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Report of Proceedings JANUARY 1976

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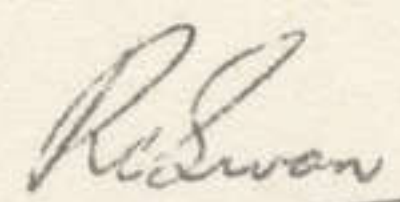
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HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1976

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

2 February 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of January 1976. Time throughout is Zone L (-11).

2. At the beginning of the month BRISBANE was secured alongside West Dock Wall at Garden Island. The ship reverted to 48 hours notice for steam at 0800 on 5th January, when the Intermediate Docking and Gun Exchange officially began.

3. At 0835 on 13th January the ship was moved to the West side of Outer Captain Cook dock to enable the two gun mounts to be removed. This evolution having been completed, the ship was moved back to West Dock Wall at 0938 on 15th January, where she remained for the rest of the month.

4. Personnel began returning from the first leave period on 13th January and the second leave period, involving Sydney natives for the most part, started on 19th January.

5. During the late afternoon of Saturday 17th January, a rather drunken telephone call was received by the quartermaster to the effect that there was a bomb on board the ship. Despite the strong probability of the call being a hoax, the ship was immediately cleared and searched, and appropriate authorities informed (my signals 170801Z JAN 76, 170811Z JAN 76 and 170957Z JAN 76). After a thorough search, normal routine was resumed.

MARINE ENGINEERING

6. During the month Ship's Staff made a satisfactory start to the work to be undertaken during this availability, and the monthly internal and external inspection of all boilers was accomplished. Garden Island and Cockatoo Dockyards also made a satisfactory beginning to their work on defect rectification and planned maintenance.

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WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

7. The major task of exchanging the 5"/54 MK42 MOD7 gun mounts for MOD10 mounts commenced on 5th January. On 13th and 14th January, mounts 52 and 51 respectively were lifted out of the ship. The evolution was carried out competently by Garden Island Dockyard.

8. At the end of the month the majority of gun mount machinery had been removed from the Carrier Rooms and Magazines and work is continuing in preparation for installing the new gun mounts. Other work associated with the DDG update project and the ship's Intermediate Docking period is progressing satisfactorily.

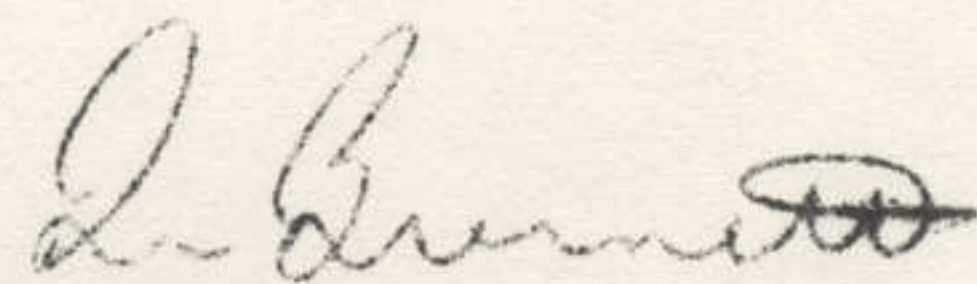
HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

9. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been good, and morale is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: 1. Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
LETTER 1/16/2 OF 2 FEB 76

STEAMING FIGURES

A. Distance steamed during the month	Nil
B. Hours underway during the month	Nil
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning	264,014.7
D. Total hours underway since commissioning	20,872.5
E. Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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FOR COMMANDER ROBERTSON
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HMAS BRISBANE (DLG-41)
At Garden Island

3 March 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of February 1976. Time throughout is Zone L (-11).

2. At the beginning of the month BRISBANE was secured alongside West Dock Wall, Garden Island, undergoing her Intermediate Docking and Gun Exchange. At 1100 on 12th February the ship was moved into Outer Captain Cook Dock, and docked down the following day. In this position the ship's bow overlaps the stern of HMAS SUPPLY in the Inner Dock. At the closest point there is only one metre between the ship's side of SUPPLY and one of BRISBANE's guard rail stanchions. BRISBANE remained in dry dock for the rest of the month.

3. On 6th February the ship was visited by a USN DLG Update team, accompanied by the RAN DDG Update Director (Captain A.A. Townsend). On 11th February, the General Manager Garden Island Dockyard (Commodore H.J. Bodman) walked round the ship to assess progress. The Tri-Service Job Evaluation Review Team visited the ship on 10th and 17th February to interview selected sailors.

4. The Gun Exchange, which had been proceeding well, has now been delayed by an industrial dispute which has prevented the modified gun mounts from being embarked. This dispute, which will also prolong the period in dry dock, was continuing at the end of the month.

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MARINE ENGINEERING

5. During the month ship's staff have completed internal cleaning of boilers and are now boxing up, as far as Dockyard work will permit. Contract work by labour from Cockatoo Dockyard, which is nearly complete, has stopped for the duration of the industrial dispute because cranes cannot be used to return equipment to the ship.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

6. During the first half of the month the Gun Exchange programme continued satisfactorily with only minor delays mainly due to inclement weather. However from 16th February to the end of the month industrial disputes have seriously hampered installation of the new mounts and the major milestone of placing the new mounts on board has not yet been achieved. The availability of ship's staff has increased with completion of the first leave period and ship's staff work is progressing satisfactorily.

HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

7. The health of the Ship's Company has been good. Conduct and morale continue to be satisfactory in spite of the depressing effect of a period of unknown duration in dry dock, spent mainly in wet weather.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: 1. Annex 'A' - STEAMING FIGURES

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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STEAMING FIGURES

A. Distance steamed during the month	Nil
B. Hours underway during the month	Nil
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning	264,014.7
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E. Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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BRISBANE remained in dock in the Outer Captain Cook Dock throughout the month, progress with her ID being brought to a standstill by P.D.'s industrial action.

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

1 April 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1976



Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of March 1976.

2. The ship has been docked in Outer Captain Cook Dock, Garden Island, throughout the month. Dockyard painters and dockers have continued their strike for the entire period, and at the end of the month no date had been set for their return to work. As a result, the completion date for the Gun Exchange has continued to slip on a day-to-day basis for the whole period.

