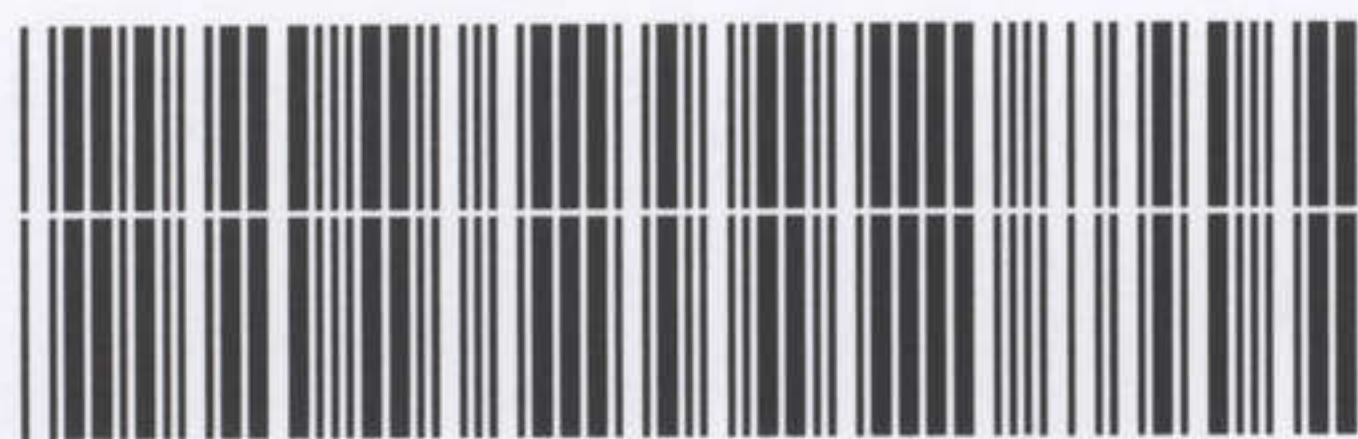


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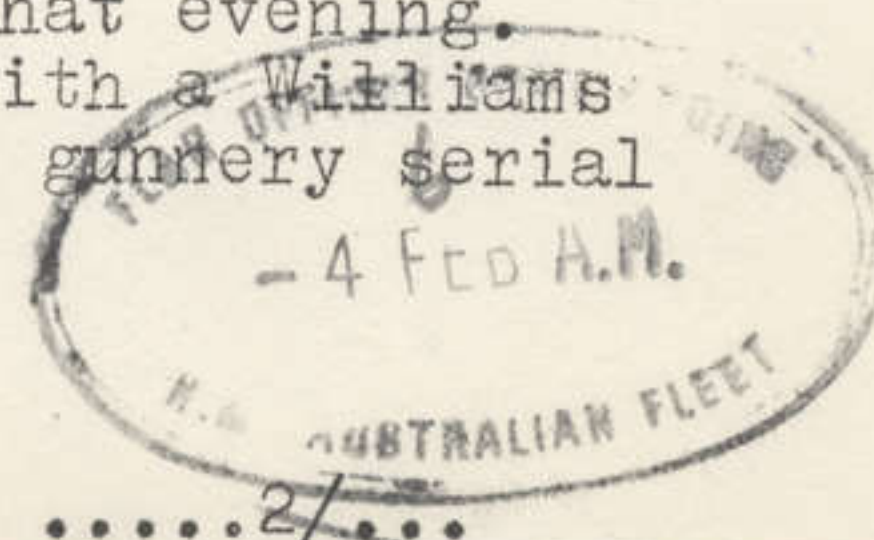
Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of January 1975. Times throughout are Zone L(-11).

2. BUCCANEER was to remain alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHEN, whilst continuing a Seasonal Leave and Base Assisted Maintenance period, until Sunday 12th. As a direct result of the partial collapse of the Tasman Bridge in Hobart a commitment had arisen to escort two RAA Landing Craft (Medium) to that city where they would be used to assist in cross-river essential transportation. At 0815 on the 12th BUCCANEER sailed for the RAA 10th Terminal Group base at Woolwich, Sydney Harbour, where perishable stores for LCM's AB1056 and AB1057 were loaded onboard. The escort duty commenced at 0900 when BUCCANEER manned by a composite PABRONONE crew, sailed in company for Eden, With the LCMs carrying no cooking facilities BUCCANEER provided the Army crews with hot meals by heaving line transfer method - a system which worked well in the slight sea conditions experienced. The escort duty proceeded without incident and all units arrived in Eden at 0715 Monday the 13th to fuel and await the arrival of HMAS ARDENT who would take over the second leg of escort, from Eden to Hobart. ARDENT arrived at 0820, fuelled and was able to proceed at 1200 with the LCMs in company.

3. BUCCANEER remained in Eden overnight and sailed for Jervis Bay at 0800 Tuesday the 14th to arrive at the SAR Wharf after an uneventful passage, at 1730 that evening. At 1817 the following day the ship sailed, with a Williams Target in tow, to assist in a Surface Firing gunnery serial

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with HMAS PARRAMATTA twenty miles to the east of Point Perpendicular. Regrettably, just as the rendezvous was effected, a sudden malfunction in PARRAMATTA's gunnery system caused cancellation of the serial. By 1720 BUCCANEER had returned to Jervis Bay, where target and towing line were returned, sailing again at 1750 for Sydney. After an uneventful passage the ship entered Sydney Heads at 2330 that evening, to anchor five minutes later in Watsons Bay. At 0730 the following morning anchor was weighed and BUCCANEER proceeded to the WATERHEN O.F.L. at 0800 to fuel thence to secure alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf.

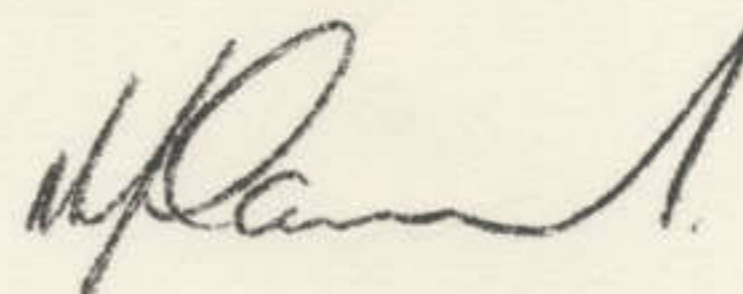
4. By Tuesday the 28th all personnel had returned from Seasonal Leave and at 1030 that forenoon I addressed the Ships Company on matters effecting security and briefed them on BUCCANEER's Fleet Programme. At 1100 Friday the 31st I carried out below-deck rounds.

5. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good as is the appearance of the ship.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(M. J. Carrel)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes : A. Steaming Annex
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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter 1-16-4
dated 1st February, 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

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| 1. | Total miles steamed in January | 491.2 |
| 2. | Total hours underway in January | 43 ¹⁰ / ₆₀ |
| 3. | Total miles steamed since first commissioning | 129,395.2 |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first commissioning | 9,142 ²⁷ / ₆₀ |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed | Nil |

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ANNEX B to
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EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
12 JAN 75	1245 - 1305	Heaving line transfer	LCM AB1056 LCM AB1057
12 JAN 75	1845 - 1905	Heaving line transfer	LCM AB1056 LCM AB1057
15 JAN 75	1215 - 1720	Towing	Williams Target
15 JAN 75	1408 - 1409	Visual challenge	HMAS PARRAMATTA

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At SYDNEY

3rd March, 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For information:

The Commander
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HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of February 1975. Times throughout are Zone L (-11).

2. BUCCANEER remained alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHEN until 1400 Monday the 3rd at which time the ship sailed for Jervis Bay to fulfil Fleet Duty commitments. On passage BUCCANEER carried out an AATX between 1600 and 1700 in area R487 and eventually berthed alongside the Jervis Bay SAR Wharf at 2130.
3. At 0930 Tuesday the 4th BUCCANEER sailed with TRV 801 and carried out a BOARDEX with that vessel between 0940 and 1020. The ship then carried out independent manoeuvres inside the Bay including man-overboard drills until securing alongside the SAR Wharf at 1100. Between 1315 and 1500 that afternoon BUCCANEER carried out OOW ship handling and some basic OOW manoeuvres with TRV 801 before finally securing alongside the SAR Wharf for the day.
4. With a Williams Target in tow BUCCANEER sailed for area R488 at 0755 Wednesday the 5th with two members of the Target Services Group embarked. SUTFs in the firing area were carried out by HMAS PARRAMATTA between 1100 and 1220, HMAS HOBART between 1300 and 1515 and HMAS DERWENT between 1515 and 1640. On completion of that final serial BUCCANEER returned to Jervis Bay spending twenty minutes in recovering the tow and slipping the target to an awaiting work-boat before securing alongside the SAR Wharf at 2050.
5. BUCCANEER remained alongside until 1850 on Thursday the 6th carrying out general maintenance before sailing and taking position for a Five Hour War serial with NAS NOWRA and HMA Ships MELBOURNE, HOBART, DERWENT and PARRAMATTA. Two co-ordinated missile (Machi) attacks were carried out on the force during the period, each time closing for close range torpedo attacks on completion. At 2359 BUCCANEER detached clear to the north of the MELBOURNE group to return alongside WATERHEN at 0535 on Friday the 7th.

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6. At 1430 Saturday the 8th BUCCANEER sailed from Sydney, in the Orange role, to participate in Exercise TACTEX ANDREW. By 1750 the ship, with Black Flag flying, had closed the Blue surface group of MELBOURNE and HOBART (eventually joined by PARRAMATTA) and took loose station in an Elint/Tag role 1000 yards on MELBOURNE's starboard quarter. It was most regrettable that at 1812 a starboard engine failure occurred and amidst a cloud of white smoke BUCCANEER hauled clear and began repair attempts whilst trailing astern of the MELBOURNE group. BUCCANEER was relieved on task by DERWENT at 2200 and by this time it had become apparent that the most probable cause of engine failure was water contaminated fuel. The ship then detached to return to WATERHEN, arriving alongside at 0215 on the morning of Sunday the 9th. With Base Staff assistance through the Sunday it eventually became apparent that BUCCANEER would have to withdraw from the Exercise. Water contaminated fuel (from a source unknown) had in fact caused the defect, but by 1000 Monday the 10th repairs had been effected and a one hour engine trial in Sydney Harbour proved successful.

7. At 1230 Wednesday the 12th BUCCANEER sailed for Jervis Bay and after an uneventful passage berthed alongside the SAR Wharf at 1930. At 0545 the following morning, with the ship darkened and in the Action State, BUCCANEER sailed as consort to DERWENT in that ship's Final Battle Problem. One hour later HMAS SNIPE sailed (as the main body) and until FINEX at 1400 BUCCANEER enjoyed its most stimulating role to date - that of an ASW Destroyer Escort. At 1400 BUCCANEER detached with SNIPE and returned alongside WATERHEN, at 1725. The ship remained alongside for the weekend 14th - 17th during which time virtually all personnel were able to take a 72 hour leave period.

8. Stiffness in steering had caused increasing concern and during periods alongside Base Staff were attempting to determine the cause of defect. Between 1045 and 1145 Tuesday the 25th BUCCANEER sailed for steering trials on the Harbour, the results of which were not considered successful. Relevant signals concerning this defect are reproduced in Annex C.

