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DP 13/11

DTSR 13/11

DSD 14/11 para 8 will be taken into account in the forthcoming review of RAAF requirements, policy etc.

DAWOT 11/12

DNI 20/12.

HPB

DCNP 28/12

DOA

DMT 3/1

DDM 4/1

DPS Re Para 5. Understand CNS has taken this matter up on another copy of this report. 8/1.

DGS 10/1.

INR On leave

DNES 14/1

MDG 18/1/43

DCNTS

DEE 21/2

DME

DNC 7/2

DW 21/2

HNB

REGISTRAR

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~~DOD~~ 11/12

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1st ~~NM~~ 11/12

What a pity about the mails. Perhaps on such a voyage as this D.P.S. might have tried to help. What is depressing is that until we get a complaint via this channel no-one as far as I know nobody in Navy Office was especially concerned. 17/12.

~~Secretary~~ Remarks hereunder

2nd ~~NM~~ BPR

(copy 7.1.63)

1st Lieut. Please see remarks by HofN hereunder

Seen by DNP 20/12

20.12.62. Lee

3rd ~~NM~~ 25/1

What worries me is that an administration falls into disrepute. The proof of the pudding is in the eating & I can think of several ways in which D.P.S. with foreknowledge & because of knowledge of what actually happens in Naval Ports might have been able to help.

4th ~~NM~~ 27/2.

Mails are one of the most important "Personal Services" & 4 in drops a day before ~~even~~ a arrival & even a day after departure are not unusual. I wouldn't expect "N" Branch to deal with that sort of thing.

~~SEC~~

Perhaps I should have been more active myself?

~~CNPR~~ on list behind.

~~HNB~~ (N5)

REGISTRAR 20/2

1. Re mail - FOICEA's comments on file 68/4/61 are relevant
2. The existing mail direction arrangements do not appear to require the addition of [illegible]
3. This does not seem to have been actioned in accordance with R.I. 5252/para 2

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~~2nd NM~~ Remarks hereunder 17/12

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DEPT. OF NAVY
68/4/21
CANBERRA

5 FEB 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
Her Majesty's Australian Fleet, (Staff),
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY,
C/- G.P.O.

(Copies to: The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. IBIS.)

MAIL SERVICES

Reference: Your memorandum of 9th January, 1963.

I am directed by the Naval Board to inform you that the delay in delivery of mail to H.M.A.S. IBIS had already been investigated and the following information is pertinent -

(a) In order that there should be no delays in the delivery of mails to SUPPLY and 16th Minesweeper Flotilla, the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs was provided with the programme for the passage to Australia on 30th August, 1962.

(b) When the programme for SUPPLY and CURLEW had to be amended due to the defects in the latter, the postal authorities were kept informed of the changes by telegram.

(c) In view of the lack of information in regard to the revised programme after separation of the ships, the Naval Board asked CTG3281 for a revised programme on 19th October and this information when received on 23rd October was given to the Postal Authorities.

(d) It was later found that, although not asked to do so, the Post Office had placed mail for all ships in bags addressed to SUPPLY in an attempt to facilitate handling and delivery overseas. The enforced separation caused by the breakdown in CURLEW, could therefore have contributed to the delay in delivery of mails for the five ships which sailed independently.

(e) The Post Office advised that some embarrassment was being caused by numbers of letters being posted with insufficient postage.

1/11 5/2.

2. **Whilst the importance of prompt and regular delivery of mail to H.M.A. Ships is fully realised, it is not considered that any further investigation by Postal authorities will be of benefit at this stage.** It is considered however that in regard to (c) above the attention of C.O.s of H.M.A. Ships should be directed to the instruction contained in R.I. 5252 paragraph 2 concerning notification of changes of postal address where immediate movements of H.M.A. Ships would not be known at Navy Office.

Before dispatch
D.C.N.S. Propose approval 1/11 1/2
f. Secretary 4/2

f Secretary. 25/1

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MINUTE PAPER

DELAYS IN MAILS FOR 16TH MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA.

SECRETARY

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3. It is considered that all possible steps were taken in Navy Office to ensure that there were no delays in the delivery of the mails.

4. In view of the lack of information in regard to the revised programme after separation of the ships, CTG 328.1 was asked by ACNB's 190611 October to advise the amended programme, to enable mail diversions and changed diplomatic clearances to be arranged. CTG 328.1 message 230958 October gave details of the revised programme which was given to the Post Office on 24th October. However, it is noted that on one occasion the Post Office indicated that mails for all ships were being addressed to SUPPLY. The enforced separation of units of the Task Group caused by the breakdown in CURLEW, could therefore have contributed to the delay in the mails for the 5 ships which sailed independently. The Post Office had not been asked to address all mail to SUPPLY but no doubt acted in what they thought would be the best means of dealing with the matter. The Post Office also informed FOICEA that embarrassment was being caused by numbers of letters being posted with insufficient postage.

5. The liaison between the Post Office and 'N' Branch in mail matters is very good and it is not seen that D.P.S. could have assisted in this case.

19 December, 1962.

Head of 'N' Branch.

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(H.M.A.S. IBIS letter No. I146/1/60 dated 8th November, 1962.)

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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

(Copy to : The Commanding Officer,
H.M.A.S. IBIS.)

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(G.G.O. GATACRE)
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Department of the Navy.

(Copies to : The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
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The Captain,
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MAIL SERVICES

References : (a) H.M.A.S. IBIS' letter I146/2/79
dated 3rd December 1962.

(b) H.M.A.S. IBIS' letter not numbered
dated 8th November 1962.

Be pleased to request the Naval Board that the matter of poor delivery of mail reported in the references, may be investigated with the Post Master General's Department.

2. I am aware that excellent service is normally given to H.M.A. Ships by the postal authorities, to whom great credit is due. However, in view of the remarks about the reaction of the ship's company of H.M.A.S. IBIS to the non delivery of mail, I consider an investigation is warranted.

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At Sea,
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THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

(Copies to :- The Flag Officer In Charge, East Australian Area,
The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
The Senior Officer, 16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER-1962

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the month of October, 1962.

2. Throughout the month IBIS has been on passage from the United Kingdom to Australia, having sailed from Portsmouth on 1st October, 1962, as part of Task Group 328.1. Since departing from Gibraltar on 8th October, 1962, the ship has remained in company with H.M.A.Ships HAWK, TEAL, GULL, and SNIPE, Called at Malta, and transitted the Suez Canal.

3. At the end of the month, these ships were on passage in the Red Sea, one day's steaming from Aden.

4. The health and morale of the ship's company remains excellent, despite the boredom of several long passages. The maintenance of morale has undoubtedly been the chief problem on this passage. The complete lack of any facilities for showing either instructional or recreational films in any ship in the squadron, has caused concern. In these small ships, which lack even deck space for recreational purposes, the provision of at least one cinema projector for squadron use would have been of incalculable value in maintaining morale.

5. The intermittent delivery, or non-delivery of mail, apart from a few letters at Port Said, since October 13th, 1962, has caused unnecessary distress and concern to most of the ship's company. The importance of mail requires no further elaboration, except to state that the effects of its non-delivery have been most noticeable among the 17 Reserve ratings on board.

6. The high state of morale which still exists on board can largely be attributed to the ingenuity of the sailors themselves. Taped music, record programmes (on private equipment), deck quoits, indoor games, competitions and tombola, have become part of the accepted daily routine. An improvised swimming bath on the forecastle has proved extremely popular.

7. The manner in which the R.A.N. Reserve personnel have carried out their duties has been most heartening. In general they are not as technically proficient with service equipment as their permanent service counterparts, but they are quick to learn, and their keenness and enthusiasm in all things is infectious. They possess personal qualities which are above the standards normally encountered in their

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Permanent Service counterparts, and their diverse and many varied talents can often be turned to good use outside their own departmental work.

8. Regrettably, the Reserve Communications personnel have been below the minimum standard required of Communications ratings inCoastal Minesweepers. It is considered that this can be attributed largely to lack of practice, but their general knowledge of communications gives some cause for concern. However, the improvement in both knowledge and practical work during the month has been very satisfactory.

9. The maintenance work of both the Electrical and Engineering departments of the ship has been excellent, and is considered worthy of special mention in this report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Beaumont.

LIEUTENANT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

Enclosures: Appendix A
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Appendix A to:- The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. IBIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - dated 8th November, 1962(I146/1/60).

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	4559.6 mls.
(b)	Hours under way during the month	362 26/60 hrs.
(c)	Total distance steamed since commissioning	5775.9
(d)	Total hours under way since commissioning	468 25/60

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Appendix B to:- The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. IBIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - I146/1/60 dated 8th November, 1962.

INDEX 17th October, 1962.

Stretched and adjusted Sweep Wires and Kite Wires.

Adjusted Kites and Otters.

Carried out 3 Steering gear breakdown exercises.

Carried out 3 Man overboard exercises.

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Appendix C to:- The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. IBIS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - I146/1/60 dated 8th November, 1962.

Towed H.M.A.S. HAWK - own gear.

Towed by H.M.A.S.Gull.

Appendix D:-

2 Heaving line transfers with H.M.A.S. GULL

1 R.A.S. with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY

2 WASHDECK transfers - H.M.A.S. HAWK, H.M.A.S. GULL

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HNB ~~B~~ 20/12

DOD ~~D~~ With reference to para 9 DOD has ascertained that no reporting action was taken by Hawke (DDG 16). The ships were at the time under the operational control of FOCAF in CFEF and a report should have been rendered in accordance with LCAFO 25/62 and FOTI 1132. As the R of P is addressed to the FOCAF FOO's attention has been drawn to this and he is initiating action. HNB 21/12 (See file 1617/208/47

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
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7. The ship's company continue to conduct themselves in a manner which has brought credit to the Service in all ports visited. Two lapses occurred in Darwin, one directly, and one indirectly due to the potency of the local "brew". Australian beer is a heady drink for those who have been deprived of its benefits for some time.

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At Sea.

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8. The paucity of mail continued throughout the month, but deliveries improved after arrival at Singapore. It is considered that the general sense of the remarks made in para 5 of the October Report of Proceedings applies for most of this period as well.

9. On Friday 23rd November, at 0737 (-7½), whilst on passage from Singapore to Darwin, a submarine periscope was sighted on the starboard beam at a range of approximately 1000 yards. The periscope remained visible for some 15 seconds, during which time it did two all-round sweeps and then trained in the general direction of the formation. From the plume it was estimated that the submarine was on a parallel course at a speed of 10-12 knots. The sighting was reported to the Senior Officer, 16th Minesweeping Squadron, H.M.A.S. HAWK. The ship's estimated position at the time was 04° 04'·5S 110° 07'·1E.

