

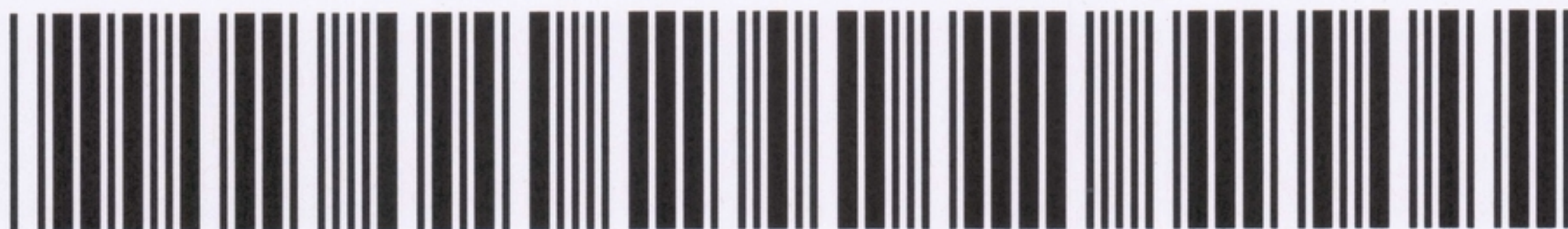
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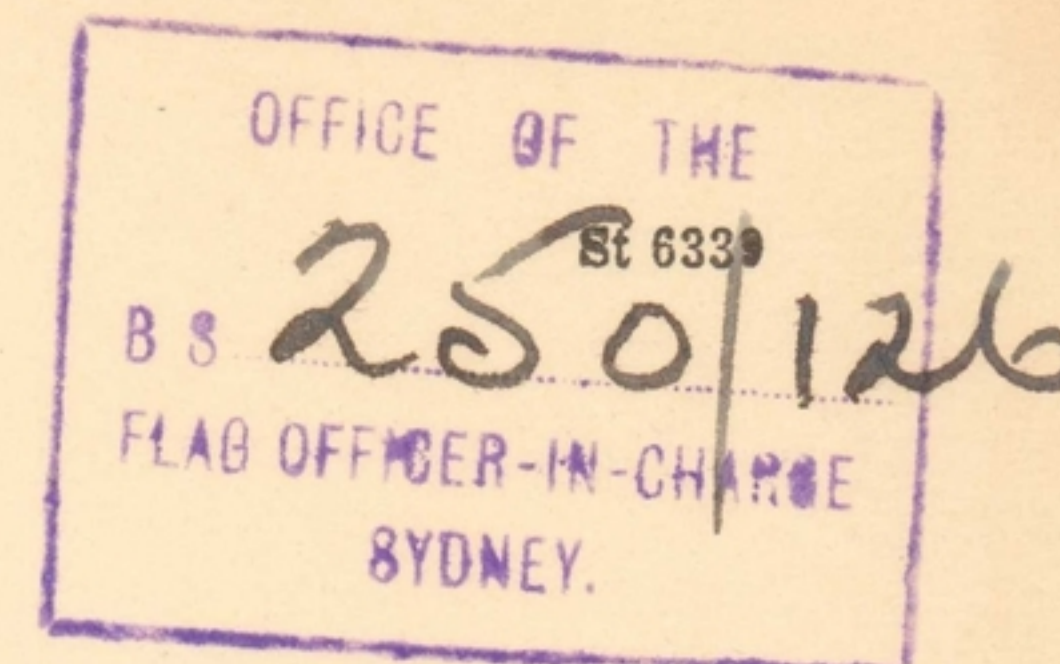
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
Date 14th February, 1946 Reference No. T.91/290  
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney.  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)  
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1946  
H.M.A. M.L.801

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of December, from H.M.A. M.L. 801.

A/Captain R.N.



The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 801.

8th February, 1946 LOP/6.

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

Report of Proceedings for January, 1946.

Submitted:

M.L. 801 has been employed on A.S.R. duties at Jervis Bay for the month of January, 1946, carrying out "safety" patrols as directed by R.N.A.S. "Nowra" on the following dates:- 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st January.

2. On Tuesday 8th January, M.L. 810 arrived at Jervis Bay from Sydney to relieve M.L. 822. M.L. 822 sailed for Sydney on Friday, 11th January.

3. All patrols were uneventful.

4. M.L.'s 825 & 805 arrived ex-Sydney on passage to Melbourne on 17th January. At 0730K 18th January, M.L.'s 825 & 805 proceeded on passage.

5. State of Ship.

The hull and upperworks are in good condition. The main engines, auxiliary motors, guns, Radar & W/T are performing satisfactorily. A/S Oscillator not fitted.

6. The health and conduct of the Ships company has been satisfactory.

7.	Hours under way during month.	54 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hours.
	Distance steamed " "	599 $\frac{1}{2}$ Miles.
	Average Speed.	11 Knots.
	" Fuel consumed per mile.	3.7 Gals.
	" " " " hour.	40.2 Gals.
	Total distance steamed since commissioning	2871 Miles.

(Sgd.) J. Wiseman  
Lieutenant. R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer.

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

15 May, 1946

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The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney  
(Copy to: Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)

H.M.A. M.L.801 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL 1946

Submitted for information, the attached Report  
of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.801 for the month of April, 1946.

*Henry Adams*

a/CAPTAIN, R.N.

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Commanding Officer, ML 801.

13th May, 1946.

Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

Letter Of Proceedings..... April, 1946.

**SUBMITTED:**

0550K/2nd April, slipped and proceeded Wollongong to carry out A.S.R. safety patrols in station one mile east of that port. Patrols were carried out in this position from 0900K-1030K and 1300K-1430K on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th April.

On completion of patrol at 1430K/4th proceeded to Sydney. Secured Rushcutter 1750K/4th.

0500K/11th, slipped and proceeded Wollongong for similar duties. Patrols were carried out from 0830K-1500K on 11th and 12th and on completion of patrol at 1500K/12th proceeded Sydney. Secured at Rushcutter 1825K/12th.

All the patrols were uneventful and the weather at all times was good.

For the remainder of the month ML 801 was at Rushcutter undergoing general maintenance. On 24th April, all armament stores were landed Spectacle Is., Arm. Depot in anticipation of ship paying off early in May.

STATE OF SHIP. The hull and upperworks are in good condition. Main and aux., engines, Radar, W/T are performing satisfactorily

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

Commanding Officer, ML 801

13th May, 1946

Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

Letter of Proceedings- April, 1946.

Hours underway during Month.....41 Hours.  
Average Speed .....12 Knots.  
Average fuel consumed per hour.....20.9 Gals.  
" " " " mile.....1.7 Gals.  
Distance steamed since re-commissioning.....4271 miles.

for  
COMMANDING OFFICER,  
*Thomas Kelly*  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

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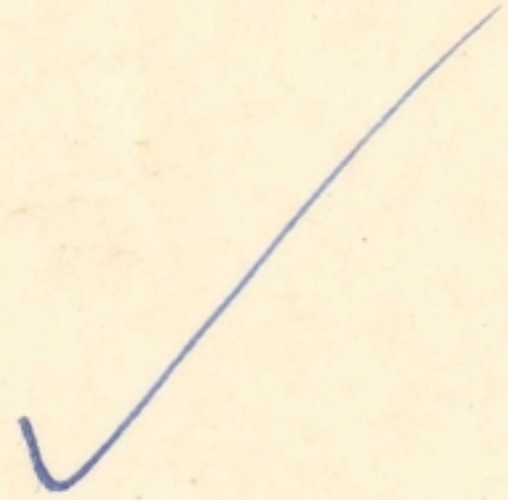
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The Secretary,  
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FOR Admiral

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
Date..... 29 April, 1946..... Reference No..... T/91/290  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney  
(Copy to: Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)  
Subject..... H.M.A. M.L.801 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1946

Submitted for information, the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.801 for the month of March, 1946.

*Henry John Seem*

a/CAPTAIN, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L.801".

Date 14th April, 1946. Reference No.

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

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1946.

