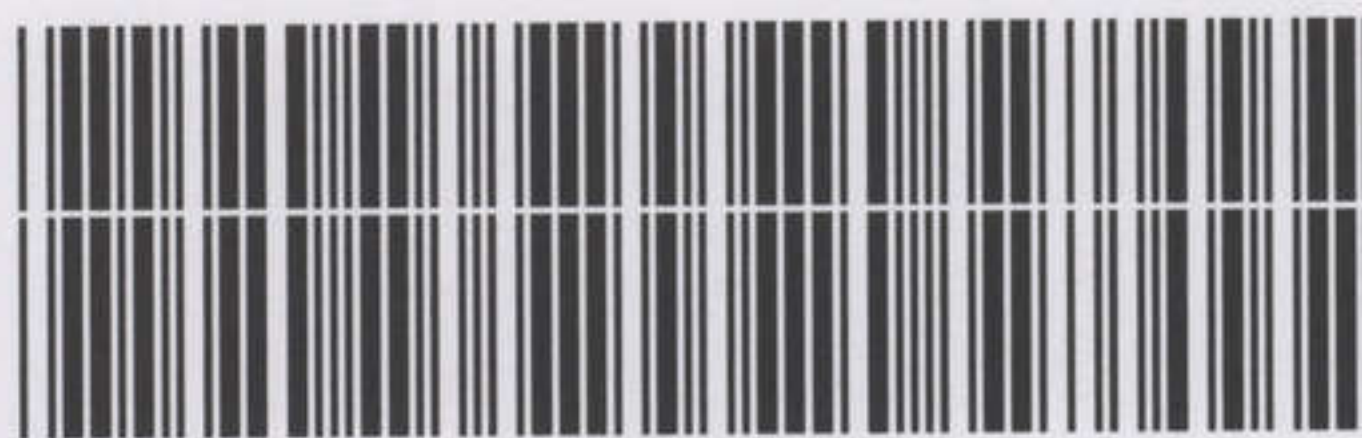


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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS OF HMAS BASS
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1978

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>
04-09 January 1978	Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania Control Ship - SAIL 78 Regatta	Hobart
09-13 January 1978	"	Hobart
15-16 January 1978	"	Hobart
28 January 1978	Sandy Bay Regatta Control Ship	Hobart
30 January 1978	"	Hobart

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FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1978

Reference: A. R.I. 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>
06-09 February 1978	Passage Hobart/Sydney	Tasmania/NSW Coastal
09-11 February 1978	Pre-Exercise Anchorman Three Programme	HMAS WATERHEN
13-25 February 1978	Exercise Anchorman Three	Sydney/Jervis Bay Area
26-28 February 1978	Pre-Exercise Anchorman Four Programme	HMAS WATERHEN

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15th March, 1978

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The Commanding Officer (Reserves)
Sydney Port Division RANR
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer (Reserves)
Hobart Port Division RANR
HMAS HUON

HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
EXERCISE ANCHORMAN FOUR
RANR ACT 25TH FEBRUARY, 1978 - 14TH MARCH, 1978

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BASS under my command from 25th February, 1978 to 14th March, 1978. Times throughout were Zone Lima (-11) from 25th February, 1978 until 0200 on 5th March when clocks were retarded by one hour to Zone Kilo (-10).
2. The handover from the Anchorman Three crew was effected on 25th/26th February. I assumed command of BASS from LCDR RLEX B.F. Brassington RD RANR at 1700 on 25th February.
3. The ship's company was wholly comprised of members of the Hobart Port Division with the exception of myself, the Navigating Officer, a Junior Officer under training and an ABRO.

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4. The ship being in all respects ready for sea, cast off from HMAS Waterhen at 0730 on 28th February; in company with HMAS BANKS. Sydney Heads were cleared at 0845 when exercises I.A.W. with the EAXP were commenced.

