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HMAS NOIC JERVIS BAY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS QE. MARCH 1977

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1ST JANUARY - 31ST MARCH 1977

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A/Captain, RAN  
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HMAS CRESWELL

NOIC JERVIS BAY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
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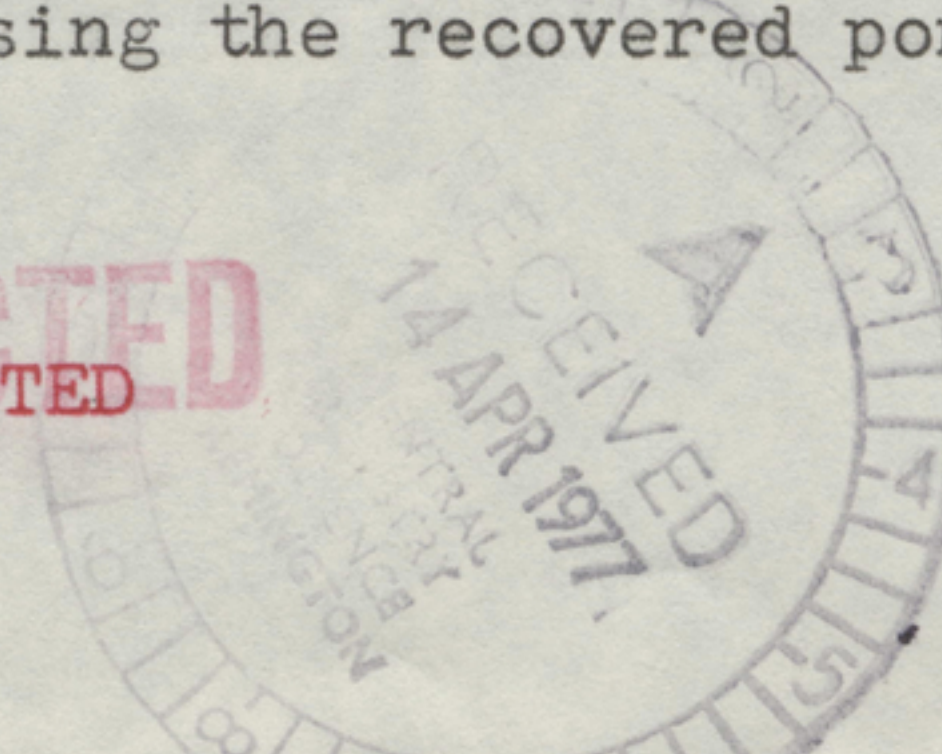
Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the NOIC Jervis Bay for the period 1st January to 31st March 1977.
2. Fifteen fleet units visited Jervis Bay during the period and demand for support has been moderate. H.M. Royal Yacht BRITANNIA made a short stopover on Saturday 12th March.
3. Exercises ANCHORMAN 1 and 2 were conducted in the area during the period 28th February to 24th March 1977.

MARINE SECTION

4. TRV 801 remained serviceable during the period except for a defective gyro (NOIC JB DAW/DRQ 252100Z JAN 77 refers). TRV 801 sailed to Sydney on the 14th February to conduct pre-refit trials and commenced refit at GARDEN ISLAND DOCKYARD on 21st February 1977. The refit is expected to be completed on the 14th June 1977. During the period TRV 801 is in refit, TRV 802 has been allocated to my command, to provide fleet support and has been in Jervis Bay since 8th March 1977.
5. During a surface target tow by TRV 801 on the 20th January 1977, Williams Target number 20 capsized (HMAS DUCHESS's KEB 200633Z JAN 77, KEB 200825Z JAN 77 refer). On return of TRV 801 an investigation was conducted by the Commander Target Services Group (COMTARSERVGRU KEB 202256Z JAN refers). Subsequently an URDEF was raised (HMAS CRESWELL DAW/DUY/KEB 232115Z JAN 77 refers) to have the Williams Target rebuilt using the recovered pontoons.

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6. Again during a surface target tow, this time by HMAS BUCCANEER, on the 26th January Williams Target number 1801 suffered minor damage by gunfire from HMAS BRISBANE. The target was then repaired by base staff. The following week, on the 2nd March 1977, Target 1801 was rendered unserviceable during a tow by HMAS AWARE when the reflector became detached and was lost at sea. Repair action was initiated immediately as there was no serviceable Williams Target in Jervis Bay (HMAS CRESWELL DAW/DUY/RRG 020256Z MAR 77 refers) and was completed on the 20th March 1977 (HMAS CRESWELL DAW/DAW/RRG 202224Z MAR 77 refers.)

7. On the 1st March 1977, HMAS AWARE in conjunction with HMAS VAMPIRE and RANTAU, conducted trials with a redesigned Lightweight GRP Target (RANTAU 110326Z FEB 77 refers). The trials were successful (RANTAU RRG/KEB 032347Z MAR 77 refers), and the GRP Target has been released for general fleet use and further trials (AF Letter 58/4/8 dated 21st March 1977 refers).

8. AWL 304 returned to Jervis Bay on the 13th January 1977 in preparation for loading two Tracker aircraft onto HMAS MELBOURNE. This however did not eventuate as the Trackers were loaded by helicopter. AWL 304 has remained in Jervis Bay to assist in relaying part of the low frequency sound range in Jervis Bay and to assist in laying the submarine sound range cable later in the year. AWL 304 remains in excellent state of repair and maintenance is continuing. It is considered that AWL 304 should remain in Jervis Bay permanently.

9. The boats operated by the Marine Section have continued to remain serviceable with several exceptions, HPB 3351 has had a defective starboard engine replaced by base staff (HMAS CRESWELL DUY/DUZ 242315Z MAR 77 refers). HPB 2621 has suffered from high engine oil pressure which base staff have rectified. AWB 4003 returned to Jervis Bay on the 7th February after completing refit and trials at GARDEN ISLAND DOCKYARD (C of P SYDNEY LSW/DKC 260039Z JAN 77 refers).

#### EXERCISE ANCHORMAN

10. Exercise ANCHORMAN was conducted in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area in two phases between the 28th February and the 24th March 1977. A forward support base was established at the Marine Section for the duration of the exercise. This was manned by Naval Reserve Personnel and assistance by Marine Section staff was provided whenever requested. During the first phase of the exercise a Naval Reserve Diving Team operated in Jervis Bay.

11. On Thursday 3rd March the MINISTER FOR DEFENCE the Honourable D. J. Killen MHR, visited Jervis Bay to witness exercises being conducted by the Reserve units taking part in ANCHORMAN 1.

12. Three weeks later, on the 23rd March 1977, the Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral A. M. Synnot CBE visited Jervis Bay to witness exercises, again being conducted by Reserve units during ANCHORMAN 2.

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JERVIS BAY MISSILE RANGE

13. The Missile Range re-opened on the 10th January 1977 after the Christmas leave period and the period from the 10th to the 17th January 1977 was utilised for setting to work the Jindivik control complex and aircraft preparation after the leave period.

14. On Monday 17th January a Jindivik flight was carried out to check the trim of aircraft NII-646 and to carry out continuation training of Jindivik controllers. This flight unfortunately ended with the crash of the Jindivik while on final approach, in the A.C.T. pine forest to the west of runway 09. In addition to the total loss of the aircraft, approximately 20 acres of pine forest was burnt out. The resulting fire was quickly controlled by the combined efforts of the A.C.T. Fire Authority, HMAS CRESWELL, HMAS ALBATROSS and the Target Services Group. This accident is still the subject of investigation.

15. During the week commencing 25th January 1977, successful Jindivik target presentations were carried out for missile firings from HMA Ships BRISBANE, PERTH and PARRAMATTA.

16. The lack of spares and short fitment of new aircraft is still a cause of some concern. Although several meetings have been held with SAMR and Naval Stores Directorates there appears to be no easy solution to these problems. The major reasons for these problems appear to be a change in type of operations, that is, from 2 activations per year to continuous operations, the Jindivik being a one-off type and not codified to the Naval store keeping system and the long lead times on critical items.

17. The current situation is that four aircraft are held at JBMR but only one is serviceable.

18. During March the range was visited by the auditors team comprising of Mr. Kenny and Mr. Smith who carried out an appraisal of the JBMR store keeping system. It is expected that some firm recommendation will be forthcoming from this appraisal.

19. The Jervis Bay Missile Range was also visited by the Complement Review Committee during the quarter. This visit encompassed the Target Services Group as a whole, and the results are not yet known.

FIREGROUND

20. The fire fighting training at the East Australia Fire Fighting Facility has continued at a high level throughout the quarter and the facility has been used by students from HMAS PENGUIN, HMA Ships, ARMY, HMAS ALBATROSS, and Naval Reserve personnel during exercises ANCHORMAN. During firefighting training by Naval Reservists the facility was visited by the Minister of Defence the Honourable D. J. Killen, MHR and the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A. M. Synnot CBE.

