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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.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"

Submitted for the information of the Naval
Board the attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S.
"AIR HOPE" for the month of March, 1946.

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A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
for A/CAPTAIN R.A.N. (A.O.D.)
Naval Officer-in-Charge

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FROM;- Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S."AIR HOPE",

DATE:- 2nd April 1946,

TO:- The Secretary, Navy Board, Naval Office, Melbourne.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1946.

Submitted:-

That during the month of March 1946 H.M.A.S."AIR HOPE" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Seas Rescue duties.

2. During the month no operations were carried out.

3. The ship was serviceable and at immediate notice for the 31 days of the month.

4. During the course of the month one Leading Seaman and one Stoker joined the ship. One Able Seaman and one Stoker proceeded for home depots for demobilisation.

5. The morale of the crew is satisfactory.

6. Fire Stations were exercised on the 2nd, 15th, 21st and 28th and were efficient.

7. The health of the crew is good.

8. No long leave was granted. One rating (Petty Officer Motor Mechanic Blizzard) has now gone 16 months without leave. He was mobilised in November 1944 and has never been granted leave.

9. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Good.

Batteries - Fair.

Hull - Slightly foul, requires slipping.

10. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed for month	184 miles.
Hours under way for month.	11 hours.
Average speed for month.	17 knots.
Galls petrol expended per hr.	57 galls.
Petrol expended for month.	630 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	4,167 miles.
Total hours under way since commissioning.	244 hours.
Date of commissioning.	13th Feb. '45.

R. A. N. V. R.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.



Royal Australian Navy.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"

Submitted for the information the attached
Report of Proceedings for the month of February 1946, of
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

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

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FROM. COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE",

DATE. 6th MARCH 1946.

TO. THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

SUBJECT. MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-FEBRUARY 1946.

NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
26 MAR 1946
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SUBMITTED:-

That during the month of February 1946 H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. During the month no operations were carried out.

3. The ship was serviceable and at immediate notice for the 28 days of the month.

4. During the month a Wireless Operator Air Gunner joined the ship but had to be placed ashore for disciplinary purposes. In consequence the ship was again without a Wireless Operator. Arrangements were again made for the services of one in the event of an emergency arising.

5. The morale of the crew is satisfactory.

6. Fire Stations were exercised on the 6th, 15th and 23rd and were efficient.

7. The health of the crew is good.

8. No long leave was granted.

9. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Good.

Batteries - Fair.

Hull - Slightly foul, requires slipping.

10. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month.

51 miles.

Hours under way for month.

2 hrs 40 mins.

Average Speed for month.

19.7 knots.

Galls of petrol expended per hr.

55 galls.

Petrol expended for month.

150 galls.

Total distance steamed since commissioning.

3,983 miles.

Total hours under way since commissioning.

234 hours.

Date of commissioning.

13th Feb. 1945.

R. A. N. V. R.

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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RAAF HQ Melbourne have been asked to report to RAAF Northern Area HQ their 062359/3 which reads: "confirmed RAAF providing wireless operators ASR vessels" ACNB 080459/3 directs NOIC NG (and others) that application for replacements should be made to RAAF HQ PM 14/3

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FROM. Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

DATE. 5th February 1946.

TO. The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

SUBJECT. MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1946.

Submitted:-

That during the month of January 1946 H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. Again no rescue operations were carried out.

3. The ship was serviceable and at immediate notice for 31 days of the month.

4. During the month, on instructions from Northern Command R.A.A.F., both Wireless Operators were posted to their respective Personnel Depots for demobilisation. In both cases no relief has yet been forthcoming, although one has been posted.

5. Owing to these postings the ship's company has been reduced to four in number (Two seaman and two E/R ratings). In order to keep the ship operational arrangements have been made with R.A.A.F., for the services of a wireless operator in the event of an emergency arising.

6. The morale of the remaining crew is gradually being lowered. This is due to them being in close contact with the R.A.A.F., and witnessing the posting for discharge of many of it's personnel. However it is considered that the main cause is the complete lack of information as to any policy for these craft especially as to whether there is any definite time limit to a rating's service in these vessels. Also whether it is intended to retain these vessels in the New Guinea area for an indefinite period.

7. Fire Stations were exercised on the 8th, 17th and 26th and were efficient.

8. No long leave was granted. With one exception none of the ship's company has had long leave for over 12 months now.

9. Efficiency Report:-

Main Engines - Satisfactory.
Batteries - Fair.
Hull - Sound.

10. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during month.	52 miles.
Hours under way during month.	2 hrs 43 mins.
Average speed for month.	19.8 knots.
Galls petrol expended per hour.	55 Galls.
Petrol expended for month.	150 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3,932 mile.
Total hours under way since commissioning	231 hrs.
Date of commissioning	13th Feb., 1945.

Noted C.O. 25/5.

R. W. Dunn
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.,
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Royal Australian Navy.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
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Office of the N.O.I.C.
New Guinea, Dreger Harbour.
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Stewart
A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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FROM: Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE",
DATE: 6th January 1946,
TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
SUBJECT: MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1945.

Submitted:-

That during the month of December 1945 H.M.A.S. "Air Hope" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. No rescue operations were carried out during the month.
3. The ship was serviceable and at immediate notice for 31 days of the month.
4. On the 6th inst., the coxswain proceeded to "Lonsdale" by air on compassionate draft. To date no relief has been forthcoming.
5. Fire stations were exercised on the 5th, 15th and 28th and were efficient.
6. The morale of the crew remains at a high level although a definite statement of policy as to the future of these craft and or of the crews would be of great assistance.
7. No long leave was granted.
8. The health of the crew is good.
9. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Satisfactory.
Batteries - Fair.
Hull - Sound.

10. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	58 miles
Hours under way during month	3 hrs 3 min.
Average speed for month	19.3 knts
Gallons of petrol expended for month	230 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3,838
Average speed since commissioning	16.8 kn.
Total hours under way since commissioning	228 hrs
Date of commissioning	13th Feb. 1945
Gallons of petrol expended per hour	76.8 gls

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.VR.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".
Date 5th December, 1945. Reference No. L
To The Secretary Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDING - NOVEMBER, 1945.

Submitted,

that during the month of November, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. From 19th July, 1945, when this Ship was stationed at Port Moresby, to date, there have been no rescue operations carried out. There has been one alert which proved a false alarm.
3. On the 14th the Ship proceeded to Yule Island to carry out inspection of fuel dump then returning the same day.
4. On the 16th a mine search was carried out off "Basilisk" beacon and 16 square miles covered in square search working on 440 yards visibility radius without result.
5. The Ship was serviceable and at immediate notice for 30 days of the month.
6. Fire stations were exercised on the 6th, 14th, 23rd and 30th and were efficient.
7. The conduct of the crew is good. Morale remains on a high level although towards the end of the month has showed signs of deterioration owing to (a) the very poor food available (S.S. "Marella" has now raised that shortage) (b) the continued inactivity and (c) the absence of any definition of policy as to the future of these craft.

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8. The health of the crew is satisfactory.

9. Efficiency Report.

Main engines - running well.

Batteries - aged - trickle charging continuously.

Hull - sound - well covered with paint. No sign of
worm or rot.

10. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	210 miles.
Hours under way during month	11 hrs. 47 mins.
Average speed for month	17.18 knots.
Gallons of petrol expended for month	830 galls.
Gallons of petrol expended per hour	71 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3780 miles.
Average speed since commissioning	16.8 knots
Total hours under way since commissioning	225 hrs. 20 mins.
Date of commissioning	13th Feb. 1945.

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R. D. Dunn

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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

Date 6th November, 1945. Reference No.

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, Melbourne.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

Submitted

That during the month of October, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. Again no operations were carried out during this time.
3. The main engines were turned over weekly and worked up to maximum revolutions under way. Performance was very satisfactory.
4. The ship was slipped on Naval slipway from the 24th to the 27th October for routine cleaning, examination and anti-fouling. The rather protracted spell on the slip was done with the object of letting the hull dry out, and so be examined for worms. It was found to be sound in all respects. Two coats of anti-fouling paint were applied prior to entering the water.
5. The ship was at immediate notice and serviceable for 27 days of the month.
6. Fire stations were exercised on the 7th, 15th, 24th, and 30th, and were efficient.
7. Conduct of the crew was good and their morale surprisingly high in spite of the continued inactivity such a duty as Air Sea Rescue in this area brings about.
8. The health of the crew is satisfactory.
9. No long leave was granted to Ship's Company during the month.
10. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - running well. Minor repairs made during month by Ship's staff.

Batteries - being continually trickle charged from shore lighting.

Hull - sound - some slime and weed found on slipping. Newly anti-fouled.

11. Monthly Figures.

Distance steamed during month	110 miles
Hours under way during month	6 hrs. 8 mins.
Average speed for month	18 knots
Gallons of fuel expended for month	339 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	56.5 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3570 miles
Average speed since commissioning	16.7 knots.
Total hours under way since commissioning	213 hrs. 33 mins.
Date of commissioning	13th February, 1945.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.V.R.