### Submitted:

The month of March, 1946, H.M.A. "M.L.801" has been employed on A.S.R. duties at Jervis Bay, Woolongong, and Sydney.

2. 1145K/1st. Slipped and proceeded to Sydney to Radar repairs and slipping. Repairs to Radar and Engine Room carried out by Base Staff and routine slipping was carried out on the 4th.
3. 0600K/6th. Slipped and proceeded to Woolongong for A.S.R. duties. 0900K in Station, patrol carried out till 1200K then proceeded to Jervis Bay, securing at 1525K.
4. 0455K/13th. Slipped and proceeded to Woolongong for A.S.R. duties, secured alongside at Woolongong 1215K.
5. 0850K/14th. Slipped and proceeded to patrol 1 mile due East Woolongong, 1200k patrol completed and returned to Sydney, securing "Rushcutter", 1540K.
6. 0550K/18th. Slipped and proceeded to Woolongong for A.S.R. duties, patrols being carried out on 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd. At 1200K on 22nd proceeded to Sydney, securing at "Rushcutter" at 1525K.
7. On 24th Ship, proceeded (in company with M.L.810) to Commissioning Slips where both Ships were opened to inspection by the public.
8. The remainder of the month was spent at "Rushcutter" standing by for A.S.R. Duties.
9. State of Ship. The Hull and upperworks are in good condition. The main engines, Auxiliary Motors, Guns, Radar, W/T, are performing satisfactorily. A.S. Oscillator not fitted.

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10. The health and conduct of the Ships Company has been satisfactory.

Hours underway during month.

Distance Steamed	-	649 miles
Average Speed	-	12 Knots
Average fuel consumed per mile	-	2.7 gallons
Average fuel consumed per hour	-	36.8 gallons

3779 Miles.

Total distance steamed since commissioning,

J.A. Wiseman,

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.

Commanding Officer.

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Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 1946 Reference No. 25/46  
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Subject: Report of proceedings February 1946

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have to advise that the distance steamed  
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3130 miles. This is the distance steamed  
since re-commissioning on 30<sup>th</sup> July 1945.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A. M/L 801 AN 35  
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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
Date..... 19 March, 1946..... Reference No..... T/91/290  
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney  
(Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)  
Subject..... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1946

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of February, 1946, from H.M.A. M.L.801.

*Henry J. ...*  
a/CAPTAIN, R.N.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L.801  
 DATE: 14 March, 1946 REF. NO. LOP/7  
 TO: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"  
 SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1946

## Submitted

The month of February, 1946 H.M.A. M.L.801 has been employed on A.S.R. duties at Jervis Bay. No rescue patrols were carried out but in company with H.M.A. M.L.810 W/T watches as required by A.C.I. have been maintained.

2. 0500/K 14th H.M.A. M.L.810 proceeded to Sydney for Radar repairs.

3. On night of 18th conditions were such that it was considered unsafe to lie alongside R.A.A.F. Jetty. At 0015/K slipped and proceeded to shelter in lee of Dant Point, at 0900K/19 ship returned to R.A.A.F. Jetty the weather having abated. Two fairleads, midships and forward on starboard side carried away on this occasion, these were subsequently repaired by staff of H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE".

4. 1730k/19 H.M.A. M.L.810 secured alongside from Sydney. 220046z Signal received from A.C.I. asking to collect mail from Jervis Bay Post Office for "IMPLACABLE" and "TYRIAN" and proceed to Batemans Bay. At 0900K/23rd having embarked mail slipped and proceeded to Batemans Bay, arriving at 1315K. 1330K mail transferred to H.M.S. "IMPLACABLE".  
 1500K secured Jetty Batemans Bay.  
 1345K/24th slipped Batemans Bay.  
 1415K embarked mail from "IMPLACABLE" and proceeded to Jervis Bay.  
 1833K secured alongside H.M.A. M.L.810 at Jervis Bay.

5. Remainder of month keeping W/T watches for "IMPLACABLE".

HULL The condition of the hull is good, small patches of rot have been showing on the deck.

ENGINES The engines are in good condition.

CREW The health and morale of the ship's company is excellent, one rating is awaiting relief for demobilisation.

Hours underway during month	- 22 hours 10 mins.
Distance steamed	- 259 miles.
Average speed	- 12.1 knots.
Average fuel consumed per mile	- 3.1 galls.
Average fuel consumed per hour	- 37 galls.

Total distance steamed since commissioning - 3130 miles.

(Sgd) Jas. Wiseman.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.

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

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The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney.  
 (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)  
MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1946  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of December, from H.M.A. M.L. 801.

*Harold John Smith*

A/Captain R.N.

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 801.

8th February, 1946

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

Report of Proceedings for January, 1946.

Submitted:

M.L. 801 has been employed on A.S.R. duties at Jervis Bay for the month of January, 1946, carrying out "safety" patrols as directed by R.N.A.S. "Nowra" on the following dates:- 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st January.

2. On Tuesday 8th January, M.L. 810 arrived at Jervis Bay from Sydney to relieve M.L. 822. M.L. 822 sailed for Sydney on Friday, 11th January.

3. All patrols were uneventful.

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5. State of Ship.

The hull and upperworks are in good condition. The main engines, auxiliary motors, guns, Radar & W/T are performing satisfactorily. A/S Oscillator not fitted.

6. The health and conduct of the Ships company has been satisfactory.

7.	Hours under way during month.	54½ Hours.
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(Sgd.) J. Wiseman  
Lieutenant. R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer.

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

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

Date 11 January 1945 Reference No. T.91/290

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1945  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

Submitted for information the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of December, 1945,  
from H.M.A. M.L. 801.

*Harvey Andrew Campbell*

a/CAPTAIN, R.N.



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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801  
 Date..... 5 January 1945..... Reference No.....  
 To..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject..... LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER, 1945.

Submitted:

M.L. 801 has been employed on A.S.R. duties at Jervis Bay for the month of December, 1945, carrying out patrols as ordered by R.N.A.S. Nowra. Patrols were carried out on the following dates:- 4th, 6th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 29th.

2. On the 15th at 0958 a phone call was received from Nowra that a Firefly Aircraft was down 090° Point Perpendicular 5 miles. 1000 M.L. 801 slipped and proceeded at 2000 revs. 1035 Arrived in approx. position of crash, picked up one wing tank. Aircraft assisting in the search dropped smoke floats on objects which on investigation, proved to be another wing tank and a yellow object of rubber like texture, which is presumed to have been a rubber dinghy. Pieces of propellor were also seen and investigated. 1135K commenced square search at G 10, search was carried on until 1406K when on instruction from Nowra, returned to base, where preliminary investigations were held by R.N.A.S. Officers. The weather was very bad - wind force 4/5, sea 43, visibility poor.

3. On the 20th a signal was received to proceed to assist distressed launch, 200 yards Kinghorn Head. Another fishing vessel eventually came and took disabled launch in tow.

4. 22th December Lieutenant J.A. Wiseman, R.A.N.V.R. assumed command vice Lieutenant J. Griffin.

5. The health and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory except for Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Devin who sustained concussion on being thrown from a horse. He was admitted to R.A.A.F. sick quarters and then transferred to Randwick Naval Hospital by R.A.A.F. Ambulance.

6. Monthly Figures:

Hours underway during December	74 hrs.30 mins
Distance Steamed	802 miles
Average fuel per mile	3.6 galls.
Average fuel per hour	39 galls

7. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning  
on 30th July, 1945 was 2271 miles.

(SGD) J.A. WISEMAN

Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER  
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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
Date..... 19th December 1945. Reference No..... T91/290.  
To..... The Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.  
Subject..... LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - ML. 801 - NOVEMBER 1945.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board,

*Henry Adams*

a/CAPTAIN. R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 801.

Date 2nd December 1945 Reference No. T91/290

To The Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE, through The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1945.

