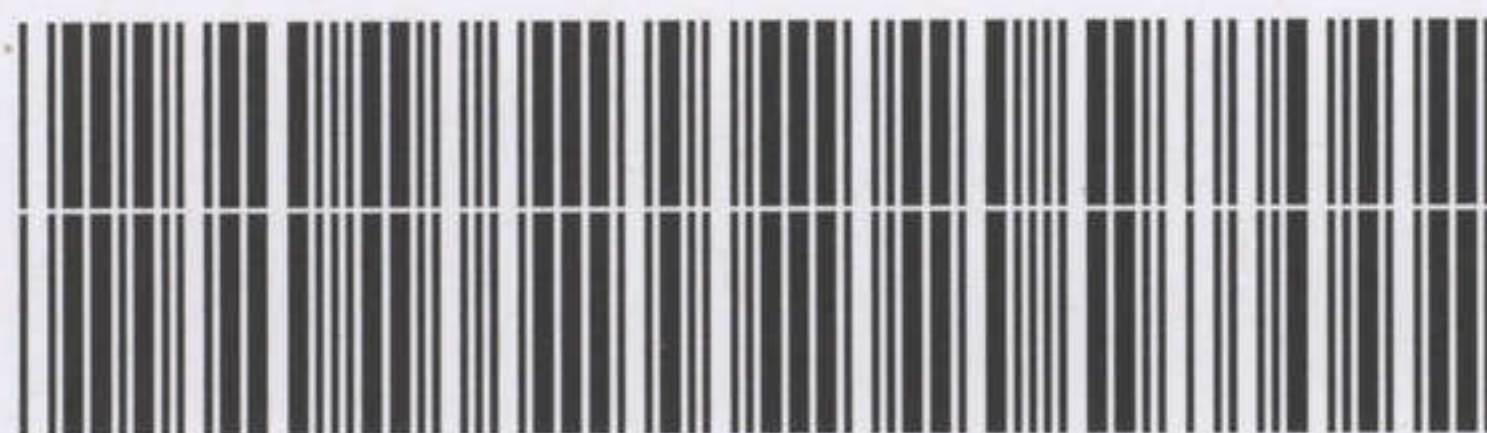


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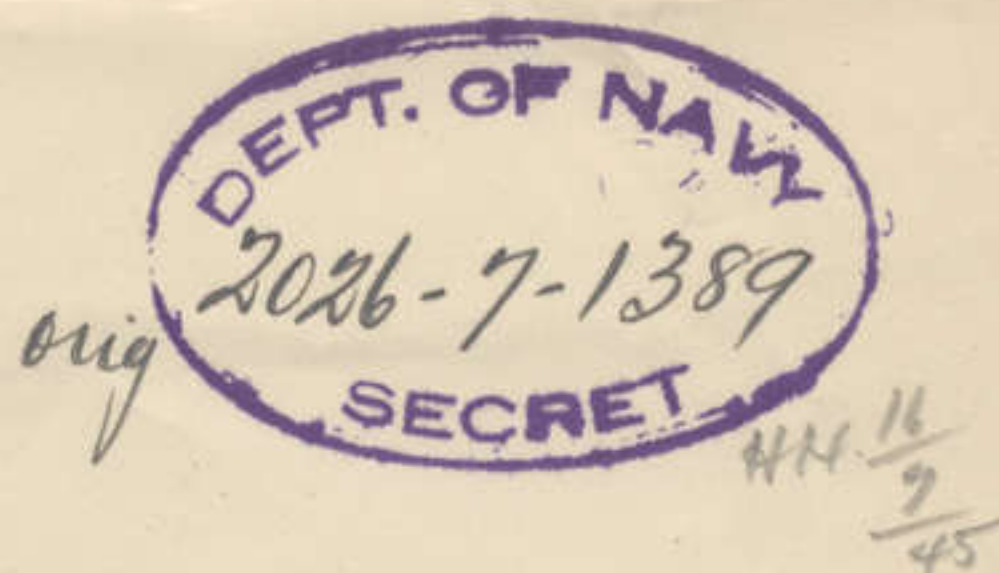
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From Commanding Officer H. M. A. M. L. 1324.
Date 4th. September 1945.
To Naval Board (Through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin)
Copy to the Secretary, Naval Board.
Subject Report of Proceedings, August 1945.

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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.


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Commanding Officer.

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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



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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 1410IK 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.

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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.



Lieut R.A.N.R
Commanding Officer.

From: Commanding Officer H.M.A. "M.L.1324"
Date: 3rd. July 1945
To: Naval Board, through Naval Officer in Charge Darwin.
(Copy to The Secretary Naval Board)
Subject: Report of Proceedings: June 1945.

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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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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.
12th July 1945.

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A/Commander, R.A.N.

