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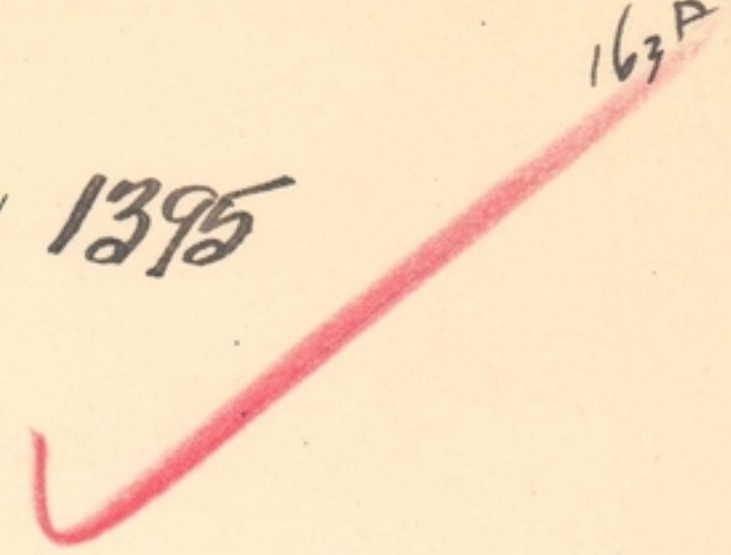
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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 826.
DATE : 31ST OCTOBER 1945. Ref. No. 3110/19.
TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
(Copy direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)
SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1945.

Submitted :

At 0720/1st slipped from Bunbury Jetty and proceeded in company with M.Ls 812, 815 and 824 to Busselton where ship anchored at 1020/1st.

2. At 0705/2nd weighed and proceeded in company with M.Ls 812, 815 and 824 to Fremantle securing in M.L. Base at 1520/2nd.

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3. At 1545/9th proceeded to rendezvous with S.S. "TAMAROA". At 1812/9th as escort for "TAMAROA" proceeded to Pilot Boarding Grounds, then returned to M.L. Base securing alongside at 2015/9th.

4. M.L. 826 did not leave the harbour again for the remainder of the month but all necessary preparations were made for paying off into "F" Reserve and the Ship was decommissioned on 31st October 1945.

5.	Distance run during month.	192 miles.
	Distance run since commissioning.	21,759 miles.
	Hours under way during month.	16 hours.
	Hours under way since commissioning.	2,223 hours.
	Fuel consumed during month.	840 galls.

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

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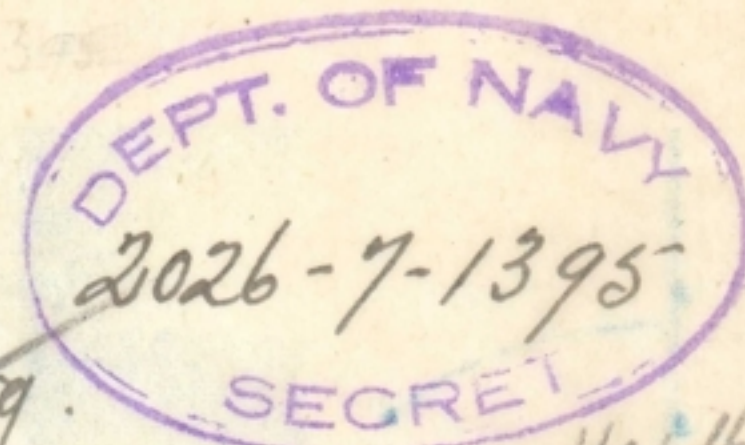
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DATE : 4TH OCTOBER 1945. Ref. 0410/19.
TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
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SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1945.

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Submitted:

At 0905/5th proceeded in company with M. Ls 815, 812 and 824 to Careening Bay securing alongside jetty there at 1045/5th. At 1330/5th proceeded to Rockingham jetty securing alongside at 1400/5th. At 1530/5th proceeded to Fremantle securing in M.L. Base at 1645/5th.

2. At 2200/18th proceeded to vicinity of Scarborough Beach to search for small unidentified fishing vessel. After searching for one hour without result, M.L. 826 was ordered to return to harbour. Secured in M.L. Base at 0100/19th.

3. At 0845/27th proceeded to Bunbury in company with M.Ls 815, 812 and 824. Secured alongside Bunbury jetty at 1545/27th. The Ship was open for public inspection during the afternoons of 28th, 29th and 30th.

4. During the month the health and morale of the Ship's Company has been excellent.

5. Distance run during month. 160 miles.
Distance run since commissioning. 21,567 miles.
Hours under way during month. 14 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning. 2,207 hours.
Fuel consumed during month. 598 gallons.

Lugh Hancock

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

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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 826. *orig*
DATE : 3RD SEPTEMBER 1945 REF. 039/19.
TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE. (Through N.O.I.C. Fremantle.)
(Copy Direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)
SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1945.