9. BUCCANEER sailed at 0800 Wednesday the 26th with ADROIT in company and proceeded to Jervis Bay for a brief Work-up preparatory to ADROIT joining the Third Patrol Boat Squadron. After an uneventful passage in poor weather conditions brief OOW manoeuvres were carried out inside the Bay followed by a Formation Anchorage. At 1530 BUCCANEER secured alongside the SAR Wharf. The following morning at 0725 both ships proceeded in company for an AATX/AACRF in area R445A. At 0840, for no apparent reason, the ship's POQMG collapsed unconscious and as BUCCANEER returned alongside at best speed cardiac massage had to be applied to the sailor. At 0935 the ship returned alongside at Jervis Bay and the patient was transferred to the care of an MO and awaiting ambulance. At 1045 ADROIT returned alongside, having had to cancel the firing because of heavy rain and a low cloud base. A TOWEX was carried out with both ships from 1330 until 1410 at which time BUCCANEER proceeded to anchor inside the Bay

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whilst ADROIT returned alongside for an ILR demonstration. Continuous heavy rain and low visibility prevented carrying out any further exercises for that afternoon. On receipt of a Strong Wind Warning at 1700, which forecasted rising seas, both ships sailed at 1800 for Sydney to arrive at WATERHEN by 0020 Friday the 28th.

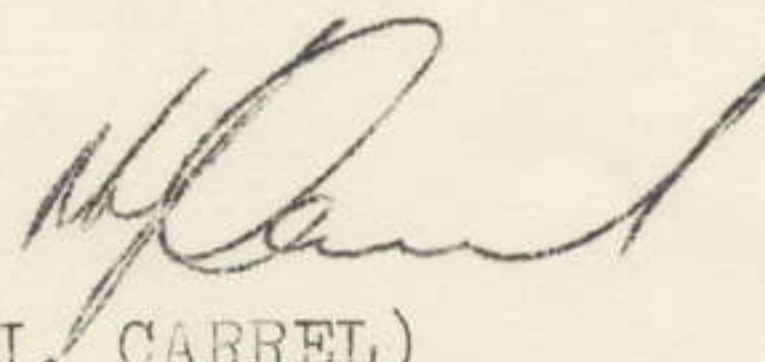
10. At 0830 on the 28th ADROIT and BUCCANEER sailed in the Action State to carry out the former ships Operational Readiness Evaluation. This was carried out off Sydney Heads and in firing area R479 throughout the day under very trying weather conditions. At 1530 both ships returned alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at WATERHEN.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(M.J. CARREL)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex
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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter 1-16-4
Dated 1st March, 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Total miles steamed in February	1,099.6
2.	Total hours underway in February	95 ⁵⁰ / ₆₀
3.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	103,494.8
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	9,238 ¹⁷ / ₆₀
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to
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Dated 1st March, 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
03 Feb 75	1600 - 1700	AATX	XAS AERO COMMANDER
04 Feb 75	0940 - 1020	BOARDEX	TRV 801
04 Feb 75	1020 - 1100	Ship Handling - Man Overboard	-
04 Feb 75	1315 - 1400	" "	
04 Feb 75	1400 - 1500	OOW Manoeuvres with heaving line transfers	TRV 801
05 Feb 75	0755 - 2040	TOWEX	Williams Target
06 Feb 75	1900 - 2359	5 Hour War	MELBOURNE HOBART DERWENT PARRAMATTA NAS NOWRA
08 Feb 75	1750 - 2200	TACTEX ANDREW	MELBOURNE HOBART DERWENT PARRAMATTA NAS NOWRA
10 Feb 75	1340 - 1450	Bomb Threat	WATERHEN
13 Feb 75	0545 - 1400	Final Battle Problem	DERWENT SNIPE NAS NOWRA
25 Feb 75	1045 - 1155	Steering Trials	WATERHEN
26 Feb 75	1450 - 1525	OOW Manoeuvres and Formation Anchorage	ADROIT
27 Feb 75	0730 - 0735	Heaving Line Transfer	ADROIT
	1345 - 1410	TOWEX	ADROIT
	1420	Anchorage	
28 Feb 75	0905 - 1030	OOW Manoeuvres	ADROIT
	1115 - 1240	Towed Splash Target	
	1416 - 1448	BOARDEX	ADROIT

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SIGNAL ANNEX RELATING TO URDEF 16/75

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- A. REPORT OF DOCKING/SLIPPING FOR HMAS BUCCANEER DATED 4 OCT 74 PARA 23.
1. A. MATHWAY STEERING SYSTEM.
B. INCREASING TIGHTNESS IN STEERING BELIEVED CAUSED BY MARINE GROWTH/CORROSION IN RUDDER POST BEARINGS.
C. DOCKYARD FACILITIES
D. PROGRESSIVE DETERIORATION OF STEERING CAUSES CONCERN OVER SHIPS SAFETY IN CONFINED AND PILOTAGE WATERS.
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 2. COMAUSMINPABFOR IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD URDEF NUMBER AND TM145 OR TM200 NUMBER.

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HMAS BUCCANEER DAU 040515Z FEB 75

DEFECTIVE STEERING GEAR

INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED THROW UP REASON FOR STIFF STEERING. STEERING BOX HAS BEEN RENEWED. DUE LACK OF SPARES PUMP AND RELIEF VALVE HAVE BEEN OVERHAULED. LACK OF INSTRUMENTATION PRECLUDES FURTHER DIAGNOSIS. AN ATTEMPT IS CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO OBTAIN SPARE PUMP.

2. MOST RECENT DOCKING REPORT INDICATED NIL RUDDER STOCK TOP BEARING CLEARANCES BUT IN VIEW OF SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE NO CHANGES WERE EFFECTED.

3. LATEST HARBOUR TRIAL RESULTED IN MAX POSSIBLE WHEEL OF TWENTY TWO DEGREES AT CRUISING SPEED.

4. DEFECT COULD BE CAUSED BY BELATED GROWTH OF BEARING OR PACKING OF HARDENED GREASE.

5. IN VIEW OF FUTURE DEPLOYMENT RECOMMEND SLIPPING FAO TO INSPECT RUDDER STOCKS AND BEARINGS.

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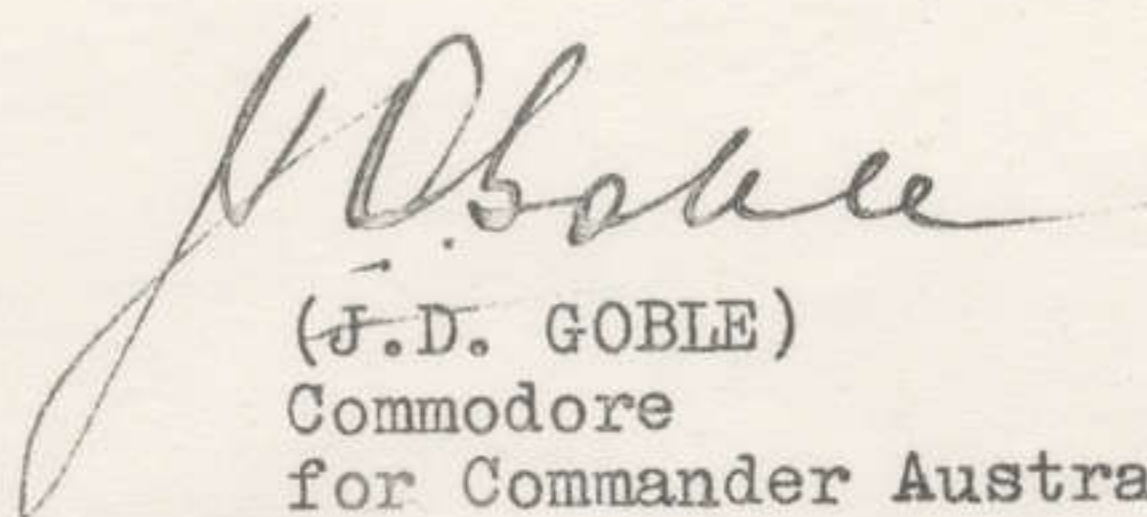
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HMAS BUCCANEER
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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For information:

The Commander,
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HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of March 1975. Times throughout are Zone L(-11) until 0300 Sunday the 2nd thence Zone K(-10).

2. BUCCANEER remained alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf HMAS WATERHEN, for the weekend commencing Saturday 1st to sail at 0930 Monday the 3rd for Eden. An associated duty was to escort AWB4007 from Garden Island to Jervis Bay which had to be aborted at 1130 when the Work Boat was forced to reverse course for Sydney because of prevailing weather conditions. BUCCANEER returned with the craft to Garden Island then recommenced the passage to Eden.

3. After an uneventful passage the ship anchored in Twofold Bay at 0430 Tuesday the 4th, weighed at 0850, and berthed alongside the eastern side of Eden Wharf at 0900. This being the third visit of BUCCANEER to Eden in recent months, the Ships Company were able to renew friendships previously made and increase the goodwill of the fishing community towards the R.A.N. Many groups of children were escorted around BUCCANEER on the three afternoons the ship was open to visitors and I gave a short pre-recorded interview about BUCCANEER with the Manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's Bega radio station which was broadcasted immediately prior to the 0745 National News on Thursday the 6th. With the visit to an end however, the ship sailed for Sydney at 1500 on the 6th.

4. BUCCANEER proceeded to and anchored in Watsons Bay at 0440 Friday the 7th to weigh at 0730 and proceed to the ammunition lighter, Spectacle Island, for de-ammunitioning. With this task completed by 0900 the ship returned to WATERHEN for de-fuelling and de-storing in preparation for docking the following week.

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5. An increasing stiffness in BUCCANEER's steering had been apparent for some weeks (URDEF 13/75), and at 0905 Monday the 10th the ship sailed for Cockatoo Island Dockyard to be taken on the slip at 1045. As expected, rudder post bearing clearances were found to be extremely tight and the ship remained on the slip for seven days whilst the defect was rectified. During this period the Galley Range wiring, which had been found to be in a dangerous condition (URDEF 17/75) was renewed by CODOCK. On Monday the 17th BUCCANEER came off the slip at 1020 and returned to WATERHEN. Through-out Tuesday the 6th the ship fuelled, ammunitioned and stored.

6. At 0815 Wednesday the 19th BUCCANEER sailed, with a representative from RANRL embarked and External Bathy Thermograph equipment fitted, to participate in Project ANZUS EDDY. This project, a joint Australian, New Zealand and USA venture was formed to investigate the effect of sound propagation in eddys which are found off the East Australian coastline. BUCCANEER's role was to drop XBT's at pre-determined intervals whilst traversing the eddy. This task took almost two days to complete and was conducted out of sight of land and out to a distance of 150 miles off the coast between Sydney and Bateman's Bay. During this time many members of the Ships Company were to suffer from the extreme effects of sea-sickness caused by the very mixed swell encountered. With the task satisfactorily completed BUCCANEER returned alongside WATERHEN at 0250 Friday the 21st.

