

ARRIVAL REPORT

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Halifax.

OFFICE OF THE TRAINING COMMANDER

Name of Ship **H.M.C.S. WESTMOUNT**
 Class of Ship **Bangor Minesweeper.**

Commanding Officer **F.G. Hutchings**
Lieut. R.C.N.R.

Names of Officers	Rank	Seniority	Duties	Escort Experience	Courses			
					A/S	G.	S.	T.
Hutchings F.G.	Lieut.NR	July 24/42	C/O	7 months	Yes	No	No	No
Pinfold F.	Lieut.VR	May 1/42	1st Lt. Acct.O.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Rightly A.	Lieut.VR	June 14/42	A/S C.O. Navigator	11 mos.	Yes	No	No	No
Misener J.	S/Lt.VR	April 13/42	Torp. Gunnery	Nil	KINGS	College		
Allan M.	S/Lt.VR.	April 13/42	Sigs.Can & Ward	Nil	KINGS	College		
Cairns R.	Comm. (E)	Aug 29/41	E.O.	Nil	Nil	No	No	No

Name and Rating of Coxswain

D.N.

A. 4923

Brazil W.S. P.O. T.C.

Name and Rating of Senior Engine Room rating

A. 2019

Armstrong R.C. C.E.R.A.

Name and Rating of H.S.D.

3601

Elstone T. A.B.

Name and Rating of Q.R. II

4318

Miller F. L/Sea.

Name and Rating of L.T.O.

V. 17218

Pitt W. A.B.

Name and Rating of Senior Sig.

V. 9771

Jack J.M. L/Sig.

Name and Rating of Senior Tel.

V. 2413

Donaldson J. Tel. T.O.

Is full complement on board? **No. Missing 1 L/Cdr.; 1 L/Tel.**

Have you a copy of: W.L.E.F.O. **Yes** W.A.C.C.I.'s Op. **No** H.P.O. **Yes**

Are boats complete with : Painters **Yes** Boat's bag **Yes**
 Boat's Compass **Yes** Candle Lamps **Yes** Boat's box **Box not equipped.**
 Barricoes (6 Gallons **Two** Provisions **Yes**

Are all alarm bells in working order? **Yes Tested Oct 3.**

Are all voice pipes in working order? **Yes**

When was secondary steering last tested **Sept. 15th 1942.**

Remarks of Training Officer

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Equipment Fitted	Quantity	Type, Size or Capacity	Remarks
Asdic	1	128	Satisfactory
E/S	1	M/S 12	Satisfactory
D/F	1	M/DF 5	Satisfactory
R.D.F.	1	294	Defects to be checked
D/G	Complete	M.F.Q. & A.Coils	Compass coils fitted.
D/C Throwers	2		Satisfactory
D/Cs.	20	Mark VII	Complete with primers pistols & detonators.
L/A Armament	1	3" Mark 1X H.A.	Satisfactory
Dinghies	1		Satisfactory
Carley Floats	Nil		
Balsa Rafts	8	8 men capacity each.	
Flotanets	2		
Sand Buckets (filled)	Nil		
Fire Extinguishers	18		5 foamite 9 pyrene 4 soda
Shores	5		Full establishment on hand.
Wires	2	120 fathoms ea.	
Grass	1	120 fathoms	
Projectors	2	10" in	Electric
Morris or Aldis Lamp	1	Patt. S5110D	Resistors required
Search Light	1	18"	
Sets of flags	2	Size 4 & 5	Sets not complete
Collision Mat	1		
Paddles	Nil		
Oars	5		
Binoculars	2		Both pairs unsatisfactory
Padlocks	76		
Towing Span	----		
Towing Shadles & Slips	1		
Smoke Floats	Nil		
Rifles	6	.303 Lee Enfield	plus one Coston
Pistols	4	.455	
Very Pistols	Nil		
P.A.C. Machine	Nil		
P.A.C. Rockets	Nil		
Snow Flakes	Nil		
Dumaresque	Nil		
H.A. Armament.	4	.5 Vickers	Training and elevation unsatisfactory.
Main Transmitter (W/T)	1	P.V. 500L	
R/T Trans-Receiver	Nil		
Receivers	1	S.M.R. 3	M.S.L. 5
Loud Hail	1	M. 122034	

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Name of Ship H.M.C.S. " WESTMOUNT

1. Date upon which ship was commissioned September 15th, 1942

2. Date of arrival at Halifax October 10th, 1942

3. Name and place of Builders or fitting out yard

Toronto Shipbuilding Company Limited, Toronto, Ont.

