

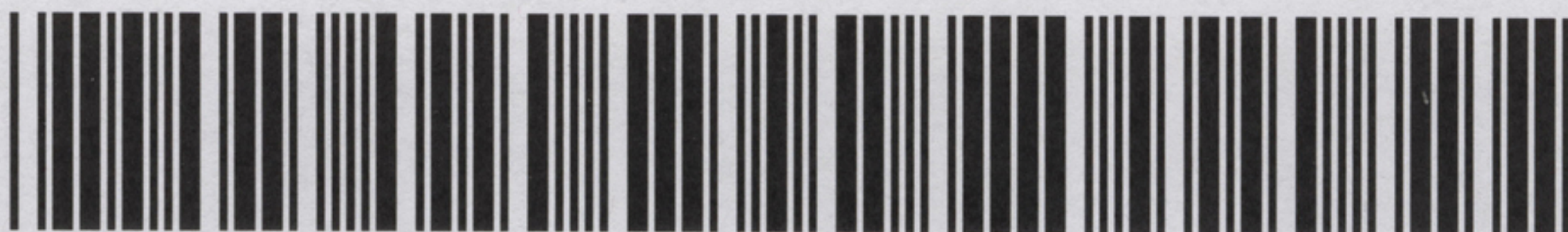
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OFFICE OF THE  
FLAG OFFICER ~~IN CHARGE~~ Commanding  
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA,  
GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W., 2000

- 2 MAY 1974

The Secretary  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY)EAST AUSTRALIA AREA : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1974

1. I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for the East Australia Area, for the quarter ended 31st March, 1974.

Changes in Organisation and Administration

2. Captain R.G. Craft, RAN, relinquished his appointment as Captain of the Port and Commanding Officer, HMAS KUTTABUL on 22nd March, 1974. Commander J.C.E. Lloyd, RN, Master Attendant, was appointed Captain of the Port and Commander H.C. Davies, RN, Commanding Officer, HMAS KUTTABUL from that date.

3. Mr. J.E.W. Pross (SMSO) was provisionally promoted on 24th January, 1974, as Assistant Secretary, Recreation Division, Department of Tourism and Recreation. He is currently on furlough pending finalisation of appeals, and as a result of this provisional appointment Mr. G.H. Osborne (SGSO) was transferred to the office of SMSO on 11th February, 1974, and Mr. A. Anderson is acting as SGSO.

Inspections & Walkrounds

4. No formal Inspections were conducted during the quarter, but I familiarised myself with visits to WRANS Quarters, Bondi; Degaussing Range; REVY, Pyrmont; Naval Store Leichhardt; RANAD, Kingswood; HMAS WATSON and various city office accommodation.

Ceremonial

5. Australia Day. A guard of two officers, one petty officer and eighteen sailors from HMAS PENGUIN was paraded for Australia Day celebrations on the 26th January, at Martin Plaza. The Guest of Honour was the Honourable E.A. Willis, B.A., M.L.A., Minister for Education.

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### Operational Control

6. I assumed Operational Control of HMA Ships on the Australia Station during the following periods:

310001L	Dec 73	-	070900L	Jan 74
121000L	Jan 74	-	181000L	Jan 74
200800K	Mar 74	-	221900K	Mar 74

### Operations

7. Details of movements and utilisation of ships and other craft operated by FOCEA are shown in Annex C.

### Captain of the Port

8. Berthing. HMAS STALWART started refit on 1st February, reducing the number of berths available at Garden Island by four, until her completion in late May. While the paying off of HMAS SYDNEY released some wharfage, there has been no decrease in berthing requirements, possibly due, in part, to fuel economy measures in the Fleet. During recent weekends there have been 11 DDG/Escorts requiring berths, and 10 berths available. The berthing situation will be more congested when HMAS MELBOURNE returns on 3rd April. To improve the berthing situation a recommendation will be made shortly, as a result of the feasibility study into the relocation of the Floating Dock.

9. Support Craft. The major requirement in this field is still for replacement of the seven oil fuel lighters (O.F.L.) and two Motor Water Lighters. The OFL's in particular are becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, as those involved in fuelling are 33 years old, while those used for sullage are aged 54. The MWL's have been in service for 25 years, and had estimated disposal dates of 1974 and 1975. The replacement lighters proposed in other papers to carry both fuel and water and be selfpropelled is strongly supported.

10. Financial. Messrs. Fenwicks Pty. Ltd. raised their tughire charges by 50% on 1st September, 1973, with the effect that the cost of a large ship cold move has increased from about \$350.00 to \$500.00. Tug hire is Captain of the Port's major expenditure at an annual figure of about \$35,000. Dumpmaster unserviceability and difficulty in obtaining spare parts has necessitated hiring and recently was required for a ten day period at \$220 a day. The provision of a third Dumpmaster (contained in M & P proposals) will ease the situation when it arrives.

### Office Accommodation

11. Westfield Towers, 100 William Street, Sydney. 23,220 sq. ft. of office space has been leased and occupied in Westfield Towers, for the following branches:-

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<u>Branch</u>	<u>Previous Location</u>	<u>Present Location</u>
AFO	Building 69 & 34, Garden Island	Level 11 & Part 18, Westfield Towers.
	Date of move: 19/20 January, 1974	
AIP	Building 32, Garden Island.	Level 10 (Part)
	Date of move: 26/27 January, 1974	
Commonwealth Audit	Building 37, Garden Island.	Level 18 (Part)
	Date of move: 5/6 January, 1974	

In addition, an area of approximately 3357 sq. ft. has been reserved on Level 10, Westfield Towers, to accommodate the Defence Regional Office, with a proposal to provide a VIP/Ministerial Suite with "en suite". Lease is for a period of 3 years with a 3 year option.

12. Re-allocation of space in Garden Island

- a. Building 69. Space vacated by AFO was taken up by Navy News, Area PRO, Area Security, Area Organisation and the Credit Union.
- b. Room 72 - Main Gate. Following a move by AFO Records to GIC Woolloomooloo, Room 72 was re-allocated to Naval Police.
- c. Buildings 32 and 37. GMGID was provided with 4500 sq. ft. in Building 32 and 500 sq. ft. in Building 37, for re-allocation.
- d. Building 34. Approximately half of this building was re-allocated to FOCAF. Remainder is still occupied by Pay Office.

13. Naval Headquarters. The area vacated by Navy News and PRO is to be re-allocated to CSO(A). The area formerly occupied by PMG Telephonists at NHQ is now vacant and being made ready for use by WPO and staff.

14. MAGNAVOX House. SOAP has moved from the old Preservation Plant Building, Forbes Street, into ground floor of Magnavox House, Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo. Preservation Plant Building will be occupied by Navy Display Unit, and the Area Transport Pool will be set up in the Sun Garage, Dowling Street, Woolloomooloo.

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15. GOSI Return Store Inspectors (3). An area of approximately 300 sq. ft. has been made available on 1st Floor, Northern end, Building 64, Garden Island, to accommodate the Return Store Inspectors to free the Signal Tower for use by FOCAF. GOSI staff are expected to move into this space shortly.

16. DCA Building, Waverton. Plans to use space vacated in the DCA Building complex at Waverton have lapsed.

#### Acquisition

17. Information has been received from Navy Office that Treasury and Defence approval has been obtained to the proposal to acquire the Qantas Technical College, Rothschild Avenue, Rosebery, for an amount of \$425,000. Vacant possession will not be available before February 1975. The site was acquired for use by GMGID for use for Apprentice Training.

#### Area Telephone Exchange

18. The new area telephone exchange of 2000 lines was cut over on 10th February, 1974. Whilst there were teething troubles involved in the cutover, the new facilities now provided and the increase in the number of extensions available are an improvement on the old facilities. Telephone user education is vital to this operation, and when extension users are fully trained to make use of these facilities, an even better service is envisaged.

#### Radio Control in Vehicles

19. Radio control units were installed in ten NHQ vehicles on 28th January, 1974, resulting in improved use of vehicles. It is anticipated further increased vehicle utilisation will come when the Transport Pool form in the Sun Garage and more vehicles become available for pool use.

#### Representation at Public Meeting - The Fitzroy Committee

20. At the request of the Civic Reform Group Captain J.A. Gledhill, DSC, RAN (CSO(FP)), and Mr. D. Goode (SEO) attended a "Talk In" at the Aquatic Club on 26th March, 1974, with the Fitzroy Committee. Comment by these two officers was confined to measures taken by the RAN and the Department and to meet the requirements of the local community.

#### WRANS Quarters, Bondi

21. Though alterations to the Bondi Wrens Quarters are progressing slowly, an additional 13 Wrens have been posted for accommodation there, 6 of whom are living out. This makes a total of 26 borne for accommodation at Bondi, 19 of whom are living in.

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Senior Officers Quarterly Luncheon

22. The quarterly luncheon was held on 29th March, 1974, at RAN House, Sydney. Mr. Hyslop and I attended as official guests at the invitation of the Area Secretary.

Major Works

23. HMAS HARMAN. The new Administration Block is expected to be completed by June, 1974. The new emergency power plant for the Transmitting Station has been connected up but some structural work is not complete.

