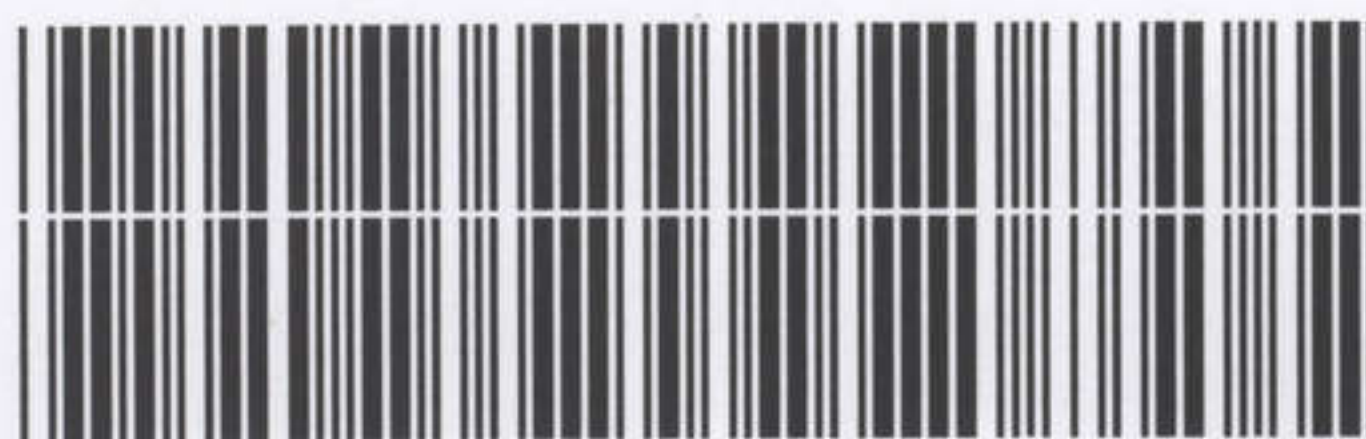


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Commodore
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HMAS BUCCANEER

at Sydney

1st February 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol
Forces

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS- JANUARY 1973

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of January 1973. All times are Lima (-11).

2. At the commencement of the month the ship was alongside at HMAS WATERHEN progressing the maintenance and leave period. All aspects of planned maintenance and work associated with the repair of machinery which was defective on the ships return from survey are progressing satisfactorily.

3. On Tuesday 23rd January at 0840 I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony held onboard HMAS STALWART, when command of H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET was handed over to you, Sir, by Rear Admiral W.J. Dovers CBE DSC.

4. The leave and maintenance period completed on Monday 29th January, most of the scheduled items of maintenance had been completed. On Tuesday 30th after fuelling and ammunitioning the ship proceeded to No.4 buoy to swing the compass. At 1310 the ship returned to WATERHEN to effect repairs to the main and auxiliary general service pumps, my 300300Z Jan 73 refers. The defects were rectified and so at 2200 lines were cast off and the ship proceeded to sea to continue with the serials.

5. The AATX/AACRF serial scheduled for the 31st did not eventuate due to a defect with the aircraft and so at 1100 the ship proceeded towards Jervis Bay. The ship entered Jervis Bay and secured port side to on HMAS SUPPLY in order that the ship's company could watch the ILR and safety equipment demonstration. On completion of the serial lines were cast off and the ship acted independantly until 1630 when a towex was conducted with HMAS BRUNEI, whilst the cable was being veered a fault developed with the windlass and so the cable had to be recovered by hand. The fault could not be found by ship's staff and because the general service pump was again unserviceable it



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was proposed that the ship return to Sydney for repair, my 310740Z Jan 73 refers.

6. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(W.R. THOMPSON)

Lieutenant R.A.N.

Commanding Officer.

Enclosures: A. Annex A. Particulars of steaming
B. Annex B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A

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PARTICULARS OF STEAMING JANUARY 1973

a)	Miles steamed during January 1973	293.1
b)	Total miles steamed since commissioning	100,018.5
c)	Hours underway during January 1973	25 45/60
d)	Total hours underway since commissioning	6,893 22/60
e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance data not yet available
f)	Occasions of exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

Date	Time	Exercise	Other Units	Remarks
31st	1430-1600	Major NBCD EX	Nil	
	1600-1630	OOW Ship handling	Nil	
	1630-1730	TOWEX	BRUNEI	

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HMAS Buccawee Age since first commissioning 3 1/2 years
DATE 1st January 1973 Miles steamed since first commissioning 100,018 Miles

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

No. 1 Port 2353

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No. 3 Star 2361

	Avail- ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Lost-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)								REMARKS		
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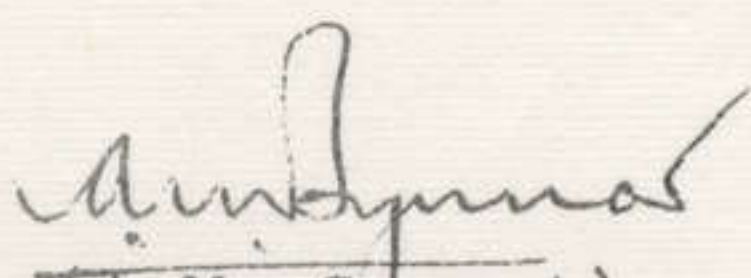
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(A.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Cairns
2nd March, 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: Commander Australian Minewarfare and Patrol
Boat Forces.
The Hydrographer Royal Australian Navy.

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1973

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of February, 1973.

2. At the commencement of the month the ship was entering Sydney Harbour enroute to HMAS WATERHEN where she secured at 0045L. Repairs to defective equipment was progressed during the next few days. The ship sailed at 1400L on Monday 5th to continue with the shakedown programme, anchorages, boat drops and pilotage were carried out in Broken Bay because the heavy swell and choppy seas precluded any exercises being carried out in open waters. On Thursday 8th the forenoon serials were cancelled due to the weather conditions and the ship returned to WATERHEN to fuel prior to embarking members of the Joint Services Staff College course.

3. Fuelling was completed at 1000L and the ship cast off and proceeded to Garden Island, berthing at the Fitting Out Wharf at 1019L. The members of the Joint Services Staff College course were embarked at 1200L and the ship immediately cast off and proceeded towards Watsons Bay. During the passage the members of the course were shown over the boat and given brief talks about characteristics and deployment of patrol boats. The members of the course disembarked at 1220L.

4. The ship returned to WATERHEN at 1250L. The remainder of the day was spent storing ship and continuing planned maintenance. At 0808L Friday 9th the ship sailed to act as target towing vessel for HMA Ships BRISBANE and YARRA and

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HMNZS TARANAKI. The target was secured at 0825L and after a transfer of signals concerning the serial BUCCANEER proceeded to sea. The target was streamed at 0925L and the ship then continued to the rendezvous. The serial was commenced at 1230L and completed at 1340L, during the serial some good salvos were observed. On completion of the serial the ship returned to Sydney arriving at Garden Island at 1630L. On completion of transferring the target and tow line the ship proceeded to WATERHEN, securing alongside at 1728L.

5. The ship sailed at 1615L on Monday 12th for Jervis Bay, after a defect with the radar had delayed the sailing, my 120220Z Feb 73 refers. After an uneventful passage the ship came to anchor in anchorage F1 at 2306L. The remainder of the week was spent carrying out serials in accordance with the EAXP. On Thursday 15th the ship was programmed to conduct a shoot with FSA Piaggio. The aircraft was not sighted during the serial due to the cloud cover but was heard faintly. The ship remained in the vicinity of the rendezvous calling the aircraft however at 1730L a signal was received cancelling the serial and so the ship set course for Jervis Bay.

