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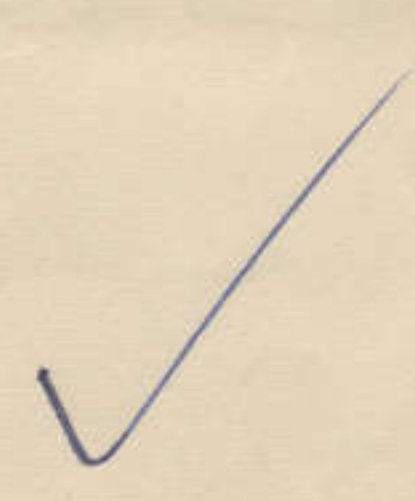
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*for action Take A. 11M 9/7*

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*Key 1/8/46 - "Air Bird" to be paid off to modified "F" reserve at Brisbane. Main engine will be changed as necessary.*

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*1st Lt. N.S. for 15/8/46*



for J. Holmes.

S.N.C. (Engine) - Report your remarks.

N 172 / DEN <sup>1/5/46</sup>

clause 7 & 8.

oil above piston with  
escaping fumes is due to  
defective or no scraper rings

clause 9

- Liner wear is due to:
- 1/ abrasives in fuel or  
lubricating oil
  - 2/ excessive clearance at  
side of piston rings.
  - 3/ Poor material



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Office of N.O.I.C. New Guinea,  
H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU"  
Dreger Harbour, New Guinea.



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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -  
APRIL-MAY 1946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached Report of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" for the months of April and May, 1946.

2. With reference to paragraph 7(a) of April Report and paragraph 8(a) of May Report, the attached report of Base Engineer Officer, H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU", is forwarded for information.

*H. H. H. H.*  
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

*NG.*



Office of the Staff Officer (Engineering)  
H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU",  
Dreger Harbour,  
NEW GUINEA.  
16 June 1946.

Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
NEW GUINEA.

HALL SCOTT ENGINES FITTED IN "AIR CHIEF"  
AND "AIR BIRD".

Submitted for information that "AIR CHIEF" reported unsatisfactory running of Starboard engine on arrival at Dreger Harbour, approximately 5 March 1946. Both engines had at that time completed only 194 hours running since commissioning.

2. An examination of the faulty engine revealed excessive blow-back past pistons, into crank case and thence via breather to engine room.

3. Cylinder heads were removed and feeler gauges shewed excessive clearances between pistons and liners. It was also thought that rings were gummed up.

4. As this base is not equipped for major overhaul of Hall Scott engines, it was decided to instal a new engine, No. 33764. This was done and the faulty engine, No. 33774 was shipped to Sydney.

5. On 4 May 1946 "AIR BIRD" reported her engines as "unsatisfactory", after a total of 351 hours since commissioning. A trial run was made on the 7 May and there was some leakage of fumes into the engine room via the crank case breather and gummed up piston rings were suspected. Each cylinder was given a small amount of tri-chloro-ethylene in an endeavour to free same.

6. A further trial run was made on the 13 June, after vessel had completed a further 22 engine hours, and the mechanical condition of the engines had definitely depreciated considerably; it was found impossible to obtain more than 1550 r.p.m. on the Port engine and 1650 r.p.m. on the Starboard engine. Normal maximum revolutions are 2100 per minute. The drop in revolutions since last trials was more marked on the Port engine than the Starboard engine.

[ 7. Also, blow-back and escaping fumes were so excessive that it was impossible for personnel to remain in the engine room for more than a few minutes at a time.

[ 8. Lubricating oil consumption has also increased to an excessive amount.

[ 9. All of these symptoms indicate excessive wear of pistons and liners and the rate of deterioration is increasing so rapidly, as demonstrated by difference of conditions between test runs, that it is now considered unsafe for personnel to remain in the engine room whilst engines are operating. There is also grave risk of irreparable damage to the engines

10. With reference to the above paragraph it should be noted that these engines were reported as being in good condition



at the time of 300 hour check-up, carried out at M.L. Repair Base, Alexishafen, in February 1946.

11. Engine trials made on completion of this check-up were reported as satisfactory in all respects.

12. Whilst it is understood that running of these engines at speeds exceeding 1800 r.p.m. will result in excessive piston and liner wear (vide C.N.O. 343/43 and Makers Manual), there is no direct evidence that these speeds have ever been exceeded except on the occasions of the test runs previously mentioned.

13. It is therefore submitted that this abnormal wear of these engines should be thoroughly investigated by competent technical authorities with a view to eliminating a repetition of such defects; and in my opinion these engines should not be run or interfered with until such an investigation can be made.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.A.N.R. (S)', is written above the typed name.

Eng. Lieut. Cdr. R.A.N.R. (S)  
Base Engineer Officer.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD"

Date 1st June, 1946. Reference No.

To The Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1946.

19/43. Submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 91/43 and C.C.N.O.

2. Ship based on H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU", Dreger Harbour.

3. 1000k/7th. Slipped and proceeded on Engine Trials.  
Maximum revolutions 1650. Report submitted.

4. 1000k/24th. Slipped and proceeded to exercises off  
Nussing Island. 1135 secured.

5. 1500k/24th. Topped up with 350 gallons of fuel.

6. Health and morale of Ship's Company is of a high  
standard.

7. Ship's bottom is very foul, and in need of scraping  
and renewal of anti-fouling.

8.	(a)	Main engines	Unsatisfactory X
	(b)	Auxiliary generator	Satisfactory
	(c)	Batteries	Satisfactory
	(d)	Guns	In good condition
	(e)	Hull	Foul bottom
	(f)	Radio equipment	Satisfactory

Distance steamed for month	50 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	5227 miles
Date of commissioning	25th March, 1945
Hours under weigh during month	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hours under weigh since commissioning	366 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average fuel consumption	4.6 galls. per mile
Average speed	14.5 knots

*A. J. Evans.*  
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.  
Commanding Officer.