10. It is observed that a number of naval personnel at Darwin had formed the opinion that Coastal Minesweepers were large motor boats and could be run in a similar fashion. This fallacy was prevalent even amongst senior ratings. Such thought is to be deprecated, and all ship's companies were quick to advise the ill-informed on this subject.

11. The performance of the R.A.N.R. personnel continues to be most satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Beaumont.

LIEUTENANT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

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Appendix "A" to :- The Commanding officer, H.M.A.S. IBIS
Report of Proceedings I146/2/79 dated 3rd December.

a) Distance steamed during the month	6612'·2
b) Hours under way during the month	499&50/60
c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	12,388'·1
d) Total hours under way since commissioning	968&15/60

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Report of Proceedings I146/2/79 dated 3rd December.

1 Heaving line transfer with H.M.A.S. HAWK,
1 Washdeck transfer with H.M.A.S. TEAL,
2 R.A.S.- R.F.A. WAVE KNIGHT and H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

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~~DCNTS~~ I can only hope that the remaining ME(E) knows how to start the expensive Deltic installation. It is possible to completely wreck an engine by incorrect starting procedure!

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~~DME~~ N.R.T. D.W.M. & DCNTS remarks above. It is most important that the POM(R) missed the ship in Darwin - Nothing can be done about the valuable hours lost in respect of the Rescue practice evening on arrival at Sydney and only on the job training can be supplied to ingoing ships with a suitable land period allowed as a result of R.N.R. shortages. This situation is most unsatisfactory and unsatisfactory and unsatisfactory as yours in the meantime.

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(H.M.A.S. IBIS's letter I146/3/84 dated 13th December 1962)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

(Copies to: The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australia Area.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron.

The Captain,
H.M.A.S. IBIS.)

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I. Appendix 29A.

2. This report covers the periods when IBIS was under my control (1st - 7th December) and under the control of the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area (from 7th December). However, as Lieutenant BEAUMONT has now been relieved it is not possible to correct this error.

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H.M.A.S. IBIS.)
The Captain,

The Senior Officer,
1st Minesweeping Squadron.

East Australia Area.

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Department of the Navy.
The Secretary,

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
At GARDEN ISLAND.
13th December 1962.

THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA,
GARDEN ISLAND.

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THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.
THE SENIOR OFFICER, 16th MINESWEEPING SQUADRON, H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT ON PROCEEDINGS

1st December to 13th December, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the period 1st December 1962, to 13th December, 1962.

2. From 1st December 1962 until 3rd December, 1962, IBIS was on passage from Darwin to Sydney with Task Group 328.1. Throughout the period 3rd December 1962 until arrival off Sydney on 7th December 1962, IBIS was in company with the ships of the Sixteenth Minesweeping Squadron.

3. An exchange of engineroom personnel took place during a washdeck transfer with H.M.A.S. GULL on 1st December, 1962. The L.M.(E) from GULL was sick and had not responded to treatment on board, so it was decided to transfer him to IBIS where he could be under the care of the Squadron Sick Berth Petty Officer. The rating was later transferred by jackstay to H.M.A.S. SUPPLY during the R.A.S. on Monday 3rd December, 1962.

4. The R.A.S. with SUPPLY on 3rd December was the last on passage, and certainly the most satisfactory to date as far as this ship was concerned. The ships' companyhad now a good knowledge of the R.A.S. rig provided and the proceedure worked well. During a period of 2¾ hours continuously alongside, IBIS took 27.6 tons DIESO, 6½ tons water, and transferred a rating and received provision by jackstay.

5. The Squadron arrived off Sydney Heads at 0925 on Friday 7th December, 1962, and as course was altered to enter harbour a signal was received reporting that the fishing vessel CONSTANCE was in difficulties 11 miles off Sydney. IBIS was detached to investigate.

6. A radar echo was held at this time bearing 157° 10'.5, and course was set to investigate this echo. A police launch was also observed about 1 mile to the northward on a parallel course.
After requesting a more accurate position of CONSTANCE from shore, course was set to intercept the police launch in order to ascertain whether there was any better information available, and if not, then to decide on a course of action to avoid duplication of the search effort.

7. In fact the rendezyous with the launch was not effected as a further signal was received cancelling IBIS'S participation in the search, and the ship proceeded to enter harbour, berthing on the east side of CAPTAIN COOK DOCK at 1020.

8. Whilst on passage into harbour at 12 knots, a crane lighter was observed secured alongside the light. Speed was reduced to 8 knots but nevertheless the ship's wake caused considerable

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as far as could be observed, nothing occurred on board the lighter save some discomfort to the men working on board. This incident is regretted.

9. The ship was docked down in Captain Cook Dock during the forenoon on Monday 10th December 1962, and undocked during the forenoon on Friday 13th December 1962.

10. The next few weeks will see the return of the R.A.N.R. personnel to their civilian capacities and their replacement on board by Permanent Service personnel. One M(E) will be the sole survivor in the engineroom department, and it is envisaged that a number of difficulties will arise in this department until personnel become aquainted with the machinery.

11. One officer only remains on board. The First Lieutenant returns to civilian life, and both Sub-Lieutenants proceed on leave and then to ships of the Fleet. As far as can be ascertained from Appointments Lists received on board to date, the new year will see the ship with a complement of three officers only, including the Commanding Officer. It is considered that a minimum of four officers is required if the ship is to run efficiently and without increasing the work load on officers to an unacceptable degree.

12. Further, experience shows that a complement of four officers is the minimum when ships are engaged in minesweeping activities, when their ability to remain on task and carry out useful work is in any case largely governed by "officer fatigue". The Royal Navy has adopted the practice of appointing either two Midshipmen, or two Acting Sub-Lieutenants in addition to the First Lieutenant. The responsibilities given them, and the practical experience received, provides them with exeellent training.

13 13. The conduct and morale and health of the ships' company has been excellent throughout the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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LIEUTENANT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

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APPENDIX "A" TO :-

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. IBIS.
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DATED 13th DECEMBER, 1962.

(a)	Distance steamed during month	1798°4 miles
(b)	Hours under way during month	141 hrs 44 mins
(c)	Total distance steamed since commissioning	14,186°5 miles
(d)	Total hours under way since commissioning	1109 hrs 59 mins

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APPENDIX (D) TO:-

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1 R.A.S. with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

1 Jackstay transfer H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.
(Alongside 2 hours 37 minutes)

2 wash-deck transfers - H.MA.S. GULL , H.M.A.S. CURLEW.

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(H.M.A.S. IBIS letter No. I 146/4/110 dated 10th January, 1963)

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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
At WAVERTON. N.S.W.

10 January, 1963

Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA.

(Copy to:- The Senior Officer, 16th Minesweeping Squadron)
H.M.A.S. HAWK.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

14th DECEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS for the period 14th December, 1962 to 31st December, 1962.

2. Lieutenant R.G.O. Gatacre, R.A.N. relieved Lieutenant A.L. Beaumont, R.A.N. and assumed command of H.M.A.S. IBIS at 0800 Thursday, 13th December, 1962.

3. The Squadron moved from Captain Cook dry dock to the Minesweeping Base, H.M.A.S. WATERHEN, during the forenoon of Friday 14th, IBIS and HAWK being the only ships to move under their own power.

4. The leave period restricted routine work considerably, however the small number of ratings that remained onboard were employed in painting ship internally.

5. The conduct, morale and health of the ship's company has been excellent throughout the period.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
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MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS - H.M.A.S. IBIS.

Lieutenant R.G.O. GATACRE, R.A.N. - 13th December - Assumes Command

Lieutenant A.L. BEAUMONT, R.A.N. - 13th December - Leave

Lieutenant T. KILBURN, R.A.N.R. - 21st December - Leave

Acting Sub-Lieutenant D.F. BOLEN, R.A.N. - 14th December, Leave

Acting Sub-Lieutenant S.S. WILSON, R.A.N. - 14th December, Leave

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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

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(G.G.O. GATACRE)
REAR ADMIRAL

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H.M.A.S IBIS,
At H.M.A.S. WATERHEN
8th February, 1963.

The Flag officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.
(Copy to: The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. GULL.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.
1st January to 31st January, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the period 1st to 31st January, 1963.

2. Throughout this period the ship remained alongside at H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

3. The leave period completed on 28th January, 1963.

4. The ship's company have been fully employed painting and storing ship in preparation for next months Work up.

5. The conduct, morale and health of the ship's company has continued to be excellent throughout the period.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R Sakara.

Lieutenant R.A.N.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DATED 13th FEBRUARY, 1963

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(H.M.A.S. IBIS letter No. 1146/3/127 dated 5th March, 1963)

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CAPTAIN

for (G.G.O. GATACRE)
REAR ADMIRAL

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
At H.M.A.S. WATERHEN,

- 5 MAR 1963

The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

(Copy to: Commander M.C.M.
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th MINESWEEPING SQUADRON,
H.M.A.S. GULL.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

1st FEBRUARY to 28th FEBRUARY, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the month of February, 1963.

2. IBIS remained alongside at H.M.A.S. WATERHEN until the 4th February, when Christmas leave period and seven week planned maintenance period was completed.

3. On the 4th February, IBIS proceeded at 0915, to a position 1 mile outside Sydney Heads where Chaplain Wilson R.A.N. buried at sea the ashes of the late Commissioned Master at Arms C.R. Welch and Mr J. Blackston Ex R.A.N. On completion of this ceremony the Ship returned to WATERHEN, and remained alongside until 1230. At 1230 IBIS proceeded to No 2 buoy where I adjusted and swung the standard and steering compasses. The last swing was completed at 1545 when the Ship returned to WATERHEN overnight.

4. Having sailed at 0830 on the 5th February, IBIS commenced stretching wires and calibrating otters at 0930, on clearing Sydney heads. On completion of the stretching and calibration the Ship anchored in Broken Bay at 1748.

5. On the 6th February IBIS weighed and proceeded at 0800 in company with HAWK, and on completion of Officer of the Watch manoeuvres carried out independent exercises. During the day two danbuoys were laid and recovered, the kite wire stretched and the kite calibrated, double Oropesa Sweep streamed and the M.M.II sweep streamed. The Ship anchored overnight in Broken Bay.

6. At 0800 on the 7th February IBIS sailed in company with HAWK, and carried out independent exercises. During the forenoon two danbuoys were laid and recovered, the M.M.II sweep streamed, and the Acoustic Hammer sweep streamed abeam. After lunch the pre-wetting system was tested, with little success. When proceeding at 14-15 knots into a 15 knot wind, the coverage is quite good, but at slower speeds or downwind, little of the ship is wet correctly, although a pressure of 50lbs per sq.in. was maintained in the firemain. At 1415 IBIS joined HAWK outside Sydney Heads for passage to WATERHEN, where the Ship remained self maintaining until the 11th of February.