6. The ship berthed at WATERHEN at 1835L on Friday 16th and commenced a maintenance and store period in preparation for the forthcoming survey deployment. The ship sailed from Sydney at 1117L on Friday 23rd and during the passage to Gladstone clocks were retarded to zone (-10) K at 1800L on Saturday 24th. At 0040K on Sunday 25th the port generator was lost due to fuel starvation. Numerous attempts to start the starboard generator were unsuccessful and it was 0115K before power was completely restored. During this period the gyro toppled and so the remainder of the passage was completed by magnetic compass. The ship secured alongside Auckland Point Wharf Gladstone at 1043K.

7. On completion of fuelling short leave was granted to the ship's company. The ship sailed at 0530K on Monday 26th to rendezvous with HMAS MORESBY at HighPeak Island, during the passage the weather deteriorated, conditions onboard however were quite comfortable as the swell was from the South East. The ship came to anchor in South West Cove at High Peak Island

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at 1611K. At 1835K the anchor was weighed and the ship manoeuvred to find a better anchorage, however due to the nature of the sea bed and the weather conditions the ship was forced to return the original anchorage coming to anchor at 1858K.

8. At 0845K on Tuesday 27th the anchor was weighed and the ship set course for Mackay. The passage was uneventful and the ship secured alongside the Breast Wharf Mackay at 1600K. At the end of the month the ship was alongside at Mackay at immediate notice for sea awaiting orders to sail for a special task.

9. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

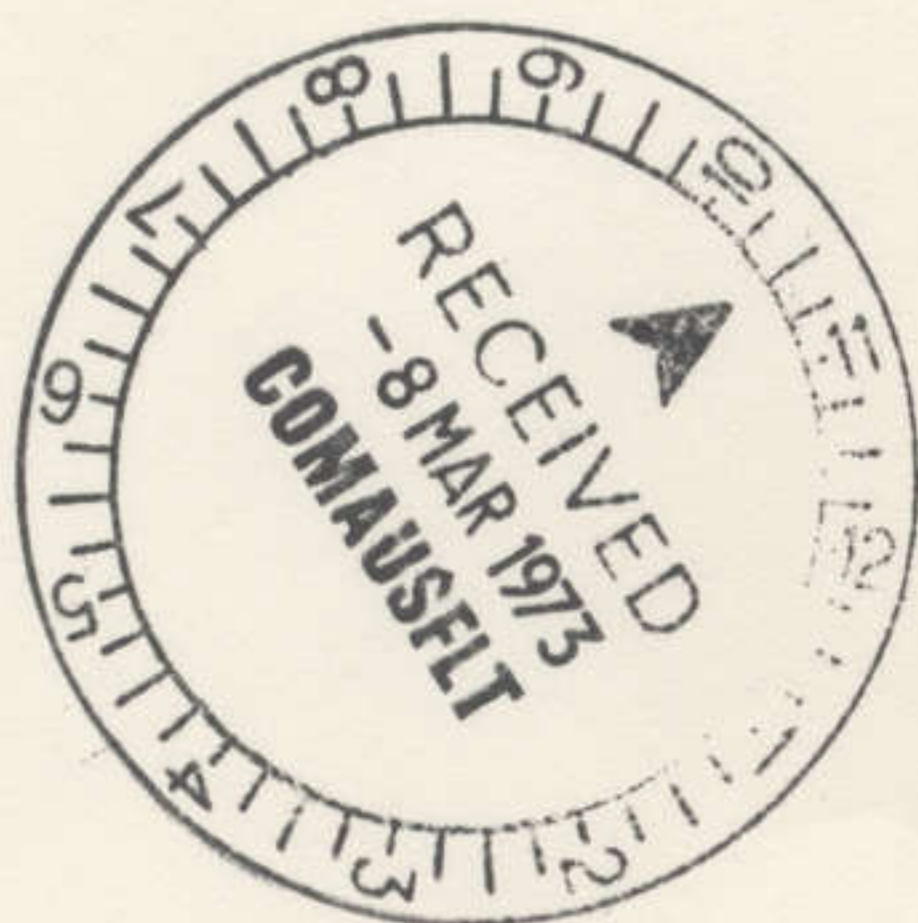
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.R. THOMPSON)

Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer.



Enclosures: ANNEX A. Particulars of Steaming.
ANNEX B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING FEBRUARY 1973

a) Miles steamed during February 1973	1,702.8
b) Total miles steamed since commissioning	101,721.3
c) Hours underway during February 1973	128 18/60
d) Total hours underway since commissioning	7,021 40/60
e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance Data not yet available
f) Occasions of exceeding 1250 RPM.	Nil.

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Other Units</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
05th	1745 - 1815	Lowering Dinghy	-	-
07th	1330 - 1540	Pilotage and Anchorages	-	-
13th	0830 - 1020	00W Manoeuvres	AWARE	-
13th	1030 - 1115	Towex	AWARE	-
13th	1400 - 1530	00W Manoeuvres	AWARE	-
24th	1000 - 1130	NBCD Exercise	-	-

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I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

HMAS Buccaroo Age since first commissioning 4 years.

DATE 24 June 1973 Miles steamed since first commissioning 10721.3 Miles

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	Avail-ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)										REMARKS
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Mackay
1st April, 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: Commander Australian Minewarfare and Patrol
Boat Forces.

The Hydrographer Royal Australian Navy.

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1973

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of March 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).
2. At the commencement of the month the ship was alongside the Breast Wharf Mackay at immediate notice for sea. The ship sailed for Cairns at 1030 on Thursday 1st. The passage was uneventful and BUCCANEER secured alongside No. 10 Berth at 0815 Friday 2nd. On completion of fuelling berth was shifted to alongside HMAS BARBETTE at No. 1 Wharf. The ship remained alongside making preparations to ride out a cyclone that had been reported to be moving in towards the coast. At 1530 berth was shifted to ahead of BARBETTE because of the height of the high tide that was expected later that evening.
3. The weather had improved considerably by Tuesday 6th. and at 1000 lines were cast off and the ship proceeded for Mackay. All was uneventful until 1800 when the ship was abreast Pelorus Island and the weather had deteriorated sufficiently to cause her to pound quite considerably. BUCCANEER then proceeded towards Challenger Bay coming to anchor at 1910. The ship remained at the anchorage until 1750 on the 7th. when the anchor was weighed and course was set for Mackay. After an uneventful passage the ship berthed alongside the Ferry Wharf at 0900 on Thursday 8th. At 1800, on completion of fuelling, lines were cast off and the ship proceeded towards the survey grounds.
4. BUCCANEER rendezvoused with HMAS MORESBY at 0610 on

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Friday 9th. and proceeded alongside her at 0621 to transfer mail and stores and to receive the records and bar check equipment. The transfer was completed at 0630 and lines were cast off and the ship proceeded to act independantly to bar check the echo sounder. Due to problems with Lambda it was 1400 before sounding was commenced. Sounding was continued until 1620 Saturday 12th when BUCCANEER acted independantly to repair the steering system whilst MORESBY proceeded to Gannet Cay. Sounding was recommenced at 1846 and continued until 0825 Sunday 11th. when after a heaving line transfer of records the ship proceeded towards Mackay for fuel. The ship secured alongside the Ferry Wharf Mackay at 1400 and fuelling was commenced immediately. BUCCANEER remained in harbour overnight and sailed to rejoin MORESBY at 0900 on Monday 12th. The rendezvous was affected at 1743 and after a transfer of records and mail sounding was commenced at 1922, continuing until 2230 Tuesday 13th. Records and oil were transferred and the ship was detached to proceed towards Townshend Island to collect some defective Lambda equipment. The ship came to anchor in position 22 15.4'S 150 32.2'E at 0210 On Wednesday 14th. BUCCANEER got underway at 0803, after the boat had completed the transfer of defective equipment, and set course for Mackay berthing alongside the Ferry Wharf at 1352.

