance steamed since 12.6.41 | 95,329.3 | miles |
| Hours under way..... | 10,014 | hours |
| Average speed..... | 9.5 | knots |

COMMANDING OFFICER
J. C. Boyle.
H.M.A.S. "MARLBOROUGH"

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

Date 1ST APRIL, 1944. Reference No. SM 39/44

To CAPTAIN, ARABIAN-BENGAL-CEYLON ESCORT FORCE, CEYLON.

Subject LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1944.

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Submitted.

The following were the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of March, 1944 -

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| WEDNESDAY, 1ST - WEDNESDAY 22ND. | At No.1 Maydon Wharf, Durban - in dockyard hands for refit. |
| THURSDAY, 23RD. | 0905. Tug alongside, slipped to enter dry dock. 0940. Entered dry dock. |
| FRIDAY, 24TH - MONDAY 27TH. | In dry dock. |
| TUESDAY, 28TH. | 0805. Slipped from dock. 0855. Alongside No.1 Maydon Wharf. |
| WEDNESDAY 29TH - FRIDAY, 31ST. | At No.1 Maydon Wharf, completing refit. |

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COMMANDING OFFICER
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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Maryborough's No. S.M. ~~34/44~~ dated
4th February, 1944.)

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# Royal Australian Navy.

*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 4TH FEBRUARY, 1944 *Reference No.* S.M. 34/1944

*To* CAPTAIN, A-B-C ESCORT FORCE, CEYLON.

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1944.

SUBMITTED:

The proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of January are as follows:-

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| SATURDAY, 1ST. to TUESDAY, 4TH. | Towards Durban, H.M.A.S. "Gawler"(S.O.) in company. |
| WEDNESDAY, 5TH. | 0814. Entered breakwater, Durban Harbour.<br>0925. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Toowoomba" at No.1, Maydon Wharf.<br>Commenced refit. |
| THURSDAY, 6TH. to MONDAY, 31ST. | In dockyard hands for refit. |

REMARKS.

The health of the ship's company is good, and conduct remains satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed | 1,028 | miles. |
| Hours under weigh | 105 | hours. |
| Miles per ton of fuel | 17 | miles. |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed since 12.6.41 | 90,204.3 | miles. |
| Hours under weigh " " | 9,551 | hours. |
| Average speed | 9.4 | knots. |

J. C. Boyle
COMMANDING OFFICER
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).
H.M.A.S. MARYBOROUGH.

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*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

*Date* 1st January, 1944 *Reference No.* S.M. 1/44

*To* SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS, DECEMBER, 1943.

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Submitted.

The following were the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command during the month of December:-

WEDNESDAY, 1ST.
THURSDAY, 2ND. Escorting convoy A.B.22 towards Bombay. H.M.S. "Aster" (S.O.E.) in company.

FRIDAY, 3RD. Escort duty towards Bombay. 2330. Detached from convoy and commenced carrying out endless chain patrol round tanker "Northern Sun", straggler from convoy ahead, with engine trouble.

SATURDAY, 4TH. Screening "Northern Sun".
SUNDAY, 5TH. " " " . 1211. Secured alongside tanker at Bombay and refuelled. 1730. Anchored.

MONDAY, 6TH. At Bombay.
TUESDAY, 7TH. 0749. Slipped and proceeded from Bombay Anchorage. Commenced escorting convoy BA 57 towards Aden (3 ships). 1750. H.M.A.S. "Gawler" (S.O.E.) -joined.

WEDNESDAY, 8TH-
MONDAY, 13TH. Escort duty towards Aden.
TUESDAY, 14TH. 0940. Secured to NO.2 buoy Aden harbour.
WEDNESDAY, 15TH. 1123. Slipped and proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. "Gawler". 1315. Exercised at O.O.W. manoeuvres. 1540. Commenced escorting Dutch S/M.K15 towards Position " E", H.M.A.S. "Gawler" S.O.E.

THURSDAY, 16TH. Escorting K15.
FRIDAY, 17TH. " " 2300. Parted company with K 15, proceeding towards Kilindini.

SATURDAY, 18TH-
TUESDAY, 21ST. Proceeding towards Kilindini.
WEDNESDAY, 22ND. 0808. Entered Kilindini Harbour. 0829. Secured alongside "Gawler" and refuelled. 1435. Secured alongside S.S." Empire Almond".

THURSDAY, 23RD-
SATURDAY, 25TH. At Kilindini.
SUNDAY, 26TH. At Kilindini. 1951. Slipped from " Empire Almond". 2032. Re-secured alongside "Empire Almond" , sailing orders cancelled for the night.

MONDAY. 27TH. 0535. Rope fouled port propeller. 0615. All clear; 0618. Slipped and proceeded. 0645. Proceedding to stand by S.S." Burma" aground 201° 5 miles Ras Girani. Anchored off " Burma" during the day to transfer Italian prisoners of war. 1840. Entered harbour 76 P.O.W. on board. 1916. Secured alongside " Gawler" at No.1 Quay.

TUESDAY, 28TH. 0541. Slipped and proceeded to sea H.M.A.S." Gawler" in company 0815. Anchored off S.S. "Burma" to receive naval ratings kits etc. 1458. Weighed anchor and proceeded towards Durban. H.M.A.S. "Gawler" in company.

WEDNESDAY 29TH-
FRIDAY, 31ST. Proceeding towards Durban .

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The health of the ship's company remains good, and conduct satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed | 5885.8 miles |
| Hours under weigh | 536 hours |
| Miles per ton of fuel | 17.5 miles |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Distamce steamed since 12.6.41 | 89176.3 miles |
| Total number of hours under weigh | 9446 hours |
| Average speed | 9.44knots |

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Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.( S).

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## Royal Australian Navy.

*From* COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH".

*Date* 1ST DECEMBER, 1943 *Reference No.* Sm 45/43

*To* CAPTAIN, CEYLON ESCORT GROUP. (Copy to Australian Commonwealth Naval Board.)

*Subject* LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER, 1943.

Submitted.

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The following are the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of November, 1943 :-

MONDAY, 1ST. Escorting U.G.S. 20 to Port Said (H.M.S.Banff, S.O.E.)
1236. Entered Port Said.
1300. Secured in Suez Canal Company's dockyard on H.M.T. "Moonstone". Commenced boiler cleaning and making good outstanding defects.

TUESDAY, 2ND - FRIDAY, 12TH. Boiler cleaning and making good defects.
48 hours leave granted to each watch.

SATURDAY, 13TH.
0900. Slipped from Dockyard and proceeded to deperming berth-two tugs assisting. Berthed No.6 Navy House on completion of deperming.

SUNDAY, 14TH. Ship taken over D.G. Range and swing for compass adjustment.

MONDAY, 15TH. 0530. Slipped and proceeded through Suez Canal.
1608. Cleared Canal.
1620. Anchored in Port Tewfik for orders.
1715. Weighed and proceeded towards Aden.

TUESDAY, 16TH - SATURDAY, 20TH. Proceeding independently towards Aden.

SUNDAY, 21ST. 0709. Entered Aden Harbour. 0747. Secured to No.11 Buoy, and refuelled.

MONDAY, 22ND - FRIDAY, 25TH. At Aden. 24TH. Proceeded to sea to assist in calibrating H.M.S. Bann's Radar.

Thursday SATURDAY - 26TH. FRIDAY, 26TH. 1212. Slipped and proceeded to sea for L.A. Practice shoot with B.L. 4" Gun. (H.M.S. Teviot, S.O., Bann and Aster in company.) 1405. Commenced escort duties towards Bombay, above ships, H.M.A.S. "Cairns" and H.M.I.S. "Khyber" in company. Convoys A.B. 22 & A.P. 54 and 12th L.C.I. Flotilla.

SATURDAY, 27TH. - MONDAY, 29TH. Escort duty towards Bombay.

TUESDAY, 30TH. 1025. H.M.S. Teviot and Bann returned to Aden.
1300. H.M.A.S. "Cairns" and H.M.I.S. "Khyber" detached escorting A.P. 54 to Persian Gulf.
1400. Independently routed ships detached.

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## PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER 1943.

The health of the ship's company during the past months has been very good, and conduct has been satisfactory.

### MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed during November..... | 2929.7 | miles. |
| Hours under weigh..... | 276 | hours. |
| Miles per ton of fuel..... | 17 | miles. |

### TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed since 12.6.41;;;..... | 83290.5 | miles. |
| Total number of hours under weigh..... | 8910 | hours. |
| Average speed..... | 9.44 | knots. |

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

J.C. Boyle.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).

