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(The Commanding Officer H.M.A.M.L. 812 submission dated 20th November, 1945.)

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board the above final report of proceedings. My message D.T.G. 200940/November, 1945, refers to the paying off of this vessel.

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C. V. Usher

COMMODORE, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle.

Naval Staff Office,
Fremantle.
4th December, 1945.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 20TH NOVEMBER 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
(Copy direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A.M.L. 812 FOR NOVEMBER 1945.

Submitted :

The following is a Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 for the month of November 1945.

2. On the 1st of the month M.L. 812 was slipped at M.L. Base for removal of propellors and A/S dome, being unslipped on the 2nd. Fuel tanks were emptied on 6th and 7th and Base Staff commenced work on the main engines, the task of removing same was completed on 15th.

3. De-storing commenced on the 13th. All Radar, A/S & W/T equipment being dismantled and removed at the same time. By the 17th all store items, main and auxiliary engines, batteries and electrical fittings had been removed from the ship and returned to store, with the exception of fire extinguishers and hand bilge pumps.

4. The ship was inspected by Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin" on the 19th and M.L. 812 paid off p.m. that day.

5. Communication ratings are being discharged to H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin" forthwith, the remainder of the Ship's Company being retained for a short period for work in the M.L. Base, then being discharged to "Leeuwin" for disposal.

Distance steamed during month.	N I L.
Distance steamed during commission.	25,118 miles.
Hours under way during month.	N I L.
Hours under way during commission.	2,441 hours.
Engine hours for month. (Running down engines.)	2 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	40 galls.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1945.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. H.M.A.M.L.812 paid off into "F" Reserve Commission on 19th November 1945.

C. V. [illegible]

COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Naval Staff Office,
FREMANTLE.
20th November 1945.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 3RD NOVEMBER 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE. (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
(Copy direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF HMAML. 812 FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1945.

Submitted :

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of October 1945.

2. At 0715H/1st, M.L. 812 slipped from Bunbury Jetty and proceeded in company with M.Ls 815, 826 and 824 on passage to Busselton, arriving and anchoring off Busselton Jetty at 1030H/1st.

3. Anchor was weighed at 0700H/2nd and in company with M.Ls 815, 826 and 824 ship proceeded to Fremantle. At 1500H/2nd the Flotilla entered Fremantle Harbour and M.L. 812 secured at M.L. Base at 1520H.

4. M.L. 812 slipped at 0800H/3rd and proceeded with H.M.A.S. "Lismore" who carried out radar trials in Gage Roads. Trials were completed at 1010H and M.L. 812 returned to harbour securing at Base at 1110H.

5. M.L. 812 remained in harbour for the remainder of the month, during which time guns, ammunition and depth charges have been landed and returned to Store this being done preparatory to the ship paying off.

6. On 20th, 21st and 27th, M.L. 812 was open for inspection to purchasers of Fourth Victory Loan bonds.

7. During the month one Able Seaman has been drafted to H.M.A.S. "Moreton" on compassionate grounds and one Stoker to H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin" for demobilisation.

8. The health and morale of the Ship's Company during the month has been excellent.

Distance steamed during month.	175 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	25,118 miles.
Hours under way during month.	15 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2,441 hours.
Engine hours for month.	20 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	685 galls.

Av. steam for month 11.7
Fuel per hr 34.2

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDING FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945.
FROM COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812
DATED 3rd October, 1945.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board without comment.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Naval Staff Office,
FREMANTLE.
12th October, 1945.

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Naval Staff Office,
FREMANTLE.
15th October, 1942.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the
Naval Board without comment.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDING FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1942.
FROM COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 815
DATED 3rd October, 1942.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.

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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 3RD OCTOBER 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle,)
Copy direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A.M.L. 812 FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945.

Submitted :-

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of September 1945.

2. Refit was completed and ship became operational on the 3rd. In company with M.Ls 815, 824 and 826, ship proceeded at 0900H/5th to exercise in Cockburn Sound, returning to Base at 1650H.

3. On 8th the starboard engine was started for checking water leaks and after running for several minutes, the fly-wheel burst and in turn damaged the clutch mechanism. The Stoker suffered injuries to the right hand.

4. Work was commenced on 10th to remove the engine and the ship was laid up until 20th, a new engine having been fitted. Engine trials were carried out on this day satisfactorily.

5. M.L. 812 slipped at 0850H/27th and proceeded in company with M.Ls 815, 824 and 826 to Bunbury arriving, there at 1600H

6. Ship's Company were entertained by the people of Bunbury, and the ship was open for public inspection during the afternoons of 28th, 29th and 30th.

7. The health and morale of the Ship's Company has been excellent.

Distance steamed during month.	153 miles.
Distance steamde since commissioning.	24943 miles.
Hours under way during month.	16 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2426 hours.
Engine hours for month.	16 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	600 galls.

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Report it has been the practice in the past to use a Fairmile whose A/S was defective to tow the splash target for the Army.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 1ST SEPTEMBER 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE. (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
(Copy Direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDING OF H.M.A.M.L. 812 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1945.

Submitted.

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of August 1945.

2. The refit and engine change commenced in July was continued. During the month the new engines arrived and were found to include the latest modifications and required certain modifications in the engine room installations which were carried out without trouble. The radar auxillary engine which has consistently caused trouble was replaced by a new unit. Two main alterations and additions were effected, namely asbestos lining of the galley and fitting of a wardroom skylight. All water tanks were removed and some were found to be in an advanced state of rust. The sides and bottoms of these were renewed and the tanks have been replaced.

3. All guns and mountings were stripped and inspected by Ordnance Artificers. Modification of the Bofor mounting to prevent accumulation of salt water in the mounting was effected and the guns have now been returned.

4. On the 24th the A/S Oscillator unit was removed to replace a defective unit in M.L. 824 and it is proposed to return the target towing gear to M.L. 812 instead of taking an oscillator from an H.D.M.L.

5. Ammunition and depth charges were embarked on 31st and the ship is expected to be operational in two or three days.

6. Eastern States personnel have been on annual leave and natives have in most cases completed their leave allowance.

7. The ship did not put to sea during the month and apart from manouvring in harbour the engines have not been used.

8. The health efficiency and morale of the Ship's Company have been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

COMMANDING OFFICER
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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 1ST AUGUST 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle) (Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 1945.

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Submitted :-

The following is the report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of July 1945.

2. At 0800/3rd M.L. 812 proceeded with M.L. 824 to join company with M.L. 815 and H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE" to carry out a shoot with Patt. VI and sleeve target. Practice shoot ceased 1110 and carried out runs past "GYMPIE" for exercise returning to assume Standby duties at Hall Bank at 1325. Returned to Base 0850/4th.

3. At 0800/6th M.L. 812 came to immediate notice and remained alongside due to very heavy weather N.W. to W..

4. Standby duties were assumed at 0815H/10th ship securing to buoy at Hall Bank. Slipped and proceeded with splash target in tow at 1150. In position for first run at 1230 firing ship H.M.Submarine "STUBBORN". Practice concluded 1400 and secured at Hall Bank mooring buoy, 1540/10th. Slipped and proceeded 0730/ 11th. 0800/11th in position with splash target in tow for run with U.S.S. "COBIA" firing ship. 0840 shoot was cancelled firing ship found splash target unsatisfactory. Proceeded to harbour and secured at Base 1005.

5. M.L. 812 proceeded at 0700/12th with splash target, arriving in position for first run at 0750. 0845 U.S.S. "COBIA" firing ship cancelled practice. 1020H/12th M.L. 812 secured alongside at Base.

6. At 0830H/13th M.L. 812 proceeded . Splash target was streamed at 0840H. 0930H commenced runs with H.M.S. "TRUMP" and "TIPTOE" firing. At 1045H/13th practice concluded, M.L. 812 returned to Hall Bank and assumed Standby duties at 1150 returning to Base 0845H/14th.