5. The ship sailed for Cairns at 0800 Thursday 15th. and after an uneventful passage berthed at No.1-5 Berth, outboard of HMAS BAYONET, at 0750 Friday 16th. The ship remained alongside there until 0700 Wednesday 21st. when berth was shifted to No. 10 Wharf to fuel. On completion of fuelling lines were cast off and the ship proceeded for Mackay at 0800. The passage to Mackay was uneventful and BUCCANEER berthed alongside the Ferry Wharf at 1200 on Thursday 22nd. At 1453, on completion of fuelling BUCCANEER sailed for the Percy Islands coming to anchor in Rocky Shelf Bay South Percy Island at 2015. The anchor was weighed at 1300 Friday 23rd. and the ship proceeded to rendezvous with MORESBY. Sounding was commenced at 2140 after the ship had replenished the tide pole camp at Bell Cay with fresh provisions. Sounding continued until 1000 Saturday 24th. when a heaving line transfer of stores was carried out. On completion of the transfer the ship detached to proceed to Bell Cay to land further provisions for the tide pole camp. The ship rejoined MORESBY at 1348

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and sounding was recommenced. BUCCANEER detached from MORESBY at 1110 on Sunday 25th. and proceeded towards Mackay, berthing alongside the Breast Wharf at 1625.

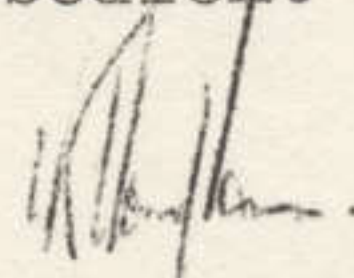
6. The ship sailed at 0002 Tuesday 27th. and proceeded to rendezvous with MORESBY. The time of the rendezvous was changed so BUCCANEER proceeded to Rocky Shelf Bay, anchoring at 0800. The anchor was weighed at 1130 and the ship proceeded to sea to join MORESBY. After conducting a transfer of mail and records sounding was commenced at 1600. Due to deterioration in the weather the ship acted independantly at 1131 on Wednesday 28th. and proceeded to shelter in Rocky Shelf Bay anchoring in position 21 43.6'S 150 21.1'E at 1804. The anchor was weighed at 1130 on Thursday 29th. and the ship proceeded to Rescue Bay anchoring in position 21 40.4'S 150 16.0'E at 1156. Due to changes in the wind direction this anchorage became unsatisfactory so at 1708 the anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded towards West Bay seeking better shelter. BUCCANEER came to anchor in position 21 39.7'S 150 13.2'E at 1738. The anchor was again weighed at 0330 and the ship proceeded towards Mackay securing alongside port side to North Wharf at 0803 Friday 30th. and remained there until the end of the month.

7. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.R. THOMPSON)

Lieutenant RAN

Commanding Officer



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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING MARCH 1973

a) Miles steamed during March 1973	4,629.4
b) Total miles steamed since commissioning	106,350.7
c) Hours underway during March 1973	306 30/60
d) Total hours underway since commissioning	7,328 10/60
e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance Data not yet available
f) Occasions of exceeding 1250 RPM.	0947-1047 Mon. 5th (Engine Trials)

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

No exercises were carried out during the month due to the survey programme.

ANNEX C

SPORTING ANNEX

HMAS BUCCANEER participated in the following sporting activities during the quarter ended 31st March 1973.

1. 28th February-Rugby-Buccaneer v Bayonet-Buccaneer won.
2. 28th February-Rugby-Buccaneer v Barricade-Buccaneer lost.
3. 17th March-Cricket-Buccaneer v Moresby-Buccaneer lost.
4. 18th March-Squash-Buccaneer v Barricade-Buccaneer lost.
5. 31st March-Cricket-Patrol Boats v Moresby-Moresby won.

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I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

HMAS Buccawee Age since first commissioning 4 1/2 years

No. 1 Per 2756

DATE 1st April 1973 Miles steamed since first commissioning 106,400 Miles

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No. 3 Sta 2769

	Avail- ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)										REMARKS
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Report of Proceedings APRIL '73

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14th May, 1973

The Secretary
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HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1973

Forwarded.

(A.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosures:

- A. HMAS BUCCANEER report dated 27th April, 1973.
- B. HMAS BUCCANEER report dated 1st May, 1973.

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sea.
1st May 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information :

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces

The Commander
First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 27th - 30th April 73

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the period 27th April to the 30th April 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. When I took command of HMAS BUCCANEER at 1100 Friday 27th April 1973 from Lieutenant W.R. THOMPSON RAN, the ship was berthed port side to HMAS BANDOLIER at the Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHEN. The ship remained at this berth over the week-end, sailing at 1000 Monday 30th April.

3. At 1125 BUCCANEER rendezvoused with BOMBARD to carry out OOW manoeuvres en route to Broken Bay. BUCCANEER detached at 1220 to proceed into Broken Bay and BOMBARD continued her passage to Gladstone, Queensland. BUCCANEER anchored in Broken Bay at 1340 in position 33° 32.6'S, 151° 19.1'E to carry out internal drills and shakedown. The anchor was weighed at 1830 to exercise the ships Blind Pilotage Organisation with a passage down Broken Bay to anchor in Position 33° 36.8'S, 151° 14'E at 1930. The ship remained in this anchorage until the end of the month.

4. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

L.T. Cupitt

(L.T. CUPITT)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer



Enclosures : ANNEX A. Particulars of Steaming
ANNEX B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING 27th - 30th April 1973

a)	Miles steamed during period	55.8
b)	Total miles steamed since commissioning	107,761.5
c)	Hours underway during period	4 43/60
d)	Total hours underway since commissioning	7423 20/60
e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance Data not Yet available
f)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units	Remarks
30th	1125 - 1220	OOW Manoeuvres	BOMBARD	
	1240 - 1340	Anchorage	-	
	1340 - 1430	NBCDX	-	
	1430 - 1500	Lowering and Hoisting Dinghy	-	
	1500 - 1600	Gun Crew Drills	-	
	1830 - 1930	Blind Pilotage	-	
	1930 - 2030	Darken Ship	-	

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sydney
27th April 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: Commander Australian Minewarfare and Patrol
Boat Forces.
The Hydrographer Royal Australian Navy.

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1st - 27th APRIL 73

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command from the 1st to the 27th April 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month BUCCANEER was alongside North Wharf Mackay waiting for the weather to abate sufficiently to allow survey operations to continue. The ship remained alongside until 1315 on Tuesday 3rd when she slipped and course was set for the Percy Islands. After a passage in moderate weather conditions the ship came to anchor in position 21 43.8'S 150 20.8'E at 1847, anchorage was shifted at 0912 on Wednesday 4th due to the heavy swell experienced and the ship came to anchor in position 21 43.6'S 150 21.6'E at 0932.

3. The anchor was weighed at 0220 on Tuesday 5th and course was set for Mackay. During the passage similar conditions were experienced as on the passage out. The ship secured alongside starboard side to at No. 8 Berth Ferry Wharf at 0737. The ship remained alongside until 0830 Sunday 8th when she slipped and course was set for the survey grounds. During the passage weather conditions deteriorated however BUCCANEER rendezvoused with HMAS MORESBY at 1653. After a heaving line transfer of stores BUCCANEER was detached to proceed to Bundaberg. After a rough passage the ship arrived at Port Bundaberg at 0930 Monday 9th. On completion of the transfer of stores and embarkation of maintenance personnel the ship proceeded towards Fraser Island and after an uneventful passage came to anchor in position 24 27.8'S 153 07.5'E at 1254. The boat was immediately lowered

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and the technicians from the Hi-fix Master camp were taken ashore to ascertain the faults associated with the equipment of Hi-fix 2. At 1347, after all personnel had been re-embarked, anchor was weighed and the ship returned to Port Bundaberg.