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Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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J. M. Hawwood
A/Commander, R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge.
New Guinea.
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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

7th October, 1945.

THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Submitted :-

During the month of September, 1945, H.M.A.S. "Air Hope" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. No operations were carried out during this time.
3. The main engines were turned over weekly and worked up to maximum revolutions under way. They are running satisfactorily.
4. The ship remained at immediate notice and was serviceable for the 30 days of the month.
5. Fire stations were exercised on the 2nd, 12th, 23rd and 29th, and are very efficient.
6. Conduct of the crew and their morale remains good with one exception which has been reported to appropriate authorities.
7. Health of crew is satisfactory.
8. Efficiency Report.

Main Engines - Running well. Maximum revolutions still remain 1850 per minute.

Batteries - Ageing but kept well up by shore lighting trickle charging.

Guns - ^{DISMANTLED} Unmounted guns during month and stowed same in grease.

Hull - Sound. Showing some weed and slime.

9. Monthly figures.

Distance steamed during month.	-	69 miles.
Hours under way during month.	-	3½ hours.
Average speed for month.	-	20 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended for month.	-	185 galls.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour.	-	53 galls.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	3460 miles.
Average speed since commissioning	-	16.7 knots.
Total hours under way since commissioning	-	207hrs. 25m.
Date of commissioning	-	13th February, 1945.

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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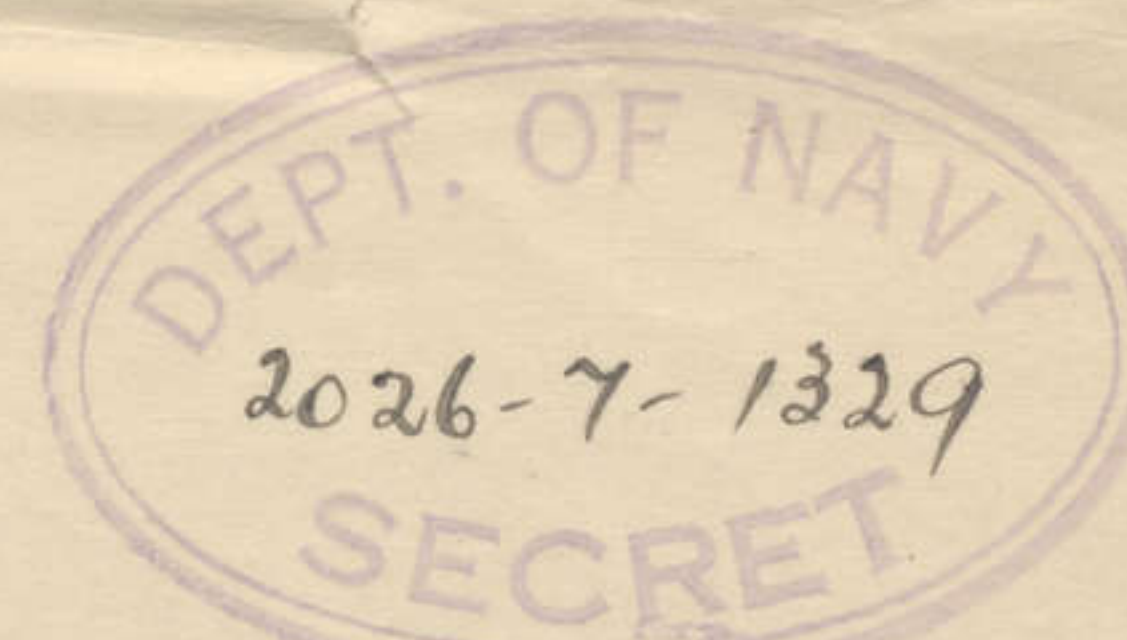
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Naval Board,
Melbourne, S.C.1.

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H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - Report of proceedings - August, 1945.

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A/Captain, R.A.N.,
Naval Officer in Charge,
New Guinea.

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NAVAL OFFICE - NEW GUINEA

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NEW GUINEA

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

Date 8th September, 1945. Reference No.

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1945.

Submitted:-

During the month of August, 1945, H.M.A.S. "Air Hope" was stationed at Port Moresby for Air Sea Rescue duties.

2. No operations were carried out during this time.

3. From the 2nd to 3rd the ship was slipped on Naval Slipway, Port Moresby. All under-water fittings were found to be in excellent condition. The hull's condition fair - with considerable slime. Hull was thoroughly cleaned down and two coats Taubman's Anti-Fouling applied. Ship's sides were painted also.

4. On the 5th ship underwent speed trials. Maximum revolutions obtained 1850 each engine. This was disappointing in view of the fact that both engines were running faultlessly. Subsequent trials have failed to improve on this performance.

