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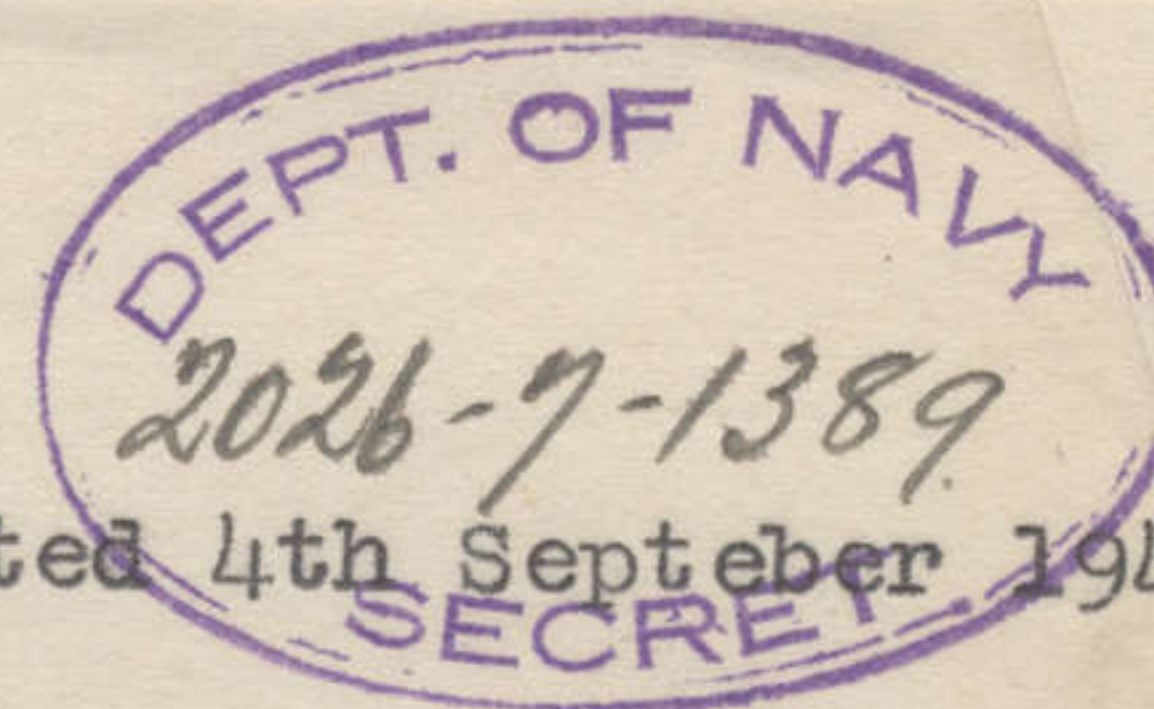
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Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L.1324"'s report dated 4th September 1945)



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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*LB Dyer*  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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*(N.H.R.O.)\**  
Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN, N.T.  
9th September 1945.

*Mrs Slessor*  
*Mrs Finch ✓*

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Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.I.1324" a report dated 14th September 1945

H.M.A. "M.I.1324" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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NAVAL BOARD.  
The Secretary,  
N.T. 0600759

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
*R. B. Jones*

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN,  
N.T.  
9th September 1945.

*Mr. Jones*  
*Mr. Smith*

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From     Commanding Officer H.M.A. M.L. 1324.  
Date     4th. September 1945.  
To        Naval Board (Through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin)  
              Copy to the Secretary, Naval Board.  
Subject Report of Proceedings, August 1945.

M.L. 1324 returned to Darwin from operations at 1900IK  
6th. (This is covered by Top Secret report to N.O.I.C. Darwin, dated  
9th. August 45.)

2. Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for 24 hour periods  
commencing at 1800IK on the 11th., 15th., 19th., 22nd. and 25th. of  
August.

3. At 0615IK/9th. slipped and proceeded to Abbott Shoal and  
placed pilots aboard H.M.A.S. Southern Cross, returning to harbour at  
1845IK.

4. At 2030IK/12th. slipped and proceeded outside the boom,  
and placed pilot aboard U.S. ship "Flagship Sinco", returning to  
Main Jetty at 2130IK.

5. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been  
satisfactory during the month. The ship is in good condition.


6. Monthly figures (vide Navy Order 237/43)

Distance steamed	1368 miles.
Hours under way	143 hours.
Fuel Consumption	1347 gallons.
Ave. distance per gallon	1.0. miles.