7. At 0600H/16th proceeded in company with M.L. 1352 and commenced A/S Patrol 0630H. At 0815 Units of British Pacific Fleet entered Gage Roads and at 1030H M.L. 812 and M.L. 1352 were relieved by M.L's 815 and 824 in A/S Patrol. M.L. 812 and M.L. 1352 continued chain patrol round ships relieving M.L's 815 and 824 after six hours. At 1800H special ships weighed anchors and at 1900H were clear of fairway. 1925H M.L. 812 secured alongside at Base.

8. M.L. 812 proceeded at 0810H/17th in company with U.S.S. "CORPUS CHRISTI". H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" joined company at 1030H and submarine exercises with U.S.S."CAIMAN" commenced at 1110H. At 2245H exercises completed M.L. 812 returned to harbour. Anchored at Hall Bank at 0120H/18th as boom was closed. Secured at Base 0725H/18th.

9. On 20th the ship was moved under crane and depth charges were removed and ship was de-ammunitioned. A general refit and engine change was commenced. During the month the remainder of the Radar was installed and apart from the auxilliary engine it was found to work satisfactorily.

10. A/S ratings and gunnery ratings were given training at H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN" during the month and at the commencement of the refit the Commanding Officer and three interstate Ratings proceeded on annual leave. Natives of the port have also been permitted to take the remainder of their annual leave.

11. The health efficiency and morale of the ships company have been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

K.A. Bowden
Lieut RANVR
for COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A. M.L. 812

Distance steamed during month.	555 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	24790 miles.
Hours under way during month.	51 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2410 hours
Engine hours for month.	49 hours
Fuel consumption for month	1277 galls.

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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board without comment.

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NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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The Secretary,
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NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA.

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 2ND JULY 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through NOIC. Fremantle)
(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT : MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE 1945.

Submitted :

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of June 1945.

At 0815H/1st ML 812 proceeded from Base to Hall Bank, and anchoring there assumed duties of A/S Standby Vessel. At 0515H/2nd anchor was weighed and ship proceeded to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "LIZZARDFISH" off Rottnest Island and provide escort to harbour. On completion of this duty ML 812 returned to Base, securing at 0915H.

ML 812 proceeded at 0815H/4th to assume Standby duties at Hall Bank, returning to Base at 0845H/5th being relieved by ML 824. At 0815H/7th ship proceeded to Hall Bank for Standby duties returning to Base at 0900H/8th. ML 812 came to immediate notice at 0800H/10th and at 1010H proceeded to vicinity of Fairway Buoy to identify shipping entering and leaving. Visibility cleared at 1430 and owing to heavy weather conditions, returned to Base, securing at 1530 and remaining at immediate notice until 0800H/11th.

At 0700H/13th ML 812 in company with ML 815 proceeded to carry out A/S patrol around H.M.S. "HOWE" in Gage Roads. Owing to a defect in the A/S auxiliary motor and being unable to charge A/S batteries, ML 812 was relieved at 1450H/14th and returned to Base.

Normal Standby duties were assumed at 0815H/16th, ship anchoring at Hall Bank, weighing and proceeding at 2100H/16th to rendezvous with R.N.N. Submarine "ZWAARD - FISCH" off Rottnest Island and to provide escort to harbour. This duty completed ML 812 returned to Base at 0245H/17, ML 824 having taken over Standby duties.

ML 812 proceeded at 0815H/20th to Hall Bank to assume S tandby duties. Owing to weather conditions anchor was weighed at 0440H/21st and ship remained underway until return to Base 0835H/21st.

On 21st Lieut. D.W. Bowden R.A.N.V.R. assumed duties of 1st. Lieut., Sub./Lieut. Scrivenor R.A.N.R. being discharged to H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN".

At 0800H/22nd ML 812 came to immediate notice, remaining at Base owing to heavy N.W. weather prevailing.

At 1530H/22nd a report was received through Naval Staff Office from R.N.N. Submarine " O- 19 ", of a suspicious object believed to be a floating mine had been sighted in the vicinity of Hall Bank Buoy. ML 812 proceeded to investigate this report, the object being found to be a mooring buoy which had been laid several days previously. ML 812 secured at Base at 1630H remaining at immediate notice.

In company with ML 815, ML 812 proceeded at 0810H/24th to carry out A/S Patrol around H.M.S. "DUKE OF YORK" in Gage Roads. Patrol was maintained until 1800H/25th when ML 812 returned to harbour securing at Base at 1830H.

At 0900H/26th ship was slipped to inspect underwater fittings, there being some untoward vibrations being observed. The port propellor was slightly bent on the tip and the starboard "A" bracket bearing a slightly excessive clearance. The propellor was straightened, and the bearing left in abeyance until next refit. Ship was unslipped at 1630H/26th.

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With Army personnel aboard ML 812 slipped at 0815H/27th and proceeded to Swanbourne area to tow a splash target for 6" Coastal Battery. Firings were completed at 0940H and ship closed harbour entrance to disembark Army personnel. Standby duties at Hall Bank were then assumed. Anchor was weighed at 0825H/28th and ship returned to Base.

At 0815H/30th ML 812 proceeded to Hall Bank securing to mooring buoy and Standby duties assumed.

During the month work was in hand installing auxiliary motor for Radar battery charging. Owing to continued mechanical trouble with this motor, the completion of Radar installations has been prevented. It is now proposed to charge the Radar Batteries from the Ship's supply generator until such time that the Radar auxiliary motor is functioning satisfactorily.

Advantage has been taken to send A/S ratings to the recently installed A/S attack teacher at H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN" and this training will further increase their efficiency.

The health, efficiency and morale of the Ship's Company has been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

Distance steamed during month.	1045 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	24235 miles.
Hours under way during month.	99 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2359 hours.
Engine hours for month.	66 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	1943 galls.

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, without comment.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.L. 815
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1942.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith the Report of Proceedings of H.M.L. 815 for the month of May, 1942.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA.

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L.812.

DATE : 1ST JUNE, 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (THROUGH NOIC FREMANTLE)
(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board)

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A.M.L.812 - MAY 1945.

Submitted:

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 during the month of May 1945.

On 1st May the work of securing a motor powered winch on the quarterdeck was completed by Australian Army personnel and at 1400 M.L. 812 proceeded on towing trials. A small wooden splash target was towed on 100 fathoms of 1¼" F.S.W.R. at 15 knots successfully, and ship returned to M.L. Base at 1515.

At 1830H/2nd M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded with Army personnel aboard to tow splash target for 6 pdr. battery shoot from North and South Harbour Moles. On completion of shoot target was towed to Swanbourne where the Coastal Artillery Searchlights conducted a target following exercise, which was concluded at 2130, ship securing at M.L.Base at 2206. M.L. 812 slipped from Base at 0700H/3rd with Army rake and signal party aboard, and proceeded to Swanbourne area where 18 pdr. batteries carried out practice firings at splash target. During this exercise four targets were lost, targer capsizing in the beam seas and diving to the bottom. Firings were completed at 1115H and ship returned to Harbour entrance where Army personnel were disembarked. M.L. 812 then proceeded to Hall Bank and anchored assuming A/S standby duties. Anchor was weighed at 1840H and another target following exercise was carried out with Swanbourne searchlights, returning to anchor at Hall Bank on completion at 2020H. At 0758H/4th anchor was weighed and ship closed Harbour entrance and Army personnel embarked and a metal float type splash target taken in tow. 18 pdr. batteries at Swanbourne again carried out practice firings and on completion M.L. 812 returned to harbour, passing the tow of the target to Army motor boat at Harbour entrance. Ship secured at M.L. Base at 1240H remaining there until 0815H/6th, proceeding then to take over A/S standby duties, anchoring at Hall Bank at 0840H. At 0745H/7th anchor was weighed and M.L. 812 proceeded in company with U.S.S/M. "BUGARA" to exercise area and carried out independent exercises until 1420H when both ships returned to harbour. M.L. 812 secured at M.L. Base at 1615H. The 8th was spent in harbour.