4. Have you any defects affecting seagoing or fighting efficiency?

Yes. Defect list submitted.

4a. State number of boiler hours: No. 1 Boiler 191;
No. 2 boiler 192.

5. Have gun trials been carried out? Yes D.C.T. Trials? Yes

6. Is full supply of ammunition on hand? Yes

7. What is Asdic frequency letter? B

8. Is Asdic in working order? Yes.

9. Number of (a) heavy (b) normal depth charges carried (a) Nil (b) 20

10. Number of (a) rails (b) charges carried in each rail (a) 4 (b) 2

11. Whether fitted for Oropesa or L.L. Oropesa and L.L.

sweep. If so give mark and star Mark 1 and Mark V Star.

12. Are Key Memos carried? If not, up to what date have you recognition signals? Yes.

13. Have you received and placed on permanent fyle one copy of:

"Use of R.T." Yes "V/S and W/T orders of ~~4 May~~ ^{5 June} 1942" Yes

"Specimen report of Proceedings" Yes "Harbour Craft boat routine" No

MFG

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Office of The Training Commander

H.M.S. "BAFFIN", H.M.C. SHIPS "FORT WILLIAM", AND "WESTMOUNT"

WORKING UP PROGRAMME MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER TO THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 1942.

(Short Title - WUP 65)

Monday
12th October

Four ratings per ship to (a) Cinema, H.M.C.S. "CORNWALLIS"
0830^P to 0915^P for A/A instructional films
(b) Gunnery School, 1015^P to 1045^P for
Dome teacher.

G.O.s, QR 11s, Layers, Trainers and Sightsetters to Gunnery
School 1015^P to 1145^P for shooting teacher and day spotting
table.

Night Lookout Table will be available 0900^P to 1005^P.

Ships' binoculars are to be taken in care of senior hand.

Signals Officers and Coders to Signal Training Centre 0845^P
to 1645^P for instruction in coding and cyphering.

Signalmen to Signal Training Centre 0830^P to 1645^P for WUP
three day course.

Telegraphists to Signal Training Centre 0830^P to 1645^P for
practical and instruction.

R.D.F. Operators to R.D.F. School 0900^P to 1645^P for practical
and maintenance.

Coxswains to Staff Officer Training in Captain (D)'s Office
for instruction in regulating duties 1430^P Tuesday 13th
October only.

Officers and A/S ratings to A/S School for Attack Teacher Table
as follows:-

0845^P to 1015^P - H.M.C.S. "FORT WILLIAM"

1015^P to 1145^P - H.M.S. "BAFFIN"

Officers and A/S ratings to A/S School 1300^P to 1500^P for
instructional films and phonograph records.

All A/S ratings to A/S School 1700^P to 1800^P for Mass
Procedure Teacher.

12Pdr. Gun's Crew, H.M.S. "BAFFIN" to gun drill on board ship
1315^P to 1440^P under instructor from Captain(D)'s Office.

Tuesday
13th October

As for Monday, 12th October negative A/S instruction and gun
drill which have been arranged as follows:-

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instruction.

Plotting Officers to H.M.C.S. "FORT WILLIAM" 1000^P to 1145^P
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12Pdr. Gun's Crew, H.M.C.S. "FORT WILLIAM" to gun drill on
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Thursday
15th October Ship's company, H.M.C.S. "WESTMOUNT" embark H.M.S. "BAFFIN" at 0920P for lecture by Medical Officer at 0930P.
Ships' companies thereupon to be mustered according to Protestant and Roman Catholic denominations, as convenient, for addresses by Chaplains at 0945P.