4. The ship secured alongside the dredge FITZROY at Port Bundaberg Port Authority Wharf at 1645 Monday 9th. Due to weather conditions the ship remained alongside until 0900 Wednesday 11th when lines were cast off and course was again set for Fraser Island. BUCCANEER came to anchor in position 24 47.8'S 153 07.5'E at 1208 and remained there overnight whilst the defective Hi-fix 2 was repaired. The anchor was weighed at 0750 on Thursday 12th and the ship sailed for Port Bundaberg securing alongside the Sugar Wharf at 1048. The ship remained alongside until 2015 on Sunday 15th when lines were cast off and the ship proceeded for Sydney. After an uneventful passage BUCCANEER secured alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at HMAS WATERHEN at 1353 on Tuesday 17th.

5. The ship remained alongside at WATERHEN carrying out a base assisted maintenance period until the 27th April. At 1100 on Friday 27th. April 1973 I handed over command of HMAS BUCCANEER to Lieutenant SLEX L.T. CUPITT R.A.N.

6. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(W.R. THOMPSON)

Lieutenant RAN

Commanding Officer

Enclosures: ANNEX A. Particulars of Steaming
ANNEX B. Exercise Annex



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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING 1st - 27th APRIL 1973

a) Miles steamed during period	1,355.0
b) Total miles steamed since commissioning	107,705.7
c) Hours underway during period	90 27/60
d) Total hours underway since commissioning	7418 37/60
e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance Data not yet available
f) Occasions of exceeding 1250 RPM	1). 17/4 Annual Full Power Trial

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

No exercises were carried out during the period due to the survey programme.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(To accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

APPENDIX E TO QANO 7/66

HMAS BULLANEER Age since first commissioning 4 $\frac{2}{12}$ years

DATE 1st MAY 73 Miles steamed since first commissioning 107,761.5 Miles

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

No. 1 PORT 2856

No. 2 STBD 2860

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	Avail- ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)								REMARKS			
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HMAS BUCCANEER

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12th June, 1973

The Secretary
Department of the Navy

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973

Forwarded.

(A.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS BUCCANEER Report dated 1st June, 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At Sea.
1st June 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information : Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol
Forces.

Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of May, 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month, the ship was at anchor in Broken Bay. The anchor was weighed at 0840 on Tuesday the first and independent officer of the watch, gunnery, and seamanship exercises were carried out prior to the ship returning to WATERHEN at 1442. BUCCANEER sailed at 1003 on Wednesday the second for Broken Bay, exercising Action Stations and a major NBCD exercise en route, anchoring in Broken Bay for internal drills then returning to WATERHEN at 1658. Thursday and Friday were spent day running towing a Williams Target for Surface Gunnery Shoots for VAMPIRE and PARRAMATTA respectively.

3. The ship remained alongside WATERHEN from 1619 Friday the fourth until 1158 Monday the seventh when she sailed and steamed overnight to Eden where she anchored at 0516 Tuesday the eighth off Snug Cove. After berthing alongside the Fishing Wharf, official calls were made and the ship remained in this berth for the following two days carrying out minor self maintenance. BUCCANEER sailed at 0833 Thursday the tenth for the Sydney exercise areas.

4. At 1830 on the tenth, Trackers 842 and 845 carried out a night illumination exercise with BUCCANEER off Kiama while the ship was on passage to rendezvous with VAMPIRE for a Night Encounter Exercise. The exercise with VAMPIRE was against HOBART and lasted from 2040 until 2209 when all ships carried out a night steam in company. At 0600 Friday the eleventh, VAMPIRE and BUCCANEER detached to enter Sydney Harbour and BUCCANEER berthed at WATERHEN at 0733.

5. The ship remained at WATERHEN over the week-end sailing up harbour to Spectacle Island at 0815 Monday the fourteenth, to embark ammunition. Lieutenant Commander J. Hanson NRC, and twelve Cadets embarked for the trip and were given some first hand experience in seamanship. After a short inspection of the ship, the Naval Reserve Cadets disembarked on arrival back at WATERHEN.

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6. On Tuesday Morning a Mortar Mk 6 ASW Projectile, which had been found by two fishermen off the coast in 140 fathoms, was embarked from CDT2 for disposal at sea. At 0950 BUCCANEER sailed with two members of CDT2 embarked to handle the Projectile, and it was dumped at 1254 in twelve hundred fathoms, thirty-five miles from the coast. The ship then continued to Jervis Bay where she berthed at the S.A.R. Jetty at 1900. At 0715 on Tuesday the sixteenth, the ship assumed the responsibilities of duty S.A.R. vessel from AWARE and came to immediate notice for steam. BUCCANEER proceeded to sea at 1105 on the sixteenth to area R488 to carry out a 40/60 surface shoot at our own target. The Fifty Calibre Machine Guns were also used to exercise the action gun crews. On completion of the shoot, the ship returned to Jervis Bay, remaining alongside for the following day and handing duty S.A.R. vessel back to AWARE at 2130. At 0700 on Friday the eighteenth, BUCCANEER sailed for Sydney and secured at WATERHEN at 1424.

7. The ship remained at WATERHEN over the week-end, proceeding to Spectacle Island at 0845 Monday to embark explosives for RANRL S.P.I. Trials 5A/73 and 6/73, returning to WATERHEN at 0934. Sub Lieutenant H. Van Der Zyden RAN assumed the duties of Executive Officer from Sub Lieutenant R. Haywood RAN at 1000 while Lieutenant P.J. Lyons RANR assumed duties of the Navigating Officer for his 14 days A.C.T.

8. At 0801 on Tuesday the twenty-second, BUCCANEER sailed to rendezvous with KIMBLA 100 Nautical Miles to sea on the RANRL trials ground for RANRL Trial No 5A/73. The Trial commenced at 1245 Tuesday and continued as required until 1015 on Thursday, when BUCCANEER detached and returned to Sydney, securing at WATERHEN at 1646. Subsequent results have shown that very successful results were achieved during the Trial.

9. The next four days were spent at WATERHEN with the opportunity being taken to carry out planned maintenance on the main engines. At 0941, the ship sailed to rendezvous with KIMBLA for RANRL Trial 6/73 which took place approximately 30 miles off the coast. We were detached at 1620 to anchor in Port Hacking for the night, sailing at 0530 Wednesday the thirtieth to rendezvous with KIMBLA at 0730 for the remainder of the Trial. It was completed at 1000 and after being detached, we carried out a gun functioning trial on the way back to Sydney as numerous defects had been occurring on the 40/60 mounting. BUCCANEER secured at WATERHEN at 1312 and remained there for the remainder of the month.

10. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

L.T. Cupitt
(L.T. CUPITT)

Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures : ANNEX A.
ANNEX B.

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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING MAY 1973.

a) Miles steamed during period	1993.8
b) Total miles steamed since commissioning	109,755.3
c) Hours underway during the period	169 21/60
d) Total hours underway since commissioning	7,592 41/60
e) Occassions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance data not yet Available
f) Occassions of exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX.