M.L. 812 proceeded at 0700H/9th in company with U.S.S/M. "LAMPREY" to exercise area and carried out independent exercises. Exercise concluded at 1408H and on return to Gage Roads M.L. 812 assumed A/S standby duties, anchoring at Hall Bank at 1634H. Anchor was weighed at 1146H and ship proceeded with U.S.S. "LAMPREY" to carry out further independent exercises. On completion at 1520H both ships returned to harbour, M.L. 812 securing at M.L. Base at 1710H, remaining there until 0430H/12th, slipping to proceed with M.L. 815 to rendezvous with U.S.S. "CORPUS CHRISTI" and U.S.S/M "CHUB" in exercise area. At 0610H an electrical defect developed in main switchboard and to prevent arcing speed was reduced to 6 knots. M.L. 812 withdrew from exercise and returning to harbour securing at Base at 0940H and defect made good, proceeding again at 1200H to take over A/S standby duties, anchoring at Hall Bank at 1234H. When relieved by M.L. 826 at 0825H/13th, M.L. 812 returned to harbour securing at Base.

At 0815H/15, M.L. 812 proceeded to relieve M.L. 1352 on A/S patrol outside loop system, maintaining patrol until 0815H/16th being relieved by M.L. 815. M.L. 812 took over the inner patrol, outside Harbour entrance and at 1115H was recalled to harbour because of heavy weather conditions, proceeding again to inner patrol at 1600H.

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M.L. 1352 took over patrol at 0840H/17th and M.L. 812 returned to Base, remaining there until 0815H/19th proceeding then to take over A/S standby duties. At 1650H, ship was recalled to harbour and at 1854H slipped and proceeded to Rottnest Island with Secret Hand Messages. On completion of this duty ship returned to anchor at Hall Bank, being relieved by M.L. 1352 at 0836H/20th and returned to Base.

At 1230H/21st M.L. 812 proceeded with Army personnel and took target in tow for practice firings (18 pdr.) from Bickley battery at Rottnest Island. Practice concluded at 1540 and after recovering target which was badly damaged returned to harbour, slipping again at 1830H to carry out searchlight exercise with the Harbour battery. M.L. 812 secured at Base at 2225H, slipping again at 0815H/22nd to carry out Range and Inclination exercise with Bickley battery, returning to Base at 1200H to disembark Army personnel, proceeding again at 1307H for further Range and Inclination exercise which concluded at 1550H and ship returned to Base.

On 21st a leak developed in water jacketing of port reduction gear and on 23rd the towing winch was transferred to M.L. 824 and repairs were carried out by Base Staff. It was found that the core plug in the forward end of the jacket had corroded through.

M.L. 812 slipped at 0815H/25th and took over A/S standby duties, anchoring at Hall Bank at 0845H returning to harbour on relief at 0850H/26th.

M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded at 0900H/28th in company with H.M.A.S. "GYMPIE", M.Ls. 815, 824 and 1352 to carry out low angle firings on Patt.VI target. After firing 16 rounds of 40 m.m. thepractice was secured owing to breakage of striker springs. During passage to and from firing area, M.Ls carried out manoeuvring exercises. M.L. 812 secured at M.L. Base at 1240H.

At 0700H/29th M.L. 812 proceeded with M.L. 824 to carry out A/S patrol in Gage Roads covering entry of H.M. Aircraft Carrier to harbour. At 1030H M.L. 812 anchored at Hall Bank assuming A/S standby duties until relieved by M.L. 824 at 0825H/30th, securing at M.L. Base at 0852H.

The remainder of the month was spent in harbour.

Since M.L. 812 has been engaged more regularly in exercising with U.S. & H.M. Submarines a considerable increase in efficiency of A/S operators has been noted. These exercises provide valuable training for the ships company.

The health, efficiency and morale of the ships company during the month has been of a satisfactory standard.

Distance steamed during month.	1287 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	23190 miles.
Hours under way during month.	119 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2260 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	3203 galls.

D.C. Phillips.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N. R.
COMMANDING OFFICER - M.L.812.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA.

FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE : 1ST MAY, 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.(THROUGH NOIC.FREMANTLE)

SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF M.L. 812 DURING MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

Submitted is a report on proceedings of M.L. 812 during the month of April, 1945.

The 1st and 2nd April were spent in harbour, and at 0555/3rd M.L. 812 proceeded for exercises with a submarine. These exercises were completed at 1145 and the ship returned to the M.L. Base securing at 1350.

At 1000/4th, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded with M.L. 824 for exercises with a U.S. frigate and submarine. Exercise was completed at 2310, when the two M.L's returned to Gage Roads anchoring at Hall Bank at 0135/5th.

M.L. 812 relieved M.L. 826 on patrol at 0752/5th. The patrol lasted until 0500/6th when the ship proceeded to exercise with a U.S. submarine completing the exercise at 1030 and proceeding to harbour where M.L. 812 secured at M.L. Base at 1400. Whilst proceeding to harbour in company with submarine on completion of exercise, heavy seas broke adrift a Bofors ready use locker, speed was reduced and M.L. 812 detached and proceeded independently.

The 7th was spent in harbour.

M.L. 812 relieved M.L. 826 on patrol at 0852/8th and at 0600/9th proceeded to exercise with an American escort vessel and two submarines. Owing to a serious leakage of oil from the port clutch saddle joint, M.L.812 was forced to withdraw from exercise at 1430, securing at M.L. Base at 1815 and repairs effected.

The 10th was spent in harbour, part of Ship's Company proceeding to H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN" for inspection by Their Royal Highnesses, Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

At 0640/11th, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to exercise area, owing to bad weather, rendezvous was not kept with submarine and the ship was ordered to return to patrol at 0952. Patrol was assumed at 1315, securedto Hall Bank buoy. At 0435/12th, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded for exercises with a U.S. escort vessel and submarine. The exercise was completed at 1030, when the ship proceeded and anchored East of Cape Vlaming, Rottnest Island at 1215. At 1450, M.L. 812 weighed and proceeded to rendezvous with a R.N. submarine at 1530, providing escort to Gage Roads, then entering harbour, securing at 1720. Whilst engaged on this duty the port outer exhaust manifold was blown, repairs being effected on return to harbour.

The 13th was spent in harbour, during which time the ship was completely fumigated by Quarantine Officers.

At 1228/14, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to relieve M.L. 826 on standby patrol at Hall Bank, patrol being assumed at 1324 and continued till 0849/15th when the ship returned to harbour, securing at 0920. Standby patrol was again assumed at 1340/15th, continuing until 0910/16th when M.L. 812 secured at M.L. Base.

The 17th was spent in harbour.

At 0645/18th, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to exercise with U.S. Submarine, completing the exercise at 1118, then proceeding to rendezvous position to provide escort for a U.S. Submarine into Gage Roads, securing at M.L. Base at 1455.

The ship was slipped at M.L. Base on 19th to have skin fittings for Radar auxiliary engine fitted and unslipped again at 1350.

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Standby patrol was assumed at 0750/20th, and at 1340 M.L. 812 proceeded to identify a ship off Rottnest Island, this duty completed, M.L. 812 resumed standby patrol at 1518. Whilst returning to patrol position, the port inner and outer exhaust manifolds were cracked and the port inner cylinder head gasket developed a leak. These defects were made good on returnto harbour on 21st.

At 0637/21st, M.L. 812 returned to harbour, securing at M.L. Base at 0702.

The 22nd was spent in harbour, and standby patrol was assumed at 0840/23. Slipping at 0624, M.L. 812 proceeded to provide escort into Gage Roads for H.M. Submarine and on completion returned to M.L. Base, securing at 0930.

At 0827/25th, M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded in company with M.L's 826, 824 and 1352 for a surface shoot at Pitt VI target, returning to M.L. Base and securing at 1241.

At 0839/26th, standby patrol was assumed, lasting till 0830/27th when M.L. 812 returned to harbour securing at 0850.

The 28th was spent in harbour.

Standby patrol was assumed at 0840/29th, lasting till 0820/30th when M.L. 812 returned to harbour, securing at 0847. During 30th, Army personnel fitted a motor winch on quarter deck for target towing, and base staff O.A's lifted Bofors gun to service training mechanism.