7. The ship remained alongside and carried out a self-maintenance period until Wednesday the 26th. At 0815 the following day BUCCANEER sailed for Ulladulla to participate in the town's annual Easter Weekend 'Blessing of the Fleet' activities. BUCCANEER berthed alongside the inner stone wall jetty at 1630 where I was greeted by representatives of the 'Blessing of the Fleet' Committee, the local council, the fishing community and the local newspaper. That evening all members of the Ships Company, with the exception of duty watch, were guests at the annual Milton-Ulladulla Ball and attended in uniform. The towns people were obviously very pleased to have the Navy visiting them that weekend and the ship was warmly welcomed in speeches to which I replied in kind. The Ships Company were guests at the Rodeo on Saturday the 28th and were ferried there by members of the local Apex Club. That evening my officers, senior sailors and I entertained about twenty-four local people to drinks on the fore-castle during which the ship was presented with a handsomely inscribed silver tray by the Deputy Shire President, Mr. S. Robinson. BUCCANEER reciprocated with a suitably inscribed ships crest. On completion of the cocktail party all present adjourned to the Mollymook Golf Club where the BUCCANEER junior sailors joined the gathering for drinks and a lavish smorgasbord supper by courtesy of the Golf Club. The actual 'Blessing of the Fleet' ceremony occurred at 1200 Sunday the 30th at which I was an official guest. On completion, the gaily decorated fishing boats sailed past BUCCANEER and were viewed/inspected by several senior members of the local fishing community in the foreground and the Ships Company formed in the background.

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8. BUCCANEER sailed from Ulladulla at 0800 Monday the 31st having participated in virtually all the community's weekend festivities and being host to many thousands of visitors. At 0955 the ship berthed alongside the SAR wharf Jervis Bay, to remain until the following day.

9. 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,



(M. J. Carrel)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes - A. Steaming Annex
B. Exercise Annex (nil return)

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Annex A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter 1-16-4
Dated 1st April, 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Total miles steamed in March	1,180.9
2.	Total hours underway in March	87 35/60
3.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning.	104,675.7
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning.	9,325 52/60
5.	Occassions for exceeding fast routeing speed.	Nil

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2. Preparing for deployment to N.W. for survey duties.

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HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

Forwarded.

(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report 1/16/4 dated 1st May 1975

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sea

1 May 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND
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The Senior Naval Officer, CAIRNS
The Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of April 1975. Times throughout are Zone K (-10) until 1300 Wednesday 30 thence Zone IK (-9½).

2. BUCCANEER remained alongside the SAR Wharf, Jervis Bay, until 1400 Tuesday 1 at which time the ship sailed with Williams Target in tow for a gunnery commitment with HMAS BRISBANE in area R445A. With rendezvous made at 1600 a Starshell Firing commenced minutes later which was to last until 1700. BRISBANE returned to Jervis Bay and BUCCANEER acted independently in the general area until BRISBANE's return at 2140. Further Starshell Firings were to continue until serial completion at 2240. BUCCANEER then proceeded for Jervis Bay to arrive at 0120 Wednesday 2 and commenced recovering the target. During the process of recovery the target was found to be missing. The circumstances surrounding the loss were contained in a subsequent letter to the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces. The ship berthed alongside the SAR Wharf at 0400 and sailed five hours later to commence searching for the lost target. Sailing would have proceeded earlier but for the necessity of a diver having to inspect the port propellor shaft where line was feared entangled.

3. Throughout Wednesday 2 an expanding search was carried out in the probability area, but without success and at 0120 the following morning BUCCANEER returned to Jervis Bay. At 0530 the ship sailed again and was given S2E search assistance from 0700. The combined search effort was unsuccessful and at sunset the ship returned to Jervis Bay. At 0530 Thursday 3 BUCCANEER

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again sailed to commence search operations and was to receive S2E assistance until 1200, at which time the search was called off and BUCCANEER set course for Sydney. At 2005 the ship secured alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf, HMAS WATERHEN.

4. With the exception of shifting berth to alongside the OFL for fuelling between 0830-0930 Monday 7 the ship remained at the PB Wharf until 0700 Wednesday 9. With another Williams Target in tow BUCCANEER sailed for Jervis Bay and fulfilled a SUTFX commitment with HMAS VENDETTA in firing area R488 between 1315-1420. At 1730 BUCCANEER berthed alongside the Jervis Bay SAR Wharf, transferred the Williams Target and tow line to the Marine Section and sailed again at 1800 for Sydney. After an uneventful return passage the ship berthed alongside the PB Wharf WATERHEN at 0100 Thursday 10.

5. BUCCANEER entered a Base Assisted Maintenance Period from 10 until 20 April and was to remain alongside at WATERHEN for the duration of this period with the exception of a power trial carried off Sydney Heads between 0830-0950 Wednesday 16. Throughout the period of BAMP ship's storing was progressed in final preparation for the deployment to the North Australia Area for surveying duties.

6. At 0830 Monday 21 the moment for deployment had arrived and BUCCANEER slipped and proceeded for Gladstone. Passage was uneventful throughout the day and overnight but at 0830 on 22 a signal was received advising the death of a close relative to the ship's CPOMTP. As BUCCANEER was almost abeam of Ballina at this time and the bereaved sailor expressed an urgent desire to attend the funeral scheduled for the following day it was decided to enter the small harbour of Ballina and land him. At 0930 BUCCANEER entered the harbour, stopped, lowered the ship's boat and transferred the CPOMTP ashore. By 1000 the boat had been recovered and passage was continued to Gladstone. At 1230 BUCCANEER's Operational Control was transferred to the Naval Officer Commanding, Queensland.

7. Between 0950-1015 Wednesday 23 a Small Arms firing was carried out and at 1500 BUCCANEER berthed alongside No. 3 Auckland Wharf, Gladstone. Fuelling commenced whilst fresh victuals were taken on. At 1640 the ship sailed and proceeded for Cairns. At 0400 Thursday 24 BUCCANEER's Operational Control was transferred to the Senior Naval Officer, Cairns.

8. At 0910, Anzac Day, Friday 25, BUCCANEER anchored close inshore to the NW side of Fitzroy Island and carried out Action Stations, Emergency Stations and Leaving Ship drills until 0930 when hands turned to fishing until weighing at 1130. At 1300 BUCCANEER berthed alongside No. 10 Wharf, Cairns, to refuel before slipping and securing at No. 1 Wharf alongside HMAS BARRICADE at 1405. The ship was to remain alongside at Cairns until 0900 Monday 28 at which time BUCCANEER sailed in company with BARRICADE for Thursday Island.

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9. Passage to Thursday Island was uneventful. Between 1300-1315 Tuesday 29 both ships passed through historic Albany Passage, near Cape York, before securing alongside the Caltex Oil Fuel Wharf, Thursday Island at 1620. The ships remained alongside overnight, fuelling the following forenoon and sailing in company at 1300. At this time ships retarded clocks by half an hour to Zone IK ($-9\frac{1}{2}$) and chopped Operational Control to the Naval Officer Commanding, North Australia Area. BARRICADE and BUCCANEER proceeded on passage to Darwin during the remaining hours of April.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(M.J. CARREL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES - A. Steaming Annex
B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Total miles steamed in April	2951.7
2.	Total hours underway in April	215 ⁷ / ₆₀
3.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	107627.4
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	9540 ⁵⁹ / ₆₀
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Other Units</u>
01APR75	1400-2359	Towed Williams Target	BRISBANE
07APR75	0700-1730	Towed Williams Target	VENDETTA
16APR75	0830-0950	Power Trial	Base Staff
23APR75	0950-1015	Small Arms Firing	-
25APR75	0915-0930	Action Stations Emergency Stations Leaving Ship Drills	-

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1. Survey of Joseph Bonaparte Gulf with MORRISON.
 2. Beach Surveys, Cone + Collier Bay.
 3. Grounded, Fantome Passage. - Prefillor change at Darwin.

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sea.

1st June, 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
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The Naval Officer Commanding,
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA.

For information: The Commanding Officer,
HMAS MORESBY.

The Commander,
AUSTRALIAN MINEWARFARE AND PATROL FORCES.

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON.



HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER, under my command, during the month of May 1975. Times throughout are zone IK (-9½).

2. May commenced with BUCCANEER, in company with HMAS BARRICADE, on passage from Thursday Island to Darwin. HMAS DUCHESS, on passage from Darwin to Townsville, exchanged identities with the PTF's at 0020 Friday 2nd and at 1620 that afternoon both Patrol Boats anchored in the vicinity of Lee Point, near Darwin. At 0745, Saturday 3rd, both ships weighed and proceeded for Darwin, arriving at 1000 and berthing at the Inner Stokes Hill wharf.

3. The ship remained alongside at Darwin until 1400 Tuesday 6th May at which time HMA Ships MORESBY, BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and ADROIT sailed for Lesueur Island in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf to commence Survey Duties. MORESBY anchored in the vicinity of that island early the following day and at 0645, BUCCANEER proceeded alongside MORESBY to take on surveying personnel and stores required to set up a Hi Fix camp in the King Sound area. At 0740 BUCCANEER slipped and anchored nearby whilst BARRICADE and ADROIT stored from MORESBY in turn. At 1115 all Patrol Boats were under way and proceeded in company to Cone Bay in King Sound.

4. At 1000 Thursday 8th, after an uneventful passage, the PTF's arrived in the prescribed area and, independently, began to reconnoitre and make preliminary moves to set up their allocated Hi Fix camps. BUCCANEER anchored in the vicinity of Cunningham Point at 1200 and lowered the boat to examine suitable beaches for landing stores. Shortly after, the Port Main Engine became defective due to problems with the governor, cylinder head seals and fuel injection pump.

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URDEF 21/75 was raised. At 1230, when a preliminary investigation of nearby beaches had been carried out, the ship weighed and proceeded for Cone Bay. The tidal level at Cunningham Point during the afternoon made conditions unsuitable for landing stores. BUCCANEER anchored in Cone Bay, in the vicinity of Datum Bay, at 1530 and was shortly joined by ADROIT and BARRICADE.

5. BUCCANEER weighed and proceeded for Cunningham Pt at 1730 Friday 9th via the channel between Herbert and Barnicoat Islands and Fantome Passage, arriving at 0945. The transfer by boat of personnel and equipment ashore began immediately and all had been landed above the high water mark by 1200. All personnel ashore then began the arduous task of carrying equipment through thick bush and up a steep incline to set up the camp on Carlisle Head - more than one mile away. Having to return to Cone Bay by sunset, BUCCANEER left a small party ashore and returned to the previous nights anchorage, arriving at 1700.

6. BUCCANEER sailed at 0730 Saturday 10th and proceeded for Cunningham Point, anchoring at 1000. All available personnel were sent ashore to assist in completing the Hi Fix camp and by 1500 the task had been completed, the shore party returned, and the ship proceeded for Cone Bay via the Fantome Passage - Herbert and Barnicoat Island route that had been used on three occasions during the previous 36 hours. At 1726 the ship touched ground between the aforesaid islands on what is believed to have been an uncharted pinnacle in position where the nine fathom patch is shown on AUS Chart 733. The ship moved slowly ahead then proceeded to anchor in the vicinity of BARRICADE and ADROIT near Datum Bay. A diver was sent over the side to investigate the extent of damage and a Report of Grounding signal (BUCCANEER KKE 100955Z MAY 75) was forwarded in accordance with RI Article 3537. URDEF 22/75 was raised.

7. The Naval Officer Commanding, North Australia Area, had instructed one Patrol Boat to escort BUCCANEER to Darwin and at 0825 Sunday 11th BUCCANEER and ADROIT weighed and proceeded for Koolan Island to take on fuel. At 1300 BUCCANEER berthed alongside ADROIT at the Koolan Island wharf and fuelling began. The Assistant Port Officer, MR. ROGER G. PETTMAN, met both ships on arrival and proved most helpful and considerate during the short stay. At 1825 BUCCANEER and ADROIT slipped and proceeded for Darwin via Troughton Passage. A long, heavy easterly swell was experienced in the Arafura Sea which necessitated a reduction in speed and both ships berthed, Inner Stokes Hill wharf, at 1305 Tuesday 13th. For the remainder of that day BUCCANEER de-ammunitioned and de-stored in preparation for slipping.