3. On 1st March I attended the Fleet Commanding Officers Meeting. This was a valuable forum for discussion on a variety of matters of interest to the Fleet. On 10th March, Sir, you presented HMAS BRISBANE with the Commodore Wardle Trophy for Communications efficiency, and addressed the Ship's Company on a number of topics.

MARINE ENGINEERING

4. The only progress has been on work not requiring painters and dockers. Lay-offs and uncertainty of work have appeared to lower the productivity of the remaining dockyard workers on board. Work on underwater hull valves has almost been completed, but work on the hull and propellers has yet to be undertaken.

5. Ship's staff have progressed work on the boilers as far as permitted by the state of dockyard work on desuperheater nozzles, blow-down lines and H.P. drain systems. Contract labour has been withdrawn until the end of the strike by painters and dockers.

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WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

6. Owing to the industrial dispute, progress on the installation of new gun mounts has been minimal. Lack of crane service is also impeding other dockyard work.

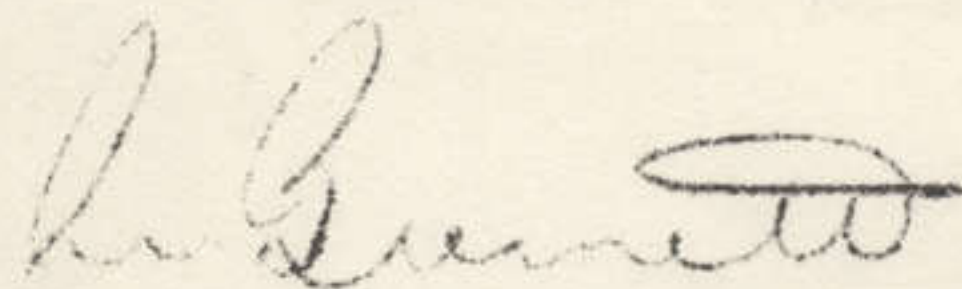
HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

7. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been very good. The welfare committee has met, and I have addressed the Ship's Company on security and other matters. Morale is considered to be satisfactory despite widely held feelings of frustration at the lengthy delay to the Gun Exchange and subsequent return to an operational state.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: 1. Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
LETTER 1/16/2 OF 1 APR 76

STEAMING FIGURES

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E. Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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HMAS BRISBANE
at Garden Island

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3rd May, 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of April, 1976.
2. The ship again spent the entire month in the Outer Captain Cook Dock at Garden Island. The completion date of the Gun Exchange continued to slip on a daily basis because of the strike of painters and dockers.
3. On 2nd April, a Command Test Parts I and II was conducted for Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officer, and Leading Seaman.
4. On 23rd April, I was present on the dock caisson when you, Sir, and the General Manager Garden Island Dockyard (Commodore H.J. Bodman, RAN) were interviewed for the ABC television programme This Day Tonight, on the effects of the industrial dispute at the Dockyard.
5. On 27th April I attended a meeting at Fleet Headquarters, at which the Director General Naval Personal Services (Commodore G.R. Griffiths, DSO, DSC, RAN), discussed policy on sailors' discharges and other personnel matters.
6. The month ended on a more cheerful note, when the painters and dockers resumed work on 30th April. All onboard BRISBANE are fervently hoping that the Gun Exchange will now proceed without further delay.

MARINE ENGINEERING

7. Very little marine engineering work has been completed during the month because of the industrial dispute. The drain systems were progressed sufficiently to enable the after boilers to be prepared for water pressure test. On test, one generator tube in 2B boiler was found to be perforated. This tube has been cut and plugged and the boiler will be re-tested. Ship's staff have been employed in hull preservation and planned maintenance, and good use has been made of this time with dockyard workers mostly out of the ship.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

8. A small amount of work on the gun exchange which did not involve painters and dockers, continued slowly. Completion of most electrical work in both 5 inch magazines was the only noticeable progress.



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HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

9. The health of the Ship's Company has been sound and their conduct has been very good. A satisfactory level of morale has been maintained and the welfare committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: 1. Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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STEAMING FIGURES

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

1 ^{Jun} May 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of May 1976.
2. This was the third complete month in succession which BRISBANE has spent in the Outer Captain Cook dock at Garden Island. It was also the third successive month in which industrial disputes have seriously delayed the Gun Exchange and Intermediate Docking.
3. On 6th May, only six days after their return to work, the painters and dockers went on strike again. In the short period between strikes, BRISBANE was unable to embark her modified gun mounts, because HMAS SUPPLY had priority for use of cranes. The completion date for BRISBANE's Gun Exchange thus continued to slip.
4. I was absent from the ship from 11th to 15th May while carrying out the duties of President of a Court Martial in HMAS LONSDALE.
5. On 15th May I assumed the duties of Commander, First Australian Destroyer Squadron.
6. On 19th May the ship received a presentation of relics of the first HMAS BRISBANE from Mrs Emily Maraun of Bondi Junction. Mrs Maraun is the widow of Mr George Maraun, who was president of the ex-HMAS BRISBANE Association. The relics consist of a marching banner inscribed with details of the first HMAS BRISBANE's service in the 1914-18 war, and a large framed drawing of the ship.

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7. On 25th May the painters and dockers returned to work, and on 28th May it was heartening to see the first of the ship's modified gun mounts (Mount 52) lifted on board. It is planned that Mount 51 will be embarked on 1st June.

MARINE ENGINEERING

8. Little work has been achieved by the dockyard during the month, because of the industrial situation. Ship's staff have successfully water pressure tested the after boilers, having plugged tube LX1 in 2B boiler, which was found to be perforated. The main cause of this defect is that the brickwork in the area is unattached, a situation which will be corrected at the ship's next refit. A major effort by ship's staff has been directed to hull preservation in machinery spaces, particularly pipework and bilge areas.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

9. The Gun Exchange task continued during the month but was further delayed by industrial problems. A significant milestone was at last achieved when the new Mount 52 was placed on board on 28th May.

