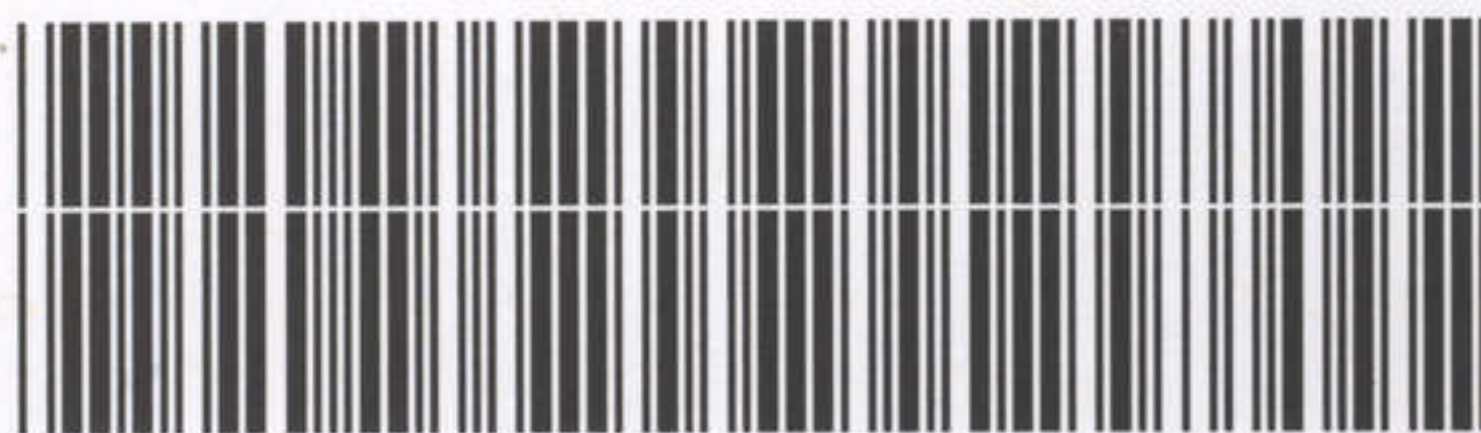


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THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1322"

3rd. SEPTEMBER 1945.

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1945.

Submitted,

In accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2 (4) Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1322" for the month of August.

2. Darwin Boom Patrol duties were carried out for twenty four hours commencing at 1700ik on the following dates  
August 4th., 6th., 9th., 13th. and 17th.

3. On 11th. August at 1030IK slipped and proceeded with pilot and N.C.S. documents to No. 1 Buoy. At 1200IK embarked pilot onboard U.S. Tanker Cornell and delivered N.C.S. documents. Returned to harbour and secured alongside Main Jetty at 1415IK.

4. On 19th. August at 0950IK embarked C.S.O. and Captain's Secretary from the Refitting Jetty and proceeded to Darwin Boom for trial Duke and Duchess of Gloucester run. At 1100IK landed party at Main Jetty steps.

5. On 20th. August commenced engine top overhaul.

6. On 27th. August top overhaul was completed. Proceeded on engine trials at 1545IK securing alongside Main Jetty at 1630IK. Trials were satisfactory. During top overhaul a party of four ratings were sent on four days leave to Adelaide River. These ratings returned P.M. on the 27th.

7. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company have been good. Full opportunities were made of the VP holidays.

The general condition of the ship is good.

A new Diesel stove was fitted during the overhaul. This stove is now working well, but with present ventilation makes the Messdeck extremely hot.

8. Monthly figures:

Hours under way 41 hours.

Distance steamed 369 miles.

Total figures:

Total distance steamed since commissioning 22,106 miles.

Average Speed 10 knots.

Total Engine Hours 2218 3/4 hours.

Date of Commissioning 14/1/44.





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From: 13 AUG 1945 The Commanding Officer H.M.A. HDML 1322.

Date: 1st, August 1945.

To: The Secretary Naval Board, through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.

Subject: Report of Proceedings for July 1945.

Submitted:

*H.M.*  
In accordance with CCNO 97/43 and A.C.B 0238 Sect.2 (4) J  
Report of Proceedings of HMA ML 1322 for the month of July.

