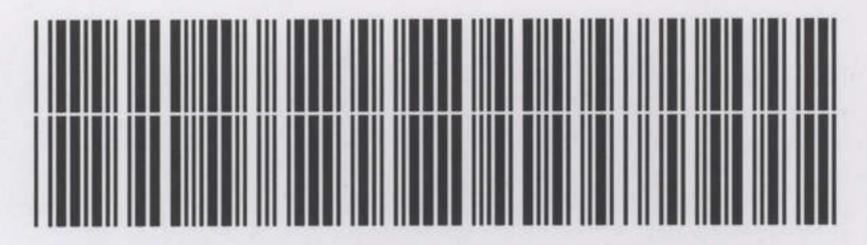
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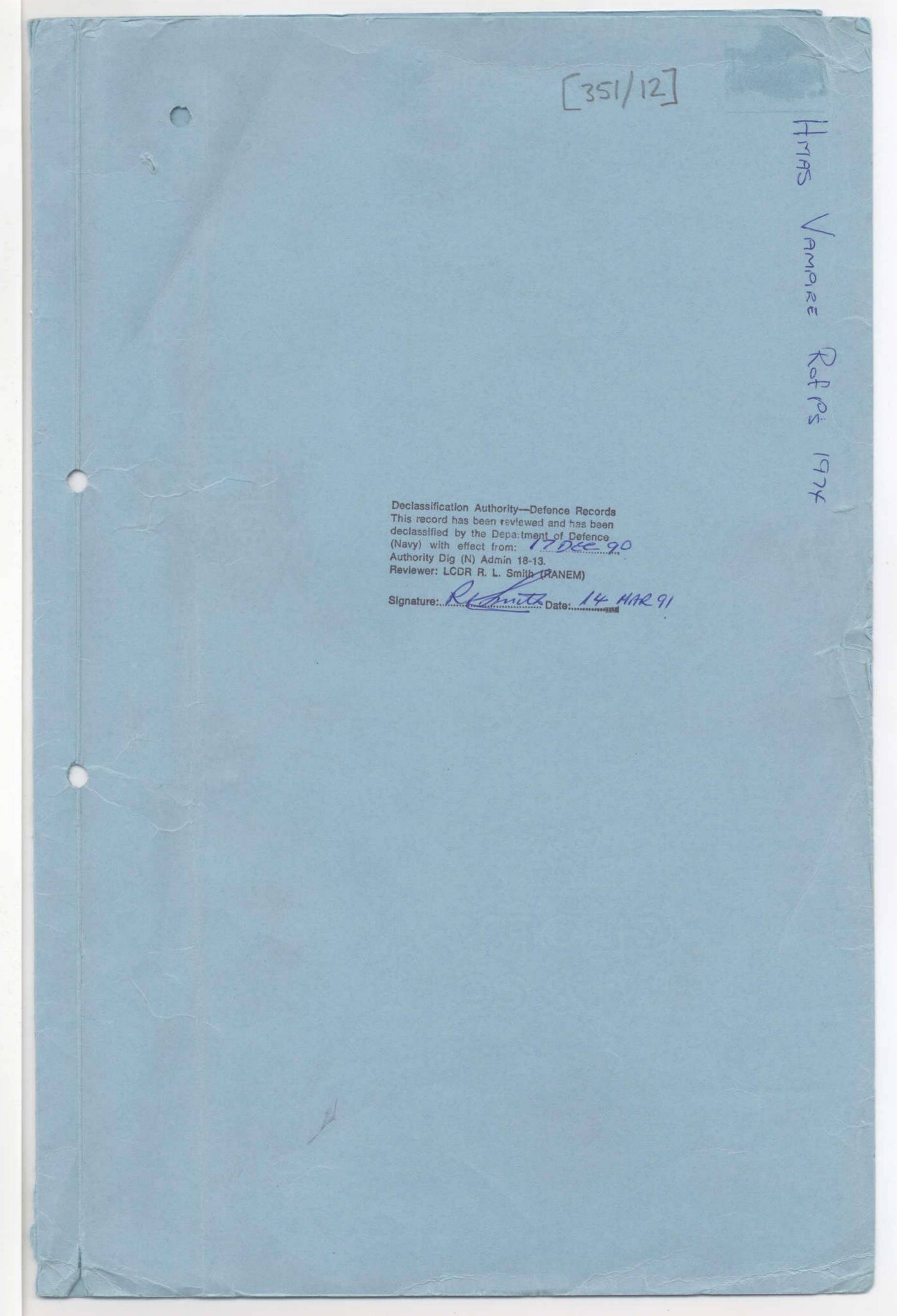
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#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1974

- 1. Forwarded.
- 2. Separate action has been taken regarding unsatisfactory aspects of HMAS VAMPIRE's generator trials.
- A report is awaited on the main feed pump failure. Fleet Maintenance Party with FMU assistance fitted a complete spare unit.
- The performance of M22 Red and Blue systems is reasonably satisfactory at this stage and optimum performance should be achieved with further tuning. "B" and "X" mounts are satisfactory but further work is required to restore "A" mounting to full serviceability.

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(D.C. Wells)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

#### Enclosure:

HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 1st February, 1974

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HMAS VAMPIRE at Sydney

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of January 1974. All times are zone lima (-11).
- At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was berthed outboard of HMAS TORRENS at the South End Cruiser Wharf.
- Generator load trials commenced on 3rd January, and M22 system harbour acceptance trials commenced on 4th January. Both trials very quickly encountered problems which considerably affected the ship's programme for the remainder of the Month. Details of the problem areas are described in the technical sections of this report.
- In preparation for the forthcoming Exercise Southern Cross, command teams attended a day of training in the ASTT and AIOTT at HMAS WATSON on 8th January. Further onboard training of communications and RP sailors took place daily in the first half of the month.
- At 0835 on Thursday 10th January the ship was moved to Number 2 buoy to embark ammunition. On completion at 1610 VAMPIRE was moved to the east wall of Outer Captain Cook Dock. Docking down to the tilt test condition commenced at 1000 on Friday 11th and was completed by 1445.
- A successful tilt test was carried out p.m. 11th
  January. This was followed up by system and turret alignments which
  carried on over the period 12th-15th January. The dock was flooded
  up at 1400 on Tuesday 15th and the ship was reberthed on the east
  dock wall. Bench mark welding was completed at 1830 the same day.
  Fortuitously, sufficient generators were declared operational shortly
  afterwards, and VAMPIRE was moved out of dock at 1920 to proceed out
  of harbour to the exercise areas.
- The remainder of the week proved to be as frustrating as the previous one. Sea acceptance trials of the M22 systems and the turrets progressed very slowly, however by week's end the forward M22 system and Bravo turret had reached a state of turning enabling a most successful AATFX to be carried out on Thursday 17th January.



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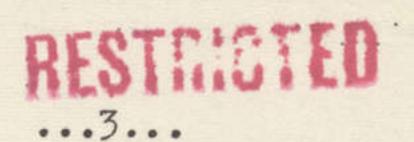


- 8. Twenty three students from the RANC Summer Assembly were embarked in VAMPIRE at 0700 on Wednesday 16th in Jervis Bay. After an enjoyable day at sea the students were landed shortly after the ship anchored in B1 berth at 1900.
- 9. VAMPIRE returned to Sydney on Friday 18th January berthing on PERTH at North End Cruiser Wharf at 1330.
- 10. The officers of VAMPIRE hosted a barbecue for the officers of RI LAMBUNG MANGKURAT (Major DJUHARA BARMAWI) at Garden Island on Sunday 20th January. Command teams participated in joint TNI-AL/RAN harbour training at HMAS WATSON p.m. Monday 21st. The ship participated in the Exercise Southern Cross official opening cermony and pre-sail briefings onboard STALWART a.m. Tuesday 22nd January and at 1300 the same day VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour with SWAN, RI LAMBUNG MANGKURAT and RI JOS SOEDARSO (Major SUMARTONO) in company.
- 11. The four escorts were later joined by HMAS STALWART and RI SORONG(Colonel JAN HENDRICK SALU). An interesting and valuable four days of working with the TNI-AL subsequently took place in accordance with the Exercise Southern Cross operation order. A marked improvement in procedures was noted in the latter half of the exercise period. On Friday 25th January VAMPIRE led a ceremonial entry into harbour comprising JOS SOEDARSO, SWAN and LAMBUNG MANGKURAT. VAMPIRE was berthed on the east wall of Outer Captain Cook Dock at 1000 by naval pilot and tugs.
- Officers and sailors of VAMPIRE took part in the post exercise discussions and closing ceremony onboard STALWART on 25th January. STALWART, VAMPIRE and SWAN were joint hasts of a reception for TNI-AL officers onboard STALWART the same evening.
- 13. At 0915 on Tuesday 29th January VAMPIRE was moved by tugs to North End Cruiser Wharf, where the ship remained until the end of the month.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

- The ship sailed from Garden Island p.m. on 15th January 1974 after much frustration in progressing generator trials in the previous three weeks. K4 turbo alternator was not complete at the time of sailing but the three 200KW diesel alternators and one 350KW turbo alternator were operational. Load banks to Serial K4 T/A were not available again with 29th January and this trial was completed on 30th January 1974. Generators contuine to be a problem area with an oil leak and cooling water system leak on 15 diesel being repaired by GID (Urdefs 135/75 and 137/75 refer)
- 15. On 16th January 1974 a small fire occurred in B Boiler room during the lighting up of B Boiler. An incorrect size washer was accidentally fitted to the sprayer body/flexible hose connection of the 750 lb/HR register on the superheat furnace and a fire spray of oil ignited as the lighting up torch was withdrawn from the register. The fire was quickly extinguished with first aid appliances and damage was minimal. Form OD101 has been raised.

