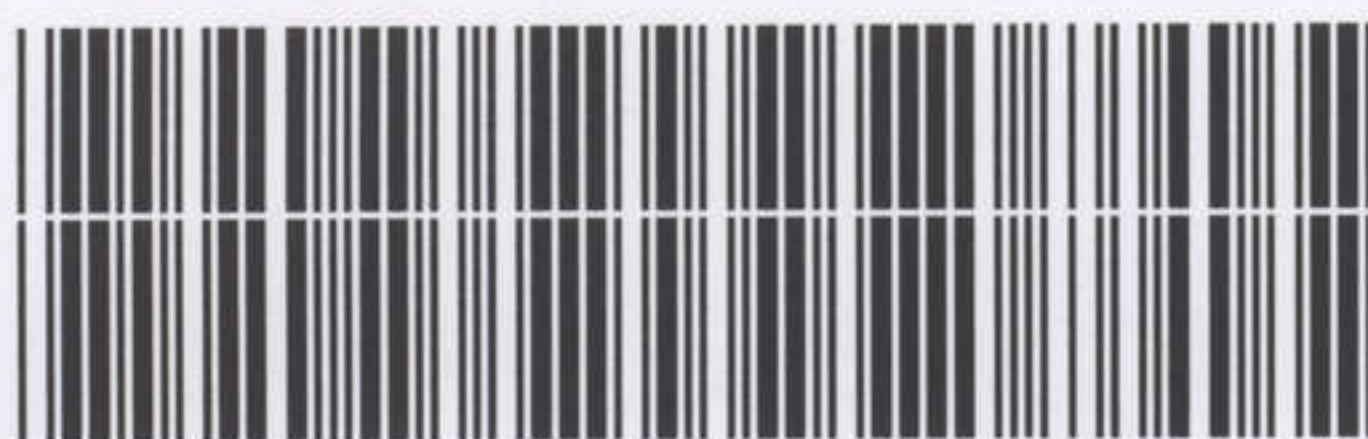


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DNO BUCCANEER was in Sydney giving leave until
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HMAS BUCCANEER
AT JERVIS BAY

9th February 1976

The Flat Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer,
HMAS BOMBARD



HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of January 1976. Times throughout are zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the month BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN while the ship's company enjoyed a three week single watch leave period. All leave expired on Monday 19th when the ship re-commenced routine operations.
3. BUCCANEER ammunitioned on Tuesday 20th and it was planned to carry out a two day shake-down commencing the following day. At 0900 Wednesday 21st BUCCANEER proceeded to sea. On clearing the harbour and the lee of South Head the ship encountered a strong southerly wind associated with a heavy sea and swell. At 1000 I considered the weather to be unsuitable for FPB operations and with there being little prospect of improvement the ship re-entered harbour and remained alongside for the duration of the week. (BUCCANEER KEB/KEC 210220Z JAN 76 refers).
4. At 0900 Tuesday 27th, BUCCANEER sailed for Broken Bay. A valuable day of navigation training ensued with all bridge watchkeepers carrying out at least one anchorage. BUCCANEER remained overnight in Broken Bay.
5. On Wednesday 28th BUCCANEER made passage to Jervis Bay, anchoring overnight. At 0810 Thursday 29th, the ship commenced exercising with HMAS AWARE and TRV 801. (Details of exercises are at Annex 'B').

BUCCANEER sailed from Jervis Bay at 2300 and secured alongside WATERHEN at 0800 Friday 29th. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

6. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory. There are no major defects outstanding at the end of the month. The salt water contamination of No. 3. fuel tank reported in the previous month is attributed to ingress of water through the upper deck vent during rough weather.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

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

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4
DATED:

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	TOTAL MILES STEAMED IN JANUARY	332.7
2.	TOTAL MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING	148,539.6
3.	TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY IN JANUARY	27 ²⁵ / ₆₀
4.	TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING	10,617 ⁴⁶ / ₆₀
5.	OCCASSION FCR EXCEEDING FAST ROUTING SPEED	NIL

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ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4
DATED:

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
27 JAN	0900	XO UNBERTHED SHIP	
	0950	ACTION STATIONS	-
	1000	LEAVING SHIP STATIONS	-
	1005	XO MAN OVERBOARD RECOVERY	-
	1100 - 1630	OOW ANCHORAGES	-
28 JAN	1315	OOW MAN OVERBOARD RECOVERY	-
	1500 - 1600	OOW DRILLS	-
	1620	OOW ANCHORAGE	-
29 JAN	0810 - 1000	OOW MANOEUVERS	AWARE TRV 801
	1015 - 1100	BOARDEX	AWARE
	1130 - 1210	SMALL ARMS FIRING	AWARE
	1240	FORMATION ANCHORAGE	AWARE
	1400 - 1445	EMERGENCY PARTY TRANSFER	AWARE
	1430 - 1530	NCX 202, 205	AWARE
	1600	OOW ANCHORAGE	
30 JAN	0800	XO BERTHED SHIP	

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BUCCANEER operated in the EA Exercise area from 3 - 6 Feb, and carried out a maintenance period at WATERHEN until 18 Feb when she sailed for Tasman. The ship visited 20-25 Feb and Devonport 26-29th Feb.
 A good month for BUCCANEER and her materiel condition has been satisfactory.

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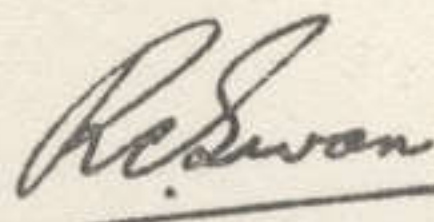
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

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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
FEBRUARY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of February 1976. Times throughout are Zone L (-11).
2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN. On Tuesday 3rd the ship proceeded to the local exercise areas and enjoyed three days in company with HMAS AWARE and occasionally HMAS SWAN. BUCCANEER and AWARE sailed from Jervis Bay at 2300 on Thursday 5th and after a night steam in company entered Sydney Harbour, BUCCANEER securing at WATERHEN at 0800 Friday 6th.. Details of the weeks exercises are contained in Annex B.
3. Except for ammunitioning at Spectacle Island on Tuesday 17th the ship remained alongside until 0900 Wednesday 18th when BUCCANEER proceeded on passage to Hobart.
4. During the first watch, the ship encountered a severe electrical storm which made it impossible to transmit the PIM signal. As a result, BUCCANEER hove to off Tathra Head at 2120 and the Executive Officer was landed by boat to pass the signal by telephone. The boat was recovered at 2206 and the ship proceeded.
5. On Thursday 19th, the port diesel alternator began to fluctuate in revolutions with a subsequent loss of power to the ship. Previously this intermittent fault had been confined to the starboard alternator which had failed shortly after sailing. It was then considered that the problem was

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common to both alternators and an Urdef was raised (BUCCANEER DAU 190125Z FEB 76). At 2215 the ship came to anchor in Great Oyster Bay to avoid steaming overnight with a dubious power supply.

6. Anchor was weighed at 0630 Friday 20th and BUCCANEER continued passage to Hobart, berthing alongside Princess Wharf No. 3 at 1400. At 1430, I called upon the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Tasmania, COMMANDER J. ST.B. MORE, RAN. He returned my call at 1545.

7. On Sunday 22nd CPOMTPD4 D. REED and POMTL R. HAYWOOD from HMAS WATERHEN arrived in Hobart and commenced investigations into BUCCANEER's fluctuating power supply. The solution was obtained on Tuesday 24th when it was discovered that sediment in the fuel had been passing through the filters and partially blocking the injectors in both diesel alternators. A sample of fuel was tested by the University of Tasmania and found to contain 0.054% of petroleum ether insoluble material. The injectors were cleaned and the problem had not recurred at the end of the month.

8. On the same day the ship fielded a team of five shooters in the Tasmanian State Police and Services Annual Pistol Championships. Although the team came last in the competition, the Navy was in no way disgraced as there were several good individual performances.

9. At 0900 Wednesday 25th BUCCANEER sailed from Hobart and made overnight passage to Devonport berthing alongside No. 3 Wharf at 1100 Tuesday 26th.. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

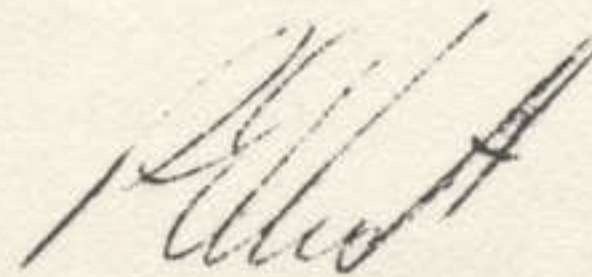
10. At 1400 Thursday 26th, I called upon the Master Warden of the Marine Board of Devonport, Mr. C.F. Byron and at 1000 Friday 27th, the Warden of the Municipality of Devonport, Councillor N.D. Luck.

