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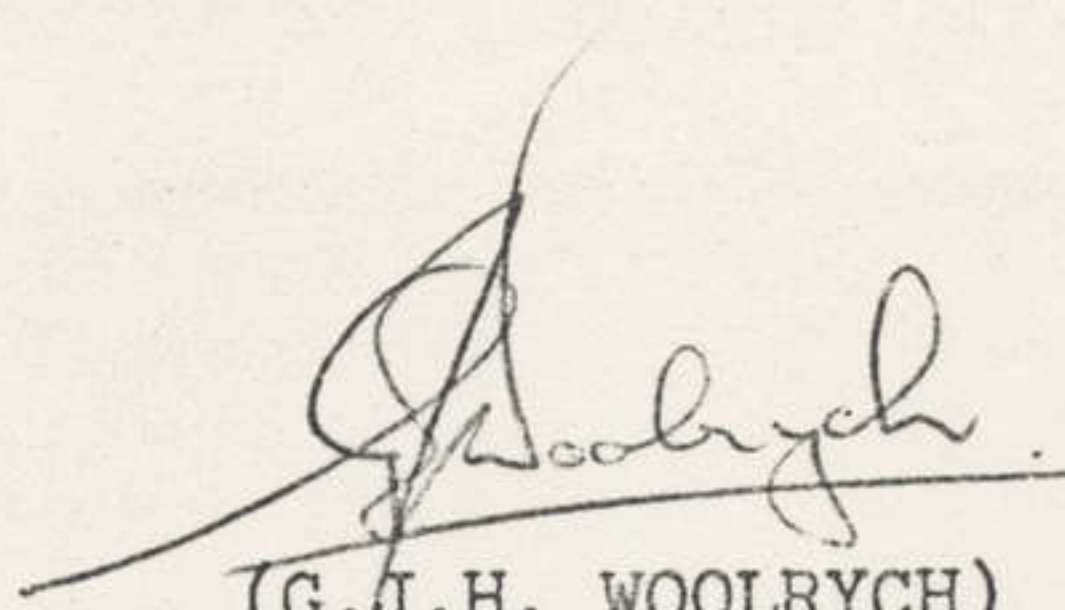
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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for January, 1980 dated 1 February, 1980

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Cairns

01 February 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of January. Times are zone Lima (-11) until 1700 Tuesday 15th, from which all times are zone Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was conducting an IMP/Leave period at HMAS WATERHEN. During the first two weeks of the period the ship was stored and preparations made for the forthcoming patrol.
3. With preparations completed, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea at 1000 Monday 14th. On clearing the heads course was set for the local firing areas where two gunnery firing exercises were conducted. On completion of these BOMBARD proceeded to anchor in Broken Bay.
4. At 2105 Monday 14th the anchor was weighed and once clear of Broken Bay course was set for Brisbane. BOMBARD entered Moreton Bay at 1030 Wednesday 16th, berthing alongside HMAS BETANO at HMAS MORETON at 1503.
5. Fuel and stores were embarked at Brisbane and after an overnight stay BOMBARD cast off all lines at 1455 Thursday 17th. Moreton Bay was cleared at 1912 and a northerly course set for Mackay.
6. BOMBARD berthed at Outer Harbour Mackay at 0915 Saturday 19th where fuel and stores were embarked. BOMBARD cast off from Mackay at 1014 Sunday 20th and course was set for Cairns.
7. The ship berthed starboard side to number 10 wharf Cairns for refuelling at 1546 Monday 21st. After fuelling BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to number one wharf for the night. The ship was stored and preparations made for the next phase of the patrol on Tuesday 22nd.

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8. At 0907 Wednesday 23rd BOMBARD cast off and once clear of Cairns harbour course was made for Lizard Island. The ship anchored off Lizard Island at 2045.

9. The anchor was weighed at 0810 Thursday 24th and course set for Cape York. At 1024 Friday 25th BOMBARD came to anchor off Mount Adolphus Island, where the ship remained overnight.

10. BOMBARD weighed anchor at 0907 Saturday 26th and set course for Cocoanut Island, the northern extremity of the patrol. The ship came to anchor off Cocoanut Island at 1407 Saturday 26th.

11. At 0703 Sunday 27th the anchor was weighed and course set for Thursday Island. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to the Caltex Wharf at Thursday Island at 1400 Sunday 27th. After refuelling BOMBARD cast off and proceeded through Torres Strait heading south.

12. At 1120 Monday 28th BOMBARD anchored in Second Three Mile Passage on the edge of the Barrier Reef. At 1400 an attempt was made to weigh anchor, but due to a defect in the windlass (HMAS BOMBARD IAH 280620Z JAN 80 refers) this could not be achieved. At 1600 the arduous task of weighing anchor by deck tackle commenced. BOMBARD then proceeded to Lloyd Bay where the ship came to anchor at 2001.

13. At 0605 Tuesday 29th the anchor was weighed once again by deck tackle, and course set for Cairns.

14. BOMBARD berthed at Number 10 wharf Cairns at 1017 Wednesday 30th for refuelling. This was completed by 1100 and then the ship cast off and berthed alongside HMAS BAYONET at No 1 wharf Cairns. BOMBARD remained alongside BAYONET in Cairns at the end of the period.

15. Marine Engineering and Hull

The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a good state. All equipment has performed well throughout the period.

16. Weapons and Electrical Engineering

All electrical equipment has performed satisfactorily throughout the period apart from the windlass at the end of the period.

17. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G.D. Curran

(G.D. CURRAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX A to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

01 February 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance steamed during the period	2,670
2.	Hours underway during the period	214
3.	Distance steamed since first commissioned	187,760
4.	Hours underway since first commissioned	14,126
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

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EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Fire and emergency parties have been exercised daily in harbour.
2. The Sea Firefighting Organisation was exercised on the following occasions:

Tuesday 15th

Thursday 24th

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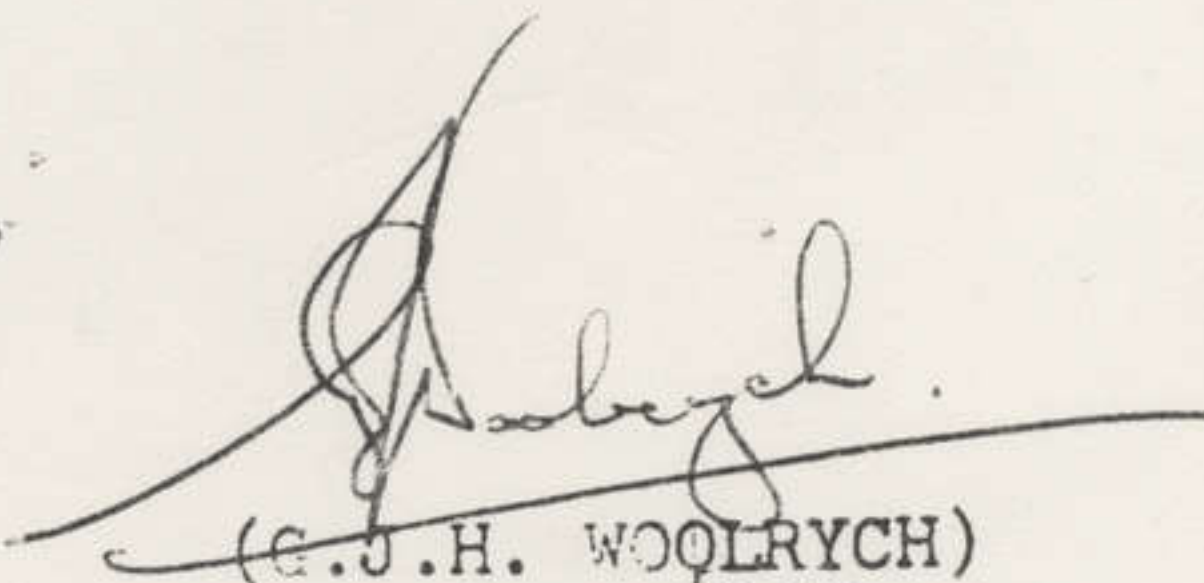
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

1 March 1980

Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of February. Time zones are Zone Kilo (-10) until 2300 Wednesday 6th, from which all times are Zone Lima (-11).
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was alongside HMAS BAYONET at No.1 Wharf Cairns. At 0900 Friday 1st, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea to continue the surveillance patrol. Once clear of Cairns harbour a southerly course was set through the Barrier Reef.
3. At 0913 Monday 4th, BOMBARD berthed alongside HMAS BETANO at HMAS MORETON. BOMBARD remained in Brisbane for two days where fuel and stores were embarked.
4. BOMBARD cast off from BETANO at 0910 Wednesday 6th and at 1341 Moreton Bay was cleared and a southerly course set for Sydney for the final leg of the patrol.
5. Rough weather caused the ship to seek shelter at Byron Bay where BOMBARD anchored at 0705 Thursday 7th. Anchor was weighed at 1041 that morning and the ship headed for Sydney.
6. At 1252 BOMBARD secured alongside the OFL at HMAS WATERHEN to fuel. On completion of fuelling the ship moved alongside HMAS BUCCANEER at the Patrol Boat Wharf.
7. At 0810 Monday 11th the ship proceeded to Spectacle Island to deammunition. Deammunitioning was completed at 0930 and BOMBARD returned alongside BUCCANEER.

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8. The remainder of the week was spent alongside BUCCANEER until Friday 15th when at 1004 BOMBARD returned to Spectacle Island to ammunition. Ammunitioning completed BOMBARD berthed alongside BUCCANEER at 1115.

9. With the cancellation of HMAS ADVANCE's Operational Readiness Evaluation the ship remained alongside until 0850 Thursday 28th when BOMBARD proceeded to sea in company with BUCCANEER. EAXP exercises were carried out with both ships returning to HMAS WATERHEN at 1500. BOMBARD remained alongside BUCCANEER at the end of the period.

10. Marine Engineering and Hull. The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a good state. All equipment has performed well throughout the period.

11. Weapons and Electrical Engineering. All electrical equipment has performed satisfactorily throughout the period.

12. Health, Welfare and Morale. The health, welfare and morale of the Ships Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is very good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

G.D. Curran S/LT

for EXECUTIVE OFFICER
(G.D. CURRAN)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer A.D.L.

