

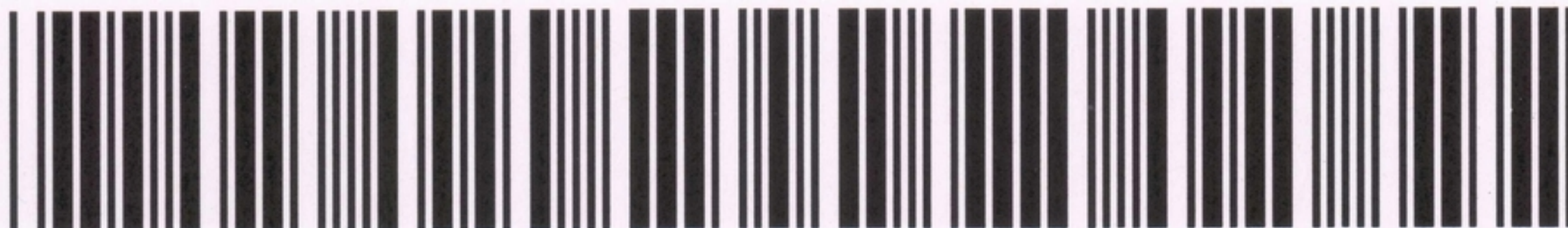
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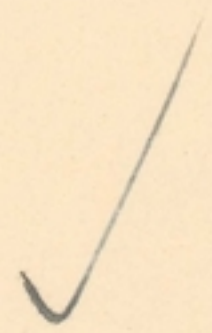
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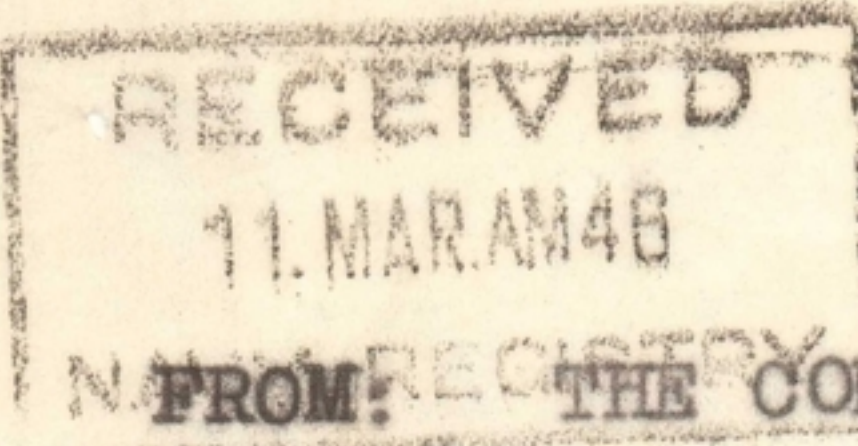
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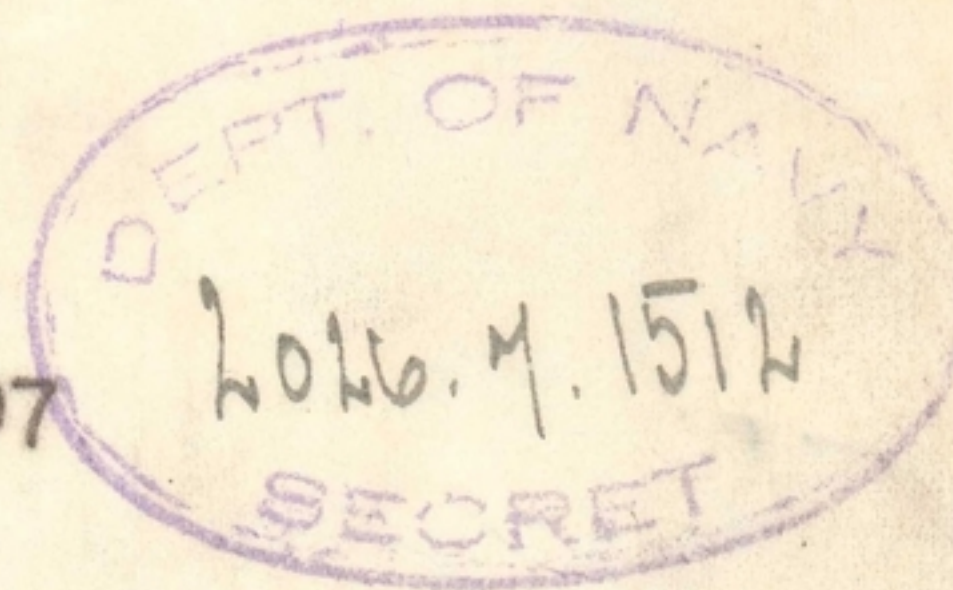
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DATE: 5th. March, 1946

TO : The Secretary, Naval Board, (through N.O.I.C. New Guinea)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : MARCH, 1946

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Sailed a.m. 1st from Langemak for Lae, arriving a.m. same day. Sailed p.m. 1st for Dreger Harbour, arriving p.m. same day.

3. 2nd. at Dreger Harbour.

4. Sailed a.m. 3rd. for Alexishafen, arriving a.m. 4th.

5. 4th. March H.M.A. M.S.L. 707 decommissioned and reduced to harbour craft. N.O.I.C. New Guinea 022318z March refers.

6. Health and morale of ship's company very satisfactory.

7. Ship to undergo engine overhauls at Alexishafen.

8. Monthly figures

Distance steamed to 4th March	300 miles
Hours under way to 4th March	38 hours
Average speed to 4th March	8.0 knots
Gallons of fuel expended to 4th March	260 galls
Gallons of fuel expended per hour to 4th March	6.5 galls
Engine hours to 4th March	40 hours
Total engine hours since commissioning	1028.5 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	7130 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning	966 hours

Date Commissioned 4th June, 1945.

Signed C.O. 2/6/46.

A. H. Blair

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

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S.N.R. 42573

February 1946.

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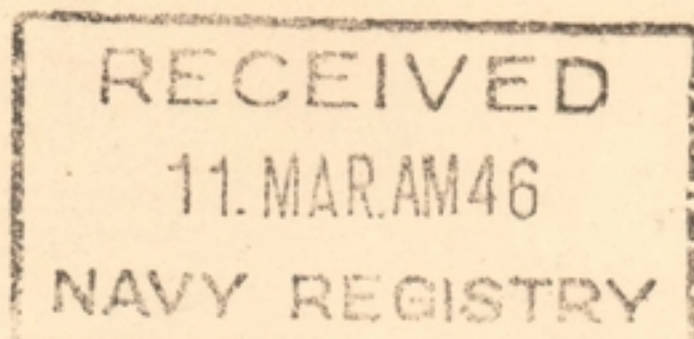
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FROM..... THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.S.L.707.

DATE..... 1st MARCH, 1946.

TO..... THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. (Through N.O.I.C.  
New Guinea)

SUBJECT.. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1946.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O.97/43 and  
C.C.N.O.19/45.