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EXTRACTS FROM FREMANTLE CENSORSHIP REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED 4/10/43.

Letter from P.M.Campbell, E.R.A.,H.M.A.S.Maryborough c/o/ C.P.O. 16/7/43. to Mrs A.J.Campbell, 182 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont W.A.

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H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH",
1st October, 1943.

The Commodore (D),
Levant Area,
H.M.S. "WOOLWICH".
(Copy to Australian Commonwealth Navy Board).

LdN 30/10/43

Submitted.

29.10.43

The following proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command are forwarded herewith:-

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|---|---|
| WEDNESDAY, 1st to MONDAY, 6th. | Boiler cleaning at Suez Canal Company's Dockyard, Port Said. |
| TUESDAY, 7th. | 0700. Shifted from Dockyard to No. 4 berth, Navy House 1410. Slipped and proceeded to sea and commenced escort duty towards Alexandria. |
| WEDNESDAY, 8th. | Escort duty towards Alexandria. 1451. Entered Harbour and fuelled. |
| THURSDAY, 9th. | 0700. Slipped and proceeded to sea and commenced escort duty towards Gibraltar, H.M.S. Shoreham (S.O.E.) H.M.S. Primula, H.M.A.S. Ipswich and three H.M. Whalers in company. |
| FRIDAY, 10th to THURSDAY, 16th. | Escort duty. 16th. 1653. Entered Algiers Harbour and refuelled. 1950. Proceeded to sea and proceeded at 12 knots to join convoy U.G.S.16. |
| FRIDAY, 17th & SATURDAY, 18th. | Proceeding to join U.G.S.16. |
| SUNDAY, 19th. | 0845. Joined convoy U.G.S.16. H.M.S. Shoreham (S.O.E.) H.H.M.S. Saktouris, H.M.S. Hyacinth, H.M.A.S. Cessnock, Wollongong & Cairns, H.M.S. Wolborough, in company. |
| SUNDAY, 19th to THURSDAY, 23rd. | Escort duty towards Alexandria. |
| THURSDAY, 23rd. | 0930. Entered Alexandria Harbour, fuelled and proceeded to No. 38 Quay and berthed on H.M.S. Hyacinth and commenced making good main engine defects. |
| FRIDAY, 24th to WEDNESDAY, 29th. | Making good main engine defects. During this period, i.e. on 25th and 26th, the ship was dry docked. |
| THURSDAY, 30th. | Completed defects. 1400. Slipped and proceeded to D.G. Range. 1615. Returned to harbour and secured to No. 15 Buoy. |
| REMARKS. | The health of the ship's company remained good during the past month. Conduct, with one exception, was good. |

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MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed..... | 3805.4 miles |
| Hours under weigh..... | 365 hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel..... | 17.36 miles. |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41. | 74708.9 miles |
| Average speed..... | 9.26 knots |
| Total hours under weigh..... | 8078 hours. |

John. C. Boyle

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).

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H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH",
1st September, 1943.

The Commodore (D),
Levant Area,
H.M.S."Woolwich".
(Copy to Australian
Commonwealth Naval Board.)

Submitted.

The following proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command are forwarded herewith:-

SUNDAY, 1st &
MONDAY, 2nd. In harbour, Alexandria.

TUESDAY, 3rd. 0930. Proceeded to sea and commenced escorting convoy MKS 21 towards Gibraltar.

WEDNESDAY, 4th to
TUESDAY, 10th. Escort duty towards Gibraltar.

WEDNESDAY, 11th. Escort duty-fuelled at Algiers-2201 rejoined convoy.

THURSDAY, 12th. Escort duty. 1951. Entered Oran Harbour - convoy anchored in convoy anchorage.

FRIDAY, 13th. 0645. Left Oran harbour - resumed escort duty. 2101. Convoy attacked by 37 HE 111's, 10 JU 88's. Two merchant vessels damaged by torpedoes- 7 aircraft shot down. Escort - H.M.S. "Shoreham" (S.O.), Whitehaven, Hythe, Romney, Rye, H.M.A.S. Gawler, Ipswich, Lismore, Maryborough.

SATURDAY, 14th. Escort duty towards Gibraltar. 2140. Secured in Admiralty Harbour, Gibraltar.

SUNDAY, 15th. In harbour- Gibraltar.

MONDAY, 16th. 1248. Cleared harbour and proceeded westward with above escort group to rendezvous with KMS 23.

TUESDAY, 17th. 1310. Rendezvoused with KMS 23 and commenced escort duty towards Alexandria and Port Said.

WEDNESDAY, 18th
to SUNDAY, 22nd. Escort duty with KMS 23.

MONDAY, 23rd. Escort duty with KMS 23. 1552. Proceeded towards Malta to refuel in company with H.M.S."Whitehaven" & "Rye".

TUESDAY, 24th. 0650. Secured alongside H.M.S."Rye" to refuel.
0950. Slipped and proceeded to sea.
1201. Commenced escorting Malta section of KMS 23.
1340. Joined main convoy and proceeded towards Alexandria and Port Said.

WEDNESDAY, 25th to
SATURDAY, 28th. Escort duty with KMS 23.

SUNDAY, 29th. 0601. Alexandria and Port Said sections of convoy KMS 23 parted company. Escorting Port Said section. H.M.A.S."Ipswich" and H.M.S. "Rye" in company.

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Letters of Proceedings for August, 1943.

MONDAY, 30th. 1113. Secured alongside H.M.A.S."Ipswich" in Port Fouad dockyard and commenced boiler cleaning/

TUESDAY, 31st. Boiler cleaning at Port Said.

REMARKS.

The health of the ship's company has been good during the past month. Conduct, with one exception, has been good.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed..... | 6161.0 miles |
| Hours under weigh..... | 590 hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel..... | 14.59miles |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41.... | 70903.5 miles |
| Average speed..... | 9.19knots |
| Total hours under weigh..... | 7713 hours. |

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

J.C. Boyle
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).

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LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS
for the month of JULY, 1943.

H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH",
2nd August, 1943.

The Commodore (D),
Levant Area,
H.M.S. "Woolwich".
(Copy to Australian
Commonwealth Naval Board.)

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Submitted.

HN 23/12/43

The following proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command are forwarded herewith:-

July, 1943.

THURSDAY, 1st to SUNDAY, 4th. Boiler cleaning at Tripoli (L).

MONDAY, 5th. Completed with fuel and proceeded towards Benghazi in company with H.M.A.S."Lismore" at 1005B/5.

TUESDAY, 6th. 1850B/6. Secured alongside tanker "Cedardale " off Benghazi and fuelled. 2025 - Anchored abeam H.M.A.S."Lismore".

WEDNESDAY 7th. 0145. Proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. "Gawler" "Ipswich" "Lismore" and H.M.S."Saktouri Joined convoy MWS 36 at 0545.

THURSDAY 8th
FRIDAY, 9th. Escort duty towards Sicily.

SATURDAY, 10th. 0600. Arrived off "Bark East" beaches. Carried out sweep with "Ipswich" and "Lismore" - H formatio to port. On A/S patrol with "Ipswich" and "Lismore" during forenoon and with 14th M/S flotilla during late afternoon. Rejoined own flotilla at 2230. Frequent Air Raid warnings during the day and bombs dropped ashore on several occasions. 2310 "Gawler" dropped a full pattern of depth charges. Search made, contact not regained.

SUNDAY, 11th. 0150. Proceeded towards Malta with flotilla. Arrived and fuelled at 1108.
1410. Proceeded to sea and commenced escort duties towards Alexandria.

MONDAY, 12th to WEDNESDAY 14th. Escort duties towards Alexandria.

THURSDAY, 15th. 0809. Arrived Alexandria and after fuelling proceeded to 39A, El Mahmoudiya Quay for repairs to boiler brickwork.

FRIDAY, 16th. Carrying out repairs to boiler brickwork.

SATURDAY, 17th. Repairs completed. 1530 proceeded to sea in company with H.M.S. "Hyacinth" on A/S patrol.

SUNDAY, 18th & MONDAY, 19th. A/S patrol in company with H.M.S."Hyacinth".

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Letters of Proceedings for July, 1943.

