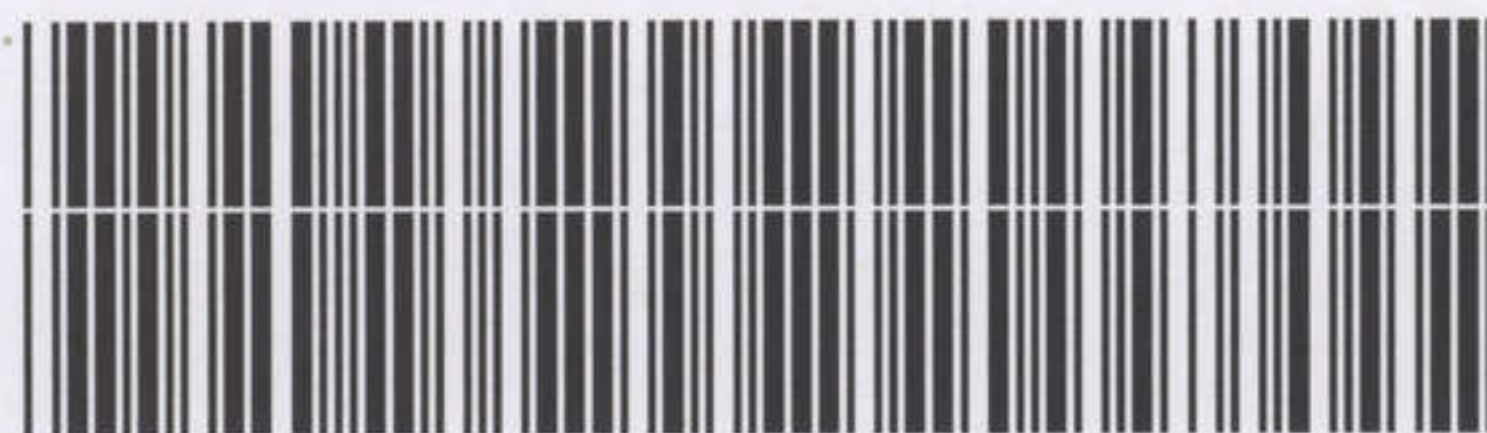


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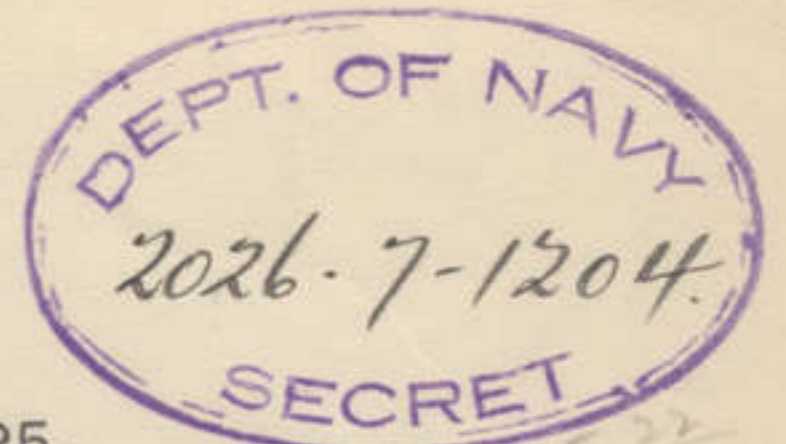
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No.

From : COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "M.L.1325.
Date : 15th June, 1945.
To : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane).
Subject : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O.97/43 and A.C.B.0238 Section 2(4)(J).

2. At the beginning of May the ship was at Fairmile Base having water pumps renewed, which job was not completed till 19th May.
3. The ships company were employed on most days sounding the approaches to Berths "C", "H", "J", "B", "G", and "M", and one or other of the Officers assisted Officer-in-Charge, Moreton Bay Survey in plotting the work which was completed on 27th.
4. Trials were carried out on Sunday 20th though, owing to the abovementioned work, it was not until Monday 28th that the ship proceeded to Moreton Bay to stand by H.M.A.S. "KIANGA" while she relaid two survey beacons.
5. On completion of this job it was decided to make a start at sounding areas for Radar Beacons.
6. On 31st May, the battery charging generator having failed and the ships batteries having only a small charge left in them it was necessary to return to harbour.