Total figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning (12-6-44)	12,810 miles.
Average speed of	8.8 knots.
Hours under way	1457 hours.



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

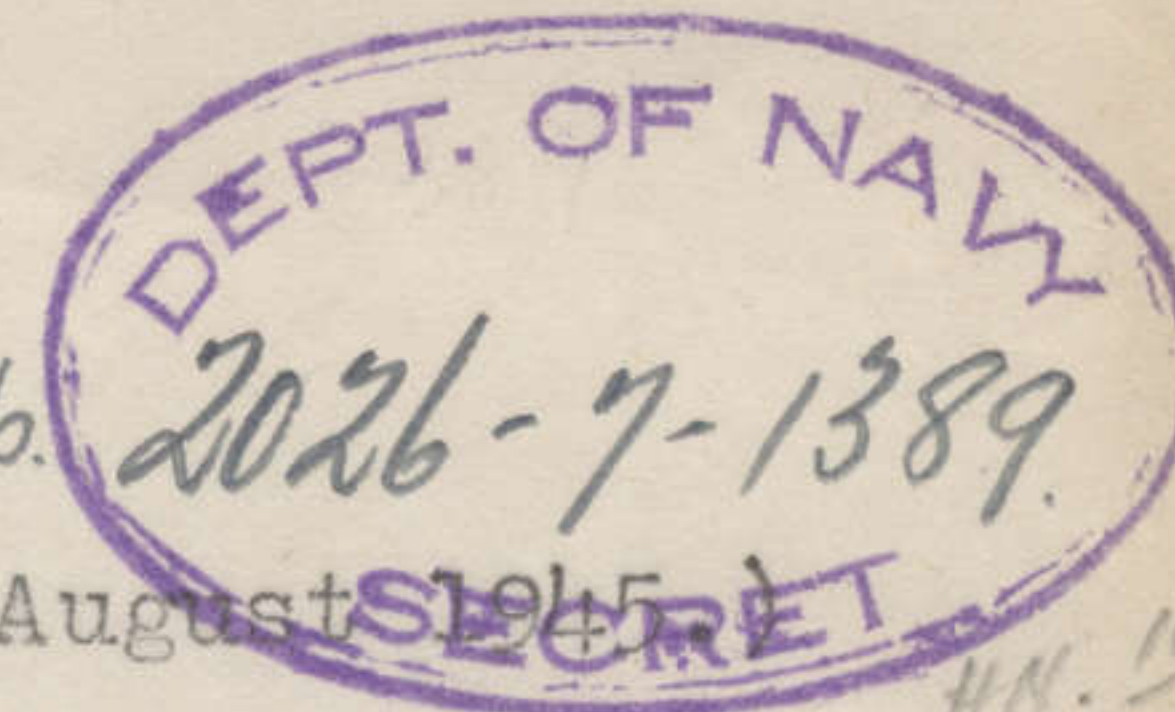


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(Commanding Officer HMA "ML.1324's" report dated 9th August 1945)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1945.

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N.T.0600/59  
The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*R. E. Dozer*

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN N.T.  
29th August 1945.

*Mrs. Sherrin  
Miss Smith*

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1915.  
(Commanding Officer HMA "M.1324" report dated 9th August 1915)

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The Secretary,  
N.S. 0500/25

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN  
29th August 1915.

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From: Commanding Officer H.M.A ML 1324  
Date: 9th, August 1945  
To: Naval Board Through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.  
(Copy to Secretary Naval Board)  
Subject: Report of Proceedings for the Month of July 1945

Submitted:

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for 24 hour periods commencing at 1730IK on 2nd, 7th, 11th, 15th, & 20th, respectively.

2. At 0845IK/5th, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy, and intercepted U.S Ship's "San Antonio" & "Tolumne Meadows" to place pilots aboard and disembark pilot from "Esso Manhattan" returning to harbour at 1800IK/5th,

3. General inspection was carried out by Staff Officer Coastal Craft Darwin AM 6th, July.

4. At 0745IK/13th, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy, and intercepted U.S Ship "Buena Vista" and disembarked pilot returning to harbour at 1430IK.

5. At 0825IK/14th, slipped and proceeded with ML 1322 in company for practice A.A and surface shoot in the vicinity of harbour approaches. Practice was completed at 1110IK and both ships entered harbour 1228IK.

6. At 0803IK/17th, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy and intercepted U.S ships "Cottonwoods" and "Kenyon" placing pilots aboard. Returned to harbour at 1815IK.