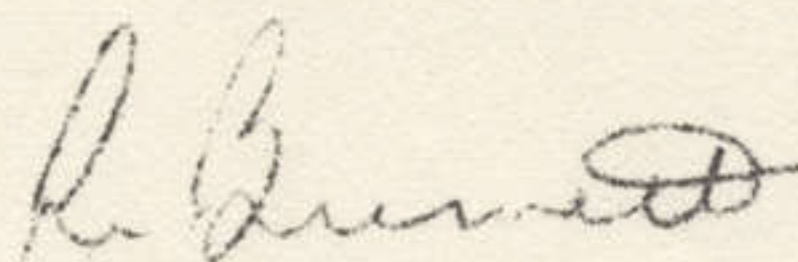
HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

10. The health of the Ship's Company is sound and their conduct continues to be good. Morale is very satisfactory considering the monotony of the lengthy period in dry dock.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
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Enclosure: 1. Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
LETTER 1/16/2 OF 1 JUN 76

STEAMING FIGURES

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B. Hours underway during the month	Nil
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HMAS BRISBANE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE '76

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG41)
At Garden Island

5 JUL 76

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of June 1976.
 2. At the beginning of the month BRISBANE was docked down in the Outer Captain Cook Dock at Garden Island, continuing the Gun Exchange and Intermediate Docking. The second new gun mount (Mount 51) was lifted on board on 2nd June. The dock was flooded on 7th June and on 8th June the ship was moved alongside HMAS PERTH at the South end of Cruiser Wharf.
 3. On 11th June my officers and I had the pleasure of entertaining you, Sir, to buffet lunch in the wardroom. Later on that day the ship was moved to West Dock Wall.
 4. HMAS BRISBANE'S new Executive Officer, LCDR GLEX G D.D.J. MARRABLE, MBE., RAN joined the ship on 21st June.
 5. On 25th June the ship was moved into Inner Captain Cook Dock, and docked down on 28th June. This further docking was necessary despite the period spent in dry dock from February to June. Industrial disputes and priority work on HMAS SUPPLY prevented work on BRISBANE'S hull from being completed during the earlier period.
- MARINE ENGINEERING
6. During the period out of dock, opportunity was taken to carry out extensive trials of machinery in the after unit. Steam was raised in both boilers, safety valves set, generator load trials completed and all auxiliaries run. No major problems were encountered and minor defects are being corrected. Dockyard progress in machinery spaces has been satisfactory.

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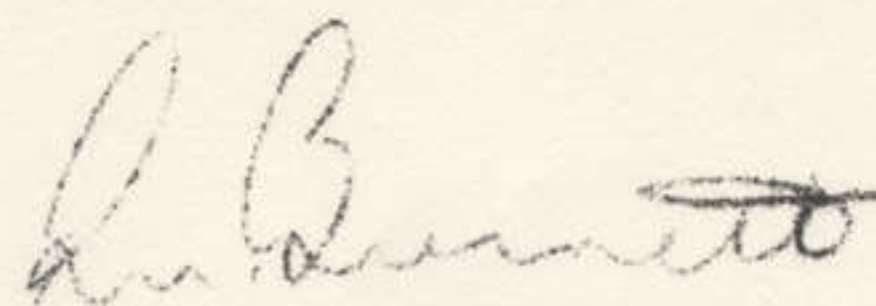
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WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

7. Mount 51 was lifted on board on 2nd June, enabling the installation phase of the Gun Exchange to progress on both mounts. Installation of carrier room machinery has been the main task during the month and has reached the stage where the geometrical alignment of the off-mount loading system has started. Other dockyard and ship's staff work is progressing satisfactorily.

HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

8. Apart from a number of cases of influenza, the health of the ship's company has been good. Conduct continues to be very good and morale is at a satisfactory level.



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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LETTER 1/16/2 OF 5 JUL 76

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MEMO BRISBANE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY 1976

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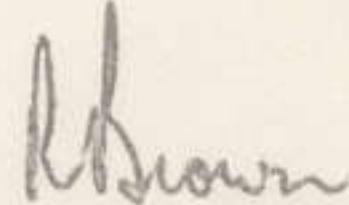
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HMAS BRISBANE Report 1/16/2 dated 2nd August 1976

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

2 August 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of July 1976.

2. When the month began, BRISBANE was docked down in the Inner Captain Cook Dock at Garden Island, continuing the Intermediate Docking and Gun Exchange. On 13th July your Chief of Staff (Commodore R.C. Swan CBE RAN) walked round the ship.

3. On 15th July I carried out the duties of chief observer in HMNZS TARANAKI when she participated in the Final Battle Problem for HMNZS OTAGO. Rough weather curtailed the exercises but I enjoyed the day at sea.

4. On 22nd July a party of 50 children from Grafton Primary School toured the ship. They were accompanied by the Assistant Principal and by my sister, who teaches at the school and who had asked me if it would be practicable to arrange the visit as part of the children's three-day educational programme in Sydney. My sister subsequently assured me that the tour of the ship had proved the highlight of the children's Sydney visit.

5. BRISBANE undocked on 27th July and was moved to West Dock Wall where she remained for the rest of the month. As the ship has spent 144 days in dry dock this year, the final undocking was a relief to all on board. The Gun Exchange continues, with difficulties still being experienced by the Dockyard in the alignment of lower hoist components.

..... 2/ 6. On 28th . .

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6. On 28th July, staff and students of the Joint Services Staff College visited the ship as part of their tour of Garden Island Dockyard. They were briefed on the Gun Exchange by dockyard officers.

MARINE ENGINEERING

7. Essential underwater work was completed during the period in dock. Considerable dockyard effort was expended in completing the renewal of boiler blow-down lines in both firerooms. Ship's staff have been employed mainly on hull preservation in bilge areas of machinery spaces where they have made significant progress in difficult working conditions.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

8. Progress on the Gun Exchange appeared to be satisfactory for the first half of the month. However with the arrival of USN technical representatives from Naval Ordnance Station, Louisville, additional experience was available and it became apparent that the alignment of ammunition loading system machinery would have to be repeated. The possible impact of this delay on the ship's completion date is still being assessed.