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BEECROFT RANGE

21. BEECROFT RANGE re-opened on the 6th January 1977 after the Christmas school holidays during which time the Range Party were employed in general maintenance and upkeep of the range buildings in addition to assisting the Honorary Ranger, Mr. E. Marsh, in patrolling the camping areas on the Range.
22. The Range has been in constant use for air to ground firings since the 2nd February 1977 with Macchi and Skyhawk aircraft of 724 and 805 Squadrons using practice bombs and rockets as well as the strafing facility although 805 Squadron did not have a great deal of opportunity to use the range as they embarked in HMAS MELBOURNE for exercise RIMPAC '77 early in the year.
23. No visiting aircraft have used the range during the quarter, although one visiting ship, HMNZS TARANAKI, has used the range on the 21st March 1977 for NG1 only. Other NG1 exercises were conducted with HMA Ships BRISBANE, PERTH, PARRAMATTA and DUCHESS on the 18th and 19th January 1977. No firings have been conducted during the quarter.
24. Vandalism during the period has been confined to the sentry hut at the main gate which was broken into on the 13th January 1977. The incident was reported to HMAS ALBATROSS although the only damage sustained was a broken lock and shutters. Other vandalism has been relatively minor in the form of bullet holes in range signs. The culprits are extremely difficult to detect since the offence occurs at weekends when range personnel are not frequently using the local roads.
25. On Monday 28th February 1977, Range personnel took into custody the property of a Mr. S. Newman who had been rushed to hospital over the Christmas holidays suffering from appendicitis. His camping gear and fishing equipment had been left under the eye of other campers in the area, but as the last of the holiday makers departed, his gear was collected for safe keeping. Local police and the Honorary Rangers were informed and some of the equipment has been collected by the owner. The remainder of the equipment will be picked up by the owner as soon as it is convenient for him to do so.
26. On the 18th February 1977 a team of RAN Hydrographers arrived on site to survey the targets and correct the co-ordinates in use at the time. They remained until the 20th February 1977, completing the survey over the weekend period. The result of the survey was the issue of a corrected bombardment chart AUS 5005, on the 7th March 1977.
27. On the 1st March 1977 Marine distress flare trials were conducted at the master quadrant in conjunction with I.N.O. Sydney.
28. This quarter saw the posting of LCDR A. Vidler to HMAS DUCHESS on the 21st January 1977 and his duties as Range Officer assumed by SBLT SDEX AV A. F. Beauchamp.

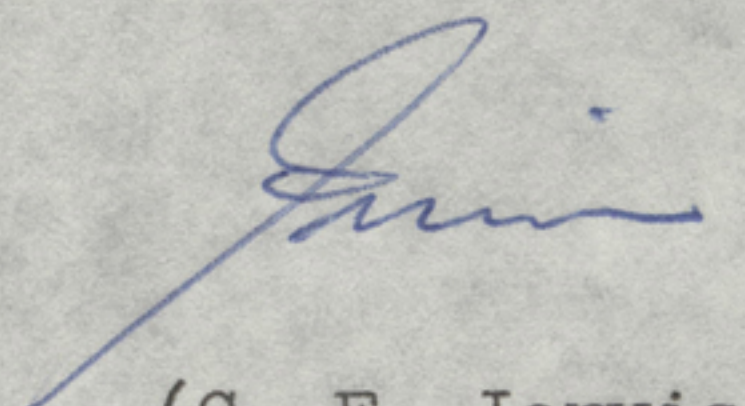
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TURANA

29. No Turana trials were conducted this quarter but Turana pilot training at the Turana Training Facility at the Government Aircraft Factory was carried out by LEUT. G. King, SBLT A. F. Beauchamp and CPOATA Clarke.



(G. E. Jervis)  
Commodore  
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
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Enclosure: A. Support craft activities.  
B. Fire ground activities.

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ANNEX A

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SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITIES

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATES</u>	
TRV 802	Passage from Sydney	8.3.77	
	Cadet Training	13.3.77	
	Target Tow (Splash)	16.3.77	
	Splash Target	17.3.77	
	Cadet Training	19.3.77	
	Cadet Training	25.3.77	
	Cadet Training	27.3.77	
	R.C.S.T. Trials	28.3.77	
	Engine trials	29.3.77	
TRV 801	Target Tow (1801)	12.1.77	
	A/S drills/SU HMAS PERTH	12.1.77	
	Engine Trials	16.1.77	
	Target Tow (1801)	20.1.77	
	Cadet Training	22.1.77	
	Cadet Training	22.1.77	
	Cadet Training	23.1.77	
	Target (20) to BUCCANEER	26.1.77	
	Engine Trials	6.2.77	
	Cadet Training	13.2.77	
	Passage to Sydney	14.2.77	
	Pre Refit Trials	15.2.77	
	To Garden Island for Refit	21.2.77	
	AWL 304	Berthing Procedures	20.1.77
		Boat Trip to BRISBANE	20.1.77
Boat Trip to BRISBANE		20.1.77	
Sullage run to DUCHESS		22.1.77	
Sullage run to DUCHESS		23.1.77	
From Trots		2.2.77	
From Trots		16.2.77	
P/R Team		1.3.77	
To VAMPIRE		3.3.77	
P/R Team coverage Defence Minister Visit		3.3.77	
Tests		11.3.77	
Trials		17.3.77	
Engine Trials		24.3.77	

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ANNEX B

JERVIS BAY FIREGROUND ACTIVITIES

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONNEL</u>	<u>DATE</u>
ADVANCED NBCD	9	13.1.77
	16 and 2 P.O. Instructors	3.2.77
	14	24.2.77
	15	2.3.77
	19	11.3.77
	18	16.3.77
	9	24.3.77
	7 Junior Officers	31.3.77
STANDARD NBCD	22	19.1.77
	18	26.1.77
	16 Junior Officers	10.2.77
	14	23.2.77
	8	2.3.77
	15	9.3.77
	30 R.A.N. Reserve	9.3.77
	42 C.M.F.	15.3.77
	5 Army Girls	15.3.77
	Display by new crash tender	16.3.77
	60 R.A.N. Reserve Fire display for C.N.S.	23.3.77
	18	23.3.77
	7 Fuel drivers ALBATROSS	28.3.77
	30 Ship's company AWARE	30.3.77
	12 AVN's	4.2.77
	60 Officers and Sailors	
	851 Sqdn. ALBATROSS	8.2.77

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The Chief of Naval Staff  
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1. The enclosure is forwarded for information.
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3. The Naval Officer in Charge Jervis Bay has been informed that it is not necessary to report the detailed movements of minor support craft.

(J. DAVIDSON)  
Commodore, RAN  
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(D. DAVISON)  
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Flag Officer Commanding  
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NOIC JERVIS BAY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
1ST APRIL 1977 TO 30TH JUNE 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Naval Officer in Charge Jervis Bay for the period 1st April 1977 to 30th June 1977.

2. Nine fleet units visited Jervis Bay during the period and demand for support has been moderate.

Jervis Bay Missile Range

3. Range activities for the period have been rather numerous, most of which have been completed on time and to the users satisfaction.

4. Notification was received from Navy Office that Short's Air Services Pty. Ltd. were successful tenderers for the Target contract starting 1st July, 1977. Security clearances for the new staff are now being processed.

5. Mr. Mitchell retired on 26th April 1977 after 11 years at Jervis Bay Missile Range as the Security/Caretaker, his help and advice will be sadly missed. As determined by the Security Survey, Senior Constable O'Brien joined the Target Services Group on 6 June, 1977, to carry out Security Duties. A permanent Security Patrol, carried out during the silent hours, has been in being since 04 April 1977.

Jindivik

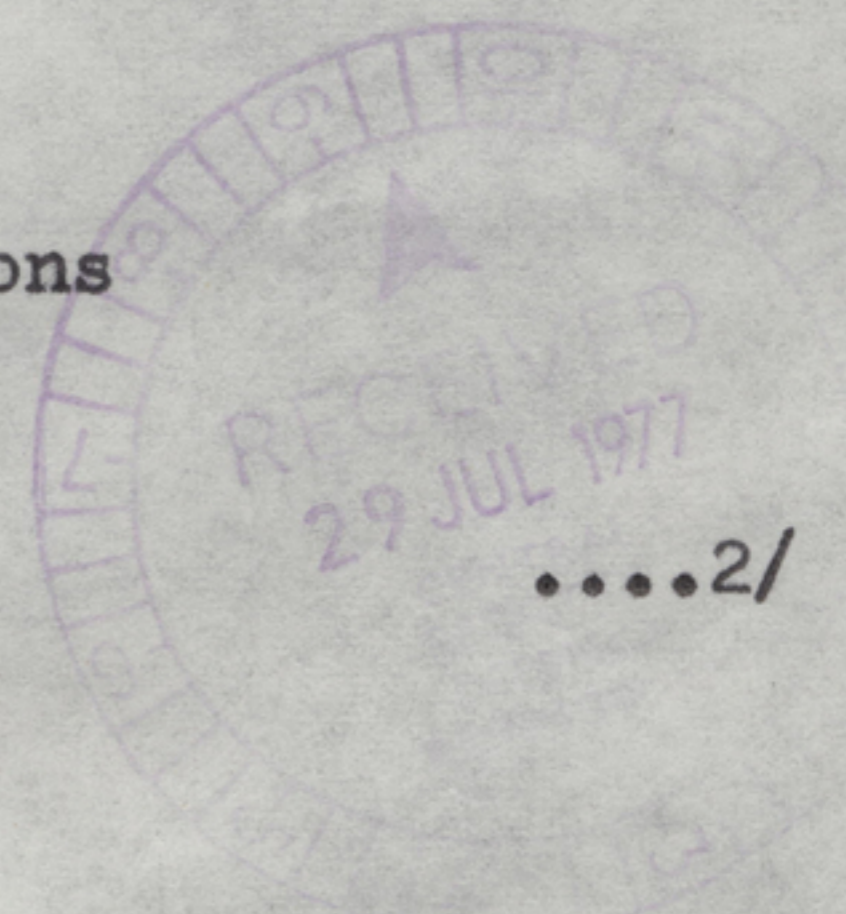
6. There have been 16 Jindivik flights for the period, of which 9 flights were for Exercise William Tell 8.