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8. At 0730 Wednesday 14th BUCCANEER sailed and proceeded for Darwin's Frances Bay slipway and was secured to the cradle by 0800 when slipping commenced. Once the propellers were clear of the water it became apparent that damage had occurred to two of the three blades on the starboard propeller. Work then commenced by Base Staff to remove and exchange the defective propeller. By the afternoon of Thursday 15th the exchange had been completed and at 0920 the following day, to meet the high tide, BUCCANEER came off the slip. A minor electrical defect on the starter motor prevented an immediate start to the starboard engine and HMAS ASSAIL, standing by to provide assistance if required, was used to completely pull BUCCANEER away from the slip. ASSAIL then secured to BUCCANEER's port side and returned to berth at the Inner Stokes Hill wharf at 1040. BUCCANEER refuelled and re-ammunitioned during the remainder of the day.

9. The ship remained alongside over the weekend and on Monday 19th the Port Main Engine Defect (URDEF 21/75) was rectified. Between 0825 - 0920 the following day engine and steering trials were successfully carried out in the harbour. The Department of Defence (Navy Office) convened a Board of Inquiry to 'hold a full and careful investigation into the circumstances attending the grounding of HMAS BUCCANEER in Cone Bay on 10 MAY 75' (DEFNAV CANBERRA MSN/KKE 200443Z MAY 75) with the board consisting of CAPT E.E. JOHNSTON OBE ADC RAN, LEUT C.J. CLEVELAND RAN and LEUT C.P.W.F. BARR RAN. The board convened at 0900 Thursday 22nd and completed the investigation at 1000 the following day.

10. BUCCANEER remained alongside throughout the weekend to sail at 0800 Monday the 26th in company with MORESBY, ADROIT and BARRICADE for the survey grounds in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. All ships anchored at 2300 in the vicinity of the Medusa Banks buoy and weighed at 0630 the following morning, to commence sounding one hour later. From that time until the end of the month soundings were carried out while stationed on the beam of MORESBY from approximately sunrise to sunset, with Patrol Boats anchoring during the dark hours. BUCCANEER fuelled from alongside MORESBY between 2050-2130 Tuesday 27th and, at the end of line each day, passed echo sounder rolls by heaving-line transfer to the survey ship. At 2250 on Friday 30th BUCCANEER passed, by heaving-line transfer to MORESBY, a fractured lube-oil priming pump for repair and was to receive it one hour later - suitably repaired.

11. There were no major defects outstanding at the end of the month and the ship is in a satisfactory engineering state apart from a recurring defect on the anchor windlass (presently rectified) and minor intermittent faults with the 975 radar.

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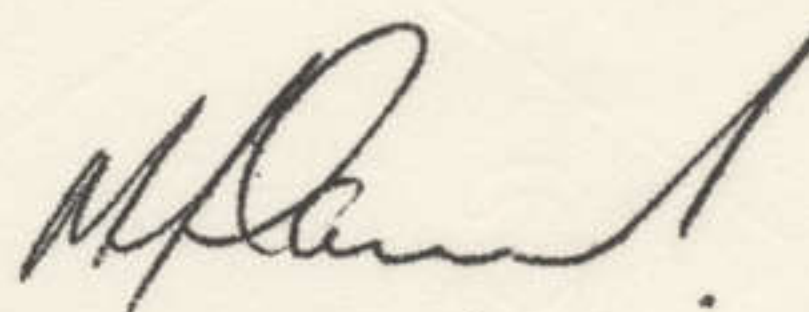
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12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(M.J. CARREL)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex.
B. Exercise Annex.

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4
Dated 1st June, 1975.

STEAMING ANNEX

Total miles steamed in May	2,887.5
Total hours underway in May	223 29/60
Total miles steamed since first commissioning	110,514.9
Total hours underway since first commissioning	9,764 28/60
Occassions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil.

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Annex B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4
Dated 1st June, 1975.

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
8 MAY 75 until 10 MAY 75	1000 1540	HI FIX CAMP ERECTION	MORESBY PERSONNEL
27 MAY 75 until 31 MAY 75	0730 2359	SOUNDING STATION KEEPING HEAVING LINE TRANSFERS ANCHORAGES (all as required)	MORESBY ADROIT BARRICADE

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1. Sailing - Jervis Bight Gulf with MORSEBY.
2. Escort ADVANCE to Cairns. - forced to shelter due bad weather.
3. Return to Sydney - Repair at Coedra.

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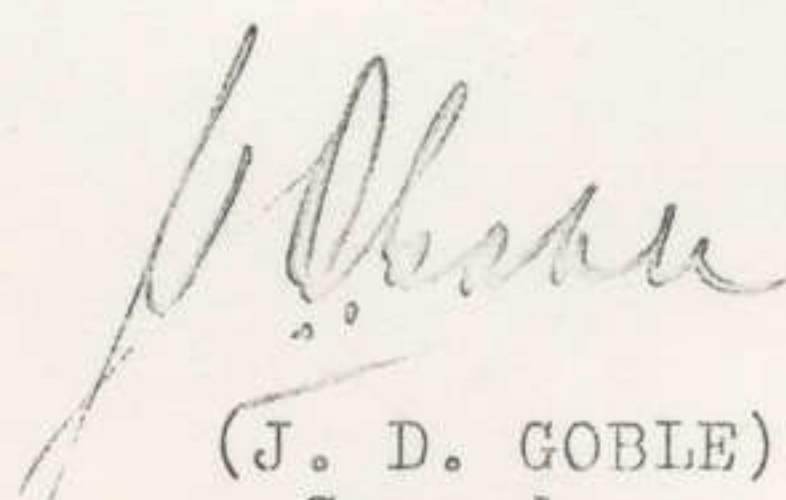
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HMS BUCCANEER
At SYDNEY

1st July, 1975



The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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The Naval Officer Commanding, NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

The Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, HMAS WATERHEN

The Senior Naval Officer, CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer, HMS MORESBY

The Commander,
First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron,

HMS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of June 1975. Times throughout are Zone IK(-9½) until 0800 Tuesday 10th thence Zone K (-10).

2. June commenced with BUCCANEER, in company with HMA Ships MORESBY, BARRICADE and ARDROIT, employed on surveying duties in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. With Patrol Boats stationed on the beam of MORESBY, soundings were carried out from sunrise to dusk each day. On completion of daily soundings echo sounder rolls were transferred to MORESBY by heaving line transfer with Patrol Boats anchoring during the dark hours. Weather conditions on Friday 6th proved unsuitable for surveying duties and Patrol Boats were instructed by MORESBY to seek sheltered anchorage in Turtle Bay, Lacrosse Island, at the mouth of the Ord River. The weather abated sufficiently to re-commence soundings at 0820 Sunday the 8th and continued until 1500 that day at which time PTFs completed their surveying role and were detached for Darwin.

3. At 0410 Monday 9th BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and ARDROIT anchored at the Quarantine anchorage, Darwin Harbour, to weigh at 0730. BUCCANEER's anchor winch suffered a re-occurring fault and the anchor had to be weighed by hand. The task was completed at 0825 and at 0850 the ship berthed alongside BARRICADE at the Inner Stokes Hill Wharf. Repairs on General Service Pump and anchor winch were successfully

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carried out by Base Staff throughout the 9th and at 0810 the following day BUCCANEER sailed for Thursday Island - the first leg of the return passage to Sydney. On leaving harbour a large, almost totally submerged, buoy was observed in position approximately two cables west of the Quarantine buoy and an immediate signal was released informing the relevant authorities of this danger to navigation. (BUCCANEER FEL 092320Z JUN 75). BUCCANEER continued out of harbour in company with BARRICADE until 1250 at which time BARRICADE was instructed to return to Darwin and escort HMAS ADVANCE to Cairns. Passage to Thursday Island was uneventful but uncomfortable due to the fresh easterly winds and long easterly swell experienced.

4. At 1600 Thursday 12th the ship berthed alongside the Caltex Oil Fuel Wharf, Thursday Island, and chopped Operational Control to the Senior Naval Officer, Cairns. BUCCANEER immediately fuelled and took on water and at 0750 the following day lay off the Wharf, to allow BARRICADE and ADVANCE alongside. The three ships sailed for Cairns at 1115 with BUCCANEER (having the only operational radar) as guide. At 1350 BUCCANEER's radar modulator became defective and a transfer of parts from BARRICADE was effected to rectify the defect. Ships proceeded almost immediately, experiencing strong south-easterly winds on passage down the coast. At 1425 Saturday 14th the three PTFs anchored in the lee of Howick Island, to weigh and proceed six hours later. At 1000 Sunday 15th BUCCANEER, BARRICADE and ADVANCE berthed alongside No 1 Wharf, Cairns. BUCCANEER refuelled by road tanker that afternoon and sailed for Gladstone at noon the following day.

5. Strong winds were again experienced on the passage south and at 2000 Tuesday 17th BUCCANEER chopped Operational Control to the Naval Officer Commanding, Queensland. The ship berthed at No 3 Auckland Wharf, Gladstone at 0700 Wednesday 18th to be met by the Naval Agent, MR. L.J. BATES. The ship fuelled and took on fresh bread and milk before sailing at 0805 for Sydney. Weather conditions improved markedly once past Cape Moreton with slight seas, a moderate swell and heavy shower activity being experienced. At 0930 Thursday 19th Operational Control was chopped to the Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet. Having experienced the effects of the East Australian Current on the passage south the ship was able to gain time and anchor in Watsons Bay at 1100 Friday 20th. Hands were turned to cleaning ship until weighing and proceeding at 1200 for Spectacle Island ammunition lighter to completely de-ammunition. On completion, the ship berthed alongside the OFL, HMAS WATERHORN, to de-fuel and at 1500 BUCCANEER berthed alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf, WATERHORN.

6. During the week commencing Monday 23rd the ship was de-stored and all moveable fittings were removed in preparation for the impending Main Refit at Cockatoo Island. With the remaining fuel in the ready-use tanks BUCCANEER proceeded to Cockatoo Island and berthed alongside at 0930 Monday 30th to commence a two-month Main Refit. The ship also commenced a main leave period.

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

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant



(M.J. CARREL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Steaming Annex
Exercise Annex

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Annex A To HMAS
BUCCAINEER letter
1.16.4 dated
1st July 1975

Steaming Annex

- | | |
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| 1. Total miles steamed in June | 3903.3 |
| 2. Total hours underway June | 287 2/60 |
| 3. Total miles steamed since
first commissioning | 114418.2 |
| 4. Total hours underway since
first commissioning | 10051 30/60 |
| 5. Occasions for exceeding fast
routing speed | Nil |

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Annex B to HMAS
BUCCANTER letter
1.16.4 dated
1st July 1975

Exercise Annex

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
1 JUN 75	0001	Sounding Station keeping Heaving Line Transfer	MORSEBY BARRICADE MADROIT
8 JUN 75	1500	Anchorage (all as required)	
9 JUN 75	0730- 0825	Weigh anchor by deck tackle	

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings JULY 1975

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sydney

1/15/4

1st August 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
1st AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron, HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of July 1975. Times throughout are Zone K(-10).