11. The health and morale of the ship's company are good and the conduct is commendable, especially in Tasmania where BUCCANEER has been under close scrutiny by the public. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory. There are no major defects outstanding at the end of the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(P.L. ELLIOTT)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
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ANNEX A to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter
1/16/4 dated 3rd March 1976

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Total miles steamed in February	1309.8
2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning	149,849.4
3. Total hours underway in February	102
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning	10,719 46/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

ANNEX B to
HMAS BUCCANEER letter
1/16/4 dated 3rd March 1976

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
3rd	1445-1600	OOW MANOEUVERS	SWAN
4th	0830-0850	MAN OVERBOARD EXERCISE	-
	0900-1015	OOW MANOEUVERS	AWARE
	1030-1230	STATION KEEPING	SWAN
	1400-1430	AACRF	-
	1530-1555	OOW EMERGENCY DRILLS	-
	1600-1700	OOW MANOEUVERS	AWARE
5th	0830-1000	OOW MANOEUVRES BY FLAGS	AWARE
	1045-1140	SUTFX	AWARE
	1300-1400	OOW MANOEUVERS	AWARE
	1400-1500	TOWEX	AWARE
6th	0400-0500	STATION MASTER	

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 DNO *BUCCANEER* sailed from Tasmanian waters
 DGNOP on 6 Mar and returned to Sydney 8 Mar.
 DCNS on 18 March she sailed from Sydney for
 CNS *22/6* patrol duties in Northern waters, and sailed
 CMB *23/6* from Cairns on her first fisheries patrol on
 CMTS *24/6* 24 Mar. She was alongside at Thursday Is
 DGLOG-N *28/6* at the end of the month.
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Cairns
6th April, 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES
HMAS WATERHEN

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

The Commanding Officer
HMAS CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of March, 1976. Times are Zone L (-11) until 1800, Saturday 6th when the ship reverted to Zone K (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month BUCCANEER was berthed alongside No. 3 wharf at Devonport. At 0804 Monday 1st, the ship proceeded to a meditteranean moor in the stream of the Mersey River. During the day and until 1735 BUCCANEER, dressed overall, acted as flagship for the Eighteenth Annual Devonport Apex Regatta. On completion of the days festivities the ship berthed again at No. 3 wharf.

3. At 1030 Tuesday 2nd BUCCANEER cast off and proceeded to Stanley, berthing alongside the Breakwater Pier at 1400. The ship was welcomed by members of the Circular Head Sesquicentenary Committee. At 1500 I called upon the Warden of the Circular Head Municipality, Councillor F.L. Britton.

4. After four days in Stanley, and with a sigh of relief from the ship's company, BUCCANEER sailed for Sydney at 0900 Saturday 6th. Out of fifteen days in Tasmania, fourteen had been spent alongside in three of the most hospitable ports a ship could wish to visit. The passage to Sydney was uneventful and BUCCANEER secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 0805 Monday 8th.

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5. At 1335 Tuesday 9th the ship came to two hours notice for sea in response to a Customs alert. This notice was maintained until 0800 Wednesday 10th.
6. On Thursday 11th you, Sir, arrived on board at 1040 for a walk round and to address the ship's company on BUCCANEER's coming deployment to the Gulf of Carpentaria. On the same day, during a routine propellor clean, it was discovered that two blades on the starboard propellor were bent at the tip and there was a small piece missing from one blade on the port propellor. URDEF 5/78 was raised (BUCCANEER DAU 110305Z MAR 76) and preparations were made to replace the damaged propellers with those recently removed from HMAS ARDENT.
7. Clearance Diving Team No. 1 commenced the task of changing both propellers at 0900 Friday 12th. The job was completed by 1800 on the same day. No explanation as to how the damage occurred can be forwarded. There had been no vibration evident in either shaft.
8. BUCCANEER remained alongside until 0900 Thursday 18th when the ship cast off and proceeded for Gladstone. During the dog watches the AN/URC 58 HF transmitter/receiver became unservicable. Despite several attempts to repair the defect the radio remained unservicable and at 2115 the First Lieutenant was despatched by dinghy to Port Macquarie to pass the PIM signal by telephone. A large swell breaking at the entrance to Port Macquarie precluded this and at 2140 the dinghy was hoisted and BUCCANEER continued on passage.
9. At 0308 Friday 19th the ship was overflown by a RAAF P3B Orion. Communications were established and after explaining the defect to the aircraft it departed. At 0415 the aircraft returned and BUCCANEER was ordered to proceed to Brisbane for repairs. (COMAUSFLT DLM/KMS 181800Z MAR 76). BUCCANEER entered the Brisbane River at 1545 and secured alongside HMAS BRUNEI at 1708.
10. The AN/URC was replaced by a servicable unit from T.V. Gayundah and at 0925 Saturday 20th BUCCANEER proceeded for Mackay. During the forenoon a previously intermittent fault in the 975 radar caused it to become unservicable. (BUCCANEER DRQ/OWR 220327Z MAR 76).
11. The passage to Mackay was made via Swain Reef to investigate a sighting of a Taiwanese fishing vessel. During the afternoon of Sunday 21st BUCCANEER conducted a visual search of Capricorn Channel and the inside of Swain Reef to the north.
12. At 0910 Monday 22nd BUCCANEER berthed at Mackay for refuelling. The ship sailed again at 1210 and proceeded via Whitsunday Passage for Cairns where BUCCANEER secured alongside HMAS FLINDERS at 0905 Tuesday 23rd.
13. With all defects made good and in perfect weather conditions BUCCANEER sailed from Cairns at 0900 Wednesday 24th for a Gulf of Carpentaria patrol. Mr. G. Burnage, a Fisheries Inspector for the Department of Primary Industries was embarked. After an uneventful passage BUCCANEER berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa at 0940 Friday 26th.

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14. The ship refuelled and sailed at 1400, proceeding south along the east coast of the Gulf. During the morning watch of Saturday 27th five Taiwanese Gill Netters were detected fishing outside the Declared Fishing Zone. (BUCCANEER KBG 270001Z MAR 76). Preparations were being made for boarding when BUCCANEER was despatched to carry out a "Medivac" from the Australian trawler DON-E-L. At 1125 an injured man and a woman were transferred to BUCCANEER. The ship berthed alongside HMAS BARRICADE in Weipa at 1725 and remained overnight.
15. At 1200 Sunday 28th BUCCANEER sailed from Weipa to patrol in the vicinity of Cape Keerweer. During the first watch rendezvous was made with BARRICADE and a spare part for the fresh water pump was transferred from BUCCANEER. No sightings were made and the ship returned to Weipa for fuel on Monday 29th.
16. After sailing from Weipa at 1400 Monday 29th, BUCCANEER steamed towards Carpentaria Shoal. At 1915 a Taiwanese Gill Netter, HONG LEE NO. 3, was boarded and searched. (BUCCANEER KBG 291123Z MAR 76).
17. At 0705 Tuesday 30th two Taiwanese Stern Pair trawlers were boarded and searched. The search revealed a small quantity of pearl shell onboard one vessel. That vessel was reboarded at 1310 and the shell removed. (BUCCANEER KBG 292242Z and KBG 300342Z MAR 76).
18. BUCCANEER proceeded to the Carpentaria Shoal area and between 2115 and 0605 Wednesday 31st some 18 Taiwanese Pair Trawlers were identified. (BUCCANEER KBG 302100Z MAR 76). At 0835 the Taiwanese Gill Netter SHING YIH SHYANG NO. 10 was boarded and searched. (BUCCANEER KBG 310001Z MAR 76).
19. The patrol completed, BUCCANEER berthed at the Naval Jetty, Thursday Island at 1700. The ship remained alongside for the remainder of the month.
20. There are two major defects outstanding at the end of the month. The port main engine governor is behaving erratically and requires replacement. (BUCCANEER DAU 300814Z MAR 76). The starboard engineroom supply fan has burnt out and requires replacement, however this does not hamper the operational capabilities of the ship. INDEF 2/78 (BUCCANEER DAU 162342Z MAR 76) has been raised in respect of the steering system. This appears to be a recurring problem and was previously reported on Forms TM 200 No's DH 16/75, DH 17/75 and DP 301/75. Despite corrective action being taken during BUCCANEER's 1975 refit the steering has been gradually stiffening since the last docking.