Flight details:

- (i) 5 MATRA presentations
- (ii) 4 SIDEWINDER presentations
- (iii) 2 SEACAT presentations
- (iv) 5 Training flights

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7. Jindivik Aircraft NII-603 was delivered from the Government Aircraft Factory and stores action to "write off" Aircraft NII-645 and NII-646 was commenced. There are now 5 Jindivik aircraft currently on site.

8. Construction of the new Pilot Tower was commenced during the period.

#### Turana

9. There have been no Turana activations during the period. Progress in the Turana rebuild has been slower than expected and the TECHEVAL programmed for August will now be held in February 1978.

10. Training for both Contractor and Service personnel was undertaken at Government Aircraft Factory during April and May. Most of the Turana spares, test equipment and accessories have been returned to support training and for modification. Director of Naval Aircraft Engineering personnel carried out training interviews during May to determine future training levels.

#### Remote Controlled Surface Targets

11. There have been no RCST programmed operations this period but trials using the new LENSREF reflector and selenia radar have been carried out. The support set of control equipment which had been outstanding for over 3 years was finally delivered in May. The storage shed for the RCST was started and construction is still continuing.

12. Mr. Elliot Hobson Field delivered the HYDROFIELD 20 craft to Jervis Bay Missile Range for evaluations and trials to determine suitability of this craft for target application. The initial report has been forwarded and further actions are awaiting Navy Office decision.

#### Fireground

13. Many meetings and discussions have recently been held to determine the future of the facility at Jervis Bay Missile Range. Jervis Bay Missile Range was finally confirmed as the permanent site of the Eastern Australia Area Fire-Fighting Ground and firm proposals (NOICJB letter 30-1-15 dated 18th April 1977) were submitted for the future operation of this facility. The work load for the Eastern Australia Area Fire-Fighting Ground can be expected to increase in the future with many external agencies applying to use the area.

14. There were 22 fire courses through the facility and these are detailed in Annex 'A'. Allowance increases for stores are still outstanding and are continuing to cause some concern.

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Surface Firings

15. With the majority of the Fleet away the number of Surface Firings was less than normal; these are detailed in Annex 'B'.

16. HMAS SWAN carried out a very satisfactory DISTEX during May and Exercise MINI LORD was held during June. MINI LORD involved both the Jervis Bay Missile Range area and manpower in a combined Army/Navy exercise.

JB Airfield

17. DUNTROON trainees carried out surveys and assessment of Jervis Bay Missile Range as part of their final year training commitment. This enabled many future planning details to be completed. Hydrographic staff carried out control datum marker checks during May to ensure all datums were correct.

18. Work on alterations to the Administration area for the "BARRA" project started in June, and is expected to be completed prior to the next series of "BARRA" trials.

Beecroft Range

19. The range has been in constant use during this quarter with aircraft from 805 and 724 Squadrons, although 805 Squadrons use was limited to the month of April.

20. In addition to our own Squadrons conducting air to ground firings, the range has been feverish activity from the RAAF with the Mirage Fighter/Bombers of 77 Squadron conducting bombing and strafing from 30th May through to 9th June. In addition to this interservice activity, the Army carried out spotting for HMAS SWAN during her NG3 on 7th June 1977.

21. The only other visitor to the range during the quarter was HMNZS CANTERBURY conducting NGS on 28 April 1977.

22. This quarter has seen more activity than the previous quarter with firings from HMAS PERTH on 6th June, HMAS VAMPIRE on 25th, 26th May and 8th, 9th and 14th June HMAS STUART on 21st and 28th April, and HMAS SWAN on 14th and 21st April, 4th and 24th May, 1st, 7th and 8th June and finally her Final Battle Problem Naval Gunfire Support on 1st June ranged through NG1/2/3 and 5.

23. Vandalism during the period has been minimal. The main attraction to vandals remains the sentry hut at the main gate, although no additional damage has been inflicted during this quarter.

24. The camping gear belonging to Mr. Newman referred to in last quarter's report was subsequently picked up by him on 13th April.

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The only other visitor to the range during this quarter was the editor of Triad, Mrs. Denise Robin, from the Department of Defence Public Relations. Mrs. Robin was preparing a report on Beecroft and its functions for Triad.

Marine Section

25. Boats operated by the Marine Section have continued to remain serviceable. AWB4007 was sailed for Sydney at 0600 on the 13th May 1977 for refit. (GMGID LSW/DKC 020727ZMAY77 refers).

26. AWL 304 has been used extensively during the period in assisting in the relaying of the low frequency Sound range in Jervis Bay. This work was done by Dockyard with the assistance of Clearance Diving Team two. At the commencement of relaying the sound range cable, the gearbox on the starboard engine became defective (HMAS CRESWELL's DAW/DUY 210547ZAPR77 refers). However due to the importance of the task, AWL304 was used with one engine.

27. TRV 801 commenced acceptance trials (GMGID DUY 100724Z JUN 77 refers) on Monday 20th June, but as of the 30th June 1977 had not been accepted. It is expected to be accepted from refit shortly.

28. TRV 802 has remained serviceable through the period and has been kept busy with torpedo recoveries, target tows and Cadet training. TRV 802 was also used to conduct the acceptance trials for the low frequency sound range and the laser system in Jervis Bay (RANTAU KUX/KCT 120612ZMAY77 refers).

29. Williams Target number 20 was repaired (GMGID DAW/DUY/KRB 220321ZAPR77 refers) and was returned to Jervis Bay. Since then all towed surface targets have remained serviceable, with the lightweight GRP target being used for all surface firings.

30. On Thursday 30th June 1977 administrative control of HMAS AWARE was transferred to the First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron (DEFNAV CANBERRA KMT/LSW/LMB 240625ZMAY77 refers).

31. During the weekend of the 4th and 5th of June 1977 DUT1001 SEAL (LCDR C.H. LONGSTAFF A.D.C. R.D.) visited Jervis Bay, SEAL was crewed by Royal Australian Naval Reserve personnel, and whilst in Jervis Bay the crew was involved in firefighting training, ship handling and seamanship. Liferaft demonstration and Helicopter rescue techniques were also demonstrated.

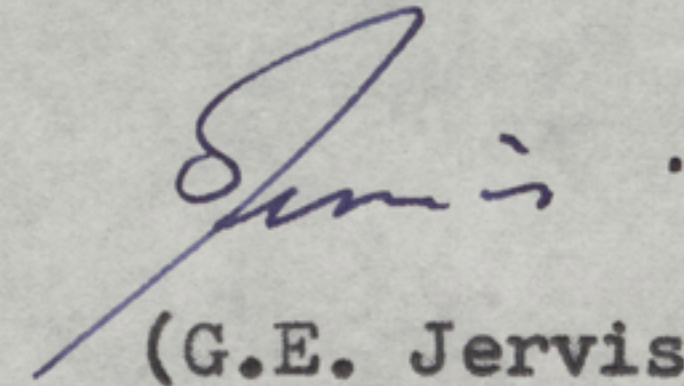
32. Over the weekend of the 17th/19th June 1977 the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association conducted a training weekend in the Jervis Bay area (FOCEA letter N2/2/2020

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dated 9th June 1977 refers). LEUT SLEX P.R. HATELEY RAN hosted the weekend and the launching facilities at HMAS CRESWELL were used. The weekend was considered very successful and a request will be submitted to your office to conduct a weekend such as this on a regular six monthly basis.



(G.E. Jervis)  
Commodore  
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
JERVIS BAY

Enclosures:

- ANNEX      A. Fireground Activities  
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ANNEX "A"

FIRE GROUND ACTIVITIES.