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Submitted :

M.L. 826 was lying at Hall Bank buoy carrying out Stand-by Patrol duties until 0445/1st when proceeded to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "TAPIR" North of Rottnest Island. At 0630/1st as escort in company with "TAPIR" proceeded to harbour securing in M.L. Base at 0630/1st.

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2. At 1400/6th Ship was slipped to remove port shaft and attend to defective stern tube bearing, and was again water-borne at 1417/8th.

3. At 0640/9th proceeded to Cockburn Sound with M.L.'s 815 and 824 to carry out practice in manoeuvring with American Signalling procedure. Anchored in Careening Bay at 1030/9th. Weighed and proceeded to M.L. Base 1300/9th securing there at 1500/9th.

4. At 0815/10th proceeded to exercise area to tow splash target for H.M. Submarine "TOTEM". Exercise was cancelled by the Submarine and Ship returned to Base at 1135/10th. At 1235/10th proceeded to exercise area to carry out exercises with U.S.S. "CORPUS CHRISTI", H.M. Submarine "TOTEM" and M.L. 824. Exercises were completed at 2220/10th when proceeded to harbour with M.L. 824 in company, securing in M.L. Base at 0100/11th.

5. At 0810/13th proceeded with M.L. 824 in company for exercise with U.S. Submarine "BESUGO" but returned to harbour owing to heavy weather, securing in M.L. Base at 1050/13th.

6. At 0845/17th proceeded in company with M.L. 815 for exercises with U.S.S. "CORPUS CHRISTI" and U.S. Submarine "CHARR". Upon completion of exercises at 2000/17th proceeded to Base securing alongside at 2240/17th.

7. At 1250/18th proceeded for participation in submarine exercise in place of H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" but returned to harbour owing to heavy weather, securing in M.L. Base at 1511/18th.

8. At 0815/20th proceeded to Hall Bank Buoy for Standby Patrol duties. At 1715/20th slipped and returned to Base securing alongside at 1735/20th.

9. At 0945/24th proceeded for participation in submarine exercise which was subsequently cancelled. Returned and secured in M.L. Base at 1150/24th.

10. At 0630/28th proceeded to exercise area to tow splash target for H.M. Submarines "THULE", "TAPIR", "TURPIN" and "TANUS". Exercise was completed at 1125/28th and returned to Base securing alongside at 1215/28th.

11. At 1025/31st proceeded to render assistance to lugger "NICHOL BAY" reported in position approximately 60 miles North of Fremantle. At 1155/31st sighted "NICHOL BAY" in position 19 miles from harbour. No assistance required. Returned with "NICHOL BAY" in company securing in M.L. Base at 1525/31st.

12. During the month the general health and morale of the Ships Company have been very good.

13.	Distance run during month.	602 miles.
	Distance run since commissioning.	21,407 miles.
	Hours under way during month.	58 hours.
	Hours under way since commissioning.	2,193 hours.
	Fuel consumed during month.	2309 gals.

Hugh Hancock
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 826,

DATE: 1ST AUGUST 1945. Ref. 018/19.

TO: THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Fremantle. Copy direct to The Secretary, Naval Board.)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 1945.

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Further to my Report of Proceedings for June 1945, the ship was under refit until the 21st July when the ship became operational. Major defects have all been carried out with the exception of 13 which are to be done as circumstances permit.

2. During the refitting period Radar Type S.O. 13 and I.F.F. Type 253 have been installed and preliminary trials have been most satisfactory.

3. Opportunity was taken to have the ship completely fumigated during the weekend 14th - 15th.

4. At 0855/23rd slipped from Base and proceeded in company with M.L. 815 to Submarine Exercise Area. Commenced exercise at 1130/23rd with U.S.S. "KRAKEN" and "BULLHEAD". At 1535/23rd A/S Set became defective and ship returned to harbour securing M.L. Base at 1725/23rd. Base Staff rectified the defects on arrival. All action and alarm stations were exercised whilst under way on this occasion.

5. Proceeded at 0900/24th to rendezvous with U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" and H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE" in Submarine Exercise Area. On arrival in Area at 1130/24th exercise was commenced with U.S.S. "ICEFISH" and "BULLHEAD". A/S Set again became defective at 1600/24th and ship returned to harbour securing at 1900/24th.

6. At 1210/26th slipped from M.L. Base and proceeded to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "TOTE". At 1350/26th as escort with "TOTE" proceeded to harbour securing at 1510/26th. At 1335/26th remains of Patt VI Target were found in position 011 deg 5.5 miles Bathurst Light Rottnest Island. Base A/S Staff tested set during run and found the set to be functioning perfectly.

7. Slipped from Base at 0715/27th and proceeded to Submarine Exercise Area with U.S.S. "ISABEL". At 0930/27th due to adverse weather conditions return to harbour was commenced. At 1030/27th proceeded to position of lost target and commenced search. At 1153/27th remains were sighted and at 1240/27th these were taken in tow and ship proceeded towards harbour. At 1600/27th tow was passed to Launch "VICTON"; ship securing at Base at 1640/27th.

