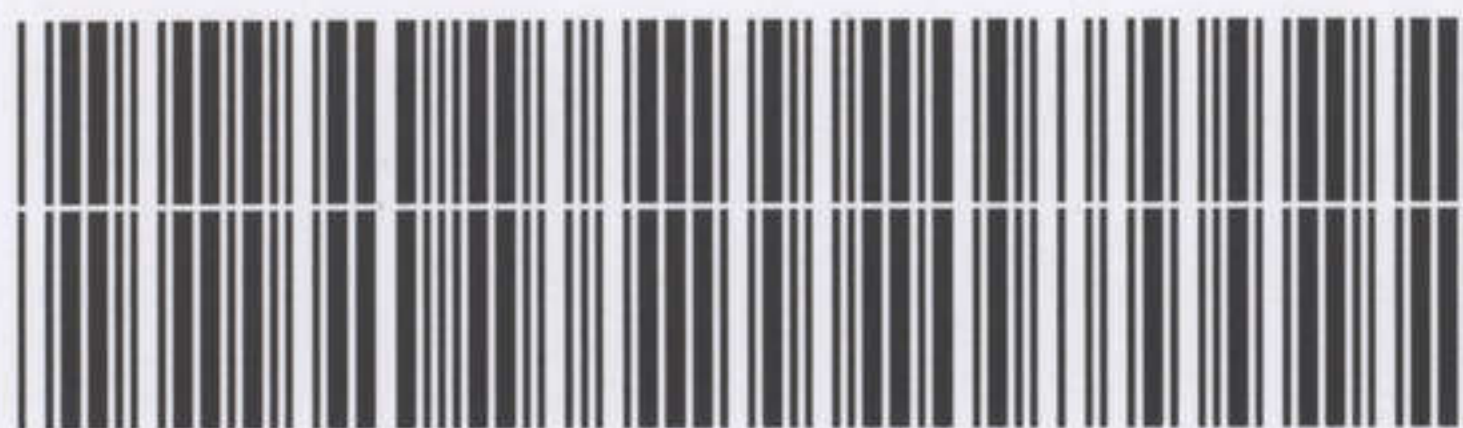


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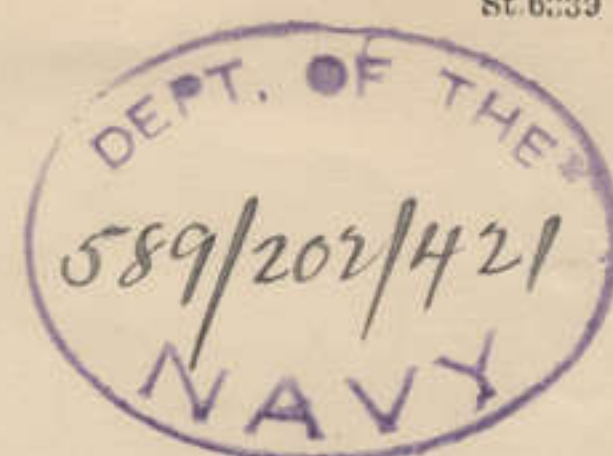
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"

Date 2ND JULY, 1946

Reference No.

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, (THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE DARWIN).

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1946

Submitted: The first 12 days of June, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" was berthed at the Main Wharf, Darwin. On 12th June, slipped and proceeded to Fairmile slipway for periodical careening of the hull. As the ship was hauled up the slipway, it was found that the ship was settling with the rudders on a crossbeam of the cradle. When the ship was clear of the water, two wedges were cut from the crossbeam and the rudders freed of any weight. On the 13th of June the ship entered the water from the slipway and steered by main engine returned to Main Wharf. On the following day (14th June) slipped and proceeded back to the Fairmile slipway where we slipped in such a position that the rudders could be removed. On the following day (Saturday 15th June, 1946), the rudders were removed and found to be slightly bent. Our spare rudder and that of H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" were fitted and the old rudders, one of which was given to H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" while the other was retained on board, were marked "damaged". The same evening the ship reentered the water and returned to her berth at Main Wharf, Darwin, having scraped and anti-fouled the hull during the two days on the slip.

On Sunday, 16th June, 1946, proceeded on rudder trials for 1½ hours. Rudders behaved satisfactorily.

The ship remained alongside from 16th till 30th June when on the latter date we slipped and proceeded to Marsh Shoal Light to return to the berth at Main wharf some three hours later. Engines behaved satisfactorily.

The condition of the hull appears satisfactory although a tingle was required on the Port quarter when the ship slipped; the damaged wood was very soft in places.

The conduct and health of the Ship's Company continues to be good, although morale appears to be only fair.

Hours hunder way for month	7 hours
" " " since commissioning	693 "
Distance steamed for month	93 miles
" " " since commissioning	10209 "
Average fuel consumption for month	40 gallons per hour
Average speed for month	1.3 knots

[Signature]
SUB LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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SUBJECT:

H.M.A.S.

"Air Cloud"

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

November 1946

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SUBJECT: Amas "Air Cloud" Report of Proceedings October 1946

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H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" LETTER DATED 7TH NOVEMBER, 1946.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1946.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,
Darwin.....N.T.
7th November, 1946.

Bodger
Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".
 Date 7th November, 1946. Reference No. D.N.600/1.
 To The Secretary, Naval Board. (through Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin.)
 Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1946.

SUBMITTED:

On 2nd October H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" slipped from the main wharf, Darwin, and proceeded on a three hour run to return at 1659.

2. On 20th October the tanker M.V. "Dorcasia" berthed at Main Wharf to discharge gasoline. Consequently, after the Ships Companies had berthed the tanker, "Air Master" and "Air Cloud" slipped and proceeded to C.T. Jetty of Main Wharf securing there at 1515 in order to be out of the danger area where no naked lights may be shown. On 22nd October both ships returned to their normal berth.

3. On 28th October, at 0940, Group Captain Leren, R.A.A.F., Air Officer Commanding North Western Area, arrived onboard, was conducted over the ship, and taken for a 50 minute run to give him some idea of the performance, construction and routine of A.S.R. craft.

4. On 30th October "Air Cloud" slipped from Main Wharf at 0750 and proceeded to slipway, where the ship slipped as soon as "Air Master" was clear of the approaches. "Air Master" had been in the slip for the preceeding two days. Quarterly kareening was carried out and at 0820 the following morning (31st October) "Air Cloud" returned to berth alongside "Air Master" at the Main Wharf.

5. It was observed whilst on the slip that where minor repairs to the hull below waterline were required, in two places the hull was found to be worm-eaten. It is not known to what extent the worms have spread, but the ship appears to be quite seaworthy.

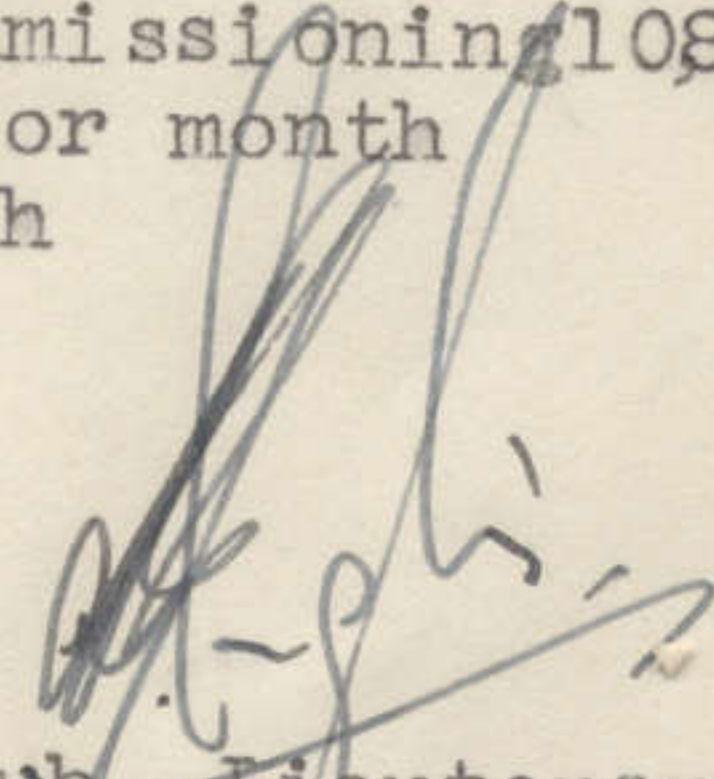
6. Whilst on the slip it was also observed that on the Port propellor there is slight corrosion at the base of two of the blades. This was pointed out to the Base Engineer Officer but is not considered dangerous.

7. The engines have been running satisfactorily and appear to be in good condition.

8. The conduct and health of the ship's company has been generally good, with the exception of one case of dengue fever, who was admitted to Darwin Hospital for a week. The morale of the ship's Company is fair.

9. A recreation party was sent to Night Cliffs for a weekend during the month and the ship's company has taken part in boxing and deck tennis on the wharf, while swimming parties have gone ashore to Mendil Beach.

Hours under way for the month	5½ hours
Hours under way since commissioning	738 hours
Distance steamed for the month	87 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	10818 miles
Average fuel consumption for month	48 galls per hour
Average speed for the month	16 knots.


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

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SUBJECT:

H.M.A.S.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

September 1946

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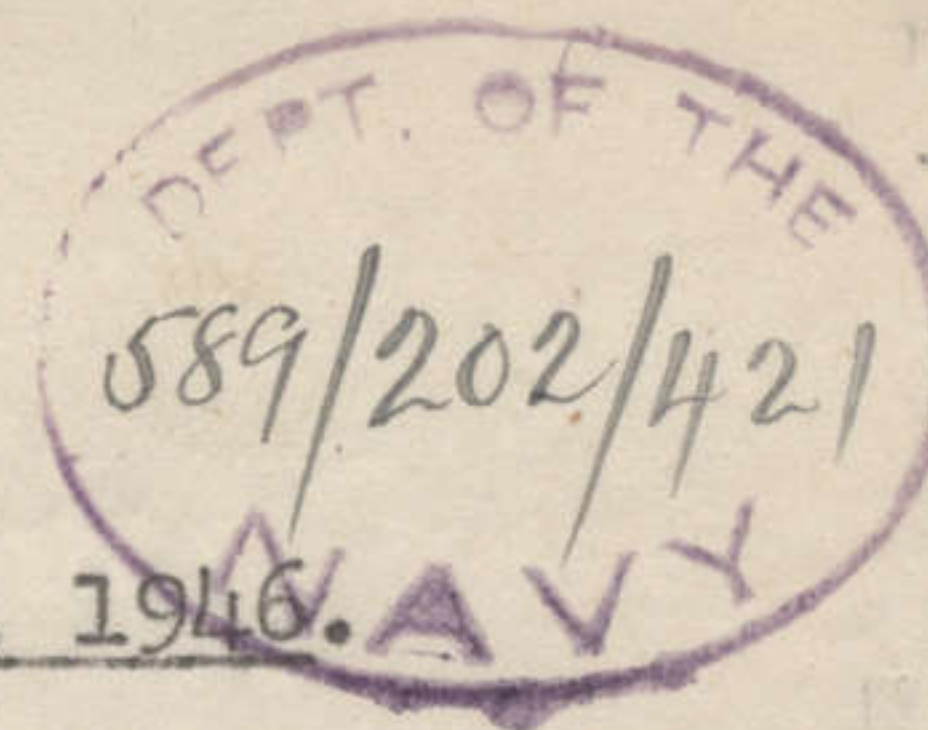
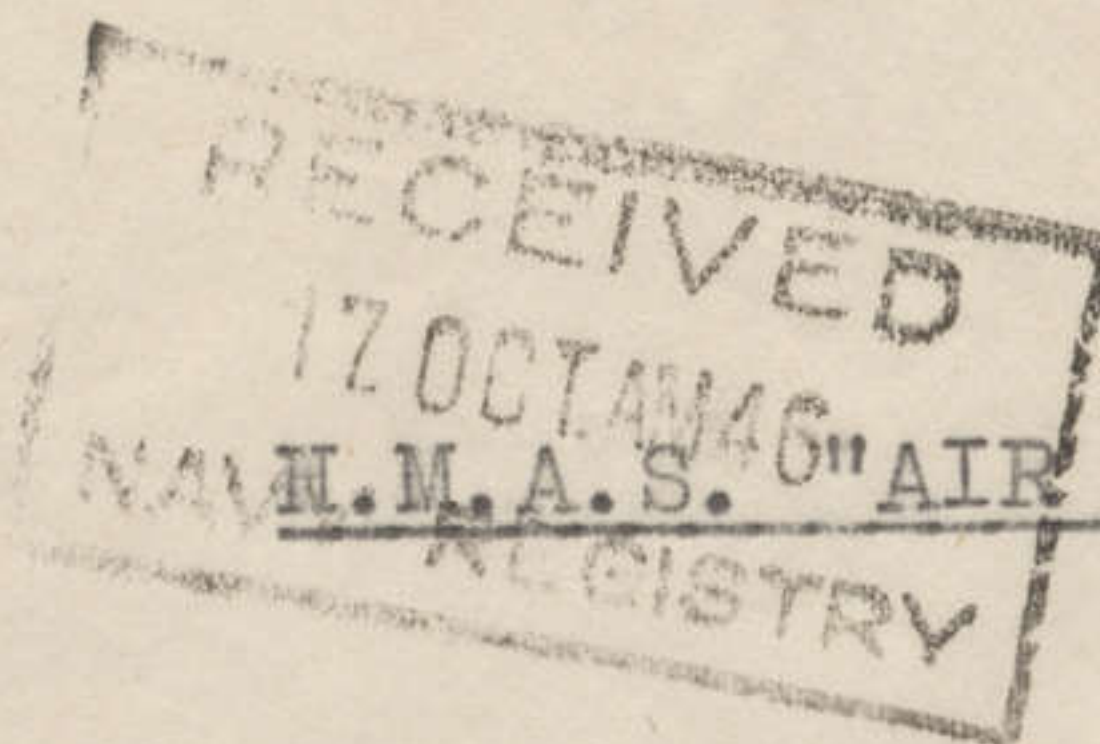
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H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" LETTER DATED 7TH OCTOBER, 1946.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1946.

