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

2nd. September, 1949.

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The Flag Officer-in-Charge, NEW SOUTH WALES.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" -
(S.A.R. 919)

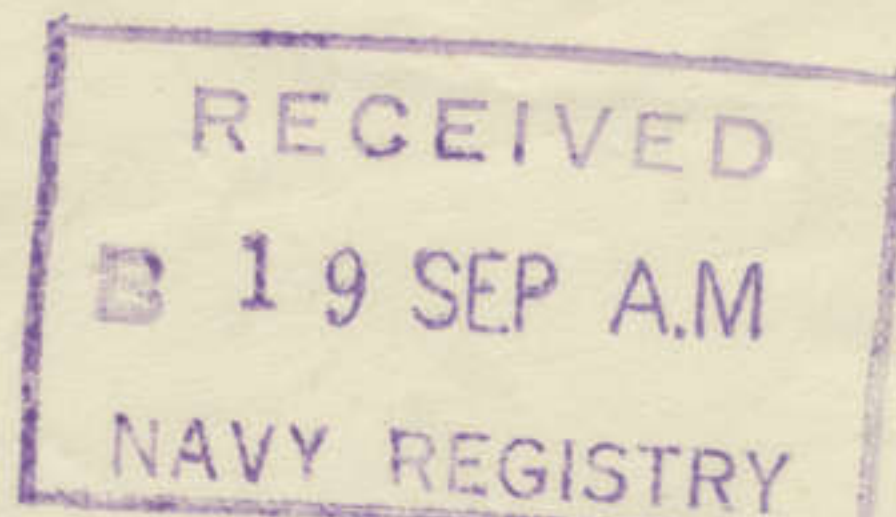
Submitted for consideration the
attached report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Air Master"
(S.A.R. 919) for the month of August, 1949.

(SGD.) S. H. K. SPURGEON

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. AIR MASTER -
(S.A.R. 919).

(H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER's letter T.91/377 of 2nd
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The Secretary, Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the
Naval Board, in accordance with C.N.O. 107/48.

A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.

15th September, 1949.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF S.A.R. 919 FOR JULY, 1949.

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(Letter from H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER No.T.91/377 dated 19th August, 1949.)

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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the
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107/48.

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A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.

5th September, 1949.

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

19th August 1949

T. 91/377

The Flag Officer in Charge, New South Wales

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF S.A.R. 919 FOR JULY 1949

Submitted with reference to your letter
N.S.W. 682/2/15 of 11th August 1949 the attached
rewritten report of proceedings of S.A.R. 919 for the
month of July 1949.

(SGD.) S. R. Z. SPURGEON



COMMANDER, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. S.A.R. 919

17th August 1949

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1949

Submitted :

From the 1st July to 31st July 1949 H.M.A.S. Air Master remained secured to No. 3 Jetty, H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter", excepting 21st July when vessel proceeded to sea for testing Radio Bendix Compass and general behaviour of ship vide my message 210007Z.

2. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been good. Conditions on board and condition of the ship are satisfactory.

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

APPENDIX

Hours under way for month	5 hrs. 15 mins.
Miles steamed during month	45 miles
Average fuel consumption	30 G.P.H.
Average Speed	9.5 knots
Hours under way since commissioning	22 hrs. 25 mins.

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REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF TENDERS ATTACHED TO
H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER.

(F.O.I.C.N.S.W. Letter N.S.W. 682/2/16 of 15th September,
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N.S.W. 2277/682/2/16

The Secretary, Naval Board.

(Copy to: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER).

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

Naval Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.

A/Rear-Admiral.

15th September, 1949.

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to SAR 919*

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THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE, NEW SOUTH WALES.

15th September, 1949. N.S.W. 682/2/16

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF TENDERS ATTACHED TO -
H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER.

In view of the status of S.A.R. 919 and
G.P.V. 963 as tenders to H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER reports
of proceedings in accordance with C.N.O.107/48 are no
longer required from these vessels.

In the event of either vessel being called
upon to perform any exceptional duty of interest a
special report on that voyage or operation, should be
forwarded at your discretion.

(Sgd.) G.D.MOORE.
A/Rear-Admiral.

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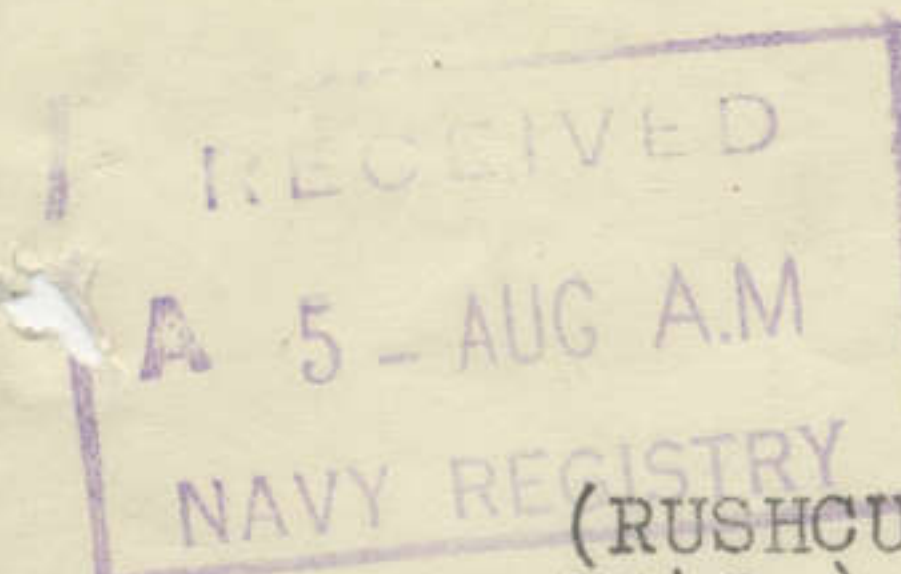
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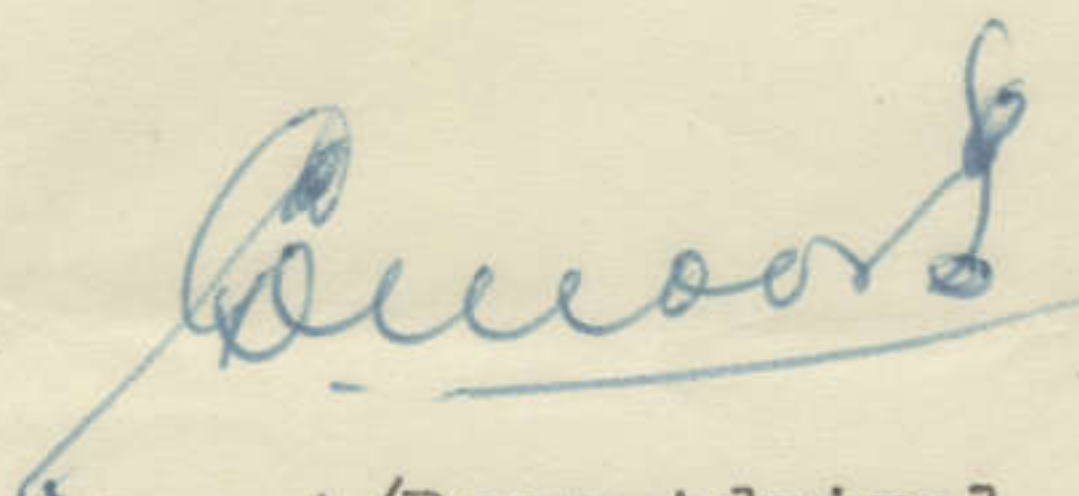
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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the
Naval Board in accordance with Commonwealth Navy
Order 107 of 1948.

2. The I.F.F. equipment in S.A.R.919 has
now been repaired and placed in good operating
condition.

3. The remarks of Admiral Superintendent,
Sydney, are being obtained on paragraph 5 of the
Commanding Officer, S.A.R.919 (Air Master)'s letter
of 1st July, 1949.

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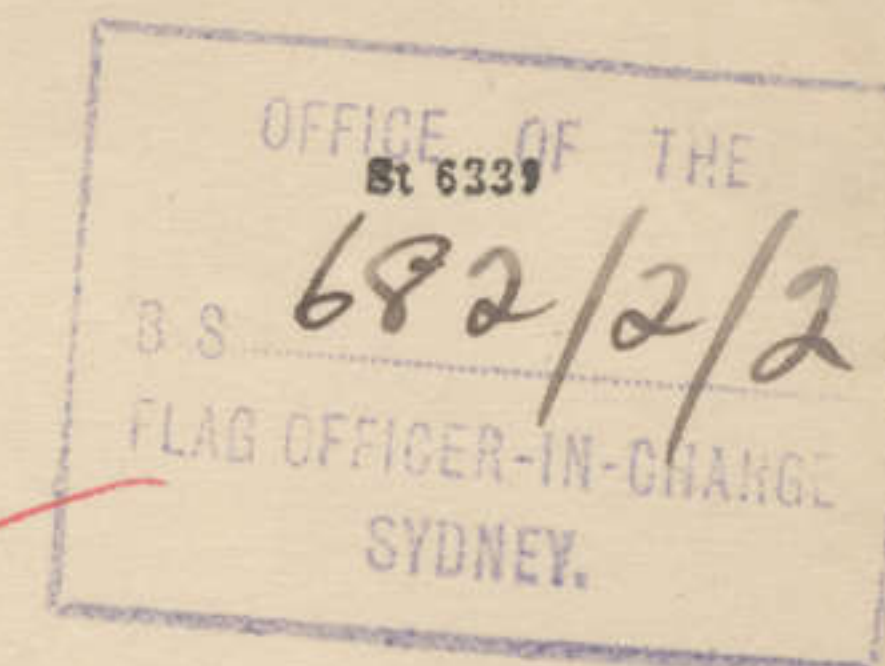
A/Rear-Admiral.

Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
Naval Headquarters,
Potts Point, Sydney.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
Date 1st. July, 1949. Reference No. T.91/376.
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, NEW SOUTH WALES.
Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".
(S.A.R. 919).

The attached Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "Air Master" for the month of June, 1949, is submitted in accordance with C.N.O. 107/49.



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COMMANDER, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Royal Australian Navy

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No.

H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".

1st. July, 1949.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JUNE.

On the 2nd. June, at 1010 ship proceeded to sea to test I.F.F. equipment, in conjunction with H.M.A.S. "Watson". This test was not entirely satisfactory. Evidently "Air Master's" equipment was not in good condition. Ship secured at "Rushcutter" at 1505.

On the 6th. June, ship slipped and proceeded to Garden Island for stores, returning at 1130.

Ship fuelled from petrol wharf at Gore Bay on the 10th, receiving 498 Gallons.

Lieutenant F.E. Wilson, R.A.N. assumed command of H.M.A.S. "Air Master" on 14th. June, 1949.

X From the 15th. until the 19th. of this month it was almost impossible to carry out work on the upper deck due to incessant rain. The ship leaked from the super structure rather badly. I attributed this to new wood work and the fact that 'til this date only one coat of paint had been applied. The latter obviously by some impatient dockyard employees.

In order to facilitate storing, ship slipped and proceeded to Garden Island, berthing alongside H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" at South Cruiser Wharf at 1615, Wednesday, 15th.

It was intended to carry out an overhaul of the starboard engine, at H.M.A.S. "Penguin" on the 23rd, but the surge at the Wharf was too heavy for a safe berth, so this was postponed.

The 2nd. leave party proceeded on Mid-Winter leave a.m. 27th. June. This virtually immobilized "Air Master" and approval was sought from F.O.I.C.S., to be immobilized for the period 27th. June to 14th. July, 1949. This was granted.

The health of the Ship's Company was good; the morale and conduct satisfactory.

F.E. Wilson
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

APPENDIX.

Hours under way for month.	10 hours.
Miles steamed during month.	63 miles.
Average fuel consumption.	27.5 g.p.h.
Average speed.	6.3 Knots.
Hours under way since commissioning.	16.4 hours.

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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER",
(S.A.R. 919).

1st. June, 1949.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1949.

Submitted.

The ship commissioned at 1300 on May, 20th.
and remained at Garden Island until May, 25th. storing ship.

P.M. the 25th. proceeded to H.M.A.S. "Penguin"
for an adjustment to the petrol pump on the starboard engine.
On completion, the ship became operational and secured at
H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter".

Remained at "Rushcutter" bringing the ship up
until the 31st. May, when the ship proceeded to "Penguin" for
an engine repair. Secured at "Rushcutter" on completion.

The main engines have run satisfactorily with
the exception of a few "teething" troubles.

The health of the ship's company has been good
and the conduct and morale above average.

W. J. Crocker
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R. (S).

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APPENDIX.

Hours under way during the month.	2 hrs. 10 mins.
Miles steamed during the month.	21 miles.
Average fuel consumption.	25.2 c.p.h.
Average speed.	9.6 knots.
Hours under way since commissioning.	2 hrs. 10 mins.
Miles steamed since commissioning.	21 miles.