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units	Remarks
01st	0840 - 0910	Blind Pilotage	-	
	0918 - 0945	OOW Man Overboard		
		Gunnery Drills		
	1117 - 1140	AATX	FSA Piaggio	
	1140 - 1207	AACRFX	FSA Piaggio	
02nd	1055 - 1152	Action Stations/ Major NPCDX		
	1215 - 1231	Pilotage and Anchorage		
	1310 - 1410	Internal Drills		
	1411 - 1439	OOW Anchorages		
03rd	0910 - 1850	Gunnery TOWEX	Williams Target	
04th	0734 - 1558	Gunnery TOWEX	Williams Target	
10th	1830 - 1910	Tracker Illumination	Tracker 842 and 845	
	2040 - 2209	NEX	VAMPIRE AND HOBART	
102209 - 110605		NSIC	VAMPIRE AND HOBART	
16th	1400 - 1540	SUTF		Own Tgt.
221245 - 241015		RANRL Trial 5A/73	KIMBLA	
29th	1230 - 1620	RANRL Trial 6/73	KIMBLA	
29th	1830 - 1845	Blind Pilotage/Anchorage		
30th	0730 - 1000	RANRL Trial 6/73	KIMBLA	
	1010 - 1125	40/60 Gun Functioning and Gunnery Drills		

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AGE SINCE LAST COMMISSIONING 4 1/2 YEARS

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PROGRESSIVE TOTAL 2 11:47 HOURS

NO. 1 PORT 2982

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HMAS BUCCANEER

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*Escort of LCM 18 with Sevens for
Gabo Island
press for refit.*

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18th July, 1973

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The Secretary
Department of the Navy

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1973

Forwarded.

for 
(A.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure: HMAS BUCCANEER Report dated 2nd July, 1973.

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At WATERHEN

2nd July 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information : Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol
Forces

Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of June, 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month, the ship was secured at WATERHEN. It sailed at 0850 on the 1st to tow a Williams Target for VAMPIRE and HOBART to carry out a SUTF. On the return passage to Sydney after the serial, the forward turbo-blower on the starboard main engine seized (my 010836ZJUN73 Urdef refers). The ship returned to harbour on the port engine securing at WATERHEN at 1715 and repairs were commenced and continued over the week-end until Monday when the starboard main engine was proved.

3. BUCCANEER sailed at 1400 on the 4th to carry out a communications exercise with LCM8 1052 and 1057 at the entrance to Sydney harbour. Good communications were held at 8 miles on the portable Army UHF sets with a whip aerial rigged on the flying bridge. At 1615 an AACRF was carried at a sleeve target towed by a Foster Stevens aircraft. No radio communications could be gained with the aircraft however good control was maintained by the use of light. On completion of the shoot BUCCANEER continued to Jervis Bay, assuming duties of S.A.R. craft at 2000 and securing at Jervis Bay Wharf at 2055.

4. A Williams Target was taken in tow at 1000 on the 5th for VAMPIRE to calibrate her guns and attempt to find a fault in her gunnery system. BUCCANEER returned to Jervis Bay Wharf on completion of the serial, securing at 1720, and sailing again at 2100 for a rendezvous off Sydney Heads.

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5. LCM8 1057 and 1052 were taken under tactical command at 0500 for passage to Ulladullah, where the group arrived at 1530 after an uneventful passage. BUCCANEER secured by Mediterranean Moor to the end of Stone Wall Wharf due to the shortage of berths alongside. The group sailed again at 0500 on the 7th for another uneventful passage to Eden, securing at 1630. BUCCANEER remained alongside the following day while the LCM8s loaded with the stores for transport to Gabo Island.

6. The three vessels sailed at 0500 on the 9th arriving at Gabo Island at 0800 where BUCCANEER anchored in Boat Harbour while the LCM8s commenced unloading. Both LCM8s completed unloading and loading stores for the return trip by 1500 and at 1530 all three vessels sailed for Eden securing alongside at 1945. The following day was spent alongside while the LCM8s unloaded and refueled in preparation for the return trip. This commenced at 0500 on the 11th with the first stage of the passage being to Ulladullah where the group arrived at 1535. The second stage to Sydney was commenced at 0500 on the 12th, arriving at Sydney at 1525. The LCM8s were then detached to return to their depot at Woolwich and BUCCANEER secured at WATERHEN at 1600.

7. The ship remained at WATERHEN for the remainder of the week preparing for the Annual Inspection. This commenced Monday the 18th with Departmental Inspections. On Tuesday the 19th BUCCANEER had the pleasure of receiving a return call from you Sir, between Impromptu Inspections of AWARE and IBIS. Departmental Inspections were completed on Tuesday the 19th and the Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces carried out the ships Harbour Inspection on Wednesday the 20th.

8. At 0840 on the 21st BUCCANEER sailed with AWARE under tactical command for the annual sea inspection. Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces and staff were embarked in BUCCANEER. On completion of the inspection BUCCANEER secured at PENGUIN wharf to be used in a sequence in the A.B.C. Television series "Over There" to be screened in Sydney on the 25th July 1973. The ship shifted from PENGUIN to WATERHEN on completion of filming, securing at 2110.

9. BUCCANEER remained at WATERHEN destoring for refit until the 27th. The pre-refit conference was held at Codock on Monday the 25th. As the total allowance for the ships refit was the same as the cost estimate for the main defect list by Codock, items to the cost of 20 thousand dollars had to be deleted from the main defect list to allow money to be available for the supplementary defect list and new work out of the survey. This deletion was carried out by ships staff, WATERHEN, Naval Overseers and Codock staff. Because of power restrictions throughout the state of N.S.W., the start date of the refit changed from the 2nd of July to the 4th of July.

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10. At 0800 on the 27th BUCCANEER shifted berth to alongside STALWART to carry out a tank clean. This was completed at 1410 and berth was shifted to Ammunition Barge Number 1032 at Spectacle Island to de-ammunition, returning to WATERHEN at 1525. BUCCANEER remained there for the remainder of the month preparing for the refit.

11. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

L.T. Cupitt

(L.T. CUPITT)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures : ANNEX A
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ANNEX A

PARTICULARS OF STEAMING JUNE 1973

a)	Miles steamed during month	1009.4
b)	Total miles steamed since commissioning	110,764.7
c)	Hours underway during month	93 35/60
d)	Total hours underway since commissioning	7,686 18/60
e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Endurance data not yet available
f)	Occasions of exceeding 1250 rpm	Nil

ANNEX B

EXERCISE ANNEX

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units	Remarks
01st	0845 - 1645	Gunnery TOWEX	Williams Target	
04th	1430 - 1515	COMEX	LCM8 1052 & 1057	
	1615 - 1645	AACRF	FSA Piaggio	
05th	1000 - 1720	Gunnery TOWEX	Williams Target	
06th	1530	Mediterranean Moor		
11th	1535	Mediterranean Moor		
21st	0840 - 1645	*Annual Sea Inspection AWARE		

(* Exercises included :- Major NBCD Exercise, Preparations for providing fire fighting party as boarding party, Preparations for S.A.R., Heaving Line Transfer, Man Overboard, OOW Manoeuvres, AACRF, Rocket Flare Firing, BOARDX, Blind Pilotage, Minefield transit, and weighing anchor by hand.)

ANNEX C

SPORTING ANNEX

HMAS BUCCANEER did not participate in any sporting activities during the quarter ended 30th June 1973. This was because of ships programme which allowed the ships company to participate in sporting activities with WATERMEN ships company.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(To accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

APPENDIX B TO CANO 7/66

HMAS Buccaneer Age since first commissioning 4 $\frac{4}{12}$ years

DATE 02 JUL 73 Miles steamed since first commissioning 110,764.7 Miles

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

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No. 1 3,076

STARBOARD
No. 2 3,018

No. 3

	Avail- ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)										REMARKS
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	Avail- ability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (Duration in Hours)										REMARKS
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HMAS BUCCANEER Report dated 1st August, 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At WATERHEN

1st August 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information :
Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of June, 1973. All times are Kilo. (-10).
2. At the commencement of the month the ship was berthed at WATERHEN. Destoring for refit was continued until 0900 on the 4th of July when the ship shifted berth to Codock and commenced the refit.
3. The ship was slipped from the 10th until the 24th of July. However on unslipping, the propellers, shafts, and rudders had not been fitted due to the inner bearing liners of the shafts needing replacement. These are to be fitted at a later date by re-slipping the ship for a period of four days.
4. Progress meetings were held on the 11th and the 25th of July and at the end of the month work is proceeding on schedule with no anticipated delay to a completion date of the 30th of August for the refit.
5. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good considering the ship is in dockyard hands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

L.T. Cupitt

(L.T. CUPITT)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annex A - Particulars of Steaming.