7. At 0945IK/23rd, slipped and proceeded to no.1 buoy and intercepted U.S ships "Hadley" "Wellesley" and "Musgrove Hills" and placed pilots on board. Disembarked pilot from "Prairie Grove" and returned to harbour at 1930IK.

8. At 0001IK/27th, slipped and proceeded on operations. (This is covered by Top Secret report to NOICD dated 9th, August 1945).

9. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month.



The ship is in good condition.

10. Monthly figures (Vide Navy Order 237/43)

Distance steamed	1258 Miles
Hours under way	154 Hours
Fuel consumption	1176 Galls.
Average distance per gall. of fuel	1.1 Miles

Total figures:

Distance steamed since commissioning 12/6/44	11,442 Miles
Average speed	8.7 Knots
Hours under way	1314 Hours.



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Lieut R.A.N.R.  
Commanding Officer.



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SUBJECT: *Wma "M/1324" Report of Proceedings June, 1945.*

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From: 14 JUL 1945 Commanding Officer H.M.A.

Date: NAVY REPORT July 1945

To: Naval Board, through Naval Officer in Charge Darwin.  
(Copy to The Secretary Naval Board)

Subject: Report of Proceedings: June 1945.

Submitted:-

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for 24 hour periods commencing at 1730IK on 3rd., 7th., 11th., and 15th. June.

2. At 1215IK/9th. slipped and proceeded to No. 1 buoy, and embarked pilot from U.S. ship Frederick Billings, and placed N.C.S. Officer on board, returning to harbour at 1540IK.

3. At 0615 IK/10th. slipped and proceeded to No. 1 buoy, and embarked pilots from U.S. ships Perote and Gaines Mill. At 1500 proceeded from No. 1 buoy through Clarence Straits to H.M.A.S. Southern Cross at Abbott Shoal, and disembarked pilots at 2010IK. Returned to harbour and entered boom at 0230IK/11th.

4. At 1700IK/12th. proceeded from boom to No. 1 buoy and embarked pilot from "Molino Del Rey" returning to harbour at 2303IK.

5. At 1045IK/13th. slipped and proceeded to No. 1 buoy, intercepted U.S. ship Lookout Mountain, embarked pilot and passed routeing instructions, returning to harbour at 1500IK.

6. Departmental inspection by Base Gunnery Officer was carried out P.M. 6th. June.

7. Vessel was slipped at 1230IK/18th. and top overhaul of main engines was commenced. Vessel was under refit for the remainder of the month, and during this time each watch of the ship's company spent four days at the Adelaide River Rest Camp. Vessel was unslipped at 1630IK/25th.


8. Health welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. The ship is in excellent condition.

9. Monthly figures (vide Navy Order 237/43.)

Distance steamed	1084 miles.
Hours under way	123 hours.
Fuel consumption	813 gals.
Average dist. per gal.	1.3 miles.

Total figures

Distance steamed since commissioning (12-6-44)	10,184 miles.
Average speed of	8.8 knots.
Hours under way	1160 hours.

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



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Note Darwin has not commented on para 4 of this report, as regards non-cooperation of Army searchlights. It also seems to call for some explanation why an unidentified craft inside the boom remained unidentified for fifteen hours.

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15 JUN 1945  
(Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "H.M.L. 1324"'s report dated 3rd June 1945).

H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1324" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1945

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2. With reference to paragraph 4, the boat was identified as one which had not crossed the boom but had left the shore near the western extremity of the boom. Patrol was maintained until these facts were established.

*RB Dyer*

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

HN  
Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN N.T.  
11th June 1945

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From: Commanding Officer H.M.A "M.L 1324"  
Date: 3rd, June 1945.  
To: Naval Board, Through N.O.I.C Darwin. (Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board).  
Subject: Report of Proceedings For Month of May 1945.

Boom patrol was carried out at Darwin for 24 hour periods commencing at 1730IK on 3rd, 6th, 9th, 22nd, 26th, and 29th, of May.

2. At 0715IK/11th, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy and intercepted U.S ship "Wellesley" and placed pilot on board, returning to harbour at 1600IK.

3. At 1428IK/15th, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy and awaited the arrival of R.F.A "Green Ranger" and U.S "Washita" and placed pilots on board, returning to harbour at 1005IK/16th.

4. At 1945IK/28th, slipped and proceeded under orders to identify a boat that entered harbour across the boom at 1900IK. Proceeded down harbour towards boom sweeping both sides of the channel with the searchlight but the boat was not sighted. It is felt that a more effective search could have been carried out if Army searchlights had assisted. At 2130IK received instructions to patrol between boom and Admiralty docks. This patrol was maintained until 1050IK/29th when ship was recalled and returned to berth.

5. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. Ship is in good condition.

6. Monthly figures:-(vide Navy Order 237/43)

Distance steamed	1724 miles.
Hours under way	195 hours.
Fuel consumption	1324 gallons.
Average distance per gallon of fuel.	1.3 miles per gallon.

Total figures:

Distance steamed since commissioning(12th. June 44)	9100 miles.
Average speed of	8.8 knots.
Hours under way	1037 hours.



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 Lieutenant R.A.N.R.



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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "HDML 1324"'s report dated 3 May 1945.)

H.M.A. "HDML 1324" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1945.

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN. N.T.  
22nd May 1945.

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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The Secretary,

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN.  
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22nd May 1945.

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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1324's" Report dated 3rd April 1945)

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*RB*  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,  
Darwin, N.T.  
20th April 1945.

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Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1324" Report dated 3rd April 1945

H.M.A. "H.D.M.L. 1324" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 1945

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NAVAL BOARD.  
The Secretary,

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Naval Headquarters,  
Darwin, N.T.  
20th April 1945.

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A. HDML 1324  
Date 3rd, May 1945.  
To Naval Board (Through Naval-Officer-In-Charge, Darwin)  
Copy to The Secretary, Naval Board.  
Subject Report of Proceedings For The Month Of April 1945.

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for 24 hour periods commencing at 1730 IK on 2nd, 7th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 22nd, 24th, and 26th, patrols being carried out under way, on and after the 15th, in accordance with orders from N.O.I.C Darwin.


2. At 1005 IK/17th, slipped and proceeded to NO.1 buay, and intercepted U.S ship "Cape Sandy" at 1334 IK, and placed pilot on board returning to harbour at 1600 IK.
3. Atb0415 IK/21st, slipped and proceeded to No.1 buoy, and intercepted U.S ship "Charles E. Smith" and placed pilot on board returning to harbour at 1109 IK.
4. At 0255 IK/21st, slipped and proceeded via searched channel to rendezvous with Dutch submarine K 14 in position 12° 10'S 130° 22.5'E. Sighted and identified K 14 ~~in~~ ~~position~~ at 0647 IK and escorted her into harbour passing through the boom at 1035 IK/21st.
5. At 0320 IK/30th, slipped and proceeded to rendezvous with U.S ship "Santiago" in position 12° 10'S 130° 22'E. Sighted and identified "Santiago" at 0547 IK and placed pilot aboard. Proceeded to No.1 buoy to await arrival of R.F.A "Loma Novia". Remained in vicinity of No.1 buoy until 2300 IK, when, "Loma Novia" not having been sighted, ship returned to harbour.
6. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. The ship is in good condition.
7. Monthly Figures (vide Navy Order 237/43).

Distance steamed	1718	miles.
Hours under way	203	hours.
Fuel consumption	1320	gallons.
Average distance per gallon of fuel	1.3	miles

Total Figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning, 12.6.44	7376	miles
Average speed of	8.8	knots
Hours under way	842	hours.



  
 Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.  
 Commanding Officer.



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Commanding Officer H.M.A "ML 1324"  
3rd, April 1945.

The Secretary  
Naval Board - Through Naval Officer in Charge  
Darwin-  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board).

Subject: - Report of Proceedings, H.M.A "ML 1324", March 1945

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for twenty four hour periods commencing at 1730IK on 8th, 11th, 14th, 18th, 22nd, 25th, and 28th, March.

2. At 0830IK/28th, ship slipped and proceeded in company with ML's 813 (S.O), 814 and 807 for flotilla exercises in the vicinity of the harbour approaches. Manoeuvres were carried out using British and American procedure by both flags and R/T. These exercises are considered essential for maintaining the efficiency of the ship.
3. On approaching the harbour entrance, ship was detached by Senior Officer to carry out a test of loop defences as requested by X.D.O. Test was satisfactorily completed by 1730IK and ship assumed boom patrol at 1800IK.
4. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. The ship is in good condition.
5. Monthly figures. (Vide Navy Order 237/43).

Distance steamed	431 miles
Hours under way	47 hours
Fuel consumption	407 gallons
Average distance per gallon of fuel	1.05 miles.

Total Figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning	5658 miles
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Average speed	8.9 knots
Hours under way	639 hours



Lieut. R.A.N.R.  
Commanding Officer.



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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.M.L. 1324.