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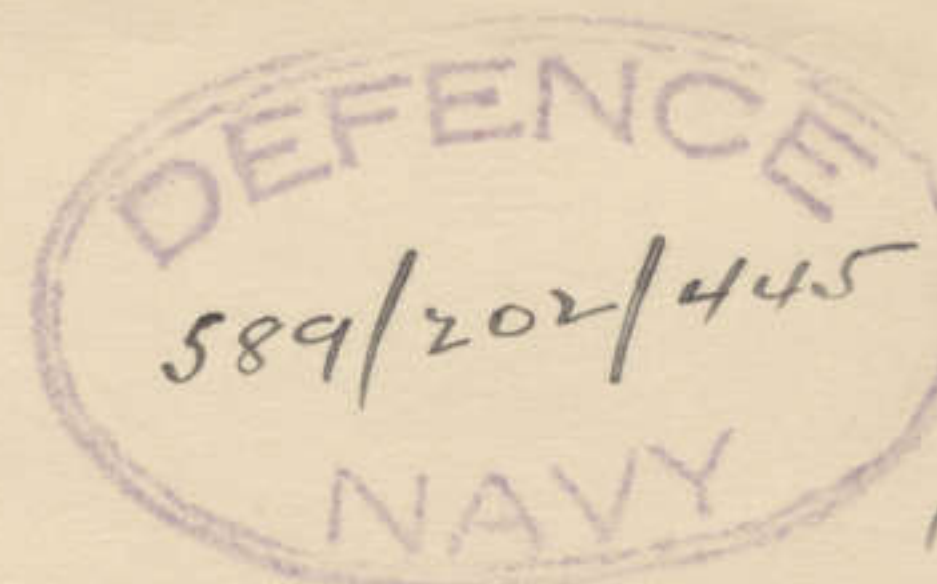
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" LETTER DATED 2ND DECEMBER 1946.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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 MASTER

Date..... 2nd December 1946..... Reference No.....

To..... Secretary Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. Darwin

Subject..... Monthly report of proceedings Nov 1946.

Submitted.

Carried out Engine trials on 7th. Remained alongside for the rest of the month.

HULL. Condition of ~~h~~ull appears quite good. Towing bridle has been refitted in preparation for passage south.

ENGINES. Trials carried out on the 7th were not particularly good, while starboard engine appears to be running well at the present time the same defect that was in this engine has now developed in the port engine at high revs. The spring on the contact arm in the overspeed governor is very weak and the points are badly pitted, and it is thought that this is causing the trouble.

SHIPS COMPANY. Health and conduct good.

Miles steamed during month - 50
Fuel used - 195g.
Lub. oil used - nil
Average speed since commissioning 11.2
Total engine running hours Port 539 $\frac{1}{2}$
~~Time~~ commissioning Starboard 547 $\frac{3}{4}$
Miles steamed since " 6314


Sub Lieutenant R.A.N.R.

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Commonwealth of Australia.
Department of The Navy.

Royal Australian Navy.

From..... Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. Air Master.

Date..... 4th November 1946. Reference No.....

To..... Secretary, Navy Board, through N.O.I.C. Darwin.

Subject..... Monthly Report of Proceedings - October 1946.

Submitted:

1. Apart from engine trials on 3rd and 4th and a recreation trip to Talc Head on the 6th ship remained alongside.

2. HULL

Ship was slipped A.M. 28th and unslipped A.M. 30th. Slipping revealed traces of teredo worm in the lower rubbing strake, but none in the hull itself. Hull was cleaned and painted with one coat of grey anti-fouling. Propellers, shafts, rudders, and A bracket bearings are in good condition.

3. ENGINES:

During the trial run on the 3rd a defect again developed in the starboard engine. Engine started missing badly, as on previous occasions, and cut out altogether at speeds over 1000 revs. On return to berth the overspeed governor was removed and a new one was fitted. Trials carried out on the 4th were satisfactory. The contact points of the old governor were badly pitted and the spring on the contacts was very weak.

4. SHIP'S COMPANY:

Health and conduct good.

5. Miles steamed during the month

74 miles

Fuel used during the month

265 galls

Lube Oil used " " "b

2 galls

Average speed since commissioning

11.5 knots

Total engine running hours since commissioning

Port 536 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours

Starboard 544 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Miles steamed since commissioning

6264 miles

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Sub. Lt. R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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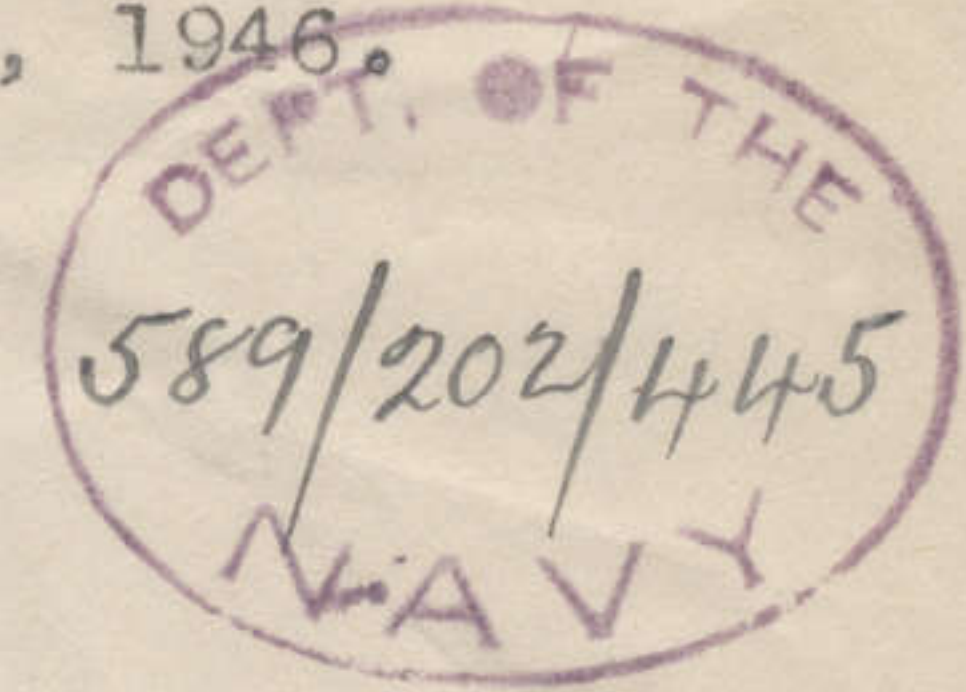
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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

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



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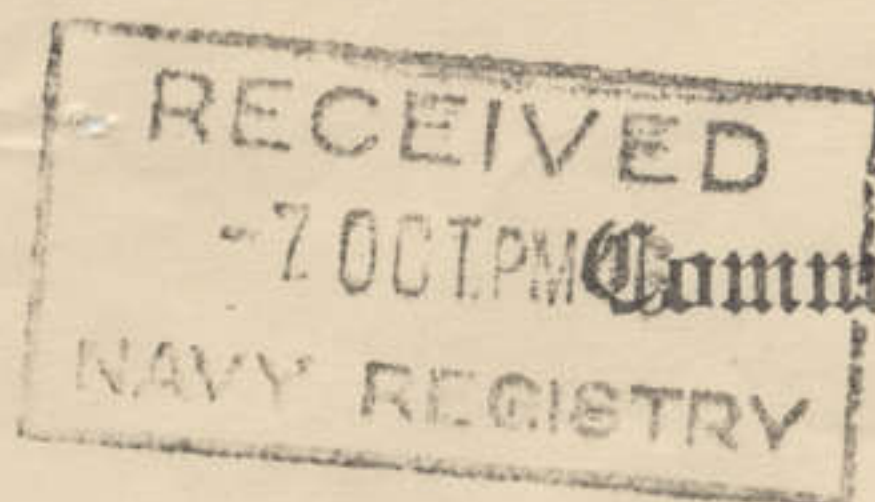
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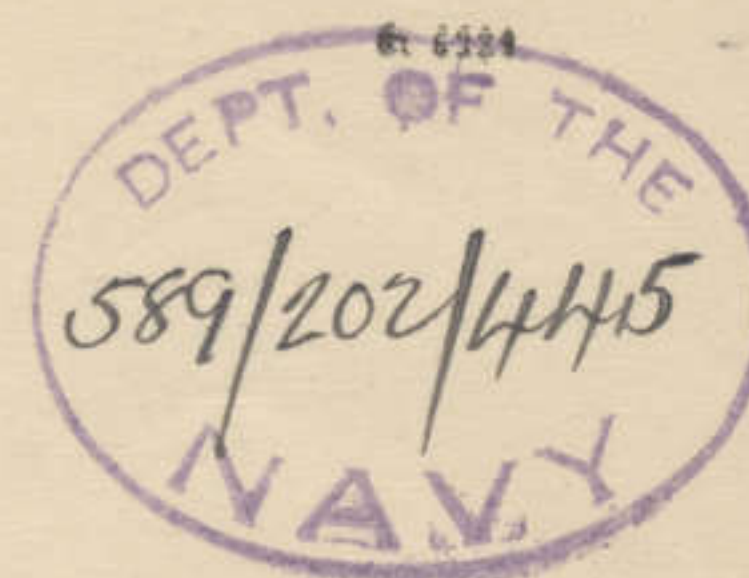
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Royal Australian Navy.

From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER",
Date 4th OCTOBER, 1946. Reference No. DN.600/9.
To SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD THROUGH NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, DARWIN.
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1946.

SUBMITTED:

Ship remained alongside except on 5th, when at 1725 IK in company with "AIR CLOUD", we slipped and proceeded to vicinity of East Point to search for survivors from an R.A.A.F. Douglas C47 aircraft, which crashed during a test flight.

2. A civil Aviation Control Launch which arrived on the scene at the same time, picked up three of the survivors, but caught a line round their screw during the operation. I went alongside and disembarked their three men, and as "AIR CLOUD" had the remaining two members of the crew aboard, we returned to Refit Jetty, Darwin, arriving at 1815 IK; we landed the men and returned to berth inside Main Jetty.

ENGINES AND BATTERIES.

3. Engines are running satisfactorily, and batteries are in good condition.

SHIP'S COMPANY.

4. Conduct and health very good

5.	Miles steamed during month	15 miles.
	Fuel used " "	30 gallons.
	Lube Oil used " "	2 "
	Average speed since commissioning	11.6 knots
	Total engine running hours "	PORT 527 ³ / ₄ hours.
	" " " "	STBD 536
	Miles steamed since commissioning	6190

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

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August 1946

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1946.

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The Secretary,
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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

L. B. Dyer
CAPTAIN.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
7th September, 1946.

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

Date 5th SEPTEMBER, 1946. Reference No. DN.600/9.

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1946.

SUBMITTED:

On 4th and 15th proceeded with "Air Cloud" on trial runs to determine speeds and courses necessary for Governor-General's inspection of the harbour.

2. The Governor-General and the Duchess of Gloucester, and the official party, including N.O.I.C., General Miller, Commander Gower, and the Administrator, boarded ship at 1600 IK 18th. We then proceeded, in company with "Air Cloud", on a tour of inspection of the wrecks, Channel Island Leper Station, and other points of interest round the harbour, returning at 1700 IK.

3. At 0500 21st with Surg. Lt. Brett, proceeded to Cape Don to embark female aborigine for admittance to Darwin Hospital. Arrived Cape Don 1100 departed 1110 IK. Arriving Darwin 1650 we disembarked patient, and returned to berth inside main jetty. As patient was T.B. suspect, all mess utensils were thoroughly sterilized, and bedding was sent to hospital for fumigation.

4. Ship remained alongside for remainder of month.

ENGINES AND BATTERIES.

5. Defect referred to in July's report again developed after the run on the 15th. Another set of new plugs was fitted on the 16th, and engine trials on that date were satisfactory. 1500 revs. were maintained for eleven hours on the trip to Cape Don, and there was no recurrence of the trouble. However, it is not considered that the trouble has been rectified, only temporarily overcome, for the cause of the trouble is not definitely known.

SHIPS COMPANY.

6. Half the Ship's Company were sent to the Recreation Camp at Nightsciffe for weekend 9th to 11th August, and members of the Ship's Company participated in a game of Australian Rules for Small Ships, against the Army.

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7. Conduct and health of all has been very good.
8. Ship completed two years in commission on 31st.

Miles steamed during month		318 miles
Fuel used	" "	895 galls.
Lube oil used	" "	5 galls.
Average speed since commissioning		11.1 knots.
Total engine running hours	" PORT	526 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
" " " " " "	STBD	534 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Miles steamed since commissioning		6175 miles.



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

2 N.M.

Submitted: 27/8

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This ship has done
nothing except engine trials
during the month of July.

Its time she paid off.

Can you tell me the position
please?

23/8.

"Sir Master" is awaiting relief by R.A.A.F. A.S.R. which
should have arrived Darwin 1st week in Aug. Owing to
R.A.A.F. having to make arrangements to refuel their
vessel at Melville Bay her departure was delayed. R.A.A.F.
informed us this morning that she departed Cairns & should
arrive Darwin 1st week in Sept. Wm ops(R) 27/8.