During the month several engine defects as mentioned above have developed. These have not been of a serious nature and are largely due to the fact that the engines are now due to be changed and that during exercises with U.S. Submarines, high speeds have to be maintained.

The health, efficiency and morale of the ships company has been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

Distance steamed during month.	1347 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	21903 miles.
Hours under way during month.	128 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2141 hours.
Fuel consumption for month.	3[illegible]18 galls.

L.G. Phillips.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER - M.L. 812.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS M.L. 812
MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. The matter of the supply of 7 inch Cowell Hand Signalling lanterns is the subject of a separate submission.

COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.L.812

DATE: 2nd. April, 1945.

TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle)
(Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A. M.L.812 FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1945

Submitted:

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.812 for the month of March, 1945.

2. From 1st until 0500H/3rd M. L.812 was engaged on A/S patrol duties which were relinquishe d to provide A/S escort for U.S. Submarine, returning to patrol at 0720H, being relieved by M.L.826 at 0915H, ship then returning to harbour, remaining at M.L. Base until 0815H/9th. At 0815H/9 proceeded to relieve M.L.815 on A/S patrol. Patrol was maintained until 0900H/12, being relieved by M.L.824, when ship returned to harbour. The period from 12th to 17th was spent in harbour, the ship proceeding at 0815H/18th to relieve M.L.815 on A/S patrol. M.L.812 proceeded at 0500H/ 19th from patrol station to provide A/S escort to harbour for U.S. Submarine, returning to patrol at 0720H/19th.

3. At 2030H/19th R/T transmitter became defective and at 1015H/ 20th M.L.812 closed the North Mole, where W/T Base Staff boarded and replaced transmitter unit. Patrol was resumed at 1200H.

4. M.L.812 was relieved by M.L . 824 at 0900H/21st and ship returned to harbour.

5. Slipped from Base at 0610H/22nd and proceeded to rendezvous with Dutch submarine and provide A/S escort to harbour. Submarine arrived at rendezvous position at 1525H, having been delayed on passage, and proceeded to harbour. Secured at Base at 1725H/22.

6. At 0930H/26th M.L.812 was slipped at M.L. Base for repairs to water intake for A/S auxiliary engine. Repairs were effected and ship was unslipped at 1720H.

7. At 0830H/27th M.L.812 slipped and proceeded in company with U.S.S. S.C.729 for gunnery practice shoot. Firings were carried out at Patt.VI target with Bofors and Oerlikon guns, and observations of fall of shot were satisfactory.

8. M.L.812 relieved M.L.826 ~~relieved~~ on A/S patrol at 1315H/27th. Patrol duties were carried out until 0850H/30th, when M.L.812 was relieved by M.L.824, and returned to harbour, remaining at M.L. Base for remainder of the month.

9. On several occasions during the month defects developed in the R/T transmitter unit requiring W/T Base Staff services for repairs. These defects were largely due to deck leaks above W/T cabin and every endeavour is being made to rectify leakage.

10. On 29th tests were carried out with 7-inchCowell Hand signalling Lantern which proved to be more satisfactory than the Patt. 5110D Lantern at present fitted, and it is recommended that the Cowell Lantern be adopted for M.L's.

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11. The health, efficiency and morale of the ship's company has been maintained at a satisfactory standard during the month.

Distance steamed during the month	2908 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	20556 miles
Hours under way during month	288 hours
Hours und er way since commissionin g	2013 hours
Fuel consumption for month	5600 galls

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A. M.L. 812

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A. M.L. 812.

Date 4th March, 1945. *Reference No.*

To Secretary Naval Board, Melbourne.

Subject "REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A M.L. 812 FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945.

Submitted: The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 812 during the month of February 1945.

On the 1st of the month the ship was on the slip continuing refit and on the 4th was unslipped and secured alongside. The refit terminated on 27th. During refit various outstanding Alterations & Additions were completed, of these the main items were the fitting of S.O. Type Radar, the replacement of the A.B.K unit by type 253 (I.F.F.), installation of Loud Hailer and the alteration to the cowl ventilation. An additional voice pipe was fitted from the bridge to the midship gun. Whilst on the slips, new bearings were fitted to port and starboard "A" bracket bearings and grease lines to these bearings were renewed. The engines were top overhauled and all auxiliary machinery serviced. All batteries were removed from ship for testing and a new set of A/S batteries supplied.

All guns and mountings were stripped and inspected by Ordnance Artificers. Amatol filled depth charges were replaced by Minol filled charges.

The work of installing Radar equipment was carried out by Port Radar Base Staff and employees of PostMaster-General's Dept., and that of altering ventilation and fitting of new voice pipe by the State Engineering Works.

On the 22nd the A/S oscillator unit was transferred from M.L. 1340 to M.L. 812 but this unit was found to be of low insulation and a new unit was fitted on the 23rd.

Depth charges were embarked on the 24th and on the 26th the 1st Lieutenant and Bofors gun's crew proceeded to Gunnery School "LEEUWIN" and then to Rous Head Range for Bofors instruction.

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On the 28th at 0720 H. compass adjuster boarded and at 0750 H. M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to Hall Bank Buoy where ship was swung and compasses adjusted. At 1030 H. the compass adjuster was disembarked and engine trials were carried out. M.L. 812 then proceeded to relieve M.L. 815 on A/S patrol, taking over patrol duties at 1100H.

During the month leave was granted to Ldg. Stoker, four A.B's, and Sig. Bishop was demobilised for a period of two months as from 15th February.

The health, efficiency and morale of the ship's company has been maintained at a satisfactory standard.

Distance steamed during month.	145 Miles
" " since commissioning	17.648 Miles
Hours under way during month	16 Hours.
" " since commissioning	1.725 Hours
Fuel consumption for the month	230 galls.

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A. M.L. 812

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board without comment.

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NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A. M.L. 812

3rd February 1945

Senior Officer Motor Launches (Copy to Naval Board)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF H.M.A. M.L. 812 FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1945.

Submitted is the report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 812 during the month of January 1945.

1. From the 1st until the 3rd M.L. 812 was in harbour. On the 2nd, Lieut. D.G. Phillips R.A.N.R. resumed Command relieving Lieut. S.J. Davis R.A.N.V.R. M.L. 812 slipped at 0815H/4th to take over stand by duties returning to harbour 0930H/5th.

2. M.L. 812 slipped at 0815/6th to take over A/S Patrol duties returning to harbour 0930/9th, where she remained until 0815/11th when she proceeded to take over patrol returning to Base 1115/12th.

3. M.L. 812 remained in harbour until the 15th when she proceeded to take over patrol. At 2345/17th M.L. 812 was relieved on normal patrol station and proceeded to special patrol in Cage Roads returning to harbour 0730/18th.

4. M.L. 812. Commenced refitting on the 19th. She was slipped for general maintenance and overhaul on the 22nd remaining on the slip for the rest of the month.

5. During refit period opportunity was taken to grant leave to ships company. Throughout the month the general health, discipline and morale of ships company has been good.

Distance steamed during month 1.630 miles.
" " since commissioning 17.503 miles.
Hours under way during month 161 hours.
" " " since commissioning 1709 hours.

COMMANDING OFFICER
H.M.A. M.L. 812

D.G. Phillips.
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.

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Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN

Forwarded herewith for your information.

F. D. Wallis
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
S.O. MOTOR LAUNCHES

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board. The accident reported in paragraph 7 was in the nature of a minor bump under difficult circumstances and I have not thought it necessary to bring it specially to the notice of the Naval Board.

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From Commanding Officer "M/L 812"

Date 3rd. January, 1945 *Reference No.*

To Senior Officer Motor Launches.

Subject "REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF "M/L 812" DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1944:"

(Copy to Naval Board)

Submitted is the report of proceedings of H.M.A. "M/L 812" during the month of December, 1944.

2. From 0820/1st. to 0945/4th "M/L 812" carried out A/S Patrol; a fault in the A/S Auxiliary engine made it necessary to return to the M/L Base for one hour on the 2nd. for repairs.

