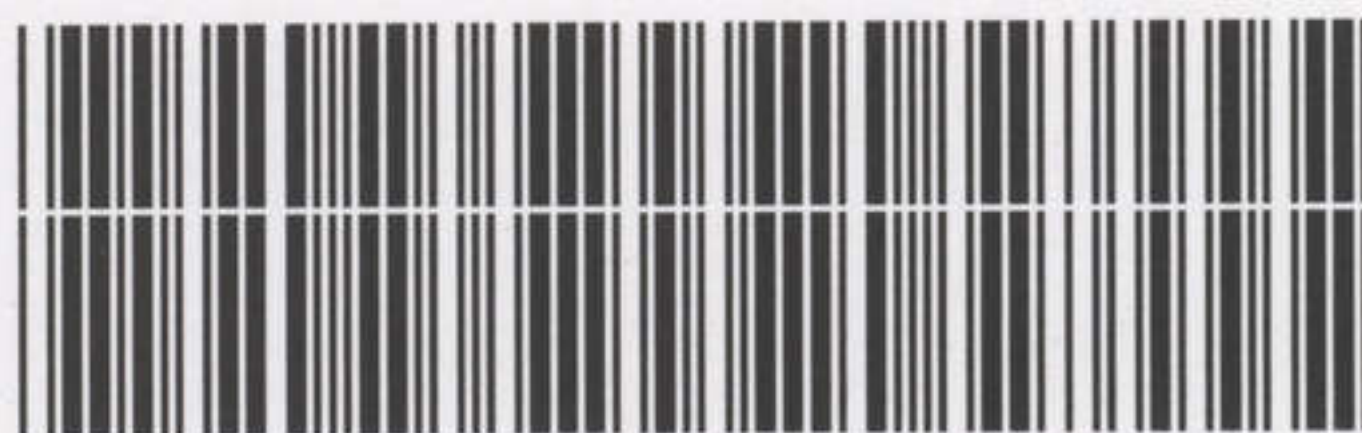


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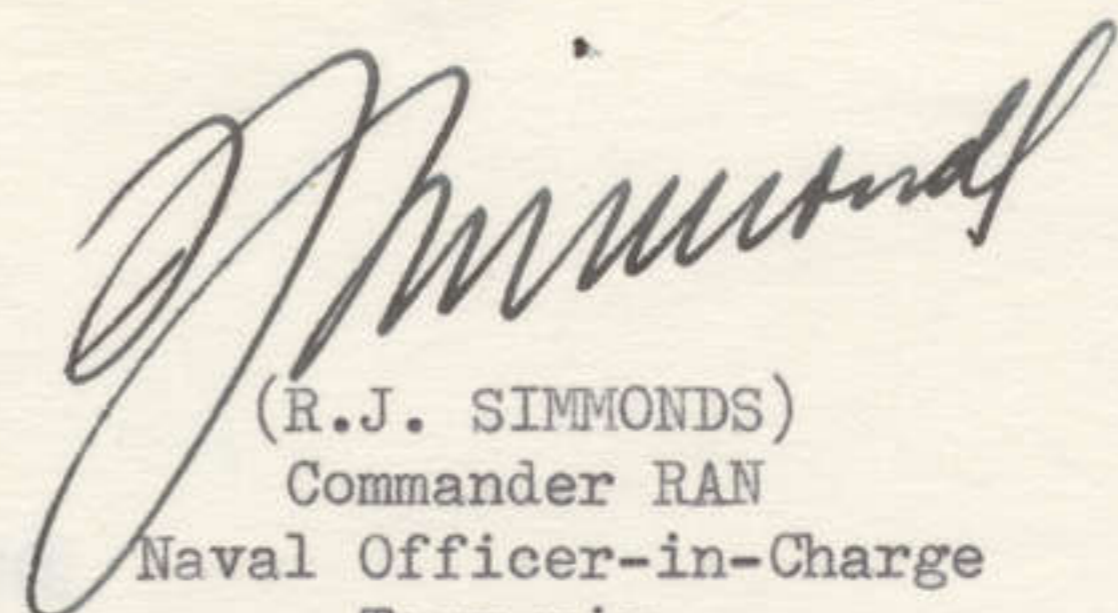
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References (a) R.I. Appendix 29 Para 12
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2. Other movements for the month vide ref (b) are as follows

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>AREA</u>
(a)	29 JAN	Sandy Bay Regatta Flagship	Sandy Bay
(b)	31 JAN	Sandy Bay Regatta Flagship	Sandy Bay


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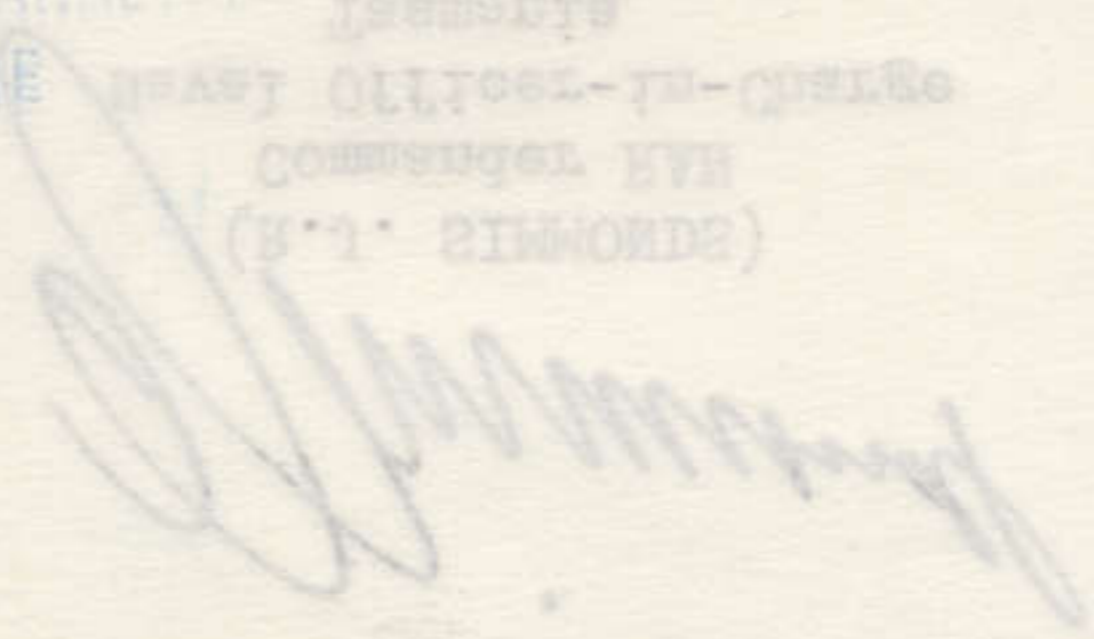
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FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1977
MEMORANDUM OF DECISIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS OF HOWAS BASS

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

HMAS BASS
at Hobart

4th February 1977

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
Tasmania

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command for the period 0800 - 1800 Sunday 30th January 1977.

