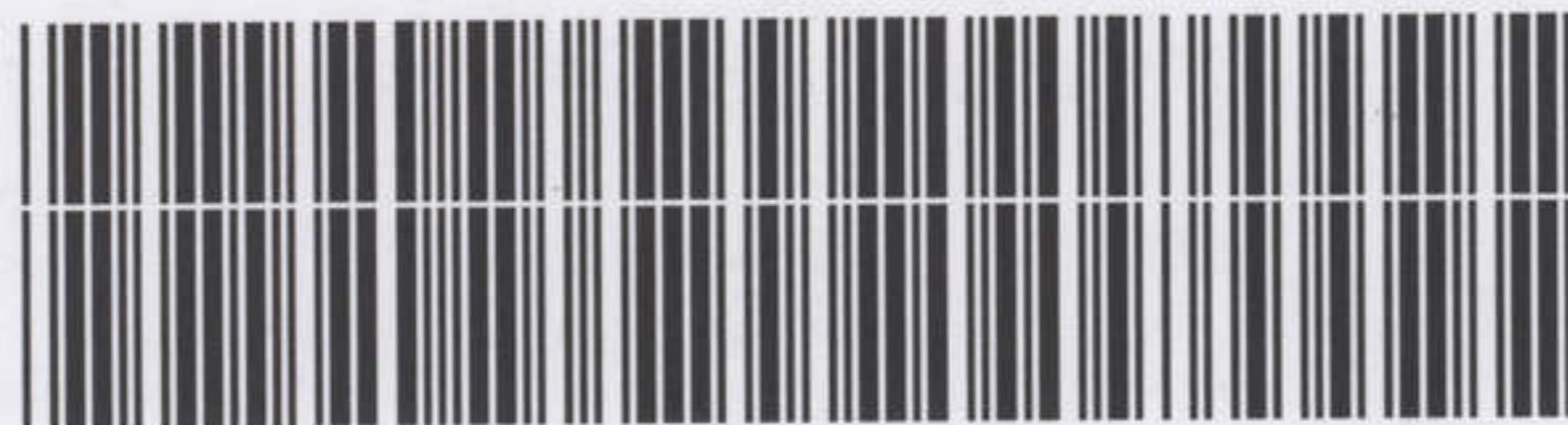


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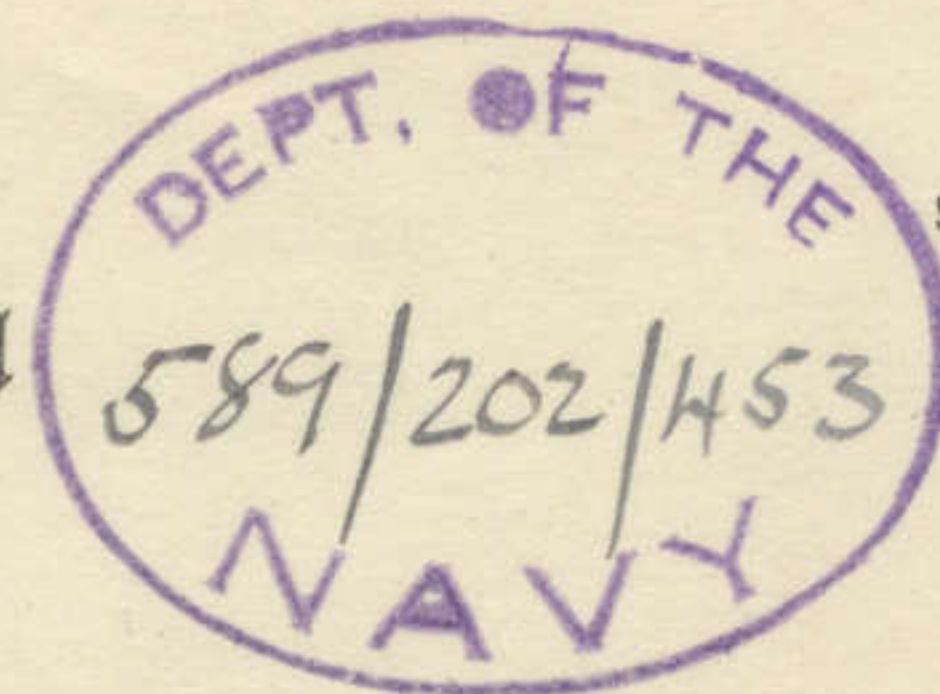
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".
MAY, 1946.