5. BASS and BANKS were joined by HMA Ships BOMBARD, ATTACK and ADVANCE at 1030 for a SCREENEX/CASEX which continued until 1300 when the three PTFs detached. Bass and Banks conducted a 50 Cal. shoot between 1300 and 1600 and then proceeded towards Jervis Bay with EAXP serials being conducted en route. Weather conditions deteriorated during the early evening when they became quite stormy with the result that at the O.T.C.'s direction no further EAXP serials were attempted after 2130.

6. Bass in company with Banks anchored in Jervis Bay at 0600 on Wednesday on 1st March. During the forenoon the majority of the ship's company together with other Anchorman Four sailors visited the JBMR fire range for fire fighting exercises.

7. The ship weighed at 1230 in company with the three PTFs and Banks who had VADM A.M. SYNNOT C.B.E. (Chief of Naval Staff) embarked. The ships exercised in Jervis Bay during the afternoon carrying out OOW MANS and RASAPS and concluding with a FORMAGE at 1600. The various ships' companies then witnessed an ILR and helo winching demonstration from the SAR wharf at 1630. The ship remained at anchor overnight in Jervis Bay.

8. Bass and Banks weighed at 0700 on 2nd March and both ships conducted various seamanship EAXP serials inside Jervis Bay until 1600 when they anchored. Both ships then weighed and proceeded at 1800 for a NEX with HMAS Advance providing the screen and HMA Ships Bombard and Attack comprising the opposition.

9. On conclusion of the NEX Bass and Banks proceeded to Sydney and berthed at HMAS Waterhen at 0730 on Friday 3rd March. Bass and Banks refueled and stored during the day and then cast off from Waterhen at 2100 to take part in JUC 98.

10. The period from 2100 on 3rd March until 1300 on the 4th March was spent transitting to the exercise area when Bass and Banks's role as AGI's commenced. Weather conditions during the night of 3rd/4th March were fairly uncomfortable but then gradually improved and were very good by Sunday 5th March. The required locating and amplifying reports as specified in the JUC 98 Orange Force Opord were sent and it is believed provided a worthwhile contribution to the exercise. At 0130 on 5th March Bass and Banks withdrew from JUC 98 and returned to Waterhen berthing at 1830 on 5th March.

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11. The ship refueled and stored alongside at HMAS Waterhen on 6th March whilst the ship's company attended HMAS Penguin for damage control demonstration/instruction. This was followed by an operation awkward during the evening.
12. All Anchorman Four ships cast off from HMAS Waterhen at 0805 on Tuesday 7th March and proceeded to undertake live firing serials. Bass and Banks detached at 1400 and returned to Waterhen berthing at 1730.
13. A boarding party from Advance boarded Bass whilst alongside at Waterhen at 1015 on Wednesday 8th March. On completing at 1200 Bass and Banks cast off and proceeded to sea to conduct EAXP serials with the three PTFs. The PTFs detached at 1630 when Bass and Banks returned to Waterhen berthing at 1800.
14. Bass and Banks cast off from Waterhen at 1000 on 9th March to rendezvous with the PTFs for an opposed departure following by a SCREENEX. On completion at 1200 Bass and Banks detached and conducted internal drills whilst deploying for a NEX to commence at 1900. The NEX concluded at 0300 on 10th March and Bass and Banks proceeded towards Sydney Heads to rendezvous again with the PTFs for a ceremonial entry at 0615. The Anchorman Four ships then berthed at Waterhen at 0730.
15. Bass refueled and stored during the 10th March and then cast off from Waterhen at 1900 that evening with Banks in company for passage to Hobart.
16. Bass detached from Banks at 2000 on 11th March near Gabo Island and proceeded to Hobart berthing (Tinderbox Bay Explosives Wharf) at 1330 on March 13th. The remainder of the day was spent in cleaning and maintenance prior to handing the ship back to her permanent Commanding Officer on 14th March.
17. The ship cast off at 0600 on March 14th and proceeded to HMAS Huon, berthing at 0802. A photographer from the Hobart Mercury visited the ship during the forenoon (refer Annex D) and at 1200 on 14th March I handed over command of HMAS Bass to Leut. SDEX S.L. MASTERTON RAN.
18. During the period of the A.C.T. RANR BWC2 watchkeeping certificates were awarded to two officers and an RANR BWC3 certificate was awarded to a POQMG.