FIREFIGHTING - ADVANCED COURSE

APRIL	14	22	Advanced course - Full (50% Normal Air)
	21	20	Advanced course - Unit and advanced
	28	17	Advanced course - Unit and advanced
MAY	19	9	Advanced course - Unit and Ground
	25	13	Advanced course - Unit and Ground
JUNE	30	8	Advanced course - Unit and Ground

FIREFIGHTING - STANDARD COURSE

APRIL	06	14	Standard course - Unit and Ground
	20	22	Standard course - Unit and Regular
MAY	11	20	Standard course - Unit and Ground
	13	25	Standard course - Unit and Ground
	18	14	Standard course - Unit and Ground
JUNE	22	10	Standard course - Unit and Ground
	29	6	Standard course - Unit and Ground

FIREFIGHTING - MISC.

APRIL	01	7	Fuel Installation (RANAS) ABMTP Famil. Cse. Large "B" class fires.
	13	14	AVN's Course - Firewalk and Standard
	16	19	PWT (HMAS STUART) - Standard and Unit
MAY	10	20	Army - Standard and Unit
		10	RANR - Standard and Unit
	24	10	Helo Transfer Crews (HMAS DERWENT)
	26		DISTEX Fires for HMAS SWAN - 2 Large class "B" and numerous "A" class fires.
JUNE	02	15	Junior Officers Course - Unit and Ground

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ANNEX "B"

SURFACE FIRINGS

APRIL	13	AWARE towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS SWAN
	16	TRV 802 towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS STUART (no firings carried out due to equipment failure.)
	20	ARDENT towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS SWAN & VAMPIRE
	21	TRV 802 towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS STUART
MAY	24	ARDENT towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS SWAN
	26	ARDENT towed GRP Target	- Su Firing HMAS PERTH & VAMPIRE
JUNE		Nil Firings.	

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ANNEX C

APRIL 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AWB 4007	SAFETY BOAT CADETS SAILING	4.4.77
	CHECK BEACONS	
	RECREATION	8.4.77
	RECREATION	9.4.77
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS SWAN	13.4.77
	NAS NOWRA DIVERS	14.4.77
	CADET BOATWORK	
	CADET BOATWORK	15.4.77
	FIREFIGHTING TEAMS FROM HMAS STUART	16.4.77
	RETURN TARGETS TO TROTS	
	CADET BOATWORK	17.4.77
	CADET BOATWORK	18.4.77
	TO TROTS	19.4.77
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	20.4.77
	ARMY SURVEY TEAM	
	CADET TRAINING	21.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	22.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	23.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	25.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	26.4.77
	RECREATION	30.4.77
	AWB 4003	BOAT TRIP
BOAT TRIP		
BOAT TRIP		
RECREATION		2.4.77
TROTTED		
RECOVER BUOY		3.4.77
TROTTED		
RECREATION		10.4.77
RECREATION		11.4.77
CADET TRAINING		12.4.77
TARGET TO TROTS		13.4.77
RCSTS		14.4.77
RCSTS		
CADET BOATWORK		

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ANNEX C

APRIL 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AWB 4003	VARIOUS BOAT TRIPS TO HMAS STUART	14.4.77
	RANTAU PERSONNEL TO HMAS STUART	15.4.77
	PERSONNEL FROM HMAS STUART	
	CADETBOATWORK	
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	16.4.77
	FIREFIGHTING TEAM TO HMAS STUART	
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	
	RETURN TARGET TO TROTS	
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	17.4.77
	DUTY BOAT FOR HMAS STUART	
	NAS NOWRA DIVERS	19.4.77
	SHIFT BERTH	20.4.77
	NAS NOWRA DIVERS	
	NAS NOWRA DIVERS	
	RANTAU SOUND RANGE	21.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	22.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	23.4.77
	REFLOAT ENDEAVOUR YACHT	24.4.77
	RECREATION	
	CADET TRAINING	25.4.77
	SAFETY BOATS CADET SAILING	26.4.77
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	28.4.77
AWB 418	BOAT TRIP	1.4.77
	BOAT TRIP	
	RECREATION	2.4.77
	RCSTS	4.4.77
	RCSTS	
	PUMP BILDGES	7.4.77
	PUMP BILDGES	8.4.77
	PUMP BILDGES	9.4.77
	GRP TARGET TO HMAS ARDENT	20.4.77
	CADETS TRAINING	
	COLLECT TARGET FROM HMAS ARDENT	
	TROT GRP TARGET	

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<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AWB 418	CADET TRAINING	22.4.77
	RECREATION	24.4.77
	TRIALS	26.4.77
	MEALS TO AWL 304	27.4.77
	TO AWL 304	28.4.77
	TO AWL 304	
HPB 3351	TESTS	2.4.77
	TESTS	
	SHIFT BERTH	3.4.77
	RECREATION	10.4.77
	RECREATION	
	RECREATION	11.4.77
	TRIALS	15.4.77
	TROTTED	
	TRIALS	17.4.77
SB 3336	RECREATION	2.4.77
	RECREATION	4.4.77
	RECREATION	8.4.77
	CHECKING AWB4007 POSITION	9.4.77
	SEARCH FOR YACHTS	
	TO AWB4003	10.4.77
	RECREATION	11.4.77
	RECREATION	
	CADET TRAINING	12.4.77
	CADET BOATWORK	14.4.77
	TESTS	15.4.77
	SHIFT BERTH	
	RECREATION	17.4.77
	CADET BERTH	19.4.77
	CADET TRAINING	23.4.77
	SAFETY BOAT CADETS SAILING	26.4.77
	SAFETY BOAT CADETS SAILING	30.4.77
SAFETY BOAT CADETS SAILING		
TRV 802	CADETS SAILING SAFETY BOAT	3.4.77

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APRIL 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
TRV 802	RCST TRIALS	4.4.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	13.4.77
	RECOVER TORPEDOES	14.4.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	
	TARGET TOW FOR STUART	16.4.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	20.4.77
	TARGET TOW FOR HMAS STUART	21.4.77
	TRIALS	25.4.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	28.4.77
AWL 304	MOVED TO TROTS	13.4.77
	TRIALS	15.4.77
	TRIALS	19.4.77
	TRIALS	20.4.77
	RANTAU - SOUND RANGE	21.4.77
	RANTAU - SOUND RANGE	26.4.77
	OVERNIGHT SOUND RANGE ALONGSIDE	27.4.77

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ANNEX C

MAY 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
AWB 418	RECREATION	1.5.77	
	RECREATION		
	TESTS	3.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING		
	ASSIST AWB4007 TO TROT TARGET		
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS SWAN	4.5.77	
	TESTS	5.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	7.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	9.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	10.5.77	
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS STUART	11.5.77	
	BOAT TRIP		
	CADET TRAINING		
	CADET TRAINING	12.5.77	
	ILR/HELO WET WINCHING DEMONSTRATIONS	13.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	14.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	16.5.77	
	RECREATION	19.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING		
	CADET TRAINING	20.5.77	
	RECREATION	21.5.77	
	RESCUE STRANDED YACHT AT MONTAGU POINT	22.5.77	
	COLLECT TARGET FROM HMAS ARDENT	24.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	27.5.77	
	RECREATION	28.5.77	
	RECREATION	29.5.77	
	TRIALS	30.5.77	
	CHECK BEACONS		
	SECURE BOATS IN HARBOUR DUE TO WEATHER	31.5.77	
	AWB 4007	RECREATION	1.5.77
		CADET TRAINING	2.5.77
SOUND RANGE		3.5.77	
BOAT TRIP TO AWL304 (SOUND RANGE)			
BOAT TRIP TO AWL304 (SOUND RANGE)			
BOAT TRIP TO AWL304 (SOUND RANGE)			
COLLECT WILLIAMS TARGET FROM HMAS ARDENT			
TRIALS		4.5.77	
CADET BOAT WORK		6.5.77	
CADET TRAINING		7.5.77	
CADET TRAINING			
RECREATION			
RAN DIVING TEAM			
BOAT TRIP TO HMAS ONSLOW		11.5.77	
BOAT TRIP TO HMAS ONSLOW			
SAILED FOR SYDNEY FOR REFIT		13.5.77	
TRV 802	CADET TRAINING	2.5.77	
	RANGE CLEARANCE	4.5.77	
	CADET TRAINING	5.5.77	

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MAY 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
HPB 2621	CADET TRAINING	7.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	
	ENGINE TRIALS	17.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS SWAN TROTTER	26.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	28.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
AWL 304	SOUND RANGE	9.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	10.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	16.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	
	SOUND RANGE	18.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	19.5.77
	RECREATION	28.5.77
HPB 3351	CADET TRAINING	7.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	10.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	14.5.77
	INSTRUCTION	18.5.77
	CAPTAIN	19.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	28.5.77
	RECREATION	29.5.77