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FROM : THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD"  
DATE : 1st. May, 1946.  
TO : THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, NEW GUINEA.  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : APRIL, 1946

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

2. Ship berthed at Madang.  
0800K 2nd April 1946, ship sailed for Dreger Harbour.  
Returned to Madang due to defect developing in starboard engine.  
0815, 3rd, engine defect having been eliminated, slipped and pro-  
ceeded. Secured Dreger Harbour 1800K/3rd. April.
3. Sub-Lieutenant A.J. Lyons R.A.N.R. assumed command  
21st April.
4. 0900/23rd proceeded on taking-over trials and exercises.  
List of defects noted, and submitted to N.O.I..C. New Guinea on  
1st May.
5. 25th April slipped and proceeded to check throttles.  
Maximum revolutions ~~170~~ 1750.
6. Health on board is of a high standard. Ship's  
Company was victualled in H.M.A.S. "TARANGAU" on the 6th April,  
enabling it to take advantage of the Depot's better living  
conditions.

7. Efficiency Report

(a)	Main engines	Unsatisfactory
(b)	Auxiliary Generator	Satisfactory
(c)	Batteries	Satisfactory
(d)	Guns	In good condition.
(e)	Hull	In good condition.
(f)	Radio Equipment	Satisfactory

Distance steamed for month	270 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	5177 miles
Date of Commissioning	25 Mar 1945
Hours under way during month	37 hrs 45 mins
Hours under way since commissioning	353 hrs 45 mins
Average fuel consumption	3.6 gals per mile
Average speed	8 knots

*A.J. Lyons*  
Sub-Lieutenant R.A.N.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER



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FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD"  
DATE: 4th April 1946  
TO : The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. N.G.  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : MARCH 1946

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

2. Lieutenant R. Trimble R.A.N.V.R. assumed command 3.3.46.
3. Proceeded on taking-over trials on 6.3.46. Results - the steering jammed and port tachometer discovered unserviceable and throttles need adjusting. Cleared former but no replacement for tachometer available.
4. Proceeded to Alexishafen to adjust throttles and tappets on the 8.3.46.
5. Returned to Madang on 9.3.46
6. Carried out trials on throttles, steering and tappets on 8.3.46
7. On the 11th proceeded to Alexishafen for water. Slipped 0750 and secured back at Madang 1020.
8. On the 17th proceeded to Alexishafen for water. Slipped 1010 hrs. Secured Madang 1220.
9. On 23rd a Recreation trip for ship's Company was made to get fresh vegetables as none had been available for a period of weeks. Slipped at 0900 and secured at Karkar at 1040. Slipped for Madang at 1430 and secured 1610.
10. Fire drills exercised on 2nd March, also 12th and 20th of same month.
11. Morale of ship's company very good. All appreciated and enjoyed the recreation trip of the 23rd.
12. Health is satisfactory. One rating admitted to 2 MRS with Malaria. Two ratings are suffering from minor tropical sores.
13. Efficiency Report:

Main engines	Smoking developed very slightly on 23.3.46
Auxiliary generator	Satisfactory
Batteries	Satisfactory
Guns	Satisfactory
Hull	Satisfactory
Radio equipment	Radio Loop will not rotate.
14.

Distance steamed for month	288 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	4907 miles
Date of Commissioning	28.3.45
Hours under way during month	18 hours
Hours under way since commissioning	316 hours
Fuel Consumption	3.1 gals per mile
Average speed	16 knots.

(Sgd.) R. TRIMBLE. Lt.  
Commanding Officer



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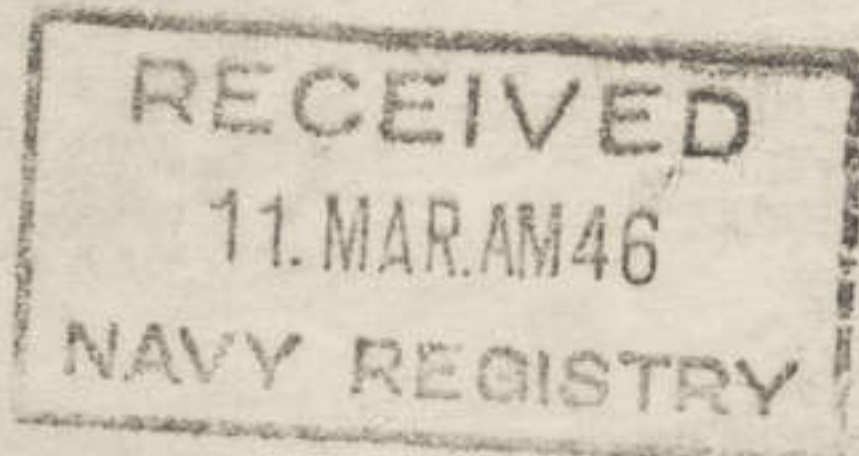
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Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. AIR BIRD

1st. March 1946.

Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1946.

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

2. On the 5th. February ship was sailed from Wewak to Alexishafen arriving at Alexishafen a.m. on the 6th. Feb. Whilst at the M.L. Base ship was slipped for scraping and anti-fouling and 300 hour engine check over was also carried out.

3. On the 27th. instant proceeded from Alexishafen to relieve "Air Faith" on station at Madang.

4. Fire Drill was carried out on the 5th., 11th., 19th. and 27th. of the month. "Man Overboard" was exercised on the 5th.

5. The morale of the Ship's company is satisfactory but several have suffered ill health during the month. Two ratings were admitted to 2 M.R.S. Madang, one with Dengue and the other with ear trouble, while two others remained on board with minor complaints. With one exception all have resumed duty.

6. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	- Satisfactory.
Aux. Generator	- Satisfactory.
Batteries	- In good condition.
Guns.	- In good order.
Hull	- In good condition.
Radio Equipment	- Satisfactory.

7. Distance steamed for the month	- 212 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning 28th. March 1945.	- 4619 miles.
Hours under way for month	- 12 hrs. 55 min.
Hours under way since Commissioning	- 297 " 53 "
Average fuel consumption.	- 3.8 galls. per mile.
Average speed	- 16 knots.