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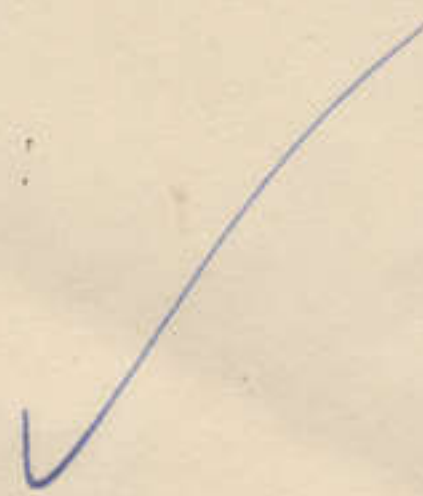
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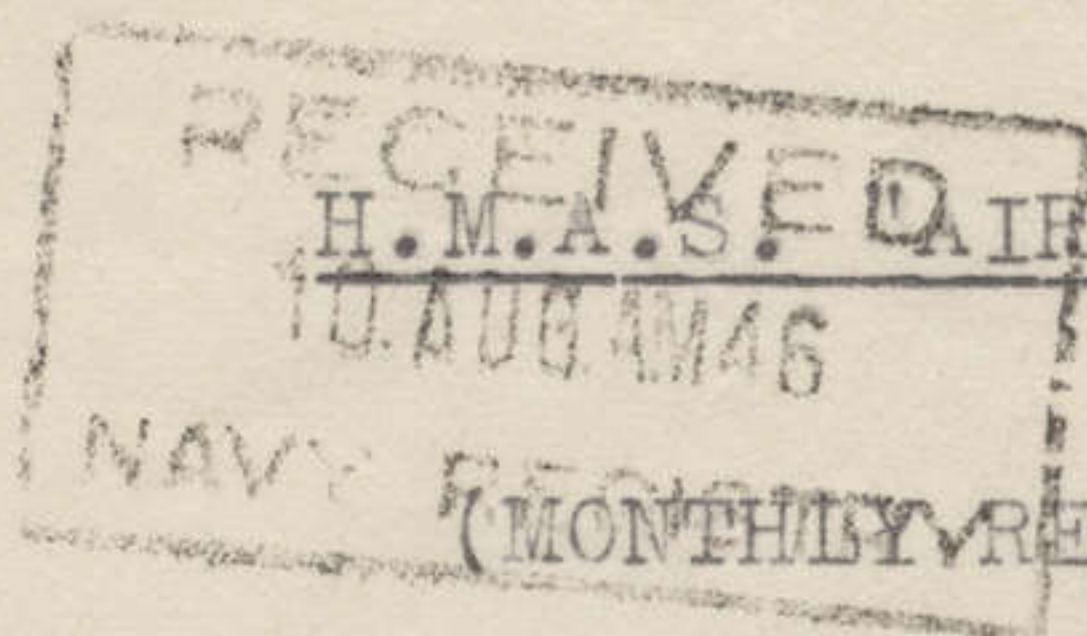
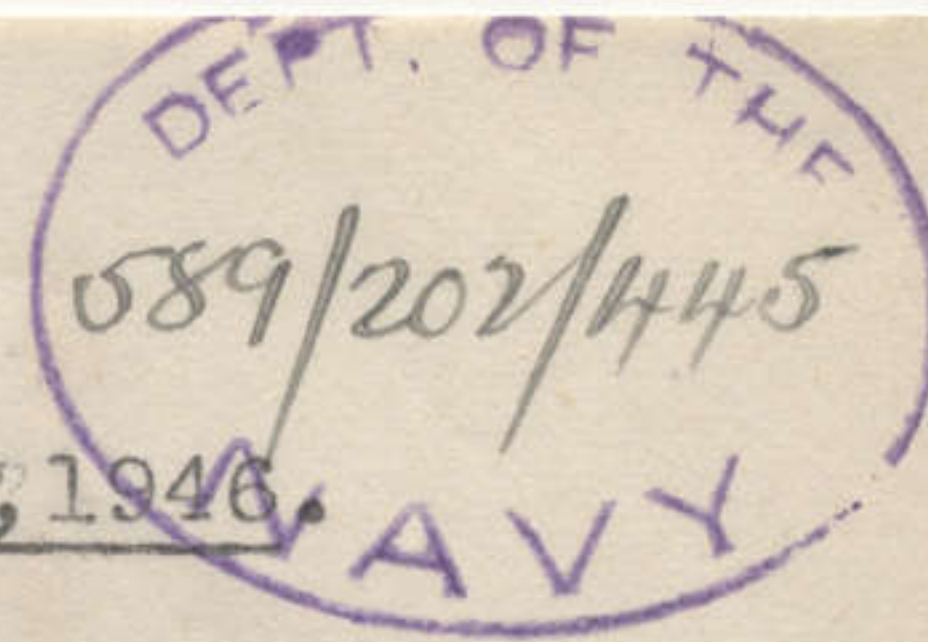
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

LB Dyer
CAPTAIN.

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
8th August, 1946.
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"

Date 5TH AUGUST, 1946

Reference No.

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1946

Submitted:

Apart from engine trials on 3rd, 16th, 23rd, 27th and 31st ship remained alongside.

HULL Condition is satisfactory. Canvas covering on deck is beginning to lift along the seams, but no leaks in the deck are apparent.

ENGINES Early in the month the Starboard engine started missing at 1600 revs. and above. Before defect was finally rectified, the coils and condensers were tested and replaced. Distributors and leads, ignition ~~timing~~ and valve ~~timing~~ were checked, carburetors were removed, cleaned and tested and a new set of spark plugs fitted. It is not known definitely what caused this defect, but it is considered that the trouble may have been caused by faulty plugs and possibly dirty carburetors. Four sets of spark plugs were tried all told, but the first three sets were old plugs and may have broken down under load. However, a new set has now been fitted and the trouble has apparently been rectified.

SHIPS COMPANY

Conduct and health has been very good. Work performed by Leading Stoker A.W. Goddard on the Starboard Engine is worthy of a more highly trained man, and I am more than satisfied with his work in the engine room.

Miles steamed during month	113 miles
Fuel used " "	390 gallons
Lube Oil used " "	1½ "
Average speed since commissioning	11.2 knots
Total engine running hours " PORT	507 hours
" " " " " STBD	514¾ "
Miles steamed since commissioning	5857 miles

Average speed since commissioning for June, 1946 should have read 11.32 knots not 19.32 knots.



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SUB LIUTENANT R.A.N.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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June 1946
'Air Master' to be sailed south on arrival of R.A.F. ASR. which is expected to arrive Darwin 1st week in August.

When do you expect to withdraw Air Master?

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R.N.M.S. B.F.
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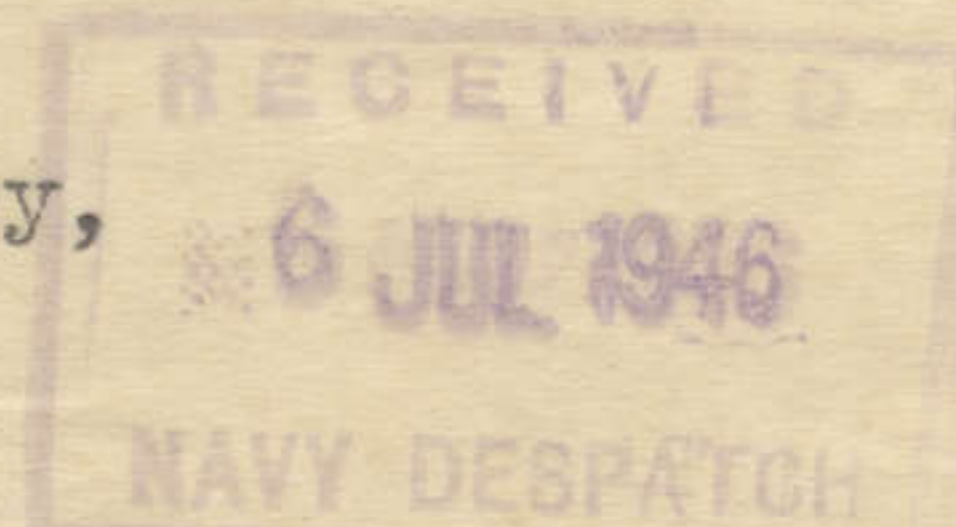
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1946

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD



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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. A Board of Inquiry has been called to investigate the injury to Leading Seaman Phillippe and the minutes will be forwarded in due course.

*Hu.
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Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN.....N.T.
4th July, 1946.

CAPTAIN
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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

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: Ship remained alongside until A.M. 19th when we were slipped for routine inspection. Engine trials were carried out on 25th and 26th.

HULL Slipping revealed no trace of teredo worm and copper metallic paint was in quite good condition. While on slip, hull was cleaned and painted with one coat copper anti-fouling paint. Condition of propellers, shafts, rudders and "A" Bracket bearings was very satisfactory. Sea cocks were inspected and found correct. Ship unslipped A.M. 20th June.

ENGINES 100 hour overhaul was carried out. While on trials on 25th starboard engine was surging and missing badly. Valve timing chain was tightened and spark plugs changed. Trials on 26th were satisfactory.

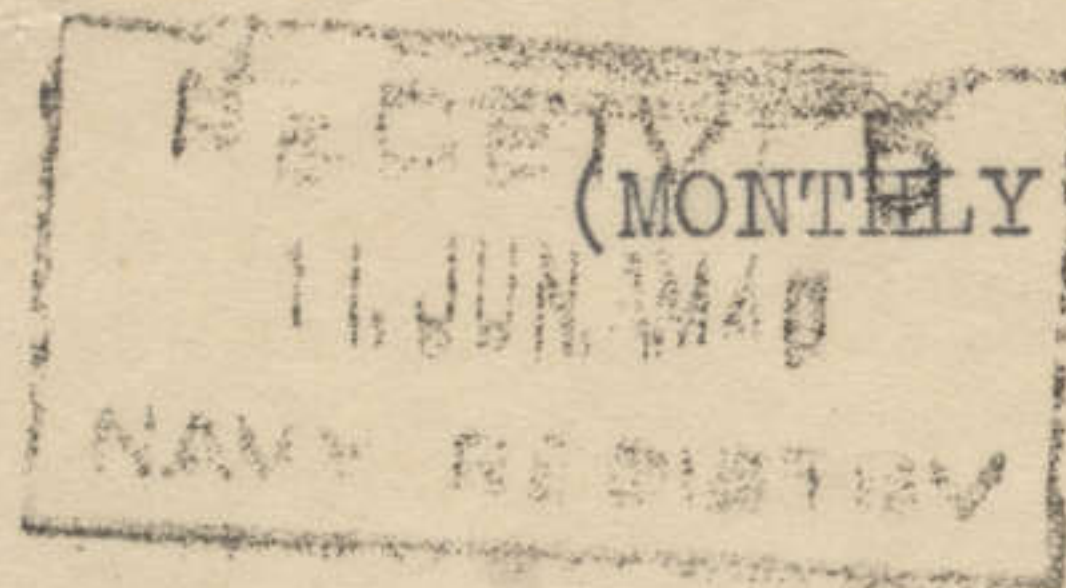
SHIP'S COMPANY During my absence on 21st June, Coxswain, Leading Seaman P.A. Phillippe damaged his right hand when a detonator, with which he was fishing, exploded in his hand. He was admitted to Darwin District Hospital. Detonator was obtained from a civilian who also was fishing on the wharf.

Miles steamed during month	56 miles
Fuel used " "	235 gallons
Oil used " "	26 gallons
Gallons per mile	4.2 " per mile
Average speed since commissioning	19.32 knots
Total engine hours " "	Port 499½ hours
" " " "	Stbd 507½ "
Miles steamed " "	5744 miles

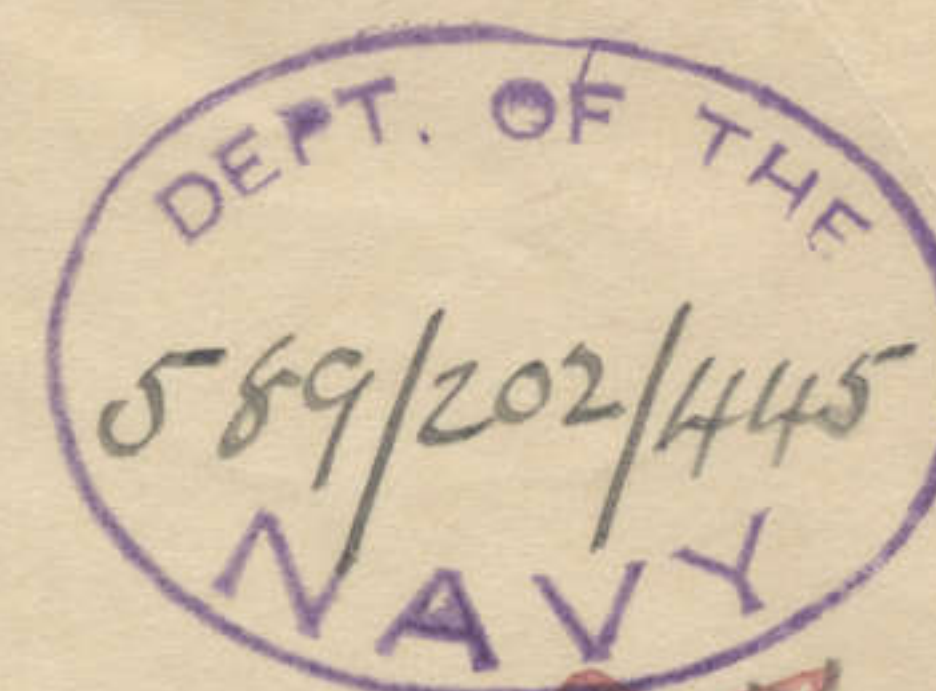
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COMMANDING OFFICER

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7th June, 1946
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L. B. Dyer

CAPTAIN
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".
Date 3rd June, 1946 Reference No.
To Secretary, NAVAL BOARD, (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge
DARWIN).
Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1946

Submitted:

Apart from recreational trips with personnel from "MELVILLE" to Talc Head, distant 4 miles, on 5th and 15th, ship remained alongside until 1655IK, 19th when, in accordance with instructions, we proceeded to West Point Beach to join H.M.A. "M.S.L. 708" in search for rating believed drowned when dinghy capsized.

