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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "COONGoola"'s report dated 1st
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H.M.A.S. "COONGoola" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

R. Dyer
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
9th September 1945.

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H.M.A.S. 'COONGoola,'
1st. September, 1945

Naval Officer-in-Charge,
DARWIN.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

1. ENGINES.

The general performance of main engines during August was satisfactory. A speed trial conducted under good conditions over ten miles run both ways gave 6.75 knots.

2. ELECTRICAL.

E.R.P. Party are working to overcome short circuits discovered whilst under way.

3. PASSAGES.

Boom Patrol was carried out in rotation with H.D.M.L. 1329 and H.D.M.L. 1324 until Thursday, 28th. Since then we have been standing by for immediate boom patrol and giving pilot service to 'D' Buoy.

4. GENERAL.

Lieutenant W. Eatt assumed command at a.m. 2nd. August and Lieutenant W. D. Archer was discharged to H.M.A.S. 'MELVILLE' for draft and leave.

During stand-by periods the men have been employed painting ship. Topsides are now finished and work on upper deck is proceeding satisfactorily.

The health of the ship's company is good, with one rating under dental treatment and an additional two with appointments.

Morale remains high.

No disciplinary charges were laid.

During the month M/M McNeil was discharged on compassionate leave and M/M Roos joined.

5. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance Steamed	481 miles
Hours steamed	80½ hours
Fuel Consumed	266 galls.



COMMANDING OFFICER
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H.M.A.S. 'COONGoola'
Lieutenant, R. A. N. V. R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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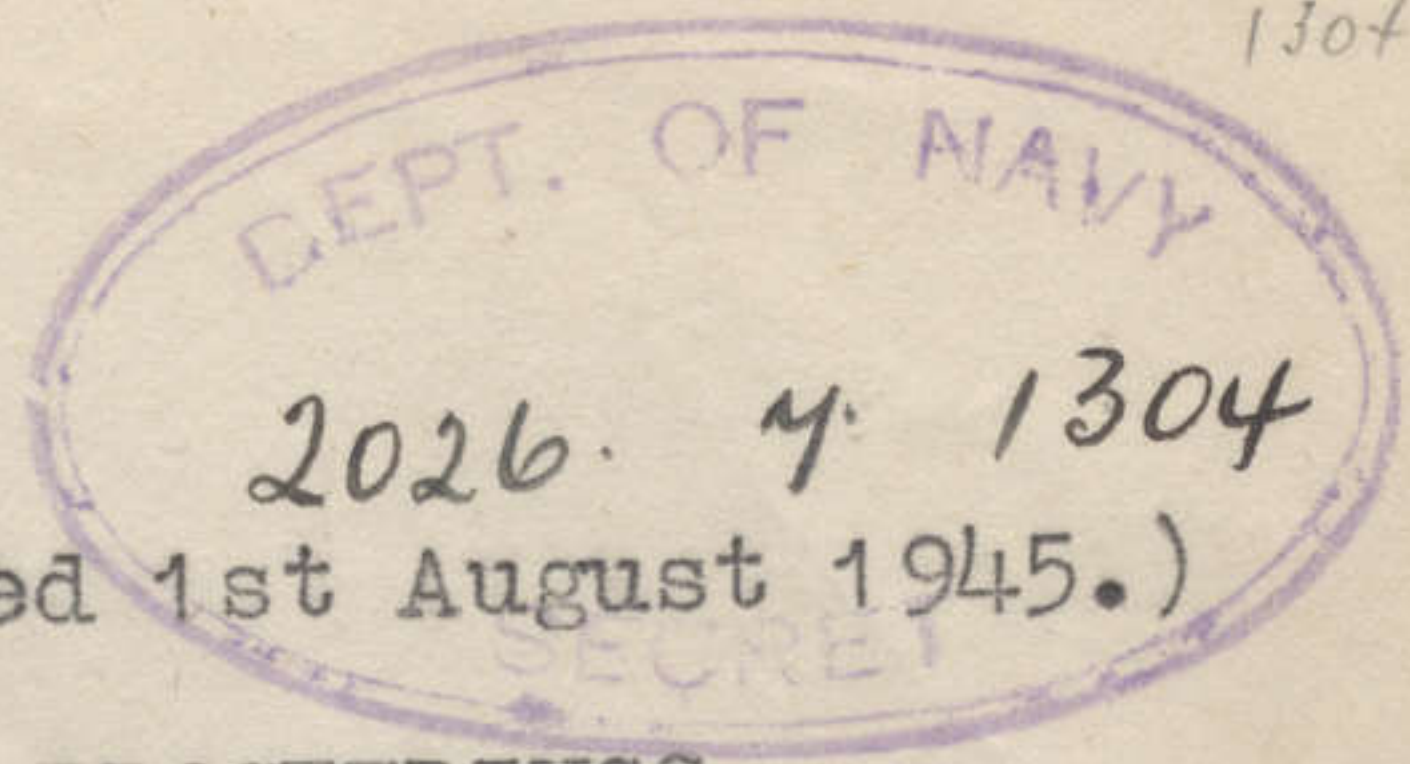
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H.M.A.S. "COONGoola" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
9th August 1945.