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| TUESDAY, 20th. | A/S Patrol as above. 1730. Commenced escort duty towards Sicily. |
| WEDNESDAY, 21st to SATURDAY, 24th. | Escort duty towards Sicily, and at Sicily. Endless chain A/S patrol off Syracuse. |
| SUNDAY, 25th. | 0410-0510. Heavy air raid on Syracuse, ships on endless chain patrol attacked frequently. Ships concerned H.M.A.S. "Gawler", "Ipswich" "Lismore" H.H.M.S. "Saktouris" and H.M.T. "Bream". 0737. Proceeded towards Tripoli (L) Above ships in company, also H.M.S. "Shoreham" (S.O.) H.M.I.S. "Jumna" and H/M.S. "Primula". |
| MONDAY, 26th. | Secured alongside "Saktouris" at Tripoli, and commenced fuelling, at 1045. 1846. Slipped from water barge and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. "Lismore". |
| TUESDAY, 27th to FRIDAY, 30th. | Escort duties towards Alexandria. |
| SATURDAY, 31st. | Arrived at Alexandria and fuelled. |

REMARKS. The health of the ship's company during the month has been good, only minor complaints being reported.

During the month, in which the ship worked hard and was in action for the first time under my command, the behaviour of the ship's company was excellent.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed..... | 5318.4 miles |
| Hours under weigh..... | 548 hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel.. | 16.1 miles |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41. | 64742.5 miles |
| Average speed..... | 9.1 knots |
| Total hours under weigh..... | 7123 hours. |

J. C. Boyle

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.(S).

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1st July,1943.

The Commodore (D),
Levant.
(Copy to the Secretary,
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Naval Board).

PROCEEDINGS, JUNE,1943.

Submitted.

The following proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command are forwarded herewith:-

June,1943.

TUESDAY,1st June. In harbour, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY,2nd. 0940. Proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A.S. Gawler for A/S exercises and A.A.practice. Exercises (A/S) carried out with H.M.M.Submarine "Papanicolous".2lst M/S flotilla - Gawler,Ipswich, Lismore and Maryborough exercised in M/S "G" formation.

THURSDAY,3rd. 1712. Returned to harbour in company with H.M.A.S. Lismore.
1138. Left harbour in company with H.M.I.S. "Sutlej" for A.A. practice and A/S exercises with H.M.M. Submarine "Papanicolous".
1930. Returned to harbour.

FRIDAY,4th. 0815. Cleared Boom and proceeded to sea for A/S exercise with H.M.M. Submarine "Papanicolous".
1600. Commenced escorting convoy towards Port Said after completeing A/S exercises off Alexandria.

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SATURDAY,5th. Escorting towards and at Port Said - secured No.6 berth, Naval house.

SUNDAY,6th. At Port Said.

MONDAY,7th. 1557. Cleared harbour and proceeded to escort towards Beirut. H.M.M.Ship "Actos" S.O.E., H.M.S. Hyacinth, Cumbrae, Islay and 3 H.M.M.L's in company.

TUESDAY,8th. Escorting towards Beirut.

WEDNESDAY,9th. Inward bound convoy screened into Beirut,commenced escorting convoy towards Alexandria. Seven ships joined convoy off Haifa. Escort :- H.M.S.Hyacinth, S.O.E.,H.M.M.S.Ierax,H.M.S.Cumbrae, Islay, and 3 H.M.M.L.'s in company.

THURSDAY, 10th. Escorting towards Alexandria.

FRIDAY,11th. Escorting towards Alexandria.
1514. Entered harbour and completed with fuel.

SATURDAY,12th.
SUNDAY, 13th. nHarbour Alexandria.

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MONDAY,14th. 1749. Cleared Boom.
Commenced escorting S.S. "Egra" towards Port Said.

TUESDAY,15th. Escorting towards Port Said.
1115. Entered harbour and secured No.3 berth Naval House.

WEDNESDAY,16th. 1430. Left harbour and commenced escorting towards Alexandria. H.M.S. Antwerp,S.O.E. , Squall, Packice, Stormwreck, in company.

THURSDAY,17th. Escorting towards Alexandria.
1318. Entered harbour and completed with fuel.

FRIDAY,18th. In harbour, Alexandria.

SATURDAY,19th. 0545. Passed through boom in company with H.M.S. Rockwood, and commenced escorting towards Malta.

SUNDAY,20th. Escort duty.
2115. Entered Tobruk. H.M.S.Rockwood with condenser trouble.

MONDAY,21st. At Tobruk.

TUESDAY, 22nd. 0001. Proceeded towards Benghazi to RV. with enemy submarine at 2300c/22nd. Patrolled area during night of 22nd/23rd - no luck.

WEDNESDAY,23rd. 0815. Proceeded towards Tobruk.

THURSDAY,24th. 0703. Entered Tobruk harbour and completed with fuel.
1401. Proceeded towards Malta in company with H.M.S. "Rockwood" on escort duty.

FRIDAY, 25th. )
SATURDAY,26th. ) Escort duty. 26th. 1015. H.M.S."Rockwood" reported a floating mine.

SUNDAY,27th. Escort duty. 2201. Detached by H.M.S."Rockwood" to return to Tripoli (L) for Boiler cleaning.

MONDAY,28th. 0824.Entered Tripoli harbour and commenced Boiler cleaning.

TUESDAY,29th.
WEDNESDAY,30th. Boiler cleaning.

REMARKS. The health of the ship's company remains good, and conduct has been satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

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| Distance steamed..... | 3239.1 miles |
| Hours under weigh..... | 375 hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel.. | 15.4 miles |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41. | 59,424.1 ms. |
| Average speed..... | 9.1 kts. |
| Total hours under weigh..... | 6515 hours. |

J.C. Boyle.
Lieutenant,R.A.N.R.(S)

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H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH"
1st June, 1943.

The Commodore (D)
Mediterranean.
(Copy to The Secretary,
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PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1943.

Submitted

The following proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command are forwarded :-

May, 1943

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| SATURDAY, 1st )<br>SUNDAY, 2nd ) | Proceeding to Aden in company with H.M.A.Ships "Gawler" and "Lismore" |
| MONDAY, 3rd | Arrived Aden and fuelled at 0747. H.M.A.Ships "Gawler" and "Lismore" arrived from outer harbour anchorage at 1213. |
| TUESDAY, 4th )<br>WEDNESDAY, 5th ) | At Aden. |
| THURSDAY, 6th | Weighed and proceeded towards Suez in company with H.M.A.Ships "Gawler" and "Lismore". |
| TUESDAY, 11th | Arrived in Suez. Secured alongside oil lighter "Nuce Port" at 0805. |
| WEDNESDAY, 12th | 0602. Proceeded into Suez Canal.<br>1004. Changed pilots at Ismalia.<br>1339. Crossed D.G.Range.<br>1415. Secured at No.6 berth, Port Said. |
| THURSDAY, 13th | At Port Said. |
| FRIDAY, 14th | At Port Said.<br>P.M. H.M.A.S."Ipswich" arrived. |
| SATURDAY, 15th | 0800. Proceeded out of harbour in company with H.M.A. Ships "Gawler", "Lismore" and "Ipswich" escorting A.F.D.30 and tugs "St.Monance" and "Empire "Warlock".<br>1410. "Lismore" investigated contact and dropped full pattern of depth charges. Negative result. |
| SUNDAY, 16th | Escort duties towards "Haifa". |
| MONDAY, 17th | Handed over convoy to local escorts (H.M.S."Southern Isles" and "Protia") off Haifa Fairway buoy and commenced escorting outgoing convoy towards Alexandria - four ships in convoy. |
| WEDNESDAY, 19th | Escorting convoy towards Alexandria.<br>0625. Hurricane aircraft crashed in flames. The pilot was rescued by H.M.A.S."Lismore".<br>1142. Secured to No.2.buoy, Alexandria Harbour. |
| THURSDAY, 20th | Shifted to quay at No.46 Shed for boiler clean and to make good outstanding defects |

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FRIDAY,21st — Boiler cleaning and general repairs commenced. Lieutenant J.C.Boyle and Midshipman K.T.Kimball joined from H.M.A.S."Kuttabul" and H.M.A.S."Penguin"

MONDAY,24th — Lieutenant J.C.Boyle R.A.N.R.(S) assumed command.

TUESDAY,25th — I was kindly received by Commodore (D).

WEDNESDAY,26th — A/Commander G.L.Cant discharged for passage to H.M.A.S."Penguin".

SATURDAY,29th — Completed boiler clean and general repairs.

SUNDAY,30th — 0920. Proceeded out of harbour to D.G. Range.
1142. Returned and secured to No.3 buoy.
1440. Shifted and secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Ipswich" at No.25 buoy.

MONDAY,31st — Ship depermed.

