

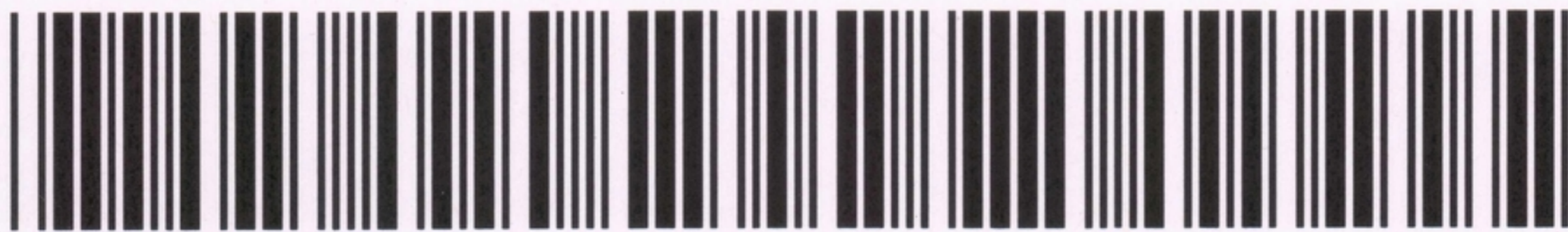
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From: Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L. 821".
Date: 1st July, 1945.
To: The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane).
Subject: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE, 1945.

Submitted:

- June 1. At Brisbane.
- June 2. Slipped 0700K. Proceeded to Pile Light and transferred pilots to H.M.S. "WHIMBREL" and "WOODCOCK", returned to Brisbane, secured at 1125K.
- June 3. At Brisbane.
- June 4. At Brisbane. 1500K towed "M.L. 809" from Norman Wrights Yard to Fairmile Base.
- June 5. At 0730K slipped and towed "M.L. 819" from Norman Wrights Yard to Fairmile Base. 1040K towed "M.L. 825" from Fairmile Base to Norman Wrights. At 1320 slipped and proceeded to H.M.S. "CRANE" off Pile Light and transferred Swinging Officer to her.
- June 6. 0730K. Slipped and proceeded to H.M.S. "CHASER" in vicinity of Pile Light; embarked mailman and returned to Brisbane.
- June 7. At Brisbane.
- June 8. At Brisbane.
- June 9. Slipped at 1225K and proceeded to H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW" in vicinity of Pile Light and embarked Swinging Officer. Returned to Harbour securing at 1500K.
- June 10. At Brisbane.
- June 11. At Brisbane.
- June 12. At Brisbane.
- June 13. Slipped at 0645K and proceeded to Nixon Smiths Wharf. Embarked Army personnel and proceeded to Brisbane Island. Secured to jetty at 1145K. Slipped 1345K, proceeded to Cowan Light and disembarked Army personnel in boat. Anchored at 1640K. Weighed anchor at 1730K and returned to Brisbane. Secured at Fairmile Base 2040K.
- June 14. At Brisbane.
- June 15. Slipped at Fairmile Base 1340K. Commenced repairs to underwater gear; scrubbed down Hull.
- June 16. Unslipped at 1340K. Secured at Nixon Smith's Wharf.

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- June 17/22 At Brisbane. Carrying out small engine repairs and painting ship.
- June 23 Slipped at 1000K and proceeded to Caloundra. At 1545K contacted the Submarine, H.M.S. "VORACIOUS" and escorted her to anchorage at Caloundra.
- June 24 Acted as escort to "VORACIOUS" exercising with A/S vessels off Caloundra. At 1515K proceeded with "VORACIOUS" to anchorage at Caloundra.
- June 25 Weighed at 1045 and proceeded to rendezvous with Submarine at 1420K, parted company and proceeded to Brisbane. Secured at 1915K.
- June 26/27 Slipped at 1425K and proceeded to rendezvous with Cruiser, H.M.S. "EURYALUS" in the vicinity of Mud Island. At 1545K streamed target and Cruiser carried out full calibre shoot. 1700K practice completed. Secured alongside "Euryalus". 1930K Cruiser practised starshell firing. 1950K practice completed, returned to Harbour.
- June 29/30 At Brisbane.