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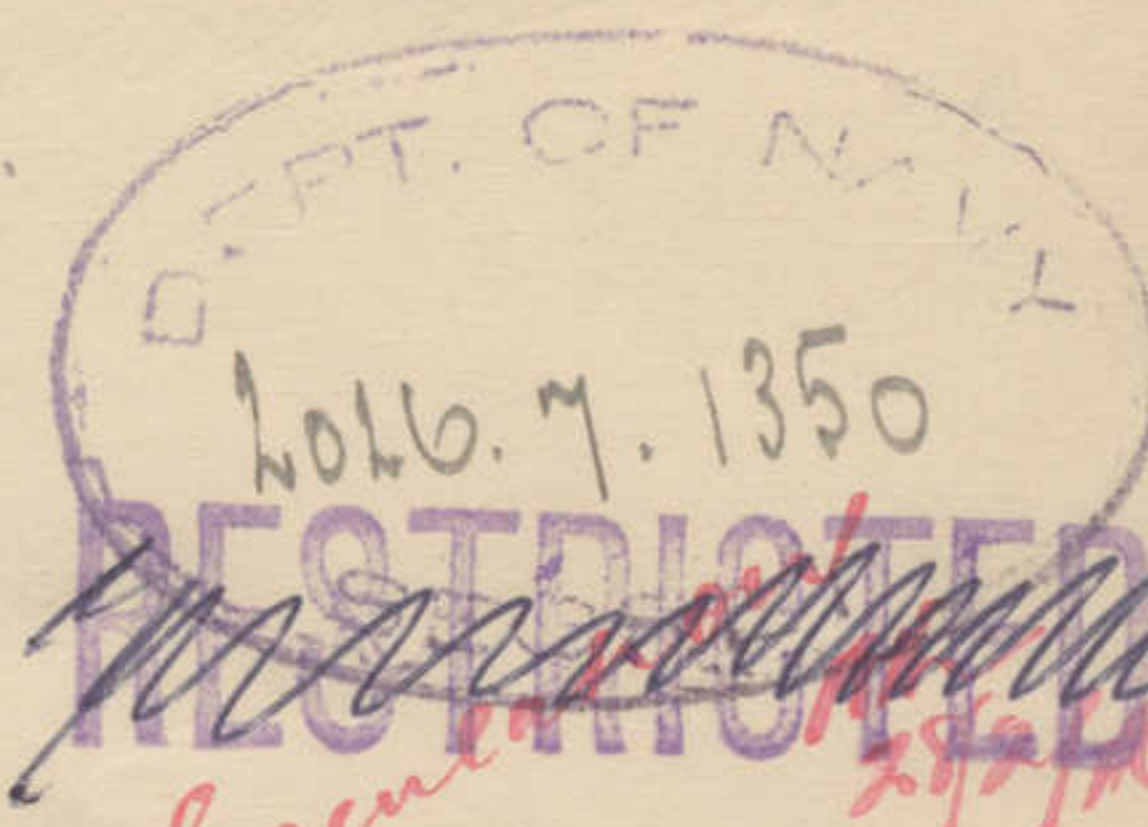
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A/Captain, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. AIR BIRD.

Date 1st. February 1946. Reference No.

To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1946.

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

2. We have no movements to report.
3. Fire Drill was carried out on the 4th., 10th., 18th. and 27th. of the month. "Man Overboard" was exercised on the 27th.
4. The health and morale of the Ship's company is satisfactory, with the exception of one rating, who was admitted to 2/15 Field Ambulance, Wewak, on the 14th. January for treatment for nervous condition.
5. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	- Satisfactory.
Aux. Generator	- Satisfactory.
Batteries.	- In good condition.
Guns.	- In good order.
Hull.	- Requires scraping and anti-fouling.
Radio Equipment	- Satisfactory.
6. 

Distance steamed for the month	- 94 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning	
28th. March 1945.	- 4407 miles.
Hours under way for month	- 5 hrs. 30 min.
Hours under way since Commissioning	- 284 hrs. 58 min.
Average fuel consumption.	- 3.7 galls. per mile.
Average speed.	- 17 knots.

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A/Captain, R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
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NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,

10 JAN 1946

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

Date 5th. January 1946. Reference No.

To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1945.

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

2. On the 9th., 14th., 15th., and 16th. of the month we received calls to assist overturned sailing craft. In two instances no assistance was required and on the other two occasions a total of four men were picked up and returned to their Units. Orders have since being issued, by Army authorities, restricting the area for these craft to close inshore.

3. We have no further movements to report.

4. Fire Drill was carried out on the 5th., 13th., 21st. and 27th. of the month. "Man Overboard" was exercised on the 23rd.

5. The health and morale of the Ship's company is satisfactory. One rating had a slight attack of Quinsy during the month and medical treatment, as prescribed by Army M.O., was carried out on board.

6. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	- Satisfactory.
Aux. Generator	- Satisfactory.
Batteries	- In good condition.
Guns	- In good order.
Hull	→ Requires scraping and anti-fouling.
Radio Equipment	- Satisfactory.

7. Distance steamed for the month	- 175 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning	
28th. March 1945.	- 4313 miles.
Hours under way for month.	- 10 hrs. 49 mins.
Hours under way since Commissioning.	→ 279 hrs. 28 mins.
Average fuel consumption.	- 4.4 galls per mile
Average speed.	- 16.2 knots.

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

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

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To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. NOVEMBER 1945.

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

2. On the 7th., 8th., 12th., and 15th. of the month we proceeded to Kairiru and Mushu Islands, with official R.A.A.F. party, who were investigating missing Air Crew, on board.

3. During the afternoon of the 24th. November, following a report of the overturning of a small sailing craft off Wewak, we proceeded to that vicinity to assist. Occupants were able to swim ashore and dinghy was recovered.

4. We have no further movements to report.

5. Fire Drill was carried out on the 1st., 7th., 15th., 23rd., and 29th. of the month.

6. The health and morale of the Ship's company is satisfactory.

### 7. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines  
Aux. Generator  
Batteries  
Guns  
Hull

- Satisfactory.
- ⊙ Satisfactory.
- In good condition.
- In good order.
- It is over 3 months since last slipping. Bottom requires scraping and anti-fouling.
- Satisfactory.

### Radio Equipment

9. Distance steamed for the month.	-244 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning- 28th. March 1945	-4138 miles.
Hours under way for month.	-21 hrs. 40 min.
Hours under way since Commissioning.	-268 hrs. 39 min.
Average fuel consumption.	-3.7 galls per mile.
Average speed.	-11.2 knots.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. AIR BIRD.

Date 6th November 1945.

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To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1945.

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

2. Under instructions from Air Officer Commanding, Northern Command, R.A.A.F, Ship was sailed from Aitape to Wewak, on the 16th. October, to stand by for A.S.R.duties. Apart from this movement we have nothing to report.

3. Fire Drill was carried out on the 3rd., 11th., 16th., and 25th. of the month. "Man Overboard" was exercised on the 7th. Oct.

4. Two ratings visited Hospital for Ear treatment during the month and one other was admitted with Malaria. Otherwise health and morale of Ships' company is satisfactory.