2. HMAS BASS sailed from HMAS HUON at 0815L and proceeded in accordance with instructions in HMAS HUON message KLB/KVL 280230Z Jan 77.
3. BASS secured alongside the Explosives wharf at 1005L and at 1018L embarked His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania Sir Stanley Burbury, Lady Burbury, Senator Harradine Mrs Harradine and family.
4. BASS proceeded at 1023L for Dennes Point securing alongside Dennes Point Jetty at 1049L and disembarked HE and Party.
5. Due to the strong wind conditions, Bass remained alongside Dennes Point Jetty and again embarked HE and Party at 1525L and immediately proceeded to Explosives Jetty arriving at 1556L. HE and Party disembarked at 1601L.
6. At 0614L BASS sailed for HMAS HUON securing alongside at 1800L and the ship's company dismissed at 1830L.
7. The weather during the period was westerly winds Force 7-11 with sky partly cloudy.
8. Several defects were rectified during the day.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

B.F. BRASSINGTON
Lieutenant-Commander

Director-General

H.M. INVESTIGATION

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Yours faithfully

The Deputy Director-General

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ANNEX A

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HMAS BASS REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY/MARCH '77

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~~DGNOP~~ curtailment of Anchoorman I. J. 23/5
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REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS OF
HMAS BASS FEBRUARY/MARCH 1977

- References: A. R.I. Appendix 29 Para 12.
B. R.I. Appendix 29 Para 13.

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with reference (A). The reports cover the months of February and March and ~~are~~ separate reports of Exercises Anchorman I and II conducted during the period.
2. The only other movement for the month of March vide ref (B) is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
31 March	Pre refit Trials	Sandy Bay


(R. J. SIMMONDS)
Commander RAN
Naval Officer-in-Charge
Tasmania

- Enclosures: 1. Report of Proceedings 23 February 1977 - 12 March 1977.
2. Report of Proceedings 12-29 March 1977.



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

HMAS HUON

14th March 1977

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
Tasmania

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command from 23rd February 1977 to 12th March 1977.

2. The crew mustered at HMAS HUON between 1500L and 1800L in preparation for storing, victualling and testing equipment on HMAS Bass. When in all respects ready for sea, Bass cast off from the depot jetty at 1933 and proceeded down to complete safety checks.

3. HMAS Bass made good progress during 23rd and 24th with slight to moderate easterly winds and slight seas. After 1100 on the 24th the barometric pressure began to fall and the ship entered a depression in Bass Strait on the 25th February. North easterly winds (force 5-7), and a north easterly swell of 12ft slowed the passage considerably and Gabo Is was seen on radar at 0100L on the 26th. During the passage of Bass Strait there were frequent heavy rain which reduced visibility to 300 yards.

4. The weather cleared on the 26th and good progress was made up the NSW coast with light winds and smooth seas. During this fine weather, opportunity was taken to carry out various ship husbandry tools and minor defects.

tasks?

5. HMAS Bass berthed alongside minesweepers wharf HMAS Waterhen at 1020L the 27th February and immediately prepared the ship for the workup phase of exercise Anchorman I. The ship's company worked all day, refuelling, storing and repairing minor defects.

6. On Sunday 28th February a briefing was held for officers participating in Exercise Anchorman. This was a valuable meeting which enabled those officers who had not previously taken part in an EAXP to more fully understand the work up programme.

7. The ship proceeded to sea at 1020L with HMAS Banks in company and commenced OOW manoeuvres at 115L. At 1300L a Screenex was carried out with Banks, Aware, Bombard and Ardent and completed at 1500L. Due to insufficient passage time in the EAXP, the Towex and Competitive Mobex were cancelled to allow passage to the firing area (R488 South) by 1700. A surface shoot was conducted using SLR's and Browning pistols as RANTAU personnel had issued instructions that the 50 cal guns were not to be fired due to incorrect pins and unsafe firing arcs. On completion of firing at 1830L, Bass made RAS approaches with Banks until 1930. The sea was not suitable and only two approaches were made from 2030L to 2359L Screenex was conducted with Banks, Aware, Bombard and Ardent.

8. At 0105L on 1st March, night steaming in company with Banks was commenced during passage to Jervis Bay and completed at 0715L with Bass anchoring in Darling Roads. The weather during the night was fresh SE winds, overcast with frequent showers.

9. The communication exercise for 0815 - 0900L was cancelled due to very poor visibility and at 0910L the majority of ship's company embarked in AWB for Cresswell SAR wharf. On arrival demonstrations of ILR and Helo winching were carried out. This was a good practical exercise as very few Reserve personnel have witnessed a helo winching.

10. From 1315-1600L Emergency Party and Boarding party exercises were exchanged with Banks while still at anchor. These were carried out with vigour and showed considerable planning had been made before the exercise. Bass weighed anchor at 1630L and proceeded to sea with Banks for OOW manoeuvres and deployment for Night Encounter exercise. The seas were still unpleasant with a heavy SE swell and moderate sea which made steaming in company rather difficult. The patrol boats eventually encountered Bass and Banks and because of the adverse weather conditions the Screenex was cancelled and all ships proceeded to Jervis Bay anchoring at 0045L 2nd March.

11. At 0815 Bass weighed anchor and independent exercises were carried out in danbuoy laying and ships handling. As Bass could not fire 50 cal guns, the firing scheduled for the afternoon was cancelled for Bass and Navigation exercises were carried out in Jervis Bay, finally anchoring in Darling Roads at 1931L. From 2030 - 2300L Deltex Drill was accomplished, but showed considerable more practice is required.

12. During the forenoon of 3rd March a diving demonstration was carried out on HMAS Ardent followed by an Operation Awkward exercise. Bass weighed anchor at 1330 after transferring guns crew to HMAS Bombard and carried out towing exercises and RAS approaches with HMAS Banks until 1930L when the guns crew returned on board.

13. As a strong wind warning was current for the Sydney - Jervis Bay area, the OTC cancelled the Minefield transit and Screenex, and at 1825 Bass sailed from Jervis Bay in company with Banks. Strikes by NAS Nowra were carried out off Point Perpendicular and on completion, course was set for Sydney.

14. The weather deteriorated considerably during the night with the wind 100° force 4 increasing to force 7 with frequent heavy rain and poor visibility. At 0415 of 4th Banks suffered a steering breakdown and Bass was order to standby. During this period a large wave struck the starboard side resulting in water entering the ventilation tunnels and upperdeck doors. The top of the wave was level with the top guard rail of the Bridge deck. The jolt was considerable causing all crew members in their bunks to be thrown out. Damage and defects resulting are included in the annex. Bass entered Sydney Harbour in very poor weather conditions and berthed alongside Waterhen at 0825.

15. Repairs were commenced immediately on the many electrical defects but as the regulating control unit for AC supply could not be repaired on time, on Sunday 6th sailing was delayed for 24 hrs and on Monday 7th Bass had to withdraw from the second weeks exercise as the vessel had no AC power for communications and gyro.

16. Ship husbandry tasks were carried out while alongside at Waterhen and on Wednesday 9th the majority of the crew travelled by bus to Jervis Bay for firefighting drills.

17. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning tours of a submarine and the Tactical trainer at HMAS Watson were conducted. The handover to LCDR N. A. MacMillan was made on Saturday 12th March after all equipment had been tested. All equipment was operational except the galley range which only had two plates and the stove in working order.