DN. 600/1.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

Boyer
CAPTAIN.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
12th October, 1946.

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"Air Cloud"

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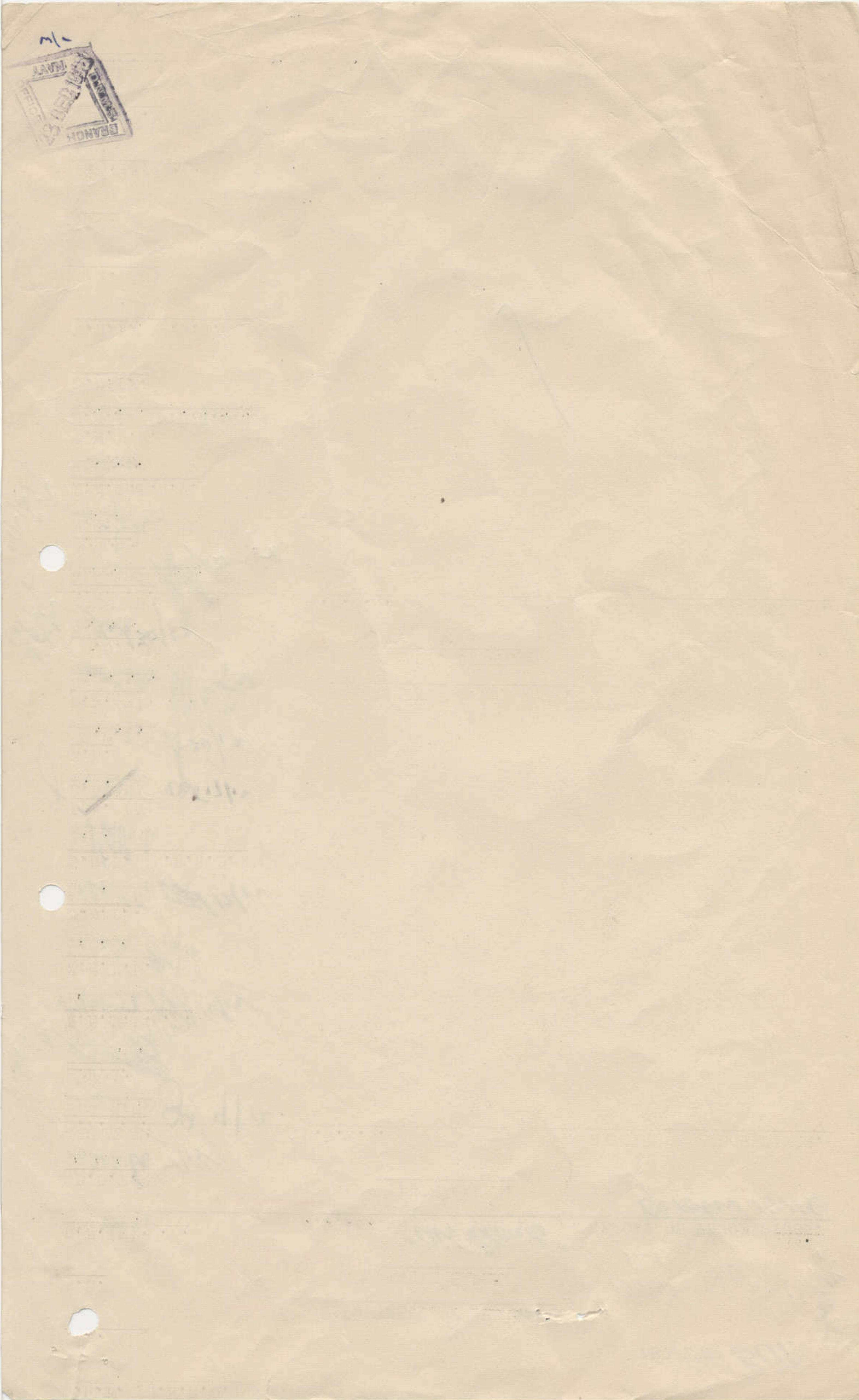
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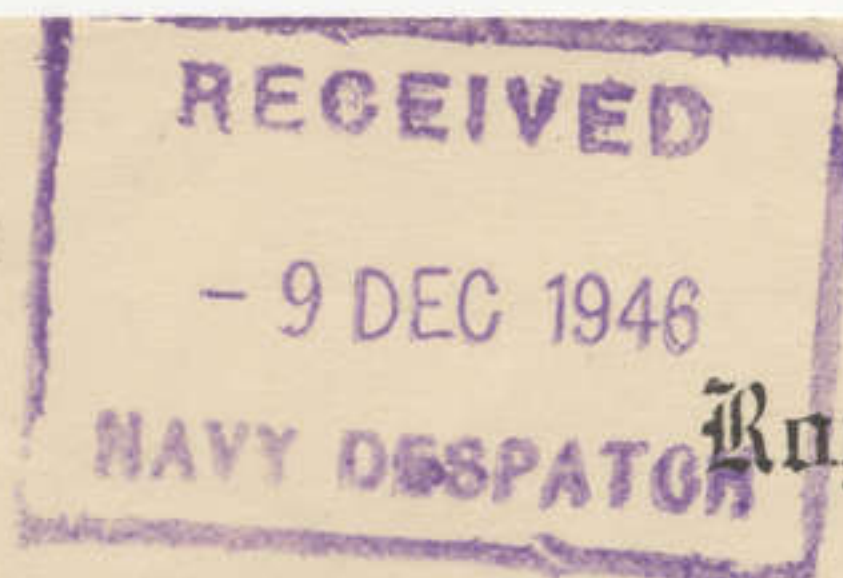
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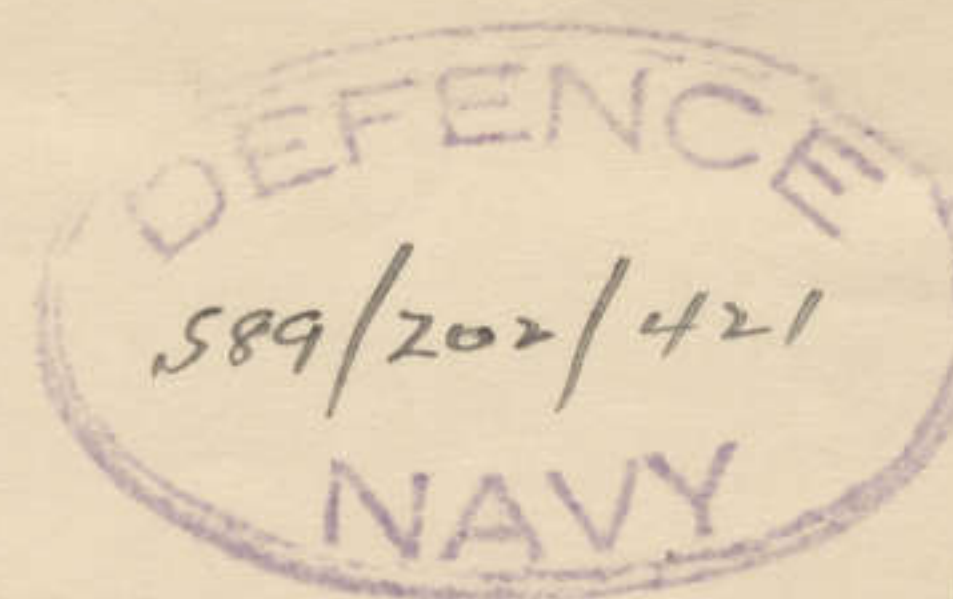
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H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" LETTER DATED 3RD DECEMBER 1946.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1946.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*Attached
ON requisition*

Naval Headquarters,
Darwin..... N.T.
6th. December 1946.

[Signature]
CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From... Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"
 Date... 3rd December 1946 Reference No... DN 600/1
 To... Secretary, Naval Board (through N.O.I.C.D.)
 Subject... Monthly report proceedings - November 1946.

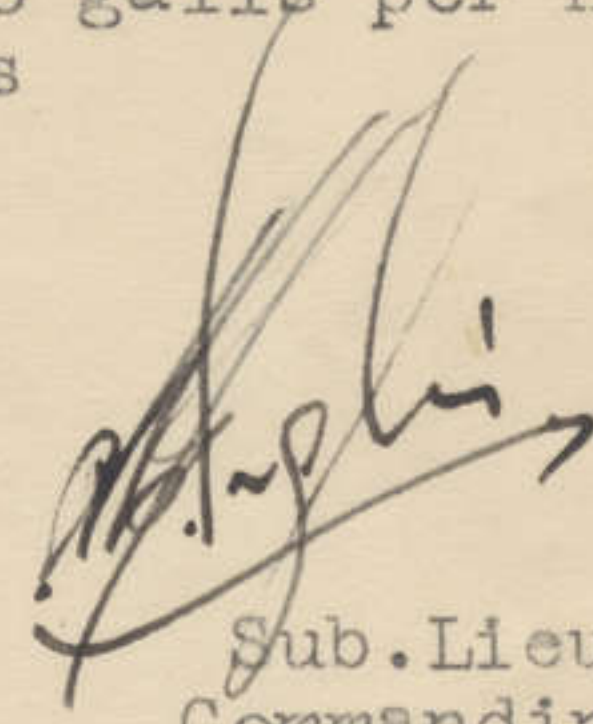
Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" lay alongside the Main Wharf, Darwin from 1st. to 20th November, when she slipped and proceeded in the forenoon to swing compasses and in the afternoon on a three hour run. This was the only run carried out during month. The engines behaved satisfactorily.

On 18th November, Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin, granted 48 hours availability for a 100 hour overhaul which was completed on 19th November.

The conduct and health of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

Hours under way for month	-	4 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.
" " " since commissioning	-	742 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.
Distance steamed per month	-	83 miles
" " " since commissioning	-	10902 miles
Average fuel consumption for month	-	46 galls per hour.
Average speed per month	-	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots


 Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.R.
 Commanding Officer.

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H.M.A.S. "air blond"

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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D.E. (N) 10/9/46

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY, 1946

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
8th August, 1946

Boyer
CAPTAIN
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Commonwealth of Australia.

Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".Date 5th September, 1946. Reference No. DN.600/1.To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, DARWIN.Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946.**SUBMITTED:**

On 4th August, 1946, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" slipped from the main wharf, Darwin, and in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" proceeded on a two hour run in rehearsal for the visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester.

The ship remained at her berth at Main Wharf until 18th August, when at 1330 she slipped and proceeded to the Refitting Jetty in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER". At 1555 the ship slipped two minutes before the Royal Party boarded H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"; the ships proceeded in company on the pre-arranged course around the harbour, returning to the Refitting Jetty to land official passengers before returning to berth at the Main Wharf at 1745.

The ship's company has taken part in organized sport throughout the month, and two football matches have been played.

The conduct, health and morale of the ship's Company continues to be good.

The condition of the hull appears satisfactory, and both engines are running smoothly.

Hours under Way for month	4½ hours
" " " since commissioning	720 "
Distance steamed for month	80 miles
" " " since commissioning	10,631 "
Average fuel consumption for month	39 galls. per hour
" " speed	18 knots.

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

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H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" LETTER DATED 5th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
10th September, 1946.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From... COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

Date... 7th October, 1946. Reference No... DN.600/1.

To... THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
DARWIN.

Subject... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

SUBMITTED:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" lay alongside H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" until 5th September, when at 1725 both ships slipped and proceeded to rescue survivors of a C.47 which crashed off East Point. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" picked up two survivors, and the Civil Aviation launch picked up the remaining three, but transferred them to "AIR MASTER" after fouling their propellor with a rope. The airmen were returned to Refit Jetty where an ambulance awaited them. "AIR MASTER" and "AIR CLOUD" returned to berth at Main Wharf.

2. On 11th September "AIR CLOUD" slipped at 1705 and proceeded to Refitting Jetty to embark Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin and party. Slipping from the Refit Jetty at 1750, proceeded to circle the small convoy then sailing from Darwin; the convoy consisted of H.M.A.S. "KANGAROO" with the coal lighter "APER" in tow H.M.A. Tug "WAREE", H.M.A. MSL 702, and two small civilian craft. "AIR CLOUD" returned to Refit Jetty to land Naval Officer in Charge and party at 1850, and then returned to berth at Main Wharf.

3. On 19th September "AIR CLOUD" assumed duties of Control Boat for the Civil Aviation flying boats, as their own launch was under repair. Slipping at 1605 "AIR CLOUD" attended a landing and returned to berth at 1700. At 1840 we slipped again and attended the take off of the same plane. Attended a second landing, slipping at 2200 and berthing at 0040; slipped at 0125 for take off of second flying boat, returning to berth at Main Wharf at 0340.

4. On the following day 20th September, slipped at 2000 to attend landing returning at 2250. Slipped at 0015 for take off, and returned to berth at 0100.

5. During these operations a Control Officer and a telegraphist from Civil Aviation were borne.


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6. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company continues to be generally good, while morale is fair.

7. A deck tennis court has been rigged on the wharf, and the Ship's Company has taken part in both this sport and boxing.

8. The engines are both behaving satisfactorily, and the condition of the hull appears to be fairly good.

Hours under Way for month	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
" " " since commissioning	732 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Distance steamed for month	100 miles
" " " since commissioning	10,731 "
Average fuel consumption for month	21.5 galls.per hour
Average speed for month	8 knots.