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- 16. On 18th January 1974 'B' main feed pump failed on starting up shortly before returning to harbour (Urdef 133/75 refers). The pump suction isolating valve had not been checked open correctly and the pump ran dry. Although the watchkeeper shut the pump down as soon as the discharge pressure dropped from 900lb to 600lb square/inch the pump had overheated internally causing damage to most components.
- 17. The electric motor on the motor driven forced lub pump failed at sea and the ship had to remain flashed up for an additional 12 hours on return to harbour on 18JAN74 to provide steam for the turbo driven forced lub pump during the engine cooling period. A replacement motor was fitted during the weekend.
- 18. The ship returned to sea on 22JAN74 for exercise Southern Cross and during this time a RAS L was exercised with RI SORONG. The RAN connections cannot be fitted to the Indonesian has e fittings and special adaptors would need to be manufactured to allow for replenishment of fuel and water.
- Number one hull and fire pump developed a loud noise at the air pump recently (Urdef 134/75) The defect was caused by excessive wear in the pump bearings. The pump shaft and bearings require replacement and one eroded inpeller needs reclaiming due to lack of spares. One bearing sleeve also needs to be manufactured.
- 20. Two 1.9.2 turbine stop valves have had valve spindles seize in their guides recently and one 1.9.2 tachometer level gear failed causing aluminuim swarf to drop into the reduction gearing, which required removal of the gear cover for cleaning.

#### WEAPONS ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

- It has been a difficult and frustrating month for the WE Department. Many minor defects and several major defects plagued the setting to work and SATS period.
- The major hold up was the late completion of generator trials after the New Year leave period. This, and the uncertainty of shore supplies resulted in many power cuts and failures, restricting setting to work time available.
- A tilt test and subsequent alignments on both M22 systems and all turrets was satisfactorily carried out between 11th January and 15th January, 1974.
- HATS were successfully completed on both M22 systems and SATS carried out on the Forward system and B turret between 16th and 19th January. Evaluation of the Forward system in the surface modes, the after M22 system and A and X turrets have yet to be completed, hopefully during February.
- Ships staff and dockyard work throughout the month has been proceeding at a furious pace but the defect load is easing to normal levels.

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#### HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

The end of the month marked the end of my two and a half years both standing by and in command of Vampire during which she has steamed 71,431 miles. Despite the technical problems of the last month, I am pleased to report that she is once again nearing a fully operational state and I am confident that she will achieve this in a short space of time. I am left with a sense of concern however that a ship which had achieved a virtually unbroken record of operational readiness for many months prior to her intermediate docking period should emerge in the state that she did and that she should take so long to recover from what should be a "get well" period.

I have been particularly proud of the way the Ships Company, especially in the technical departments, have worked untiringly to restore the ship to her normal state and am confident that I turn her over with a high state of morale and an efficient team.

(G.J.H. WOOLRYCH)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures

B. Exercises

C. Movements

Annex A to HMAS VMAPIRE letter 1-16-10 of 1st February 1973.

#### STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during month 1074 miles

2. Hours underway during month 96 hours

3. Total distance steamed since commissioning 481,971 miles

4. Total hours underway since commissioning 32,976 hours

5. Periods in excess of economical speed NIL

Annex B to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1-16-10 of 1st February, 1974

#### EXERCISES

#### Navigation

Blind Pilotage 15th,16th,17th,18th,22nd,23rd,24th,25th, 16th,22nd,23rd,24th,25th, 22nd,24th,25th, 22nd,24th,25th, 25th, 23rd,24th,25th, 25th, 23rd,24th,25th, 23rd, 23rd,24th,25th, 23rd, 23rd,24th,25th, 25th, 25

#### Seamanship

Light Jackstay 16th
RAS(L) 23rd
Tow splash 16th

#### Gunnery

AATX
SUTX
AATFX
SUTF
MAX

16th,17th,24th
17th,
17th,
23rd,
23rd,
24th,

#### TAS

Casex A2 23rd,
Casex C3 24th,
Departure Screenex 24th,

#### AIO

HPX
LRMP Joining Procedures 23rd,
ARRX
16th, 22nd,
16th,
GOPEX
16th,

#### Communications

Navcomex	204	9th
	206	21st
	207	7th,16th,
	402	15th, 16th, 18th, 21st(2)
	403	14th,
	657	17th,
	454	15th

#### Diving

Day 15th,30th Night 16th,23rd

#### NBCD

Action stations 15th Emergency stations 15th Leaving ship stations 15th DC Comms exercise 16th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 16th(2) 23rd, 24th, Fire and repair party oxercise Monitoring exercise 16th, 16th, Decontamination exercise 16th, 23rd, Cleansing drills 18th, Shoring exercise

Annex C to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1-16-10 of 1st February 1974

MOVEMENTS

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DEPART 15JAN 22JAN 31JAN

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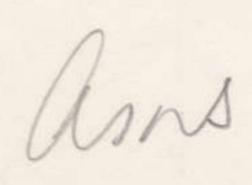
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HMAS VAMPIRE at Sea 1st March, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974

Sir,

- I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of February, 1974. All times are zone Lima (-11).
- 2. At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was berthed on the North End Cruiser Wharf. I assumed command of VAMPIRE from Captain G.J.H. WOOLRYCH, RAN at 1030 on Monday 4th February.
- Due to the requirement to replace B Main Feed Pump (URDEF 133/75drefers) the programmed samiling date of 5th February was postponed uptil 9900 on Thursday 7th, when the ship cast off and proceeded to the practice areas. Exercises in accordance with the practice programme were carried out until 1400 on Friday 8th, when the ship was secured outboard of VENDETTA at the South End Cruiser Wharf.
- 4. During the week 11th 15th February I attended the lecture period for JUC 91 at AJASS.
- on Monday 18th at 0930 VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour with HMAS BRISBANE, HOBART, STUART, YARRA and HMNZS CANTERBURY (Captain D.B. DOMETT RNZN) in company. A mixture of JUC 91 Casex serials and EAXP serials were programmed to make the week an extremely busy one. Unfortunately, many of the possible benefits of this week were degraded by weather and sonar conditions, both of which varied from bad to abysmal. VAMPIRE anchored in C1 berth Jervis Bay at 1530 Wednesday 20th to shelter from the weather, sailing the next morning at 0750 to continue the planned programme. On completion of the last serial on Friday 22nd February VAMPIRE entered harbour in company with PERTH and BRISBANE and secured to the Fitting Out Wharf at 1345.
- At 1025 on Monday 25th VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour in company with PERTH, BRISBANE and CANTERBURY for the Longex period of JUC 91.

  Other units participating were YARRA and STUART, NAS NOWRA, HMAS OXLEY, HMS ODIN, HMAS BUCCANEER, No 11 SQUADRON RAAF and No 5 SQUADRON RNZAF.

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- Repert of which VAMPIRE was initially a part, transitted the ordered route and was subjected to attacks in all environments. At 0830 on Tuesday 26th VAMPIRE detached and donned an 'Orange' coat, simulating a KOTLIN class DD. BUCCANEER, representing an OSA class PTFG, joined VAMPIRE at 0900 the same day and remained with the ship until 0200 on 27th. During the period as Orange VAMPIRE and BUCCANEER shadowed the Blue Force actively and passively at ranges between 12 and 20 miles, remaining outside Blue missile and 12 and 20 miles, remaining outside Blue missile and 12 and 20 miles, remaining outside Blue missile and 12 and 20 miles, remaining outside Blue missile and 14 and 25 miles and 15 miles and 16 miles and 17 miles and 18 miles and 19 miles and
- 8. Coordinated with Orange air attacks on Blue Force when possible, VAMPIRE and BUCCANEER carried out numerous attacks on the opposition, remaining for the most part outside range of retaliatory fire. The effectiveness of Orange plans is noteworthy in that for effectiveness of Orange plans is noteworthy in that for a 22 hour period Blue Force were faced with a continuous threat against which there was no successful counter. VAMPIRE rejoined the Blue Force at 0600 cn Wednesday VAMPIRE rejoined the Blue Force at 0600 cn OTC.
- 9. A deceptive gambit was attempted during the transit phase of VAMPIRE's period as OTC. Only the exercise report will indicate the success or otherwise of the plan. The latter part of the OTC period was spent on the Beecroft NGS range. With all firings completed vampire passed the duties of OTC to STUART and proceeded vampire passed the duties of otherwise and then proceeded into Jervis Bay to land records, and then proceeded to Sydney.
- The ship entered harbour at 0830 on Thursday 28th, securing on the South End Cruiser Wharf. At 1100 the same day VAMPIRE was moved by pilot and tugs to West Dock Wall. I called on you, Sir, at 1000 on 28th February.
- 11. The month of February, my first in command of VAMPIRE, has been both fruitful and frustrating. An abnormal number of defects has affected the ship's operational availability and has been of considerable concern. Hopefully the run of minor problems thus far encountered will reduce in size as more working days are spent at sea.
- 12. A combination of programme availability, system defects and inclement weather has prevented completion of sea acceptance trials on both M22 systems. Alfa turret has failed to recover within tolerance on several occasions, and is now the subject of URDEF action. Power generation problems and resultant power surges have been a constant problem during the month and have been reported on seperately.

#### HEALTH, CONDUCT AND WELFARE

13. The health of the ship's company has been satisfactory. Morale is high and conduct apart from

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a few incidents of leave breaking has been very good. There have been a number of free discharge applications, some inherited from other ships via exchange postings, but in the main these have now been sorted out.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

A.3 Steaming Return

Exercises

Movements



#### ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST MARCH 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	2343 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	188
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	484314
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	33164
5.	Periods in excess of economical speed:	

DATE		SPEED	HOURS	REASON
19th February	1974	18	1	EAXP NEX
19th February	1974	20	1	EAXP NEX
21st February	1974	19	1	EAXP NEX
26th February	1974	19	15	ORANGE SAG JUC91
27th February	1974	18	2	ORANGE SAG JUC91.

#### ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1st MARCH1974

#### EXERCISES

#### NAVIGATION:

Blind Pilotage: 7t

7th, 8th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd,

25th, 28th.

00W Manoeuvres:

7th, 18th, 19th (2), 21st.

RAS Approaches:

7th, 16th.

GUNNERY:

AATX:

7th, 8th, 22nd.

AATFX:

8th, 22nd.

SUTF:

18th.

NGSCX:

19th, 27th.

NGSFX:

27th.

Recovery Firings:

21st.

AAGDX:

25th, 26th, 27th.

TAS:

Casex A2:

18th.

Casex A3:

18th, 19th, 22nd.

