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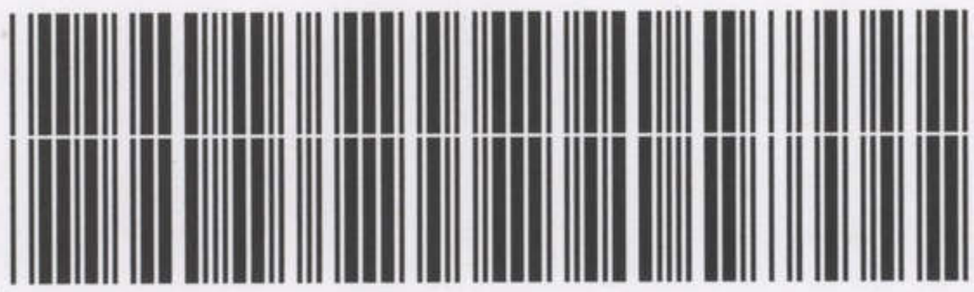

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"

Date 22 May, 1946 *Reference No.* T/91/293

To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney
(Copy to: Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)

Subject H.M.A. M.L.1342 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1946

Submitted, the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.1342 for the month of April, 1946.

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FLAG OFFICER
25 MAY 1946
SYDNEY

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.
for a/CAPTAIN, R.N. (A.O.L.)

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Commanding Officer H M A M L 1342.

17th May, 1946

The Secretary Naval Board through C.O."Rushcutter".

Report of Proceedings for Month of April, 1946.

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

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At Holbourne Island, a stranded fishing boat with crew of five was located and later towed to Bowen.

On 23rd, ship departed Brisbane in company with G P V 958 and M S L 701. ML 1342 was granted permission to proceed to Sydney independently during forenoon of 25th due to electrical defects. Arrived Sydney 2200K, 25th.

Remainder of month was spent preparing ship for paying off in accordance with ACNB's 090452Z MARCH, 1946.

Efficiency Report

Main Engines	- Satisfactory
Auxiliary ENGINES	- Satisfactory
BAtteries	- All banks in deteriorated condition
Guns	- Satisfactory

Monthly Figures

Distance steamed during month	1400 miles
Hours under way during month	148 hours
Average speed during month	10 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1940 galls
Gallons of fuel expended hourly	13.1. galls
Total distance steamed since commissioning	14,492 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning	1589 hours
Ship commissioned	24th July, 1944

COMMANDING OFFICER
J.E.C. Loughlin
Sub Lieut. Rank
H.M.A. "M.L.1342"

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

2. This craft was transferred to the Operational and Administrative control of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea vide Naval Board message 1511/3 May 1945, and has not therefore been based on Darwin.

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

Naval Headquarters,
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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J.C. Rhodes.
CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
FOR A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
Naval Base Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "M.L. 1342"

Date 15th May, 1945 Reference No

To THE SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS--APRIL, 1945.

During the entire month, the ship has been non-operational, being laid up at M.L. Repair Base, Brisbane for repairs to defective shafts and bearings and also to have a number of major and minor defects made good.

On 11th April ship was slipped at the M.L. Base and the following work was carried out:-

1. Propellor shafts were removed and checked for alignment.

2. Intermediate A brackets, stern gland bearings and plummer block bearings removed to enable bearings to be line up correctly on the line of the shafting.

3. Worn patches of Pheenorock on ship's hull were chipped, patched with plastic and sprayed with a fresh coat of Pheenorock.

4. Corroded Intermediate strut of A/S unit replaced by a new one.

On 18th April, ship was re-floated and secured alongside jetty at M.L. Base. For the remainder of the month, base staff carried out work on minor defects together with the work on lining up the shafts and bearings.

On 6th April, one half of ship's company returned aboard after seven (7) days' long leave. On 7th April, remainder of crew was granted seven (7) days' long leave.

The Motor Mechanic, Petty Officer G. Martin was admitted to 126 A.G.H., suffering from acute backache. After ten (10) days treatment, he was allowed to return to the ship where self-treatment could be continued.

Able Seaman F. Draney was excused duties for three (3) days due to sprained muscles in his right hand.

The conduct and discipline of the ship's company during the month were excellent. Despite the ship's inactivity in respect of operations, morale of the ship's company has been very good also.

Distance steamed during month	Nil
Hours under way	Nil
Hours under way for operational duties	Nil
Average distance per gallon of fuel	---
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of 9 knots.	2880 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning to end of month under review.	320 Hours.

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

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22 May, 1946 T/91/293

The Flag Officer-in-Charge, Sydney
(Copy to: Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne)

H.M.A. M.L.1342 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1946

Submitted, the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. M.L.1342 for the month of April, 1946.

Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.
for a/CAPTAIN, R.N. (A.O.L.)

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Commanding Officer H M A M L 1342.

17th May, 1946

The Secretary Naval Board through C.O."Rushcutter".

Report of Proceedings for Month of April, 1946.

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Efficiency Report

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Auxiliary ENGINES	- Satisfactory
Batteries	- All banks in deteriorated condition
Guns	- Satisfactory

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2 N.M. ~~It seems there is a good case for Coastal Craft Pay for this ship as ML.~~
It seems there is a good case for Coastal Craft Pay for HD M.L.s
These ships do exactly the same duties as M.L.s despite their name.
J.A. 18/4.

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D.N.I. (N.H.R.O.)

