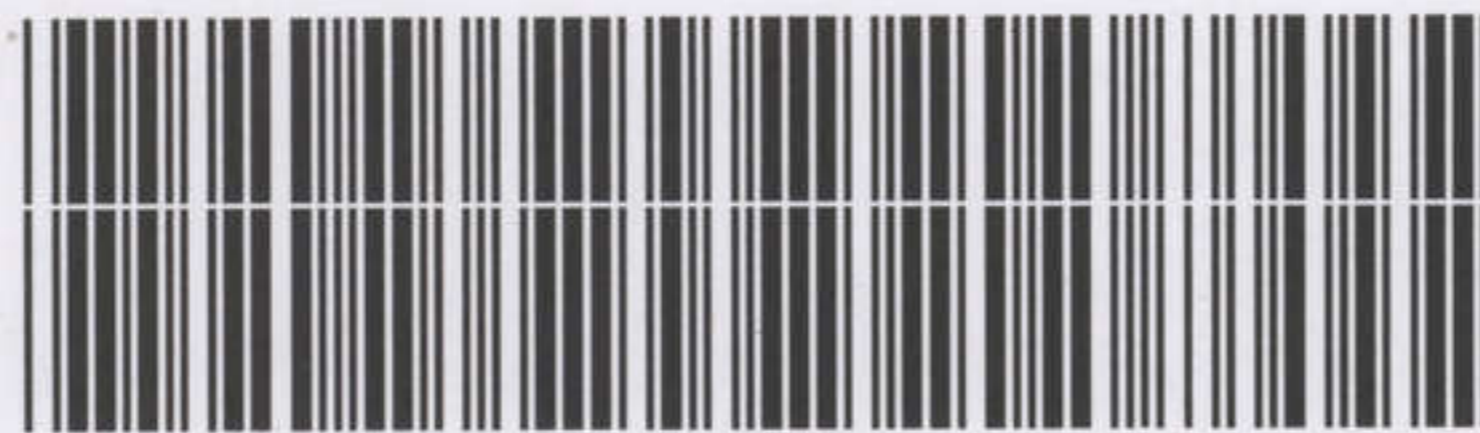


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The Commanding Officer, HMA HDML 1327.

1st August, 1945.

The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Report of Proceedings for month of July, 1945.

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Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 & C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. From the 1st to 13th July on passage to Torokina, via Langemak, Lae, Langemak and Jacquinot Bay.
3. On 17th July proceeded northabout round Buka to rendezvous with, and embark an A.I.B. patrol from native village of TEANIN, near TEOP on the east coast of Bougainville at 0800L/18. Lieut H. Freeman of the Military History Section was aboard, and on meeting the shore party secured excellent photographs of the incident. Two Japanese captured near TEOP and ten N.E.I. ex POWs were also embarked. Despite three years of imprisonment the N.E.I. personnel were in fairly good physical condition, as also were the two Japanese, who showed great willingness to board the ship. The whole operation was carried out without interference from land or air forces. Rounding the northern point of BUKA with the echo sounder in operation, no trace was seen of reported sand spit shown on H.O. Chart 2926 and it is considered non-existent.
4. From the 23rd to the 31st July the ship was operating in the Soraken - Taiof area, establishing a base camp at Jupinol Island for a future reconnaissance of Buka. Good shelter and facilities were found at Saposia Island.
5. The health and morale of the ship's company have been satisfactory.
6. Efficiency Report.
  - Main Engines - Quite Satisfactory
  - Aux. " - Back pressure resulting from exhausts being almost on water level causes constant breakdowns and entire lack of spares necessitates many make-shift repairs.

Batteries - In good condition.  
Echo Sounder - In constant need of attention - very erratic.  
Guns - In good order.  
Hull - Fair, could be improved if naval stores such as paint, oils etc were obtainable.

7. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month - 1410 miles.  
Hours under way during month - 151 hours.  
Hours under way on one engine during month - Nil  
Average speed for month - 9.3 knots.  
Gallons of fuel expended - 1798 gals.  
Gallons of fuel expended per hour - 11.9 gals.  
Total distance steamed since commissioning - 13890 miles  
Total hours under way since commissioning - 1405 hours  
Date commissioned - 29/5/44

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Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer,  
HMA HDML1327

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