Casex A4:

22nd.

Casex A5:

19th.

Casex C1:

19th.

Casex C2:

18th.

Casex C3:

21st.(2), 25th, 26th, 27th.

SEAMANSHIP:

Light Jackstay:

19th, 27th (2).

AIO:

LAAWX:

18th, 21st.

Rainbow Reporting:

19th, 21st.

NEX:

19th.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NAVCOMEX 201:

8th, 12th.

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1st, 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th,

13th, 14th, 15th, 28th.

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COMMUNICATIONS CONT.

NAVCOMEX 209:

4th, 8th, 11th, 13th.

NAVCOMEX 303:

4th, 6th, 13th.

JOCOMEX 1:

7th.

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7th.

JOCOMEX 3:

8th.

JOCOMEX 5:

7th.

EWX 23:

7th.

NBCD:

Action Stations:

7th.

Emergency Stations:

7th.

Leaving Ship Stations: 7th.

Fire and Repair Party Drill: 7th, 19th, 21st.

Monitoring and Decontamination Drills: 8th, 20th.

DC Comms Exercise:

19th, 21st.

Cleansing Drills:

20th.

Shoring Drills:

21st.

ANNEX C TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 of 1ST MARCH 1974

#### MOVEMENTS

ARRIVE	PLACE	DEPART
1st February 1974	Sydney	7th February 1974.
8th February 1974	Sydney	18th February 1974.
22nd February 1974	Sydney	25th February 1974.
28th February 1974	Sydney	



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(D.C. WELLS)

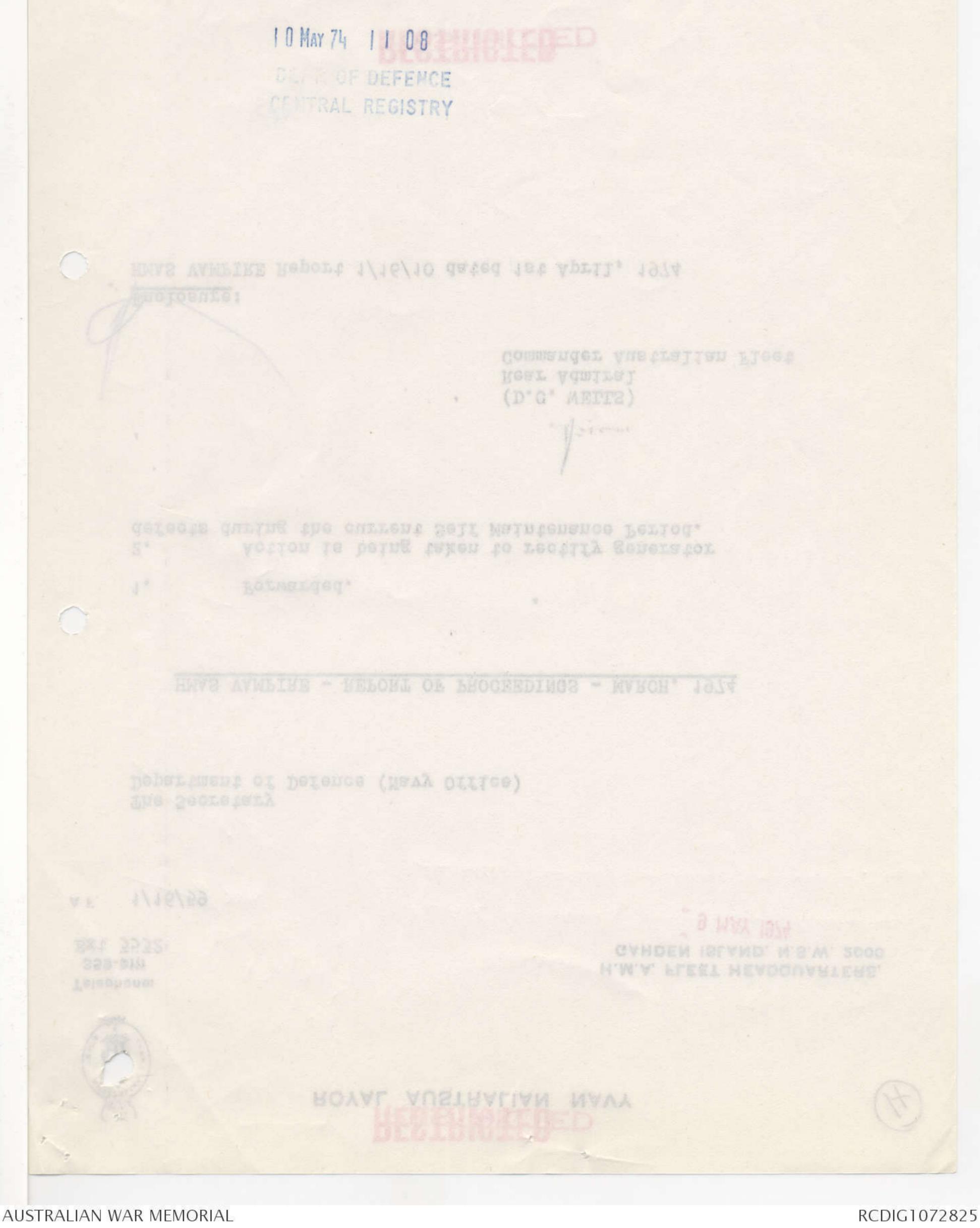
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HMAS VAMPIRE at sydney

1st April 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974

Sir,

- I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of March 1974. Time zones are as shown.
- After an overnight fuelling stop at West Dock Wall, Garden Island, VAMPIRE cast off at 1100L on Friday 1st March and moved hot to No4 buoy, securing at 1120L. While at the buoy repairs were carried out to one turbo-alternator and one diesel alternator. On completion of repairs the ship slipped at 1450L and proceeded for Adelaide. A considerable amount of the time in hand on passage was utilised for OOW manoeuvering and emergency drills.
  - On 2nd March G2 turbo-alternator became unserviceable following disintegration of a section of the stator collector rings (URDEF 143/75 refers).
  - 4. At 0910K on Monday 4th March VAMPIRE berthed at the Mobil Jetty, PortAdelaide to embark fuel. On completion of fuelling the ship cast off and proceeded to an anchorage in Eastern Cove, Kangaroo Island. Having anchored at 1745IK the same day, the intention was to remain at anchor overnight. Unfortunately, however, the ship's evaporators could not overcome feed water losses while at anchor and so VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded at 2230IK.
  - 5. Having fulfilled a standby SAR commitment for a Royal flight, VAMPIRE berthed at No7 Brennan's Wharf, Port Lincoln, at 1500IK on Tuesday 5th. Shortly before arriving in Port Linclon. the programme for this port was considerably rearranged to enable work to be carried out on K4 alternator (URDEF 145/75 refers) and inspection of evaporators. The ship was open for public inspection on Wednesday 6th March, but possibly due to the changed date only '25 persons toured the ship. A reception for 68 local dignitaries was held on 6th March. Together with nine ships officers I attended a civic reception in the town hall at 1400 Thursday 7th March. - 7-11 - 14 VIC

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On 7th March the intended sailing time of 1330IK could not be met due to minor mechanical problems. However, at 1405IK, VAMPIRE cast off and procedded out of harbour with 50 local dignitaries and 50 sea cadets and school children embarked. A mini 'Shopwindow', initiated by a long standing ministerial request, was carried out during the afternoon, and was much appreciated and enjoyed by the visitors. At 1715IK VAMPIRE berthed at Brennan's Wharf. Having disembarked guests the ship cast off at 1730IK and proceeded for Adelaide.

- 7. On Friday 8th at 0830IK VAMPIRE berthed at the Mobil Jetty, Port Adelaide to fuel. On completion of fuelling the ship cast off at 1040IK to proceed upriver to berth at No1 McLaren Wharf at 1055IK. The same evening a reception was held on board for 80 local dignitaries including Senator BISHOP, the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, and five other Federal and State Members of Parliment. I hosted a luncheon on Saturday 9th March for seven important members of the Adelaide community. VAMPIRE was open for public inspection on Sunday 10th, and 2410 persons toured the ship.
- After a pleasant weekend in Adelaide, VAMPIRE cast off at 1000IK on Monday 11th and proceeded out of harbour. While on passage to Melbourne numerous internal exercises were carried out. At 0930K on Wednesday 13th March the ship berthed at No6 North Wharf, Port Melbourne. Accompanied by the Commanding Officers of HMA Ships YARRA and STUART I called on the Naval Officer In Charge Victoria Commodore B.S. MURRAY, RAN at 1045K the same day, and afterwards at 1130K on the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor A.M. WHALLEY. In lieu of return calls all three Commanding Officers were co-hosts for a luncheon onboard VAMPIRE attended by NOICVIC; Brigadier D.H. CROMPTON OBE, Commander 3rd Military District; Captain C.G.D. BUTLER, President Naval and Military Club; and Mr A.S. MAYNE, Chairman Melbourne Harbour Trust. The Lord Mayor was unable to attend due to urgent council business.
  - 9. A total of 1602 visitors toured the ship when it was open for public inspection on Sunday 17th March.
- The failure of L5 diesel alternator (URDEF 152/75) on Tuesday 19th March, thereby reducing power generation capacity to 130kW which is exactly 10% of the ship's theoretical total capacity, necessitated a cold move to Williamstown Dockyard where shore power and dockyard assistance was available. At 1640k the same day the ship cast off and was moved by pilot and tugs to berth at 1800k outboard of Derwent at Dock Pier, Williamstown. Due to the unlikelihood of sufficient generative capacity being available by Friday 22nd, the planned visit to Geelong was cancelled on Wednesday 20th and the ship remained alongside at Williamstown. The ship's company were obviously disappointed at missing the Geelong visit, intended to be the highlight of the Southern States cruise. VAMPIRE'S detachment for the Freedom of the City ceremony on Saturday 23rd was transported to Geelong by bus for the occasion.
- 11. Sailing from Williamstown on Monday 25th was delayed for nine hours by a further problem on F1 diesel alternator (VAMPIRE Message 250024Z March 1974 refers). On completion of repairs Vampire cast off at 1900K the same day and proceeded for Sydney.