For Captain (D) Halifax.

J. C. HIBBARD
(J. C. Hibbard)
A/COMMANDER, R.C.N.
THE TRAINING COMMANDER.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "FORT WILLIAM"
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The Staff Officer to Captain (D).
The A/S School
The Gunnery School
The Signal Training Centre
The R.D.F. School
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During the periods that ships are at sea for station-keeping exercises and evolutions, and en route from Halifax to Pictou, they are to exercise Escort Tactics.

Commanding Officers, and Officers of the Watch should become familiar on action to be taken by Convoy Escorts when:-

- (1) Ship in convoy is torpedoed by day (Artichoke)
- (2) Ship in convoy is torpedoed by night (Operation Raspber)
- (3) When convoy is attacked by Surface Raider.

Officers of the Watch are to be exercises as frequently as possible on the IMMEDIATE ACTION to be taken by them.

- (1) On obtaining an Aedic Contact.
 - (a) Close ahead of convoy.
 - (b) In any other position.
- (2) On obtaining suspicious hydrophone effect.
- (3) On obtaining suspicious R.D.F. contact.
- (4) On sighting a U-boat at close range.
- (5) On sighting a torpedo track.
- (6) On ship in convoy being torpedoed by day.
- (7) On ship in convoy being torpedoed by night.

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REPORT OF ATTENDANCE - NIGHT ESCORT ATTACK TEACHER

" WESTMOUNT "

Commanding Officer.

Lt. F.G. HUTCHINGS, RCNR

DATE 14th November 1942

GENERAL REMARKS:-

Second time up. A bit slow to appreciate situation but did well enough when underway. C/O was only officer on bridge so was handicapped. Good use made of R.D.F. for gunnery but can control sweep better. Plot organization good but needs training. Attitude good. Need more runs. V/S communications first class. W/T and R/T satisfactory with coding staff doing quick and efficient work. R/T was not used effectively. Shortage of enemy reports. Some given by V/S. Generally, staff seems satisfactory. A/S C.O. a bit vague on non-sub echoes. Good at H.E. other reports fair. H.S.D. can give more reports. S/D Dodds is slack in making reports and confirming contact.

OFFICERS AND RATINGS ATTENDING

Names of Officers	Rank	Duties.
F.G. Hutchings	Lt.	C.O.
A. Kightly	Lt.	Navigator A.S.C.O.
W. Little	S/Lt.	Officer in Training.

Name of rating	Non-sub rating	Name of rating	Non-sub Rating	Name of rating	Non-sub rating
J.M. Jack L/Sig	VS 3	Finestone o/Tel.		Dodds. A.B.	S.D.
Johnson O/Sig.		Donaldson Tel.	T.O.	Robertson A.B.	S.D.
Wilson Sig.		McLarnon O/Coder		Porter O/Sea	S.D.
Kernohan L/Tel.		Synett O/Coder		Wylie, O/Sea	RDF
Dixon O/Tel.		Elstone A.B.		Baillie O/Sea	RDF

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REPORT OF ATTENDANCE - NIGHT ESCORT ATTACK TEACHER

S. " WESTMOUNT "

Commanding Officer. LT. F. HUTCHINGS, RCNR

DATE 9TH DECEMBER, 1942

GENERAL REMARKS:-

This ship still shows a definite need of training in co-operating with other ships. Commanding Officer showed a good appreciation of situation. First Lieutenant took over in latter part of run. Handled one submarine quite well and made reports to Senior Officer but did not give enough information advising of second submarine to allow co-operation of other escorts. R.D.F. could be better controlled. Plot shaping up nicely. Good A/S plot but need to develop a convoy plot. Lookouts fair. Signal Branch needs to seek co-operation of O.O.W. more in finding ships bearing to flash - inclined to lose sense of direction but doesn't realize it. V/S receiving and procedure very good. R/T well sent and received but reports didn't give a clear story. W/T sending and receiving good. Coders didn't know new recoding procedure, and were slowed up accordingly. Attitude of everyone is good. A/S Control Officer, very good but not sure of Doppler. Should improve with practice and make good A/S Control Officer. H.S.D. up to standard as was also S.D. Robertson.