Distance steamed during month.....	800 miles.
Hours under way	80 hours.
Average distance per ton of fuel.....	124 miles.
Total distance steamed.....	
since July 27th, 1943.....	20298 miles.
At an average speed of/.....	10.2 knots.
Total hours under way.....	1966 hours.

R. Honey
 Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
 COMMANDING OFFICER.
 H.M.A. "M.L. 821"

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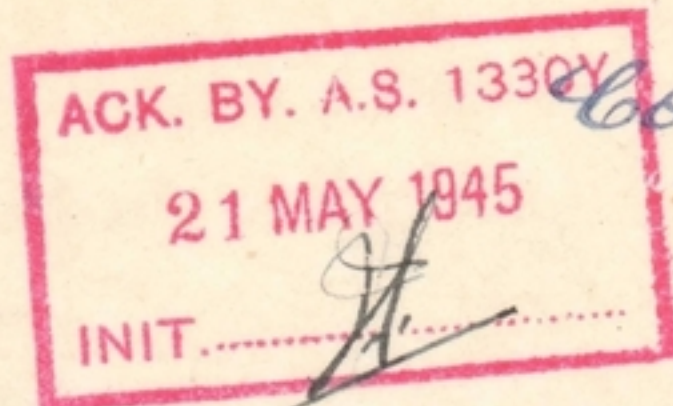
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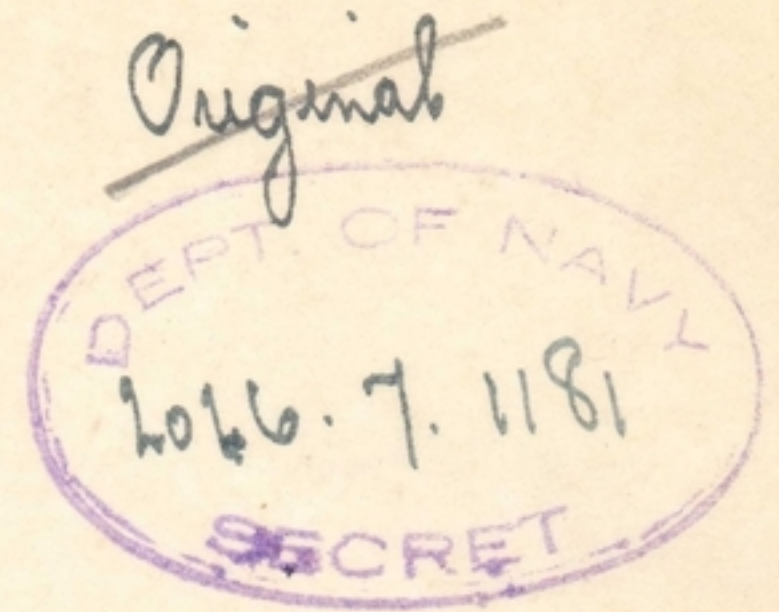
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From: Officer-in-Charge, M.L. Base, Brisbane.

Date: 8th May, 1945.

To: Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne, through N.O.I.C. Brisbane.

Subject: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238, para. 1(h), monthly Report of Proceedings for the month of April, 1945.

2. The Complement victualled in at this Base as at 30th April, 1945, was 18 Officers and 290 ratings, as compared with 16 Officers and 286 ratings at 31st March, 1945.