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- 12. At 1000K on Wednesday 27th March the ship secured to the Oil Wharf, Garden Island, and a concentrated effort to rectify generator problems was commenced. On Thursday 28th the ship was moved cold to the North End Cruiser Wharf at 0930K, where it remained until the end of the month.
- Generator availability had the following effects on normal ship functions:-
- (a) Gunnery DSOT'S could be carried out on one day of 21 days required, and known defects on Alfa turret could not be rectified.
- (b) Power to galleys was restricted to a maximum of six hours a day, and then only 60% of the required power was available. On two days, only the after galley was permitted to operate at a reduced level.
- (c) On two days no hot water was available at all. For another eight days hot water was limited to one section of the ship.
- (d) Ventilation and air conditioning were markedly reduced, causing overheating failures in radar and radio equipments and habitability problems.

#### HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

- The health of the ship's company has been satisfactory through out the month.
- 15. Morale was affected during the Month, especially in the Engineering Department by the problems with auxiliary machinery. Repeated failures to make satisfactory repairs, in spite of long hours of work under stress, was depressing. The return to Sydney for self maintenance and leave period will allow outstanding technical problems to be overcome, and ME Department morale has already recovered.
- 16. The conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory. An unfortunate incident occurred in St Kilda, Melbourne when a number of sailors were provoked into a brawl during which five suffered either knife or broken bottle wounds. The Victorian Police arrested two known criminals in connection with the woundings. One of these criminals has since been arrested and charged with two murders and other violent crimes which took place a week after the brawl.
- 17. There have been a number of welfare cases during the month, but these have normally been settled satisfactorily.

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The most common case appears to be due to the working wife not wanting to change her ; o and accompany her husband on posting.

(G.M. JUDE) CAPTAIN RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes:

- A. Steaming Return
- B. Exercises
- C. Movements.

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#### ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST APRIL 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	2683	Miles.
2.	Hours underway during the month	245	Hours.
3.	Distance steamed since commissioning	486997	Miles.
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	33409	Hours.
5	Periods in excess of economical speed		NTT





#### ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST AFRIL 1974

#### EXERCISES

Navigation:

Blind Pilotage

1st, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 13th, 27th,

Steering Breakdown

1st, 2nd, 13th.

Man Overboard drills

2nd, 3rd, 7th, 11th.

Junior Officers Pilotage

4th, 7th,

Gunnery:

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7th, 12th.

Recovery Firings

2nd.

ME:

Light Mortar Firings

1st, 3rd, 7th.

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12th.

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11th, 12th.

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ANNEX C TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST APRIL 1974

#### MOVEMENTS

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29th May, 1974

The Secretary
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS VAMFIRE - REFORT OF IROCHEDINGS - AIRIL 974

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(D.C. TELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 3rd May 1974

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HMAS VAMPIRE

.at Sydney

3rd MAY 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of April, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10)
- 2. VAMPIRE remained firmly secured to the North End Cruiser Wharf until Monday 22nd April, when the ship was moved to the Oil Wharf at 1030. On Wednesday 24th at 1030 VAMPIRE was moved to her previous berth, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
- During the month leave has been granted to entitled personnel. Ship husbandry, planned maintenance and defect rectification have been actively pursued during April.
- Work on G2 turbo-alternator (Urdef 143/75) has been progressing well and the completion date should be met. All turrets have been servo oil flushed (Urdef 160/75). Despite extensive efforts by ship's staff and dockyard Alfa turret is still beset by problems (Urdef 136/75).
- 5. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory throughout the month.

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes:

A. Steaming Return

B. Exercises

C. Movements

## ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 3RD MAY, 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

- 1. Distance steamed since commissioning 486997 miles
- 2. Hours under way since commisioning 33409 hours

## ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 3RD MAY, 1974

#### EXERCISES

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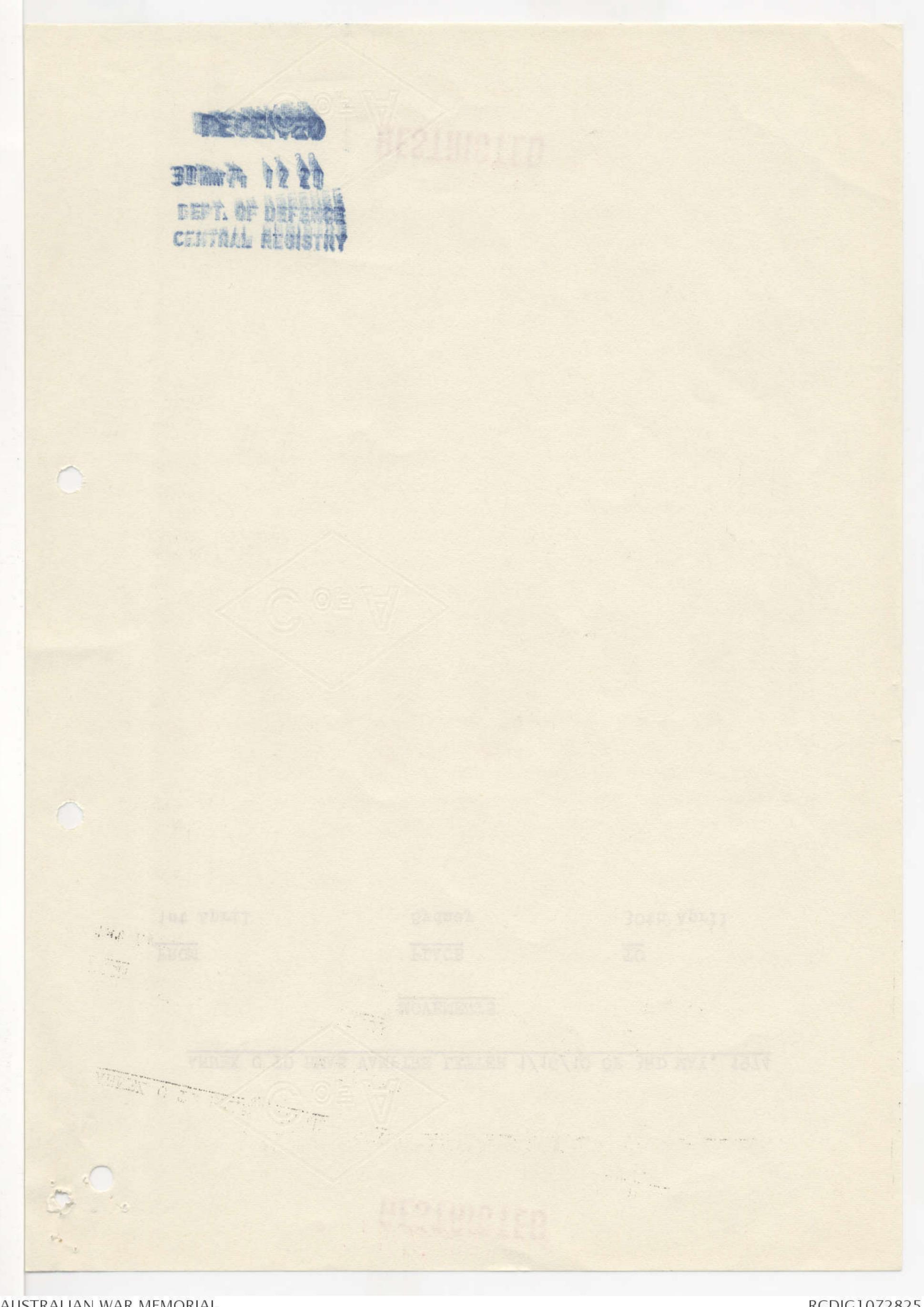
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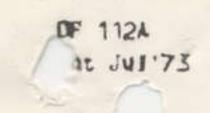
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HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF FROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

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(J. D. GOBLE)

Commodore for Commander Australian Fleet

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Enclosure:

HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 31st May 1974

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31st May, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of May, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).
- At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was berthed at the North End Cruiser Wharf continuing a long self-maintenance and leave period. During the period to 20th May repairs to all five generators were carried out and pre-refit generator trials were completed by 19th May. Between 6th and 18th May RAN Trials Assessing Unit and Dockyard personnel carried out pre-refit harbour acceptance trials on the gunnery and underwater weapons systems. Harbour training of seaman and communications category sailors was progressed in the period alongside.
- The ship was open for public inspection on Sunday 5th May, and 1542 persons toured the ship.
- At 0825 on Monday 20th May VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded to number 3 buoy, securing at 0840. After topping up ammunition the ship slipped and proceeded to sea at 1100K with TORRENS in company. A busy week was spent in the Sydney/Jervis Bay exercise areas working with MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, STALWART, TORRENS, SWAN, YARRA and ONSLOW. In addition to completing some gunnery and ASW pre-refit sea trials, the week served as an extremely valuable work-up period for Exercise Kangaroo One.

A.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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VAMPIRE entered harbour and berthed at the Oil Wharf at 1130 Friday 24th. Members of the Fleet WE and Communications staffs met the ship on arrival and commenced an investigation into the performance of VAMPIRE's communications and EW equipments. In the course of the investigation, which continued until Monday 27th May, a number of defects were found and some equipments were removed to STALWART for repair and alignment. Despite this concentrated effort, at the end of the month the FH5 remains unserviceable, together with approximately half the ship's V/UHF communications equipments. A majority of the defects discovered were beyond the capability of ship's staff to isolate and repair onboard. Fleet Maintenance Party and STALWART have provided valuable assistance to ships staff.

on Monday 27th May the ship cast off at 0810 and moved hot to West Dock Wall outboard of SUPPLY, securing at 0830. Inclement weather prevented VAMPIRE from sailing at the intended time of 1600 on Monday. At 0800 on Tuesday 28th the ship cast off and proceeded to the Sydney/Jervis Bay exercise areas. In addition to AA tracking exercises and internal drills a successful Naval Gunfire Support firing was carried out anthe Beecroft range using defence watch crews only. VAMPIRE returned to harbour on Wednesday 29th berthing on PERTH at the South End Cruiser Wharf at 0830. The ship remained at this berth until the end of the month.