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The Commanding Officer.

H.M.S. *Carapola*

1st August 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge
Darwin

Monthly report of proceedings - July 1945.

Submitted:-

1. Engines:-

The repair of the main engines was continued and inspection showed that new pistons and liners are required, but as these parts are not available only a top overhaul was done.

All circulating water pumps were overhauled and the fresh water cooling pumps show bad signs of wear and are leaking.

All electrical equipment was checked and minor repairs and alterations effected.

It was found that modifications are necessary to the new salt water cooling pumps before same can be fitted. This work is on hand and the old pumps are being used temporarily.

All main water pumps were checked and new bushes fitted in the A brackets, and keys to the propeller shafts.

Erosion is still active on the propellers and two new ones have been cast. Few zinc blocks were fitted to the A brackets to help counteract this action.

The Briggs and Stratton auxiliary engine was run ashore and completely overhauled

and has since been re-erolled and is giving good results.

The Land starting mechanism of both main engines was overhauled and repaired.

2. Passages:-

No passages were made during the month as the ship was undergoing repair.

3. Special Missions:-

Nil.

4. General:-

Ship was stepped at 1130 on Tuesday 17th July 1945 and un-stepped at 1840 on the 25 July 1945, Bilges were washed through and cleaned, Hull washed and painted and two ship lamps repaired and painted Deck head of wheel house is being repaired with canvas.

Ship company have all desolved Doctor and Dentist and health is generally good. Morale still remains high.

No disciplinary charges were laid. Lieut. W.C. East was victualled aboard on Wednesday 21 July 1945 to assume command. Four new members to the crew joined during the month.

5. Monthly Figures:-

Distance Steamed	Nil.	Miles
Hours Steamed	45.	Hours
Tonnage Consumed	69	Tons.



COMMANDING OFFICER

W Douglas Cook
Lieut. 1/8/45
H.M.A.S. COONGoola

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H.M.A.S. "COONGoola" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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A/Commander, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (A.O.D.)
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.
6th July 1945.

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS. Garryaola
1 July 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge
Darwin.

Monthly Report of Proceedings - June 1945.
Submitted:-

1. Engines:-

The performance of the Main Engines was again very satisfactory the only trouble experienced being during our return trip when dirty fuel forced us to clean the Injectors, Pumps and filters, and it is thought that this could be accounted for by the fact that our last fuelling was done from drums which had been stored in the open for over twelve months. It is also noted with concern that our fuel consumption has risen from 1 gal to 2 gals per motor per hour. This is most likely due to the fact that a top overhaul is due and such work is now in hand. Our Auxiliary Motor will be sent ashore to the Blank Shop to be completely overhauled, also the Main Delpo Pump.

2. Passages:-

Short trips were again made during the month with supplies and stores to the Sir Graham Moore Islands.