8. At 0840/29th proceeded from Base as Target Towing Vessel for Army Shoot from North Mole and Swanbourne Batteries. At 0900 Target taken in tow from Launch in Gage Roads. Shoot commenced at 0932/29th from North Mole terminating at 0950/29th. Ship then proceeded to Swanbourne Battery commencing shoot at 1045/29th. At 1215/29th towing wire was parted by shell fire. Target was retrieved at 1230/29th, ship then proceeding to harbour securing at 1310/29th.

9. Slipped M.L. Base at 0835/31st and proceeded to Hall Bank securing to mooring at 0900/31st.

10. During the month the health and morale of the ships company has been very good. During the refitting period all the Ship's personnel were granted Annual Leave with the exception of the officers.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 1945 - HMAML.826 (CONT.)

11.	Distance run during month.	463 miles.
	Distance run since commissioning.	20805 miles.
	Hours under way during month.	37 hours.
	Hours under way since commissioning.	2135 hours.
	Fuel consumed during month.	1576 Gals.

Hugh Hancock

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

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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER - H.M.A.M.L. 826.
DATE : 2ND JUNE 1945. Ref. No. 026/19.
TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE (THROUGH NOIC. FREMANTLE)
(Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board)
SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY 1945 - H.M.A.M.L. 826.

Submitted:

M.L.826 remained in Base on 1st and 2nd during which time the outer head of the starboard engine was changed owing to a loose valve insert being discovered.

2. Proceeded at 0955/3rd to carry out identification patrol (in vicinity of Fairway Buoy) due to heavy weather and very low visibility. At 1140/3rd left patrol area securing in M.L. Base at 1220/3rd.

3. At 0615/4th proceeded to a position North of Rottnest Island to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "SEA SCOUT". At 0810/4th, as escort in company with the submarine, proceeded to Gage Roads, anchoring at Hall Bank at 1005/4th to assume patrol.

4. At 0740/5th when relieved by M.L. 815, proceeded to M.L. Base securing there at 0804/5. Proceeded at 1204/5th and anchored at Hall Bank at 1220/5th to relieve M.L. 815 who returned at 1615/5th when M.L.826 proceeded to M.L. Base securing there at 1637/5th.

5. Ship remained in Base on 6th. At 0559/7th proceeded to exercise area to carry out exercises with U.S. Submarine "CHUBB". On completion at 1520/7th proceeded to Hall Bank, anchoring there at 1732/7th to assume patrol.

6. At 0820/8th weighed and proceeded to M.L. Base securing there at 0845/8th. At 1050/8th proceeded to exercise area in company with U.S. Submarine "BUGARA". At 1502/8th on completion of exercises, proceeded to harbour, securing in M.L. Base at 1640/8th.

7. Ship remained in Base on 9th, Sunday routine being carried out as this was "V.E. Plus one Day".

8. At 1105/10th, ship was slipped to repair bad leak in starboard rudder post. This was completed next day and ship was again waterborne at 1410/11th.

9. Ship remained in Base until 0810/13th when proceeded to Hall Bank, anchoring there at 0835/13th to assume patrol.

10. Weighed and proceeded at 0820/14th to M.L. Base securing there at 0846/14th. At 1620/14th proceeded to carry out inner patrol between Hall Bank and Scott Ledge Buoys. This was carried out until relieved by M.L. 815 at 0835/15th when proceeded to Base securing there at 0900/15th.

11. Ship remained in Base until 0820/17th when proceeded to assume outer patrol to seaward of Fairway Buoy until 1545/17th when proceeded to Base securing there at 1630/17th.

12. At 0810/18th proceeded to assume patrol at Hall Bank, anchoring there at 0837/18th.

13. At 0815/19th weighed and proceeded to Base securing there at 0845/19th.

14. On 21st May a major refit was begun on this ship and no further movements were made during the month.

15. The M.L. Base engineering staff are carrying out a top overhaul on the main engines, and the Base Shipwrights are working on the numerous minor defects. Outside contractors are fitting S.O. Type Radar, and loud-hailer equipments.

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16. The Ship's Company remaining aboard are mainly employed in cleaning out and painting all compartments below decks with exception of the engine room and fuel compartments.

17. One of the major defects is the renewal of the limber chains in the mess deck bilges and thorough cleaning of the bilges; this necessitates the removal of all water tanks, which, in any case, require cleaning. It is anticipated that this work will be taken in hand during the forthcoming week.

18. Half the Ship's Company have been sent on long leave and it is expected that all hands with the possible exception of one Stoker will have completed their leave by the time the Ship is ready for operational work.

18. Distance run during month.	567 miles.
Distance run since commissioning.	20342 miles.
Hours under way during month.	51 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2098 hours.
Fuel consumed during month	1720 galls.

Total engine hours to commencement of third top overhaul :-

PORT : 1551

STARBOARD : 1549

Lugh Macleod

LIEUTENANT R. A. N. R.
COMMANDING OFFICER - H. M. A. M. L. 826.

