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

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

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

*Mr. Jones*  
*Mr. [unclear]*

FOR A/Resr.-Vqmrst.  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

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53rd October, 1944.  
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The Secretary,  
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MONTHLY REPORT ON PROCEEDINGS: AUGUST, 1942:

H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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Ref. L.21/117, dated 7th September, 1942.  
(Letter from Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".)

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
Date 7 September, 1945 Reference No. T.91/141  
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945 -  
H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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



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a/Captain, R.N.

# Commonwealth of Australia.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
 Date 7 September 1945 Reference No.  
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. - AUGUST, 1945.

Submitted:

During the month the painting of the ship was completed and preparations were under way for paying off. Portion of the Naval Stores were returned to Garden Island on the 23rd August. Armament Stores were returned to Spectacle Island on 24th and Gun Mounting and D.C. Racks to Garden Island. On 27th August the vessel was taken off the slips for the purpose of installing the Starboard motor. The vessel was slipped again on the 28th and engineers commenced work on the starboard exhaust pipe. Return of stores, etc., was carried out with the assistance of the depot duty boat.

2. Fire drills were carried out each Tuesday during the month.

3. Health and morale of the crew has been satisfactory. Able Seaman A. Adam, O/N. S 7006 returned from 14 days recreational and 14 days sick leave on 25th. He contracted a skin complaint whilst on leave, but has now recovered.

4. The condition of the hull is now excellent. Engine room overhaul is proceeding satisfactorily.

5.	Distance steamed for the month	Nil
	Distance steamed since commissioning	1637 miles
	Hours underway for month	Nil
	Hours underway since last overhaul	1043 hours
	Average speed	7 knots
	Average consumption	2 m.p.g.

(SGD) J.A. SYKES  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
 H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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The Secretary,  
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dated 23rd October, 1944.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
FOR Commodore.

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

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*Mrs Lesson  
Miss Finch*

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

FOR  
COMMODORE  
CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

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dated 23rd October, 1941.  
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The Secretary,  
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H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
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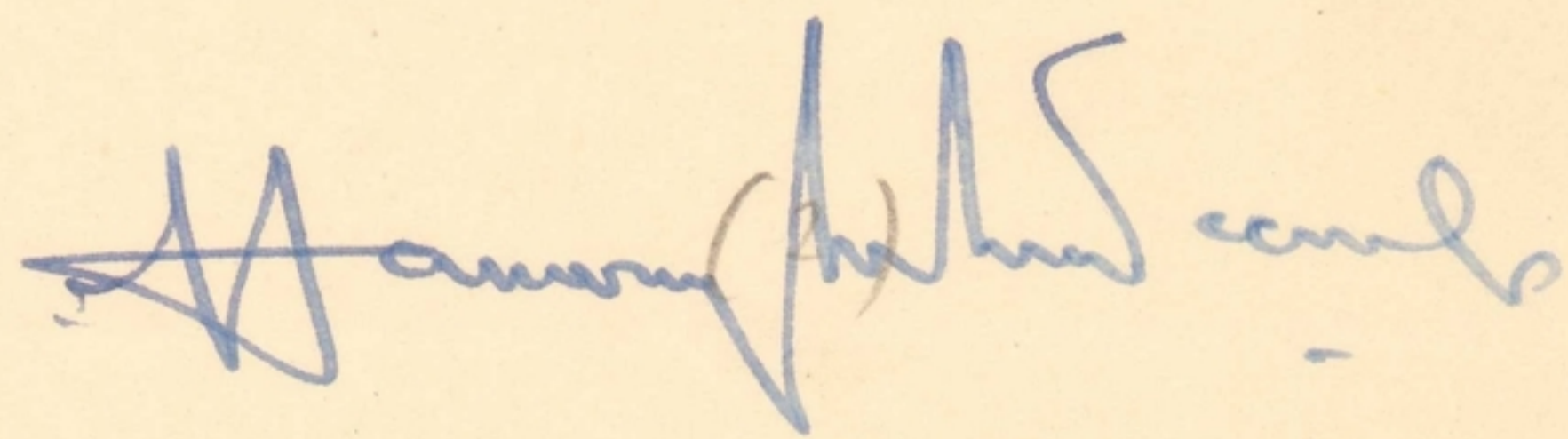
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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date..... 20 August 1945 ..... Reference No. T.91/141  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
          (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject..... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY - H.M.A.S.  
  "MISCHIEF"

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

REAR ADMIRAL IN-CHARGE  
25 AUG 1945  
SYDNEY



a/Commander, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
 Date 6 August 1945 Reference No.  
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Submitted:

Refit as advised in June report is proceeding as follows:-

(a) From the 1st of the month to the 18th, the ship was standing by awaiting the slip, the motors having been removed during the latter part of June. On the 18th the Depth Charges were off loaded and the ship slipped on the 19th. On slipping the hull was scraped, the paint burned off, and then inspected. Hull was found to be in good condition and painting was proceeded with by applying redlead and three coats of paint. The wheelhouse and all loose gear, i.e. lifebelts, barricoe, etc., have also been painted. Cordage has been overhauled and renewed where necessary. Bilges have been thoroughly cleaned out. All ironwork has been chipped free of rust and redlead has been applied preparatory to painting.