2. The body was recovered from the beach A.M. 20th and placed aboard this ship at 0735IK. We then returned to Darwin, arriving 0840IK, 20th, where Medical Officer "MELVILLE" met ship with ambulance. We then proceeded to our berth and secured alongside "AIR CLOUD".

3. Ship remained alongside for remainder of month

4. Hull appears to be in quite good condition.

Engines and batteries: Condition of both is satisfactory

Ships Company: Conduct and health very good.

Distance Steamed during month: 49 miles

" " " since commissioning 5688 "

Fuel used during month 200 gallons

Lubricating oil used during month 1½ gallons

Gallons per mile during month 11.08

Average speed since commissioning 11.31 knots



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SUB LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R.

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

3rd June, 1946

Secretary, NAVAL BOARD, (Through Naval Officer-in-Charge
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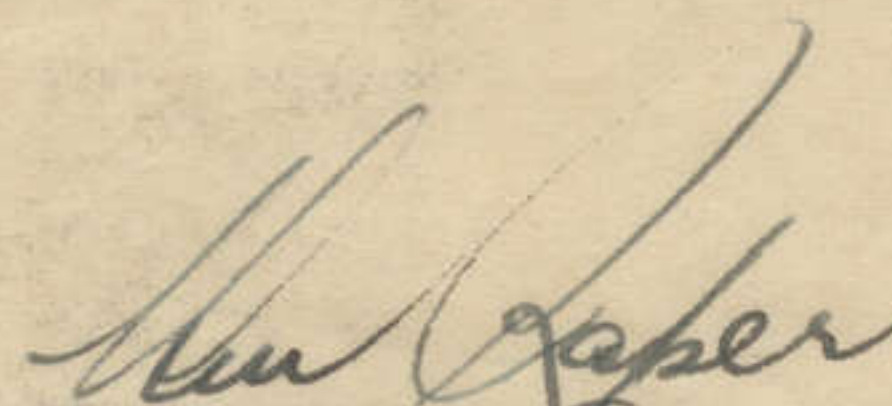
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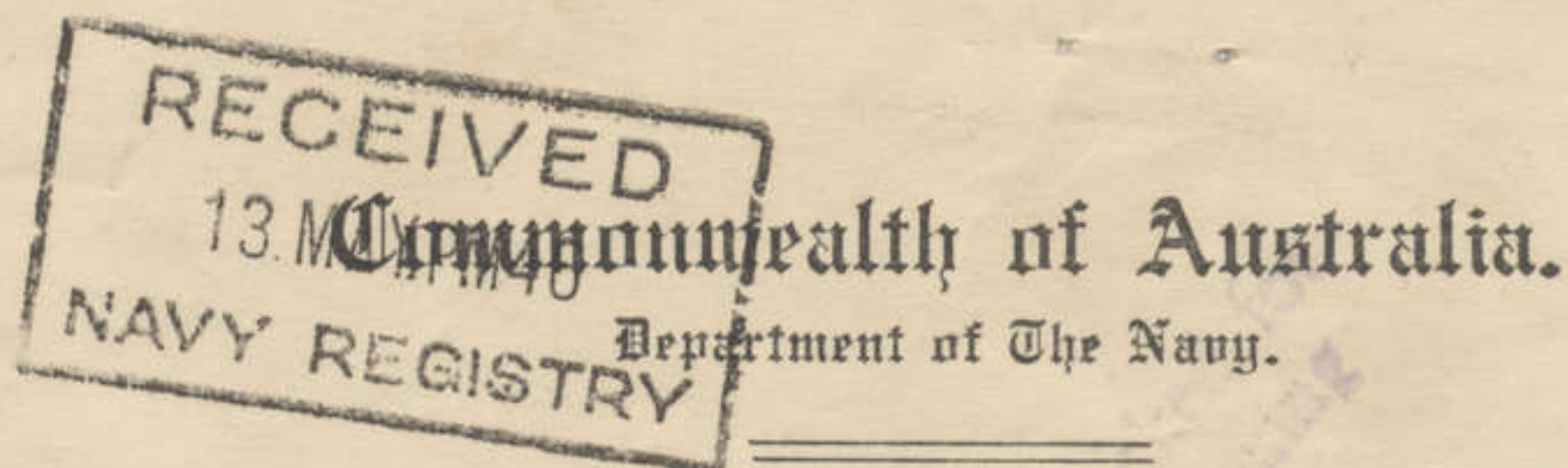
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From *Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. Sir Baster.*

Date *6th May 1946.* Reference No.

To *Secretary, Navy Board through NO/c Darwin.*

Subject *Monthly Letter of Proceedings.*

Submitted is monthly letter of proceedings for April 1946.

April 1-4. Sailed alongside Small Craft Base, Brisbane having defects rectified.

On April 5th engine trials were carried out and were completely satisfactory.

At 1125K on 7th proceeded with Air Blaw, in tow of Gondamine, for Townsville. The towing bridle, fitted in Brisbane, parted at 0445K 8th. No damage to the hull is apparent.

Proceeded under our own power till 1310K when Gondamine fitted new bridle and tow was resumed.

Arrived Townsville 10th and proceeded for Thursday Island at 2010K 13th, arriving at 2140K on the 15th. At 2350K tow line was passed from Barwon and we proceeded for Darwin.

Tow line parted at 2220K 17th. At this time there was a force 5 wind and a following sea and swell estimated at 37. Permission had been requested to stop tow till the weather eased, but a reduction in speed proved satisfactory. After tow parted we proceeded under own power till lee of Cape Dan was reached, when a new line was passed. Sailed alongside Air Blaw in Darwin at 1315K.

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2.
Apart from pulling in both ship has not moved from berth since arrival.

It is considered that more harm than good is done by towing this type of craft over long distances.

While being towed, with Air plan to Thursday Island, the two ships collided on several occasions. Fortunately no damage was done to this vessel.

With a quarter or stern sea it is impossible to steer these craft under tow. This was particularly noticeable during the journey from Thursday Island when, with a heavy following sea, ship was several times at right angles to Garmen.

Shortly before the tow line parted we rode up on the tow on three or four successive occasions, and as the tow took the strain when we settled back in the trough, we moved from a virtual standstill to nine knots. The line eventually parted the fourth time, but while this was happening the strain on the hull was very severe.

Apart from several scores and gashes caused by the bridle the hull appears to be in quite good condition.

ENGINES AND BATTERIES

Condition of the engines and batteries is satisfactory.

Ships Company.

Health and conduct good.

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Miles steamed during month		220	nm.
Fuel used	" "	955	g.
Oil used	" "	19 1/2	g.
Gallons per mile	" "	4.34	
Average speed since commissioning		11.5	
Total engine hours	" "	Port 484 1/2	Starboard 493.
Miles steamed	" "	5,639.	



Sub. Lieut.
RANR

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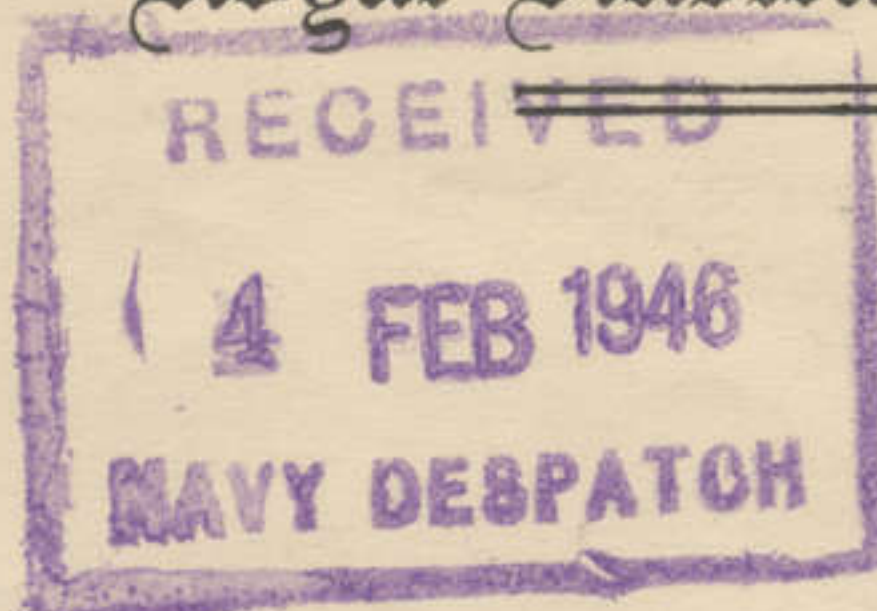
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER",

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
(through Flag Officer in Charge, Sydney.

Report of Proceedings for January 1946

(Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 + C.C.N.O. 19/45)

From 1st. to 22nd January "Air Master" was berthed at "Rushcutt" awaiting refit. Engines were tested weekly during this period. On 22nd, A.M., proceeded to Gore Cove + discharged 176 gals. petrol at the Shell wharf, thence returning to "Rushcutt".

2 On 23rd. the boat was taken to Garden Island, & after being floated into a cradle, was hoisted on to the oil wharf for the refit to be executed. Heads have been taken off both engines for top overhaul. Bottom of the boat was scraped free of shell & a coat of special copper paint applied. A new piece of wood was let in to the port chine where it had been eaten by borer. The hull was given an undercoat of gray & to date one coat of black.

3 Health & morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

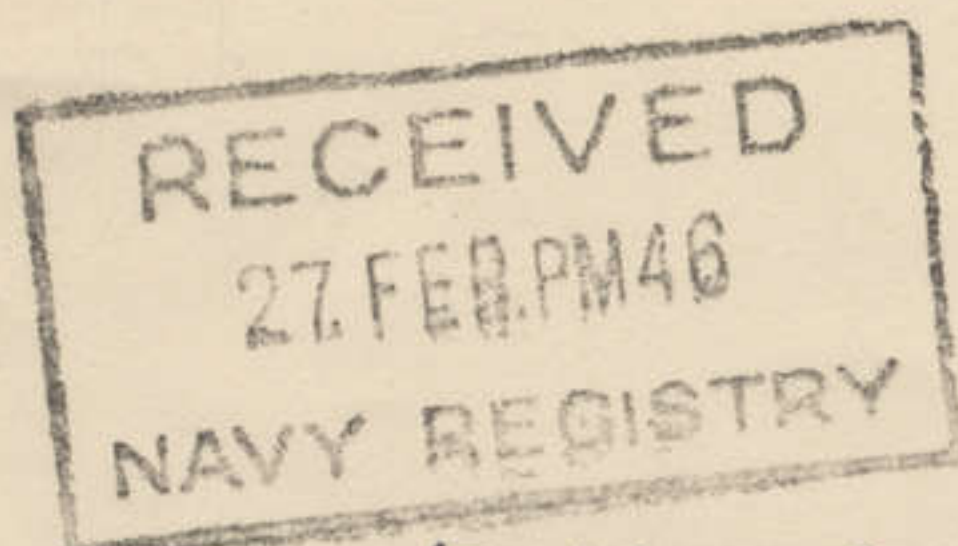
4 Efficiency Report -

Main Engines	Undergoing top overhaul
Batteries	Satisfactory
W/T. Set	Awaiting overhaul. Unserviceable
Radio Compass	Satisfactory
V.H.F. Radio	Satisfactory
Radar (I.F.F.)	Satisfactory
Guns	Good
Hull	Being repaired & repainted.
Underwater gear	Being repaired.

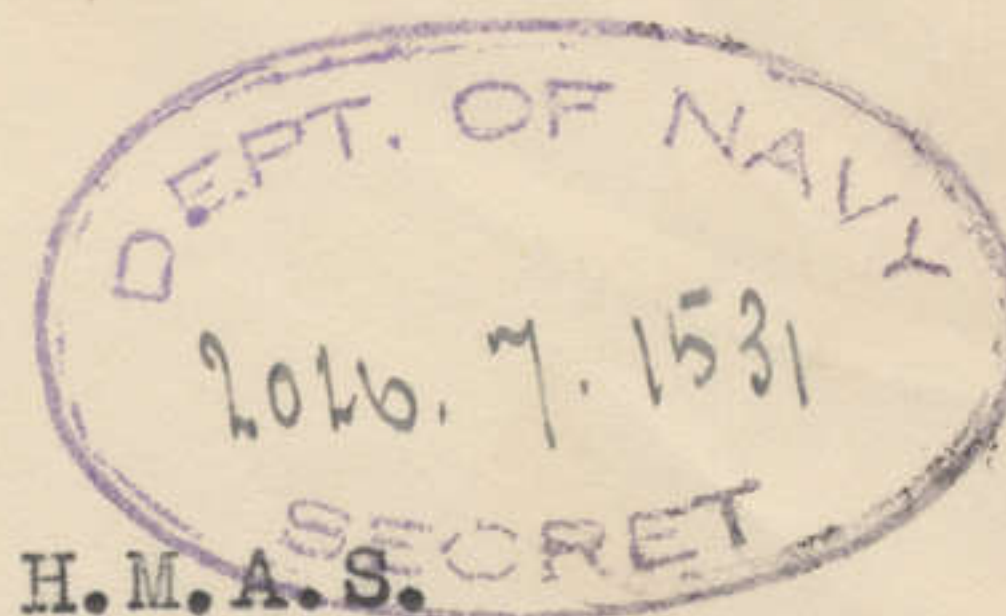
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Distance steamed during month	24 miles
Hours under way	2½
" " " on one engine during month.	NIL
Average speed for month.	9.6 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month.	70 gallons
" " " " per hour	28 "
Total distance steamed since commissioning	4785 miles
Total hours under way	407¾
Average speed	11.7 knots
Date commissioned.	31st. August 1944.