2. BUCCANEER remained alongside at Cockatoo Island Dockyard throughout the month whilst undergoing a Main Refit. The Refit, contracted to Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard Pty Limited, is proceeding satisfactorily and holding close to the planned schedule.
3. Lieutenant A.J. GRAHAM, RAN joined, and relieved Sub-Lieutenant C.S. FERGUSON, RAN as Executive Officer on Wednesday 2nd.
4. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company is good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant



(Signature)
(M. J. Carrel)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

- Annexes - A. Steaming Annex
B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter 1-43
Dated 1st August 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

- | | |
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| 1. Total miles steamed in July | Nil |
| 2. Total hours underway in July | Nil |
| 3. Total miles teamed since first commissioning. | 141,418.2 |
| 4. Total hours underway since first commissioning | 10,051 30/60 |
| 5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed | Nil |

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ANNEX B to
THAS BUCCANEER letter 1-16-4
Dated 1st August 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX

Nil return.

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings AUGUST 1975

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1. Repair at Co-dock.

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~~CNP~~ 29/9

~~CNS~~ 30/9

~~CNSW~~ 30/9

~~CNM~~ 1/10

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~~NPRLO-N~~ MRL 3/10

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HMAS BUCCANEER
AT SYDNEY

1/16/4

1st September 1975.

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
AUGUST 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command during the month of August 1975. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

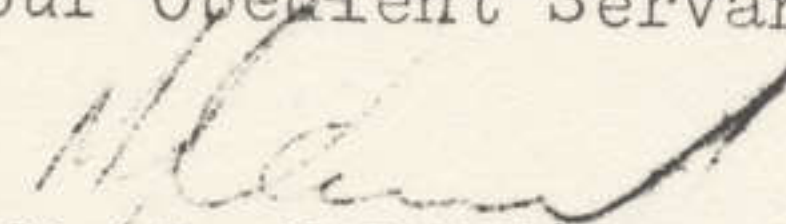
2. BUCCANEER continued in Refit at Cockatoo Island Dockyard throughout the month experiencing satisfactory progress. Refit completion date has however been extended by at least seven days due to an unavoidable late slipping and problems associated in lining up newly installed gearboxes with the main engines. I am most happy to report that industrial relations, to date, have been entirely amicable.

3. On the occasion of LEUT R. G. THOMAS RAN relieving LEUT R. G. DAGWORTHY RAN as Commanding Officer of HMAS BOMBARD on Monday 25th I assumed the duties, of Commander, First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

4. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company are good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(M. J. CARREL)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex
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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER Letter
1-16-4
Dated 1st September 1975.

STEAMING ANNEX

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|----|---|--------------|
| 1. | Total miles steamed in July | Nil |
| 2. | Total hours underway in July | Nil |
| 3. | Total miles steamed since
first commissioning | 141,418.2 |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first
commissioning | 10,051 30/60 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast
routing speed | Nil |

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ANNEX B to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter
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EXERCISE ANNEX

Nil return.

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BUCCANEER's report at VCD completed on 11 Sep.

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This was followed by trials, HATS, and SATS
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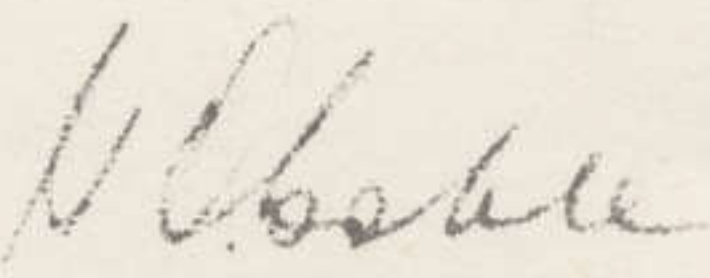
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1ST - 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1975

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Commodore
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

28th September 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1st - 28th SEPTEMBER 1975



Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command for the period 1st - 28th September 1975. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. BUCCANEER remained in Refit at Cockatoo Island Dockyard until 1440 Thursday 11th at which time the ship proceeded under its own power to HMAS WATERHEN to take on fuel and essential items in preparation for Sea Acceptance Trials the following day. At 0900 Friday 12th, with RANTAU, GMGID, COMAUSMINPABFOR, GOSIEAA and Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard Pty. Limited personnel embarked, the ship sailed.

Anchor trials were carried out for a short period in Watsons Bay at 0930 before proceeding to sea to commence Full Power, Turning, and Stopping Trials. On completion at 1245 the ship returned to WATERHEN to offload personnel and then proceeded to Cockatoo Island to further offload personnel and all test equipment. The Trials had concluded satisfactorily and the few minor defects that became apparent were rectified that afternoon at Cockatoo Island and at WATERHEN throughout the following Monday.

3. BUCCANEER returned to WATERHEN at 1540 Friday 12th to commence storeing and re-establishing fittings, a task that was to take until Tuesday 16th. At 0800 on the 16th the Ship sailed for the ammunition lighter off Spectacle Island to take on ammunition, returning to WATERHEN one hour later. Throughout the remainder of the week the general post-refit cleaning and resurrecting continued alongside the progressing of Harbour Acceptance Trials on the radar, communications, and armament.

4. At 0830 Friday 19th, with RANTAN personnel embarked, BUCCANEER sailed for firing area R478 to carry out Sea Acceptance Trials on the main armament. The firing area had been allocated between 1000-1130 but after continued and repeated

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attempts, with the assistance of HMNZS CANTERBURY, to establish communications with DOTG MASCOT and gain a firing clearance the serial was aborted. On return to harbour at 1310 information was received that DOTG MASCOT had suffered a communication failure throughout the allocated firing period. The serial was repeated on Monday 22nd with good two-way communication established with Mascot at 0900 and at 1000 firing commenced in R478. Firing completed thirty minutes later and the ship returned to harbour to berth at WATERHEN at 1200.

5. With HMAS BUCCANEER about to be handed to the RANR for a four week ACT period the ship sailed at 1800 Monday 22nd for an overnight steam in the Sydney-Jervis Bay area. Throughout the night all machinery was run and observed. Several minor defects were located all of which were subsequently rectified. BUCCANEER returned to harbour the following morning, berthing alongside the WATERHEN OFL to fuel at 0630 and returning alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf on completion.

6. For the remainder of the week all personnel were employed in bringing the ship up to a clean and satisfactory state for the RANR handover. On Friday 26th all equipment was again run-up and tested alongside and at 1000 the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, CMDR G. HALLEY, RAN, carried out a 'walk round' of BUCCANEER.

7. All key personnel were employed in handing over to their RANR counterparts during the forenoon of Sunday 28th and at 1200 I handed over command of HMAS BUCCANEER to LCDR A.M. WHYBROW RANR.

8. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company are good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(M. J. CARREL)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex
B. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter 1/16/4
Dated 28th September 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

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| 1. | Total miles steamed 1 - 28 September | 350.7 |
| 2. | Total hours underway 1 - 28 September | 26 ²⁵ /60 |
| 3. | Total miles steamed since first commissioning | 141,768.9 |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first commissioning | 10,077 ⁵⁵ /60 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed | Full Power
Trial
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ANNEX B to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter
1/16/4

Dated 28th September 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
12 SEP 75	0930-1230	Sea Acceptance Trials	COMAUSMINPABFOR GMGID GOSIEAA RANTAU CODOCK RANAD
16 SEP 75	0800-0900	Ammunitioned	RANTAU
22 SEP 75	1000-1030	Gunnery Sea Acceptance Trials	RANTAU

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HMAS BUCCANEER

Report of Proceedings 28 SEP - 11 OCT 75

ASRP-N 10/11/75

~~DNO~~ This ROP covers an ACT carried out in HMAS
~~DGNOE~~ BUCCANEER from 28 Sep - 11 Oct by Sydney Division
~~DCNS~~ of RANR. During this period the ship operated
in the Sydney JB secure area, and visited
Port Stephens, Coffs Harbour, (3-6 Sep) and Gladstone (7-8 Sep),
and Brisbane 11 October.

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17/11

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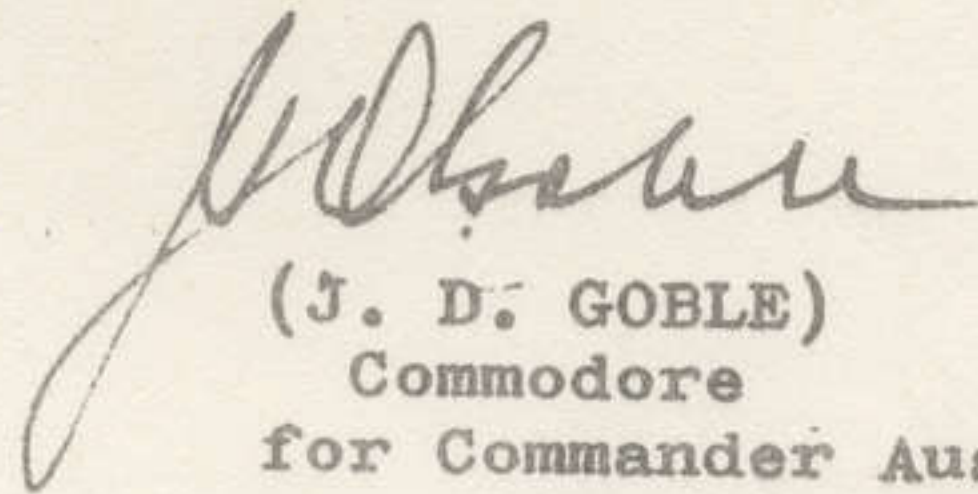
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(J. D. GOBLE)
Commodore

for Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at BRISBANE

11th October 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Naval Officer Commanding,
QUEENSLAND

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare & Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer Reserves,
Brisbane Port Division RANR
HMAS MORETON

The Commanding Officer Reserves,
Sydney Port Division RANR
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
RANR ACT 28th SEPTEMBER 1975 to 11th OCTOBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command from 28th September 1975 to 11th October 1975. Times throughout are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. After a handover carried out by key personnel during the forenoon of Sunday 28th September in accordance with COMAUSMINPABFOR T/M 7/75. I assumed command of BUCCANEER from LEUT GLEX M.T. Carrel RAN at 1200. (BUCCANEER's letter of 28 September 1975 refers).
3. The officers and ship's company for this A.C.T. period came mainly from the Brisbane Port Division RANR, however some billets were filled by RANER sailors and there were three RAN sailors on temporary duty from HMAS MORETON. The Commanding Officer came from the Sydney Port Division RANR.
4. All members of the ship's company had joined by 0800 on Monday 29th September and the forenoon and part of the afternoon was spent in completing joining routines and carrying out various emergency drills (leaving ship stations, fire drills etc). The ship cast off from HMAS WATERHEN at 1502 and,



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after an uneventful passage in pleasant conditions, anchored in Montagu Roads, Jervis Bay at 2200.

5. The anchor was weighed at 0850 the next morning and after practicing man overboard evolutions, BUCCANEER secured alongside the jetty at the Marine Section HMAS CRESWELL at 0933. An ILR, Survival at Sea lecture with helo winching demonstration took place during the forenoon and all available officers and sailors attended a fire fighting practice at the fire range in the afternoon.

6. At 1915 that evening (Tuesday 30th September) BUCCANEER, with HMAS AWARE in company sailed as the BLUE FORCE for a Night Encounter Exercise with HMAS BOMBARD (OCS) as the ORANGE FORCE. The exercise concluded at 2359 following BOMBARD's detection by AWARE.