24. HMAS NIRIMBA. The new entrance road and Apprentices' Car Park have been completed. The Senior and Junior Sailors' Accommodation Block is expected to be completed by mid-May and a new Apprentices' Block should complete in mid-April, 1974.

25. HMAS WATSON. Plans have been drawn of alterations to the TAS School and lower B Accommodation Block, to accommodate the N.D. School. Estimates of cost are being prepared and subject to funds being available, it is anticipated that tenders could be called in about six months.

26. Housing. Twenty Two new Married Quarters are now being occupied at Kogarah, comprising 16 villas and 6 town houses. This modern housing development which we were lucky to obtain is proving extremely popular. The provision of floor covering, raised in other papers, needs to be resolved to complete this morale raising project.

Supply Division

27. Storing of HMAS VENDETTA. HMAS VENDETTA berthed at REVY, Pyrmont on 12th February, 1974, and embarked approximately 42½ tons of stores comprising provisions, clothing, mess gear, canteen articles and fresh water. Rear Admiral D.C. Wells, CBE, The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet, visited REVY to view the storing. In recent times ships are making more use of this method of embarking stores.

28. Review of Supply Accounts Processing. During the fortnight ended 22nd February, 1974, a team comprising Messrs. G. Farmer (Finance, Canberra), F. Hardaker (Supply Division, Sydney), Mr. Hayes (D.O.R.E., Canberra) and E. Bateman (Methods, Sydney) conducted a review related to the processing of Supply Accounts in the East Australia Area. A copy of the Committee's Report has been received. Some of the recommendations have already been implemented and others are still being considered.

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29. Conversion of Stock Accounts to EDP. During the quarter, conversion of stock accounts to EDP at the Air Store Depot was progressed and to date approximately 44,000 items of Air Stores have been converted.

30. Vonthetoff Committee. The Committee, comprising Captain K. Vonthetoff, RAN and Messrs. L.M. Scully (DVGS) and B. White (Department of Defence), visited Sydney on 6th March and held discussions with the Chief Superintendent of Supply in connection with its investigation into the establishment of a Supply Support Command.

#### Public Relations

31. The upward swing in activity by Area Public Relations which began in 1973 continued in the first quarter of 1974, a period when, due to service leave commitments, it would normally be expected that events for coverage would be below normal. The staff level continues to be below strength with only two Journalists instead of the establishment strength of four. On March 22nd the cine-cameraman, Mr. P. Green, left on transfer to the Department of Media, leaving Area Public Relations without a qualified cine-cameraman.

32. Accommodation. The move from Naval Headquarters Building to Building 69 in early February resolved many, if not all the major problems which had frustrated Public Relations operations from an accommodation viewpoint.

33. Assignments. Details of Public Relations assignments are enumerated in Annex F.

34. During the quarter Area Public Relations distributed on a wide basis:

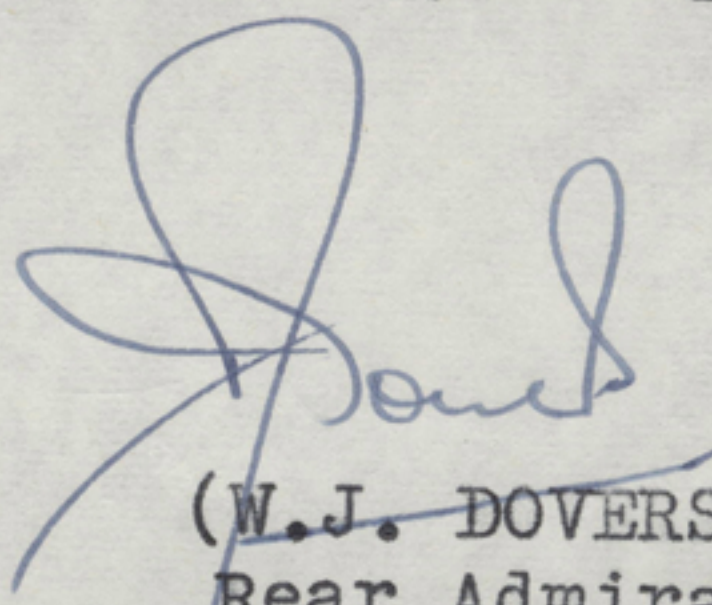
- a. 30 New Releases (16 same quarter of last year).
- b. 8 News and Magazine TV films (9 same quarter last year).
- c. 300 Still pictures (no comparative figure).
- d. 10 Telex conference calls (nil same quarter 1973)

35. Media useage of material, especially by radio personalities, television stations and newspaper columnists has been more than satisfactory.

#### House Guests

36. Details of house guests during the period under review are contained in Annex D.

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Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding



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- Annexes:
- A. Social Engagements.
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ANNEX A TO  
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SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

January

Monday, 14th With my wife I attended a Buffet Dinner at HMAS WATSON.

Tuesday, 15th I received a call from Mr. Dalindra Amman - Indonesian Consul.

Wednesday, 16th Luncheon at Tresco.  
Guests: Colonel Church  
Gp. Capt. Glassop  
Gp. Capt. Hughes  
Commander Kennedy  
Lt. Col. Mass  
Lt. Inskip  
Commander Hall

Thursday, 17th Dinner Party at Tresco for RADM & Mrs. Purwana.  
Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Amman  
Commodore & Mrs. Dollard  
Commodore & Mrs. Merson  
Mr. & Mrs. Barraclough  
Radm. & Mrs. Purwana

Friday, 18th I lunched onboard HMAS MELBOURNE with RADM Synnot.

Monday, 21st I received a call from ESKADER and Commanding Officers of TNI-AL.

With my wife I had cocktails in RI LAMBUNG MANGKURAT.

With my wife I attended a Dinner at the Boulevarde Hotel hosted by RADM Purwana.

Thursday, 24th Buffet Dinner at Tresco for RADM & Mrs. Purwana.  
Guests: RADM & Mrs. Purwana  
Mr. & Mrs. Amman  
Col. & Mrs. Sigit  
Col. Djumbar  
Chief Officer Uhlmann  
Cdre. & Mrs. Dollard  
Capt. & Mrs. Loosli

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Thursday, 24th  
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Capt & Mrs. Money  
Cmdr. & Mrs. Osborn  
Radm Synnot  
Miss Thorpe  
Capt. & Mrs. Davidson  
Cdre. & Mrs. Bodman

Friday, 25th

Luncheon at Tresco for visiting Indonesians.

Guests: Lt. Col. J.H. Sabe  
Major Banrudin  
Major Sumartono  
Major Barmaui  
Captain Burnside  
Captain Woolrych  
Commander Cummins  
RADM Purwana  
Leut. Torrington

I called on the visiting Indonesian Squadron.

With my wife I attended an Australia Day  
Reception at the Wentworth Hotel.

With my wife I attended a Reception for visiting  
TNI-AL Ships in HMAS STALWART

With my wife I attended a Buffet Supper in  
Flagship hosted by RADM Synnot.

Saturday, 26th

With my wife I attended an Australia Day  
Commemoration, Martin Plaza.

Tuesday, 29th

I called on RADM Synnot onboard HMAS MELBOURNE.

With my wife I attended a Reception at the  
State Office Block for visiting Senior Officers  
of the American Armed Services.

Thursday, 31st

I called on the Commanding Officer, HMAS PLATYPUS.

February

Wednesday, 6th

With my wife I attended a Reception by Consul-  
General for New Zealand to celebrate New  
Zealand Day.

Thursday, 7th

With my wife I had cocktails with the British  
High Commissioner and Lady James.

Friday, 8th

I attended a Wine Tasting in the Members  
Dining Room, RAS Showground.

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Sunday, 10th With my wife I attended a Special Service to celebrate the 22nd Anniversary of the Accession to the Throne of Her Majesty the Queen, at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

With my wife I lunched with Major General Mackay at Victoria Barracks.

Monday, 11th I attended the United Service Institute Meeting, RAN House.

Dinner party at Tresco in honour of Major General Mackay  
Guests: Major General & Mrs. Mackay  
Air Vice Marshal & Mrs. Robey  
Mr. & Mrs. Probert  
Judge and Mrs. Henchman

Wednesday, 13th I received a call from Major General Mackay, CB, CBE, Commander Field Force I.

I received a call from Captain D.B. Domett, RNZN, Commanding Officer, HMNZS CANTERBURY.

Monday, 18th I lunched at TRESCO with Mr. Bassett.

Thursday, 21st I attended a Reception to meet His Excellency, Dr. Awang Hassan, High Commissioner for Malaysia, at Premier's Department.

Friday, 22nd With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party given by Naval Officers' Club, at Wardroom Mess, HMAS WATSON.

Saturday, 23rd I attended the Annual Golf Day, N.S.W. Ex-Servicemen's Association at the N.S.W. Golf Club.

Monday, 25th I received a call from Mr. Storer, and Mr. Symonds, Department of Defence, Canberra.

I attended the Police Passing Out parade at N.S.W. Police Academy.

Thursday, 28th I received a call from Brigadier Gurr, New Zealand Defence representative.

I received a call from Major General D.B. Dunstan, Commander Field Force 1.

With my wife I dined with Sir Asher and Lady Joel.

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March

Friday, 1st With my wife I attended the Passing Out Parade at HMAS NIRIMBA.