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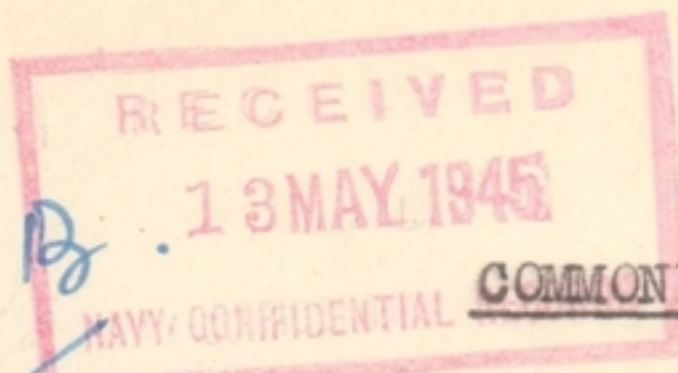
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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.M.L. 826.
DATE : 3rd MAY, 1945. Ref. No. 035/19.
TO : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE - FREMANTLE)
SUBJECT : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL 1945.

Submitted :-

M.L. 826 remained in Base on 1st and proceeded at 0815/2nd to assume A/S patrol which was taken over from M.L. 824 at 0850/2nd and carried out until 0954/3rd when proceeded to harbour for stores securing at M.L. Base at 1030/3rd. Proceeded again at 1135/3rd to resume patrol at 1210/3rd. M.L. 812 took over patrol 0750/5th and M.L. 825 returned to harbour securing at M.L. Base at 0827/5th.

2. At 1110/5th, ship was slipped at Base to examine starboard propellor shaft which had been knocking badly. The "A" bracket bearing was found to be worn excessively, there being almost half an inch of play; the shaft was also badly worn. A new bearing and a spare shaft were fitted and after replacing the propellor which had been checked for balance, the ship was waterborne at 1745/6th.

3. Proceeded at 0815/7th and relieved M.L. 824 at 0848/7th on A/S patrol which was carried out until relieved by M.L. 812 at 0855/8th when returned to harbour securing at M.L. Base at 0942/8th.

4. Ship remained in Base until 0815/10th when proceeded to Hall Bank and secured to mooring buoy to assume patrol in accordance with N.O.I.C. Fremantle's 090915z April. At 1927/10th slipped and proceeded to carry out A/S search as a result of advice of an unidentified loop crossing. Discontinued search at 2000/10th when advised that crossing had been identified as friendly. Secured at Hall Bank at 2030/10th.

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5. At 0532/11th slipped and hove to off harbour entrance to await U.S. Submarine "BREAM". At 0630/11th proceed in company with "BREAM" to submarine exercise area. Commenced exercises at 09⁰⁵/11th and on completion at 1406/11th detached from "BREAM" and proceeded to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA". At 1434/11th in company with "KATOOMBA" proceeded to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "PERCH". Exercises were commenced at 1455/11th. At 1915/11th detached from "KATOOMBA" and "PERCH" and proceeded towards harbour, anchoring in vicinity of Hall Bank at 2330/11th.

6. At 0610/12th slipped and proceeded to harbour securing in M.L. Base at 0640/12th.

7. At 0845/13th proceeded to Hall Bank and secured to mooring there at 0904/13th.

8. At 1130/14th proceeded to harbour and secured in M.L. Base at 1155/14th. At 1334/14th proceeded to submarine exercise area. At 1614/14th in company with H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA" and U.S. Submarine "BLOWER", carried out exercises until 2020/14th when detached from "KATOOMBA" and "BLOWER" proceeded to Hall Bank to anchor at 2334/14th.

9. Proceeded to harbour at 0629/15th securing in M.L. Base at 0650/15th.

10. Proceeded to Hall Bank at 0818/16th and secured to mooring there at 0852/16th.

11. At 0348/17th proceeded to rendezvous with U.S. submarine "BLUEBACK". At 0455/17th as escort with "BLUEBACK" proceeded to harbour, and secured in M.L. Base at 0625/17th.

