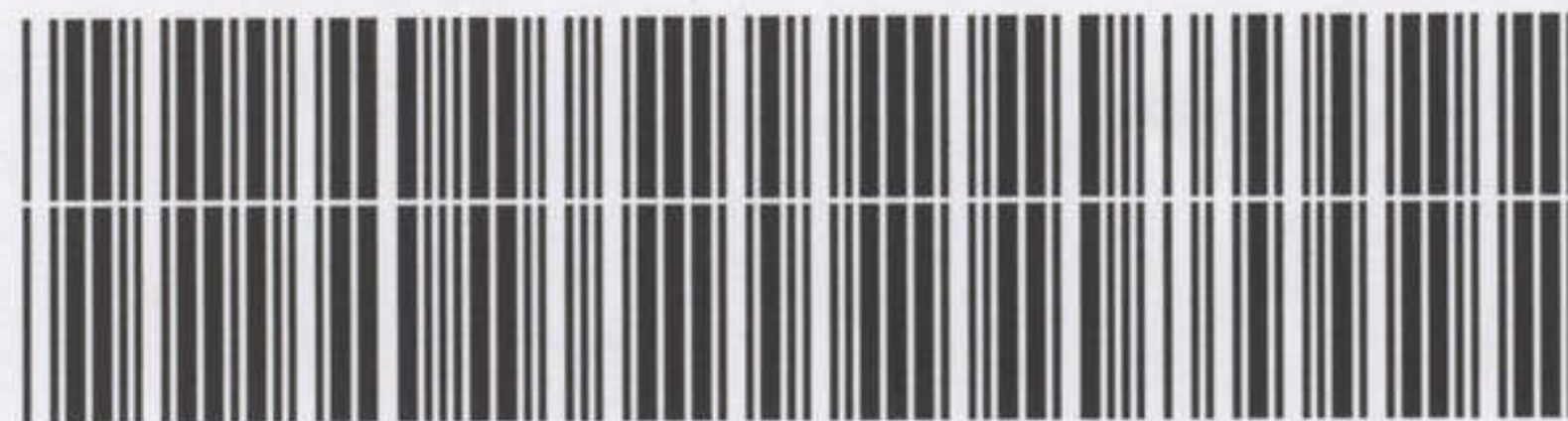


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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS "AIR MERCY", FEBRUARY 1946.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached copy of Monthly Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" for the month of February, 1946.

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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 MERCY".
DATE : 3rd March, 1946.
TO : The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. N.G.
SUBJECT : RREPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1946.

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

2. On February 3rd "Air Mercy" proceeded from Biak-Sorido Harbour to Japen Island and return.
3. A/B Tester and O/D Hodge arrived from Madang by Courier replacing A/B Holland and Fuller on Feb. 5th.
4. A/B Fuller discharged to 89 O.B.U. for Sydney for Demob. Lieutenant R. Trimble arrived from Morotai Feb. 6th.
5. Lieut. Trimble assumed command. Slipped from Sorido Harbour on settling down run - February 7th.
6. Feb. 12th proceeded to Oivi Island and return testing engines owing to ignition disorder. Engines still not satisfactory.
7. Feb. 14th proceeded for further trials which were satisfactory.
8. Feb. 17th proceeded to Sarmi on way to Madang.
9. February 18th proceeded from Sarmi to Hollandia.
10. Feb. 19th proceeded from Hollandia to fuel and water.
11. Feb. 2 exercised fire stations.
12. Timing faulty. Checked and adjusted by engineer room staff on Feb. 22nd and 23rd.
13. Carried out engine trials in Humbolt Bay and nearby satisfactorily.
14. Retained for week in all in Hollandia awaiting clarification of position of jeep and weapon carrier to go to Sydney.
15. Proceeded escorting R.A.A.F. Launch 08-39 to Ali Island.
16. Proceeded from Ali Is. to Boram for fuel on Feb. 27th.
17. Proceeded from Boram to Hansa Bay. 08-39 had slight engine defect necessitating cutting down speed. Arrived Hansa Bay same day, Feb. 28th.
18. Morale and conduct of ship's company very good. Health satisfactory.
19. Monthly Figures