2. Darwin boom patrol duties were carried out for 24 hours commencing at 1700IK on the following dates:-  
July 6th, 10th, 14th, 19th, 24th, 28th, and 30th.

3. July 9th. At 0130IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with NCS documents for U.S tanker "CROSS KEYS" and "SANDY CREEK". Arrived at No.1 buoy at 0330IK stopped engines and drifted. NCS documents were delivered to the "CROSS KEYS" at 1415IK. Proceeded to harbour and secured alongside C.T Jetty at 1620IK.

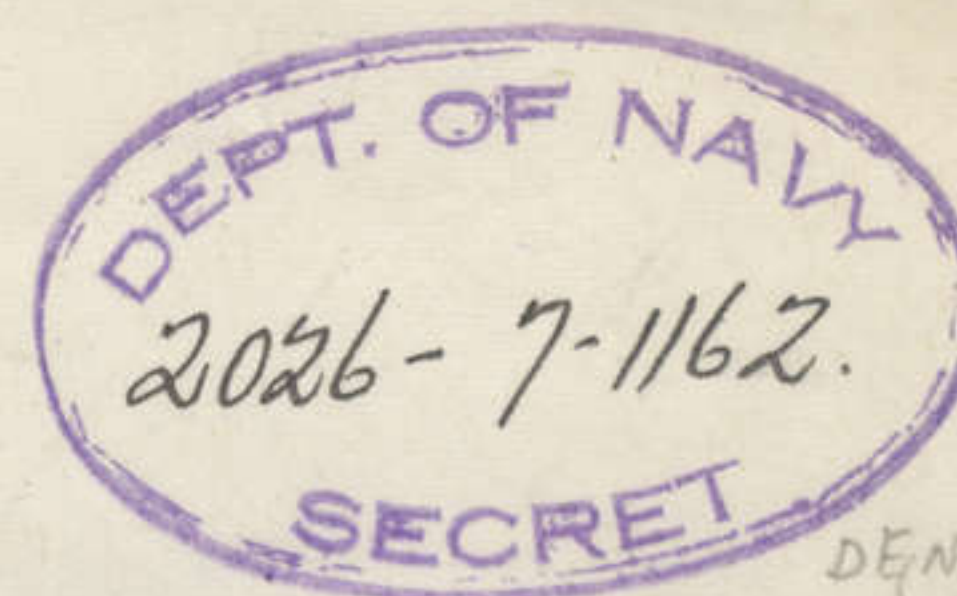
4. July 14th. At 0825IK slipped and proceeded in company with ML 1324 for A.A and surface target shoot. Commenced firing at 0945IK in a position approximately two miles to the north of Middle Ground Buoy. Ceased fire at 1037IK and returned to harbour securing alongside at 1259IK. The shooting was good and all guns worked well.

5. July 16th. At 0930IK Engineer Capt. Carr commenced and inspection of fire fighting and damage control equipment on board. Fire stations were exercised. At 1424IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with pilot and NCS documents. At 1600IK pilot embarked on board from U.S tanker "DEQUESNE" and NCS documents were delivered. Awaiting arrival of "COTTONSWOOD" until 2145IK ship not sighted so proceeded to harbour securing alongside at 2312IK.

6. July 22nd. At 1356IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with pilot and N.C.S documents. Pilot boarded U.S tanker "BUNKER HILL" and N.C.S documents were delivered at 1250IK. Proceeded to harbour and secured alongside at 1717IK after delivering N.C.S documents to U.S tanker ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "CASTLE PICKERING" laying in harbour at anchor. At 1830IK slipped and proceeded with pilot and N.C.S documents to No.1 buoy. Pilot boarded U.S tanker "PEROTE" and N.C.S documents were delivered at 1955IK. Proceeded to harbour securing alongside at 2155IK.

7. July 24th. At 1602IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with pilot and N.C.S documents. Pilot boarded H.M.A.S

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"KATOOMBA" AND N.C.S documents were delivered at 1740IK.  
Proceeded to boom and assumed boom patrol at 1850IK.

8. July 28th. At 1502IK slipped and proceeded with N.C.S documents to No.1 buoy. N.C.S documents were delivered to H.M.A.S "KATOOMBA" at 1640IK. proceeded to boom and assumed boom patrol at 1743IK.