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES - JULY 1973

1.	Distance steamed during July	Nil
2.	Hours underway during July	Nil
3.	Total distance steamed since first Commissioning	110,764.7
4.	Total hours underway since first Commissioning	7,686 18/60
5.	Occasions for exceeding 1250RPM	Nil.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

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APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 4 5/12 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 110,764.7 MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 PORT NIL
NO. 2 STBD NIL
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HMAS BUCCANEER Report dated 1st September, 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At CODOCK
1st September 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information :
Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of August 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month the ship was in dockyard hands at Codock. During the month the refit was progressed on schedule with the ship being slipped for the fitting of the shafts and propellers from the 15th to the 20th of August.

3. An electrical strike in the first week of the month became critical in the time factor for the refit and delayed the completion date by six days. The completion date is now the 5th of September.

4. Progress meetings were held on the 7th and 21st of August and at the end of the month work is proceeding on schedule, however the critical trials are taking place during the first week of September.

4. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good considering the ship is in dockyard hands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

L T Cupitt

(L.T. CUPITT)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annex A - Particulars of Steaming.

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ANNEX A.

STEAMING FIGURES - AUGUST 1973

1.	Distance steamed during August	Nil
2.	Hours underway during August	Nil
3.	Total distance steamed since first Commissioning	110,764.7
4.	Total hours underway since first Commissioning	7,686 18/60
5.	Occassions for exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil.

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report unreferenced dated 3 October, 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER,
At WATERHEN.
3rd October 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

For Information :

Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.

Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of September 1973. All times are Kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month the ship was in dockyard hands at Codock. Basin trials were successfully carried out on the 4th of September and BUCCANEER proceeded to WATERHEN to refuel and prepare for sea trials during the forenoon of the 5th.

3. Dockyard sea trials were successfully carried out on the 6th of September. Trials on a towed echo sounder for the Hydrographers, which took place concurrently, were unsuccessful due to adjustments needed in the towing and foil arrangements. On completion of the trials, BUCCANEER berthed at WATERHEN.

4. The Post-refit meeting was held on the 7th of September and it was agreed the refit was completed pending dockyard finishing off minor defects found during trials. These were to be undertaken and completed before the 12th of September while the ship was alongside WATERHEN. The Completion Certificate was signed on Monday the 10th of September.

5. BUCCANEER shifted berth to an ammunition lighter at Spectacle Island to ammunition ship during the afternoon of the 13th of September returning to WATERHEN on completion. During the following day a compass swing was carried out at number 4 buoy and this was followed by a full power trial and gun functioning trial off Sydney Heads. The ship remained alongside WATERHEN over the weekend.

6. At 1030 on the 17th September, BUCCANEER slipped and proceeded for a week of shakedown and work-up in the Jervis Bay area. On the 17th internal drills were carried out en route to Jervis Bay. These were also limited due to adverse weather conditions and further drills were carried out at anchor in Jervis Bay before berthing alongside the S.A.R. wharf. Fire fighting training and an ILR and helicopter winching demonstration were given to the ship's company on the 18th of September and these were followed by an hour of OOW Manoeuvres with HMAS AWARE.

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7. BUCCANEER sailed from the S.A.R. wharf at 0800 on the 19th September to carry out an AATX and an AACRF on a sleeve target in area R445A. On completion the ship returned to Jervis Bay to carry out a boardex, towex and heaving line transfer with AWARE before returning alongside. The following day members of COMAUSMINPABFORs' staff were embarked and the ship sailed for the Operational Readiness Evaluation. Exercises were carried out throughout the day according to programme and as detailed in annex B with the ship returning alongside at 1605.

8. BUCCANEER proceeded from Jervis Bay to WATERHEN on the 21st of September to arrive at 1500. The ship has remained alongside WATERHEN carrying out planned maintenance and on stand-by for fleet duties for the remainder of the month.

9. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

L.T. Cupitt

(L.T. CUPITT)
Lieutenant RAN.
Commanding Officer.

Annex A - Particulars of Steaming.
Annex B - Exercise Annex.

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ANNEX 'A'

STEAMING FIGURES - SEPTEMBER 1973.

1. Distance steamed during September	543.0
2. Hours underway during September	45 30/60
3. Total distance steamed since first Commissioning	111,307.7
4. Total hours underway since first Commissioning	7,731 48/60
5. Occassions for exceeding 1250 RPM	06SEP 1230 - 1355 Dockyard Sea Trials 14SEP 1130 - 1330 Annual Full Power Trial.

ANNEX 'B'

EXERCISE ANNEX.

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units
17th	1300 - 1430	Internal Drills	
	1700 - 1800	Minor NBCDX	
	1900 - 2000	Exercise Blackout	
18th	1000 - 1230	Fire Fighting Training	
	1330 - 1445	ILR and Helo Winch Demonstration.	
	1500 - 1600	00W Manoeuvres	NASNOWRA
19th	1030 - 1200	AATX/AACRF	AWARE
	1330 - 1620	BOARDX/TOWEX/HEAVING LINE	FSA Piaggio.
		Transfer	AWARE
20th	0700 - 1605	*O.R.E.	AWARE

*(ORE included such exercises as : 00W Manoeuvres, Heaving Line Transfer, Man Overboard Exercises, Boardex, Emergency Party Boardex, Towex, Major NBCDX, AATX, AACRF.).

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Fleet support and exercises*

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Commodore
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 HMAS BUCCANEER Report unreferences dated 2nd November, 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER,
At WATERHEN.
2nd November 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

For Information :

Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of October 1973. All times are zone Kilo (-10) until 0200K Sunday the 28th of October when clocks were advanced one hour to daylight saving time, zone Lima (-11).

2. The beginning of the month found the ship alongside WATERHEN and programmed for fleet duties for the month. On Tuesday the 2nd BUCCANEER cast off and proceeded to Codock to embark HMAS VENDETTA's boarding party. The ship then proceeded to the vicinity of Number 9 buoy where the boarding party was exercised on the TRV 803. On completion of the exercise, the party was returned to Codock and BUCCANEER secured at WATERHEN at 1220.

3. Engineering personnel from the Indonesian Navy were embarked for experience and training on the 10th of October. The day was spent on passage to Port Hacking, returning alongside WATERHEN at 1600 after landing the Indonesian personnel at HMAS PENGUIN.

4. On Thursday 11th of October, BUCCANEER proceeded to Watson Bay Wharf where LCDR A.W. Townsend RAN and two officers under training were embarked. The ship then returned to Number 4 buoy where a compass swing was carried out. On completion the ship returned to WATERHEN.

5. The forenoon of Monday 15th and all day Wednesday 17th of October were spent training the Indonesian Navy crew for HMAS BANDOLIER. The training consisted of ship handling in the vicinity of WATERHEN and passage to Broken Bay and return. Their Command Team proved fairly competent.

6. BUCCANEER towed a Williams Target for VENDETTA on the 16th of October. Two trials personnel from RANRL were also embarked for the day to carry out tests on recording equipment for patrol boat exercises. Six WRANs from WATERHEN and PENGUIN were taken to sea for the day for the experience of seeing the seagoing side of the Navy.