Saturday, 2nd With my wife I attended a Combined Flag Day at Royal Motor Yacht Club of N.S.W.

Thursday, 7th Luncheon at Tresco for E.P.G.  
Guests: Captain J.A. Felt, USN  
Col. L.W. Larson, USMC  
Lt. Col. G.U. Goodsen, USMC  
Lt. Col. C. Henry, Jr., USMC  
Cmdr. Freeman,  
Wing Cmdr. Kitchenside, RAAF  
Colonel R.I. Hannigan.

With my wife I had cocktails with Captain and Mrs. Gledhill, Wardroom Guest Room, HMAS KUTTABUL.

Friday, 8th I visited Graythwaite Red Cross Nursing Home, Edward Street, North Sydney.

With my wife I attended a Combined Services Band Concert in the Main Hall, Sydney Opera House.

Tuesday, 12th I visited Naval Hydro Display, Goldfields House, Circular Quay.

Wednesday, 13th I lunched in the Members Enclosure, Sydney Cricket Ground.

With my wife I attended the Diamond Jubilee Red Cross Calling Appeal Twilight Garden Party, Government House.

Friday, 15th With my wife I met Admiral & Mrs. N.B. Gayler, CINCPAC FLT at Mascot.

I visited HMAS PENGUIN with Admiral Gayler.

With my wife I dined with Major-General Henderson, OBE.

Saturday, 16th With my wife I accompanied Admiral Gayler and party on a Harbour Cruise of Sydney Harbour.

Dinner Party at Tresco for Admiral and Mrs. Gayler.  
Guests: Admiral & Mrs. Gayler  
Miss Thorpe  
Major General E.F. Tighe  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. E.P. Yates

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Saturday, 16th  
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Commodore & Mrs. J.L.W. Merson  
Dr. & Mrs. K. Hamilton Hill  
Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Klippel

Wednesday, 20th

I attended an Open Golf Day at Camden Golf Club.

Dinner Party at Tresco for Captain & Mrs. Craft.

Guests: Captain Craft  
Captain & Mrs. Crossley  
Mr. & Mrs. Dalglish  
Commander & Mrs. Drinkwater  
Mrs. Shimmin

Thursday, 21st

I received a call from Capt. Tsuji, Intelligence Japanese Marine Defence Forces.

I attended the Prizegiving for Interservice Sailing at Rushcutter.

I attended a Farewell to Captain R.G. Craft, RAN, in Wardroom Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL.

Friday, 22nd

I received a call from Air Vice Marshall Robey and Mr. D. Hay.

I attended a State Luncheon in Honour of H.E. President Nyerere of Tanzania, Ballroom, Menzies Hotel.

With my wife I attended the St. John's Ambulance Brigade Moonmist Ball, Ballroom, Wentworth Hotel.

Sunday, 24th

With my wife I attended a Garden Party, Officer's Mess, RAAF Operational Command, Glenbrook.

Monday, 25th

I met General J. Ibrahim, Chief of the Malaysian Defence Forces, at Mascot. During General Ibrahim's stay, he was a guest at Tresco.

Tuesday, 26th

Farewelled General Ibrahim.

With my wife I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Missions to Seamen.

Thursday, 28th

I attended a Reception at the Premier's Department to meet His Excellency Mr. Michael Elizur, Ambassador of Israel.

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Thursday, 28th  
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With my wife I attended a dinner with  
Mr. & Mrs. N. Yoshida, Japanese Consul General.

Friday, 29th

I attended the Quarterly Luncheon for Senior  
Officers at RAN House.

Saturday, 30th

I attended the Rocks Argyle Celebrations.

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SPORT AND RECREATION

Inter-Service Events

3rd - 8th March - CRICKET

- (a) Army 9 declared for 310 Defeated NAVY all out for 223. 1st Innings.
- (b) Navy 5 declared for 304 Defeated RAAF all out for 41 and all out for 138 by an outright win.
- (c) Army 5 declared for 120 Defeated RAAF all out for 104 on 1st Innings.
- (d) 1st Army 12 points  
2nd Navy 10 points  
3rd RAAF 0 points

Most outstanding performance by Leut. Jones - KUTTABUL

Combined Service Cricket

NSW Combined Services Vs NSW Police  
not played (wash out)  
and Vs NSW Cricket Ass. not played (wash out)

Swimming and Water Polo

18th - 21st March 1974

<u>Water Polo</u>	Navy 8	defeated	Army 2
	RAAF 9	defeated	Army 6
	RAAF 13	defeated	Navy 4

1st RAAF  
2nd NAVY  
3rd ARMY

Swimming

Men	RAAF	1st	93 Points
	Navy	2nd	69 Points
	Army	3rd	63 Points
Women	Navy	1st	58 Points
	RAAF	2nd	55 Points
	Army	3rd	31 Points

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Sailing - 19th - 21st March

Navy	1st	114 Points
RAAF	2nd	139 Points
Army	3rd	144 $\frac{3}{4}$ Points

Long Off Shore Racing (Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race)

1st	Navy
2nd	Army
RAAF	did not compete

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OPERATIONS

The Ships and craft operated by FOCEA were utilized as follows for the quarter:

HMAS ARCHER

9 - 10	February	RANR Training at sea.
16 - 17	February	RANR Training at sea.
23 - 24	February	RANR Training at sea.
28	February	PNF Manned for HMAS ARDENT Workup
1	March	PNF Manned for HMAS ARDENT Workup
4	March	PNF Manned for O.R.E. of HMAS ARDENT
10	March	RANR Training at sea.
16 - 29	March	RANR Act 1/74

HMAS SEAL

15 February commenced Intermediate Docking Garden Island Dockyard until end of the quarter.

HMAS PORPOISE

Diving consort from HMAS PENGUIN, deployed to Port Stephens 18 February to 1 March and to Broken Bay 18 March to 19 March.

TRV 801

18	January	RCST Trials
22 - 23	January	Exercise Southern Cross Target Towing
28	January	Cadet Training Jervis Bay
31	January	Ikara Firing recoveries
1	February	Cadet Training
2	February	Target Towing
6	February	SAR duties
12	February	Sound Range Trials
14	February	Liferaft Flare Trials
17	February	Indonesian Visitors
18	February	Cadet Training
27	February	SAR duties
5 - 6	March	SAR Duties
10	March	SAR Search for Missing Yacht
12 - 13	March	Commando Exercise
14	March	Target Towing/SAR duties
20	March	TFX

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TRV 802

14 - 15	January	Navigation Training for HMAS WATSON
30	January	Pre docking trials
5	February	Commenced Intermediate Docking continuing for remainder of quarter.

TRV 803

8 - 11	January	TFX
14 - 15	January	Navigational Training for HMAS WATSON
17	January	Harbour Cruise for Wards of "Legacy"
21 - 25	January	Navigational Training
30 - 31	January	TFX
1	February	TFX
5 - 6	February	TFX
7	February	Joint Service Staff College Tour
8	February	Canadian National Defence College Harbour Cruise.
11 - 12	February	TFX
18 - 19	February	TFX
21 - 28	February	Navigational Training
21	March	Flagship for Interservice Sailing Regatta
22	March	Navigational Training
23	March	TFX
26 - 29	March	Navigational Training

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VISITS BY VIP's

The undermentioned persons paid visits to the East Australia Area on the dates, and for the reasons shown:

17th - 26th January.	Rear-Admiral R. Purwana, Panglima Armada TNI-AL, accompanied by his wife; Colonel Sigit, Indonesian Naval Attaché; and Lt. Colonel Djambhur, Staff Officer; visited Sydney for viewing of Exercise Southern Cross. He also paid calls on some local dignitaries and visited HMAS's WATSON, CRESWELL and ALBATROSS. When in Sydney, Admiral and Mrs. Purwana stayed at TRESCO.
22nd January	Rear-Admiral A.G. McFarlane, Chief of Naval Supply and Works, visited Sydney for discussions with FOCEA.
4th February	Mr. B. White, CBE, Permanent Head Assisting, Secretary, Department of Defence, visited Sydney to brief both Naval and civilian officers on the Defence Re-Organisation.
20th - 21st February	Mr. F.J. Green, Special Deputy, Department of Defence, visited Sydney and called on FOCEA, the Area Secretary and Chief Superintendent of Supply.
25th - 26th February	Mr. D. Storr, First Assistant Secretary, (Establishment and General), Department of Defence (Air) visited Sydney. The purpose of his visit was to familiarise himself with personnel and accommodation problems in Establishments.
25th - 27th February	Mr. David Hay, Defence Forces Ombudsman Designate paid visits to HMAS's ALBATROSS and CRESWELL and several Fleet units.
5th March	Rear-Admiral M.P. Reed, Chief of Naval Technical Services, visited Sydney to attend an Australian Shipbuilding Board Meeting. He also paid a call on FOCEA.
6th March	Judge T.G. Rapke, Judge Advocate-General, visited Sydney to assist in selection of personnel for the Legal Branch.

