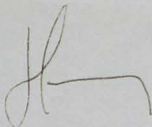


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FALKLAND ISLANDS - LAST HM SHIP SUNK IN ENEMY ACTION

HMS Vestal Algerine Class Mine-sweeper completed in 1943, sank on 26 July 1945. It was attacked by Japanese Kamikaze aircraft and sustained a direct hit between the funnel and bridge causing severe structural damage and an uncontrollable oil fuel fire. It had to be scuttled by own forces. She was engaged in a mine-sweeping operations off Phuket near Siam.



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