OFFICERS AND RATINGS ATTENDING

Names of Officers	Rank	Duties.
<u>F. HUTCHINGS</u>	<u>LT. RCNR</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
<u>E. PINFOLD</u>	<u>LT. RCNVR</u>	<u>FIRST LIEUTENANT</u>
<u>A.V. KIGHTLY</u>	<u>LT. RCNR</u>	<u>A/S Control Officer</u>
<u>M.B. ALLAN</u>	<u>S/LT. RCNVR</u>	<u>PLOTTING OFFICER</u>
<u>W. LITTLE</u>	<u>S/LT.</u>	<u>GUNNERY OFFICER</u>

Name of rating	Non-sub rating	Name of rating	Non-sub Rating	Name of rating	Non-sub rating
<u>J. JACK</u>	<u>L/SIG.</u>	<u>M. DODDS</u>	<u>A/S AB</u>		
<u>J. PETERKIN</u>	<u>SIG.</u>	<u>W. ROBERTSON</u>	<u>A/S AB</u>		
<u>B. JOHNSON</u>	<u>SIG.</u>	<u>J. PORTER</u>	<u>A/S AB</u>		
<u>B. DIXON</u>	<u>TEL.</u>	<u>JOHNSON</u>	<u>O.D.</u>		
<u>G. FINESTONE</u>	<u>TEL.</u>	<u>PUDGE</u>	<u>O.D.</u>		
<u>P. SYNNETT</u>	<u>O/CDR.</u>	<u>WYLIE</u>	<u>RDF</u>		
<u>E. HICKY</u>	<u>TEL.</u>	<u>BAILLIE</u>	<u>RDF</u>		
<u>KERNOHAN, E.</u>	<u>W/T 3</u>	<u>FRENCH</u>	<u>RDF</u>		
<u>T. ELSTONE</u>	<u>HSD</u>				

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REPORT OF ATTENDANCE - NIGHT ESCORT ATTACK TEACHER

S. " WESTMOUNT "

Commanding Officer, LT. F.G. HUTCHINGS, RCNR

DATE 7TH JANUARY, 1942 X 3

GENERAL REMARKS:-

Quite a good run. Took another escort under orders for a sweep but failed to indicate course and speed and L/Sig. Jack misread repeat back of coded group. Starshell used on a closing target. Appreciation of situation good. Good A/S plot but needs co-ordination with bridge. Kept Senior Officer advised of locale of action relative to convoy and co-operated well with other escort in attacking submarine. R.D.F. well controlled. V/S transmitting, procedure and receiving good except for mistake above mentioned. R/T below standard for this ship. Hickey, O/Tel. needs experience. W/T well received. Coding accurate and fairly fast. Enemy reports to shore not completed as coder was busy on a coded report. Senior Officer who was still with convoy. Leading Sig. Jack good type as is Kernahan, L/Tel. Johnson and Wilson, Sigs. good and practical. Dixon, Tel. needs experience. Synett, O/Coder good man and improving. Commanding Officer pointed and conned ship well. A/S Control Officer uncertain of procedure. Takes operator's opinion before his own. Reports to bridge good on whole. S.D. Shaky on H.E. Could make better reports and failed to allow for swing of ship.