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 March 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period	1,520
2. Hours underway during the period	122
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned	189,280
4. Hours underway since first commissioned	14,248
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	Nil

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 March 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Fire and Emergency parties have been exercised daily in harbour.
2. The Sea Firefighting Organisation was exercised on Monday 4th.
3. The following exercises were conducted on the following days:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise/Evolution</u>	<u>Duration</u>
28 FEB	AATX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
28 FEB	AACRFX	1 hour
28 FEB	OOW Manoeuvres	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hour

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MARCH, 1980

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21st March, 1980

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

1 April 1980

Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 - 9 MARCH 22 - 31 MARCH 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from 1 to 9 March and 21 to 23 March. Time zones are Zone Lima (-11) until 020300 and Zone Kilo (-10) for the remainder of the period.
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured starboard side to HMAS BUCCANEER at HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an AMP/Leave period.
3. The AMP/Leave period continued until 1630 Sunday 9th when I handed over command of BOMBARD to LEUT C.A. MILLS RANR for exercise ANCHORMAN 80.
4. The RANR Exercise Anchorman concluded on Saturday 22nd and I resumed command at 1200.
5. At 0903 Monday 24th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Sydney Heads to await SWAN to commence exercises. Sydney Harbour was cleared at 1040 and a southerly course set for the exercises. The exercise came to an early end at 1337 and BOMBARD returned to port. At 1505 BOMBARD berthed portside to HMAS BUCCANEER at HMAS WATERHEN.
6. BOMBARD remained alongside at WATERHEN until 1329 Monday 31st when PTF CO/XO Desig Course 1/80 embarked for shiphandling practice and the ship proceeded to sea. BOMBARD berthed at 1521 starboard side to HMAS ADVANCE and remained there at the end of the period.

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7. Marine Engineering and Hull. The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a very good state. All equipment has performed well throughout the period.

8. Weapons and Electrical Engineering. All electrical equipment has performed satisfactorily throughout the period.

9. Health, Welfare and Morale. The health, welfare and morale of the Ships Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is very good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

G.D. Curran

(G.D. CURRAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 April 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

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|----|---|------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed during the period | 107 |
| 2. | Hours underway during the period | 8 |
| 3. | Distance steamed since first commissioned | 190,962 |
| 4. | Hours underway since first commissioned | 14,399 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed: | |
| | 24 March - 3 hours - SWAN MINI WAR comprising | |
| | 1 hour | - 19.5 kts |
| | 1 hour | - 20.0 kts |
| | 1 hour | - 21.0 kts |

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 April 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Fire and Emergency parties have been exercised daily in harbour.

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

21st March, 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

The DIRECTOR OF NAVAL RESERVES AND CADETS

For Information

The Captain Naval Reserves

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

9 MARCH - 22 MARCH, 1980

EXERCISE ANCHORMAN 80

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the period 9 MARCH - 22 MARCH, 1980. All times are zone Kilo (-10).
2. BOMBARD was alongside the patrol boat wharf HMAS WATERHEN when I assumed command from Lieutenant G.L. Curran RAN at 1630 on 9 MARCH, 1980 to participate in ANCHORMAN 80.
3. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 0905 on 11 MARCH, 1980 in company with HMA ships ATTACK, ADVANCE and BUCCANEER. After various independent exercises laid down in COMAUSMINPAB oporder 1/80 course was set for Broken Bay where BOMBARD anchored at 1905 in 25 feet.
4. After remaining overnight, the anchor was weighed at 0807 and course was set for Brisbane and serials were to be conducted on passage.
5. On Friday, 14 MARCH, 1980 at 0745 until 0800 a Surface Target Firing was conducted off Moreton Bay.



6. BOMBARD entered Loreton Bay on Friday at 0908 and proceeded by way of the North West Channel to Dalgety's No. 3 wharf at Newfarm. At 1400 BOMBARD secured starboard side to HMAS BUCCANER.

7. The master gyro compass toppled at 0855 Saturday, 15 MARCH, 1960. It was expected that the gyro would correct itself but this did not eventuate and at 0926 BOMBARD sailed for Loreton Bay with Captain G. BOYD RLM, Captain Naval Reserves, embarked.

8. At 1329 the boat came to anchor in 6.4 metres, 8.6 cables from Redcliffe Pt.

9. Capt. Boyd disembarked at 1353 and the Staff Navigator, LCDR M. Morgan RAN, embarked to repair the gyro. Repairs were effected. At 1600 anchor was weighed and course was set for a formation anchorage at KOUNIKAI. BOMBARD did not anchor but came starboard side to HMAS ADVANCE at 1758. A 44 gallon drum of lube oil was transferred and at 1845 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to anchor at 1851 in 10 metres.

10. After Troops and Divisions at 1000 on Sunday, 16 MARCH, 1960 the anchor was weighed at 1100 and course was set for Mud Is.

11. At 1240 the boat came to anchor when the outer entrance beacon bore 247°.

12. The anchor was weighed by hand and during this evolution LACK R.M. Dougall was knocked unconscious when he walked into the 40/60 gun barrel. First aid treatment was rendered and at 1330 course was set for Brisbane.

13. At 1546 BOMBARD berthed starboard side to HMAS BUCCANER at Dalgety's No. 1 wharf at Newfarm.

14. On Monday, 17 MARCH, 1960 the gyro failed again and the boat was walked forward to allow the boats to sail. Sailing was delayed because of the gyro failure. The Staff Navigator received approval at 1445 by telephone from the Operations Officer at HMAS WATERMAN for the boat to sail.

15. At 1531 lines were cast off and BOMBARD proceeded to sea to rejoin the other boats. Passage from Loreton Bay way via the North West Channel. The other boats were challenged at 2011 and BOMBARD rejoined the company 2 miles off Cape Loreton.

16. On Tuesday, 18 MARCH, 1960 the OTC LCDR R.M. WHYBROW R LEX transferred to BOMBARD from ADVANCE using the stern transfer method.

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17. At 1940 on Tuesday the Executive Officer, Lieutenant G.A. GARRON FLAK was injured when a picture frame hit him on the lip. First aid treatment was rendered.

18. During the night a heavy swell engaged the anchor winch and approximately 30 ft of cable was laid out on the deck. This was rectified by the watch on deck and the winch was isolated.

19. At 1025 on Wednesday BOMBARD entered Sydney Harbour and berthed starboard side to the Oil Fuel Lighter at 1110. After refuelling the boat berthed port side to No.9 Berth, Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHILL.

20. After an overnight stay BOMBARD cast off at 0911 and proceeded to sea, clearing Sydney Heads at 0957.

21. A small fat fire occurred at 1107 in the range in the galley. The fire was quickly extinguished by the cook using a BCF extinguisher.

22. At 1230 an anti-aircraft firing commenced and this exercise was completed at 1400. Another anti-aircraft firing took place between 1600 and 1725. During the night a mini-war and other exercises were conducted in company with HMAS TORRENS.

23. BOMBARD in company of HMAS TORRENS, ADVANCE, ATTACK and BUCKLEBER entered Sydney Harbour at 0803 and berthed at No.9 wharf HMAS WATERHILL at 0848.

24. At 0937 Borth was shifted to the oil fuel lighter where the boat was refuelled.

25. BOMBARD transferred berth at 1019 to No.11 berth at the Patrol Boat Wharf at HMAS WATERHILL outboard of HMAS BUCKLEBER.

26. Marine Engineering and Hull

The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a good state. All equipment has performed well throughout the period.

27. Aeronautics and Electrical Engineering

All electrical equipment has performed satisfactorily throughout the period apart from the wind ss, echo sounder and gyro compass, all of which defects have been rectified.

28. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is excellent and the appearance of the ship in accordance with the requirements for handover to the permanent Commanding Officer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. A. R. Mills

C. A. R. MILLS
Lieutenant, RANR
IN COMMAND

Annex A to H.M.S. BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated
21 MARCH, 1960

SPENDING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period - 1655
2. Hours underway during the period - 147
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned - 190854
4. Hours underway since first commissioned - 14396
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed - Nil.

ANNEX B to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated
21 MARCH, 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Fire and emergency parties have been exercised daily in harbour.
2. All exercises at sea were conducted in accordance with COMAUSMINPAB OPORDER 1/80 and EAMP 12/80.

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HMAS BOMBARD
At Sydney

1/16/1

2 May 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of April. Times are zone Kilo (-10) throughout the period.
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured starboard side to HMAS ADVANCE at HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an AMP/Leave period.
3. On Monday 14th an inclining experiment was conducted at HMAS WATERHEN by Navy Office and Garden Island Dockyard personnel.
4. At 0705 Wednesday 16th BOMBARD took members of the Army 10th Terminal Regiment to sea for Gunnery firings. BOMBARD came to anchor at 1440 in Broken Bay, where the Army personnel were disembarked.
SHIP WEIGHED ANCHOR!
5. At 0725 Thursday 17th the anchor was weighed and BOMBARD proceeded to rendezvous with the Army LCM8. At 0820 the army were embarked and course set for the firing area. BOMBARD returned to Sydney that afternoon berthing at WATERHEN at 1430.
6. Friday 18th was another day at sea with Army personnel embarked. BOMBARD cast off at 0803 and proceed to the firing area. The firings were completed at 1235 and BOMBARD returned to Sydney berthing at WATERHEN at 1446.
7. At 0855 Tuesday 22nd BOMBARD proceeded to sea with HMAS ADVANCE's gunnery team embarked for pre Work-up Training. Exercises were completed at 1230 and course set for Sydney. The ship berthed at 1453 at WATERHEN.
8. Due to extension work being carried out on the Patrol Boat Wharf BOMBARD moved to alongside HMAS KIMBLA at 1037 Monday 28th.

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9. BOMBARD remained alongside KIMBLA at the MCMV Wharf at WATERHEN at the end of the period on Fleet Support duties.

Marine Engineering and Hull

10. The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a good state. All equipment has performed satisfactorily throughout the period with the exception of the Port Stern Tube (HMAS BOMBARD IAN/RIH/RDH 230012Z Apr 80 refers) which has been temporarily repaired.