- Submitted. On November 1st & 2nd general routine maintenance was carried out and misalignment in steering corrected.
2. On Saturday, November 3rd slipped from alongside H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" at 1330K with ML 1322 in company and proceeded to Circular Quay where Victory Bond purchasers were embarked and given trips to Sydney Heads. Returned and secured at H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" at 1540K.
  3. On Sunday, November 4th slipped at 1330K with ML 1322 in company and continued ferrying Victory Bond buyers. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" at 1550K.
  4. Slipped at 0915K and proceeded to Shell Co. installation, Gore Bay and completed fuelling with 665 gals 91 octane petrol. Returned to H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" at 1205K.
  5. Slipped at 0900K, 6th November and proceeded on passage to Jervis Bay. Secured alongside R.A.A.F. jetty at Jervis Bay at 1650K. M.Ls. 822 and 810 secured alongside.
  6. The Commanding Officer, M.L. 801, Lieut. J.B. Griffin, assumed duty as SO ASR, Jervis Bay from Lieut. G.F. Sorell, Commanding Officer ML 810 on 7th November 1945.
  7. Slipped at 0830K, 8th November with ML 810 in company to carry out safety patrol in accordance with instructions with R.N.A.S., NOWRA. Detached ML 810 at 0900K to proceed on passage to Sydney. Maintained patrol in various positions until 2015K, 8th November, then returned to Jervis Bay securing alongside at 2105K.
  8. Similarly uneventful patrols were carried out on 12th, 14th, 16th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 26th and 28th of November.
  9. On completion of patrol on 26th November, all guns and crews were exercised at an improvised surface target.
  10. On 27th November a Naval Stores Officer and Supply Assistant commenced a muster of all ships stores. This was interrupted by patrols but completed on 29th November.
  11. The health and conduct of the ship's company during November was satisfactory but one officer, Sub. Lieut. Kelly, was discharged to Randwick Naval Wing for surgical treatment.
  12. Monthly figures.

Hours under way during November...	68.
Distance steamed...	785 miles.
Average amount of fuel consumed per mile..	3.3 g.
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  13. The total distance steamed since re-commissioning on 30th July 1945 was 1469 miles at an average speed of 10.8 knots.

(SGD) J.B. Griffin.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.

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The Secretary,  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801  
 Date 8 November, 1945 Reference No.  
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

### Submitted:

That as no berth was available at H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" M.L. 801 lay alongside South East Camber at Garden Island until Thursday 4th October, when berth was shifted to "RUSHCUTTER" and work commenced on defective shaft bearing.

2. Slipped at 0900 10th October with M.L. 806 in tow alongside, and proceeded to Willoughby Bay, Middle Harbour. Moored M.L. 806 and returned to "RUSHCUTTER" securing at 1130K.
3. Slipped at 0945K 15th October with M.L. 426 in tow and proceeded to Willoughby Bay where M.L. 426 was moored. Proceeded to Gore Bay and towed M.L's 803 and 807 back to "RUSHCUTTER" securing alongside at 1510K.
4. On October 16th towed M.L. 807 to Royal Edward Victualling Yard returning her to "RUSHCUTTER" on completion discharge of stores. At 0920K October, 17th slipped and towed M.L. 803 to moorings in Willoughby Bay returning to "RUSHCUTTER" on completion.
5. Slipped at 0930K 15th October, with M.L. 802 in tow alongside. Moored M.L. 802 in Willoughby Bay and returned to "RUSHCUTTER" securing at 1145K.
6. On October 19th commenced painting ship and carried out usual maintenance routines.
7. All painting was completed on October, 22nd and at 0930K 23rd October slipped with M.L. 807 in tow alongside and proceeded to Willoughby Bay. Moored M.L. 807 on arrival and returned to rendezvous with H.D.M.L. 1328 in Obelisk Bay and took over tow of M.L. 823 from her. Moored M.L. 823 in Willoughby Bay and returned to "RUSHCUTTER" securing at 1340K.
8. On October 24th proceeded to Shell Company

installation in Gore Bay and completed with 1480 gallons of fuel.

9. Slipped at 0920K 26th October, with M.L. Q 1344 in tow alongside and proceeded to Hunter Bay where she was secured to a buoy. Returned to "RUSHCUTTER" on completion.

10. At 1130K October, 27th the Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER", Captain Newcombe, R.N., and staff walked around the ship.

11. Slipped at 1330K and proceeded to Circular Quay and ferried Victory Bond Buyers to H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" at Woolloomooloo. Three trips were made each way and a total of 77 persons transported.

12. Slipped at 1330K on Sunday 28th and continued ferrying of Victory Bond Buyers to H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" returning to "RUSHCUTTER" on completion.

13. Slipped at 0900K on 30th October and proceeded to submarine exercise area escorting H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" Remained in vicinity and maintained W/T Guard for "VORACIOUS" whilst that vessel carried out independent exercises. Returned to harbour on completion securing at "RUSHCUTTER" at 1430K.

14. Slipped at 0900K on October, 31st and repeated programme of the 30th with H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" securing alongside "RUSHCUTTER" at 1500K.

15. The health and conduct of the ships company has been satisfactory during the month of October, and the condition of the ship is excellent.

16. Monthly Figures:-

Hours under way during October	39 Hours
Distance steamed	390 miles
Average amount of fuel consumed per mile	2.3 galls
Average amount of fuel consumed per mile	23 galls.

17. The total distance steamed since re-commissioning on 30th July, 1945 was 684 miles at an average speed of 10 knots.

(SGD) J.B. GRIFFIN  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801  
 Date..... 8 October 1945..... Reference No.....  
 To..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject..... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Submitted:

Slipped at 0915K on Saturday 1st September and carried out engine trials within harbour limits returning to Rushcutter at 1145K. Trials were satisfactory although minor adjustments to both engines were found necessary.

2. Further trials arranged for 3rd September were cancelled owing to presence of petrol in the engine room bilges the cause of which could not be ascertained.

3. Final engine trials were successfully carried out at sea on 4th September and satisfactory radar, gun and a/s trials were completed on 6th September.

4. On September 7th compasses were swung ship returning to Rushcutter on completion.

5. On 12th September towed M.L. 806 from Green Point Naval Boatyard to Rushcutter.

6. Slipped at 0740K on September 17th and proceeded to Chowder Bay to embark towing gear and Army target. Then proceeded to sea in the vicinity of the Heads towing target for Army exercise. On completion returned target to Chowder Bay and returned to Rushcutter securing alongside at 1430K.

7. On September 19th proceeded to buoy in Rushcutters Bay where MFV 1071 came alongside and under supervision of base A/S staff unshipped A/S down.

8. Lieutenant J.B. Griffin, D.S.C., R.A.N.V.R. assumed command on September, 19th vice Lieutenant B.M. Close R.A.N.V.R. who was discharged to H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter" to take up new appointment.

9. Slipped at 0830K on September 20th and after embarking Radar target and Army personnel at Chowder Bay proceeded to sea and carried out Radar exercise for the

Army in the vicinity of Sydney Heads. Secured on completion at Rushcutter.

10. During the exercise a large quantity of free petrol was discovered in fuel compartment and engine room bilges. This was reported to Base Staff on arrival.

11. A petrol leak was discovered in a pipe connection on the centre tank and September 21st and 22nd was spent in effecting repairs and ventilating.

12. Rendezvoused with Midget Submarine XE 4 at Bradleys Head at 0840K on September 20th and stood by while submarine carried out test with harbour defences proceeding both on the surface and submerged. Tests were completed at 1130K and M.L. 801 returned to Rushcutter.

13. Proceeded to sea on September 30th and carried out trials to test whether shaft bearing which had previously given trouble and had attention from base staff, were functioning without over treating. The starboard shaft bearing was found to be defective necessitating shutting the engine down temporarily. The defect has since been made good.

14. The health and conduct of the ships company has been satisfactory during the month of September and the condition of the ship generally is good.

15. Monthly figures:-

Hours under way during September	29 hours
Distance steamed during September	294
Average amount of fuel consumed per mile	3.4 galls
Average amount of fuel consumed per hour	33 galls.

16. The total distance steamed since re-commissioning on 30th July 1945 was 294 miles at an average speed of 10 knots.

(SGD) J.B. GRIFFIN,  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

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

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945 -  
H.M.A. M.L. 803

*H.M.*

Submitted for information, the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of August, 1945  
from H.M.A. M.L. 803.