COMMANDING OFFICER
N. Shields
P.L.T. RANVR
H.M.A.S. 'AIR MASTER'



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(Letter from The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S.
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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

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CAPTAIN, R.A.N.

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Office of Flag Officer-in-Charge, N.S.W.,
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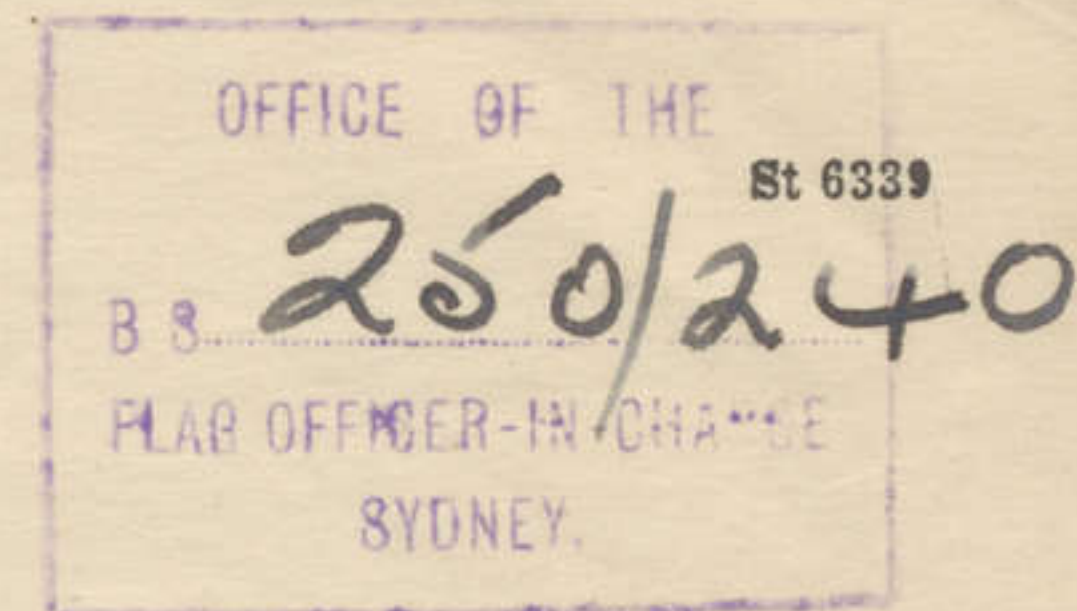
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Mr. Frank

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Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date.....13th February, 1946.....Reference No.....T.91/300.....

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

Subject.....MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1946
H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"

Submitted for information, the attached report
of proceedings for the month of January, 1946 from H.M.A.S.
"AIR MASTER".

A/Captain R.N.



The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Air Master"

1st February, 1946.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY 1946
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3. Health and morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

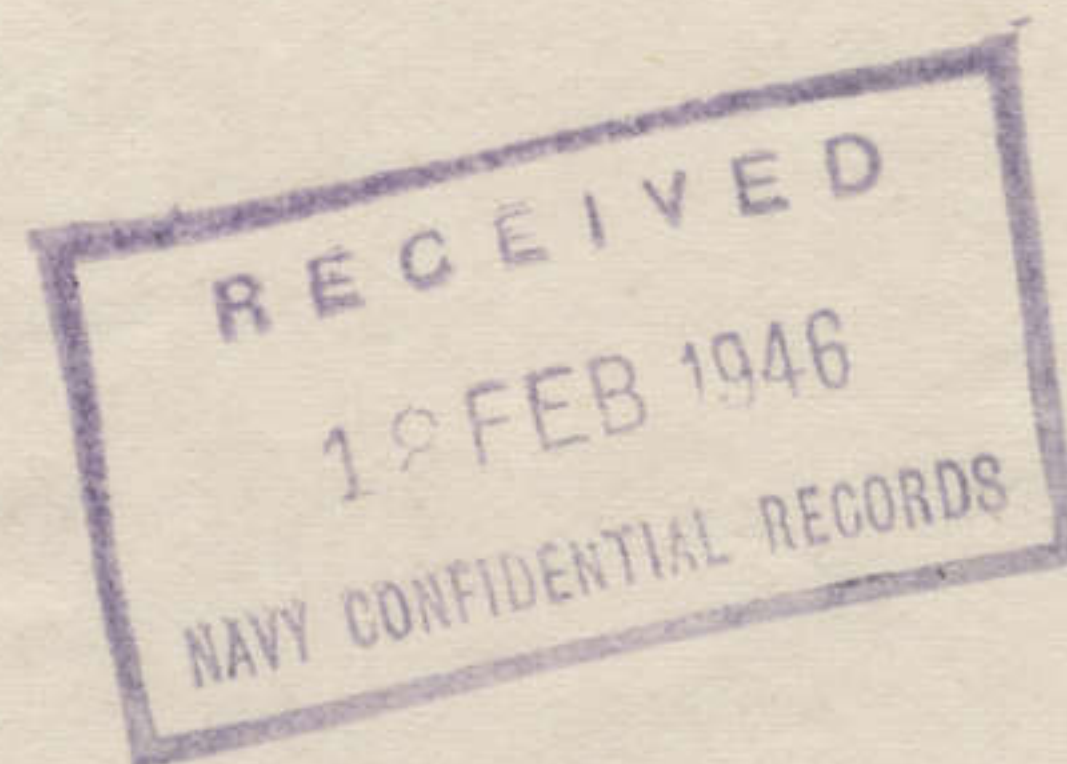
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Main Engines	Undergoing top overhaul.
Batteries	Satisfactory.
W/T Set	Awaiting overhaul-Unserviceable.
Radio Compass	Satisfactory.
Radar (I.F.F.)	Satisfactory.
Guns	Good.
Hull	Being repaired and repainted.
Underwater gear	Being repaired.

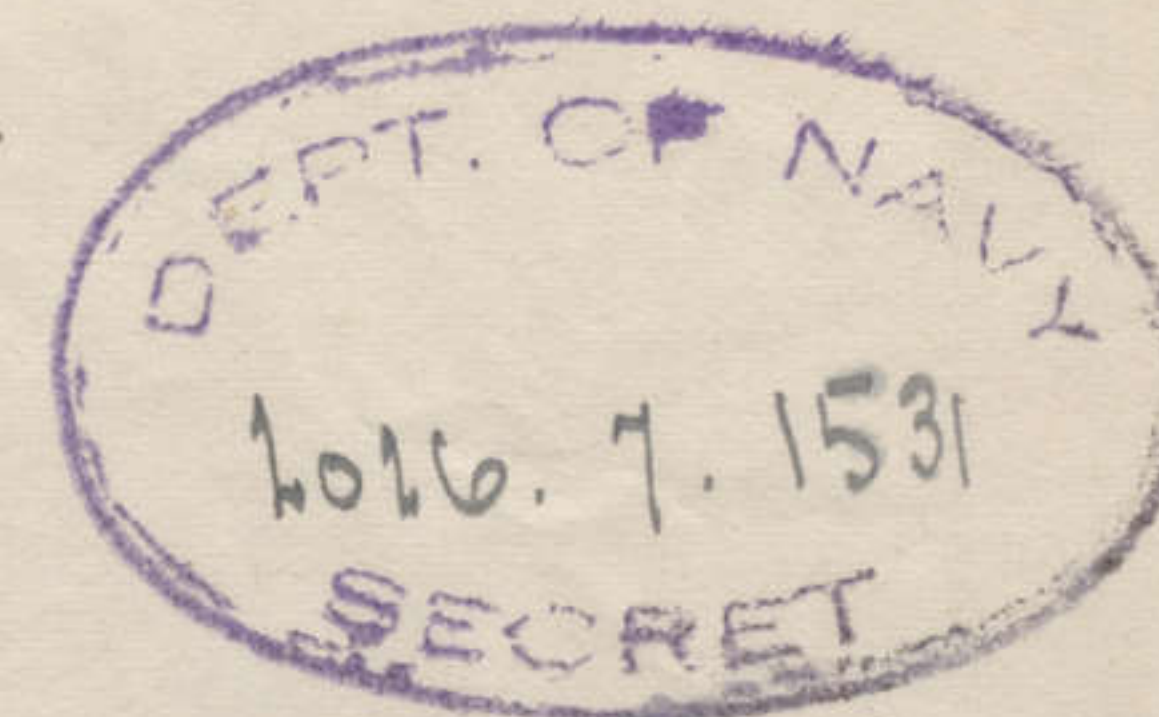
5. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during month	24 Miles
Hours under way " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hours
" " " on one engine	Nil
Average speed for month	9.6 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	70 Gallons
" " " " per hour	28 "
Total distance steamed since commissioning	478 $\frac{5}{2}$ Miles
Total hours under way	407 $\frac{3}{4}$
Average speed	11.7 knots
Date Commissioned	31st August, 1944.

(Sgd.) N. Shield
Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.



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

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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"

Submitted for information, the attached report
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"AIR MASTER".

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Harvey John Seaman
A/Captain R.N.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Air Master"

1st February, 1946.

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

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Guns	Good.
Hull	Being repaired and repainted.
Underwater gear	Being repaired.

5. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during month	24 Miles
Hours under way " "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Hours
" " " on one engine	Nil
Average speed for month	9.6 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	70 Gallons
" " " " per hour	28 "
Total distance steamed since commissioning	4785 Miles
Total hours under way	407 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average speed	11.7 knots
Date Commissioned	31st August, 1944.

(Sgd.) N. Shield
Sub. Lieut. R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.



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

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1945
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H.M. J.N.

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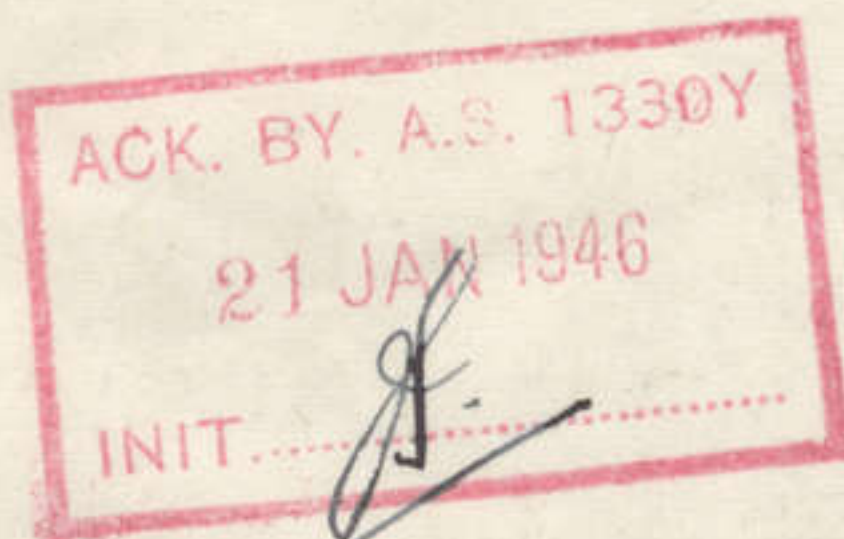
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER, 1945.

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

From 1st to 5th December, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" was being towed by H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" from Morotai to Thursday Island via the western end of New Guinea. The weather was good and seas calm. Thursday Island being reached at 1731K on 5th. At 0810 on 6th departure was taken en route to Townsville, again in tow to H.M.A.S. "INVERELL", arriving at Townsville at 1830K on 9th.

2. Townsville was left at 1645 on 10th and H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" continued the tow to Brisbane. Fresh south-east to easterly winds made the boats inclined to slam heavily while being towed into head seas, and the Commanding Officer of H.M.A.S. "INVERELL" showed judgment in easing the boats through the worst of it. Tow was cast off at Caloundra at 1630K on 13th in a heavy northerly. Delay was caused in the North West Channel by a heavy storm, visibility being reduced to zero, and Pile Light was reached at 2230, all boats anchoring. At 0530 on 14th the Brisbane River was entered, and H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" AND "AIR MASTER" berthed at the Small Craft Base at 0700.

3. Both boats slipped at 1530K on 16th and by 1810 had been taken in tow by H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" en route for Sydney. On 17th a heavy north-easter caused a big following sea but by midday on 18th this had died away, to be followed by a southerly which steadily mounted to gale force. Speed was eased down, but at 2225, off Newcastle Bight, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" broke away and drifted in a northerly direction. The remainder of the night was spent by H.M.A.S. "GERALDTON" and "AIR MASTER", which had cast off the tow line, in trying to get "AIR MIST" in tow again, but all efforts proved futile and at 0630 on 19th "AIR MIST", being very close to the rocks off Morna Point, was abandoned, "AIR MASTER" picking up the crew. Course was set for Newcastle, which was reached at 0957. A separate report covering the incident has already been submitted.

4. H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" remained at Newcastle awaiting escort until 23rd, when Newcastle was left at 0300, for rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "JUNEE". At 0400 course was set for Sydney, "AIR MASTER" berthing at H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER" awaiting refit.

5. Health and morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

6. Efficiency Report:-

Main Engines	-	Good
Batteries	-	Satisfactory
W/T Set	-	Unserviceable. Operating on loan set.
Radio Compass	-	Satisfactory
V.H.F. Radio	-	Satisfactory
Radar (I.F.F.)	-	Satisfactory
Guns	-	Good
Hull	-	Affected by borers
Underwater gear	-	Possibly damaged by striking logs while in tow.