2. From 1st to 6th at Madang loading cargo.  
Sailed P.M. 6th for Dreger Harbour, arriving P.M. 7th.

3. From 7th to 28th at Dreger Harbour. Sailed  
A.M. 28th for Langemak arriving A.M. same day.

4. Health and morale of Ship's Company remains  
satisfactory, but very dissatisfied with lack of mail.  
Only three deliveries of mail were received during the month.

5. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Galley Stove blower still to be fitted, but job  
in hand.  
Main Engines - Good, but need top overhaul.  
Auxiliary Engines - Good, but need top overhaul.  
Hull - Good, but superstructure still leaks.  
Fuel - Very poor and dirty.

6. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	-	280 miles.
Hours under way during month	-	40 hours.
Average speed for month	-	7.0 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines during month	-	344.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines per hour	-	7.3.
Engine Hours for month	-	47.5.
Total engine hours since commissioning	-	988.5.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	6830 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning	-	928.
Date commissioned	-	4th June, 1945.

dated. H.B.S. 2/5/46.

A. K. Blair

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER, M.S.L.707.

Mail have  
been forwarded to  
Madang since  
12.10.45. No  
diversion signals  
have been received  
from N.O.I.C. N.G.  
Pink list shows  
"Madang - to be paid off".  
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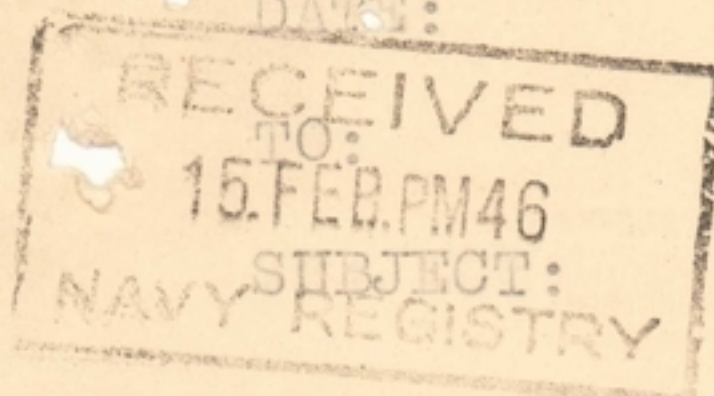
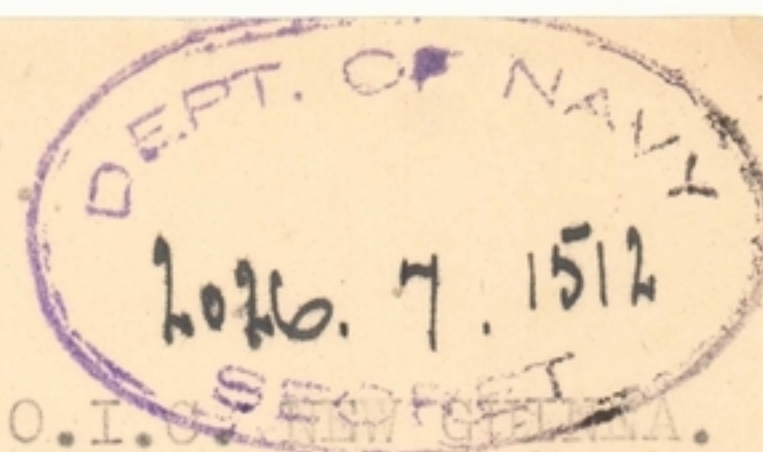
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DATE:

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The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1946.

Submitted in accordance with CNO 97/43 and CCNO 19/45.

2. From 1 to 3 January loading cargo at Madang. Sailed p.m. 3 Jan for Dreger Harbour, arriving p.m. 4.
3. From 5 to 9 at Dreger unloading cargo. Sail p.m. 9 for Madang arriving p.m. 10.
4. From 10 to 12 at Madang loading cargo. Sail a.m. 12 for Dreger Harbour arriving a.m. 13. Sail p.m. 13 for Lae, arriving a.m. 14 to collect stores. Sail a.m. 15 for Dreger arriving p.m. same day. Sail p.m. same day for Madang arriving p.m. 16.
5. From 17 to 19 at Madang loading stores. Sail p.m. 19 for Dreger arriving p.m. 20.
6. From 20 to 23 unloading. Sail p.m. 23 for Madang arriving p.m. 24.
7. From 24 to 26 load stores. Sail p.m. 26 for Dreger arriving p.m. 27. From 27 to 30 unloading. Sail p.m. 30 for Madang arriving a.m. 31.
8. Health of ships company suffering from lack of fresh vegetables and foodstuffs. Morale remains very satisfactory.

9. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Galley stove	-	Blower still to be fitted.
Main Engines	-	Good, but needs top overhaul. Trouble with bilge pump.
Auxiliary Engines	-	Good, but slight trouble with water pump.
Hull	-	Good, but superstructure still leaks very badly.

10. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	1477 miles
Hours under way during month	195.5 hours
Average speed for month	7.6 knots
Engine hours for month	208 hours
Gallons fuel expended during month by main engine	1383 galls
Gallons fuel expended by main engine per hour	6.7 galls
Total engine hours since commissioning	941 hours
Total distance steamed since commissg.	6550 miles
Total hours underway since commissg.	887.5 hours
Date commissioned	4 June, 1945.

*A. K. Blair*  
*Lieutenant RANVR*

Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A. "M.S.L. 707".

