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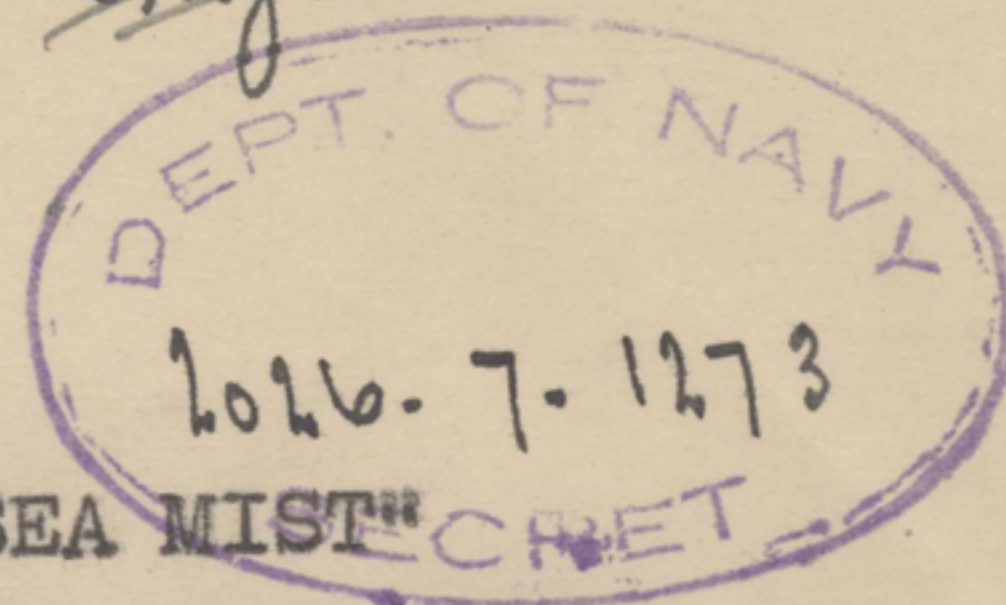
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H.M.A.S. "SEA MIST" SECRET



2nd May, 1945.

The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

(Through - Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville)

(Copies to: Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin
Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER")

Monthly Procedure Report - April, 1945

SUBMITTED:

1. April 1st, 1945: Moored at the Fairmile Jetty, Cairns, awaiting H.M.A.S. "JOHN HARDY".

April 6th, 1945: Under instruction, slipped from Fair-mile Jetty, Cairns, and proceeded to a position outside the channel in company with H.M.A.S. "SEA BIRD" at 1700 to meet M.L. 825.

1850: Contacted M.L. 825, proceeded en route to Townsville. Sea calm. Wind Light S.E. Visibility good.

2030: Abeam Fitzroy Island.

2342: Abeam Russel Island.

April 7th, 1945: 0425: Abeam North Barnard Is.

0925: Three A.S.R. vessels passed on our starboard hand headed N.

1355: Abeam Palm Islands.

1608: Entered West Channel, Townsville.

1820: Berthed alongside M.L. 825 at Hynes Wharf, Townsville, and reported to Naval Officer-in-Charge.

2. April, 9th, 1945: Base Engineer Officer, Townsville, aboard regarding refit.

3. April 19th, 1945: Base mechanics refitting valves to starboard Motor as valves were burnt out.

4. Balance of month at Hynes Wharf, Townsville, awaiting refit instructions.

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5. Conduct of the Ship's Company satisfactory.
Commanding Officer admitted to Sick Bay at H.M.A.S.
"MAGNETIC" Monday, 23rd April, 1945, and discharged April 29th,
1945. (Acute Bronchitis). General health of Crew good.

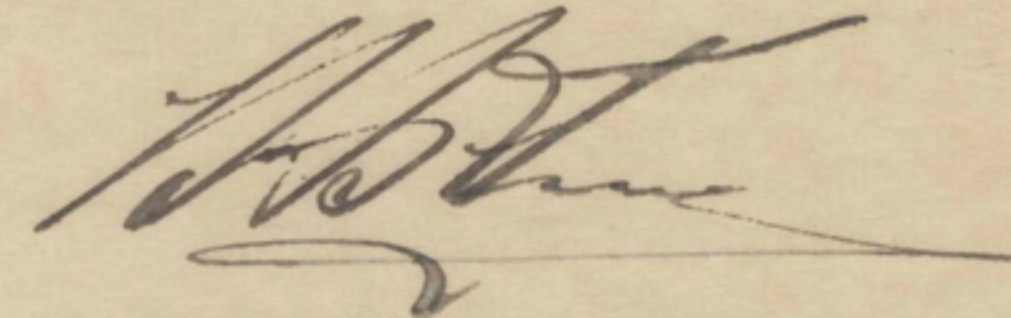
6. Defect submitted to Naval Officer-in-Charge, Townsville,
for complete refit.

7. Monthly figures are as follow:-

Distance covered	:	195
Hours under way	:	32 35/60
Fuel consumed	:	192 Galls.