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15th - 17th  
March

Admiral N. Gayler, Commander-in-Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited Sydney. He was accompanied by:

Mr. M.I. Abramowitz, Political Officer;  
Major-General E.F. Tighe (USMC), A/COS (Intelligence);  
Rear-Admiral E.P. Yates, A/COS (Plans);  
Captain T.L. Dwyer;  
Colonel A.J. Lynn;  
Commander E.J. Coczak;  
Colonel J.L. De Tour, CINCPACREP Canberra;  
Wing Commander R.J. Walsh, RAAF, Escort Officer;  
his wife and son

22nd  
March

Mr. D.O. Hay, Services Ombudsman Designate, visited Sydney and paid brief visits to HMAS KUTTABUL, the CPSO and two inner city married quarters.

25th - 26th  
March

General Tan Soi Datuk Ibrahim Bin Ismail, Chief of Armed Forces Staff of Malaysia, accompanied by his wife and ADC Captain Nik Zaaba, visited Sydney and stayed with us at TRESCO

27th - 29th  
March

Mr. R. Hyslop, Assistant Secretary Naval Personnel, paid a visit to Ships and Establishments in the Sydney area for the purposes of orientation. He called on the FOCEA on 29th March.

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VISITING SHIPS

The underlisted foreign vessels visited Sydney during the quarter. All ships were at sea on all weekdays, within the dates shown, for exercises with the R.A.N.:

19th - 26th January	Eskader TNI-AL (Indonesian Navy) Commanded by Lt. Col. J.H. Salu (Eskader - 1), and comprising:  RI SORONG (AO 911) - Maj. Banrudin RI LAMBUNG MANGKURAT (FF 357) - Maj. Barmui RI JOS SOEDARSO (FF 351) - Maj. Sumartono
13th February - 4th March	HMNZS CANTERBURY - T/Captain D.B. Domett, RNZN
29th March - 1st April	HMNZS WAIKATO - Commander J. O'H. Tobin, RNZN

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PR ASSIGNMENTS

1. The number of assignments during the three months continued at a high rate for this time of the year and were quite varied. Media reaction to most of the assignments was excellent and highlights the good relations Navy has enjoyed for some time with the media in general. Their coverage of some assignments has been disappointing but this has been tied to other news events at home and abroad which have edged out Navy material. Major assignments include:-

- a. The visit to Newcastle for the Australia Day weekend by HMAS HOBART. Area Public Relations and Ship's Public Relations visited. The result was excellent coverage with NBN Channel 3 and the Newcastle Herald travelling to Newcastle on the ship, a direct broadcast by Radio 2KO from the ship and generous newspaper coverage.
- b. Public Relation Course for Public Relation Officers from Ships and Establishments in early January. Area Public Relation Officer organised venue, arranged for guest lecturers, visits to media etc.
- c. In liaison with Director, Public Relations, Flag Officer Commanding East Australia Area, Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet coped with demands from ABC TV for a "Four Corners" special on the RAN. Requests from ABC TV for filming of special programmes on HMAS SYDNEY were also handled by Area Public Relations and Fleet Public Relations.
- d. Exercise "Southern Cross" coverage was carried out by Area Public Relations and arrangements made for media representatives to be aboard Australian Ships in the exercise. Excellent assistance came from Fleet Public Relations Office, Ship's Public Relations Officers and NAS NOWRA.
- e. The return from overseas of the Minister for Defence involved Area Public Relations Officer in giving assistance to the Minister's Press Secretary in organising a Press Conference at Sydney Airport for all media. The request for this assistance came from the Ministers Assistant Private Secretary.

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- f. The Sydney stay of the Whitbread round-the-world yachts and follow up stories involved Area Public Relations in giving continued assistance to the Public Relations Consultants engaged by the organisers.
- g. The Matthew Flinders bi-centenary involved Area Public Relations in organising a display of hydrographic material. It was decided that as the Mitchell Library was organising a display including relics from Flinders survey missions Navy's contribution should concentrate on linking Flinders with the modern day hydrographers. The Sydney Morning Herald, which gave support to the bi-centenary, asked for material for supplements and special articles. This was supplied but useage left a lot to be desired. Coverage by other newspapers, Daily Telegraph and The Australian from Public Relations supplied material was excellent.
- h. Air Day at Nowra in April was the subject of pre-planning and involved Area Public Relations Officers attendance at NAS NOWRA for a conference. Action has now been taken to obtain the material required for pre-publicity.
- i. Area Public Relations Officer in company with Director, Public Relations, Fleet Public Relations Officer have been briefed on public relations plans for KANGAROO ONE and planning is now proceeding in close contact with Lt. Col. L.B. Swifte, Army Public Relations Sydney who is Commanding Officer of the Defence Department Public Relations group.
- j. Other assignments which have fully engaged Area Public Relations include, Pictures and stories on RANR activities, Change in FOCAF and presentation of the Peter Mitchell prizes, HMAS FLINDERS leaving for Cairns, Publicity for Open Day at HMAS PLATYPUS, Feature picture/story material on divers for Pacific Times, Media aboard TORRENS for Royal Tour, HMAS VAMPIRE's visit to South Australia, arranging interview with Rear Admiral Wells by The Australian and the Mike Walsh show, Press conference for Rear Admiral Wells in Brisbane, coverage of the visit by the Commander-in-chief of U.S. Forces in the Pacific, METUNG yacht drama off the coast and the return of HMAS PARRAMATTA from ANZUK
- k. Area Public Relation Officer has dealt with an increasing number of after hours calls from news media at night and weekends and great useage has been made of radio for service type announcements on open days, ship returns etc.

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- l. The close working relationship built up between Navy and the Public Relation sections of Army and RAAF is being maintained.
- m. Efforts are being made to improve the type of material being sent out for school projects and to meet the inquiries from a variety of organisations.
- n. The appointment of a new Fleet Public Relations Officer whose co-operation with Area Public Relations has been excellent. He keeps Area Public Relations fully informed on Fleet matters and has escorted media on assignments which are essentially Fleet. His assistance and co-operation has been invaluable.

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1. *German KANGAROO 1.*
2. *EMS mooring dragging 30 ft.*
3. *Storm damage.*

- NOTES:
- A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.
  - B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.
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EAST AUSTRALIA AREA,

GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W., 2000

23 AUG 1974

The Secretary  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY)

EAST AUSTRALIA AREA : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 1974

1. I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for the East Australia Area, for the Quarter ended 30th June, 1974.

Inspections and Walkrounds

2. I inspected HMAS CRESWELL on the 4th April and HMAS WATSON on the 30th April. On the 20th May I walked around HMAS HARMAN.

3. In May, at the request of the Naval Officer Commanding Queensland, some of my staff officers went to Brisbane and assisted with HMAS MORETON's departmental inspection. From next year however, it is anticipated that the Naval Officer Commanding Queensland will be in a position to carry out inspections using his own resources exclusively.

Ceremonial

4. On 24th April I attended the RSL Children's ANZAC Eve Commemoration in Hyde Park. This proved a novel occasion, as it was the first ceremony I had attended since the inception of the new National Anthem.

5. Dawn next day found me at the Cenotaph in Martin Plaza for the ANZAC Dawn Service. In the afternoon, at the conclusion of the ANZAC Day March, I attended the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service in Hyde Park, at which His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W. was present.

6. RAN participation in this years ANZAC Day March was limited to the East Australia Area Band and to the services of two Naval Officers who assisted in providing commentary for TV channels Ten 10 and ATN 7, whilst at various ANZAC Services that day, some eighteen officers were present as guest speakers.

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7. On 27th April, I was guest of honour at a ceremony at Kernell to mark the 204th Anniversary of Captain Cook's Landing. For this occasion, HMAS WATSON paraded a forty-eight man guard and the Fleet provided its Band. Both were a credit to the Service and made me very proud.

8. At the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration, which was staged at the Cenotaph in Martin Plaza on 6th May, HMAS PENGUIN paraded a thirty-six man gaurd. I was present on this occasion also, and afterwards at a luncheon to launch "Australia/America Friendship Week". This years guest of honour was Admiral B. Clarey, USN (Retired).

#### Operational Control

9. I assumed Operational Control of HMA Ships on the Australian Station during the following periods:

090800K	-	102100K	APR 74
161200K	-	201200K	APR 74
031200K	-	200800K	JUN 74

#### Operations

10. I had the pleasure and privilege of being the Director of Exercise Kangaroo One, a large multi-nation tactical training exercise which was staged in the Coral Sea, off the east coast of Australia and ashore in the Shoalwater Bay area, in Queensland. The exercise was conducted between 3rd and 17th June, with personnel, ships and aircraft of Australian, British, New Zealand and USN/USMC forces taking part.

11. Command and control of maritime operations was exercised through a Maritime Headquarters located in Fleet Headquarters, Sydney, while a Joint Forces HQ in Rockhampton co-ordinated and controlled the land battle and amphibious landing and re-embarkation phases, which were a highlight of the exercise.

12. From the Australian viewpoint, Kangaroo One was an unqualified success, achieving a great deal in training and in cementing the relations between the participating forces, some of which have already indicated a willingness to support continuing exercises of this nature. I personally hope that Kangaroo One is the forerunner of moresuch worthwhile ventures.

#### Captain of the Port

13. Details of visits of foreign vessels are shown in Annex E.

14. All such visiting ships were berthed at Garden Island, except RFA TIDESPRIING, who was at a buoy. RFA DERWENDALE was berthed alongside at Fitting Out Wharf for a total of 12 days, and at No. 1 Explosives buoy for a week. Drawing 39 feet on arrival, and displacing approximately 85,000 tons, she is thought to have been one of the largest vessels to berth at Garden Island.