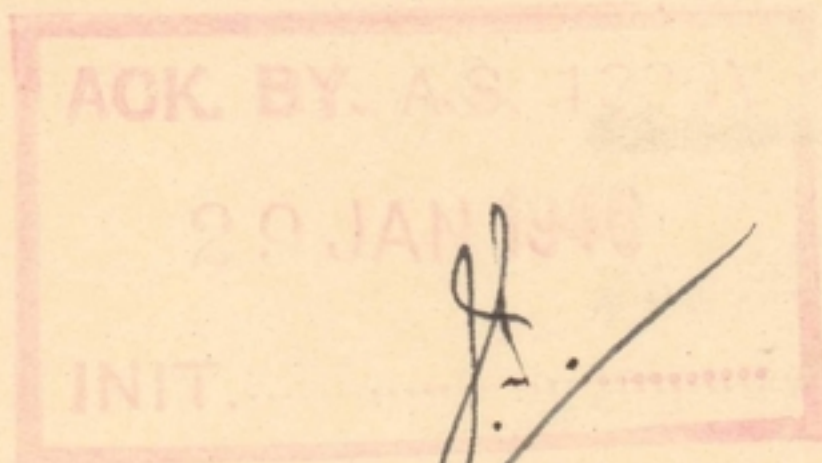
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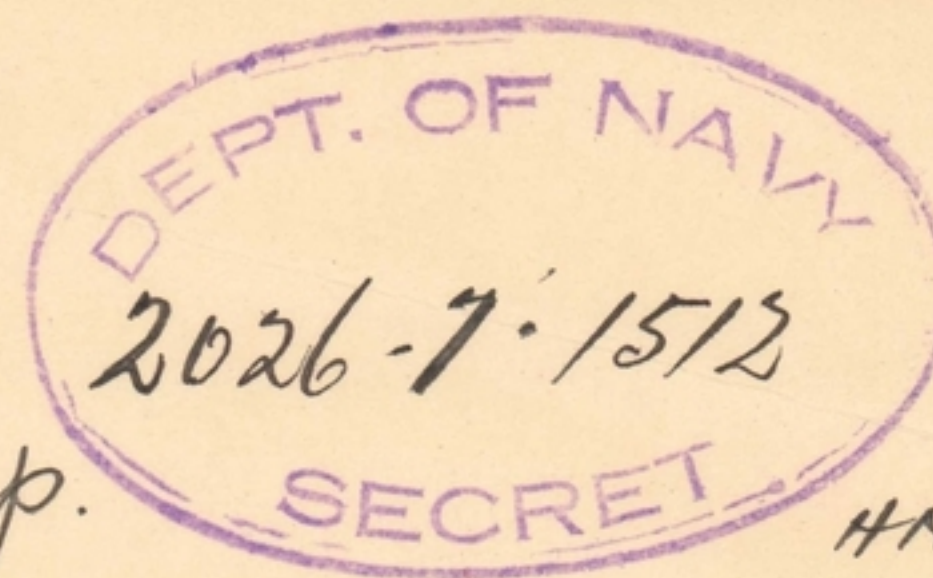
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*(V.A.R.O)\**

*[Signature]*  
A/Captain, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.

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Office of the R.O.I.C.  
New Guinea, Dugout Harbour.  
20 January, 1945.

The Secretary, Naval Board,  
Navy Office,  
Melbourne, V.C.

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W. J. H. H.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
New Guinea.



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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.S.L.707".  
DATE: 31 December, 1945.  
TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.  
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1945.

Submitted in accordance with NO9743 and CNO19/43.1945

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE  
12 JAN 1946  
NEW GUINEA

2. 1st at Dreger Harbour. Sail pm 1st for Langemak arriving pm same day. Sail pm 2nd for Madang arriving am 3rd. From 3rd to 7th at Madang loading stores. Sail pm 7th for Dreger Harbour arrive pm 8th. From 9th to 12th at Dreger Harbour unloading stores. Sail pm 12th for Madang arriving pm 13th.

3. PM 14th proceed out of harbour and dump condemned foodstuffs. From 14th to 19th at Madang loading stores. Sail pm 19th for Dreger Harbour arriving pm 20th, unload stores. Sail pm 20th for Lae. Arrive am 21st, load timber. Sail pm 22nd for Dreger Harbour arriving pm same day. Sail am 23rd for Madang arriving am 24th. From 24th to 31st at M Madang unloading and loading.

4. Health and morale of Ship's Company remains very satisfactory.

5. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Galley Stove	Trouble still not remedied.
Main engines	Very satisfactory
Auxiliary Engines	Very satisfactory.

6. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	1015 miles.
Hours underway during month	145 hours.
Average Speed during month	7 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines during month	873 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines per hour	5.8 galls.
Engine hours for month	151 hours.
Total engine hours since commissioning	733 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	5073 miles.
Total hours underway since commissioning	692 hours.
Date commissioned 4 June, 1945.	

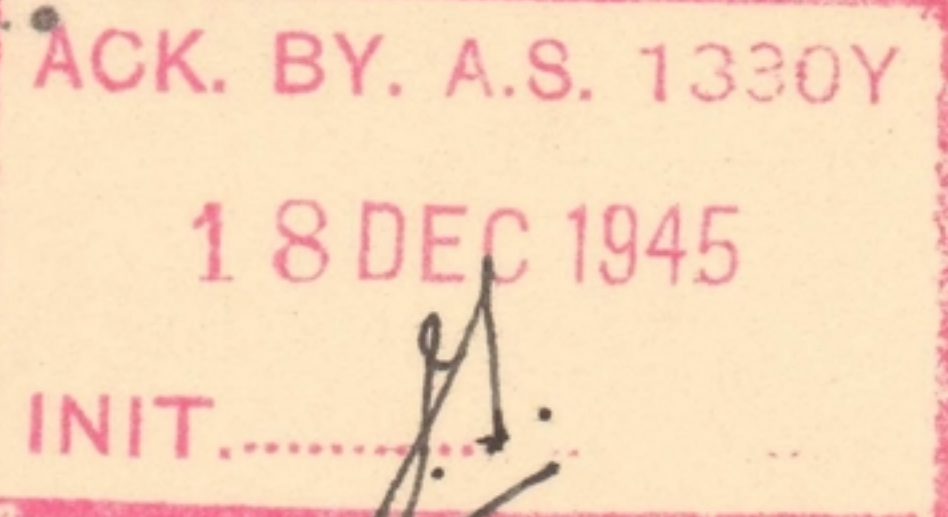
(sgd-) A.H. BLAIR,  
Lieutenant RANVR.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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New Guinea, Madang.  
11 December, 1945.

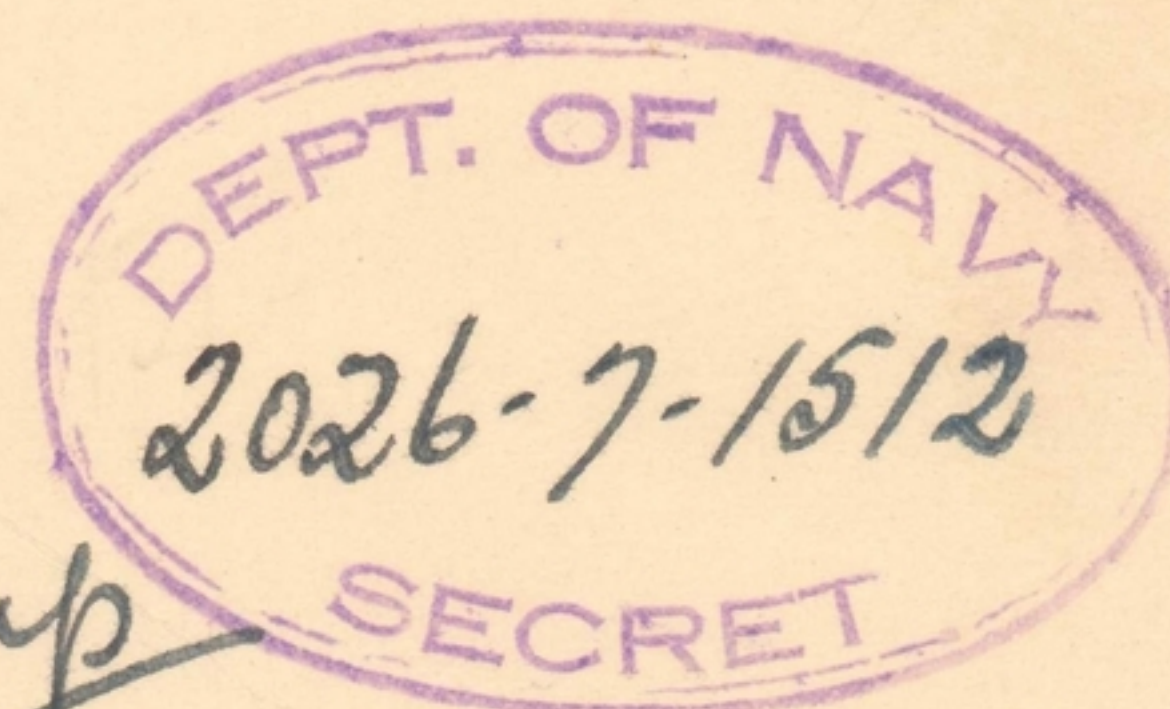
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A/Commander, R.A.N.  
for Naval Officer in Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.