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

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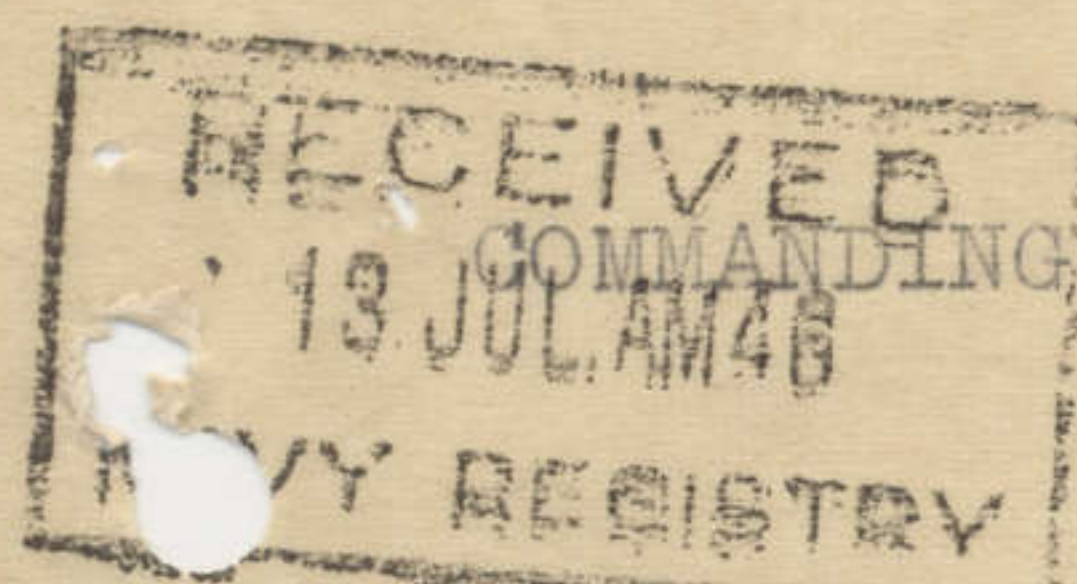
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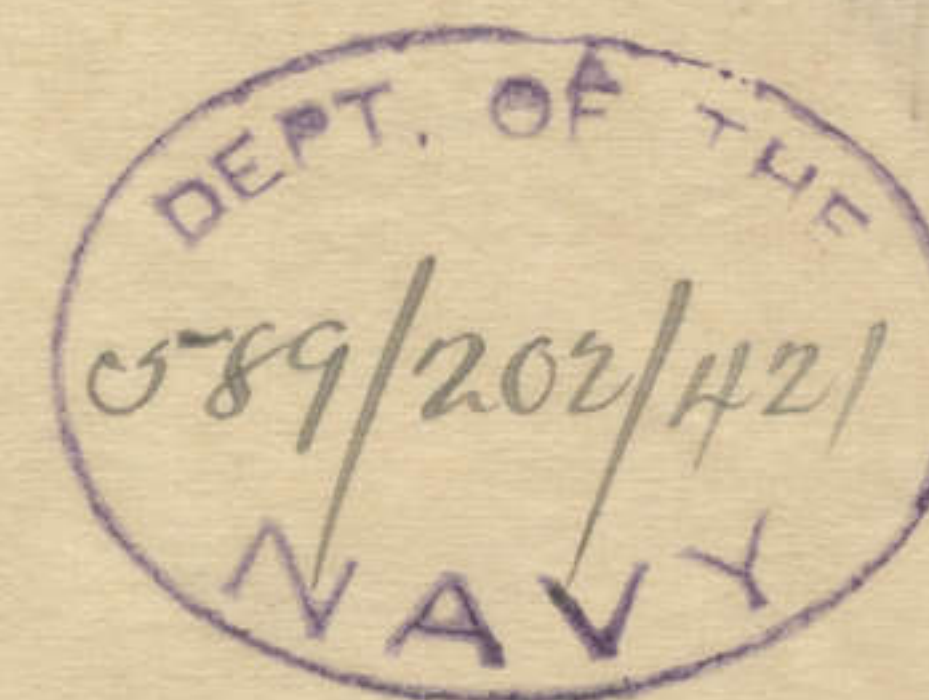
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COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD'S". LETTER DATED
2nd JULY, 1946.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1946.



DN.600/1.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. The damage to the rudders of this vessel was caused
by the inexperience of the personnel which it is found necessary
to employ on this work.

*Attached
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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
10th July, 1946.

R. Dozer
CAPTAIN.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"

2ND JULY, 1946

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, (THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
DARWIN).
MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1946

Submitted: The first 12 days of June, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" was berthed at the Main Wharf, Darwin. On 12th June, slipped and proceeded to Fairmile slipway for periodical careening of the hull. As the ship was hauled up the slipway, it was found that the ship was settling with the rudders on a crossbeam of the cradle. When the ship was clear of the water, two wedges were cut from the crossbeam and the rudders freed of any weight. On the 13th of June the ship entered the water from the slipway and steered by main engine returned to Main Wharf. On the following day (14th June) slipped and proceeded back to the Fairmile slipway where we slipped in such a position that the rudders could be removed. On the following day (Saturday 15th June, 1946), the rudders were removed and found to be slightly bent. Our spare rudder and that of H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" were fitted and the old rudders, one of which was given to H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" while the other was retained on board, were marked "damaged". The same evening the ship reentered the water and returned to her berth at Main Wharf, Darwin, having scraped and anti-fouled the hull during the two days on the slip.

On Sunday, 16th June, 1946, proceeded on rudder trials for 1½ hours. Rudders behaved satisfactorily.

The ship remained alongside from 16th till 30th June when on the latter date we slipped and proceeded to Marsh Shoal Light to return to the berth at Main wharf some three hours later. Engines behaved satisfactorily.

The condition of the hull appears satisfactory although a tingle was required on the Port quarter when the ship slipped; the damaged wood was very soft in places.

The conduct and health of the Ship's Company continues to be good, although morale appears to be only fair.

Hours hunder way for month	7 hours
" " " since commissioning	693 "
Distance steamed for month	93 miles
" " " since commissioning	10209 "
Average fuel consumption for month	40 gallons per hour
Average speed for month	14.3 knots



[Signature]
SUB-LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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SUBJECT:

H.M.A.S.

'Air blood'

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

June, 1946.

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

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Royal Australian Navy.

From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"

Date 5TH AUGUST, 1946 Reference No.

To SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD (THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
DARWIN).

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1946

Submitted:

On 6th July, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" proceeded to sea for a three hour run to test the r.p.m. speed table. Engines behaved satisfactorily.

2. On 16th July, the Base Engineer Officer went aboard H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" in the company of which we proceeded for a three hour run to further verify the r.p.m. speed table. During this run a short burst of speed was made at maximum speed; the engine reached 1925 r.p.m.

3. At 2215 the same day the ship was brought to immediate notice for sea, and at 0055 on the 17th we slipped and proceeded to Napier Bay on the East Coast of Melville Island to bring off a party who had gone aground on a sandbar and were reported to be unable to float their landing barge. As dawn broke we sighted Cape Keith and at 0740 sighted the flashing light of a mirror from the shore. At 0825, anchored in 4 fathoms of water well offshore and proceeded inshore in the dinghy to investigate party. The party consisted of three people, Mr. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett-Reid all of whom were in good health ready to come aboard H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD". At 1025 weighed and proceeded to Darwin securing alongside H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" at the Main Wharf at 1510.

4. On 24th July slipped and proceeded to a buoy off Refitting Jetty where Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin came aboard. Proceeded on the 2 hour run around the harbour as proposed for the visit of the Governor General.

5. On 31st July, slipped and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" on a trial run similar to that carried out on 24th. On Friday 5th July Leading Seaman L.R. Green, O.N. 23581, joined and assumed duties as coxswain. Petty Officer R.B. Sperring was discharged to H.M.A.S. "MELVILLE" for onward passage to H.M.A.S. "LONSDALE" for demobilisation.

6. A party of four ratings spent a weekend at the Naval recreational area at Nightsciff in the latter part of the month, and all hands have taken in organised sport during the month.

7. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company continues to be generally good and their morale appears to have greatly improved.

8. Hours under way for month 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
 " " " since commissioning 715 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
 Distance steamed for month 342 miles
 " " since commissioning 10551 "
 Average fuel consumption for month 42 gallons per hr.
 " Speed " " 15.2 knots



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

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

1st June, 1946

The Secretary, NAVAL BOARD. (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge
DARWIN).

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1946

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" lay alongside Main Wharf until 6th May when she was towed by H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" to the refitting jetty to commence engine change. On the following day, 7th May, the old engines were removed, and two days later, 9th May, the new engines were lowered into place.

2. On 16th May Sub Lieutenant M.J. Inglis R.A.N.R. assumed command from Lieutenant C.E. Lockhart, R.A.N.R.

3. The main engines were started on 17th May and run for two hours. On 18th May, commenced running in of engines, by three hours steaming within the harbour limits returning to berth alongside H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" at Main Wharf.

4. On Sunday, 19th May, proceeded to Cape Fourcroy, Bathurst Island for ten hour engine trials returning to berth at Main Wharf at 1830. Engines behaved satisfactorily.

5. The condition of the hull appears satisfactory. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company appears generally good.

6.	Distance steamed for month	177 miles
	" " since commissioning	10118 "
	Hours under way for month	13 hours
	" " since commissioning	686 "
	Average fuel consumption for month	45 gallons per hour
	Average speed for month	14 knots

COMMANDING OFFICER
C. J. Inglis
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"
SUB LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.

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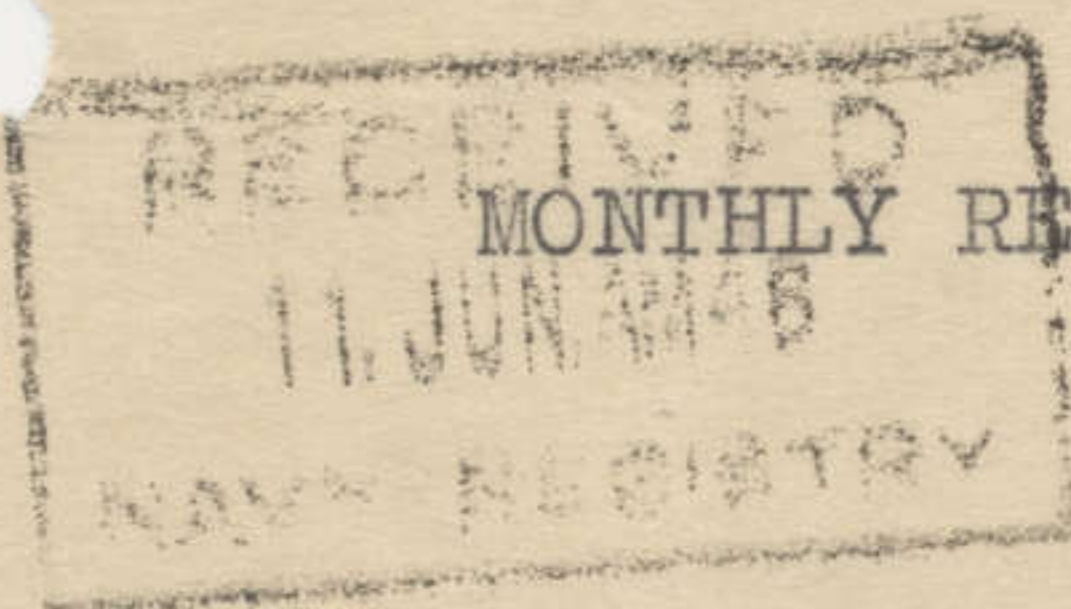
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Naval Headquarters,
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7th June, 1946
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CAPTAIN
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

1st May, 1946.

The Secretary, NAVAL BOARD. (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge Darwin).

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1946.

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" has been in Darwin for the whole of the month.

2. No operational duties have been carried out.

3. The conduct of the ship's company has been excellent and the morale fair.

4. The health of the ship's company has been generally, very good, but one rating was admitted to sick bay on 23rd April with ear trouble. He has since returned to the ship.

5. The condition of the ship is satisfactory and it is anticipated that the main engines will be changed in the very near future. New engines have already arrived in Darwin per M.V. "REYNELLA".

6. Distance steamed for the month 10 miles
" " " since commissioning
(20th October, 1944) 9985 miles
Hours under way for month $\frac{3}{4}$ hour
" " " since commissioning 673 hours
Average Fuel consumption 2.5 gallons per mile
Average Speed 15 knots

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Naval Headquarters,
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3rd May, 1946.