15. HMAS STALWART returned to the EMS mooring on 24th May. A strong southerly gale on 25th/26th May caused the head buoy to drag about 30 feet. The mooring has subsequently been relaid, and its holding power increased. Execution of this work, however, delayed HMAS STALWART's reberthing in late June by one week. The restored availability of three extra berths, and the many associated services has greatly eased berthing congestion.

#### Works and Property

16. Storm Damage 25th/26th May. Freak storms on the night of 25th/26th May, caused by the most extraordinary weather conditions for some thirty years, wreaked havoc on several littoral Naval installations in Sydney and in Jervis Bay.

17. Worst hit was HMAS PENGUIN, which suffered the loss of Work Boat AWB 2009, containing about \$5000 worth of diving stores; damage to three other boats and to the wharf and workshops on the waterfront; and extensive erosion of the sea wall ballast along the entire waterfront. Repair work was commenced almost immediately and is progressing.

18. At Bradley's Dolphins during the same night, wind lifted and carried away a large portion of decking of Dolphin A, severely damaging it. It has been estimated repairs to the dolphin will cost \$15,000 and complete replacement in the order of \$40,000.

19. In HMAS WATERHEN, the sea slightly eroded that part of the embankment where there is no sea wall. An estimate for repairs is being sought.

20. HMAS CRESWELL reported further erosion of the breakwater and its access bridge, as a result of the storms. A requisition for \$1500 has been issued to cover temporary repair work and a further one for \$500 to engage a diver to survey underwater deterioration. The item for repair of the breakwater in the Major Repair and Maintenance Programme 1974/75 has been brought forward for early action and it is hoped restoration work can begin shortly.

21. Chowder Bay Oil Fuel Installation. A storm on 1st May extensively damaged seven of the eight fender piles on the main berthing dolphins at Chowder Bay and as a result the fuelling berth is out of action until probably late this year.

22. Wardroom Galley, HMAS KUTTABUL. Refurbishment of this galley is nearing completion despite lengthy delays due to unforeseen sewerage work, material shortages and industrial trouble, generally. For the best part of a year, the wardroom cooks have been carrying on their work in the relatively austere confines of a mobile galley caravan which is all but parked on Wylde Street.

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### Senior Officers' Quarterly Luncheon

23. The luncheon was held on Friday 28th June 1974. Rear Admiral D.C. Wells, Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET, and Monsignor Lyons, Senior Chaplain (RC), Command Chaplain, attended.

### OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

24. Westfield Towers, 100 William Street, Sydney. The area of 3,357 sq. ft. of office space reserved on Level 10 is still vacant. This will accommodate the Defence Regional Office pending the setting up of the organisation. The VIP Suite has been used on a number of occasions by various Departmental senior officers and VIPs as working space.

25. Naval Headquarters. WPO and staff moved into the old telephone exchange area. The typing pool has been transferred from the old Court Martial Room to WPO general office. The Organisation Section moved from Building No. 69, Garden Island, to WPO office, NHQ.

26. Superintendent, Aircraft Maintenance and Repair. Because of demolitions in the near future SAMR will be required to move from Kembla Building, Margaret Street, Sydney, by 31 August, 1974. Planning for the move is well advanced, however, due to various lead times and material shortages, there is some doubt as to whether the 31st August deadline can be met. Mid or end September, 1974, is a more realistic date for the SAMR move to 1 & 2 floors of 100 Walker Street, North Sydney.

27. No. 1 Oxford Street, Sydney. No decision has been made on the proposal put forward to use all or part of this building to accommodate the tri-service sections of Defence Regional Office.

28. Remington Centre, Liverpool Street, Sydney. This is another building which is being considered to house the Defence Regional Office staff. No firm decisions have been taken on the leasing of space in this building. A number of plans for the building are currently receiving consideration by Department of Defence.

29. Skandia House, Sir John Young Crescent, Woolloomooloo. A brief is being prepared in respect of the usage of this building.

30. Defence Reorganisation. Progress is being made in this matter. However, there will be no major breakthrough until the various sections can be drawn together in a common building, thus allowing firstly co-location and secondly integration of the common cells. Much will depend upon obtaining one of the number of buildings being considered for this purpose.

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31. Woolloomooloo Re-development Proposal. A number of proposals relating to the re-development of the Woolloomooloo Basin have been put forward recently. Basically the whole of the Basin will be turned over to provide houses for low and middle income earners. All the Commonwealth owned areas and Navy occupied buildings in the area will be lost and will be taken over to provide the space required to implement these schemes. Navy Office has been advised of these plans and their implications.

32. Main Signal Office. The alterations to the MSO area, which were recommended by the Command Work Study Team have been completed by Dockyard. The new layout has proved successful and enables messages to be processed more efficiently and rapidly. The closure of Garden Island Main Signal Office for a trial period of 3 months took place as scheduled on Saturday 25th May. During the first month there have been no insoluble problems resulting from the transfer of GMGID, CSS SYDNEY and C of P message traffic to the Command Comcentre.

33. Supply Division. HMAS STUART berthed alongside at REVY on 21st May, and accepted approximately 30 tons of stores in under three hours. They included provisions, mess gear, clothing, medical supplies, furniture and canteen stores.

34. Due to lack of berthing space at Garden Island, HMAS SWAN was berthed at REVY from 27th May to 31st May.

35. Public Relations. The quarter ended 30th June, 1974 has been one of the busiest for some time with media and general inquiries as well as assignments for Area PR staff increasing in line with the upward swing which began last year. The number of major assignments, during the quarter which are enumerated in Annex F, was exceptional and included the 25th Anniversary Air Day at NAS NOWRA, visits by RN and USN ships and the multi-nation exercise Kangaroo One. Media co-operation with Navy continued at the same high level. In usage of Navy PR material the newspapers were disappointing but radio and television were excellent.

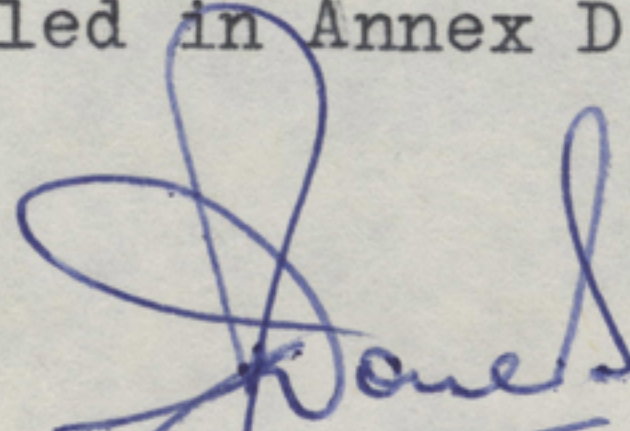
36. During the quarter, Area Public Relations distributed on a wide basis -

- a. 36 News Releases (30 previous quarter, 40 same quarter last year).
- b. 4 News and Magazine TV films (11 same quarter last year).
- c. 313 Still Pictures (224 same quarter last year).
- d. 25 Telex Calls (no comparative figure) - all to multiple addresses.



37. East Australia Area Band. The East Australia Area Band has continued to be kept busy with both Naval and Public Relations commitments encompassing the city, suburbs and establishments within the command. Letters of appreciation from various organisations prove that the Band is a most valuable Naval public relations asset.

38. Visits by VIP's. Details of visits by VIP's during the period under review are compiled in Annex D.



(W.J. DOVERS)  
Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding

- Annexes:
- A. Social Engagements.
  - B. Sports and Recreation.
  - C. Operations.
  - D. Visits by VIP's
  - E. Visiting Ships.
  - F. Public Relations Assignments.



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

APRIL

Tuesday 2nd	With my wife I lunched at Parliament House with Mr. & Mrs. J. Barraclough.
Wednesday 3rd	I attended a Memorial Service for RADM Urquhart.
Friday 5th	I lunched in the Wardroom Mess, HMAS WATSON. I farewelled the NZ Minister for Defence, Mr. Faulkner.
Saturday 6th	With my wife I attended a Luncheon at the RAS Showground.
Monday 8th	I visited the Married Quarters at Loftus and East Hills.  I attended the USI Meeting at RAN House.
Tuesday 9th	I visited GOSIEAA, SNASO, NTS Annex and Area Training Officer, North Sydney, and OFI Chowder Bay.
Wednesday 10th	With my wife I attended the Official Opening of the Royal East Show, RAS Showground.  With my wife I had Cocktails with His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress of Woollahra.  With my wife I attended a USI Cocktail Party, Officers Mess, Victoria Barracks.
Wednesday 17th	With my wife I attended the ANZAC Field of Remembrance Service and Ceremony at St. Andrews Cathedral.  With my wife I attended a Reception in honour of Mr. J.H. Luscombe, CBE at the Town Hall.
Friday 19th	I attended the Annual Service Dinner at the Australian Club.
Monday 22nd	I received a call from Dr. Farrens and Mr. Bucham
Tuesday 23rd	I attended a Training Meeting at HMAS CRESWELL.



Wednesday 24th With my wife I attended the RSL Children's ANZAC Eve Commemoration, ANZAC War Memorial Hyde Park.