3. Special Missions:—

Following on the finding of the "Board of Enquiry" into the Air Sea Rescue Mission covered on my March and April reports the AFAT decided that we should be based in Hansmann Bay instead of West Bay, and in accordance with instructions I proceeded from West Bay at 0930 on Monday 4 June and anchored in Hansmann Bay at 1535 the same day. I carried out a survey of Buller's Bay on the 5 June but as a suitable anchorage could not be found I returned and secured in latitude 14.03 S Longitude 126.23E where it was decided was the most suitable place for the ASR vessel to lie. The AFAT then proceeded to make a road through to the beachhead so that supplies and water could be brought to the ship. A small power boat was given to us as we cannot approach under half a mile from the beach.

Wednesday 13 June HMAS. Air land arrived in West Bay to relieve us, and proceeded to have some small alterations done to her.

Sunday 17 June HMAS. Air land arrived in Hansmann Bay and relieved me and at 1000 I accepted and proceeded to West Bay to fuel and provision ship arriving at 2210.

In accordance with V.O.C Darwin's instructions, departed at 1035 on the 19th June and proceeded to Darwin calling at Alyakhan, and arriving at Darwin at 1415 on the 24th June 1945.

Distance steamed	500 miles
Hours steamed	74 hours
Average speed	6 1/2 knots

Septenns Small unoccupied craft NE of Inai Island, course SW. distance 15 miles at 0915 on June 23.

4 General:-

Steps company still enjoy good health and morale is high.

No disciplinary charges were made during the month.

Disc has been passed and living conditions aboard are being maintained at a high standard.

5. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed	682 miles
Hours steamed	113 hours
Fuel consumed	483 gallons.



COMMANDING OFFICER
W Douglas Baker
 H.M.A.S. COONGULLA
 Lieut.
 1/7/45

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H.M.A.S. "COONGoola" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1945.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN. N.T.
9th June 1945.
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The commanding Officer,
HMAS Beengoola.
1st June 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge,
Darwin.

Monthly Report of Proceedings. — May 1945.
Submitted:—

1. Engines:— Main engines continue to give excellent service, but auxiliary engine (Battery Charger BS "Amphion" PCI Model 300 Serial No. 443 used for battery charging is causing trouble due to loss of compression through worn cylinder walls. New piston and rings have been fitted but performance is still far from satisfactory and main engines are being used when at anchor to charge batteries.

2. Passage:— Further short trips with supplies were made to the Graham Moore Islands.

3. Special Missions:— At 0933 on Thursday 3rd May slipped and proceeded to Drysdale Mission carrying commanding officer of 58 OBU Truscott. Navigated King Edward River for a distance of five miles and anchored at 2300. Weighed and proceeded at 1100 on Saturday 5th May arriving West Bay at 1630.

4. General:— The Coxswain A/B Bennett M.L. 141421 developed acute pains and on the 5th May the RAAF medical officer was summoned and he diagnosed the symptoms as acute appendicitis and removed Bennett to the RAAF sick bay ashore. Bennett was despatched by aircraft to Darwin that night and

operated on at the Darwin Naval wing. He returned aboard P.M. Sunday 20th May and was given light duties for two weeks.

The RAAF dental officer is at present in the area and arrangements have been made to have the crew's teeth examined. Otherwise health of crew is good, morale still high and no punishments recorded during the month.

Progress with repainting is steady and satisfactory.

5. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed	598 miles
Hours steamed	85½ hours
Fuel consumed	191 gallons.