8. Total figures:-

Distance covered since commissioning	:	7,743
Ship commissioned	:	1st March, 1944
Average speed	:	6 Knots



COMMANDING OFFICER.

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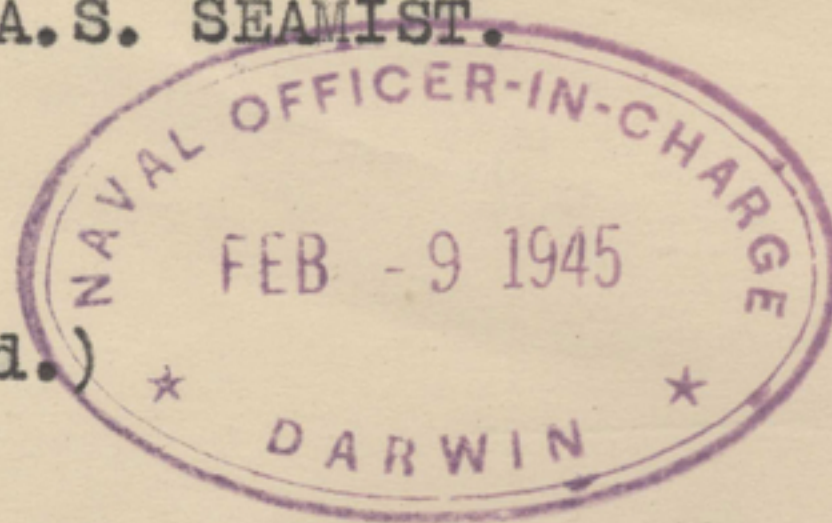
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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SEAMIST.
5th February 1945.
The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.
(Through N.O.I.C. Darwin,
Copy to Secretary, Naval Board.)



Submitted :-

1. 1st January at A.S.R. Station, Melville Bay and at 0300 IK on the 4th January sailed for Darwin via the inshore route. On the 8th January at 1030 IK in approximate position Lat. 10 55 S, Long. 132 12 E, struck a submerged object. On checking bilges could discover no apparent damage. At the time, gale conditions existed and visibility limited to 50 ft. At 1355 IK received storm warning from Darwin.

At 1620 IK steamed into Port Essington and anchored in Berkely Bay where further inspection of ship was carried out but could discover no damage. At 0600 IK 9th Jan. steamed from Port Essington to Popham Bay and anchored overnight. 0600IK 10th Jan. cleared Popham Bay and on rounding Cape Don, corvette No. 361 passed on our starboard hand steaming towards Darwin. At 1830IK anchored in lee of Cape Hotham in 8 fathoms. 0600IK 11th Jan. steamed to Darwin and when one mile S.E. of East Vernon Island the port motor stopped. Found oil leak and broken valve spring. Anchored off East Vernon Island and carried out repairs completing same and sailing for Darwin at 0710 IK, 12th Jan.

Arrived at Darwin and closed C.T. Jetty to report at 1410 IK. At 1615 IK cleared C.T. Jetty and made fast to No. 6 buoy.

2. Remained at buoy until 18th Jan., then at 0820 IK went on to the Fairmile slipway. On slipping found the copper sheathing to be in a very bad condition and crumbling away in numerous places. All faulty parts were replaced and new Monel metal key fitted to Port propeller and nut locked with monel metal screws

3. Friday, 19th Jan., ship's company reported to P.M.O. for medical examination re change over from R.A.N.V.R. (N.A.P.) to R.A.N.V.R. All passed medically fit.

4. 21st Jan. at 1050 IK off slips and returned to bouy. 31st Jan. at 1600 IK slipped mooring and proceeded on Boom Patrol. Relieved M.L. 1324 at 1700 IK and carried on patrol outside boom.

5. General health and conduct of ship's company satisfactory.

6. All copper sheathing requires removal and slight repairs required to keel otherwise the condition of the ship's hull is satisfactory.

7. Monthly figures are as follows:-

Distance covered.....	610 miles.
Hours under way....	111
Fuel consumed.....	517 gals.

Total figures :-

Distance covered since commissioning...	5864 miles.
Ship commissioned.....	1st March 1944.
Average speed.....	6 knots.

Note. Ship under tow for approximately 2300 miles of the total distance.

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A. J. ...
COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A.S. SEAMIST.

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(Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SEAMIST"'s memorandum dated
5th February, 1945.)

10K BY: A.S. 1330Y

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS : JANUARY 1945.

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The Secretary,
NAVAL BOARD.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board
in accordance with Navy Office letter 589/291/941(053065)
dated 23rd October 1944.

2. Inspection revealed that only minor damage resulted
from the incident referred to in paragraph 1 of the report. The
Commanding Officer states that he saw a quantity of floating
debris in the vicinity.

A. Mathers
A/Commander, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN, R.A.N. (S.O.S)
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Darwin.

Naval Headquarters,
DARWIN. N.T.
18th February 1945.

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