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Navy Office message 836 I
(T.O.O 100607 February 1947)
now covers the question of payment of H.L. Navy in chem. capt.
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SUBJECT: HMA "ML 1342" Report of Proceedings January 1946

Re para 8: MLs receive Coastal Craft Pay (a substitute for HLM) at all times. It has been proposed in D of P minute of 2 Apr, 1946, that HDMLs should receive it also, as their work involves just as lengthy sea passages. Their name is misleading: their duties in SW Pacific are by no means Harbour Defence.

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H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU",
Dreger Harbour,
NEW GUINEA.

15th. March, 1946.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.L.1342, JANUARY 1946

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, is the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. HDML.1342 for the month of January, 1946.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, 28 FEB 1945 NEW GUINEA

Royal Australian Navy.

From: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 1342.

Date: 2nd. Feb. '46. Reference No.

To: The Secretary, Naval Board, Through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Subject: Report of Proceedings for Month of January '46.

Submitted in accordance with N.O.L.97/43 and C.C.N.Q.19/45.

2 Ship was stationed at Wewak for the greater part of the month. Duties at that port were not extensive, the only actual necessary running being to Muschu Is. on five occasions, with the port pilot who took Japanese ships to that island to evacuate Japanese personnel.

3 Trips to nearby islands on five occasions were organised by the Red Cross and Army units for the purpose of collecting fresh fruit.

4 Proceeded to Madang on 27th. Jan. for engine top overhaul. Arrived at the M.L. Repair Base at Alexishafen on 30th. Jan.

5 On 31st. Jan. ship was slipped for replacement of intermediate A bracket bearing on starboard side. The cutless rubber bearing that had been in this A bracket was very badly worn, allowing the shaft so much "play" that intense vibration had been experienced. Whilst on the slipway an increase was apparent in the number of entries of toredo worm into the hull since last slipping, approximately seven weeks heretofore. This is due to the fact the Pheenarock anti fouling compound has become badly worn.

6 Some members of the crew are still slightly affected by minor skin complaints due mainly to the complete absence of fresh Vegetable

7 Conduct and discipline have been good.

8 The lack of payment of Hard Lying Money to personnel of these ships is still a source of resentment by all concerned. It has just been brought to my notice that the personnell of one other type of Caostal Craft viz. Motor Stores Lighters, have become eligable for the allowance. This direction has caused nothin g but an anomalous situation. The reason given by the Naval Board for the discontinuation of payment of Hard Lying Money was that "Coastal Craft were not employed mainly on service in the open sea or voyages between distant ports." If that is the case, it is hard to differentiate between the service in New Guinea of these ships, and that of Motor Stores Lighters. Since the action of the Naval Board is inconsistant on this point, it would appear that a certain amount of prejudice has been shown.

Efficiency Report.

Main Engines: Satisfactory. In need of top overhaul.
Auxiliary Engine: Satisfactory.
Batteries: One bank in good Condition. Other very poor.
Guns: Satisfactory.

Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month:	927 miles.
Hours under way:	103 hours.
Average speed for month:	9 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended during month:	987 Galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour:	9.6 Galls.

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Total Distance steamed since commisioning: 10212 miles.
Total Hours under way since commissioning: 1161 hours.
Date Commissioned: 24th.July'44.

Signed A.K.Englert,
Lieut.R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

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Proposed letter attached 21/2

S.N.M. 23/2 D.P.S. C.O. to be informed of conditions under which Hard-lying allowance is payable. 23/2 — Action on 427/210/422.

S.N. 11/3

for D. of P. SOCC 13/3

D.N.O. 4/2

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21 January, 1946.

The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

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H.M.A. "M.L.1342" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. With reference to paragraph 4, M.L.1342 is required to remain at Wewak until the end of January for N.C.S. duties.

A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, 18 JAN 1946

Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 1342.

Date 2nd.Jan.46. *Reference No.*

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

Subject Report of Proceedings, December 1945.

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

2. Ship was slipped at Alexishafen on 7th.December, but as new bearing was incorrect, was refloated the same day. On 10thDec. ship was again slipped and all necessary work was completed. On 11th, ship was refloated and satisfactory trials were conducted.

3. Departed Madang 13th Dec. and arrived at Wewak 14th. From that date till the end of the month under review, the only duties done were to make two trips for the Red Cross to nearby islands to collect fruit, and to assist A.S.R.915, on another occasion, to rescue a capsized sailing boat.

4. On arrival at Wewak, and contacting General Officer Commanding 8th. Infantry Brigade, he stated that he had no use for the ship in the port, and that he had advised Aust. First Army, Lae, to that effect. Thus it appeares that the ship is not required for any duties what soever in Wewak.

5. On 24th, piston and rocker arm in auxiliary engine broke, necessitating running the main engines for at least eight hours daily to maintain charge in batteries. New parts were forwarded from Madang, but at date of this report, repair work had not been completed.

6. The anchorage at Wewak being quite open to the north westerly seasonal winds, it was found on a few occasions that the anchor dragged badly. This is considered to be due to the fact that the weight of the cable is insufficient to take the main strain off the anchor.

7. Uncomfortable conditions have been experienced while at anchor nearly every day. On one occasion two of the personnel were seasick, and at times it has been impossible to cook meals due to the heavy winds and swells. Although this is regarded as time spent in harbour, and therefore not sufficient reason to be paid Hard Lying Money, the crew has suffered continued discomfort, besides lacking the facilities for showers, space for recreation, etc.

8. The fact of having no operational work to do, and the discontinuance of the payment of Hard Lying Money are having a serious effect on the morale of the entire ship's complement.