18. The ships company carried out all their tasks in a commendable manner. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company was high throughout the cruise, even though the weather was rough during the first week and the frustations of having to remain alongside HMAS Waterhen.

19. The value of this exercise was extremely good and all members of the ships company considered it to be one of the best ACTs carried out.

20. HMAS Waterhen gave every assistance possible and the long hours and hard work endured by the electrical Bass staff in repairing the many electrical defects was fully appreciated.

21. Sydney is considered the most suitable area to carry out the next Anchorman exercise as all the facilities are in the area, it is reasonably central to RTE's but consideration should be given to have later exercises in other areas away from a major support base.

22. The slow speed of Bass and Banks makes participation with Patrol Boats very difficult and passage time to exercise areas exceeding long. Larger engines and a few more knots would make Bass and Banks far more effective in carrying out their roles.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

B. F. Brassington

B. F. BRASSINGTON
Lieutenant Commander RANR
Commanding Officer for ACT 1/77

ANNEXES:

- A. Exercises carried out.
- B. Steaming figure.
- C. Ships Company.
- D. Defects from ingress of water.

ANNEX 'A'

REPORT OF PROCEEDING HMAS BASS ACT 1/77

Exercises carried out:

1. OOW Exercises.
2. Man overboard.
3. Damage control.
4. Firefighting.
5. Towing exercises.
6. Surface shoot SLR.
7. Boarding party.
8. Leaving ship exercises.
9. Emergency party.
10. 40/60 shoot - QMG's.
11. Steering breakdown.
12. Tactical exercises.
13. Communication exercises.

ANNEX 'B'

TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED. 832 MILES

HOURS UNDERWAY. 144 HRS 15 MINS

ANNEX 'C'

CREW LIST

LCDR B.F. Brassington

LEUT A.R. Campbell

LEUT G. Slatter

POQMG R.G. Carty

POQMG C.G. Mackie

POMTP F.W. Hales

POMTP N.A. MacLean

POMTH B. Kay

QMG L.S. Hepburn

LSETP P.C. Johnston

LSQMG D.W. Harris

LSRO C.R. Oakes

ABMTP R.D. Rodway

ABETC D.R. Peebles

ABQMG Brooks

ABCK G.H. Harris

SMNETC P. Szoka

ANNEX 'D'

DEFECTS FROM INGRESS OF WATER

1. Main switchboard flooded - navigation and upperdeck lighting lost, temporary loss of all power causing loss of gyro.
2. W/T office flooded via ventilation shaft.
3. W/T ventilation motor burnt out.
4. Dinghy torn from mountings and lashings and damaged.
5. Wardroom flooded.
6. Guard rail welding split.
7. Boarding ladder lost overboard.
8. W/T typewriter damaged.
9. A/C alternator control unit U/S.
10. AJE aerial insulators damaged.
11. Cafeteria flooded.
12. Gally flooded, stove burnt out.
13. Fire hose bracket broken.

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HMAS BASS,
At Hobart,

29 March, 1977.

The Naval Officer in Charge,
TASMANIA.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command for the period 12-29 March, 1977. All times are local.
2. Officers and Ship's company joined at Sydney on 12 March, 1977. The handover was made by LCDR B. F. Brassington RANR while the ship was alongside at HMAS Waterhen.
3. Ship's stores and equipment were checked in preparation for commencement of exercise ANCHORMAN II. The range in the galley was defective - only two plates being operational.
4. At 1210 on Monday, 14 March, Bass cast off and proceeded to Garden Island in order to pick up communications equipment. 1355 Bass and Banks cast off and proceeded to sea en-route for Jervis Bay exercise area, anchoring in Jervis Bay 0655 on 15 March.

Emergency steering and emergency stations were exercised on passage (APPENDIX "A" lists all exercises carried out).
5. Ship weighed anchor at 1600 and proceeded north east of Jervis Bay for a surface shoot. This was cancelled due to weather, (winds of force 6 and up to 10' swells) and Bass and Banks returned to anchorage in Jervis Bay at 2300. Bass encountered steering problems, and the return passage was made using after steering position.
6. On 16 March, Bass with Banks in company, weighed anchor and proceeded to north Jervis Bay for dan laying and towing exercises. At 1130 Bass proceeded to AA shoot area approximately 35 miles north east of Jervis Bay. NAS Nowra sent aircraft towing sleeve for shoot. On completion of shoot, (1615) Bass returned to anchorage, Jervis Bay at 2035.
7. The ship weighed anchor at 1030 on 17 March and commenced dan laying operation, and further towing exercises with Banks. At 1700 Bass and Banks completed a "mine field transit" at the entrance to Jervis Bay and proceeded on passage to HMAS Waterhen, Sydney, arriving alongside minesweeper wharf at 0835 on 18 March.

SUNDAY 20 MARCH at 1000

8. Bass cast off and proceeded to sea with Banks in company for exercises "landing supplies on the N.S.W. coast between the latitude 33° - 36° S". The landing was affected, after HMAS Ardent intercepted outside her territorial waters, in the Brush Island area. On completion of this exercise, Banks and Bass proceeded to firing area (35 miles N.E. of Jarvis Bay) and conducted AA shoot with aircraft from NAS Nowra. This exercise being completed at 1700 on 22 March, Bass entered Jarvis Bay to anchor at 2055.
9. Weighing anchor at 0630, 23 March, Bass proceeded to berth alongside SAR Jetty, HMAS Cresswell. Crew attended fire fighting exercise. Vice Admiral Synnot, Captain Lancaster and LCDR Walker on board Bass at 1200 for lunch. Cast off at 1300 and proceeded to north Jarvis Bay for towing exercise, boarding party and O.O.W. manoeuvres.

On completion of these exercises Bass sailed for HMAS Waterhen with Banks in company at 1800, rendezvousing with Patrol boats, Bombard, Buccaneer and Ardent at Sydney Heads for ceremonial entry to Sydney Harbour. Berthed at minesweeper wharf, HMAS Waterhen at 0900 on Thursday, 24 March.
10. Bass cast off from minesweeper wharf, HMAS Waterhen on passage to Hobart at 1000 on Friday, 25 March, Gabo Island being cleared at 1000 on Saturday 26th and the ship coming to anchor at 1110 in Barnes Bay on Monday, 28 March, a total passage of 703^{71.65} in 73 hours (average 9.8 knots.)
11. The weather for the period was generally fine, with exception of Tuesday, 15 March, when force 6/7 winds were encountered with rough seas and 10' swells. The ship handled the weather well at all times.
12. The Ship's company for ACT 11/77 cleaned ship on Monday 28 March for final passage to Hobart, leaving the ship at 1200, Tuesday, 29 March.
13. On Tuesday, 16 March, SLT Jones, the Coxn and one QMG attended HMAS Bombard for 40/60 shoot, this was a most worthwhile exercise and should be included if possible in future ACT's.
14. The performance of machining and equipment during the cruise was generally good with the exception of the aforementioned range in the galley which is now an urgent defect and must be replaced.

During the exercise communication caused many problems due to the lack of CW experience of RANR R.O.'s, however, with the temporary loan of a P.O. RS from HMAS Waterhen, the

second leg of the exercise was completed, much benefit and experience being gained by Bass's two R. O's.