Weapons and Electrical Engineering

11. All weapons and electrical equipment has performance well throughout the period.

12. The health, welfare and morale of the Ships Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

G.D. Curran

(G.D. CURRAN)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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Annex A to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated 1
May 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance steamed during the period	309
2.	Hours underway during the period	25
3.	Distance steamed since first commissioned	191, 271
4.	Hours underway since first commissioned	14, 424
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	Nil

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Annex B to HMAS BOMBARD
Letter 1/16/1 dated 1
May 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. The following exercises were carried out in the period.

Wednesday 16 April	Surface .50 cal firing	1½ hr
	Prove Operation Awkward watchbill	1 hr
Thursday 17 April	Surface .50 cal firing	2¼ hr
Friday 18 April	AA .50 cal firing	1 hr
	AA 40/60 Bofor firing	1 hr
Tuesday 22 April	AA 40/60 Bofor firing	½ hr
	Manoverboard	½ hr

2. Fire and Emergency parties have been exercised daily in
harbour.

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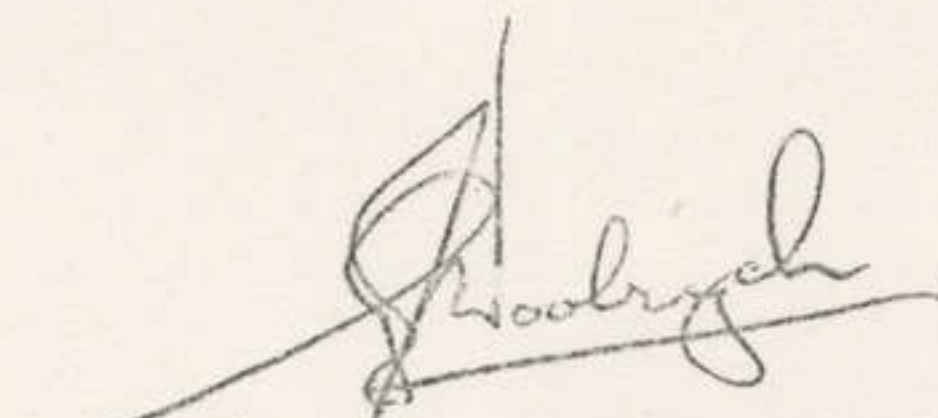
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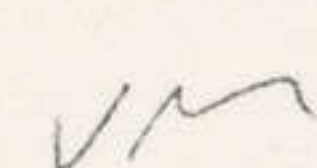
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HMAS BOMBARD
At SEA

1/16/1

01 June 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

MAY 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of May. Times are zone Kilo (-10) throughout the period.
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was berthed outboard of HMAS KIMBLA at the Minesweeping Wharf HMAS WATERHEN on Fleet Support Duties. At 1320 Friday the 2nd the ship shifted berth to move port side to the Patrol Boat Wharf.
3. The Post Refit Work-up of HMAS ADVANCE was scheduled to commence on Monday the 5th, however engineering defects in ADVANCE precluded this. Notwithstanding, BOMBARD cast off all lines at 0906 and proceeded to sea on Tuesday the 6th for independent exercises. On completion of Man Overboard exercises, pilotage training and shiphandling practice the ship berthed starboard side to the Minesweeping Wharf at 1503.
4. With the defects to ADVANCE's engines rectified, all lines were cast off and BOMBARD proceeded to sea to commence ADVANCE's work-up at 1430 Thursday the 8th. Exercises detailed at Annex B were conducted in accordance with the East Australian Exercise Programme (EAXP). ADVANCE and BOMBARD proceeded to a formation anchorage off Challenger Head at 1910. Exercises at anchor were conducted on Friday the 9th prior to both ships proceeding to sea at 1150 for the passage to SYDNEY. The ship berthed port side to the Minesweeping Wharf at 1426.



5. Monday the 12th saw both ADVANCE and BOMBARD cast off all lines at 0800 and proceed to sea for further exercises in accordance with the EAXP. At 1710 both ships came to anchor off Challenger Head to remain overnight. At 0900 Tuesday the 13th the anchor was weighed and BOMBARD proceeded to sea in company with ADVANCE for further work-up exercises. The ship remained at sea overnight, berthing starboard side to the Minesweeping Wharf at 1535 Wednesday the 14th.

6. On Thursday the 15th all lines were cast off at 0758 and the ship proceeded to sea in company with ADVANCE. Both ships came to anchor off Challenger Head at 1745 where they remained overnight. At 1000 Friday the 16th the anchor was weighed and BOMBARD proceeded to sea in company with ADVANCE conducting exercises en route to SYDNEY. At 1435 the ship berthed port side to the Oil Fuel Lighter where fuel was embarked before proceeding to berth starboard side to the Patrol Boat Wharf at 1515.

7. All lines were cast off at 0823 Monday the 19th and BOMBARD proceeded to sea in company with ADVANCE for work-up week 2. Exercises were again conducted in accordance with the EAXP. At 1606 both ships came to anchor off Challenger Head where they remained overnight. The anchor was weighed at 0645 Tuesday the 20th and various exercises were conducted until 2344 when the ship came to anchor in Broken Bay. The ship weighed anchor at 0630 Wednesday the 21st and proceeded to SYDNEY in company with ADVANCE, berthing starboard side to the Minesweeping Wharf at 0934.

8. HMAS ADVANCE's Operational Readiness Evaluation was conducted on Thursday the 22nd. All lines were cast off at 0700 and both ships proceeded to sea conducting exercises in accordance with COMAUSMINPAE Oporder 6/80. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to the Patrol Boat Wharf at 1706 and commenced an Assisted Maintenance Period. On Friday the 23rd the ship proceeded to Spectacle Island at 0920 to embark ammunition, returning to berth at the Minesweeping Wharf at 1042. On completion of fuelling, berth was shifted to the Patrol Boat Wharf where the ship remained at the end of the period.

Marine Engineering and Hull

9. The Marine Engineering and Hull Departments are in a very good state. All equipment has performed in a most satisfactory manner throughout the period.

Weapons and Electrical Engineering

10. All weapons and electrical equipment has performed well throughout the period.

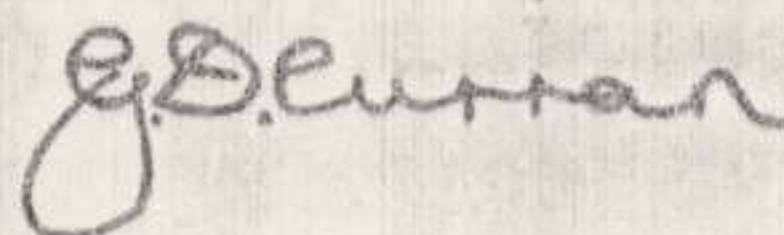
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11. The health, welfare and morale of the Ships
Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(G.D. CURRAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period 1357
2. Hours underway during the period 110
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned 192,628
4. Hours underway since first commissioned 14,536
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
15	20	40 minutes	SUXF
16	20	13 minutes	OOW Manoeuvres
22	18	15 minutes	SUXF
22	20	46 minutes	OOW Manoeuvres

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. The following exercises were conducted during the period:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Tues 06	Man Overboard Exercise	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours
Thur 08	Surface Plotting Exercise	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours
Fri 09	Towex	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
	Blipex	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
Mon 12	OOW Manoeuvres	2 hours
	SUFEX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	Minelay Navex	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Tues 13	OOW Manoeuvres	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
	SUFEX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	Towex	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
	Fire Exercise	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	Screenplay	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
Wed 14	NSIC	6 hours
	Boardex	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
	AACRFX	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
	OOW Manoeuvres	1 hour
	Man Overboard Exercise	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
	DCX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	AAROFX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Thur 15	OOW Manoeuvres	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
	SUFEX	1 hour
	AACRFX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	OOW Manoeuvres	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
	Boardex	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Fri 16	Faidex	1 hour
Mon 19	OOW Manoeuvres	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Tues 20	Boardex	1 hour
	Faidex	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	AACRFX	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
	AAWDX	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
	Surface Plotting Exercise	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hour
	AAROFX	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
Wed 21	OOW Manoeuvres	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
Thur 22	Surface Plotting Exercise	2 hours
	SUFEX	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
	AACRFX	1 hour
	OOW Manoeuvres	1 hour

2. Fire and Emergency Parties have been exercised daily in harbour.

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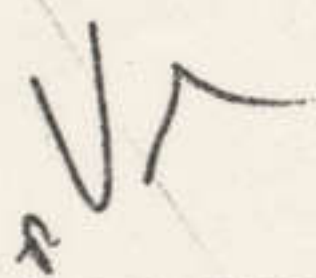
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

JUNE, 1980

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Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander


Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD Report of Proceedings
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

4 July 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of June. Times throughout are Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured Starboard side to the Patrol Boat Wharf HMAS WATERHEN preparing for a Bass Strait Oil Rig Surveillance (BSORS) Patrol. At 011600 the ship cast off and proceeded to Eden. At 020800 the ship berthed at Eden and on completion of fuelling the ship proceeded to sea and the BSORS area.
3. On arrival in the area communications were established with ADVANCE, the surveillance aircraft, and at 030600 we assumed the Area Bass patrol duty. The weather precluded the ship securing to a buoy requiring the ship to steam around the boundaries. No errant ships were sighted. HMAS ADVANCE relieved BOMBARD of patrol duties at 060700 and course was set for Hanns Inlet. The ship secured Port side to the Seamanship Wharf, HMAS CERBERUS at 1730. After fuelling and storing ship, BOMBARD stayed alongside until 090900 when the ship cast off and after transitting Hanns Inlet, course was set for Area Bass to relieve HMAS ADVANCE at 092300.

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4. Within the next twenty four hours the weather deteriorated to a state where shelter was sought at Reuge Cove, and the ship came to anchor at 102300. At 120100 the anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to sea where HMAS BUCCANEER assumed patrol duties and BOMBARD set course for Westernport. At 1200 the ship secured Port side to the wharf for twenty-eight hours in which time the ship fuelled and stored ship. At 131600 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea and thence Area Bass. On completion of a heaving line transfer with BUCCANEER, BOMBARD assumed patrol duties at 141200. As the weather was calm the ship secured to the Kingfish B. buoy at 1600, but the weather deteriorated, and at 2300 the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded to patrol the boundary of the area. The weather further deteriorated and the ship sought shelter in Waterloo Bay, Wilsons Promontory. As the weather abated the ship weighed anchor at 161030 and course was set for the rigs. After patrolling the area for the next twenty hours, BUCCANEER commenced her patrol duties and Sea Slip training, BOMBARD set course for Westernport and secured to the wharf at 171100. Due to bad weather, sailing was delayed until 190900 at which time lines were cast off and the ship proceeded to sea. At 1900 BOMBARD assumed patrol duties.