Distance Steamed	1174 miles	Hours under way	68 hours
Hours on one engine	Nil	Average speed	17.2 knots
Gallons of fuel used	3638 galls	Galls fuel per hour	53.5 galls
Total distance steamed	10043 miles ⁴	Average speed	17.2 knots
Total hours under way	672 hours	Date of Commission.	28 Feb 1945

Signed A.S.B. 26/5.

(Sgd.) P. Trimble Lt. RANVR.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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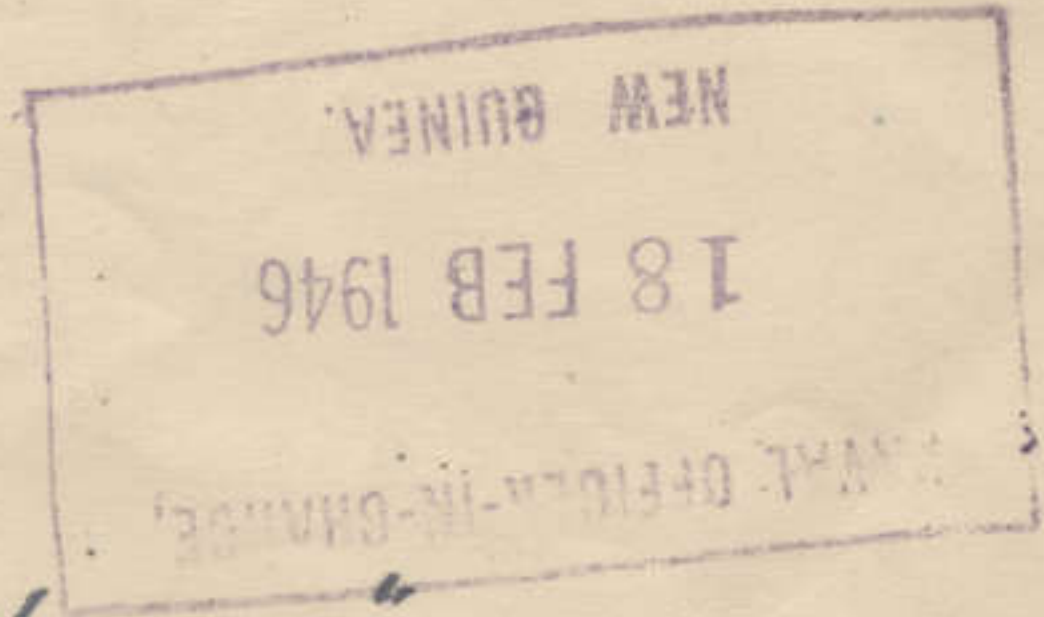
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From C. O. HMAS "Air Mercy"
Date 8th Feb 1946. Reference No. 11/02.
To Sub. Navy Board thro NOIC New Guinea
Subject Monthly Report of Proceedings

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

2. During January HMAS Air Mercy was enroute from Madang to Riak Is.
3. ^{2nd} departed Hollandia AM arrived Riak P.M. 4th, on 5th, 6th, 12th, to Unos Wandi and return P.M. 14th departed Riak AM for Rani Is. returned A.M. 20th departed AM from Riak arrived at Saeroi P.M. 21st departed Saeroi P.M. arrived Riak P.M.
4. Health and morale of crew good.
5. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed.	447 miles.
Hours underway.	53.
Hours on one engine	4 1/2.
Average speed.	12.15.

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Subject. Monthly figures contd.

gallons of fuel consumed	2925.
" " " " per hr.	55.2.
Distance steamed since commissioning	8869.
Average speed.	14.6.
Date of commissioning	28th Feb. 1945.

JM E David Lieut
RANVR.