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From : Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.S.L. 707.

Date : 1st. December, 1945.

To : Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Subject: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. From 1st. to 6th. at Madang.

3. Proceeded to Alexishaven P.M. 6th. for overhaul of auxiliary engines and necessary minor repairs.

4. Return to Madang P.M. 23rd..

5. Sailed P.M. 28th. for Dreger Harbour with Naval Stores.  
Arrived A.M. 29th..

6. Health and morale of Ship's Company remains very satisfactory, but dissatisfied with not receiving hard lying money for living under inferior conditions.

7. Efficiency Report:

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Galley Stove - Little better.  
Main Engines - Very satisfactory.  
Auxiliary Engines - Very satisfactory.  
Hull - Good but superstructure still leaks badly.

8. Monthly Figures:

Distance steamed during month	: 230 miles.
Hours under way during month	: 30 hours.
Average speed for month	: 7.7 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines during month.	: 268 gallons.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines per hour	: 6 gallons.
Engine hours for month	: 44 hours.
Total engine hours since commissioning	: 582 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	: 4058 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning	: 547 hours.
Date Commissioned	: 4th. June 1945.

*A. H. Blair*  
*Lieutenant RANVR*  
Commanding Officer  
H.M.A.M.S.L. 707.



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The Secretary, Naval Board,  
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A/Captain, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.

✓ *Miss Birch.*



NEW GUINEA.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
Vice Admiral, R.A.N.

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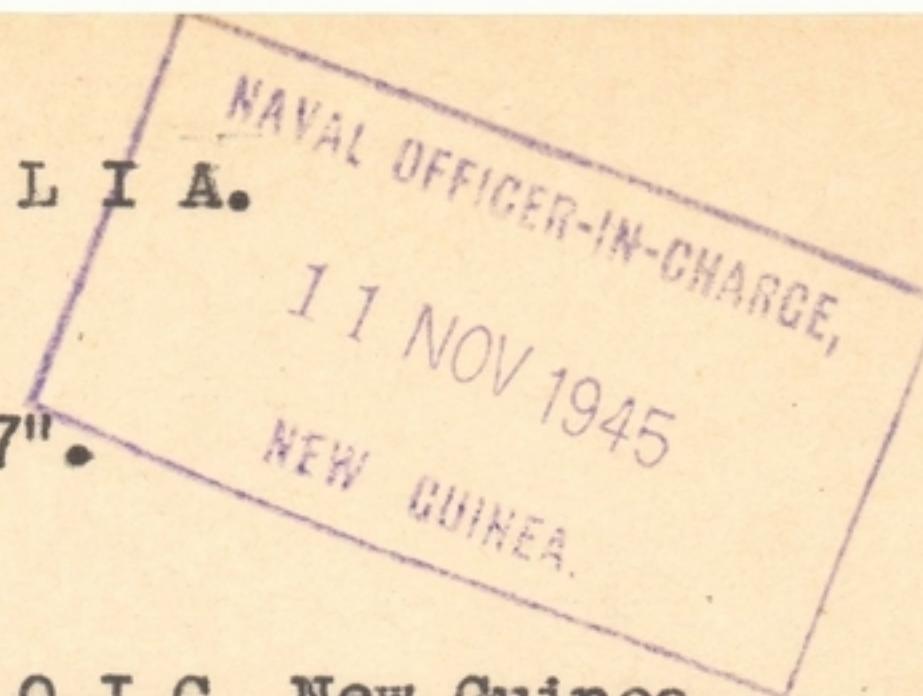
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C O M M O N W E A L T H   o f   A U S T R A L I A .

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FROM:      Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.S.L. 707".  
DATE:      7 November, 1945.  
TO:        The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.  
SUBJECT:   REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945.



Submitted in accordance with N.O.97/43 and C.C.N.O.19/45.

2.        Commissioned 1000K on 4 June, stored ship, and commenced loading cargo.

3.        Proceeded from Williamstown a.m. on 6th June for Sydney, sheltering in Portsea the night of 6th June. Arrived Jervis Bay 2100 on 9th June to shelter from gale.

4.        Sailed p.m. 16th for Sydney, arriving a.m. 17th.

5.        Secured alongside Garden Island for rest of month.

6.        Health and morale of ship's company was very satisfactory, but there was insufficient accommodation in Mess Decks.

7.        EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines	-	Very satisfactory
Auxiliary Engines	-	Very satisfactory
Hull	-	Good - but superstructure leaking badly.

8.        STORES.

Port Melbourne's supply of stores were rather inadequate.

9.        MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	- - - - -	665 miles.
Hours under way during month	- - - - -	95 hours.
Average speed for month	- - - - -	7 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines during month	- - - - -	467 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	- - - - -	4.9 galls.