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21. The health and conduct of the ship's company are good and morale is high due to the operational nature of BUCCANEER's employment over the latter half of the month. The appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(P.L. ELLIOTT)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated
6th April, 1976

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
8 MAR	0720-0805	XO CONNED SHIP INTO HARBOUR
26 MAR	0900-0940	XO CONNED SHIP INTO HARBOUR

ANNEX B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated

STEAMING RETURN

1. Total miles steamed in March 3988.6
2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning 153,838.0
3. Total hours underway in March 280
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 10,999 $\frac{46}{60}$
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed - quarterly full power trial 19 MAR.

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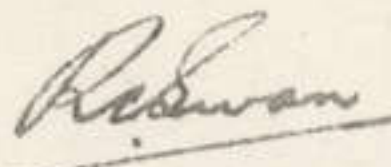
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2. With regard to the mechanical defects mentioned in paragraph 11:
 - a. The port main engine change was undertaken by ships staff with base staff assistance and will complete on 19th May, 1976.
 - b. A replacement engine room supply fan has been fitted.
 - c. A number of defects located in the steering hydraulic system have been rectified during the current A.M.P.


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

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

- 5 MAY 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Naval Officer Commanding,
QUEENSLAND

The Commanding Officer,
HMAS CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer,
HMAS BOMBARD



HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report of proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of April 1976. Times throughout are Zone K(-10).
2. At the beginning of the month BUCCANEER was berthed alongside the Naval Jetty, Thursday Island. At 1600 Thursday 1st the ship proceeded for Cairns and after two days of running into an uncomfortable SE sea, berthed on PNGS AITAPE alongside No. 1 wharf, Cairns at 0515 Saturday 3rd.
3. BUCCANEER remained alongside for four days and during this time a new governor was fitted to the Port main engine. Trials were carried out alongside. At 0900 Wednesday 7th the ship proceeded for a Gulf Patrol and during the forenoon exercised with AITAPE. The Port main engine began to behave erratically during the OOW manoeuvres and despite efforts to correct its behaviour, became unserviceable. At 1520 BUCCANEER reversed course and returned to Cairns berthing on BARBETTE at 2205.
4. At 0900 Thursday 8th, BUCCANEER, with members of HMAS CAIRNS Base Staff embarked, commenced engine trials in the approaches to Cairns Harbour. The engine failed to reproduce the symptoms which had caused the ship's return to Cairns and so after landing HMAS CAIRNS personnel, BUCCANEER proceeded on patrol at 1110. Passage was made via the inner reef and Endeavour Strait to Weipa where BUCCANEER berthed at 1015

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Saturday 10th. On passage it was discovered that the outboard fuel banks on the Port M.E. were sticking either in the "full fuel" or "no fuel" positions but would operate normally in between. With this knowledge it became possible to manoeuvre on that engine with a person standing by to free the racks in the event of their jamming.

5. On sailing from Weipa at 1330 the ship patrolled south along the east coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. At 2345 the Taiwanese Gill Netter No. 1 TAI HO was identified fishing outside of the Declared Fishing Zone. BUCCANEER continued patrol and came to anchor at the mouth of the Nassau River at 0700 Sunday 11th. The ship remained at anchor until 1615 when the patrol was resumed. During the night BUCCANEER patrolled to the mouth of the Norman River, but no sightings were made.

6. At 0830 Monday 12th, the Taiwanese Gill Netter LIEN YEA No. 11 was sighted steaming towards Mornington Island and at 0855 KIAN FA No. 1 was observed at anchor. Rising seas precluded boarding either of these vessels. It was intended that BUCCANEER patrol to the Wellesley Islands however the unfavourable weather conditions and a forecast of worse to come curtailed this excursion. The ship sought the shelter of the coast and anchored at the mouth of the Mitchell River between 1410 and 2200. Overnight passage was then made to Weipa where BUCCANEER berthed at 1100 Tuesday 13th.

7. After refuelling BUCCANEER sailed at 1350 and, acting on a report that Taiwanese fishing vessels have been observed by night in the Port Musgrave area, proceeded to anchor in the mouth of the Skardon River at 2020. Anchor was weighed at 0425 Wednesday 14th and a search of the area to the north of Port Musgrave was conducted. During the day the ship proceeded to Carpentaria Shoal and at 1355 the Taiwanese Pair Trawlers CHUNG HAI No. 1 and 2 were identified. These were to be the last foreign fishing vessels observed by BUCCANEER. During the next two days the ship refuelled again at Weipa and patrolled to Cape Keeweer before berthing at Thursday Island at 0800 Saturday 17th.

8. BUCCANEER cast off from the Naval Jetty at 1200 Monday 19th and made an uncomfortable passage to Cairns, berthing alongside No. 1 Wharf at 0800 Wednesday 21st. Over the next two days BUCCANEER stored and made repairs to the radar. (URDEF 11/78, BUCCANEER DRQ 210150Z APR).

9. At 0900 Friday 23rd BUCCANEER sailed for Sydney via Mackay. Weather conditions en route were extremely poor with head seas and winds to Force 7 being encountered between Cairns and Brisbane. Minor ingress of water occurred in most compartments however the materiel condition of the ship was unaffected. After 40 days away, and having steamed 7858 miles, BUCCANEER secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 1000 Tuesday 27th. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

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10. The months of March and April have proved to be an exciting experience for all members of the Ship's Company. Morale was high when BUCCANEER was fully involved in the prime role of fishery surveillance but this tended to slip as the last patrol came to an end and the chance of an arrest became more remote. It was gratifying to all onboard to note that on the last sweep of the East coast of the Gulf, not one foreign fishing vessel was observed. The conduct of the Ship's Company was correspondingly good and the appearance of the ship is very good considering the time spent underway.

11. There are three major defects outstanding at the end of the month. The Port M.E. has been surveyed by HMAS WATERHEN Base Staff and the decision has been made to replace it. Despite efforts by HMAS CAIRNS, the Starboard engine room supply fan remains unserviceable. The condition of the steering system has deteriorated to such an extent that to apply small amounts of wheel is difficult. All defects are currently being investigated by HMAS WATERHEN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(P.L. ELLIOTT)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated

- 5 MAY 1976

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Total miles steamed in April	4677.2
2.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	158,515.2
3.	Total hours underway in April	369.5
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	11,369.5
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

Annex B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated

- 5 MAY 1976

EXERCISE ANNEX

7 APR	0940 - 1100	OOW Manoeuvres	PNGS AITAPE
13 APR	XO	Conned ship into harbour	
13 APR	NO	Conned ship out of harbour.	
27 APR	XO	Conned ship into harbour.	

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HMAS Buccaneer REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

8 JUN 1976

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
10 JUN 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY, 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of May, 1976. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month HMAS BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an assisted maintenance period which involved the replacement of the port main engine. (BUCCANEER DAU 290125Z APR 76). The defective engine was lifted and replaced on Thursday, 6th and the delicate task of aligning the engine to the gearbox commenced on Monday, 10th.

3. Basin trials were conducted during the forenoon of Wednesday 26th and at 1120 Thursday 27th the ship proceeded to sea for engine trials. BUCCANEER returned alongside at 1425.

4. At 0912 Friday, 28th the ship proceeded to HMAS PENGUIN and carried out a practice of the start of the Sydney/Suva yacht race. On completion BUCCANEER ammunitioned at Spectacle Island before returning to WATERHEN at 1127.

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5. At 0930 Sunday 30th, BUCCANEER, with the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, COMMANDER G. HALLEY, RAN embarked, proceeded to a mediterranean moor off, HMAS PENGUIN. At 1130 His Excellency, The Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, The Honorable Sir John Kerr, G.C.M.G., A.C., K.ST.J., Q.C. accompanied by you, Sir, embarked. At 1200 the inaugural Sydney/Suva yacht race was started. BUCCANEER weighed anchor and slipped from the buoy to accompany the yachts to sea. His Excellency and you, Sir, disembarked in the vicinity of Kirribilli Point at 1310. The ship then proceeded to sea again and after rounding the leading yachts returned to Hunters Bay where the official guests disembarked. BUCCANEER secured at HMAS WATERHEN at 1450 and remained alongside until the end of the month.

6. There are no major defects outstanding at the end of the month. The experience gained by both Ship's and Base Staff during the replacement of the port engine is invaluable. With the provision of the special tools required a faster turn around time is envisaged for future operations of this type.

7. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are good and the appearance of the ship is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



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

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated
8th June, 1976.

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Total miles steamed in May 94.0
2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning 158,609.2
3. Hours underway in May 8.6
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 11,378.1
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed - Thursday 27th
engine trials.