Naval Headquarters,
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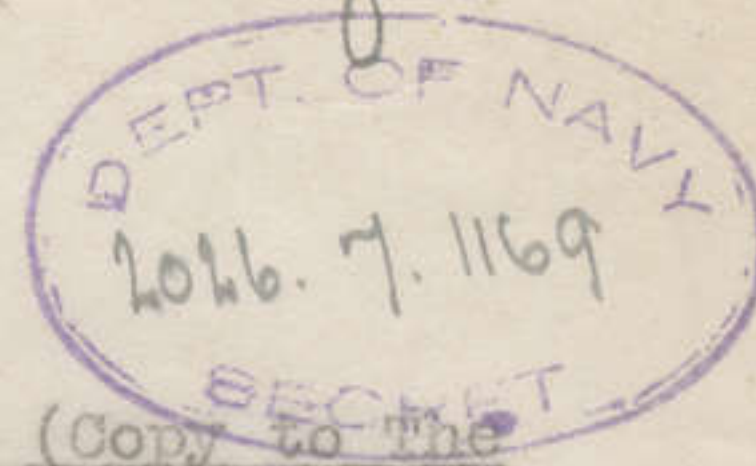
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Date: 3rd, June 1945.

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.

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.

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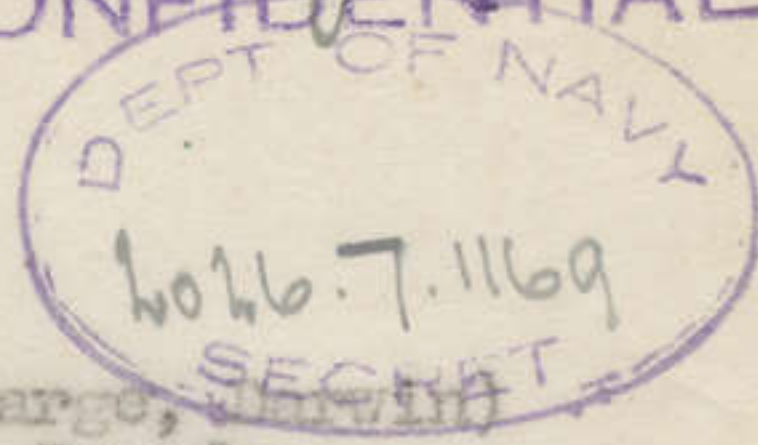
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Date 3rd, May 1945.

To Naval Board (Through Naval-Officer-In-Charge, Darwin)
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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 buoy, and intercepted U.S ship "Cape Sandy" at 1334 IK, and placed pilot on board returning to harbour at 1600 IK.
3. At 0415 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 "Lona Novia". Remained in vicinity of No.1 buoy until 2300 IK, when, "Lona 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.

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Commanding Officer HMA ML 1324
3rd, ~~March~~ 1945.
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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 43

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
12.6.44 5658 miles
Average speed 8.9 knots.
Hours under way 639 hours.

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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 18th. Electrical and other minor defects were made good, and overhaul was completed on the 23th.

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:

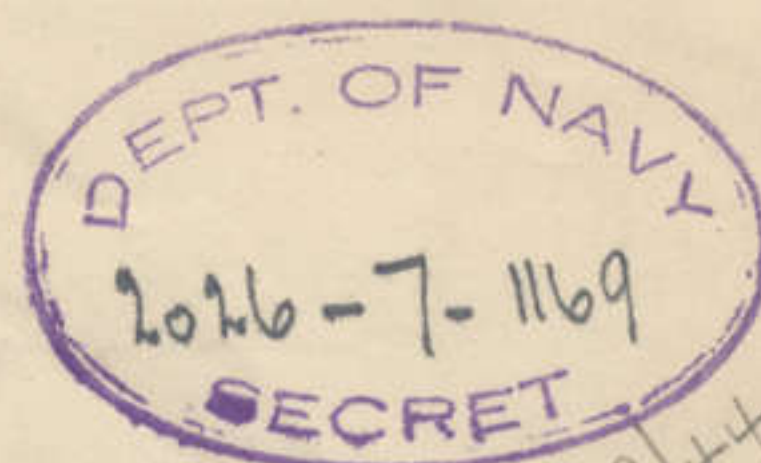
Distance steamed	42 miles
Hours under way	5 hours
Fuel consumption	45 gallons
Average distance per gallon of fuel	0.94 miles

Total figures:

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

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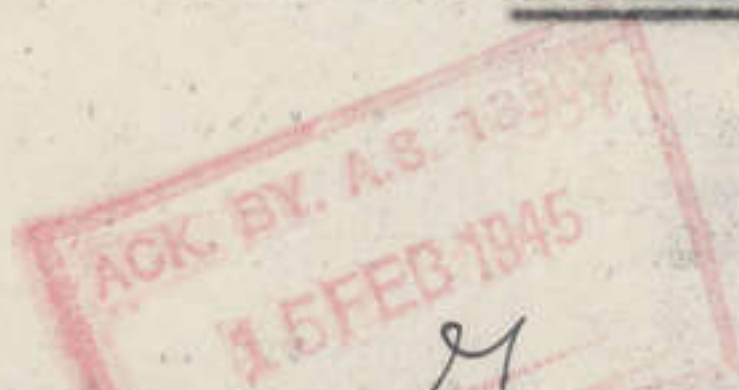


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The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A. "ML1324",
8th February 1945.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge,
DARWIN.
Copy to Secretary, NAVAL BOARD.)

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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 ship 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.

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COMMANDING OFFICER.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer, H.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.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.A.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.

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

COMMANDING OFFICER.

H.M.A. M.L.1324.

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.

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. Slipped 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. 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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