Efficiency report.

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

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New Guinea, Dreger Harbour.
29 January, 1946.

The Secretary, Naval Board,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1945.

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Memo
A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer in Charge,
NEW GUINEA.

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

DATE 5 January, 1946. REF. NO. 19/02.

TO. The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.

SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER.

Submitted in accordance with NO.97/43 and CCNO 19/45.

2. During month of December, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" completed refit and engine installation at Alexishafen.
3. On 26 December proceeded from Madang en route to Biak arriving Wewak p.m. Departed Wewak a.m. 29, arrived Aitape p.m. Departed Aitape a.m. 30, arrived Hollandia p.m.
4. Health and conduct of crew, excellent.
5. Some difficulty was experienced in our obtaining 80 octane petrol at Wewak and Hollandia.

6. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed	505 miles.
Hours underway	26 Hours.
Hours on one engine	Nil
Average speed.	19 knots.
Gallons fuel consumed	1445 galls.
Gallons per hour	55.5 gs.
Distance steamed since commissioning	8022 miles.
Average speed	14.5 kts.
Total Hrs underway since commissioning	551 hours
Date commissioned	28 February, 1945.

7. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines Good
All batteries Good
Guns, small, arms only. Good
Hull slight leak under port engine, otherwise good.

(SGD) Wm. E. David,
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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for Naval Officer in Charge,
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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".
DATE: 1 December, 1945. REF. NO.:9/02.
TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through NOIC New Guinea.
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Submitted in accordance with NO97/43 and CCNO19/45.

2. During November, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" has been undergoing over-haul and engine replacement at Alexishafen.

3. Guns were packed and placed in Transshipment store Madang for shipment to A.S.O. Sydney.

4. Health and conduct of crew has been good.

5. Three ratings were discharged to Madang for demobilization in home ports.

6. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines - in course of installation.

Batteries - Good.

Guns - .5 Brownings returned to store.

Hull - in good condition "FINROCK" being built up and covering coat applied. Phenovoc

6. MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance Steamed	15 Miles.
Hours underway	2 hours.
Hours one engine.	Nil.
Average Speed.	7.5 knots.
Gallons fuel consumed	75 galls.
Gallons fuel consumed per hour	37.5 galls.
Distance steamed since commissg.	7517 miles.
Average speed	14.4 knots.
Total Hours underway	525 hours,
Date commissioned.	28 February 1945.

(SGD) WM E. DAVID,
Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Secretary, Naval Board,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1945.

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2. H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" is at present being overhauled at M.L. Base, Alexishafen.

L. Stewart
A/Captain, R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
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FROM: Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".
DATE: 1 November 1945. REF. NO.: 8/02.
TO: The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
SUBJECT: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER 1945.

Submitted in accordance with C.N.O.97/43 and C.O.N.O.
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2. During October 1945 H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" was based at Biak.
3. On 3rd and 5th proceeded to Mois Woendi a.m. returning p.m. On 11 swept harbour for a Catalina to land. Picked up ten persons adrift in launch. On the 12th again swept harbour for Catalina to take off. On 13th proceeded to Manokwari arriving p.m. returning to Biak p.m. 14th. On the 18th investigated report of burning crash boat at sea. Report unfounded. Proceeded to Japen Island a.m. 20th returning to Biak p.m. 21st.
4. A.M. 23rd a Dutch Catalina crashed into the Sorido Harbour, "AIR MERCY" assisted in rescue. No serious casualties. Plane wrecked.
5. Left Biak a.m. 23rd enroute to Madang, calling at Hollandia and Wewak for fuel. Arrived at Madang p.m. 31st.
6. Fire drill has been carried out at frequent intervals.
7. Conduct and morale of crew is excellent. One Stoker received medical treatment.
- X 8. Irregular supplies of ice and lack of refrigeration prevents carrying supplies of fresh meat etc.
- X 9. Performance of Radio has been very unsatisfactory.