3. Exercises were carried out with a U.S. Submarine on the 5th. and the Ship returned to the M/L Base at 1724.

4. The period 6th - 9th was spent in harbour, and A/S Standby duties were assumed at 0840/10th. A special patrol was carried out for H.M.S. "HOWE" from 1820/10th to 2000/11th and "M/L 812" secured at the M/L Base at 0945/13th.

5. The ship remained in harbour till 2135/16th when she proceeded to relieve "M/L 815" on A/S Patrol. At 0256/17th "M/L 812" proceeded with"M/L 826" to Standby H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY and H.M. Submarine "SEA ROVER", escorting them to Gage Roads. Patrol was then re-assumed until 1020 when "M/L 826" took over, and "M/L 812" returned to the M/L Base securing at 1102/17th.

6. At 0550/19th "M/L 812" slipped and proceeded to carry out exercises with a U/S. Submarine until 2030, when A/S patrol was assumed until relieved by "S.C. 739" at 1358/20th Standby duties then being assumed. "M/L 812" secured at the M/L Base at 0755/22nd.

7. From 22nd. - 28th the ship remained in harbour, slipping at 0817/28th to take over patrol at 0900. At 1725 "SC.739" came alongside to pass hand messages, and damage was caused to the Port Flare of "M/L 812". At 0808/30th "M/L 812" secured at M/L Base for repairs to Starboard Engine, resuming patrol at 1350/30th.

8. "YMS 11" took over patrol at 0900/31st. and "M/L 812" returned to the M/L Base.

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9. During the month leave was granted to one A/B, and the H.S.D. returned from leave.

10. The Standard of health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory.

Distance steamed during month.	2,911	Miles.
" " since commissioning	15,873	"
Hours under way during month.	291½	Hours
" " since commissioning.	1,548	"
Fuel Consumption for Month.	4,894	Galls.

COMMANDING OFFICER

D. A. Phillips.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A. "M/L 812"

Date 1st. December, 1944 *Reference No.*

To Senior Officer Motor Launches (Copy for Sec. Naval Board.)

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Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF "M/L 812" FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1944.

Submitted is a report of proceedings of "M/L 812" for the month of November, 1944.

1. On the first "M/L 812" relieved on patrol duties for the day returning to harbour at 1430/1st.

2. The ship was in harbour on the 2nd. and 3rd. She slipped at 0647/4th to escort U.S. Submarine whilst on exercises. At 1652/4th She took over stand by duties returning to harbour 0900/7th.

3. "M/L 812" proceeded to Garden Island. for special duties 0800/8th returning 1746/9th.

4. "M/L 812" was in harbour from 10th until 13th, when she took over A/S patrol duties. Returning to base at 0940/16th, where she remained until the 22nd

5. At 0622/22 "M/L 812" slipped from base to escort a Submarine to exercise area and return. 1400/22nd. "M/L 812" took over Stand by duties returning to base 0900/25th remaining there until the end of the month.

6. On 27th all Mk VII depth charge pistols were removed and replaced by Mk. VIII's.

7. On all occasions of escorting Submarines A/S exercises were carried out, good results being obtained The H.S.D. was granted long leave during the month. The Standard of health, morale and conduct of the ships company during the month has been satisfactory.

Distance steamed during the month	=	2,106 Miles
" " since commissioning	=	12,962 "
Hours under way during the Month.	=	212.5 Hours
" " " since commissioning	=	1256.5 "

S. J. Davis Lieut.
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir,

Herewith is attached a copy of the letter of proceedings of H.M.A.S. M.L. 812 for the month of October 1944.

COMMANDING OFFICER
S. J. Davis. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.
H.M.A. M.L. 812

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M/L 812"

Date 1st. November, 1944 *Reference No.*

To Senior Officer Motor Launches

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF "M/L 812" DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1944 :

Submitted is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. "M/L 812" during the month of October, 1944.

1. On 1st. and 2nd. October "M/L 812" was on A/S patrol and on 3rd. provided A/S escort for a merchant ship.

2. The ship was in harbour on 4th October and provided A/S escort for a merchant ship on 5th returning to patrol at 1710. Escort was provided for a merchant ship on 6th October and the patrol resumed at 1734 until 2120 when "M/L 812" returned to the M/L Base.

3. The 7th October was spent in harbour and A/S patrol commenced again on 8th lasting till 11th October. On 10th A/S escort was provided for a Submarine.

4. Exercises were carried out with a Submarine on 12th October then the period 13th - 16th was spent in harbour. A/S standby duties were taken over by "M/L 812" on 17th October escort being provided for a submarine between 1155 and 1550, on 18th between 0855 and 1830, and on 19th between 0720 and 1145.

5. On 20th October "M/L 812" again escorted a Submarine and on completion returned to Base securing at 1620.

6. "M/L 812" was in harbour during 21st - 22nd. October and on 23rd escorted a merchant ship, returning to Base at 1615, where the ship remained till 26th when A/S patrol was assumed, lasting until 0925 on 29th October.

7. On 30th October "M/L812" slipped and proceeded with "M/L 824" and "M/L 826" for exercises, including firing at surface target, and practice depth-charge attacks by "M/Ls 824 and 826. Fire; action; and A/S action stations were also exercised. The ship secured at the M/L Base at 1630, and remained there till the end of the month.

8. On all occasions of escorting Submarines, A/S exercises were carried out, good results being obtained. One S/D was granted long leave during the month

The general health and conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory during the month.

Distance steamed during month	-	3200 Miles
" " since commissioning	-	10,856 "
Hours under way during month	-	324 Hours
" " " since commissioning	-	1044 "

COMMANDING OFFICER
S. J. Davis.
H.M.A. M.L. 812

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

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Naval Staff Office,
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18th October, 1944.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.L. 812.

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Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 the attached copy of a report of proceedings of the above vessel forwarded through the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."LEEUWIN".

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A. M.L. 812

Date 1 October 1944 *Reference No.*

To SENIOR OFFICER MOTOR LAUNCHES, FREMANTLE.

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1944.

SUBMITTED.

The following is a letter of proceedings for H.M.A. M.L. 812 for the month of September, 1944.

1. From 1st until 23rd, ship was refitting at the M.L. Base. On the 23rd Engine trials were carried out satisfactorily.

2. 0850/27th ship slipped from base and proceeded in company with an A.M.S. for exercises with submarine, 1400/27th exercises completed and M.L. 812 returned to Base.

3. A shoot was carried out on the 28th M.L. 812 slipping at 1345. Good results were obtained with both Oerlikons firing at a stationary target. But Bofors was only moderate, crew requiring more practice. 1608/28th M.L. 812 returned to harbour.

4. 0815/29th M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to sea to carry out A/S Patrol and Stand By duties.

5. Throughout the month the health of the crew was good, while they maintained a satisfactory standard of efficiency and morale.

6. Miles steamed during month = 440.
Miles steamed since commissioning (2.12.43) = 7656
Hours under way during month = 44
Hours under way since commissioning = 720.

S. J. Davis.
LIEUTENANT. R.A.N.V.R.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
FREMANTLE.

Submitted for information.

(Sgd) Rupert C. Garsia.

COMMANDER.

H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN".
14th September,1944.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43.

COMMODORE, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

Fremantle,
18th September, 1944.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.L. "812".

SENIOR OFFICER MOTOR LAUNCHES, FREMANTLE.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1944.

Submitted :

The following is a letter of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. "812", for the month of August, 1944.

I. At 0815/2nd M.L. "812" slipped M.L. Base and proceeded to take up station as A/S Standby Vessel in Gage Roads. At 1230/4th M.L. "812" proceeded in company with M.L. "826" to S.X.A. Area "C", to exercise with U.S. Submarine, returning to duty at Hall Bank at 2130. Returned to Base at 0920/5th.

II. M.L. "812" slipped M.L. Base at 1650/7th to relieve M.L. "826" on Standby Patrol, returning to Base at 0910/11th.

III. At 0810/14th M.L. "812" proceeded to Hall Bank to relieve Y.M.S. 72, remaining on duty as A/S Standby Vessel until 0854/17th, when she returned to Base.