Annex B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated
8th June, 1976.

EXERCISE RETURN

Nil return

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HMAS BUCCANEER

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sydney
25th June, 1976

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
JUNE 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of June 1976. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month BUCCANEER was alongside HMAS WATERHEN. At 1000 Tuesday 1st the ship proceeded to Broken Bay and carried out navigation training for the next two days. Before returning to Sydney on Tuesday 3rd gun functioning trials were carried out. BUCCANEER berthed alongside WATERHEN at 1515.

3. At 0840 Friday 4th, BUCCANEER proceeded to Mort Bay where the magnetic compass was swung. The ship returned alongside at 1015 and remained alongside for the following week.

4. BUCCANEER, in company with HMAS BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 1310 Tuesday 15th. On reaching Sydney Heads rough seas were encountered and the decision was made to return to harbour. BUCCANEER berthed at 1507.

5. BOMBARD and BUCCANEER sailed again at 0600 Wednesday 16th. Sea conditions were still unsuitable to proceed to Jervis Bay so passage was made to Broken Bay. Details of exercises conducted over the next two days are contained in Annex B.

6. At 1325 Thursday 17th BUCCANEER left Broken Bay and proceeded independently to Sydney. On passing Long Reef the wind strengthened to Force 8-9 with attendant high seas and swell up to 25'. The ship was unable to proceed faster than slow ahead. On reaching the leads into the harbour it was

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found that the ship could not turn beam on to the swell for fear of an air lock developing in the main engine cooling water system. BUCCANEER then proceeded south past the heads until it became possible to run down wind and sea into harbour. As the ship passed through the heads a freak wave estimated to be approximately 30' in height caught the ship and for a brief period, while out of control, it was feared the ship would broach. No damage was sustained apart from minor flooding and a torn gun cover. BUCCANEER berthed at 1530.

7. BUCCANEER, crewed by the Sydney Port Division RANR and with 19 members of the Sydney University Regiment embarked, sailed at 1003 Saturday 19th for Jervis Bay and Exercise Tiger Bravo. A detailed report of the exercise is contained in Sydney Port Division letter, un-numbered, dated 22nd June 1976, which is forwarded as Annex C. The ship berthed at WATERHEN at 1505 Sunday 20th.

8. At 1000 Monday 21st BUCCANEER proceeded to sea in company with HMAS YARRA for SAT 3 alignment trials. The trials completed, BUCCANEER returned to harbour berthing at 1340.

9. On Friday 25th, after de-ammunitioning, BUCCANEER went out of routine and commenced a single watch leave period. The ship remained alongside for the remainder of the month.

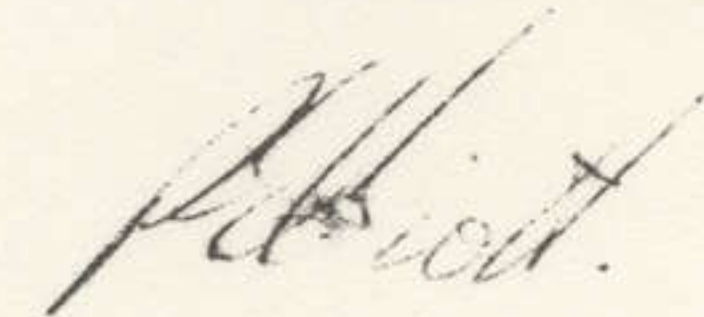
10. There is only one defect outstanding at the end of the month, that being the starboard engine room supply fan which has burnt out yet again. This is currently being investigated by Base Staff.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(P.L. ELLIOTT)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated

STEAMING ANNEX

A.	Total miles steamed in June	548.0
B.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	159,157.2
C.	Total hours underway in June	46.6
D.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	11,424.7
E.	Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

ANNEX B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER SHIPS</u>
1335-1540	1st June	NAVEX	-
0805-1425	2nd June	NAVEX	-
1227-1254	3rd June	50 Cal Firing	-
0712-0834	16th June	OOW Manoeuvres	BOMBARD
1000-1100	16th June	BOARDX	BOMBARD
1330-1415	16th June	TOWEX	BOMBARD
1415-1500	16th June	RASAPS & HEAVING LINE TX	BOMBARD
1500-1525	16th June	FORAGE	BOMBARD
0810-0900	17th June	Competitive Exercise	BOMBARD

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Annex C to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4 dated
25th June, 1976.

Sydney Port Division RANR
HMAS WATERHEN
WAVERTON NSW 2060

22 JUN 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer (Reserves),
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer,
Sydney University Regiment

JOINT FORCES EXERCISE - EXERCISE TIGER BRAVO

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B. (COMAUSMINFABFOR HMA/KVM/NCE 100100Z JUN 76)

1. A combined Navy/Army exercise took place on 19th/20th June 1976. The Naval element was provided by the Sydney Port Division RANR with assistance from the ship's company of HMAS BUCCANEER and the Army element; under the command of LIEUTENANT A.S. MORRISON R.A. Inf, came from the Sydney University Regiment.

2. The Navy's role was to transport the Army contingent to and from Jervis Bay and to land and recover the elements of friendly (blue) and enemy (orange) forces. One officer and three sailors from the Sydney Port Division RANR joined the blue force for the land phase of the exercise.

3. The Army's role was to provide the land forces.

4. NARRATIVE

- a. The Army contingent comprising four officers, one senior NCO and twelve other ranks, embarked in HMAS BUCCANEER on the morning of 19th June and the ship sailed for Jervis Bay at 1003K.

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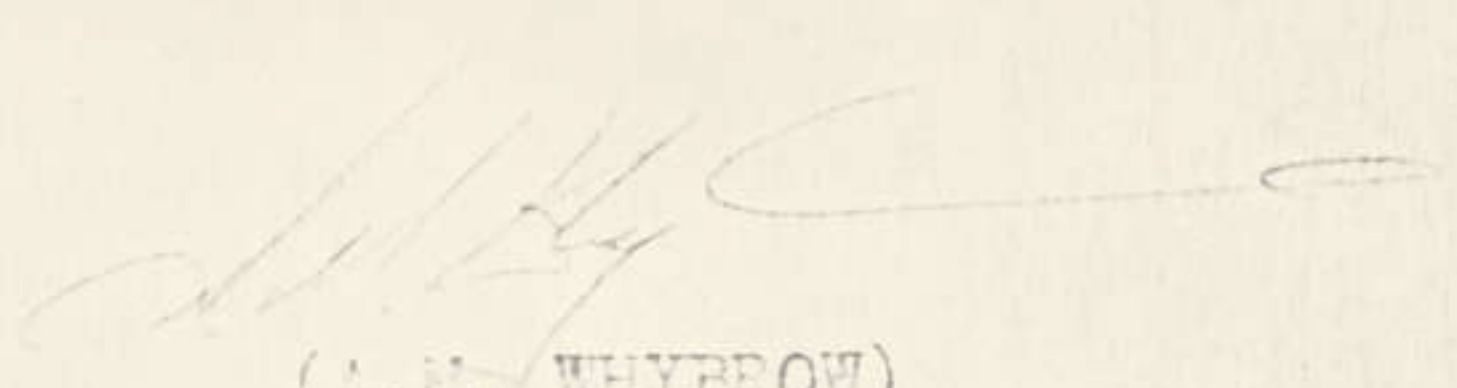
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- b. HMS BUCCANEER anchored off Chinaman's Beach/Jervis Bay at 1614K after which the landing of blue force proceeded until 1911K. The ship then moved to an anchorage off Long Beach in Montague Roads and landed orange force, between 2015K and 2150K.
- c. The land exercise concluded at 2359K but the troops remained ashore overnight, the recovery operation taking place between 0650K and 0830K.
- d. HMS BUCCANEER sailed from Jervis Bay at 0934K and arrived at Sydney at 1505K where the troops disembarked at HMS WATERHEN.

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CONCLUSIONS

- a. The experience gained in planning and conducting this joint exercise is of great value.
- b. The opportunity to see another service "at work" created a mutual understanding of each others problems.
- c. Many lessons were learned with regard to the capabilities and limitations of personnel and equipment.
- d. The exercise provided the RANR with the opportunity to operate a Patrol Boat in another role.
- e. It is hoped that further joint exercises may be conducted in the future.