The attached copy of Report of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" for the month of March, 1946, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

Ab. Lewis.

A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY"
 Date 6th June, 1946. Reference No. _____
 To SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD THROUGH N.O.I.C. TOWNSVILLE
 Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1946.

- May 1-7 Berthed at Thursday Island awaiting sailing orders.
 8 Slipped Thursday Island at 0620 for Portland Roads arriving at 1630 after a voyage in very rough Head S.E. sea.
 9 Departed Portland Roads and proceeded to Flinders Island at 1650. Heavy S.E. weather continued,
 10 Made passage from Flinders Island to Cooktown, arriving at 1600. S.E. weather worsening with rain squalls.
 11 Sheltering at Cooktown.
 12 Left Cooktown at 0637 and arrived Cairns at 1155. Weather still heavy from S.E. but tending to moderate.
 13-15 Berthed Cairns, checking engines and securing stores.
 16 Slipped from Cairns at 0634 and proceeded to Townsville. Grazed edge of Middle Reef at 1711, proceeded on to Townsville and berthed at 1740.
 17-18 Remained at Townsville.
 19-30 Vessel slipped and remained on Slip pending decision to repair "A" Brackets.
 31 Vessel taken off slip, repair of brackets being negatived, and berthed at Navy Wharf.

STATISTICS

Distance Steamed for month	729 miles
Hours under way " "	44-15/60
Average distance per ton of fuel	93.3 miles
Total Distance steamed since commissioning	7,004 miles
Average speed	17.8 knots.
Total hours under way	392-16/60.

GENERAL:- The health and conduct of the crew is excellent, the condition of the ship good, apart from necessary repairs required, while the morale has improved considerably with the return of the ship to civilised areas.

A. B. Howard
 COMMANDING OFFICER.

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From H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".

Date 2 May, 1946. Reference No. Checked for Indexing

To SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE S.C.1.
(Copy to Naval Officer in Charge, Townsville)

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1946.

H.M.

Submitted:

- April 1. On station Red Island Point for A.S.R. duties.
- " 2,3. Proceeded to Thursday Island for stores, thence returned to Red Island Point.
- " 4-10. On station Red Island Point.
- " 11. Proceeded to Thursday Island for pay and engine adjustments.
- " 12-18. Remained at Thursday Island for several engine adjustments and additions to ship's dinghy.
- " 19-23. On station for A.S.R. duties at Red Island Point.
- " 24. Proceeded to Thursday Island for pay and stores.
- " 25-28. Remained at Thursday Island awaiting special orders.
- " 29. Proceeded on special duty to investigate the identities of craft believed stolen, reported in the vicinity of Thursday Island, but with negative results.
- " 30. Returned to Thursday Island.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The health of the crew is good, but welfare has decreased owing to remaining few amenities at Red Island Point ceasing, because of the closing of Higgins air-strip; otherwise the conditions on board remain as best as can be arranged. The ship's condition is good but the engines require overhaul. Fire stations were exercised three times during the month.

STATISTICS.

Hours under way for month: 18 35/60.
 Hours for month: 342.
 Average distance per ton of fuel: 89.3 miles.
 Total miles since commissioning: (13/2/45) 6275.
 Average speed: 18.1 knots.
 Total hours under way: 348 1/60.

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M Howard
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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(Air Spray is being relieved by the *Viv* approx. 4th May, she will be sailed Brisbane) pending clarification of disposal A.S. 96 ³⁰/₄

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".
MARCH, 1946.

The attached copy of Report of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. "Air Spray", for the month of March, 1946, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

A. Lewis

A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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H. M. A. S. "AIR SPRAY".

31 March, 1946.

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
Navy Office,
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Through Naval Officer In Charge,
TOWNSVILLE.

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH, 1946.

- March 1 to 10. Berthed at Thursday Island pending discharge of Commanding Officer from hospital on 7 March. Adjustments being carried out on main engines.
- " 11 Proceeded on engine trials and returned to Thursday Is. for further engine adjustments.
- " 15 Proceeded to Red Island Point and resumed normal ASR duties.
- " 15 to 20 On Station Red Island Point.
- " 21 Proceeded to Thursday Is. for slipping.
- " 26 Ship taken off slipway and returned to Red Island Point.
- " 27 to 30 On Station at Red Island Point.
- " 31 Proceeded to Thursday Is. with R. A. A. F. doctor who was required to perform an urgent operation at 6th A. C. H.