IV. A shoot was carried out on 18th, M.L. "812" slipping Base at 1300. Shoot completed, M.L. "812" returned to M.L. Base at 1725.

V. From Monday 21st August, M.L. "812" was undergoing a 500 hour engine top overhaul.

VI. Four days local leave were granted to each watch of ship's company which had, during themonth, maintained a satisfactory standard of efficiency and morale.

VII. Two ratings, A/B. R.J. RICHARDSON and O/Sig. J.V. BISHOP, were sent on long home leave - Motor Mechanic G.H. ARMSTRONG was granted four weeks leave without pay and Lieutenant D.C. PHILLIPS, R.A.N.R., proceeded on long leave on 18th.

VIII. Miles steamed during month. ... 600.
Miles steamed since commissioning(2.12.43)...7216.
Hours under way during month ... 74
Hours under way since commissioning(2.12.43). 676

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LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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COMMANDING OFFICER, M.L. "812".

4th August, 1944.

SENIOR OFFICER, MOTOR LAUNCHES.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1944.

Submitted.

The following is a Letter of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. "812" for the month of July, 1944.

2. At 0805/3rd M.L."812" slipped from M.L. Base and proceeded to relieve M.L."824" on patrol in Gage Roads, returning to harbour at 0830/6th.

3. M.L."812" slipped from Base at 0810/9th and proceeded to Gage Roads to assume duty of Standby A/S Vessel. At 0900/11th M.L."812" assumed special patrol in Gage Roads and whilst so engaged a defect developed in the starboard engine which was immediately stopped. On return to harbour at 0840/12th repairs were effected and at 1330/13th M.L."812" slipped and proceeded on engine trials which proved satisfactory. Ship returned to harbour at 1410/13th.

4. M.L."812" assumed duties of Standby A/S vessel at 0815/15th, returning to Base at 0930/18th.

In company with M.L."826", M.L."812" proceeded at 1320/20th to carry out Gunnery practice and to drop one depth charge. The charge was dropped in position 350 deg. Fairway Buoy 7 miles in fathoms. After dropping the charge M.L."812" proceeded to rejoin M.L."826" in position 050 deg. Rottnest Light 9 miles, where both ships engaged practice target with all guns. Results obtained by M.L."812" were of average standard. M.L."812" returned to Base at 1700/20th.

5. At 0805/21st M.L."812" proceeded to take up duties of Standby A/S Vessel in Gage Roads, returning to harbour at 0900/24th.

6. M.L."812" slipped and proceeded at 0810/27th and assumed duties of Standby A/S Vessel in Gage Roads. Owing to very heavy north westerly weather M.L."812" was recalled to harbour at 2030/27th, resuming the duties at 0830/28th, returning to harbour at 0855/30th.

7. During the month drills and exercises were carried out at frequent intervals and the ship's company is gaining in proficiency. Health and morale of ship's company remain at a satisfactory standard.

Hours under way during July	= 90 hours
Hours under way since commissioning (2.12.43).	= 602 hours
Miles steamed during July	= 760 miles
Miles steamed since commissioning (2.12.43).	=6616 miles

COMMANDING OFFICER, 16 AUG 1944 H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN"

D.G. Phillips

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle.
Submitted for information.

(Sgd.) RUPERT C. GARSIA
COMMANDER

HMAS "LEEUWIN".

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From: The Senior Officer, Motor Launches, Fremantle.

Date: 8 July, 1944. Reference No -

To: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN"

Subject: LETTERS OF PROCEEDINGS.

Submitted herewith in accordance with instructions, Letters of Proceedings from M.Ls. 812, 824, and 826.

2. Up to the present time one M.L. has continuously been under refit and one of the other two, in operation has been continuously on patrol. It has therefore been impossible to organise exercises in company.

3. M.L. 826 should be in operation in the near future and it is then hoped to plan exercises for the M.Ls. as a unit and for individual M.Ls. in co-operation with the larger escort vessels and submarines.

(Sgd.) F.P. Wallis,
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
FREMANTLE.

Submitted for information.

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(Sgd.) Rupert C. Garsia
COMMANDER.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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NAVAL RESERVE DEPOT X
H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN".

FROM: Commanding Officer H.M.A.M.L. 812.

DATE: 7 July, 1944

TO: Senior Officer, Motor Launches, Fremantle.

SUBJECT: LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1944.

SUBMITTED:

The following is a letter of proceedings of H.M.A.M.L. 812 for the month of June, 1944.

On 1st June M.L. 812 was anchored at Hall Bank at standby A/S vessel. At 0915H/1st. M.L. 812 returned to harbour, having been relieved by M.L. 824. At 1300/2nd. Port Gunnery Officer and Port Gun Mounting Officer embarked, and ship proceeded to sea for practice firings, but owing to breakage of firing lever in Bofors 40.M.M. Gun the practice was abandoned and ship returned to Base at 1700.

M.L. 812 slipped from Base at 0805/4th. and proceeded to Hall Bank, where, at anchor, duties of standby A/S vessel were assumed. On being relieved by M.L. 824 at 0820/7th. M.L. 812 returned to Base. At 0950/8th M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded, in company with "H.M.A.S. MORSHAM" "DUBBO" "U.S.S.ISABEL" CHANTICLEER," and S.C. 739, to position 0569 8 miles Rottnest Light, where H.A. firings were carried out with sleeve target and L.A. firings with Patt. VI. (one section) target.

The practice was very satisfactory, and M.L. 812 returned to Base and secured at 1620.

Lieut. D.G. Phillips, R.A.N.R. joined the ship from M.L. 824 p.m. 7th June and assumed command of M.L. 812 at 1200H 9th June, Lieut H.C. Eyers being discharged to H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN" 9 p.m. 9th June, having been appointed in command of M.L. 426.

At 0210/9th M.L. 812 slipped from Base and proceeded to Gage Roads to carry out A/S patrol and returned to Base at 0900/9th. M.L. 812 slipped at 1235/9th, and relieved M.L. 824 on A/S patrol and returned to Base at 0915/12th. At 0810/15th M.L. 812 slipped and proceeded to relieve M.L. 824 as standby A/S vessel at anchor at Hall Bank, and at 0730/16th ship proceeded to assume A/S patrol and was relieved by H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" at 0130/17th, M.L. 812 was relieved by M.L. 824 at 0820/18th and returned to Base.

At 0810/21st. M.L. 812 slipped from Base, and assumed standby A/S duties, remaining at anchor until 1820/22nd, when exercises with C.A.S.L'S, Leighton and Swanbourne, were carried out until 1945, when ship returned to anchor, and at 0830/24th returned to harbour.

M.L. 812 slipped from Base at 0810/27th and proceeded to take up A/S patrol around ships at anchor in Gage Roads. Owing to heavy weather, M.L. 812 was ordered to return to harbour at 2000/27th, and at 1435/28th slipped from Base and resumed the patrol until 0820/30th, when M.L. 824 relieved.

During the month full opportunity was taken to exercise ship's company in all duties, and though several changes have been made in the crew, efficiency has been maintained.

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

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Hours under way during June - 171 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning (2/12/43) - 512 hours.

Miles steamed during June - 1360 miles.
Miles steamed since commissioning (2/12/43) - 5856 miles.

D.G. Phillips

LIEUTENANT. R.A.N.R.

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21st June, 1944.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

H.M.A. - M.L. 812 - LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1944.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43, the attached copy of Letter of Proceedings for May, 1944, as rendered by Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 812.

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The Commanding Officer H.M.A. M.L.812

13th June 1944

The Naval Officer in Charge, Fremantle.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1944.

The following is a letter of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 812 during the month of May, 1944.

From 1st May to 27th May M.L. 812 was undergoing a refit, namely the canvassing of decks. During this time general maintenance duties of ship's armament were carried out. Owing to the nature of the refit very little was done on the upper deck, such jobs as maintenance of guard rails, stays etc. were carried out and hands painted ships sides.