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7. At 0930 on Sunday the 21st, the ship cast off and proceeded to the East Return Wall at Garden Island where the ship opened to visitors for Navy Day at 1240. Before closing to visitors at 1700, 2,212 members of the public inspected the various static displays on the ship. BUCCANEER returned alongside WATERHEN at 1735. The displays shown during the day were made up with the assistance of Base Staff at WATERHEN.

8. An interesting two days were spent with Fauna Productions on the 24th and 25th of October making an episode of a colour Television series "Shannon's Mob". The ship's welfare fund received thirty dollars as apyment for a 'bit part' played by myself in the episode. The Director also expressed his sincere appreciation for the way the ship's company participated in the days events.

9. At 1640 on Wednesday 24th while returning to WATERHEN, it was noticed that the main engine and generator salt water discharge was very intermittent. To try and pick up proper suction and prevent engines from overheating, revolutions were increased to 800 rpm for approximately four minutes. This took place in the vicinity of the Harbour Bridge until proper suction was restored. As no other fault could be found and no problems experienced since, it is suspected that a bar or some other rubbish from the harbour temporarily, partially blocked the main suction intake.

10. BUCCANEER proceeded to sea for the day on the 26th of October as consort for a shakedown for HMAS BOMBARD. This is the first time since the two present Commanding Officers have taken command, that the First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron have exercised to-gether for any length of time.

11. On Sunday 28th of October, BUCCANEER acted as flagship for the Manly Opera House Regatta. The opportunity was taken to have a family day onboard while at anchor in Manly Cove. The Chief Secretary of N.S.W., who is also Minister for Sport, the Hon. I.R. Griffith MLA spent the day onboard as Commodore of the Day for the Regatta. BUCCANEER dressed overall for the occassion and for a trial of dressing Patrol Boats overall. The Manly Regatta Committee were very appraising of the appearance of the ship and expressed their sincere gratitude to the ship's company for the part it played in their day. BUCCANEER returned alongside WATERHEN at 1707 and I had the honour of returning to the Manly Town Hall to participate in the presenting of Trophies. The remainder of the month was spent alongside WATERHEN.

12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Cbedient Servant.

L J Capitt

Lieutenant RAN.

Commanding Officer.

Annex A - Particulars of Steady Steaming
Annex b - Exercise annex.

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ANNEX 'A'

STEAMING FIGURES - OCTOBER 1973.

1. Distance steamed during October	466.0
2. Hours underway during October	46 37/60
3. Total distance steamed since commissioning	111,773.7
4. Total hours under way since commissioning	7778 25/60
5. Occassions for exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil.

ANNEX 'B'

EXERCISE ANNEX.

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units
2nd	1030 - 1142	Transfer Boarding Party	Vendetta TRV 803
11th	1150 - 1200	Man Overboard	
16th	1130 - 1605	Target Tow	Vendetta
26th	1030 - 1605	*Bombard Shakedown	Bombard
28th	1120 - 1630	Moor ship with Bow and Stern Anchor to point ship.	

* Consisted of 50Cal shoot, Towex, Boardex, OOW Manoeuvres, and Squadron Entry.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
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APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66
AGE SINCE COMMISSIONING...4 1/2...YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE COMM...111,727MILES

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PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
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MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERAT DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAM MAINT.	PROGME REFIT DOCK.	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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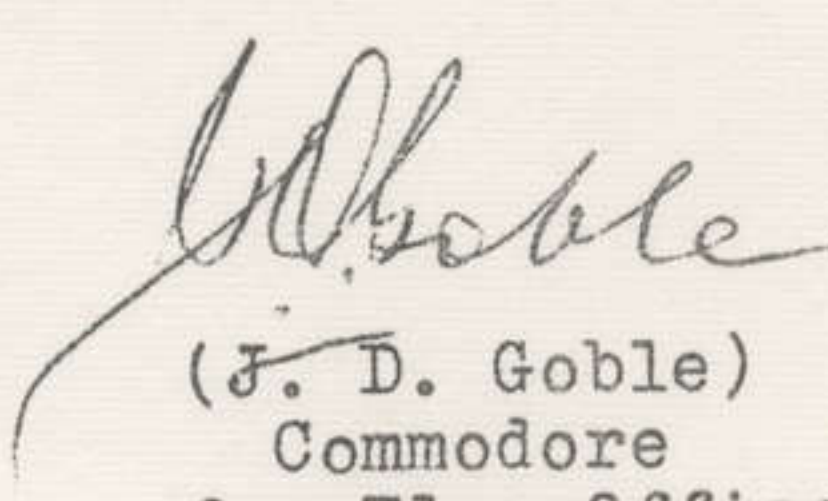
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HMAS BUCCANEER Report unreferenced dated 3rd December 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER,
At Sea.
3rd December 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

For Information :

Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1973 .

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of November 1973. All times are Lima(-11) Daylight Saving until 1830L on Tuesday 20th November when clocks were retarded to Zone Kilo (-10) Queensland Time.
2. BUCCANEER sailed as consort for HMAS BOMBARD's Admirals sea inspection on the 1st of November carrying out exercises in the Broken Bay Area before returning alongside WATERHEN on completion. The ship then remained alongside WATERHEN until the 7th November as stand-by for fleet duties. On the 7th November the ship sailed in company with BOMBARD for Jervis Bay Area, carrying out exercises en route. HMAS AWARE joined forces with us off Jervis Bay for a five hour war against HMA Ships VENDETTA, DERWENT and TORRENS, as torpedo firing patrol boats. On completion of the serial at 2200, BOMBARD returned to Sydney while BUCCANEER and AWARE proceeded to Jervis Bay and secured to the SAR Jetty.
3. At 0630 on the 8th November BUCCANEER sailed with a Williams Target in tow for TORRENS SUFX, for a DGO classes' training. On completion BUCCANEER returned to Jervis Bay. AWARE and BUCCANEER sailed from Jervis Bay at 1700 for a Night Encounter Exercise with DERWENT. This was a little different to the usual run of exercise as DERWENT requested an incident every 45 minutes and patrol boats were illuminated on every run. To achieve the required number of incidents, the patrol boats split; one to the north and one to the south of DERWENT's north south racetrack. After completion of the exercise, AWARE returned to Jervis Bay while BUCCANEER returned to Sydney, arriving alongside WATERHEN at 0800 on the 9th November.
4. BUCCANEER remained alongside WATERHEN until 0800 Tuesday 13th November when she sailed for Jervis Bay. After rendezvous with AWARE at 1530, both ships took part in a six hour war with VENDETTA and TORRENS, returning to Jervis Bay on completion at 0015 on the 14th November. At 0430 on the 15th November, AWARE and BUCCANEER again sailed from Jervis Bay to simulate Komar Patrol Boats for VENDETTA's Final Battle Problem. BUCCANEER then returned to Sydney to prepare for the trip to Cairns the following week. The ship sailed at 1000 Monday the 19th of November for Cairns and Exercise Snowdance.