5. Plugs to complete Bendix Radio Compass were obtained locally. Fitting of same was carried out by ship's wireless operators. The unit is now serviceable but requires calibrating. Application has been made for this.

6. Action Stations were exercised on the 3rd, 10th, and 13th. Fire Stations on the 3rd, 10th, 13th, 22nd, and 28th. All were satisfactory.

7. Conduct with one exception and morale of crew continues to be of high standing.

8. Health of crew is satisfactory. One rating was hospitalised during month with Dengue Fever. He has previously been subject to this malady.

9. No long leave was granted during month.

10. Efficiency Report:-

Main Engines - Running excellently but maximum revolutions only 1850 per minute.

Batteries - Showing signs of age - unable to hold charge over 1350 S.G. in spite of continuous trickle charging from shore supply.

Guns - Satisfactory.

Hull - Outer skin of ^{ex}posed plywood wrinkling - being kept well painted to preserve. Otherwise sound.

11. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during month.	88 miles.
Hours under way during month.	5½ hours.
Average speed for month.	16 knots.
Gallons of fuel expended for month.	258 gallons.
Gallons of fuel expended per hour.	47 gallons.
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	3,391 miles.
Average speed since commissioning.	16.6 knots.
Total hours under way since commissioning.	203 hours 57 minutes.
Date commissioning.	13th February, 1945.

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Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Office of N.O.I.C.
New Guinea. Madang.
24th August, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

A/Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge
New Guinea.

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FROM. Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".
DATE. 5th Aug., 1945.
TO. NOIC., NEWGUINEA.
SUBJECT. MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1945.

Submitted:-

That from the 1st., to the 9th., July '45, H.M.A.S. "Air Hope" was engaged in making passage to operational base. From the 20th to the 31st July was engaged in A.S.R., duties from Port Moresby.

2. Passage was made from Thursday Island to Port Moresby with anchorings at Cocoanut Island, Dalrymple Island, Darnley Island and Yule Island en route from the 2nd to the 14th. Consistent force 5 to 6 S.E. winds caused delay on this passage.

3. On the 14th we were able to render assistance to ANGAU by transporting a Sergeant from Yule Island to Pt. Moresby. He was in need of immediate medical attention.

4. On the 16 th proceed for Milne Bay by inshore route, anchoring at Hula Village from P.M. 16th until A.M. 19th. When off Table Bay on the 19th received signal to return to Port Moresby.

5. It was then ascertained that this ship was to be based on Port Moresby for A.S.R. duties.

6. Numerous inspections were carried out of the ship by interested authorities between the 20th and 24th.

7. Considerable assistance has been forthcoming from both of the local Naval and R.A.A.F., establishments to date.

8. Arrangements for an early slipping of the craft were made with N.O.I.C., Port Moresby.

9. Fire and Actions Stations were exercised on the 2nd, 7th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, 27th and 31st July and were satisfactory.

10. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

Monthly Report of Proceedings - July '45 (Continued).

- 9.11. The health of the crew is excellent.
12. No long leave was granted during the month.
13. Distance steamed for month. 718 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning 13th Feb., '45. 3,303 miles.
Hours under way for month. 42 hrs 08 mins.
Hours under way since commissioning 198 hrs 27 mins.
Average Fuel Consumption for month. 3.2 Galls per ml.
Average Speed for month. 17 knots.
14. Sydney to Operational Base (for information only).
Total Distance steamed. 3,027 miles.
Total Hours under way. 173 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.
Total Fuel consumed. 9,408 galls.
Average Speed. 17.4 knots.

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

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The Secretary,
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1945.
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

for *J. W. Barwood*
A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
New Guinea.

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FROM:- The Commanding officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"

DATE:- 1st July 1945.

TO:- The Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.

SUBJECT:- MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1945.

Submitted:-

That during the month of June 1945 H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was engaged in making passage to operational base.

2. Passage was made from Mackay to Thursday Island and the following were the ports of call. Left Mackay 3/6/45 arrived Townsville 3/6/45. Left Townsville 10/6/45 arrived Thursday Island 14/6/45 having called at Cairns, Cooktown, Flinder's Island Group and Portland Roads en route.

3. Since arriving at Thursday Island weather has forced the ship to remain in shelter although three attempts were made to get away. These were made on the 16th, 28th and 29th. In all cases conditions proved unsuitable for passage to Port Moresby.

4. During the stay at Townsville an attempt to obtain Radio Compass plugs was made. The R.A.A.F. (N.E.A. Command) promised results but prior to leaving it was found that these could not be supplied to transit A.S.R. craft.