Date 3rd March 1945.

To Secretary, Naval Board (through N.O.I.C. Darwin).  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board)

Subject: Monthly Report of Proceedings : February, 1945.

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out for 24 hour periods commencing at 1800 IK on the 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 11th. of February.

2. Top overhaul on main engines was commenced by Base staff on 13th February. Ship was slipped on Fairmile slipway on that date for underwater inspection, being unslipped on 16th. Electrical and other minor defects were made good, and overhaul was completed on the 28th.

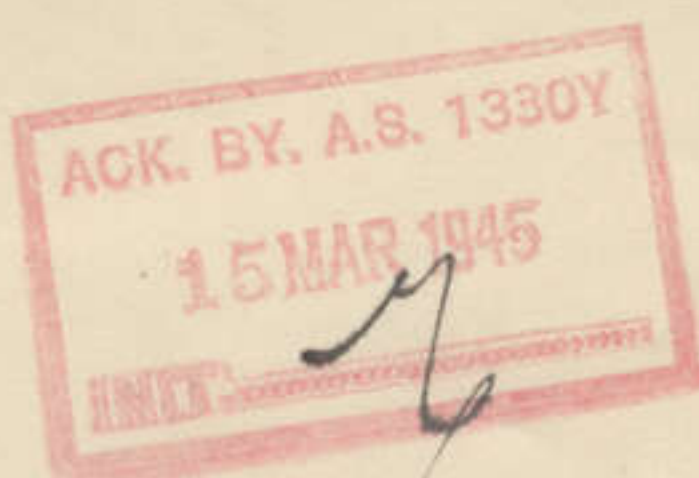
3. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. Whilst the ship was under overhaul each watch of the ship's company spent six days at the Rest Camp, Adelaide River. This was a very necessary break from the monotony and harder living conditions experienced on board, and should have a beneficial influence on morale. The ship is in good condition.

4. Monthly figures:

Distance steamed	42 miles
Hours under way	5 hours
Fuel consumption	45 gallons
Average distance per gallon of fuel	0.94 miles

Total figures:

Distance steamed since commissioning on 12th June 1944.	5227 miles
Average speed	8.8 knots
Hours under way	592 hours



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

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The Secretary,  
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Submitted for the information of  
the Naval Board.

A/Commander, R.A.N.  
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N.(S.O.S.)  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN - N.T.  
9th March 1945.

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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "ML.1324"'s memorandum dated  
8th February 1945) ✓

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : H.M.A. "ML.1324" ; JANUARY 1945.

N.T.0600/59

The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board  
in accordance with Navy Office letter No.589/201/941(053065)  
dated 23rd October 1944.

2. With reference to paragraph 2, practices are arranged  
as frequently as facilities permit.

HN  
Naval Headquarters,  
DARWIN. N.T.  
15th February 1945.

*A. Cuyather*  
A/Commander, R.A.N.  
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (S.O.S.)  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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The Commanding Officer,  
H.M.A. "ML1324",  
8th February 1945.

The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
DARWIN.

Copy to Secretary, NAVAL BOARD.



REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS: H.M.A. "ML1324": JANUARY, 1945.

Boom patrol at Darwin was carried out on 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 22nd, 25th, 28th, and 29th of January.

2. At 0800IK/12th slipped and proceeded in company with ML807 for gunnery practice. Commenced firing at 0950 at sleeve target towed by aircraft. Practice ceased at 1030IK, when ship returned in company with ML.807, arriving Darwin at 1245IK. Such practices are unvaluable in maintaining the efficiency of the ship and it is considered that at least one surface target and one A.A. target should be made available every month.

3. At 1020IK/17th proceeded from Boom patrol to render assistance to aircraft crashed inshore of Charles Point. First aid party was landed in skiff at 1055, returning at 1500, having failed to locate aircraft which was approximately four miles inshore behind thick swamp country. Ship returned to harbour at 1700IK.

4. Slipped and proceeded at 1229IK/31st to proceed via Clarence and Dundas Straits to intercept U.S. ship "Andrew D. White" escorted by H.M.A.S. "PARKES". Intercepted at 1609IK and assumed escort duties, relieving "PARKES" at 1620IK. "Andrew D. White" anchored at 1950 and patrol was maintained around her. Proceeded at 2230IK and entered Darwin at 0140IK/1st February.


5. Welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the month. Health has declined during the month, and more than 50 per cent of the ship's company were treated by the doctor for skin complaints, which we considered due to the living conditions in this type of vessel in tropical areas. The ship is in good condition.