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MAY 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
TRV 802	CADET TRAINING	10.5.77
	LAY TARGET	11.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	R/V HMAS ARDENT FOR EAXP SERIALS IN JB	17.5.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	24.5.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	25.5.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	26.5.77
AWB 4003	PUMP BILGES	2.5.77
	DIVERS	3.5.77
	BOAT TRIP TO AWL304 (SOUND RANGE)	
	ENGINE TESTS	4.5.77
	BOAT TRIP TO HMAS SWAN	
	CADET TRAINING	6.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	7.5.77
	RECREATION	
	RECREATION	8.5.77
	RAN DIVING TEAM	9.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	10.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	11.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	12.5.77
	TROT AWL304	13.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	14.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	14.5.77
	RANR TRAINING	15.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	16.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	
	RANR TRAINING	17.5.77
	SOUND RANGE	18.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	SOUND RANGE	19.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	SOUND RANGE	20.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CHECK BEACONS	23.5.77
COLLECT WILLIAMS TARGET FROM HMAS ARDENT	26.5.77	
CADET TRAINING	27.5.77	
CADET TRAINING	28.5.77	
SB 3336	CADET TRAINING	7.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	10.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	11.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	12.5.77
	NEWSPAPERS TO HMAS PERTH	13.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	14.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	16.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	19.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	21.5.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	RESCUE GROUNDED YACHT LAPALOMA FROM MONTAGUE PT	22.5.77
	TESTS	26.5.77
CADET TRAINING	28.5.77	
RECREATION	29.5.77	

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JUNE 1977

SUPPORT CRAFT ACTIVITY

<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
TRV 802	RANGE CLEARANCE	1.6.77
	TOW WILLIAMS TARGET	2.6.77
	RANGE CLEARANCE	
	TOW SPLASH TARGET THEN TO HMAS WATERHEN	6.6.77
	TORPEDO RECOVERIES	7.6.77
	RETURN TO SYDNEY	
	TOW SPLASH TARGET FOR HMAS SWAN	9.6.77
	PASSAGE TO SYDNEY	14.6.77
	PASSAGE TO SYDNEY	29.6.77
	PASSAGE TO EXERCISE AREA AND RETURN TO WATERHEN	30.6.77
AWB 4003	BOAT TRIP TO TROTS	2.6.77
	TRIAL RUN	
	TROT AWB418	
	CADET TRAINING	3.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	4.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	RECREATION	
	TRIP TO BEECROFT	6.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	TRIP TO HMAS BRUNEI	8.6.77
	TRIP TO HMAS BRUNEI	
	TRIP TO HMAS SWAN/HMAS VAMPIRE/HMAS PERTH	
	TRIP TO HMAS BRUNEI	
	TRIALS TEAM TO HMAS SWAN/HMAS VAMPIRE	9.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	ENGINE SPARES TO HMAS BRUNEI	
	CADET TRAINING	10.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	11.6.77
	RECREATION	12.6.77
	RECREATION	13.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	16.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	17.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	18.6.77
	RECREATION	21.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	INVESTIGATE TRAWLER	23.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	24.6.77
	TO TROTS	25.6.77
	RECREATION	
	RECREATION	26.6.77
CADET TRAINING	27.6.77	
CADET TRAINING	29.6.77	
RECREATION	30.6.77	
CADET TRAINING		
AWB 418	CADET TRAINING	2.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	CADET TRAINING	3.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	4.6.77
	NIGHT DIVING	8.6.77
	BRUNEI DIVERS	9.6.77
	RECREATION	11.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	12.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	15.6.77
	TO TROTS	16.6.77

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<u>VESSEL</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AWB 418	CADET TRAINING	16.6.77
	TROT FRANKLIN	
	CHECK AWL BILGES	19.6.77
	CHECK AWL BILGES	
	PUMP OUT SB3336 BILGES	
	CHECK BEACONS	20.6.77
	POLICE DIVERS	21.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	23.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	24.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	27.6.77
	CHECK BEACONS	
	CADET TRAINING	29.6.77
	RECREATION	30.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	
	HPB 3351	CADET TRAINING
RECREATION		6.6.77
ADMIRAL AND STAFF TO HMAS SWAN AND HMAS VAMPIRE		9.6.77
CADET TRAINING		
RECREATION		12.6.77
RECREATION		13.6.77
TRIALS'		18.6.77
TROTS		
CADET TRAINING		25.6.77
TROTS		26.6.77
CADET TRAINING		29.6.77
RECREATION		30.6.77
HPB 2621	CADET TRAINING	4.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	5.6.77
	CADET TRAINING	25.6.77

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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
JERVIS BAY NSW 2540

12 OCT 1977

Flag Officer Commanding  
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE JERVIS BAY REPORT OF  
PROCEEDINGS - 1ST JULY 1977 - 30TH SEPTEMBER  
1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Naval Officer in Charge Jervis Bay for the period 1st July to 30th September 1977.
2. On the 4th August 1977 you, Sir, inspected all aspects of the Command including Target Services Group.
3. On the 15th August 1977 the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force Training Squadron visited Jervis Bay. The Squadron consisted of the Training ship KATORI (Captain TETSUD TAKAHASHI JMSDF) and the destroyer TAKATSUKI (Captain SATDSHI TAKECHI JMSDF). The Squadron was under the command of VICE ADMIRAL FUMID SATO JMSDF. During the Squadron's stay calls were made and returned and a full day of visits and sporting competition between Japanese and Australian midshipmen was carried out.
4. Copies of the complement inspection report for Target Services Group (Report No. NO02/77) have been received. Target Services Group recommendations on the report have been forwarded. TSG letter JB1-2-1 dated 19th September 1977 refers.
5. JBMR was visited by Mr. McCulloch Senior Inspector (Stores) to carry out an evaluation of TSG stores operations and accounting. Subsequent to his report, dated 9th August 1977, JBMR was visited by CMDR WILSON and CPO BYRNES. Mr. T. Smith and Mr. D. Kenny carried out an internal audit during the period 8th to 9th August. All recommendations requiring action at a local level have been carried out. Internal audit report for TSG dated 30th August refers.
6. On Sunday 9th July 1977 a TURANA drone target, TN-008 was recovered from 20ft. of water in Lobster Bay near Currarong. The TURANA had snagged a fisherman's gear off the coast and he had put into Lobster Bay to clear it. On receipt of this information from HMAS ALBATROSS AWL 304 was sailed to effect a

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successful recovery. The TURANA was identified as one lost approximately four years ago during LAU 1 trials conducted from HMAS BRISBANE. Considering the period of immersion the drone was in remarkably good condition. The TURANA has been collected by the Government Aircraft Factory for further investigation. COMTARSERVGRU messages DUE/LSD 100647Z JUL 77, DUE 092335Z JUL 77 and KEB/DUE 092340Z JUL 77 refer.

7. From Wednesday 14 August to Friday 16 August HMAS OTWAY and members of the Special Air Services conducted exercise "Silent Eagle" in the area.

8. Demand for support by Fleet Units, the Fleet Air Arm, the RAAF and Army throughout the quarter has been moderate. Twelve Fleet units have visited the area during the quarter.

#### JERVIS BAY MISSILE RANGE

##### Jindivik

9. Annex A details the 21st Jindivik flights for the period, with the 25th Anniversary flight carried out on the 23rd August. Amongst the visiting dignitaries were two of the original pilots of PIKA (manned Jindivik) Air Vice Marshal F.W. BARNES DFC, AFC, RAAF and Air Vice Marshal K.S. COMPTON AO, OBE, BE, RAAF and the designer Mr. FLEMING. A most successful day was enjoyed by both the visitors and staff of the TSG.

10. Unfortunately the loss of Jindivik NII-643 combined with two heavy landings during "William Tell" nine has meant that reduced numbers of Jindivik targets are currently available for operations.

11. Discussions have been held with your staff, Sir, in relation to the availability and turn around time of Jindivik spares which are affecting Jindivik operations.

##### Turana

12. There were no TURANA operations in the period. The Government Aircraft Factory is confident of meeting the Techeval Trials date in February 1978.

13. GAF, INO and RANTAU personnel arrived on site on the 15 August to carry out RFI trials at the Breakwater at HMAS CRESWELL using HMAS PERTH as the illuminating source. The trial was successfully completed and transfer to HMAS ALBATROSS was effected on 22 August. On completion of the ALBATROSS phase GAF staff returned to JBMR to set the TURANA hangar to work.

14. TSG staff have visited HMAS YARRA on three occasions to help determine the position of equipments and support equipment stowages. It is understood that this task is now complete.

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Remote Control Surface Targets

15. Only one RCST operation was conducted during the period. This was a very successful firing conducted by HMAS PERTH and further highlights the RCST as a valuable target for use by the Fleet.

16. The RCST storage shed has now been accepted by the RAN and will help overcome more maintenance problems previously encountered through targets being left out in the open.

17. Modifications to the Hydrofield are continuing; unfortunately the rate of modification is determined by other TSG commitments.

Surface Firings

18. All surface firings are contained in Annex C.

Firefighting

19. The fireground was activated on 24 occasions and included all aspects of training available. A detailed list is contained in Annex B.

20. The stores situation mentioned in my last Report has improved. Some items outstanding are now available and confirmation is to hand that SA 242 S/No. 12/76 has been forwarded for approval.

Barra

21. The BARRA workshop and office facility in the administration area has been completed and work started on the 9 September on the foundations at Bhewerre Ridge for the instrumentation building.

Marine Section

22. All Marine Section support craft maintained a high serviceability rate throughout the quarter.

23. During the quarter only minor assistance has been required to be given to civilian boats in Jervis Bay, but this level of activity is expected to increase in the coming warmer months.