REMARKS. The health of the ship's company remains good. The conduct has been satisfactory, with one exception.

MONTHLY FIGURES

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|---|---|
| Distance steamed..... | 2630 miles |
| Hours under weigh..... | 290 hours |
| AVERAGE Distance per ton of fuel.... | 17.01 miles |

TOTAL FIGURES.

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| Total distance steamed since 12/6/41 | 56,185 miles |
| AVerage speed..... | 9.1 kts. |
| Total hours under weigh..... | 6,140 hours |

J.C. Boyle.

Lieutenant.R.A.N.R.(S).
Commanding Officer.

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1st May, 1943.

The Captain,
Ceylon Escort Group.
(copy to The Secretary,
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PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1943

The following proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command are forwarded :-

April 1943

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| Thursday, 1st | | At Colombo Boiler cleaning. |
| Saturday, 3rd | A.M. | Camp party returned from Diyatalawa. |
| | P.M. | Engineer Lieutenant G.Cramond discharged to hospital. |
| Tuesday, 6th | 1055 | Proceeded out of harbour in company with "Lismore" to carry out Mine Sweeping Exercises. |
| | | On completion of exercises, proceeded with "Lismore" as escorts to Convoy CX1 to Addu Atoll - "Lucia" acting as Commodore of convoy. |
| Wednesday, 7th, | 0750 | Catalina Air Escort arrived. |
| Thursday, 8th, | 0825 | Air Escort arrived. |
| | 1800 | Air Escort left. |
| Friday, 9th, | 1729 | Secured alongside "Appleleaf" in Addu Atoll. |
| Saturday, 10th, | 0725 | Slipped from "Appleleaf" and proceeded to sea in company with "Lismore" escorting "Appleleaf" to Colombo. |
| Monday, 12th | 0900 | Entered Searched Channel, Colombo. |
| | 1030 | Secured at No.15 buoy, Colombo. |
| | 1057 | "Lismore" secured alongside. |
| Tuesday, 13th | 0950 | Weighed and proceeded to Dry Dock. |
| | 1009 | Entered Dock. |
| | P.M. | Nine ratings left for Diyatalawa |
| Wednesday, 14th ) | | |
| Thursday, 15th ) | | In Dry Dock fitting Oerlikons, R.D.F. and Echo Sounding. |
| Friday, 16th ) | | |
| Saturday, 17th | 0820 | Proceeded out of dock by tug |
| | 0857 | Secured alongside "Adamant" |
| | A.M. | Party returned from Rest Camp. |
| Sunday, 18th | | Alongside "Adamant" completing refit. |
| Monday, 19th | | Alongside "Adamant" completing refit. |
| | A.M. | Engineer Lieutenant G.Cramond rejoined from hospital. |
| Tuesday, 20th ) | | |
| Wednesday, 21st) | | Alongside "Adamant" completing refit. |
| Thursday, 22nd, | 0856 | Slipped from "Adamant" and proceeded out of harbour for compass adjustment and D.G. Ranging. |
| | 1613 | Secured alongside Guide Pier. |
| Friday, 23rd | 0800 | Slipped and proceeded to sea to test Oelikons, carry out A/S exercises with "Lismore", "Gawler" and Submarine O.23. |
| | P.M. | Carried out close range A.A. shoot. |
| | 1615 | Secured alongside "Guide Pier" |
| Saturday, 24th, | 0930 | Flag Officer, Ceylon, came aboard and addressed Ship's Company. |
| | 1300 | Slipped from Guide Pier and proceeded to Cochin with "Gawler" and "Lismore" in company. |
| Sunday, 25th | 1600 | Secured at No.2 berth, Cochin. Fuelled. |
| Monday, 26th | 0730 | Slipped from No.2 berth, Cochin and proceeded to sea, "Gawler" and "Lismore" in company, en route for Aden. During passage, A/S exercises, R.D.F., Signalling exercises and various drills have been carried out. |

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Friday,30th 1630 Overtook and identified S.S."Marial" (Greek)

REMARKS

The health of the ship's company still remains good,although a number of cases of prickly heat have developed.
The conduct of the ship's company,except in two cases,has been satisfactory.

MONTHLY FIGURES

Distance Steamed .....2955 miles.
Hours under weigh..... 267 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel..... 17.4 miles

TOTAL FIGURES

Total distance steamed since 12/6/41.53,555 miles
Average speed..... 9.1 knots
Total hours under weigh..... 5,850 hours.

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Commander R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Captain,
CEYLON ESCORT GROUP

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## PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH, 1943

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The following proceedings of H.M.A.ship under my command are forwarded.

**MONDAY, 1st MARCH** — At sea in company with H.M.S."Marguerite" escorting Convoy P.B.28 to Bombay.
0815.Sighted Catalina acting as Air Escort.
1915.Air Escort left Convoy.

**TUESDAY, 2nd MARCH** — Escorting Convoy.

**WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH** — 0820.Sighted H.M.S."Ranpura" and convoy of 4 ships.
1039.Entered Searched Channel, Bombay.
1445.Picked up Pilot and proceeded to Princes Dock for fuel.
1530.Secured alongside "K" berth, Princes Dock.

**THURSDAY, 4th MARCH** — A.M. Lieutenant A.G.Bayly, R.A.N.V.R. rejoined ship.
0850.Slipped from Princes Dock.
0920.Anchored in Naval Anchorage, Bombay.

**SUNDAY, 7th MARCH** — 0950.Weighed and proceeded to act as S.O.Escort in company with "Hindustan" to B.P.71
1350."Hindustan" reported Contact.Action stations. Investigation result negative.
Convoy reformed after emergency turn.

**MONDAY, 8th MARCH** — 1135.Air Escort sighted.
P.M. "Varand" had difficulty in maintaining speed of convoy and was straggling.

**TUESDAY, 9th MARCH** — 1250.Detached "Varand" by Stragglers Route as she was straggling badly and delaying convoy.
1625.Sighted "Erinpura".Visibility very bad owing to dust.
1657."Erinpura" joined convoy.

**THURSDAY, 11th MARCH** — At sea as escort to B.B.71.

**FRIDAY, 12th MARCH** — 0100.Sighted south-bound convoy.Emergency turn to port.
0112.Emergency turn to original course.
0705.Convoy dispersed off Khor Kuwai.
0745.Secured alongside "Empire Taj" for fuel. "Hindustan" in company.
1023.Slipped from "Empire Taj" and anchored in Khor Kuwai anchorage.

**SATURDAY, 13th MARCH** — A.M. "Madras","Bengal" and "Sutlej" entered harbour.
0800.Weighed and proceeded to Bandar Abbas.
1207.Anchored 3 cables 110' from "Alaunia" off Bandar Abbas.
1535."Madras" arrived.
1700."Bengal" arrived.

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TUESDAY,16th MARCH

0600.Weighed and proceeded to act as S.O. Escort to combined Convoys P.A.29 and P.B.31 (23 ships)."Bengal" and "Sobkra" in company.
0825.Convoy commenced forming up."Palima" straggling badly.
1130.Sighted convoy on opposite course.
1210.Detached "Palima" by Stragglers Route as she was unable to maintain even Convoy's reduced speed.
1330."Madras" joined as further escort.
1700.Convoy exercised Emergency turns.

WEDNESDAY,17th MARCH

0615.H.M.S."Solvra" joined as additional escort.
1355.Identified tanker "Elisha Walker".
1523.Identified tanker "Joseph Alston".
2325."Madras" and convoy P.A.29 (3 ships) detached.

THURSDAY,18th MARCH

0700."Sobkra" took station starboard bow of convoy.
0915.Detached ships for Africa and Australia, "Sobkra" and "Solvra" escorting ships for Kilindini.
1338.Catalina Air Escort identified.

FRIDAY,19th MARCH

0500.Ships for Karachi detached.
0745.Air Escort identified.
1415.Identified "Petronella".

SATURDAY,20th MARCH

0700.Closed "Doryssa" and passed orders by Costin Line
0745."Doryssa" detached to Durban.

SUNDAY,21st MARCH

0715.Identified H.M.S."Durban".
0917.Entered Searched Channel,Bombay.
1152.Embarked Pilot and proceeded to Princes Dock for fuel.
1253.Secured alongside "L" berth.
1545.Slipped and proceeded to Naval Anchorage.
1611.Came to starboard anchor in Naval Anchorage,Bombay.

TUESDAY,23rd MARCH

1345.Weighed and proceeded as escort to B.M.46½ (4 ships) to Colombo."Lismore" in company.

