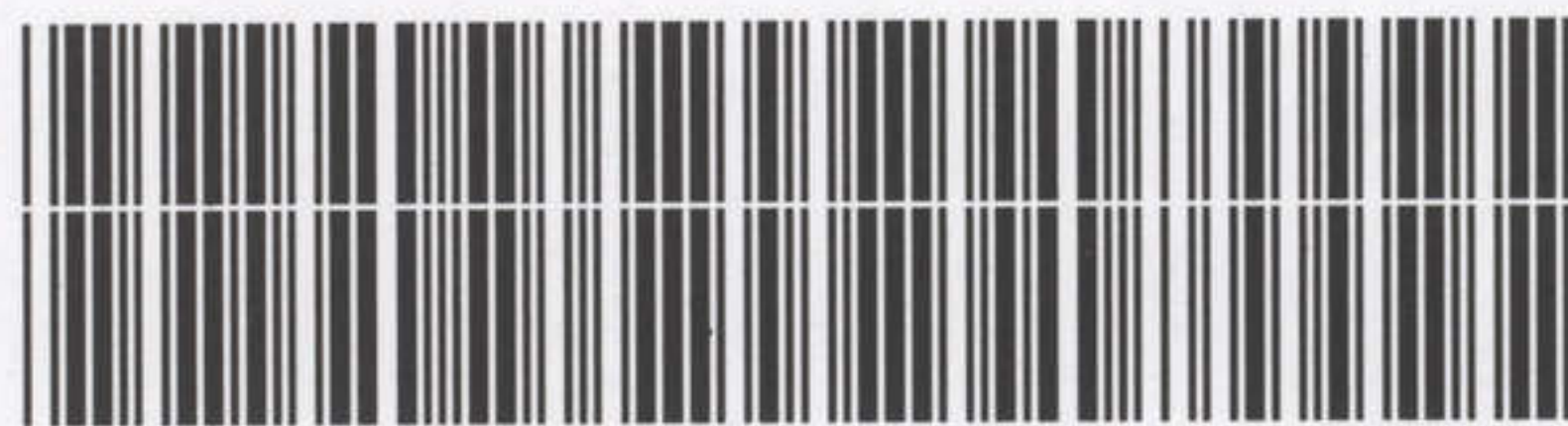


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spare are carried  
in store. To overcome  
the difficulty approval  
was given to N.O. 10 New  
Quinn to get premises  
stores in A.S.R. Vessels.  
to this report is some  
few more this old  
presumably the  
the Mist had been  
fitted with premises,  
of which there were  
adequate stocks in  
"Whang Pu" at Kanotai  
before she went to  
Hong Kong for repairs  
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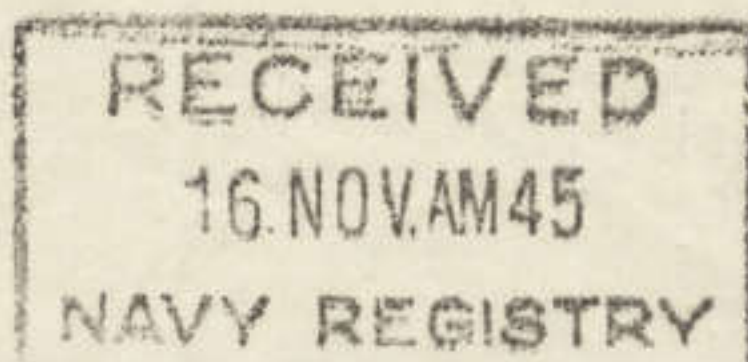
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FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST."

DATE: 5TH NOVEMBER 1945.

1. To Secretary Naval Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Report of proceedings for month of October 1945, submitted in accordance with 97/43 and C.N.O. 1945.

2. During the month of October 1945 H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" has been operating under operational orders of the 1st Tactical Air Force, Balikpapan.

3. Health of crew satisfactory.

4. Efficiency Report:

Main Engines: The electrical wiring of the port motor has been affected with dampness. This defect has been remedied.

Both engines are now running very satisfactorily.

Auxiliary power lighting plant giving very satisfactory service.

Hull: A report was submitted dealing with damage to hull on 21st October, the distribution being: NOIC New Guinea

NOIC Moluccas

Naval Board, Melbourne.

Temporary repairs have been made.

It will be necessary for vessel to be

slipped before repairs can be undertaken.