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19. The support and co-operation given to Bass by the base staff of HMAS Waterhen was of the highest order throughout the period of the A.C.T.

20. Brief exercise comments have been made in Annex C.

21. The attitude and application of the ship's company were of a high order throughout the period. Morale on the other hand was not good at the end of the first week after a fairly hard week's exercising without much respite. However, there was a marked improvement during the second week following amendments to the programme and by the end of the A.C.T. morale had returned to the normal high level experienced with RANR crews.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.N. HORSPPOOL)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RANR

Annexes:

- A. Steaming Figures
- B. Exercise Annex
- C. Exercise Comments
- D. Press Report
- E. Officers and Ship's Company
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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BASS LETTER 1/16/1
DATED 15TH MARCH, 1978

STEAMING FIGURES

EXERCISE ANCHORMAN FOUR

25TH FEBRUARY, 1978 TO 14TH MARCH, 1978

1.	Distance steamed during period	1,566.8 miles
2.	Hours underway during period	194 15/60
3.	Total distance steamed since first commissioning	25,714.6 miles
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	6,012 50/60
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

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EXERCISE ANNEX

SEAMANSHIP

27 FEB	1000	-	1030	LEAVING SHIP STATIONS
1 MAR	0800	-	1200	FIREFIGHTING
	1630	-	1730	ILR DEMONSTRATION
2 MAR	0900	-	1000	DANBUOY LAYING/RECOVERY
	1000	-	1200	TOWEX/FAIDEX
	1300	-	1400	BOARDEX
	1400	-	1600	TOWEX/FAIDEX
6 MAR	0730	-	1630	NBCD
	1830	-	2359	AWKWARD
7 MAR	1015	-	1200	BOARDEX
8 MAR	1630	-	1700	LEAVING SHIP STATIONS
	1700	-	1730	EMERGENCY STATIONS
9 MAR	1300	-	1400	NBCDEX - D.C.
	1400	-	1500	- FIRE

NAVIGATION

28 FEB	0800	-	1000	OOW MANS
	1030	-	1200	SCREENEX
	1730	-	1830	MANORD
				OOW ENG.
	1830	-	2000	STAMAS
	2000	-	2100	OOW MAN
1 MAR	0500	-	0600	FORMAGE
	1230	-	1330	RASAPS
	1400	-	1500	OOW MAN
	1530	-	1600	FORMAGE
2 MAR	0700	-	0800	OOW MAN
	1600	-	1630	FORMAGE

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	2000	-	2359	NEX
3 MAR	0001	-	0600	NSIC
6 MAR	0900	-	1100	OOW MAN
	1100	-	1200	OOW ENG
8 MAR	1315	-	1630	SCREENEX
	1730	-	1830	BLIND PILOTAGE
9 MAR	1000	-	1100	BLIND PILOTAGE
	1030	-	1200	Departure SCREENEX
				SCREENEX
	1900	-	2359	NEX
10 MAR	0001	-	0300	NEX
	0300	-	0600	NSIC
	0615	-	0730	CEREMONIAL ENTRY SYDNEY

GUNNERY

28 FEB	1300	-	1600	SUTF
	1600	-	1730	SMALL ARMS SHOOT - 9 mm PISTOL
				- F1
				- SLR
6 MAR	1200	-	1400	SUTF

COMMUNICATIONS

1 MAR	1800	-	1900	NCX 205
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28 FEB	2100	-	2130	RFX 2
3 - 5 MAR				JUC 98

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EXERCISE COMMENTS

1. JUC 98

It is considered that Bass and Banks' involvement as AGI's in JUC 98 in the particular setting they were given provided realistic and worthwhile training in the communications, navigation and seamanship areas. Accordingly, similar activity in the future should be worthwhile if the opportunity for involvement presents itself.