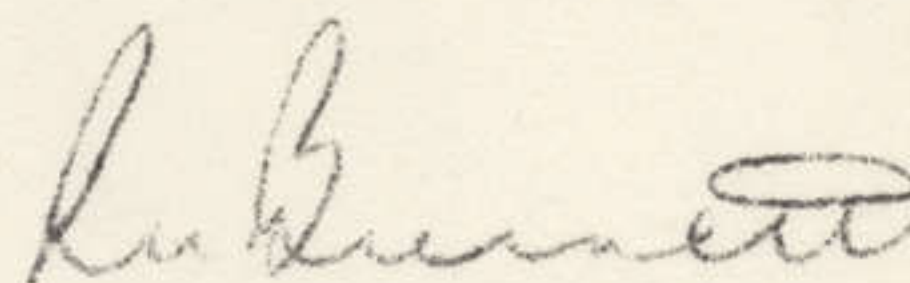
HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

9. The health and conduct of the ship's company continue to be good, and morale is very satisfactory despite the lengthy non-operational period which the ship is undergoing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
LETTER 1/16/2 OF 2 AUG 76

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

1 September 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of August 1976.
2. The ship spent the month alongside West Dock Wall, Garden Island Dockyard. Work on the Gun Exchange continued throughout the month, further difficulties being experienced by the Dockyard in the alignment of the gun loading system components. The "power on" milestone for both gun mounts has now been established as 1st September, and the completion date as 25th October.
3. Together with all available members of the Ship's Command Team, I attended Command Team Training Phase One at HMAS WATSON from 2nd to 11th August. This training was particularly valuable in developing teamwork in the new Command Team, of whom the only officers unchanged since the ship last went to sea are the Direction Officer and myself.
4. From 17th to 19th August I attended a most interesting series of discussions at Fleet Headquarters on DDG Total Combat Systems, the performance of NCDS in HMAS PERTH and associated matters.
5. Organised parties of school children toured the ship on 20th and 24th August. On 23rd August I attended a briefing by the Director General Naval Personal Services (Commodore L.J. McInerney RAN) and the Director of Naval Industrial Policy (Captain R.R. Calder RAN) on matters relating to conditions of service.
6. On 26th August I visited the SOAP store at Leichardt, where the ship's "T-Force" of 21 sailors has been working in a cold and dilapidated building since January 1976. It is hoped that their efforts and those of the associated permanent SOAP staff will result in a complete and accurate outfit of stores and documentation,

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despite initial EDP difficulties with the SOAP Review Sheets and anomalies in allowance data in the final EDP product (as reported in FOCEA's message OWU/OWY/OWN 110326Z AUG 76).

7. On 31st August the ship was re-berthed at West Dock Wall with bows South, to permit collimation of AN/SPG53 Radar.

MARINE ENGINEERING

8. The month has seen a number of dockyard tasks completed or brought to an operational stage. 1B boiler was water pressure tested successfully and rebricking has been completed. Firing the forward boilers has been delayed while a section of fuel oil discharge line is renewed. The vital air system is now in use in the machinery spaces although one refrigerant filter has been removed for replacement. The dehydrators and electronic dry air system are complete but are yet to be tested.

9. Machinery trials have continued during the month and the forward generators have been load tested to ensure the ship is able to provide stable power as required for setting to work the gun mounts.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

10. Installation of the new gun mounts continued throughout the month. Alignment of components of the gun loading system in both mounts continued but on two occasions the Dockyard advised that programmed installation completion dates could not be met. The current installation completion date is 1st September, when setting to work will begin.

HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

11. The Welfare Committee has met during the month. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company continue to be good and morale is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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LETTER 1/16/2 OF 1 SEP 76

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

5 October 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1976 6

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of September 1976.
2. The ship spent the month at Garden Island Dockyard, berthed at West Dock Wall until 14th September, when she was moved to the south end of Cruiser Wharf. Setting to work of the new gun mounts continued throughout the month.
3. On 9th and 10th September I joined a number of my officers in training at the Fleetwork Trainer in HMAS CERBERUS. On 22nd and 23rd September I carried out the duties of President of a Court Martial in HMAS PENGUIN.

MARINE ENGINEERING

4. During the month work on the forward boilers has been completed and safety valves set. All auxiliary machinery has been tested including the new vital air system. The ship is now steaming auxiliary to provide the necessary stable power to complete setting to work of the gunnery system.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

5. Dockyard and ship's staff setting to work of all systems made satisfactory progress throughout the month. At the end of the month the ammunition loading system of Mount 51 had successfully completed all set to work tests, and progress in the setting to work of power drives in Mount 52 was satisfactory.

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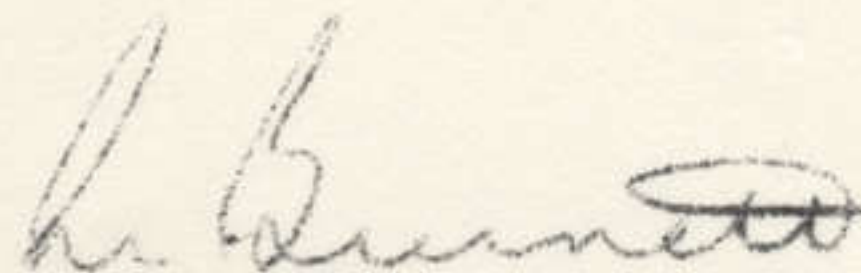
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6. The health of the Ship's Company is satisfactory and their conduct has been very good. Morale has held up well during the ship's long period in Dockyard hands, and I believe all on board are greatly looking forward to the ship's return to sea-going duty in October.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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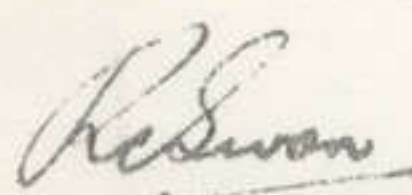
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HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1976

1. The enclosure is forwarded.
2. To solve the problems with the MK47 computer (paras. 7 and 14) a Vendor Representative has been flown from the U.S.A. and has joined BRISBANE. No estimated time of repair can be given but BRISBANE will still require 8 days setting to work trials before the computer can become operational. Reports indicate good progress is being made.