9. The health and welfare of the ship's company has been very good and conduct also has been good. The ship requires slipping badly. More than half a knot in speed has been lost owing to the dirty condition of the bottom.

10. Monthly Figures:

Hours under way	77 hours.
Distance steamed	693 miles.

Total Figures:

Total distance steamed since commissioning	21737 miles.
Average speed	10 knots.
Total engine hours	2178 hours.
Date of commissioning	14/1/44

  
Sub/Lt. R.A.N.R.  
Commanding Officer.



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From: The Commanding Officer H.M.A "ML 1322"  
Date: 2nd, July 1945  
To: The Naval Board, Through The Naval Officer In Charge Darwin. (Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board)  
Subject: Report of Proceedings for June 1945.

Submitted:-

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In accordance with CCNO 97/43 and A.C.B 0238  
Sect.2 (4) J Report of Proceedings of H.M.A "ML 1322  
for the month of June.

Darwin boom patrol duties were carried out for  
24 hours commencing at 1800IK on the following dates,  
June 2nd, 5th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 26th, and  
30th.

June 2nd. At 0515IK slipped and proceeded to No.1  
buoy with NCS Officer who boarded and delivered  
instructions to U.S tanker "Wellesley" at 0745IK.  
Secured alongside C.T Jetty at 0920IK.

June 4th. At 0424IK slipped and proceeded to No.1  
buoy with pilot to await the arrival of the "Alfred C.  
True". At 1725IK ship not sighted, instructed to return  
to harbour. Secured alongside C.T Jetty at 1915IK.

June 5th. At 1055IK slipped and proceeded to have  
new compass adjusted. At 1120IK compass adjusted, secured  
alongside C.T Jetty.

June 7th. At 1417IK slipped and proceeded with NCS  
Officer and pilot to No.1 buoy. At 1507IK NCS Officer  
boarded U.S tanker "Hadley" and at 1605IK boarded U.S  
tanker "Kenya" with instructions. The pilots from both  
tankers were taken on board. At 1655IK proceeded to  
Abbott Shoal being instructed to disembark pilots to  
"Southern Cross". At 2314IK pilots were disembarked and at  
2355IK proceeded on passage to No.1 buoy.

June 8th. At 0610IK arrived at No.1 buoy, instructed to  
await arrival of "Edward F. Johnson". At 1315IK NCS Officer  
boarded "Edward F. Johnson" and delivered instructions.  
Proceeded into harbour and secured at C.T Jetty at 1433IK.

June 10th. At 2307IK slipped and proceeded in search of  
man overboard from Army launch in vicinity of Emery Point.

June 11th. At 0035IK man overboard not sighted,  
instructed to return. Secured alongside C.T Jetty at 0059  
IK. At 1540IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with NCS  
Officer. At 1655IK NCS Officer boarded U.S tanker "Cayuse"  
with instructions. Awaited arrival of the E.W Sinclair  
until 2137IK, ship not sighted so proceeded back to  
harbour. Secured alongside C.T Jetty at 2310IK.

June 15th. At 1126IK slipped and proceeded to No.1  
buoy. At 1315IK NCS instructions delivered to U.S tanker  
"Esso Patterson". Returned to harbour and secured along-  
side C.T Jetty at 1525IK.

June 16th. At 0920IK slipped and proceeded to Naval  
slip and at 0940IK took ML 1329 in tow. Secured her  
alongside C.T Jetty at 0957IK.

June 18th. At 1110IK relieved ML 807 on boom patrol



At 1535IK ML 807 resumed boom patrol. Returned to harbour and secured alongside CT Jetty at 1655IK.

June 19th. At 1229IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy with pilot. At 1412IK NCS instructions delivered to U.S tanker "Wagon Box" and at 1523IK NCS instructions delivered to U.S tanker "Klamath Falls". Pilots from both ships taken on board. Instructed to await the arrival of the "Cape Spencer"

June 20th. At 0517IK the "Cape Spencer" not sighted so proceeded back to harbour, secured alongside C.T Jetty at 0719IK.

June 26th. At 0219IK slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy. At 0637IK NCS instructions delivered to U.S tanker "Kings Canyon" proceeded back to harbour and secured alongside C.T Jetty at 0843IK. The health welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been good. The general condition of the ship is good although mess deck and galley flats require painting.