General remarks.

The health of the crew is now satisfactory, the condition of the ship is good although the main engines are approaching the time when a major overhaul will be necessary. The ship was completely painted during the month.

During the month Fire stations were exercised three times and the pyrofoam extinguishers were recharged. "Man overboard" was also practised.

With regard to welfare, it has been felt that the part the British Navies have played during the war, and during the building of the British Empire, is not appreciated enough by a large number of ratings as it ought to be. The ship being in regions made historic by Captain Cook and many others, opportunity has been taken to give historical instruction and by discussion to arouse interest in these matters. The ship was anchored off Possession Island while passing recently, and parties were sent ashore to locate the Monument denoting the activities of Captain (then Lieutenant) Cook in 1770. This action has definitely aroused interest, and has had a marked and favourable effect on morale and welfare generally.

Total distance steamed since commissioning ^(3.1.45) to end of month is 5933 miles, at an average speed of 18.0 knots; the total hours under way then being 329 36/60.

Distance steamed for month 263 miles. Average distance per ton of fuel 81.4 miles.

C. Howard
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Commanding Officer.

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Reference 2 N.M.s remarks above: Rescuers have been carried out by Air View 6-4-45, Air Chief 18-3-45, Air Watch 6-10-45, Air Mercy 23-10-45, and others. max 5000 13/4

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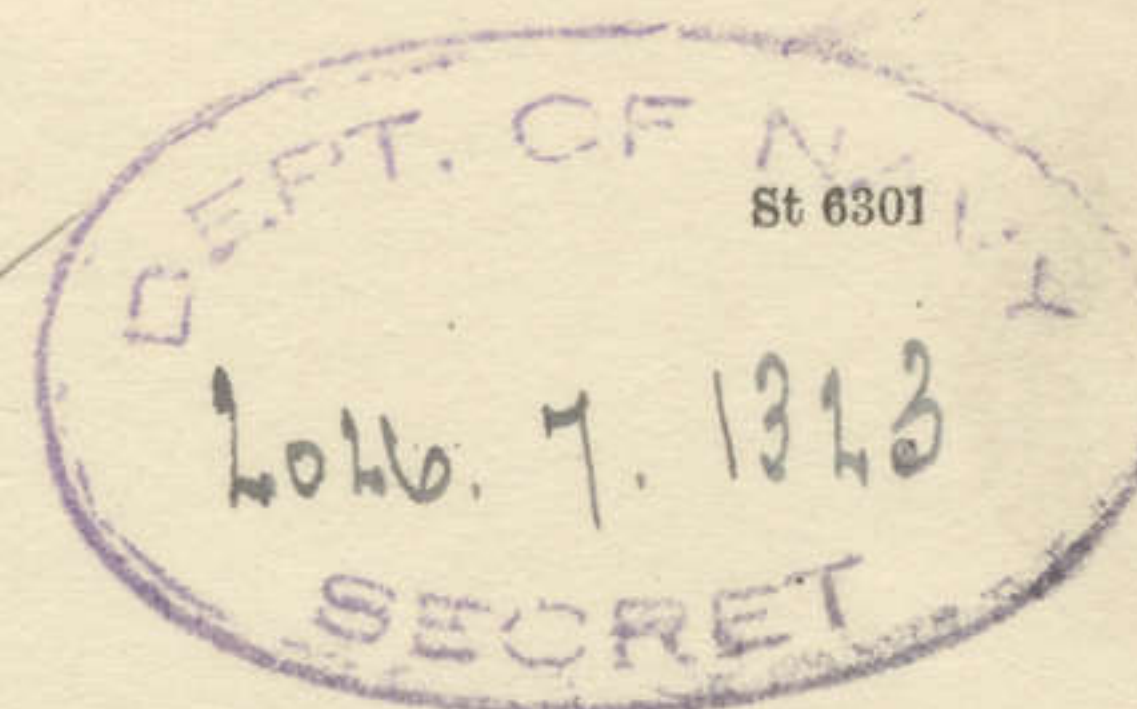
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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".
JANUARY & FEBRUARY, 1946.