(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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For Commander Australian Fleet
Commander
(H.C. ZAM)

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today 8 days earlier so work should be completed
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from the U.S.A. and the British BRISBANE. No estimate
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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Sea

2 November 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of October 1976.
2. At the beginning of the month BRISBANE was berthed at the South end of Cruiser Wharf, nearing completion of the lengthy Intermediate Docking and Gun Exchange, HMAS STUART berthed alongside on the afternoon of 4th October, and remained alongside until the forenoon of 11th October when she proceeded to sea.
3. On the evening of 9th October I had the pleasure of attending a Navy Week reception at Tresco, and the following morning a Navy Week service at the Garden Island Dockyard chapel.
4. At 0830 (-10) on 12th October the ship cast off and proceeded under her own power to Number 3 Buoy to ammunition ship. This evolution was completed by 1100 (-10) on 14th October and the ship then carried out a compass swing before slipping and returning under her own power to Garden Island. BRISBANE secured alongside HMAS PERTH at West Dock Wall at 1530 (-10).
5. During the week beginning 18th October, Training Readiness Evaluations of all departments were conducted by Fleet Staff.
6. At 0815 (-10) on 20th October the ship was moved by tugs to the Oil Wharf. On the evening of 21st October my officers and I were hosts at a reception on board to mark Trafalgar Day and the imminent completion of the ship's Dockyard availability. At 1500 (-10) the following day, the ship was moved by tugs alongside HMAS DUCHESS at the North end of Cruiser Wharf.

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7. 25th October marked the formal completion of the Intermediate Docking and Gun Exchange. The period has been a long and frustrating one, with delays caused by industrial problems and difficulties encountered by the Dockyard in setting to work the new Gun Mounts. The Mark 47 Gun Fire Control Computer has still not been set to work.

8. BRISBANE cast off at 0830 (-10) on 26th October and proceeded to sea for trials and shakedown. The exercises conducted during the week are listed in Annex 'B'. During the afternoon of 26th October Gun Proving Trials were successfully carried out and the ship returned to Watsons Bay at 1930 (-10) to disembark the Gunnery Trials Team.

9. After steaming overnight in the exercise areas, a further visit was made to Watsons Bay at 0915 (-10) on 27th October to land a sailor with suspected appendicitis. BRISBANE then returned to the exercise areas for further shakedown exercises and trials. At 1730 (-10) on 28th October the ship entered Jervis Bay and disembarked the landing party in Honeymoon Bay for an overnight exercise on Beecroft Peninsula. BRISBANE then proceeded to Darling Roads and anchored in C1 berth at 1915 (-10).

10. On 29th October the usual efficient demonstration of life saving equipment and helicopter winching was provided by NAS NOWRA. An internal Operation Awkward was conducted in the evening.

11. The ship spent the weekend at anchor in Jervis Bay. Radar and EW trials and weapons system checks continued throughout the weekend. I inspected the ship's company at Divisions on Sunday 31st October, and services were conducted on board by Chaplain WHEELDON from HMAS CRESWELL. Available sporting facilities were used on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

12. BRISBANE weighed and proceeded at 2300(L) on Sunday 31st October. As the month ended the ship was on passage to Watsons Bay to embark RANTAU personnel for the next week of trials.

MARINE ENGINEERING

13. The month has been spent steaming auxiliary while weapons systems have been set to work. During the week at sea, main and auxiliary machinery have performed satisfactorily with only minor defects.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

14. Both gun mounts successfully met requirements during gun proving trials. The trials were carried out in local control as setting to work of the MK47 Gun Fire Control Computer had not been completed by the Dockyard. By the end of the month the Computer had still not been set to work and assistance from the USN had been requested.

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15. Other trials successfully completed during the first week at sea and in Jervis Bay were sonar receiver sensitivity and beam pattern measurements, vertical coverage diagram for SPS-10 radar, bearing pattern measurements of the ECM system and Tacan qualification.

16. Several aircraft serials for assessment of Tartar tracking performance and operator training were completed with very encouraging results for FCS2. FCS3 tracking performance was poor and investigation disclosed water in the waveguide system. This has been dried and performance assessment now awaits further tracking serials.

17. A variety of defects was disclosed in the Ikara system during system checks. By the end of the month encouraging progress towards rectification was being made by the ship's staff.

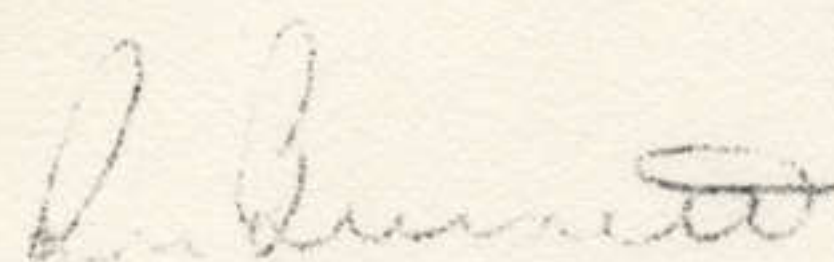
HEALTH, MORALE AND WELFARE

18. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been generally good. Morale is high and has been boosted by the ship's return to sea-going duty. I have spoken to the Ship's Company on security matters during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures
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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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STEAMING FIGURES

- A. Distance steamed during the month 650.7
B. Hours underway during the month 59.8
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning 264,665.4
D. Total hours underway since commissioning 20,932.3

- E. Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
27OCT	1 hour	19.8	Land medical case.