7. Overall the month has been a satisfying one with marked improvement in equipment serviceability. Apart from the failure of 3 evaporator pump (URDEF 171/75) rain and auxilary machinery has fucntioned well. Both gunnery systems and two of three turrets have now been trialled and accepted. Alfa turret is still beset with a training motion defect which has not yet been identified (URDEF 138/75 refers). The forward replenishment mast became unserviceable during exercises with SUPPLY (URDEF 174/75) and repairs are progressing satisfactorily.

#### HEALTH WELFARE AND CONDUCT

8. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company h been satisfactory throughout the month. Morale

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has improved considerably since the ship resumed running, and the forthcoming major exercise is viewed with anticipation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes:

- A. STEAMING RETURN.
- B. EXERCISES.
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ANNE A TO HWAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 of 31st MAY, 1974

## STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed dur	ing month	1607
2.	Hours underway durin,	g month	122
3.	Distance steamed sind	ce commissioning	488,003
4.	Hours underway since	commissioning	33,531
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## ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 31ST MAY 1974

#### EXERCISES

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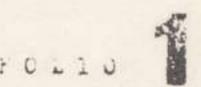
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#### MOVEMENTS

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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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Enclosure: HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 1st July, 1974

In reply Quote 1/16/10

HMAS VAMPIRE, at Sydney.

1st July 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

## HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-JUNE 1974

Sir,

- I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of June, 1974. All times shown are Zone Kilo (-10).
- 2. At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was lying on the South End Cruiser Wharf outboard of PERTH. On Monday 3rd June at 0955K VAMPIRE cast off and, at 1020K, proceeded out of harbour via a synthetic swept channel with HMA Ships HOBART, TORREN: STUART, HM Ships DANAE (Captain M. L.E. TUDOR-CRAIG RN), LONDONDERRY (Commander K.H. FORBES-ROBERTSON RN) and RFA TABATNESS (Captain R.M. THORN) in company. After carrying out minor exercises with all ships in company the duties of Officer in Factical Command were transferred to HMAS SUPPLY at 1400K the same day.
- 3. Phase 1 of exercise Kangaroo One became officially active at OOO!K on 4th June. Although the exercise developed slows thereafter, the period was valuable in that it allowed personnel to fully settle into defence watch routines. Several F111C attacks, and one ASW action took place on Wednesday 5th June. At 2200K the same day VAMPIRE, with STUART and LONDONDERRY in company, was detached as an advanced Surface Action Group to counter a developing surface threat. Contact was gained at about 0015K on 6th June when four enemy surface units were detected and thwarted in their attempts to close the Orange Naval Task Group. On completion of the action the SAG rejoined the Orange Task Group at 083CK on Thursday 6th.
- 4. During underway replenishment from RFA TIDESPRING at approximately 1830% on 6th June, VAMPIRE suffered a machinery failure which caused a minor collision with the tanker. My message DFG 061102Z June, 1974 and VAMPIRE letter 16/14/5 dated no serious damage was experienced by VAMPIRE. The ship continued with the exercise.



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- Also on 6th June the Blue Surface Action Group changed colour and joined the Orange Naval Task Group. The group comprised HM Ships FIFE (Captain D.J. HALIFAX RN) carrying the flag of Flag Officer Second Flottilla (Rear Admiral R.P. CLAYTON), SCYLLA (Captain O.P. SUTTON RN), ARIADNE (Commander C.J. CAUGHER RN), ARGONAUT (Commander C.F. SEAL RN) and HMNZ Ship WAIKATO (Commander J. O'H. TOBIN RNZN).
- 6. On 8th June the Blue Amphibious Task Group (ATG) was located by Tracker aircraft and Long Range Maritime Patrol aircraft. VAMPIRE did not become involved in the surface action against this group. The group comprised US Ships FORT FISHER (Captain G.F. GAUTHER USN), JUNEAU (Captain W.H. MEANIX USN), BRISTOL COUNTY (Commander J.A. O'CONNELL USN), GURKE (Commander J.L. HOLLAND USN), BAUSSELL (Lieutenant Commander A.E. ROWE USN) and WADDELL (Lieutenant Commander C.D. EWING USN).
- 7. On Saturday 8th June at 1730K, VAMPIRE, as Commander Task Group, together with TORRENS and STUART was detached to don an Orange 'coat' as KRIVAK class DDG's for Phace 2 of the exercise. After an initial out-of-action period to allow for deployment of forces, the action recommenced during the forenoon of 9th June when a shadowing Tracker aircraft located our force and directed a Skyhawk strike against it. Shortly after sunset the same day, acting on reports from an Orange LRMP aircraft, Orange surface units started setting up for an attack on the Blue ATG. the final stages of the closing phase the LRMP aircraft discovered that all reports for the previous five hours had been in error by one degree of longitude. This information successfully negated the setting up manoeuvres of the previous three hours, and the tactical gambits associated therewith. Surface action was unexpectedly joined at 2200K on 9th June against inferior forces. However, as the action developed, the arrival of Blue reinforcements indicated the suicidal nature of any further attempts to close and engage the Blue ATG. The Orange SAG carried out a tactical withdrawal at about 2300, with the intention of regrouping and carrying out further attacks under more propitious circumstances. Shortly afterwards the Orange Task Group was ordered to rejoin. Action to rejoin was completed by O200K on Monday 10th June. In the event, the continuation of the action for a further 24 hours would have been of less training value, since VAMPIRE was later informed that LRMP support was not available.
- 8. At 0900K the same day VAMPIRE detached from the main force and joined an advanced attack group comprising HMS SCYLLA, HMNZS WAIKATO, USS BAUSSELL and HMAS TORRENS. This group preceded the Amphibious Task Group through the Capricorn Channel. In the evening the group was split and the task element comprising VAMPIRE and WAIKATO carried out four separate actions against patrol boats attempting to attack the ATG. VAMPIRE rejoined the ATG at 0130K Tuesday 11th June, and continued escort duties until the ATG had entered the swept channel into Shoalwater Bay.

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- 9. Thereafter VAMPIRE joined HMS FIFE at 0750K Tuesday 11th and proceeded to the naval gunfire support range on Townshend Island. During the ensuing 24 hours on the range VAMPIRE met all calls for fire and carried out 16 fire missions and seven harassment and interdiction missions, firing a total of 187 rounds. This period was considered extremely successful in that all missions were carried out by defence watch bombardment teams, thereby gaining full training value for all personnel concerned.
- 10. VAMPIRE was ordered to proceed to the Exercise Boomerang One areas at the southern end of the Capricorn Channel at 0850K on Wednesday 12th and arrived in the area at 1830K the same day. In the period 12th 16th June VAMPIRE participated in a pultitude of Boomerang One serials, details of which are shown at Annex B.
- 11. On Monday 17th June at 0020K VAMPIRE, together with FIFE, LONDONDERRY and ARGONAUT, proceeded to assigned areas at the entrance to Shoalwater Bay. Sanitization of the areas against patrol boats and submarines was carried out between 0300K and 1330K, at which time the Amphibious Ready Group cleared the swept channel out of Shoalwater Bay. Exercise Kangaroo One was terminated at 1430K on 17th June.
- VAMPIRE joined MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, TORRENS, HOBART, FORT FISHER, JUNEAU, ALAMO and BRISTOL COUNTY for passage south. After replenishing fuel from SUPPLY, a jackstay transfer was carried out with ALAMO to exchange seven personnel from each ship for the passage to Sydney. Ships were detached to proceed into harbour at 0400K on 20th June. VAMPIRE berthed on STALWART at number 2 buoy at 0925K the same day.
- The ship was moved to the Oil Wharf at 0940K Thursday 27th. Later the same day, at 1520K, VAMPIRE was moved to the FMS Mooring on STALWART, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
- 13. Throughout Exercise Kangaroo One a marked improvement in the efficiency and reliability of personnel and equipment was noted. Important lessons were learnt in both the tactical and administrative fields. The value of such exercises cannot be overstated particularly when compared with the limitations associated with normal weekly running out of Sydney.

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#### HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

14. The Health, Welfare and Conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory throughout the month. Morale has improved considerably as a result of participation in Exercise Kangaroo One. During the exercise two compassionate cases were landed, one to Rockhampton for Kalgoo Lievia HMAS MELBOURNE and the second to Gladstone for Sydney via HMAS SUPPLY.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

#### AUNEXES

- A. Steaming Return.
- B. Exercises.
- C. Movements.



ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1st JULY 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

1. Distance steamed during the month
2. Hours underway during the month
3. Total distance steamed since commissioning
4. Total hours underway since commissioning
5. Periods in excess of economical speed:

DATE SPEED DURATION REASON
4 - 17 Jun 17 - 24 kts 122 hours KANGAROO ONE



## ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST JULY 1974

#### EXERCISES

NAVIGATION

Blind Pilotage

RAS Approaches

3rd, 20th

3rd, 9th

SEAMANSHIP

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4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 17th.