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5. Burners for Willis Stove are unprocurable and stove entirely unserviceable. New burners would remedy this defect.
6. Last slipping of vessel 18th August 1945, on the U.S.S. VARUNA Mother ship for the American M.T.B's. This vessel is due for her routine slipping.

Monthly Figures:

Distance steamed during month ..... 338 miles  
Hours under way during month ..... 27 hours  
Average speed for month ..... 12.5 knots  
Gallons of petrol consumed ..... 1108 gallons  
Gallons of petrol consumed per hour ..... 41 gallons.  
Total distance steamed since commissioning..... 7716 miles.  
Date commissioned ..... 21st September 1944

*noted.*

Signed:

*M. Keable*  
.....

Commanding Officer,

H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST."



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REG 4/1/46 - arrangements have been made for supply of single  
buses Primes for use in store frames of these boats

D.O.T.M. 18/12

D.N.M.S. 25/12

H.B. 1/1

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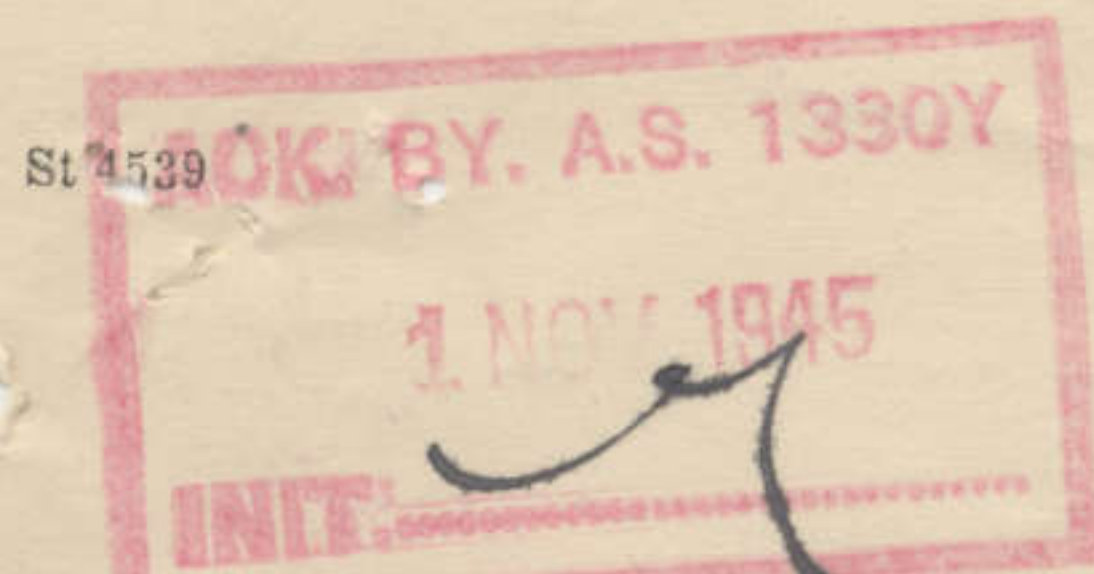
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*Mr. Keller*  
*12/5/65*

The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Royal Australian Navy.



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Office of N.O.I.C.  
New Guinea. Madang.  
23rd October, 1945.

H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1945

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*H.M.*

2. Repairs are being arranged by Naval Officer in Charge  
Moluccas.

*J. M. Sanwood.*  
A/Commander R.A.N.  
for Naval Officer in Charge  
New Guinea.  
A.O.D.

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST".  
Date 5th <sup>October</sup> ~~September~~ 1945.

- 1 To Secretary Naval Board through N.O.I.C. <sup>New Guinea</sup>  
Report of proceedings for month of September 1945

Submitted in accordance with 97/43 D.C.N.O. 1945.

- 2 During the month of September H.M.A.S.

"AIR MIST" has been operating under operational control of the 1st. Tactical Air Force. Balikpapan.

- 3 Health of crew satisfactory

- 4 Efficiency Report.

Main Engines very satisfactory  
Auxiliary lighting plant good service.  
Hull sound condition.

5. Burners for Willis stove unmovable  
& stove entirely unserviceable.

- 6 Last slipping of vessel on the 15th  
August 1945 by U.S.S. "Varuna" mother  
ship for American M.T.B's

Repair Engineer Officer of U.S.S. "Varuna"  
reports. "A" brackets should be replaced  
at first opportunity  
considerable vibration exists when  
under way.