7. Monthly Figures:-

Distance steamed during month	238 miles
Hours under way during month	35
Hours under way on one engine during month	8½
Average speed for month	6.8 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	785
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	22.4
Total distance steamed since commissioning	4761 miles
Total hours under way	405
Average speed	11.8 knots
Date commissioned	31st August, 1944

(SGD) H. SHIELD
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.

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

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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the
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MOLUCCAS.
24th January, 1946.

A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MOLUCCAS.

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The Secretary, Naval Board. (Through N.O.C. Moluccas.)

Report of Proceedings for November 1945.

(Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 & C.C. N.O. 19/45)

From 1st. to 9th. November "Air Master" was on station for air-sea-rescue at Balikpapan. On 5th. one hour, on 7th. three hours, on 8th half an hour, & on 9th. two hours were spent in assisting Catalinas to alight & take off, but no other operations were carried out.

2 At 0635 I on 10th. "Air Master" slipped to proceed to Macassar, reaching Pare Pare at 1817 I & sailing from there 1007 I on 11th. to berth at Macassar at 1620 I.

The boat was slipped at 1710 I on 13th.. The starboard propeller was straightened, & new propeller shafts with new bearings & one new sleeve were fitted. Borer holes were plugged, the bottom anti-fouled, & the hull, decks, & interior were painted. At 1435 I on 20th. the boat was again in the water, & at 1605 was taken in tow by "Inverell".

3 On 22nd. at 0935 I the tow line was cast off & "Air Master" proceeded independently into Balikpapan Harbour, berthing at 1058. The boat was fuelled & watered, & at 1525 again

cast off, to be taken in tow by "Inverell" outside the harbour at 1630 in company with "Air Mist". Passage to Morotai was in exceptionally fine weather, & tow was cast off at 1400 on 26th. off the northern entrance, berthing at 1543I. At 1327I on 29th. "Inverell" again took up the tow en route to Thursday Island. Two logs were struck at dusk with possible damage to underwater gear.

4. Health & morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

5. Efficiency Report -

Main Engines
Batteries
W/T set

Good
Satisfactory
Unserviceable. Using loan set
Satisfactory.
Good.
Affected by borers.

Radio Compass, V.H.F. Radio, & I.F.F.
Guns
Hull

6. Monthly Figures -

Distance steamed during month	462 miles
Hours under way	34 $\frac{3}{4}$
" " on one engine during month	NIL
Average Speed for month	13.3 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1389
" " " per hour	40
Total distance steamed since commissioning	4523 miles
Total hours under way	370 $\frac{1}{4}$
Average Speed	12.1 knots
Date commissioned	31st. August 1944

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COMMANDING OFFICER
N. Shields
Sub Lt RANVR
H.M.A.S. 'AIR MASTER'

Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Air Master" letter of
5th November, 1945.

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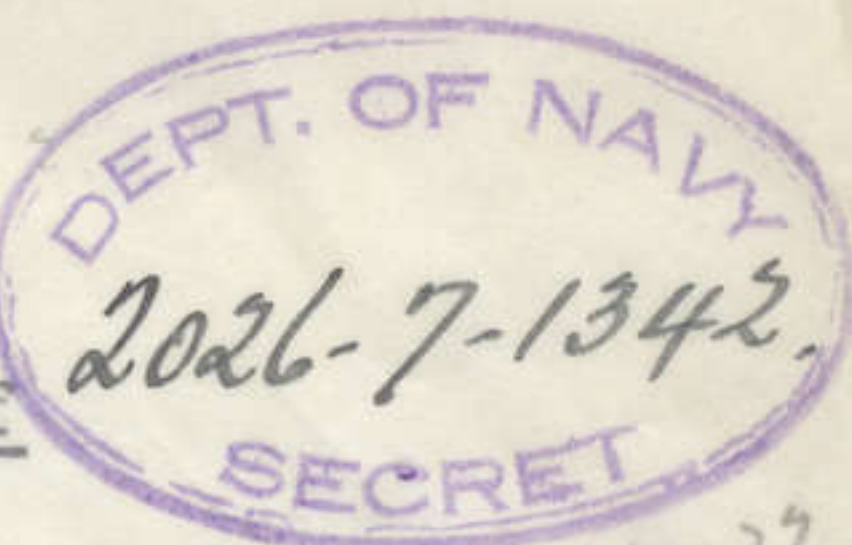
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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, MOLUCCAS.

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MOLUCCAS.
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THE SECRETARY,
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Through NOIC MOLUCCAS.

H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER",
5th November, 1945.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1945

(Submitted in accordance with N.O.97/43 & C.C.N.O.

19/45.)

From 1st to 12th October boat was on station at Balikpapan for air sea rescue duties, but no operations were carried out. On 13th, with R.A.A.F. Officers aboard, a tour of the harbour was made to select a flying-boat base, the ex-P.T. Base being selected.

2. At 0711 I on 14th, proceeded to Tanahgrogot, conveying G.O.C. 7 Div. A.I.F., and staff, returning to Balikpapan at 1608 I the same day. On return the boat was put out of commission owing to a leaking oil cooler core in the port engine, and the 300 hours refit being necessary. Repairs to the oil cooler core not being satisfactory, a new one was obtained and after trials on 20th the boat resumed station for A.S.R. duties.

3. On 25th proceeded to Sanga Sanga and Samarinda, with G.O.C. 7 Div, and staff aboard, returning to Sanga Sanga for the night. Next morning carried on up river to Tenggarong, returning to Balikpapan at 1847 I and resuming station for A.S.R. duties. At request of R.A.A.F., moved two Catalina buoys to safer positions A.M. on 30th., this concluding operations for the month.

4. Health and morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

5. EFFICIENCY REPORT -

Main engines	Good
Batteries	Satisfactory
W/T Set	Unserviceable. Operating on loan set.
Radio Compass	Satisfactory
V.H.F. Radio	Satisfactory
Radar (I.F.F.)	Satisfactory
Guns	Good
Hull	Affected by borers. Awaiting sailing instructions to Macassar for slipping and repairs.

6. MONTHLY FIGURES. -

Distance steamed during month	418 miles
Hours under way during month 2.....	28
Hours under way on one engine during month	NIL
Average speed for month	14.93 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1296
Gallons of fuel expended per hour	46.29
Total distance steamed since commissioning	4061
Total hours under way	335½
Average speed	12.1 knots
Date commissioned	31st Aug. '44

COMMANDING OFFICER
N. Smith
H.M.A.S. 'AIR MASTER'

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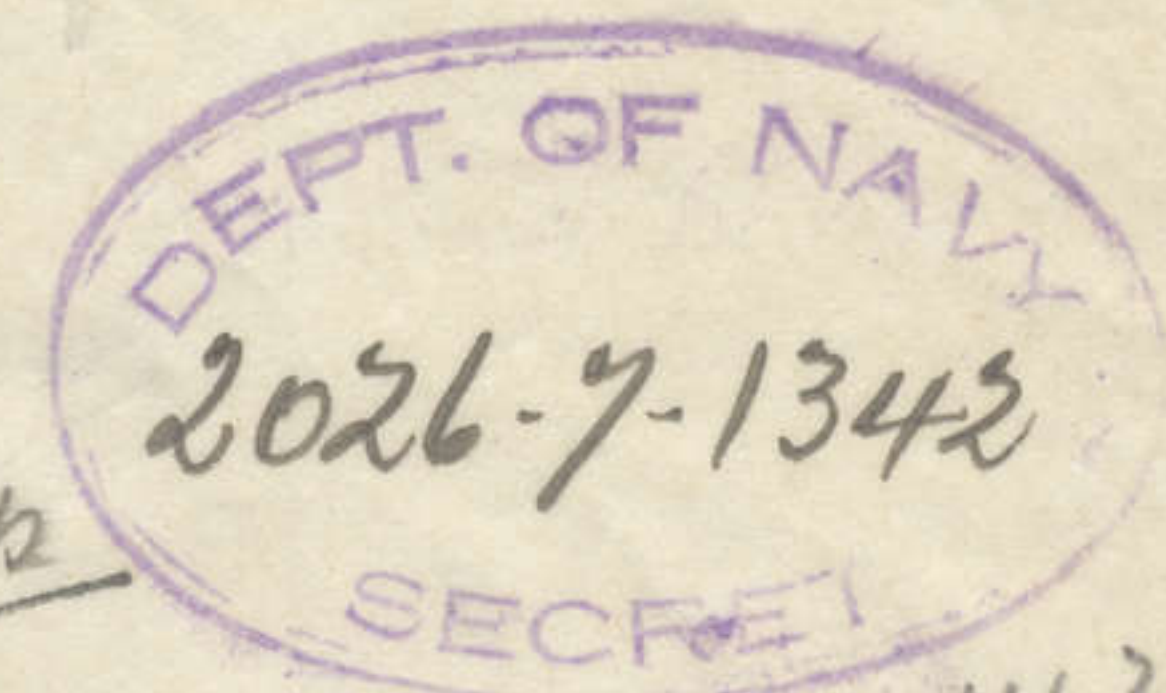
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The Secretary,
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Submitted for the information of the
Naval Board. It is intended to slip this craft at Macasser.

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A/CAPTAIN. R.A.N.

Office of Naval Officer-in-
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".
1 October, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board. (through N.O.I.C. Moluccas).

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER
1945.

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

During the month of September boat was on station for air-sea rescue duties at Balikpapan. On 1 September assisted Catalina to alight and moor, arranging transport to shore for personnel. At the request of R.A.A.F., V.H.F. radio tests were carried out with H.M.A.S. "GASCOYNE" on the 4th, and on the 5th P.M. boat proceeded outside harbour and carried out radio tests with R.A.A.F. Fighter Control.

2. On 6th and 14th. U.S. "Mariners" were assisted to alight, but other than these no further operations were carried out until the 22nd. At 0800 on 22nd, boat proceeded to Sanga Sanga and Samarinda with the Port Director and Army officers aboard. The Koetei River was entered through Moeara Pegah, whence the light boat had been removed and beacons cut down. Boat returned to Balikpapan at 1500I on 23rd. No further operations were carried out until 28th.

X 3. On 28th, with R.A.A.F. officers aboard, a search was conducted for a wrecked Catalina believed to have crashed some months ago. The remains of the plane were located near Telokwaroe. This concluded operations for the month.

4. Health and morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

5. Efficiency Report -

Main engines	-	Good.
Batteries	-	Satisfactory.
W/T Set	-	Unserviceable. Operating on temporary set.
Radio Compass	-	Satisfactory.
V.H.F. Radio	-	Satisfactory.
Radar (I.F.F.)	-	Satisfactory.
Guns	-	Good.
Hull	-	Affected by borers in both chines, 3 planks and starboard spray strip. Unable to take under-water survey owing to cloudy water. Have requested docking and survey.

6. Monthly Figures-

Distance steamed during month	-	277 miles
Hours under way	-	22 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles
" " "on one engine during month	-	Nil
Average speed for month	-	12.45 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	-	840
" " " " per hour	-	37.75
Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	3643 miles
" hours under way	-	307 $\frac{1}{2}$
Average speed	-	11.85 knots
Date commissioned	-	31 August '44

(Sgd) N. Shields.

SUB. LIEUTENANT. R.A.N.R.

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The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Report of Proceedings for month of August 1945

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

During the month of August boat was on station at Balikpapan for air sea rescue duties. Boat was ordered to sea P.M. 1st. August to meet planes short of fuel, but was recalled in an hour as all aircraft landed safely.

(2) During the balance of the month the only other operations were assisting Catalina + Mariner flying boats to alight & leading them to safe moorings, on 11th & 18th August. On 21st & again on 27th a two-hour run to sea was taken to charge batteries, test engines, check radio gear etc.

(3) On 20th. August boat was docked at The U.S.N. No 7 advanced P.T. base, to have bottom cleaned & painted. On inspection it was found that the starboard spray strip, both chutes aft, & three planks showed definite

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evidence of borer or worm. Port Director was notified & inspected the hull, & a signal dispatched to N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

(4) A blow lamp was run over the affected parts, as many holes as possible plugged, & bottom repainted, these being the only measures which could be taken in the time available, as the dock authorities considered the dock dangerous in view of the sea which was running, & the boat was undocked at 2345 hours on 28th.

(5) On 29th. a written report of the condition of the hull followed the signal, & requesting a survey of the hull as early as possible. From 29th to 31st. boat was on station for air sea rescue duties.

(6) Health & morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

(7) Efficiency Report -

Main Engines	-	Good
Batteries	-	Satisfactory
W/T set	-	Unserviceable. Operating on Temporary set.
Radio Compass	-	Satisfactory
V.H.F. Set	-	Satisfactory
Radar (I.F.F.)	-	Satisfactory.
Guns	-	Good
Hull	-	Affected By borers in both chimes, 3 planks, & starboard spray strip.

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(8) Monthly Figures -

Distance steamed during month. - 134 miles

Hours under way " " - $10\frac{3}{4}$

" " " on one engine during month. nil

Average Speed for month - 12.47 kts.

Gallons of fuel expended during month - 420

" " " " per hour. - 39.07

Total distance steamed since commissioning - 3366 m.