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Jackstay Transfer

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12th, 14th

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Mini-War

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12th, 13th, 14th

3rd - 17th

TAS

Casex A2

Casex C3

15th

14th, 15th, 16th

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NGSFX

AATFX

AACRF

11th/12th (24hours)

14th, 15th

15th

DIVING

Day Search

One hour each diver

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ANNEX C TO HMAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 1ST JULY 1974

#### MOVEMENTS

ARRIVE	PLACE	DEPART
1st	Sydney	3rd
5th	Coral Sea/Shoalwater Bay area	18th
20th	Sydney	10011





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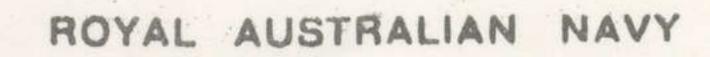
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HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1974

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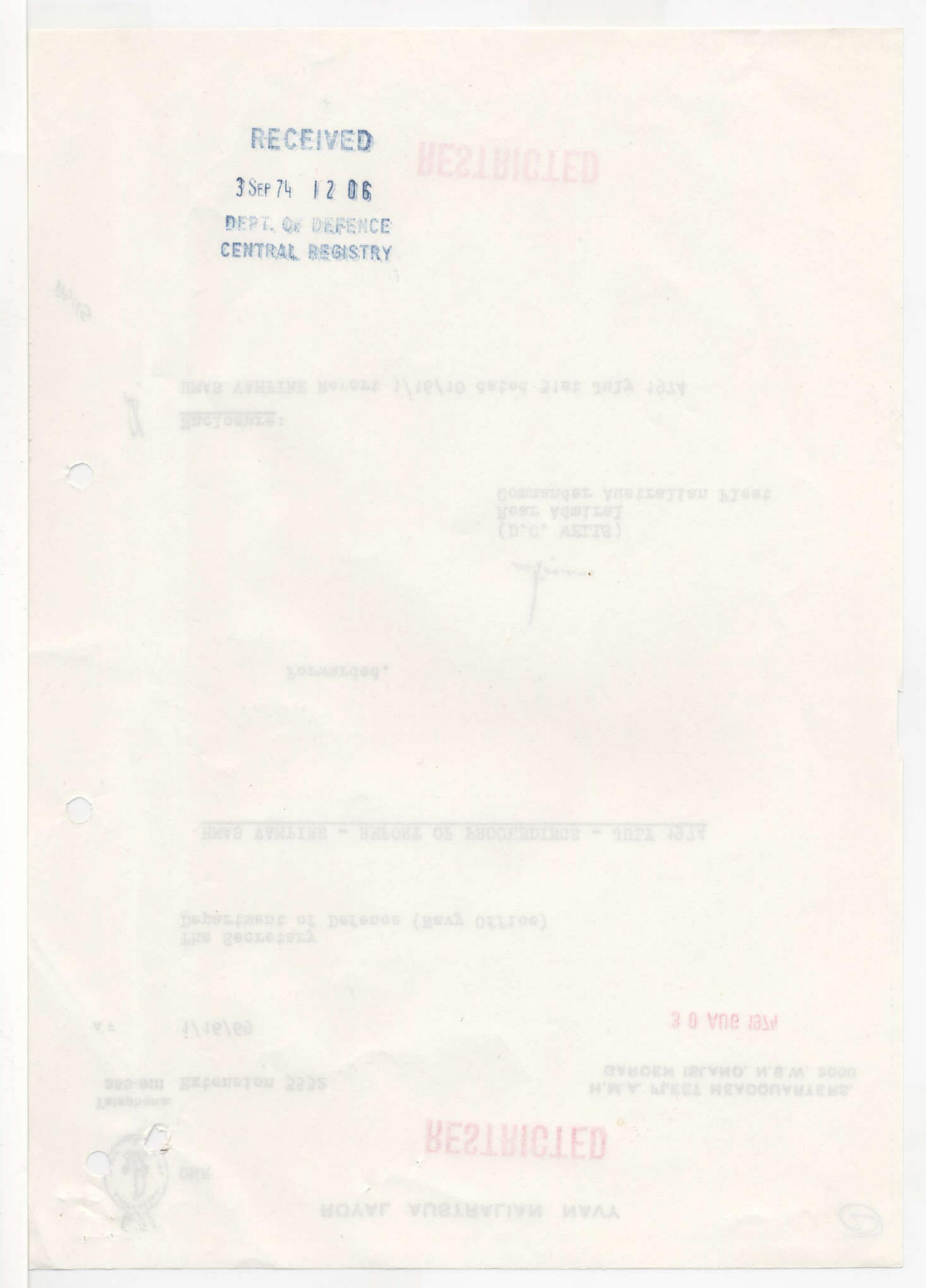
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Enclosure:

HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 31st July 1974

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HMAS VAMPIRE, At Sea 31st July, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of July, 1974. All times are Zone K (-10).

- At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was secured outboard of STALWART at the EMS mooring, with preparations for your Annual Inspection proceeding apace. A minor fire in the Ship's Office on Sunday 30th June triggered a security breach in the Communications\* Centre. A Board of Inquiry was convened by yourself, Sir, on Tuesday 2nd July to investigate the security breach. The Commanding Officer of HMAS STALWART, Captain I.M. BURNSIDE, RAN, was President of the Board. Your Message FAL/MSN 010500Z July 1974 refers.
- Departmental inspections were carried out by your staff officers in the period 1st 3rd July. At 0815K on Wednesday 3rd the ship was moved cold to No. 4 buoy. You, Sir, arrived by barge at 0900K on Thursday 4th July. Having completed your inspection of the Ship's Company and the ship you departed by barge at 1255K. VAMPIRE carried out a cold move to North End Cruiser Wharf at 1325K the same day.
- 4. On Tuesday 9th July at 1230K, VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour. Enroute to Jervis Bay internal drills and a MFDF calibration were carried out. At 2250K the ship anchored in Bl berth.
- Pilotage training for junior seaman officers was carried out in Jervis Bay on 10th July, Having weighed anchor at 0800K the ship anchored in its previous berth at 1200K. Forty members of the current RAAF Staff College Course were given an extensive tour of the ship and briefings between 1400K and 1630K the same day.
- A class of Cadet Midshipmen from RANC were embarked at 0800K on Thursday 11th July. Shortly afterwards VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded out of harbour with ANZAC in company. After a very busy day of exercises, with maximum Cadet Midshipmen participation in all activities, VAMPIRE anchored at 1625K in Bl berth, whence the young officers were landed.

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- At approximately 2330 with TARANAKI, PARRAMATTA and ANZAC in company, VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded out of harbour. After exercising enroute to Sydney overnight, the ship berthed at the EMS-Mooring outboard-of HOBART at 1015K Friday 12th.
- 8. On Tuesday 16th July VAMPIRE cast off at 1035K and proceeded out of harbour. A successful pre-refit full power trial was carried out off Sydney, observed by 16 members of the Dockyard staff, two members of the Fleet Staff and the MEO (Designate) of VAMPIRE. Despite several minor system defects, results of the trial were similar to those achieved in 1973 trials. Vibration readings for main and auxiliary machinery were also taken for the first time. On completion of the trial VAMPIRE anchored in Watson's Bay at 1445K to land observers and a Leading Seaman with several fingers injured in a turret accident. The ship sailed from Watson's Bay at 1700K and joined up with other units for exercises in accordance with the EAXP.
- At 0830K on Thursday18th, VAMPIRE entered harbour to carry out practice berthings on the Oil Wharf. My Executive Officer Lieutenant Commander J.N. KING, carried out two alongsides and my Navigating Officer, Lieutenant R.J. BAYLEY berthed the ship once Unfortunately, weather conditions deteriorated before any more of my officers could avail themselves of this rare opportunity, and the ship berthed finally at 0950K.
- 10. After ambarking 18 members of the Joint Services Staff College Course together with Commodore K.W. SHANDE RAN, Brigadier W.J. MORROW RA, Professor R. DUNBAR and two members of the JSSC directing staff, VAMPIRE cast off at 1000K on Friday 19th and proceeded out of harbour with SW. I in company. A very lively day ensued, during which most major facets of DD/DE activities were demonstrated. VAMPIRE entered harbour, berthing at West Dock Wharf, at 1525K the same day.
- Many members of the Ship's Company embarked their families on Tuesday 23rd for a day at sea. After sailing at 0900K, VAMPIRE carried out minor exercises en route to Broken Bay, where the ship anchored at 1120K. After sailing at 1300K, more minor demonstrations of ship capabilities were carried out during the return journey to Sydney. VAMPIRE berthed at West Dock Wharf at 1500K.
- 12. At 0830K on Wednesday 24th VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour with several of your staff officers on board to conduct a practical gunnery examination of one of my junior officers. After a day of 'pure' gunnery, the ship entered Watson's Bay at 1600K to disembark the staff officers, sailing on completion to participate in EAXP exercises.

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- Jervis Bay. Having embarked a class of RANC Cadet Midshipmen, the ship proceeded to the Beecroft range where NGS firings were carried out for the benefit of a class of School of Artillery Spotters. On completion of the firings VAMPIRE proceeded into Jervis Bay to embark the School of Artillery students at Honeymoon Bay. Several hours were subsequently spent exercising with TARANAKI, after which VAMPIRE proceeded into Jervis Bay to land the Cadet Midshipmen and the spotters at 1630K. Thereafter the ship returned to sea to participate in a CASEX serial which completed at 2100K. VAMPIRE then returned to Jervis Bay anchoring in Bl berth at 2210K.
- At 0550K on Friday 26th VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded out of harbour in company with TARANAKI and SWAN for TARANAKI's Final Battle Problem. After being detached at 0800K the ship returned to Sydney, berthing at North End Cruiser Wharf at 1400K the same day.
- On Tuesday 30th VAMPIRE cast off at 1500K and proceeded out of harbour for passage to Brisbane, where the ship is due to arrive at 1100K on Thursday 1st August.
- 16. Pre-refit trials on all generators were carried out during the month. Four generators proved satisfactory at full load, while the fifth, K4 Turbo-alternator, developed AVR problems on 30th July.

## HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

Health on the whole has been good. However, there have been quite a few cases of gastric problems and flu mainly ashore. These have been in common with civilian problems in Sydney. Welfare and conduct has been quite good. Morale which rose during Kangaroo One has remained high.

I Have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(G.M. JUDE) CAPTAIN, RAN

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Return

B. Exercises

C. Movements

ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LTR 1/16/10 OF 31st JULY, 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

Distance steamed during month - 2110 miles
 Hours underway during month - 171 hours
 Distance steamed since commissioning - 496696 miles
 Hours underway since commissioning - 34082 hours

5. Periods in excess of economical speed -

 DATE	SPEED	HOURS	REASON
16 JULY,: 1974	28	2	Full power trial
16 JULY, 1974	20	2	Full power trial
19 JULY, 1974	20	1	JSSC STD
24 JULY, 1974	24	1	Six-hour war
24 JULY, 1974	20	1	Six-hour war.

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#### ANNEX B TO HWAS VAMPIRE LETTER 1/16/10 OF 31st JULY 1974

#### EXERCISES

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Casex C4

Light Mortar Firing

Day Diving

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19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th,

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ANNEX C TO HMAS VAMPIRE LTR 1/16/10 OF 31st JULY, 1974.