(b) The motors are still in the hands of the maintenance staff and have been undergoing a complete overhaul and re-conditioning.

2. Conduct of the crew has been good and morale and health are satisfactory.
3. Fire drill has been carried out on the Tuesday of each week.
4. The undersigned, Sub-Lieutenant J.A. Sykes took command on 21st July, 1945.
5.
 

Distance steamed for month	Nil
Distance steamed since 1/12/44	1637 miles
Hours under way for month	Nil
Hours under way since last refit	1043½
Average fuel consumption	2 m.p.g.
Average speed	7 knots.

(SGD) J.A. SYKES  
 Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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

*D.N.1 (N.A.R.O)*

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

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H.S. 17/8*

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H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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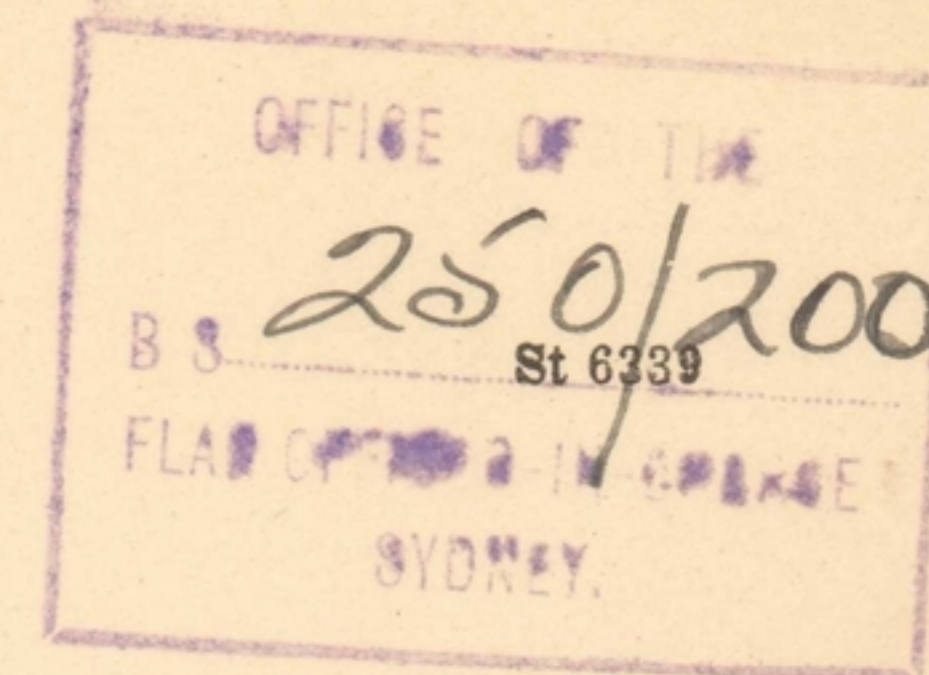
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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date..... 10 July 1945..... Reference No..... T/91/141  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject..... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945 -  
H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of June, 1945 from H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".



Lieutenant-Commander, R.A.N.  
for a/Commander, R.N. (A.O.L.)

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*From* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
*Date* 4 July 1945 *Reference No.* \_\_\_\_\_  
*To* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
*Subject* MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945 -

Submitted:

Between 1st and 7th June H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" was engaged on Boom Patrol Duties. Normal patrol duties were carried out for five days and two days were spent at Rushcutter on four hours notice.

2. On the 8th June the ship was declared unserviceable and was put in for refit. This is proceeding.

3. Conduct of the crew was good and health and morale satisfactory.

4. 

Distance steamed for month	-	65 miles
Distance steamed since 1/12/44	-	1637 Miles
Hours under way for month	-	9½
Hours under way since refit	-	1043½
Average fuel consumption	-	2 m.p.h.
Average speed	-	7 knots.

(SGD) W.T. CONNELLY  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" dated 19

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The Secretary,  
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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
FORA/Rear-Admiral.

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

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

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

29 JUN 1945

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date..... 19 June 1945 ..... Reference No..... T/91/41  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1945 - H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of May, from H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".



a/Commander, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
 Date 12 June 1945 Reference No.  
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1945.

## Submitted:

During the month of May, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" was engaged on boom patrol duties.