5. On the 15th the ship had completed three months in the water since last slipping. There has been a marked falling off in performance during the month. Maximum revs. per minute are now 1,750 and reduction of 250 on top performance. Petrol consumption has increased by 10%. Application for slipping was made at Townsville and Thursday Island but both places were unable to accommodate.

6. Difficulty in the keeping of perishable provisions has been accounted owing to the non availability of ice.

7. Fire and Action stations were exercised on the 3rd, 8th, 14th, 19th, 23rd and 29th., with satisfactory results.

8. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

9. The health of the crew is good.

10. No long leave was granted during the month.

11.	Distance steamed for month	1,106 miles
	Distance steamed since commissioning	
	13th Feb. 1945.	2,585 miles
	Hours under way for month	59 hrs. 16 mins.
	Hours under way since commissioning	156 hrs. 19 mins.
	Average fuel consumption	3.4 galls. per mile
	Average speed	18.5 knots.

(Sgd.) R.W. Dunn

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "Air Hope".

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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FROM.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

DATE.....20TH JUNE, 1945.

TO.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MADANG".

SUBJECT.....MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1945.

SUBMITTED :

That during the month of May, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was engaged in making passage from Brisbane to operational base.

2. On the 2nd May it was necessary to list as a defect the "ONAN" Auxiliary Generator Motor. This was placed in the hands of the Engineer Officer, Fairmile Base, Brisbane. All possible sources of supply were investigated for the necessary spare parts or unit. None were available and in consequence the worn parts had to be made good. Delay was experienced and H.M.A.S. "AIR SPEED" and H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" proceeded without this ship. H.M.A.S. "AIR FAITH" took over as S.O. of the group.

3. On the 16th May the Compass Adjusting Officer, Brisbane, (Lieutenant Elliott, R.N.R.) examined and condemned existing Kelvin White (U.S.N. Pattern) type compass. These were replaced by Admiralty Pattern No. 1151 A's. An azimuth ring was also fitted.

4. The ship proceeded from Brisbane on the 24th May and arrived at Mackay on the 31st having called at Gladstone. En route five days were spent at anchor in West Bay, Middle Island, Percy Group, sheltering from S.E. gale.

5. During passage it was found that navigation was extremely difficult in more than a moderate sea except when the sea was following. However, dead reckoning was reasonably accurate.

6. Fire drill was carried out on the 1st, 10th, 17th, 24th and the 31st. The results were good. Action Stations were exercised on the same dates and were satisfactory..

7. The conduct of the crew was excellent. Morale was generally good, but was affected during the long delay in Brisbane. This could be attributed to impatience and the fact that none of the Crew are Brisbane natives.

8. The health of the crew is excellent.

9. Distance steamed for month.....642 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning
13th February, 1945.....479 miles.

Hours under way for month.....40 hrs.28 mins.

Hours under way since commissioning..97 hrs.03 mins.

Average Fuel Consumption.....3.1 gals.per mile.

Average Speed.....16 knots.

(Sgd.) R. W. Dunn.
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

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FROM.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

DATE.....15TH MAY, 1945.

TO.....THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "MADANG".

SUBJECT.....MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS. APRIL, 1945.

SUBMITTED :

That during the month of April, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was engaged in preparing for passage to operational base from the 1st to 22nd, thence on passage from 23rd to 30th.

2. Successful gun trials were carried out on the 2nd April. All gunnery equipment was passed by the Gunnery Trials Officer.

3. Compasses were adjusted and ship swung by the Master Attendant on 5th April.

4. On the 13th April, the ship was detailed to embark Rear-Admiral Rushbrook, R.N., and party. An inspection of docking facilities and harbour was carried out.

5. On the 20th April speed trials were carried out in harbour with the following results :- 1200 revs. 14 knots; 1400 revs. 17.5 knots; 1600 revs. 22 knots. A loss of 4 to 5% of speed had resulted in one month from base being slipped.

6. On the 23rd April, the ship as S.O. proceeded from Sydney in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" and H.M.A.S. "AIR SPEED".

7. Conditions between Sydney and Brisbane were very good, although it was necessary to shelter for several days in Coff's Harbour. The ships behaved well.

8. The group arrived in Brisbane on 29th April and commenced routine engine overhauls on the 30th.

9. Fire drill was carried out on the 3rd, 8th, 15th, 23rd and 29th with good results.

10. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

11. One rating returned from long leave during month.

12. The health of ship's company is satisfactory.

13. Distance steamed for month.....672 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning
13th February, 1945.....837 miles.
Hours under way for month.....43hrs.20 mins.
Hours under way since commissioning.....56hrs.35 mins.
Average Fuel Consumption.....2.9gals.per
mile.
Average speed.....16 knots.