3. "JANE": Refit completed. Basin trials satisfactory. Speed trials on 16th April, thereafter in Service.
4. "AYESHA": Refit completed. Returned to H.M.A.S. "MORETON".
5. "NOVA": In service. Engaged in routine duties.
6. "GENONE": In service. Engaged in patrol and other routine duties. Minor defects made good.
7. "APACHE": In service on routine duties.
8. "CYRENE": In service on routine duties.
9. "SEAFARER": In service as duty boat till 20th April, thereafter undergoing refit for defective fuel tanks.
10. "MARINGO": In service. Mechanical overhaul was completed on 21st April, 1945.
11. "MISS GLADYS": In service engaged in routine duties. Minor defects made good.
12. "BLISS": Undergoing general refit at Dath's Slip and Fairmile Base. Unslipped 14th April, 1945.
13. "NAMI": Undergoing general refit at Dath's.
14. "SESAME": Undergoing general refit at Dath's. Engines replaced on 9th April. Slipped 16th April. Cleaned and painted and unslipped on 27th April, 1945.
15. "BETTY II": Undergoing refit at Dath's. Slipped 14th April and unslipped on 16th April after antifouling.
16. "KARINA": Slipped on 20th April for underwater inspection. Antifouled and unslipped on 21st April, 1945.
17. RAN DEPERMING SKID. Slipped on 24th April, 1945. Repaired planking and other shipwright work. Painted. Unslipped 28th April, 1945.
18. "MORETON": Slipped on 28th April for repairs to metal and painting of bottom. Major mechanical refit progressing.
19. "ESMERALDA": Undergoing general refit at Fairmile Base.

20. R.N. PINNACE: Slipped at Dath's for inspection and painting on 27th April, 1945.
21. "FURNEAUX": Slipped on 3rd April, 1945. Cleaned, christened, and launched at 1705K.
22. A.S.R. 924: Arrived from Sydney on 9th April with minor defects, which were duly repaired. Sailed for Northern waters at 2200.
23. A.S.R. 926: Arrived from Sydney on 9th April. Minor defects were made good. Sailed for the North at 2200.
24. A.S.R. 908: On 30th April alongside Fairmile Base with minor defects.
25. A.S.R. 910: On 30th April alongside Fairmile Base with minor defects.
26. A.S.R. 925: Alongside Fairmile Base on 30th April with defective auxiliary engine.
27. M.L. 424: Undergoing general refit at Ygosse yards.
28. M.L. 425: Undergoing general refit at Norman Wrights yard.
29. M.L. 429: Engines removed. Slipped 6th April, 1945. Cleaned, unslipped, defuelled and towed to Watts and Wrights for general refit on 12th April, 1945.
30. M.L. 805: Undergoing general refit at Watts & Wright. On 20th April towed to Fairmile Base. Slipped for underwater inspection. Unslipped 24th and returned to Watts & Wright.
31. M.L. 809: Engines removed 4th April. Slipped and cleaned. Unslipped. New engines and gunmounting shipped. Towed to Norman Wrights for completion of refit on 26th April.
32. M.L. 819: Undergoing general refit at Norman Wright's.
- X 33. M.L. 821: Under the Administrative and Operational control of N.O.I.C. Brisbane. Monthly report attached.
34. M.L. 825: Arrived from New Guinea on 12th April. Destored and defuelled preparatory to refit.
35. HDML. 1129: Undergoing general refit. Slipped 4th April. Shafts and screws removed. Unslipped 5th. Gun mountings shipped. Slipped 19th April. Underwater gear replaced. Metal repaired. Unslipped 20th. Fuelled, and basin trials were carried out on 24th April; thence to Ygosse shipyard for completion of refit.
36. HDML. 1323: Undergoing general refit at Norman Wright's yard.
37. HDML. 1325: Moreton Bay Survey. In service till 14th; thereafter alongside at Fairmile Base for mechanical repairs.
38. HDML. 1326: Arrived on 13th April from Merauke. Destored at Fairmile Base preparatory to general refit.
39. HDML. 1338: Undergoing general refit at Watts & Wright.