2. Operation Awkward

An operation awkward was carried out between 1830 and 2359 on 6th March with a demonstration by CDT 2 as a prelude which was interesting and worthwhile. However, as far as the ships alongside were concerned the remainder of the serial lasted far too long (5 hours) in view of the wholly passive role they had to play while closed up at various states of awkward readiness. Doubtless the diving teams achieved valuable training but it is recommended that future awkward serials be much shorter and that the scenario include opportunities for ship's company direct involvement.

3. General

In similar fashion to the 1977 Anchorman Exercises, Anchorman Four has provided much valuable training for the RANR officers and sailors involved. However, I am of the opinion that the level of expertise and experience obtained during the 1977 exercise was not consolidated during the intervening year and that the current level of training/expertise at the end of Anchorman Four is not showing much of an advance.

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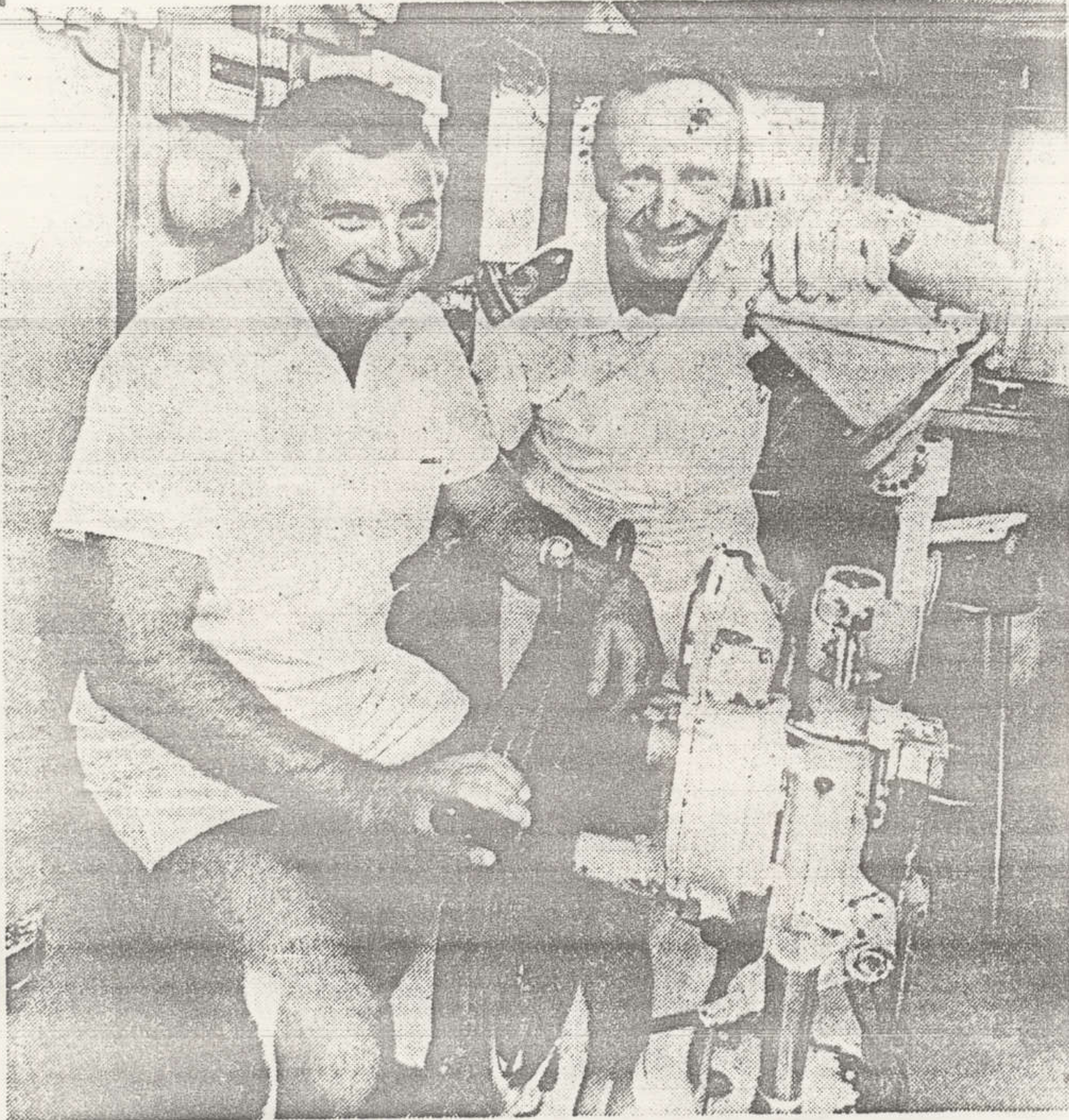
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PRESS REPORT

