

S E C R E T

Captain (D) Halifax.

Office of The Training Commander.

FROM : **Refit.** H.M.C.S. " **MORDEN** " TO : **M.O.E.F.**

REPORT ON WORKING UP

Harbour W.U.P.

Sea W.U.P.

Commenced: .. **2 August, 1943.**

Commenced: .. **8 August, 1943.**

Completed: .. **4 August, 1943.**

Completed: .. **21 August, 1943.**

No. Days: .. **3**

No. Days: .. **14**

EQUIPMENT FITTED.

A/S Set .. **123D**

Gun Armament .. **4" B.L. MK IX**

D/C Throwers .. **4**

One 2 Pdr PomPom

D/C Stowage .. **70**

Two 20mm Oerliko

D/C's Carried .. **70**

Radar .. **271 & SW2C**

Plot .. **Gladstone**

M/F D/F .. **M.D.F.5**

Hedgehog .. **No**

H/F D/F .. **Nil.**

S.A. Gear .. **No**

M.S. Gear .. **No**

OFFICERS BORNE

Name	Rank	Seniority	W/K	Courses	Seatime	Duties.
E.C. Smith	Lieut. RCNVR	7 Feb '42	Yes	Short A/S	24 Months	C.O.
L.D.M. Saunders	Lieut. RCNVR	15 May '41	Yes	Short A/S	17 Months	X.O. Torp
J.R. Brault	Lieut. RCNVR	1 Jan '42	No	Short A/S	9 Months	Sig. C.B.
S.M. Williams	Lieut. RCNVR	18 Aug '42	No	None	2 1/2 Months	
W.R. Inmen	Lieut. RCNVR	16 Feb '43	Yes	Long "N"	11 Months	Nav.
B.S. Lake	Lieut. RCNVR	18 Aug. '42	No	Short A/S	3 Months	A/S C.O.
E.T. Bosworth	S/Lt. RCNVR	10 Aug. '42	No	No	7 Months	G.C.O.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

EXERCISE	REMARKS
1. Commanding Officer's Standing Orders.	Satisfactory and complete.
2. Executive Officer's Standing Orders.	Good - concise and complete.
3. Internal Organization	Conforms to W.A.G.O.'s 85-well organized. Divisional Officers instructed in duties. Well organized.
4. Divisional Organization Day and Night	
5. Action Stations.	V.G. above average - speedily closed up. Conforms to W.A.G.O.s 85 - all watches drilled and instructed to do various jobs.
6. Cruising Stations.	
7. A.A. Stations.	V.G.-Close up speedily-shooting remarkable.
8. Lecture to P.O.'s and Leading Ratings	
9. Boat Pulling.	Satisfactory-more instruction required.
10. Boat Hoisting and Lowering.	Good-orders properly given and well controlled
11. Disengaging Gear.	All seamen lectured-drill understood.
12. Exercise Life-boat's crew.	Good-ratings understand necessity of speed. Good-drill well understood by ratings. C.O. handles ship well.
13. Anchor Work	
14. Secure to a buoy.	Nil.
15. Kelvin Sounding Machine.	Good-done with each watch.
16. Hand lead and line.	Sat. Exercised daily-more reports needed.
17. Tow Forward.	Very good-speedy and well handled.
18. Tow Aft.	Not carried out as accident to cable took up time allotted.
19. Fire Stations.	V.G. Flexible organization showing ingenuity
20. Collision Stations, Damage Control.	Good-shores properly placed - collision mat handled well.
21. Abandon Ship Stations.	Stations known and ratings close up properly
22. Competitive General Drill.	Carley Floats require new equipment. Good-attitude good, the spirit of the thing appreciated.
23. Oiling at Sea.	Good - understood by C.O.
24. O.O.W. Manoeuvres.	Sat-officers require more practice and experience, this will be afforded by C.O.
25. Fleet Manoeuvres.	Sat-yeoman needs more knowledge-and O.O.W. inexperienced. C.O. handles ship well.
26. Secondary Steering.	Good-all necessary personnel know the job.
27. Medical Organization.	Satisfactory.
28. Practical Instruction to Lookouts.	All lookouts lectured-cooperation good.
29. Night Sighting Exercise.	Well carried out.
30. Radar Exercises.	Good-O.O.W.'s lacking in experience - showing improvement.
31. Exercising Convoy Work, A.C.I.'s etc.	Good-C.O. has good knowledge of operations. Exercised week ends - morale of ship's company good.
32. Recreation Parties.	
33. Sunday Routine.	Carried out.