9. Several members of the crew are still affected by minor complaints. Otherwise health is good.

10. Conduct and discipline have been good also.

11. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines:- Satisfactory, but starboard motor will require attention at an early date.

Auxiliary Engine:- See Para. 5.

Batteries :- One bank in good condition, but

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other bank deteriorating.

Guns:- Satisfactory.

13. Monthly Figures:-

Distance Steamed during Month - 621 miles (app).
Hours under way - 69.
Hours under way on one engine - Nil.
Average Speed for month - 9 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour under way - 1.1
Gallons of fuel expended during month - 1024.
Total distance steamed since commisioning - 9285.
Total hours under way since commisioning - 1008.
Date commisioned - 24th July'44.

Longlent Lt.
Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer.

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Office of the N.O.I.C.
New Guinea, Madang.
10 December, 1945.

The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

(Copy to Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".)

H.M.A. "M.L.1342" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

A/Commander, R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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C O M M O N W E A L T H of A U S T R A L I A.

FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L.1342".

DATE: 5 December, 1945.

TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1945.

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

2. Ship was stationed at Rabaul awaiting slipping until it was found that it would be unsatisfactory to attempt to slip due to the unstable structure of the slipway. Departed Rabaul 7 November and arrived in Madang on 10 November.

3. Proceeded on 13 November to Alexishafen where ship was slipped. On being slipped, it was found that the grounding at Jacquinot Bay had caused several planks in the forward portion of the hull to be stove in, and several others to be scored by a niggerhead. Approximately seven square feet of planking were renewed and a copper tingle was placed over the patches.

4. It was also found that the cutless rubber bearing in the intermediate A bracket on the port shaft was very badly worn, necessitating it to be replaced by a new bearing. It is considered that the wear on this bearing had been caused by the misalignment of the shaft as the after coupling of that shaft was loose with plenty of "play" in it. The after bearing on that shaft was quite sound. As no new bearings were immediately available, ship was refloated to await arrival of bearings from Australia.

5. While on the slipway, the presence of teredo worm was noticed in many parts of the hull. As the "Pheenorock" anti-fouling compound has been on the hull for more than fifteen months, it has become badly worn and the entries of the worm are apparent in the worn parts. Further entries of the worm will be unavoidable whilst the hull is unprotected underwater.

6. Several members of the ships company are affected by minor skin complaints probably caused by the climatic conditions and the inferior meals and conditions in such a small ship.

7. During the month, it was found necessary for disciplinary reasons to discharge one of the ratings to H.M.A.S. "MADANG" in exchange for a relief rating. Otherwise conduct and discipline have been good.

Resentment at the loss of Hard Lying money is still apparent amongst the ships company. My attention has been drawn to many facts which show that the personnel of these ships are experiencing worse conditions aboard than are experienced in almost every other branch of the Service. e.g. the ships company of these ships draw on the whole, less pay than personnel of similar rank etc. in the depot H.M.A.S. "MADANG", yet there are no showers aboard: meals in the ship cannot be compared with those enjoyed in Madang; sleeping accommodation and washing facilities are inferior in this ship; exercise is limited; and greatest of all is the fact that being such a small ships company the men are compelled to live so closely amongst themselves that there becomes a tendency towards single-mindedness.

9. In Aust.Mine Sweepers, personnel receive part Hard Lying Money, yet enjoy far superior conditions in those ships than can be enjoyed in these ships.

10. In larger ships of the Service where Hard Lying Money is not paid, personnel live in comparative luxury.

11. A "trawler on normal service" has many definite advantages over this type of ship. Meals in a trawler can be prepared at any time while on normal service, whereas in HDML's a slight sea makes it impossible to cook. Sleeping accommodation in a trawler are reasonably comfortable in a slight sea, whereas in an HDML, the crew find it almost impossible to stand up in the mess deck and it is quite a common occurrence for one of them to be thrown from his bunk to the deck especially in a head sea. These are only two contrasts in many.

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12. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main Engines	-	Satisfactory
Auxiliary Engines	-	Satisfactory
Batteries	-	Only 60% Efficient
Guns	-	Satisfactory.

Note: (a) On 28 November, one bank of ships main batteries was replaced by a set of Fairmile type batteries. The second bank which was retained is in very poor condition.

(b) On 12 November, main armament was removed, twin Gas operated Vickers Guns, Thompson Sub Machine Guns and rifle only being retained.

13. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance Steamed during month -	554 miles.
Hours under way	68 hours. approx.
" " " on one engine	58 hours.
Average speed for month	8.5 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	1.1 galls.
" " " during month	746 galls.
Total Distance steamed since commissg.	8664 miles.
Total hours under way,	939 hours.
Date commissioned 24 July, 1944.	

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

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A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L. 1342".

DATE: 3 November, 1945.

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

SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

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

2. Ship was stationed at Wewak until departure on 5 October for Madang, arriving there 6 October.

3. On 17 October, ship was sailed to Rabaul via Finschhafen. Arrived in Rabaul on 26 October.

4. On entering Jacquinot Bay p.m. 25 October, ship struck a coral reef causing several planks in the forward portion of the hull to be stove in. A full report of the grounding has been forwarded by a Board of Inquiry held on board H.M.A.S. "DIAMANTINA" in Rabaul on 31 October.

5. Minor skin diseases have been experienced by some members of the ship's company, otherwise health has been very good. Conduct and discipline have been good also.