Monthly Figures.

Hours under way	238 hours
Average fuel consumption	1 gallon per mile
Distance steamed	1904 miles
Date of commissioning	14/1/44
Distance steamed since commissioning	21044 miles
Average speed	10 knots
Total engine hours	2101 hours.



Sub/Lieut. R.A.N. R.  
Commanding Officer.



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From: The Commanding Officer H.M.A "M.L1322"  
Date: 15th, June 1945.  
To: The Naval Board, Through N.O.I.C Darwin. (Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).  
Subject: Report of Proceedings For May 1945.

Submitted:-

In accordance with CCNO 97/43 and ACB 0238  
Sect. 2 (4) (J). Report of Proceedings of H.M.A "ML 1322" for the month of May.

At 0800IK 1st, May weighed anchor and proceeded from anchorage in Stokes Bay, Stanley Is. on passage to Darwin. H.M.A.S "Daraween" passed at 1320IK headed south. Anchored inside Might Is. for the night at 1650IK.

May 2nd. At 0700IK proceeded on passage through squally weather. Owing to heavy rain anchored off Sherwood Is. From 0850IK until 1030IK. Secured alongside jetty at Portland Roads at 1330IK the visibility still being bad.

May 3rd. At 0742IK proceeded, M.V "Wandana" passed south bound and at 0900IK passed T.L 45 bound for Thursday Is. RAAF Launch 033-4 and S.S "Marramah" passed at 1030IK, both southbound. Anchored inshore of Bushby Is. at 1735IK.

May 4th. At 0700IK proceeded. Weather still being very squally secured to Town Jetty Thursday Is. at 1535IK. Remained alongside the Jetty fuelling, watering, and provisioning until PM Monday the 7th.

May 7th. At 1700IK proceeded to take station astern H.M.A.S "Seasnake" for onward passage to Darwin. The speed of advance was 8 knots. "Seasnake" being under sail as well as power. At 1900IK on May 10th, changed from K to IK time.

May 11th. At 1600IK secured alongside C.T. Jetty at Darwin and remained alongside until Thursday the 17th, May. During this time four depth charges and schutes were fitted to ship by Base Staff. Boom patrol was carried out for 24 hours commencing at 1800IK on the following dates. May 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, 27th, and 30th.

May 28th. At 0805IK proceeded from boom patrol to No. 1 buoy where U.S tanker "Pile Springs" lay at anchor, embarked ~~naval~~ Naval pilot from tanker and transferred him to ML 1329 on arrival at boom gate. At 1015IK resumed boom patrol.

May 31st. At 1535IK proceeded in company with ML 813 on Air Sea Rescue duties to Clarence Strait. At 1915IK a signal stating the airmen were safe was received by ML 813. Proceeded in company with ML 813 to Darwin boom. At 2310 secured alongside at CT Jetty.

The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been good.

#### MONTHLY FIGURES.

Hours under way	336 hours
Distance steamed	3024 "
Average fuel consumption	1 gal. per mile

#### Total Figures.


Total distance steamed since commissioning	19140 miles
Average speed	10 knots



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Total hours under way since commissioning.  
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Sub/Lieutenant R.A.N. ~~R~~ R  
Commanding Officer.



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FROM: THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.M.L. 1322.

DATE: 29TH NOVEMBER, 1944

TO: SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD (THROUGH N.O.I.C. MERAUKE)  
(copy to N.O.I.C. Townsville)

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FROM 29TH OCTOBER TO 21ST NOVEMBER 1944

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, the following is the report of proceedings during the period shown above.