15. The quality of the men recently recruited was notable. They settled to their tasks in an industrious and intelligent manner and quickly became useful and reliable members of the ship's company.
16. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company was excellent throughout the cruise, although during the early period where rough weather was encountered, a large number of the ship's company suffered from sea sickness. The presentation of the ship's company at functions was to be commended. The appearance of the ship was satisfactory at all times.
17. The value of the experience and training gained by all members of the ship's company was tremendous during this ACT.
18. The assistance offered and given by the members of HMAS Waterhen was a credit to the personnel involved and the only possible suggestion which may help for the next exercise is that the exercise area could be shifted to Hobart. The area available at Hobart would allow operations in all weathers, excellent pilotage and coastal navigation practice and experience in operating for say 4 weeks without the assistance of a major support base.

The possibility of the various RANR establishments sending their own base support personnel to Hobart and the inclusion of HMAS Stalwart should also be considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

N. A. MacMillan

N. A. MacMillan,
Lieutenant Commander RANR,
Commanding Officer for ACT II/1977.

Appendices

- "A" Exercises carried out
- "B" Steaming figure
- "C" Ship's Company.

APPENDIX "A"

Report of proceedings HMAS BASS ACT II/77

Exercises carried out :

1. Fire fighting
2. Damage control
3. Life saving and safety equipment
4. O.O.W. exercises
5. Tactical exercises (including use of visual communication flags and lights)
6. Towing exercises
7. Surface shoot - small arms
8. Surface shoot - 50 calibre
9. AA shoot - 50 calibre
10. Steering breakdown
11. Leaving ship stations
12. Boarding parties
13. 40/60 shoot - QMG's

APPENDIX "B"

Steaming figures for ACT II/77 (12.3.77 to 29.3.77)

Total distance steamed	1595.1
Hours underway	208.25
Average speed	7.65 knots.

APPENDIX "C"

Crew List 2nd. ACT

LCDR	N. A. MacMillan
LCDR (additional for 2nd week)	R. D. Poulton
Leut.	R. B. Miles
Leut.	J. C. Haselgrove
A Sub Leut.	D. R. Jones
P. O. QMG	K. J. Breen
C. P. O. ETS	I. C. Bentley
P. O. QMG	G. J. Bruce
P. O. ETC	G. A. Okines
P. O. SY	R. J. Souter
P. O. MTP	D. E. Woolford
L. S. ETP	B. N. Douglas
L. S. QMG	G. S. Wall
L. S. MTP	M. G. Small
A. B. MTP	C. D. Schott
Sea MTP	P. Ritchie
Sea QMG	G. R. Geard
Sea QMG	J. L. Lapham
Sea ETC	H. H. E. Westerhof
Sea R. O.	P. R. Souter
AB R. O.	C. A. Bloomfield
Sea Wtr	G. C. Tregear
Recruit Cook	D. M. O'Brien

APPENDIX "C"


Crew List and ACT

N. A. MacMillan	I.CDR
R. D. Position	I.CDR (additional for 2nd week)
R. B. Miles	Leut.
J. C. Haselgrove	Leut.
D. R. Jones	A Sub Leut.
K. J. Breen	P. O. QMG
I. C. Bentley	C. P. O. ETS
G. J. Bruce	P. O. QMG
G. A. Okines	P. O. ETC
R. J. Souter	P. O. SY
D. R. Woolford	P. O. MTP
B. N. Douglas	I. S. ETP
G. S. Wall	I. S. QMG
M. G. Small	I. S. MTP
C. D. Schott	A. B. MTP
P. Ritchie	See MTP
G. R. Gard	See QMG
J. J. Lapham	See QMG
H. H. E. Westerhof	See ETC
P. R. Souter	See R. O.
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Reference: A. R.I. Appendix 29A Para 13

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
3 - 5 June 1977	RANR Training Cruise	Storm Bay North West Bay
29 June 1977	Shift Berth GMWD Deck fitting Tests	HMAS HUON No 2 Princes Pier
30 June 1977	GMWD Derrick Test Defuel/Pre refit	No 2 Princes Pier No 2 Princes Pier
30 June 1977	Shift Berth GOSI (Vic) in house refit meeting	No 2 Princes Pier/HMAS HUON HMAS HUON

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Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A Paragraph 13

1. The following movements of HMAS BASS are reported in accordance with Reference A:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
12-14 August 1977	RANR Training Cruise	D'Entrecasteaux Channel
9-11 September 1977	RANR Training Cruise	Storm Bay
23-25 September 1977	RANR Training Cruise	Port Arthur
14-16 October 1977	RANR Training Cruise	Port Esperance

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Date	Activity	Area
14-16 October 1977	HMAS Base ROR	Port Adelaide
22-24 September 1977	HMAS Base ROR	Port Adelaide
2-11 September 1977	HMAS Base ROR	Port Adelaide
15-17 August 1977	HMAS Base ROR	D. S. Lyons

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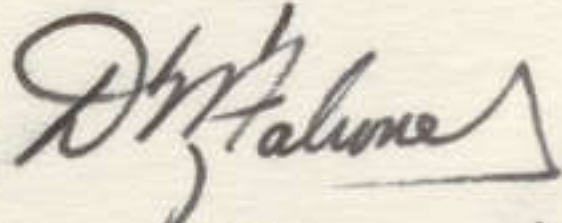
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B. NOIC Tasmania letter 18/2/24 of 16 November 1977

1. The following movements of HMAS BASS are reported in accordance with Reference A:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
4 - 6 November 1977	RANR Training Cruise	D'Entrecasteaux Channel, North West Bay and Wedge Bay

2. The Report of Proceedings for this training cruise is forwarded in accordance with RI Appendix 29A sub paragraph 12C.

3. A separate report of the grounding mentioned at paragraph 4 of the Report of Proceedings has been forwarded in accordance with RI Article 3537 (Reference B).


(D. W. Falconer)
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1. The report of proceedings has been forwarded in accordance with the instructions of the Board of the Commission mentioned in paragraph 1 of the report of proceedings dated 2 November 1977.

2. The report of proceedings for this particular case is forwarded in accordance with the instructions of the Board of the Commission mentioned in paragraph 1 of the report of proceedings dated 2 November 1977.

3. The following movements of HMAS Bass are reported in accordance with reference 1:
B. Note of the letter 19/5/77 of 19 November 1977
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FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1977
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS OF HMAS BASS

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HMAS BASS
at HOBART

7 November, 1977

The NAVAL Officer-in-Charge
TASMANIA

Sir,

I have the ^{hour} to report on the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command from 4 November to 6 November, 1977.

2. HMAS BASS sailed from HMAS HUON at 2000 Friday, 4 November on the proposed passage to Port Davey. However, force 7 south westerly winds, radio and radar defects made it unwise to proceed out of the shelter of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel area and the ship anchored in Barnes Bay at 2300.
3. The ship proceeded at 0726 on Saturday, 5 November for the Explosives Jetty in North West Bay where ship handling exercises were conducted. On completion, course was set for Nubeena where the ship arrived at 1205.
4. In the course of berthing at the Nubeena Jetty, (First berthing was aborted due to fishing vessel commencing manoeuvre alongside jetty), the ship grounded on a mud bank. The vessel was refloated soon afterwards with the aid of the fishing vessel, Alisa. No damage was suffered. ~~suffered.~~
5. The ship remained at Nubeena where the opportunity was taken to carry out maintenance and prepare the ship for the forthcoming inspection.
6. The ship sailed from Nubeena at 0758 Sunday, 6 November for the return passage to Hobart. It was decided to return earlier than previously planned to enable the electrical sailors to repair the radio and radar defects on which they had been working all week-end and to no avail.