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7. IBIS was scheduled to sail with the remainder of the squadron at 0830 on Monday 11th February, but owing to the turning gear engaging sleeve for the starboard engine fracturing, the Ship did not sail until 1515. During the passage north to Broken Bay the M.M.II sweep was streamed, the Ship anchoring in Broken Bay at 1815 on completion of recovery.

8. IBIS sailed from Broken Bay, in company with HAWK and TEAL at 0800 on Tuesday 12th February, and during independent exercises transferred the Acoustic Displacer to the after position and then streamed the Combined Towed Acoustic sweep.

9. IBIS returned to WATERHEN at 1600 on 12th February in company with HAWK, and remained at WATERHEN for a self maintenance day on 13th February,

10. Owing to the lubricating oil pump on the port engine failing to prime, IBIS sailed at 0830 on 14th February , using starboard engine only. The port engine was started shortly after sailing. During the day's independent exercises the M.M.II and C.T.A. sweeps were streamed. The Ship anchored in Broken Bay at 1610.

11. On Friday 15th February, Lieutenant A.L. Beaumont R.A.N. came to sea in IBIS to criticise the sweep deck drill during the streaming of Single Oropesa and C.T.A. sweeps. His criticism and advice was most valuable. IBIS rendezvoused with HAWK off Sydney Heads at 1335 and berthed alongside a fueling lighter at No 5 buoy at 1400. On completion of fueling IBIS proceeded to WATERHEN in company with HAWK, and remained at WATERHEN over the weekend.

12. On Monday 18th February IBIS sailed in company with GULL, HAWK and TEAL at 0830, Commander Mine Counter Measures being embarked in HAWK. During the forenoon O.O.W. manoeuvres were conducted by Commander M.C.M., and IBIS exercised jackstay transfers with HAWK as receiving and then supplying ship.

13. At 1300 IBIS was detached to return to WATERHEN to make good a defective armature in the radar motor generator. The defect was caused by the winding securing strap parting, and consequently cutting the armature and field coils. This defect was rectified by 1650 on Tuesday 19th February, and IBIS sailed for the Broken Bay exercise area at 1715. On passage the port Oropesa sweep was streamed, and acorn grips fitted for the C.T.A. tails and Oropesa cutters. The Ship anchored in Broken Bay at 1930.

14. IBIS sailed Broken Bay in company with HAWK and TEAL at 0830 on 20th February for R.A.N. Sweepex 1. On completion of the squadron danlay, IBIS joined TEAL to stream double Oropesa sweeps. Having streamed the sweep it was observed that neither float was 'watching' despite the calibrations carried out in the previous week. IBIS was told to detach and recalibrate and eventually it was found that the slings of the starboard otter had a twist in them thus causing the float to dip. On rejoining, the M.M.II and C.T.A. sweeps were streamed prior to the influence sweeping stage.

15. After actuating the A.D. it was observed that the resistance was overheating and consequently the C.T.A. sweep was recovered to preclude the A.D. topping up with water. Almost as soon as the recovery commenced, the C.T.A. cable parted about 20 fathoms from inboard. However, all the cable

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was eventually recovered. During the night of 20th/21st February, IBIS continued the influence stage of the exercises with the M.M.II sweep streamed.

16. At 0815 on 21th February the recovering of the M.M.II sweep was started, and on completion of the recovery IBIS proceeded to recover her two danbuoys. With both danbuoys considerable difficultly was experienced in breaking the anchor out of the bottom, and one mooring wire had to be cut after four attempts to recover the anchor had failed. It has subsequently been decided that no anchors will be used in the rig for danbuoys laid in the Broken Bay area.

17. On completion of all recoveries IBIS returned to WATERHEN in company with HAWK, arriving at 1400 on Thursday 21th February.

18. With the exception of Sunday 24th February, the remainder of the month was spent planned maintaining at WATERHEN.

19. On Sunday 24th February IBIS sailed at 0800 to act as 'stand in' for the Royal Yacht during the full dress rehearsal of Britannia's entry into Sydney Harbour. The opportunity was taken to take families for a trip outside the Heads and the Ship proceeded north to Long Reef before returning to enter the Heads at 0924. The slow passage up Sydney Harbour was most impressive with 30-40- small boats forming a guard of honour astern. IBIS arrived at the Overseas Terminal at 1015, and then returned to WATERHEN berthing at 1035.

20. I regret to report that for the month of February the air conditioning plant has been shut down, awaiting approval by the makers of a modification to increase the oil differential. Owing to the lack of scuttles and the inadequate ventilation system the messdecks and cafeteria are virtually uninhabitable in harbour due to the heat and humidity.

21. The conduct, health and morale of the ship's company has been excellent throughout the month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Gatacre.

Lieutenant R.A.N.
Captain.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(a) Distance steamed during month	865.4 miles
(b) Hours under Way during month	94 hrs 21 mins
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	15,051.9 miles
(d) Total Hours under way since commissioning	1204hrs 20 mins

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Two light Jackstay Transfers (HAWK)

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
AT H.M.A.S. WATERHEN,
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The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australian Area,
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Copy to: Commander M.C.M.,
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th Mine Sweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. IBIS.
1st MARCH to 31st MARCH, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the Month of March, 1963.

2. On Friday 1st March IBIS was maintaining, and I carried out rounds of the whole of the interior of the ship.

3. In honour of the visit of Her Majesty the Queen to Sydney, IBIS was dressed overall on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th March.

4. On 5 March IBIS sailed at 0830, for independant exercises. This opportunity was taken to complete maintenance on the Minesweeping gear. The wires were re-marked, otters and kites re-calibrated, the lashings on the M.M.II loop renewed, and tails fitted to the C.T.A. cable. On completion the ship returned to WATERHEN, berthing at 1700.

5. IBIS sailed in company with TEAL on 6 March and secured at No 4 buoy, to refuel, at 0855. On completion of fuelling (1030) both ships sailed for passage to Coffs Harbour. During the passage north, torrential rainstorms were experienced (Smokey Cape had 8 inches in 15 hours), and many leaks were found in the ship. The two major leaks were to the interior of the bridge and charthouse, and to the rear of the switchboard. The latter leak resulted in a complete loss of insulation to the No 3 breaker circuit, and losses in insulation in the remainder of the switchboard. However this trouble was rectified on return to Sydney on Monday 11 March.

6. IBIS, in company with TEAL, arrived off Coffs Harbour at 0930, and came to anchor in Coffs Harbour in a force 5 wind and a swell of 4 - 5 feet. To prevent Yawing the second anchor was dropped underfoot. Dragging was experienced at 1100 so IBIS weighed and moved right under the lee of the south breakwater, anchoring with the starboard anchor at 4 shackles and the port underfoot.

7. At 1330 Lieutenant D.T. Hunt R.A.N (TEAL) and I departed to call on Mr. H. Bailey, the President of the Shire Council. This call was considered returned at the Cocktail Party on Friday night.

8. Both ships remained at anchor on Thursday night, and on the morning of Friday 8th of March Lieutenant Hunt and I proceeded

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ashore to discuss with the Harbour Master, Captain V. Simms, the possibility of an alongside berth. By this time the wind and swell had moderated and so it was decided to bring the ships alongside.

9. TEAL and IBIS berthed port side to on the Northern side of the jetty at 1315 on 8 March, remaining alongside until sailing for Sydney. The berth proved to be a most uncomfortable one for Minesweepers, as the ships were surging up to 5 feet along the jetty. During Friday night 3 manilla hawsers were parted, and one gangway (made up by the Harbour Master for the visit) was broken. Despite this no damage was being done to the ship, and so I decided to remain alongside so that the ship could be opened to visitors.

10. On Friday 8 March an official Cocktail Party for 50 guests was given in TEAL. This proved to be very successful. The ship was opened to visitors on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March.

11. IBIS sailed Coffs Harbour, in company with TEAL, at 1630 on Sunday 10 march berthing at WATERHEN at 0830 on 11 March.

12. On completion of repairs to the switchboard IBIS sailed at 0830 on Wednesday 13 March in company with GULL for a rehearsal for the press and T.V. day to be held the next day.

13. On Thursday 14 March GULL, HAWK and TEAL conducted minesweeping operations for the benefit of the Press and T.V. representatives embarked for the day. Double Orepesa M.M.II and accoustic sweeps abeam were streamed, danbuoys laid and a jackstay transfer carried out. All ships returned alongside WATERHEN at 1335.

14. The 15, 16, March were spent alongside at WATERHEN, planned maintaining.

15. On monday 18 March IBIS proceeded, at 0830, to refuel from O.F.L. 4 at No 9 buoy. At 1040, on completion of fueling, IBIS proceeded to Jervis Bay, anchoring at 1730, in company with GULL.

16. On 19 March GULL and IBIS conducted minesweeping operations for the benefit of the 3rd year Cadet Midshipmen, embarked for the day. Both ships re-anchored at 1430 in Jervis Bay.

17. At 2359 IBIS weighed and proceeded to Sydney in a force 5 - 6 wind and a 10 foot swell. On arrival off Sydney Heads, at 0700, I decided that the weather state precluded minesweeping operations that day, and consequently sent a message to this effect to WATSON and TEAL, cancelling the days programmed A/S training classes. IBIS then returned to WATERHEN, berthing at 0830.

18. On Thursday 21st March IBIS sailed at 0800, in company with GULL, and proceeded to Watson's Bay jetty to embark training classes. With training classes embarked both ships proceeded to Area N.E. for the days minesweeping training. The classes were disembarked at Watson's Bay jetty at 1435, and IBIS berthed at WATERHEN at 1515.

19. IBIS, in company with GULL, sailed at 0800 on Friday 22 March to embark training classes from a workboat in the Eastern Channel, and proceed to Area N.E. for minesweeping training. On completion the classes were disembarked by boat

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at 1550 and IBIS secured at WATERHEN at 1620.

20. Due to HAWK and TEAL having repairs carried out on their generators and stabilisers respectively IBIS was detailed to accompany GULL for her visit to Wollongong (Port Kembla).IBIS sailed from Sydney, in company with GULL, at 0700 on Saturday 23 March, and berthed starboard side to at No 6 Inner South berth, Port Kembla at 1100.

21. At 1230 Lieutenant Commander J. Stacey R.A.N. (GULL) and I departed to call on the Mayor of Wollongong, Alderman A. Squires. This call was informally repaid at the Cocktail Party held onboard GULL at 1800 that night. The ships were opened to visitors from 1330 until 1630 on Saturday.