7. It is unfortunate that lack of familiarity with "patching" arrangements prevented suitable communications being set up in BUCCANEER to enable the planned night steaming in company with Exercise "Stationmaster", followed by OOW Manoeuvres after day break, from taking place. However all three ships remained at sea during the hours of darkness and after entering Jervis Bay at 0755 on Wednesday 1st October, BUCCANEER detached and anchored in Montagu Roads at 0831. The communication problems were subsequently overcome.

8. Reluctantly, approval was sought and given to cancel the programmed AA sleeve shoot, due to low cloud and poor visibility. This was a great disappointment as the gunnery sailors were looking forward to the exercise.

9. The anchor was weighed at 1012 and the ship proceeded to area R488 where a 40/60 surface shoot was conducted from 1315 until 1355 during which time 32 rounds were fired. Passage was then made for Sydney and the ship berthed at WATERHEN at 1838.

10. The ship was refuelled the next morning, Thursday 2nd October, and, with Mr. Peter Collins an ABC TV interviewer and his crew embarked (WATERHEN SIG NNA/LEV 300356Z SEP 75 refers) sailed at 0956. Departure from Sydney was made in company with HMNZS CANBERBURY and HMAS YARRA and on clearing the Heads BUCCANEER was given permission to proceed independently.

11. During the passage to Broken Bay I was interviewed on the relationship between my civilian occupation as a pilot with Qantas Airways and my role as a Patrol Boat Commanding Officer in the RANR. It is understood the interview will be shown on ABC TV in December.

12. The TV crew were disembarked in Pittwater and the ship got underway at 1252 for passage to Coff's Harbour. The passage was made in pleasant conditions of south-easterly breezes and a slight following swell. Various exercises and evolutions were carried out.

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13. A call was made at Port Stephens as a blind pilotage navigation exercise with BUCCANEER anchoring in Nelson's Bay from 1813 to 2125.
14. BUCCANEER berthed in the boat harbour Coff's Harbour at 1600 on Friday 3rd October.
15. Later that evening I, together with two officers and four senior sailors were guests at a small welcoming reception held by the President of the Shire of Coff's Harbour, Councillor Eric Hogbin.
16. The purpose of the visit to Coff's Harbour was to represent the Service for Navy Day and accordingly BUCCANEER was open to visitors from 1300 to 1700 on Saturday 4th October during which time approximately 350 visitors saw over the ship. The ship was dressed for Navy Day and also on Sunday 5th October in accordance with COMAUSFLT SIG LCN/LCG 300500Z SEP 75.
17. At 1601 on Sunday BUCCANEER cast off and proceeded to sea for passage to Gladstone. A south easterly breeze of Force 4 and a slight to moderate south easterly swell were encountered and these conditions persisted until arrival in Gladstone.
18. At 0235 on Monday 6th October BUCCANEER chopped to NOC Queensland's operational control.
19. The ship passed the Port Curtis Fairway Buoy at 0316 on Tuesday 7th October and anchored in Quoin Channel at 0447. The anchor was weighed at 0745 and the ship berthed at No. 3 Auckland Point Wharf at 0821.
20. Fuel and fresh provisions were embarked during the morning and the remainder of the day was spent rectifying minor defects and in ship husbandry.
21. BUCCANEER cast off from her berth at 0801 on Wednesday 8th October and an hour was spent in giving the ship's officers practice at ship handling when berthing. The ship cleared the Fairway Buoy at 1010 for passage to Great Keppel Island. Various exercises and evolutions were carried out including a "Disaster Relief" Exercise at Cape Capricorn, and a small arms shoot.
22. At 1705 that evening the ship anchored on the north-western side of Great Keppel Island. Later a darken ship exercise was carried out and this was followed by an evacuation of mess decks through escape hatches, the ship being blacked out at the time.
23. The forenoon of the next day, Thursday 9th October, was spent carrying out further exercises and ship husbandry and at 1302 the anchor was weighed for passage to Moreton Bay. The passage was uneventful, made in pleasant light north-easterly conditions and after entering Moreton Bay through the North East Channel, BUCCANEER anchored off Tangalooma at 1410,

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on Friday afternoon. Commanding Officer's Rounds of upper deck and all compartments and living spaces were held at 1700.

24. At 0835 on Friday the picture was lost on the 975 Radar PPI and after extensive testing by ship's staff it was considered that the Modulator Radar was defective and the necessary URDEF signal was sent (BUCCANEER's SIG DAW 100405Z OCT 75 refers). The defect had not been rectified on my relinquishing command.

25. The next morning, Saturday 11th October, the anchor was weighed at 0640 and the ship proceeded to MORETON, berthing outboard of HMAS BETANO at 0901 at the conclusion of the ACT.

26. During the ACT the starboard engine was used as the operating engine and at 1,000 rpm the ship averaged 14 knots with a fuel consumption of approximately 38 gallons per hour, both figures being better than expected.

27. The inclusion of BUCCANEER in the EAXP (40/75) for the first three days was of great benefit, particularly for a crew from Brisbane who have little opportunity for such involvement. However more would have been gained had there been time for all on board to settle into their routine, but this was not possible with the programmed visit to Coff's Harbour. The importance of RANR manned Patrol Boats participating in the EAXP and having the opportunity to work in company with other ships cannot be overstressed.

28. At 1200 on Saturday 11th October 1975 I handed over command of HMAS BUCCANEER to LCDR RLEX P. Ballesty R.D. RANR.

29. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company was satisfactory and the appearance of the ship throughout the period was good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(A.M. WHYBROW)
Lieutenant Commander, RANR
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures
B. Exercise Annex
C. Officers and Ship's Company (Commanding Officer Reserves - Brisbane only)

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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANER letter 1/16/4
dated 11th October 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

28th September 1975 to 11th October 1975

1.	Distance steamed during period	1624.8 miles
2.	Hours underway during period	129 22/60
3.	Total distance steamed since first commissioning	143,393.7 miles
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	10,297 17/60
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	Nil

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	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
SEAMANSHIP	30 SEP	0850-0930	Exercise Man overboard	
	3 OCT	0955-1010 1020-1025	Emergency steering Man overboard	
	8 OCT	0800-0900 1030-1120 1120-1130 1040-1055	Ship handling - berthing alongside Rigged to tow forward Rigged to tow aft Man overboard	
	9 OCT	1245-1300 1350-1410 1350-1355 1400-1405	Partially weighed anchor by hand Emergency steering Steering by main engines Man overboard - using emergency steering	
	10 OCT	1015-1035	Man overboard	
GUNNERY	29 SEP	1045-1145	40/60 Bofor drill	
	1 OCT	1300-1400	40/60 Bofor drill and SUCRF	EAXP - 32 ROUNDS
	3 OCT	1045-1115	40/60 Bofor drills	
	8 OCT	1415-1535	Small arms shoot - SLRs and pistols	
NAVIGATION	2 OCT	1750-1820 2220-2250	Blind pilotage entry to Port Stephens Blind pilotage depar- ture from Port Stephens	
		As required	Anchorage	
COMMUNICATIONS	30 SEP	1600-1730	Instructions to officers on use of tactical publications and voice procedures	
	9 OCT	0935-1000	Rigged emergency aerial	Communication established
MISCELLANEOUS	30 SEP	1000-1030	ILR, Survival at Sea Lecture	EAXP

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1025-1040	Helo winching demonstrations	EAXP
1400-1500	Fire fighting exercise	EAXP - Fire range
2000-2359	NEX	EAXP - AWARE & BOMBARD (OCS)
1 OCT 0001-0700	Night Steaming in Company	EAXP - AWARE & BOMBARD (OCS)
8 OCT 1240-1315	Disaster Relief exercise	
2000-2035	Darken Ship	
2100-2115	Evacuate mess decks through escape hatches - ship blacked out.	
9 OCT 0830-0925	Transfer emergency party	
1100-1150	BOARDDEX	
1430-1445	D.C. exercise - leak stoppage & flooding	
Various	Fire exercises - galley, mess decks, tiller flat, engine room.	
Various	Leaving ship stations	
Various	Emergency stations	

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DGNOP The ship sailed from BRISBANE on 11 OCT, visiting Mackay, Brampton Is, the Percy's, Great Keppel Is and Gladstone (16-17). She returned to Brisbane on

DCMS 19 OCT departing the same day for Sydney, arriving at WATERHEN on 20 OCT. She operated in the

CNS Sydney / JB areas until 24th and the ship was passed back to her RAN CO. on 25 OCT.

CNP A busy and productive Act for the RANR's involved.

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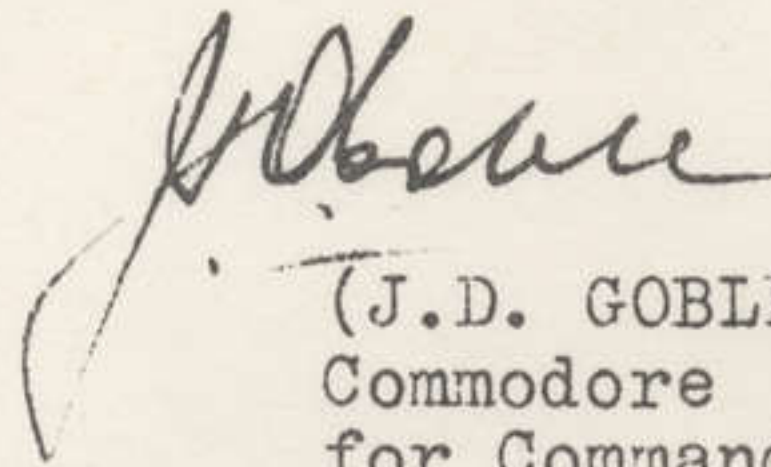
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HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
11TH TO 25TH OCTOBER 1975

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(J.D. GOBLE)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings dated 25th October 1975

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sydney

25th October 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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QUEENSLAND

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare & Patrol Boat Forces,

The Commanding Officer,
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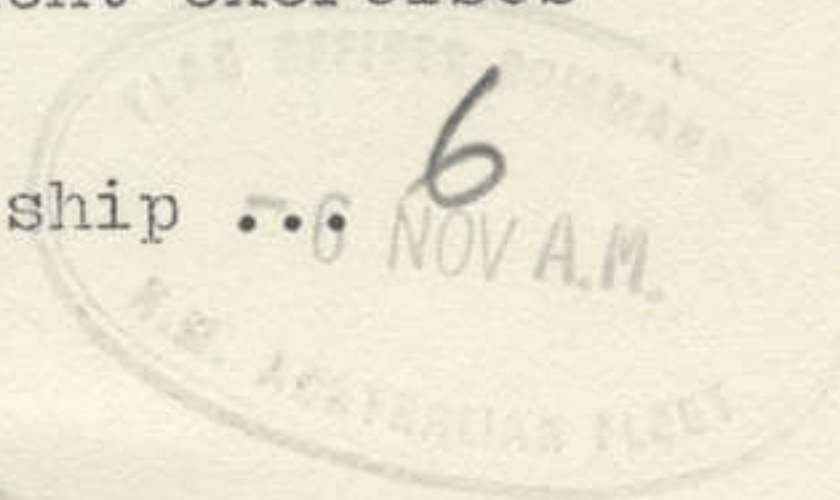
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
HMAS BUCCANEER 11th - 25th OCTOBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BUCCANEER under my command from 11th to 25th October 1975. All times quoted are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. Key members of the crew joined the ship at 1000 on Saturday 11th October and effected the handover from LCDR RLEX A.M. WHYBROW RANR and members of the Brisbane Port Division RANR who had just completed their ACT period.
3. The remainder of the crew joined AM Sunday 11th October and the ship was provisioned as necessary and in all respects made ready for sea.
4. The ship slipped and proceeded from HMAS MORETON at 1515 clearing Caloundra Head at 1900 in unsettled weather conditions. The passage to Mackay was uneventful and served as a useful settling-in period for the ships company. Independent exercises were conducted enroute.