### 5. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines.	- Satisfactory.
Aux. Generator.	- Satisfactory.
Batteries.	- In good condition.
Guns.	- In good order.
Hull.	- In good condition.
Radio Equipment.	- Satisfactory.

6. Distance steamed for the month	-155 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning	
28th. March 1945.	-3894.
Hours under way for month.	-9hrs. 11 mins.
Hours under way since Commissioning.	-246 hrs. 59 mins.
Average fuel consumption.	- 4.2 galls per mile.
Average speed.	-16.8 knots.

*A. Arguehar*  
Sub. Lieutenant: R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer,  
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J. M. Dawson  
A/Commander, R.A.N.  
for Naval Officer in Charge,  
New Guinea.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

Date 5th. October 1945 Reference No.

To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1945.

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

2. From the 2nd. to the 6th. September Ship was at Alexishafen Coastal Craft Repair Base undergoing 200 hour engine overhaul also three additional defects were completed. Radio repairs were carried out from the 7th. to the 10th. idem by R.A.A.F. Maintenance Unit at Kranket Island.

3. On the 11th. September proceeded from Madang for Hansa Bay en route to Aitape. Sailed a.m. 12th. for Wewak, arrived p.m. 12th. Departed Wewak a.m. 13th. arriving Aitape p.m. the same day.

4. During a short strong Easterly breeze on the 26th. Sept. slight damage was caused to the Ship by Mooring bridle. Port fairlead was torn out and approximately three feet of spermwater was broken away. Repairs can be effected.

5. Fire Drill was carried out on the 2nd., 6th., 12th., 21st. and 27th. of the month. "Man Overboard" was exercised on the 21st. September.

6. The health and morale of Ship's company is satisfactory.

7. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	- Satisfactory.
Aux. Generator	- Satisfactory.
Batteries	- In good condition.
Guns	- In good order.
Hull	- In good condition.
Radio Equipment	- Satisfactory.



8.

Distance steamed for the month  
Distance steamed since Commissioning  
(28th. March 1945)  
Hours under way for the month  
Hours under way since Commissioning  
Average fuel consumption  
Average speed.

-354 miles.  
-3739 miles.  
- 24 hrs. 17 mins.  
-237 hrs. 48 mins.  
-5.26 ~~miles per hour~~  
galls. per mile.  
-14.5 knots.

*R. A. N. V. R.*  
Sub. Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer,  
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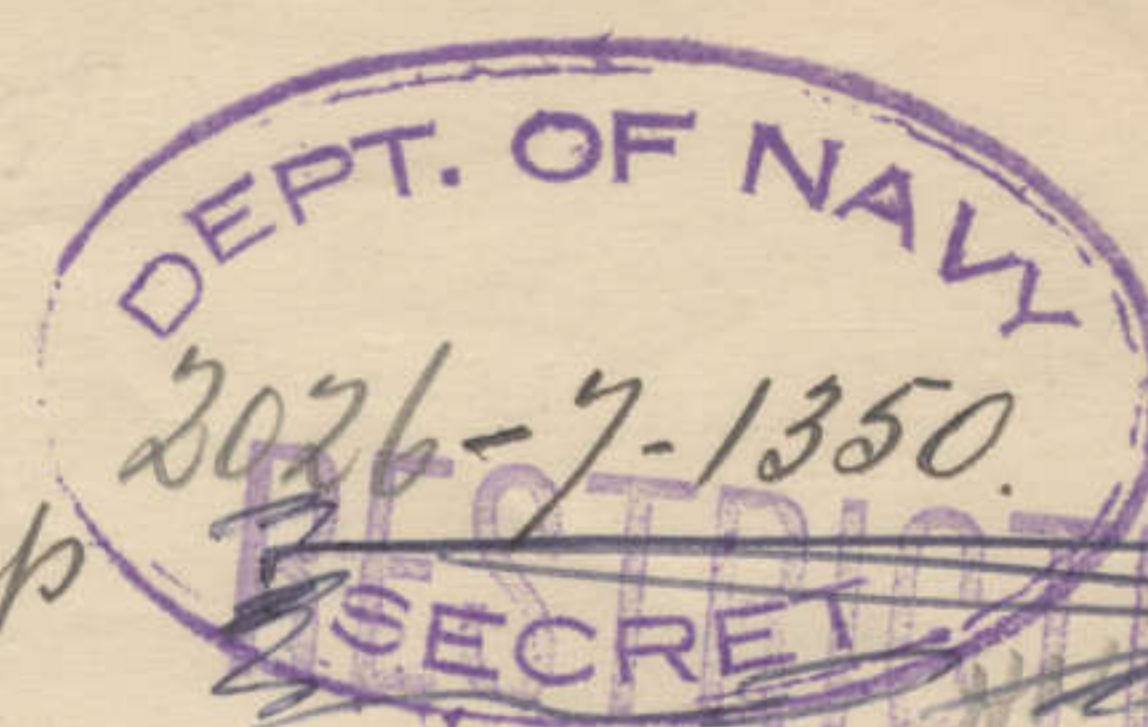
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10th September, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*J. M. Banwood*  
A/Commander R.A.N.  
for Naval Officer in Charge  
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## Royal Australian Navy.

From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

Date 4th. September 1945

Reference No.

To Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1945.

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

2. Continuing passage from Sydney to Madang; the following Ports were visited en route :-

Port.	Arrived.	Departed.
Townsville	p.m. 30th. July	a.m. 2nd. August
Cairns	p.m. 2nd. August	a.m. 3rd. August
Cooktown	p.m. 3rd. "	a.m. 4th. "
Flinders Group	p.m. 4th. "	a.m. 5th. "
Portland Roads	p.m. 5th. "	a.m. 6th. "
Thursday Island	p.m. 6th. "	a.m. 12th. "
Darnley Island	pm. 12th. "	a.m. 13th. "
Redscar Bay (vari Vari)	p.m. 13th. "	a.m. 17th. "
Port Moresby	p.m. 17th. "	a.m. 24th. "
Hula	a.m. 24th. "	a.m. 25th. "
Pt. Glasgow	p.m. 25th. "	a.m. 26th. "
Milne Bay	p.m. 26th. "	a.m. 28th. "
Oro Bay	p.m. 28th. "	a.m. 30th. "
Lanamak	p.m. 30th. "	p.m. 30th. "
Finch Harbor	p.m. 30th. "	a.m. 31st. "
Madang	p.m. 31st. "	

3. Vessels sighted are as follows :-

Name of Type.	Date.	Time.
S.S. Admiral Chase	2nd. August	1145
H.M.A.S. Lucy Star with H.M.A.S. Stingray in tow.	2nd. "	1153
S.S. Mako	5th. "	1115
H.M.S. Aircraft Carrier (Escort) No. 15	6th. "	1010
H.M.A.S. Shepparton	6th. "	1302
Victory Ship	12th. "	1445
U.S.S.T. 76 with 2 barges in tow	13th. "	1315
Aust. Army Aux. Ketch (A.K. 74)	26th. "	0837
Liberty Ship	28th. "	1059
" "	30th. "	0803
Victory Ship	31st. "	0900
Tanker	31st. "	0905

over.