22. GULL and IBIS sailed Port Kembla at 0900 on Monday 25. March, and proceeded to Sydney, berthing at WATERHEN at1330.

23. The remainder of the month was spent alongside WATERHEN, planned maintaining.

24. I regret to report that the ship's air conditioning plant is still non-operational.

25. The conduct, health and morale of the ships company is of a high standard.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

R Stacey

Lieutenant R.A.N.
Captain.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	1170.4 miles
(b)	Hours underway during the month	102hrs 59mins
(c)	Total distance steamed since commissioning	16222.3 miles
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APPENDIX 'D'.

3 Light Jackstay Transfers (GULL)

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HMAS IBIS. Report of Proceedings APRIL '63.

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I am not as happy about this report as FOICEA. The information contained in it is satisfactory but the presentation appears to me to be slovenly e.g. time Zone is not stated anywhere, the writing of dates is not consistent nor is it in accordance with our general instructions I have written to Cdr NICM drawing his attention to these matters. 28/5

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
AT H.M.A.S. WATERHEN,
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Copy to: Commander Mine Counter Measures,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1963.

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command, for the month of April, 1963.

2. At 0830 on 1st April IBIS slipped and proceeded, with GULL in company to the S.W. end of the Oil Wharf at Garden Island, berthing port side to on GULL. On completion of refuelling (1455) IBIS proceeded to Jervis Bay, in company with HAWK, TEAL and GULL. At 2145 the Squadron anchored in Jervis Bay.

3. On 2nd April the Squadron weighed and proceeded at 0830, for filming of Minesweeping operations by the Commonwealth Film Unit. A Squadron danlay, at 2 cables, was carried out, and then Washdeck transfers between GULL and TEAL, and HAWK and IBIS. On completion of Washdeck transfers the double orepesa sweep was streamed. On completion of recovery the Squadron anchored for lunch. After lunch HAWK, only, proceeded for filming of influence sweeping, TEAL and IBIS remaining at anchor, and GULL carrying out independent exercises.

4. On 3rd April a Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Grab, embarked in Sydney for passage to Jervis Bay, was transfered to the M.S.L.702. On completion of this transfer (0930) the Squadron weighed and proceeded to Sydney, berthing at WATERHEN at 1600. During the passage to Sydney all four ships carried out a full power trial, for this quarter, IBIS attaining a speed of 15.7 knots over the ground against an estimated current of ¼ knot.

5. Thursday 4 to Monday 8 April was spent alongside at WATERHEN, maintaining. On Friday 5 April WATERHEN and all Ship's Companies went to Divisions on the Jetty. IBIS also refueled by lighter at WATERHEN.

6. On Monday 8 April IBIS, in company with HAWK and GULL, slipped at 0905 and proceeded to sea. Commander D.A. Ross RAN (Commander M.C.M.) embarked in HAWK, conducted Officer of the Watch manoeuvres off Sydney Heads until 1105 when TEAL rejoined after having a defect made good at Garden Island. At 1105 TEAL, IBIS and GULL formed a 2C3 screen on HAWK and proceeded to WESTERNPORT. During the afternoon HAWK and GULL, and TEAL and IBIS, carried out towing exercises, IBIS towing and then being towed by TEAL, both tows being on the Kite wire. On completion of the towing exercise man overboard was exercised, recovery being carried out by the Officer of the Watch bringing the ship alongside. On completion of recovery the Squadron re-formed the 2C3 screen and proceeded for WESTERNPORT.

7. During the night of 8/9 April the wind and sea increased to a force 7 with 7-10 feet waves, and considerable pounding was experienced before reducing to 10 knots at 0050. At 1630 on 9 April all ships carried out a heaving line transfer with HAWK to transfer orders for WESTERNPORT day running.

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8. The Squadron came to anchor off Hann's Inlet, in WESTERNPORT Bay, at 0710 on 10 April. Training classes were embarked, and the Squadron weighed and proceeded for Minesweeping exercises at 0850, re-anchoring at 1540.

9. On 11 April the Squadron sailed at 0855, with training classes embarked, for the day's Minesweeping exercises, and returned to anchor off Hann's Inlet at 1430. The Squadron remained at anchor until 1800 and then sailed for a Night Encounter Exercise. This exercise was satisfactorily completed at 2040, and at 2100 the Squadron assumed Formation One and proceeded to Port Phillip.

10. Special Sea Dutymen and Cable Party were closed up at 0445 on 12 April for transit of the 'Rip' at the entrance to Port Phillip. The Squadron proceeded up Port Phillip arriving off Williamstown at 0800, and there had to anchor till 0830 to wait for a Merchantman to clear the River Yarra. At 0830 the Squadron weighed and proceeded up the Yarra, arriving at No. 3 North Wharf at 0915. IBIS berthed port side to, on TEAL, astern of HAWK and GULL.

11. The period 12 - 17 April was spent alongside at Melbourne. On Saturday 13 April the Reverend Bates R.A.N. christened Lisa Ann, the daughter of A.B. A.G. Longbotham, on board. On Sunday 14 April the ship was open to visitors from 1400 - 1700. On Tuesday 16 April a children's party for 25 boys of the Salvation Army Boy's Home was held on board TEAL and IBIS. The party was arranged by Miss Jill Warwick, and her help was invaluable. She arranged for donations by Tarax (2 crates of soft drinks), Brockoff (1 tin biscuits) Arnotts (1 tin biscuits) and for cheese pops and Potato Crisps, leaving the ship to purchase only ice creams and meat pies.

12. At 0900 on 17 April IBIS slipped and proceeded independently down the Yarra River, and on clearing the channel joined HAWK, TEAL and GULL. The Squadron transitted the 'Rip' at 1300, formed a 2C3 screen with IBIS as Screen Commander and proceeded to Sydney. After an uneventful passage the Squadron arrived in Sydney at 0800 on 19 April and TEAL, IBIS and GULL proceeded to No 4 oil fuel lighter at No 5 buoy. On completion of refueling IBIS proceeded independently to WATERHEN berthing at No 2 berth WATERHEN at 1025.

13. Whilst in Melbourne it had been discovered that there was about 2 feet of water in the after Tank Space, and this was subsequently signalled by URDEF to WATERHEN. On arrival at the base the space was pumped out and the leak was discovered to be coming from the Starboard Outer propellor Shaft flange at the Engineroom bulkhead. It was decided to dock IBIS, as soon as possible, in the floating dock at Garden Island. IBIS slipped at 1515 and berthed at the north end of the Fitting Out Wharf, on arrival at Garden Island, to await the dock. The dock was lowered by 1620 and IBIS proceeded into the dock, under her own power, at 1630. IBIS remained in the Floating Dock for the weekend, and, with the assistance of 2 tugs and a naval pilot undocked at 1025 on Monday 22 April, reberthing at No 4 berth WATERHEN.

14. The remainder of the month was spent maintaining at WATERHEN, and de-carbonising both main engines.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Gatacre.

Lieutenant R.A.N.
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(b) Hours underway during the month	141 hrs 7 mins
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	17928.3 miles
(d) Total hours underway since commissioning	1448 hrs 26 mins.

Appendix B ?

Appendix C ?

APPENDIX 'D'

Towed H.M.A.S. TEAL

Towed by H.M.A.S.TEAL

1 Washdeck transfer (HAWK)

1 Heaving line transfer (HAWK)

1 Light jackstay transfer (HAWK)

2 Light jackstay transfers (TEAL)

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I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command for the month of May, 1963.

2. With the exception of one day IBIS spent May 1st-13th, inclusive, planned maintaining at WATERHEN, and preparing for the Flag Officer-in-Charge East Australian Area's inspection.

3. On Monday 6th May, IBIS cast off and proceeded for Squadron exercises at 0830, in company with HAWK, CURLEW, TEAL, and GULL. At 0905 a cooling water failure was reported on the Starboard Engine, and so IBIS completed the manoevres on Port Engine only. In company with HAWK, IBIS returned to harbour on one engine, berthing at WATERHEN at 1210. At 1330 IBIS proceeded for one hours engine trials on the Starboard Engine. The adjustments were found to be satisfactory.

4. On Tuesday 7th May, the First Naval Member and the Flag Officer-in-Charge East Australian Area arrived at WATERHEN at 1110 for a "Walk Round" of the base and Squadron.

5. On Friday 10th May, in company withWATERHEN and the remainder of the Squadron, IBIS went to divisions at 1445, for a full dress rehearsal for Admirals Inspection.

6. At 0910 on Tuesday 14th May, Waterhen and the 16th Minesweeping Squadron fell in for divisions for Flag Officer-in-Charge East Australian Area Inspection. Rear Admiral G.G.O.Gatacre, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., and Bar arrived at 0930, inspected the Guard and Divisions and then departed to inspect WATERHEN and CULGOA. At 1045 the Admiral was piped aboard IBIS, and carried out his Inspection. The Admiral and his staff departed at 1112. – 27 minutes

7. On Wednesday 15th May, IBIS in company with TEAL and GULL, cast off at 0830 to proceed for independent exercises. The visibility from Ball's Head Bay to the Harbour Bridge was between 75 and 250 yards and consequently the ships proceeded independently out of the harbour, forming up to the east of Fort Denison. a few manoeuvres were carried out and then ships were told to act independently, IBIS steaming double orepesa to check the calibration of the otters and kite. During the recalibration of the Starboard otter, the otter was slipped before the float, and the consequent strain on the Starboard davit sheared a collar, thus rendering the davit unserviceable until the collar is replaced. In view of this defect IBIS returned to harbour with TEAL, berthing at WATERHEN at 1345.

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8. IBIS proceeded for Torpedo and Anti-Submarine class training at 0735 on 16th May, in company with CURLEW and GULL. The classes were embarked in the East Channel at 0810. Minesweeping exercises were carried out during the day. Whilst making the turn out of the lap, with M.M.11 streamed, the otter suddenly ran amuck; a nasty tangle around the elbow, otter and oropesa float was the result. As the loop had run correctly for approximately seven miles the cause of the otters strange behavior seems to be a submerged log hitting the otter, thus toppling it. The loop was recovered as far as the tangle, all cuts being marked. The tangle was then brought on deck, and sorted out, and the loop re-streamed, with no otter, to take the kinks out of the cable. Due to the wire crossing and re-crossing the forward catenary and the float dipping under the loop a total of fourteen cuts resulted in the loop. These were repaired, and all lashings renewed, whilst on the two day passage to Brisbane later in the month, and the loop is once again operational. On completion of recovering the loop IBIS proceed back to Watson Bay pier to disembark the training classes, and thence to Broken Bay to anchor for the night, and transfer the Acoustic Displacer.