6. Monthly figures (vide Navy Order 237/43)

Distance steamed 647 miles. Fuel Consumption 691 gallons.  
Hours under way 109 hours. Average distance  
per gallon of fuel .94 miles.

Total figures

Distance steamed since commissioning (12/6/44) 5185 miles.  
Average speed of 8.8 knots.  
Hours under way 587 hours.

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



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Commanding Officer H.M.A. "M.L.1324's" letter dated 21st January, 1945.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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*Bob Baldwin*

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Naval Headquarters,  
Darwin. N.T.  
27th January, 1945.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer, ~~H.M.S.~~ M.L.1324.

TO: The Secretary, Naval Board (Through N.O.I.C. Darwin,  
Copy to: The Secretary, Naval Board).

DATE: 21st January 1945.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.L.1324 - DECEMBER 1944.

~~H.M.S.~~ M.L.1324 was berthed at M.L.Base, Brisbane from 1st to 11th December, when A & A.s including the installation of additional water tanks were completed and ship prepared for sea.

2. Slipped and proceeded at 0805K/11th to sail to Townsville via Capricorn Channel, under orders of N.O.I.C. Brisbane. Caloundra light was abeam at 1214K and course was set for Townsville, speed 11 knots.

3. Arrived Townsville at 0800K/14 and secured to Hynes wharf. From 14th to 20th of December ship remained at Townsville, where fuel tanks were cleaned out by ship's staff, and minor electrical and other defects were made good by base staff.

4. Slipped and proceeded from Townsville at 1610K/20th under sailing orders from N.O.I.C. Townsville to proceed to Thursday Island and arrived at Cairns at 0900K/21st to replenish with fuel, water and fresh provisions.

5. Slipped and proceeded to Thursday Island from Cairns at 1055K/22nd. ~~H.M.S.~~ M.L.S.1322 and 1323 were passed southward bound at 0745/23rd. Arrived Thursday Island at 1045K/24th and secured to Engineers Jetty.

6. Slipped and proceeded from Thursday Island at 1400K/28th under orders from N.O.I.C. Thursday Island to proceed to Darwin. At 0030K/29 H.M.A.S. "HEROS" was sighted towing "MOMBAH" and proceeding on an easterly course. Clocks were retarded half an hour to zone -9½ at 1800K/30th.

7. Cape Don light was passed at 0407I.K./31st and ship proceeded through Dundas and Clarence Straits passing through the boom at 1405I.K./31st, securing to Main Jetty at 1430 I.K.

8. Health and welfare and conduct of the ships company has been satisfactory during the month. The ship is in very good condition.

9. Monthly figures (vide Navy Order 237/43)

Distance steamed	2195 miles
Hours under way	208 hours
Fuel consumption	2698 gallons
Average distance per gallon of fuel.	.82 miles.

TOTAL FIGURES.

Distance steamed since commissioning (12.6.44)	4538 miles.
Average speed.	9.5 knots.
Hours under way.	478 26/60 hours.

COMMANDING OFFICER,  
*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant R.A.N.R.  
H.M.A. M.L.1324.



M.L. 1324-Report of Proceedings-October 1944.

Submitted:

Ship was secured at Garden Island from 1st to 6th October, when refit was completed.