A/CAPTAIN (A.O.D).
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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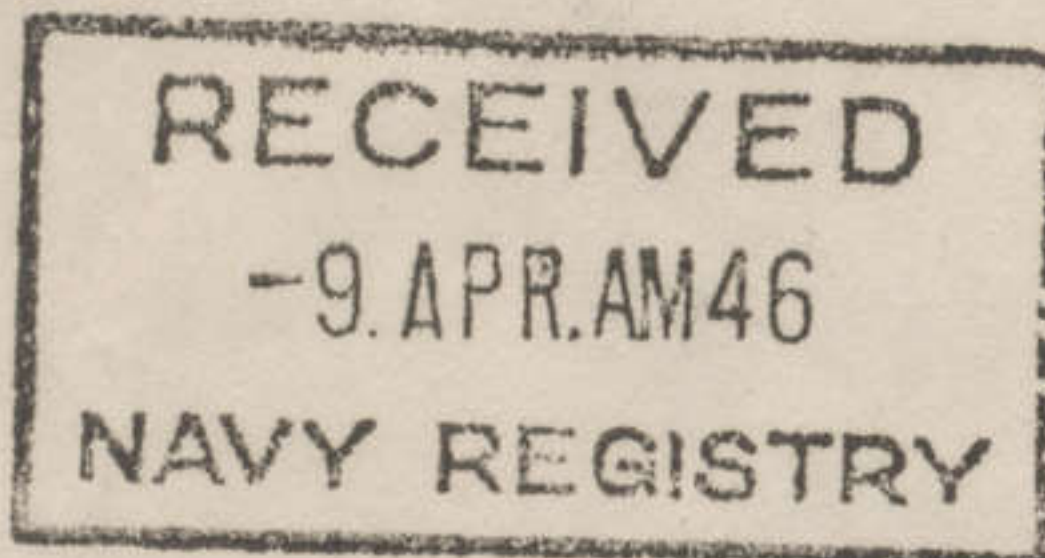
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6.	Distance steamed for the month	10 miles
	" " " since commissioning	
	(20th October, 1944)	9985 miles
	Hours under way for month	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	" " " since commissioning	673 hours
	Average Fuel consumption	2.5 gallons per mile
	Average Speed	15 knots

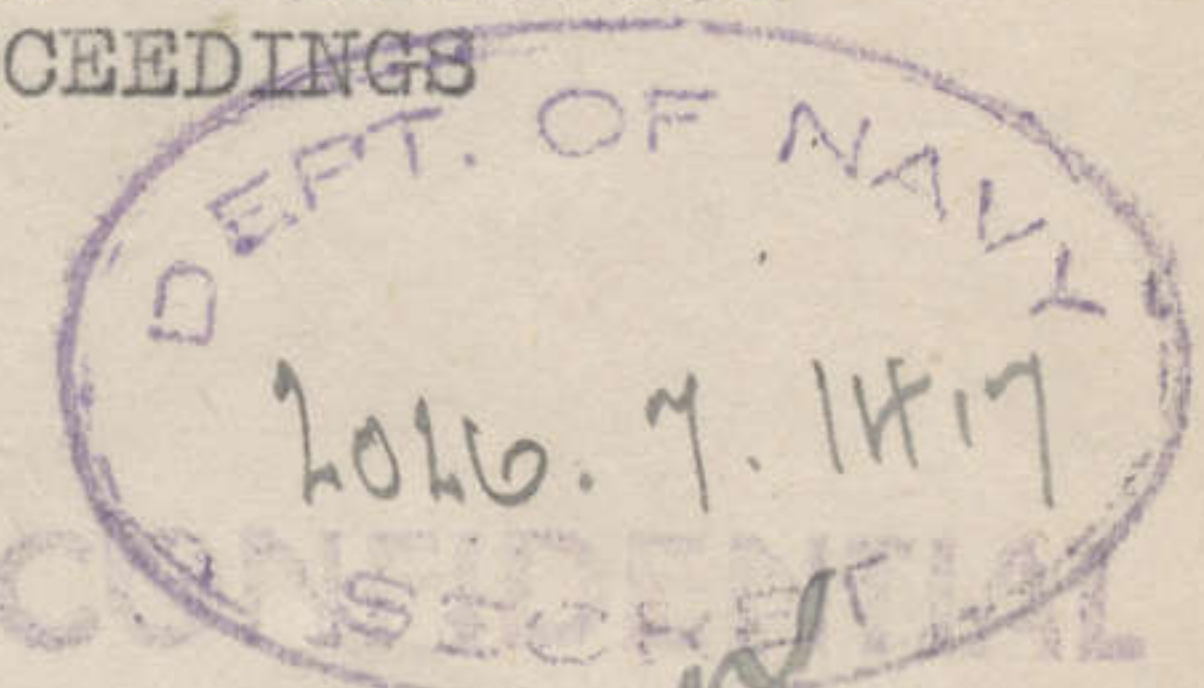
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LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.
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The Secretary,
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Naval Headquarters,
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3rd April, 1946.

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

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The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".
3rd February 1946.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

(Through The Naval Officer in Charge, Darwin).

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1946.

Submitted:

(1) H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" has remained on detached duty for most of the month. The ship departed Melville Bay on 21/1/46 arriving at Darwin 24/1/46.

(2) No A.S.R. duties have been carried out, but the ship made two trips to Groote Eylandt from Melville Bay with R.A.A.F. parties sent to the island to prepare R.A.A.F. fuel stocks for evacuation by tanker.

(3) The ship was slipped at Darwin on 31/1/46.

(4) There have been no unusual incidents during the month.

(5) The conduct of the ship's company has been good and morale fair.

(6) The health of the ship's company is very good.

(7) One rating has been drafted south for demobilisation on his relief joining on 19/1/46.

(8) Fire stations were exercised on 3rd, 10th, 7th and 25th, and drills carried out satisfactorily.

(9) The general condition of the ship is satisfactory but the motors are beginning to show signs of wear. Oil consumption is excessive and when under way, exhaust fans in the engine room have to be kept running continuously, owing to the presence of thick oil fumes.

(10)	(1)	Distance steamed for month	1043 miles
	(2)	Distance steamed since commissioning	9270 "
	(3)	Hours under way for month	49 hours
	(4)	Hours under way since commissioning	636 "
	(5)	Average fuel consumption	5.4 gal. per mile
	(6)	Average speed	17 knots.

H. Lockhart
Lieut. RANVR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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"Air Cloud"

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD". *In circulation 48 13/3/46*

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The Secretary, Naval Board (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge Darwin)

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1946.

Submitted:

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(1) At the commencement of the month H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" was on the slip at Darwin. The ship came off the slip on 5th.

(2) The starboard motor was giving trouble and after removing the cylinder head on the outboard side, an inspection revealed a burnt out piston in one cylinder. The motor is now available for running on eleven cylinders only, and after a short trial run on February 8th at speeds up to 1600 revs. it appeared that the motors ran reasonably satisfactorily at these speeds. However, a lot of oil smoke still blows back past the piston rings and compression on all cylinders is well below that laid down as normal working compression in the Hall Scott Manual. New engines are being forwarded from Sydney.

(3) The ship has been ⁱⁿharbour for the whole of the month and has not been called upon for operational duties. At the request of the R.A.A.F. the ship was placed on instant notice for several hours on the morning of the 19th.

(4) The conduct of the ship's company has been very good and morale fair.

(5) The health of the ship's company is good.

(6) One rating was drafted to "MORETON" for demobilisation and as no relief has been appropriated to date a rating has joined on loan from "Melville". Flinders Naval Depot have been requested to make a relief available. Both wireless operators have been drafted and the R.A.A.F. have not made reliefs available. One telegraphist has joined on loan from Coonawarra.

(7) The general condition of the ship is very good with the exception of the motors. The Bendix radio compass has been defective, but it is anticipated that it will be in working order within a few days.

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Mr. Smith

(8) Distance steamed for month 35 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning 9305 miles
Hours under way for month 2 hours
Hours under way since commissioning 638 hours
Average fuel consumption 3.1 gallons per mile
Average speed 17 Knots

W. Lockhart
Lieut. RANK.
Commanding Officer.
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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

Date..... 1st April 1946.

To..... The Secretary, Naval Board. (Through N.O.I.C., Darwin.)

Subject.. MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1946.

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" has been stand by A.S.R. vessel Darwin for the whole of the month.

2. On Monday the 18th inst. the ship was ordered to sea to assist G.P.V. 956, which was drifting about 25 miles south of Cape Don. The G.P.V. 956 was located and a base staff Motor Mechanic who took passage in "AIR CLOUD" put aboard. When the engine trouble had been rectified "AIR CLOUD" returned to Darwin, arriving on the morning of the 19th. March.

3. The ship again proceeded to sea on the afternoon of the 29th March and contacted H.M.A.S. "BARWON" in Port Essington at approximately 2200IK. Blacktrackers transported from Darwin to assist in the search for a missing "BARWON" rating were put aboard that ship, and "AIR CLOUD" returned to Darwin, arriving at 0600IK Saturday 30th March.

4. A further trip was made to Port Essington the same day and Engineer Lieutenant Triggs R.A.N.R.(S). took passage to join "BARWON" to relieve Engineer Lieutenant Hack R.A.N.R.(S). Engineer Lieutenant Hack boarded at Port Essington and "AIR CLOUD" returned to Darwin, arriving at 0430IK Sunday 31st March.

5. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been excellent and morale fair.

6. One rating has been receiving treatment ashore for an infected ear, otherwise the health of the Ship's Company has been very good. The Motor Mechanic sustained a slight injury to his hand, which necessitated one stitch, whilst working in the engine room on 11th March but he has recovered satisfactorily.

7. "AIR CLOUD" has now completed over 10 months in the Darwin area, and with the exception of the main motors the condition of the ship is very good. The new motors to which reference was made in my February Report have not yet arrived from Sydney. The "Onan" generator was top overhauled during the month.

8.	Distance steamed for Month.....	670 miles.
	Distance steamed since Commissioning (20/10/44).....	9975 miles.
	Hours under way for month.....	34 hours.
	Hours under way since commissioning.....	672 hours.
	Average fuel consumption.....	3 Gals per mile.
	Average speed.....	19 knots.

K. Hockhart
Lieutenant R.A.N.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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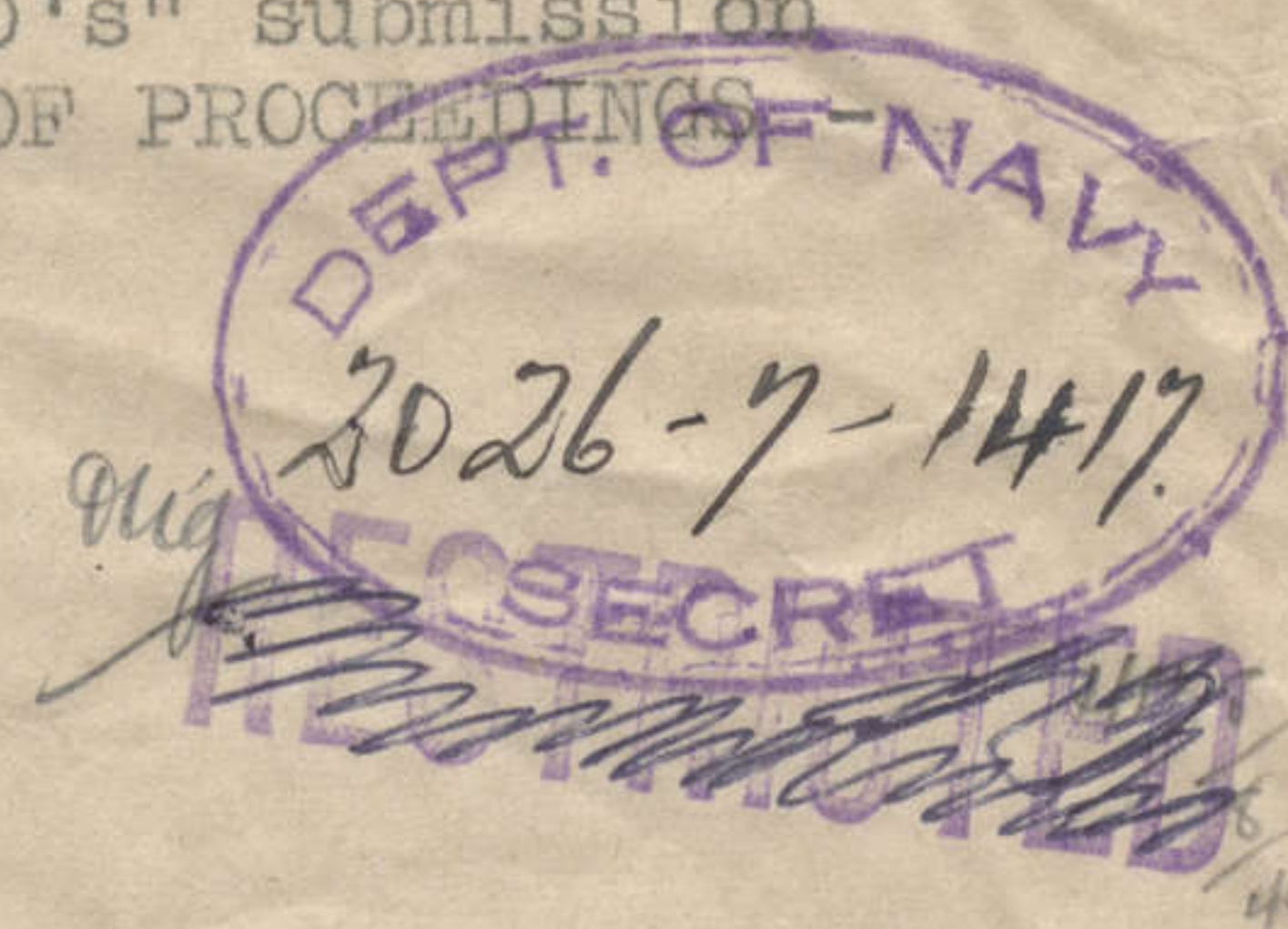
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for information of the Naval Board.

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A/CAPTAIN.
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
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Naval Headquarters,
Darwin. N.T.
18th January, 1946.

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FROM: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

DATE: 2nd January, 1946.

TO: The Secretary, NAVAL BOARD, (Through N.O.I.C., Darwin.)

SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1945.

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" has been on detached duty at Melville Bay for the whole of December.

2. During that period the ship has not been called upon for any A.S.R. operations, but has made three trips to Groote Eylandt, the first on December 1st, returning to Melville Bay on December 5th with R.A.A.F. personnel aboard. (The R.A.A.F. station was handed back to the Civil Aviation Dep't on that date). The second was made on December 13th when it was necessary to transport a R.A.A.F. Medical Officer to Groote Eylandt to treat a civilian badly burnt in a petrol explosion. The ship sailed for Melville Bay on December 15th for further supplies of blood plasma and penicillin returning to Groote Eylandt the same day. The patient was moved to Darwin by Catalina on 14th, and ship returned to Melville Bay on 15th.