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12. Proceeded to Hall Bank at 0815/19th and secured to mooring there at 0832/19th.
13. Proceeded to harbour at 0930/20th securing in M.L. Base at 1000/20th
14. Proceeded to Hall Bank at 0815/22nd and secured to mooring there at 0920/22nd, after renewing mooring pendant. At 1630/22nd proceeded to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "TACITURN". Hove to in rendezvous position at 1800/22nd. At 2145/22nd "TACITURN" having failed to arrive, proceeded to Hall Bank in accordance with instructions, and secured to mooring at 2335/22nd.
15. At 0450/23rd proceeded to rendezvous with "TACITURN", *at 0610/23rd as escort with "TACITURN"* proceeded to Gage Roads arriving there at 0805/23rd. At 0807/23rd proceeded to Submarine Exercise Area to rendezvous and exercise with U.S. Submarine "HAWKBILL". Arrived in area at 1030/23rd and commenced search for "HAWKBILL". Searched area without success until 1525/23rd when proceeded to harbour in accordance with instructions, securing at M.L. Base at 1835/23rd.
16. At 0826/25th with M.L. 812 and H.D.M.L. 1352 in company proceeded for low-angle shoot. At 0840/25th when abeam Hall Bank buoy, M.L. 824 joined company taking station astern of M.L. 812. At 0959/25th took station astern of H.M.A.S. "KATOOMBA". The Bofors gun only was fired as a Pattern VI target was being used. M.L. 826 opened fire at 1040/25th but only 12 rounds were fired when a stoppage occurred which could not immediately be cleared. At 1115/25th when all ships had completed their firing and with approval of "KATOOMBA" M.L.'s proceeded to harbour. At 1230/25th M.L.'s 812, 824 and 1352 were detached to return to harbour independently, while M.L. 826 secured at Hall Bank mooring.
17. At 0600/26th proceeded to rendezvous with H.M. Submarine "SELENE". At 0717/26th as escort in company with "SELENE" proceeded to harbour, securing in M.L. Base at 0915/26th.
18. Slipped at 0700/28th and proceeded to rendezvous with R.N.N. Submarine "O-24". At 0825/28th as escort in company with "O-24" proceeded to Gage Roads. Hove to in Gage Roads at 1003/28th and secured to Hall Bank mooring at 1205/28th.
19. At 0817/29th proceeded to harbour and secured at 0843/29th in M.L. Base. No further movements were made for the remainder of the month.
20. During the 27th all wire cables in the steering gear were renewed.
21. The general health and morale of the Ship's Company continued to be of a high standard.
22. Distance run during the month. 1671 miles.
Distance run since commissioning. 19775 miles.
Hours under way during the month. 163 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning. 2047 hours.
Fuel consumed during month. ~~3105~~ 4120 galls.

Hugh Stanlock

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

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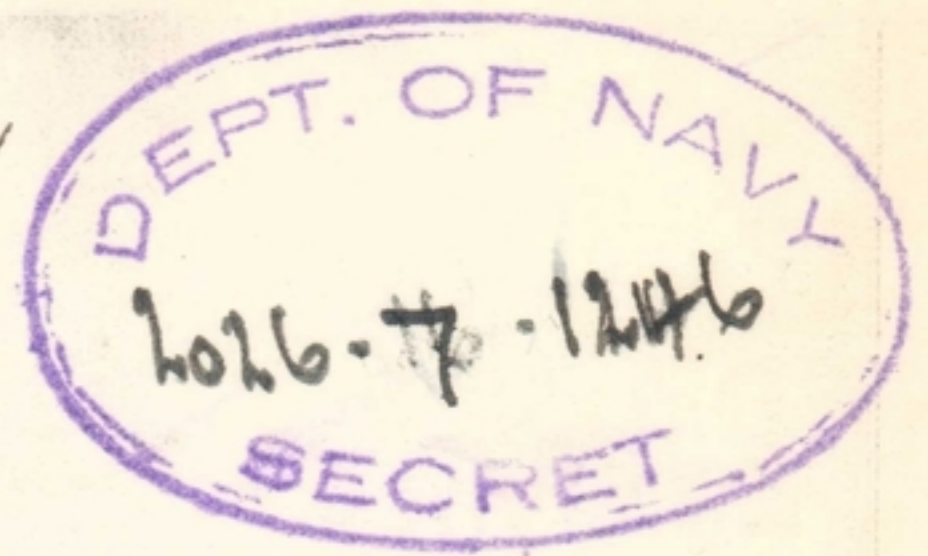
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THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH, 1945.

SUBMITTED :

M.L. 826 carried out special duties with the S.R.D. at Careening Bay, Garden Island, until 0550/3rd, when proceeded to Fremantle securing at M.L. Base at 0703/3rd.

2. At 0842/3rd proceeded to A/S patrol temporarily being relieved by M.L. 824 at 2045/3rd when this ship returned to M.L. Base, securing there at 2128/3rd.

3. Ship remained in Base until 0820/10th, when proceeded to Careening Bay, Garden Island, for special duties with the S.R.D. which continued until 0300/20th, with the exception of the undermentioned interruptions.

4. At 0920/16th proceeded to Fremantle, securing at M.L. Base at 1030/16th to take fuel and stores, returning to Careening Bay at 0835/17th.

5. At 0214/19th proceeded to Gage Roads in accordance with signal from N.O.I.C. Fremantle, to carry out A/S search as a result of an unidentified loop crossing. Search was discontinued at 0615/19th, when ship returned to Careening Bay.

6. At 0300/20th proceeded to a position to the north of Rottnest Island to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine "PINTADO", which was escorted to harbour. Secured at M.L. Base at 0740/20th.

7. At 0930/20th proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. "KIAMA", U.S.S. "CORPUS CHRISTI", U.S.S. "HUTCHINSON" and M.L. 824, to carry out L.A. and H.A. exercise shoot. Secured at M.L. Base from this exercise at 1535/20th.