During the morning of the 24th. September  
 an army semi-trailer loaded with ~~one~~  
 mesh capsized approximately three tons  
 of metal on the deck of this vessel.  
 Extensive damage resulted to the  
 superstructure.

Report submitted to.

Secretary Naval Board.

V.O.I.C. Moluccas.

N.O.I.C. New Guinea

H.Q. 7th Division

1st. Tactical Air Force.

Port. Director Balikpapan.

Army engineers are making temporary  
 repairs.

### Monthly Figures

Distance steamed during month 289 miles.

Hours under way during month 19 hrs 25 min

Average speed for month 14.9 knots

Gallons of petrol consumed 628.

Gallons of petrol consumed per hour 32.1

Total distance steamed since  
 commissioning 7,378 miles.

Date commissioned 21/9/44

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

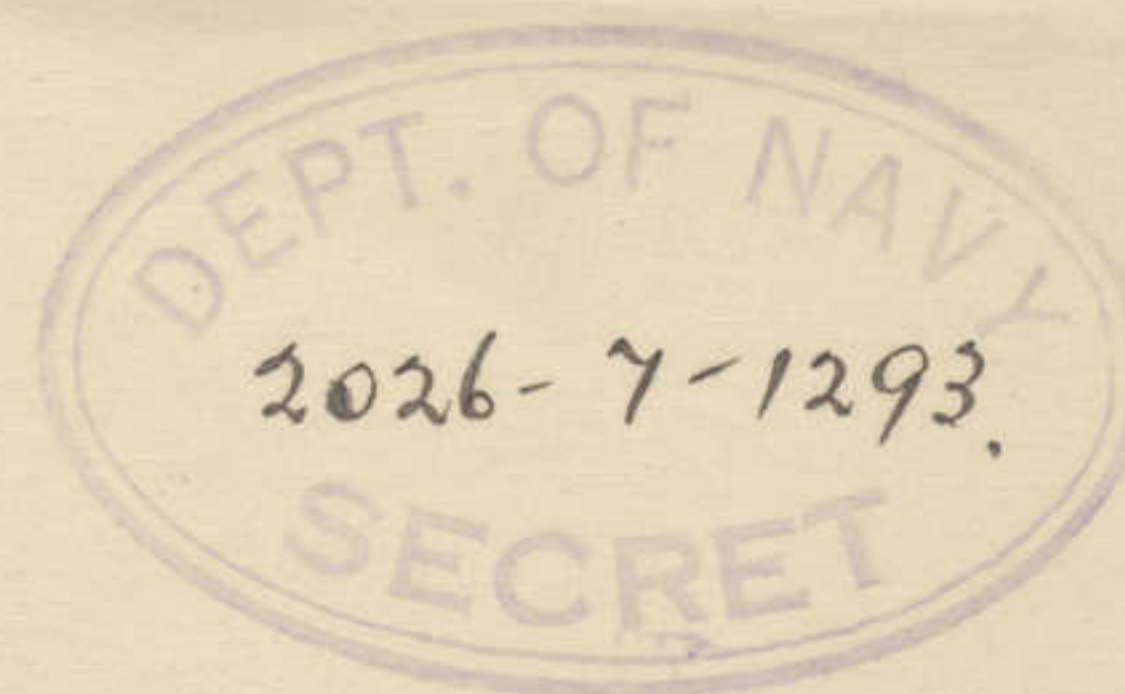
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H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST"



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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
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*m. Kelly*  
*12/5/45*

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

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

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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Date *30/9/45*

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

*W.A.R. 01x*  
*D.N.I.*  
*2/10/45*

*Mr. Hesson*  
*✓*  
*Mr. Smith*



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FROM        COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST".  
DATE        5th September, 1945.  
TO         THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, through N.O.I.C. NEW GUINEA.  
SUBJECT     REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1945

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

2.         During the month of August, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" has been operating under operational orders of the 1st Tactical Air Force, Balikpapan.

3.         Health of crew satisfactory.

4.         Efficiency report.  
Main engine very satisfactory.  
Auxiliary lighting plant good service.  
Hull Sound condition  
Guns in excellent order.