3. There have been no unusual incidents during the month.

4. The conduct of the ship's company has been good, and morale fair.

5. The health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

6. Fire stations were exercised on 12th, 19th and 27th, and the drills were carried out in an efficient manner.

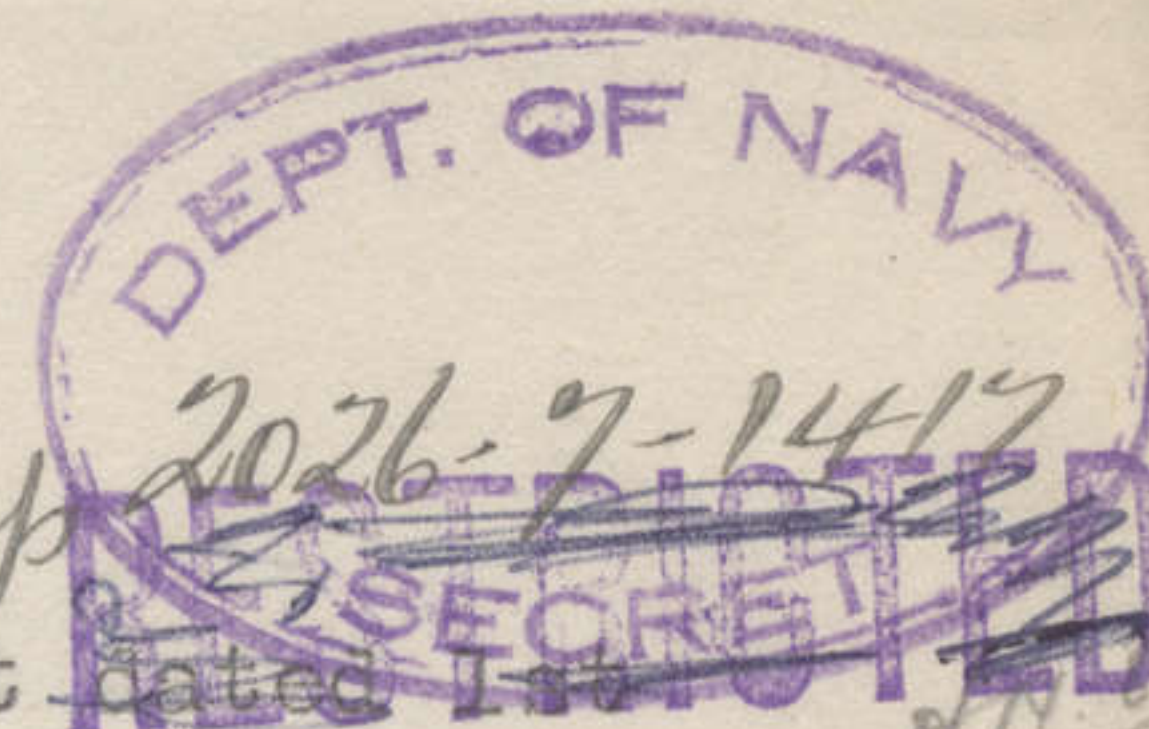
7. The "Bendi" radio compass has been defective for several weeks. (Ref. my 210406 to NOIC, Darwin (R) H.Q.N.W.A., R.A.A.F.) but the remainder of the ship's machinery and equipment is working well.

8.	(i)	Distance steamed for month	-	763 miles
	(ii)	" " since commissioning	-	8237 miles
	(iii)	Hours under way for month	-	40 hours
	(iv)	" " " since commissioning	-	587 hours
	(v)	Average fuel consumption	-	2.95 gals per mile.
	(vi)	Average speed	-	19 knots.

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(Sgd.) C.R. Lockhart
Lieutenant, R.A.N.R.

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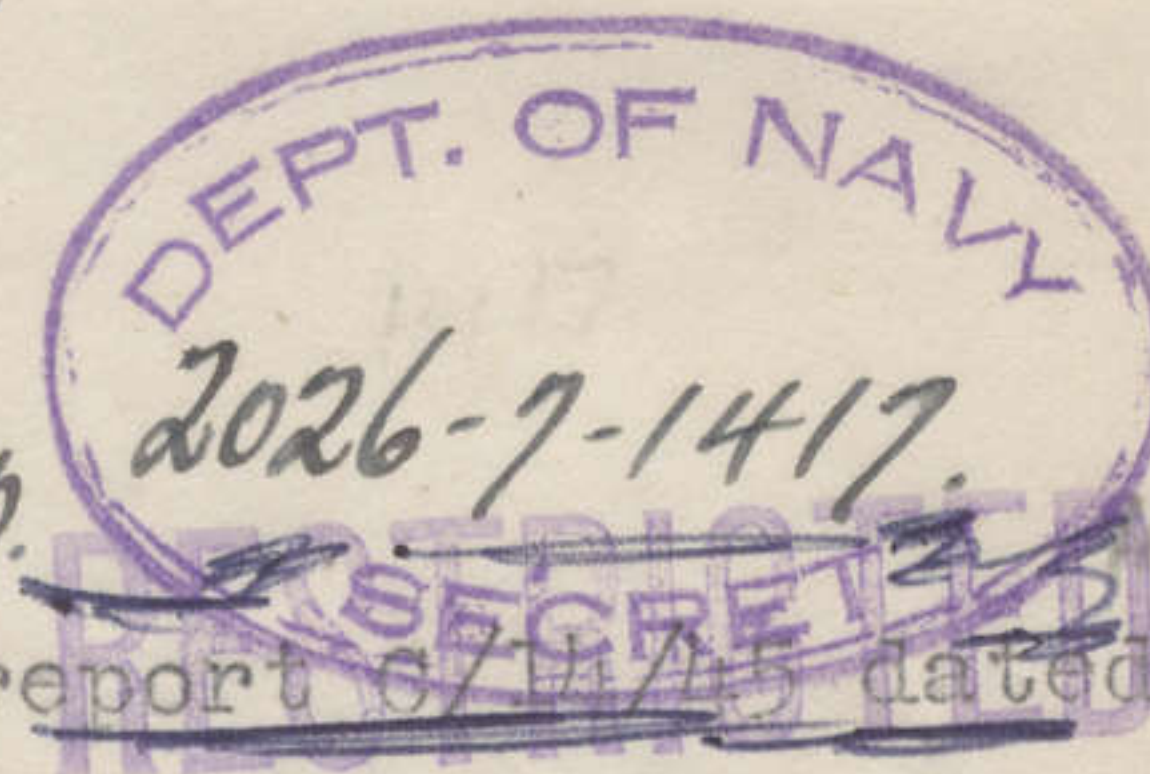
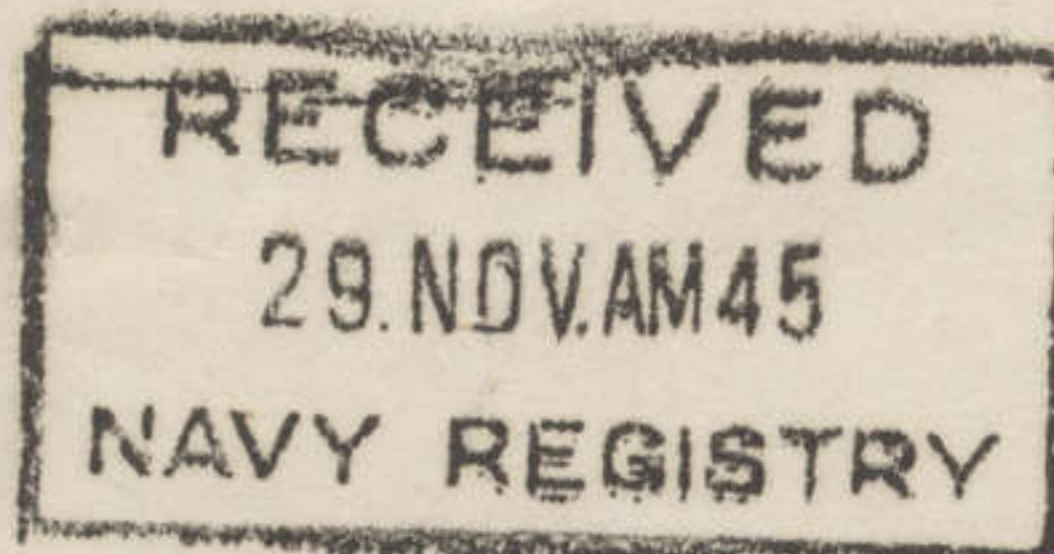
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L. B. G. J.
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
12th October 1945.

As is J. Smith

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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"'s report 6/11/45 dated 3rd November 1945.)

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1945.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
23rd November 1945.

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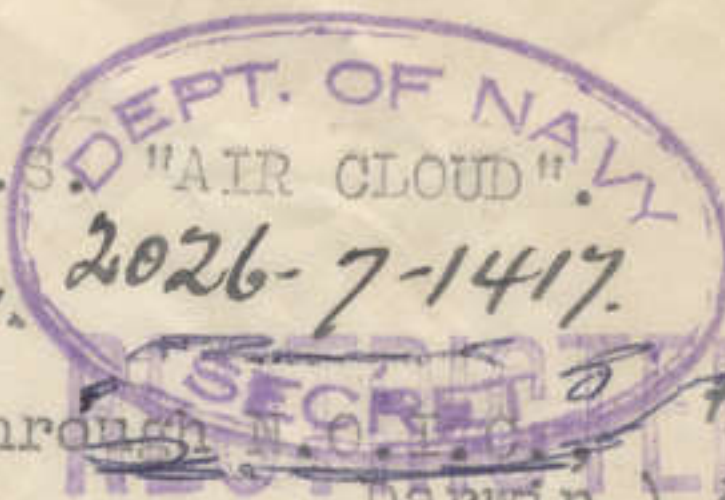
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From.....The commanding officer, H.M.A.S.

Date.....3rd December, 1945.

To.....The Secretary, Naval Board. (Through Darwin.)

Subject.....Monthly report of Proceedings - November, 1945.



Submitted:

After completion of top overhaul, "Air Cloud" remained in Darwin until Monday 12th November, when, under the temporary command of Lieutenant L.K. Williams R.A.N.R., the ship proceeded to Millingimbi, arriving 13th November and thence after refuelling, to Melville Bay on 14th November.

2. Lieutenant C.R. Lockhart R.A.N.R. assumed command on 16th November and Lieutenant L.K. Williams was despatched to Darwin by aircraft on the 19th November to rejoin "Air View".

3. At 1430 on 18th November the ship proceeded to the assistance of R.A.A.F. craft "Emerellis" which was reported by a Catalina to be in difficulties about 15 miles north of Groote Eylandt. However, "Emerellis" reached Port Langdon under sail at dusk, and at 2215, after searching the reported area, "Air Cloud" also anchored in Port Langdon. On the morning of the 19th November R.A.A.F. personnel were taken off the "Emerellis" and landed at R.A.A.F. Station, Groote Eylandt, "Air Cloud" returning to Melville Bay.

4. On 22nd November, the ship again proceeded to Groote Eylandt with the Commanding Officer of Operational Base Unit, Gove, aboard, and stores for R.A.A.F. Station, Groote Eylandt, returning on 23rd November with personnel from that station.

5. The R.A.A.F. Catalina Squadron No. 42 have now evacuated the camp at Melville Bay, and the nearest R.A.A.F. camp is now R.A.A.F. Operational Base Unit, Gove, 18 miles from Melville Bay. However, fuelling facilities have not been removed from Melville Bay and water is carried by water truck to the jetty. The Commanding Officer of Operational Base Unit has promised to make a truck available to the ship for the purpose of drawing stores, provisions etc. from Gove.

6. Conduct of the ship's Company is satisfactory and morale good.

7. The Health of the Ship's Company is also good.

8.	(i)	Distance steamed for the month	970 miles.
	(ii)	Distance steamed since commissioning	
		20th October, 1944.	7,474 miles.
	(iii)	Hours under way for month	68 hours.
	(iv)	Hours under way since commissioning.	547 hours.
	(v)	Average fuel consumption.	2.8 galls per mile.
	(vi)	Average Speed	18 knots.

(Sgd) C.R. Lockhart

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.

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

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

DATE. 1st OCTOBER. 1945.

TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY
NAVAL BOARD)

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. 1945.

Submitted:

1. On 1st September 1945, H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" was on Fairmiles slip at Darwin, having repairs made to Port underwater gear. On the 4th vessel was anti-fouled, released from slip, and berthed at C.T. Jetty.
2. On the 5th ship proceeded to sea for engine and radio trials, both being satisfactory.
3. On 6th Sept. a refrigerator was installed, and two twin .5 Browning machine guns removed by base armament staff. At 1800 I.K. ship proceeded to West Bay, arriving at 1127 I.K. on 7th.
4. On 10th Sept. ship proceeded to A.S.R. station at Butchers Bay in Vansittart Bay, and for rest of month remained at a state of extreme vigilance, as there was a continual stream of aircraft staging through.
5. On 15th Sept, course was laid for West Bay, but vessel recalled as aircraft were expected into the area.
6. Ship was sailed to West Bay for re-fueling on 21st Sept and returned to Butchers Bay on the same day. On 22nd a voyage was made into the N.W. end of Vansittart Bay for radio-compass trials.
7. On 28th Sept passage was made to West Bay, and return passage to Butchers Bay was made on the following day.
8. Conduct of ships company was excellent, morale good. Health was good with exception of C.O. S. Lieut M.C. Hines.
9. Fire and crash drills were carried out regularly during the month.

Distance steamed during month.	589 miles.
Amount of fuel consumed.	1735 gallons.
Hours under way.	39 hours.
Average speed.	15 knots.
Gallons consumed per engine hour.	44.3 gallons.

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/44 was 6, 134 miles at an average speed of 15.45 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed during that same period was 2,232 gallons.



Wm. L. Hines
★ Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.
C.O. H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud".

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2. Report referred to in paragraph 2 will be forwarded after H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" has been slipped.