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ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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EXERCISES CONDUCTED

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
1. <u>AIO</u>	26OCT	1830-2230	GOPEX/Rainform Reporting
	27OCT	1930-2300	GOPEX/Rainform Reporting
2. <u>GUNNERY</u>	27OCT	0900-1100	MTX
		1400-1600	MTX
		1900-2100	MTX
	28OCT	1600-1900	MTX
	29OCT	1300-1600	MTX
3. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>	19OCT		NCX 251
	27OCT	0001-0100	NCX 455
4. <u>TAS/DIVING</u>	Days spent Diving - 4		
	Nights spent Diving - 2		
	Total number of dives carried out - 14		
	Number of $\frac{1}{2}$ necklaces - 6		
	Number of circular searches - 3		
5. <u>GENERAL</u>	26OCT	0930-1200	Emergency/Leaving ship stations
	27OCT	1100-1400	Machinery casualty drills
	28OCT	1600-1800	Defence and Action stations
	28/29OCT	1800-0800	Landing and Demolition Party exercise ashore Beecroft Peninsula
	29OCT	0900-1030 1600-2000	Helicopter/ILR demonstration Internal Operation Awkward
	31OCT	0930	Ship's Company Divisions
	26-28OCT		Steering Gear breakdown exercises on opportunity basis.

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Commodore
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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

3 December 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER
SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
HMA Ship under my command for the month of November 1976.
Times throughout are Zone L(-11).

2. When the month began, HMAS BRISBANE was on passage
from Jervis Bay to Sydney to embark Trials personnel for the
ship's second week of trials and shakedown exercises. These
personnel were embarked in Watson's Bay at 0815 on 1st
November and the ship then proceeded to sea.

3. From 1st to 3rd November, BRISBANE remained in
the Sydney / Jervis Bay exercise areas progressing trials
and shakedown. Exercises conducted are listed in Annex B
and included OOW Manoeuvres and RAS approaches with HMAS
VENDETTA. At 2200 on 3rd November, the ship anchored in
Jervis Bay overnight, while Tartar system checks continued.
The ship weighed and proceeded at 0550 on 4th November, and
at 1010 on that day a Tartar firing was conducted against a
Jindivik target, thus concluding a generally successful
Tartar Ship Qualification Trial. After further trials and
shakedown exercises detailed in Annex B, BRISBANE returned
to Sydney on 5th November, berthing at Chowder Bay at 0830.
After refuelling, the ship was moved by tugs to the south end
of Cruiser Wharf. It had been expected that the ship would
undergo tilt test at Cockatoo Dockyard during the weekend,
but this was deferred because of an industrial dispute
involving tugs and line handlers. HMAS DERWENT berthed
alongside during the forenoon of Saturday 6th November.

4. During the week 1st to 5th November, three
"apprentices of the year" were embarked in the ship as their
prize for being selected as the top apprentices in the A.C.T.
These likeable young men were made welcome by the ship's
company and appeared greatly to enjoy their week on board.

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5. Because of the dispute involving tug crews, BRISBANE's departure from Garden Island on 8th November had to be delayed until HMAS DERWENT flashed up and moved under her own power from alongside BRISBANE. BRISBANE eventually cast off and proceeded at 1415, to carry out the exercises listed in Annex B, including a light jackstay transfer with HMAS VENDETTA. At 0730 on 9th November, the ship commenced DG ranging on the Rose Bay Shallow Range. On completion, BRISBANE proceeded for further exercises and trials, including log calibration and a full power workup. During the latter, the port HP/IP turbine thrust block failed. The pads were renewed by ship's staff during the night of 9th/10th November, enabling both shafts to be operable when the ship entered harbour in company with HMAS VENDETTA at 0930 on 10th November. BRISBANE berthed at Chowder Bay to refuel, and at 1040 the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral H.D. Stevenson A.C., C.B.E. visited the ship and addressed the ship's company, as part of his round of visits before retiring. At 1130 BRISBANE cast off and proceeded alongside HMAS DERWENT at the south end of Cruiser Wharf. The ship remained alongside for the rest of the week, and on 11th and 12th November I attended the Naval Symposium at HMAS WATSON.

6. At 1015 on 15th November BRISBANE cast off and proceeded to sea in company with HMAS PERTH. Shortly after clearing the heads, a jackstay transfer of 5 inch ammunition was conducted to enable PERTH to carry out firing serials which would otherwise have been delayed because of an industrial dispute involving ammunition lightermen. On completion of this transfer, BRISBANE proceeded with her programme. The week was largely concerned with ASW exercises, as listed in Annex B, and a number of missile tracking and other exercises were also carried out.

7. At 2030 on 16th November BRISBANE anchored in Jervis Bay and remained overnight, conducting diving exercises and Ikara System checks. The ship sailed at 0700 on 17th November for further exercises, including a successful ship-launched Mark 46 torpedo firing against a Graiduff target. On 18th November the climax of the ASW week was reached when a successful Ikara firing was conducted with HMAS OTWAY as the target and HMAS VAMPIRE as flank marking vessel, using own ship's sonar information. After recovering the torpedo, BRISBANE proceeded for further exercises, including ASW exercises with HMAS VAMPIRE and OTWAY. BRISBANE and VAMPIRE steamed in company overnight, and entered harbour together on the morning of 19th November. BRISBANE secured to No.2 Buoy at 0800, and at 1000 the ship was moved by tugs into Captain Cook Dock, where the deferred tilt test was carried out during the weekend of 20th and 21st November.

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8. At 1050 on 22nd November BRISBANE was moved by tug alongside HMAS HOBART at West Dock Wall to refuel. On completion the ship proceeded for her final week of shakedown exercises and trials. Exercises during the week included two valuable air defence exercises with F111C aircraft, several intercept and missile tracking exercises, ASW exercises with HMAS OTWAY and a period of 24 hours at Defence Stations during which time NBCD and machinery drills and a nuclear fallout transit were exercised. Self noise trials and a further full power workup were also carried out during the week. The latter proved the renewed thrust pads on the port HP/IP turbine, but was curtailed because of an oil leak on the starboard engine.

9. BRISBANE returned to Sydney on 26th November and berthed at the north end of Cruiser Wharf at 1330, remaining there for the weekend. At 0830 on 29th November, the ship was moved by tugs to No.3 buoy to de-ammunition. This was required before the ship docks to have the under-water hull blasted and repainted, the previous coating having deteriorated markedly since it was applied in July. De-ammunitioning was completed by 1330 on 30th November, and the ship was moved by tug into Captain Cook Dock, securing alongside the west side of the dock where she remained for the night.