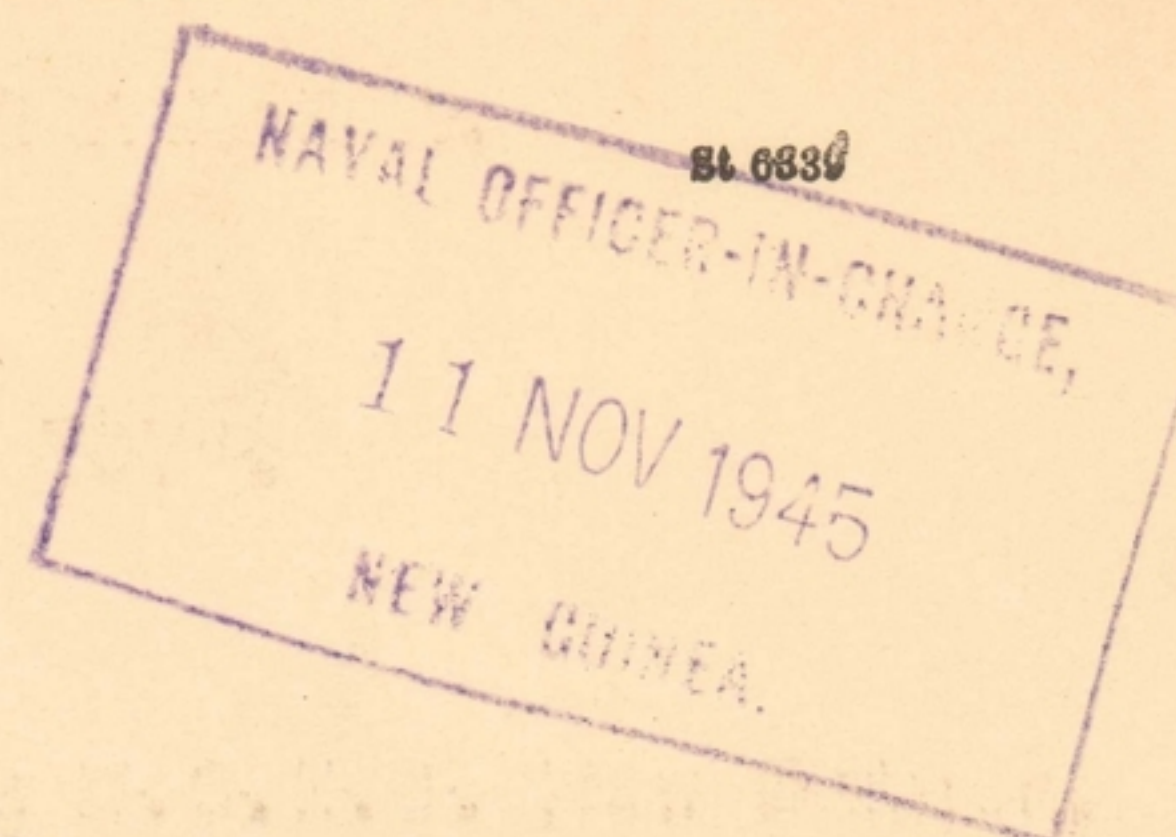
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*Lieutenant RANVR*  
Commanding Officer,  
HSM.A. "M.S.L. 707".



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## Royal Australian Navy.



From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.S.L. 707.  
Date 7th. November, 1945. Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_  
To The Secretary, Naval Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.  
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Proceeded to Chapmans Dockyard, Balmain, Sydney P.M. 3rd.. Taken up on slip A.M. 4th. to have the hull sheathed.

3. Dockyard work satisfactory but slow.

4. ~~Satisfactory.~~ Health and morale of ship's company remains very satisfactory.

5. Efficiency Report:.

Main Engines : Very Satisfactory.  
Auxiliary Engines: Very Satisfactory.  
Hull : Very sound but superstructure ~~is~~<sup>ure</sup> still leaking very badly.

6. Monthly Figures :.

Distance Steamed during month : Nil.  
Hours under way during month : Nil.  
Distance steamed since commissioning : 665 miles.  
Hours under way since commissioning : 95 hours.  
Date Commissioned : 4th. June 1945.

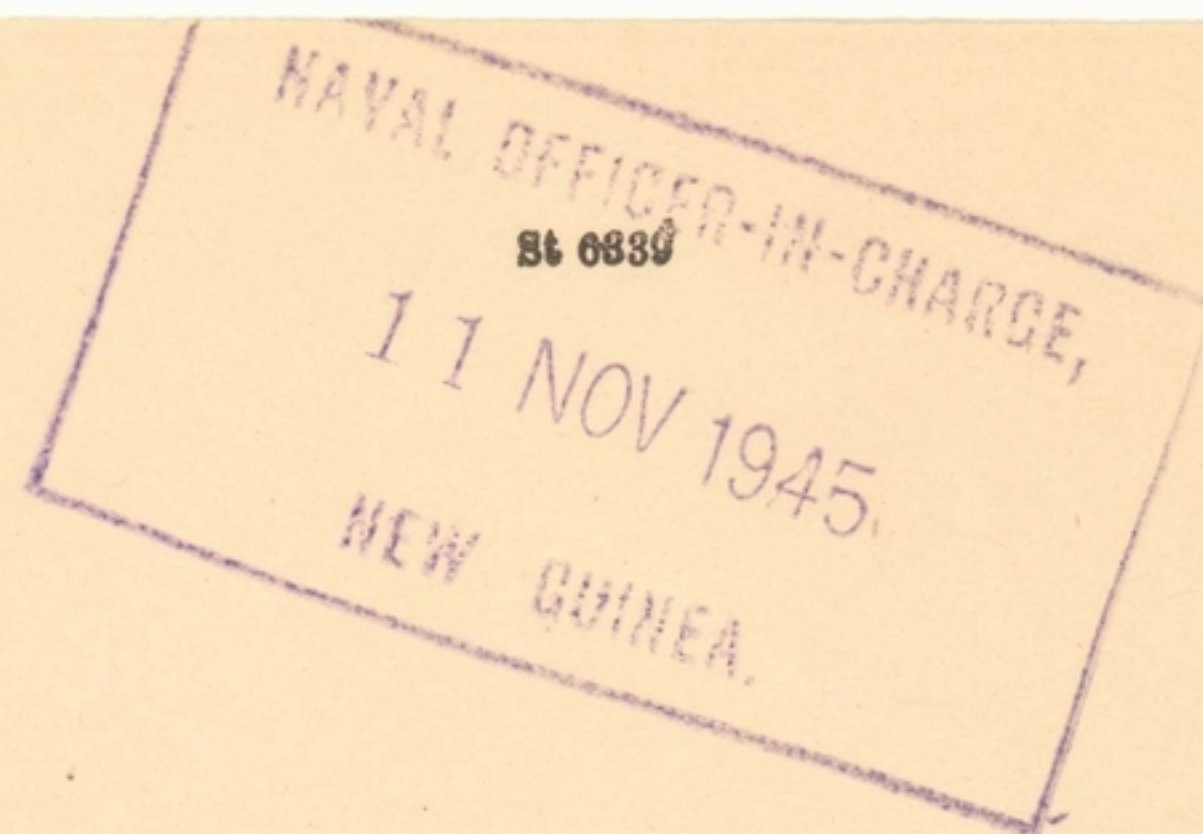
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*Lieutenant RANVR*

Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A.M.S.L. 707.



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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.S.L. 707".

Date 7 November, 1945. Reference No. \_\_\_\_\_

To The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O.97/43 and C.C.N.O.19/45.

2. From 1st to p.m. 29 August, ship still on slips at Chapmans Dockyard, Balmain, Sydney.

3. P.M. 29th Unslipped.

4. General work done on ship was very satisfactory, but seemed very slow. Sheathing held up by no necessary wood being available.