Thursday 25th I attended the ANZAC Dawn Service, Cenotaph, Martin Plaza.

With my wife I attended the ANZAC Day Commemoration Service, Hyde Park South.

Saturday 27th With my wife I attended the 204th Anniversary of the Landing of Captain Cook at Kurnell and delivered a short address.

Sunday 28th With my wife I attended the 25th Anniversary of RAN Fleet Air Arm, RAN Air Station, NOWRA.

Monday 29th I attended a Reception at the Corillion Room, Wentworth Hotel on the occasion of the Birthday of H.M. the Emperor of Japan.

Dinner Party TRESCO:-

RADM & Mrs. Morrison  
Lady Harrington  
Mr. Noble  
Captain & Mrs. Hayward-Butt  
Commander & Mrs. Gordon

Tuesday 30th I inspected HMAS WATSON.

MAY

Friday 3rd With my wife I attended an Investiture at Government House.

With my wife I attended a Reception to meet Officers of the Indonesian Women's Services, Wardroom Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL.

I attended the RANSA Annual Prizegiving, Port Jackson Club, HMAS KUTTABUL.

Saturday 4th I went on a Harbour trip with League of Ancient Mariners.

Sunday 5th With my wife I attended the Coral Sea Service at St. Stephens.

Monday 6th With my wife I attended the Cenotaph Ceremony to commemorate the Battle of the Coral Sea.

With my wife I attended a Luncheon in the Menzies Hotel to launch "Australian/American Friendship Week".



Tuesday 7th	I attended a lunch for Sir John Kerr at the Imperial Service Club.
Wednesday 8th	With my wife I attended a Reception in the Wardroom, HMAS KUTTABUL.
Thursday 9th	I lunched with Captain B.H. Loxton, RAN on HMAS SUPPLY.
Wednesday 15th	I lunched with Mr. T.C.J. Caldwell, State Manager, ANZ Bank.  I attended the Missions to Seamen Meeting at the Rawson Institute.
Thursday 16th	I had drinks in the Chiefs Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL.
Monday 20th	I walked round HMAS HARMAN.
Wednesday 22nd	I gave a Press briefing on Exercise Kangaroo 1.  I attended a Reception to mark the occasion of the Centenary of the Infants' Home, Ashfield at the Town Hall.
Thursday 23rd	With my wife I attended a Reception at the Sebel Town House, to celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Foundation of Federal Republic of Germany.
Sunday 26th	With my wife I attended a Church Service, Dockyard Chapel and read the lesson.
Monday 27th	I received a call from RADM R.P. Clayton, Flag Officer, 2nd Flotilla.  I called on RADM Clayton in HMS FIFE.  I lunched with RADM Clayton in HMS FIFE.  With my wife I attended a Reception onboard HMS TARBATNESS.  With my wife I had supper with RADM Clayton onboard HMS FIFE.
Tuesday 28th	With my wife I attended a Fleet Reception for the visiting RN Officers onboard HMAS MELBOURNE.
Wednesday 29th	I attended a meeting with Chief of Naval Personnel, Canberra.

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Thursday  
30th

I attended a meeting with Chief of Naval Personnel, Canberra.

With my wife I hosted a Reception at TRESCO for visiting RN Commanding Officers.

Friday  
31st

I received a call from Captain M. Vallings, RN, RNLO.

I attended the Annual Service Dinner at the Union Club.

JUNE

Tuesday  
4th

Dinner Party at TRESCO:-

Archdeacon & Mrs. W.L. Long  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. H.A. Showers  
Dr. & Mrs. P.A. Morris  
Major General & Mrs. Dunstan

Thursday  
6th

With my wife I attended a Commonwealth Day Dinner at the Sebel Townhouse.

Friday  
7th

I lunched with RADM Synnot at TRESCO.

Saturday  
8th

With my wife I attended a Luncheon at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Friday  
14th

I received a call from Major-General H. Poggemeyer, USMC, Commanding General, Third Marine Amphibious Force.

Lunch at TRESCO for Major-General Poggemeyer.

Major-General Poggemeyer  
Commodore Goble  
Brigadier Bennett  
Captain Felt  
Wing Commander Anderson  
Captain Smith  
Lieutenant Westnedge

With my wife I attended a Reception at Government House in Honour of H.M. The Queen.

Sunday  
16th

I flew to Rockhampton for Exercise Kangaroo 1.

Monday  
17th

In Rockhampton for Exercise Kangaroo 1.

Tuesday  
18th

I returned to Sydney from Rockhampton.



Wednesday  
19th

With my wife I dined with Sir John & Lady Pagan.

Thursday  
20th

I received a call from

With my wife I hosted a Cocktail Party at TRESCO  
for visiting US Navy Commanding Officers.

Friday  
21st

I visited the USS FORT FISHER and USS BRISTOL  
COUNTY.

I attended a Luncheon onboard HMAS MELBOURNE for  
visiting USN Officers.

With my wife I attended a Dinner Dance given by the  
Australian/American Association at Kei Ron Ballroom  
for visiting USN Officers.



SPORT AND RECREATION

Inter Service Events

2nd - 4th April	<u>Tennis</u>	(Mens)	ARMY	8	Def.	NAVY	5
			RAAF	9	Def.	ARMY	4
			RAAF	10	Def.	NAVY	2
		(Womens)	ARMY	6	Def.	NAVY	1
			RAAF	4	Def.	NAVY	3
			ARMY	5	Def.	RAAF	2
1st - 3rd May	<u>Lawn Bowls</u>	NAVY	8	points	1st		
		ARMY	6	points	2nd		
		RAAF	4	points	3rd		
28th-30th May	<u>Basketball</u>	(Mens)	NAVY	97	Def.	ARMY	53
			RAAF	68	Def.	ARMY	49
			NAVY	62	Def.	RAAF	40
		(Womens)	NAVY	39	Def.	ARMY	14
			RAAF	49	Def.	ARMY	16
			NAVY	32	Def.	RAAF	31
11th-13th June	<u>Rugby</u>	NAVY	11	Def.	ARMY	3	
		ARMY	13	Def.	RAAF	3	
		NAVY	25	Def.	RAAF	4	

Combined Services Rugby

28th May	N.S.W. Combined Services 13 Drew Queensland Combined Services (Curtain Raiser match to the ALL BLACKS Vs QUEENSLAND).					
18th June	<u>Inter State Combined Services Carnival</u>					
	Southern States	11	Def.	N.S.W. 2nd XV	3	
	Queensland	10	Def.	N.S.W. 1st XV	4	
19th June	N.S.W. 2nd XV	25	Def.	Queensland	10	
	N.S.W. 1st XV	17	Def.	Southern States	16	
	Carnival Winner - Southern States					



Mid Week Sport

(Plus representative matches as shown)

Australian Rules      Fleet 17-11    Def.    Establishments 11-7

Dempster Cup Rugby      3rd May N.S.W. Country 10    Def.    NAVY 0  
6th June    NAVY 22    Def.    Victorian Colts 4

Showers Trophy Soccer 30th May    RN Fleet 7    Def. NAVY (Sydney area) 2

Wills Golf      26th June,    EAA Open at Narrellan Country Club.



OPERATIONS

The Ships and craft operated by FOCEA were utilized as follows for the quarter:

HMAS ARCHER

6 - 7 April 1974	RANR Training Broken Bay Area
27-28 April	RANR Training Cruise to Newcastle
4 - 5 May	RANR Training in Broken Bay Area
16 May	PNF Patrol Boat Consort Duties
25-26 May	RANR Training Broken Bay Area
3 -16 June	ACT II 1974 Ex. Kangaroo One. Tasman Sea.

HMAS ARROW

HMAS ARROW was transferred from NOIC Victoria to Sydney area for the Biennial refit at Cockatoo Island. It is intended that ARROW be attached to PABRON 3 on completion of refit, and HMAS ADROIT to transfer to Sydney as Sydney Port Division Reserve Training Boat.

HMAS SEAL

Diving Tender SEAL was in Dockyard hands from the commencement of the Quarter until 12th June when she berthed at HMAS WATERHEN for continuing repair work until the completion of the Quarter.

HMAS PORPOISE.

Diving Tender PORPOISE was moored at HMAS PENGUIN until 16th April, when she was deployed to Broken Bay for Diving Training Course until 3rd May. A further deployment from 13th - 24th May was undertaken in Broken Bay. Defects occurred which rendered the ship unserviceable from 6th until 21st June, when a further task in Broken Bay from 24th to 30th June was completed.

TRV 801

3rd April	Range Clearance Duties
8th April	TFX
9th April	TFX
16th-17th April	SAR Duties (Night Flying)
23rd April	Range Clearance Duties
30th April	TFX
8th May	Target Towing Serials
	SAR Duties (Night Flying)
15th May	Target Towing Serials
21st May	Turana Trials
2nd June	Turana Trials
5th June	Passage to Garden Island Dockyard for slipping and commencing refit. During the period the refit date was advanced due to the loss of one propellor and shaft.