The attached copies of Reports of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" for the months of January and February, 1946, are submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

A. Lewis.

A/COMMANDER R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY"
Date 28th February, 1946. Reference No.....
To Secretary Naval Board through N.O.I.C. TOWNSVILLE.
Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY, 1946.

- Feb. 1 Departed Red Island Point for Thursday Island at 0930 K arriving at 1200 K. Departed Thursday Island at 1650 K with N.O.I.C. Thursday Island on board on the occasion of his departure from Thursday Island arriving at R.I.P. 1830 K.
- Feb. 2-12 On station Red Island Point for A.S.R. duties.
- Feb. 13 Left Red Island Point at 0930 K for Thursday Island, arriving at 1100 K.
- Feb. 14 Departed Thursday Island at 2145 K for Portland Roads, to conduct search for missing aircraft. The trip through the reefs in rainy weather and poor visibility at night was successfully made at a speed of 22 knots, arriving at Portland Roads at 0755 K February, 15th.
- Feb. 15 1030 K left Portland Roads and carried out intensive search of Lloyd Bay, interrogating natives and searching adjacent reefs and Islands with negative results, berthing again at Portland Roads at 1430 K.
- Feb. 16 Awaiting fuel from Iron range, which was delayed because of washed away bridges and the R.A.A.F. truck being bogged refuelled 1700 K.
- Feb. 17 Left Portland Roads for Lloyd Bay at 0728 K for a position off the beach near Iron range air strip as close as the hazards of rocks, shallow water and high tide permitted, to complete refueling. Weighed anchor at 1500 K and departed for Night Island, anchoring at 1727 K.
- Feb. 18 Weighed from Night Island 1030 K and proceeded to search the coast from Cape Sidmouth to Lockhart Mission at High water to permit of getting as close in shore as possible. Anchored off Lockhart mission at 1445 K. Interrogation of Natives and search of coastline proved negative.
- Feb. 19 Weighed at 0935 to investigate report from Catalina aircraft of a wheel and tyre on the beach near Red Rocky Point. This tyre proved to be an old and rusty truck type and was reported as such. Proceeded to Lloyd Island to anchor at 1800 K.
- Feb. 20 Weighed from Lloyd Island at 1025 and proceeded to the beach fuelling position in Lloyd Bay to take on fuel at 1100 K. This refuelling from the beach was necessary because of the impassable roads from Iron Range to Portland Roads and was difficult and hazardous but successful. The drums of fuel were towed to the ship by dinghy and parbuckled on board over the ships stern. Weighed at 1515 K for Portland Roads.
- Feb. 21 Proceeded from Portland Roads at 1040 to continue refueling in Lloyd Bay. 1612 weighed and proceeded to Lloyd Island for the night.

- Feb.22 The missing aircraft having been located inland, weighed at 0804 K and proceeded to Home Island at 1607 K, closing H.M.S. "Pheasant" en route for water.
- Feb.23 Weighed from Home Island at 0816 K and proceeded to Thursday Island, arriving at 1620 K.
- Feb.24-28 Remained at Thursday Island as Sub Lt. N.C. Howard was discharged to 6 A.C.H. with Malaria.

General. The condition of the ship and main engines is very good except for the auxiliary motor, which is awaiting overhaul until demanded spares are available. The health of the crew has deteriorated, three of the Seamen suffering from boils which are under treatment and Sub Lt. Howard having to be discharged to 6th A.C.H suffering from a first attack of Malaria. The welfare of the crew is attended to as much as the conditions of living in a small ship and the existing amenities permit.

Monthly figures.

Distance steamed 783 miles.
Hours underway 41.12/60 hours.
Average distance per ton of fuel 93.2 miles.
Total distance steamed since commissioning is 5669 miles at an average speed of 18.1 knots and the total hours underway are 312.48/60 hours. Commissioned 10th Feb 1945

dated 23/4/46.

COMMANDING OFFICER
N Howard
H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY"

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From..... COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY"
Date..... 31st January, 1946..... Reference No.....
To..... Secretary Naval Board through N.O.I.C. TOWNSVILLE
Subject..... LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1946.

- Jan. 1-19 Berthed at Thursday Island awaiting arrival of Commanding Officer taking over from Lt. Barth. R.A.N.V.R.
- 19-24 Checking stores etc upon the assumption of Command by Sub Lt. N.C. Howard.
- 25 Proceeded to Red Island Point to assume normal A.S.R. duties at 0900 K. Fire Stations practised.
- 26-31 On station Red Island Point for A.S.R. duties.