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8. The ship remained in Base until 0819/24th when proceeded to A/S Patrol, relieving M.L. 824 at 0900/24th. This patrol was carried out until relieved by M.L. 812 at 1320/27th, securing at M.L. Base at 1415/27th.

9. The ship remained in Base until proceeding at 0600/30th to Careening Bay, Garden Island, for special duties with the S.R.D., these being carried out until 0800/31st when ship proceeded to Fremantle, securing at M.L. Base at 0910/31st.

10. Re Special Duties with the S.R.D. For security reasons, I have given no details of these duties in view of the nature of the work encountered. I have been given to understand by the Officer Commanding the Careening Bay Camp that he is submitting a detailed report of these duties to you through the appropriate authorities.

11. During the forenoon of 9th March, a detailed inspection of the ship was carried out by Lieutenant F. P. WALLIS, R.A.N.V.R., the Senior Officer M.L. Flotilla, Fremantle.

12. The health and morale of the ship's Company has been very good.

13. Distance run during month ... 1552 miles.
Distance run since commissioning. ... 18104 miles.
Hours under way during month ... 161 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning ... 1884 hours.
Fuel consumed during month. ... 2955 galls.

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Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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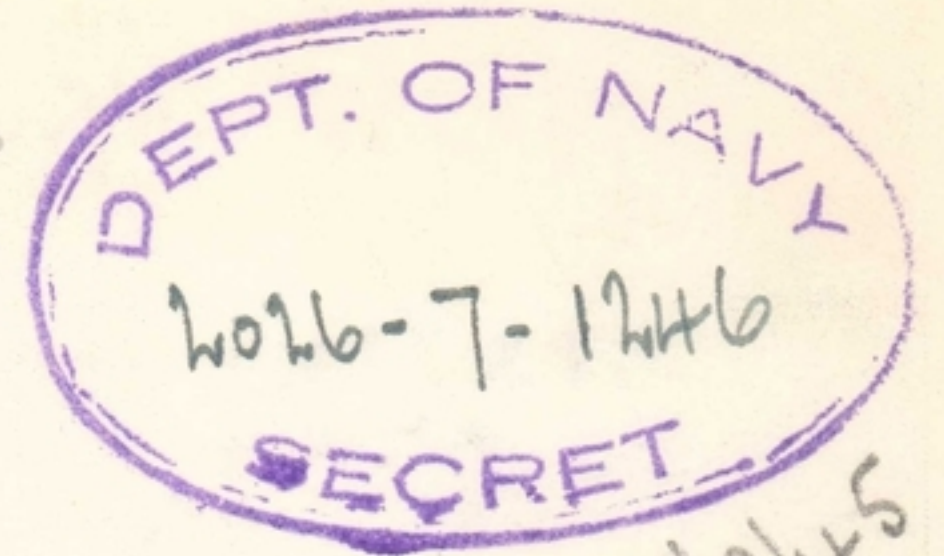
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COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.L. "826".

2nd MARCH, 1945.

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THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1945.

SUBMITTED :

On 1st ship remained in Base and proceeded on A/S patrol at 0814/2nd. This patrol was uneventful until 0521/3rd, when advice was received of an unidentified loop crossing and ship then carried out a search in accordance with local orders, until 0834/3rd, when M.L. "826" returned to normal patrol.

2. At 1805/3rd, M.L. was relieved by H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" and proceeded to assume inner patrol between loops and harbour entrance; this was carried out until return to M.L. Base at 1455/5th.

3. Ship remained in Base until 0600/8th, when M.L. proceeded with U.S. Submarine "CAIMAN" to exercise area, returning to Base at 1817/8th.

4. At 0830/10th proceeded to A/S patrol, which was carried out until 1030/13th, securing at Base at 1105/13th.

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5. At 1400/15th proceeded to assist in D/F calibrations for tanker "BRITISH AMBASSADOR" anchored in Gage Roads, returning to Base at 1900/15th.

6. At 1015/16th proceeded to A/S patrol temporarily to relieve M.L. "824", returning to Base at 1405/16th, when M.L. "824" resumed patrol.

7. At 1050/17th proceeded to Careening Bay, Garden Island, for special duties with the S.R.D; these were carried out until ship returned to M.L. Base at 1725/20th.

8. At 0815/22nd proceeded to assume A/S patrol duties, which were carried out until 0845/23rd, when M.L. returned to Base to effect repairs to A/S set, resuming patrol at 1447/23rd.

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At 1720/23rd a small amount of methylated spirit was accidentally ignited whilst priming the galley stove and a rating - Able Seaman J.S. WILSON, O.N. F.4755 - was burned about the face. Ship proceeded to harbour forthwith to land this rating for medical attention, resuming patrol at 1900/23rd. Secured at Base from patrol at 0930/25th.

9. At 1332/26th proceeded to Careening Bay, Garden Island, for special duties with the S.R.D.; these continued for the remainder of the month.

10. On 18th, Lieutenant S.H. HANCOCK, R.A.N.R. assumed command of M.L. "826", replacing Lieutenant H.C. SHIPWAY, in accordance with A.C.N.B's 111233Z January.