COMMANDING OFFICER
W. Douglas Cook
Lieut R.N.R.
H.M.A.S. COONGoola

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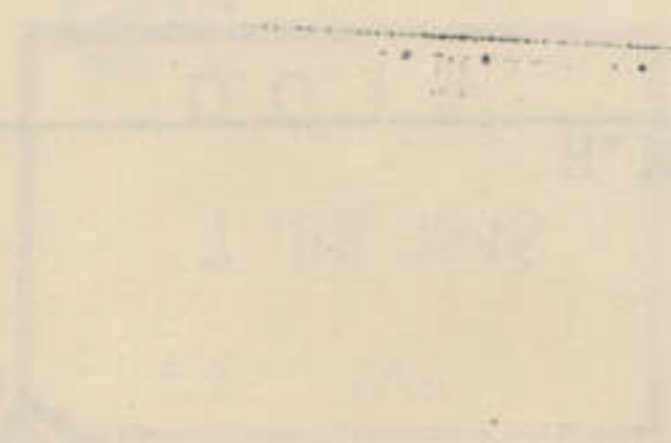
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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "COONGoola"'s report dated 1st May 1945).

H.M.A.S. "COONGoola" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1945.

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N.T.0600/61
The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN. N.T.
17th May 1945.

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The Commanding Officer,
HMAS Boonoola.
1st May 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge,
Darwin.

Monthly Report of Proceedings:- April 1945
Submitted:-

1. Engines:- Main engines were given thorough check over and no major defects were found. Starter Motor is still causing trouble and Salt Water Circulating Pumps require constant watching and repairing.
2. Passage:- Further trips were made to Graham Moore Islands with supplies.
3. Special Missions:- Sunday 1st April at 1223 proceeded to aid of RAAF Launch Victory in vicinity of Graham Moore Islands, took her in tow and returned to West Bay Anchorage at 1959. Tuesday 3rd April at 1255 shipped and proceeded to Vanillart Bay to continue search for survivors. Arrived 1925. Remained in vicinity searching all beaches twice daily with negative results until Friday 6th April when at 1130 we shipped and proceeded to West Bay arriving 1730. Monday 9th April 0700 shipped and proceeded forty miles to sea where action stations were exercised and four depth charges fired, all successfully, but concussion broke intake pipe to heads in after cabin. This was found immediately and plugged. Returned to

base anchorage at 1920. Sunday 14th April
1345 beached HMAS Coongoola at High Tide
and securely "shored" her up to carry
out inspection of under water fittings,
mend heads pump and scrape and
paint hull. All work satisfactorily
completed and ship reshipped at 1300 on
the 15th and returned to buoy. The
Commanding Officer of RAAF 58 OBU then gave
permission to lay the ship up for ten
days to allow time to do routine check
up. This has been completed.

4. General:- Three new members to Ships
Company joined during month. Good
health has been enjoyed by all, and
no punishments given.

Ship is in course of being
completely painted and progress is
satisfactory.

5. Monthly figures:-

Distance steamed.	325 miles
Hours steamed.	46½ hours
Fuel consumed.	100 gallons.

COMMANDING OFFICER

W. Douglas Cooper
Crew

HMAS. COONGoola



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H.M.A.S. "COONGoola"-MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1945

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD

Submitted for the information of the
Naval Board.

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
17th April 1945.

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The Commanding Officer.

HMAS Boengoola.

9th April 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge,
Darwin.



"Monthly Report of Proceedings. March 1945."

Submitted :-

1. Engines:- Main Engines still give excellent results but circulating salt water pumps are still defective. Starboard Main Engine Starter Motor is with BEO Darwin being repaired and now the Port one has burnt out. The RAAF here are endeavouring to mend same and in the meantime both engines have to be started by hand which is a little slow.
2. Passages:- We have this month again made runs to Graham Moore Island with stores and supplies for the Radar Station there.
3. Special Missions:- Monday 6th March 1945 at 1625H a Yellow Warning was received. Action Stations were immediately manned and the ship prepared for instant shipping. 1915H all clear was given and normal routine was resumed.

Saturday 10th March 1945 at 1400H embarked Air Commodore Brownell and proceeded for inspection of Bay. 1825 Air Commodore Brownell ashore.

Sunday 11th March 1945 at 1140H embarked two Army Majors and proceeded for inspection of Bay. 1710 Army Majors ashore.

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~~Friday~~
Tuesday 23rd March 1945 at 0730

slipped and proceeded to Vauillart Bay to render assistance to crashed aircraft. Returned to anchorage West Bay at 2020 hrs.