5. Morale of ships company rather upset by such a long period of inactivity and cost of living ashore.

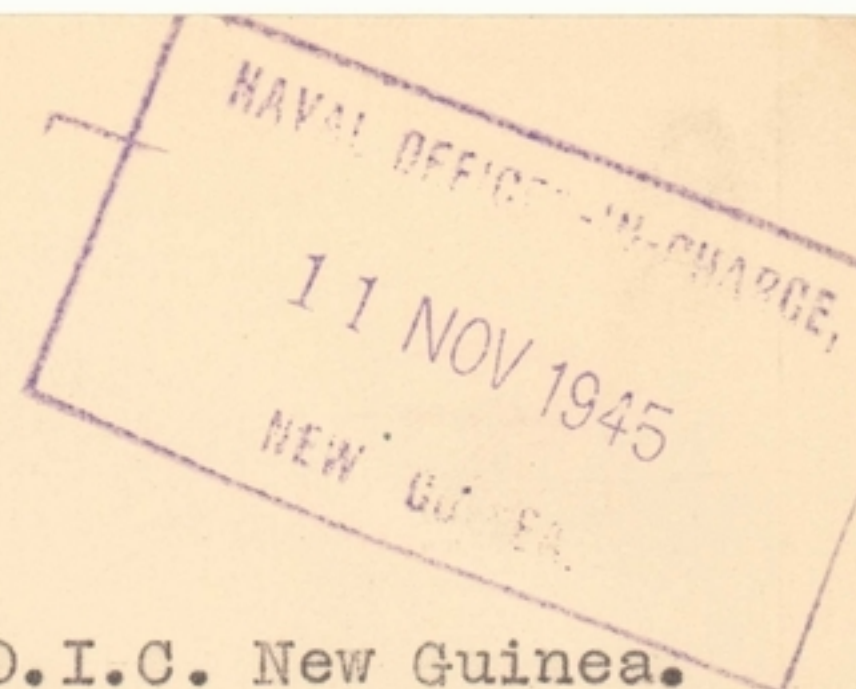
6. Engine only turned over at end of month, but not running for any length of time.

*A. H. Blair*  
*Lieutenant RANVR*

Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A. "M.S.L. 707".



From : Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.S.L. 707.  
Date : 7th. November, 1945.  
To : The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.  
Subject : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945.



Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Proceeded from Chapmans Dockyard, Balmain to Garden Island A.M. 3rd September to have the flue of the new oil stove altered so as to give better draught. Returned to Garden Island P.M. 8th..  
*1st. RETURNED TO CHAPMANS PM*
3. P.M. 13th. to A.M. 18th. transported stores around Sydney Harbour for N.S.O. Garden Island.
4. Load cargo at No. 8 wharf Walsh Bay on 21st..
5. Sailed A.M. on 23rd. for Coffs Harbour in company with G.P.V. 958, arrived P.M. 23rd..
6. P.M. 23rd fire started in the galley caused through insufficient packing behind iron plates at the back of the stove. Had to cut through the after bulkhead of the galley with an axe before extinguishing the fire.
7. Sailed A.M. 24th. for Brisbane arrived P.M. 25th..
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Department of the Navy.

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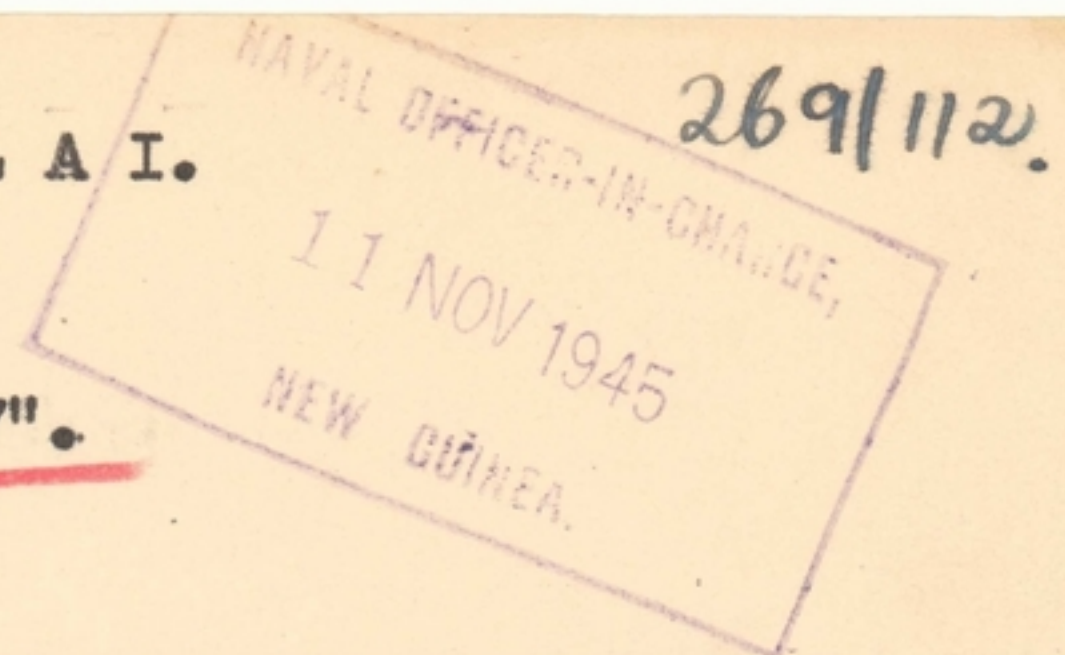
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8. MONTHLY FIGURES.

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Cannot recall previous complaints  
in MSLs - blower is the solution  
NA(2)

JWC (Quis) Ref. 3 N.M. minute

JEN,

hereunder, complaints  
received from M.S.L. 705  
see file 2026/7/149A.

This matter in hand -  
see memo on file 612/224/303.

27/3.



INCREMENT.

(Through )

Advice has been received from S. & I. O.  
that approval has been given to the payment of the following  
increment to you:-



~~Mr Peacock,~~

I think this is the old complaint.

Can you check on (1) The type of store in this vessel  
yes (2) If SNC (Elec) remarks are O.K.

If (3) is O.K. we will concern in awaiting results  
of trials. ? How any report been seen yet.

See attached to 612/274/303  
memo HRB  
8/3/44



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S.N.B.

2 N.M.

D.E(N) - Store appears to be most unsatisfactory. Are other craft experiencing similar trouble?

3 N.M.

2 N.M. Submitted - concur S.N.C. (Elect) remarks

D. of F.

Concur with S.N.C. (Elect) remarks.

D.R.M.

D.N.I.

Ops. (N)

N.5.

A(ML) DE(N)

D.E. (N)

D.O.T.M.

D.N.M.S.

H.L.B.

N.A.2.N.M.

N.5.

D.N.I. (N.H.R.O.)

Consider that trouble with store could be overcome by installing a blower and a battery; this would provide an arrangement similar to that in the 72 ft HDMs in U.S.A., which are fitted with "Shipmate" blower type stores than have highly satisfactory.

On other papers, A.S. Sydney states that the performance of stores (Ward, diesel type) is fitted in 120 ft. M.S.L. is satisfactory when a stack 14" high is installed. Arrangements have been made for trials to be carried out in one of these (120') vessels to confirm that the operation is satisfactory with 14" stack. (File, I think, is 612/224/1225). Propose await result of these trials.