MARINE ENGINEERING

10. Main and auxiliary machinery has generally performed well during the month. The port HP/IP turbine thrust block failed during a quarterly full power trial. The pads were renewed by ship's staff overnight, and the shaft has subsequently been run at speeds up to 290 RPM without further problems. No other significant defects have occurred affecting the ship's operations.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

11. November has been a successful month for weapon systems apart from the Gunnery Fire Control System. The sea phase of the Tartar "mini-SQT" was completed with a telemetry missile firing on 4th November. Ikara System Checks culminated in a successful firing on 18th November. A tilt test was conducted in Captain Cook Dock on 19th, 20th and 21st November.

12. Diagnosis of the MK 47 Gun Computer problem continued, with the assistance of a technical representative from the Sperry Gyroscope Company, Mr. J. Parrot. Mr. Parrot spent nine days on board before making recommendations to Garden Island Dockyard. He returned to USA on 20th November and at the end of the month work is proceeding on re-wiring certain cables in the computer.

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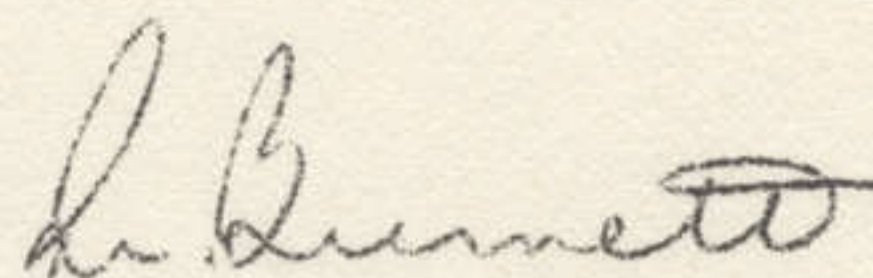
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13. The health and conduct of the ship's company have been very good. During the month the Welfare Committee has met and I have spoken to the ship's company on the subject of security.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures
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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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STEAMING FIGURES

- A. Distance steamed during the month 3538.4
B. Hours underway during the month 319.3
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning 268203.8
D. Total hours underway since commissioning 21251.6
E. Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
5NOV	30 mins	20	EAXP Requirements
9NOV	10 mins	30	Quarterly Full Power Trial
18NOV	48 mins	19.8	EAXP Requirements
24NOV	40 mins	20	Self Noise Trial
25NOV	50 mins	25	Self Noise/Full Power Trials

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ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BRISBANE
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EXERCISES CONDUCTED

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
1. <u>AIO</u>	01NOV	1400-1800	GOPEX/Rainform Reporting
	02NOV	2000-2200	SPX
	03NOV	1300-1400	INTEX
	11NOV	0930-1130	HPX
	12NOV	0930-1130	HPX
	22NOV	2000-2359	GOPEX/Rainform Reporting
	23NOV	1100-1200	INTEX
	24NOV	1000-1230	INTEX
	25NOV	1200-1400	INTEX
2. <u>GUNNERY</u>	01NOV	1100-1200	GFT 5" Local Fx
		1900-2000	MTX
	02NOV	0800-0900	Balloon Tracking
		1000-1100	1. TARTAR SUFX 2. GFT 5" Local Fx
		1100-1400	MM1
	03NOV	0800-0900	Balloon Tracking
		1000-1100	MTX
		1100-1200	GFT
		1300-1600	MM1
		1800-2030	MTX
	04NOV	0800-0900	1. MM1/MTX 2. Range Surveillance
		0900-1100	MM2 TARTAR Firing
		1300-1400	NG1
		1700-1800	GFT
	15NOV	1230-1600	MTX
		1730-2030	MTX
	17NOV	0900-1200	MTX
		1600-1900	MTX

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Gunnery Cont.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
18NOV	1200-1400	MTX
	1230-1400	MTX
	1800-2100	MTX
22NOV	2100-2200	F111c EX
23NOV	1300-1400	ROFX
	1830-2030	NG1
	1900-2100	MTX
	2100-2200	F111c EX
24NOV	0900-1100	MTX
	1000-1200	ROFX
	1300-1600	NG1
	1330-1530	MTX
	1400-1530	Small Arms Fx
	1700-1800	Small Arms Fx
25NOV	1400-1530	SUMTX ASM Alert
26NOV	0900-1030	MM1/MTX
	1030-1130	Demolition Practice
	1030-1100	50 cal. Fx

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02NOV	0530-0630	NCX453
	1800-1900	EWX22
	2200-2359	EWX5
03NOV	0001-0600	1. NCX202 2. NCX501 3. NCX453
04NOV	2000-2100	EWX23
	2200-2359	NCX419
05NOV	0001-0200	NCX454
08NOV	1800-2000	NCX419
	2000-2359	1. NCX604 2. ULQ6 Trials 3. EWX5
11NOV	0930-1100	EWX22
12NOV	0900-1030	EWX23
15NOV	1730-2030	EWX23
16NOV	2100-2200	NCX651

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
	17NOV	0800-0900	NCX451
		0900-1200	1. NCX455 2. NCX501
		1015-1200	EWX20
		1300-1430	EWX20
		1600-1900	NCX210
	18NOV	1400-1600	1. NCX453 2. NCX459
	22NOV	1230-1400	EWX22
		1500-1600	EWX22
		1800-1900	NCX350
	23NOV	0600-0700	EWX22
		2200-2300	1. EWX7-10 2. ULQ6 Trials
	24NOV	1200-1300	EWX4/5
4. <u>TAS</u>	15NOV	1500-1600	IKARA SAT2
		1630-1730	1. IKARA SAT3 2. EXDAK Checks
	16NOV	1000-1100	1. IKARA SAT2 2. EXDAK Checks
		1100-1200	IKARA Countdown
		1300-1400	CASEX E1
		1400-1700	CASEX E3/A1
		1930-2359	1. DIVEX 2 2. IKARA Systems Checks 3. IKARA Countdown
	17NOV	0800-0900	1. IKARA SAT3 2. EXDAK Checks
		0900-1200	1. SLT Firing Graiduff target 2. CASEX C2
		1300-1600	CASEX C2
		1600-1730	IKARA SAT2
		1800-2000	IKARA Countdown
		2100-2300	CASEX A1/E3