Saturday 24th March 1945 at 0730 hrs

slipped and again proceeded to scene of crash to institute search for bodies. Remained overnight in vicinity. Returned to West Bay 1840 hrs.

Tuesday 27th March 1945. 1150 hrs

slipped and proceeded with RAAF divers to scene of crash. Equipment inadequate for depth and diving operations had to be suspended. Stayed in vicinity overnight. Returned to base arriving 0740 hrs Thursday 29th March 1945.

Friday 30th March 1945. 1109 hrs

slipped in company with RAAF Launch "Victory" carrying Naval Diving Officer and party and proceeded again to scene of crash. Stayed in vicinity overnight. Diving operations cancelled owing to unfavourable conditions and I was ordered to return to West Bay. Did so arriving at 2225 hrs.

4. General:- Ships company still in good health, morale high and no punishments were given during the month.

Ships general appearance is still being maintained but paint work is fading badly and she now requires repainting.

5. Monthly figures:-

Distance steamed	595 miles.
Hours steamed	92 hours.
Fuel consumed	172 gallons.

COMMANDING OFFICER
C. J. [Signature]
Lieut.
HMAS. COONBOOLA

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January and February 1915

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again reached also fire stations.

Ship's general appearance is still being maintained at its high standard, also general conditions aboard.

5. Monthly figures.

Distance Steamed	252 miles.
Hours Steamed	60 hours.
Fuel Consumed	77 gallons.

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The Secretary,
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A/Commander, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (S.O.S.)
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN - N.T.
3rd March 1945.

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The Commanding Officer,
HMAS Boongoola.

1st March 1945.

The Naval Officer in Charge.
Darwin.

Monthly Report of Proceedings - February 1945

1. Engines.

Main Engines have given excellent results during month but the circulating salt water pumps still cause continual trouble and new ones are now on order.

2. Passages.

Only passages made have been short runs to the Graham Messer Islands with supplies and equipment for the Radar Station there.

3. Special Missions.

At 0250 hrs Tuesday 27th February '45 a Yellow Warning was given. Action Stations were immediately manned and ship prepared for slipping. At 0320 hrs all clear was given and normal routine resumed.

4. General.

Ship's company still enjoy first class health and morale remains high.

It was not found necessary to take any disciplinary measures during the month.

With three new members to the crew AA action stations were exercised daily until previous standard was

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2. Two circulating salt water pumps have been demanded on N.S.O., Brisbane and receipt is awaited.

Holmes.

A/Commander, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (S.O.S)
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN. N.T.
2nd March 1945.

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The Commanding Officer,
HMAS Boongoola.

10th February 1945

The Naval Officer in Charge.
Darwin.

Monthly report of Proceedings - January 1945.
Reported :-

1. Engines.

Ship completed major overhaul on the 19th December 1944 and with the exception of continual trouble with the circulating Salt Water Pumps, Engines have given excellent service.

2. Passages.

Sailed 1900 hrs January 2nd for West Bay on Inshore Route. Secured in West Bay 1120 hrs January 6th.

Distance Steamed - 402 miles.

Hours Steamed - 59 hours 5 mins

Average speed. - 7 knots.

Sightings :- HMAS Sleuth in lee of Lorna Shoal at 0030 hrs January 3rd.

3. Special Mission.

Proceeded at 1400 hrs January 15th and laid Marker Buoy in Position 267 yards bearing 066° true from Bluff Point in Napier Broome Bay in position of mine accidentally dropped by a Catalina.

4. General.

General health of Ships company is good and morale still high.

No disciplinary charges were laid against any member of the ship during the month.

Conditions aboard remain constant and ship's general appearance and cleanliness is being maintained.

5. Monthly figures.

Distance steamed	-	819 miles
Hours steamed	-	117 hours
Fuel consumed	-	215 gallons



COMMANDING OFFICER
W Douglas Cook
Lieut.
HMAS. EDONGOOLA.