TRV 802

5th April	Intermediate Docking completed
8th/9th April	Sea Trials, Compass Swing
28th April -	MCMX Broken Bay
3rd May	
5th June	Deployed to Jervis Bay as replacement for TRV801
8th June	Turana Trials
27th June	TFX

TRV 803

1st-2nd April	TFX
16th-17th April	Navigation Training
26th April	US National War College Graduates Harbour Cruise
29th April -	
3rd May	MCMX in Broken Bay (in Company TRV 802)
6th-8th May	Navigation Training
21st-22nd May	TFX
23rd May	Harbour Cruise
29th May	TFX
6th June	Navigational Training
10th June	Harbour/local tasks
26th June	Anzus Harbour Cruise
27th June	Consort OTWAY Sea Trials



VISIT BY VIP's

The following persons paid visits to the East Australia Area during the quarter:

3rd-4th April Rear-Admiral M.P. Reed, Chief of Naval Technical Services, attended a Memorial Service at G.I. Chapel, and a meeting of the Australian Shipbuilding Board.

4th-5th April The Honourable A.J. Faulkner, M.P., Minister for Defence, Minister in Charge of War Pensions and Minister in Charge of Rehabilitation in the Government of New Zealand, visited Sydney. On 5th April, he paid a brief visit to HMAS WATSON where he was also entertained at lunch.

Mr. Faulkner was accompanied by:

Mrs. Faulkner;  
Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Webb, K.B.E., C.B.  
New Zealand Chief of Defence Staff;  
Lady Webb;  
Mr. J.F. Robinson,  
New Zealand Secretary of Defence;  
Mrs. Robinson;  
Mr. P. Sinclair, Private Secretary.

6th April His Royal Highness Prince Tupoutoa of Tonga, and party, enjoyed a cruise on Sydney Harbour in my barge.

17th-21st April Surgeon Rear-Admiral J.A.B. Cotsell attended a DMSC Meeting in Sydney.

20th-23rd April Vice-Admiral Vincent P. Depoix, USN, Director of Defence Intelligence Agency, accompanied by Captain D.E. Nielson, USN, visited Sydney during a visit to Australia for discussion with JIO.

22nd-23rd April Rear-Admiral G.J. Willis, Chief of Naval Personnel visited Jervis Bay for discussions with FOCEA and the Commanding Officer, RAN College.

23rd-24th April Mr. D.O. Hay, Defence Ombudsman Designate, paid visits to:

Command Personal Services Organisation,  
HMAS WATERHEN,  
HMAS PENGUIN,  
HMAS WATSON,  
WRANS Quarters, Bondi,  
Married Quarters areas, and  
HMAS NIRIMBA.



1st May	Mr. F.J. Green (Special Deputy, Navy Office) visited C.S.S. for discussions concerning staff matters.
4th-6th May	Admiral B. Clarey, USN Retired, Coral Sea Week Guest of Honour, visited Sydney and took part in the Coral Sea Week celebrations organised by the Australian/American Association.
7th May	Rear-Admiral M.P. Reed, Chief of Naval Technical Services, attended an Australian Shipbuilding Board Meeting in Sydney.
23rd May	Sir Arthur Tange, Secretary, Department of Defence, paid an informal visit to Randwick Store Depot.
26th May	Rear-Admiral Reed visited HMAS MELBOURNE in Garden Island Dockyard.
28th May	Mr. B. White, Department of Defence, made an inspection of accommodation in CSS's organisation.
4th June	Rear-Admiral Reed attended a meeting of the Australian Shipbuilding Board.
14th June	Major-General H. Poggemeyer, USMC, Commanding General Third Marine Amphibious Unit, accompanied by his ADC, Captain J. Smith, USMC, visited Maritime Headquarters, Garden Island, and called on FOCEA and FOCAF during a low-profile visit to Australia to observe Marines in action during Exercise Kangaroo One.
24th June	Rear-Admiral G.V. Gladstone, DSC, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, paid visits to USS JUNEAU in Garden Island and FOCAF.



VISITING SHIPS

APRIL

4th -16th HMNZS WAIKATO

MAY

4th - 8th HMS DANAE  
14th-24th RFA DERWENTDALE  
27th HMS FIFE  
HMS SCYLLA  
29th-10th June RFA DERWENTDALE

JUNE

3rd -10th HMS ARGONAUT  
HMS ARLADNE  
HMS DANAE  
HMS LONDONDERRY  
HMS TARBATNESS  
HMS TIDESPRING  
18th-20th USS WADDELL (DDG 24) at Newcastle  
20th-25th USS JUNEAU (LPD 10)  
USS FORT FISHER (LSD 40)  
USS ALAMO (LSD 33)  
USS BRISTOL COUNTY (LST 1198)  
24th-27th USS BAUSELL (DD845)  
28th HMNZS TARANAKI



PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSIGNMENTS

The number of assignments during the quarter have been exceptionally high and have included major assignments organised in close association with ships and establishments. Media co-operation and response has been, in the main extremely good. Radio has been excellent in using PR material resulting from a concerted bid by Area PR to encourage radio news services and personalities to use Navy material. Likewise Television has been good, but the Sydney newspapers have been somewhat disappointing - related no doubt to the shortage of space caused by the newsprint shortage and the strong competition from other news sources, particularly the political field. Major assignments include -

- a. FAA 25th Anniversary Air Day. Area PR was heavily involved and a close link was forged with NAS NOWRA to ensure maximum publicity and public attendance. Preplanning visits were made to Nowra, an Area PR team spent four days at NOWRA obtaining stories and pictures which were released State-wide, Area PR escorted representatives of all media to the establishment before Air Day to film and take pictures of rehearsals, special material supplied to the Sydney Morning Herald which published a Fleet Air Arm supplement and media were escorted to Air Day.
- b. For the first time the Navy supplied commentators to Television for the ANZAC Day March telecast. Area PR made the arrangements, obtained material for the commentators and briefed them. The commentators were used on TEN Channel 10 and ATN Channel 7.
- c. Two incidents involving helicopters from NAS NOWRA, both on the eve of Air Day, were handled by Area PR in liaison with NAS NOWRA and CAVO. Information was quickly supplied to media on request and the adverse publicity for RAN Aviation which could have easily developed was averted. Likewise when a Sky-hawk crashed off Nowra in May, Area PR working with NAS NOWRA, CAVO and DPR was able to deal with media publishing facts and not conjecture.
- d. Visit by HMAS TORRNES to Newcastle. Area PR continued its policy of visiting Newcastle before the visit and talking with all news media, inviting some to travel on the ship. The invitation was accepted by the Newcastle Morning Herald and Radio 2NX who made direct broadcasts from the ship on the passage to Newcastle. Media responded well to the pre-visit and coverage during the ship's stay was generous.



- e. Exercise Kangaroo One. Area PR had limited participation in the planning stages which was carried out by Lt. Col. L.B. Swifte, Army Public Relations in Sydney, who was appointed Commanding Officer of the Defence Department Public Relations Group for the Exercise. One Journalist and a Camerman were supplied from Sydney Office and joined HMAS MELBOURNE for the duration of the exercise. A Journalist from DPRs office was attached to Sydney office for the duration of Kangaroo One to issue purely Navy material from the cell at sea or from the MHQ established at Fleet HQ. The Journalist at sea sent daily news reports by signal. These were received in Sydney office and daily releases made to major media sources from Sydney by Telex with information received from MHQ. A picture release of pictures supplied by RAAF Amberley was made by Sydney Office.

Contact was maintained with the CIB ROCKHAMPTON to assist co-ordination of PR releases. A copy of all information released to the media ex Sydney was sent by Telex to Rockhampton. Sydney Office supplied information to columnists - material which came from the sea cell, and worked with Navy News to ensure a comprehensive cover. Media response was very poor. Newspapers in the main ignored the exercise after the departure of the exercise fleet until their own representatives were taken north to the Exercise area. Radio, however, used most of the material supplied. From a Navy point of view media coverage of its involvement and participation was far from satisfactory. A separate report is being made.

- f. ABC Radio Shipboard Broadcast. On the eve of Kangaroo One the ABC broadcast their breakfast session from the bridge of HMAS MELBOURNE. This broadcast was arranged by AREA PR with excellent assistance from the ship's PRO and Fleet PRO. This was the first time the ABC had ventured outside the studio for such a programme for many years.
- g. Rescue by HMAS SWAN. Area PR dealt with all media inquiries concerning the rescue of three yachtsmen during shocking weather conditions off the coast. Messages sent by the ship enabled AREA PRO to answer all inquiries. Media were escorted to the ship when it returned late at night and media were able to interview the yacht survivors. Later Area PR arranged for a boating magazine to interview SWAN's CO, Officers and swimmers and excellent coverage was obtained.
- h. Visits by RN and USN Ships. Area PR played host to an RN PR team and provided the Journalist and photographer with working accommodation in the Area PR office, as well as other assistance. Similarly Area PR provided office accommodation for USN and USMC PR personnel during their



stay in Sydney. Every assistance possible was given to the visitors. The system worked well and enabled all inquiries of a PR nature to be channelled into this office and there was someone who could answer them. Opportunity was taken to talk with our opposite numbers and learnt from them. Equally, they noted they had learned from us.