4. A number of defects Occurred during the month, principally in Aux. Generator, Wiring and Radio equipment. The Latter has to be completely overhauled as this work could not be done en route owing to the lack of necessary testing gear. Ship was slipped at Port Moresby for scraping and anti-fouling of bottom.

5. No unusual incidents occurred during the period under review.

6. Fire drill was carried out on the 3rd., 11th., 17th., 23rd., and 28th. of the month. Action stations were exercised on the 5th. and "Man Overboard" on the same day.

7. The health and morale of the Ship's company is very satisfactory.

8. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines	-	Very satisfactory.
Aux. Generator	-	Unsatisfactory - now being overhauled.
Batteries	-	In good condition.
Guns.	-	In good order.
Hull	-	In good condition.
Radio equipment	-	W/T Receiver, V.H.F. and Radio Compass out of order. To be completely overhauled.

9.	Distance steamed for the month	-1903 miles.
	Distance steamed since Commissioning (28th. March 1945)	-3385 "
	Hours under way for the month	-109 hrs. 22 min.
	Hours under way since Commissioning	-213 " 31 "
	Average fuel consumption	-3.03 galls. per mile.
	Average speed	-17.4 knots.

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Sub. Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer.  
H.M.A.S. AIR BIRD.

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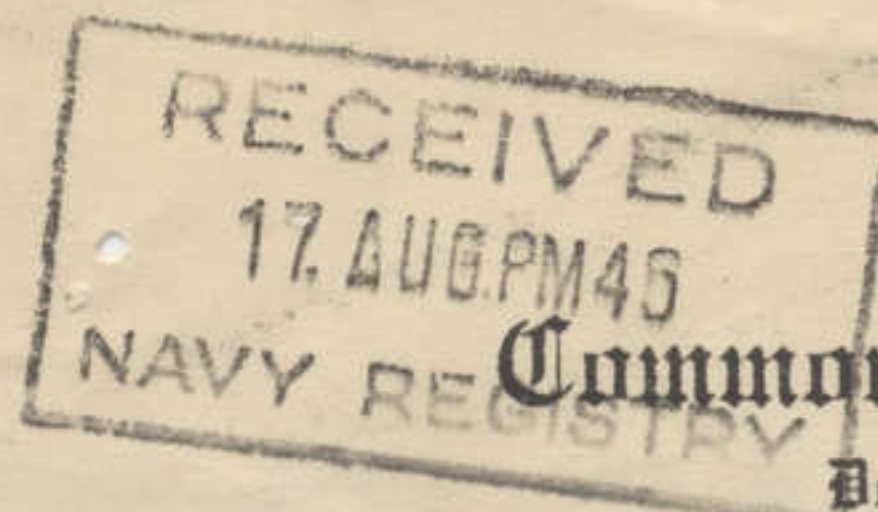
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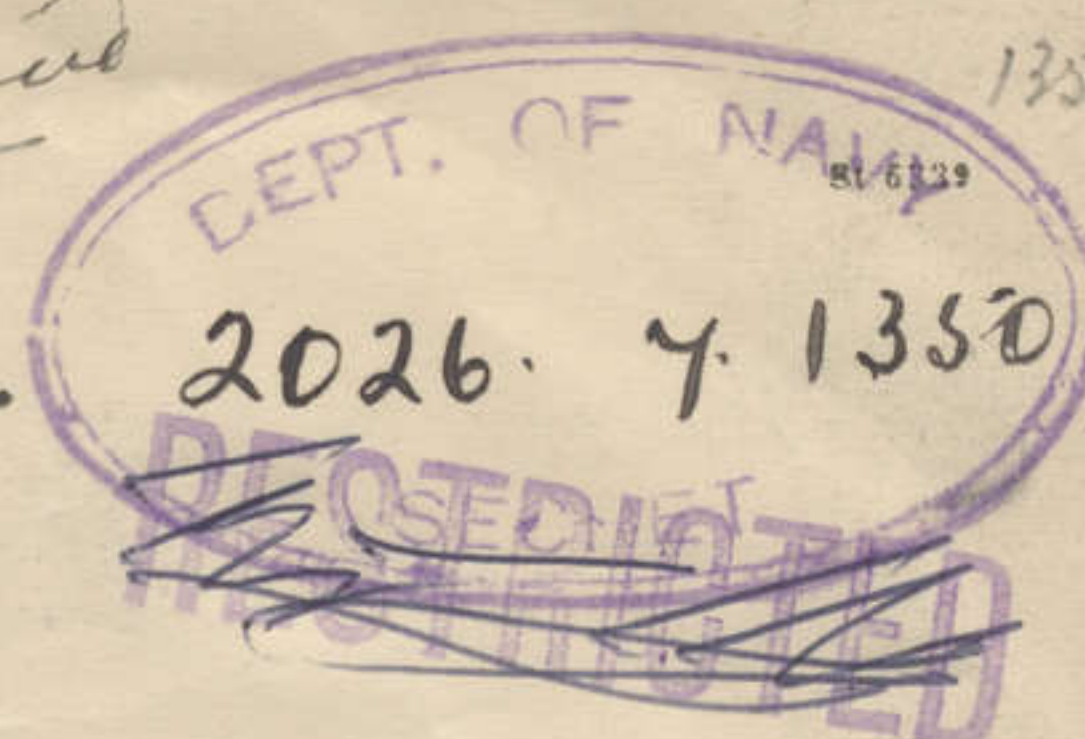
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Air Bird".

Date 8th. August 1945

Reference No.

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1945.

Submitted:

On the 14th. July H.M.A.S. Air Bird sailed from Sydney en route to Madang.