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5. The ships berthed at No. 8 Tourist Wharf at 0800 Tuesday 15th where fuel and provisions were embarked prior to sailing at 1200. A variety of exercises were conducted during the PM prior to berthing at Brampton Island for an overnight stop.

6. HMAS BARBETTE secured at Brampton Island shortly after HMAS BUCCANEER and, with the co-operation of her Commanding Officer, a programme of joint exercises was planned for the following day.

7. The ships sailed in company at 0900 Wednesday 15th and, with HMAS BARBETTE adopting the role of OCE, a most valuable period of OOW manoeuvres and communications exercises were conducted on passage to the Percy Islands when the ships did a formation anchorage at 1538. Whilst at anchor, HMAS BUCCANEER conducted a BOARDX on HMAS BARBETTE. In the evening, a Night Encounter was exercised with HMAS BARBETTE adopting the role of an 'infiltrating gun runner.' On completion at 2210, HMAS BARBETTE returned to anchor and HMAS BUCCANEER continued passage to Great Keppel Islands.

8. At 0700 Thursday 16th, the ship anchored at Great Keppel Island and the ship's company was employed in maintenance and general ship cleaning. A banyan lunch was set up on a deserted beach prior to sailing at 1340 for passage to Gladstone.

9. The ship berthed at Auckland Wharf at 1800 and remained overnight. Fuel and fresh provisions were embarked on Friday 17th and HMAS BUCCANEER proceeded at 1000, carrying out various exercises on passage to Fairfax Island. At 1500 the ship was anchored and a landing party exercise was carried out to inspect the survival hut and facilities on this uninhabited island. At 2001 the anchor was weighed and passage to Sydney resumed.

10. Weather conditions were most favourable during the AM of Saturday 18th and an SLR shoot was conducted. About 1200 the weather began to deteriorate suddenly and as the ship proceeded south the conditions continued to worsen. LSETC COOK RAN became critically ill during the late afternoon and at 1800 it was considered prudent to alter course and return to Brisbane. The ship berthed at HMAS MORETON at 0030 Sunday 19th and LS COOK was landed to No. 1 Military Hospital Yeronga for observation.

11. HMAS WEWAK provided a replacement ETC sailor on loan, and HMAS BUCCANEER sailed at 1130. The ship cleared Cape Moreton in most difficult weather but conditions continued to moderate as she proceeded south, finally berthing at HMAS WATERHEN at 2103 Monday 20th.

12. On Tuesday 21st the ship sailed at 1234 having first fueled, landed the loan sailor from HMAS WEWAK and discharged to shore an RANR sailor on compassionate grounds. At 1829 HMAS BUCCANEER berthed alongside the Marine Section HMAS CRESWELL.

13. News of a SAR emergency involving a Seaking helicopter was received at 2000 and the ship sailed at 2005 together with HMAS AWARE and proceeded at high speed to the area of the crash. Following receipt of a signal advising the rescue of the crew and the sinking of the helicopter, HMAS BUCCANEER was ordered

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to return to Jervis Bay and berthed at 2220.

14. On Wednesday 22nd the ship sailed at 0600 and proceeded in accordance with the EAXP. A successful 40/60 surface shoot was conducted, but the following serial (A/A shoot) was aborted when the aircraft failed to rendezvous with the ship. The ships position was confirmed with Operations NAS Nowra and although initial voice communication was made with the aircraft, it was never sighted. As an alternative a brief small arms shoot was carried out.

15. Upon return to Jervis Bay the ship anchored and maintenance and ship husbandry was carried out until 1535 when the anchor was weighed and the ship returned to the Marine Section.

16. A few minutes prior to sailing at 0630 Thursday 23rd a signal was received via the Marine Section MSO reporting a man overboard from a merchant ship and HMAS BUCCANEER was requested to proceed to the search area. Upon arrival in the area, HMAS YARRA directed HMAS BUCCANEER to take station along with HMAS DERWENT and assist in the search. At 1208 HMAS BUCCANEER was ordered to discontinue the search and resume passage to Botany Bay. The episode, whilst unsuccessful in its primary aim, did prove to be an excellent station keeping exercise.

17. At 1600 as the ship entered Botany Bay, the 975 Radar became unserviceable. Whilst at anchor the ship was thoroughly cleaned below decks and Captains Rounds were conducted.

18. The anchor was weighed at 0613 Friday 24th and the ship proceeded in adverse weather conditions and poor visibility. As a result of the conditions and the lack of radar assistance, the passage to Port Jackson proved to be a most valuable time/distance navigation exercise.

19. The ship berthed at HMAS WATERHEN at 0801 and was cleaned and destored as necessary in preparation for handover to the RAN ships company. LIEUTENANT M.J. CARREL RAN, officially resumed his command at 1200 Saturday 25th.

20. This ACT was a most beneficial training cruise and the blending of the RAN/RANR ships company was an outstanding success, which was of value to all concerned.

21. The co-operation and assistance received from LIEUTENANT CARREL and his crew was invaluable and contributed in no small way to the success of the ACT.

22. The ships company performed all duties in a most able manner. Their enthusiasm, morale and general conduct was of the highest order. No accidents were reported and apart from the incident referred to in paragraph 10, the health of the ships company was excellent.

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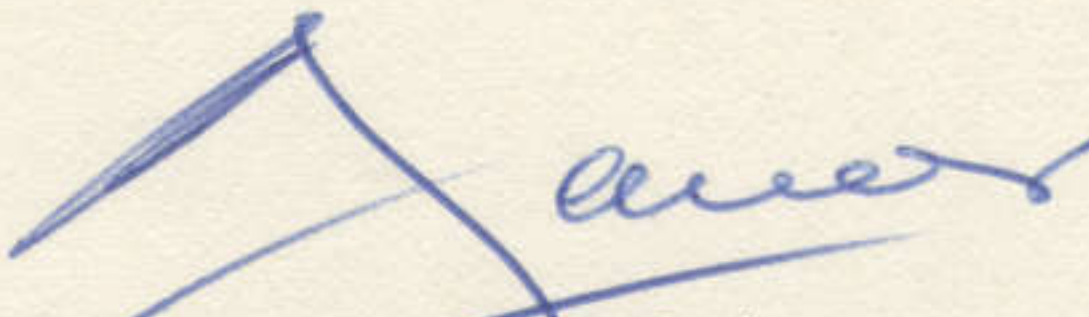
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(P. BALLENTY)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, RANR
COMMANDING OFFICER

- Annexes:
- A. Steaming Figures
 - B. Exercises.
 - C. Ships Company

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ANNEX A
to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4
dated 25th October 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance Steamed 2074.5 NM
2. Hours Underway 157 Hours
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning. 145,468.2 miles
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning. 10,464 17/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed. 1 02/60 hrs at 1350 RPM.

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ANNEX B
to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4
dated 25th October 1975

EXERCISES

	DATE	TIME	
Seamanship	13 OCT	1433-1545	OOW shiphandling. Man overboard exercises. Steering by main engine.
	15 OCT	0900-1240	OOW Manouvres with HMAS BARBETT.
	18 OCT	0817-0915	OOW shiphandling. Man overboard exercises.
Gunnery	18 OCT	1030-1215	SLR shoot.
	22 OCT	0800-0900	Exercise Action Stations 40/50 Bofor drill and SUX.
		1000-1030	9mm Pistol shoot.
Navigation	15 OCT	1530-1538	Formation anchorage HMAS BARBETTE
	18 OCT	2100-0030	Blind pilotage entry into Moreton Bay and Brisbane River.
	24 OCT	0613-0733	D.R. and time, distance run exercise.
Communications	15 OCT	0900-1200	OOW Manouvres carried out by flag hoists.
	22 OCT	1554-1558	Exercise lifeguard alarm procedures.
Miscellaneous	15 OCT	1610-1710	BOARDEX on HMAS BARBETTE
	15 OCT	1925-2210	Night Encounter exercise, HMAS BARBETTE.
	17 OCT	1224-1250	Exercise Intercept on civilian landing craft.
	17 OCT	1510-1645	Landing Party exercise on Fairfax Island.

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21 OCT	1436-1534	Intercept and station keeping exercise on SS Ocean Grandieur.
23 OCT	0840-1203	Station keeping exercises HMAS YARRA.

Various

Fire exercise.

Leaving Ships Station
Exercise.

Emergency Ship Station
Exercise.

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ANNEX C
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SHIPS COMPANY

Commanding Officer	LCDR P. BALLESTY	RANR
Executive Officer	LIEUT P.J. LYONS	RANR
Navigating Officer	SBLT A.C. DROVER	RAN (HMAS WEBMAK)
Cosxwain	CPOQMG C.S. BUSCH	RANR
Chief Boatswains Mate	POQMG B.J. NESBITT ABQMG C.R. LEVETT ABQMG M.I. ROBINSON ABQMG D.W. LEE SMNQMG J.R. SIMON SMNQMG S.B. OLIVER	RANR RANR RANR RANR RANR RANR
Communications	ABRC A.D. SINCLAIR	RANR (HMAS BUCCANEER)
Charge MTP	POMTP D.S. WILLIAMS POMTP J.L. McLELLAN LSMTP J.D. HOPKINS ABMTP T.B. BRAY SMNMTP P.R. NELSON	RANR RANR RAN (HMAS BUCCANEER) RAN (HMAS BUCCANEER) RANR
MPL	LSMPL G.J. COLLEY	RAN (HMAS BUCCANEER)
ETC	LSETC D.J. COOK LSETC J. CRAIG	RAN (HMAS WATERHIEN) 12 OCT - 18 OCT) RAN (HMAS WEBMAK) 19 OCT - 21 OCT)
COOK	LSSTD A.P. DALE	RANR

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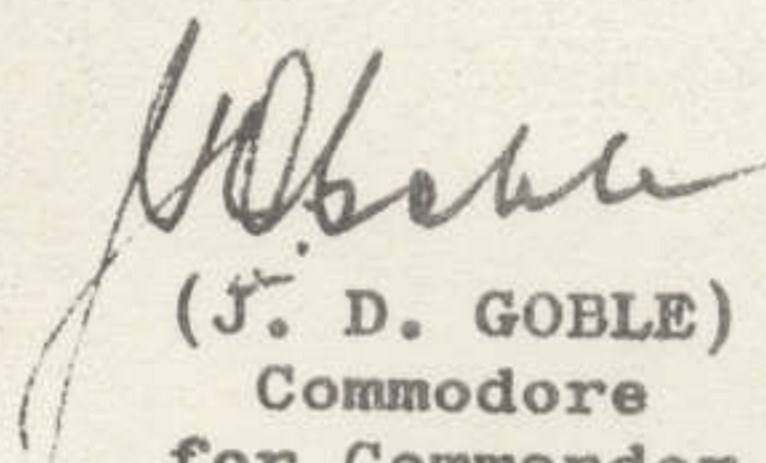
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NOVEMBER 1975

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The Flag Officer Commanding
3. The ship remained alongside for the week commencing Monday 3rd except for a compass swing on that day and ammunitioning on Wednesday 5th.