2. Normal boom patrol duties were carried out for twenty three days and eight days were spent at "Rushcutter" on four hours notice.
3. No unusual incidents were experienced during the month.
4. Minor repairs, sufficient to keep the vessel serviceable, were carried out by Base Staff.
5. On the 8th May, Sub-Lieutenant White, temporary Commanding Officer was discharged to hospital with Malaria. Able Seaman Hyland attended Sick Bay on 9th May with slight injury to toe. Able Seaman Harrex attended Sick Bay on 12th May for stomach trouble and was given medicine by Medical Officer.
6. Fire drill was carried out on four occasions and the results were satisfactory.
7. Conduct of crew was good and health and morale satisfactory.
8.
 

Distance steamed for month	-	308 miles
" " c since 1/12/44	-	1,572 "
Hours under way for month	-	44
Hours under way since refit	-	1034
Average fuel consumption	-	2 m.p.g.
Average speed	-	7 knots

(SGD) W. CONNELLY  
 Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.  
 COMMANDING OFFICER,  
 H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL - H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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The Secretary,  
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A/Rear-Admiral

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL - H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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*Admiral*  
A/Rear-Admiral

*Mr. G. G. G.*  
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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date..... 8 May 1945..... Reference No..... T 91/141  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL - H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of April, from H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

REAR-ADMIRAL  
7th MAY 1945  
SYDNEY

*Harvey M. S. ...*

a/Commander, R.N.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"  
 Date..... 5 May 1945..... Reference No..... T 9/141  
 To..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1945

Submitted:

During the month of April H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" was engaged on boom patrol duties.

2. Normal Boom Patrol duties were carried out for twenty one days and nine days were spent at Base on four hours notice.

3. Under instructions from X.D.O. moving patrol was carried out for two and one half hours on the 7th. No other unusual incidents occurred.

4. Ship was slipped at N.A.P. slipway on the 4th to clear bilges and paint hull. It was again slipped on the 14th to repair leak.

5. Fire drill was carried out on four occasions and results were satisfactory.

6. The conduct and morale of the crew are satisfactory.

7. Sub-Lieutenant Connelly proceeded on leave on 29th, relieved by Sub-Lieutenant White in Temporary command.

8. The health of the ships company is satisfactory.

9.	Distance steamed for month	-	233 miles
	Distance steamed since		
	1st October, 1944	-	1497 miles
	Hours under way for month	-	33 <sup>15</sup> / <sub>60</sub> hours
	Hours under way since		
	1st October, 1944	-	989 <sup>25</sup> / <sub>60</sub> Hours
	Average fuel consumption	-	2 m.p.g.
	Average speed	-	7 knots.

(SGD) A.G.M. WHITE  
 Sub-Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
 H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

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dated 11th May, 1945).

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

(Copy to "RUSHCUTTER")

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Naval Board, with reference to Navy Office letter 589/  
201/941 (053065) dated 23rd October, 1944.

2. The remarks of the Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" are concurred in. Conditions  
are similar in all craft of this type concerning cooking.

3. The disturbance caused by the R/T re-  
ceiver could be minimised by the use of the volume control.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
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**From** The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
**Date** 11 May, 1945 **Reference No.** T/91/96  
**To** The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney  
(Copies to: The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)  
**Subject** MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH -  
H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF"

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of March, from H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

2. I do not concur that the hours of duty are unduly long and Sub-Lieut. Connelly is being informed that this veiled complaint is completely unjustified. In point of fact, the duties performed are as follows:- 48 hours continuous watch on the boom, followed by daylight hours spent alongside "RUSHCUTTER", the night being spent on the boom, followed by 24 hours stand off.

3. I am informed that H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" has a satisfactory oven where roasts can be cooked and, observing that the menu can be varied by stews, cold meats, roasts and fried meats, it would appear that excessive frying is not therefore absolutely necessary. I am informed by my Accountant Officer that grillers are not supplied to cruisers - also that meats may be grilled by placing them in a frying pan without the addition of fats.

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a/Commander, R.N.

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 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1945

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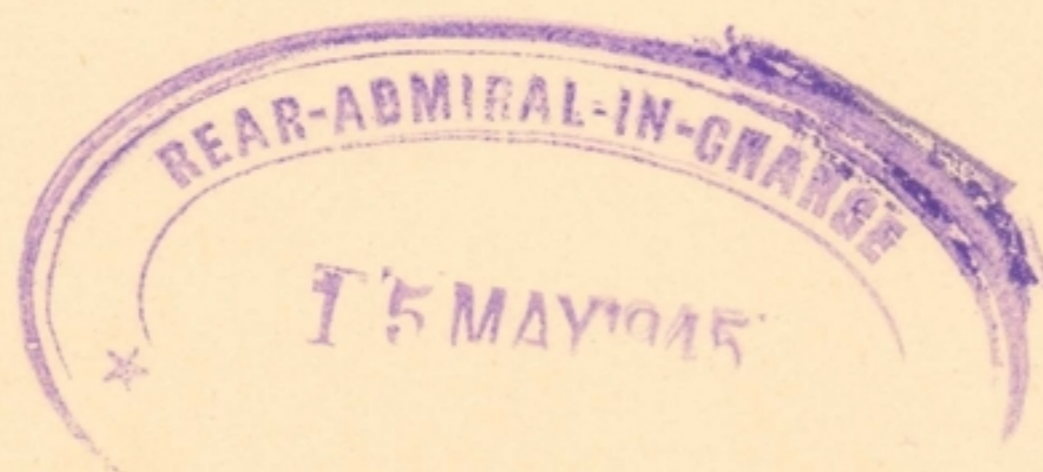
During the month of March, H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF" was engaged on boom patrol duties.