### MOVEMENTS

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lst	SYDNEY	9th
12th	SYDNEY	16th
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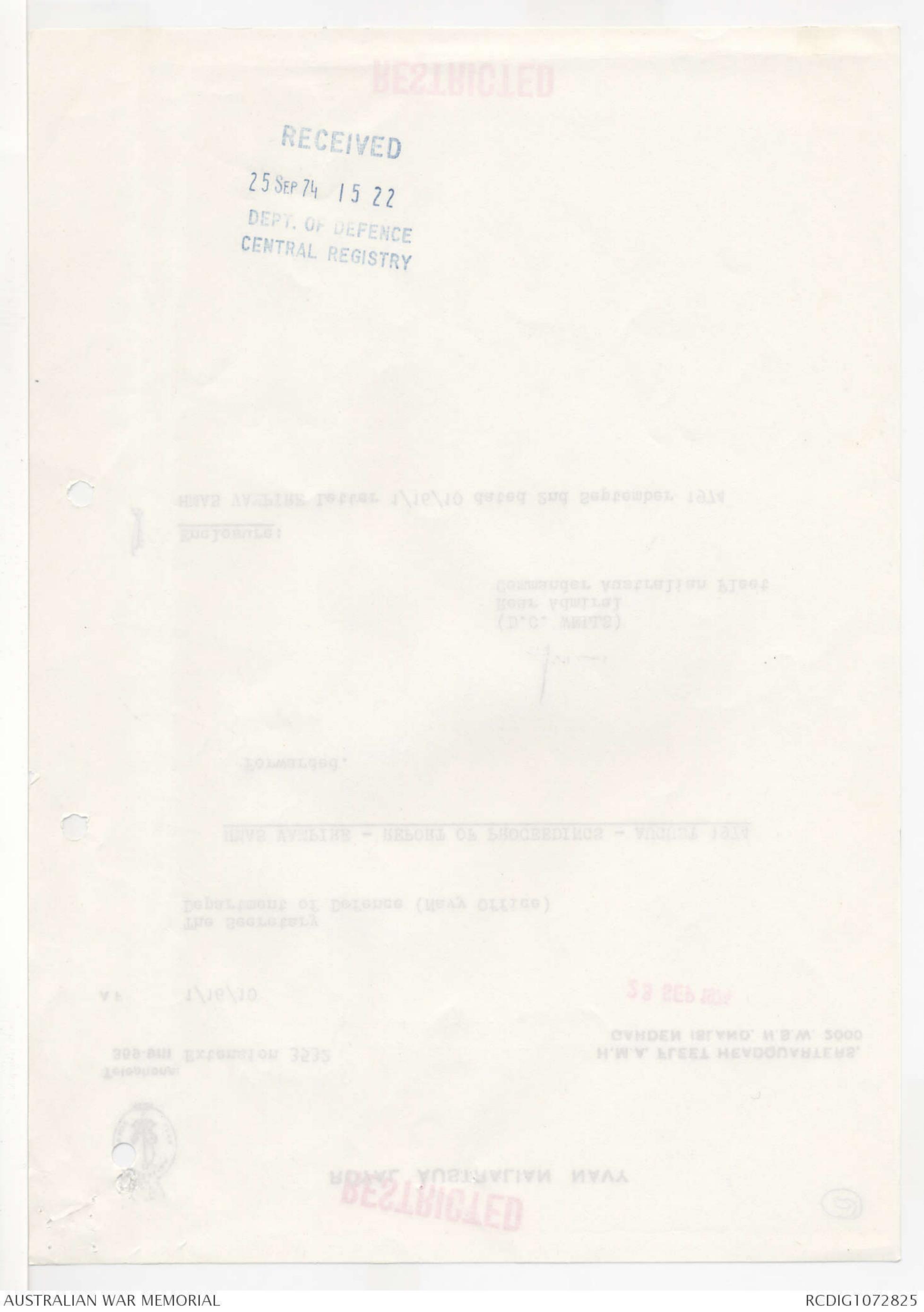
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(D.C. WELLS)
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Enclosure:

HMAS VAMPIRE Letter 1/16/10 dated 2nd September 1974



HMAS VAMPIRE At Sydney

2nd September, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of August, 1974. All times are zone Kilo (-10).
- After passing Caloundra at 0600K on Thursday, 1st August VAMPIRE transited Moreton Bay to enter the Brisbane River at 0930K. While proceeding upriver VAMPIRE was rammed at 1009K by the fishing vessel CYLETON, of 27 tons. My message DTG 010150Z August, 1974 and VAMPIRE letter 16/14/1 dated 2nd August, 1974 refer. Having assessed damage to both parties to be only superficial, VAMPIRE proceeded upriver, followed by CYLETON, to berth at No 2 New Farm Jetty at 1115K. Press interest was considerably aroused by the collision incident, and a press conference was held onboard shortly after berthing.
- On the afternoon of Thursday 1st I called on the Naval Officer Commanding Queensland, Captain D. NICHOLLS, OBE; the Commander First Military District, Colonel G. O'DAY, OBE; the Deputy Premier of Queensland and leader of the Liberal Party, the Honourable Sir GORDON CHALK, KBE; and the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, the Right Honourable Alderman CLEM JONES. During the forenoon of Friday 2nd I called on the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Air Marshall Sir COLIN HANNAH, KCMG, KBE, CB; and the Chief Justice of Queensland, the Right Honourable Sir MOSTYN HANGER, KBE.
- Also on 2nd August I hosted a Luncheon onboard VAMPIRE attended by Captain NICHOLLS, Sir MOSTYN HANGER, Colonel O'DAY, Air Commodore D.W. KINGWELL, CBE DSO, RAAF (Retd), Secretary Government House; the Honourable Mister P.J.R. TUCKER, MLA, Leader of the Opposition; Mister G. d'ARNAUD-TAYLOR, British Consul General; and Mister R.J.C. O'LOAN, MBE, Managing Director of David Jones Pty Ltd. An official reception for 64 gests was held on board at 1830K the same day.
- In addition to a number of ship visits by organised groups, two groups of twenty children from the Royal Queensland Bush Children Association were entertained by 'pirate raids' on Friday 2nd and Monday 5th August. VAMPIRE was open for public inspection Sunday 4th, and 1352 persons toured the ship.

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- At 1000K on Tuesday 6th VAMPIRE cast off and proceeded out of harbour for passage to Sydney. A steep swell outside Moreton Bay caused the LCH BRUNEI, also in the area on passage to Sydney, to break a bow door retaining hook and subsequently to return to Brisbane. After securing to Sydney Harbour No 3 buoy at 0830K on 8th August, deammunitioning commenced at 0900K and was completed by 1430K. VAMPIRE was moved by tugs to the EMS Mooring outboard of Torrens at 1030K, Friday 9th August, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
- 7. Industrial disputes in the Dockyard have prevented defuelling, and thereby the cleaning of some tanks required for work during the refit has been delayed. The removal of both M22 domes to Dockyard shops has also been effected by the unrest.
- 8. VAMPIRE reverted to 47 hours notice for sea on 13th August and commenced refitting on 26th August.

#### HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

9. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory throughtout the month. Morale, enlivened by the Brisbane visit, has remained high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Return.

B. Exercises.

C. Movements.

### ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 2nd September 1974

#### STEAMING RETURN

4.	Distance steamed during month	676 miles
2.	Hours underway during month	58 hours
3.	Distance steamed since commissioning	497,372 miles
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	34,140 hours
5.	Periods in excess of economical speed	NIL

ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 2nd September, 1974

#### EXERCISES

#### NAVIGATION

BLIND PILOTAGE

1st, 6th, 8th.

JOUT PILOTAGE

1st, 6th.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

NAVCOMEX 202 5th - 7th, 9th, 12th - 16th, 19th - 23rd, 26th, 28th, 30th.

205 19th

206 9th, 20th.

251 27th

405 27th, 29th.

606 29th.

ANNEX C TO HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 2nd September, 1974

#### MOVEMENTS

ARRIVE 1st

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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS VAMPIRE Report 1/16/10 dated 30th September 1974

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HMAS VAMPIRE, At Sydney 30th September, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PR CEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship, under my command, for the month of September, 1974.
- 2. VAMPIRE was moved from the EMS Mooring, outboard of TORRENS, to the North End Cruiser Wharf on Wednesday 4th September, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
- 3. TCV COLAC was secured outboard of VAMPIRE on 19th September. Due to unserviceabilities of COLAC's plant, tank cleaning could not commence until 25th September, thereby causing VAMPIRE's docking to be delayed. Due to a number of defects on COLAC only one day's cleaning effort has so far been achieved.
- In all other areas the refit appears to be proceeding apace. Liaison with the Dockyard is very satisfactory, and the few problems encountered this far have been of a minor nature.
- On Monday, 30th September the Ship's Company moved to accommodation in KUTTABUL. The consequential imposition of Rations and Quarters charges on Category C personnel created the usual current of discontent amongst sailors effected.
- 6. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory.

I Have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Return

B. Exercises

ANNEX A TO HMAS VAMPIRE LTR 1-16-10 OF 30 SEP 74

#### STEAMING RETURN

1. Distance Steamed since commissioning - 497, 372 miles

. Hours underway since commissioning - 34,140 hours

3. Distance steamed during the month - Nil

ANNEX B TO HMAS VAMPIRE LTR 1-16-10 OF 30 SEP 74

#### EXERCISES

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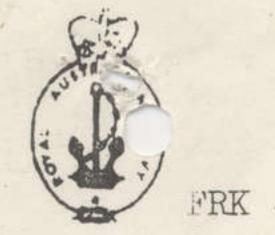
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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
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HMAS VAMPIRE Report of Proceedings - October 1974



HMAS VAMPIRE, At Sydney.