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
	18NOV	0600-0700	IKARA SAT3
		0700-1200	1. CASEX E10 IKARA ISC Firing
		1630-1900	CASEX C2
	23NOV	1400	Streamed and recovered TMK6
	24NOV	2100-2300	CASEX A5/E3
	25NOV	0900-1200	1. CASEX C2 2. Dropped Marine Sound Signals
	26NOV	1030-1130	Dropped 1lb Scare Charges
5. <u>NBCD</u>	01NOV	1400-1600	NBCDX
	16NOV	0800-1000	NBCDX-NUCLEAR TRANSIT-PREWET + SHELTER STATIONS
	23NOV	0800-0900	NBCDX
	24NOV	0730-1300	1. NUCLEAR TRANSIT 2. NBCDX-PREWET + SHELTER STATIONS
6. <u>GENERAL</u>	02NOV	1500 1830-2000	Helo Transfer OOW MAN
	03NOV	1700-2000	1. OOW MAN 2. RAS APS
	04NOV	1100-1400	1. OOW MAN 2. MACH-BREAKDOWN DRILLS
		1900-2200	1. RAS APS 2. Light Jackstay 3. OOW MAN
	05NOV	0200-0600	STAMAS
		0630-0730	OOW MAN
	08NOV	1630-1800	1. RAS APS 2. Light Jackstay
	09NOV	0730-1600	DG Calibrations
		1500-1800	LOG Calibrations
		1830-1845	Full Power Trial
	15NOV	1100-1230	Light Jackstay RAS(Ammunition)
	23NOV	0930-1130	MACH-BREAKDOWN DRILLS
		1100-1200	Streamed Splash Target
	24NOV	1700-1900	OOW MAN

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISES</u>
25NOV	0001-0100	Self Noise Trials
	1600	Helo Transfer + Winching
	1900-2359	Self Noise Trials
	1900-2100	Full Power Trial
26NOV	1000-1100	Streamed Splash Target

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HMAS BRISBANE (DDG-41)
At Garden Island

4th January 1977.

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Australian Naval Attache, WASHINGTON
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER
SQUADRON
The Commanding Officer, HMAS PERTH
The Commanding Officer, HMAS HOBART

HMAS BRISBANE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
HMA Ship under my command for the month of December 1976.
Times throughout are Zone L(-11).

2. At the beginning of the month HMAS BRISBANE was
secured alongside the West side of Captain Cook Dock, Garden
Island Dockyard. The ship docked down at 1400 on 1st December
and blasting of the underwater hull began shortly afterwards.
The ship remained in dock for repainting of underwater surfaces
until 1400 on 20th December, when she was moved by tugs along-
side HMAS TORRENS on the port side of HMAS STALWART at the EMS
mooring, where she remained for the rest of the month.

3. I proceeded by car to HMAS CRESWELL during the
afternoon of 1st December and embarked in HMAS VAMPIRE on
the morning of 2nd December to act as Chief Observer for
VAMPIRE'S Operational Readiness Evaluation, which terminated
in Sydney later that day.

4. Together with my Command Team, I took part in
Phase Two of Command Team Training at HMAS WATSON on 7th and
9th December. The games emphasized OTC planning and rules of
engagement, and were of considerable benefit to all personnel
involved.

5. The Secretary of the United States Navy, Mr. J.W.
MIDDENDORF, visited the ship at short notice at 1500 on 10th
December. After a brief tour which included visits to
machinery spaces, Mr. MIDDENDORF presented a plaque to the
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6. The Christmas Leave period for the first half of the ship's company began on 10th December. A party of sixteen Naval Reserve Cadets and one officer were embarked for training during the period 13th to 20th December.

7. Christmas Day passed quietly, an excellent lunch being provided to personnel on board for the day. With the advent of 1977, all in HMAS BRISBANE look forward to a busy and interesting year for the ship in contrast to the year just ended, which was mainly spent in Dockyard hands.

MARINE ENGINEERING

8. The ship re-docked on 1st December to have the entire underwater hull blasted and re-painted. The condition of the hull on docking, although not as bad as suggested by divers, is considered to have warranted the work. Favourable weather and hard work by the Dockyard enabled the ship to undock ahead of schedule on 20th December.

9. During this period the Dockyard have also undertaken a number of defects, notably the replacement of a main steam valve in No.2 Fireroom and the refit of 1A turbo booster.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

10. The re-wiring of low level D.C. cables in the MK47 Gun Computer was completed by 13th December, when setting to work began. At the end of the month the computer had been set to work and all tests were in tolerance for AA solutions. A problem with range future in Surface Modes exists. Range future prediction is at the upper tolerance limit and work is continuing to try to improve this. Correction of defects in both mounts subsequent to Gun Proving Trials has been progressed by the Dockyard during the month.

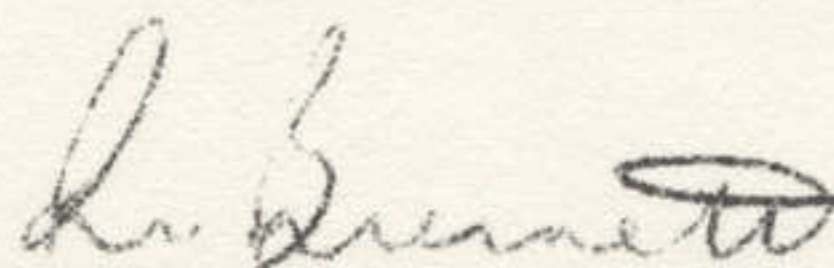
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11. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been very good and morale is at a satisfactory level.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. BURNETT)
CAPTAIN RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: Annex 'A' - Steaming Figures

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STEAMING FIGURES

A.	Distance steamed during the month	NIL
B.	Hours underway during the month	NIL
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	268203.8
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	21251.6
E.	Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed	NIL

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