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a/Captain, R.N.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 803

3 September 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945.

Submitted:

Ship was moved from Halvorsens Repair Yard, Neutral Bay to Garden Island A.M. 18th August, 1945, by Naval Tug for fitting of Bofors and Oerlikon gun mountings. This work is progressing very slowly.

2. Engines are almost completed and will remain untried until ship is fuelled. Fuelling is being delayed until all welding in connection with gun mountings and depression rails is completed.

3. The ship was painted by Halvorsens with U.S. green paint supplied by Garden Island. This paint wore off the deck in 10 days, leaving only the red lead base. As yet no indication has been given that this will be remedied.

4. No cooking can be done on board as the new type Ward stove has not been completed. Both refrigerators are out of order.

5. The Naval Overseer has indicated that the many small items still to be completed will be done by Sayonara Yard when it is possible to move to H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

(SGD) H.F. WADDS  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
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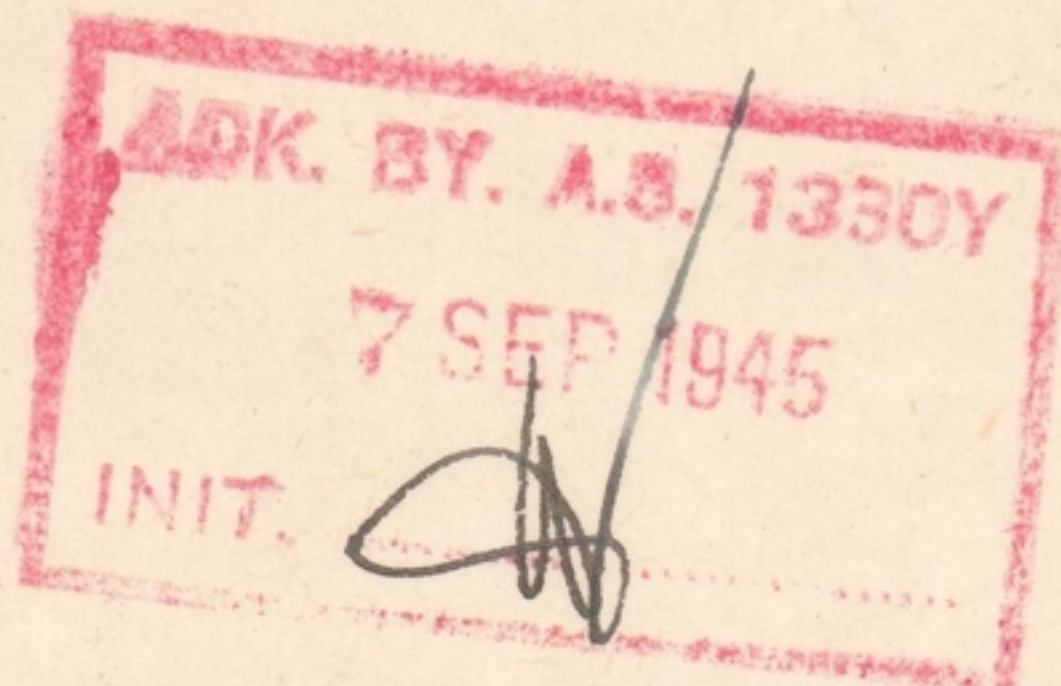
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H.M.A. M.L. 801

*HM*

Submitted for information, the attached  
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from H.M.A. M.L. 801.

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a/Commander, R.N.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801

3 September, 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST

Submitted, in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2 (4) (j), the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 801 for the month of August, 1945.

2. The ship was commissioned at Sydney on 30th July, 1945, after undergoing an extensive refit and from that date until the 20th August, was moored alongside H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" awaiting supply of new rubber cutlass bearings and repairs to shafts. Final adjustments were also made to Radar, A/S., etc.

3. Ship was slipped at Swanara slipway on 20th August for a period of seven days during which period bearings, shafts and rudders were fitted.

4. During the remainder of the month various adjustments were made to engines and several minor defects remedied.

5. The refit as done by Messrs. Storey & Keers is considered very satisfactory; but I consider that trouble will ensue in the near future through dirt, etc., being sucked into the bilge lines and pump. It is being found extremely difficult to prevent dust, etc., finding its way into the bilges owing to (a) flooring boards being butted instead of tongue and grooved; (b) no corticene being fitted on the floor boards; and (c) the gratings fitted in the flooring for bilge ventilation not having dirt or dusttraps fitted.

6. The ship's company has been victualled ashore until 30th owing to lack of cooking facilities.

7. Health and Conduct of ship's company for the month has been satisfactory.

8. No steaming statistics are available to date.

(80D)