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "SECTION 11 - ANTI-SUBMARINE.

EXERCISE	REMARKS
1. A.S.P.'s.	Very successful. Very well carried out and controlled by A.S.C.O. Good A/S team.
2. Boarding Party to Submarine.	Good boarding party. Well equipped.
3. Depth Charge Drill and Control.	Well organized. Complies with W.A.G.O. 85.
4. Plotting.	Good plotting officer. Good knowledge of plotting.
5. Lecture to Officers on A/S Warfare.	Satisfactory.
6. Submarine Periscope Sighting Exercise.	Not exercised.
7. Counter attack with Watch on Deck.	Red Watch Satisfactory. White Watch Satisfactory. Blue Watch Satisfactory.
8. Hedgehog Attack.	Not fitted.
9. Reloading full pattern of D/C's.	20 Secs. and sometimes less.

Report on Ship's Efficiency as an A/S Unit:-

General A/S efficiency very good. Morden's A/S team is above average. The A.S.C.O. is above average and has positive control of the A/S unit during operation and is very interested in A/S. Commanding Officer is A/S conscious and is very keen and does a very efficient job during attacks. Junior officers are inexperienced and require to read C.B.'s pertaining to A/S. Plot is well handled by Plotting Officer. H.S.D. takes pride in the set, good maintenance. S.D.'s are all keen and quite good operators and are able to hold a contact very well.

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "

SECTION 111 - GUNNERY

EXERCISE	REMARKS
1. Gun Drill.	Average.
2. Exercise Supply Parties.	Fair. Showed improvement during W.U.P.'s.
3. Lecture to V/S ratings on Fireworks, etc.	Average.
4. Landing Parties.	Good. Well organized. Superior-aircraft reported best shoot to date. A/A guns' crews keen.
5. A.A. Shoot.	Sat.-supply party let the gun's crew down in their slowness to supply amm.
6. Shoot at Towed Target.	Sat. All armament fired. G.O. took charge well.
7. Shoot at Floating Target with all armament (DAY)	
8. Shoot at Floating Target with all armament (NIGHT)	Satisfactory.
9. Engage Target with Watch on deck.	Red Watch. Sat.
Oerlikons only opened fire before action stations closed up.	White Watch. Sat.
	Blue Watch. Sat.
10. Hedgehog Drill.	Not fitted.
11. Rifle and Pistol Firing.	Sat.-Personnel require to exercise small arms.

Remarks on Efficiency:

- (a) Main Armament.
The supply party has proved a weak link but should improve with more drill. Guns and magazines well maintained.
- (b) Anti-aircraft Armament.
Well maintained. A/A guns' crews keen and know how to handle their weapons.
- (c) Control.
G.C.O. knows his spotting rules well but has a tendency of thinking he is much closer to target than really is and consequently gives orders contrary to the rules.
- (d) Magazines, (including flooding)
Magazine and shell room clean and well stowed. Flooding tested weekly.

General Remarks on Ship's Gunnery:-

The Q.R. II is not the least bit interested. Wishes to lose his gunnery rate and qualify Cox'n. This attitude is affecting the guns' crews. The Gunnery Control Officer doesn't help matters any by his surly and know-it-all attitude. In spite of these derogatory influences the ship is efficient in Gunnery.