6. The discontinuation of Coastal Craft Pay to personnel of this type of ship is still a cause of dissatisfaction amongst the Ship's complement. When most of the crews of M.L.'s volunteered for service in that type of ship, a definite assurance of the payment of Hard Lying money was given. Having received this payment in M.L.s to date of discontinuation, it is generally felt by everyone serving in H.D.M.L.s that they have been victimised because there are many benefits and comforts enjoyed in all other ships of the R.A.N. which cannot be found in H.D.M.L.'s

7. The reason given by the Naval Board for discontinuation of payment of Hard Lying Money was that "the ships were not employed mainly on service in the open sea or voyages between distant ports". This is not exactly a correct statement as Reports of Proceedings of H.D.M.L.'s in the New Guinea area will prove.

8. I therefore recommend that the Naval Board reconsider its action in this matter and that the payment of Coastal Craft Pay (Hard lying Money) may be restored to personnel serving in H.D.M.L.'s

9. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines	-	Satisfactory
Auxiliary "	-	Satisfactory
Batteries	-	Satisfactory
Guns	-	Satisfactory

10. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month	-	880 Miles
Hours under way		98 Hours
Hours under way on one engine		16 Hours
Average speed for month		9 Knots
Gallons of fuel expended per hour		10.1 Gallons.
Gallons of fuel expended during month		1166 Gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning		8110 Miles (approx)
Total hours under way		871 Hours.
Date commissioned 24 July 1944		

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

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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L.1342.

DATE 15th October, 1945.

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

SUBJECT - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER,1945 -

Submitted in accordance with Navy Office letter 97/45 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Ship was stationed at Wewak for the entire month carrying out pilotage duties. Only three ships requiring a pilot entered the port during the month and during the remainder of the time only odd duties were carried out.

3. On 11th September, in company with M.L's 805 and 809. proceeded to anchorage at Kairiru Island where G.O.C. 6th Div A.I.F. accepted the surrender of Kairiru and Mushu Islands from Vice Admiral Sato, J.I.N.

4. On 13th September, party of seven was landed to attend official surrender of General Adachi, O.C. of Japanese 18th Army.

5. On 12th to 13th September, attempted to tow army vessel A.V.2086 off reef off Cape Moem, Wewak. Later, successful tow was made by two American L.C.T's.

6. On 19th September, embarked Angau party and proceeded to Valif Isalnd, N.W. of Wewak to interrogate natives. When returning, a large floating mine was sunk with small arms fire approximately one cable due north of Yuo Island in Mushu Straits. Owing to the amount of marine growth on the mine, it could not be determined if this were an enemy or allied type of mine.

7. On 22nd September, escorting Australian Army Landing Craft AB 581, AB 2034, AB 2026, proceeded up Sepik River a distance of approximately 65 miles to Angoram, calling at Marienberg to evacuate Jap sick to Mushu Island. About one mile upstream from the mouth of the Sepik River, AB 2034 struck a submerged object presumed to be a small contact mine which exploded in the wake of the barge, disabling all four engines. For the remainder of the trip AB 2034 was towed quite successfully by this ship.

8. Health of ship's Company during the month was very good, Conduct and discipline were good also.

9. While conduct and distipline have been good, the officers & ship's company have all regarded with disfavour the fact that Coastal Craft pay for this type of ship has been discontinued with the introduction of "Climate Pay". Most of the personnel of this ship have served in the tropics in B type M.L's for long periods and the conditions for work in MMLs ships cannot compare with those in the B type M.L., yet personnel in those ships are still being paid Coastal Craft Pay.

Due to the intense heat in the galley of this ship, it is impossible to cook for more than about 6 hours in the day. It is also impossible for the six hands to sleep in the mess deck at night due to the intense heat and the poor ventilation system. The entire personnel of the ship sleep on the upper deck at night time. It is also impossible to wash dirty clothes except in cold water and bathing facilities are inadequate for normal requirements.

On passage at sea, there is no comparison, as regards comfort, with any other type of ship in the R.A.N. For this reason, it was my own personal preference when appointed to this ship on 13th November, 1944, to decline from accepting the appointment and remain serving as Executive Officer in B type M.L's, but my request was refused by Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."RUSHCUTTER".

Due to these and many other reasons, it is difficult for the officers of the ship to convince themselves and the ratings of the ship that they are not entitled to C.C. Pay, equivalent of Hard Lying Money.

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10. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main Engines	Very Satisfactory.
A/S Engines and Equipment	"
Batteries	"
Guns	"

11. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed during month.	850 mls app.
Hours underway	120 hrs
" " on one engine.	Nil
Average speed for month.	7 kts.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	12.6 gals
" " " " during month	1072 "
Total distance steamed since commissioning	7228 mls app.
" hours underway.	773 hrs.

Date Commissioned 24th July, 1944.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.M.L. 1342 .

Date 17th. September, 1945. *Reference No.*

To Secretary Na val Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with Navy Office letter 97/45 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2 . The early part of the month was spent at Alexishafen undergoing e ngine top overhaul and repairs to defects. Satisfactory engine trials were conducted on 10th. August,. Refit was completed on 14th. August when ship proceeded to Madang.

3. Slipped from Madang on 16th. August, a nd proceeded to Wewak arriving on 17th. August to carry out duties of pilot vessel for the port.

4. On 31st. August, embarked port pilot who, during the day was put aboard each of two ships requiring services of the pilot. This was the only occasion that ship was required for pilotage duties.