B. GLOSE  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.  
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The Secretary,  
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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
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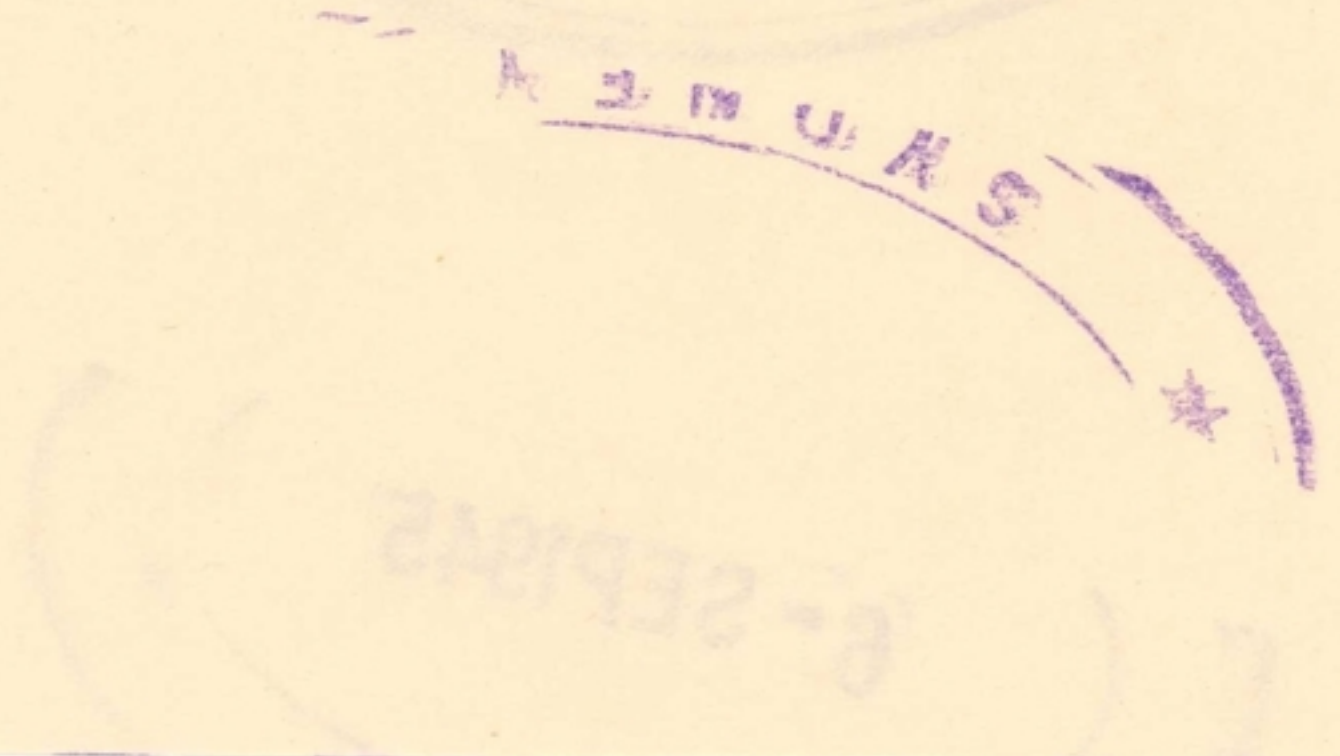
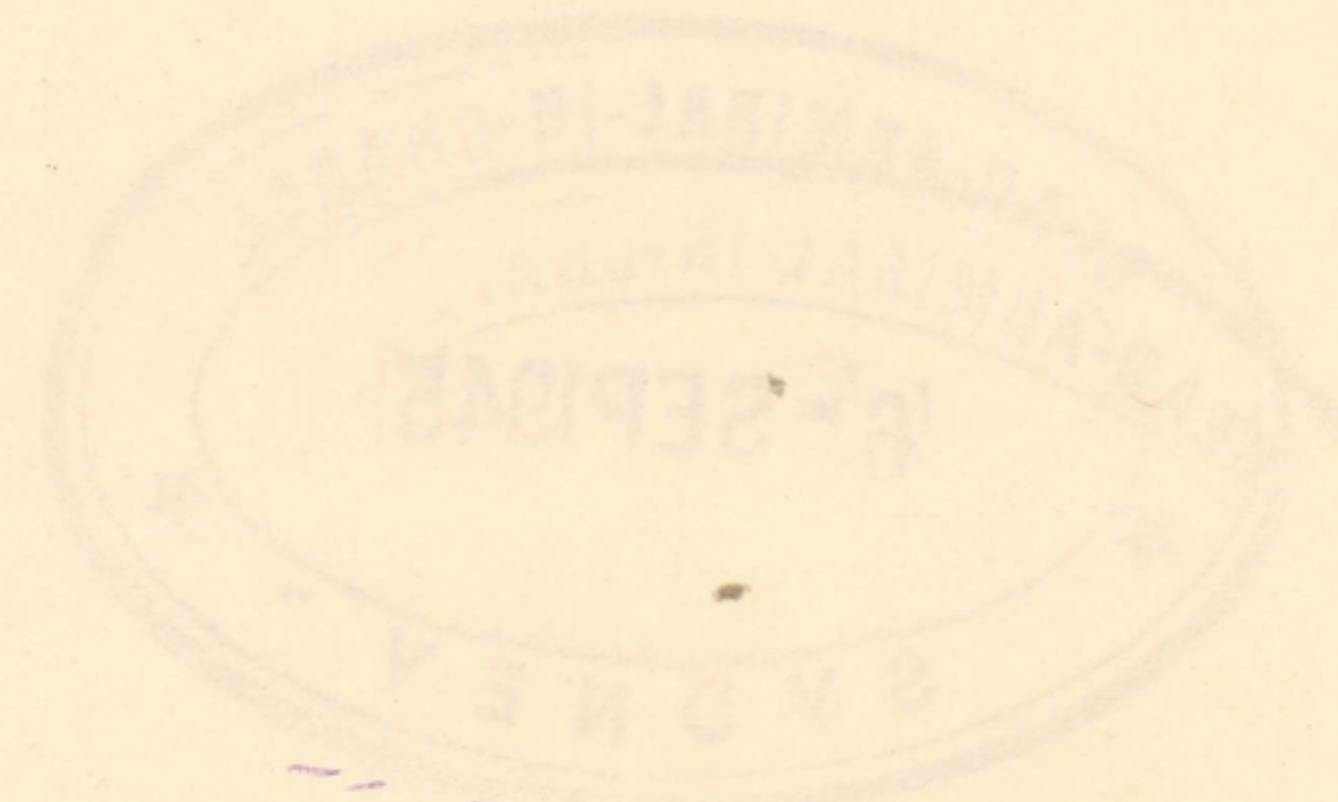
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From: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SUBROTOR"  
 Date: 3 September, 1945  
 Reference: R.N. 1001  
 To: The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
 (Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)  
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 H.M.A.S. 1001

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings for the month of August, 1945, from H.M.A.S. 1001.

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Commander, R.N.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801  
 Date 3 September, 1945 Reference No.  
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST

Submitted, in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2 (4) (j), the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 801 for the month of August, 1945.

2. The ship was commissioned at Sydney on 30th July, 1945, after undergoing an extensive refit and from that date until the 20th August, was moored alongside H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" awaiting supply of new rubber cutlass bearings and repairs to shafts. Final adjustments were also made to Radar, A/S., etc.
3. Ship was slipped at ~~Syonara~~ slipway on 20th August for a period of seven days during which period bearings, shafts and rudders were fitted.
4. During the remainder of the month various adjustments were made to engines and several minor defects remedied.
5. The refit as done by Messrs. Storey & Keers is considered very satisfactory; but I consider that trouble will ensue in the near future through dirt, etc., being sucked into the bilge lines and pump. It is being found extremely difficult to prevent dust, etc., finding its way into the bilges owing to (a) flooring boards being butted instead of tongue and grooved; (b) no corticene being fitted on the floor boards; and (c) the gratings fitted in the flooring for bilge ventilation not having dirt or dusttraps fitted.
6. The ship's company has been victualled ashore until 30th owing to lack of cooking facilities.
7. Health and Conduct of ship's company for the month has been satisfactory.
8. No steaming statistics are available to date.

(SGD)

B. CLOSE  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER's" Letter No.  
F.S. 3/16/641 of 4th January, 1945.)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER - M.L. 801.

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Navy Office letter No. 589/201/941 (053065) dated 23rd October, 1944.

2. A full set of W/T spares for equipment carried in M.L's. has since been forwarded to Townsville, which should avoid a repetition of the inability of H.M.A.S. "MAGNETIC" to replace defective parts between 10th and 14th November, 1944.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of the  
Flag Officer-in-Charge,  
SYDNEY.  
5th February, 1945.

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B.S. 250/126 Rt 6339  
Rear Admiral in Charge Sydney.

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

Date 4 JAN 1945 Reference No. F.S. 3/16/641

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

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER - M.L. 801

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of November, 1944 from H.M.A. M.L. 801.

REAR-ADMIRAL-IN-CHARGE  
8 JAN 1945  
SYDNEY

*Harvey John Campbell*

a/Commander, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801  
 Date 1st December, 1944 Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 To The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, MELBOURNE.  
Through Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944

## Submitted:

In accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2 (4) (j), the following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 801 for the month of November, 1944.

1st to 6th November. On passage from Port Moresby to Cooktown in company with, and under the orders of M.L. 806 W/T receiver developed a defect on 5th November, and no guard on 500 K/C's was kept after that date. 7!!

7th November. At Cooktown for fuel, water, etc.

8th November. Proceeded from Cooktown to Cairns. One defective D/C was disposed overboard during this passage.

9th November. At Cairns, fuelling, etc.

10th to 14th November. On passage from Cairns to Gladstone. A call was made at Townsville to land packages sent down from Madang and to see if W/T could be repaired, but H.M.A.S. "Magnetic" was unable to replace defective parts. On the 13th November a search was made for H.D.M.L. 1338 in position Lat 20° 49' S; Long 149° 23' E. as ordered by N.O.I.C. Townsville. AS M.L. 806 proceeded to Mackay to take M.L. 1338 in tow, M.L. 801 proceeded independently for remainder of the passage to Sydney.

14th November. Arrived Gladstone. While entering Gladstone Harbour Port motor exhaust pipe burned through and carried away. Completed with fuel, water, etc.

15th November. Ship's staff repaired exhaust pipe at Gladstone Meat Works Workshops.

16th November. Sailed for Brisbane.

17th November. Arrived Brisbane.

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18th to 19th November. Completing with fuel and water, carrying out maintenance on engines.

20th November to 22nd November. On passage to Sydney Arrived Sydney Heads 0715K on 22nd November, and berthed at H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

22nd to 30th November. Towing and general duties round Port Jackson. De-ammunitioned ship on 23rd November. Mustering stores, etc. Mustered and landed C.B's and Charts. Transferred remaining fuel to M.L. 806 on 30th November.

2. The health and conduct of ships company has in general been satisfactory.

3. A number of additional defects developed during the passage from New Guinea, many of them due to Heavy weather encountered and a supplementary defect list has been submitted. The wardroom compartment is leaking badly.

A preliminary survey of the hull, above water, has been made since arrival at Sydney.

4. Statistics:

Distance steamed during the month	- 2031 miles
Hours under way	- 190
Average consumption of fuel	- 3.18 gals per mile
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	- 26,653.5 miles
Hours under way since commissioning	- 2,444 hours.