The statistics for the month are as follows:-

Distance Steamed	130 miles
Hours underway	16 hours
Average Speed	8.2 knots
Total Distance Steamed since commissioning	11002 miles
Total Hours under way	1262 hours

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From : COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "M.L.1325".
Date : 3rd May, 1945.
To : THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane).
Subject : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O.97/43 and A.C.B. 0238 Section 2(4)(J).

2. As stated in the last report the A/S Staff were carrying out a survey of the Echo Sounder Set in view of the trouble experienced with the voltage governor.
3. The result of the survey was that the main conductor was not of sufficient capacity for the requirements of the set. This statement was accepted by Lieutenant Burns who said that the set had never been completely satisfactory.
4. The replacement of the conduit was carried out by Fairmile Base Staff and the ship proceeded again to the Survey Grounds on 5th April.
5. The weather was satisfactory and good progress was made but it was found that the survey beacons were urgently required as the shore marks could not be used from sunrise till after 0930 each day.
6. This matter was taken up with Lieutenant Burns and the following week was spent collecting, rigging, laying and fixing of the Survey beacons, with H.M.A.S. "BERMAGUI".
7. In addition to this the tide pole at Tangalooma was checked with that at Pile Light.
8. During the ship's movements on Friday 13th April, the Motor Mechanic reported traces of water in the main oil sump of the Starboard Engine, and the following day on return passage to harbour, the sump overflowed. The Base Staff examined the Engines and found that the shafts of the water cooling pumps of both engines were badly worn, and the ship is at present laid up until new shafts are made. The present estimated date of completion is the 9th May.
9. During the remainder of the month the crew have been working part of ship, but the opportunity has been taken to send a seaman and stoker on home leave.
10. The discipline of the ship's company has remained exemplary during the month.
The living quarters are up to standard; the Mess Deck and seamens heads having been completely painted out during the month.
11. The following statistics for the month are as follows:-

Distance steamed	195 miles
Hours under way	25
Average Speed	78
Total distance since commissioning	10872
Total hours under way since commissioning	1245½ hours.

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3rd, April 1945.

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

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

Boat patrol at Darwin was carried out for twenty four hour periods commencing at 1730IK on 3th, 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 A.D.O. Test was satisfactorily completed by 1730IK and ship assumed boat 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	
12/6/45	5658 miles
Average speed	8.9 knots
Hours under way	639 hours

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The Secretary
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Subject: Report of Proceedings, R.A.A. No. 1234, March 1945

Four periods of service were carried out for twenty four
 hours periods commencing at 1700Z on 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 March.

At 0800Z/20th, this ship and proceeded in company
 with H.M.S. (S.S.), 815 and 817 for routine exercises
 in the vicinity of the Hudson's Bay, Labrador
 were carried out using British and American procedures
 by both flags and H.M.S. These exercises are considered
 essential for maintaining the efficiency of the ship.

On approaching the harbor entrance, this was debarked
 by senior officer to carry out a series of [illegible]
 as ordered by R.A.A. Post was satisfactorily
 completed by 1700Z and this assured good patrol of
 1700Z.

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

Monthly Summary (1st to 31st March 1945)

Hours steamed	121 hours
Hours under way	117 hours
Hours consumption	107 gallons
Hours distance per	
Gallon of fuel	1.05 miles