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "SECTION IV - COMMUNICATIONS.

EXERCISE	REMARKS
1. Organization	Fair, but coming along. Much work is required.
2. Flag Hoisting	Fair only. L.Sig. must take charge and instruct ratings.
3. Semaphore	Fair only, procedure weak, much practice necessary.
4. Night Flashing	Fair only.
5. R/T	Quite good, these were carried out with other ships including Mahone.
6. Aircraft D/F Homing	Aug. 11th cancelled by RCAF, but using Mahone Aircraft procedure was carried out. Aug. 20 D/F Homing successful. Good.
7. Communication Action Organization	This is now organized satisfactorily. Ratings will be changed around to gain experience.
8. Lecture on action reporting & Alarm Signals	One hour completed Aug. 12th. All showed interest and seemed to gain knowledge from lecture.
9. Lecture on A.C.I.'s Communication Section	Two hour lecture completed Aug. 12th. All displayed interest and asked good questions.

Remarks on Efficiency:-

(a) V/S Department: **Not as efficient as might be due to the Leading Signalmen not having enough initiative. Material is all good in this department, but needs shaking up. It is thought that Signal Officer will improve this when he gains experience.**

(b) W/T Department:-

Fairly efficient, due to Leading Telegraphist being above average in intelligence and keenness. Takes charge well, procedure is rather weak but improvement in this was seen during WUP's.

(c) Coding:-

Fairly good. All must study and learn CONVOY ESCORT CODE, Alarm and Enemy Reports.

General Remarks on Ship's Communications:-

In some cases initiative displayed by the Leading Signalmen was very good, but in other cases great lack of initiative was displayed. e.g. Lack of attention to details, V/S repeating and procedure was weak. N.U.C. Lights and Balls, were being used, but it took too long to rig them. Batteries were not charged for aldis lamps, rendering After Signalling Position useless.

The Signal Officer of the ship has been in the ship almost three months and has recently taken over as the Signal Officer. He is trying hard, is interested and keen, but must take charge of his department.

Ship requires following.

Voice Pipe from outside Bridge to W/T Office (Effects fighting efficiency)

All minor war vessels recognition lights.

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "

SECTION V - ENGINE-ROOM.

Report of Ship's Efficiency in the Engine-Room Department:-

This department was in the process of being painted, and was found to be clean. Main and auxiliary machinery is stated to run well. It is noted that no E.R. rating was present in the Engine Room at time of inspection, although auxiliary machinery was running. It was also noted that the Rough Engine Room Register was not fully entered if steam was not on main engines. Attention of the C.E.R.A. was drawn to the above and also to lack of entries in S338 Examination of Accessible compartments, and to lack of "Lectures for Guidance of E.O.'s".

C.E.R.A. Jennings had only been in the ship for two weeks, but should in time have an efficient department if regulations are correctly observed and carried out.

Reg. S.P.O. E. Hill, 21577, carries out his duties well.

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "SECTION VI - REPORT ON KEY RATINGS.

NON-SUB.	NAME	RATING	REMARKS
COX'N	A-4259 H. English	C.P.O. T.C.	A very keen and capable rating shows interest in his work. Takes charge well.
H.S.D.	4057 R. Bremner	A.B. H.S.D.	Takes pride in set. Keeps maintenance up well. Needs practice in operating.
S.D.'S			All keen and interested - need more practical and more confidence.
L.SIG.	V-30048 F. Saville	Sig. V/S 3	Lack of attention to details. Does not take charge. Interested, but not enough effort. Must learn Enemy and Alarm signals, also C.E.
SIGS.			Fairly good practically. Weak at books and procedure. Flags fair.
L.TEL.	V-5978 S. Hardy	L/Tel. W/T 3	Sigs. require to show greater effort. Keen and above average L/Tel. Takes charge well. Procedure rather weak. Will make a good P.O.
TELS.			Tel. Good operators. R/T procedure quite good, slight mistakes but this improved during WUP's.
CODERS.			Leading Coder very good. Remainder fair. All must study C.E.C., Alarm and Enemy Reports.
Q.R.II	V-12428 G. Wells	L/Smn.	Not interested in gunnery. Wishes to lose his Q.R. II rating and qualify Cox'n.
L.T.O.	3158 J. Barr	P.O.	A keen and interested rating, takes charge well and knows his job.
RADAR I	V-17307 A. Illbury	A.B. Radar I	Lacking in technical knowledge. Knows his procedure well and is bringing his ratings along.
RADAR II'S			All interested and will be efficient with experience.
L.S.A.	V-437 C.T. Gaudet	L.S.A.	