9. CURLEW, GULL and IBIS weighed and proceeded at 0600 to continue the minesweeping training for Torpedo and Anti-Submarine classes embarked in CURLEW and GULL only. At 0850, whilst recovering single "O" (Starboard) on the port davit the "P" block wire fouled the Port screw. The engines were shut down, and after posting sentries with rifles as shark lookouts, I sent Lieutenant (C.D.) J.K. Parker (First Lieutenant) over the side with a face mask to inspect the screw. He reported that there were six turns around the shaft, and in successive dives "on a breath" he managed to clear four of these turns. The remaining two were jammed between the propellor and "A" bracket, and could not be cleared without a breathing apparatus. It was considered unsafe to use a Pattern 230 face mask. I then ordered the Port Shaft to be locked, to prevent any further turns occuring. The bight of the wire, which had been unwound by Lieutenant Parker was brought inboard and secured. IBIS proceeded back to WATERHEN on the Starboard engine, berthing at WATERHEN with a power boat's assistance, at 1300. The Mobile Clearance Diving Team cleared the screw on arrival.

10. At 0830 on Monday 20th May the Squadron cast off from WATERHEN and IBIS, with HAWK, SNIPE, and GULL in company proceeded to No. 5 buoy to refuel from Oil Fuel Lighter No. 4. Fueling was completed at 1045 and all ships cast off and proceeded at 1050. TEAL and CURLEW joined outside the Heads and the Squadron, under the Tactical Command of Commander Mine Countermeasures, Commander D.A. Ross R.A.N., (embarked in HAWK), proceeded on passage to Brisbane. During the afternoon of 20th May, and the whole of 21st May, ships acted independently along a published P.I.M., and this opportunity was taken to repair IBIS's loop.

11. The Squadron arrived off the North West Channel at Moreton Bay at 0615, and at Tangalooma Roads at 0830, on Wednesday 22nd May. TEAL and SNIPE, and CURLEW and GULL, were detached to practice bottom sweeping, and HAWK and IBIS detailed to lay two dans each to mark the shallow waters surrounding the area to be swept in searching for the alleged Moreton Bay "Mine". At 1315 IBIS and HAWK commenced practicing a bottom sweep whilst the remaining ships started sweeping the South Tangalooma Roads area. IBIS and HAWK's bottom sweep was slipped at 1445, and these two ships anchored at 1520. HAWK and IBIS boats were then despatched to carry out a shallow water bottom sweep in the area the "Mine" was last reported. The boats, however, had no more luck with the mine than the ships.

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12. On Thursday 23rd May IBIS weighed and proceeded at 0845, and recovered all four dans. The Squadron then carried out a small minesweeping exercise. A lap three miles long and one thousand yards wide was swept in wire and then in magnetic loop. At 1515 recovery of gear was commenced, and on completion the Squadron proceeded to Brisbane Roads, anchoring there for the night.

13. The Squadron weighed and proceeded up the Brisbane river at 0730 on Friday 24th May arriving at Norman Street Wharf, Town Reach at 0915. There the Squadron remained until 28th May.

14. At 0900 on Tuesday 28th May the Squadron cast off and proceeded down the River to South Tangalooma Roads. There HAWK laid two danbuoys and HAWK and IBIS, and TEAL and SNIPE carried out a bottom search. IBIS and HAWK's bottom sweep parted at 1505 and on completion of recovery IBIS recovered the two danbuoys and then anchored.

15. On Wednesday 29th May maintenance was carried out inthe forenoon, at anchor, and at 1315 the Squadron shifted berth further inshore, and sent banyan parties ashore. At 1715 the Squadron weighed and proceeded to Sydney.

16. At 0915 on Friday 31st May the Squadron entered Sydney, and IBIS, in company with TEAL, SNIPE and GULL proceeded alongside Oil Fuel Lighter No.4 at No.5 buoy. On completion of refueling the four ships cast off and proceeded to WATERHEN, berthing at 1140.

17. The conduct, health and morale of the Ships Company is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

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Your obedient servant,

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Lieutenant R.A.N.

Captain.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1963.

(All times in this report - 10 hours (K))

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS, under my command for the month of June, 1963.

2. IBIS remained alongside at WATERHEN on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd June.

3. At 0857 on Monday 3rd June IBIS, in company with HAWK TEAL and GULL, cast off and proceeded to sea for a rehearsal of FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA's Sea Inspection, returning to harbour and berthing at WATERHEN at 1228.

4. On Tuesday 4th June IBIS cast off at 0903, in company with CURLEW, TEAL and GULL, and proceeded to Garden Island to join SNIPE and HAWK, with FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA, Rear Admiral G.G.O. Gatacre C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., embarked in HAWK. The 16th Mine Sweeping Squadron proceeded to sea at 0925 for the FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA's Sea Inspection of the Squadron. The Squadron returned to harbour at 1555.

5. On Wednesday 5th June IBIS remained alongside maintaining until 1255 when she cast off and proceeded to the North End of the Fitting Out Wharf to embark a High Speed Target. IBIS remained at the Fitting Out Wharf until 0631 on Thursday 6th June when she cast off and proceeded to sea with the High Speed Target. At 0840 the target was successfully transferred to H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, and IBIS then remained clear whilst trials were carried out. At 1045 IBIS was told to close QUIBERON to assist in recovering the tow which had parted. At 1215 I suggested taking the target in tow on the kite wire, and leaving QUIBERON to recover the terrylene hawser. This was approved and satisfactorily done. IBIS then had the trials party transferred to her by boat, and proceeded back to harbour with the target. At 1415 the target and trials party were transferred to a work boat off Garden Island, and IBIS proceeded to WATERHEN berthing at 1434.

6. Friday 7th June till Tuesday 11th June was spent alongside at WATERHEN, carrying out planned maintainance.

7. At 0845 on Tuesday 11th June IBIS cast off, in company with TEAL, and proceeded to the Broken Bay area to carry out depth trials on a linked 'A' sweep. The trials did not prove very

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successful, and at 1225 the sweep was slipped, and IBIS proceeded independently to anchor in Broken Bay for lunch. IBIS and TEAL weighed, and proceeded back to WATERHEN, at 1335, berthing at 1540.

8. On Wednesday 13th June IBIS and TEAL sailed at 0830, and IBIS spent the forenoon ditching the two old sweep wires. IBIS then, proceeded to Broken Bay for Officer of the Watch ship handling instruction. These were completed at 1200 and IBIS proceeded to Sydney, in company with TEAL, berthing at the Oil Wharf, Garden Island at 1357. At 1405 IBIS commenced fueling, and this was completed at 1450. IBIS cast off and proceeded to WATERHEN at 1455.

9. Thursday 13th June to Monday 17th June was spent alongside at WATERHEN, carrying out planned maintainance.

10. IBIS cast off and proceeded at 1145 on Monday 17th June, after being delayed for 45 minutes with a defect on the stabilisers. Outside Sydney Heads IBIS joined TEAL, SNIPE and GULL, and proceeded south for Longex 47, During this exercise the 16th Mine Sweeping Squadron acted as a convoy, protected by QUIBERON and VENDETTA with long and close range fixed wing support aircraft, and helicopters. The exercise was completed by 1600 on Wednesday 19th June, and the Squadron anchored in Jervis Bay until 0100 on Thursday 20 June before proceeding to Sydney to refuel. IBIS did not refuel on return to Sydney so that defective valves in the forward fuel tanks could be repaired. IBIS berthed at WATERHEN at 0850 on Thursday 20th June, and remained alongside maintaining until Tuesday 25th June.

11. IBIS cast off and proceeded at 0830 on Tuesday 25th June with seven press and official photographers embarked. During the forenoon the two new sweepwires were stretched and at 1200 IBIS rendezvoused with STUART to obtain photographs of STUART at full power. The photography was completed at 1230 and IBIS returned to Sydney berthing at WATERHEN at 1345.

12. At 0800 on Wednesday 26th June IBIS shifted berth to the Oil Wharf at Garden Island, berthing at 0815. The refueling party arrived at 0855, but due to a lack of hose length refueling was not commenced until 0925. Whilst refueling a Patt. 2. target was secured alongside IBIS. IBIS cast off and proceeded to sea at 1055, and proceeded to area N.V. for firings for VENDETTA and QUIBERON. The target was streamed to 500 fathoms on the starboard sweep wire, and this tow proved most satisfactory. The firings took place from 1300 to 1330 and 1400 to 1500, VENDETTA making quite certain she had sunk the target by firing two torpedoes on completion of her gunn firings. At 1500 IBIS was told to return to harbour, and subsequently arrived off Garden Island at 1620. There the target and marking team were disembarked in a work boat, and IBIS berthed at WATERHEN at 1645.

13. The remainder of the month was spent alongside at WATERHEN. The Main Leave Party proceeded on leave on Friday 28th June.

14. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company is execellent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your obedient servant,

J K Parker
Lieutenant R.A.N.
for Captain. A.O.L.

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APPENDIX A.

Total miles steamed during month	1151.8 miles
Total hours underway during month	98 hours
Total miles steamed since commissioning	20586.2 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	1686 hours 43 mins.

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(HMAS IBIS letter No. I146/15/211 dated 21st August, 1963)

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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

(Copy to: The Commanding Officer,
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H.M.A.S. IBIS
At Sydney

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The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australian Area,
Garden Island.

Copy to: Commander Mine Countermeasures.
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

SENIOR OFFICER
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1963.

(All times in this report - 10 hours (k))

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majestys Australian Ship IBIS under my command , for the month of July 1963.

2. IBIS spent the month of July out of routine in dockyard hands at Garden Island and in Captain Cook Dock . The period 1July to 25July was the main leave period for the mid year.

3. On Monday 1st July IBIS was moved by tug and Naval Pilot to a berth outboard of Gull on the Oil Wharf at Garden Island .

4. At 1940 on Thursday 11th July a growth of fungus in the form of two mushrooms was discovered in the forward messdeck. These were photographed on Friday 12th and the matter reported to Shipwright Sub Lieutenant B.V. Fazio RAN, Base Shipwright Officer at Garden Island.

5. At 1000 on Thursday 18th July HAWK and IBIS were turned together at the Oil Wharf . Then IBIS was moved to the West Side Outer Captain Cook Dock by tugs and Naval Pilot . TEAL was berthed East Side Outer Captain Cook Dock . To raise IBIS' stern one foot for docking down, all minesweeping gear was lifted out on to the dockside, and the forepeak was flooded. A leak from the forepeak resulted in the paint store and Magazine bilges becoming flooded. Permission to pump out these spaces was obtained after the ship had settled on the chocks.

6. The remainder of the month was spent in Captain Cook Dock with the work of repainting the Hull, repairing of underwater fittings repair of stabilisers and fitting of the two bofors guns being progressed.

7. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company is excellent.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Galacar.

Lieutenant R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(a) Distance steamed during month. NIL
(b) Hours underway during month. NIL
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning. 20586.2 miles.
(d) Total hours underway since commissioning. 1686 hours 43 minutes.