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7. A rifle shoot was conducted on departing Nubeena and all members of the Ship's Company participated.

8. The morale of the Ship's Company was good although everyone was disappointed that the passage to Port Davey did not eventuate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

N.A. MacMillan

(N.A. MacMillan)
Lieutenant Commander, RANR

ANNEX A

Distance Steamed: 81.8 miles

Hours Underway: 11 hours

ANNEX B

Exercises carried out:-

- . Fire
- . Damage Control
- . Ship Handling
- . Small Arms Shoot
- . Steering Gear Breakdown
- . First Aid Instruction

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(J. D. STEVENS)
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COMMODORE RVM
(1. D. GREENE)

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HMAS BASS
at HOBART

16th December 1977

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet
The Naval Officer in Charge, Tasmania

For Information:

The Commanding Officer, HMAS CRESWELL

HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FOR THE PERIOD
28TH NOVEMBER TO 16TH DECEMBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command for the period Monday 28th November to Friday 16th December, 1977. All times quoted in this report are in Zone Lima (-11).
2. At the beginning of the period BASS was secured starboard side to HMAS HUON PIER at Hobart. At 0800 28th November the ship was commissioned and for the next 19 days would act in accordance with your instruction Sir, as detailed in Operation Order 22/77 and fulfil the aims of Exercise "SETRAIN 1". The ship's company as detailed in Annex C was embarked during the period.
3. I made an unofficial call on NOIC Tasmania (CMDR D.W. FALCONER, RAN) at 0930 28th November when local arrangements for the conduct of the exercise were discussed. The Commanding Officer HUON Temporary Memorandum 28/77 and my Temporary Memorandum 1/77 (enclosures 1 and 2 respectively) detail the domestic routines adhered to and are included for information.
4. The first group of eleven officers under training who travelled by RAAF Hercules C130 aircraft, arrived at HUON by 1400 28th November and were greeted by a barbecue lunch. The afternoon was used to stow gear in BASS, issue loan equipment and clean ship. The remainder of the ship's company joined by 1830 having travelled via Adelaide in an HS748 aircraft. After the evening meal a briefing was held and the first duty watch was set.

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5. The difficult task of setting up routines in a strange place was made easy by the assistance willingly contributed by HUON. Whilst alongside the ship's company ate and showered in HUON but otherwise lived in BASS. One generator was run for the duration of the exercise as no shore power is available.
6. The 29th November saw the commencement of Phase I, modified to accommodate the Biennial inspection of HUON and BASS the next day. The CPOMTP and LSMTTP used the day to familiarise themselves with the ship's equipment assisted by HUON's heads of technical departments. The Executive Officer (Lieutenant J.S.C. CLARK, RNZN) and myself gained briefs on the ship's electrical and mechanical fits including the radar, radios and steering gear. The officers under training stored and cleaned ship, hampered by rain which persisted all day. They were briefed on the ship's fire fighting equipment and the action to take in the event of a fire before the night duty watch was set.
7. Tuesday evening is the RANR training night at HUON and I met and spoke with a number of officers. The majority seemed interested in the exercise and the seaman officers all offered their differing advice on how to handle BASS.
8. From 0800 to 1130 30th November general preparations continued in readiness for the inspection. At 1425 NOIC Victoria (Commodore D.A.H. SMYTH, AO, ADC) inspected BASS. The officers under training were assembled on the quarterdeck and the inspecting officer spoke to each of them individually. On completion of the inspection the watch bills were proved and a number of drills and exercises were carried out. A complete list of all drills, exercises and evolutions conducted throughout the three phases of Exercise "SEATRAN 1" is contained in Annex B.
9. Phase I continued Thursday 1st December and all of the ship's equipment was tested. During the day the "anchors were used" and the ship's boat embarked using the derrick. A basin trial was carried out during the afternoon and the steering gear tested from forward and aft. To a certain extent this first week was overplanned as a lot of the equipment anticipated was not available. BASS carries no towing slip and this evolution was not conducted.
10. By Thursday evening the ship and ship's company were reasonably prepared for sea. The midshipmen had settled down well to the alongside routine and the domestic arrangements were working smoothly.
11. Friday forenoon 2nd December a pilotage lecture was held in one of HUON's classrooms. On completion of instruction Friday afternoon BASS responded to HUON's challenge by defeating them at social cricket by one shakey wicket.

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12. At 0800 3rd December LCDR N.A. MACMILLAN, RANR was posted in command by NOIC TASMANIA for the time that BASS was underway for that day. The ship cast off HUON Pier at 0830 and proceeded to Elizabeth Street Pier where she berthed portside to at 0925. BASS remained alongside until 1500 and was opened to the public as her contribution to the Jubilee March celebrations. Ninety one people visited the ship during the day. At 1500 BASS cast off and set course for HUON. Before berthing LEUT CLARK and myself were given the opportunity of making several approaches. The ship secured portside to HUON Pier at 1615 where she remained for the rest of the weekend.

13. The chance to see BASS handle was invaluable, it gave the whole ship's company the opportunity to see how she performed. I noticed how slow she is to react and how severely the wind affects her turning qualities. The vessel cannot be steered astern and has very little astern power. She carries a lot of wheel to counter even a moderate breeze.

14. On Sunday 4th December HUON and BASS held an open day in honour of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year. Again BASS was open for inspection with the officers under training acting as sentries and guides. The midshipmen also provided a crew to compete in the whaler race and diplomatically lost the first heat by six inches to an RANR crew. Approximately two hundred people visited the ship and most seemed to enjoy the naval displays.

15. At 0800 5th December BASS came under your operational control Sir, to commence Phase II of the exercise (HMAS BASS KLG/KVL/KMT 300013Z NOV77 INTEND AUSTSAIL refers). The ship cast off HUON Pier at 0820 and proceeded down the Derwent River to investigate Northern Storm Bay. The wind in the Derwent River was blowing at force two to three but on rounding the lee of Cape Deliverance it was blowing force six to seven on a short south westerly swell. The ship reversed course at 1115 and retreated up river. During the afternoon the watchbill was proved, emergency exercises were carried out and man overboard drills conducted. The passage into Northern Storm Bay proved a good initiation and the midshipmen quickly got the feel of the ship. Their first attempts at picking up a lifebuoy brought home the importance of making the approach correctly as the ship will not respond to manoeuvring the engines ahead and astern.

16. BASS secured port side to HUON Pier at 1745 where she remained overnight. I had not expected too much from the first day run. The cadet midshipmen of the 1977 Creswell Course (IC) fulfilled the functions of part of ship hands and watch on deck, whilst the midshipmen of the 1976 Creswell Course (IIC) acted as officer of the watch and took charge of the parts of ship for the conduct of evolutions.