5. The sea state precluded the ship from securing to a buoy on this occasion. At 220500 BUCCANEER assumed patrol duties and the ship set course for Port Welshpool. After transitting the Lewis Channel the ship secured Port side to the tug wharf and remained there until Tuesday 240800, at which time the ship cast off and proceeded to Barries Beach for fuel. At 1030 the ship proceeded to sea to relieve BUCCANEER on task. At 1700 the ship secured to the buoy at Kingfish B and stayed there overnight. During this period small numbers of the crew visited the rig for short periods. At 260330 the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded to rendezvous with HMAS ATTACK at 0530. Course was set for Eden on completion of the handover. At 1430 the ship berthed at the Breakwater Wharf for fuel and sailed on completion of fuelling at 1600 in company with BUCCANEER.

6. After steaming overnight, both ships entered Sydney Harbour in Procedure Alfa and BOMBARD secured to the wharf at 270900, where she remains in an assisted maintenance period at the end of the period.

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Engineering

7. All machinery function well. One URDEF (40/81) is outstanding on a salt water line for the starboard main engine. This is being repaired by Garden Island.
8. Three URDEFS (36/81, 37/81, 38/81) were raised on the 916A radar. This unit was repaired by Ships Staff using the ships spares.
9. The health, welfare and morale of the ship is fair, and the appearance of the ship is good.

P. Curran
(G.D. CURRAN)
LEUT, RAN
Commanding Officer

- Annexes: A. Steaming Figures Details
B. Exercises Conducted

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 4 July 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance steamed during the period	4,302
2.	Hours underway during the period	328
3.	Distance steamed since first commissioned	196,930
4.	Hours underway since first commissioned	14,864
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	Nil

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 4 July 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

The Fire and Emergency Parties were exercised daily in harbour and weekly at sea.

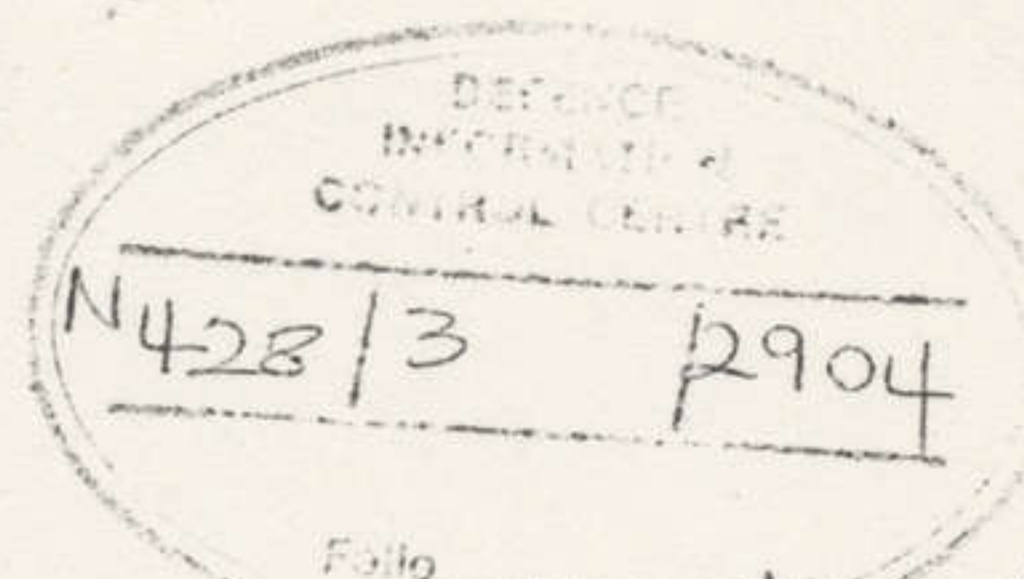
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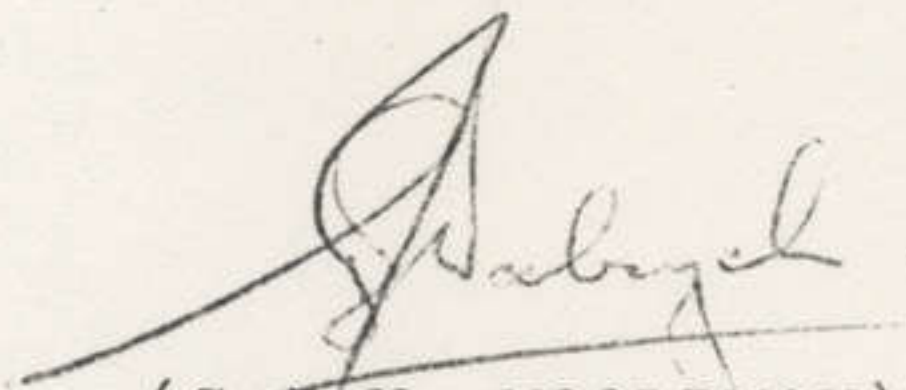
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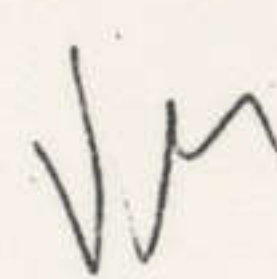
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

5 July 1980

Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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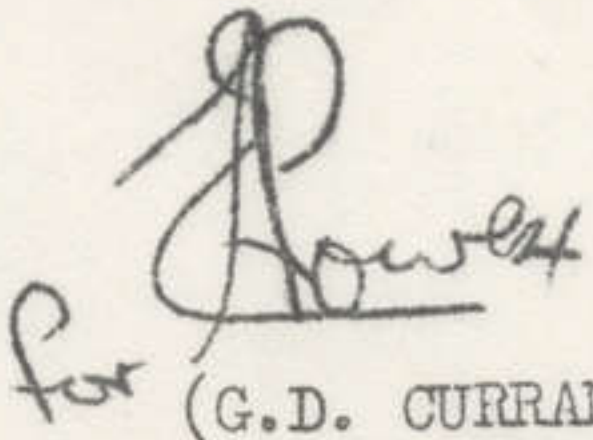
Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the period 1st July 1980 to 4th July 1980. Times throughout are zone KIL0 (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured starboard side to the Patrol Boat wharf at HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an assisted maintenance period. The ship remained there until the end of the period.
3. Command of BOMBARD was relinquished to Lieutenant M.T. BURTON RAN at 1600 Friday 4th.
4. The health and welfare of the ship's company is good. Morale has improved since returning from the Bass Strait patrol. The appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.


for (G.D. CURRAN)

Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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- ANNEXES: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted
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ANNEX A to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

5 July 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance steamed during period	Nil
2.	Hours underway during period	Nil
3.	Distanced steamed since first commissioned	196,930
4.	Hours underway since first commissioned	14,864
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

5 July 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

The Fire and Emergency Parties have been exercised daily
in harbour.

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Cairns

1 August 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
4 JULY TO 31 JULY 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from Friday 4th to Thursday 31st July 1980. Times throughout are Kilo (-10).
2. I assumed command at 1600 Friday 4th from Lieutenant G.D. CURRAN RAN.
3. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was berthed starboard side to the patrol boat wharf HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an AMP/Leave Period.
4. At 0830 Friday 11th the ship cast off and proceeded to area R479 to conduct sea acceptance trials on the 40/60 mm Bofor gun. The trials being successful, the ship returned to WATERHEN and secured starboard side to the patrol boat wharf at 1230.
5. The ship commenced Fleet support duties on Monday 14th. BOMBARD cast off at 1130 and proceeded to sea to rendezvous with HMAS OXLEY for her overall weapons systems sea acceptance trial. The trials commenced at 1325 and were completed by 1800, when the ship proceeded to WATERHEN and berthed port side to the patrol boat wharf at 1915.
6. BOMBARD continued in support of OXLEY's SATS on Tuesday 15th and sailed at 0645. The ship rendezvoused with OXLEY and TRV803 at 0800 and commenced serials 4, 5, 9 and 10 of the trials which were firing serials. The required serials were completed at 1202 and the ship berthed starboard side to the oil fuel lighter at WATERHEN at 1328 and commenced fuelling. At 1724 that evening the ship cast off and proceeded to area R479 to conduct a 57mm illuminating rocket trial. A trials team from RANTAU and INO were embarked and the ship rendezvoused with TRV803 in the area at 1930. The trial commenced at 2001 and consisted of using eight 2" rocket flares to illuminate the TRV, followed by six 57mm rocket flares. Although all the rockets left

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the launcher, there were insufficient numbers to compare the two different flares. The trial was completed at 2120 and the ship proceeded to WATERHEN and secured port side to the patrol boat wharf at 2258.

7. On Wednesday 16th the ship cast off at 0930 to proceed to sea to rendezvous with HMAS PERTH and OXLEY and TRV802 and 803. The rendezvous was effected at 1114 and serials 11, 12 and 13 of the trials directive were commenced at 1200. These trials were in preparation for a firing run the following day and were completed at 1800 when the ship escorted TRV802 and 803 to Port Hacking. The ship anchored at 1913 and remained there overnight.

8. The anchor was weighed at 0630 on Thursday 17th and the ship proceeded to sea to rendezvous with PERTH for a weapons tracking exercise. This serial commenced at 0745 and the opportunity to track two machi's was very beneficial. PERTH took charge of BOMBARD and rendezvoused with OXLEY and the TRV's at 0900 to commence firing runs for OXLEY's SATS. These SATS were completed at 1620 and the ship proceeded to WATERHEN where she berthed port side to the minesweeper wharf at 1812. The in company time spent during the four days was invaluable for OOW training.

9. BOMBARD continued her role in fleet support duties on Friday 18th and cast off at 0900 and proceeded to sea to rendezvous with OXLEY for Armoric CSU3-41 sonar trials. The serial was completed at 2055 as the weather precluded BOMBARD proceeding on the courses and speeds required. The ship berthed port side to the patrol boat wharf at WATERHEN at 2330.

