

U.S. Coast Guard History Program

Alatok, 1942

WYP-172; ex-*Hekla*



Builder: Cochrane and Sons, Ltd., Sciby, England

Commissioned: Commercial: 1922; USCG: 22 August 1942

Decommissioned: 27 December 1943

Disposition: returned to War Shipping Administration on 27 December 1943;
returned to owner 13 Mar 1944

Cost:

Acquisition: \$80,000

Conversion: \$ 92,000

Displacement (tons)- 775 fl (1942)

Tonnage- 387 gross (1942)

Length- 150' 3" oa

Beam- 25' mb

Draft- 13' 5" max (1942)

Machinery: Main Engines- 1 triple-expansion steam; BHP- 500; single propeller

Maximum Speed: 9 knots

Economic Speed: 9 knots; 4,700 mile range

Electronics: None

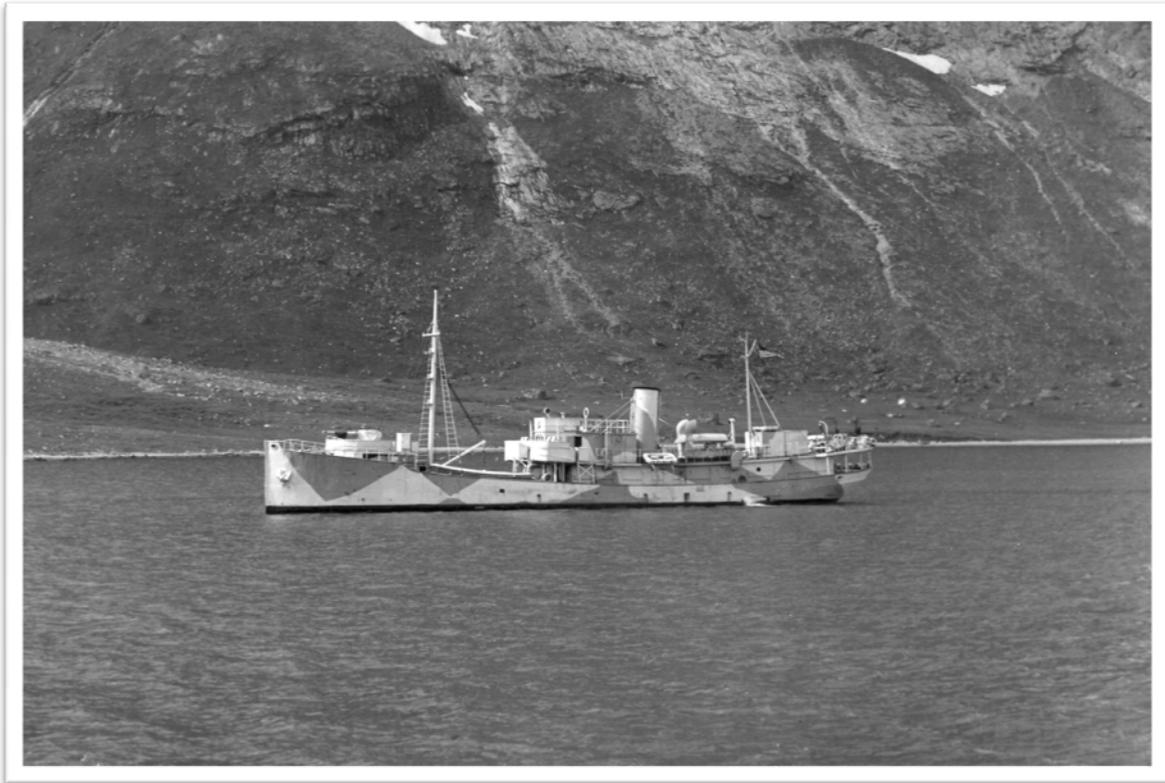
Armament: 1 x 3"/50 gun; 2 x 20 mm/80 guns; 2 short depth charge tracks (1943)

Design & Service:

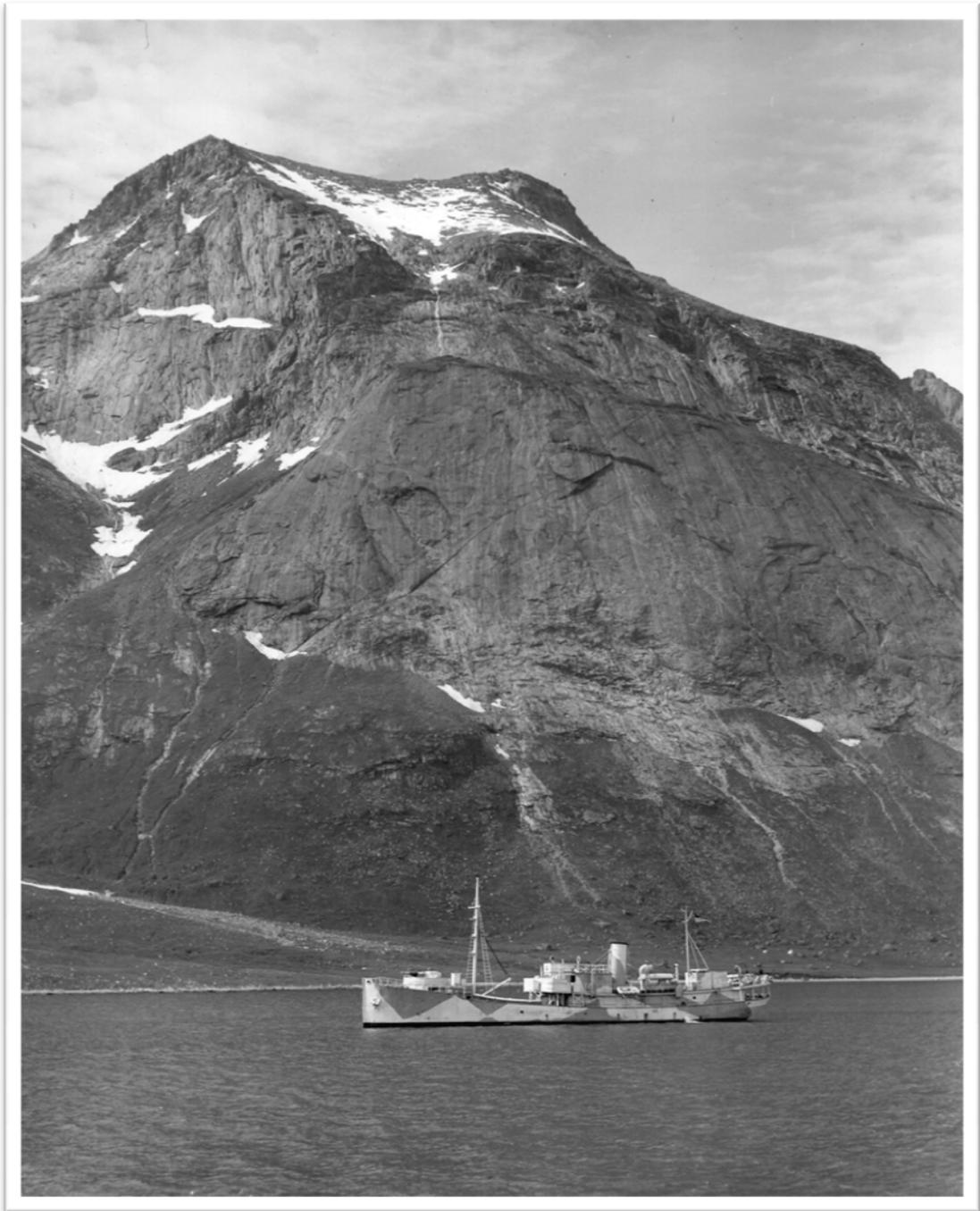
The former steel-hulled trawler *Hecla* was taken into service 1942. She was assigned to CINCLANT and was stationed at Boston, MA and used on the Greenland Patrol.

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Photographs:



USS *Alatok* in Kingya Bay, Greenland, 1943. Photo No. 80G225216.
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Sources:

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