2. Normal boom patrol duties were carried out for twenty two days and nine days spent at Rushcutter on four hours notice.
3. No unusual incidents occurred during the month
4. Fire drill was carried out on four occasions and the results were satisfactory.
5. The conduct of the crew was good and the health and morale fair, due to the accommodation on "MISCHIEF" being very cramped. There are no facilities for exercise for the crew. Of necessity an excessive amount of the food is fried. The R/T can be heard at all times in the sleeping quarters and prevents proper rest. The hours of duty are long. Other than Able Seaman Houston, who attended the Sick Bay in respect of a slight rash, there were no attendances for medical attention.
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Distance steamed for month	-	252 miles
Distance steamed since 1.12.44	-	1264 miles
Hours under way for month	-	36
Hours under way since 1.12.44	-	956 <sup>10</sup> / <sub>60</sub>
Average fuel consumption	-	2 m.p.g.
Average speed	-	7 knots.

(SGD) W.T. CONNELLY  
 Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
 H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".



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The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY - H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

Submitted for information the attached report  
of proceedings for the month of February, from H.M.A.S. "MISCHIEF".

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

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

4th March, 1945

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "Mischief" was from the 1st to 3rd February, stationed at Port Kembla. During that time engine repairs were being carried out by Messrs. Thirwell and Sons, Engineers. Trials were done on the 2nd February but were not satisfactory as both engines were overheating. The work was continued on the 3rd and further trials were run. This time the trials were reasonably satisfactory and the fact reported to F.O.I.C. who ordered the ship to sail for Sydney the following morning. Departed Port Kembla 040505K and arrived "Rushcutter" 1140K.

2. On the 5th February an inspection was made by the Engineer Officer. On the 6th February, "Mischief" assumed normal boom duties.

3. During the month the ship was under way for 52 hours, and steamed approximately 370 miles. Petrol consumption was 138 gallons, equivalent to approximately  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles per gallon. Oil consumed was  $2\frac{5}{8}$  gallons. Engines hours since last overhaul are 920.10 Total distance steamed since 1st December, 1944 is 1012 miles. Previous records of engine hours have been forwarded on N.A.P. monthly report. No records held.

4. On 20th February, engines were cutting out. Signal was made to "Rushcutter". Mechanic aboard to make adjustments, during process of which the choke on starboard engine was broken and it was found that there was considerable movements of the port engine on its bed. Further signal made to "Rushcutter" after which the ship was ordered to return to base.

5. On 23rd and 24th disembarked Depth Charges at Clarke Island and the ship was slipped at N.A.P. Depot. for repairs. Exhaust pipe was fitted and engine was secured to engine bed. Repairs were made to both engines. New generator was fitted to starboard engine. Door of ice chest was fitted with sealing packing. Oily bilges were cleaned by ship's company. Hull was cleaned and anti-fouled.

6. On completion of slipping the vessel proceeded on trials which proved satisfactory. Ship has functioned satisfactorily and has lost no duty time since.

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7. On 26th February, Depth Charges were re-embarked at Clarke Island.

8. The conduct of the crew was good and the morale and health satisfactory. Efficiency was good.

(SGD) W.T. CONNELLY  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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

2. This vessel has now been withdrawn to  
Sydney.

*W.R. Rhodes.*  
A/ CAPTAIN R.A.N.  
*for*  
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Office of the Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.  
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## Royal Australian Navy.

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3. During the month the ship was under way for a period of 97½ hours during which time she steamed approximately 600 miles. Petrol consumed was 266 gallons and oil 3½ gallons.

4. Engine hours since the last overhaul - Port 850.25, Starboard 872.45. Petrol consumption was approximately 2½ miles per gallon.

5. On the 15th December due to a short circuit of the Aldis lamp wiring a small fire occurred. This was quickly controlled and the only resultant damage was to the wiring itself. Another small fire occurred when the engineers working on the bilge pump bridged an electric wire. Again the fire was readily controlled and damage was to wiring only. In the latter case replacement of the wiring was done at the expense of the contractors.

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