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23rd September, 1963.

The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Copy to: The Commanding Officer,
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2. It was unfortunate for IBIS that her time in dock-yard hands was prolonged by the need to remedy a serious fungicidal infection.

3. Conditions at sea on 29th and 30th August caused me concern regarding the safety of personnel and avoidance of material damage in the little minesweepers. I accordingly directed the Officer in Tactical Command of the group not to hesitate to seek shelter in good time. After sheltering in Broken Bay 29th/30th it took IBIS three hours on 30th to steam 18 miles to Sydney at revs. for 12 knots!

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H.M.A.S.IBIS
At Sea,

11 SEP 1963

THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
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POTTS POINT,
SYDNEY N.S.W.

Copy to : Commander Mine Countermeasures
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK,

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1963.

(All times in this report are - 10 hours (k))

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS,under my command, for the month of August 1963.

2. For the first seven days in August IBIS was in dock in Garden Island with her dry rot and various intermediate docking defects being made good.

3. At 0900 on Thursday 8th August the forepeak was flooded in preparation for undocking the following day. At 1350 flooding of the dock commenced. At 1015 on Friday 9th August IBIS was shifted by tugs to a berth outboard of HAWK on the Oil Wharf and at 1330 a further cold move was made to the East Return Wall, Garden Island. IBIS remained in dockyard hands, at this berth, until Monday 26th August.

4. At 0800 on Monday 26th August IBIS returned to normal routine, having been out of routine since 0800 on 1st July . At 0830 IBIS cast off and proceeded to sea, and spent the day carrying out independant exercises off Broken Bay , anchoring for the night in Broken Bay on completion. At 0815 on Tuesady 27th August IBIS weighed and proceeded to sea for independant exercises, returning to Waterhen at 1500.

5. The 28th and 29th August were spent alongside at WATERHEN carrying out repairs to the M M 11 sweep. At 1940 on Thursday 29th August IBIS cast off and proceeded to sea to join the remainder of the Squadron for a SWEEPEX . On arrival off Broken Bay weather conditions had deteriorated to a Force 7-8 wind with rough seas and Lieutenant Commander B.G. DUNN R.A.N.(HAWK - Senior Officer 16th Minesweeping Squadron) cancelled the exercise and IBIS was despatched to anchor overnight in Broken Bay.

6. At 0645 on Friday 30th August IBIS weighed and proceeded to Sydney in a force 8-9 wind and very rough seas . With revolutions on for 12knots IBIS made good 6knots on passage and in view of these conditions the programmed Gun Functioning Trials were cancelled . IBIS subsequently berthed at WATERHEN at 1015. At 1325 IBIS with Gull and Snipe in company cast off and proceeded to refuel at number 9 buoy. Fuelling was completed by 1505 and at 1520 IBIS cast off and returned to WATERHEN berthing at 1545.

7. Saturday 31 August was spent alongside at WATERHEN.

8. The health conduct and despite the extended time in Dockyard hands , morale of the ship's company is excellent.

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I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obediant servant,

Lieutenant RAN,

CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	176.5 miles
(b)	Hours under way during the month	18 hrs 39 min
(c)	Total distance steamed since commisioning	20762.7 miles
(d)	Total hours underway since commisioning	1705 hrs 22 min

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(H.M.A.S. IBIS letter No. 1146/18/233 dated 3rd October, 1963.)

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The Secretary,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

(Copy to: The Commanding Officer,
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2. It is regrettable that the non-availability of berths and the need to shift berths ruined the social programme, the rest and the recreation which the visit to Townsville was to afford the crews of these small ships.

(G.G.O. GATACRE)
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(H.M.A.S. IBIS letter No. I146/18/233 dated 3rd October, 1963.)

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
At Darwin.

- 3 OCT 1963

THE FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
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NAVAL HEADQUARTERS,
POTTS POINT,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Copy to: Flag Officer Commanding Australian Fleet,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

Commander Mine Countermeasures,
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1963.

(All times to paragraph 17 this report - 10 hours(K))
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I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS under my command, for the month of September, 1963.

2. On Sunday 1st September, IBIS was alongside at WATERHEN.

3. At 1007 on Monday 2nd September, IBIS cast off and proceeded to No. 4 buoy to embark ammunition. Ammunitioning was completed at 1320 and IBIS sailed at 1335 and proceeded to area N.T. West for gun functioning trials. These trials were satisfactorily completed at 1510 and IBIS proceeded back to Sydney where the Trials Team were disembarked by work boat off Garden Island. IBIS then proceeded on passage to Jervis Bay to join the remainder of the squadron. IBIS anchored in Jervis Bay at 2248.

4. At 0800 on Tuesday 3rd September the squadron weighed anchor and proceed for a short SWEEPEX. On completion of laying two danbuoys, IBIS streamed the MM11 sweep and it was discovered that the insulation was nil. After completing two laps, IBIS was detached and commenced repairing the loop. It was found that ship's staff could not complete the repairs and so the loop was recovered and IBIS anchored at 1645.

5. At 0800 on Wednesday 4th September the squadron weighed and carried out double oropesa sweeping. This was completed at 1145 and IBIS commenced to recover sweeps. At 1152 the starboard sweep wire parted at the float and the float and otter were recovered at 1200. IBIS then proceeded to recover three danbuoys and on completion anchored for lunch. At 1345 IBIS weighed and from 1400 until 1530 the two otters were re-calibrated. At 1650 IBIS anchored in company with the remainder of the squadron.

6. At 0800 on Thursday 5th September the squadron weighed and proceeded for manoeuvres in Jervis Bay. These manoeuvres were completed at 0900 and the squadron proceeded out of Jervis Bay for a surface shoot at a 'home made target' made of two 44gallon drums with a flag marker.

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Although difficult to see in the light conditions the target proved very satisfactory and two firing runs were carried out. On completion of the surface shoot the squadron entered Jervis Bay to anchor at 1240. The anchor was weighed again at 1340 and at 1405 it was discovered that both IBIS' mountings were non-operational. IBIS was detached and returned to anchor in Jervis Bay. IBIS weighed anchor at 2359 and proceeded independently on passage to Sydney.

7. At 0900 on Friday 6th September IBIS secured to No. 4 buoy to carry out compass adjustment and swing. This was completed at 1200. At 1300 IBIS slipped and proceeded to No. 9 buoy to refuel in company with TEAL and GULL. Fuelling was completed at 1345 and TEAL and IBIS cast off and proceeded to berth at WATERHEN at 1355.

8. Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September were spent alongside at WATERHEN.

9. At 0945 on Monday 9th September IBIS cast off and proceeded to berth alongside GASCOYNE at the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island to embark a Pattern 2 target. IBIS cast off at 1100, with the target at short stay, and proceeded to sea, to area N.T. West. H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI (Lt. Commander Rhodes A.G. R.N.Z.N.) commenced firing at 1325 and firings were completed at 1350. IBIS returned to Sydney, disembarking the rake party and target by work boat off Garden Island, and berthing at WATERHEN at 1640.

10. The period Tuesday 10th until Friday 20th September was spent alongside at WATERHEN carrying out repairs to the loop, storing, cleaning ship, and maintaining.

11. At 0900 on Friday 20th September the squadron cast off and proceeded on passage to Townsville.

12. At 1000 on Sunday 22nd September Prayers were held on the forecastle.

13. At 0855 on Monday 23rd September IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with SNIPE, transferring the squadron C.E.R.A. and L.M.(E). On completion of the transfer IBIS was detached to act independently and the opportunity was taken to stream the loop to test repairs. Fortunately a satisfactory insulation was obtained. The loop was recovered by 1125 and IBIS proceeded to join the remainder of the squadron at anchor in Refuge Bay, Scawfell Island. The squadron remained at anchor, (whilst banyan parties collected many good fish and oysters) until 1600, and then weighed and proceeded to Townsville.

14. The squadron, with the exception of SNIPE, anchored off Townsville at 0900 on Tuesday 24th September. SNIPE proceeded alongside immediately to remedy a defect, and HAWK proceeded alongside SNIPE at midday. The remainder of the squadron remained at anchor until 1750, awaiting the fuelling berth. By 1750 the fuelling berth was clear and IBIS, in company with CURLEW, TEAL, AND GULL weighed and proceeded to this berth. All ships were refuelled and re-watered overnight.

15. At 0600 on Wednesday 25th September all ships shifted berths and IBIS berthed in a trot of three with TEAL and CURLEW outboard. There IBIS remained until she left Townsville.

16. At 1425 on Thursday 26th September the squadron cast off and proceeded on passage up the Inner Route of the Great Barrier Reef, and thence through the Prince of Wales Channel and west towards Darwin.

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17. At 1000 on Sunday 29th September the Ship's Company went to Prayers on the forecastle.

18. On Monday 30th September, after making a radar landfall on the Wessel Islands at 2330, the squadron proceeded north to turn west and run a line of soundings from 0645 until 1900, hoping to run over the Duddell Shoal. I carried out rounds of the messdecks, bathrooms, heads, and galley at 1100.

19. The health, morale, and conduct of the Ship's Company is excellent.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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(a)	Distance steamed during the month	2953.1 miles.
(b)	Hours underway during the month	241 hrs. 28 min.
(c)	Total distance steamed since commissioning	23,715.8 miles.
(d)	Total hours underway since commissioning	1946 hrs. 50 min.

APPENDIX 'D'.

2 Heaving Line transfers (HAWK.)

1 Light Jackstay transfer (CURLEW.)

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At Singapore.

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Commander Mine Countermeasures,
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1963.

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for H.M. Australian Ship IBIS under my command, for the month of October, 1963.

2. At 0753(IK) on Tuesday 1st October IBIS, in company with the 16th Minesweeping Squadron, anchored in Port Essington. Demolition parties were landed, and demolitions exercised, and the diving team carried out surveys of IBIS' Chernikeef Log and SNIPE'S 'A' bracket. During the afternoon banyan parties were landed. The Squadron weighed at 1810(IK) and proceeded to Darwin.

3. At 1033(IK) on Wednesday 2nd October IBIS berthed starboard side to on SNIPE on the Inner Stokes Hill Wharf. IBIS remained alongside at Darwin until Monday 7th October.

4. At 0744(IK) on Monday 7th October IBIS shifted berth and proceeded, (port side to) alongside SUPPLY, at anchor in the harbour. IBIS refuelled and stored from SUPPLY. At 1437(IK), IBIS proceeded, in company with SUPPLY and the 16th Minesweeping Squadron, for Singapore.