File 612/224/303 8/16/5.



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see memo 1/12

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BENG *[Signature]* 16/1

for *[Signature]* 1ST NM 16/1

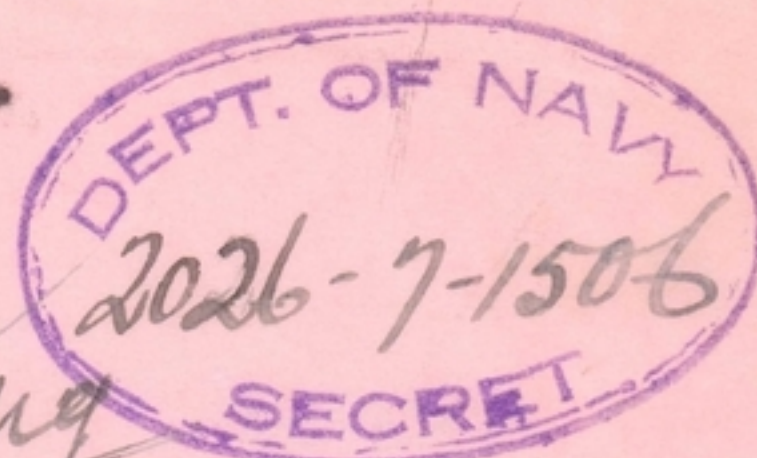
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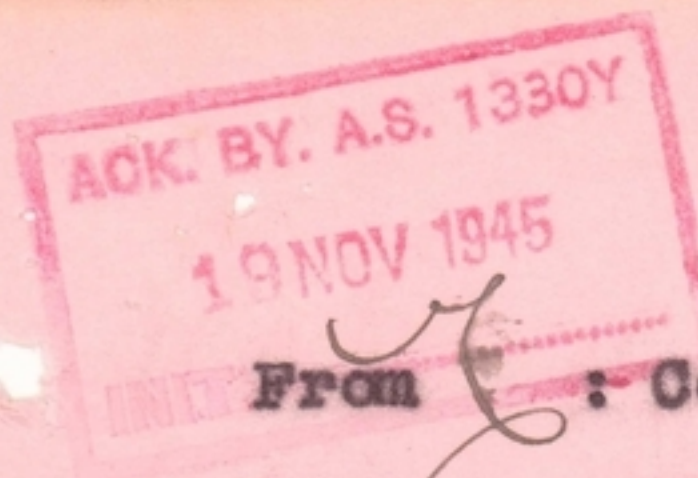
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2. Proceeded from Chapman's Dockyard, Balmaon to Garden Island A.M. 13rd September to have the flue of the new oil stove altered so as to give better draught. Returned to Garden Island P.M. 8th..

3. P.M. 13th. to A.M. 18th. transported stores around Sydney Harbour for N.S.O. Garden Island.

4. Load cargo at No. 8 wharf Walsh Bay on 21st..

5. Sailed A.M. on 23rd. for Coffs Harbour in company with G.P.V. 958, arrived P.M. 23rd..

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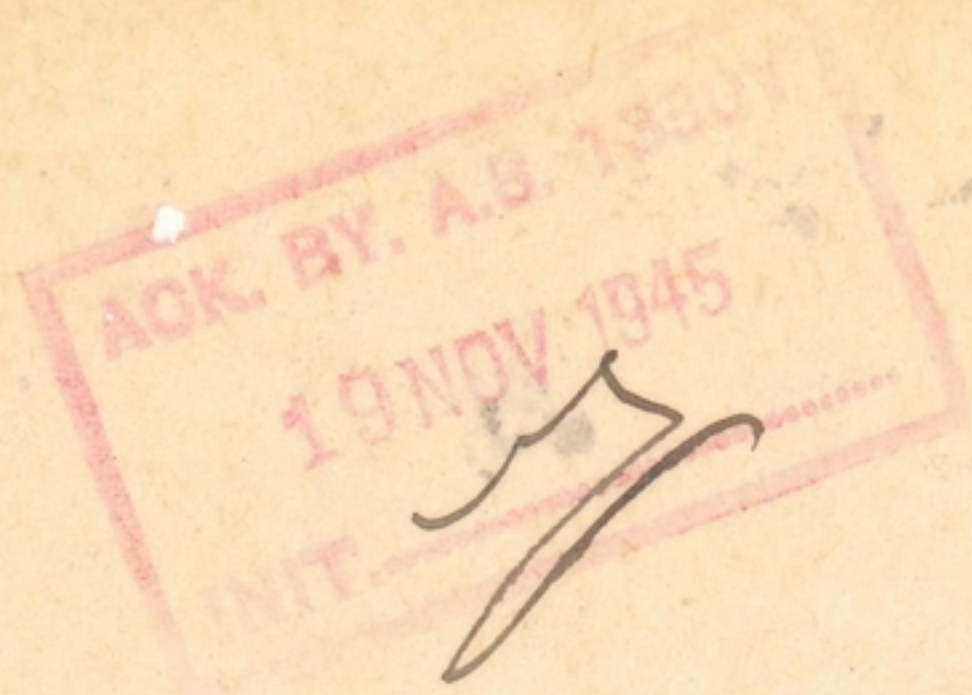
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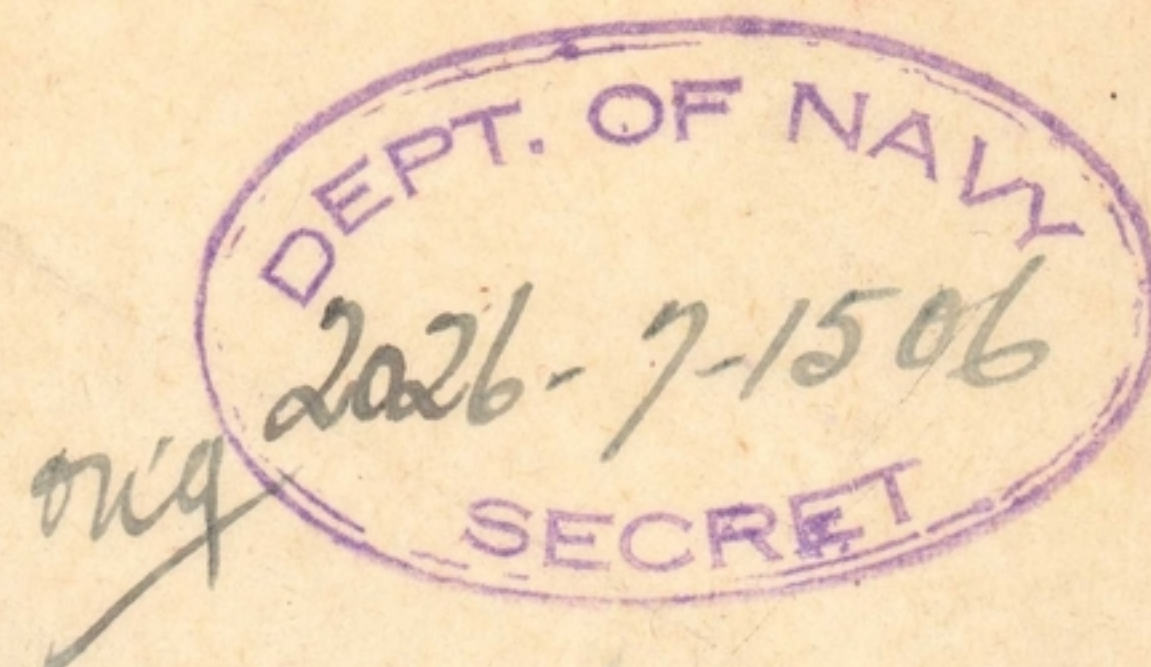
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1945.