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

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN, N.T.
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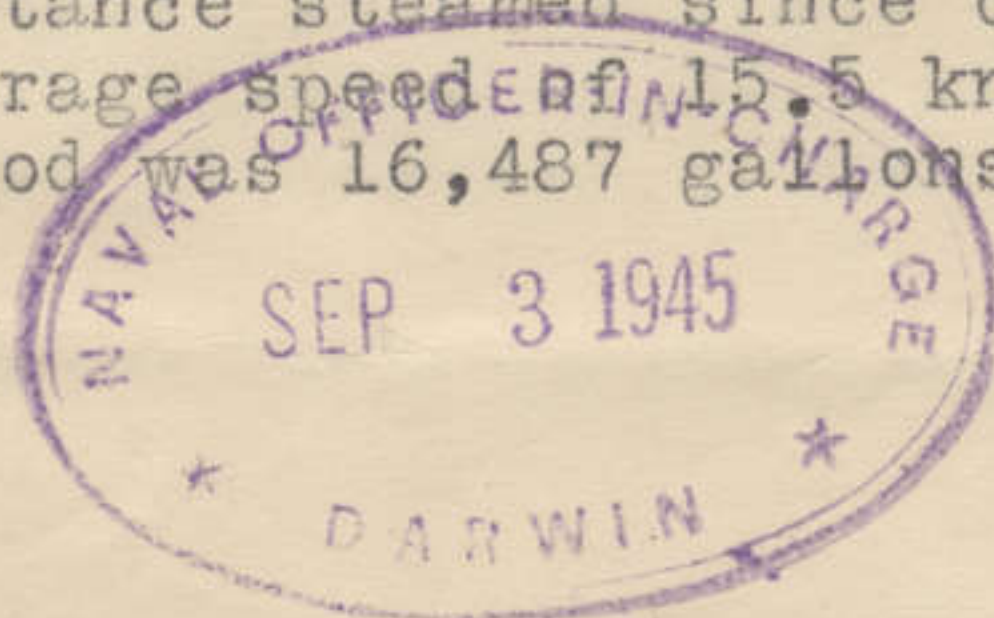
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 DATE. 1st SEPTEMBER. 1945.
 TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY,
 NAVAL BOARD).
 SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF AUGUST. 1945.

Submitted:

1. On 1st August H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" was at West Bay; returning to A.S.R. station at Butchers Bay in Vansittart Bay the same day.
 2. On 4th August voyage was made to southern end of Vansittart Bay for purpose of familiarising C.O. and RAAF officers with that area. Soundings were taken from RAAF tender, and in consequence of engine trouble with same, return to Butchers bay was made in dark hours. On this trip a submerged object was struck resulting in a jammed port shaft, bent "A" bracket and propellor. Return to mooring was made on starboard motor as the starboard underwater fittings were undamaged. N.O.I.C. Darwin was notified per signal, and a full report forwarded on the 5th August.
 3. A.S.R. station was maintained in Butchers Bay until the arrival of H.M.A.S. "Air Sailor" on 11th, when air force gear and refrigerator was transferred to that ship.
 4. During period to 18th C.O. of H.M.A.S. "Air Sailor" was instructed in local pilotage; and at 1400 I.K. "Air Cloud" slipped for Darwin, proceeding on one motor and mooring at Darwin at 1800 I.K. the following day.
 5. On 22nd H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" was slipped, and until the end of the month shipwrights and E.R.A.'s were working on her damaged port underwater gear.
 6. Conduct and morale of ships company was excellent. Health was good with the exception of the C.O. who is being treated by Darwin M.O.
 7. Fire and crash drills were carried out regularly and on the 21st all surplus gear was landed in lay apart store to increase the efficiency of the ship.
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| Distance steamed during month | 440 miles. |
| Amount of fuel consumed. | 1170 gallons. |
| Hours under way. | 44 hours. |
| Average speed. | 12.5 knots. |
| Gallons consumed per engine hour | 46 gallons. |
- Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/45 was 5,545 miles at an average speed of 12.5 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed during same period was 16,487 gallons.



Man C. Hines
 Sub Lieut R.A.N.V.R.
 C.O. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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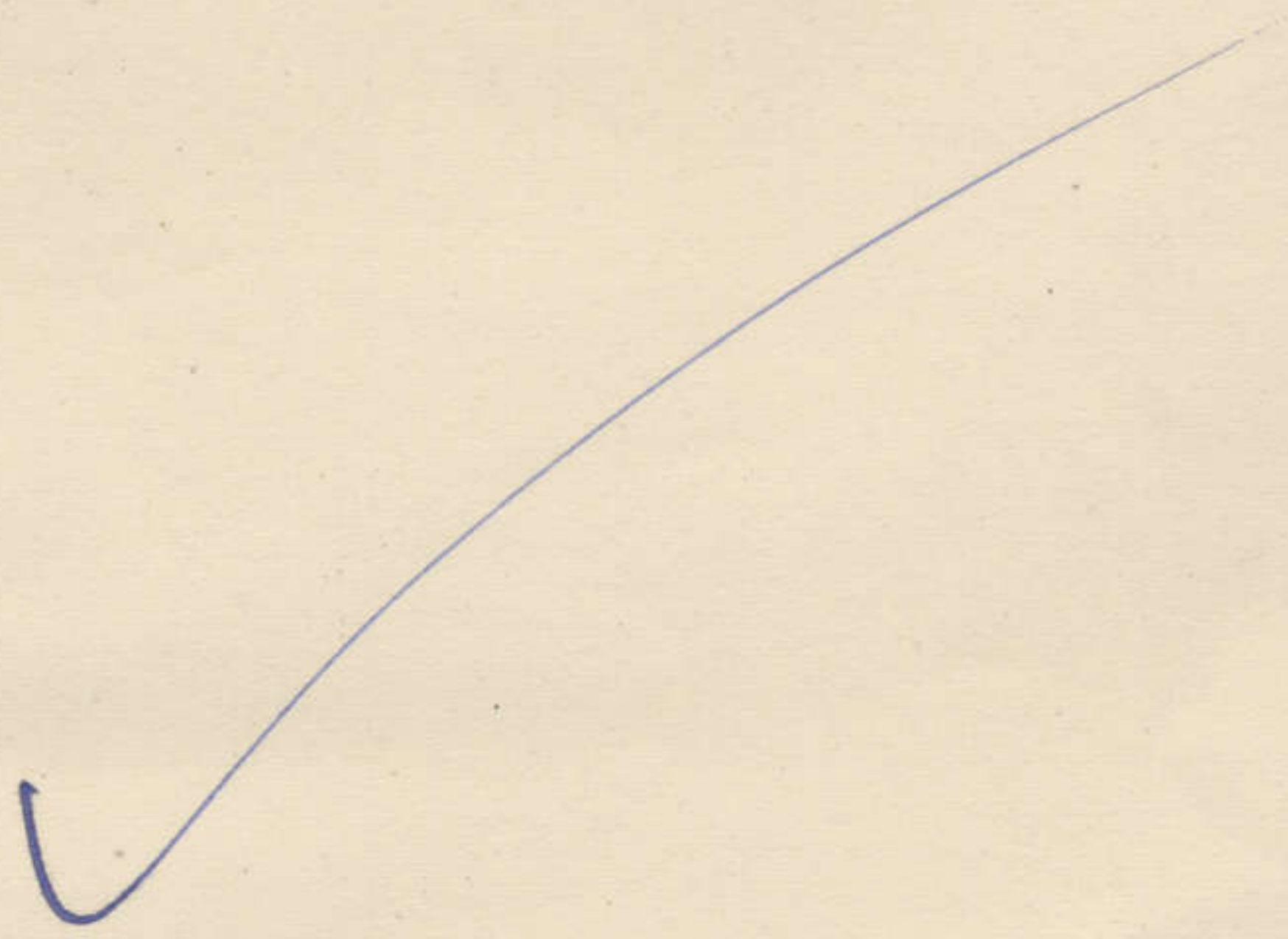
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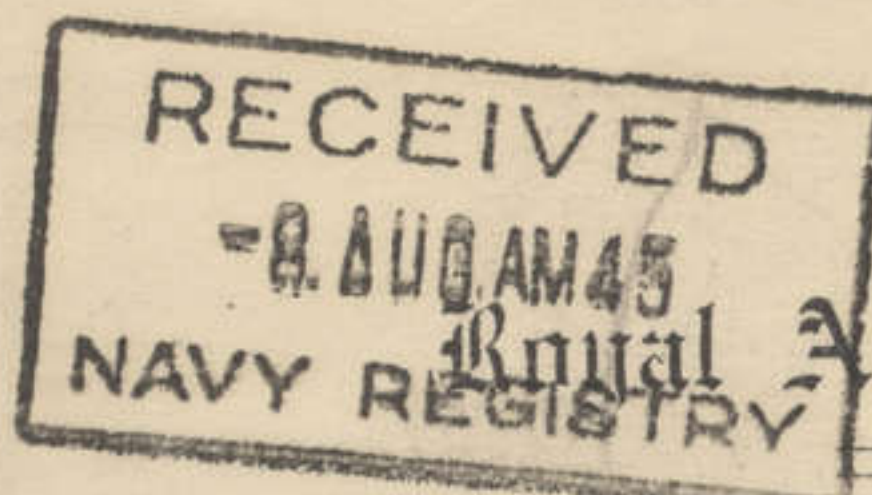
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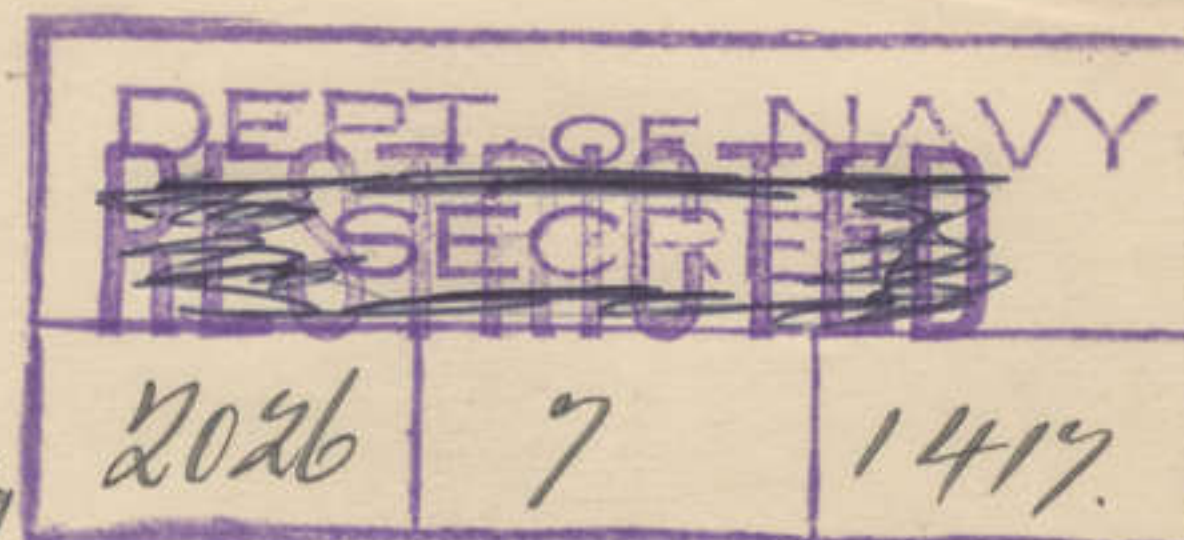
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HN TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD).

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY. 1945.

Submitted:

1. On 1st July H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" was on A.S.R. station at Butchers Bay in Vansittart Bay.
2. On 2nd July vessel proceeded to West bay for fuel and Water. On 4th an RAAF party was taken to Sir Graham Moore Island. Whilst laying at anchor a signal was received that a serious truck accident had occurred at 58 O.B.U. and an emergency run was made to return unit's Medical Officer to that station.
3. On 5th a refrigerator loaned by the RAAF was installed and ship returned to Butchers bay on 7th.
4. On the 10th an excursion was made to the southern end of Vansittart Bay, and sounding taken, to add to local knowledge held, in the event of a crash into those waters.
5. At 1135 I.K. on 14th July passage was made to West bay, calling in at Sir Graham Moore Island to pick up RAAF personnel. Berthed vessel at West Bay 1650 I.K. Fuel and water taken aboard and returned to Butchers bay on 8th.
6. At 0830 I.K. on 19th ship with M.O. and meteorologist from 58 O.B.U. together with 2 police constables and an aborigines protection inspector, sailed to Osborne Islands in Admiralty Gulf, arriving there and anchoring at 1510 I.K. On the same day members of the crew went ashore for practice firing with Thompson machine gun, and on the return voyage to the ship, the dinghy swamped and Thompson gun was lost in 5½ fathoms of water. Protracted salvage attempts failed to recover the weapon. A report was made, signed by witnesses and forwarded to N.O.I.C. Darwin; copies also being sent to Armaments Officer Melville and Secretary Naval Board. Ship returned to Butchers bay on following day, anchoring at 1425 I.K.
7. On 21st trip was made to West Bay for fuel and water and returned to Butchers bay following day 22nd.
8. On 28th a RAAF party was taken to the southern end of Vansitt-

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art Bay and ship then sailed to West Bay.

9. After taking fuel and water aboard, ship was sailed direct from West Bay to the western side of Low Island in Vansittart Bay, and from there to mooring in Butchers bay.

10. At 1300 I.K. on 31st C.O. was notified to maintain a permanent listening watch and ship in a state of readiness as an aircraft was in difficulties. Aircraft homed safely and permanent listening watch was discontinued.

11. Conduct and morale of ships company was excellent. Health was good, and L/Sto F. Phillips joined the ship to replace L/Sto G. Rutland who was evacuated to Darwin suffering from Boils and skin rash.

12. Fire drills were exercised weekly and crash and action stations also exercised.

Distance steamed during month.

736 miles.

Amount of fuel consumed.

1856 gallons.

Hours under way.

46 hours.

Average speed.

15.3 knots.

Gallons consumed per engine hour.

37.9 gallons.

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/45 was 5,105 miles at an average speed of 16.1 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed over same period was 15,317 gallons.

Max C. Thies

Sub Lieut R.A.N.V.R.
C.O. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Boyer
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.
25th July 1945.

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DATE. 1st JULY. 1945.

TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY
NAVAL BOARD).

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE. 1945.