5.         Burners for Willis Stove unprocurable and stove now entirely unserviceable.

6.         Slipping of vessel.

This vessel was last slipped on 15th August, 1945, by U.S.S. VARUNA, mother ship for M.T.B's. The bottom was thoroughly cleaned and coated with anti-fouling. All underwater fittings examined, two new propellor shafts were fitted. The propellers were trued up. The repair engineer officer of U.S.S. "VARUNA" reports "A" brackets should be replaced at first opportunity.

7.         Monthly Figures

Distance steamed during month	188 miles
Hours under way during month	15
Average speed for month	12.5 m.p.h.
Gallons of fuel consumed	550
Gallons of fuel consumed per hour	37
Total distance steamed since commissioning	7089 miles
Total hours under way        "        "	410
Date Commissioned - 21 September 1944.	

(Sgd) J.R. Needle

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



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D.N.M.S. *1/11*

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Office of N.O.I.C.  
New Guinea. Madang.  
28th August, 1945.

*HN.*  
The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

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

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. The matters mentioned in the report are receiving attention.

*J. H. Banwood.*  
A/Captain R.A.N.  
Naval Officer in Charge  
New Guinea.

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From Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" A.S.R. 917.

Date 5th August 1945.

To Secretary Navy Board through N.O.I.C. New Guinea.

Subject Report of proceedings for month of July 1945.

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

2 During the period 1st. July to 3rd July proceeding in tow of H.M.A.S. "Coastguard" from Morotai to Balikpapan Borneo.

Anchored in Balikpapan Roadstead until 9th July & then entered harbour.

Since arriving at this port have assumed A.S.R. duties under the operational control of The First Tactical Air Force.

3 Health of crew satisfactory

4 Efficiency Report.

Main Engines very satisfactory

Auxiliary Lighting Plant. Fair service.

Hull very sound condition

Guns in excellent order.

5. Naval Stores

Naval stores such as paint anti-fouling paint are in very short supply in this area.

Burners for Wilis Stone are unworkable & stone is now giving very poor service.

New burners would remedy this defect

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Monthly Figures

6/ Distance steamed during month 781 miles  
Hours under way during month 52 hours  
Average speed for month 15.1 M.P.H.  
Gallons of petrol expended during month 1565 gallons  
Gallons of fuel expended per hour 33.5 gallons  
Total distance steamed since commissioned 6891 miles  
Total hours under way since commissioned 388 hours

7/ 400 hour routine over-haul  
completed 30th July.

8/ owing to lack of refrigeration whilst in Tropical  
waters great difficulty being experienced  
in preserving any fresh stores.

M. Venable  
Sub. Lieut R.A.N.V.R.  
Commanding Officer:  
H.M.A.S. AIR MIST.



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The Secretary,  
Naval Board,  
MELBOURNE.

Office of N.O.I.C.  
New Guinea. Madang.  
23rd June, 1945.

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

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

*John Davis*

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

*D.N.1 (N.H.R.O.)*

~~*Lt M. Barker*~~  
~~*Scantle*~~  
*Mr Woods*

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FROM Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST"  
DATE  
TO Naval Officer in Charge, New Guinea.  
SUBJECT REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1945.

Activity

During the month of May, H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" has travelled from Thursday Island to Morotai, stopping at the following places; Thursday Island, Stephens Island, Yule Island, Port Moresby, Hula Bay, Aleu Island, Port Glasgow, Milne Bay, Oro Bay, Lae, Madang, Alexishafen, Hansa Bay, Aitape, Humboldt Bay, Tanamerah Bay, Wakde Island, Biak.

A towing bridle was fitted at Humboldt Bay. From Biak to Morotai we were towed by M.V. "Comara". The towing was accomplished under ideal conditions.

General

Lack of refrigeration and inability to procure ice in the tropics has caused considerable quantities of fresh provisions to be condemned. At several places en route it was only possible to obtain fresh provisions in large quantities. The lack of refrigeration was then a serious handicap. Two American vessels operating in this area exactly similar in design to "Air Mist" are fitted with electric refrigerators.

Crew

During the month of May, two members of the crew have suffered ill health. Leading Seaman H. Swinburn was put ashore at Casualty Clearing Station, Hansa Bay, suffering from Dengue Fever. Stoker G. Wilson suffered from sore throat and cold on chest. Wilson has recovered. Swinburn has not returned to ship.

Fire Drill

Five fire exercises have been conducted during the month.