10. EFFICIENCY REPORT.

Main engines : Port engine had ignition fault, and oil consumption has increased above normal. Starboard engine - Good
All Batteries: Good.
All Guns : Good
Hull : Crushed belting on starboard bow otherwise Good.

MONTHLY FIGURES.

Distance steamed	1394 Mls.
Hours underway	91 Hrs.
Hours on one engine	Nil
Average speed	15.3Kts.
Galls fuel consumed	5310 Gals.
Average consumption	58.3 Galls per hour
Distance steamed since commissioning	7502 Miles
Total hours steamed since commissioning	523 Hrs.
Average speed	14.3 Kts.
Date of Commissioning	28 February, 1945.

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Wm E David Laird

Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".

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The Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1945

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. M. Sawood
A/Commander R.A.N.
for Naval Officer in Charge
New Guinea
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FROM H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY"
DATE 4th September, 1945. REFERENCE No. 5/02
TO The Secretary, Naval Board, through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.
SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1945.

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

2. During August "Air Mercy" was based at Madang till the 20th, thereafter she was on passage to Middleburg Island.
3. Proceeded to KarKar Island on the 6th with R.M.S. party, returning PM on the 8th.
4. On the 14th docked at Alexishafen, coming off on 15th P.M. Repairs were very efficiently carried out by the Dock Staff.
5. On passage to Middleburg Island. Departed Madang P.M. 20th, arriving Wewak P.M. 21st. Departed Wewak a.m. 22nd, arriving Aitape P.M. that day. Departed Aitape A.M. 23rd, refuelled at Hollandia and arrived P.M. 23rd at Matterer Bay. Departed Matterer Bay A.M. 24th, arrived Biak A.M. 26th, departed Biak A.M. 31st arriving Middleburg P.M. 1st September.
6. On 27th, Commanding Officer flew to Middleburg Island with R.A.A.F. to inspect anchorage returning A.M. 29th.
7. Received instructions from Northern Command to proceed to Middleburg and Amsterdam Islands to take soundings and survey seaplane mooring.
8. Fire drill and action stations were carried out at regular intervals, two practice shoots being carried out.
9. Conduct and morale of crew excellent.
10. Two cases occurred requiring medical attention.
11. Lack of refrigeration is still causing losses of food.
12. Efficiency Report.

Main engines	-	good
All batteries	-	good
All guns	-	good
Hull	-	in good condition throughout.

13. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed	1037
Hours under way	81.
Hours on one engine	Nil
Average speed for month	12.8
Gallons of fuel consumed	3817
Gallons expended per hour	47.12
Distance steamed since commissioning	4993
Average speed	13.6.
Total hours under way	367
Date of commissioning	- 28th February, 1945

(Sgd) W.E. David

Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY"
DATE 1st August, 1945 REFERENCE No. 3/02
TO The 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.

2. During July, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" was based at Madang.

3. On 5th July, proceeded to R.I.M.U. to have radio compass connections installed but suitable material was not available.

4. On 6th July, proceeded to Saidor departing Madang A.M. returning P.M. On 9th July, proceeded to Alexishafen with Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "MADANG" aboard, departing noon, returning P.M.

5. 30th July, Radio Compass installation was completed by R.A.A.F. at 42 O.B.U. Tests satisfactory.

6. Fire drill and Action Stations were carried out at regular intervals. Two practice shoots were made.

7. Conduct and morale of crew - excellent.

8. Trouble is still being experienced with perishable goods owing to lack of ice and refrigeration.

9. Efficiency Report

Main engines; bridge tachometer defective, requisition made for replacement, otherwise good.

All batteries - good

All guns - good

Hull in good condition throughout.