WEDNESDAY,24th MARCH

1015.Carried out A/A practice. Convoy carried out A/A practice at Pom Pom bursts put up by "Maryborough".

THURSDAY,25th MARCH

Convoy at sea.

FRIDAY,26th MARCH

0700.Identified Patrol Ship "Goderich" off Cochin. Detached "British Trader" to Cochin.
0742.Convoy speed increased to 11 knots.

SATURDAY,27th MARCH

0816.Entered Searched Channel,Colombo.
0945.Secured alongside "Tamworth" at No.10 berth.
1240."Tamworth" slipped and proceeded to sea.
1500.Weighed and proceeded to Guide Pier, securing at inner berth at 1530.
Commenced Boiler Cleaning.

MONDAY,29th MARCH

P.M.One officer and thirty-one ratings proceeded to Rest Camp.

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REMARKS :- Boiler hours exceeded 800 hours before cleaning commenced, and the boiler brickwork does not appear to stand up to more than 500 hours steaming, probably due to poor material.
The necessity of changing berth on several occasions during boiler cleaning caused a delay of 24 hours.
The health and conduct of the ship's company has been good.

MONTHLY FIGURES:-

Distance steamed .....3721 miles
Hours under weigh..... 405 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel..... 19 miles

TOTAL FIGURES :-

Total distance steamed since 16/6/1941...50,600 miles
Average speed..... 9 knots
Total hours under weigh..... 5,583 hours.

(Sgd) G.L.CANT.

Commander R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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

2 March,1943 S.M.4/43

THE CAPTAIN,CEYLON ESCORT GROUP (copy to Secretary,Australian Commonwealth Naval Board)

PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY,1943.

Submitted

The following proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command are forwarded herewith :-

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| MONDAY,1st. FEBRUARY | Boiler cleaning alongside "Lucia" at Colombo.<br>P.M. De-ammunitioned forward magazine and shell room. |
| TUESDAY,2nd. | 1020. Slipped from"Lucia" and proceeded to dock by tug.<br>1055. Entered dock for examination of Dome. |
| WEDNESDAY,3rd. | Fitted new Dome. Also fitted Echo-Sounding Tanks.<br>Lieutenant Bayly and party returned from Rest Camp. |
| THURSDAY,4th | 0840. Proceeded out of dock by tug.<br>0955. Secured alongside "Lucia" and continued boiler cleaning. |
| SATURDAY,6th | A.M. Ammunitioned ship.<br>A.M. Lieutenant A.G.Bayly R.A.N.V.R. discharged to hospital. |
| SUNDAY,7th | 0830. Slipped from "Lucia" and secured alongside "Zuiderkruis" at S.S.2. berth<br>P.M. Lieutenant Jones,R.N.R. joined ship as temporary relief for Lieutenant Bayly. |
| MONDAY,8th | 1030. Slipped form "Zuiderkruis" and proceeded for D.G. Ranging and to carry out Full Calibre and H.A. Firings.<br>1640. Secured alongside "Zuiderkruis" at S.S.2 berth. |
| TUESDAY,9th | 0645. Slipped from "Zuiderkruis" and proceeded to sea as escort for S.S."El Madina" to Bombay.<br>1255. Course had to be altered to avoid Water Spout which passed about 400 yards distant.<br>1805. Sighted "Verbena" and convoy B.M.41 proceeding to Colombo. |
| THURSDAY,11th | 0700. Sighted 4-engined flying boat proceeding towards coast. Apparently a Boeing 314A. A/A.Stations. |
| FRIDAY,12th | 0430. In collision with unlighted dhow in position 18° 14' N, 72° 47' E. (Separate report forwarded). Superficial damge was caused to machine gun standards, Pom Pom sights and after guard rails by bowsprit of dhow. No apparent damage suffered by dhow except probably to bowsprit.<br>0800. Entered Bombay Searched Channel at S.5. buoy.<br>0915. Anchored in Naval Anchorage,Bombay. |
| MONDAY,15th | 0830. Weighed and proceeded alongside "Punjab" to carry out minor repairs. |

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| WEDNESDAY,17th FEBRUARY | 1115. Slipped and proceeded to sea as escort for Convoy B.P.68½ to Persian Gulf. "Marguerite" in company.<br>1615. Cleared channel. Convoy formed up. |
| THURSDAY,18th | 1535. Sighted and identified S.S."Rajula". |
| FRIDAY,19th | 1040. Unendentified ship sighted astern.Action Stations and took station astern of Convoy.<br>1150. Identified ship as U.S.S."Abel Stearns" (K I T M)<br>1330. Sighted and identified S.S."Sunetta".<br>1500. "Santhia" parted company and proceeded to Karachi. |
| MONDAY,22nd | 0300. Sighted and identified H.M.I.S."Hiravati".<br>0730. Convoy dispersed.<br>0930. Stopped and embarked Commodore H.M.Hardy and staff from "British Duchess".<br>1010. Secured alongside "Empire Taj" in Khor Kuwai for oil.<br>1150. Slipped from tanker and anchored in anchorage. |
| TUESDAY,23rd | 0700. Weighed and proceeded with "Marguerite" in company to Bandar Abbas.<br>1052. Anchored close to "Alaunia" in anchorage off Bandar Abbas. |
| THURSDAY,25th | 1000. Weighed and proceeded with "Marguerite" and "Orissa" to act as escorts to combined Convoys P.B.28.and P.A.26.(23 ships).<br>1220. Convoy proceeded to form up.<br>1730. "Burnside"joined convoy. |
| FRIDAY,26th | 0200. Report received of submarine sighted 140 miles ahead of convoy.<br>0425. Identified U.S.S."Will Rogers" (K F D C)<br>0645. Passed American ship (K G U J)"Delaires".<br>1435. Sighted aireraft. Identified as friendly. |
| SATURDAY,27th | 1230. Sighted Air Escort.<br>1400. Despatched "Oressa" and P.A.26.<br>1622. Despatched "Cape Clear" and "Osthav". |
| SUNDAY,28th | 1530. Despatched "Burnside","Novassa","British Lord","El Segundo" and "Erinpura" to Karachi.<br>1830. Challenged tanker. Identified as "Captain A.F.Lucas". |

REMARKS:-

The cooler weather experiemced in Bombay and the Persian Gulf appears to have a beneficial affect on the health of the ship's company. The opportunity of sending a party to the Rest Camp in Ceylon was much appreciated.

The conduct of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

The lack of an Australian pool at Colombo makes it very difficult to obtain reliefs for ratings sick.

An additional officer would be of great value to the ship,as on two occasions,it has been necessary to have an officer loaned from shore to replace an officer sick or in hospital.

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MONTHLY FIGURES

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| Distance Steamed | 2793 miles |
| Hours under weigh | 290 hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel | 18.2 miles/ton. |

TOTAL FIGURES

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| Total distanced steamed since 12:6:41 - | 46,879 miles |
| Average speed | 9 knots |
| Total hours under weigh since 12:6:41 - | 5178 hours. |

COMMANDING OFFICER
(sgd) C.L.CANT
H.M.A.S. "MARYBOROUGH"

Commander R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER,H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH"
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THE CAPTAIN,CEYLON ESCORT GROUP. (Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board,Melbourne)

PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY,1943.

Submitted

The following proceedings for H.M.A.Shipwander my command are forwarded herewith :-

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|---|---|
| 1st JANUARY,1943 | At sea en route to Bombay as A/S Escort to S.S. "Santhia" and H.M.T."Maharaja". |
| 2nd JANUARY,1943 | 0720 - Detached H.M.T."Maharaja" to Cochin. |
| 4th JANUARY,1943 | 1400 - Entered Bombay Searched Channel<br>1515 - Anchored in Naval anchorage,Bombay. |
| 6th JANUARY,1943 | 1115 - Weighed and proceeded alongside "Bombay" at breakwater. |
| 10th JANUARY,1943 | 0900 - Slipped and proceeded out of harbour to act as escort to S.S."Wing Sang" to Colombo. |
| 13th JANUARY,1943 | 1700 - Passed through boom at Colombo.<br>1715 - Secured alongside "Zuiderkruis" at S.S.2 berth. |
| 17th JANUARY,1943 | 0925 - Slipped from alongside "Zuiderkruis" and proceeded to sea as escort to S.S."Karoa" en route to Bombay. |
| 20th JANUARY,1943 | 0130 - Identified S.S."Kalmarsund".<br>1350 - Entered Bombay Searched Channel.<br>1445 - Anchored in Naval anchorage,Bombay. |
| 24th JANUARY,1943 | 1550 - Weighed and proceeded out of harbour as escort to Convoy B.M.38 (5 ships) to Colombo. |
| 27th JANUARY,1943 | Detached Tanker "Hoogh Scout" to Cochin at 1100.<br>1630 - Dropped Depth Charge from starboard Thrower on unconfirmed contact, Contact was caused by a shoal of fish.<br>2130 - Two aircraft passed flying course of 320°. |
| 28th JANUARY,1943. | 1200 - One Hudson aircraft arrived as Air Escort.<br>1820 - Sighted H.M.I.S."Jumna" on opposite courses. |
| 29th JANUARY,1943 | 0830 - Entered Colombo Searched Channel.<br>1055 - Secured at No.10 berth,Colombo.<br>1750 - Weighed and proceeded alongside "Lucia" for boiler cleaning. |
| 30th JANUARY,1943 | Lieutenant Bayly and 20 ratings left for Rest Camp. |

REMARKS An opportunity has been taken to send a party to the Rest Camp during boiler cleaning.
The general health of the ship's company has been good and the conduct very satisfactory.