40. HDML.1341: Undergoing mechanical refit at Fairmile Base.
41. HDML.1342: Undergoing mechanical refit at Fairmile Base. Slipped on 11th April for inspection of Underwater gear. Unslipped on 16th April.
42. HDML.1346: Arrived from Sydney on engine trials on 1st April. Slipped to return to Sydney on 3rd April.
43. HDML.1347: Completed 100 hours engine trials. Carried out exercises from Advanced Fairmile Base from 13th April. At present awaiting further orders based upon the outcome of engine trials.
44. HDML.1354: Carried out exercises from Advanced Fairmile Base from 13th April. At present awaiting further orders based upon the outcome of engine trials.
45. HDML.1355: Carried out exercises from Advanced Fairmile Base from 13th April. Awaiting further orders based upon the outcome of engine trials.
46. HDML.1356: Unslipped on 1st April after inspection of underwater gear, and repairs to metal. Completed 100 engine hours trials on 9th April. At present undergoing electrical refit.
47. The Base has again been visited by several R.N. Officers, and close co-operation with the R.N. has been maintained.
48. At 30th April 56 R.N. Ratings were victualled aboard, and two R.N. Officers were victualled in the Wardroom. An increasing number of R.N. Craft are making their appearance at the Base and at Dath's, and their requirements are placing additional strain upon the Complement of this Establishment.
49. On the 3rd April the Christening Ceremony of H.M.S. "FURNEAUX" took place at the Base. The vessel selected as the name ship was slipped at 1345, and at 1705K, after an address by Commander F.J. Steemson, R.N., was christened by Mrs. E.P. Thomas, wife of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane, and launched. A representative gathering of Naval Officers and their ladies was present, and the guests were subsequently entertained by H.M.S. "FURNEAUX" in the Base Wardroom, loaned for the occasion.
50. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remains good.
45. Copy of A.B.E.O. (2) report of proceedings covering the Engineering activities during the month is enclosed.

G. Gillespie
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.V.R.
OFFICER IN CHARGE, FAIRMILE BASE.

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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 821
DATE: 2nd May, 1945.
TO: Staff Officer, C.C. Brisbane
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Submitted for your information report of proceedings for April 1945.

It is requested that after consideration, this report be forwarded to the appropriate authorities in accordance with A.C.B.0238, C.N.O. 97/43 and N.O.L. 059439 of 27th October, 1942.

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DATE: 2nd May, 1945.
TO: Secretary Naval Board, Melbourne, through N.O.I.C. Brisbane.
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1945.

April 1st-14th At Brisbane. During this period some time was spent at Fairmile Base making good minor defects. P.M. 12th Towed M.L. 429 from Fairmile Base to Norman Wrights'.

April 15th Embarked Port Radar Officer and Dockyard personnel and proceeded to Pile Light. On arrival transferred personnel to "ECHUCA" and carried out Radar trials. On completion returned to Brisbane.

April 16-18th At Brisbane

April 19th Slipped and proceeded to vicinity of Pile Light. Transferred mails and signals to H.M.S. "SLINGER". Remained in vicinity of Pile Light until arrival of "GOULBURN" when Radar trials were carried out. On completion embarked Port Radar Officer from "GOULBURN" and returned to Brisbane.

April 20-21st At Brisbane.

April 22nd At approx 0730 K slipped and proceeded to Gladstone. Arrived without incident at Gladstone at 1230K, 23rd. After refuelling and storing departed Gladstone 2130K, 25th. Made rendezvous with "DIAMANTINA" at 1030K, 26th in vicinity of ship Channel Buoy at the entrance to the Mary River. Carried out Radar trials with "DIAMANTINA" and on completion returned to Brisbane, arriving at Fairmile Base at 0730K, 27th.

April 28th-30th At Brisbane. Commenced 500 hour engine overhaul at Fairmile Base A.M. 30th.

Distance steamed during month	1134 miles
Hours under way	108
Average distance per ton of fuel	113.6 miles
Total distance steamed since July 27th, 1943	19061 miles
at an average speed of	10.5 knots
Total hours under way	1840

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