10. Monthly Figures

Distance steamed for month 144 miles

Hours under way 24

Hours on one engine Nil

Average speed for month 6 knots

Gallons of fuel consumed for month 865

Gallons of fuel expended per hour 36

Total distance steamed since commissioning 3956

Average speed 15.4 knots

10. Monthly Figures (Cont.)

Total Hours under way 287
Date of commissioning 28th February 1945

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D.E. (N) *KAG. 6/12/45 - NOIC Darwin was requested to forward particulars of the only refrigerator fitted in USA in an ASR boats ("Air View.") in NOC 99029 of 25/10/45 (file 524/209/sub) - No reply yet received. - A reply has been reported.*

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Recommended that if practicable, an automatic type of refrigerator be installed in this class of ship. See also remarks on file 2026/7/1296 *Autism 307*

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Propose defer action on DofV's minute until the future of these craft is determined. *5/11*

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As DOD ~~had~~ We hope to transfer all of these craft except 4 to RAAF and Civil Aviation. They are being brought down to southern areas shortly. *had 4/11*

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The Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" - REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY AND JUNE, 1945.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

J. L. Davis

A/Captain R.A.N.
Naval Officer-in-Charge,
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

FROM.....COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".
DATE.....2ND JULY, 1945. REFERENCE NO.....2/02.
TO.....THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
SUBJECT.....MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE.

Submitted in accordance with N.O. 97/43 and C.C.N.O. 19/45 - "Coastal Craft Reports of Proceedings".

During the month of June, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" was on passage from Thursday Island to Madang.

On 1st June at Thursday Island. On 6th proceeded to Port Moresby via Great N.E. Channel arriving 14th. Departed P.M. 15th for Milne Bay via inshore route, arriving at Milne Bay on 19th. Departed Milne Bay 20th for Madang arriving on 24th and reporting to N.O.I.C. N.G. and R.A.A.F. Nov. Com.

On passage considerable trouble was experienced with oil coolers, through leakage under pressure.

On 15th in Lat. $10^{\circ}10'45''$ S. Long. $148^{\circ}20'15''$ E. all those Ships of unit grounded. "AIR MERCY" was hached off without damage and proceeded with "AIR SPEED" in tow to Abna Island.

On 28th Ship was docked at Alexishafen and underwater gear overhauled.

Fire drill was carried out at regular intervals. Action Stations were exercised at frequent intervals. The conduct and morale of the crew, good. Two ratings received S. B. treatment for boils and tinia. Considerable loss of fresh food is experienced owing to lack of refrigerator.

MAIN ENGINES : Leaking oil cooler, in all other respects good.

ALL GUNS : Good.

ALL BATTERIES : Good.

HULL : Good.

DISTANCE STEAMED FOR MONTH.....	.....	.....1336 miles.
HOURS UNDERWAY.....	.....	..... 92.
HOURS ON ONE ENGINE.....	.....	..... Nil.
AVERAGE SPEED FOR MONTH.....	.....	.....12.1 knots.
GALLONS OF FUEL EXPENDED.....	.....	.....4256.
GALLONS OF FUEL EXPENDED PER HOUR.....	.....	.....48.4.
TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING.....	.....	.....3812 miles.
AVERAGE SPEED..STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING.....	.....	.....13.2 knots.
TOTAL HOURS STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING.....	.....	.....288.
DATE OF COMMISSIONING.....28th Feb.1945.

(Sgd.) Wm. E. David,
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".

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FROM.....COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".
DATE.....31ST MAY, 1945. REFERENCE NO....1/02.
TO.....THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
SUBJECT.....MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY.

Submitted in accordance with N.O.97/42 and C.C.N.O.
19/45 "Coastal Craft Repots of Proceedings".

During the month of May H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY" was on
passage from Brisbane to Thursday Island.

On 1st May at Brisbane. On 6th proceeded to Townsville
via Whitsunday Passage arriving 14th. Departed A.M. 17th for Cairns,
arriving P.M. 17th. Departed Cairns for Thursday Island by inshore
route, arriving P.M. 29th.

During month three ratings were discharged, one to
"MAGNETIC", two to 3 M.R.S. Townsville.