2. The following Ports were visited during the month :-

Port.	Arrived.	Departed.
Sydney	-	1300 14th. July
Newcastle	1715 14th. July	0300 19th. "
Coffs Harbour	1430 19th. "	1115 20th. "
Byron Bay.	1710 20th. "	0610 21st. "
Brisbane.	1550 21st. "	1003 24th. "
Gladstone.	0800 25th. "	0600 27th. "
Pine Island.	1620 27th. "	0620 28th. "
Mackay.	1010 28th. "	0620 29th. "
Long Island.	1115 29th. "	0700 30th. "
Townsville.	1510 30th. "	- -

3. Vessels passed are as follows :-

Name or Type.	Date.	Time.
Liberty Ship	19th. July	1205
Tanker	20th. "	1405
Freighter 4/5000 tons.	21st. "	1015
H.M.A.S. H.D.M.L. 1325	24th. "	1120
S.S. Montoro	24th. "	1200
H.M.A.S. Sterna.	27th. "	0720
Army Supply Ship.	28th. "	0650
U.S. Army S.T. 75 with 2 Barges in tow.	29th. "	0915
S.S. Fiona.	30th. "	0909.

4. Minor defects have occurred during the passage and these were attended to at Newcastle, Brisbane and Townsville. Routine Engine overhauls were also carried out at Brisbane and Townsville.

5. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

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6. Fire Drill was carried out on the 3rd, 14th, 19th, and 27th. of the month. Action Stations were exercised on the 13th. and 24th. and "Man Overboard" on the 13th. and 23rd.
7. The conduct and morale of the crew is satisfactory.
8. The health of the present Ship's Company is good. One Flt. Sgt. and one A.B. were discharged for medical reasons and reliefs have been provided.
9. 

Distance steamed for the month	-	1418 miles.
Distance steamed since Commissioning	-	1482 "
(28th. March 1945)		
Hours under way for the month	+	93 hrs. 44 min.
Hours under way since Commissioning	-	104 " 09 "
Average fuel consumption		2.945 galls. per mile.
Average speed.		15.5 knots.

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Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

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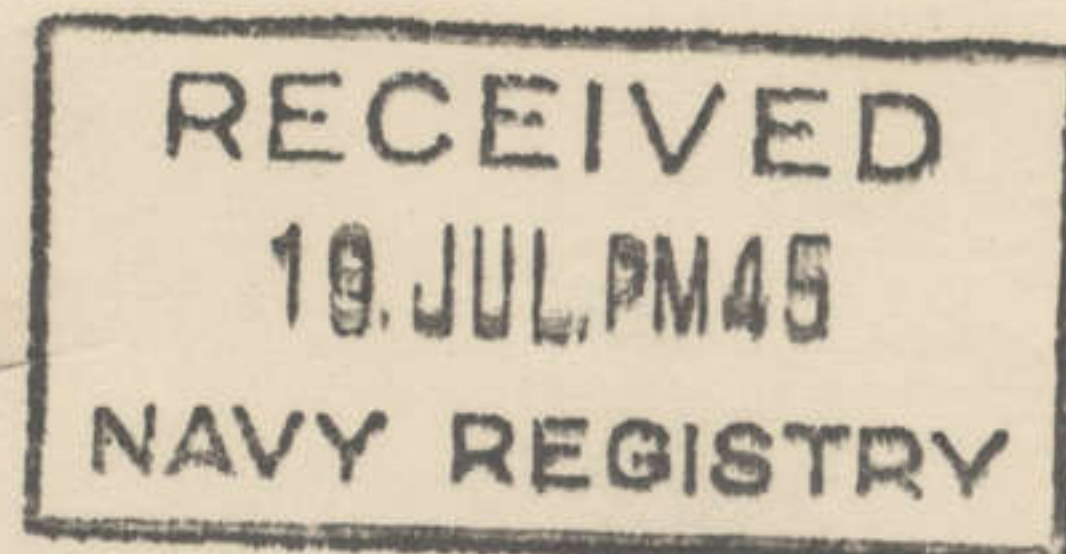
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*M. Shaw*  
Lieutenant Commander RANR.  
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*W.P. Hines*  
A/ CAPTAIN R.A.N.  
FOR  
A/Rear-Admiral.

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Naval Base Headquarters,  
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Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945 -  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

Submitted for information, the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of June, from  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".



*W. H. ...*

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



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*Date* 1 July 1945 *Reference No.*  
*To* The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
*Subject* MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1945.

### Submitted:

On the 23rd June, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" was lifted into the water from Garden Island, after Pheenorocking, etc.

2. Since entering the water Gunnery and Engine trials have been satisfactorily completed; compass has been swung by Captain Carter; and Radio Compass gear to complete the set, has been supplied, fitted and tested by R.A.A.F. personnel. A further test of V.H.F. equipment has been arranged for the 2nd July.

3. With the exception of a perspex window, which is cracked and buckled, but cannot be replaced, all defects have been attended to or are receiving attention, and ship should be in excellent condition for sea.

4. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

5. Fire drill was carried out on the 8th, 13th, 20th and 26th of the month. Action stations were exercised on the 26th also.

6. The conduct and morale of the crew is good.

7. All of ships company have been granted long leave during the current leave period.

8. The health of the ships company is good. Stoker Whittaker was discharged to R.N.H. "CANONBURY" on the 8th June and he will be Category "Y" for a period of three months. Relief has been provided.

9. Distance steamed for the month - 64 miles  
Distance steamed since commissioning  
(28th March, 1945) - 64 "



Hours under way for month	-	10.25/60 hours
Hours under way since commissioning	-	10.25/60 Hours
Average fuel consumption	-	3.294 galls. per mile
Average speed	-	9.5 knots.