(A.M. WHYBROW)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RANR

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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

- 5 AUG 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD



HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of July, 1976. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month, BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN undergoing a single watch leave period and assisted maintenance. Normal routine was resumed at 0800 Monday 19th when the majority of the crew had returned from leave. The assisted maintenance period completed on Monday 26th and during the forenoon of that day the ship ammunitioned at Spectacle Island.
3. At 0940 Tuesday 27th, His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Thailand, CAPTAIN V. MAHIDOL embarked. He was accompanied by the Thai Naval Attache', CAPTAIN SNOH VONKHORPORN and the Thai Aide LIEUTENANT COLONEL SAMRERNG. BUCCANEER sailed at 0945 for a programmed 40/60 firing. At 1100 the weather was considered unsuitable for the firing and the ship proceeded to Botany Bay coming to anchor at 1148. After His Royal Highness had dined and inspected the ship, anchor was weighed at 1345 and BUCCANEER returned to Sydney. The Crown Prince and his party disembarked at the Ferry Wharf, Garden Island at 1530.

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4. BUCCANEER proceeded to sea again and made passage to Jervis Bay to rendezvous with HMLIS CURLEW. The ship arrived in Jervis Bay at 2130 and, after discovering that CURLEW was unable to participate in the programmed serials, came to anchor at 2217.
5. Anchor was weighed at 0736, Wednesday 28th, and BUCCANEER made passage to Broken Bay. Internal exercises were carried out on passage and the ship came to anchor off Commodore Heights at 1426.
6. BUCCANEER weighed anchor at 0630 Thursday 29th and returned to Sydney, berthing alongside HMLIS WATERHEN at 0830. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.
7. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory. There were no outstanding defects at the end of the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



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

Annexes: A. - Steaming Return
B. - Exercise Return

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ANNEX 'A' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER LETTER
1/16/4A
DATED: - 5 AUG 1976

STEAMING RETURN

1. Total miles steamed in July: 265.9

2. Total hours underway in July: 19.75

3. Total miles steamed since first commissioning: 159,423.1

4. Total hours underway since first commissioning: 11,444.5

5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed: Nil.

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ANNEX 'B' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER LETTER
1/16/41
DATED: - 5 AUG 1976

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER SHIPS</u>
1030 - 1530	28 JUL 76	OOW, ENG ROOM, NBCD, ACTION STATIONS	-
1300 - 1430	28 JUL 76	NAVEX	-

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HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1-28 AUGUST 1976

Forwarded.

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

Enclosure:

HMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings 1/16/4A dated 2nd
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

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The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1ST - 28TH AUGUST, 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of RMA Ship under my command for the period 1st - 28th August. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN. BUCCANEER sailed at 1000 Monday 2nd however, a water leak in the Port ME caused the ship's return to WATERHEN at 1100.
3. Having replaced a seal in the Port ME fresh water pump, BUCCANEER sailed for Jervis Bay at 0800 Tuesday 3rd. On arrival alongside HMAS CRESWELL a briefing was held on the FLT 4 trials programmed for the following day.
4. At 0900 Wednesday 4th, BUCCANEER proceeded to sea to observe the weather in the trials area. Sea conditions were considered unsuitable and so the ship returned to Jervis Bay. During the afternoon a very successful and realistic Boarding Party Exercise was carried out which ended with HMAS MELBOURNE's boarding party steaming BUCCANEER from F2 anchorage to alongside CRESWELL. At 2359 BUCCANEER sailed for Sydney, arriving alongside WATERHEN at 0950 Thursday 5th after de-ammunitioning at Spectacle Island.



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5. Thursday 5th and Friday 6th were spent in preparing the ship for the intermediate docking due to commence on Monday 9th. At 0940 Monday BUCCANEER proceeded to Cockatoo Island. The ship settled onto the cradle at 1025 and at 1030 went out of routine.
6. The ship was refloated at 1350 Friday 13th after a very smooth and congenial docking period. BUCCANEER returned to WATERHEN and completed an Assisted Maintenance Period during the following week. The ship ammunitioned at Spectacle Island on Friday 20th.
7. At 0830 Monday 23rd BUCCANEER proceeded for Jervis Bay. The annual full power trial was carried out enroute and the ship entered Jervis Bay at 1320. A Williams target was taken in tow at 1345 and the ship sailed for Area R445A. Between 1515 and 1638 FN Ships BALNY and EV HENRI carried out a surface firing against BUCCANEER's target. After returning the target to CRESWELL the ship sailed at 2000.
8. The programmed NEX with BOMBARD having been cancelled, BUCCANEER proceeded to the Port Stephens area arriving during the forenoon of Tuesday 24th. It was intended to rendezvous with BOMBARD, however that ship was delayed and so BUCCANEER returned to Sydney securing alongside WATERHEN at 1715.
9. The ship remained alongside until the end of the period. At 0800 Saturday 28th the Sydney Port Division RANR commenced taking over BUCCANEER and at 1400 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER C.H. LONGSTAFF, RANR assumed Command.
10. The health and conduct of the ship's company are good however morale is lower than normal due to the lack of in company time. This should be rectified during the coming deployment to Exercise Kangaroo Two. There are no outstanding defects at the end of the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



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

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ANNEX 'A' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED:

STEAMING RETURN

1. Total miles steamed during the period: 711.4
2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning: 160,134.5
3. Total hours underway during period: 52.5
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning: 11,497.0
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed:

Annual Full Power Trial - 23rd August, 1976.

ANNEX 'B' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED:

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>
23rd	1650 - 1700	AAROF	-

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HMAS BUCCANEER
At Sydney
25th September, 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
Queensland

For Information

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

Navy Office
CANBERRA.

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES

The Commanding Officer
HMAS MORETON

The Commanding Officer (Reserves)
HMAS MORETON

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BUCCANEER

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

11th - 24th September, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for an Annual Continuous Training Cruise for the Brisbane Port Division of the R.A.N.R. commencing 11th September 1976. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. The ship's company consisted of three R.A.N.R. Officers and thirteen R.A.N.R. sailors from the Brisbane Port Division. Three RAN sailors from the permanent ship's company of Buccaneer completed the complement of nineteen. The ship's company joined in Brisbane at 0800 on the 11th September 1976 and began the turnover from the Sydney port division. I would like to express my gratitude to LCDR C.H. Longstaff and his Officers and crew for their efforts in making the turnover as rapid and easy as possible. I assumed command at 1500 on the 11th September 1976.

3. Buccaneer sailed from Brisbane at 121200 for Mackay. Independent exercises were carried out throughout the period as indicated in Annex B.

4. At 131250 the ship anchored north of Cape Capricorn. I went ashore by boat to visit the light house keeper as part of the ship's task to undertake coastwatch visits.

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5. Buccaneer weighed and proceeded at 131515 to anchor at Great Keppel Island two hours later. The sea boat was again lowered and the arcs of the Navigation lights were checked.
6. The ship sailed at 131955, executing a blind pilotage exit from the anchorage, proceeding to Mackay arriving at 141100 alongside the Roylens Cruiser Wharf.
7. Fuelling and Victualling were carried out and the ship was preparing for sea at 141445. I received a telephone call from the operations centre in Sydney indicating the presence of foreign fishing vessels in the Swain Reefs area and the possibility of Buccaneers involvement in future action. The subsequent search, apprehension and escort to Mackay of two Taiwanese Foreign Fishing Vessels is the subject of a separate report.
8. After handing over the two captured fishing vessels to a pilot in Mackay Harbour, Buccaneer again berthed at the Roylens Cruiser Wharf at 171005. Fuel was again embarked and the two boarding parties were recovered from the fishing vessels.
9. CPOETC MacDonald arrived from Brisbane with a replacement HF transmitter to attempt to restore the ship's communications. I wish to express my appreciation to HMAS MORETON for their prompt assistance.
10. The ship sailed at 180800 for a three day uneventful passage to Sydney arriving at 210800 alongside HMAS WATERHEN. Fuel and victuals were embarked. I met with COM-USMINPABFOR and discussed the Foreign fishing vessel incident with him. Base staff at HMAS WATERHEN worked long extra hours and offered every assistance to rectify problems with the radios, radar and 40/60 mounting. I wish to express my gratitude to those Officers and sailors who tried very hard to get Buccaneer to sea to join in the EAXP serials.
11. All defects were rectified by 221000 but it was decided to delay sailing until 230800 in order to gain in company time and experience with HMAS BOMBARD.
12. Buccaneer sailed from HMAS WATERHEN at 230800 in company with HMAS BOMBARD to join the EAXP. During the passage south OOW manoeuvres and Heaving Line Transfers were carried out.
13. During the afternoon Bombard developed radar problems and detached to enter Jervis Bay for repairs. Buccaneer successfully completed a full power trial and then anchored in Jervis Bay. As Bombard was not able to effect repairs by 231700, Buccaneer sailed to participate in the EAXP mini war.
14. During a search eastward of Point Perpendicular, Buccaneer established contact by radar with 6 to 8 contacts approximately 12 miles from the ship. I closed one contact to about four miles, flashed "golf" on the aldis several times and withdrew to the west in accordance with signalled instructions for the serial. The ship was illuminated several times by a Tracker aircraft. The weather deteriorated to the point where I decided to return to Jervis Bay. These intentions were relayed by the aircraft.