1st November, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

# HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship VAMPIRE, under my command, for the month of October, 1974. Time zones are as indicated.
- 2. At the beginning of the month VAMPIRE was secured at the North End Cruiser Wharf. At 1330K on Thursday 3rd the ship was hauled off and reberthed at the same berth outboard of ANZAC. On Thursday 10th October VAMPIRE was shifted to Outer Captain Cook Dock (OCCD) West Wall at 1415K. On completion of tank cleaning by TCV COLAC, VAMPIRE docked down in the OCCD on Tuesday 15th, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
- A meeting of all interested parties to finalise Post Refit Trials requirements and programmes was held in the EDP conference room on Tuesday 15th.
- You, Sir, visited VAMPIRE on Friday 18th at 1135K to present LSUW J.R. AVERY R62492 with a Flag Officer's Commendation,
- As a part of Fire Prevention Week a fire, evacuation and rescue demonstration by the NSW Fire Brigade was held onboard VAMPIRE on Tuesday 22nd October.
- On Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October the Personnel Liason Team conducted a number of presentations which were considered to be of value and interest by VAMPIRE's Ships Company.
- 7. Some continuation training has been carried out during the month, details of which are shown at Annex B.
- 8. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company has remained satisfactory throughout the month.

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

(G.M. JUDE) CAPTAIN, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Return

B. Exercises

C. Movements

### Annex A to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 1st November, 1974.

#### STEAMING RETURN

- 1. Distance steamed since commissioning 497,372 miles.
- 2. Hours underway since commissioning 34,140 hours.

#### Annex B to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 1st November, 1974

#### EXERCISES

#### Communications

Fleetwork and V/S continuation 7th - 8th training at CERBERUS

Navcomex 202 21st, 23rd, 28th

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#### Diving

Ship's Divers Course - 21st October - 15th November (Three sailors commenced course - one remains).



Annex C to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 1st November, 1974

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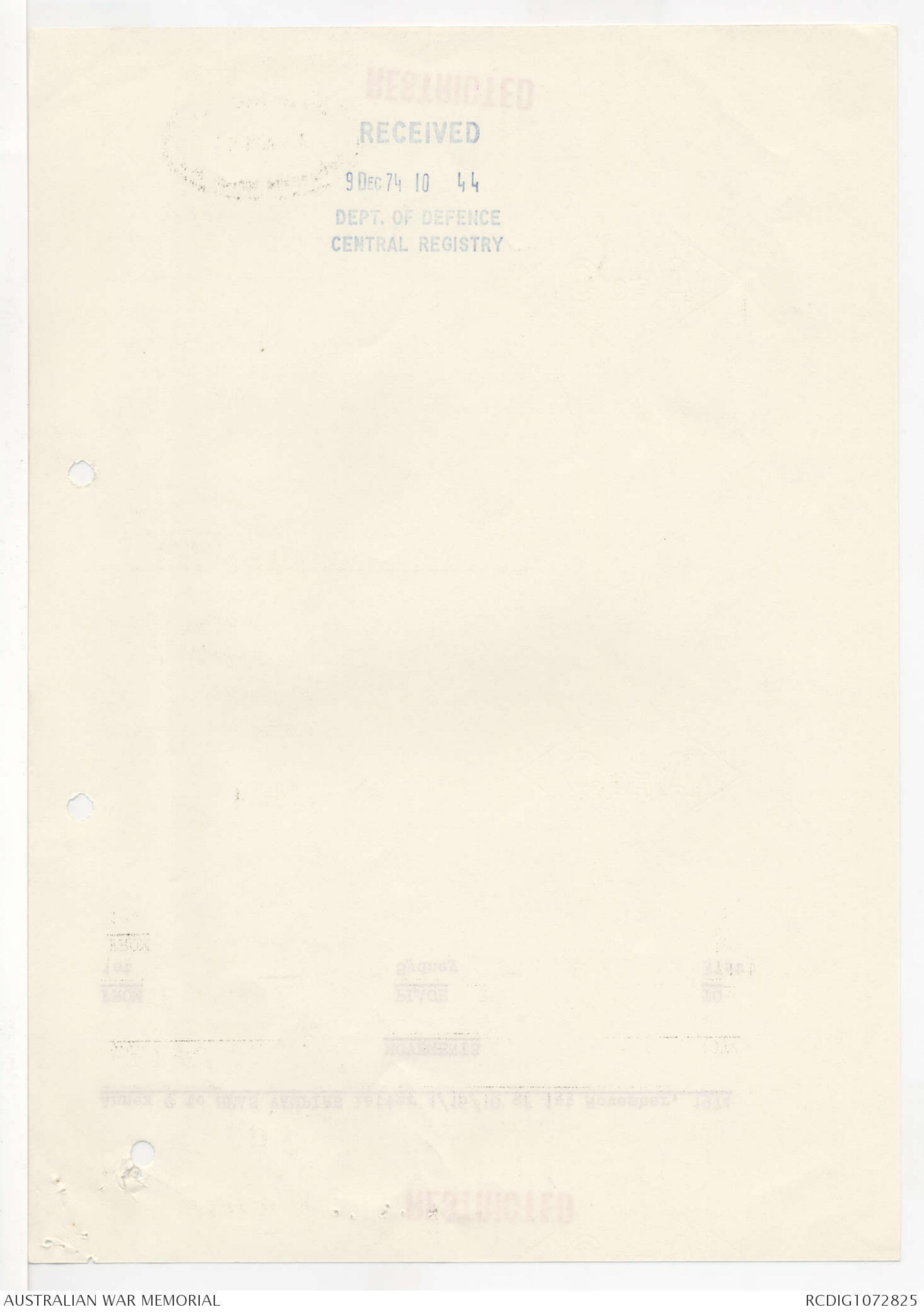
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HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1974

(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

HMAS VAMPIRE report 1/16/10 dated 30th November 1974

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HMAS VAMPIRE at Sydney

30th November 1974

### The Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

#### HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1974

Sir,

- 1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command, for the month of November 1974.
- 2. During the month of November VAMPIRE remained in Outer Captain Cook dry dock undergoing refit.
- Due to industrial work stoppages totalling seventeen and a half days the General Manager Garden Island Dockyard has proposed the new refit completion date of 11th March 1975 (GMGID 27060Z NOV 74). It is considered that this extension is the absolute minimum required to complete a satisfactory refit.
- 4. On the 11th November, I Sir, in company with other senior Naval Officers attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph.
- On Thursday 14th November I carried out HMAS VENDETTA's inspection and the results were very satisfactory, (COMAUSDESRON Two 140547Z NOV 74).
- Also during the month I presided over the Board of Inquiry into the ditching and subsequent loss of Wessex 31B NZ- 208 on Thursday 19th November 1974.
- 7. VAMPIRE's pre-workup training is progressing satisfactorily and on the 25th and 26th of November I observed the Gunnery pre-workup training at HMAS CERBERUS.
- 8. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory.



I have the honour to be Sir
Your Obedient Servant

(J.N. KING)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
for (G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex A: Steaming Return

Annex B: Exercises

# RESTRICTED ANNEX 1. TO HMAS VAMPIRE LTR 1.16.10 OF 30 NOV 74

#### STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance Steamed since commissioning		497,372	miler
2.	Hours underway since commissioning	-	34,140	hours
3.	Distance steamed during the month	new .	NIL	

ANNEX B TO HWAS VAMPIRE LTR 1:16.10 OF 30 NOV 74

#### EXERCISE RETURN

MON 4 NOV NAVCOMEX 202

TUE 5 NOV Class room instruction Kuttabul (vs Procedure)

Semaphore receiving Exercise

FRI 8 NOV Semaphore Receiving Exercise

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MON 11 NOV NAVCOMEX 202

TUE 12 NOV Classroom instruction Kuttabul

(Fleetwork/Oral Quiz)

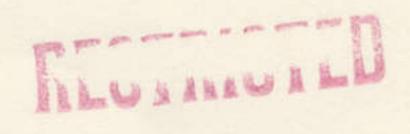
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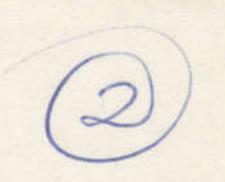
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HMAS VAMPIRE, At Sydney.

1/16/10

1st January 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FIET

HMAS VAMPIRE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1974

Sir

- I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of December 1974.
- On December the first VAMFIRE was in outer Captain Cook dock undergoing refit. Progress is satisfactory in most areas. CMGID 240040Z DEC 74 outlines the critical area's. Only minor industrial problems were experienced this month and it is still hoped to achieve the approved completion date of 11 March 1975. (DEFNAV 180035Z DEC 74 refers)
- 3. During the period 2 December to 6 December, Sir, I attended the Serior Officers Study period at ASASS. On 2 December I also attended the opening of the Fleet Air Arm Museum at HMAS ALBATROSS.
- 4. On the '2th and 13th December I attended the Naval Symposium held at HMAS WATSON, accompanied by my Executive Officer, Marine Engineering Officer and Supply Officer.
- 5. Flooding of the dry dock to approximately 3 metres to carryout watertight integrity checks prior to undocking, commenced at 1130L on 20 December. Flooding continued until 1325L when a minor leak was discovered in the forward sonar reference cell. The dock was emptied to facilitate prompt remedial action and undocking postponed until the following day.
- 6. At 1015 on 21 December, flooding commenced and after achieving a correct watertight state, VAMPIRE was moved to the east side Outer Captain Cook dock where it remained until the end of the month.
- 7. During the period from 25-27 December, following a general recall of personnel, VAMPIRE provided assistance to HMAS Ships SUPPLY, STALWART, BRISBANE, HOBART, STUART and VENDETTA, in preparations for the sailing of TG327.1 for Darwin following the cyclone Tracey disaster. There was a good responce to the recall of VAMPIRE's ships company and maximum numbers were available to provide working and storing A total of fifty sailors were loaned to ships of parties. TG327.1. RESTRICTED

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- 8. VAMPIRE's pre-workup training has progressed satisfactorily to date, but may be affected by the absence of some sailors with TG327.1.
- 9. The health, welfare and conduct of the ships company have been quite good.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servent

(G.M. JUDE)
CAPTAIN, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex A. Steaming Return

Annex B. Exercises.



#### ANNEX A to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 1 January 75

#### STEAMING RETURN

- 1. Distance steamed since commissioning 497,372 miles
- 2. Hours underway since commissioning 34,140 hours
- 3. Distance steamed during the month NIL



#### ANNEX B to HMAS VAMPIRE letter 1/16/10 of 1 January 74

#### EXERCISE RETURN

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5th DEC NAVCOMEX 251 and 204

10th DEC 'NAVCOMEX 405 and 203

12th DEC NAVCOMEX 350

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