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The response and enthusiasm of Class IC in their tasks as helmsmen, telegraphmen, engineroom hands and part of ship hands was heartening. At this early stage the Class IIC were displaying a reluctance or inability to take charge and did not respond to instruction quickly.

17. The HF radio equipment did not function satisfactorily and the check report was passed via VHF Hobart Harbour Control and relayed to HUON by phone.

18. For the remainder of Phase II the ship departed after colours each day and returned to HUON Pier by 1800 the same day. At 1520 Tuesday 6th December CPOUC M. TURNER sustained a cut above his right eye whilst the dan buoy was being recovered. (HMAS BASS NZT/NTY 062145Z DEC77 refers). The injury was not serious and he returned to duty next day.

19. After the communications difficulties experienced Monday a PRC F1 HF portable was tried Tuesday but with little success. The check report was passed by VHF for the remainder of the week whilst steps were taken to have the HF capability restored. HUON's HF transceiver was installed Thursday 8th December and satisfactory communication was established on the Coastal Operations Net Friday 9th December.

20. A visit to the Tasmanian State Emergency Service was arranged for 1930 Tuesday 6th December and all the officers under training attended. The visit included a brief on the functions and capabilities of the service and a tour of the equipment and building.

21. At 1800 Wednesday 7th December I attended NOIC Tasmania's official reception which was held in HUON's drill hall.

22. Chaplain John PETTMAN, RANR embarked in BASS Thursday 8th December to witness the day's evolutions. He seemed to enjoy the day on the river and spent a little time chatting with the midshipmen when they were off watch.

23. BASS secured port side to HUON Pier at 1600 Friday 9th December on completion of Phase II of Exercise "SEATRAN 1". The ship reverted to NOIC Tas operational control at 1800. (HMAS BASS KLG/KVL/KMT 300013Z NOV77 refers). After a week of daily running a considerable number of exercises and evolutions had been completed. As a slight departure from the planned programme an hour and a half Friday afternoon was devoted to ship's company man overboard drills. In a number of cases their ship handling put the midshipmen to shame. Class IC Cadet Midshipmen also carried out man overboard drills during Friday forenoon.

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24. Generally Phase II of the exercise was successful. A considerable improvement in all aspects of seamanship was noted. The IC Class continued to maintain enthusiasm and handle their tasks well. A few have shown a good degree of skill at manoeuvring the engines in the engine room. The IIC Class still did not show the same application although they have the more interesting and challenging tasks. The day running phase prepared the whole ship's company, sailors and junior officers alike quite adequately for phase three.

25. Although forewarned of the state of the ship's galley stove it was worse than anticipated and not capable of handling a meal for twenty three. HUON assisted by loaning a portable gas barbecue, so although lunch during Phase II was a little like a picnic it was eaten heartily.

26. BASS remained alongside HUON pier for the weekend. This was the first opportunity for the ship's company to see some of Tasmania and the rest was a welcome one. Nevertheless Class IIC prepared anchorages for the next week and the staff from HMAS CRESWELL slept.

27. At 0930 Monday 12th December BASS cast off HUON Pier and proceeded down the Derwent River to commence Phase III of the exercise (HMAS BASS KLG/KVL/KMT 090113Z DEC77 INTEND AUSTSAIL refers). The day was spent conducting anchorages for the IIC Class. The ship returned to HUON at 1530 to embark POETC OKINES, RANR for the overnight steam and recommenced the anchorage approaches at 1700. BASS entered the D'Entrecasteaux Channel at 2000 and commenced a night steam and navigation exercise. This was the first occasion the radar had been used to assist in the conduct of pilotage and it stirred a degree of interest. The ship reached the southern end of the channel at 2300 and altered course to enter the south western corner of Storm Bay. The wind was from the north east at force two to three and the swell from the south west at a height of two to three metres. A number of the midshipmen complained of the motion but BASS made the swell quite happily. BASS reversed course at 0300 Tuesday 13th December and re-entered the channel at 0800.

28. The major part of the forenoon was spent carrying out drills and exercises whilst on passage up the Channel and the Derwent River. A major NBCD evolution was conducted with satisfactory results. BASS secured alongside HUON at 1500 where she remained overnight.

29. The results obtained during the first overnight steam were pleasing. The Class IIC's for the first time seemed to get things into perspective and were generally very much improved over the efforts of the previous week. The night watches gave them a better chance to settle down without an exercise catastrophe happening every hour.

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30. BASS sailed for the second overnight steam at 0910 Wednesday 14th December. This time the ship shaped a course for Norfolk Bay to provide some new pilotage situations. During the day emergency drills, anchorages and dan buoy evolutions were carried out before again commencing a night steam and navigation exercise in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel. The ship re-entered the Derwent River at 0900 Thursday 15th December and all of Class IC made approaches on the dan buoy before securing alongside HUON Pier at 1400.

31. The general feeling amongst the midshipmen was that the exercise had been worthwhile. They agreed that the first week alongside was partly wasted and the ship could have achieved more in the latter phase if it had worked with a consort. They all expressed a hope that this sort of experience could be repeated, particularly the IC Class who had watched jealously as the IIC midshipmen handled all the pilotage.

32. BASS reverted to NOIC Tasmania's operational control at 1800 15th December and the ship de-commissioned at sunset 2045. The ship's company commenced returning loan gear and cleaning ship Thursday afternoon and this was completed during the forenoon Friday 16th December. At 0815 Friday 16th December I relinquished command of HMAS BASS to the Executive Officer HMAS HUON (LEUT S. MASTERTON, RAN). The ship's company disbanded and departed HUON at 1400 to return to HMAS CRESWELL or proceed on leave.

33. The mechanical state of the ship was satisfactory throughout the period. Minor defects occurred in the starboard engine startermotor and defect action has been initiated. The echo sounder malfunction Monday 12th December has now been rectified. The HF transceiver as previously mentioned was replaced by a set from HUON and no further problems were encountered.

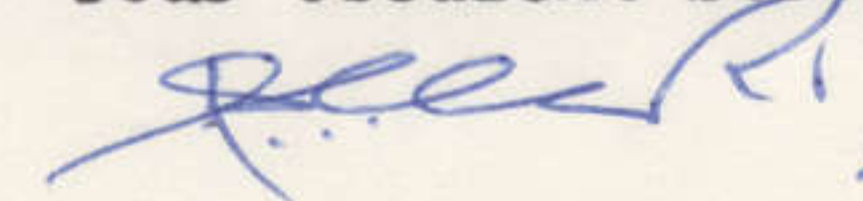
34. The ship was in a good state of preparation for our arrival. At various times during the last week of the exercise we were able to effect some ship's husbandry which included painting the upper deck and remarking both anchor cables. In addition time was spent cleaning ship including the mess decks and other domestic areas before our departure.

35. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company were good throughout the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


LT RNZN
for (C.P. BARR)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercises Carried Out
C. Nominal List of Ship's Company

Enclosures: 1. Commanding Officer HMAS HUON Memorandum 28/77
2. Commanding Officer HMAS BASS memorandum 1/77

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STEAMING FIGURES

1. Total distance steamed during period - 615.5 miles
2. Total hours underway during period - 101.7 hours

EXERCISES, DRILLS AND EVOLUTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE
THREE PHASES OF EXERCISE "SEATRAN 1"

PHASE I

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
MON28NOV	Clean Ship	
TUE29NOV	Fire Equipment Brief	By CPOMTP WRIGHT
	Store Ship	
	Inspection Preparation	
	Equipment Briefs	CO, XO, CPOMTP, LSMTF
WED30NOV	Clean Ship	
	Inspection Preparation	
	Inspection	By CDRE D.A.H. SMYTH, AO, ADC
	Proved Watch Bill	
	Emergency Stations	
	Leaving Ship Stations	
	Brief on Steering Gear Failure	
	Bridge Familiarisation	
	Engineroom Familiarisation	
	Fire Pump Brief	
	Trace Firemain	
	Fire Exercise	Duty Watch
THU01DEC	Cleaning Stations	
	Fire Drills:-	Lombardini Pump, Sigman Pump, Normal Air, Foam Branch Pipe
	Made up Heaving Lines	
	Let go Anchor	
	Weighed Anchor	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
THU01DEC (cont'd)	Hoisted Boat Laid out Dan Buoy Gear Basin Trials Steering Gear Tested Knots and Splices Fire Exercise	Using Derrick Instruction CPOUC Duty Watch
FRI02DEC	Cleaning Stations Pilotage Lecture Fire Exercise	By CO Duty Watch
SAT03DEC	Shifted Berth Open to visitors Berthed Ship	To Elizabeth Street Pier Officers Under Training (OUT) provided crew OUT sentries and guides
SUN04DEC	Open to Visitors Whaler Race	OUT Sentries and Guides OUT
<u>PHASE II</u>		
MON05DEC	Cast Off Pilotage/Fixing Leaving Ship Stations Exercise Fire Exercise Flood Steering Gear Failures Man Overboard Pilotage/fixing Berth Ship	IIC, OOW and A/OOW Ran up Pumps Steer from Aft
TUE06DEC	Cast Off Pilotage/Fixing Demonstration Anchorage Anchored Weigh Anchor Man Overboard Drills Exercised Swimmer of Watch Laid Dan Buoy Dan Buoy Approaches	By CO All IIC Recovered by Strop IIC Ship Handling

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
TUE06DEC (cont'd)	Recovered Dan Buoy Pilotage/Fixing Berthed Ship S.E.S. Visit	All
WED07DEC	Cast Off Pilotage/Fixing Major NBCD EX Man overboard Gyro Failure Anchor Oxy Viva Brief Weigh Man Overboard Drills Rigged Dan Buoy Pilotage/Fixing Berth Ship	Bridge destroyed, Steered from Aft, Manoeuvred engines from AX, Fixed from Aft, Casualty, used Neil Robinson, Stretcher recovered whilst steering from Aft. Steer and fix by Magnetic Compass OX IIC IC IIC
THU08DEC	Cast Off Pilotage/Fixing Rigged Dan Buoy Laid Dan Buoy Dan Buoy Approaches Anchored Weighed by Deck Tackle Recovered Dan Buoy Echo Sounder Pilotage/Fixing Berthed Ship	All IIC Approach by one IIC Used Derrick Exercised reporting Port and Starboard side to

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
FRI09DEC	Cast Off	
	Man Overboard Drills	All IC
	Anchor	
	Lowered Boat	By Dreeick
	Despatched Boat	
	Hoisted Boat	
	Weighed	
	Man Overboard	Ship's Company
	Pilotage/Fixing	
	Berthed Ship	
SAT10DEC	Ship Husbandry	Duty Watch Paint
MON12DEC	Cast Off	
	Pilotage/Fixing	
	Anchorage	All IIC
	Part of Ship	All IC
	Ship Husbandry	
	Lead Line Practice	All IC
	Navigation Exercise	Radar/Visual Fixing in D'Entrecasteaux Channel
TUE13DEC	Night Steam/NAVEX	Radar Fix
	Gyro Failure	
	Fix by Magnetic	
	Steering Gear Failure	
	Anchor	
	Lead Line	
	Paint Cable	
	Major NBCDEX	Fire in engineroom Lombardini Pump fitted to pressure firemain; normal air; foam branch pipe
	Pilotage/Fixing	
	Berth Ship	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
WED14DEC	Cast Off		
	Pilotage/Fixing		
	Gyro Failure	Fix by magnetic	
	NBCDEX	Fire in cafe/galley	
	Steering Failure	Sound powered	
		communications failure;	
		relay orders by voice	
		IIC Pilotage	
		Anchor	
		Pilotage/fixing	
		Lay Dan Buoy	
		Recover Dan Buoy	
		Anchor	IIC Pilotage
		Weigh	Paint Cable
THU15DEC	NAVEX/Night Steam/Radar Fix	D'Entrecasteaux Channel	
	NAVEX/Night Steam/Radar Fix		
	Lay Dan Buoy	Free floating	
	Dan Buoy Approaches	All IC	
	Berth Ship		
	Clean Ship		
	De Store Ship		
	Ship Husbandry		

ANNEX C TO HMAS BASS REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS DATED 16 DECEMBER 1977

HMAS BASS NOMINAL LIST OF SHIPS COMPANY FOR PERIOD

28 NOVEMBER 1977 TO 16 DECEMBER 1977

LEUT	BARR, RAN
LEUT	CLARK, RNZN
CPOUC	TURNER
CPOMTP	WRIGHT
LSMTP	BOND
ABCK	GLEDHILL
MIDNs	HILL
	LUNN
	GEORGELIN
	MARIEN
	ANDREWS
	CHRISTIAN
CMIDs	MORRIS
	ELLIS
	LUGTON
	COOPER
	GOUGH
	SCHWEITZER
	PEAD
	NELSON
	HOUSE
	FLANAGAN
LSRO	P.V. SQUASSONI, R96603 (Joined 03DEC77 loaned from HMAS HOBART)
POETC	G. OKINES, RANR (Loaned from HMAS HUON for overnight 12/13 DEC and 14/15 DEC)

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HMAS HUON
Queens Domain
HOBART TAS 7000

24 November 1977

Commanding Officers Temporary Memorandum 28/77

VISIT BY HMAS CRESWELL PERSONNEL
28 NOVEMBER - 16 DECEMBER 1977

General

1. Twenty two personnel from the Royal Australian Naval College will embark in HMAS BASS for the period 28 November - 16 December 1977. The aim of the visit is to provide Sea Training for Midshipmen. The composition of the party is as follows:

2 LEUT
1 CPOMTPD
1 CPOUC
1 ABMTP
1 ABCK
1 ABRO
15 MIDSHIPMEN

Advance Party

2. An Advance Party comprising CPOUC Turner and SMNCK Gledhill will arrive Hobart 1510 Friday 25 November to liaise with HMAS HUON regarding local arrangements eg: Victualling and Naval Stores. Lieutenant C.P. Barr will arrive 1950 Sunday 27 November.

Accommodation

3. Lieutenant Barr and SMNCK Gledhill will be accommodated in HMAS HUON until 28 November. CPOUC Turner will be in private accommodation ashore.

All personnel will be accommodated in HMAS BASS for the period 28 November - 16 December.