2. Slipped and proceeded at 1430 K/6th for Oerlikon gun trials, which were satisfactory, ship returning to Rushcutter at 1600K. Ship was fuelled at Gore Bay A.M. 9th and proceeded to Garden Island for compass swing.
3. Slipped and proceeded at 1330K for sea trials to test for any movement of main engines, returning to Garden Island at 1700 K.
4. Proceeded to Rushcutter at 0810K/10th and ship was inspected by C.O. Rushcutter prior to sailing.
5. Slipped and proceeded at 1215K/10th in Company with M.L.1329 (Senior Officer) under sailing orders from N.O.I.C. Sydney to proceed to Brisbane. Cleared Port Jackson Heads at 1248K and set course N. 5° E (M) at 1300K. Norah Head was abeam at 1625K.
6. Port forward stern tube bearing began to overheat during the afternoon watch, and gland was slackened and cooled with water. This was ineffective and at 0010K/11th requested to Senior Officer that speed be reduced. Reduced to 600 revs at 0050K. Course was altered to S10° W (M) at 0140K and to North (M) at 0457K on orders of Senior Officer.
7. Bearing was still overheating at slower speed and at dawn requested to Senior Officer that M.L. 1324 be detached to proceed to the nearest port or return Sydney to investigate cause of overheating.
8. Ship was detached by S.O. at 1200K/11th to proceed to Port Stephens. Port engine was stopped at 1600K owing to overheating. M.L. 1324 arrived Port Stephens at 0715K/12th and port shaft and bearings were checked by Eng. Lt. Cmdr. from "ASSAULT", who advised against use of port engine. Ship proceeded to Sydney at 0930K, under orders from N.O.I.C. Sydney, entering Port Jackson Heads at 1815K and secured Rushcutter at 1855K/12th.
9. Repairs were effected by base staff and trials were carried out A.M. on 14th. Fuelled at Gore Bay at 1235K/14th, and returned to Rushcutter.
10. Shipped and proceeded from Rushcutter at 0805K/15th to sail for Brisbane, clearing heads at 0835K. Received signal by V/S from H.M.A.S. "YUNNAN" at 1550K to close, and message was passed by "YUNNAN" in Naval Code by V/S and asking for P.L. version, which was passed at 1830K.
11. Speed was reduced to 600 revs at 2345K/15th owing to heavy head seas. Ship was sighted at 0610 bearing S40° W (M) and was identified as H.M.A.S. "STRACHAN" Position was checked by V/s.
12. Speed was reduced to 500 revs at 1640K/16th as wind and sea were steadily increasing, and an amended E.T.A. Signal was made to N.O.I.C. Brisbane. South Solitary Island was abeam at 2235K/16th.
13. Cape Byron was abeam at 1159K/17th and Point Lookout



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abeam at 0032K/18th, and ship entered Moreton Bay at 0620K/18th and proceeded by main channel to Brisbane River securing at M.L. Base at 1420K/18th.

14. In the heavy seas experienced there was a considerable number of leaks, through the deakhead and forward hatch, causing some damage to electrical equipment. Engine and electrical defects were remedied by Base Staff, and at 1600K/24th ship was towed by M.L. 821 to Norman Wrights' yard, where decks are being canvassed and other leaks remedied.

15. Health, welfare and conduct of the Ships' Company has been excellent throughout the month. 16

16. Monthly figures (vide Navy Order 237 of 1943)

Distance steamed	1055 miles
Hours under way	138-45/60 hrs.
Average dist. per gal of fuel	1.08 miles

Total figures:

Distance steamed since commissioning (12/6/44)	2343 miles
Average speed of	8.7 knots
Total hours under way	268-36/60 hours

(Sgd) R.J. Evans,  
Lieut. R.A.N.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A. M.L.1324



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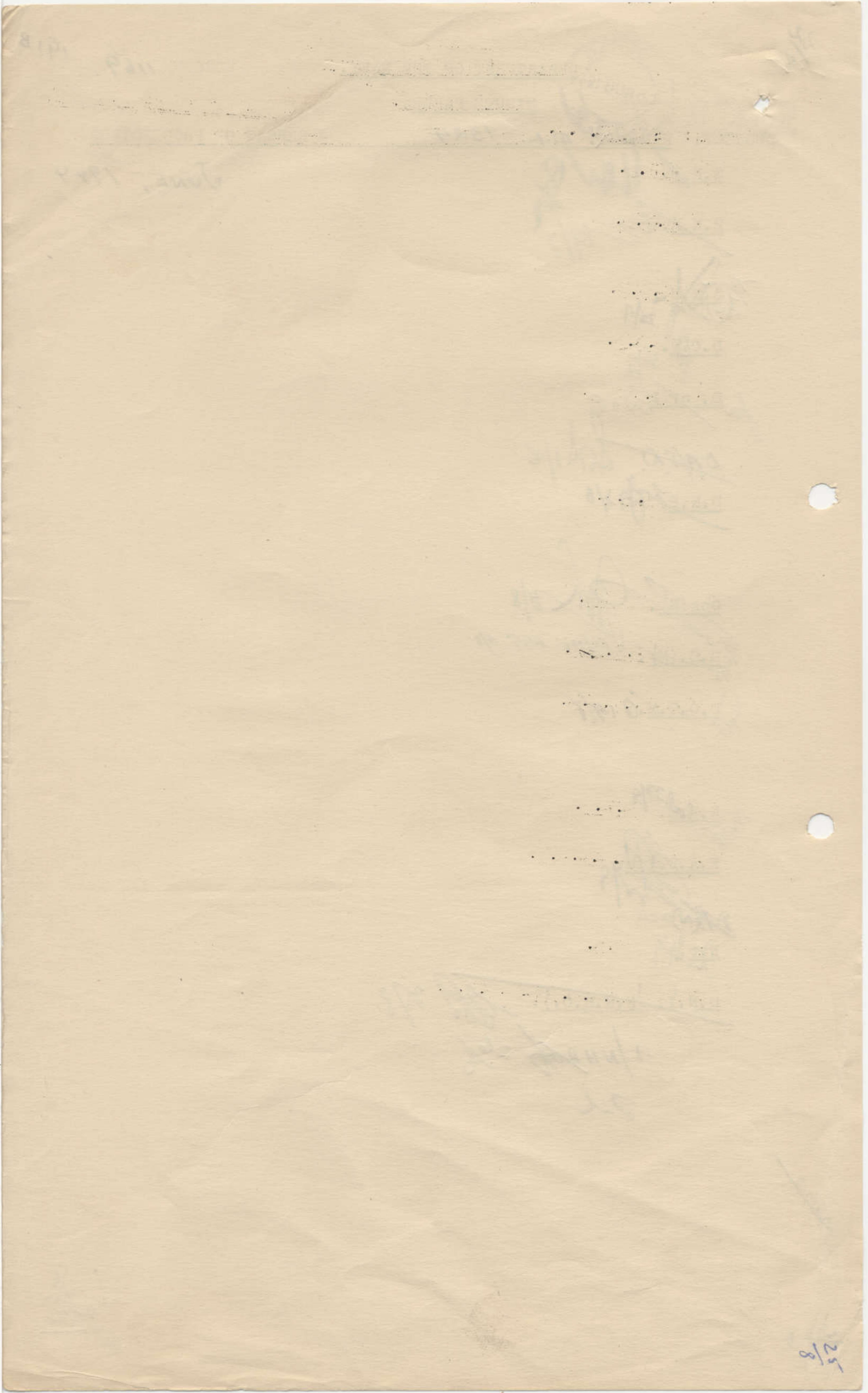
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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A. ML.1324.