(SGD) D. FARQUHAR

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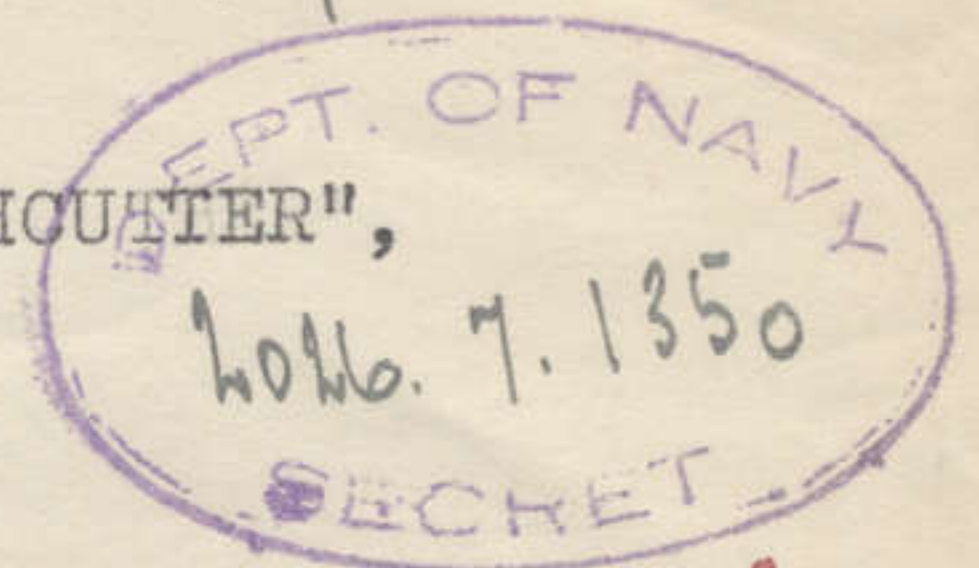


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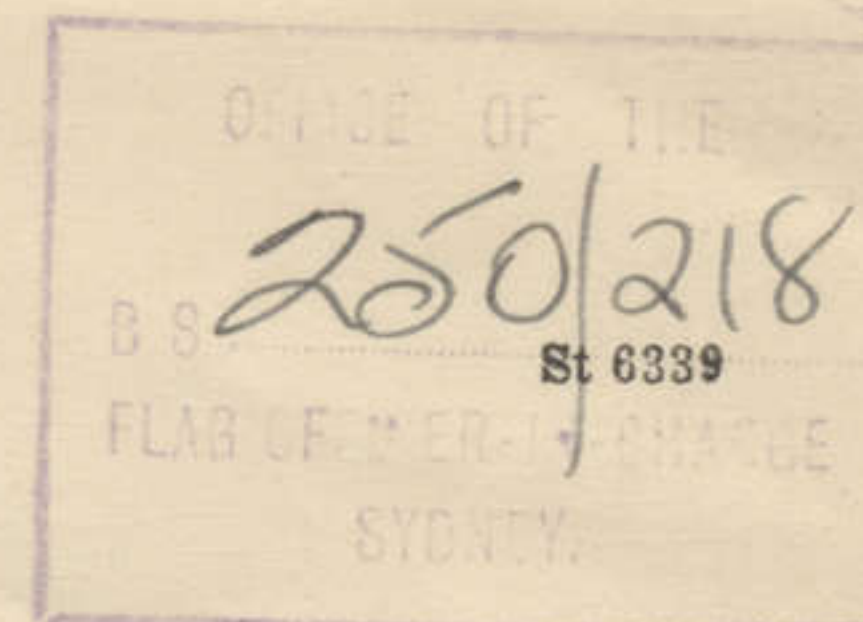
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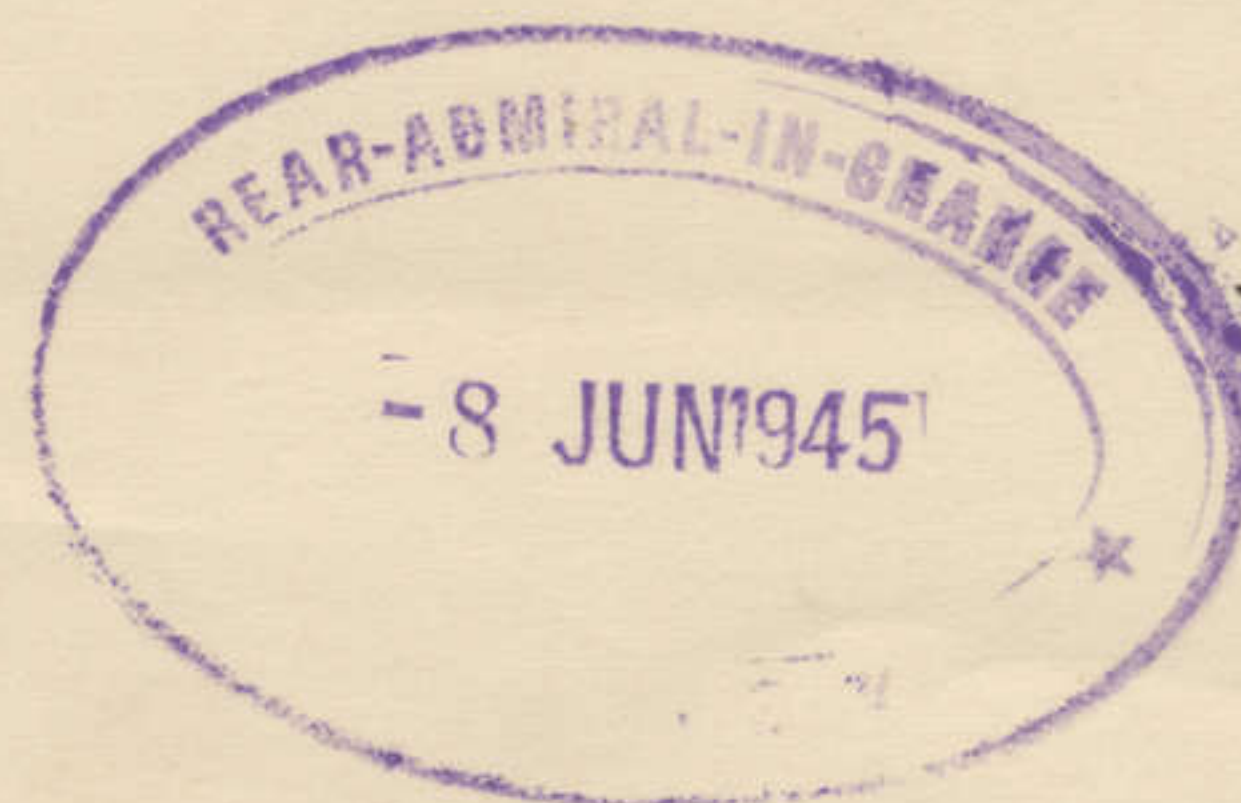
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Submitted for information, the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of May, 1945, from  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".



a/Commander, R.N.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

Date 4 June 1945 Reference No.