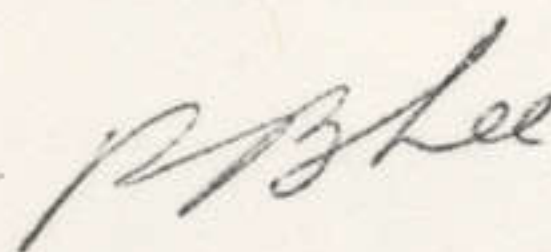
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15. Upon anchoring in Jervis Bay, it was decided to proceed independently to Sydney as Bombard was remaining alongside overnight. The ship weighed and proceeded at 232359 and after a rough passage arrived at HMAS WATERLOO at 240800.

16. The ship was fuelled and cleaned throughout and the final handover to the permanent service was effected at 241500. Lieutenant P.L. Elliot, RAN assumed command. Due to the efforts of both crews the turnover was executed with only minor difficulties.

17. The attitude and morale of the ship's company was exceedingly high throughout the period of the cruise due no doubt to the arrest of the two Taiwanese Fishing Vessels. This was the high point of the period and was sufficiently exciting and memorable to sustain morale through the second week when several days were spent alongside due to breakdowns. Participation in one day of the EAXP was greeted with enthusiasm by all the ship's company.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



(R.B. LEE)
Lieutenant RANR
Commanding Officer.

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex
B. Exercise Annex
C. Newspaper Report.

Annex A to
HMAS BUCC NEER R.O.P.
BRISBANE RANR ACT
11th - 24th September, 1976

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Total miles steamed 11-24 Sep 76 2163 NM
2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning 164,411.7 NM
3. Total Hours underway 11-24 Sep 76 168 HRS
4. Total Hours underway since first commissioning 11,816.5 HRS
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Reason</u>
(a)	12 Sep 1976	19.6 knots for one hour.	To clear engines after 3 hours of slow speed running in Brisbane River.
(b)	15 Sep 1976	17 knots for 1.5 hours	To effect R/V with M/V Capricorn Star.
(c)	16 Sep 1976	19.6 knots for 2 hours	To effect R/V with Taiwanese Fishing Vessels.
(d)	23 Sep 1976	22.5 knots for 0.5 hrs	Full power trial
		17 knots for 2.5 hours	EAXP.

Annex B to
HMAS BUCCANER R.O.P.
BRISBANE RANR ACT
11th - 24th Sep 1976

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Seamanship			
(a) RASAPS & Heaving Line Transfers	23/9	1 hour	HMAS BOMBARD
(b) Sea boat	13/9	3 hours	Coastwatch Visit.
	15/9	2 hours	Transfer Boarding Party & supplies
	16/9	2 hours	Replenishing Boarding Party.
2. Navigation			
(a) OOW Manoeuvres	20/9	1 hour	
	23/9	2 hours	HMAS BOMBARD
(b) Blind Pilotage	13/9	1 hour	Exit from anchorage At Great Keppel Island.
	23/9	2 hours	Two anchorages Jarvis Bay.
3. Gunnery			
(a) Action Stations	23/9	3 hours	RAXP
(b) Boardex	15/9	22 hours	Arrest of Foreign Vessels.
4. NBCD			
(a) emergency stations	13/9	1 hour	} Independent.
(b) Fire drill	daily	5 hours	
(c) Leaving ship stations	14/9	1 hour	

Real thing for part-time tars

CANBERRA.— Part-time Brisbane sailors of the Royal Australian Navy Reserve have arrested two Taiwanese clam fishing boats in Australian waters.

The reservists' annual two-week exercise at sea turned into the real thing when they boarded the boats late on Wednesday in the Swain Reefs area, 270 kilometres east of Mackay.

Last night they were escorting the boats to Mackay, where they are due at 8 a.m. today.

The part-time sailors are on the patrol boat *Buccaneer*, manned by three Naval Reserve officers, 13 Reserve sailors, and three regular navy sailors.

Commander of the *Buccaneer* for the operation was Lieutenant Richard Lee, of the Navy Reserve.

A third Taiwanese clam boat which was operating some distance from the two arrested boats, disappeared out to sea and avoided capture.

The Defence Department in Canberra released details of the operation last night. It said the Taiwanese boats were suspected of fishing illegally inside Australian waters.

Academic

Lieutenant Lee in civilian life is a biology lecturer at the Queensland Institute of Technology.

He is a Canadian. Before coming to Australia about eight years ago he was in the Canadian Navy.

He studied for his master's degree in biology at Queensland University.

Lieutenant Lee of Kenton Street, Chapel Hill, is 32, married with two children — a boy and a girl.



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Forwarded.

(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
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HEMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings 1/16/4A dated 1st
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

1st October 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
24TH - 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 24th - 30th September, 1976. Times throughout are zone kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN. At 1500 Friday 24th, I assumed command of BUCCANEER from LIEUTENANT R.B. LEE, RANR.
3. The ship remained alongside until the end of the period. The appearance of the ship is good and there are no outstanding defects at the end of the month. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are good.


I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

Annexes 'A' - Steaming
Annex.

'B' - Exercise
Return


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



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ANNEX 'A' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED: 01OCT76

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Total miles steamed during the period: NIL

2. Total miles steamed since first commissioning: 163,904.7

3. Total hours underway during the period: NIL

4. Total hours underway since first commissioning: 11,830.8

ANNEX 'B' TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED: 01OCT76

EXERCISE RETURN

1. Nil return.

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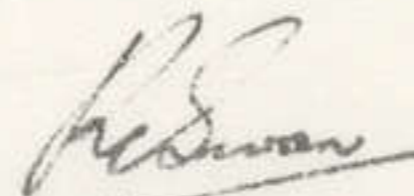
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HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1976

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Commodore
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HMAS BUCCANEER Report of Proceedings 1/16/4A dated 8th
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY
- 8 NOV 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

The Commanding Officer
HMAS CAIRNS

HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of October, 1976. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month the ship was berthed alongside HMAS WATERHEN embarking stores for Exercise Kangaroo II.
3. With HMAS ARDENT and TRV 802 in company, BUCCANEER slipped and proceeded for Coffs Harbour at 1500 Sunday 3rd. Once clear of Port Jackson a strong wind and rough seas precluded continuing the passage and so the three ships came to anchor in Broken Bay at 1815. The wind had abated at 0600 Monday 4th and passage was resumed.
4. At 0800 Tuesday 5th, TRV 802 reported that all main engines were stopped and the ship appeared to be out of fuel. BUCCANEER stood by, having detached ARDENT to Coffs Harbour, while fuel from 45 gallon drums on the TRV deck were struck down. At 0830 the TRV got underway and proceeded at slow speed into Coffs Harbour. BUCCANEER berthed alongside the main wharf at 0900, and at 1330 shifted alongside TRV 802 in the small boat harbour. All three ships sailed at 0930 Wednesday 6th for Mooloolaba.