(Sgd.) R. W. Dunn.
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

(Letter No. T/91/102 dated 16 April from
the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER")



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"AIR HOPE".

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The Secretary,
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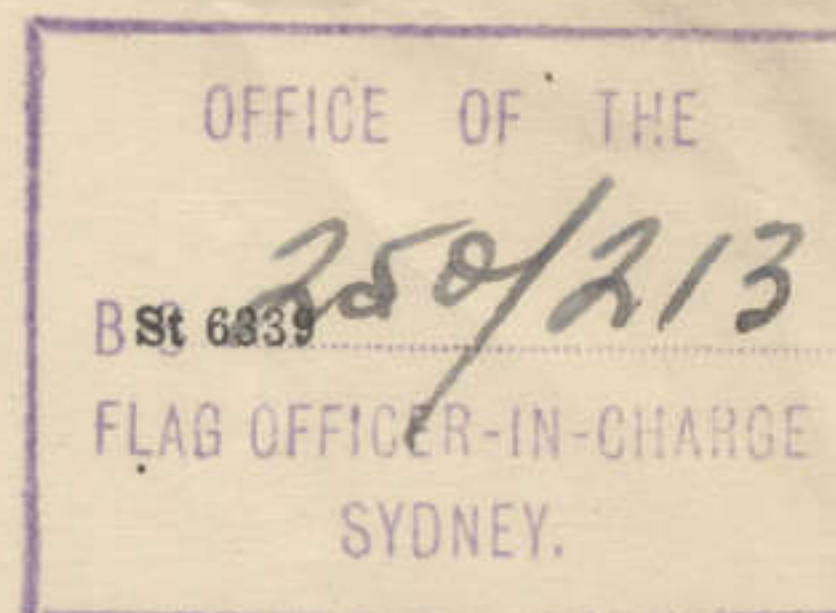
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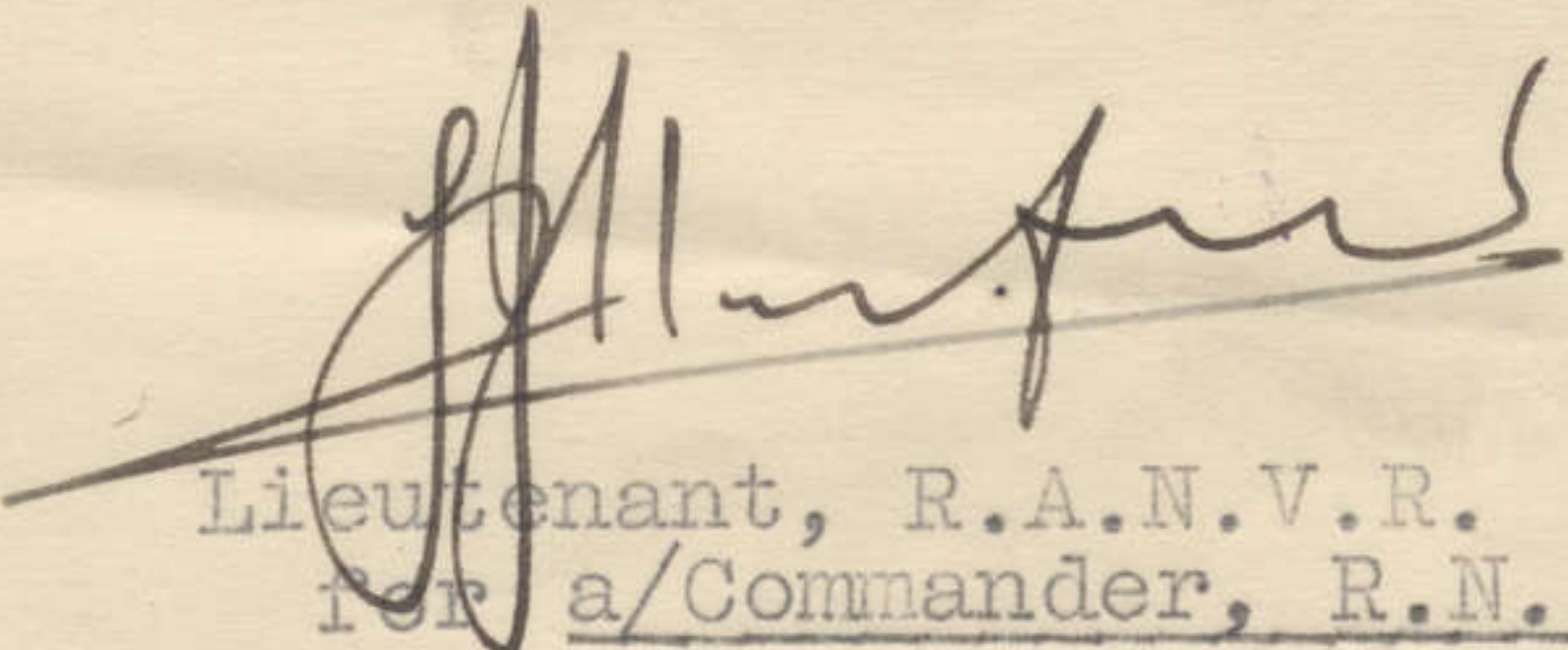
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
Date 16 April 1945 Reference No. 1/91/102
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.)
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1945 -
H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"