0012K/29 October: Slipped and proceeded in company with M.L. 1323 for Marianna Straits.  
0103K/29 " Bell Buoy abeam. Set course N.84 degrees W. (M), log streamed.  
0700K/29 " Heavy showers, visibility 3.  
0900K/29 " Entered Princess Marianna Strait  
1100K/29 " Gun drill  
1430/29 " Shoot with main armament commenced. 6.3 pdr, 1 mag. 20 MM. 2 mags each G.O.V.  
1445K/29 " Guns secured  
1600K/29 " Anchored northern end Princess Marianna Strait, 3 fathoms water 22 fathoms chain.  
2000K/29 " Weighed and proceeded in company with M.L. 1323, revs.825.  
0915K/30 " Entered Eilanden River.  
1015K/30 " Anchored off Post, 6 in 3 fathoms water, 15 fathoms chain  
1230K/30 " Weighed and proceeded towards Ajam via Djet River  
1635K/30 " Anchored off village of Ajam in 9 fathoms water, 30 fthms. chain.  
0800K/31 " Weighed and proceeded in company with M.L. 1323 down Oetoemboewe River towards Soeroh.  
1000K/31 " Anchored off village of Soeroh. 9 fthms. water, 17 fthms chain  
1047K/31 " Weighed and proceeded towards Djoni via Lorenz River  
1310K/31 " Anchored in Pi River about 1½ miles from village of Djoni  
0700K/1 November Weighed and proceeded in company with M.L. 1323 towards Ajam via Lorenz and Oetoemboewe Rivers  
1115K/1 " Anchored at Ajam.  
1125K/1 " Weighed and proceeded towards Post 6 via Djet River  
1515K/1 " Arrived at Post 6. Anchored in 4 fthms. water, 22 fthms chain  
1800K/1 " Weighed and proceeded in company with M.L. 1323 to Marianna Sts.  
0630K/2 " Entered Princess Marianna Strait  
1300K/2 " Anchored off Post 2.  
1420K/2 " Weighed anchor and proceeded  
1521K/2 " Set course S.84 degrees E. wind S.E.5, sea 3, revs.850  
2400K/2 " Wind E.S.E. 6, rough head sea, vessel shipping water fore and aft  
0004K/3 " Cruising off and on Merauke entrance awaiting daylight  
0641K/3 " Bell Buoy abeam  
0743K/3 " Berthed at Pontoon Wharf at Base.  
Distance: 745 miles. steaming Time 81 hrs.13 mins.  
Speed: 9.2 knots. Consumption 805 gallons, average consumption 9¾ gallons.  
  
0725K/7 November Slipped and proceeded in company with R.N.N. M/S.Smeroe  
1810K/7 " Stopped off Post 2 in Princess Marianna Straits.  
1822K/7 " Proceeded.  
2330K/7 " Cleared northern end Princess Marianna Sts.  
1100K/8 " Crew exercised at gun drill. 3 Pdr. 4 rounds fired, Oerlikon 1 magazine expended.  
2010K/8 " Wind S.E. 2 Sea 2, Bar 1004 anchored off Post 6 on Eilanden River  
1035K/9 " Party proceeded from Post 6 (1 Sargeant, 1 native) embarked



weighed and proceeded to Ajam via Djet River in company with R.N.N.M/S. Smeroe.