Transport

4. The following transport is required:-

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
25 NOV	1510	Airport	HMAS HUON	HUON Utility Collect CPO Turner and ABCK Gledhill
27 NOV	1950	Airport	HMAS HUON	DAS Vehicle Collect LEUT Barr
28 NOV	1130	Airport (c130)	HMAS HUON	Army Bus Driver AB Lord Collect 11 personnel
28 NOV	TBA	Airport (HS748)	HMAS HUON	Army Bus Driver AB Lord Collect 8 personnel

Domestic Arrangements

5. a. Messing: The Wardroom Galley will be used and all personnel will eat in the Wardroom Ante Room.
- b. Heads and Bathrooms: Sailors and Midshipmen will use the Ship's Company heads and bathrooms. The officers may use the officers' heads and bathrooms only between 1600-0800 daily.

NOTE: All these areas are to be cleaned out by 0900 daily.

Sullage

6. All sullage is to be placed in bins on the tennis court by 0800 daily.

Car Parking

7. All private vehicles are to be parked outside the depot in Queens Domain. Vehicles may be parked outside the main gate between 1600-0800.

Duty Personnel

8. A Duty Watch will be required in HMAS BASS. A midshipman will be required to keep duty at the main gate between 1600-0800 daily and will sleep in the Senior Sailor's Cabin. A Standing Fire Party is to be available at all time.

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9. All personnel are to read HMAS HUON and Tasmanian Area Standing Orders (HTSO) and Passive Defence Orders as soon as possible after arrival. All officers (including officers under training) are to read BASSOPS and HMAS HUON Wardroom Mess Rules.

Uniform

10. Summer uniform will be worn from Monday 5 December.

Medical

11. The Medical Centre will be manned at 0800 Monday to Friday. After hours medical treatment can be obtained from the District Naval Medical Officer (Surgeon Commander P.F. Gill, RANR) (Telephone 284650).

Discipline

12. Lieutenant C.P. Barr, RAN is responsible to the Executive Officer HMAS HUON regarding all matters of discipline.

Sporting Facilities

13. a. Tennis, Volleyball and Badminton - HMAS HUON
b. Swimming - Domain Pool
c. Cricket - Domain Oval
d. Squash - Anglesea Barracks
e. Ten Pin Bowling - Moonah

The HUON sports store has a small range of sporting equipment available.

Defence Force Weekend 3-4 December

14. a. Saturday 3 December

<u>Event No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	0800	HMAS BASS sails for Elizabeth Street Pier	LCDR N.A. MacMillan RANR in Command CRESWELL crew
2.	0840	Personnel Assemble HMAS HUON for Transport to Princes Wharf.	
3.	0900	Personnel Assemble Princes Wharf	

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<u>Event No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
4	0945	Parade marches off	
5	1015	March concludes. Transport to HUON	
6.	1500 (approx)	HMAS BASS sails for HMAS HUON	
b. Sunday 4 December			
	1330-1630	HMAS HUON Open Day	MIDN WHALER Crew and general assistance

RANR Assistance

15. POETC G. Okines, RANR will be embarked for HMAS BASS overnight steaming 12/13 DEC and 14/15 DEC.

HMAS HUON Wardroom

16. Officers are honorary members of the Wardroom Mess for the duration of their stay. Keys to the Wardroom refrigerator may be obtained from the Executive Officer. The chit system is in use. LEUT Barr is to issue instructions for use of the bar, within the framework of Mess Rules and Standing Orders, and after consultation with the Executive Officer HMAS HUON.

Club HUON

17. Sailors are welcome to use the facilities of Club HUON for the duration of their stay and are to comply with Club rules and Standing Orders.

RANR and NRC

18. HMAS HUON is used by the Hobart Port Division RANR on Tuesday nights from 1900 and by TS DERWENT Naval Reserve Cadet Unit, on Friday nights from 1900.

HMAS HUON Biennial Inspection 30 November 1977

19. Attention is drawn to COTM 27/77.

Signed: (D.W. Falconer)
Commander, RAN
Naval Officer-in-Charge
Tasmania

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6. Duty Watch Duties

Whilst alongside HMAS BASS will be manned continuously. Out of working hours a Duty Watch comprised of OUT will provide the following:

OOD 1
DPO 1
QM 3

The duties of these personnel are:

- A. OOD. He is in charge of the Duty Watch and as such is to oversee the routine, conduct, security rounds and safety of the ship. In particular he is to conduct the ceremonies of colours and sunset, check the ship's berthing arrangements regularly, do completion of work rounds, ensure the cleanliness of HMAS HUON facilities used by HMAS BASS personnel. (Wardroom, galley, heads and showers). He is to ensure the Wardroom Bar is secured correctly and retain the bar keys.
- B. DPO. He is available to assist the OOD and regulate the QM Watchbill.
- C. QM. He will stand watch on the bow and act as security sentry. He is to conduct rounds of the ship at about hourly intervals including checking the engine-room bilges and berthing arrangements.

In addition the QM is to act as NW Gate Sentry at the following times when leave is granted:

Weekdays - from secure for 30 minutes -
manned continuously 2200-2359
manned at 30 minute intervals
for 5 minutes.

Weekends - as above and in addition at
hourly intervals for 5 minutes
from secure to 2200.

D. Duty Watch

The Duty Watch is to provide a galley hand to assist the cook in preparing and serving meals. It may be necessary for this galley hand to cook breakfast and/or the evening meal should the cook be on leave. The duty galley hand is to assist in the cleaning of the Wardroom and galley on completion of meals. He is to square off and secure the Wardroom as follows:

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- (i) lock fridge;
- (ii) turn off oil heater by shutting off the oil switch on the top of the heater. The power is to be left on;
- (iii) remove all gash;
- (iv) wipe down bar area;
- (v) turn off all lights;
- (vi) lock W/R and return keys to keyboard.

Hands from the Duty Watch are to be detailed to clean up HMAS HUON heads and showers by 0900 daily and to ditch gash by 0800 daily.

7.

Bar Hours

- (i) OUT may use the HMAS HUON Wardroom Bar as follows:

Daily - 1200-1300 (soft drinks only)
1800-2200

OUT are not to use Club HUON facilities.

- (ii) Senior Sailors } May use the Wardroom Bar facilities
Junior Sailors } when eating in the Wardroom. At other times, the facilities of Club HUON are to be used.

Signed (C.P. BARR)
LIEUTENANT, RAN

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS OF HMAS BASS
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1977

Reference: RI Appendix 29A paragraph 13

1. The following movements of HMAS BASS are reported in accordance with Reference A:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
3 December 1977	Open to visitors Defence Force Week-end. Transit - HMAS HUON - Elizabeth Street Wharf and return.	Hobart
5-9 December 1977	RANC Daily Running	Hobart
12-13 December 1977	RANC Day and Night Cruise	D'Entrecasteaux Channel
14-15 December 1977	RANC Day and Night Cruise	D'Entrecasteaux Channel - Inner Storm Bay.

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14-12 December 1977	HVIC Day and night sorties	Sea King - 1st Sea King
15-12 December 1977	HVIC Day and night sorties	Sea King
2-3 December 1977	HVIC Day and night sorties	Sea King
3 December 1977	Sortie to support Defence Force	Sea King

Reference 4: The following movements of HVIC bases are reported in accordance with

Reference: HVM Appendix 3 and Appendix 4

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