(SGD) J.L. GREER  
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A. M.L. 801

ACK. BY. A.S. 1330Y  
- 9 JAN 1945  
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "TRUSHOUTER".

4 JAN 1945

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.)  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER - H.L. 901

Submitted for information the attached report  
of proceedings for the month of November, 1944 from H.M.A.  
H.L. 901.

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a/Commander, R.N.





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FROM Commanding Officer, M.L. 801.

DATE 1st October, 1944.

TO The Secretary, Naval Board, Through Officer in Charge  
M.L's, New Guinea, Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea  
Copy to: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

HN. SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 section 2 (4) (j) the following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 801 for the month of September, 1944.

2. The ship was based at Madang during the whole month.

3 Sep. Proceeded to Saidor with W/T generating set for P.D. and returned to Madang.

5 Sep. Made two trips from Madang to Alexishafen with stevedoring party. Returned to Madang on 6th September.

16 Sep. Assisted in unloading stores from s.s. "Merkur".

18 Sep. Proceeded to Hansa Bay on A.S.R. operation.

19 Sep. Returned to Madang Flotilla exercises and shoot.

22 Sep. Dragged for and recovered M.L. 802's cable. During the greater part of the month the ship has been non-operational owing to breakdowns of main generating set and worn out state of batteries.

3. The health and conduct of the ship's company have been satisfactory. On 20th September A.B. Heazlewood was accidentally shot in the foot and discharged to hospital. A Board of Enquiry was convened and took evidence regarding this accident on 29th September.

4. Conditions of the ship. As much maintenance as possible has been done during the month.

5. Statistics.

Distance steamed during the month	444 miles
Hours under way	42 hours
Average consumption of fuel per mile	3.25 gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	23291.5 miles.
Total hours under way from date of commissioning	2128 hours.

(Sgd.) J.L. Ex Greer,  
Commanding Officer.

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The Naval Officer in Charge,  
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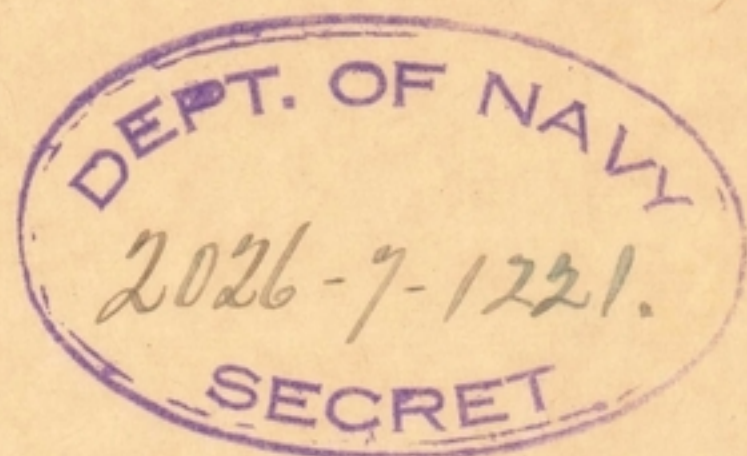
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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.  
Staff Officer Fairmiles.

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FROM Commanding Officer H.M.A. M.L. 801

TO The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne  
through Staff Officer (Fairmiles) New Guinea.  
N.O.I.C. New Guinea.  
Copy to: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter"

SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MONTH OF AUGUST 1944.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2 (4) (j) the following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 801 for the month of August, 1944.

2.

1st to 6th August Carrying out Search for wreckage along S.E. Coast of Papua, as detailed in my report to Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Ladava" dated 7th August, 1944.

7th to 8th August Alongside jetty at Milne Bay.

9th to 11th August To Balisana, Samarai and Kuriara with Engineer Officer and Intelligence Officer. Fuelled on 10th August.

12th to 16th August Alongside at Milne Bay awaiting docking. Painting ship and repairing minor defects.

3. 17th to 24th August Docked in U.S.N. Floating Dock. In dock until 24th August, repairing bearings and shafts, fitting new propellers, scraping and painting hull and repairing sheathing etc. Some defects repaired by Base Staff. Left dock 24th August A.M.

26th to 27th August Alongside making good defects.

27th August Proceeded on trials (of shafts etc.) which were satisfactory, and tested armament.

28th August Completed with water, fuel etc., loaded D/Cs, and after some delay due to defective batteries, left Milne Bay for Madang at 1800K.

29th August Proceeding to Madang.

4. 30th August At 0035K an electrical short circuit occurred on Starboard Engine, burning out several wires and damaging voltage regulator. Prompt and effective action by the Leading Stoker on watch averted what might have been a serious accident. It is submitted that renewal of this and other wiring in ship has been repeatedly asked for since defect List dated 12th February, 1944. Entered Langemak Harbour at 0810K for fuel and to effect temporary repairs to wiring. Left Langemak for Madang at 2020K.

31st August Arrived Madang.

5.

The conduct of ships company has been excellent. The standard of health has not been as good as in previous months, one Officer and two ratings having been discharged to hospital, suffering from blood and skin infections. Several other members of the crew received treatment at Sick Bay. It is considered that lack of proper laundry and bathing facilities (the Army laundry was not available in Milne Bay after July) were partly responsible. Ventilation in this ship is unsatisfactory as none of the A & A's to improve it have yet been carried out, and this was aggravated during half the month by lack of electric

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power due to defective auxiliary machinery and batteries.

6.

Conditions of the Ship The ship was docked for the first time in ten months, and hull found in better condition than anticipated. There was slight attack by worm in two places. Sheathing was in fairly good order, though corroded round waterline presumably due to electrolysis from the numerous earths. Shaft bearings were all worn out except one "Cutless" bearing and metal decomposed, resulting in both shafts being badly scored. Shafts were turned down in journals and bearings made to suit. New propellers were fitted.

Statistics.

Distance steamed during the month -----964 miles  
Hours under way during month-----93 hours  
Average Consumption of Fuel-----3.25 gallons per mile  
Total distance steamed since commissioning 22,847.5 miles  
at an average speed of..11 knots...  
Total hours under way from date of commissioning to  
31st August, 1944, is .. 2086 hours..

"Sgd" J.L. Greer

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.

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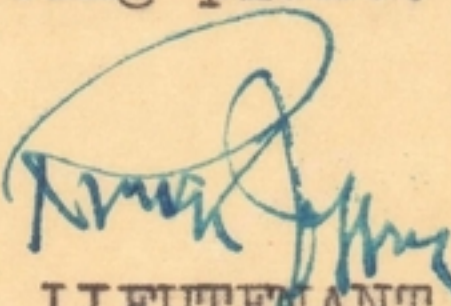
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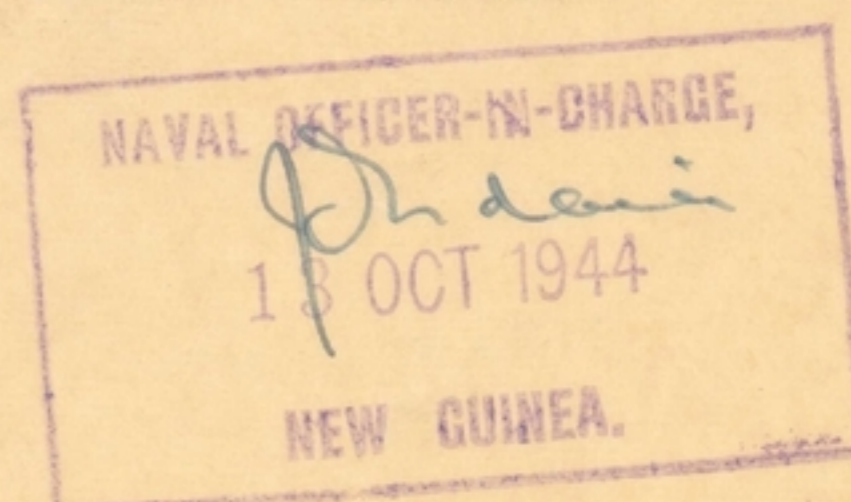
Submitted in accordance with A.C.B. 0238 Section 2  
(4) (j) the following remarks in the above report.