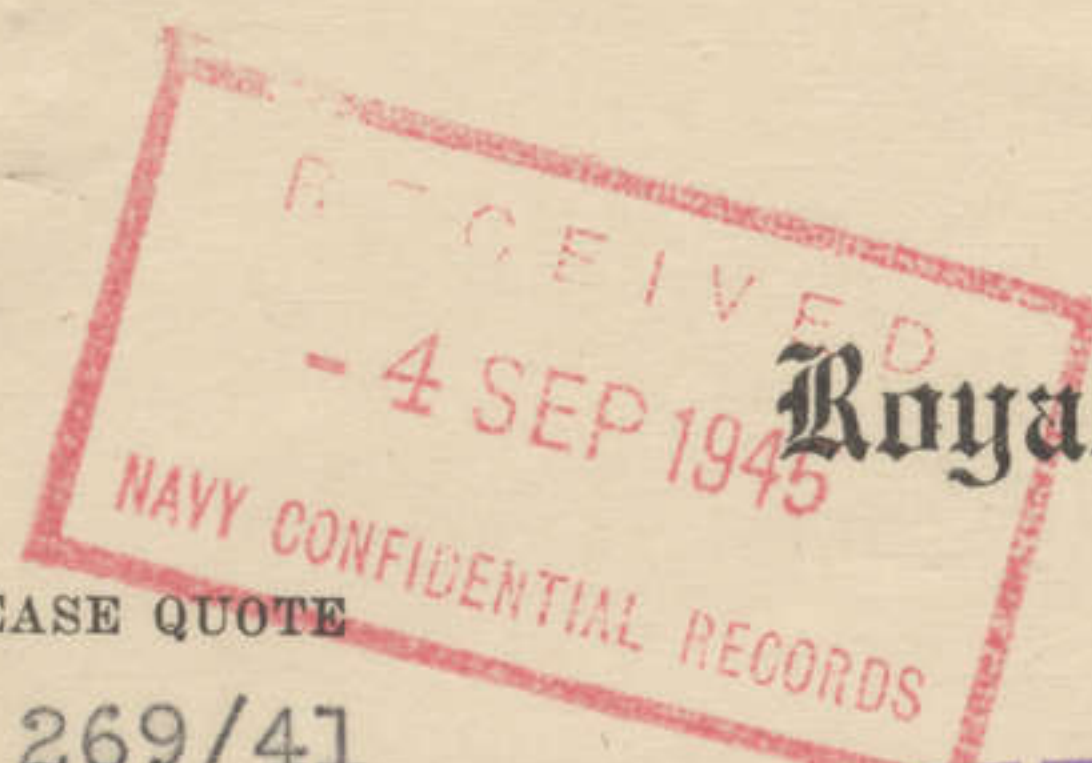
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Average Speed. - 11.8 kts.

Date commissioned. - 31st August
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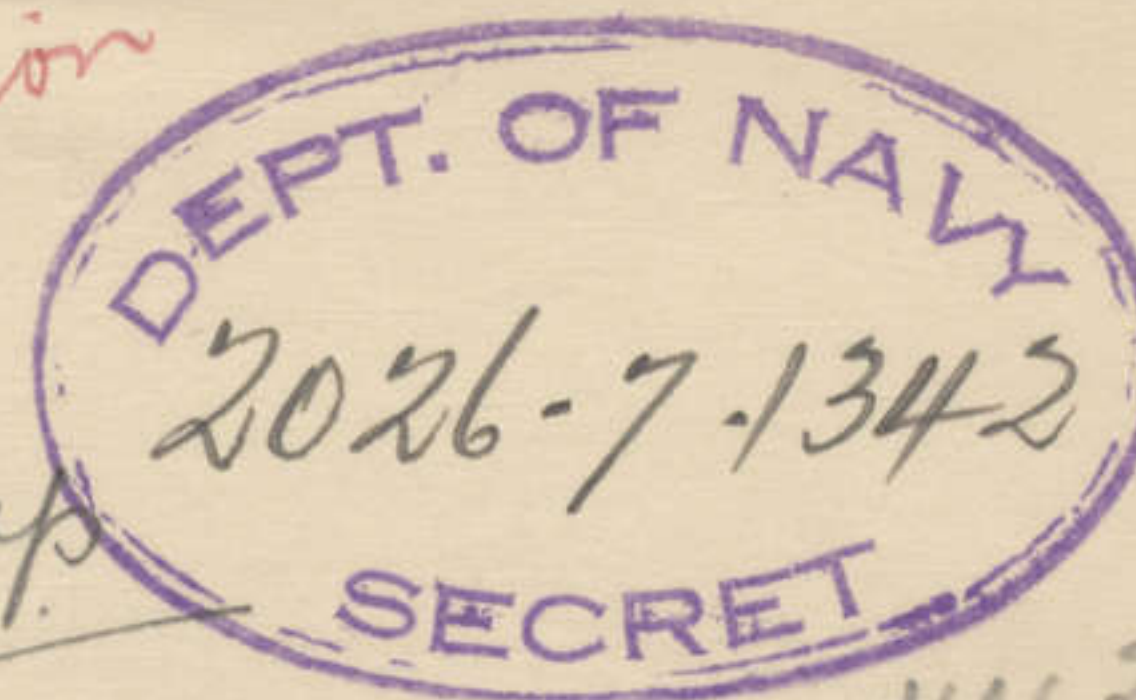


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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY, 1945.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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

*Mr Slessor
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TO Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1945.

Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45.
From A.M. 1st July to AM 3rd, boat was en route from Morotai to Balikpapan, being towed by "Cootamundra".

2. On arrival at Balikpapan, came under the operational control of 1st R.A.F., R.A.A.F., being employed mainly in transporting blood, urgent medical supplies and mail from Catalinas to shore, and taking out wounded and mail. Owing to mines this work was carried out outside harbour and the swell rendered it difficult to go alongside pontoons without damage. When moving out from pontoon AM 9th, struck submerged cable and damaged port rudder. Divers from A.R.S. 19 replaced it with spare rudder PM 9th.

3. From AM 10th to PM 14th carried on same work inside harbour. Air strip was then available, supplies and mail being landed there, releasing us from the work. From 15th to 31st, boat was on station for A.S.R. duties.

4. On 23rd, A.M., proceeded to Manggar Inlet, where R.A.A.F. requested we establish base, but a sandbar across the entrance rendered it unsuitable. On 26th PM superintended removal of swamped barge drifting round harbour and constituting danger to shipping. During an air raid, AM 27th, proceeded outside harbour to stand by until our fighter planes landed. On 30th AM phone watch at No. 5 dock on line direct to Fighter Sector was commenced, thus releasing batteries of the strain of constant R/T watch.

5. Health and morale of ship's company are satisfactory.

6. Efficiency report -

Main engines	good
Batteries	satisfactory
W/T set	Undergoing repairs, temporary set installed, satisfactory.
Radio Compass	satisfactory
V.H.F. set	satisfactory.
RADAR (I.F.F.)	satisfactory
Guns	good
Hull	good. Routine slipping due 3rd August.

7. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed during month	411 miles
Hours under way during month	40½
Hours under on one engine	Nil
Average speed for month	10.1 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month	1070
" " " " per hour	26.4
Total distance steamed since commissioning	3232
Total hours under way " "	274½
Average speed	11.8 knots
Date Commissioned	- 31st August, 1944.

(Sgd) N. Shield
Sub Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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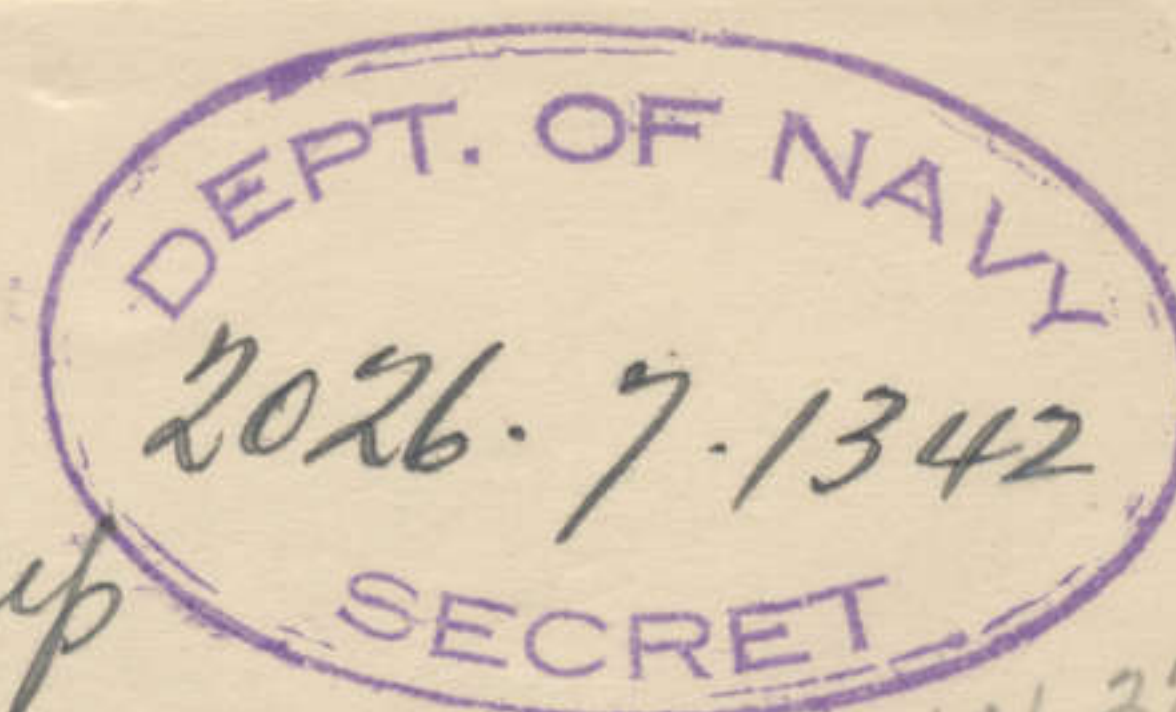
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, JUNE, 1945. H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"

HN 27/6/45

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. H. Woodward
A/Commander, R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge,
New Guinea. (A.O.D.).

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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".

4th July, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board (through N.O.I.C. New Guinea).

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

At 0001I on 1st June boat was en route from Biak to Morotai, being towed by U.S. small ship "Comara." Gunnery trials were carried out, and the starboard outer gun, which had previously given trouble, operated satisfactorily.

Morotai was reached and tow cast off at 0900I on 3rd. After reporting to "PLATYPUS", contact was made with 1st T.A.F., R.A.A.F., and boat was assigned to 80 Wing for operations. This was later altered, as boat was allocated to Balik Papan.

From 4th to 7th boat was on station for operations. On 8th generator was overhauled, but charging rate was low. No operations up to 11th June.

On 12th special "air support" radio tests were carried out, R.A.A.F. personnel conducting the tests with new portable radio.

Generator was removed from boat to "PLATYPUS" for repairs, and on 13th and 14th boat was out of commission while 200 hours refit was effected. On 15th further "air support" radio tests were carried out by R.A.A.F. personnel, proving satisfactory.

On 17th June auxiliary generator was reinstalled and proved satisfactory. From 18th to 27th boat was on station for operations; at the same time preparations were made for the tow to Balik Papan, stores, ammunition and fuel being procured and towing bridle overhauled.

At 1600I on 28th boat was taken in tow by H.M.A.S. "COOTAMUNDRA", and tow to Balik Papan commenced. At 2002I on 29th the tow rope snapped, and boat proceeded under power until 1140I on 30th, when repaired tow-rope was taken on and additional towing bridle rigged, as original bridle was chafing. At 2400I on 30th boat was still in tow en route to Balik Papan.

General - Fire and action stations exercised regularly.

Health of Personnel - Petty Officer Guy C.J. was treated

on H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS" for multiple folliculitis and Able Seaman Griffith E.D. for leftotitis extema. Otherwise health was good. Able Seaman Ellingford, J.B. rejoined ship A.M. 16th June from 3/14 Australian Field Amb. Hospital, Aitape.

Drafts of personnel - Inwards, A.B. Ellingford, as above.
Outwards, nil.

Efficiency Report - Main engines - good
Batteries - good
W/T set - satisfactory
Guns - good
Hull - good. Bottom requires cleaning.
Routine slipping due 3rd August.

Distance steamed during month - 491 miles
Hours under way " " - 54 hours
" " " on one engine - nil
Average speed for month - 9.1 knots
Gallons of fuel expended during month - 1320
" " " " per hour - $24\frac{1}{4}$
Total distance steamed since commissioning - 2821 m.
Average speed " " " - 12 knots
Total hours under way " " " - 234
Date commissioned. 31st August 1944.

(Sgd.) N. Shield

Sub-Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".

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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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

*D.N.I (R.A.R.O.)**

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4th June, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 19/45 through
N.O.I.C. New Guinea - Letter of Proceedings for month of May, 1945.

On 1st May ship was at Madang, having wireless aerial
erected by Port W/T Office in an endeavour to better both reception
and transmission. Proceeded to Alexishafen P.M.

On 2nd and 3rd ship was docked, bottom cleaned and
anti-fouled, and hull painted. Shipwrights and E.A. worked aboard
until P.M., on 5th, when ship returned to Madang.

At 1800K on 6th ship sailed for Aitape, striking very
heavy wind, rain and seas around Cape Croiselles. At 0800K on 7th.,
when off Schouten Island, turned back for Hansa Bay owing to excessive
fuel consumption for distance made good, and leading oil cooler core
in port engine. At Hansa Bay, replacement oil cooler sent from
Alexishafen was fitted on 9th., and at 0400K on 10th ship sailed for
Aitape, arriving there at 1630K.