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




Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
for a/Commander, R.N. (A.O.D.)

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"
 Date 14 April 1945 Reference No.
 To The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
 Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1945.

Submitted:

During the month of March, 1945, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE" was engaged in general preparation for operational duties and crew was made up to full war complement.

2. From the 17th to 20th the ship was slipped at Halvorsens Yard, Neutral Bay when the bottom was cleaned and anti-fouled. The under-water fittings were examined and although some "play" was discovered in the starboard shaft all were passed as satisfactory.

3. Engine trials were carried out on the 22nd under the supervision of the Base Engineer Officer, 1950 revolutions per minute from each engine were obtained and a speed of 30 knots attained over the measured mile. These trials were deemed as satisfactory. No astern trials were carried out.

4. Civilian electrical contractors carried on with the fitting of radio equipment. Progress here was slow.

5. Two attempt were made on the 26th and 31st to carry out gun trials, but had to be abandoned owing to weather.

6. In general steady progress was made during the month with storing and preparation for sea.

7. Fire drill exercises were carried out on the 2nd, 7th, 28th and 26th and action stations exercised on the 14th and 22nd. Results were good.

8. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

9. Long leave was granted to one rating during the month.

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10. The health of the crew is satisfactory.

11.

Distance steamed for month	-	165 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning		
13th February, 1945	-	165 miles
Hours under way for month	-	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
Hours under way since commissioning	-	13 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
Average fuel consumption	-	3 galls. to 1 mile
Average speed	-	12 knots.

(SGD) R.W. DUNN
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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



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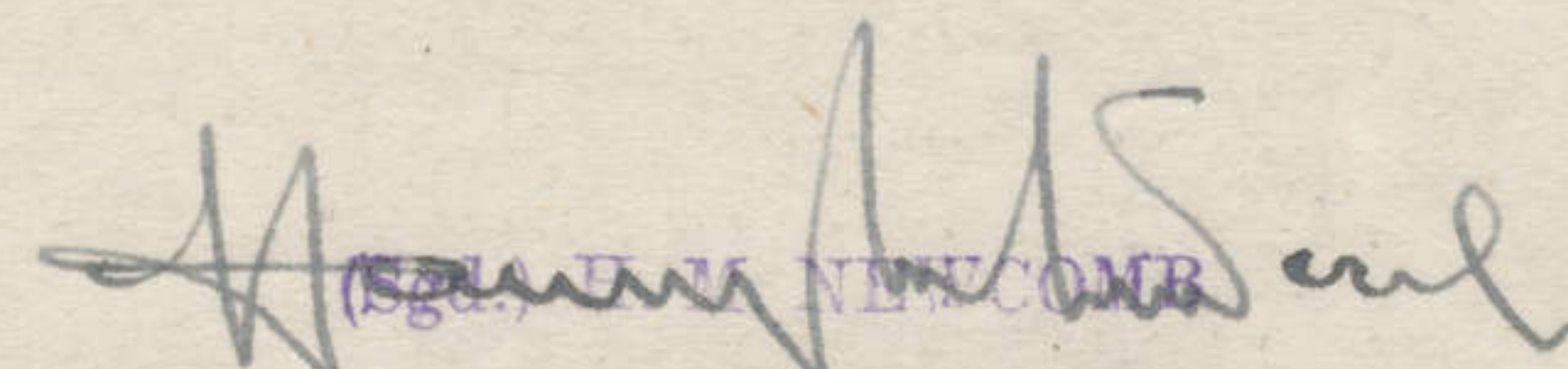
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1945 - H.M.A.S. "AIR
HOPE".