On Friday 26th May, M.L. 812 slipped Base and proceeded to H. Shed South Wharf where she took on fuel and 16 depth charges, the two forward charges on the port and starboard side having been removed during the refit. In the afternoon the Rolls Royce 2 pdr. Gun Mounting and Bandstand were removed and a Midship's Oerlikon Trunion type Mounting was taken aboard.

The Bofors Gun Mounting and gun were shipped on Sunday the 28th May.

On Friday M.L. 812 embarked Bofors and Oerlikon ammunition.

At 2000 on Sunday 28th May, guns having been fitted and refit completed, M.L. 812 slipped South wharf and returned to M.L. Base.

At 0817 on Monday 29th May, M.L. 812 slipped Base with Port Gunnery Staff aboard and proceeded to relieve M.L. 826 of Standby A/S Patrol and to carry out Gunnery trials with Bofors and Midship's Oerlikon. Twenty three rounds were fired from the Bofors and one Magazine from the Oerlikon. Trials completed, the Port Gunnery Staff disembarked and at 1110 M.L. 812 anchored off Hall Bank in Gage Roads and assumed A/S listening watch.

Surface action stations were exercised at 1730 on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday 30th May, hands were employed painting ship and carrying out general duties.

The health and efficiency of the ship's company during the month has been excellent and entirely to the satisfaction of the Commanding Officer.

Miles steamed during month. 48.
Hours under way 4 hours.
Total miles steamed since commissioning 3946.
Total hours under way since commissioning 341.

D.G. Phillips

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.

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15th May, 1944.

The Secretary,
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H.M.A. - M.L. 812 - LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1944.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43, the attached copy of letter of Proceedings for April, 1944, as rendered by Commanding Officer H.M.A. - M.L. 812. The small accident mentioned in para 4 has been explained to my satisfaction and no further action is intended.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

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COMMANDING OFFICER M.L. 812

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Naval Officer in Charge, Fremantle.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS

SUBMITTED : -

The following is a letter of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. "812" during the month of April, 1944.

2 On the 1st April, 1944, M.L. 812 was at anchor in Gage Roads off Fremantle carrying out A/S Listening watch as stand-by A/S vessel. At 0708 vessel weighed anchor and proceeded to relieve S.C. 739 of steaming patrol. At 1155 vessel entered Fremantle Harbour and secured alongside H. Shed, South Wharf.

3 At 2210 on Monday 3rd April, M.L. 812 slipped "H" shed and proceeded to sea to assist in search of crashed aircraft. The Captain and additional Officer arrived at Fremantle at 2220, having been in Perth when recall was issued. M.L.812 was therefore taken to sea by Lieutenant F.P. Wallis C.O. 824 his ship at that time undergoing a refit. Lieutenant Phillips 1st Lieutenant M.L. 824 also sailed in the ship.

4 At 1545 on 4th April, the exhaust manifold on the starboard engine cracked; starboard engine was then shut down. At 1745 Rottnest Island light was raised and at 2045 M.L. 812 secured alongside M.L. 824 in Fremantle Harbour. While coming alongside owing to faulty engines, M.L. 812 hit the bow of H.M.A.S. "Adelaide" with her stern, the starboard after depth charge became entangled in Adelaide's clump chains and when the ship moved ahead, the charge and its rack were torn from the deck falling into the harbour under "Adelaide's" bow. The charge and rack were recovered by divers the following day and refitted.

At 1500 on 5th April M.L. 812 proceeded to sea to take up A/S listening watch at anchor in Gage Roads. A/A fire and boarding party exercises were carried out. At 0355 on 6th April, vessel weighed and proceeded to relieve H.M.A.S. "Dubbo" on steaming patrol, that vessel proceeding to escort U.S. Submarine into Fremantle. At 0748 vessel was relieved by "Dubbo" and resumed A/S listening watch in Gage Roads. At 2005 weighed and proceeded to anchor south of Fremantle, usual anchorage off Hall Bank being in target area for practice shoot by coastal artillery batteries. At 2143 weighed and proceeded to resume stationery watch off Hall Bank, shoot having been cancelled.

On 7th April, vessel was relieved by M.L. 826 at 0825 and proceeded to Fremantle Harbour, securing alongside jetty at M.L. Base on North Wharf.

At 0815 on 10th April, vessel slipped M.L. Base and proceeded to Gage Roads to relieve M.L. 826 of A/S Watch. At 1800 Fire Stations were exercised. At 1730 following day, A/A action A/G attack D/C drill, Hand steering, Supply parties and Abandon Ship Stations were exercised. At 0303 on 13th April, M.L.812 relieved H.M.A.S. "Horsham" on steaming patrol. Vessel was relieved by "Horsham" at 0710 and at 0715 anchored in Gage Roads to resume A/S Watch. At 0835, vessel was relieved by M.L.826 and returned to harbour, securing alongside M.L.Base at 0900.

On 16th April, vessel proceeded to Gage Roads to take up A/S listening watch, anchoring off Hall Bank at 0730.

At 0826 on 19th April, vessel was relieved by M.L.826 and returned to Harbour, securing alongside M.L.Base at 0853.

During the periods spent in Harbour, the ship's company were employed in working part of ship and carrying out general maintenance jobs.

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From 19th April to 25th April, hands were employed preparing for refit. On 25th the starboard watch proceeded on 10 days' leave and on 27th April, refitting, namely the canvassing of decks, commenced.

Hands were employed during this refit in carrying out general maintenance duties.

On 3rd April, A/B D.G. Cornell was discharged to H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin", A/B R.S. Fuller having returned from sick bay. Petty Officer (M/M) S. Smith was loaned by M.L. 824 to replace Petty Officer (M/M) M.C. Allen, who was discharged sick to H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin."

On 5th April, Petty Officer Smith was discharged to M.L. 824, he hbeing replaced by P/O (M/M) G. H. Armstrong. Sto. L.A.R. Pola was discharged to "Leeuwin."

On 7th April, Sto. V. Samuels was discharged to M.L. 824, he having been loaned since 5th April by M.L. 824, Sto. K. S. Smyth returned from Albany on 7th April.

On 20th April, M/M M.C. Allen returned from sick bay and M/M G. H. Armstrong was discharged to "Leeuwin."

On 24th April, M/M M.C. Allen was again discharged to sick bay at "Leeuwin."

Miles steamed during April - 420
Hours under way - 38 hours
Total miles steamed since date of Commissioning - 3898.
Total hours under way since date of Commissioning - 337.

H. Eyers.

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

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

H.M.A. - M.L. 812 - LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS -MARCH 1944:

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43, the attached copy of Letter of Proceedings for March, 1944, as rendered by Commanding Officer H.M.A. - M.L. 812.

COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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COMMANDING OFFICER, M.L."812"

14th April, 1944

THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, FREMANTLE.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1944.

Submitted :

Following is a letter of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L."812" during the month of March, 1944.

On the 1st March a short run was made in Port Adelaide River in order to test the A Brackets which had been vibrating considerably during the latter part of the voyage prior to reaching P/A. It was discovered that the starboard A/Bracket was loose on its connections to the bottom. Tightening of these bolts stopped vibration.

On the 3rd March, Base Staff "TORRENS" removed 6 Depth Charges, namely those for Y Gun to allow space on the upper deck for stowage of 6 44-gallon drums of petrol. These were embarked and secured at 1500 the same day. At 1900 M.L."812" proceeded from Birkenhead Wharf in company with M.Ls. "824" and "826", clearing the mouth of the Port Adelaide River at 1950. Port engine was shut down at 2000 and vessel proceeded at 1100 revs., starboard engine giving an approximate speed of 8 - 9 knots.

Engines were run alternately for 12 hours at 1000 to 1200 revolutions. Extra fuel tanks on deck were inspected hourly and found to be secure, no trouble being experienced whatsoever from that source.

Weather experienced on the night of the 3rd March was quite rough, the sea being steep and short, wind force 5/6. This weather, however, abated on the 4th and speed averaged was a little over 9 knots.