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<u>F.H. PINFOLD</u>	<u>LT. VR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u>
<u>A.V. KIGHTLEY</u>	<u>LT. NR</u>	<u>A/S CONTROL OFFICER</u>
<u>J. MISENER</u>	<u>S/LT.VR</u>	<u>GUNNERY OFFICER</u>
<u>M. ALLAN</u>	<u>S/LT. VR</u>	<u>PLOTTING</u>

Name of rating	Non-sub rating	Name of rating	Non-sub Rating	Name of rating	Non-sub rating
<u>ELSTONE</u>	<u>HSD</u>	<u>KERNAHAN</u>	<u>W/T 3</u>		
<u>DODDS</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DIXON</u>	<u>W/T</u>		
<u>PORTER</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>HICKEY</u>	<u>W/T</u>		
<u>ROBERTSON</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>SYNETT</u>	<u>O/CODER</u>		
<u>TRAVER</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>JACK</u>	<u>VS 3</u>		
<u>WYLIE</u>	<u>RDF</u>	<u>JOHNSTON</u>	<u>SIG</u>		
<u>FRENCH</u>	<u>RDF</u>	<u>WILSON</u>	<u>SIG</u>		
<u>BAILIE</u>	<u>RDF</u>	<u>GRAHAM</u>	<u>LOOKOUT</u>		
		<u>HAMPSON</u>	<u>LOOKOUT</u>		

REPORT OF SHIPS WORKING UP
AT A/S SCHOOL

H.M.C.S. "WESTMOUNT"

12th October, to 14th
October, 1942.

C.O.	Lieut. Hutchinson, F.G.	Fair.
A/S C.O.	Mate. Kightly, A.V.	Indifferent.
Plot.	S/Lt. Allan, W.B.	Indifferent.
	Lieut. Pinfold, H.	Indifferent.

H.S.D.	A.B. Elstone, T.	Good
S.D.	O.D. Porter, A.	Poor.
S.D.	A.B. Dodds, M.	Fair.
S.D.	A.B. Robertson, W.	Fair.
S.D.	O.D. Spencer, A.	Poor.

Ship has shown very little improvement. There is lack of enthusiasm possibly due in part to lack of A/S knowledge. A great deal of practice is required to produce efficiency.

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H.M.C.S. "WESTMOUNT"

19th October to 21st.
October, 1942.

C.O.	Lieut. Hutchings, F.G.	Fair to good.
A/S C.O.	Lieut. Kightly, A.V.	Fair to indifferent.
1st. Lieut.	Lieut. Pinfold, F.H.	Fair.
Plot	S/Lt. Allan, M.	Fair.
	S/Lt. Misener J.	Indifferent.

H.S.D.	A.B. Alston, T.	Good
S.D.	O.D. Porter, J.	Fair.
S.D.	A.B. Robinson, W.	Fair to good.
S.D.	A.B. Dodds, M.	Fair.

Ship has shown improvement. C.O. is the main-spring of the action team. H.S.D. is good but other operators can improve a great deal.

NARRATIVE OF WORKING-UP OFFICER.

Wednesday 28th, October:

Joined "Westmount" at 1300 outside gate.
Carried out shoot in company with "Magdalen". Sailed for
Pictou. Instruction in D.C. Drill etc.

Thursday 29th, October:

Lecture to Chiefs and P.O.'s.
1430 Arrived Pictou. "Westmount" emergency ship.

Friday 30th. October:

0630 Two runs A.S.P. 6. Conditions very good.
Evolutions etc. "Magdalen" emergency ship.

Saturday 31st October:

0630 Sailed for Charlottetown.
1145 Arrived Charlottetown.

Sunday 1st. November:

1000 Inspection by Governor of P.E.I. - Sunday routine.

Monday 2nd November:

0700 Slipped.
0730 "Magdalen" ashore. Attempt to tow off unsuccessful.
Preparing for towing "Magdalen".
1845 "Magdalen" came off under own power.

Tuesday 3rd. November:

0700 Sailed for Pictou. Streamed sweep.
Carried out gun shoot close range weapons, rigged
and dropped Dan Buoy. "Westmount" emergency ship.

Wednesday 4th November:

0730 Carried out one run. A.S.P. 6 extremely bad
conditions. Weather unsuitable returned to anchorage.
"Westmount" emergency ship.

Thursday 5th November:

Test raft. General drill out Kedge etc.
"LETHBRIDGE" arrived. "Westmount" emergency ship.