From 11th 14th ship was on station at Aitape for A.S.R.
duties. Signals Officer and Sergeant from 71 Wing, R.A.A.F., came
aboard and checked W/T on 15th., finding two coils burnt out in receiver.
Temporary repairs were effected, radio still being very little improved
on its previous performance. At 1920K, when returning to mooring from
watering at Seleo Island, submerged object struck port propellor,
damaging blades.

From 16th to 21st ship remained at Aitape awaiting tow
to Hollandia for repairs. At 1700K on 22nd U.S. small ship "COMARA"
commenced towing, but after $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours towing standard bridle of 3" sisal
snapped. A jury bridle of $4\frac{1}{2}$ manilla was rigged and tow continued,
Hollandia harbour being entered at 0800I on 23rd., and U.S. divers
fitted new propellor. On 24th to 26th. the damaged propellor was
straightened and faulty oil cooler core held on board repaired. An
attempt to secure replacement parts for W/T was not successful.

At 1400I on 27th ship sailed for Tana Merah Bay in
company with "AIR MIST", arriving at 1630. Fuel tanks were filled, and
at 0630I on 28th both boats sailed for Wakde, which was reached at
1115I. A party of U.S. and Dutch officers was taken to Masi Masi Is.
to obtain information from natives, returning to Wakde at 1640I. Fuel
was taken aboard.

At 0445I on 29th both boats sailed for Biak, arriving
at 1430I. On 30th new bridle was rigged and tow rope procured, and at
0800I on 31st both boats were taken in tow for Morotai by U.S. small
ship "COMARA".

GENERAL. - Fire and Action stations exercised regularly.

HEALTH OF PERSONNEL. A/B Ellingford, J.D., O/N. S.P.1457 was landed
and admitted to 3/14 Aust. Field.Amb. hospital at Aitape on 17th., with
cellulitis in right ankle.

DRAFTS OF PERSONNEL. Outward, S.P.1458, A/B Ellingford, J.D., to 3/14
Aust. Fd. Amb. Hospital, P.M. on 17th. Inwards...Nil.

Total engine hours of each engine for month	..	...	59 $\frac{1}{2}$.
" " " " " " since commissioning	...	...	180.
" " " " " " installation.	...	...	180.
Total mileage for month (Including being towed)	..	...	1053.
" " " " (Excluding " " )	..	...	828.
Average Speed	.....	.....	13.9 knots.
Fuel consumed	.....	.....	2465 gallons.
Condition of Ship - Good.		Condition of Engines	- Good.
Condition of W/T Set - Very Unsatisfactory.			
Condition of Batteries - Fair.			

(Sgd.) N. Shield.
Sub-Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER".

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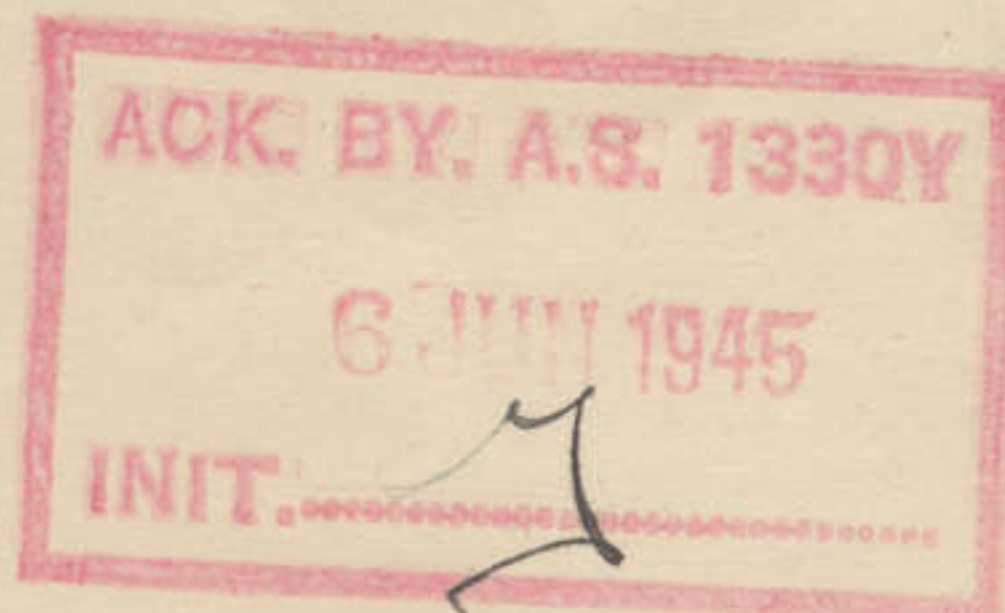
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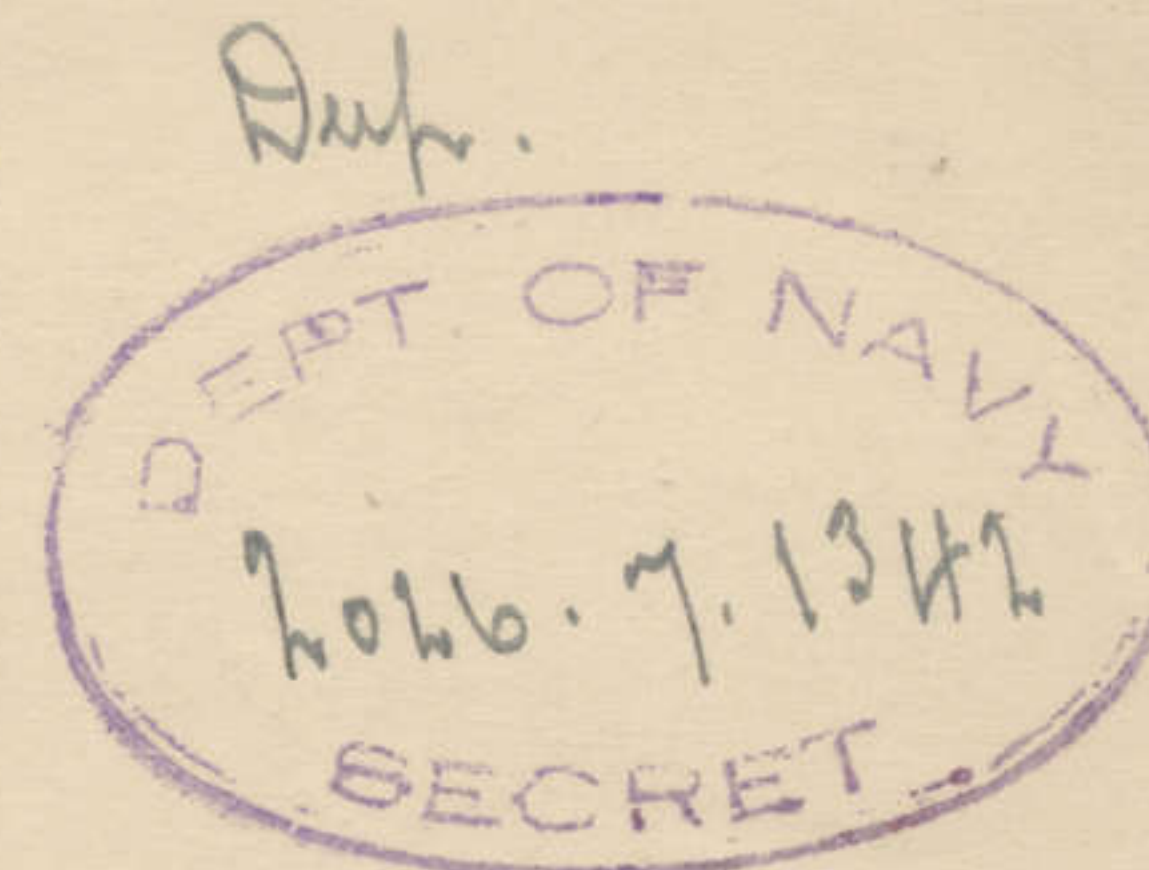
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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

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H.M.A.S. "AIR MASTER"
1ST MAY, 1945.

The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted in accordance with C.C.N.O. 19/45 through Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea, Letter of Proceedings for month of April, 1945.

From 1st to 7th, ship was on station at Madang for A.S.R. duties, and radio compass junction box and wiring were being installed by 3 R.I.M.U., R.A.A.F.

On 8th proceeded to Hansa Bay with urgent stores and brought back one seriously ill and ten other A.I.F. personnel. On return journey oil cool core in starboard engine commenced to leak.

On 9th proceeded to Alexishafen where from 10th to 12th 100 hour refit was executed and new oil cooler core of M.L. type was fitted. On 13th returned to Madang and resumed station for A.S.R. duties.

From 14th to 23rd ship was on station at Madang for A.S.R. duties, during which time efforts were made by 3 R.I.M.U. R.A.A.F. and Port W/T Office to improve W/T reception and transmission which were very poor.

On 24th participated in combined A.S.R. exercise in conjunction with Catalina flying boat. Exercise was successful in that raft was located and picked up but W/T communication was very unsatisfactory.

From 25th to 28th while on station for A.S.R. duties, Port W/T Office continued work on W/T, rigging new 2 wire aerial which considerably lessened interference and greatly improved both transmission and reception when under way.

On 29th proceeded on combined communications test with Catalina. Tests had just commenced when oil cooler core in port engine was found to be leaking badly. Exercise was cancelled and ship put in to Alexishafen for repairs. On 30th the faulty core was repaired and refitted, and ship returned to Madang.

General - Fire and action stations exercised regularly.

Health of personnel - HP84 P.O. Guy C.J. to "Madang" for medical treatment, for infected rash on legs, otherwise good.

Drafts of personnel-

Outwards - 9/4/45 HP 84 P.O. Guy C.J. to Madang for medical treatment.

9/4/45 PA 4589 O/Tel Greeg R.A. to "Madang"

24/4/45 440222 Sgt. Shipton W.L. to "Air Host".

Inwards - 6/4/45 420676 Flt.Sgt. Judge J.S. from "Rushcutter",
6/4/45 440222 Sgt. Shipton W.L. to "Air Host".
24/4/45 439977 Sgt. Clark F.M. from "Air Host".
29/4/45 HP84 P.O. Guy C.J., from "Madang".

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Total hours of each engine for month	42 $\frac{3}{4}$
" " " " " since commissioning	120 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " " " installation	120 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total mileage for month	472
Average Speed.	11.04 knots
Fuel consumed	1490 gals.

Condition of ship	-	Good
" " engines	-	Good but oil cooler cores are an apparent weakness
" " W/T set	-	Performance unsatisfactory.
" " batteries	-	Good.

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Sub lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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Mch. 29-31st. - At Kranket Is. R.A.A.F. mechanics installing
radio compass.

General - Fire & action stations exercised regularly. Crew
trained in use of sailing dinghy.

Health of personnel - Good

Drafts " " - nil.

Total engine hours of each engine for month - 53 $\frac{1}{2}$

" " " " " " since commissioning. - 77 $\frac{3}{4}$

" " " " " " installation - 77 $\frac{3}{4}$

Total mileage for month - 707

Average speed - 13.28 knots

Fuel consumed - 2280 gals.

Condition of ship - Good

" " engines - First class

" " W/T - Good, but requires frequent attention

" " batteries - Good.



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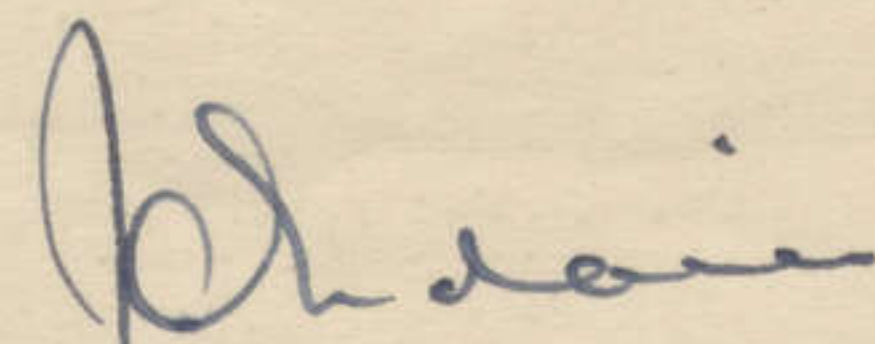
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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,
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1st. April, 1945

The Secretary, Naval Board (through N.O.I.C. New Guinea).

Submitted - Letter of Proceedings, March 1945

Mch. 1st. - Proceeded to Long Is. & evacuated seriously ill R.A.A.F. rating. Transported him to Madang.

2nd. - Held gun trials. Unsatisfactory. Ammunition not feeding.

3rd-8th. - On station at Madang for A.S.R. duties.

9th. - Held gun trials. Starboard outboard gun not operating.

10th. - On station at Madang for A.S.R. duties.

11th. - Conveyed emergency stores to R.A.A.F. station, Long Is..

12th. - On station at Madang for A.S.R. duties

13th. - Held gun trials. Starboard outboard gun faulty.

14th-17th. - On station at Madang for A.S.R. duties.

18th. - Conducted search for missing lakatoi containing A.N.G.A.U. personnel, from 2110K to 2400K.

19th. - Returned to harbour 0117K. Resumed search at 0930K in conjunction with plane. Search unsuccessful. Returned to harbour at 1820K.

20-21st. - On station at Madang for A.S.R. duties.

22nd. - Moved to anchorage at Kranket Is. to enable R.A.A.F. radio unit to check over W/T & radar identification unit & install radio compass.

23rd-27. - At Kranket Is. Mechanics working on installation

28th. - Proceeded to Long Is., evacuated R.A.A.F. personnel, & transported them to Madang.