Submitted:

At beginning of June H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" was on the fairmile slip at Darwin for inspection of underwater fittings, cleaning and anti fouling of hull. Job was completed at 0900 on 1st and "Air Cloud" returned to position alongside main jetty.

1. At 0130 I.K. on 3rd "Air Cloud" was dispatched to maintain air-sea-rescue station, and returned to Darwin and berthed at 2145 I.K. on same date.
2. On 6th June vessel proceeded to sea with RAAF Signals officers for test of V.H.F. gear with land station and aircraft.
3. Engine trials were conducted on 9th June.
4. Over period 9th to 11th June awnings were erected on the ship by base staff at Darwin.
5. At 1535 I.K. on 12th "Air Cloud" was sailed for West Bay as air-sea-rescue vessel for that area, and arrived there at 1115 I.K. on 13th June. C.O. "Air Cloud" reported to C.O. 58 O.B.U. and received instructions from him as to nature of work to be done.
6. On the 17th "Air Cloud" took up station at Vansittart Bay. On the 19th R.A.A.F. signals personnel came aboard and after installing a loud speaker unit were taken to sea for trials of radio equipment. On 22nd an excursion was made into the southern end of Vansittart Bay, and soundings taken, so that local knowledge would be held by the C.O. in the event of a crash in that area.
7. On the 27th the operations officer of 58 O.B.U. was taken to Eclipse island as he wished to see the performance of the vessel. On 30th further engine trials were held, as starboard motor has been missing continually.
8. Conduct and morale of ships company were excellent. Health was good with the exception of L/Sea Rutland who has been evacuated to Darwin hospital by the R.A.A.F. doctor, suffering from boils and skin rash. A new stoker has been requested from Darwin.
9. Fire drills, crash and action stations have been exercised several times during the month.

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10. Distance steamed during month 889 miles.
Amount of fuel consumed. 2,505 gallons.
Hours under way. 64 hours.
Average speed. 14 knots.
Gallons consumed per engine hour. 40.7 gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/45 was 4,369 miles
at an average speed of 16.3 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed over
the same period was 13,461 gallons.

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Sub-Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

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Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"'s report dated 1st June 1945).

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H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" - MONTHLY REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL AND MAY 1945.

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

LB Dyer

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

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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN N.T.
11th June 1945.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

DATE. 1st June. 1945.

TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY NAVAL BOARD).

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. MONTH OF MAY. 1945.

Submitted:

On 1st May "Air Cloud" with "Air Trail" (S.O.) and "Air Sailor" made passage from Mackay to Bowen, berthing main jetty at 1445K.

At 0725 on 2nd May the vessels proceeded to Townsville. From 2nd to 6th "Air Cloud" was at Townsville undergoing repairs to ship and radio equipment.

On 6th May a passage was made to Cairns, and on the 8th ship was sailed to Cooktown.

After a days delay at Cooktown, "Air Cloud" was sailed to an anchorage on S.W. side of Stanley Island in Flinders Group. On 11th passage was made to Portland Roads.

The 12th May was spent at Portland Roads, waiting for weather to clear, and on 13th passage was made to Thursday Island.

Vessel remained at Thursday Island whilst a one hundred hour overhaul of the motors was made, and departed for Melville bay at 1215K on 18th. Arrival at R.A.A.F. station was made at 1000K and fueling commenced. Owing to delay in supply of fuel, "Air Cloud" and "Air Sailor" were unable to proceed until 1330K on 20th May. Vessel arrived at Port Essington, and at 1245 on 21st May tied alongside M.L.813 preparatory to fueling. On 22nd May passage was made to Darwin.

From 22nd May to 31st May "Air Cloud" was at Darwin. Ship was inspected by engineers, shipwrights and radio mechanics, and all defects noted. Repairs to V.H.F. were made by an R.A.A.F. party and on 30th vessel was slipped for inspection of underwater fittings and antifouling. It was observed that anti-fouling applied at Sydney had washed off, and that Phenrock plastic had peeled off in large patches, exposing bare hull to marine attack. On 31st vessel was on slip drying out, preparatory to being antifouled.

Conduct and morale of crew were excellent. Health was good with the exception of L/Sea G.H. Rutland who is in hospital with Boils and Scabies. No long leave was granted.

Distance steamed during month.
Amount of fuel consumed.

1850 miles.
5507 gallons.

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Hours under way.	122.5 hours.
Average speed.	18. Knots.
Gallons consumed per engine hour.	44.5 gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/45 was 3,480 miles, at an average speed of 16.6 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed over the same period was 10,956 gallons.	



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Sub Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER. H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

DATE. 1st June. 1945.

TO. NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. DARWIN (COPY TO SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD)

SUBJECT. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. MONTH OF APRIL. 1945.

Submitted:

From 1st to 15th April "Air Cloud" was with "Air Sailor" at Coffs Harbour waiting for heavy S.E. weather to break in order to sail to Brisbane.

At 0137 on 5th April the two ships departed for Brisbane, off S. Solitary Island the spindle drive shaft of the water pump on "Air Sailor's" star-board motor broke, and an immediate return to Coffs Harbour was made. Sydney was notified, and a new pump was received and fitted on April 6th.

A departure for Brisbane was made at 0006K April 7th, and the two vessels berthed at C.S.R. wharf Brisbane at 1604 same day.

From April 7th to April 22nd Air Cloud was at M.L. Base Brisbane undergoing necessary repairs to ship and radio equipment.

With "Air Trail" (S.O.) "Air Cloud" was sailed from Brisbane for Gladstone on April 22, and arrival was made at 1000 hrs on 23rd April.

After refueling and watering passage was made to Port Clinton on April 24. The vessels were held up here by heavy gales until April 28, when a passage was made to Mackay.

On April 30, vessel was at Mackay, departure being delayed by heavy weather. Health of crew during period satisfactory. Conduct and morale excellent. No long leave was granted.

Distance steamed during month.

1010 miles.

Amount of fuel consumed.

3149 gallons.

Hours under way.

69 hours.

Average speed.

17 knots.

Gallons of fuel consumed per engine hr.

43.1 gallons.

Total distance steamed since commissioning on 20/10/44 was 1,630 miles at an average speed of 16.5 knots. Total amount of fuel consumed over the same period was 5449 gallons.



Man L. Thies
Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.



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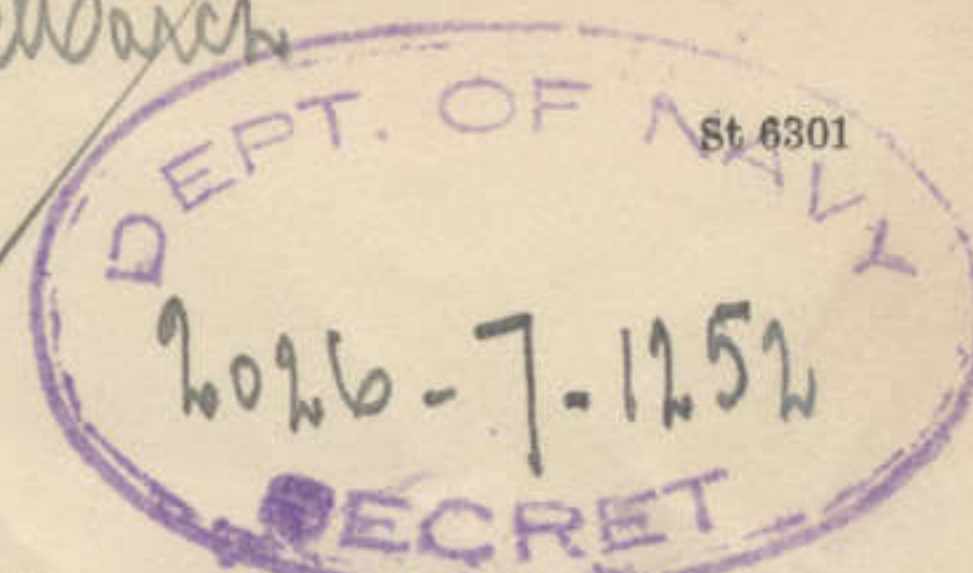
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NAVAL STAFF OFFICE
BRISBANE.
24th April, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS.

The accompanying Reports of Proceedings for the month of March are submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with C.C.N.O. 19/45:

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2. The defects and requirements referred to in the report of the Commanding Officers, H.M.A.S.'s "AIR CLOUD" and "AIR SAILOR" were remedied whilst the vessels were at Brisbane.

W. Shaw

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
for NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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Copy. (Enclosure (a) to BNO238/9 dated 24/4/1945.)

From: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

Date: 2nd April, 1945.

To: N.O.I.C. BRISBANE.

Subject: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF MARCH, 1945.

Submitted.

From 1st to 3rd March Air Cloud was on slips at Halvorsen's yard, Neutral Bay; hull painted with special anti-fouling composition.

1. On the 3rd, vessel left Halvorsen's and moored Rushcutters Bay; on 5th proceeded to Gore Bay for Fuel, and on the 6th proceeded to Spectacle Island for armament.
2. On the 7th, a special trial was made at request of Coastal craft Officer, Rushcutter, and a report submitted to him covering speed of vessel running at 1400 revs one motor only.
3. Gunnery trials by personnel of G.I.C. Sydney, were conducted on 12th, and armament found to be satisfactory.
4. Proceeded to Jervis Bay p.m. 13th, and C.O. reported to S.O. of A.S.R. Flotilla, Lt. Couchman of M.L. 822. Vessel remained at Jervis Bay until 21st, during which time exercises in man overboard, and fire stations at sea were conducted.
5. On 21st Air Cloud returned to Sydney, and period until the 24th was utilised in preparing, and storing for northern voyage.
6. At 0300 on 24th Air Cloud, with Air Sailor under orders, sailed for Coffs Harbour, arriving 5 hours after E.T.A. due to severe North Easterly head winds being experienced over major portion of voyage.
7. From p.m. 24th to 31st March, vessel weatherbound at Coffs Harbour. On 30th, an attempt was made to reach Yamba heads, but river bar could not be crossed owing to extreme weather conditions. C.O. of Air Cloud in touch with Operations Brisbane, re weather conditions.
8. Health of Crew: On 13th M/M. Dyson drafted to Rushcutter for treatment of Hay Fever. M/M. C. Smith aboard, and suffered from extreme seasickness on voyage to Coffs Harbour. Requested he be placed ashore in accordance with Rushcutter 220145Z, stating that he is unfit for A.S.R. Craft, Sydney notified. [REDACTED] discharged to Coffs Harbour district hospital, on instructions from Rushcutter, found to have contracted Gonorrhoea. Discharged by Coffs Harbour hospital after Penicillin treatment, as completely cured, for trip to Yamba Heads. P.O. Sperring treated at Coffs Harbour hospital for badly crushed thumb.
9. Morale of crew excellent.

From: C.O., "AIR CLOUD".

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Total engine hours since commissioning 60. Engine hours for month of March 1945. 52.

✓ Distance steamed during March 610 miles. Average speed 14 to 18 knots.

✓ Petrol consumed during month 2056 gallons. Fuel consumption approximately 3 gallons per mile.

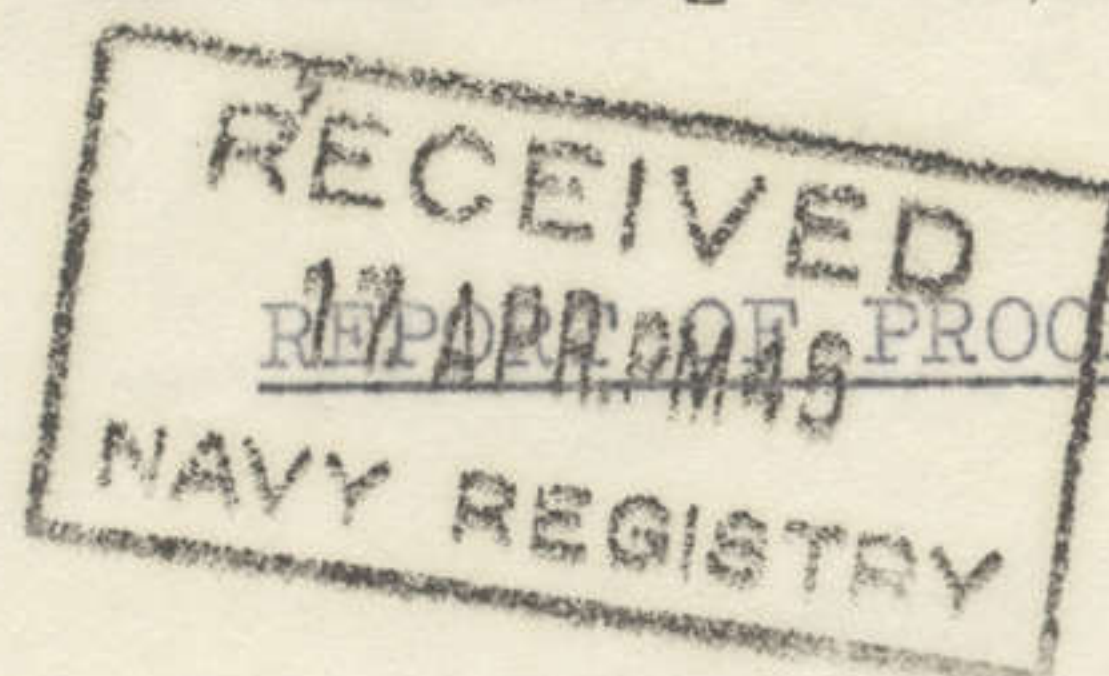
✓ Despite that V.H.F. gear was checked by Radio mechanics at both Jervis Bay and Sydney, this equipment to date has been completely useless. Necessary to have one perspex window-replaced, and sliding shield fitted to main wheelhouse perspex window-screen. Several leaks in decks require plugging. New Tachometer cable required starboard motor. Special anti-fouling paint applied at Halvorsens yard, has washed off in large patches, exposing fennrock. Imperative need is for compass to be re-swung at Brisbane.