General. The condition of the ship and main engines is very good except for the auxiliary motor overhaul of which is awaiting spare parts on demand. The health of the crew is satisfactory and their welfare, having regard to the smallness of the ship and climatic conditions is attended to as much as existing amenities allow.

Monthly
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Distance steamed	103 miles.
Hours underway	5.48/60. hours.
Average distance for ton of fuel.	93 miles.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	is 4886 miles
the average speed was 18 knots and the total hours underway	271.36/60 hours.

Commissioned 10.2.45.

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COMMANDING OFFICER
N.C. Howard.
H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY"

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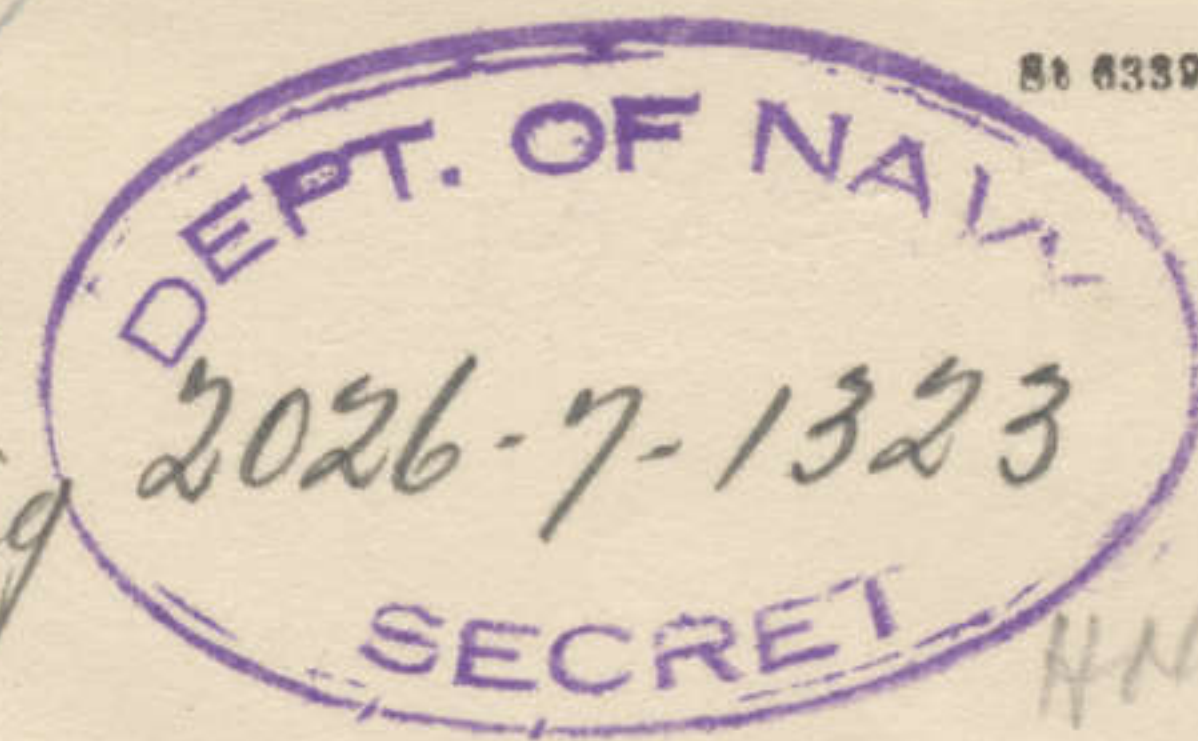
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From NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, THURSDAY ISLAND.

Date 10 September 1945. Reference No. S/400/17

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
(Copy to Naval Officer in Charge, Townsville.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached copy of report of proceedings for August 1945 of H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".

L. Williams
Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.

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

8 September 1945.

COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "CARPENTARIA".

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR AUGUST 1945.

Submitted:

During the month of August H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" lay at Red Is. Point while repairs to W/T installation were being effected.

2. On 27th August H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" took part in an unsuccessful search for a missing plane. The duration of search was five hours.

3. Fire stations were exercised on four occasions.

4. The conduct of the crew is good and the morale fair.

5.	Distance steamed for the month	240 miles.	
	Distance steamed since commissioning	3080 "	✓
	Hours under way for the month	13 hours	
	Hours since commissioning	189 "	
	Petrol consumption	3 1/2 g.p.m.	