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5. TRV 802 again reported fuel problems at 0815 Thursday 7th, and after proceeding at slow speed to the mouth of the Mooloolah River, was finally taken in tow by a pilot vessel and berthed alongside the Pilot Station Jetty, Mooloolaba. BUCCANEER and ARDENT anchored off Pt. Cartwright. After refueling and having all fuel filters replaced as well as the injectors in the port main engine, the TRV sailed at 1700. BUCCANEER and ARDENT weighed anchor at 1715.
6. After an uneventful passage BUCCANEER, ARDENT and TRV 802 berthed at Port Bundaberg at 1600 Friday 8th. The TRV, having fuelled, was detached ahead at 1655 and was followed by BUCCANEER at 1900, ARDENT sailed approximately one hour later and joined early in the middle watch.
7. BUCCANEER and ARDENT came to anchor in the Percy Isles at 1515 Saturday 9th. TRV 802 secured alongside BUCCANEER and was topped up with fuel. At 2330 BUCCANEER and TRV 802 sailed for Mackay. ARDENT rejoined at 0630 Sunday 10th and the ships entered harbour. BUCCANEER berthed on the main wharf with ARDENT outboard.
8. At 1200 Monday 11th, BUCCANEER and ARDENT sailed to rendezvous with BARRICADE, BAYONET and BARBETTE off the Palm Islands. Rendezvous was made at 0820 Tuesday 12th, however, at that time the starboard main engine became unserviceable and BUCCANEER was detached to Mackay to effect repairs.
(BUCCANEER DAU 120105Z OCT 76 refers)
9. BUCCANEER entered Mackay Harbour and secured alongside the main wharf at 0700 Wednesday 13th. The ship remained alongside replacing the forward blower on the starboard main engine, until 0640 Friday 15th when trials were carried out on the starboard engine. BUCCANEER berthed again at 0740.
10. At 1215 the ship proceeded to rendezvous with BAYONET and embarked three members of the Special Air Service. The rendezvous having been made off Pine Peak Island, BUCCANEER returned to Mackay at 2000. After fuelling, the ship proceeded for Exercise Kangaroo II. Details of the ships activities during the Exercise are included at Annex C.
11. At 1200 Monday 25th, BUCCANEER was secured outboard of BARRICADE and BARBETTE at the ANL Container Wharf, Mackay. All PTFs, except ARDENT, slipped and proceeded in formation at 1000 Tuesday 26th. BUCCANEER was detached at 1020 and set out to rendezvous with TRV 802 which had sailed for Bundaberg at 0800.

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12. BUCCANEER came to anchor off Port Bundaberg at 0625 Wednesday 27th. The TRV secured astern and was fuelled from BUCCANEER. At 0900 the TRV was ordered to proceed for Coffs Harbour while BUCCANEER fuelled at Bundaberg. Rendezvous was made off Sandy Cape at 1500. Apart from some very rough weather encountered off the Northern N.S.W. coast the passage was uneventful and the two ships came to anchor in Coffs Harbour at 0115 Friday 29th. Both ships moved into the boat harbour at 0715 and commenced fuelling at 0725. With fuelling completed the TRV sailed for Sydney at 0905 followed by BUCCANEER at 1000.

13. BUCCANEER and TRV 802 entered Port Jackson and berthed alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 0800 Saturday 30th. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month.

14. There is one defect outstanding at the end of the month, that being the port engine room supply fan. Repairs are currently being carried out by Base Staff. The ship has performed well during the month apart from having to replace the blower on the Starboard Main Engine and a ship's side valve in the after heads which corroded and prejudiced the ships watertight integrity.

15. The health and morale of the ship's company is excellent and their conduct has been satisfactory. The appearance of the ship is, to say the least, unusual, as BUCCANEER is currently painted drab olive with light brown and olive green stripes and patches. The task of repainting has commenced, however, it is proving to be a long, hard job.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



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

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED: - 8 NOV 1976

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Total Miles Steamed During The Month: 3916.0
2. Total Miles Steamed Since First Commissioning: 167,820.7
3. Total Hours Underway During The Month: 297.1
4. Total Hours Underway Since First Commissioning: 12,127.9
5. Occasions for exceeding Fast Routeing Speed: Numerous during Kangaroo II.

ANNEX B TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED: - 8 NOV 1976

EXERCISE RETURN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>SHIPS I/C</u>
4 OCT 76	OOW MANOEUVRES	3 HRS	ARDENT
6 OCT 76	OOW MANOEUVRES	2 HRS	ARDENT
8 OCT 76	OOW MANOEUVRES	1 HR	ARDENT
8 OCT 76	FORAGE	N/A	ARDENT
9 OCT 76	OOW MANOEUVRES	5 HRS	ARDENT
9 OCT 76	50 CAL FIRINGS	1 HR	ARDENT
9 OCT 76	FORAGE	N/A	ARDENT
11 OCT 76	FORAGE	N/A	ARDENT
26 OCT 76	OOW MANOEUVRES	20 MINS	BARRICADE, BAYONET BARBETTE, ADROIT.

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ANNEX C TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED: - 8 NOV 1976

HMAS BUCCANEER
PROCEEDINGS DURING
EXERCISE KANGAROO TWO

1. BUCCANEER sailed from Mackay at 2200 Friday 15th in a darkened state and with Special Air Service Group No. 1 embarked. Covert passage was made overnight to the Duke Islands where it was intended to anchor during the daylight hours. On approaching the chosen anchorage at 0605 Saturday 16th, HMAS LABUAN was sighted behind a nearby island. The ship came to the Action State and engaged LABUAN with 40/60 B.U. at 0619. BUCCANEER then retired at high speed and came to anchor off Hexham Island at 0715. During the day the ship's company camouflaged the ship in accordance with War Orders by painting it drab olive with light brown and olive green stripes and patches. This, combined with camouflage nets, made BUCCANEER extremely hard to detect from the surface, however, unfortunately not so from the air. It is believed that this is the first time a ship of the RAN has camouflaged in the traditional manner since the Korean War.
2. At 2100 anchor was weighed and BUCCANEER proceeded to Island Head where the SAS unit was inserted between 2300 and 2315. On completion of the insertion the ship sailed for Port Clinton, but finding it occupied by other vessels, came to anchor off Perforated Point near Delcomyr Island at 0050 Sunday 17th. On Monday 18th, having made soundings of the bay BUCCANEER came to a mediterranean moor with the stern secured to the base of a 200' cliff. The ship remained in this position until 1830 Wednesday 20th. Air activity had increased during the previous two days but it was not until 1600 Wednesday that two A4 aircraft paid any attention to BUCCANEER. Even then only one aircraft appeared aggressive but failed to press home an attack.
3. Having sailed at 1830 BUCCANEER was proceeding for North Reef when orders were received to close the Amphibious Group which had been sighted off High Peak Island. The ship turned North at 1930 and proceeded cautiously towards High Peak Island. At 2232 target information was received from SAS 1 and a "missile" was fired at a ship believed to be USS BLUE RIDGE. Further information was received at 2250 and the remaining "missile" was fired at USS OKINAWA. BUCCANEER then proceeded at high speed to the north, passing eight miles east of the BLUE Forces. At 0210 Thursday 21st, an unidentified aircraft, which unsuccessfully attempted to illuminate BUCCANEER with its searchlight, was engaged with 40/60 B.U. and retired. It had been intended to seek safe anchorage at Scawfell Island, however, the ship was ordered to Pine Island. At 0510 while approaching Pine Island from the north a P3B aircraft crossing astern was engaged with 40/60 B.U. The aircraft, for some unaccountable reason, then closed from ahead at low altitude and was engaged again.

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The ship came to anchor at 0630 close under Pine Island lighthouse with the stern secured to rocks at the base of the island.

4. The lighthouse keeper, seeing BUCCANEER at anchor, requested that the 40/60 not be fired for fear of breaking the lens of the light. Thus it was when two A6 aircraft attacked at 1110. Retaliatory fire was simulated with a flashing light however, it is considered that the aircraft caused severe damage. BUCCANEER weighed anchor at 1130 and limped at slow speed back to Mackay under a four hour penalty of 8 knots. The ship finally berthed at 1815.

5. Having replenished with fuel and "missiles" BUCCANEER sailed at 0300 Friday 22nd for Linne Island in the Whitsunday Group. The ship remained at anchor between 0655 and 1805 that day before proceeding to the Guardfish Cluster where BUCCANEER anchored at 0200 Saturday 23rd. At 0345 target information was received from SAS 1 on a ship believed, at the time, to be USS LONGBEACH and BUCCANEER fired both "missiles". At 0415 a recall was received and the ship returned to Mackay, arriving at 0800.

6. BUCCANEER remained alongside until 1155 Sunday 24th at which time the ship sailed for the Clinton Peninsula to extract SAS 1. Considerable helo activity was observed west of Townshend Island at approximately 2100 and one ship was carrying out naval gunfire support. SAS 1 was embarked at 2300 off Island Hd and BUCCANEER proceeded to anchor off Delcomyn Island.

7. At 0400 Monday 25th, BUCCANEER sailed for Shoalwater Bay to carry out a co-ordinated gun attack on the ships at anchor. This attack was called off however, due to a reported concentration of escorts in the area. At 0525 USS OKINAWA was sighted at the seaward end of the swept channel and a "missile" was fired. Shortly afterwards, at 0538, USS BLUE RIDGE was identified inside Shoalwater Bay and the remaining "missile" was expended. As OKINAWA stood between BUCCANEER and the planned track to Mackay, a gun attack was attempted against that ship. Unfortunately the gun jammed as the ship came within range and BUCCANEER was forced to retire without firing a single shot. As the ship turned to the east, two F14 aircraft were observed closing fast from astern. The jammed gun was cleared and both aircraft engaged. Although the likelihood of hitting the aircraft was minimal both F14s aborted their attack once BUCCANEER engaged them with 40/60 B.U.