5. At 0915(IK) on Tuesday 8th October IBIS proceeded to the waiting position astern of SUPPLY. At 0930(IK) IBIS closed SUPPLY for a practise RAS, returning to her screening station on completion. At 1445(IK) IBIS carried out a washdeck transfer with SUPPLY, embarking four 44 gallon drums of lub oil. Clocks were retarded 1 hour to Zone - 8½ (HI) at 1830 (IK).

6. At 0945(HI) on Wednesday 9th October IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer of stores with GULL.

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7. At 0940(HI) on Thursday 10th October IBIS proceeded to refuel from SUPPLY. Refuelling was completed at 1030(HI). At 1310(HI) IBIS commenced a jackstay transfer with HAWK, followed by heaving line transfers with TEAL and GULL. At 1600(HI) HAWK, CURLEW, TEAL and IBIS commenced Officer of the Watch manoeuvres, completing them at 1630(HI). At 1730(HI) the Task Group commenced the passage of Lombok Strait.

8. At 0850(HI) on Friday 11th October IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with SNIPE. At 1118(HI) the starboard engine stopped, due to faulty filters, and at 1120(HI) the port engine was started and IBIS proceeded to rejoin.

9. At 1030(HI) on Saturday 12th October IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with GULL.

10. At 1000(HI) on Sunday 13th October prayers were held on the forecastle. At 1405(HI) IBIS closed SUPPLY for refuelling. Refuelling was completed at 1455(HI). At 1830(HI) clocks were retarded one hour to Zone - 7½ hours (GH). At 2055(GH) the Task Group came to anchor to the North East of Johore Shoal Bouy, Singapore Strait.

ALL TIMES IN THE REMAINDER OF THIS REPORT ZONE - 7½ (GH).

11. At 0620 on Monday 14th October the Task Group weighed and proceeded up the Johore Strait to the Royal Naval Dockyard, Singapore. IBIS berthed on MULL OF KINTYRE at 0807.

12. Whilst not day running from the Dockyard IBIS remained alongside, completing passage repairs and carrying out self maintainance.

13. At 0910 on Wednesday 16th October IBIS shifted berth under her own power to berth No. 15 East.

14. At 0850 on Thursday 17th October IBIS shifted berth under her own power to berth No. 12.

15. At 0815 on Friday 18th October IBIS cast off and proceeded down Johore Strait to the C.M.S. de-gaussing range off Seletar. Ranging was commenced at 0850, and completed at 1650. At 1720 IBIS berthed outboard of H.M.S. WOOLASTON at No. 16 East berth.

16. At 0715 on Monday 21st October IBIS cast off, and lay off to allow H.M.S. MANXMAN to shift berth. IBIS reberthed at No. 16 East on WOOLASTON at 0810.

17. At 0804 on Wednesday 23rd October IBIS, in company with the 16th Minesweeping Squadron, Manxman, and four R.N. minesweepers from the 6th Minesweeping Squadron, cast off and proceeded to sea. Between 1030 and 1100 all ships carried out a MAXBUS exercise. At 1105 manoeuvres were commenced and these were completed at 1350, having been invaluable experience, for the R.A.N. ships, in divisional manoeuvring. At 1408, the R.A.N. contingent was detached to return to the Dockyard, and the R.N. contingent proceeded on passage to Hong-Kong. During this first half of our visit to Singapore the Inshore Flotilla has proved to be most helpful in service matters, and somewhat overpowering hosts, socially. IBIS had as her liaison ship H.M.S. CHAWTON, and they could not have been of more assistance to us. On return to the Dockyard IBIS berthed outboard of TEAL in No. 16 East berth.

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18. At 0805 on Thursday 24th October, IBIS, in company with HAWK, CURLEW, GULL, and SNIPE, cast off and proceeded. IBIS, in company with CURLEW, proceeded to the Singapore Strait, and streamed the MM11 sweep, and pulsed for one hour. On completion of the pulsing the sweep and pulse generator were both found to be operating efficiently, and so the sweep was recovered. IBIS returned to the Dockyard, in company with CURLEW, and berthed on HAWK at 1320 in No. 15 West berth.

19. At 0800 on Friday 25th October, IBIS cast off and proceeded to the de-gaussing range to complete ranging, and then to carry out a check range with the smoke generators removed. All ranging was completed at 1210, and IBIS returned to the Dockyard, berthing on GULL at No. 15 West berth at 1300.

20. At 0805 on Monday 28th October, IBIS cast off and proceeded to 'A' buoy where I adjusted and swung the standard and steering magnetic compasses. Swinging was completed at 1100, and IBIS slipped and proceeded to berth on GULL in No. 16 East berth at 1110.

21. At 0850 on Tuesday 29th October, IBIS cast off and proceeded to berth alongside SUPPLY in No. 1 berth. There IBIS was refuelled and stored. Replenishing was completed at 0945, and IBIS cast off and proceeded at 1015. IBIS berthed on SNIPE in No. 15 West berth at 1120.

22. During the month IBIS' clearance divers have managed to carry out dips on SNIPE (3 times), CURLEW, and IBIS. In additionto this I encouraged the team to carry out some diving with the R.N. Fleet Clearnace Diving Team in Singapore, and this was done, even to the extent of assisting in a dome change on H.M.S. CAESAR. Lieutenant J.K. Parker R.A.N. (IBIS) initiated a firm liaison with the Diving Centre at Terror and managed to have the Squadron C.A.B.A. bottles charged at the centre. He also arranged for all clearance and shallow water divers in the Squadron to have a swim around the Fleet Clearance Diving Team's training circuit jackstay, and for some to have dips in the Centre's Recompression Chamber.

23. The health, conduct, and morale of the ship's company is good.

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Your obedient servant,

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(a) Distance steamed during the month	2443.9 miles
(b) Hours under way during the month	209 hrs. 24mins
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	26,159.7miles
(d) Total hours underway since commissioning	2156 hrs. 14mins.

APPENDIX 'D'

1 Practise R.A.S.)	
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2 R.A.S.)	
2 Heaving line transfers	(GULL)
2 Heaving line transfers	(SNIPE)
2 Washdeck transfers	(SUPPLY)
1 Heaving line transfer	(TEAL)
1 Heaving line transfer	(CURLEW)
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I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for H.M. Australian Ship IBIS under my command, for the month of November, 1963.

2. IBIS, in company with the remainder of the 16th Minesweeping Squadron, cast off at 0705(GH) on Friday 1st November, and proceeded down Johore Strait to the Singapore Strait. An AA tracking exercise was carried out between 1000(GH) and 1030(GH), whilst on passage to the firing area. At 1108(GH) the Squadron commenced an AA shoot at a drogue target. This exercise was completed at 1120(GH) and at 1155(GH) the Squadron commenced a surface shoot. All firings were completed at 1213(GH) and the Squadron returned to Singapore Naval Base, IBIS berthing outboard of TEAL in number 16 East berth at 1657(GH).

3. Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November were spent alongside at Singapore, preparing for the Passage to Darwin.

4. At 0952(GH) on Monday 4th November IBIS cast off and proceeded, in company with the remainder of the Squadron, on passage to Darwin. The Squadron rendezvoused with SUPPLY off Johore Shoal Buoy, and at 1430(GH), on clearing Singapore Strait, a screen was formed on SUPPLY. At 1750(GH) IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with CURLEW. At 2330(GH) clocks were advanced one hour to Zone - 8½ hours (HI).

5. At 0700(HI) on Tuesday 5th November IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with SNIPE. At 0827(HI) IBIS closed SUPPLY to replenish. Refuelling and replenishing were completed at 0904(HI) and IBIS returned to her station on the screen.

6. On Wednesday 6th November IBIS was the duty transfer ship, and carried out the following transfers during the forenoon:- two washdeck transfers with SUPPLY; heaving line transfers with GULL, TEAL, and HAWK; jackstay transfers with HAWK, CURLEW, and SNIPE.

7. At 0750(HI) on Thursday 7th November, IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with TEAL. At 0905(HI) the Task Group commenced a flag hoisting exercise, and this was completed at 1000(HI). At 1143(HI) IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with CURLEW. At 2330(HI) clocks were advanced one hour to Zone - 9½ hours (IK).

8. At 0806(IK) on Friday 8th November IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with TEAL. At 0932(IK) IBIS closed SUPPLY for a R.A.S. and this was completed at 1023(IK). At 1300(IK) IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with CURLEW and then a jackstay transfer with GULL at 1316(IK).

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9. At 0943(IK) on Saturday 9th November IBIS carried out a jackstay transfer with GULL.

10. IBIS commenced refuelling from SUPPLY at 1342(IK) on Sunday 10th November, and fuelling was completed at 1425(IK). SUPPLY, with the 16th Minesweeping Squadron in company, entered Darwin Harbour at 1700(IK), and IBIS berthed starboard side to on the Inner Stokes Hill Wharf at 1720(IK), with SNIPE outboard.

11. Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November were spent alongside at Darwin.

12. At 0800(IK) on Wednesday 13th November the Squadron cast off, and SUPPLY weighed, and proceeded to Kieta. At 1808(IK) IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with HAWK. At 2330(IK) clocks were advanced half an hour to Zone -10 hours (Kilo).

13. During the daylight hours on Thursday 14th November echo sounding runs were carried out by the Squadron in an attempt to fix the positions of Dudell and Volsella Shoals. At 0931(K) IBIS' starboard engine stopped, due to a defective governor. At 1840(K) IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with GULL. At 1905(K) SUPPLY proceeded independently ahead of the Squadron on passage to Port Moresby to collect a new governor, which was air freighted from Sydney, for IBIS.

14. During the Middle Watch on Friday 15th November it was noticed that IBIS' coolant and salt water pumps on the ~~starboard~~ PORT engine were leaking. At 0830(K) IBIS commenced preparing to be towed by GULL, and at 0915(K), the tow having been effected, IBIS shut down the port engine and commenced transfering the governor to the starboard engine, so as to have one operational engine. At 1115(K) the transfer of the governor was completed, and the starboard engine was started. Having tested the starboard engine the tow was disengaged and GULL and IBIS proceeded to rejoin the remainder of the Squadron. At 1642(K) IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with GULL.

15. At 1530(K) on Saturday 16th November the Squadron commenced echo sounding in an attempt to find Goldie Reef, and a four fathom patch to the North East of Goldie Reef. Sounding was completed at 1900(K).

16. At 0645(K) on Sunday 17th November the Squadron rejoined SUPPLY, south of Port Moresby. At 0930(K) SNIPE passed a governor to IBIS by jackstay transfer, and at 1050(K) the governor having been fitted, and the two pumps changed earlier, IBIS reported both main engines operational. At 1112(K) IBIS closed SUPPLY for refuelling, and this was completed at 1214(K).