10. At 0630 Saturday 19th the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to rendezvous with PERTH and OXLEY to continue the Armoric trials. Once again the weather precluded BOMBARD going into the sea at the speeds required so the trial was conducted down sea. The trial was completed at 0957 and the ship proceeded to WATERHEN where she berthed port side to the patrol boat wharf at 1133. The ship remained there until 0830 Monday 21st when BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the vicinity of Cockatoo Island to conduct shiphandling practice for CO/XO designates from Singapore and Papua New Guinea. The shiphandling evolutions were completed at 1030 and the ship secured starboard side to the OFL at WATERHEN and commenced fuelling.

11. The ship sailed for Patrol 8/80 at 1300 Monday 21st. BOMBARD was tasked to patrol areas B, C and D on her passage to Cairns for an intermediate docking. An operational visit was made to Brisbane on Wednesday 23rd and the ship berthed at No7 berth HMAS MORETON outboard of HMAS WEWAK at 0800. The ship remained at MORETON until 0800 Friday 25th when the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to continue the patrol. A fuelling stop was made in Mackay at 2000 on Saturday 26th and the ship cast off from the ANL Container wharf at 0800 Sunday 27th to continue the patrol via the inner reef passage to Cairns. The ship came to anchor in the bay to the north of South Molle Island at 1300 Sunday 27th. After calling on the resort manager recreational leave was granted to the ship's company. The anchor was weighed at 0930 Monday 28th and the ship proceeded to Cairns. The patrol brief stated there were no known

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licenced or unlicenced FFV's in the patrol areas and this proved to be correct. The ship arrived in Cairns at 0800 Tuesday 29th and berthed starboard side to No 5 wharf to commence defuelling.

12. The ship cast off and proceeded to No 1 wharf at 0825 Wednesday 30th. This move was necessary to accommodate an official cocktail party which the ship hosted that evening at 1830. At 0708 Thursday 31st the ship cast off and proceeded to the NQEA fitting out wharf to commence deammunitioning and destoring for the ID/AMP and remained there at the end of the period.

Marine Engineering & Hull

13. The Marine Engineering and Hull departments are in a good state. One URDEF (42/81) is outstanding on Sigmund pump. Availability is not known at this stage.

Weapons & Electrical Engineering

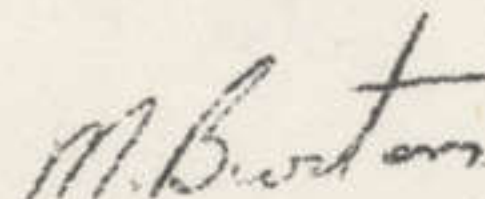
14. All weapons and electrical equipment, with the exception of the 916 radar, has performed well throughout the period. URDEF 44/81 has been raised on the radar.

15. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good, and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(M.T. BURTON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Figures
 B. Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX A to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

1 August 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period 2,321
2. Hours underway during the period 172
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned 199,251
4. Hours underway since first commissioned 15,036
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
14	20	55 mins	OXLEY SATS
14	18	90 mins	OXLEY SATS
15	20	28 mins	OXLEY SATS
15	18	68 mins	OXLEY SATS
16	20	45 mins	OXLEY SATS
16	18	108 mins	OXLEY SATS
17	18	108 mins	OXLEY SATS
17	20	10 mins	AA Tracking Exercise

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ANNEX B to HMAS BOMBARD
letter 1/16/1 dated

1 August 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Fire and Emergency parties have been exercised daily in harbour.

2.	<u>AFX1</u> <u>Ex. No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise/Evolution</u>	<u>Duration</u>
	9	14,17,23	OOW Breakdown/Emergency Evolutions	2 hours
	21	14,17,21,28	MANORD	2½ hours
	24	16,17,18,21 29,30	Shiphandling (COW's)	4 hours
	29	23,25,26,27	Blind Pilotage	6 hours
	39	17	ADEX	1 hour
	78	22	Minor DCX	½ hour
	79	27	Major DCX	1 hour

3. Stationing Exercises were also conducted during OXLEY SATS
week 14-19.

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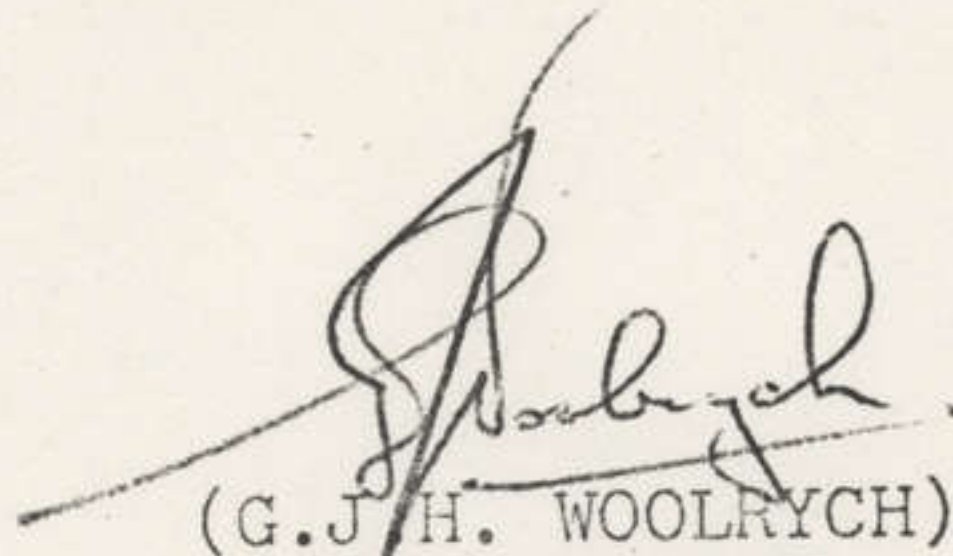
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

1 September 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of August 1980. Times throughout are Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was berthed port side to the fitting out wharf at NQEA dockyard Cairns, undergoing an AMP. The ship went out of routine at 0800 on Friday 1st. At 1100 that day the ship cast off and cold moved to the NQEA slip. By 1150 the slipping was completed and the ship commenced its ID.

3. The ship was programmed to unslip on Monday 11th. However, due to an industrial dispute and rolling strikes in the dockyard, the ship remained on the slip until Tuesday 19th. The ship commenced unslipping at 1430 on 19th and secured port side to the fitting out wharf at 1520. Although the industrial dispute delayed the unslipping and shortened the AMP. I was impressed with the end result and it was a successful ID. An opportunity was taken for the crew to visit the new FREMANTLE Class patrol boats under construction at NQEA.

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4. The ship fuelled on Wednesday 20th and stored ship and ammunition on Thursday 21st. BOMBARD went back into routine at sunset on 21st. At 0945 Friday 22nd the ship cast off and proceeded to stand off from No.5 wharf Cairns and await HMAS FREMANTLE to cast off. At 1005 the ship proceeded to sea in company with FREMANTLE. Exercises were conducted on passage to CID HARBOUR. It was noted with interest that BOMBARD had to proceed 1 knot slower than the signalled speed to remain in station. This was the case throughout the passage to Sydney.

5. At 0720 Saturday 23rd the ship secured starboard side to FREMANTLE at anchor in CID HARBOUR. The ship replenished 1000 gallons of diesel and a ton of fresh water in one hour. At 0905 the ship cast off and proceeded to the assigned anchorage in CID HARBOUR and remained there for nine hours. At 1800 the ship weighed anchor and proceeded in company with FREMANTLE for passage to Sydney. More exercises were conducted on passage. At 0230 Tuesday 26th BOMBARD was detached and proceeded to Sydney. At 1405 the ship berthed starboard side to the OFL at HMAS WATERHEN and fuelled. One hour later BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to No.9 wharf at WATERHEN and secured port side to at 1510.

6. At 0805 the following morning the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to rendezvous with HMAS IBIS and HMAS SNIPE to act as an escort for FREMANTLE's entry into Sydney. The rendezvous was effected at 0850 and FREMANTLE joined the column, with you embarked, Sir, at 0910. At 1028 BOMBARD secured port side to No.9 wharf at WATERHEN and remained there on Fleet Support Duties at the end of the period.

Marine Engineering & Hull

7. The Marine Engineering and Hull departments are in a good state. One URDEF (42/81) is outstanding on the Sigmund pump. Availability of this item is not known.

Weapons & Electrical Engineering

8. All weapons and electrical equipment, with the exception of the 916 radar, has performed well throughout the period. URDEF 47/81 has been raised on the radar. There is a recurring problem, and this is the fifth URDEF in three months on the radar. Base staff at WATERHEN are investigating.

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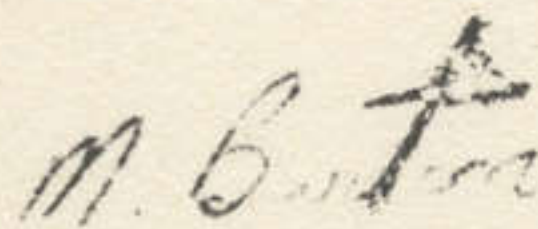
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9. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company are good and the appearance of the ship is also good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(M.T. BURTON)
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Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 September 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period 1,329 miles
2. Hours underway during the period 96 hours
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned 200,580 miles
4. Hours underway since first commissioned 15,132 hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
25th	20	50 mins.	OOW Manoeuvres and RASAPS

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Annex B to
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EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1.	<u>Exercise No.</u>	<u>Short Title</u>	<u>Number Conducted</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
	10	OOW Manoeuvres	ne 1	$\frac{1}{4}$	25
	12	RASAP (D)	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	25
	24	Shiphandling	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	26,27
	29	Blind Pilotage	2	1	23,27
	31	Formation Anchorage	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	23
	78	Minor DCX	31	2	Daily
	79	Major DCX	1	1	25
	114	NCX 205	1	1	25
	116	NCX 251	2	2	25,27
	142	AA8	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	25
	145	CM3	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	25