(Sgd) Stan. C. Hines,
COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"
S/Lieut.

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Letter No. T/91/51 dated 29th March from
the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"



REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF FEBRUARY - H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"

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

Date..... 29 March, 1945..... Reference No..... T/91/51

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

Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF FEBRUARY - H.M.A.S.
"AIR CLOUD".

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



Harry Wilson

a/Commander, R.N.

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Date 3 March, 1945 Reference No.
To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

From 1st to 15th February "Air Cloud" was at Rushcutters Bay awaiting shipment. Following Naval Board approval for A.S.R. boats to proceed under their own power, vessel was towed to Manns Point and shipping cradle removed.

2. Base staff Rushcutter de-inhibited motors on February 15th to 18th.

3. Compass adjustment was carried out on the 20th February.

4. Satisfactory engine trials were completed on the 23rd February, and vessel proceeded to Halvorsens slipway for cleaning, anti-fouling and inspection of underwater fittings.

5. Fire drill has been carried out at regular intervals.

6. General health of the crew has been satisfactory, with the exception of M.M. Dyson who was in Canonbury Hospital for one week with eye strain. Sub-Lieutenant Hines was at Balmoral for a gall bladder X-ray from 6th to 8th February. No long leave was granted.

7. The conduct and morale of the crew is satisfactory.

8. Total engine hours under way - 8
Total engine hours since commissioning on 20 Oct. 1944 - 8²⁰/₆₀ Hrs.

9. Fuel consumed (including Aux. Motor) - 150 gals.
Fuel consumption main engines - 128 gals.
Average speed of motors at running times. - 800 revs.
Engines run in stationary at lower speed/

(SGD)

MAX C. HINES

Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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

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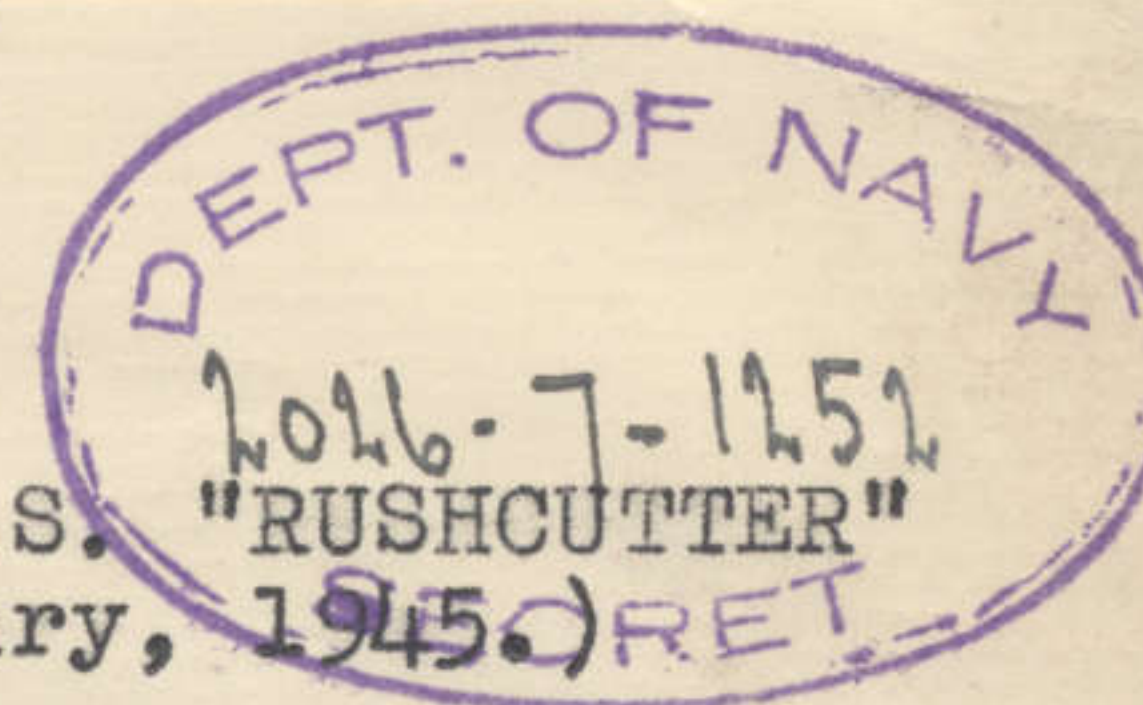
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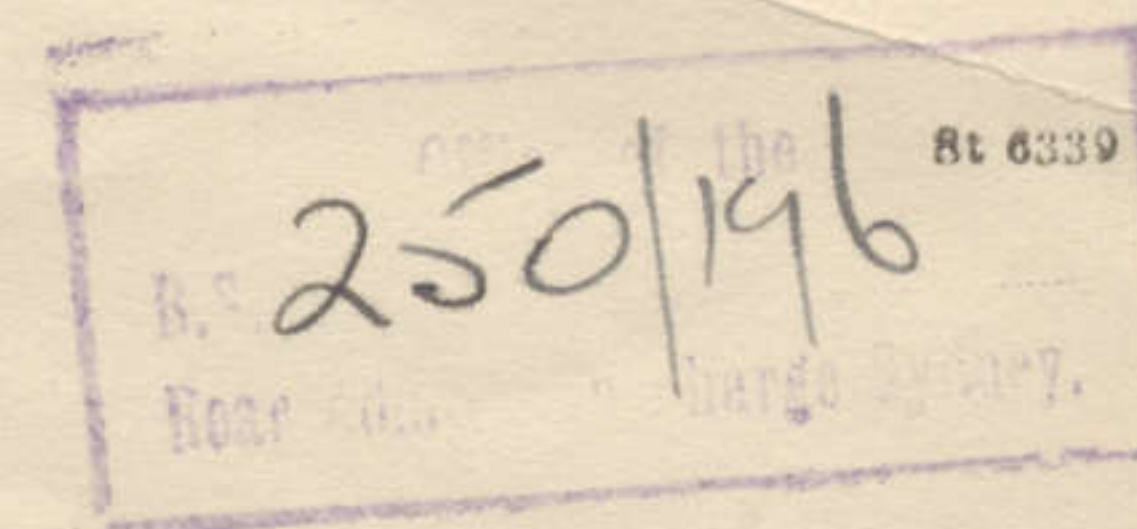
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"

Date 23 FEB 1945

Reference No. C.O. 22/69/1

To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY

(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1945.

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

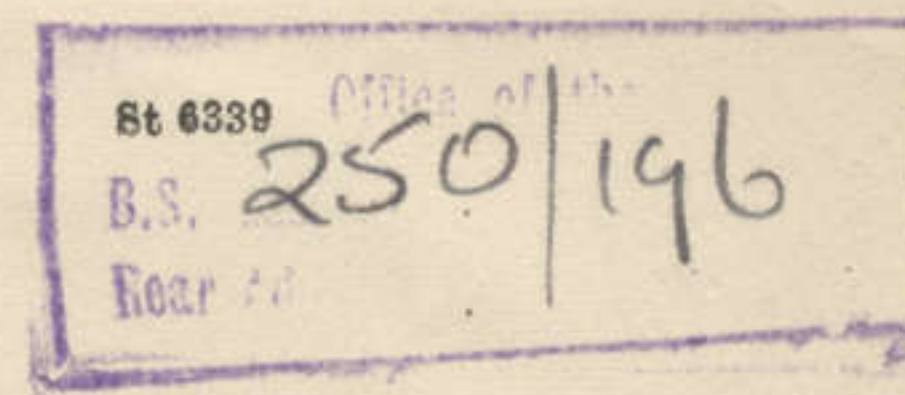


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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD"
Date 2nd February, 1945 Reference No. _____
To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER"
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

During the month of January H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD" was moored in Rushcutter Bay, storing and preparing for sea.

2. Permanent and consumable stores were taken aboard and stowed.
3. Fire drills were carried out regularly.
4. W/T Mechanics from Garden Island were aboard and tested equipment.
5. The ship is good condition, having recently been painted and cleaned.
6. The health and efficiency of ships company have both been good. m

(SGD) M.C. HINES

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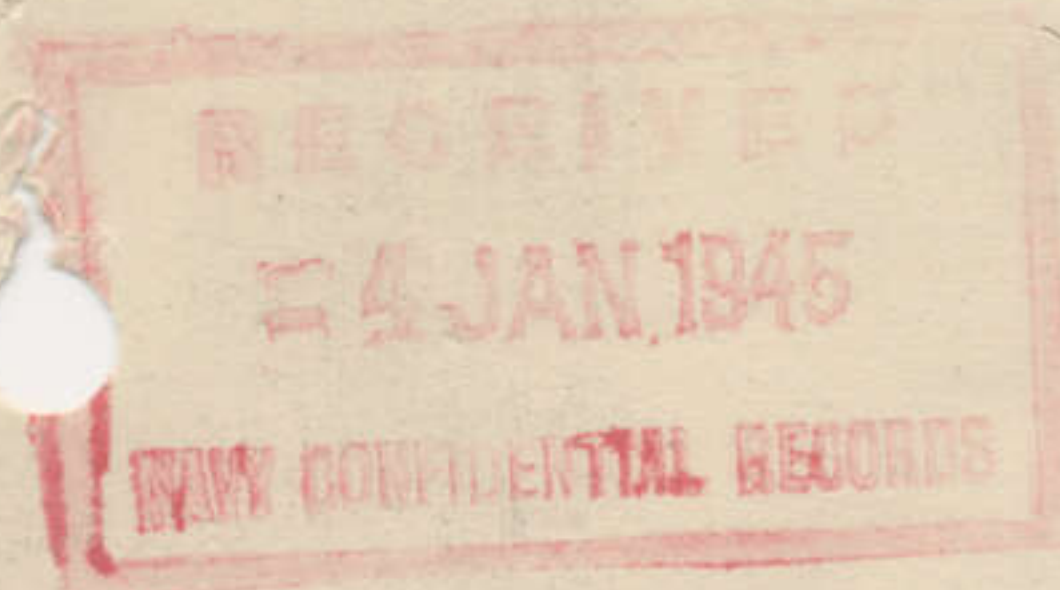
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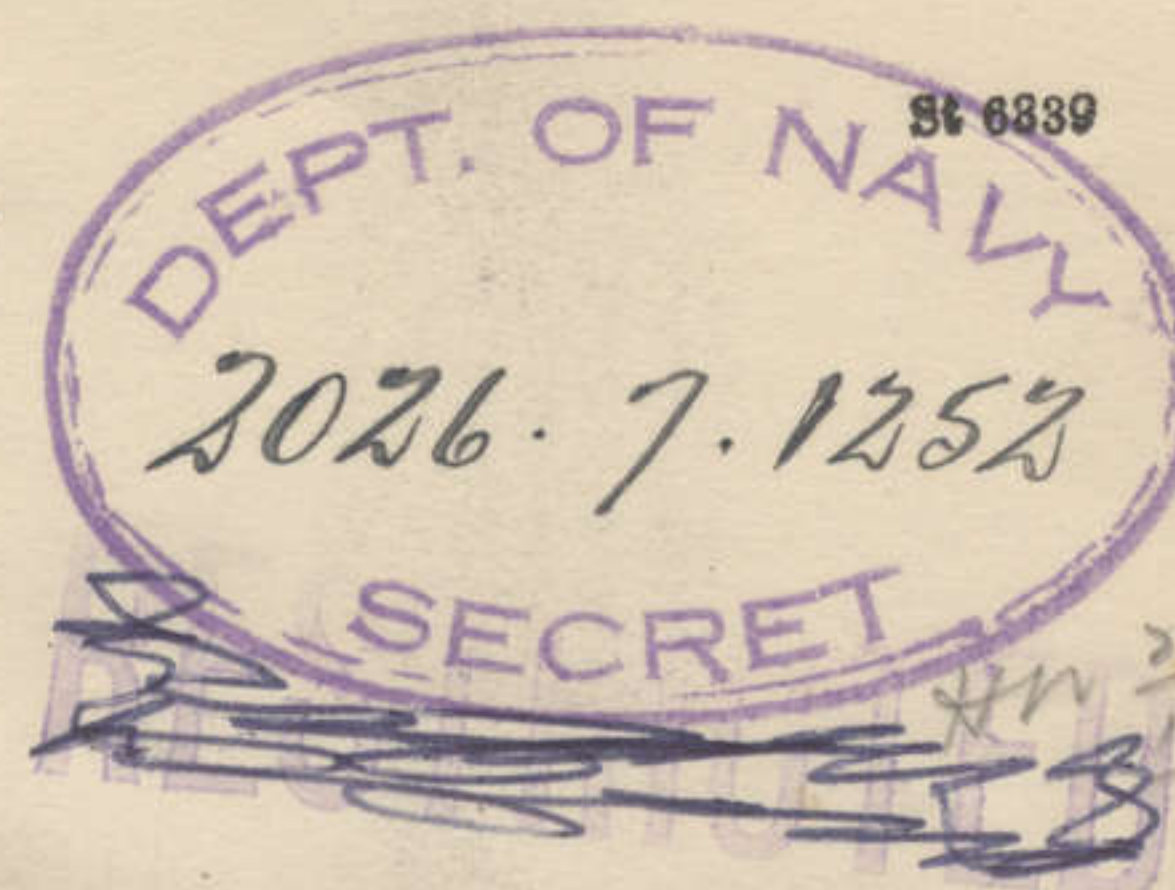
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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR CLOUD".

Date 2nd January, 1945. Reference No. _____

To NAVAL BOARD.

Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. MONTH OF DECEMBER. 1944.

FOR month of December, 1944.

H.M.A.S. "Air Cloud" at mooring Rushcutters Bay, storing and preparing for sea.

Permanent and consumable stores taken aboard and stowed.

Fire drill carried out, crew further trained in use of fire fighting gear aboard.

Further installation of radio gear by contractors.

General painting and cleaning of ship.



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General painting and cleaning of ship.

Man P. Harris
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