17. At 1500(K) on Monday 18th November the Squadron commenced echo sounding to find a 'Breakers Reported' patch to the SW of the Solomon Islands. At 1745(K) sounding was completed and the Task Group proceeded to Kieta, Bouganville.

18. On Tuesday 19th November, having been refuelled during the forenoon the Task Group arrived at Kieta, and SUPPLY anchored in the harbour with the Squadron berthing, in trots of two, on SUPPLY. IBIS berthed starboard side to, on SUPPLY'S port forward side, at 1217(K). All ships were open to visitors from 1500(K) till 1730(K). Clocks were advanced one hour at 2345(K) to Zone -11 hours(Lima) so that a Daylight Saving Time could be used for the Minesweeping Operation.

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19. The Squadron cast off and proceeded to Tonolei at 0800(L) on Wednesday 20th November . HAWK proceeded ahead to inspect the area and lay dans whilst the remainder of the Squadron proceeded down the slightly longer passage outside the reefs. During the afternoon IBIS layed No 7 channel marker buoy, and then, in company with CURLEW, TEAL, and GULL swept the channel in wire to check for obstructions. On completion of the wire sweep the MM11 sweep was streamed and IBIS managed to achieve one lap before sunset. On completion of recovering MM11 IBIS proceeded to the anchorage and came to starboard anchor at 1945(L).

20. At 0557(L) on Thursday 21st November IBIS weighed and proceeded to stream MM11. IBIS commenced sweeping at 0654(L) and continued until 1744(L) At this time recovery was commenced, and then IBIS proceeded to berth starboard side to, port side aft, on SUPPLY, at 1841(L).

21. At 0501(L) on Friday 22nd November IBIS cast off and proceeded to stream MM11 on passage to the channel. At 0608(L) IBIS commenced sweeping, and continued until 1357(L). At this time the pulse generator dropped off on overload, and an insulation test showed a resistance of 70 ohms. The MM11 sweep was recovered, and it was discovered that the heat of the cable had melted about 50 yards of the rubber sheathing on the married portion, and the forward catenary had parted at the elbow former. IBIS returned to supply, berthing port side to, SUPPLY's starboard forward side, at 1526(L). On arrival in the berth IBIS was refuelled.

22. Due to IBIS' defective loop rendering her inoperational for minesweeping IBIS was detailed to proceed to Buin to collect stores and mail. IBIS cast off and proceeded at 0632(L) on Saturday 23rd November and came to starboard anchor 400 yards off Buin beach in 7 fathoms at 0745(L). Lieutenant J.A. McKenzie RAN (Squadron Engineer Officer) proceeded inshore to find the District Officer, and returned onboard at 1130(L) with some Naval Stores and mail. At 1345(L) the fresh fruit and vegetables which had been ordered, arrived, and after embarking these IBIS weighed and proceeded at 1419(L) . IBIS reberthed port side to, starboard side forward, on SUPPLY at 1505(L).

23. On Sunday 24th November, IBIS remained berthed alongside SUPPLY, and as the Minesweeping Task had been completed, banyan parties were landed. The Task Group completed voting for the Federal Election during the forenoon.

24. At 0725(L) on Monday 25th November the Squadron cast off and proceeded, in company with SUPPLY. The Squadron was detached at approx 0900(L) and proceeded to the area of a Hydro Task. Echo sounding was commenced at 1515(L) and completed at 1703(L) . IBIS proceeded alongside SUPPLY at 1802(L) for a jackstay transfer of personnel, who had been carrying out higher rates boards in SUPPLY. The transfer was completed at 1814(L), and at 1830(L) the Squadron was detached to proceed independently to the next Hydro Task area.

25. At 0730(L) on Tuesday 26th November echo sounding was commenced, and the run was completed at 0900(L). At 1004(L), IBIS closed SUPPLY for refuelling; this was completed at 1030(L) and the Squadron was again detached to proceed independently through China Strait.

26. The passage through China Strait was commenced at 0330(L) on Wednesday 27th November. At 0830(L) IBIS carried out a heaving line transfer with HAWK. At approximately 1400(L) the Squadron passed through Rodney Passage into Cheshunt Bay, and, after having a look at the navigational aspects of the Bay, each ship was detached to lay danbuoys individually. IBIS layed dan number 5, and on completion proceeded to the anchorage, anchoring at 1757(L).

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27. At 0620(L) on Thursday 28th November the Squadron weighed and proceeded. IBIS, in company with HAWK and TEAL, proceeded to sweep the channel, whilst CURLEW, SNIPE and GULL swept the anchorage area. At 1155(L), whilst leaving the end of the channel via Paluma Passage, IBIS' starboard sweep bottomed on a reef and the sweep wire parted. On completion of recovering the port sweep, and the remainder of the starboard sweep wire, IBIS returned to recover the float and otter from the reef. The water was too shallow for the ship to get in close enough to get a line on the float, so the motor boat was lowered, and when the float wire had been cleared by divers, the float and otter were towed back to the ship. Unfortunately the end cutter was lost . IBIS returned to the anchorage, and came to anchor at 1519(L), when the work of repairing the starboard sweep was commenced.

28. At 0725(L) on Friday 29th November the Squadron weighed and proceeded to sweep the remaining holidays, recover dans and recover the tide pole and watcher. At 1045(L) the Squadron proceeded out of Paluma Passage on passage to Port Moresby. At 1600(L) clocks were retarded one hour to Zone -10(Kilo) . At 1639(K) IBIS berthed port side to, starboard side aft, on SUPPLY, in Port Moresby.

29. Saturday 30th November was spent alongside SUPPLY in Port Moresby, refuelling and replenishing in preparation for the passage to Sydney.

30. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
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(a) Distance steamed during the month	5448.8 miles
(b) Hours under way during the month	424 hrs. 21 mins.
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	31,608.5 miles.
(d) Total hours underway since commissioning.	2580 hrs. 35 mins.

APPENDIX 'D'

6 R.A.S.	(SUPPLY)
3 Heaving line transfers	(HAWK)
1 Heaving line transfer	(TEAL)
3 Heaving line transfers	(GULL)
1 Heaving line transfer	(CURLEW)
2 Washdeck transfers	(SUPPLY)
1 Jackstay transfer	(HAWK)
2 Jackstay transfers	(TEAL)
2 Jackstay transfers	(GULL)
3 Jackstay transfers	(CURLEW)
3 Jackstay transfers	(SNIPE)
1 Jackstay transfer	(SUPPLY)

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
At SYDNEY.

12th December, 1963.

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet(Staff),
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

Copy to: Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet(Flag).

Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australian Area.

Commander Mine Countermeasures,
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
16th Minesweeping Squadron,
H.M.A.S. HAWK.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1963.

(All times in this report -10 hours Kilo)

Ihave the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for H.M. Australian Ship under my command, for the period 1st to 11th December, 1963.

2. At 0750 on Sunday 1st December the Squadron cast off and proceeded from SUPPLY, to berth starboard side to on the Inner Jetty at Port Moresby. The remainder of the 1st and 2nd December were spent alongside at Port Moresby.

3. At 0902 on Tuesday 3rd December IBIS cast off and proceeded, in company with SUPPLY and the 16th Minesweeping Squadron, from Port Moresby. On clearing the harbour at Port Moresby SUPPLY detached the 16th Minesweeping Squadron to proceed independently to Sydney via Townsville.

4. After a rough passage during the 3rd and 4th December the Squadron commenced to transit Grafton Passage at 1700 on Wednesday 4th December. The Squadron arrived at Townsville at 0700 on Thursday 5th December, and IBIS berthed port side to on No. 1 Pier in Townsville Harbour at 0719, SNIPE berthing outboard.

5. Whilst in Townsville all ships were refuelled, victuals were delivered, and a customs clearance obtained. In view of the weather, the Squadron cast off and proceeded, at 1500 on Thursday 5th December, in order to make as much ground to the South as possible.

6. After an uneventful passage down the coast the Squadron arrived off Broken Bay at 1615 on Sunday 8th December, and came to starboard anchor in Broken Bay at 1640. The remainder of the daylight hours were used to touch up the ship's side, and clean up in preparation for the entry into Sydney the next day.

7. At 0645 on Monday 9th December the Squadron weighed and proceeded to Sydney. IBIS berthed starboard side to in No. 6 berth at Waverton at 0912

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8. At 0818 on Tuesday 10th December IBIS cast off and proceeded, in company with HAWK, CURLEW and SNIPE, for de-ammunitioning. IBIS secured to No. 5 buoy at 0844, SNIPE berthing alongside IBIS' port side. IBIS slipped from the buoy at 1315 and proceeded to WATERHEN, re-berthing in No. 6 berth at 1337.

9. At 0730 on Wednesday 11th December TEAL and GULL cast off and proceeded from No. 2 and 4 berth, and IBIS re-berthed in No. 2 berth.

10. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

11. At 0900 on Wednesday 11th December Lieutenant A.R. CUMMINS R.A.N. relieved me in Command of H.M. Australian Ship IBIS.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Lieutenant R.A.N.

Captain

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
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APPENDIX 'A'

(a) Distance steamed during the month	1772.4 miles
(b) Hours underway during the month	124hrs.44mins.
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	33,380.9miles
(d) Tatal hours underway since commissioning	2705hrs.19mins.

APPENDIX 'B'

1 Heaving line transfer with SNIPE.

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H.M.A.S. IBIS,
at Sydney,
2nd. January, 1964.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship IBIS under my command for the period 12th. to 31st. December, 1963.

2. At 1515 on Monday 16th. December, IBIS cast off from No.2 berth at WATERHEN and shifted to No.3 berth on HAWK securing port side to at 1532.

3. At 0815 on Tuesday 17th. December IBIS and HAWK were moved together by tugs from WATERHEN to Garden Island Dockyard. IBIS secured alongside the East Wall of Outer Captain Cook Dock at 1015. The docking down of the ship was completed at 1945.

4. For the remainder of the month IBIS remained at Garden Island continuing the Mid Cycle Docking Period. The first leave party left on 17th. December, and the watch onboard have been victualled in SNIPE whilst dockyard work is being done in the galley. General cleaning, painting and planned maintaining is progressing well.

5. The health, conduct, and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Lieutenant, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australian Area,
Naval Headquarters,
Potts Point,
SYDNEY.

(Copy to: Commander Mine Countermeasures,
H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

The Senior Officer,
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H.M.A.S. HAWK.)

Appendix 'A': Steaming Figures for December, 1963.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO CAPTAIN H.M.A.S. IBIS Letter No. I.146/25/278.
dated 2nd. January, 1964.

(a) Distance steamed during month 1772.7miles.

(b) Hours underway during month 125hrs 1min.

(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning 33,381.2miles

(d) Total hours underway since commissioning 2,705hrs 36mins.

Note; Figures include distances and hours for period
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