5. Minor cases of s kin troubles were experienced amongst the crew during the month but these cases were attended to by Army Medical Officer in Wewak. Apart from these few cases, health of ship's company has been very good.

6. Dis cipline has been very good also.

7. Efficiency Report:-

Ma in Engines	Very Satisfactory.
A/S Engines & Equipment	Satisfactory.
Batteries	do.
Guns	do.

8. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during the month	378 miles
Hours under way	42 hours
" " " on one engine	nil
Average speed for month	9 knots
Ga llons of fuel expended per hour	12 galls
" " " " during month	511 galls
Total distance steamed since commissioning	6378 miles
Total hours under wa y	653 hours
Date commissioned	24th. July, 1944.

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

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Naval Officer in Charge,
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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 1342

DATE 7th August, 1945.

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

SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with Navy Office letter 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. The greater part of July was spent on passage from Cooktown to Madang, details being as follows :-

(a) Departed Cooktown on 1st July. Anchored by night at Flinders Group, Margaret Bay and Mt. Adolphus Island and arrived at Thursday Island on 4th July.

(b) Departed Thursday Island on 6th July. Anchored by night on north western side of Stephens Island, and arrived at Port Moresby on 8th July.

(c) In company with H.M.A.S. "TRINGA", departed Port Moresby on 13th July. Anchored by night at Hula, Abau and Fyfe Bay and arrived at Milne Bay on 16th July.

(d) Departed Milne Bay on 18th July and arrived at Langemak Bay on 20th July.

(e) Departed Langemak Bay on 23rd July and arrived at Madang on 24th July.

3. On 26th July all ammunition and fireworks were landed at Madang prior to departure on 27th July to Alexishafen for repairs and defects to be made good which included the following:-

(a) Top overhaul on main motors
(b) Defective supercharger chain replaced by a new unit.
(c) Overhaul of auxiliary engine.
(d) Rewiring of electric refrigeration with heavier guage wire. After this alteration had been made, it was found that considerably less current was being used up by the refrigerator.
(e) Minor electrical and shipwright's repairs.

4. The starboard motor, after adjustments had been made, ran for about 220 hours at three quarter revolutions without the supercharger unit. Satisfactory performance resulted but a higher fuel consumption rate was apparent. On being overhauled at Alexishafen, the cylinder heads of the starboard motor were found to be cracked in three places, but it is not known whether or not this defect was the result of running the engine without the supercharger unit. It is anticipated that no serious trouble will develop from the cracked heads.

5. At Thursday Island, defective .50 calibre Browning machine gun was landed and replaced by a similar type gun which had been repaired after having the same stoppage as had been experienced in this ship. After this gun had been fitted, practice firings were carried out, but the same stoppage again occurred, from a premature firing. Although no cause of the stoppage can accurately be determined, it is not considered to be caused by faulty ammunition, as similar stoppages have occurred in other ships fitted with the water cooled type of gun.

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At Madang, this second defective gun was landed and approval obtained to have air cooled .50 calibre Browning machine guns fitted in place of water cooled guns.

6. No cases of sickness were reported during the month.

7. Discipline and conduct of the ship's company have been good also.

8. Efficiency Report :-

Main engines	Very satisfactory
A/S engines and equipment	do.
Batteries	Satisfactory
Guns	Except for defect reported in para. 5 above, all guns in excellent order.

9. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed during the month	1900 miles
Hours under way " " "	173 hours
Hours under way on one engine	Nil
Average speed for month	11 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	2060 gallons
" " " " per hour	12 "
Total distance steamed since commissioning	6000 miles(approx)
Total hours under way	611 hours
Date commissioned -	24th July, 1944.

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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H.M.A. M.L. 1342 - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

A/Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge
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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L. 1342."

Date 25th July, 1945. *Reference No.*

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne. (Through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.)

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1945.

Submitted in accordance with Navy Office letter 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.

2. Ship was refloated from Colmeslie Slip on 2nd June. During the first half of the month, base staff from M.L. Repair Base, Brisbane continued with minor refitting work. Shafts and bearings were correctly aligned from main engines to stern gland bearings.

3. Main engine supercharger chains removed from ship during previous month were replaced by new chains taken from spare engines ashore. Starboard motor water pump replaced by a new one also. Main engines were run on 16th June.

4. Full trials on main engines, shafts and bearings were carried out on 20th June. All performed very satisfactorily, full revolutions being obtained on both engines and no knocking of shafts in outer bearings or overheating at inner bearings.

5. Ship was laid up for three months in Brisbane to have shafts and bearings re-aligned and minor defects made good. This was because work on other ships more urgently required allowed base staff little opportunity to carry out work in this ship but the results of work to shafts and bearings were most satisfactory after previous work of a similar nature carried out by Base Staff, Sydney.

6. On 22nd June, after compasses had been adjusted, ship departed from Brisbane bound for operational work under Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

7. Arrived Gladstone on 24th June and departed on 25th June.

8. Arrived Townsville on 27th June and departed on 28th June.

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9. Arrived Cooktown on 29th June.

10. Full gunnery trials were carried out with all guns, rifles and pistols on 25th June. All worked satisfactorily except for the right hand gun of the twin .50 cal. mounting. Major stoppage occurred and breech casing was badly strained by a premature firing. Gun was stripped at Townsville but cause of stoppage could not be ascertained.

11. On 26th June, while on passage between Gladstone and Townsville, supercharger chain on starboard motor broke, necessitating ship to run that engine without the chain. After necessary adjustments had been made, satisfactory but not fully efficient running was experienced.