4. At 0900 Monday 10th BUCCANEER and BOMBARD sailed for the local exercise areas, to be joined by HMAS ARDENT during the morning of Tuesday 11th, and commenced working up for Exercise Tropic Springs (South). Details of exercises are listed at Annex 'B'.

The Commanding Officer
5. BUCCANEER secured port side to the West S/R Wharf at 0845 Wednesday 12th and during the day the ship's company were instructed in life saving equipment, helo winching and fire fighting. The exercise programme was resumed at 0630 Thursday 13th when BUCCANEER proceeded to sea.

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6. Just prior to the programmed return to Sydney advice was received that BUCCANEER was to escort AWL 304 to Sydney on the following day. At 0625 Friday 14th BUCCANEER sailed from Jervis Bay in company with AWL 304. BUCCANEER secured alongside WATERHEN at 1910.

7. At 0830 Monday 17th, BUCCANEER Proceeded to sea in company with BOMBARD and ARDENT for Exercise Tropic Springs (South). The Staff Officer (Navigation) from HM/S WATERHEN, LIEUTENANT C. J. OXENBOULD, R/N was embarked in BUCCANEER.

8. After two days exercises (details at Annex 'B') BUCCANEER, BOMBARD and ARDENT anchored in formation off Halletts Beach in Broken Bay at 1400 Tuesday 18th. A DISTEX was carried out while at anchor. This exercise was extremely valuable in pointing out the amount of assistance which could be provided by several Patrol Boats.

9. At 0645 Wednesday 19th, the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, COMMANDER G. HALLEY, R/N embarked for BUCCANEER'S Operational Readiness Evaluation.

10. With the ship's company at Action Stations BUCCANEER led BOMBARD and ARDENT to sea at 0700 to carry out an exercise fishery patrol against hostile surface and air forces. During the day, and in perfect weather conditions, BUCCANEER was put through her paces exercising all facets of PTF employment. When the ORE terminated at 1400 it was considered that BUCCANEER had performed satisfactorily and any areas requiring improvement had been identified for further action. BUCCANEER secured alongside WATERHEN at 1745.

11. BUCCANEER in company with BOMBARD and ARDENT sailed at 1200 Thursday 20th for Brisbane. At 1600 BUCCANEER detached for a UHF trial following repairs carried out by Base Staff HM/S WATERHEN the previous night. Whereas previously the 696 transmitter/receiver had proved unreliable at ranges beyond one mile, the trial proved successful at six miles. Subsequent transmissions to and from HM/S STALWART were carried out at ranges up to 12 miles.

12. At 0800 Friday 21st BOMBARD, BUCCANEER and ARDENT joined HM/S SNIPE and conducted OO manoeuvres until 1050 when the three PTF's were detached ahead to rendezvous with SNIPE at the entrance to the Brisbane River the following morning. Clocks were retarded one hour to zone K (-10) at 1700.

13. Weather conditions precluded entering Moreton Bay via the North Eastern Channel and at 2250 BUCCANEER entered the North West Channel at Caloundra. The ship anchored off Cabbage Tree Head at 0115 Saturday 22nd.

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14. Rendezvous was made with SNIPER at 0615 and after a slow passage up the Brisbane River, BUCCANEER secured alongside HMAS MORETON at 0800. The ship remained alongside until 0940 Wednesday 26th..

15. HMA Ships IBIS, SNIPER, BOMBARD, BUCCANEER and ARDENT sailed from Brisbane Wednesday 26th and rendezvoused with HMAS STALWART at 1700 off Cape Moreton. Due to the slow SOA BUCCANEER was detached with BOMBARD and ARDENT on two occasions to clear engines. Clocks were advanced one hour to Zone L (-11) at 2330.

16. At 0910 Thursday 27th a heavy line transfer of signals was carried out between STALWART and BUCCANEER. As weather conditions were unsuitable for the normal beam method the transfer was carried out very successfully with BUCCANEER stationed close astern of STALWART.

17.0 BUCCANEER detached at 1600 to join IBIS for Infra-Red Scanner Trials. The trials completed at 2215 when BUCCANEER once again detached ahead and proceeded to anchor in Broken Bay at 0155 Friday 28th..

18. The force was rejoined at 0630 and BUCCANEER entered harbour, securing alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 0825. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

19. There were no major engineering defects outstanding at the end of the month however an investigation is being carried out on the gradual loss of fresh water from the Port main engine.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(E. B. ELLIOTT)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX 'A' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER LETTER
1.1.75. DATED:

- 8 DEC 1975

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Total miles steamed in November	-	2374.0
2.	Total hours underway November	-	186 ²⁴ /60
3.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	-	148,072.6
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	-	10578 ⁰⁶ /60
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	-	Quarterly full power trial 1st Nov, 1975.

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ANNEX 'B' TO
HMAS BUCCINEER LETTER
1.16.4 DATED:

- 8 DEC 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX

DATE	TIME	EXERCISE	OTHER UNITS
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
01 NOV	0830 - 0915	MAN OVERBOARD	-
10 NOV	0900	XO UNBERTHED SHIP	
	0945 - 1115	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD
	1400 - 1530	SUTFX	BOMBARD
	1845	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	BOMBARD
11 NOV	0800 - 0830	BLIND PILOTAGE	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0830 - 0935	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0955 - 1050	TOWEX	BOMBARD
	1050 - 1115	TOWEX	ARDENT
	1140	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	ARDENT
	1330 - 1430	BOARDX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1615 - 1750	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1900 - 2359	NEX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
12 NOV	0735	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	BOMBARD, ARDENT
13 NOV	0730 - 0850	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0930 - 1100	NGS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
14 NOV	1030 - 1200	NBCDX	-
	1910	XO BERTHED SHIP	
17 NOV	0920 - 1020	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD
	1025 - 1050	R/S APPROACHES	BOMBARD
	1520 - 1600	BOARDX	BOMBARD
	1630 - 1715	TOWEX	BOMBARD
	1720 - 1800	OOW DRILLS	-
	2000 - 2359	NEX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
18 NOV	0150 - 0500	STATION MASTER	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0705 - 0810	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0900 - 1000	SUTFX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1100 - 1200	ACTION STATIONS/NBCDX	-
11 NOV	1400	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1530 - 1700	DISTEX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0855 - 1050	TOWEX	BOMBARD
	1050 - 1115	TOWEX	ARDENT
	1140	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	ARDENT
	1330 - 1430	BOARDX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1615 - 1750	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	1900 - 2359	NEX	BOMBARD, ARDENT
12 NOV	0735	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	BOMBARD, ARDENT
13 NOV	0730 - 0850	OOW MANOEUVERS	BOMBARD, ARDENT
	0930 - 1100	NGS	BOMBARD, ARDENT

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
19 NOV	0700 - 1400	OPERATIONAL READINESS EVALUATION	BOMBARD, ARDENT
21 NOV	0800 - 1050	OOW MANOEUVERS	SNIPER, BOMBARD, ARDENT
22 NOV	0115	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	BOMBARD, ARDENT
26 NOV	1400 - 1605	OOW MANOEUVERS	IBIS, SNIPER, BOMBARD, ARDENT.
27 NOV	0800 - 0900 1000 - 1120 1300 - 1500 1500 - 1600	RAS APPROACHES OOW MANOEUVERS NAVCOMMEX 302 SCREENEX	STALWART BOMBARD, ARDENT STALWART STALWART, SNIPER, BOMBARD, ARDENT.

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BUCCANEER operated out of Sydney during December during which time she was given her annual

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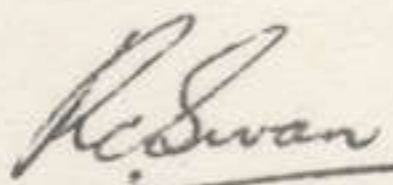
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(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

12 JAN '76

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of December, 1975. Times throughout are Zone L (-11).

2. At the beginning of the month BUCCANEER was berthed at HMAS WATERHEN preparing for Annual Inspection. Departmental Inspections commenced Monday 8th and continued until Wednesday 10th.

3. At 0900 Thursday 11th, the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, Commander G. HALLEY, RAN inspected the ship's company on the wharf and then, after sighting all required publications and documents, formally inspected BUCCANEER.

4. The ship proceeded to sea during the afternoon of Tuesday 16th for engine trials following successful repairs to the port main engine. (BUCCANEER URDEF 25/75 DAV 0104342 Dec 75 refers). The majority of the work involved in removing and replacing two pistons and one cylinder liner in the engine was carried out by ship's staff. The experience gained was invaluable.

5. At 0900 Friday 19th, BUCCANEER proceeded to Shark Pt dolphins for a rehearsal of the start of the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. The ship returned to WATERHEN at 1040.

6. BUCCANEER secured to the Shark Pt. dolphins at 1000 Sunday 21st and prepared for the start of the Financial Times Round the World Clipper Race. The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral H.D. STEVENSON, C.B.E. embarked at 1130. The race started at 1200 and BUCCANEER slipped and followed the competitors down harbour and a short way to sea.



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After viewing the leading yacht, GREAT BRITAIN II, BUCCANEER returned to harbour and disembarked the official guests in the vicinity of Garden Island at 1320. The ship then returned to WATERHEN.

7. At 0900 Monday 22nd, I called upon you, Sir. Upon my return, BUCCANEER proceeded to Spectacle Island to de-ammunition in preparation for the coming leave period.

8. BUCCANEER, once again, secured to Shark Point Dolphins at 0955 Friday 26th, this time in readiness for the start of the 31st Annual Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. At 1140 His Excellency, The Administrator of the Commonwealth of Australia, SIR RODEN CUTLER, V.C., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., K.ST.J. and the Flag Officer Commanding East Australia Area, Rear Admiral N.E. McDONALD, RAN embarked. After the race started at 1200, the ship proceeded to sea, through a maze of spectator craft, and steamed down the coast to view the leading yachts. BUCCANEER returned to harbour and disembarked His Excellency and The Flag Officer Commanding East Australia Area in the vicinity of Man of War steps. Other official guests were then transferred to TRV 803 and BUCCANEER returned to WATERHEN, securing alongside at 1415.

9. At 0630 Saturday 27th, the ship proceeded to Pittwater to act as Flagship for the 69th Annual Pittwater Regatta. Upon anchoring at 0900, starting officials embarked and shortly afterwards the first of twenty races commenced. During the afternoon the Vice Patron of the Regatta, Rear Admiral N.E. McDONALD, RAN paid a brief visit to BUCCANEER to meet the starting officials. When all races had completed, BUCCANEER weighed and returned to Sydney, securing alongside WATERHEN at 1950.

10. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month and at 0800 Monday 29th commenced a three week single watch leave period.

11. There are no major defects outstanding at the end of the month, however salt water contamination of No. 3 fuel tank led to its being emptied for inspection on Tuesday 23rd. The tank remains empty and to date there is no evidence of salt water ingress through the hull.

R Barham A/SBLT
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Enclosure:

1. ANNEX 'A' & 'B'

for (P.L. ELLIOTT)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER (L.O.L.)

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BUCCANER
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STEAMING ANNEX

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| 1. | Total miles steamed in December | 134.3 |
| 2. | Total hours underway in December | 12 ¹⁵ / ₆₀ |
| 3. | Total miles steamed since first commissioning | 148,206.9 |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first commissioning | 10,590 ²¹ / ₆₀ |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed | Engine trials,
Tuesday 16th. |

ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BUCCANER
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Nil Return

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