Paragraph 4...This vessel has been in dockyard hands almost continuously since last May, and a certain wiring was renewed. Trouble again developed when the ship went to sea, and it would appear the whole ship requires re-wiring.

Paragraph 5...Lying alongside for long periods particularly in the weather experienced as Milne Bay is not conducive to good health in these ships. The carrying out of A & A's for additional ventilation and other fittings does not only apply to this vessel, as there are a number of ML's in New Guinea which have had very few A & A's completed since commissioning.

Auxiliary Generator and Engine for ship's main supply was to be despatched from Sydney early in July. Ref. N.O.I.C. Sydney's 300754. This has not yet come to hand, but repairs were eventually effected to the existing plant.

  
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.  
Staff Officer Fairmiles.



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*D.E.(N) is requested to remark regarding fire risks referred to in ML 428's report.*

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D.N.I. *W 18/10*

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*by NOIC Sydney*

*EO/ML's WAG 21/10/44. Ref. D.O.P.'s Minute. A proposal has been put up for replacing kerosene stoves in ML's by diesel-fired stoves; this is receiving careful consideration at the present time.*

D.E.(N).

*WAG 5/11/44. Approval has been given for fitting all "B" ML's and HDML's with diesel-fired stoves. — Installation is now proceeding.*

D.O.T.M.

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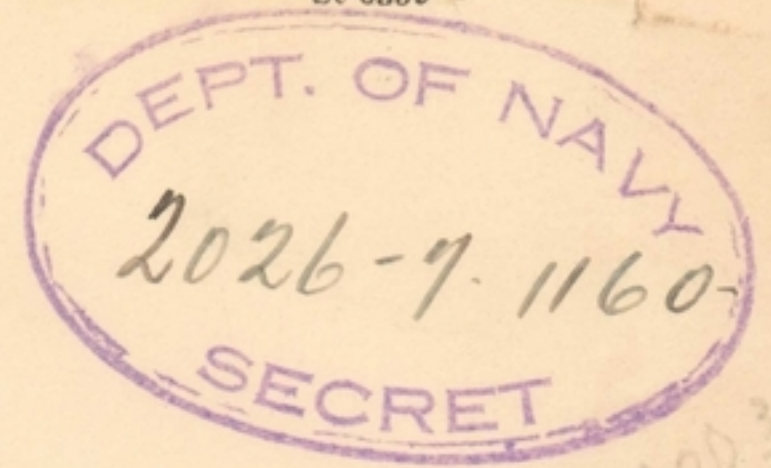
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 801.Date 1 August, 1944. Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_To The Secretary, The Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne; through  
Officer in Charge M.L.'s and N.O.I.C. New Guinea. Copy to The  
Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1944.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B.0238 section 2 (4) j, the following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. "M.L. 801" for the month of July 1944.

2. 1 July - alongside R.A.N. jetty, Milne Bay. A/S auxiliary engine removed by base staff. 4 to 6 July - minor defects being attended to. Methyl Cromide extinguishers replaced in engine room. 7 July - Proceeded on one hours trial with new main engines. 9 July - Carried out main engine and armament trials. Took Engineer Lieut. to Balisana slipway. Engines satisfactory except for electrical generating system. 14 July - A/S amplifier taken by base staff for "M.L.1338". 16 July - Made test runs on measured mile. 17 July - Proceeded to oil wharf to refuel. 18 July - Went to Balisana and return with B.E.O. 19 July - Went to Balisana and return with E.R.A's. 21 July - To Balisana with rudder of "H.D.M.L.1325". Returned Milne Bay. 24 to 25 July - Ammunitioning and attending to defects. 26 July - Received orders (N.O.I.C. Milne Bay 260347Z) to search for wreckage along south coast west of Eagle Point, slipped and proceeded. 28 July - Carrying out search. 29 July - At Port Moresby for refuelling etc. 30 July - Sailed from Port Moresby and continued search. 31 July - Continued search to Macfarlane harbour.

3. Separate report will be submitted on completion of searching operation still in progress.

4. The health and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory. Fumigation is still urgently required.

5. Condition of the ship. Considerable amount of painting was done during month and minor repair work done by base staff. The repair of several defects is incomplete, and others have failed to stand up to sea going conditions. Replacement of galley stove is a necessity. It is now 9½ months since ship was slipped.

6. Statistics.

Distance steamed during month	.....	699.5 miles.
Hours under way		69 hours.
Average consumption of fuel per mile		3.37 gals per mi
Total distance steamed since commissioning		21,873.5 miles
Average speed "	"	11 knots.
Total hours under way "	"	1,993 hours

(Signed) *J. H. [Signature]*  
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.L.801.

11.  
The Naval Officer in Charge,  
New Guinea.

Submitted in accordance with A.C.N.B.0238 section 2 (4) h, the following remarks on the above report.

A new aladdin stove was fitted in this ship in June but the burners are not standing up to wear in spite of constant attention. No spare burners for these stoves have come to hand yet.

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,

18 SEP 1944

NEW GUINEA.

*[Signature]*  
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.  
STAFF OFFICER FAIRMILES NEW GUINEA.

FROM

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L.801

DATE

1st June, 1944

TO

The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.  
Through Officer-in-Charge, M.L's New Guinea and  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea.  
Copy to the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"

SUBJECT

REPORT OF PROCEEDING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944

Submitted in accordance with the provisions of C.C.N.O.97/43 and A.C.B.0238 section 2 (4) (j) the following report of proceedings for the month of May 1944.

May 1st Carrying out survey work in the vicinity of Hummock and Watts Islands. Anchored off Watts Island.

May 2nd Carrying out Survey work in the vicinity of Cape Venenat and Dawson Island. A fire was reported in the galley at 1700L which destroyed the stove.

May 3rd. Proceeded to Normandy Island and thence to R.A.N. wharf. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Koopaa".

May 4th Fuelled and assisted with landing of Q Boats from Oil Tanker. Secured alongside R.A.N. wharf.

May 5th - 6th Assisted with Q boats. Secured 1138 RAN wharf

May 7th - 10th Ships alongside R.A.N. Wharf.

May 11th - 12th Pilot duty in China Straits.

May 13th Returned to R.A.N. wharf.

May 14th Fire enquiry held at Ladava.

May 15th -31st Alongside R.A.N. wharf at Ladava awaiting new engines, complete electrical re-wiring, defects, asbestos lining of galley and alterations and additions.

Statistics

Distance steamed during month 494 miles.

Hours under way during month 44 hours.

Average consumption gal of fuel 21.6 gallons per mile.

Total distance steamed since commissioning 21174 miles at an average speed of 11 knots.

Total hours under way from date of commissioning to 31st May 1944 is 1924 hours.

(Sdg) K McKerihan  
Commanding Officer

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
New Guinea

Submitted

*R. Breyden*

Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R  
Officer-in-Charge, M.L's

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'RUSHCUTTER', H.M.A.S. 801

1st June, 1944

FROM  
DATE

The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne,  
Through Officer-in-Charge, M.I.'s New Guinea and  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea,  
Copy to the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. 'RUSHCUTTER'

TO

SUBJECT REPORT ON PROCEEDING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1944

Submitted in accordance with the provisions of G.C.N.O. 271  
and A.C.B. 0238 section 2 (4) (j) the following report of proceedings  
for the month of May 1944.

May 1st Carrying out survey work in the vicinity of Hunkock  
and Watta Islands. Anchored off Watta Island.

May 2nd Carrying out survey work in the vicinity of Cape  
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which destroyed the stove.

May 3rd Proceeded to Normandy Island and thence to R.A.N.  
wharf, Secured alongside H.M.A.S. 'Kooja'.

May 4th Fuelled and assisted with landing of 9 boats from  
Oli Tanker, Secured alongside R.A.N. wharf.

May 5th - 6th Assisted with 8 boats. Secured 1138 RAN wharf

May 7th - 10th Ships alongside R.A.N. wharf.