Friday 6th November:

Transferred to "Lethbridge" commenced internal
organization. "Westmount" emergency ship.

Saturday 7th November:

0700 To sea for exercises.
1200 Returned to harbour. "Nipigon" emergency ship.

Sunday 8th November:

Division and Prayers.

Monday 9th November:

0730 Exercise with "Westmount and Lethbridge".
1800 Returned to harbour. "Westmount" emergency ship.

Tuesday 10th November:

0730 Carried out two runs A.S.P. 6 with "Westmount" and
"Lethbridge". Manoeuvres with "Magdalen and Nipigon"
P.M.
1800 Returned to harbour. "Lethbridge" emergency ship.

Wednesday 11th November:

0730 Carried out A.S.P. 6 with "Lethbridge and Magdalen".
Returned to Harbour.

Thursday 12th November:

Carried out A.S.P. 6. "Nipigon, Westmount and
Lethbridge". Sailed for Halifax joined by
"Magdalen" in screening diagram No. 3 A.

Friday 13th November:

1100 Arrived Halifax.

Monday 16th November:

Joined "Westmount" carried out shoot. Proceeded
with "Magdalen" to St. Margaret Bay.

Tuesday 17th November:

Commander Hibbard's inspection of "Westmount"
to sea with "Westmount, Brockville and Magdalen".
Gun accident in "Brockville".

Wednesday 18th November

Landed guns and armed parties ashore.

Thursday 19th November:

Returned to Halifax.

Sgd...W.C.G..Pett,
Boatswain A/S, R.N.

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(WUP's Nos. 65, 68, 71, 81 refer)FROM: New Construction H.M.C.S. "WESTMOUNT" TO: H.L.D.F.Commenced WUP 10/10/48 Completed WUP 19/11/48 Total No. of days WUP 41No. of days WUP delayed 20 Reasons for delay 11 days adjusting and trials.
9 days electrical, engine
and hull repairs.

Equipment

Type of RDF set 294 Type of A/S set 128L/A Armament 1 - 12pdr. 12cwt. HA/LA No. of Throwers 2H/A Armament 1 - 20mm Oerlikon No. of DC's carried 20 Full stowage 20
4 - .5" Vickers
2 - Bren guns.

OFFICERS

Names of Officers	Seniority	Rank	Duties	Escort Experience	Short Courses			
					A/S	G	S	T
F.G. Hutchings	24 July '42	Lt. RCNR	C.O.	7 months.	Y		(STADACONA)	
F.H. PINFOLD	1 May '42	Lt. RCNVR	1st Lieut.	nil			"KINGS"	
A.V. Kightly	14 June '42	Lt. RCNR	Nav. A/S C.O.	11 months	Y		(STADACONA)	
J. Misener	13 Apl. '42	S/Lt. RCNVR	G.C.O.	nil			"KINGS"	
M. B. ALLAN	13 Apl. '42	S/Lt. RCNVR	Sigs. Off. Canteen & Comm. Wardroom	nil			"KINGS"	
R. Cairns	29 Sep. '41	Eng. RCNR	Eng. Off.	nil	-	-	-	-

Impressions of Staff Training Officers on Personnel

Name	Rating	Efficiency	Keeness	General	Acting as
T. Elstone	3601 AB	5	5	Maintains set well but has little initiative	H.S.D.
W. Pitt	V17218 A.B.	5	6	Slightly above the usual standard	S.D. RATINGS
F. Miller	4318 L/Smn	5	4	Capable but lazy	L.T.O.
W.S. Brazil	A. 4923 P.O.T.O.	7	6	A very smart leading seaman. Quick & capable.	Q.R. II
J.M. Jack	V. 9771 L/Sig.	5	5	A good seaman but not over intelligent.	Coxun
J. Donaldson	V. 2413 Tel. T.O.	7	7	Well above average. Officer material.	Ldg. Sig.
		6	5	Keen - slightly above average.	Ldg. Tel.
		5	5	Average at present but will soon improve.	Sig. Ratings
		5	6)		R.D.F.
		5	6)	Keen and reliable.	Ldg. Operator
					R.D.F. Operators