24. On Wednesday 24 August the GRP gunnery target undergoing trials was heavily damaged by gunfire from HMAS VENDETTA. The target has been returned to Garden Island Dockyard for repair.

25. TRV801 was collected from HMAS WATERHEN<sup>E</sup> on Monday 11th July 1977. During the quarter TRV 801 has had a good serviceability record. The craft has been employed extensively in Torpedo recoveries, Boarding party exercises, consort for OOW manoeuvres, RAS approach practice, surface shoots, range clearances and cadet training.

26. AWL 304 has been employed in varied roles throughout the Quarter including the recovery of a TURANA target, Cadet training, carriage of large numbers of Japanese during their training Squadron visit and on request from HMAS PERTH as a dummy wharf for shiphandling. This exercise proved to be both novel and rewarding.

27. Warrant Officer Underwater Weapons S.W. ASHBY was posted from Target Services Group for discharge on 16 July 1977. Warrant Officer Underwater Weapons R. NORMAN BEM joined from HMAS WATERHEN on 16 August 1977. Lieutenant P.J. HATELEY was posted to HMAS SUPPLY on 12 September 1977 for temporary duty.

Beecroft Range.

28. This past quarter has seen almost exclusive Naval use of the Beecroft Range Facility. The only outside activity during the quarter was on 28 August 1977 when RAAF F111s carried out dummy runs. A4s and MACCHI aircraft from 724 Squadron have throughout the period carried out almost constant bombardments with bombs and rockets.

29. Naval gunfire support operations ranging through NG 1/2/3 and 5 were conducted by HMAS STUART on the 5th, 6th and 7th July, HMAS SWAN on 4th August, HMAS VAMPIRE on the 11th, 12th and 15th August, HMAS PERTH on 15th and 18th August and HMAS VENDETTA on 18th and 24th August. The range was then cleared of ordnance by Clearance Diving Team one and closed for the duration of the school holidays from 29 August to 12 September.

30. During the period of range closure the range party carried out range maintenance and improvements, among which were the reconstruction of a small arms range and the construction of a Helicopter landing area.

31. Vandalism during this quarter has been minimal with the only incident being a forced entry into the honorary ranger's residence on the 19 August. All local authorities were duly informed but unfortunately the culprits were not apprehended.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

SGD. G. E. JERVIS

(G.E. Jervis)

Commodore

NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
JERVIS BAY

Annexes: A. JINDIVIK Operations  
B. Firefighting courses  
C. Gunnery operations

JINDIVIK OPERATIONS

JULY

06	TASK	D1	SEACAT
21	TASK	JCT	
21	TASK	JCT	
22	TASK	JCT	
29	TASK	JCT	

AUGUST

01	TASK	JCT	
02	TASK	JCT	
02	TASK	JCT	
03	TASK	JCT	
04	TASK	JCT	
09	TASK	JCT	
09	TASK	JCT	
10	TASK	JCT	
15	TASK	C1	MATRA - RAAF
16	TASK	B1	S/WINDER - RAAF
17	TASK	B1	S/WINDER MINOR DAMAGE ON LANDING - RAAF
18	TASK	C1	MATRA AIRCRAFT DAMAGED ON LANDING - RAAF
19	TASK	C1	MATRA - RAAF
23	TASK	A1	TARTAR AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN SEA - HMAS PERTH
25	TASK	A6	TARTAR HEAVY LANDING - HMAS PERTH
29	TASK	JCT	ANNIVERSARY FLIGHT

NOTE All JCT flights are for training.

FIREFIGHTING COURSES

ANNEX B to NOIC JB  
letter 1-16-3  
dated 12 OCT 1977

JULY

06 STANDARD - 16 - UNIT AND GROUND  
20 STANDARD - 16 - UNIT AND GROUND  
JUNIOR OFFICERS 6 GROUND

AUGUST

03 STANDARD 21 GROUND  
11 STANDARD 21 GROUND AND UNIT  
24 STANDARD 13 GROUND AND UNIT - 'B' CLASS FIRES  
31 STANDARD 11 GROUND AND UNIT - 'B' CLASS FIRES  
  
04 ADVANCED 18 GROUND AND UNIT  
18 ADVANCED 14 GROUND AND UNIT - FULL FIRES  
  
01 AVNs 8 HELO AND FIREWALK  
05 ARMY 6 GROUND  
08 AVNs 4 HELO AND FIRECREWS - FIREWALK  
13 HMAS VAMPIRE 30 FIREFIGHTING PARTIES - UNIT - FULL FIRES  
31 HMAS STALWART 14 GROUND AND LGE 'B' CLASS FIRES  
31 AVNs 7 HELO TRANSFER CREWS

SEPTEMBER

08 STANDARD 20 GROUND AND UNIT  
14 STANDARD 13 GROUND AND UNIT  
21 STANDARD 15 GROUND AND UNIT  
28 STANDARD 14 GROUND AND UNIT  
  
01 ADVANCED 16 GROUND AND FULL UNIT - NIL NORMAL AIR  
13 HMAS OTWAY 40 FULL UNIT - NORMAL AIR - COMPT FIRES  
14 HMAS OTWAY 20 FULL UNIT - NORMAL AIR - COMPT FIRES  
15 ADVANCED 10 GROUND AND FULL UNIT - NIL NORMAL AIR  
22 ADVANCED 7 GROUND AND FULL UNIT - NIL NORMAL AIR

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GUNNERY OPERATIONS

JULY

07 SURFACE FIRING GRP Target towed by "BUCCANEER"  
Firing ship "STUART"

AUGUST

13 SURFACE FIRING GRP Target towed by "TRV"  
Firing ship "VAMPIRE"

18 SURFACE FIRING Williams target  
Firing ship "VAMPIRE"

23 SURFACE FIRING Williams target  
Firing ship "VENDETTA"

24 SURFACE FIRING GRP target  
Firing ship "VENDETTA"  
(Target hit by firing ship returned  
target to Garden Island)

SEPTEMBER

05 SURFACE FIRING Williams target  
Firing ship "PERTH"  
(Cancelled due to unsuitable sea  
conditions - Target towed by "TRV 801")

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DNO Covers activities of the JBmk & other facilities during the  
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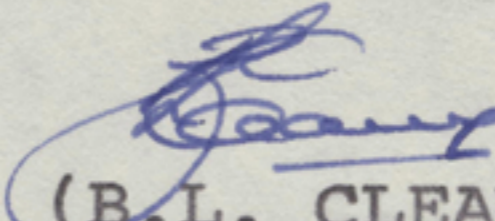
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(B.L. CLEARY)  
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NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE JERVIS BAY - REPORT OF  
PROCEEDINGS 1 OCTOBER 1977 - 7 DECEMBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Naval Officer in Charge Jervis Bay for the period 1 October 1977 to 7 December 1977.

The demand for the services of the Target Services Group has been moderate throughout the quarter and range services have been provided for Fleet Units, Fleet Air Arm, Royal Australian Air Force, Weapons Research Establishment and Defence the latter two departments being involved in several trials.

2. A familiarisation visit to Target Services Group was carried out by your Chief Staff Officer, Commodore B.L. CLEARY, on Wednesday 16 November and the opportunity was taken to show him as much of the area as possible including an aerial survey of Beecroft Peninsula.

3. The security survey team from Navy Office and Security Officers from your staff visited the range on Wednesday 23 November and discussions were held as to the best method of implementing the many and expensive requirements arising from the various security reports.

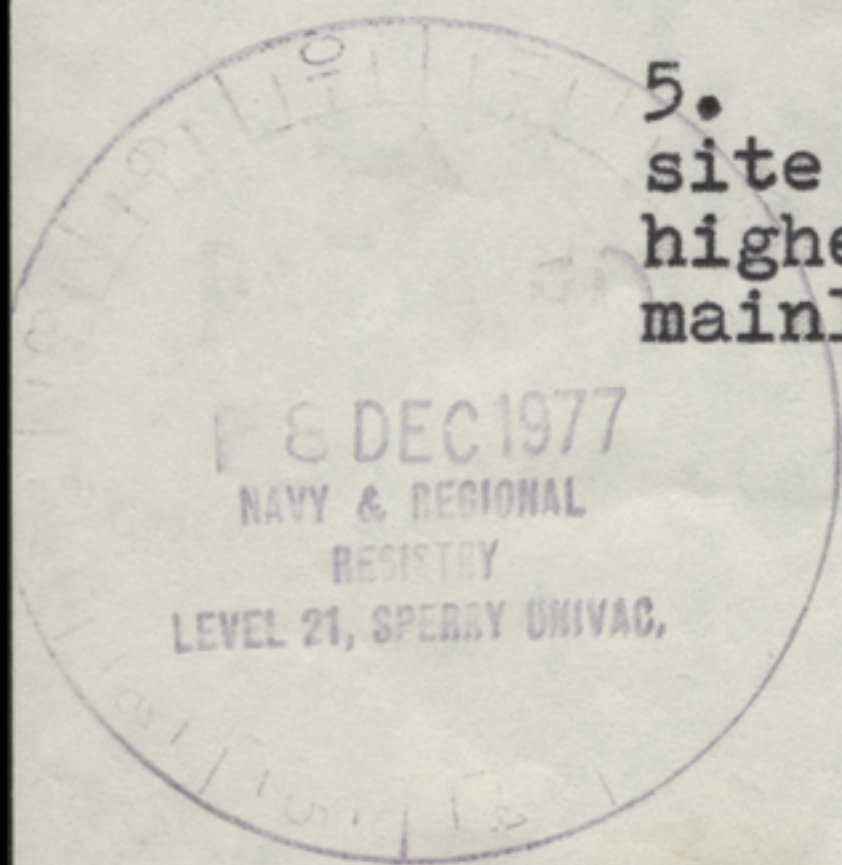
Jervis Bay Missile Range

4. JINDIVIK operations throughout the quarter have been low, this being largely caused by adverse weather conditions and the requirement for contractor and service personnel to carry out TURANA training in readiness for the TURANA techeval being carried out early in 1978. The only JINDIVIK operational flights carried out have been SEACAT presentations for HMAS DERWENT and SIDEWINDER presentations for 724 and 805 Naval Air Squadrons.