At 1540 on 5th, vessels entered Yataba Channel, Denial Bay and 50 minutes later, were secured alongside Ceduna Jetty.

At 1000 the following day, the 6th March, ships commenced fuelling from drums, completing this operation at 1130.

At 1850 the same day, the vessel, in company with M.Ls. "824" and "826" slipped Ceduna Jetty and proceeded to sea. Starboard Engine was shut down at 1940 and speed of advance was 1100 revolutions. Weather experienced was good, the ship rolling very slightly.

The weather on the 7th was excellent, the ship having practically no movement, several sun sights were taken with the sextant, excellent results being obtained.

Heavy squalls up to force 6/7 were encountered on the 8th. The sea was running high, about scale 36 and the vessel laboured considerably. No trouble was experienced from the drums on deck, they being lashed in an upright position.

At 0840, the Eastern Group Islands were sighted. OR 1 was assumed and vessels proceeded thus to Goose Island Bay, anchoring off Middle Island at 1605. Ships immediately refuelled from drums.

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At 0750 on the 10th March, vessels weighed and proceeded in OR 1 through the Archipelago of the Recherch, clearing same at 1315 when OR 4 was assumed.

At 1140 on the 11th March, vessels entered Princess Royal Harbour, 15 minutes later securing alongside Town Jetty, Albany.

During the time spent in Albany, ship's company were employed working part of ship, etc. Vessel refuelled on Monday, 18th by hand from 44-gallon drums, completing this operation on Tuesday, 14th March.

At 1112 15th March, vessels slipped Town Jetty, Albany, and proceeded to sea, escorted by H.M.A.M.S. "DUBBO". Weather experienced from Albany to Fremantle was ideal, wind never exceeding force 3.

At 0725 on the 17th March, vessels entered Fremantle Harbour and secured alongside Victoria Wharf (H Shed) at 0735.

From 17th March to 29th March, the vessel was alongside Victoria Wharf, Fremantle, ship's company being employed in working part of ship and carrying out general maintenance duties.

At 0815 on 29th March, M.L. "812" slipped and proceeded to take up A/S stand-by duty in Gage Roads, she remained on that duty for three days.

During the month, the following changes took place in ship's company :

Stoker K. Smyth was discharged to Albany District Hospital on 14th March. Stoker C. G. Hutton was taken on loan from H.M.A.S. "DUBBO" for the passage from Albany to Fremantle.

On arrival at Fremantle, Stoker Hutton was discharged from M.L. "812" and replaced by Stoker 1 L.A.R. Pola on the 18th March.

Telegraphist E.R. Shields was discharged to H.M.A.S. "LEEUWIN" on the 20th March, being unsuitable for M.Ls. on account of seasickness and was replaced by Telegraphist D.A. Webster the same day.

Able Seaman Fuller was discharged temporarily to Sick Bay At "LEEUWIN" on the 20th March, Able Seaman D.G. Cornell taking his place on the 22nd March.

Miles steamed during March - 1525
Total mileage since Commissioning - 3478
Hours under way in March - 192
Total hours under way since Commissioning - 299
(64 hours under tow)

H. Eyre.

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

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Naval Staff Office,
FREMANTLE.
17th April, 1944.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS:

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43, the attached copy of report for February, 1944, rendered by Commanding Officer H.M.A.M.L. ~~804~~ 812.

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COMMODORE, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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NAVAL STAFF OFFICE,
FREMANTLE, W.A.

Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L.812,

28th March, 1944.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, FREMANTLE.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1944.

Submitted:

The following is a report of proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.812 during the month of February, 1944.

On the 2nd February, vessel proceeded to Obelisk Bay, there to carry out A/S listening watch. Returned to "RUSHCUTTER" the following morning.

On the 4th February, M.L.812 proceeded to Garden Island for fitting of towing bridle and strops. This operation completed, proceeded, alongside H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" where the A/S dome was unshipped by "WILCANNIA's" main derrick; on completion, vessel returned to "RUSHCUTTER".

At 0945 on Saturday morning, 5th February, vessel slipped "RUSHCUTTER" and proceeded alongside H.M.A.S. "BINGERA" who was to tow the M.L. to Melbourne. After a delay of about thirty-five (35) minutes, the tow was shackled on and the two vessels proceeded out of Sydney Harbour. Length of tow was 192 fathoms, consisting of 136 fathoms 3" wire and 56 fathoms 5" manilla hawser.

The weather experienced on the trip to Melbourne was excellent, wind never exceeding force 4. Thick fogs were encountered on the mornings of the 6th and 7th February so dense that "BINGERA" was, at times, invisible. These fogs were encountered in the vicinity of Montagu Island, where M.L.823 was patrolling, and Wilson's Promontory; speed was reduced considerably on said mornings. On the morning of the 7th February course was altered to the reciprocal as the Officer Commanding "BINGERA" did not wish to navigate through the islands in the vicinity of the Promontory, added to which other vessels' sirens were heard in that area, in such a fog. Original course and speed were resumed at 0900.

The two vessels entered Port Phillip Heads at 2200 on the 7th February. The tow was shortened and vessels anchored off Portsea for the night.

At 0615 the following morning, "BINGERA" weighed anchor and proceeded down the West Channel with M.L.812 in tow at short stay. The tow was slipped off Jellibrand Pile Light at 1000 and M.L.812 proceeded under her own power to Nelson Pier, Williamstown, and secured alongside at 1016. In the afternoon of the same day, vessel slipped Nelson Pier and proceeded to Gem Pier, Williamstown.

On the 9th February, vessel proceeded for a short run in Hobsons Bay with several Officers from Navy Office. Same procedure was carried out on the 11th February, when Engineer Captain WISHART, Commanders TURNER and BURRELL and other officers visited the ship.

During the time spent in Melbourne, I.F.F. apparatus was fitted to the ship; ship's company were employed in painting ship and carrying out general maintenance duties.

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On the morning of the 13th February, M.L's 824 and 826 arrived from Sydney and on the 24th February the three vessels, M.L.812 leading, slipped Gem Pier Williamstown and proceeded through Hobsons Bay and the West Channel. On clearing Port Phillip Heads at 1240, vessels took up station in OR 4. The voyage from Melbourne onwards was made under power of the vessels' main engines. The speed used was, on an average, 1100 revolutions on one engine, giving a speed of advance of approximately 8 to 9 knots.

The weather encountered just outside Port Phillip Heads was moderate to rough, the seas being very short and steep. The weather however, abated on the following day once Cape Otway was rounded and speed averaged was 9 knots.

At 1600 on the 25th, ships proceeded at 1200 revolutions on both main engines (12 knots). At 0900 on the 26th speed was increased to 14 knots, the vessels then being in the Backstairs Passage approaching Adelaide. Outside the entrance to the channel in Port Adelaide OR 1 was assumed and vessels proceeded at slow speed up the river, securing at Birkenhead Wharf at 1430 the same day.

The voyage from Melbourne to Port Adelaide was, for the most part, made in excellent M.L. weather, the only rough seas experienced being outside Port Phillip Heads.

The crew, now well adapted to the ship, was quite efficient throughout the passage. The majority had slight bouts of seasickness, the telegraphist being the only one unable to carry out his duties efficiently.

The ship itself proved an excellent sea boat, also no trouble being experienced with the engines. One of the "A" Brackets however, was found to be loose and on the 29th February, a diver from the Adelaide Harbour Trust descended to locate the trouble. A short run was made in the river to test the "A"Brackets, the faulty one being found to be the starboard bracket. As suspected it was loose and when the bolts supporting it longitudinally across the after bulkhead were taken up, the vibration ceased.

Ship's Company were employed in Port Adelaide in working part of the ship, painting, cleaning and general maintenance jobs.

The health of the ship's company remained satisfactory throughout the month despite the more or less unpleasant conditions normally experienced in the mess decks etc. at sea.

Miles steamed during February. 1110
Total mileage since Commissioning. 1953
Hours under way during February. 60 also 64 hrs in tow.
Total hours under way since Commissioning 107.

H. Eyre.
Lieutenant.

FPW/AMcM.

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