(Sgd) W.A. Bath
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Commanding Officer "Air Spray".

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Date 8 August 1945. Reference No. S/400/5

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD.
(Copy to Naval Officer in Charge, Townsville.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY".

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the attached Report of Proceedings of "H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" for month of July 1945.

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Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.

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

2 August 1945

The Naval Officer in Charge Thursday Island.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY 1945.

Submitted:-

During the month of July H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" lay at Horn and Thursday Islands.

(2) On the 15 July proceeded from Horn to Red Island Point for completion of installation of Radio Compass. On the 21st. July proceeded from Red Island Point to Thursday Island for calibration of Radio Compass, returning to Red Island Point on 24th. July, where repairs are being effected to W/T installation.

(3) There has been no operational work during the month.

(4) Fire stations were exercised on four occasions during the month.

(5) The conduct of the crew is good and the morale fair.

(6) Distance steamed for the month .. 240 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning.. 2840 miles
Hours under way for the month 13
Hours since commissioning 176
Petrol consumption 3½ gals per mile.

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Lieutenant R. A. N. V. R.
Commanding Officer.

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

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

3RD. JULY 1945.

THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, THURSDAY ISLAND.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE 1945.

Submitted:

From the 1st. to 21st. June 1945 H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" in company with H.M.A.S. "AIR SENSE" lay at Townsville awaiting repairs to her radio (V.H.F.)

2. On 6th/ June an exercise was carried out with R.A.A.F.
3. On 22nd. June under orders from N.O.I.C. Townsville "AIR SPRAY" accompanied by "AIR SENSE" proceeded to Thursday Island for slipping and attention to her radio.
4. There has been no movement of the ship since that date.
5. H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" was slipped for bottom clean and anti-fouling on 29th/ June.
6. Fire stations were exercised on five occasions during the month.
7. The conduct of the crew is good and the morale fair.
8. Distance steamed for the month 850 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning 2600 miles
Hours under way for the month 46 hours
Hours since commissioning 163 hours
Petrol consumption 3 1/2 gals/ per mile.

[Signature]
Lieutenant R.A.N.V.R.
Commanding Officer.

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The Naval Officer in Charge,
TOWNSVILLE

Submitted for information.

Thursday Island
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Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.R.
Naval Officer in Charge.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "Air Spray"

Date 4th. May, 1945. Reference No.

To Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville.

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1945.

Submitted:-

On the 1st. May, H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" proceeded to Sydney from Jervis Bay.

2. On the 4th. May, accompanied by H.M.A.S. "Air Sense" H.M.A.S. "Air Spray" proceeded to Brisbane, arriving on 6th. May, and from Brisbane to Townsville, arriving on the 16th. May.

3. Fire drill was carried out on four occasions during the month and was of good standard.

4. The conduct and morale of the Ship's Company is good.

5.	Distance steamed for the month	1400
	Distance steamed since commissioning 13th. February, 1945.	1750
✓	Hours under way for month	91
	Hours since commissioning	117
	Petrol Consumption	3 gals per mile.

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

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A/CAPTAIN, R.A.N.
FOR
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Date 9 APR 1945 Reference No. T/91/77
To The Flag Officer-in-Charge, SYDNEY
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Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH - H.M.A.S.
"AIR SPRAY"

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

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a/Commander, R.N.

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

Date 5th April, 1945 Reference No.....

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

Subject MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH

Submitted:

The month of March was spent by H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" fitting out.

2. No outstanding incidents occurred during the month.
3. On the 1st of the month engine trials were carried out; but maximum revolutions were not attained due to excessive vibration and marine growth on the hull.
4. During the month, the hull was slipped and cleaned; and the propellers which were slightly out of balance and causing vibration, changed; as was also one shaft. The ship is still in the hands of the electrical mechanics who are completing the installation of radio gear. The Engine Room ratings were drafted to the ship, thus completing the crew complement.
5. Fire drill was carried out on the 3rd, 15th and 23rd of the month and was of good standard.
6. The conduct and morale of the crew are excellent. No long leave was granted to the crew during the month. The health of the ship's company is satisfactory.
7.