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SEA Evolutions and Exercises carried out	Assessment	Remarks
1. Lecture to PO's & Ldg. Smn.		Keen and interested.
2. OOW exercises by day		Lt. Pinfold - Good, S/Lt. Misener - Fair, S/Lt. Allan - Fair, Lt. Kightly - Sat. out,
3. A. S. P.'s	Good	A good A/S team - Attacks well carried
4. Collision Stations OOW exercises	Good	Well organized.
5. with S/M	Sat.	Junior officers learning quickly.
6. Boarding Party with S/M	Sat.	Well thought out.
7. Fire Stations	Sat.	Well organized.
8. Anchor Work	Sat.	Kedge anchor taken away quickly. Weighted by hand satisfactorily.
9. OOW exercises by night	Sat.	Station keeping was quite good.
10. Night Action procedure	Sat.	Ships company alert but this must be exer- cised frequently to obtain good co-ordin- ation.
11. Lookouts Exercises	Sat.	Lookouts kept well up to standard.
12. Boat hoisting and lowering	Good.	Improved greatly during WUP.
13. Exercise life boat's crew	Good.	Evolutions smartly carried out.
14. Secondary Steering	Sat.	A little slow.
15. Secure to buoy	-	Not carried out.
16. Repel boarders	Sat.	Ship keeps a good lookout.
17. Pistol and Rifle firing	Sat.	
18. Prepare to abandon ship	Sat.	All Carley Floats tested and correct.
19. Towing and being taken in tow	Good	Carried out quickly and efficiently.
20. Stream fog buoy	-	Not carried out.
21. Rig and lay out Dan buoy	Good	A boom was rigged across the entrance and an Oerliken was landed in whaler.
22. A/C exercises: RDF, recognition, R/T	-	Not carried out.
23. Escort duty: 48 hrs. with convoy	Sat.	Remained with convoy SH 51
24. Heaving the lead	Sat.	
25. Sub-calibre firing Full	-	Not applicable.
26. calibre firing	Sat.	Guns crew well trained. Rate of fire satisfactory.
27. Firing at sleeve target	-	Not carried out.
28. Rig deep sea lead	Fair	Slow in rigging boom.
29. Ship handling	Good	C.O. and 1st Lieut. handled ship very Other officers inexperienced. well
30. R/T exercises	Sat.	
31. Recreation parties	Good	Good spirit and a keen ships' company.
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H.M.C.S. " WESTMOUNT "Section I -- Report on the Ship's efficiency in Gunnery

Guns crew and supply parties are well trained. All armament, magazine and shell rooms are clean and well kept up. Ships efficiency in gunnery is above average.

Section II -- Report on the Ship's efficiency as an A/S unitDepth Charges: Organization Good Reloading drill GoodReloading time for full pattern of ⁶~~16~~ charges 52

A well planned depth charge organization. Commanding Officer is the main spring in the A/S team which works well together and standard of efficiency is above average.

Section III -- Report on the Ship's efficiency in Communications

Sub-Lieut. Allan Signal Officer handled C.B's etc. with meticulous care.

V/S: Efficiency slightly above average. L/Sig Jack appears to be very capable. A good system of dealing with signals is very evident.

W/T: Well maintained and will be efficient.

Section IV -- General Remarks

The Commanding Officer, Lt. F.G. Hutchings R.C.N.R. handles his ship well and sets an extremely good example both on the Bridge and in the Wardroom.

The 1st Lieut., Lt. F.H. Pinfold, has the ship well organized and performs his duties in a seamanlike manner.

Junior Officers are well up to average and will improve quickly under present Commanding Officer.

I consider H.M.C.S. "WESTMOUNT" will be an efficient fighting unit and can be relied upon to act with alacrity and initiative.

SGD. (J. C. Hibbard)
A/COMMANDER, R.C.N.,
THE TRAINING COMMANDER.