

HMAS TEAL

MALACCA STRAIT  
15th September

Dear AB Cross

I'm sure you have heard the news that I have been awarded the DSC on behalf of yourself and all the original crew, for our activities in the Singapore Strait last December. It is as much your medal as mine, and I hope you will always take as much pride in it as I will in wearing it for you.

I have received over 60 letters and signals, all of which from naval people have offered congratulations to the ship's company. In particular, FOCAF said in his letter " I congratulate you and your ship's company sincerely. Not only does this bring great credit on yourself and your ship, but also on the RAN, " and the Naval Board said "..... in recognition of your good work and the efficiency of all under your command ".

I do most sincerely thank you for your loyalty and hard work, which made this award possible. I particularly remember the pride and care you took with your chart corrections, which are so important. I honestly believe that I will never serve in a finer ship than TEAL as she was from August 1964 to May 1965, and you and your ship-mates made her what she was.

I have not yet been back to Kuching since you left, but are due there in early December, when I will inform your relations of your share in a DSC. I look forward to serving with you again.

*Yours Gratefully,  
Gus Murray.*