Distance steamed for the month	-	36 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning on 13th February, 1945	-	36 miles
Hours underway for the month	-	3
Hours under way since commissioning	$\frac{3}{4}$	3
Average fuel consumption	-	48.6 gallons per hour
Average speed	-	12 knots.



(SGD) W.A. BATH
 Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R.
 COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "AIR
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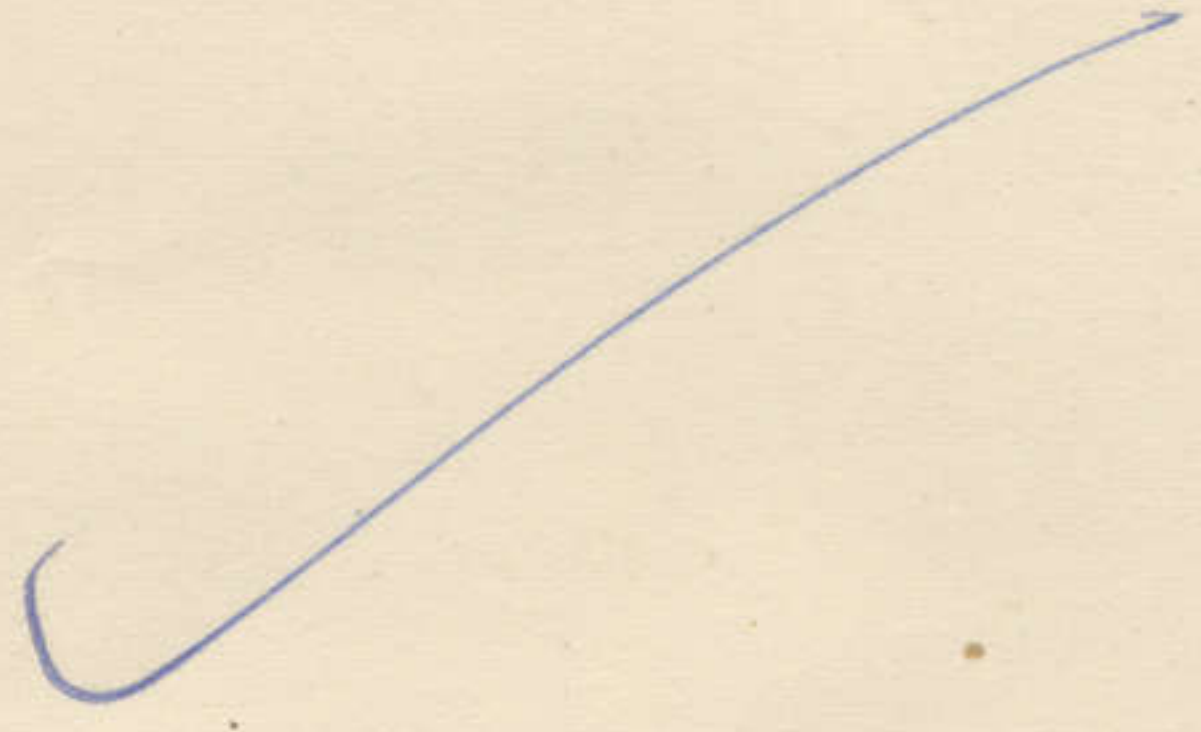
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY - H.M.A.S.
"AIR SPRAY".

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

2. With reference to paragraph 4 a signal to N.O.I.C. Flinders Naval Depot has been sent requesting engine room rating may be appropriated.

[Signature]
(Sgd.) H. M. NEWCOMB

a/Commander, R.N.

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

6th March, 1945

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY.

Submitted:

H.M.A.S. "AIR SPRAY" commissioned on 13th February, 1945; and the remainder of that month was occupied fitting out.

2. No unusual incidents occurred during the month.
3. The hull is in good condition; but requires slipping. This is receiving attention.
4. The crew is not yet up to establishment, the engine room ratings being outstanding.
5. The health and conduct of the crew has been good.
6. No long leave was granted to the ship's company.
7. Fire drill was carried out on the 19th and 226th and was of good standard.
8.

Distance steamed for the month	-	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning (31th February, 1945)	-	Nil
Hours under way for the month	-	Nil
Hours under way since commissioning	-	Nil
Average fuel consumption	-	Nil
Average speed	-	Nil

Engines were run for a short period only at the moorings during debiting of engines.

(SOD) W.A. BATH
Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.I

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