2. Stationkeeping exercises were conducted with FREMANTLE on passage.

3. A Small Arms shoot for Boarding Party was conducted on 25th.

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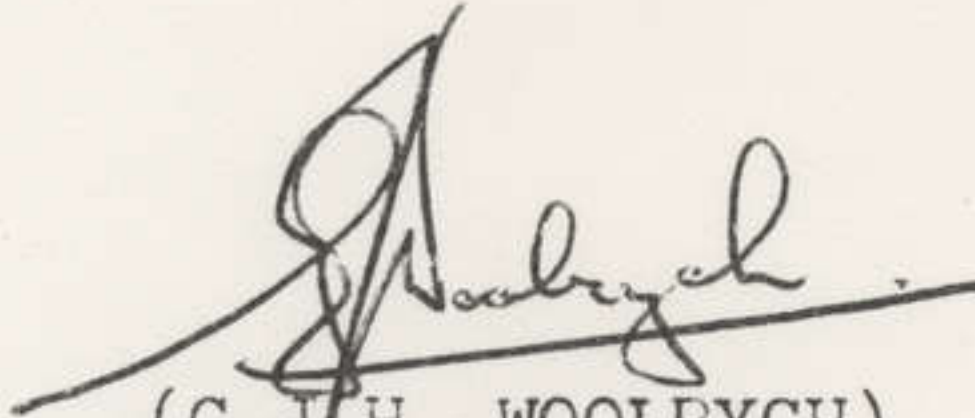
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

1 October 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of September 1980. Times throughout are Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured port side to the patrol boat wharf at HMAS WATERHEN on Fleet Support Duties. At 0827 Tuesday 2nd the ship cast off and proceeded to No.5 buoy at Garden Island to conduct a compass swing. The swing was completed at 1015 and the ship secured port side to No.9 wharf at WATERHEN at 1037.
3. A standard range course was conducted at Anzac Rifle Range on Thursday 4th. The results of the shoot were pleasing and the Boarding Party performed well.
4. At 0922 Monday 8th the ship cast off and proceeded to conduct CO/XO designates shiphandling in the harbour and alongsides at the OFL at WATERHEN. This was completed at 1312 and BOMBARD secured starboard side to the OFL at WATERHEN to disembark the course. At 1405 the ship cast off and proceeded to sea on patrol 10/80. At 1540 the 40/60 and 50 Cal machine gun crews were closed up and an AA shoot was conducted using 2" rocket flares. Regrettably only two of the five flares illuminated. On completion of the AA shoot a SUFX was conducted.

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5. At 0645 Tuesday 9th the ship anchored in Eden harbour to wait for an alongside berth. At 0950 the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to the Breakwater pier. The ship had to stand off until 1145 when she berthed port side to and commenced fuelling. HMAS BUCCANEER berthed port side to BOMBARD at 1600. The unsuitable weather conditions in Area Bass prevented the ship from sailing from Eden until 0800 Thursday 11th. OOW Manoeuvres and seamanship evolutions were conducted with BUCCANEER on departure from Eden.

6. The ship rounded Gabo Island en route for Area Bass at 1400 and the weather commenced deteriorating. At 1845 the ship reversed course to proceed to shelter in Eden on receipt of a gale warning from Kingfish B. At 0107 Friday 12th the ship anchored in Nullica Bay and remained there until 0740 when the anchor was weighed. The ship secured port side to BUCCANEER at 0810 and remained there until Saturday 13th. The ship cast off and proceeded for Area Bass at 0819.

7. BOMBARD secured to a buoy at Mackerel platform at 1755 on Saturday 13th and commenced surveillance duties. The following morning at 0845 the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded to the anchorage at Stockyard Hill in Area Bass. During the day the weather once again deteriorated and at 1745 the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to Refuge Cove to shelter. BOMBARD anchored in Refuge Cove at 2215 that evening and remained overnight. At 0758 Monday 15th the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to Barries Beach Marine Terminal. The ship secured port side to at BBMT wharf at 1020, and remained there only to fuel and replenish water because of the prevailing westerly winds gusting to 50 knots. Some difficulty was experienced in casting off (HMAS BOMBARD signal ABA 150705ZSEP80 refers). The ship proceeded to Port Welshpool at 1530 and secured port side to at 1600. BOMBARD remained there until Saturday 20th when the weather finally abated.

8. At 0817 the ship cast off and proceeded to Area Bass to continue surveillance. On clearing Corner Inlet a message was received from Halibut concerning a bulk carrier which entered the restricted area at 0700 that morning. (HMAS BOMBARD signal IAJ200045ZSEP80 refers). BOMBARD altered course to the south to intercept the vessel and advise him of the restricted area as per COMAUSFLT OPORDER 20/80. The ship secured to Halibut buoy at 1545 to continue surveillance. At 1905 the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded to the south east of the restricted area to clear it of shipping. This was completed by 1956 and BOMBARD secured to Kingfish B buoy to continue surveillance.

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9. A strong wind warning was issued at 0445 Sunday 21st and in consequence the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded down sea to shelter in Eden. Gale force winds were experienced in Area Bass for the remainder of that day. The ship berthed starboard side to the Fisherman's Wharf at Eden at 1352 and remained there overnight. At 1900 Monday 22nd BOMBARD was relieved by HMAS ATTACK and the ship cast off at 2000 and proceeded to Sydney. An annual full power trial was conducted en route and the ship achieved a speed of 24.5 knots. No problems were experienced during the trial.

10. On Tuesday 23rd at 0800 the ship altered course for Port Hacking to search for DTV SEAL (COMAUSMINPAB signal BWA/IAL2222082ZSEP80 refers). The SEAL was found by HMAS ADVANCE east of Broken Bay and BOMBARD proceeded to join her. The ship secured port side to ADVANCE at 1050 and embarked five personnel for passage to HMAS PENGUIN. The ship cast off at 1055 and proceeded to Sydney. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to PENGUIN wharf at 1215 and disembarked personnel. Five minutes later the ship cast off and proceeded to WATERHEN and berthed port side to the OFL at 1258. On completion of fuelling the ship cast off and proceeded to berth starboard side to BUCCANEER at the patrol boat wharf. The ship berthed at 1415 and remained fully operational as Duty Ship for the period 16th - 29th. The AMP commenced on Monday 29th and BOMBARD remained in the AMP at the close of the month.

Marine Engineering and Hull

11. The Marine Engineering and Hull departments are in a good state. TIS 71 Report of Hull Examination has been received onboard and work has progressed on rectifying defects listed therein. Two URDEF's are outstanding. 42/81 on the Sigmund pump remains outstanding and the availability of this item is unknown. URDEF 48/81 has been raised on the rocket flare launcher. This URDEF should be rectified by 3rd October.

Weapons and Electrical Engineering

12. All weapons and electrical equipment functioned well during the month.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

13. The health and welfare of the Ship's Company are good. The morale was satisfactory during the BSORS patrol and is now good. The appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

M.T. Burton

(M.T. BURTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 October 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the month 1,297
2. Hours underway during the month 102
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned 201,877
4. Hours underway since first commissioned
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed 15,234

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
11th	20	5 hrs	Proceed to shelter
14th	20.5	5 hrs	Proceed to shelter
21st	20.5	6 hrs	Proceed to shelter
22nd	24.5	2 hrs	Annual Full Power Trial
23rd	21.0	2 hrs	DTV SEAL Search

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 October 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1.	<u>Exercise No.</u>	<u>Short Title</u>	<u>Number Conducted</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
	10	OOW Manoeuvres	1	1	11
	12	RASAP (D)	3	$\frac{1}{2}$	11
	18A	Tow Fwd-receive	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	11
	19A	Tow Aft-receive gear	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	11
	21	MANORD	9	1	11, 21(8)
	24	Shiphandling-XO	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	8
	24	Shiphandling-CO/ XO Desig	VAR	4	8
	29	Blind Pilotage	10	3	9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14(2), 20, 21, 22
	78	Minor DCX	31	3	Daily
	79	Major DCX	1	1	19
	142	AA8	1	1	8
	145	CM3	1	1	8

2. The boarding party was mustered and given instruction on 25th.

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

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For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of October 1980. Times throughout are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was secured starboard side to HMAS BUCCANEER at the patrol boat wharf, HMAS WATERHEN, undergoing an AMP. At 0830 Friday 3rd, the ship cast off and proceeded up the harbour to the vicinity of Cockatoo Island, to trial the gyro repeats and prove the Watchbill. At 0940 the ship berthed starboard side to the Patrol Boat Wharf and remained there over the long weekend.

3. At 0700 Tuesday 7th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at Action Stations. BUCCANEER joined BOMBARD south of Fort Dennison and the ships departed Sydney for Area Bass and the commencement of the Squadron exercise SOUTHEX 80. Two COMAUSMINPAB Staff Officers were embarked in BOMBARD. An AACRF exercise with a Phoenix Aircraft was conducted in area R487 enroute. BUCCANEER suffered an engine problem and was detached to Eden at 2345 to effect repairs. The task group rendezvous was delayed because of bad weather. HMAS ATTACK with COMAUSMINPAB embarked, joined BOMBARD in Area Bass at 1430 on Wednesday 8th and OOW manoeuvres were conducted. BOMBARD also assumed Area Bass duty ship. HMAS ADVANCE relieved BOMBARD in the area at 2000 that evening and with ATTACK in company the ship proceeded to Rabbit Island. The ships anchored in formation one mile to the north east of the island at 0025 Thursday 9th. That morning at 0540 the anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to ATTACK and conducted

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a sternboard to transfer COMAUSMINPAB Staff. On completion the ship proceeded to Barry's Beach and berthed portside to the wharf at 0708. Fuelling was completed at 1000 and the ship cast off and proceeded to Area Bass to rendezvous with the Task Group. The rendezvous occurred at 1430 and the ships conducted OOW manoeuvres until 1730 when BOMBARD was detached for BSORS duties.

4. The ship secured to the buoy near Kingfish A platform at 1800 and remained there overnight conducting surveillance. The ships company in groups of four visited Kingfish A platform from 0900 to 1200 Friday 10th. At 1300 the ship slipped from the buoy and patrolled for one hour before securing to the same buoy. At 1000 Saturday 11th, BOMBARD slipped from the buoy and patrolled the platforms east of Marlin. The ship secured to the buoy at Kingfish A that afternoon at 1600. At 1830 the weather deteriorated and BOMBARD slipped from the buoy to proceed downsea to shelter. The ship anchored in Refuge Cove at 2300 that evening and remained overnight.