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1945.

## Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" was lifted on to Garden Island on 3rd May.

2. Dockyard hands have been occupied since that date in scraping and pheenorocking ship's bottom and also painting the sides. This work is nearing completion.
3. Ship's company has been employed completing the storing, painting and general duties.
4. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.
5. Fire drill was carried out on the 1st, 9th, 15th, 21st and 31st of the month.
6. The conduct and morale of the crew is good.
7. Long leave was granted to two ratings during the period under review.
8. The health of the ship's company is now satisfactory; L/Sto. Whittaker having returned to duty after Hospital treatment.
9.
 

Distance steamed for the month	...	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning (28 March 1945)	...	Nil
Hours under way for month	...	Nil
Hours under way since commissioning	...	Nil
Average fuel consumption	...	Nil
Average speed	...	Nil

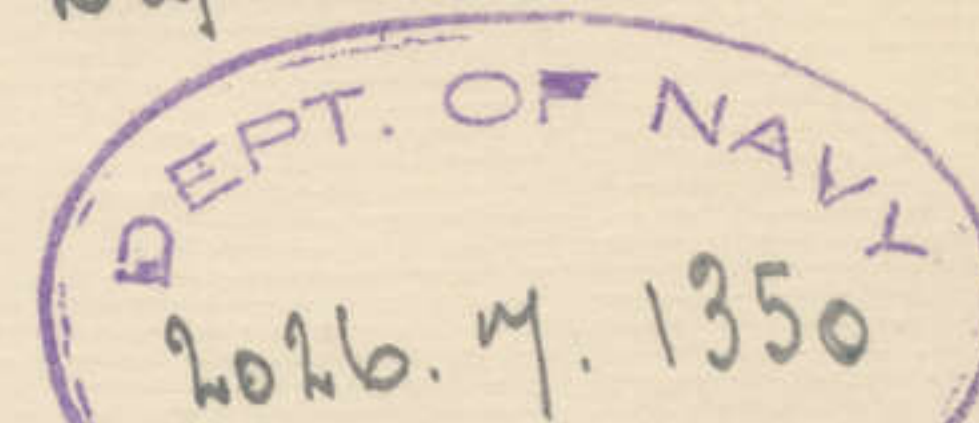
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COMMANDING OFFICER,  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD"



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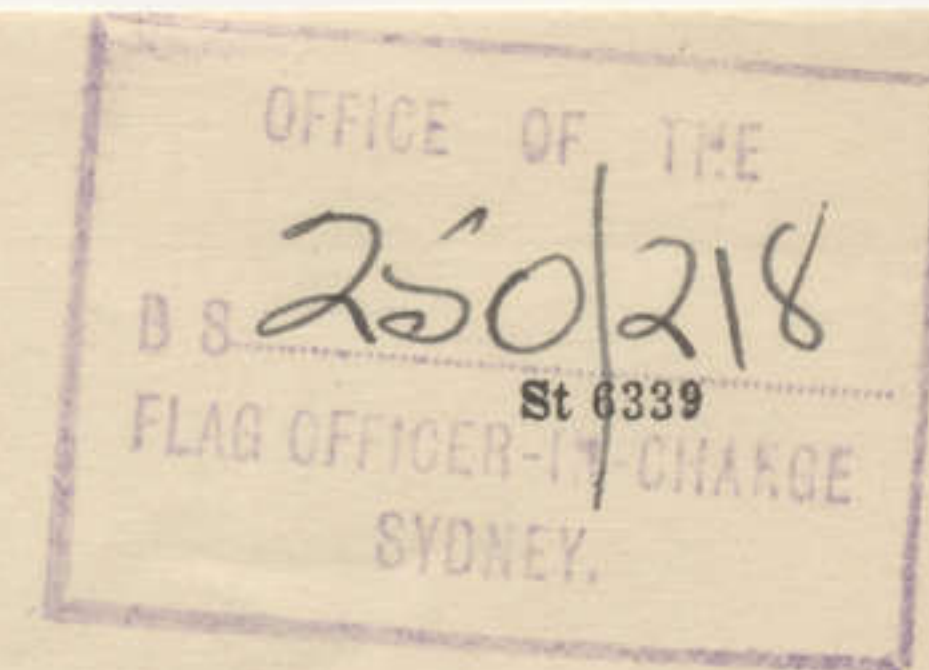
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

Date 10 May 1945 Reference No. T/91/129

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL - H.M.A.S.  
"AIR BIRD"

Submitted for information the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of April from  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harvey John Smith".

a/Commander, R.N.



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From... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD"  
 Date... 2 May 1945 Reference No.....  
 To... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".  
 Subject... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1945

## Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" was commissioned on  
 the 28th March 1945.

2. Since that date the crew has been occupied in storing and general duties about the ship.
3. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.
4. Tests of part of Wireless equipment have been carried out by Shore Staff and these were satisfactory. Model T.C.S. 6 remains to be tested. I.F.F. installations were also tested and found satisfactory. New slings have been fitted to the cradle in preparation for lifting on to Garden Island for "Pheenorocking".
5. Fire drill was carried out on the 5th, 11th, 20th, and 26th of the month and results were of a good standard.
6. The conduct and morale of the crew is good.
7. Long leave was granted to three ratings during this period.
8. With the exception of Leading Stoker Whittaker, who was despatched to 120 A.G.H. for special treatment, the health of the ship's company is satisfactory.
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Distance steamed for month	-	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning		
28th March 1945	-	Nil
Hours under way for month	-	Nil
Hours under way since commissioning	-	Nil
Average fuel consumption	-	Nil
Average speed	-	Nil

(SGD) D. FARQUHAR.

Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.  
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL - H.M.A.S.  
"AIR BIRD"

Submitted for information the attached  
report of proceedings for the month of April from  
H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD".

*[Signature]*

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



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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1945

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR BIRD" was commissioned on the 28th March 1945.

2. Since that date the crew has been occupied in storing and general duties about the ship.

3. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

4. Tests of part of Wireless equipment have been carried out by Shore Staff and these were satisfactory. Model T.C.S. 6 remains to be tested. I.F.F. installations were also tested and found satisfactory. New slings have been fitted to the cradle in preparation for lifting on to Garden Island for "Pheencrocking".

5. Fire drill was carried out on the 5th, 11th, 20th, and 26th of the month and results were of a good standard.

6. The conduct and morale of the crew is good.

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