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MONTHLY FIGURES

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| Distance Steamed | 3612.8 | miles |
| Hours under weigh | 360 | hours |
| Average distance per ton of fuel | 18 | miles. |

TOTAL FIGURES

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| Distance steamed since 12.6.41 | 44,086 miles |
| Average speed | 9.2 kno |
| Total number of hours under weigh since 12.6.41 | 4,888 hours |

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(Sgd) G.L.CANT
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Commander R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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To:- The Secretary, Australian Commonwealth Navy Board.

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The attached report from the Commanding Officer H.M.A.S.Maryborough is forwarded herewith.

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*From* THE COMMANDING OFFICER,H.M.A.S."MARYBOROUGH"

*Date* 3rd January,1943 *Reference No.* S.M. 1/43

*To* THE CAPTAIN,CEYLON ESCORT GROUP (copy to The Secretary, Australian Commonwealth Navy Board)

*Subject* PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER,1942.

Submitted

The following proceedings for H.M.A.Ship under my command are forwarded herewith :

Tuesday 1st December,1942 :- On passage from Colombo to Addu Atoll escorting R.F.A."Appleleaf"

Thursday,3rd December,1942;- 1315 - Entered Addu Atoll. 1345 - Secured alongside "Appleleaf" for fuel. 1830 - Slipped from "Appleleaf" and proceeded,escorting S.S."Warina" towards Ceylon.

Friday,4th December,1942 :- 1406 - Sighted S.S."Georgian",U.S.A.

Sunday,6th December,1942 :- 0800 - Parted company with "Warina" and proceeded to Colombo. 1738 - Secured alongside "Lucia" in Colombo harbour.

Monday,7th - Sunday 13th December,1942 :- Boiler Cleaning alongside "Lucia".

Tuesday,15th December,1942 :- 1200 - Proceeded from Colombo harbour, escorting H.M.N.S."Zuiderkruis" to Addu Atoll.

Friday,18th December,1942 :- 1900 - Entered Addu Atoll and secured alongside "Matiana" for fuel and water.

Saturday,19th December,1942 :- 0850 - Slipped from "Matiana" and proceeded alongside depot ship "Haitan"

Monday,21st December,1942 :- 0930 - Slipped and proceeded,escorting "Zuiderkruis" to Diego Garcia.

Wednesday,23rd December,1942 :- 0720 - Entered Diego Garcia and anchored off Eclipse Point at 0745. 1440 - Weighed and proceeded, escorting "Zuiderkruis" to Addu Atoll.

Friday,25th December,1942 :- 1100 - Secured alongside "Matiana" in Addu Atoll for fuel and water.

Saturday,26th December,1942;- 1600 - Slipped and proceeded,escorting "Zuiderkruis" and "Santhia" to Colombo.

Tuesday,29th December,1942 :- 1305 - Secured alongside "Zuiderkruis" at S.S.2. berth,Colombo

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Thursday 31st December,1942 :- 1640 - Slipped and proceeded as escort for "Santhia" to Bombay and "Maharaja" to Cochin.

Remarks

The general health of the ship's company is good, although several cases of tropical fevers have occurred. A few cases of Dengue fever,including the Commanding Officer,have been noticed.

As much sport as possible has been played during the limited periods in harbour,and the conduct of the ship's company has been good.

The ship has stood up well under the large amount of steaming during the last two months,but if possible,it is considered that at least two days should be allowed in harbour after each period at sea,to effect necessary engine-room repairs.

Monthly Figures

Distance steamed.....3493 miles
Hours under way..... 379 hours
Average Distance per ton of fuel 17.68 miles/ton

Total figures

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12.6.41.....40,473 miles
Average speed..... 9 knots
Total hours under way since
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15th March, 1942. S.M. 7/42.

The Commodore-in-Charge, Fremantle.
(Copy. The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.)
PROCEEDINGS - 1st FEBRUARY, 1942 to 10th MARCH, 1942.

Submitted.

The following proceedings of H.M.A. Ship and the 21st M/F. under my command are forwarded.

Sunday 1st February. 0700. Secured alongside Frankol for oiling. On completion anchored in Singapore Roads. Received orders to escort "Medusa" , "Circe" and Motor Minesweeper No. 51 to Batavia. These ships could not be ready before 0630 Monday. 1400. Distributing Authority (Singapore) and staff came onboard with 100 bags of C.B.'s and personal property for passage to Batavia. Several air raids occured during the day.

Monday 2nd February. 0630. Weighed and proceeded with "Medusa", "Circe" and M.M. No.51 in company. No air raids were experienced on passage. "Tenedos" and "Hobart" passed bound south at 0400 on 3rd February and large convoy bound north at southern end of Banka Straits at 0600 on 4th February. "Circe" had difficulty in keeping up speed, which could only be maintained at 6½ knots. Ships reported that they had no charts.

Thursday 5th February. 1222. "Medusa", "Circe" and M.M. NO.51 anchored in Batavia Roads, and "Maryborough" anchored off Breakwater. 1815. Weighed and proceeded into Tanjong Priok harbour, secured alongside No.3 wharf.

Friday 6th February. Commenced Boiler Cleaning.

Saturday 7th February. Shifted berth to No. 3 and 4B buoys.

Monday 9th February. 0930. Entered floating dock.

Tuesday 10th February. 1510. Left dock and secured alongside "Sir Sidar". Fuelled. During the period in Priok several air raids occured.

Thursday 12th February. 1010. Weighed and proceeded out of harbour to escort Convoy S.J.1. to position in Sunda Straits. 2130. Parted company with convoy and returned to Batavia, anchoring off Breakwater at 0758 on 13th February. 0900. Weighed and proceeded to carry out A/S Patrol in Outer Roads until 1700 on Tuesday 17th February, when ship proceeded into harbour securing alongside No.5 shed.

Wednesday 18th February. 0607. Slipped from No.5 wharf and secured alongside Frankol and anchored outside Breakwater at 1202.

Friday 20th February. 1300. Weighed and proceeded to Merak, Sunda Straits. 1810. Anchored in Merak Roads and contacted ships of Auxillary Minesweeping Flotilla. 1940. Weighed and proceeded on Sunda Straits Patrol - Hands closed up at Action Stations all night - Rest was to be obtained during the day.

Saturday 21st February. 0735. Anchored in Merak harbour - "Rah- ... ships alongside for water - Ships of Aux. M/S Flotilla were short of coal, water, and provisions - no coal could be obtained and water

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had to be carried in buckets. 1830. Weighed and proceeded on Patrol.

Sunday 22nd February. 0821. Anchored in Merak harbour. 1055. 15 Enemy planes passed overhead. A.M. Aux. M/S. Flotilla returned to Batavia - "Wo Kwang" towing "Rahman" who had engine trouble.

Monday 23rd February. A.M. "Bendigo" and "Burnie" joined company at Merak. Several flights of enemy planes passed over during the day. 1830. All ships proceeded on Sunda Straits Patrol.

Tuesday 24th February. A.M. Ships anchored at Merak. P.M. "Ballarat" joined company - 27 Aircraft flew overhead. 1830. Ships proceeded on Patrol.

Wednesday 25th February. 0748. Anchored at Merak. 1830. Proceeded on Patrol - Ordered "Bendigo" and "Ballarat" to anchor next morning off Labuhem to split up force.