11. During the month the health and morale of the ship's company has been very good.

12.	Distance run during month	...	2557 miles.
	Distance run since commissioning	...	16552 miles.
	Hours under way during month	...	266 hours.
	Hours under way since commissioning	...	1723 hours.
	Fuel consumed during month	...	4270 galls.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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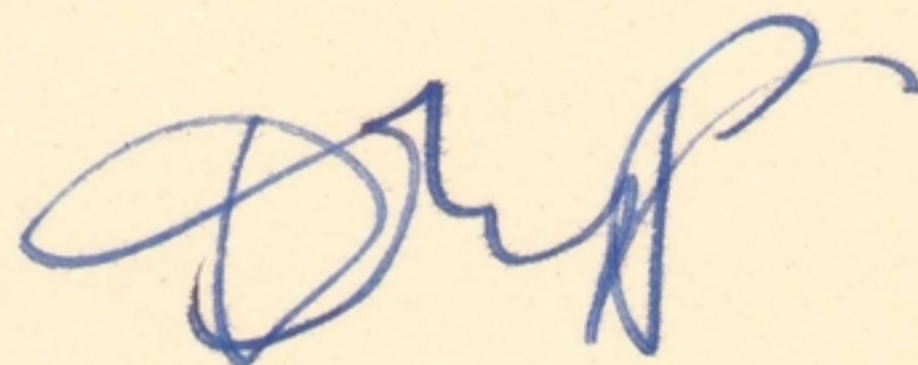
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 1945.

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On 1st, ship remained in Base. This was the first anniversary of the original commission and during that first twelve months, she has steamed nearly 12,500 miles in approximately 1,320 hours.

2. On 2nd, general refit was commenced including second top overhaul on main engines each of which had then done approximately 615 hours since the first top overhaul.

3. The ship was slipped on the 8th and repairs effected to starboard propeller shaft and rudder. At 0230 on 18th, M.L. 826 was unslipped owing to a fire in the vicinity. Proceeding to Hall Bank, she was anchored until 0600 when return was made to the Base.

4. A/S Patrol was assumed at 1725 on 18th and carried out until relieved by M.L. 815 at 0855 on 21st.

5. On 27th, M.L. 826 relieved S.C.739 on patrol. When relieved by M.L. 815 on 30th, she returned to Base, securing at 0932.

6. During the time spent in harbour a considerable amount of maintenance of fitting both above and below decks, was carried out. The ship was painted, including the bottom to which anti-fouling paint was applied.

7. Opportunity was taken, during the refit to give each of the crew seven days leave. The health and morale of the ship's company is very good and benefited from the break ashore.

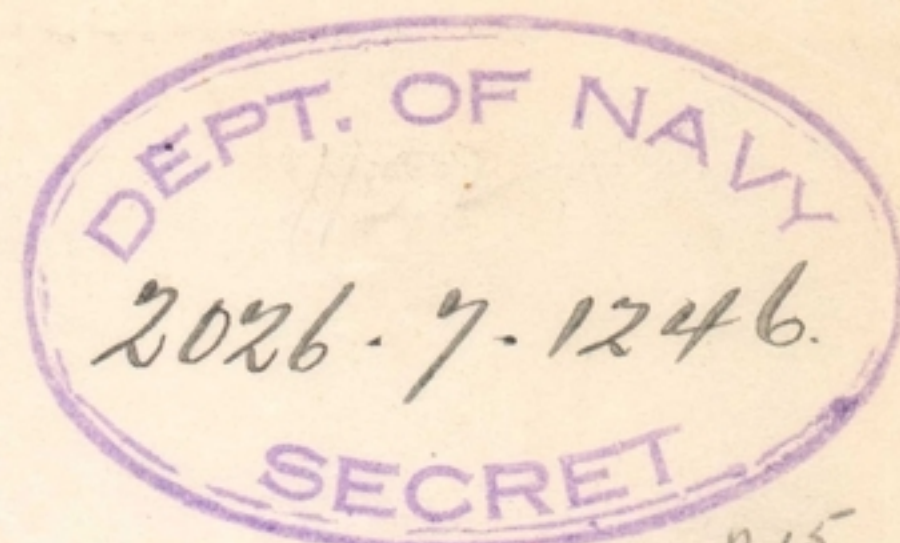
Distance run during month 1,330 miles.
" " since commissioning 13,795 miles.
Hours under way during month 138 hours.
" " " since commissioning 1,457 hours.

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At 0910, 1st December, secured at M.L. Base from
A/S Standby patrol.

The ship remained in Base until 0600, 3rd December,
when proceeded to S.X.A.(G) with U.S. Submarine, returning
at 1600 to take over A/S patrol, which was carried out until 0905,
4th, when secured at Base.

2. The ship remained at Base, until proceeding on A/S
Patrol at 0812 on 7th; this patrol was carried out until ship
secured in M.L. Base at 0933 on 10th December.

