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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

H.M.A.S "NYANIE"

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Reviewer: LCDR R. L. Smith (RANEM)
Signature: R. Smith Date: 1 Nov 90

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Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Nyanie" letter of
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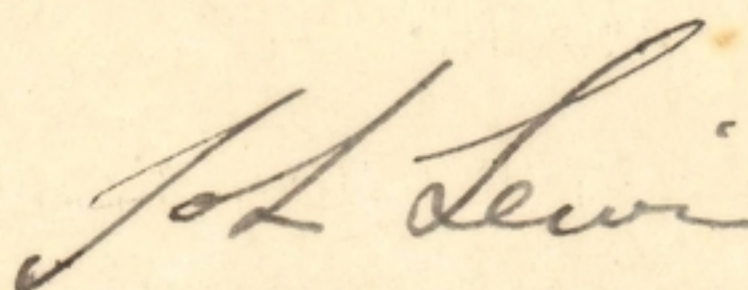
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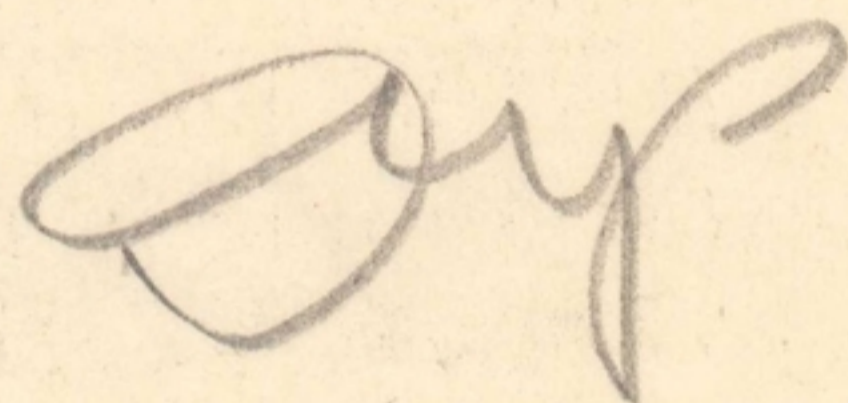
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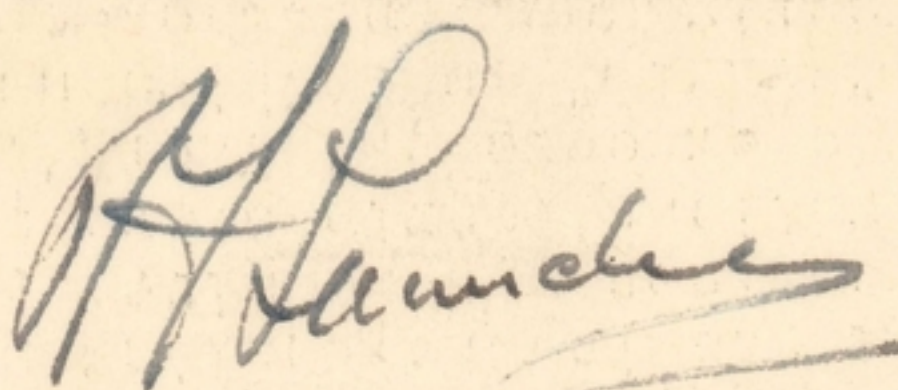
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(B) General. - The morale of the ship's company is high, and whilst several members of the crew are keen to be demobilised, all hands realise that it will take considerable time, and as a ship's company are very keen to be at sea doing a useful job during this period of waiting.

Great disappointment was felt by both officers and crew in the manner by which "NYANIE" was completely deserted by S.R.D. on the close of hostilities.



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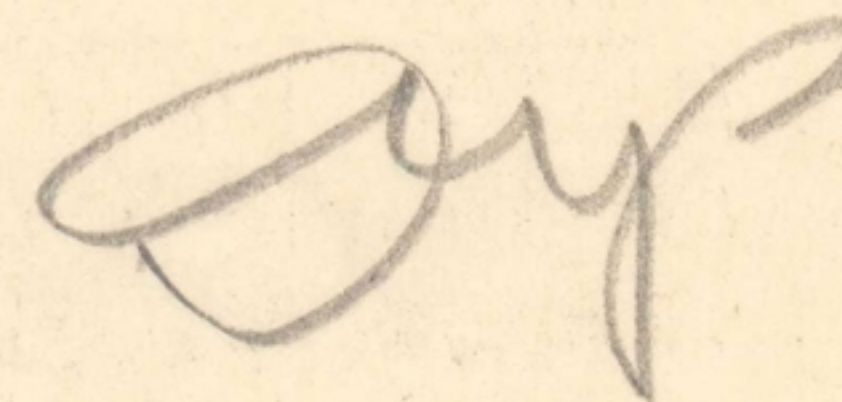
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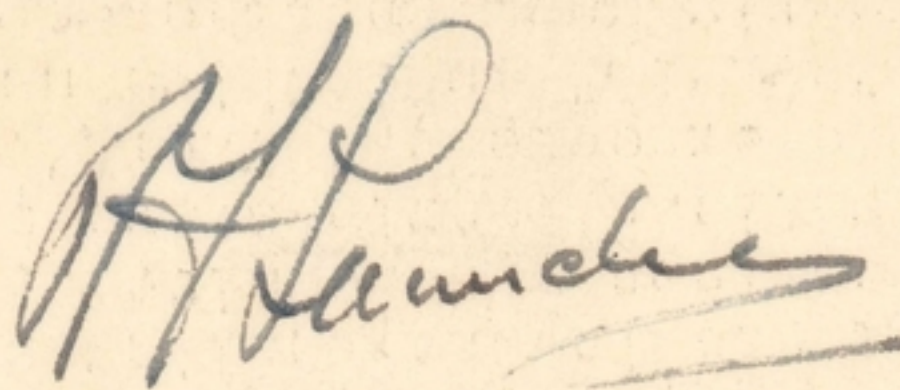
GENERAL REMARKS.

- (A) Mechanical - No major defects have occurred to date, slight leaks in the cooling system of exhaust pipes of all three engines was repaired and reinforced by H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS". Outless bearings are showing signs of wear, but this is to be expected, "NYANIE" having steamed 5,170 miles. "NYANIE" is in dire need of docking. She was launched in early May, and the copper bottoming composition is fast wearing off. Toredos shells have been found along both garboard and chine strakes. The "Amplight" auxiliary charging set has been giving a great deal of trouble. The motor is unreliable and the generator temperamental. The set is a Briggs & Stratton type built in Australia under license.

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(B) General. - The morale of the ship's company is high, and whilst several members of the crew are keen to be demobilised, all hands realise that it will take considerable time, and as a ship's company are very keen to be at sea doing a useful job during this period of waiting.

Great disappointment was felt by both officers and crew in the manner by which "NYANIE" was completely deserted by S.R.D. on the close of hostilities.



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