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5. Staying as close to the coast as possible to miss the affects of the East Australian Coast Current, the trip was uneventful until 1230 Tuesday the 20th November when two rafts of the La Balsa expedition were seen being towed into Ballina by two fishing trawlers. At 1300 a signal was received from you Sir, for us to assist HMAS LABUAN with the finding of the Lead Raft which had broken tow earlier in the morning. (Your KDB192340ZNOV73 My KDB200230ZNOV73 refer) BUCCANEER then proceeded south to the estimated position of the lead raft. However due to the distances involved, by the time we arrived in the area, LABUAN again had the raft in tow, so we resumed our course for Cairns.
6. Clocks were retarded to Zone Kilo at 1830 on 20th November and the remainder of the trip to Mackay was uneventful. While refuelling at Mackay it was discovered that the Port Main Engine had developed a defect. (My KOD220554ZNOV73 Urdef Priority One refers) So the ship sailed from Mackay at 1730 on the 22nd November with one engine, securing alongside HMAS BAYONET at Cairns at 1930 on 23rd November.
7. The work-up phase of exercise Snowdance commenced at 1300 Monday the 26th November, however BUCCANEER did not join until 2030 due to battery level problems on the starting banks. The work-up phase continued until 1300 Wednesday 28th November when all ships returned to harbour to refuel for the tactical phase. Ships taking part in the work-up were HMA Ships BARRICADE, BARBETTE, BAYONET, ATTACK and BUCCANEER.
8. Three USN Ships of the 3rd US Coastal Squadron joined for the tactical phase. Blue forces consisted of BARRICADE, BAYONET, ATTACK and USS ASHEVILLE, while Orange forces consisted of BUCCANEER and BARBETTE and US Ships GALLUP and CANON. The tactical phase lasted until 0900 Friday the 30th November and much experience was gained by all in Patrol Boat Operations. A combined entry into Cairns, which received wide television and press coverage, proved a grand finale to the weeks exercises. BUCCANEER secured outboard of ATTACK at Cairns and remained there for the remainder of the month.
9. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been excellent and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant.

M. Cupitt.

Lieutenant RAN.
Commanding Officer.

Annex A - Particulars of steady steaming.
Annex B - Exercise annex.

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ANNEX 'A'.

STEAMING FIGURES - NOVEMBER 1973.

1.	Distance steamed during November	3051.8
2.	Hours underway during November	244 30/60
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	114,825.5
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	8022 55/60
5.	Occassions for exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil.

ANNEX 'B'

EXERCISE ANNEX.

Date	Times	Exercise	Other Units
1st	0900 - 1000	OOW Manoeuvres	BOMBARD
	1000 - 1100	Tow Splash Target	BOMBARD SUFX
	1100 - 1140	AACRF	BOMBARD, PIAGGIO
	1330 - 1400	Formation Anchorage	BOMBARD
	1420 - 1445	TOWEX	BOMBARD
7th	0900 - 1015	OOW Manoeuvres	BOMBARD
	1400 - 1500	AAWDX	BOMBARD, MACCHI
	1700 - 2200	5 Hour War	VENDETTA, TORRENS,
			DERWENT, BOMBARD,
8th	0630 - 1100	Tow Williams Target	AWARE.
	1900 - 2300	NEX	TORRENS
13th	1600 - 2200	6 Hour War	DERWENT, AWARE.
15th	0430 - 0845	Final Battle Problem	VENDETTA, TORRENS,
			AWARE
26th	0830 - 1000	HPX	VENDETTA, TORRENS
27th	2200 - 2359	NSIC	AWARE, 2 A4G.
	0001 - 0700	NSIC	AUSPADRON 2, ATTACK
	0715 - 0730	Boat Transfer	ATTACK, BARBETTE
	0800 - 0830	Formation Anchorage	ATTACK, BARBETTE
	0830 - 0915	Boardex	BARBETTE
	0945 - 1015	Heaving Line Transfer	ATTACK
	1115 - 1130	SUFX	ATTACK
	1130 - 1140	Heaving Line Transfer of	ATTACK
		Splash Target	BARBETTE SPLASH Tar.
	1140 - 1200	Tow Splash Target	BARBETTE
	1300 - 1400	OOW Manoeuvres	BARBETTE SUFX
	1400 - 1530	AACRF	BARBETTE, ATTACK
	1620 - 1730	OOW Manoeuvres	BARBETTE, PIAGGIO
	1845 - 1930	Formation Anchorage	AUSPADRON 2, ATTACK
	0800 - 0850	AACRF	BARBETTE
			BARBETTE, BAYONET,
29th	0815 - 0930	AACRF using BUS	PIAGGIO.
30th	1030 - 1145	Combined Harbour Entry	PIAGGIO
			AUSPADRON 2, ATTACK,
			ASHEVILLE, CANON,
			GALLUP.

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HMAS Buccaneer.

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*Passage Cairns to Sydney. BAMP
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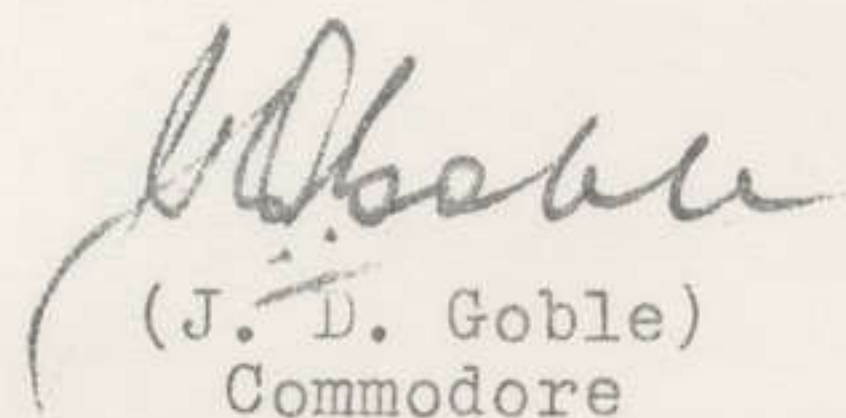
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The Secretary
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HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1973

Forwarded.



(J. D. Goble)
Commodore
for Flag Officer Commanding

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report unreferenced dated 31st December 1973

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At Sydney
31st December 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information: Commander Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1973

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the month of December 1973. Times are zone Kilo (-10) until 2330K on Wednesday 5th when clocks were advanced by one hour to zone Lima (-11).

2. At the commencement of the month the ship was alongside HMAS ATTACK at No.1 Wharf Cairns. Berth was shifted to No. 10 Wharf at 0810 on Monday 3rd to embark fuel, returning alongside ATTACK on completion. At 1257 on the same day the ship sailed for Mackay, berthing alongside the Ferry Wharf at 1041 on Tuesday 4th. Fuelling was completed at 1245 and BUCCANEER sailed immediately for Sydney.

3. The passage from Mackay to Sydney was uneventful. Good use was made of the East Australian Coast Current and BUCCANEER came to anchor in Watsons Bay at 0303 on Friday 7th. Anchor was weighed at 0724 and the ship proceeded to HMAS WATERHEN where she remained till the end of the month.

4. During the week 10th to 14th December BUCCANEER stood by for fleet duties and on Saturday 15th was duty destroyer. On Monday 17th a base assisted maintenance and leave period was commenced which will continue until 4th February 1974.

5. The health conduct and morale of the ships company is good as is the appearance of the ship.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant.



[Signature]
D.T. CUPITT
LEUT RAN
Commanding Officer.

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ANNEX 'A'

DETAILS OF STEAMING - DECEMBER 1973

1. Distance steamed during December	1270.4
2. Hours underway during December	84 34/60
3. Total distance steamed since commissioning	116,095.9
4. Total hours underwys since commissioning	8107 29/60
5. Occasions for exceeding 1250 RPM	Nil

ANNEX 'B'

EXERCISE ANNEX

Nil exercises were carried out during the month as the ship only passaged from Cairns to Sydney.

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MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 116,095.2 MILES
AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 4 10/12 YEARS

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 5180
NO. 2021

MONTHLY REPORT OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

(DURATION IN HOURS)															DL	CPT								
DAY	MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE	OPERATION	DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	PORT REPAIR TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAM MAINT	PROGRAM REPAIR DOCKING	REPAIR	HAZARD	LONG LEAVE	H	E	L	G	TAS	LD	C	EN	
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