5. The anchor was weighed at 0635 Sunday 12th, and the ship proceeded to Area Bass to continue surveillance. The ship secured to Kingfish A buoy at 1400 and remained there until 2000. At that time the ship slipped from the buoy and proceeded to intercept a ship which had entered the restricted area. The Greek registered ship EVEE was escorted from the area and BOMBARD secured to the buoy at Kingfish A at 2130. The following morning the weather deteriorated and the ship slipped and proceeded to Refuge Cove to shelter. BOMBARD secured starboard side to HMAS ATTACK at anchor at 1605 and remained there until 0300 Tuesday 14th when the weather abated. Lines were cast off and the ship proceeded to HMAS CERBERUS for fuel, stores and rest and recreation. BOMBARD secured portside to at 0945 and remained there until Friday 17th. The crew deserved a well earned rest after seven days at sea and took advantage of the facilities offered at CERBERUS.

6. The ship cast off at 0900 Friday 17th and proceeded to sea. Five miles to seaward of West Head a short service was conducted and the ashes of the late Lieutenant McKenzie RAN were scattered. The Chaplain was landed at Flinders breakwater jetty at 1050 and the ship proceeded to Area Bass. BOMBARD secured to Kingfish A buoy at 2330 and remained overnight. At 1300 Saturday 18th ATTACK relieved BOMBARD and the ship proceeded to Port Welshpool and secured portside to the wharf at 1700. The ship cast off at 0730 Wednesday 22nd and proceeded to Barry Beach Marine Terminal to fuel. Fuelling was completed by 1000 and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Area Bass. The ship arrived in the area at 1500 and remained there until 0730 Thursday 23rd when the weather deteriorated and the ship proceeded to Refuge Cove to

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shelter. At 1228 the ship anchored, but because of the predominantly easterly winds the anchorage was unsuitable. The anchor was weighed at 1330 and the ship proceeded to Port Welshpool. At 1530 BOMBARD secured portside to the wharf at Welshpool and remained there until 1600 Friday 24th when lines were cast off and the ship proceeded to Barry Beach to refuel. The ship remained there overnight and cast off at 1430 Saturday 25th and proceeded to Refuge Cove. The ship anchored in Refuge Cove at 1630.

7. Clocks were advanced one hour to Zone L)-11) at 0200 Sunday 26th. At 0500L the anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to Area Bass. On completion of a TOWEX with HMAS FREMANTLE, BOMBARD assumed the Area Bass surveillance duties at 1100L. Two ships were escorted out of the area during that day. At 2100L BOMBARD secured to Kingfish A buoy and remained there conducting surveillance until Monday 27th. A gale wind warning was issued by Weather Melbourne at 1500L and it hit the platform area at 271530L. Subsequently, BOMBARD slipped from the buoy and proceeded down sea to EDEN to shelter. The ship anchored in Nullica Bay at 2359L and remained there overnight. At 1000L Tuesday 28th the anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to the Breakwater jetty at Eden. Lines were secured at 1030L and HMAS BUCCANEER secured starboard side to at 1100L. The ship shifted berth on Thursday 30th to the Fishermans Wharf and remained there secured portside to at the end of the period.

Marine Engineering and Hull

8. The marine engineering and hull departments are in a good state and work is progressing well towards the Annual Inspection. URDEF 42/81 on the Sigmund pump raised in July 1980 remains outstanding.

Weapons and Electrical Engineering

9. All weapons and electrical equipment, with the exception of the 916 radar, has performed well throughout the period. URDEF 48/81 was raised on the radar and this is the sixth URDEF that has been raised on this unit since June. Although the fault has been rectified, the unit still gives cause for concern as it is not reliable for BSORS duties.

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10. The health and welfare of the ships company is good and the morale is satisfactory. The appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Simon Lullen SCL7

for

(M.T. BURTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted

Enclosure: Photographs

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 November 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period 2,660 miles
2. Hours underway during the period 164 hours
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned 203,537 miles
4. Hours underway since first commissioned 15,398 hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed,

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
8	20	1 hr	OOW Manoeuvres
23	20	1 hr	Proceeding to shelter
27	20	5 hrs	Proceeding to shelter

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 1 November 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1. Exercise No.	Short Title	Number Conducted	Total Hours	Dates
N/N	Leaving Ship and Emergency Stations	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	3
N/N	Steering Gear Breakdown	2	1 hr	3,8
N/N	Action Stations	1	1 hr	7
9	OOW Eng.	1	1 hr	7
N/N	AATX	4	1 hr	7
N/N	AAROF	4	1 hr	7
10	OOW Manoeuvres	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs	7,9
32	SPX	1	1 hr	7
31	Formation Anchorage	1	1 hr	9
24	Shiphandling/XO	3	1 hr	9,17,23
18A	Tow Fwd-Receive Gear	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	26
19	Tow Aft-Supply Gear	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	26
21	MANORD	8	1 hr	26
27	Major DCX	1	1 hr	27
29	Blind Pilotage	9	5 hrs	7,9,14,17, 18,22,23,25,28
N/N	Helo Transfer (Muster party only)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr	27
N/N	HF Reporting Exercise	2	2 hrs	8,9

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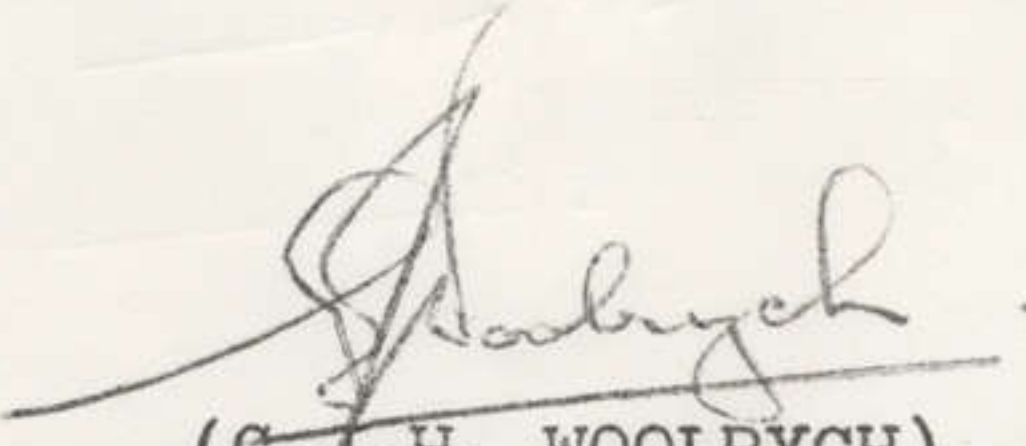
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HMAS BOMBARD
at Sydney

10th November 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BOMBARD REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1 NOVEMBER TO 8 NOVEMBER 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from Saturday 1st to Saturday 8th November 1980. Times throughout are zone Lima (-11).
2. At the start of the period BOMBARD was secured portside to the Fishing Boat Wharf, Eden with HMAS BUCCANEER secured outboard.
3. At 1850 Tuesday 4th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Sydney with one COMAUSMINPAB staff officer embarked.
4. BOMBARD secured starboard side to the Patrol Boat Wharf HMAS WATERHEN at 1430 Wednesday 5th. The ship remained alongside undergoing an AMP until the end of the period.
5. Marine Engineering and Hull. The Marine Engineering and Hull departments are in a good state. URDEF 42/81 on the Sigmund pump raised in July 1980 remains outstanding.
6. Weapons and Electrical Engineering. All weapons and electrical equipment is in a good state, and work is progressing well towards the Annual Inspection.

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7. The health and welfare of the ships company is good and morale is satisfactory. The appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Simon Lalla SBL

for (M.T. BURTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Conducted

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Annex A to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 10th November 1980

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during the period	236.5
2. Hours underway during the period	20
3. Distance steamed since first commissioned	203,773.5
4. Hours underway since first commissioned	15,418
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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Annex B to
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
dated 10th November 1980

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

1.	<u>Exercise No.</u>	<u>Short Title</u>	<u>Number Conducted</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
	78	Minor DCX	1	1	3

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HMAS BOMBARD
at Port Welshpool

2nd December, 1980

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM Australian Fleet

For Information

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

08 - 30 NOVEMBER, 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period indicated. Times throughout are zone LIMA (-11).

2. At the beginning of the period, HMAS BOMBARD was berthed at HMAS WATERHEN progressing an Assisted Maintenance Period (AMP) during which time the Ship's Company was making ready for the imminent annual inspection. At 1600 Saturday 8th November, I assumed command of BOMBARD relieving LEUT M.T. BURTON RAN. The ensuing period witnessed preparations for BOMBARD's annual inspection. Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th were programmed for departmental inspections by your staff as well as COMAUSMINPAB's Staff Officers. At 0900 Friday 14th COMAUSMINPAB inspected BOMBARD paraded at Divisions on completion of which he sighted the official documents and conducted an inspection of the Ship. The results of the overall annual inspection were pleasing with the exception of one department; shortcomings have since been rectified.

3. Opportunity was taken to send a number of personnel on long leave once the inspection was completed. The following week was utilized in storing Ships and ensuring that the Ship was ready in all respects for her forthcoming Bass Strait patrol. A number of the Ship's Company including myself attended the Naval Symposium throughout the week and found it most informative. Harbour Acceptance Trials (HATS) were conducted on the 2 inch rocket flare launcher by RANTAU on Monday 17th. At 1310 Thursday 20th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Spectacle Island for an ammunition 'top up'. On completion of the 'top up', the Ship returned to WATERHEN and berthed at 1500 remaining there over the weekend.

4. With a RANTAU representative and COMAUSNAVSMINPAB's staff Gunnery Officer embarked, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 1000 Monday 24th in order to conduct Sea Acceptance Trials (SATs) on the 2 inch rocket flare launcher prior to departing for Bass Strait. SATs were combined with a rapid open fire exercise (AAROFX) incorporating 40/60 Bofor and 50 Cal. machine gun. SATs were satisfactorily completed and BOMBARD shaped course for Watson's Bay. A fuel pump defect occurred on the port engine which necessitated the Ship's return to WATERHEN, instead of continuing passage to Bass Strait via Eden.

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The RANTAU Staff member was disembarked in Watson's Bay at 1730 that evening and BOMBARD berthed at WATERHEN at 1805.