12. On 5th June, one rating was discharged to Sick Bay, for major internal operation, relief joining from Townsville on loan for passage to New Guinea.

13. The remainder of ship's company enjoyed good health, while morale was noticeably higher than in previous months, due mainly to the fact that ship was moving on to carry out operational work.

14. Conduct and discipline remained excellent.

15. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Apart from defect reported in Paragraph II above, main engines were very satisfactory with no stoppages at all.

A/S Engines and equipment - Very satisfactory.

Batteries - A/S satisfactory.
Ships supply batteries satisfactory but extra strain on capacity was noticed after arrival in tropics, due to fans, blowers and electric refrigerator requiring more current.

Guns - Except for defective gun reported in Paragraph 10 above, all guns in excellent order.

Hull - In good order.

16. <u>Monthly Figures</u>.

Distance steamed during month	1100 miles
Hours under way during month	117 hours
Hours under way on one engine during month	NIL
Average speed for month	9 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1140 gals.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	10 gals. (approx.)
Total distance steamed since commissioning	- 3980 miles
Total hours under way " " "	437 hours
Date commissioned	24 July, 1944.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY 1945.

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

2. There was very little activity during the month, due to the fact that the ship was undergoing minor refit at M.L. Repair Base, Brisbane for the entire month. As there were other ships requiring more urgent attention, work carried out in this ship was only of a minor nature.

3. On 28th May, ship was slipped on Colmeslie slip. "A" bearings were removed and re-aligned with after two sections of shafting. While on the slip, the ship's bottom was painted with anti-fouling compound.

4. Smaller repair jobs were carried out by shipwrights but nothing of great importance can be reported.

5. On 2nd May, Lieutenant Englert proceeded on 14 days' leave. On 9th May, one of ship's company proceeded on 7 days' leave. On 20th May, remainder of crew and Sub Lieutenant McLoughlin proceeded on 7 days leave, later extended to 12 days.

6. Health and morale of ship's company were maintained at a high level.

7. Conduct and discipline were excellent also.

8. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Not run during month except for routines at timew when motors were fully assembled. Satisfactory at those times.
A/S Engines and Equipment - Very satisfactory.
Batteries - A/S satisfactory.
Ship's supply batteries satisfactory but requiring constant attention.

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Guns - In excellent order.
Hull - In fairly good condition except that corrosion has badly affected the lower part of steel stem piece.

9. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month NIL
Hours under way during month NIL
Hours under way on one engine during month NIL
Average speed for month NIL
Gallons of fuel expended during month 124 gals.(on Aux. Motor and Stove).
" " " " per hour ---
Total distance steamed since commissioning 2880 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning 320 hours
Date commissioned 24th July, 1944.

Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer, H.M.A. "M.L. 1342.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. "M.L. 1342"

Date 15th May, 1945 Reference No

To THE SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS--APRIL, 1945.

During the entire month, the ship has been non-operational, being laid up at M.L. Repair Base, Brisbane for repairs to defective shafts and bearings and also to have a number of major and minor defects made good.

On 11th April ship was slipped at the M.L. Base and the following work was carried out:-

1. Propellor shafts were removed and checked for alignment.

2. Intermediate A brackets, stern gland bearings and plummer block bearings removed to enable bearings to be line up correctly on the line of the shafting.

3. Worn patches of Pheenorock on ship's hull were chipped, patched with plastic and sprayed with a fresh coat of Pheenorock.

4. Corroded Intermediate strut of A/S unit replaced by a new one.

On 18th April, ship was re-floated and secured alongside jetty at M.L. Base. For the remainder of the month, base staff carried out work on minor defects together with the work on lining up the shafts and bearings.

On 6th April, one half of ship's company returned aboard after seven (7) days' long leave. On 7th April, remainder of crew was granted seven (7) days' long leave.

The Motor Mechanic, Petty Officer G. Martin was admitted to 126 A.G.H., suffering from acute backache. After ten (10) days treatment, he was allowed to return to the ship where self-treatment could be continued.

Able Seaman F. Draney was excused duties for three (3) days due to sprained muscles in his right hand.

The conduct and discipline of the ship's company during the month were excellent. Despite the ship's inactivity in respect of operations, morale of the ship's company has been very good also.

Distance steamed during month	Nil
Hours under way	Nil
Hours under way for operational duties	Nil
Average distance per gallon of fuel	---
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of 9 knots.	2880 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning to end of month under review.	320 Hours.

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

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A. M.L.1342.

Date 19th April, 1945. Reference No.

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
(Through Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O.97/43 and Navy Office letter No.059439 of 27th October, 1944, the following Report of Proceedings for month of March, 1945.

2. On 1st March, 1945, inspection of ship and Ship's Company was carried out by Commander H.M. Newcombe R.N. prior to Ship's departure from Sydney. On 2nd March, departed en route to Darwin, but after running at sea for a short time, it was necessary to return to harbour with defective port stern gland which came apart due to mis-alignment of shaft.

3. On 5th March ship was slipped on Sayonara Slip, Sydney, for further attention to shafts and bearings. While on the slip, the stern gland bearing and inner casing on the port side were removed and re-positioned approximately two (2) inches further foreward in order to keep the bearing in line with the shaft. The spherical self centring bearing on the port side was re-bushed. The casing on the starboard side was chipped away a little on the outboard end to give the starboard shaft more clearance.

4. When trials were carried out on 7th March, noise and vibration at the stern gland bearing on the starboard side were considerably worse than at any other time previously. The port shaft ran satisfactorily.