Action Stations exercised frequently, results good.
General health and morale of Ship's Company good. Loss of fresh
stores caused by irregular ice supply.

Main Engines Good.

All Batteries Good.

All Gund Good.

Hull Good.

Distance Steamed during Month - 1475 miles.

Hours Underway - 95.

Hours on One Engine - Nil.

Average Speed for Month - 15.5 knots. ✓

Gallons of Fuel Expended - 4273.

Gallons of Fuel Expended per Hour - 45.

Total Distance Steamed since 28th February - 2476 miles.

Average Speed since 28th February - 12.6 knots.

Total Hours since 28th February - 196.

Date of Commissioning 28th February, 1945.

(Sgd.) Wm. E. David,
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY".

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63 ft. ASR Boats - Refrigerators.

With reference to D of V's Minute hereunder, also on file 2026/7/1296 (T.A.) is it intended to continue with consideration of supplying refrigerators to 63 ft. ASR Boats at this stage?

S.N.C. (Elect.) is not keen on accepting extra electrical load in these craft.

If the one only RAN 63 ft. ASR boat which is fitted with an electrical refrigerator is to be quoted as a precedent, it would be necessary to obtain fullest data officially from FOIC Sydney regarding the generators & batteries fitted in the boat in question ("Air Nies")

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In view of the present war situation & the fact that these craft will probably be paid off within two or three months, consider no further action necessary at this stage

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1945.

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Distance steamed since commissioning 28th February 1945 66 miles
Hours under way for month 5 hrs. 35 mins.
Hours under way since commissioning 5 hrs. 35 mins.
Average fuel consumption .33 miles per gallon
Average speed 12 knots.

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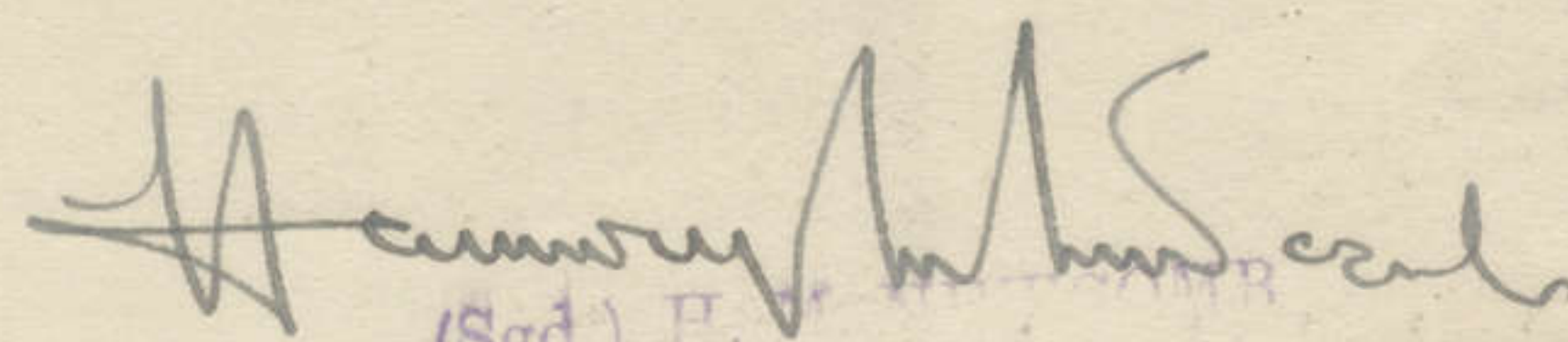
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The Flag Officer In Charge of Sydney
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH -
H.M.A.S. "AIR MERCY"

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


(Sgd.) H. Seal
a/Commander, R.N.

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2. The ship has been advised with reference to paragraph 4 that the Dockyard can only paint the deck and upper works when time and labour permit and the ship's company should complete this as soon as possible.

J.P. [Signature]
A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
FOR
A/Rear-Admiral

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

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a/Commander, R.N.

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