Hull

This vessel was last slipped on the floating dock, Alexishafen, 17th May 1945. The bottom was scrubbed and painted with anti-fouling paint. All underwater fittings were examined. The port and starboard propellers were removed and replaced with spare propellers. The damaged propellers were left at Alexishafen to be trued up and forwarded to this vessel when repaired. The hull is in a very good state of preservation.

Date Commissioned 21/9/44

Engine Hours for Month.

Port Engine

119 hrs. 45 min.

Starboard Engine

119 hrs. 45. min.

Total Engine Hours since commissioned.

Port Engine

287 hrs. 02 min.

Starboard Engine

287 hrs. 02 min.

Petrol consumed during month

6127 gallons

Fuel consumed per hour

51.1 gallons

Mileage steamed during month

1991 miles

Total mileage steamed since commissioned

4866 miles.

(Sgd) J.R. Needle  
Commanding Officer.



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D.P.S. } I should like more information in  
S.P.C. } regard to para. 4. H.B. 7/4  
Remarks attached

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

Lt Mr Foster  
Mrs Goss

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SUBJECT: H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST" REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY, 19452nd N.M. - Submitted. *ASB 14/5*

With regard to para. 4 of the abovementioned Report of Proceedings, the question as to whether it was necessary to enter into a further agreement with R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) personnel upon the changeover to R.A.N.V.R., was raised by D.N.A. in a Minute dated 9th June, 1944, to which Head of 'N' replied that he did not think it was legally necessary. (Both these minutes are attached to the 'Change-over' File No. 554/201/348, which is at present in circulation).

2. N.O.L. 128676 dated 20th November, 1944, specifically directed that all mobilized ratings of R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) were to be transferred to R.A.N.V.R., in their relative Seaman Branch rates to date 1st November, 1944.

3. R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) was a section of R.A.N.V.R., and the 'changeover' was to effect the absorption of R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) personnel in R.A.N.V.R., General Service Pool for Coastal Craft, in order to remove certain anomalies which existed under the old set-up.

*ASB*  
D. of P.

*ASB* 1st May, 1945.



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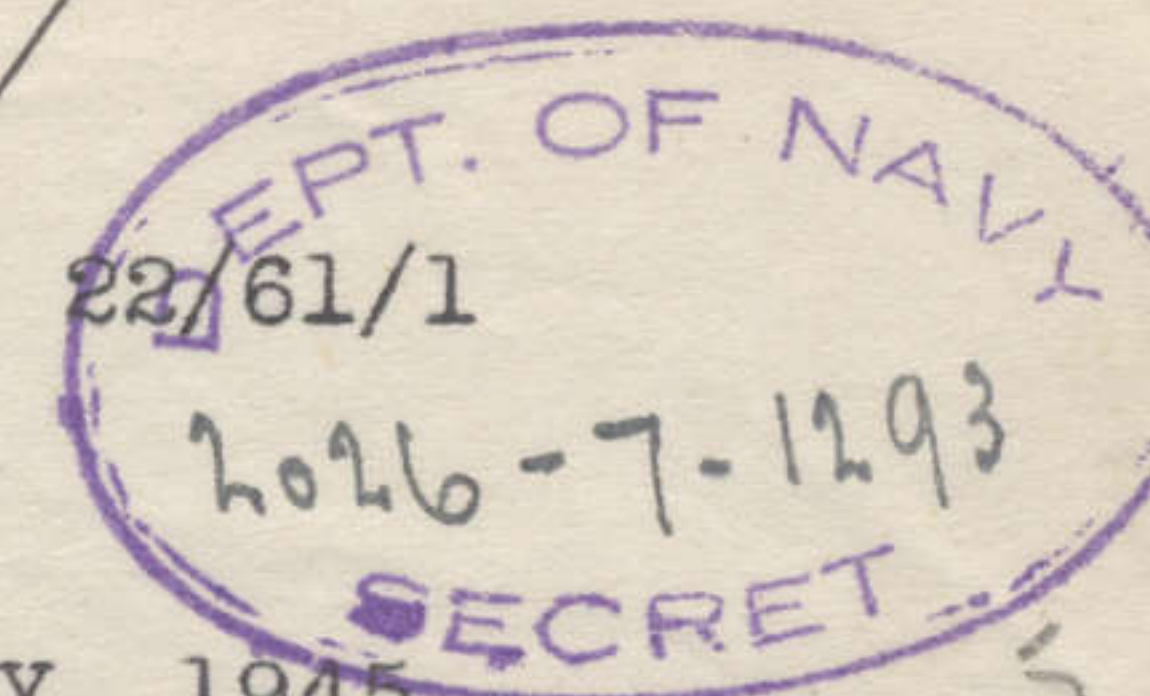
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(Letter from H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER", Ref.No. C.O. 22/61/1  
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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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(053065) dated 23rd October, 1944.