5. On 8th March, the ship was slipped again on Sayonara Slip. While slipped, the casing around the inside of the stern gland on the starboard side was removed and re-positioned about one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) inch further outboard to keep the stern gland bearing in line with the shafting. On trials on 8th March, very little noise or vibrations existed but the newly fitted plummer blocks continued to become rather warm.

6. Departed Sydney on 8th March en route to Darwin. On 9th March, at sea between Sydney and Coffs Harbour, vibration and noise again became apparent. The locking nut on the stern gland bearing on the starboard side worked itself loose, allowing water to flow through the bearing into the ship's bilges, and, on being refitted to the casing, it was found that the thread had been stripped. Improvised fastenings were secured to the bearing to keep it together. Besides this defect, the two plummer blocks on the forward sectionof the shafts on either side became over-heated. The newly fitted plummer block bearing on the port side was dismantled and it was found to be wearing badly on the after end. For the remainder of the trip, this bearing was left dismantled. Improvised water cooling devices were fitted on two of the other three plummer block bearings.

7. Arrived in Coffs Harbour on 10th March and departed on 11th March, but due to unfavourable weather conditions, returned to harbour and sheltered until 14th March. Arrived in Brisbane on 15th March and secured alongside M.L. Repair Base where defects in shafts and bearings were reported. Apart from towing M.L.811 to fuel further upstream, ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

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8. On 29th March, ship was slipped at M.L. Repair Base, Brisbane. Propellors and after portion of each shaft were removed. To make room for other ships, ship was refloated and secured alongside M.L. Base on 31st March.

9. On 27th March, seven (7) days long leave was granted to one half of ships company without relief.

10. Able Seaman A.B. ~~Haligood~~ Habgood joined as Coxswain on 1st March. Able Seaman L.T. Hughes discharged to M.L.1328. On 8th March, Able Seaman L. Bowen joined as Coxswain and Able Seaman A.B. ~~Haligood~~ Habgood was discharged to "Rushcutter".

11. Sickness during the month - Nil.

12. Good conduct and discipline in the ship were maintained duringthe month. Able Seaman A.B. ~~Haligood~~ Habgood was punished by Commanding Officer H.M.A.S."Rushcutter" for an offence committed in that depot.

13. Distance steamed during month - 612 miles (approx.)
Hours under way - 68 hours.
Hours under way operational duties - Nil.
Average distance per gallon of fuel - .95 miles (approx)
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July 1944) at average speed of 9 knots - 2880 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning to end of month under review - 320 hours.

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

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

Naval Headquarters,
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR ~~JANUARY~~ - K.D.M.L. 1342

Submitted for information, the attached report of proceedings from H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1342, for the month of February, 1945.

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(Sgd.) H. M. NEWCOMB
a/Commander, R.N.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1342

5th March, 1945

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - ~~JANUARY~~ FEB., 1945.

Submitted:

Patrol duties were carried out at B 1 Station on 5th, 6th, 10th, 11th and 13th and at B 2 Station on 12th and 14th.

2. On 15th February, ship was slipped on Sayonara slip to rectify the excessive vibration and noise which existed at the stern gland bearings. Shafts were withdrawn and taken to "Penguin" depot to be straightened.

3. On 20th February, stern glands were plugged with wooden plugs and ship was refloated to make room on slip for other ships. On 23rd February, ship was re-slipped and shafts were refitted. On 24th February, ship was refloated and with base staff aboard trials were conducted.

4. Sub-Lieutenant J.M. McLoughlin joined as Executive Officer on 16th February. Sub-Lieutenant C.R. Lockhart was discharged to M.L. 1346 on 19th February.

5. Ordinary Seaman G.K. Harrison joined 10th February, Able Seaman D. Guild discharged.

6. Sickness during the month - Nil.

7. On 27th February, ship's company was mustered at Sick Bay ashore and received necessary vaccinations and inoculations.

8. Long leave granted during the month - Nil.

9. Conduct and discipline of the ship's complement during the month were very good indeed.

10.

Distance steamed during the month	-	160 miles
Hours under way	-	20 hours
Hours under way for operational duties (A/S Patrol)	-	13 hours
Average distance steamed per gallon of fuel	-	1 mile
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of		

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9 knots - 2,268

Total hours under way since commissioning
to end of month under review - 252

(SGD) A.K. ENGLERT
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1342

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY - H.D.M.L.1342.

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The Secretary,
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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Navy Office letter No. 589/201/941 (053065) of 23rd October, 1944.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
for A/Rear-Admiral.

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Office of the Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
Naval Base Headquarters,
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Date 3 FEB 1945 *Reference No.* F.S. 4/12/144

To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
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Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY - H.D.M.L. 1342

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings from H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1342 for the month of January, 1945.

REAR-ADMIRAL-IN-CHARGE 8 FEB 1945 SYDNEY

a/Commander, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1342.

Date 3rd February, 1945 *Reference No.*

To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

Operational work during the month consisted mainly of A/S patrol at B 1 station outside the boom. The nature of the patrol varied considerably, due partly to the arrivals and departures of many large ships and also due to reports of crossings on the inner loops. Continuous duty at B 1 station was resumed at the beginning of January. Altogether, this ship carried out the patrol for thirteen days of the month.

2. On the 15th January the ship was slipped on Sayonara slip to rectify leaks in hull and to carry out general refit to underwater fittings. The following defects were made good whilst on the slip.