3. At 0810 16th, proceeded to A/S Standby patrol duties
which were carried out until ship secured at Base at 0915, 19th.

4. At 0250 17th, in accordance with instructions from
N.O.I.C. F., proceeded with M.L. "812" in company to meet and
standby H.M.A.S. "BUNBURY" and H.M. Submarine "SEA ROVER".
Returned to harbour with these vessels then returned A/S
Standby patrol duties.

5. Ship remained at Base on 20th December and proceeded
at 0921, 21st, in company with M.L. "815" to carry out convoy
exercises which concluded at 1900 21st, after which the M.L's.
proceeded to harbour, arriving off North Mole at 0110, 22nd,
then anchored on Hall Bank until 0600, 22nd, when ship entered
harbour and secured at M.L. Base.

6. Ship remained at Base until 0815, 25th, when proceeded
to A/S Standby Patrol Duties, which were carried out until
returning to Base at 0835, 28th.

7. Ship remained in Base for the remainder of the month,
pending commencement of refit.

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8. Whilst exercising Action Stations on 3rd December, trouble was experienced with the training mechanism of the Bofors Gun.

This was immediately attended to and rectified by Base Ordnance Staff on returning to harbour on the 4th December; trouble was caused by water entering the mounting beneath the cradle.

9. During this month the ship spent twenty days in harbour and eleven days at sea. This was due to the fact that the main engines are more than one hundred hours overdue for top overhaul and the ship was not sent to sea unless it was absolutely essential.

10. The health of the ship's company is very good, and morale excellent. The condition of the ship, both inside and out, is exceptionally good, and will improve during refitting period.

Distance run during month	...	2093 miles.
Distance run since commissioning	...	12465 miles.
Hours under way during month.	...	222 hours.
Hours under way since commissioning	...	1319 hours.

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LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.L. 826.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L. 826 for the month of October, 1944.

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

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COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A. M.L. 826.

5th November 1944.

SENIOR OFFICER MOTOR LAUNCHES

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1944.

Submitted is a report of proceedings of M.L. 826 during the month of October, 1944.

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2. On 1st October, M.L. 826 carried out A/S Patrol, returning to harbour, when relieved at 1050H. On return to Base, the Engine Room Staff and Base Engineering Staff carried out electrical repairs to both engines. By A.M. 5th October, these repairs had been effected and M.L. 826 proceeded to sea for Trials. The generators were still overheating considerably and, on return to Base, work on the engines was recommenced.
 3. The Engine Trials carried out next day, 6th October, were satisfactory and M.L. 826 proceeded to sea as escort for U.S. "JUHILLA" at 1600H. Escort duties were completed at 1900H and A/S Patrol assumed from M.L. 812 at 2010H.
 4. At 0822H on 7th October, M.L. 826 anchored at Hall Bank and carried out duties as Stand-by A/S vessel. Weighing anchor at 1643H, escort was given to H.M. Submarine "SIRDAR" to S.X.A. (A). At 1835H, M.L. 826 returned to patrol area and carried out patrol until relieved by S.C. 739 at 0817H on 8th October, when she returned to Base.
 5. Slipping at 0852H on 10th October, M.L. 826 proceeded to Hall Bank to find and buoy a submerged cable. This work was completed by 1105H, when M.L. 826 returned to harbour.
 6. On 13th October, M.L. 826 escorted U.S. Submarine "GROWLER" to S.X.A.(C) where exercises were carried out, until 1500H, when both vessels returned to harbour.
 7. At 0815H on 14th October, M.L. 826 slipped and assumed A/S Patrol duties. On 15th October, S.S. "GEORGE M. ENBIRICOS" was escorted outwards until 1530, when, M.L. 826 returned and resumed patrol. When relieved by S.C. 739 on 17th October, M.L. 826 returned to the M.L. Base.
 8. Escort duties were again assumed on 23rd October when S.S. "MATHURA" was escorted to sea, until 1500. Stand by Patrol was carried out on return and maintained until relieved on 26th October, by S.C. 739.
 9. At 0842H on 30th October, M.L. 826 proceeded to sea in company with M.L.'s 824 and 812. A/S exercises were carried out off Rottneest Island and a pattern of 4 Depth charges was dropped. A shoot with 40 m.m. and 20 m.m. guns was also carried out, M.L.s returning to Base at 1515H.
 10. On 31st October, M.L. 826 relieved Y.M.S. 72 on A/S Patrol until 1820H, when Y.M.S. 72 returned from sea, allowing M.L. 826 to return to harbour.
 11. During the month, the ship was painted and maintenance work carried out. The health and conduct of the ship's company was entirely satisfactory.
 12. Lieut. S.H. Hancock R.A.N.R. joined as 1st Lieutenant on 4th October, Sub-Lieut. H.H. Scrivenor R.A.N.R. being discharged to M.L. 812 in accordance with A.C.N.B.'s 1204462 of August.

Distance run during month.	2178 miles.
" " since commissioning.	8061 miles.
Hours under way during month.	226½ hours.
" " since commissioning.	849 hours.



COMMANDING OFFICER,
W.C. Shipway
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.

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