2. This craft is now operational

*sc. R. m. m.*  
A/CAPTAIN R.A.N.  
*for* A/Rear-Admiral.

*HN*

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

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

23 FEB 1945

C.O. 22/6/45

The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY  
(Copy to Secretary, Naval Board, MELBOURNE.)  
MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1945.

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

(Sgd.) H. M. NEWCOMB

a/Commander, R.N.



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

3rd February, 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1945.

Submitted:

Date Commissioned	-	20th September, 1944
Distance steamed	-	Nil
Engine Hours	-	Nil
Auxiliary Motor	-	226 hours.

2. Condition of Hull

The bottom is very foul and requires slipping before this can be remedied. Divers have inspected slipping cradle and report same is in good order. Having in mind the fact that a considerable proportion of the cradle is constructed of soft wood which has not been painted I consider the possibility of it being affected with worms very great.

3. Health of Crew.

Generally the crew have enjoyed good health during the month of January, 1945. ~~Able Seaman Walcott O/N. 5/P 101~~ has been troubled with a poisoned finger, which necessitated attention at sick bay H.M.A.S. "Rushcutter" on the following dates:- 6th, 9th, and 13th January. He was discharged to H.M.A.S. "Penguin" Sick Quarters on the 13th January. This man is now ~~aboard this vessel on light duties.~~

4. Morale of Crew.

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(SGD) J.R. NEEDLE

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

Date **23 FEB 1945**

Reference No. *C.O. 22/61/1*

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

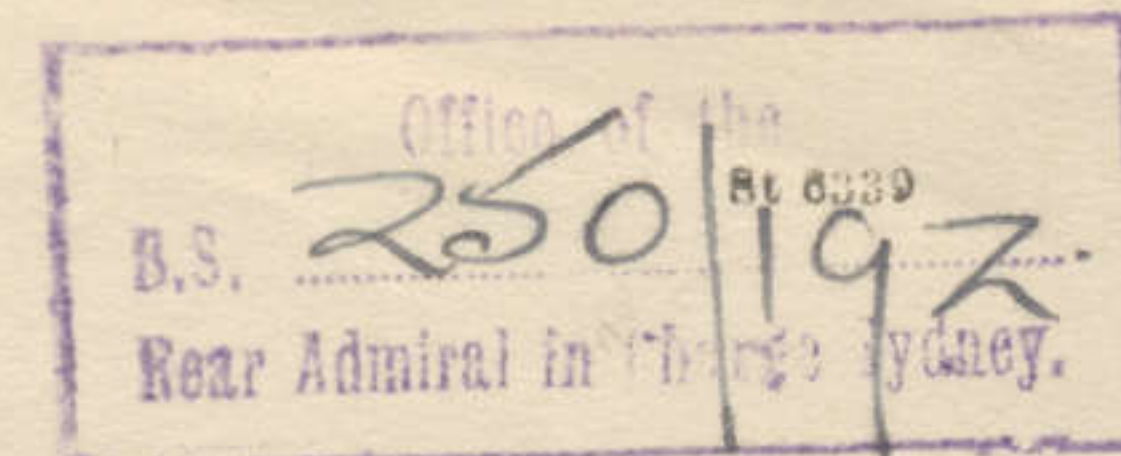
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Submitted for information the attached report  
of proceedings for the month of January from H.M.A.S. "AIR MIST".



*Hammy M S canals*

a/Commander, R.N.



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Date 3rd February, 1945 Reference No.

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1945.

### Submitted:

Date Commissioned	-	20th September, 1944
Distance steamed	-	Nil
Engine Hours	-	Nil
Auxiliary Motor	-	226 hours.

### 2. Condition of Hull

The bottom is very foul and requires slipping before this can be remedied. Divers have inspected slipping cradle and report same is in good order. Having in mind the fact that a considerable proportion of the cradle is constructed of soft wood which has not been painted I consider the possibility of it being affected with worms very great.

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