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new engines, complete electrical re-wiring, defects, asbestos lining of  
galley and alterations and additions.

Statistics

Total hours under way from date of commissioning to 31st May  
1944 is 1924 hours.  
an average speed of 11 knots.  
Total distance steamed since commissioning 2174 miles at  
Average consumption gal of fuel 21.6 gallons per mile.  
Hours under way during month 44 hours.  
Distance steamed during month 494 miles.

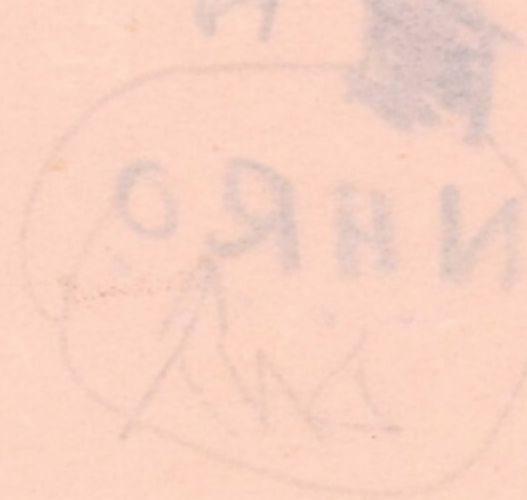
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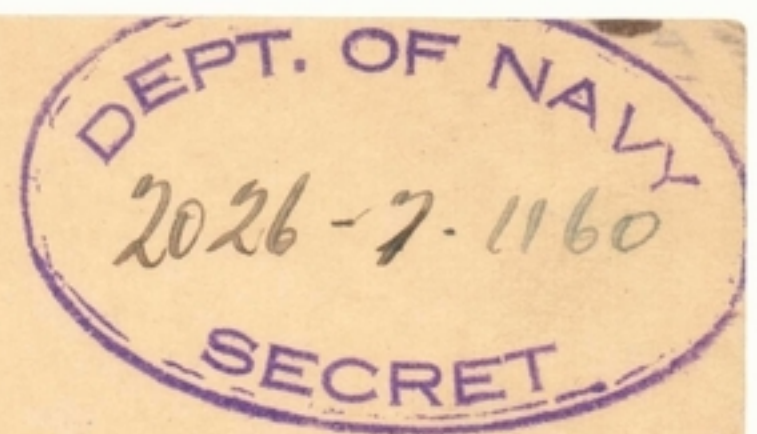
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FROM The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 801

DATE 1st. May 1944



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The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne  
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SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1944

Submitted in accordance with the provisions of C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B.0238 Section 2 (4) (j), the following report of proceedings for the month of April 1944

1. April 1st. Slipped 0600 and proceeded with S.O.M.L. to U.S.S. "Eurayle" to escort submarine to practice area for exercises. Exercises were conducted by attendant M.L's except M.L. 801 who was without A/S apparatus.

April 2nd. Proceeded at 0600 to take target in tow to practice area for U.S. Submarine and U.S. Destroyer practice shoot. Returned Kanakopa 1600K and returned Gilli Gilli 0800L/3rd.

April 3rd. Proceeded Kanakopa and embarked Lieutenant Woodruff (U.S.N.) and commenced search for Sono Buoys. At 1630L received signal that Stoker I. C. J. Jones had died as a result of injuries. 1645 Proceeded Kanakopa and secured.

2. April 4th. 0600L. Slipped and proceeded Gilli. Ship's Company ashore to attend funeral.

3. April 5th. 1015L. Proceeded to Bellisana on goodwill trip with U.S. officers and R.A.A.F. personnel on board. Returned and secured Ladava 1830L.

April 6th. Slipped from "Koopu" and proceeded to submarine practice area for exercises. M.L. 801 did not participate in A/S exercises as apparatus was defective.

April 7th. Fuelled ship and remained at R.A.N. Jetty.

April 8th. Proceeded in accordance with signal from O.C.M.L's to H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" to be attached indefinitely for Survey duty

4. April 8th.-30th. Vessel engaged on Survey duties carrying out triangulation Survey of the area at the Eastern end of Milne Bay including the Lasienne Islands, the Enginier Group Islands and the South side of Normanby Island.

The work was satisfactorily carried out and the M.L. was considered a suitable type of vessel for the work in hand. Many uncharted islands and reefs were investigated and fixed and it is considered that this vessel could be fitted with echo sounder and thereby take a greater part in this work.

5. Statistics

1. Total engine hours since commissioning	1880 hours
2. Estimated average speed since commissioning	11 knots
3. Sea miles traversed	20,680 miles
4. Total fuel consumption	40,725 gals.
5. Average consumption gallons per miles	21.6
6. Average consumption gallons per hour	1.9

(sgd) R.L. CARNE  
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A.M.L. 801

*Submitted*

*R. Breyden Lt. Cdr. R.A.N.R.*

*O.C.M.L's*  
~~The Naval Officer-in-charge,~~  
New Guinea

*per R. Jones Lt.*

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From : The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L.801.  
To : The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, M.Ls New Guinea; Naval Officer  
Date : Ref. No. -in-Charge, N.G.

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1944.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and N.O.L.059439 dated 27th. October 1942, the following Report of Proceedings for month of March 1944.

- 1 - 7th. March : Vessel engaged on A/S Patrol duty at Lae.
- 7-8th. March : Vessel provided additional escort for Convoy to Lae and Buna ; from Buna proceeded independently to Milne Bay securing "Ladava" 1845L/8th.
- 8-10th. March : Alongside H.M.A.S. "Koopu" for engine attention.
- 11th. March : Slipped at 0955 for Mei Mei Ara carrying stores Returned "Ladava" 1645L/11th.
- 12th. March : Proceeded at 1040L to relieve M.L.818 in China Straits engaged on Pilotage duties.
- 12th.-18th. March: Vessel engaged on Pilotage duties in China Straits.
- 18th. March : Was relieved by M.L. 818 at 1300L.; returned to "Ladava" securing at 1600L.
- 19th. March : Delivered stores to Mei Mei Ara and proceeded to Kana-Kopa for duty.
- 19-26th. March : Vessel engaged in various duties as detailed by P.W.S.S.
- 26th. March : Relieved by M.L.818 and proceeded "Ladava" securing at 0720K/26th. At 1010K/26th. embarked stores for Mei-Mei-Ara and Brigadier Stinson with party of 5 Officers for passage to Quiara and intermediate ports returning "Ladava" securing 1944K.
- 27-28th. March : Necessary engine repairs being carried out by ship's staff at R.A.N. Jetty "Ladava".
- 28th-31st. March: Vessel engaged at Kanaope attached to X.D.O. Three Sonobuoys were recovered and extensive search carried out for other missing equipment throughout the whole area east of Milne Bay heads.

2. GENERAL.

During the month the general health of Ship's Company was good - one man (Sig. Davis) was landed at Lae for Medical attention returning on board when transport from Lae was available. Welfare and conduct of Ship's Company was good.

3.

The condition of the ship is such that while the hull and fittings are in excellent condition, the main engines are now so overworked that it is only by careful nursing and attention that the vessel is maintained in running order.

4.

Maximum effective speed is 12.6 knots.

5.

Total distance steamed since commissioning (29th. May 1943) ~~is~~ estimated ~~at~~ average speed of 11 knots is 18,700 miles.

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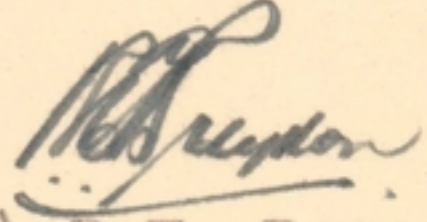
6. Total hours under way ~~z~~to end of this month is 1700 hours.
7. Total fuel consumption since commissioning 36.600 gallons  
Average fuel consumption per hour since ~~z~~commissioning 21.5 galls.  
Average fuel consumption gallons per mile 1.96.

(Sgd.) R.L. Carne.  
COMMANDING OFFICER M.L.801.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.

Submitted.

  
(Sgd.) R.E. Breydon  
Lieut. Commander R.A.N.R.  
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