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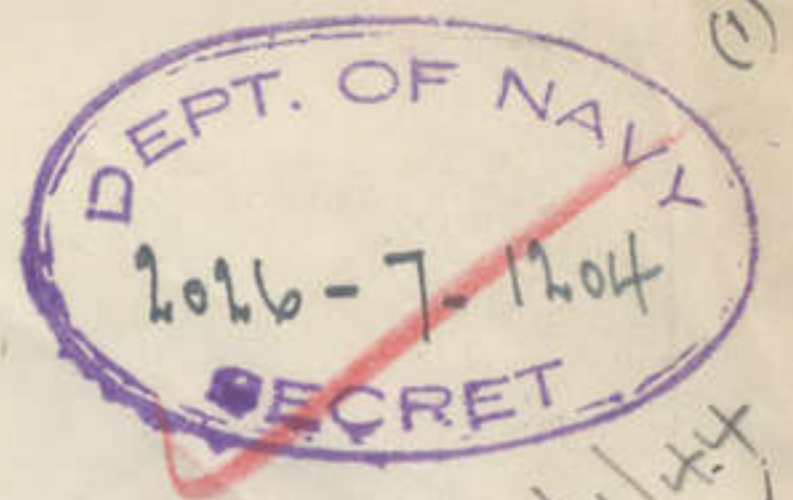
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From: Commanding Officer, H.D.M.L. 1325
Date: 4th February, 1945.
To: Secretary, Naval Board (through Naval Officer
in Charge, Brisbane)
Copy to O.I.C. F.M.B.
Subject: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS — JAN?

Submitted:-

In accordance with C.C.N.O. 97/43 and A.C.B. 0238
Section 2 (4) (J).

2. H.D.M.L. 1325 was on the Naval Slipway at Cairns at the beginning of the month when the Commanding Officer returned from home leave.

3. The Ships company had cleaned and scrubbed the hull, which was in good condition except that the false keel was entirely worm eaten, and had to be completely replaced.

4. It was found that the Starboard stern gland bearing had seized up and the white metal was turning with the shaft, the bearing had to be re-run.

5. The propellers were in fair condition.

6. The electric wiring was checked over by Base Staff, and with certain replacements and alterations was considered to be in good working condition.

7. Certain timbers in which dry rot was apparent were replaced, but later it was found that the trouble was more extensive than at first thought.

8. The Fresh Water pipes were renewed for the major part throughout the Ship, and one of the after tanks which was leaking was replaced by two smaller ones of light gauge metal in the absence of heavier material.

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9. It was unfortunate that the conclusion of the refit coincided with the closing of the Base in Cairns, which entailed leaving some matters incomplete. These included fitting additional water tanks in accordance with Navy Board Letter 524/202/1802 of 7/11/44, renewing completely the affected timbers in the wheelhouse, the surveying in detail of the Port propeller shaft bearings, and the fitting of the Type 253 Radar. This latter was subsequently completed and tested in "Townsville".

10. H.D.M.L. 1325 was unslipped at 1000K approximately on the 6th January, and towed to Fairmile Wharf Cairns. She was delayed doing trials for some days owing to further faults in the packing of the bearings in the salt water cooling pumps.

11. Trials were carried out on 11th January, 1944.

12. At 0900K on 15th January, H.D.M.L. 1323 slipped from Fairmile Wharf, "Cairns" for "Townsville" in accordance with orders, to have Radar. fitted.

13. The fitting and testing of the Radar Type 253 was completed on 19th January, and orders were received to proceed to Brisbane at 0600K, the following morning.

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14. Heavy weather was experienced on rounding "Cape Cleveland", necessitating reducing Engine revolutions to the minimum Viz 400. Even at this speed damage was sustained to vents and lockers, forward, causing flooding of bunks and decks in the Mess deck. Shelter was taken in lee of "Cape Upstart".
15. The sea did not abate till the early hours of the morning, and the Ship proceeded at 0545/21, though it was found necessary to curtail speed as soon as losing the shelter. Owing to the slow rate of advance being maintained, and sea-water having made the Ships stock of bread unusable it was decided to put in to "Mackay", which we reached at 0815/22.
16. Slipping from "Mackay", at 1350/22 a direct passage was made to Brisbane, which was reached at 1255/25.
17. During the latter portion of the trip a number of faults became apparent, with the Electrical installation and fittings. Also a chatter became noticeable in the Starboard propeller shaft. These together with other minor defects, and matters not completed in "Cairns" were reported on arrival in Brisbane, and are to receive attention.
18. The Crew have maintained their satisfactory discipline throughout the month.
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Distance steamed during month	1070 miles
Hours under way	115 hours
Average distance per ton of fuel	275 miles
Total distance since Commissioning	10530 miles
Average speed	9 knots
Total hours under way since Commissioning.	1190 hours

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