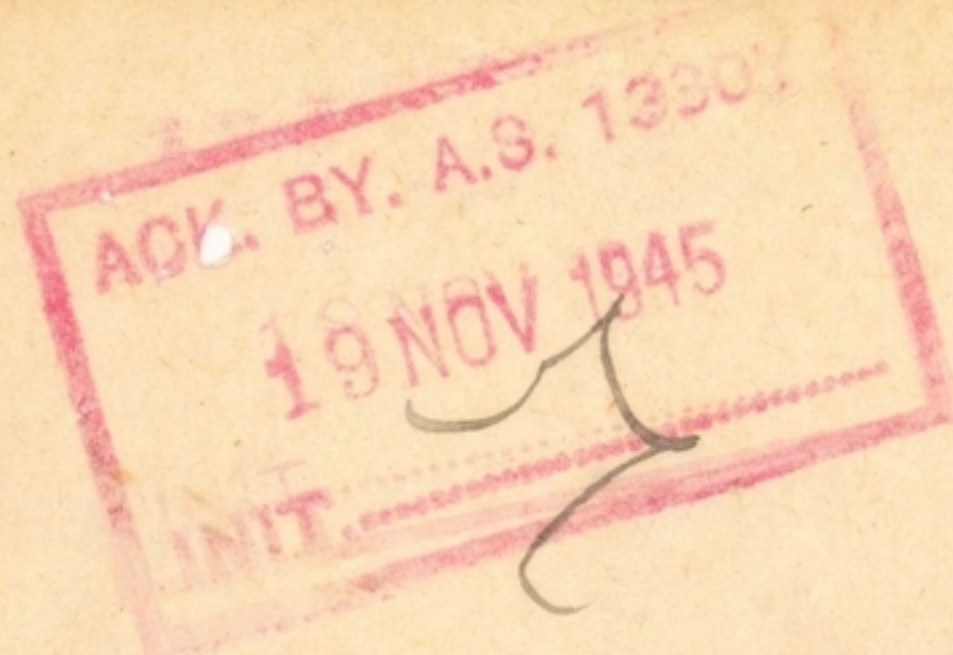
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2. From 1st to p.m. 29 August, ship still on slips at Chapmans Dockyard, Balmain, Sydney.
3. P.M. 29th Unslipped.
4. General work done on ship was very satisfactory, but seemed very slow. Sheathing held up by no necessary wood being available.
5. Morale of ships company rather upset by such a long period of inactivity and cost of living ashore.
6. Engine only turned over at end of month, but not running for any length of time.

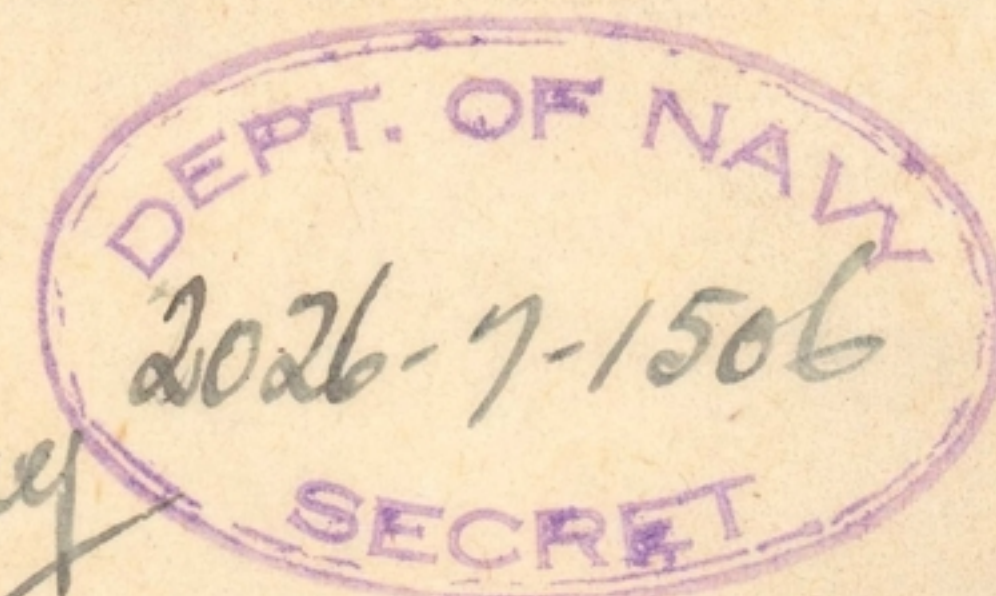
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Proceeded to Chapmans Dockyard, Balmain, Sydney P.M. 3rd.. Taken up on slip A.M. 4th. to have the hull sheathed.

3. Dockyard work satisfactory but slow.

4. Health and morale of ship's company remains very satisfactory.

5. Efficiency Report:.

Main Engines : Very Satisfactory.

Auxiliary Engines: Very Satisfactory.

Hull : Very sound but superstructure<sup>ure</sup> still leaking very badly.

6. Monthly Figures :.

Distance Steamed during month : Nil.

Hours under way during month : Nil.

Distance steamed since commissioning : 665 miles.

Hours under way since commissioning : 95 hours.

Date Commissioned : 4th. June 1945.

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DATE: 7 November, 1945.

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SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945.

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2. Commissioned 1000K on 4 June, stored ship, and commenced loading cargo.

3. Proceeded from Williamstown a.m. on 6th June for Sydney, sheltering in Portsea the night of 6th June. Arrived Jervis Bay 2100 on 9th June to shelter from gale.

4. Sailed p.m. 16th for Sydney, arriving a.m. 17th.

5. Secured alongside Garden Island for rest of month.

6. Health and morale of ship's company was very satisfactory, but there was insufficient accommodation in Mess Decks.

7. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines	-	Very satisfactory
Auxiliary Engines	-	Very satisfactory
Hull	-	Good - but superstructure leaking badly.

8. STORES.

Port Melbourne's supply of stores were rather inadequate.

9. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	- - - - -	665 miles.
Hours under way during month	- - - - -	95 hours.
Average speed for month	- - - - -	7 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended by main engines during month	- - - - -	467 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	- - - - -	4.9 galls.

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