(a) Two aft sections of each propellor shaft removed and straightened.

(b) Stern glands removed and re-secured.

(c) A brackets abd stern gland bearings lined up with after end of forward section of propellor shafts.

(d) Rudder glands re-packed.

(e) Cracked portions of Pheenorock on bottom were scraped. Copper anti-fouling paint applied.

(f) Strip of copper sheathing fitted on either side of the hull near A/S dome to prevent chafing when changing domes.

(g) Main batteries removed for survey and replaced by a complete set of tested batteries.

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(h) Ammeters removed from charging board for survey and repaired.

3. Besides these defects made good, minor repairs were carried out to various defective items in the ship.

4. On 27th January, the ship was re-floated but after a trial run, it was found that excessive vibration and noise persisted at the stern gland bearings, noticeable mainly on the port side.

5. Sub-Lieut C.R. Lockhart rejoined on 3rd January from leave. Sub-Lieut. D.M. Cameron was discharged to Rushcutter.

6. Able Seaman P.J. Shenn discharged on 4th January to Rushcutter for A.S.R. course. Able Seaman D. Guild joined.

7. Sickness during the month - Nil
Long leave granted during the month - Nil

8. Very good conduct and discipline were maintained during the month.

9.

Distance steamed during month	-	650 miles (approx)
Hours under way	-	83 hours
Hours under way for operational duties (A/S Patrol)	-	70 hours
Hours under way - Training classes	-	Nil
Average distance steamed per gallon of fuel	-	1.85 miles
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of 9 knots	-	2079 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning to end of month under review	-	231 hours

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER
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The Secretary,
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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Navy Office letter 589/201/941 (053065) dated 23rd October, 1944.

2. Defects in paragraph 3 are now being remedied.

A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.
for
A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.
25th January, 1945.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Date 11 JAN 1945 *Reference No.* F.S. 4/12/135

To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER - M.L.1342

Submitted for information the attached Report of Proceedings for the month of December, 1944 from H.M.A M.L. 1342/

REAR-ADMIRAL-IN-CHARGE
15 JAN 1945
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a/Commander, R.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 1342

Date January, 1944 *Reference No.*

To The Officer-in-Charge, Fairmile Base, SYDNEY

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1944.

Submitted:

Main duty during the month consisted of night B 1 patrol in Obelisk Bay. Altogether fifteen nights were spent on this patrol. Towards the latter part of the month day patrols were also necessary due to frequent reports of crossings on the inner harbour loops but no contacts were obtained by this ship.

On nine occasions during the month M.L. 1342 was required to tow different B type Motor Launches to varioys parts of the harbour.

Satisfactory gunnery trials were carried out outside Sydney Heads on 1st December. These were the firsttrials of this type since commissioning and it was the first occasion in which M.L. 1342 had encountered a sea swell. While at sea, the various compartments of the ship were examined and it was found that there was a small leak in the hull in each of three compartments, viz:- Tiller Flat, Wardroom Flat and Mess Deck compartments. The existance of these leaks will necessitate slipping for repairs but at present the bilge pumping system can more than cope with the intake of water.

On December, 2nd, the ship's compasses were adjusted.

Lieutenant Englert resumed command on 18th December from leave. Sub-Lieutenant C.R. Lockhart proceeded on 14 days' leave on 16th December, relieved by Sub-Lieutenant D.M. Cameron.

Seven days leave were granted during the month to the entire ship's company in two watches, relieved by ratings from H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

Able Seaman J. Collinson was discharged to Sick Bay ashore on 14th December, and was replaced by Able Seaman D. Croft, who was drafted to this ship. Apart from this sickness, health of the ship's company has been good. Conduct and discipline very good.

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Distance steamed during month	-	600 Miles (approx)
Hours under way	-	77 hours
Hours under way for operatingal duties (A/S Patrol)	-	42 hours
Hours under way - training classes	-	3 hours
Average number of gallons per mile	-	1.1 gals
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of 9 knots	-	1332 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning to end of month under review.	-	148 hours.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.

COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A. M.L. 1342

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER - M.L. 1542

Submitted for information the attached report of proceedings for the month of November, 1944 from H.M.A. H.D.M.L. 1542.

s/Commander, R.N.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A. M.L. 1342

DATE: 22nd December, 1944 Ref. No. C 25

TO: The Officer-in-Charge, Fairmile Base, SYDNEY

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1944.

Submitted:

Duty B 1 patrol Obelisk Bay nightly 1800 to 0800K on 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th 17th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th.

Day duty B1 patrol 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 17th. ;8th, 23rd, 26th, 27th,

On 20th-21st new W/T set was installed. From 1st to 14th Lieutenant E.B. Hopkins was in command. On 14th Lieut A.K. Englert took up appointment in command. On 19th Lieut. A. Wordsworth assumed command relieving Lieut. Englert for leave. From 26th to 30th Lieut. A. Clough assumed command temporarily, in place of Lieut. Englert on leave.

During themonth of November the health of the ships company has been good. Conduct and discipline very good.

Distance steamed	-	98 miles
Hours under way	-	14 hours
Hpurs under way for operational duties	-	10 hours
Hours under way for training duties	-	Nil
Average number of gallons per mile	-	1
Total distance steamed since commissioning (24th July, 1944) at average speed of 10 knots.	-	489 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning	-	56 hours.

(SGD) A.K. ENGLERT
Lieutenant, R.A.N.H.

COMMANDING Officer
H?M.A. M.L. 1342

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