1545K/9	November	Anchored off village of Ajam to embark native scouts
1755K/9	"	Proceeded.
2010K/9	"	Anchored off village of Soeroh.
0648K/10	"	Departed from Soeroh towards Oist 6 via Djet River to pick up Army launch. Smeroe proceeded to Djoni.
0900K/10	"	Met launch in Djet River and took it in tow.
0930K/10	"	Proceeded towards Djoni via Soeroh
1215K/10	"	Entered Lorenz River
1255K/10	"	Rv'd with R.N.N. M/S Smeroe and proceeded in company toward West Kasteel River
1730K/10	"	Entered West Kasteel River
1840K/10	"	Entered Owap River
1900K/10	"	Anchored in Owap River.
0623K/11	"	Weighted and proceeded towards R.V.1 Atimet River
1315K/11	"	Arrived at R.V.A. on Amboekeran River. Japero party (4 natives) departed by prahu.
1500K/11	"	Berthed in hiding place in creek in vicinity of R.V.1.
1700K/11	"	Camouflage of ship completed. Noted brass sheathing on stem damaged; apparently ship had hit a floating log. Guns cleared, defence stations manned continuously.
0630K/12	"	Otakwa party (5 Army personnel and 2 natives) departed by launch with prahu in tow
1430K/12	"	Heard aircraft approaching, manned guns
1432/12	"	Sighted aircraft heading S.W. too far away to identify. Guns cleared.
0840K/13	"	Heard aircraft towards West, manned guns but did not see plane, sounded to be heading north.
1030K/13	"	Was called aboard R.N.N. M/S Smeroe for conference re forward patrol organisation, decided to leave berth at 1600K/13.
1130K/13	"	Decision of conference amended to depart immediately in view probable compromise of code etc.
1200K/13	"	Departed from hiding berth in company with R.N.N. M/S Smeroe, guns crews closed up.
1905K/13	"	Anchored in West Kasteel River in 4 fathoms 30 fathoms chain out. Smeroe made fast on our port side. (To give greater fire power in the event of an attack)
2000K/13	"	Crew divided into two watches, guns manned all night
0612K/14	"	Slipped Smeroe and proceeded down river
0730K/14	"	Hauled into hiding berth in company with Smeroe, in small creek on the West bank of the West Kasteel River near the mouth.
0745K/14	"	Aircraft heard approaching, guns crews closed up, but plane passed without being sighted.
0830K/14	"	Aircraft heard approaching, guns crews closed up.
0832K/14	"	Aircraft identified as Kittyhawks, 2 in number (M) and (F) with Dutch markings.
0930K/14	"	Camouflage of ship completed.
1530K/14	"	Aircraft approaching
1531K/14	"	Aircraft identified as Kittyhawks. 2 planes with Dutch markings.
1600K/14	"	Commenced to leave hiding berth
1615K/14	"	Cleared creek on soundings.
1710K/14	"	Cleared West Kasteel River on soundings piloted by Smeroe. Wind S.E. 3 Sea 1 Visibility good
1751K/14	"	Laag Is. abeam 3 miles, set course S.45 degrees E.
2200K/14	"	Entered Eilanden River
2400K/14	"	Anchored off Post 6 in 4 fthms. water 22 fthms. chain
15/11/44		Remained at anchor off Post 6 awaiting further orders.
16/11/44		Remained at anchor off Post 6 awaiting further orders.
0930K/17	November	Weighted anchor and proceeded with Army party (1 Lieut. 1 Sergeant) toward Ajam, revs. 700
1055K/17	"	Arrived off village of Warse
1105K/17	"	Departed from Warse
1355K/17	"	Arrived at Ajam, anchored in 6 fathoms water, 22 fthms. chain out.
1535K/17	"	Departed Ajam.



1920K/17 November Arrived Post 6, anchored in 5 fthms water 22 fthms chain out.  
 1925K/17 " Army party shore. Wind S.E. 2. Weather fine and clear.  
 0615K/18 " Departed from Post 6 with Army party (1 Lieut. 1 Serg.) toward Kaimo.  
 0845K " Arrived at village of Kaimo. Village deserted, proceeded upstream  
 0915K/18 " Arrived at Junction of Eilanden Rivers, no sign of new Kaimo village, so turned back.  
 1200K/18 " Arrived Post 6, anchored in 4 fthms. water, 15 fthms. chain out.  
 1725K/18 " Departed Post 6 in company with R.N.N. M/S Smeroe.  
 1805K/18 " Anchored off Post 6 in 2½ fathoms water 15 fathoms chain out: decided to wait for morning tide.  
 0550K/19 " Weighed and proceeded in company with R.N.N. M/S Smeroe revs. 625, for Princess Marianna Strait.  
 2105K/19 " Anchored in 3 fathoms of water, 20 fathoms chain out, at northern entrance of Princess Marianna Strait.  
 0540K/20 " Weighed and proceeded through Strait in company with R.N.N. M/S Smeroe.  
 1410K/20 " Stopped off Post 2.  
 1427K/20 " Proceeded  
 1508K/20 " Kombies abeam. Set course S.84 degrees E. streamed log. Wind S.E.4. sea moderate, fine and cloudy.  
 0200K/21 " Sighted Merauke lt. bearing N.58 degrees E., reduced speed, and sounded 5½ fathoms  
 0208K/21 " Courses as requisite.  
 0408K/21 " Entered Merauke River  
 0430K/21 " Berthed at Pontoon Wharf.  
 Total distance 730 miles. Steaming Time 130 hours 43 minutes. Average speed 6.0 knots. Average consumption 6.6.gallons per hour. Total consumption 860 gallons.

(SGD.) A. W. BENTON

Lieut. R.A.N.R.(S)

A/COMMANDING OFFICER.



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