Thursday 26th February. 0730. Anchored off Merak. A.M. Merak Pier destroyed by demolition. 1830. Proceed on Patrol.

Friday 27th February. 0730. Anchored off Merak. In company "Maryborough", "Bendigo", "Ballarat", "Burnie", and N.N.I. ships "Soemba", "Sirius" and "Pasandt". A.M. Picked up Lieutenant Bull and party in prau. After sailing from Sevin Island north of Banka to report presence of Rear-Admiral, Malaya on the islands. With the help of Dutch Naval and Military Officers, Lieutenant Bull was despatched to Batavia by car to report. 1545. "Toowoomba" and "Goulburn" entered harbour by northern entrance and enemy bombers attacked in waves of three from the southern entrance, dropping bombs and using machine gun fire. A/A fire from ships broke up most attacks and no material damage was done. "Soemba" suffered some casualties. Ships got under way. Decided Merak was no longer tenable as a day base and arranged rendezvous at 0600 Saturday off Third Point.

Saturday 28th February. 0800. "Toowoomba", "Bendigo", "Ballarat", Goulburn" and "Burnie" joined company off Third point. As further air attacks were taking place at the northern end of Sunda Straits and "Ballarat" and "Maryborough" were both short of fuel, whilst "Bendigo" and "Burnie" were about 40% short, I decided to take the flotilla to Tjilatjap for fuel and further orders. At 1115 "Bendigo" and "Burnie" were detached to pick up survivors from Dutch ship "Boero" seen signalling from the beach. At midnight received orders to return to Sunda Straits with four ships. The signal cancelling these orders was never received and Batavia radio station was not heard again. "Bendigo" and "Burnie" were sent on to Tjilatjap with survivors and ordered to oil there.

Sunday 1st March. A.M. Intercepted message from Dutch ship saying that she had been engaged by enemy cruisers in Sunda Straits and was running aground. 0920. Anchored off Tiljil Island and transferred A/S stores from "Toowoomba" to "Maryborough". 1500. Owing to presence of enemy cruiser force in Sunda Straits, and no signal from Batavia, I decided to return to Tjilatjap with "Toowoomba", "Ballarat" and "Goulburn" and attempt to oil and obtain orders.

Monday 2nd March. 0052. Sighted "Jumna", "Yarra", "Anking", "Frankol" and M.M. No.51 proceeding towards Tjilatjap. At entrance to harbour received orders from C.C.O.F. that if fuel permitted, not to enter port, but to proceed to Australia. As "Ballarat" was very short of fuel and "Maryborough" needed extra fuel to reach Fremantle, and I thought "Bendigo" and "Burnie" were still at Tjilatjap, I entered harbour with ships in company and anchored at 1148. Reported to C.C.O.F. onboard "Burnie" at 1200.. "Jumna", "Yarra", "Anking", "Frankol" and M.M. No.51 turned around at entrance to harbour and departed. 1640. Secured alongside oil wharf. 2000. Slipped from oil wharf, having taken in 68 tons giving us 30% of capacity.

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"Toowoomba" and "Goulburn" were detached and sailed for Australia at 1900. "Bendigo" had sailed the previous day. "Burnie" carrying C.O.C.F. sailed separately at 2000. "Maryborough" sailed at 2000 to escort "General Verspyck" to Fremantle. "Ballarat" had special orders and sailed the same night. After clearing harbour mean course of 247° was steered, "Maryborough" screening "General Verspyck".

Tuesday 3rd March. As mean course of 247° was not taking us far enough from land and raiders had attacked Cocos Island, towards which we were heading. I suggested steering course to the south. My suggestion was later adopted and course was altered to 180° at noon. "General Verspyck" continued to do the navigation although he reported having no wireless and no charts.

Wednesday 4th March. 1535. Sighted aircraft - identified as Japanese, probably "Navy 97", low wing monoplane with retractable under carriage, opened fire with Pom-Pom - Plane circled ships for some time then made what appeared to be a deliberate attack on "Maryborough". Accurate Pom-Pom fire caused plane to alter course at last minute and a bomb was dropped about 300 yards from ship. An underwater explosion was heard on th A/S set- and a large column of water was thrown into the air. "General Verspyck" which was some distance away has reported that a petrol tank was dropped, but in the opinion of those onboard "Maryborough", it was a small type of Japanese bomb, which we have experienced before.

Saturday 7th March. 1030. Sighted submarine on the surface distance about six miles, recognised as Merican, which was later reported correct.

Sunday 8th March. A.M. Held Prayers on the Quarterdeck, which was attended by every available man, regardless of denomination, which may show that religion has helped us a lot in the last two or three months. 1900. Parted company with "General Verspyck" and proceeded to Fremantle.

Monday 10th March. 1015. Secured alongside "Bendigo" at "H" wharf Fremantle.

Remarks. Ships of the 21st Minesweeping Flotilla were amongst the last to leave Singapore, Palembang", Sunda Straits, Tjilatjap and Oethaven. They had been used as Minesweepers in areas subject frequent air attacks, and patrols in Sunda Straits. At Merak we received every help and kindnessfrom the R.N.E.I. ships "Boemba", "Sirius" and "Pasandt". Theconduct of the Ship's Company under trying conditions was very praiseworthy, and they were keen and reliable in everything they were called upon to do.

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9th January, 1942.1730. Weighed and proceeded alongside"Springdale" in Stores Basin for De-perming.

10th January, 1942.De-perming alongside "Springdale". Sunday P.M. Commander G.L. Cant discharged to No.1. General Hospital, Johore, diagnosis Jaundice. Lieutenant. A. Thomas R.A.N.R.(S) assumed command.

12th January, 1942.0710. Slipped and proceeded out of Naval Ba A.M. carried out Pom-Pom Test Firing. 1100. Took up J.B. Patrol.

16th January, 1942.1011. Dutch S.S. "Senang" struck mine and s in position 1°15E, 104°14'E. Proceeded from J.B. Patrol to pick up survivours. 1200. Boats returned with 39 survivours and returned t search. 1510. Boats returned, no further survivours - Proceeded to Naval Base to land survivours. 1734. Berthed at No. 7 wharf. A separate report of loss ofS.S. "Senang" has been forwarded. 1846. Proceeded alongside Frankol to oil.

17th January, 1942.0750. Slipped from Frankol and anchored in D.1.

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24th January, 1942.0617. Weighed and proceeded to D.4. anchorage. A.M. Commander. C.L. Cmt rejoined ship from Hospital.

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29th January, 1942.Completed sweep at southern end of Banka Straits Anchored for the night.

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1st December, 1941. 0400. 1st Aux. M/S weighed and proceeded from anchorage off Angsa Bank, Malacca Straits. 0630. Commenced getting out sweeps. 0700. Commenced Searching sweep through Malacca Straits, 8 cables apart, double Orepesa Sweep.

2nd December, 1941. 0219. "Burnie" had starboard float sunk by merchant ship, though to be the "Gothic". Reduced speed whilst "Burnie" got in starboard sweep. 1030. In sweeps - Proceeded to Naval Base. 1613. Secured alongside No. 6. Wharf Naval Base. It was found that the Crank Pin and Crosshead bearings had started to run and these were taken in hand for renewal by ship's staff on arrival at Naval Base.

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7th December, 1941. 0145. Slipped from No. 6. wharf and proceeded out of Johore Straits with "Bendigo" in company. "Goulburn" and "Burnie" joined company by Johore Shoal Buoy. Proceeded to position East of Horsburgh Light. 0630. "Burnie" reported sighting submarine periscope. Search proved negative and 1st Aux. M/S Group prepared to get out Sweeps. 0745. Commenced Double Orepesa Searching Sweep to Eastward of Horsburgh Light. 1145. "Repulse" and Escort passed inwards. 1154. In Sweeps as returned to Singapore Straits. 1505. "Maryborough" and "Goulburn" took up J.B. Patrol. "Bendigo" and "Burnie" returned to Naval Base.

8th December, 1941. War with Japan. 1200. Intercepted Japanese Fishing Vessel "Fukuyu Maru", placed guard onboard and escorted her to L.D. Patrol. 1415. Resumed J.B. Patrol.

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11th December, 1941. 0720. Secured alongside "Endeavour". 1500. Slipped and proceeded out of Johore Straits with "Bendigo" and "Dragonfly" in company. 1556. Joined "Grasshopper" and carried out A/S Sweeps in Singapore Straits. 2050. Anchored at Serangoon.

12th December, 1941. 0650. Weighedand proceeded towards Naval Base. 0710. Returned and anchored at Serangoon. 1900. Weighed and proceeded to Naval Base securing alongside "Herald" at 2008.