5. There are now a total of seven JINDIVIK aircraft on site of which three are fully serviceable, this represents the highest state of serviceability achieved in two years, being mainly due to improvement of the availability of stores and

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critical items.

6. JINDIVIK NII-530 was returned from the Government Aircraft Factory on Friday 4 November after being on loan to the United States Navy for Air Cushion Landing Trials. A working party from Government Aircraft Factory arrived at the Missile Range on Monday 14 November for a two week period and restored NII-530 to the state in which it was loaned for the trials. The aircraft was finally accepted by Navy on Thursday 24 November, but because some items are now out of life and the requirement to carry out some modifications to make the aircraft compatible to the Jervis Bay system, the aircraft is not expected to be fully serviceable before March 1978.

#### TURANA

7. A considerable amount of training has been carried out throughout the quarter. Instructors from the Government Aircraft Factory arrived at the Missile Range on Thursday 6 October to commence training of both Contractor and Service personnel. The training given in this instance was far superior to any previous training scheme presented and it was obvious that considerable preparation and pre-planning had been carried out for the course. Regrettably the same cannot be said for the subsequent training carried out in Melbourne between the 14 and 24 November when both Contractor and Service personnel attended the course. The Contractor personnel were withdrawn from course after only four days when it became obvious that the instructional authority was not prepared for the course. Target Services Group letter JB 9-4-1 dated 22 November refers.

8. As a result of the power strike in Victoria it became apparent that the TURANA project would be affected. To prevent this, approval was given for the Government Aircraft Factory to move their TURANA operations to the Jervis Bay Missile Range utilising the TURANA hangar at the range. This move proved to be quite successful and prevented any slippage of the project. The successful testing, training and operations conducted so far on range augurs well for the forthcoming trials.

#### Radio Controlled Surface Targets

9. There were two exercises planned for the period, unfortunately as a result of HMAS DERWENT failing to reach the required standard, her planned exercise was cancelled. HMAS DERWENT KEB/292356Z OCT 77 refers.

HMAS VENDETTA carried out a successful exercise on Tuesday 25 October 1977. COMTARSERVGRU KUN/KVG/RRO 260015Z OCT 77 refers. These boats are now enjoying a high serviceability state.

10. The Director of Naval User Requirements, Commander A.A.H. EVANS and Mr. FIELDING (Director of Naval Ship Design Staff) visited the range during October to carry out an evaluation of the "HYDROFIELD" vessel after remote control units had been fitted to this craft by Target Services Group personnel. The trials proved to be most encouraging and further trials are planned with Fleet Units in the near future.

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### East Australia Area Fire Fighting Facility

11. The Fireground has been activated for 20 days throughout the period as detailed in Annex C. Unfortunately with the advent of warm dry weather some fireground activations have had to be cancelled at short notice because of Fire Bans imposed by the Australian Capital Territory Fire authority.

12. Submissions to the Department of Construction for costing in relation to future development of the Fire Fighting Facility have been made and they will be included in the 1978/79 works proposals.

### Project BARRA

13. Further trials for the BARRA project were commenced on Monday 28 November when the trials team consisting of personnel from Weapons Research Establishment, BARRA Contractors management organisation, Amalgamated Wireless of Australia, Royal Australian Air Force, Department of Industrial Development and Navy arrived on site and, although the ex Royal Air Force 63 ft. Pinnacle is now being operated by Navy it is intended that the Torpedo Recovery Vessel continue as the Trials vessel and the Pinnacle be utilised as a backup vessel and be set to work by the trials team in readiness for the permanent drop test facility when it is established.

14. The building extensions to support the Drop test facility are progressing satisfactorily and are expected to be completed during the next quarter.

### Signal Station Location Trials

15. Personnel from the Weapons Research Establishment arrived on site on the 4th October and established a temporary Aerial farm and associated equipment on a clear patch of ground on the north west corner of the Jervis Bay Airfield. The trial was conducted in conjunction with HMAS KIMBLA and was satisfactorily completed on Friday 28 October when all equipment was re-packed and returned to the Weapons Research Establishment.

### Beecroft Range

16. The period covered by this report has been the busiest period of the year on the range. Naval gunfire support missions ranging through NG1, 2, 3 and 5 have been conducted for HMA Ships VAMPIRE, DERWENT, VENDETTA and HMNZS WAIKATO.

17. In addition to Fleet units the air to ground range has been in constant use by 724, 805 and 816 squadrons from the Naval Air Station and by Royal Australian Air Force Mirage Squadrons.

18. A reconnaissance of the range was carried out by members of the Royal Australian Artillery in readiness for their annual camp during March 1978. This once again highlights the

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versatility of the Target Services Group in providing a single service target facility for all three services and other Defence departments.

19. Several trials have been conducted on the range throughout the quarter which have included:

- a. Star shell trials involving HMA Ships DERWENT and VENDETTA and Royal Australian Navy trials and Assessing Unit.
- b. Practice Bombing Trials in conjunction with the Naval Air Station.
- c. Target visibility trials involving HMAS BOMBARD and the Royal Australian Navy Trials and Assessing Unit.

20. The attraction of the peninsula to tourists appears to be increasing with approximately 50 camps being established over the October long weekend. Vandalism in the form of trail bike riders destroying trails, vegetation and beach approaches has made the task of the Honorary Ranger an extremely difficult one. Some minor damage was caused to the sentry boxes by trail bike riders on the night of the 3rd November. Unfortunately the culprits could not be apprehended.

21. The approach of summer is evident with a greater incidence of bush fires after almost every firing on Beecroft. Several serious outbreaks have occurred but in each case the fires have been brought under control by the Range Party assisted by personnel from the Naval Air Station and HMAS CRESWELL.

#### Marine Section

22. All Marine Section support craft maintained a high serviceability rate throughout the quarter and despite heavy demand, all planned maintenance is up to date.

23. TRV 801 and AWL 304 have been used extensively throughout the period in the Fleet Support role and trials activities.

24. The 63 foot Pinnace (KUNGAR-MARIS) arrived from Garden Island Dockyard on Friday 25 November having completed acceptance trials. The Custody of the vessel will be taken over by the Target Services Group and work will be progressed as required by the BARRA project.

#### General

25. Some concern has been felt as to the lack of communication between authorities concerned regarding the presence of the Japanese Fishing Vessel SHINEO-MARU in Naval waters, also the request from TUNA fishing trawlers to obtain water from Naval sources. The following signals are relevant.

- a. HMAS IBIS KBG 010248 NOV 77
- b. NOIC JB KBG 010250 NOV 77
- c. NOIC JB KBG 010314Z NOV 77
- d. FOCEA 010620Z NOV 77
- e. NOIC JB KBG/KAA 01100Z NOV 77

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- f. HMAS CRESWELL KBG/LSD 040350Z NOV 77
- g. FOCEA KBG/LSD 070726Z NOV 77
- h. COMAUSFLT KBG/LSD 032041Z NOV 77

26. In an effort to better enforce the conditions of the control of the Naval Waters Act 1918 to 1973 and to have up to date intelligence of all vessels in Jervis Bay a daily patrol is now being carried out by Target Services Group Support Craft.

27. One Petty Officer from the Target Services Group has recently successfully completed the support craft command course at HMAS WATSON and a Petty Officer is currently undergoing the Support Craft Coxswain's Course. Future employment of these two Petty Officers will create a more even distribution of responsibility within the section.