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8. With the ship proceeding at full speed for Mackay, a S3A Viking was engaged when it closed from ahead at 0625. At this time USS DECATUR was sighted approximately eight miles east of BUCCANEER but no engagement, from either side, was attempted. The S3A Viking re-appeared at 0806 and employed a very successful tactic by dropping out of the clouds right astern. Although BUCCANEER was unable to open 'A' arcs the ship was able to turn inside the aircraft denying it the opportunity of pressing home a gun or rocket attack. This occurred three times before the aircraft retired. No more BLUE forces were sighted and BUCCANEER arrived alongside Mackay at 1137. The exercise terminated at 1200.

9. The exercise proved excellent training for all members of the ship's company and morale was at a peak when the ship was in action. It is regretted that BUCCANEER was unable to work in close company with ships of AUSPABRON TWO during the work up phase as this opportunity presents itself all too infrequently. It is considered that the tactic of employing SAS units as spotters worked extremely well and is one that should be exercised more often. Likewise the camouflage of PTFs requires refinement but is considered a viable tactic for future exercises.

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~~DNO~~ *Buccaneer exercised in the Sydney/TS area + underwent her annual inspection on 30 Nov. J 11/1*

~~DGNOP~~ *12/1*

~~DCNS~~ *13/1*

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~~CNTS~~ *8/1*

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~~DGSUP-N~~ *1/2*

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(R.C. SWAN)
Commodore
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at Sydney
- 7 DEC 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BUCCANEER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of November 1976. Times throughout are Zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the month the ship was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN repainting after Exercise Kangaroo II. Annual Departmental Inspections were carried out on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th.
3. At 0900 Tuesday 16th, BUCCANEER proceeded to the Jervis Bay area to assist HMAS PERTH in an ASM Alert exercise. UHF communications failed just prior to joining PERTH and shortly after that the 975 radar became unserviceable. The decision was made to return to Sydney for repairs and BUCCANEER berthed alongside WATERHEN at 2115.
3. With repairs completed, the ship sailed again at 0910 Wednesday 17th. Rendezvous was effected with PERTH and a SUMTX carried out between 1500 and 1630. On completion the ship returned to Sydney securing at 2100.
4. BUCCANEER, with HMAS AWARE in company, proceeded at 0900 Monday 22nd for AWARE's work-up. A list of exercises carried out is included in Annex B. The week culminated in AWARE's Operational Readiness Evaluation on Friday 26th. On completion of the ORE both ships entered Port Kembla at 1330 where the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, COMMANDER G. HALLEY, RAN, and his staff transferred to BUCCANEER. On completion of the transfer, AWARE was detached and BUCCANEER returned to WATERHEN securing at 1640.
5. The ship remained alongside until the end of the month. At 0900 Tuesday 30th, COMAUSMINFABFOR inspected the Ship's Company and between 0930 and 1000 carried out the Annual Inspection of BUCCANEER.

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6. There were no outstanding defects at the end of the month and in general the Engineering and Electrical Departments are functioning extremely well. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are good and the appearance of the ship is very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



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

Annexes: A. Steaming Annex
B. List of Exercises

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Annex A to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/44
dated - 7 DEC 1978

STEAMING ANNEX

1.	Miles steamed during the month	1113.5
2.	Total miles steamed since first commissioning	168,934.2
3.	Hours underway during the month	72.7
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	12,200.6
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	2 hours, Tues 16th Annual Full Power Trial

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Annex B to HMAS BUCCANEER
letter 1/16/4A
dated - 7 DEC 1976

EXERCISE ANNEX

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>OTHER UNITS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MON 15	2½ hrs	BOARDEX	VENDETTA	
TUE 16	2½ hrs	ASM ALERT	PERTH	
WED 17	1½ hrs	SUMTX	PERTH	
FRI 19	2 hrs	BOARDEX	PERTH	
MON 22	¼ hr	AAROF	AWARE	
	4 hrs	NEX	AWARE	
TUE 23	½ hr	FORAGE	AWARE	
	3 hrs	OOW MANOEUVRES	AWARE	
	1 hr	TOWEX	AWARE	
	20 mins	MOBEX		
	45 mins	ILR DEMO	VENDETTA, AWARE	
	½ hr	SUFX	AWARE	50 cal only
	1 hr	RASAPS	AWARE	
WED 24	¼ hr	AACRF	AWARE	50 cal
	¼ hr	AAROF	AWARE	50 cal
THU 25	1 hr	MINTRANS	AWARE	
	½ hr	FORAGE	AWARE	
	1½ hr	OOW MANOEUVRES	AWARE	
	1½ hr	ASM ALERT, SUMTX	BRISBANE, PERTH AWARE	
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HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1-21 DEC '76

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(J.D. STEVENS)
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HMAS BUCCANEER
at SYDNEY

22 DEC 1976

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare
and Patrol Boat Forces
HMAS WATERHEN



HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE
PERIOD 1ST - 21ST DECEMBER, 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1st - 21st December, 1976. Times throughout are Zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the period BUCCANEER was secured alongside HMAS WATERHEN. The ship sailed at 1445 Wednesday 1st December, 1976 for Jervis Bay where BUCCANEER anchored at 2050.
3. With HMAS AWARE in company, BUCCANEER weighed and proceeded at 0655, Thursday 2nd to act as the main body during HMA Ships VENDETTA and VAMPIRE's FBP/ORE. At one stage during the forenoon, BUCCANEER and AWARE detached, and acting as KOMAR PTFGs, carried out an attack on VENDETTA and VAMPIRE. AWARE was detached to Jervis Bay at 1000 while BUCCANEER remained as main body until 1340. At that time the ship proceeded for Sydney and secured alongside WATERHEN at 1635.
4. At 1200 Friday 3rd December, 1976 the ship went out of routine and commenced a single watch leave period.
5. I called upon you, Sir, at 1000 Friday 17th December, 1976 before relinquishing command of BUCCANEER to LIEUTENANT W.J. GORMAN, RAN at 2359 Tuesday 21st.

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6. There is one outstanding defect at the end of the period, that being several batteries in the General Service Bank which require repair (BUCCANEER URDEF 21/78). The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are good as is the appearance of the ship.

I have the honour, to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.


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

Annexes: A. - Steaming Annex.

B. - Exercise Annex.

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER 1/16/4A
DATED:

STEAMING ANNEX

1. Miles Steamed During The Period: 246.5
2. Total Miles Steamed Since First Commissioning: 169,180.7
3. Hours Underway During The Period: 15.8
4. Total Hours Underway Since First Commissioning: 12,216.4
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed: NIL

ANNEX B TO
HMAS BUCCANEER
LETTER: 1/16/4A
DATED:

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. Nil Return.

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HMAS BUCCANEER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 22-31 DEC '76

~~DNO~~ The ship remained alongside Waterhen for leave throughout the period of 26/1

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22 - 31 DECEMBER, 1976

1. Forwarded.
2. The Commanding Officer of HMAS BUCCANEER has been advised of the necessity to submit a nil return for Annex A and B.

J.D. Stevens
(J.D. STEVENS)
Commodore
for Commander Australian Fleet

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THE COMMANDER HMAS BUCCAMBER

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FOR COMMANDER HMAS BUCCAMBER
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1. The commanding officer of HMAS BUCCAMBER has
been advised of the necessity to submit a report for
the period 1st to 31st December 1944.

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HMAS BUCCANEER
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The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD

HMAS BUCCANEER
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE PERIOD 22 - 31 DECEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 22 - 31 December 1976. Times are Zone L(-11).
2. At 0001 Wednesday 22 December I assumed command of BUCCANEER from LIEUTENANT P.L. ELLIOTT RAN. At 1100 23 December I called upon you, Sir, at Fleet Headquarters.
3. The Ship has remained secured alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at HMAS WATERHEN throughout the period. The Ship's Company have continued a four week single watch leave period.
4. There is one outstanding defect at the end of the period, that being several defective batteries in the General Service Battery Bank (BUCCANEER URDEF 21/78). Base staff are currently carrying out repairs.
5. The appearance of the Ship is good. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are good.

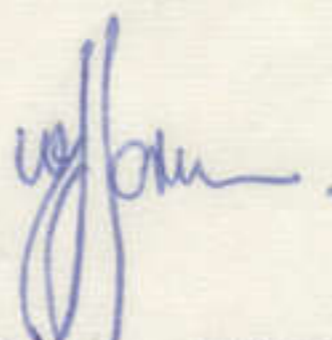
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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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