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "SECTION VII.- REPORT ON SHIP'S OFFICERS.

- (a) Commanding Officer: Lt. Smith -
A keen and capable officer who is very anxious to have an efficient ship. Has support of Ship's Company.
- (b) Executive Officer: Lt. Saunders -
Well above average. Takes charge well and has an excellent knowledge of his work.
- (c) Navigating Officer: Lt. Inman -
Average - has good knowledge of plotting. Lacks power of command but is interested in his work.
- (d) Gunnery Control Officer: S/Lt. Bosworth -
Does not take orders well and is below average in efficiency.
- (e) Signals Officer: Lt. Brault -
Interested and working hard; lacking in experience but will improve in time.
- (f) A/S Control Officer: Lt. Lake -
A good A/S C.O. and interested. Has good control of his job and is efficient.
- (g) Lieut. Williams: -
Interested and hard working. Will make a good seagoing officer.
- (h)
- (i)
- (j)

H.M.C.S. " MORDEN "

SECTION VIII - FINAL ASSESSMENT OF TRAINING COMMANDER.

Fighting Efficiency:

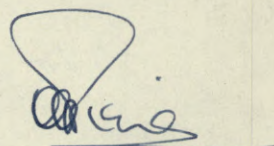
High. This ship should put up an excellent show when the time comes.

Appearance:

Very clean and smart. Stowage of gear neat and seaman-like. Rigging, gear, etc. well cared for.

General Impression:

A smart, efficient ship. The Captain's interest and pride in his ship is reflected right down. Crew smart, well-dressed, and carry themselves as if they took some interest in their ship and themselves, and someone was taking an interest in them. X.O. considered good command material. The ship should give a good account of herself.



(D.W. Piers)
ACT. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.C.N.
THE TRAINING COMMANDER.



Library and Archives
Canada

395 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4

Bibliothèque et Archives
Canada

395, rue Wellington
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4

For material still subject to legislative, contractual or institutional obligations, users warrant that they will respect those obligations and not use LAC collections in a manner that would infringe the rights of others. Liability that may arise in the use of a copy is assumed in full by the user. LAC accepts no responsibility for unauthorized use of collection material by users.

To ensure proper citation and to facilitate relocation of an item, the source of the material and its reference number should always accompany the copy.

Pour les documents faisant encore l'objet d'obligations législatives, contractuelles ou institutionnelles, les usagers s'engagent à respecter ces obligations et à ne pas utiliser les documents des collections de BAC de façon à nuire aux droits d'autrui. Ils doivent assumer entièrement toute responsabilité qui pourrait découler de l'utilisation d'une reproduction de document. BAC décline toute responsabilité quant à l'utilisation non autorisée de documents provenant de ses collections.

Afin de citer un document avec exactitude et d'en faciliter le repérage, sa source et son numéro de référence doivent toujours accompagner la reproduction.

TITLE/TITRE : <i>MORDEN working up programmes, state of readiness and efficiency 1942-1945</i>
FILE/DOSSIER :
REFERENCE NUMBER / NUMÉRO DE RÉFÉRENCE: <i>RG24-D-1-c, Volume 6910, file NSS8970-331/65</i>
PAGE(S) : 9
DATE : 18/02/2025