DATE 2/7/44 REFERENCE NO. 7/1

TO Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.

SUBJECT Report of proceedings - June, 1944.

Submitted is the monthly Report of Proceedings for June, 1944, in accordance with M.L.G. and T.I. (Section 11., Para. 4j.), C.C.N.O. 97/43. and Navy Order 237 of 1943.

2. Report of proceedings is attached hereto.

(Sgd.) R.G. EVANS.

Lieutenant., R.A.N.R.

Commanding Officer  
H.M.A. ML.1324.

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Naval Staff Office,  
Port Melbourne,  
11th July, 1944.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,  
Navy Office, MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, observing H.M.A. ML.1324 is passing through this area.

A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Melbourne.



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H.M.A. ML.1324 was commissioned at Port Adelaide at 1100 on 12th June, 1944. Ship was constructed by A. MacFarlane and Sons, Birkenhead, S.A. and trials had been carried out prior to commissioning.

2. Final inspection was made by N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide, Principal Naval Overseer S.A., and C.O., ML.1324 at 1000 on 12th June.

3. As further adjustments had been made to W/T equipment, further trials were carried out on Wednesday, 14th June. Results were satisfactory. Compasses were adjusted P.M. Friday, 16th June, 1944. Stores were embarked and ship made ready for sea during this week.

4. Ship sailed from Port Adelaide at 0930 IK/20th June, cleared Outer Harbour at 1020 IK, and proceeded by the inshore route to Melbourne in accordance with sailing instructions from N.O.I.C. Port Adelaide. Clocks were advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to Zone - 10 at 1745 IK/21st June, and at 1850K/21st. Passed and identified H.M.A.S. "ALFIE CAM" proceeding on a parallel course.

5. Ship entered Port Phillip Heads at 1000K/22nd June, and secured to Nelson's Pier, Williamstown at 1301K, where ship is at present being fitted with A/S equipment.

6. Health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company and conditions on board have been excellent. Ship is in excellent condition and made no water through the decks whilst on passage and developed only one minor defect.

7. Monthly figures. (vide Navy Order 237 of 1943).

Distance steamed	523 miles
Hours under way	$53\frac{16}{60}$ hours
Average distance per gallon of fuel	•961 miles

Total figures.

Distance steamed since commissioning (12th June, '44)	523 miles
At average speed of ..	9.86 knots.
Total hours under way from 12/6/44 to 30/6/44	$53\frac{16}{60}$ hours.

(Sgd.) EVANS

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.  
Commanding Officer  
H.M.A. ML.1324.



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