13th December, 1941. Two Pounder Pom-Pom fitted onboard.

14th December, 1941. 0645. Slipped and proceeded out of harbour. Took up J.B. Patrol.

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The Rear-Admiral, Malaya. (Copies. A.C.N.B.).

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1941.

Submitted.

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*From* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Maryborough".

*Date* 2nd November, 1941. *Reference No.* S.M.3/41.

*To* The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

*Subject* LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1941.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, the following proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command.

1. 1st October, 1941. Slipped from alongside H.M.A.S. "Perth" at Garden Island and sailed for Brisbane. A heavy southerly swell was running and the visibility was poor, with heavy rain squalls. The weather gradually got worse until a full southerly gale was blowing by 0800 on 2nd October, 1941, and a very heavy following sea

2. The behaviour of the ship during this period was very satisfactory, except for a natural difficulty in steering before the sea. Oil was pumped overboard through the bilges for about twelve hours to prevent the sea breaking onboard, and this proved very helpful.

3. By 0800 Friday 3rd October the weather had moderated considerably and Moreton Bay was entered by the North East Channel at 1130. "Maryborough" secured alongside Newstead Wharf at 1505 and took in 37 tons of oil fuel.

4. "Maryborough" remained alongside at Brisbane until 1000 Tuesday 7th October, as the floating dock and motor patrol boats were delayed in sailing from Moreton Bay. Motor boat "Mako" did not sail owing to defects developing.

5. At 1000 Tuesday 7th October, "Maryborough" slipped from Newstead Wharf and sailed for rendezvous position with "Westralia" and the floating dock. The rendezvous position was at the Southern end of Whitsunday passage on Thursday 9th October.

6. At 1730 on 7th October "Westralia" and the floating dock were passed, making good only about 3 knots. "Maryborough" proceeded to Whitsunday passage and anchored in Cid harbour at 1110 on Thursday 9th October. Ship remained at Cid harbour until A.M. Sunday 12th October. During this period various drills were carried out, including Landing Armed Party, Boarding Party, Action Stations, Revolver Instruction and Practice etc.

7. At 0900 Sunday 12th October, "Maryborough" weighed and proceeded to meet "Westralia" and floating dock, taking over escort duty from "Westralia" at about 1100 at Southern end of the Whitsunday passage. Weather was favourable and the dock was making an average speed of about 5 knots.

8. At about 2300 parted company from dock off Gloucester Head and proceeded to Townsville, securing alongside No.1. Pier at 0900 Monday 13th October. Took in 47 tons oil fuel. On completion of oiling shifted berth to alongside Eastern Wharf at 1100.

9. At 0905 on Wednesday 15th October, "Maryborough" slipped and proceeded from Townsville to rendezvous with floating dock, which was met at 1100. Proceeded en route for Cairns. Carried out Control of Shipping Exercises and V/S signalling with Aireraft from Townsville between 1500 and 1800.

10. As dock reported anchors would not hold, "Maryborough" parted company with the dock on 16th October and proceeded to Cairns to make arrangements for mooring dock alongside wharf at Cairns.

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10. Contd. Ship secured alongside wharf at 1330 on 16th October. Arrangements were made with agents and harbour master to bring dock alongside and it was eventually secure at wharf at 1015 on 17th October. Tugs coaled at Cairns.
Sunday 19th October. Dutch Cruiser "Java" anchored off Cairns.

11. At 0600 Monday 20th October, Dock cast off and proceeded out of Cairns,"Maryborough" slipped and proceeded at 1000. Passage to Thursday Island was made at an average speed of 5 knots.

12. "Maryborough" anchored off Thursday Island at 1100 Friday 24th October, floating dock was met by harbour master and brought up to anchorage off Thursday Island.

13. "Westralia" having arrived at Thursday Island A.M. 26th October to take over escort of floating dock, "Maryborough" sailed for Darwin in company with Motor Patrol Boats "Coongoola" and "Moruya" at 0915.

14. At 0830 on Monday 27th October, double Orepesa Sweep was run out for exercise and testing of gear.
At 1215, as "Moruya" had developed engine trouble, she was taken in tow and remained in tow until off the entrance of Darwin.

15. A reconnaissance and shadowing exercise with Aircraft from Darwin had been arranged for Wednesday 29th October, but the visibility was very bad, and after the Aircraft had been in sight from 0819 until 0906 it returned to its base.

16. "Maryborough" anchored in Darwin anchorage at 1113 on Thursday 30th October, and secured alongside the Darwin wharf at 1807 on the same day. Received 72 tons of oil fuel.
Whilst alongside commenced cleaning one boiler.

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Remarks. It is considered that in a heavy following sea, such as was experienced between Sydney and Brisbane, it would be impossible to supply ammunition from the after magazine to the after gun, through the doors from the after lobby to the deck. It is therefore suggested for consideration, that a hatch should be cut from the after gun deck to the after lobby, and used as a vertical hand up.

Ammunition supply was intended as small arm magazine only

The health and conduct of the ship's company has been very satisfactory.

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*Date* 1st October, 1941. *Reference No.* S.M. 2/41.

*To* The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

*Subject* LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS.- SEPTEMBER, 1941.

Submitted,

The following proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command are forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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1st September, 1941. 1400. Weighed and proceeded from stationary patrol at the mouth of the Derwent River, after departure of H.M.T. "Queen Mary", and sailed for Melbourne.

2nd September, 1941. At about 0020 the Starboard Engine was stopped, and new pads fitted in thrust bearings. Ship continued passage on port engine at about 8 knots. Wind Northerly (ahead) and moderate sea running.

3rd September, 1941. 1300. Secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown and oiled.

5th September, 1941. 0930. Proceeded alongside Prince's Pier, Port Melbourne. Whilst alongside Prince's Pier, the thrust shaft was lifted and relined by Messrs. Peacock and Smith. Seven days leave was granted to one watch.

18th September, 1941.A.M. Carried out satisfactory Partial Repair Trial in Port Phillip.

19th September, 1941.0900. Slipped from Prince's Pier and sailed for Sydney.

21st September, 1941.0900. Secured to No. 5. buoy Sydney. Second watch commenced seven days leave.

22nd September, 1941.A.M. Proceeded alongside Garden Island for boiler cleaning and to make good minor defects.

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Date..... 1st September, 1941. Reference No... S.M.1/41.

To..... The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

Subject..... Letter of Proceedings for Month of August, 1941.

Submitted,

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| 1st August, 1941. | 0900. Secured alongside Stony Point Pier, Western-port. |
| 1st Aug-4th Aug. | Alongside Stony Point Pier. Officer's and rating's classes from Flinders Naval Depot came aboard for inspection and instruction. Recreational leave to F.N.D. was granted to Ship's Company. |
| 4th August, 1941. | 0900. Slipped from Stony Point Pier and proceeded to Melbourne, securing alongside Prince's Pier at 1518. |
| 5th Aug-16th Aug. | Carried out working up programme in Port Phillip, including Harbour Drills, Single and Double Orepesa Sweeps, "A" Sweeps with "Durraween", Laying, re-covering Dan Buoys, Full Calibre Day and Night Firings, A/S Training. Thursday 14th Aug. Fuelled 80 Tons at Williamstown. |
| 17th August, 1941. | H.M.A.S. "Maryborough" became attached to the 20th M/S Flotilla. |
| 18th August, 1941. | 1400. Slipped from Nelson Pier, Williamstown, and proceeded to Hobart in company with "Warrego" and "Swan". |
| 20th Aug-21st Aug. | Carried out Double Orepesa Sweep of Searched Channel with "Warrego" and "Swan". |
| 21st August, 1941. | 1406. Secured alongside "Swan" at Prince's Pier, Hobart. |
| 23rd August, 1941. | 0600. Slipped and proceeded to carry out A/S Patrol in Storm Bay until arrival of "Queen Mary". 1225. Secured alongside Prince's Pier, Hobart. |
| 24th Aug-27th Aug. | Alongside at Hobart - Boiler Cleaning. |
| 27th August, 1941. | 1400. Shifted berth to Ocean Pier and fuelled 56 Tons. |
| 28th August, 1941. | 0545. Slipped from Ocean Pier and proceeded to anchorage at mouth of River Derwent, to carry out stationary A/S Patrol. 0700. "Warrego" and "Swan" weighed and proceeded. |
| 28th Aug-31st Aug. | Carried out stationary A/S Patrol at mouth of River Derwent. |

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