Hobart Mercury - 15th March, 1978

Back from exercise



● It's back to "civvy street" for Petty Officer Graeme Okines and Lieut-Cdr Nic Horspool, who returned to Hobart yesterday on the Hobart-based Naval Reserve training vessel, HMAS Bass.

HMAS Bass had been participating in an annual training exercise, code named Anchorman, in Sydney waters for the past month.

All the crew members were

reserve personnel drawn from a variety of occupations.

Lieut-Cdr Horspool, a Naval Reserve veteran of 23 years, started his working life in the merchant navy and is now finance director of a

small merchant bank in Sydney.

Petty Officer Okines, of Howrah, is a technical officer with the ABC and has chalked up 12 years continuous involvement with the Naval Reserve.

They described the recent exercise as very successful.

However, until next year, it's solid ground and permanent jobs for all crew members of HMAS Bass.



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FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1978

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>
21-23 April	Control Ship for Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania Navigational Trial and RANR Training Cruise.	Derwent River/ D'entrecasteaux Channel

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FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1978

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>
19-21 May	RANR Training Cruise and de-store prior to 78 Refit	HMAS HUON D'entrecasteaux Channel
29 May	Cold move HMAS HUON to No. 1 Marine Board Slipway, Queens Domain Docking for Refit	Derwent River
29-31 May	Refit	No. 1 Marine Board Slipway, Queens Domain

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HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1978

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>
01-30 June	1978 Annual Refit	No. 1 Marine Slip Hobart

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FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1978

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>
11 - 13 August	RANR Training Cruise	Hobart - Port Esperence

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HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS FOR
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1978

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A Paragraph 13

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Area</u>
15-17 September	RANR Training Cruise	Frederick Henry Bay D'Entrecasteaux Channel

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HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1978

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>
13-15 October	RANR Training Cruise	Storm Bay D'Entrecasteaux Channel Area

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HMAS BASS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AND MOVEMENTS
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1978

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A Paragraph 13

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

3-5 November	RANR Training Cruise	Port Davey
17 November	SEATRAN I Cadets join	HMAS HUON
18 November	Ship Handling drills	River Derwent
22 November	Daily Running	River Derwent
23 November	Daily Running	River Derwent
24 November	Daily Running	River Derwent
27-28 November	Exercises/Overnight Steam	Storm Bay/Hobart
29-30 November	Exercises/Overnight Steam	Storm Bay/ D'Entrecasteaux Channel

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FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1978

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>
01-03 December	RANR Training Cruise	Port Davey/Hobart
04 December	SEATRAN Group 2 join	HMAS HUON
05 December	Alongside Drills	" "
06 December	" "	" "
07 December	Daily Running SEATRAN 2	Hobart
08 December	" " "	"
09-10 December	Alongside SEATRAN 2	HMAS HUON
11 December	Daily Running	Hobart
12-13 December	Sail Overnight Steam	Hobart/D'Entrecasteaux Channel
14 December	Inspection of RANR by CDRE K. W. Shands OBE Alongside	HMAS HUON HMAS HUON
15-16 December	SEATRAN 2 Overnight Steam	Storm Bay/Hobart
17-18 December	Alongside - Clean Ship	HMAS HUON

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