5. On arrival, the extent of the defect was assessed and the stores organization galvanized into action producing the spare part from Zetland at 2300 that evening. Ship's Staff rectified the defect by 0430 the following morning, thus enabling the Ship to cast off and proceed to Eden at 0800 Tuesday 25th - a minimum of time lost. BOMBARD made the passage to Eden experiencing a moderate south-easterly swell which persisted for most of the passage north. The Ship's motion could only be rivalled by that of a roller coaster ride in an amusement park and the few hours at anchor in Two-fold Bay was welcomed prior to BOMBARD's arrival at the fuelling berth 0820 Wednesday 26th. On completion of fuelling the Ship cast off at 1100 and resumed passage to Bass Strait.

6. BOMBARD transited the Bass Strai oil fields during the evening of Wednesday 26th greeting HMAS BAYONET who was presently on task. The Ship arrived at Barry's Beach Marine Terminal (BBMT) at 0905 Thursday 27th after an exhilarating period of pilotage. On completion of fuelling the Ship shifted berth to Port Welshpool arriving at 1050 and remained until 1300 when she sailed for 'Area Bass' to relieve BAYONET on task. At 1930 that evening, BOMBARD secured to the buoy at Kingfish 'A' platform, remaining overnight conserving fuel and taking advantage of the calm seas. After slipping from the buoy at 0600 Friday 28th, the Ship moved to the Mackerel rig buoy securing at 0800, however conditions deteriorated and BOMBARD was compelled to run a patrol line in the blustering winds and rising seas. A Greek bulk carrier Ananel Triumph, was intercepted at 1512 that afternoon and escorted clear of the Restricted Area. By 1900, conditions proved to be too uncomfortable with a deepening low moving east in the 'Bight' and a course was shaped to Refuge Cove which offers good shelter from prevailing south westerlies. The Ship came to anchor at 2310 and was joined by a wealth of other small craft and yachts proving to be the popular anchorage in such conditions. She remained in the Cove until 1900 the following evening when the Ship weighed and proceeded to 'Area Bass'.

7. At 1518 Sunday 30th, communications were established with the Caribou (C/SWOMBAT79) on task who reported a freighter entering the Restricted Area to the east. BOMBARD proceeded with moderate despatch to intercept the Japanese freighter Shin-Prima Maru and escorted her from the Restricted Area. BAYONET relieved BOMBARD on task that evening at 2200 and BOMBARD spent the remainder of the period under report at anchor to the north-east of Rabbit Island prior to our arrival at BBMT/Port Welshpool for three days rest and recreation.

Marine Engineering and Hull

8. A number of planned maintenance items were progressed and completed during the AMP. URDEF 42/81 (Sigmund Pump) was rectified by the receipt of an extra Lombardini Pump to replace the unserviceable Sigmund Pump. The electrical motor driving the general service pump became defective on Tuesday 25th, however, the Lombardini pumps sufficed until a new motor was received on Monday 1st December, 1980. All equipment has operated satisfactorily during the period.

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Weapons and Electrical Engineering

9. All weapons and electrical equipment have operated satisfactorily during the month particularly the 916 radar. URDEF 50/81 (Series Inspection 40/60) remains outstanding and is programmed for late December. The performance of the 40/60 during the AA ROFX was very pleasing.

General

10. It is apparent that the Ship's Company worked well and were co-ordinated in achieving a reasonably good inspection. During the transition after the supersession on Saturday 8th, the Ship's Company was both receptive and helpful. Later in the period they were made aware of the need for security, and the dangers associated with drugs and alcohol abuse.

11. The health and welfare of the Ship's Company is good and morale is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

J.W. Wells

(J.W. WELLS)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex

B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BOMBARD LETTER
1/16/1 DATED 02DEC80

STEAMING FIGURES

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| 1. | Distance steamed during the month. | 1514 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway during the month. | 116.5 |
| 3. | Distance steamed since first Commissioning | 205,051. |
| 4. | Hours underway since first Commissioning | 15,514.5 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed. | |

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Occasion</u>
28	20	1 hr	Intercept
30	20	1½ hrs	Intercept

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ANNEX B TO
HMAS BOMBARD LETTER
1/16/1 DATED 02DEC80

EXERCISES ANNEX

1. Emergency party exercised daily in harbour.

2.	<u>Exercise No.</u>	<u>Short Title</u>	<u>No. Conducted</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
	N/N	AAROF (40/60, 50 cal, 2" rocket)	1	1 hour
	24	Ship Handling (XO)	3	1 hour
	29	Blind Pilotage	5	3 hours

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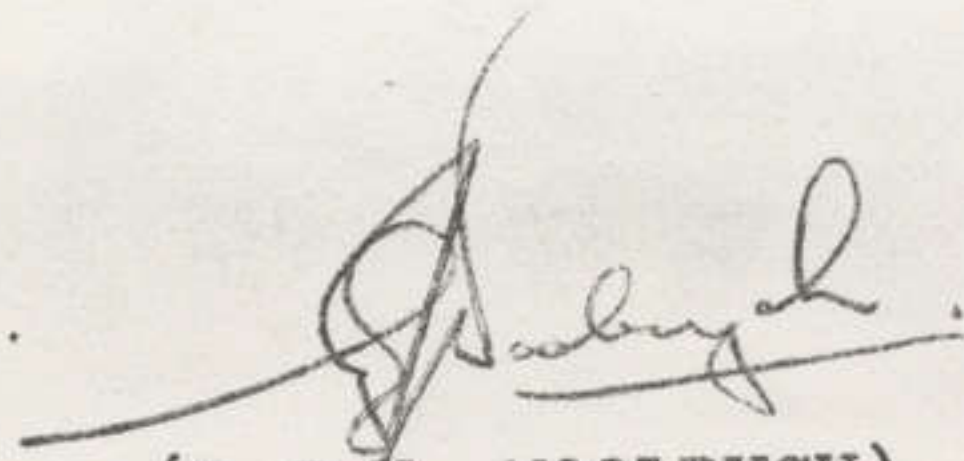
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The Chief of Naval Staff
Department of Defence (Navy Office)
CANBERRA ACT 2600

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER, 1980

1. Forwarded.
2. The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD has been reminded of the need for careful proof-reading of Reports of Proceedings.


(G.J.H. WOOLRYCH)
Commodore, RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure:  HMAS BOMBARD Report of Proceedings for
December, 1980 dated 2 January, 1981

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HMAS BOMBARD
At Sydney

02 January 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

The Naval Officer Commanding
VICTORIA

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECEMBER 1980

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of December. Times throughout are Zone time LIMA (-11).

2. At the beginning of the period BOMBARD was at anchor north-east of Rabbit Island in Bass Strait. At 0635 Monday 1st anchor was weighed and a course set for Barry's Beach Marine Terminal (BBMT). The ship arrived at BBMT at 0755 and on completion of fueling shifted berth to Port Welshpool arriving at 1035, for three days rest and recreation.

3. At 1400 Wednesday 3rd BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Refuge Cove to wait for the weather conditions to improve before proceeding to Area Bass. At 0900 Thursday 4th the anchor was weighed, and the ship proceeded to the platform area, arriving at 1300. A patrol line was then run until 0815 Friday 5th when BOMBARD secured to the buoy at Kingfish 'A' Rig. BOMBARD slipped from the buoy at 2100 Saturday 6th and was relieved by BAYONET on lash at 2200. A course was set for Rabbit Island where the ship remained overnight.

4. BOMBARD weighed anchor at 0705 Sunday 7th and proceeded to BBMT to fuel, arriving at 0810. On completion of fueling the ship shifted berth to Port Welshpool arriving at 1000. The ship remained at Port Welshpool until 1400 Monday 8th when the lines were cast off and proceeded to

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area Bass. BOMBARD commenced surveillance in the area at 2100 and continued patrolling until 2200 Tuesday 9th when relieved on task by BUCCANEER. The ship then proceeded to HMAS CERBERUS berthing at 0950 Wednesday 10th and remaining alongside until Saturday 13th for three days rest and recreation.

5. At 1000 Saturday 13th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Area Bass. BOMBARD commenced surveillance inside the area at 2200 and continued to patrol until 1050 Sunday 14th when weather conditions deteriorated and a course was set for EDEN. The ship mediterranean moored on the Eden breakwater port side to BUCCANEER at 1940, and remained there until 0800 Tuesday 14th.

6. BOMBARD arrived in Area Bass at 1030 Tuesday 14th. A patrol line was run until 2200 when the ship was relieved on task by ADVANCE. BOMBARD proceeded to Rabbit Island and anchored overnight. The anchor was weighed at 0750, Wednesday 15th and the ship proceeded to BBMT, arriving at 0900. Berth was shifted to Port Welshpool at 1120.

7. At 0850 Friday 19th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to BBMT to assist ADVANCE in conducting sea trials. The trials were successfully completed at 1010 and BOMBARD detached for Area Bass arriving at 1445. BOMBARD was relieved on task by ADVANCE at 2200 and the ship proceeded to Eden.

8. At 0800 Saturday 20th BOMBARD mediterranean moored to the Eden breakwater and remained alongside until 1600 when the ship cast off and proceeded to Sydney. At 0900 Sunday 21st BOMBARD secured starboard side to, Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHEN and remained there undergoing an AMP and long leave period.

Marine Engineering and Hull

9. A 2000 hour planned maintenance routine on the port main engine is being progressed during the current AMP. All other outstanding planned maintenance on main and auxiliary machinery has been completed. The auxiliary general service pump has been refilled during the AMP.

Weapons Electrical

10. All weapons electrical equipment has operated satisfactorily during the month. URDEFS 50/81 (series inspection 40/60 Bofor) and 54/81 (HMAS BOMBARD IAH 182110Z DEC 80 refers), are still outstanding and are in the hands of base staff, HMAS WATERHEN.

11. The health and welfare of the ship's company is good and morale is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex. *for*

B. Exercise Annex.

(J.W. WELLS)

Lieutenant RAN

Commanding Officer

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
DATED 02 JANUARY 1981

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance steamed during the month	2116.5
2.	Hours underway during the month	160
3.	Distance steamed since first commissioning	207,167.5
4.	Hours underway since first commissioning	15,674.5
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

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ANNEX B TO
HMAS BOMBARD letter 1/16/1
Dated 02 January 1981

EXERCISE ANNEX

1.	Emergency party exercised daily in harbour.			
2.	<u>EXERCISE NO.</u>	<u>SHORT TITLE</u>	<u>NO CONDUCTED</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>
	24	Ship Handling (XO)	4	1
	29	Blind Pilotage	6	3
	78	Minor DCX	1	1

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