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

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

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

21st March, 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

During the month of February, 1945, H.M.A.S. "Air Hope" commissioned A.M. 13th inst. Lieutenant R.W. Dunn, R.A.N.V.R. in command. On that date three seamen joined the ship. These included the Coxswain. P.M. 15th two R.A.A.F. Sergeant Wireless Operator Air Gunners joined the ship.

2. For the remainder of the month the ship lay in Rushcutters Bay, where the crew was employed cleaning and storing. On the 20th inst. the ship was towed to Mann's Point where the cradle was removed and then returned to base. Base Staff personnel de-inhibited main engines. On starting same, they were found to be generally satisfactory.

3. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

4. Fire drill was carried out on the 13th, 16th and 25th and results were of a good standard.

5. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

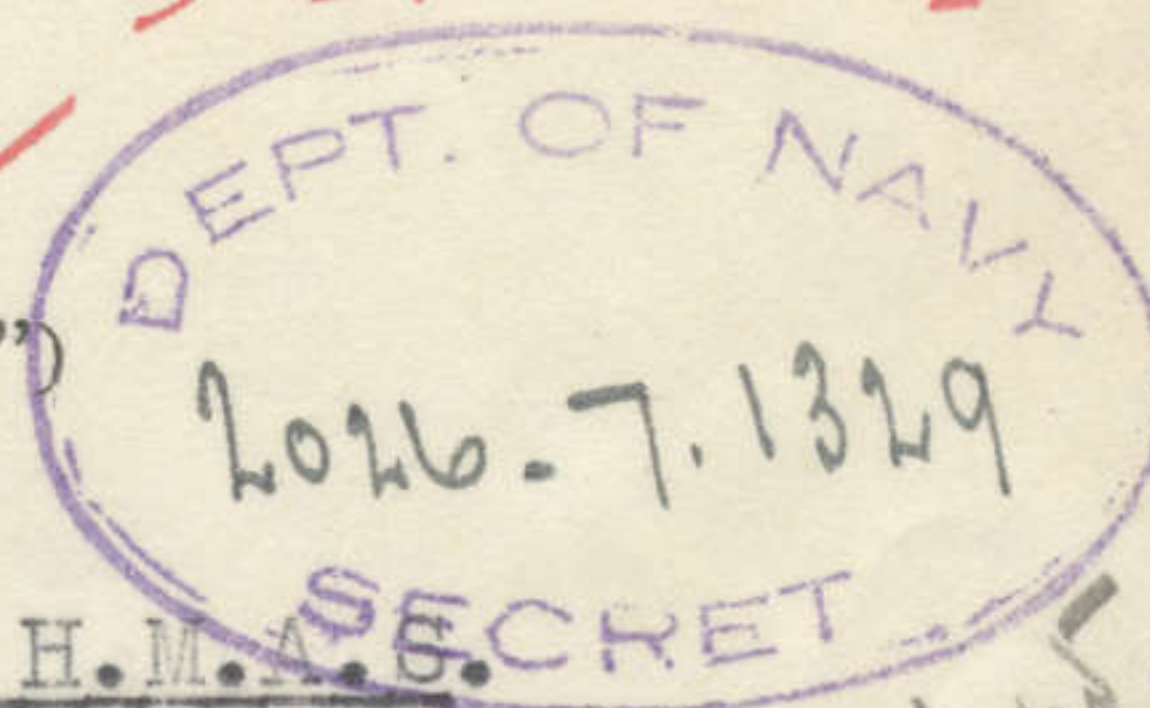
6. No long leave was granted to the crew.

7. The health of the crew is satisfactory.

8.	Distance steamed for month	}	Nil Returns
	Distance steamed since commissioning		
	13th February, 1945		
	Hours under way		
	Hours under way since commissioning		
	Average fuel consumption		
	Average speed		

(SGD) R.W. DUNN
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

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"AIR HOPE".

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2. Some minor engine adjustments were needed.
Engines are now working satisfactorily.

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
Date..... 27 MAR 1945..... Reference No..... T/91/34
To..... The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE)
Subject..... REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1945 - H.M.A.S. "AIR
HOPE".

Submitted for information the attached
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H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".



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a/Commander, R.N.

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From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE"
 Date..... 21st March, 1945..... Reference No.....
 To..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
 Subject..... MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

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3. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.

4. Fire drill was carried out on the 13th, 16th and 25th and results were of a good standard.

5. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent.

6. No long leave was granted to the crew.

7. The health of the crew is satisfactory.

8.	Distance steamed for month	}	Nil
	Distance steamed since commissioning		
	13th February, 1945	}	Returns
	Hours under way		
	Hours under way since commissioning		
	Average fuel consumption		
	Average speed		

(SGD) R.W. DUNN /
 Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
 COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR HOPE".

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