28. The morale of the Target Services Group personnel within the command continues to be high and relations between Contractor and Service personnel remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

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**SGD. G. E. JERVIS**

(G.E. Jervis)  
Commodore  
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
JERVIS BAY

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JINDIVIK OPERATIONS

OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

01 JINDIVIK FLIGHT SEACAT FIRING

04 JINDIVIK FLIGHT

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ANNEX B

GUNNERY

OCTOBER

18	HMAS DERWENT	SU	WILLIAMS TARGET (BOMBARD)
20	HMAS VENDETTA	SU	WILLIAMS TARGET (BOMBARD)
25	HMAS VENDETTA		R.C.S.T. FIRING

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ANNEX C

FIREFIGHTING COURSES

OCTOBER

12	STANDARD COURSE	12	GROUND & UNIT
19	STANDARD COURSE	21	GROUND & UNIT
26	STANDARD COURSE	12	GROUND & UNIT
13	ADVANCED COURSE	18	UNIT "A" & "B" FIRES
06	AVN'S	7	BASIC GROUND & FIREWALK
07	ADVANCEMENT BOARD	9	UNIT "A" & "B" FIRES NORMAL AIR
10	HMAS YARRA PWT	12	UNIT - FULL - NORMAL AIR
11	HMAS YARRA PWT	20	UNIT - FULL - NORMAL AIR
20	HMAS PLATYPUS	20	FULL UNIT - "NORMAL AIR
25	HMAS KIMBLA	15	SHIP PWT - FULL UNIT
28	HMAS OVENS	18	FULL UNIT - NORMAL AIR

NOVEMBER

09	STANDARD COURSE	22	GROUND & UNIT
16	STANDARD COURSE	7	GROUND & UNIT
30	STANDARD COURSE	15	GROUND UNIT
10	ADVANCED COURSE	15	FULL GROUND & UNIT - NORMAL AIR
17	S.A.R. DIVERS	3	BASIC FIRES
18	JUNIOR OFFICERS	18	FULL GROUND & UNIT

DECEMBER

07	STANDARD COURSE	15	GROUND UNIT
14	STANDARD COURSE	15	GROUND UNIT
01	ADVANCED COURSE	15	FULL GROUND & UNIT NORMAL AIR
08	ADVANCED COURSE	15	FULL GROUND & UNIT NORMAL AIR
15	ADVANCED COURSE	15	FULL GROUND & UNIT NORMAL AIR

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ANNEX D

MISCELLANEOUS

OCTOBER

- 03 WRE personnel arrived on site to begin installation of receiving and calibration antenna - Hill Complex (Mr. Parkinson & Mr Begg).
- 04 Radio Communication calibration trials with HMAS KIMBLA TE1/77 Mr. R. PARRINGTON, Mr. W. PFEIFFER, Mr. P. PARFENOW from Aust Survey Office.  
Mr. J.M. NELSON, MR. J.R. TILBROOK, MR. J. DAWSON  
MR. J.B. SILVER, MR. A.D. McCANN, MR. A.M. GOODWAY from Weapons Research Establishment.
- 05 Mr. Hunt, MR. TICKNER arrived on site for BARRA
- 06 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site for TURANA TRG  
MR. MILOSZ, MR. LIRON, MR WILSON, MR PALFREMAN  
MR. VERSACCI.
- 06 WOQMG HOPE and working party arrived to set up Generator at Distex village.
- 10 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site for TURANA TRG.  
Mr. McMAHON MR. STACKPOLE
- 10 TURANA TRG commenced.
- 12 Weapons Research Establishment radio communication trials team departed.
- 18 Hydrofield evaluation - Mr. Westhorp.
- 18 Higher ranks promotion board - Jervis Bay Missile Range Personnel I.S.S. 5 J.S.
- 19 Weapons Research Establishment radio communication trials team returned on site.

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OCTOBER Cont.

- 22 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site  
10 personnel - 2 trucks.
- 24 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site  
20 personnel
- 28 Weapons Research Establishment radio communication  
Trials team departed.

NOVEMBER

- 01 Hydrofield evaluation - CDR. Evans Mr. Fielding
- 02 Hydrofield evaluation - CDR Evans Mr. Fielding
- 03 HMAS DERWENT DISTEX
- 04 Government Aircraft Factory personnel departed
- 04 Weapons Research Establishment radio communication  
equipment removed from site.
- 10 R.C.S.T. to Nowra for Motorvation 77
- 14 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site  
7 personnel
- 14 R.C.S.T. returned to Jervis Bay Missile Range from  
Motorvation 77
- 14 Leut. King Leut Beauchamp CPO Clark CPO Rose PO  
PO Houldsworth PO Dyer PO Callingham PO Horne  
departed for Government Aircraft Factory Melbourne  
for TURANA TRG course.  
Mr. Smith Mr. Bates Mr. Bond from Shorts Air  
Services Pty Lts departed for Government Aircraft  
Factory for TURANA TRG course.
- 15 Hydrofield to Nowra Marine for servicing
- 15 Government Aircraft Factory personnel arrived on site  
for BARRA 3 personnel

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NOVEMBER Cont.

15 Chief Inspector R. Hannan arrived on site for familiarisation of area.

16 Commodore Jervis Commodore Cleary arrived by Helo to Visit Jervis Bay Missile Range, Beecroft Range  
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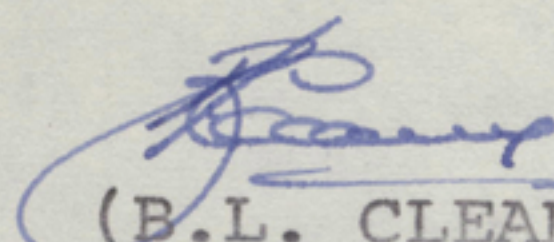
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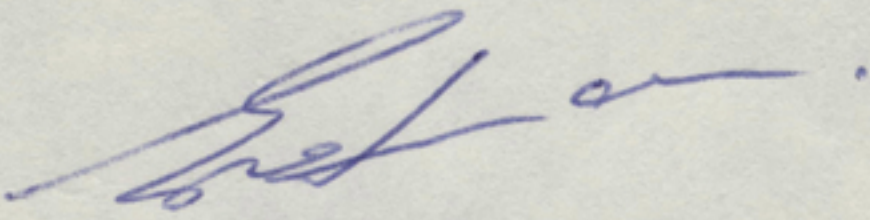
1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Naval Officer in Charge, JERVIS BAY, for the period 8th December to 31st December 1977.
2. On the 16th December Target Services Group commenced its annual leave period. From this date TSG is manned to a reduced complement to coincide with the reduced level of Fleet activity.
3. During the period fleet support has been given to HMA Ships CURLEW, TORRENS, DERWENT and VENDETTA.
4. All facets of TSG support were utilized during the Final Battle Problem for HMAS DERWENT and the Operational Readiness Evaluation for HMAS VENDETTA on the 15th December 1977.
5. During the period TRV 801 has been heavily committed in support of the BARRA project and Fleet Support. The craft has maintained a high serviceability rate throughout the period.
6. On 28 December information was received that an entrant in the annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht race had radioed a Mayday message advising that the vessel was in danger of sinking in a position 40 miles East of Jervis Bay. The only SAR Vessel available at Jervis Bay, TRV 801, was brought to Immediate notice. In the event it was not required as Merchant ships were in the area and the Yacht eventually reached the safety of Ulladulla harbour unassisted. Had TRV 801 been required weather conditions would have made the task unpleasant with winds of 25-35 knots being encountered and a sea-state of 4-5.



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7. The Pinnance ("KUNGAH MARIS") has remained within the confines of Jervis Bay for the period. A minor defect to the port engine is in the process of being rectified. Once replacement inflatable life rafts are on board it is hoped that this craft will be employed more fully than at present.
8. Prior to the 16th December, when bombardment ceased for the duration of the school holiday period, the Range was used by the Macchis and Skyhawks of 724 and 805 Squadrons until 9th December when air to ground bombardment ceased for the year.
9. Naval Gunfire ranging through 1/2/3 was conducted with HMAS TORRENS on the 8th and 15th December, and HMA Ships VENDETTA and DERWENT on the 14th and 15th December, the latter event being DERWENT's final battle problem.
10. During the holiday period up to 31st December, the Beecroft Range Party carried out maintenance on the Range and targets, and maintained a daily patrol throughout the many camp sites which have been established by holiday makers on the peninsula.
11. On the 12th December CDT I commenced a Range clearance of unexploded live ordnance prior to the school holidays, departing on the 16th December.
12. There has been no vandalism on Naval property during the period of this report.
13. During the period the BARRA trial and the TURANA set to work were completed and all external agency personnel departed the Jervis Bay Missile Range on the 9th December.
14. The East Australian Area Fire Fighting Ground was used on three occasions for both standard and advanced courses. A total fire ban on the 14th December restricted training and only dummy runs could be carried out.
15. There were four Jindivik flights, three training and one Seacat presentation for HMAS TORRENS. Strong crosswinds caused cancellation of further Seacat presentations on the 14th and PM 15th December, and TORRENS cancelled the programme for the 16th December.
16. The long awaited survey of the Explosive Storehouses and Magazines at the Missile Range was undertaken by Mr. Granshaw, Staff of Garden Island Dockyard. Action to bring the buildings up to the required standard is in hand.
17. Morale is high throughout the command.

  
(G. M. Jude)  
Commodore RAN  
Naval Officer in Charge  
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