- i. Other assignments which have involved area PR include -  
HMAS PARRAMATTA's return from ANZUK, the return of HMAS MELBOURNE from the US, a series of mercy missions by HMAS MORESBY off the southern Australian coast, story and pictures by the Daily Telegraph for a series on men with hazardous occupations, coverage at home and overseas of a visit by women officers of the Indonesian armed forces, a news release together with a copy of a record supplied by EMI of the RAN Band's latest LP record, pre-publicity and escort for media of a building evacuation at North Sydney organised by Naval Police, arrangements with TCN9 to attach service PHOTS to the station for practical training in cine-camera work, co-operation with Australian Government advertising Service to promote the new recruiting themes and films for the services, HMAS SNIPE's discovery of a half submerged yacht off Broken Bay.

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- NOTES:
- A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.
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East Australia Area  
GARDEN ISLAND. NSW. 2000

1st November, 1974.

The Secretary  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY OFFICE)

EAST AUSTRALIA AREA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1974

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for the East Australia Area for the quarter ended 30th September, 1974.

Inspections and Walkrounds

2. Between the 22nd - 24th July, I inspected HMAS MELVILLE and HMAS COONAWARRA on behalf of the Naval Board. As I have reported previously, I was impressed with the high standard of appearance of these two establishments and with the spirit and enthusiasm of our personnel there.

3. On 2nd September, I informally walked around HMAS ALBATROSS.

Ceremonial

4. The Annual Legacy Church Parade was held in the Dockyard Chapel, Garden Island, on Sunday, 1st September. I was invited to attend and to inspect the Junior Legatees at a parade prior to the Church Service. A smart twenty-six man guard made up of Naval Reserve Cadets from TS PARRAMATTA and TS WARREGO was also paraded, and the EAA Band provided hymnal music at the Service.

5. The following Thursday, the 5th September, I was privileged to be the Guest of Honour at the Annual Legacy Day Celebrations which were staged in Martin Plaza. On this occasion a twenty-six man guard was paraded by HMAS WATSON, the East Australia Area Band was again in attendance and I delivered the annual address.

6. On Sunday 8th September, the New South Wales Naval Reserve Cadets held their Annual Church Parade in Garden Island Dockyard. There was an extremely good turn-up of boys this year; some coming from quite far afield. I was invited to inspect the Divisions and to read a lesson at the Service. TS PARRAMATTA and TS WARREGO paraded a twenty-six man guard again and the RANR Band provided the music for both the Parade and the Service.

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### Operational Control

7. I assumed Operational Control of HMA Ships on the Australian Station for the following periods:

311000K	Jul 74	-	111000K	Aug 74
100800K	Sep 74	-	160800K	Sep 74
270600K	Sep 74	-	050330K	Oct 74

### Operations

8. During the SHOALHAVEN RIVER flood in August, 1974, numerous requests for assistance were made to RAN Air Station NOWRA by the NOWRA branch of the N.S.W. State Emergency Service (S.E.S.), State Police and private citizens. Personnel evacuation, medevac, searches, fodder drops and flood survey operations were conducted during the period 28th - 30th August utilizing both helicopter and road vehicles.

9. Over the period 44.50 helicopter hours were flown, 10 vehicles drove 510 miles, 352 people were evacuated by truck and helicopter, 2 night helicopter medevacs were carried out, 4 youths were rescued from a remote area, 52 naval personnel assisted the SES, and milk, oats and hay were delivered by helicopter. Co-ordination between RANAS NOWRA and SES was facilitated by the use of a Naval Liaison Officer in the local SES headquarters; this proved most satisfactory. Other operational aspects of the quarter have been covered in Annex C.

### Captain of the Port

10. Industrial disputes during August and September seriously interrupted the port service available to the Fleet. The strike by Painters and Dockers from 7th - 12th August was closely followed by that of the Merchant Service Guild from 13th August to 13th September. The latter involved support craft Masters and Engineers, thus prohibiting the use of tugs and preventing the provision of fuel, ammunition, stores and water by lighter. A ban was also placed on the use of contract tugs.

11. HMAS MELBOURNE's docking, due on 7th August was the major casualty but all ships suffered some measure of disruption in their activities. It has taken several weeks to catch up on the effects of this strike.

12. On Navy Office instructions, Bronzewing was withdrawn from the service on 16th August and her crew were re-employed within the Master Attendant's Section. Notice of this intention was given to her crew and Union officials beforehand. Her withdrawal from service became an issue in the foregoing industrial dispute and the Merchant Service Guild have made representations to the Minister. Pending an outcome of these representations and upon the advice of the Industrial Office, Department of Defence (Navy) progress towards her disposal has been deferred.

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13. The ability to fuel ships has been further limited by the discovery of salt water in the Fitting Out Wharf and West Dock Wall section of the Woolloomooloo O.F.I. pipeline. Two ships reported contamination up to 2% and as a result fuellings from this pipeline ceased from 10th September. It has, however, been possible to carry out one major fuelling since then. The contents of the suspect section, about 200 tons, were discharged into a fuel lighter and then HMAS MELBOURNE was fuelled immediately followed by HMAS SUPPLY, the fuel pressure in the line keeping out any water during this time. Lack of lighter space prohibits using this procedure very often. To date, the Department of Housing and Construction have had no success in tracing the source of contamination. A pressure test is planned to take place in the next two weeks to try to locate it.

14. Captain N.E. Lee, R.A.N., assumed the duties of Captain of the Port on 30th September.

15. Details of visiting ships during the quarter are shown in Annex G.

#### Works and Property

16. As a result of the underwater survey of the breakwater at HMAS CRESWELL, the ADHC has requested an additional \$50,000 in order to satisfactorily repair the eroded sections of the breakwater, and its access bridge.

17. At HMAS HARMAN, the new Administration building is nearing completion and following the installation of telephones, it is anticipated the building can be occupied shortly.

18. Alterations and additions to the Wardroom Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL, are progressing satisfactorily. The galley has been completed and food service in the Wardroom is back to normal.

19. At HMAS NIRIMBA, construction of the new Ship's Company accommodation is almost finished and it is expected that the buildings will be handed over in early October, some two years later than the original estimated date for completion. The two Apprentices blocks being constructed are nearing completion also and should be ready for taking over in mid-October.

20. Repairs have been effected to the storm ravaged areas of HMAS PENGUIN.

#### Accommodation

21. On 26th August, 1974, oral advice was received from Navy Office that Department of Services and Property had completed negotiations for the leasing of five floors of the Remington Centre, to accommodate anticipated components of



the Defence Regional Office. Senior Executive Officer, Mr. D. Goode, has been made project officer for planning and movement of components of Navy, Army and Air into this building. The Supply Division Work Study Section has been co-opted to assist.

22. On 1st September, 1974, Aircraft Maintenance and Repair Branch moved from the Kembla Building, Margaret Street, Sydney, to new accommodation at 100 Walker Street, North Sydney.

23. On 4th September, 1974, I visited Navy Office with the Area Secretary, and held discussions with Special Deputy Mr. F. Green, and subsequently PHASD Mr. B. White and staff and the Secretary, Department of Services and Property, Mr. M. Timbs and staff, on a proposal for leasing of the Skandia building, Woolloomooloo. This proposition was not acceptable, and a further proposition that a substantial portion of the Remington Building be leased for Defence purposes was to be given consideration.

24. On 26th September, 1974, oral advice was received from Defence Facilities Branch, that Ministerial support had been given to a proposal for the Department of Services and Property to negotiate for the lease of the total high rise component of the Remington Building (14 floors) with an option of two of the low rise floors.

25. Of course this Command for many years has strongly advocated for its functions to be concentrated in one Government owned administrative building. The Woolloomooloo Project and more recently, the No. 1 Oxford Street proposal offered the ideal basis for amalgamation. The leasing of Remington Centre falls short of the ideal. Four lower rise floors already accommodate commercial interests. Furthermore, proposed early rental commencement dates for Remington Centre are scarcely adequate for effective longer term planning. Finally there is a forced acceptance of an additional 30,000 square feet of space in North Sydney thus maintaining fragmentation of administrative responsibilities and prolonging any final merger of Command branches and civilian establishments.

26. On 26th September, the removal to the Bondi WRANS Quarters of WRANS employed on the south side of the harbour was completed. Some work in the Quarters remains to be done; in the galley, and drying and box rooms, but none that would prevent occupancy of the Quarters.

#### Supply Division

27. A meeting between representatives of the Defence Movements Working Party and the Assistant Director, Papua New Guinea Office, was held at 'Jenner' on Friday



27th September, 1974. The purpose of the meeting was to determine procedures to be adopted for supply of stores by Army, Navy and Air in respect of the arrangement relating to the Supply Support of the Papua New Guinea Defence Force by the Department of Defence from 1st December, 1974.

28. Storehouse staff at Garden Island (excluding Weapons Equipment) held a stop work meeting on 23rd July 1974 and excepting Fuellers, resumed duty on 9th August, 1974. The Fuellers returned to work on 13th August, 1974 and again ceased duty at noon on 15th August, 1974, resuming work on 2nd September, 1974. During the periods the Fuellers were absent, black bans were also imposed by 'Storeman and Packers' employed by private fuel companies. The main cause of the dispute dealing with a disability allowance has been heard by the Government Arbitrator. However, his decision has not yet been handed down. Industrial trouble still continues at the 'Shell Oil Co.', particularly affecting the supplies of Aviation Fuel.

29. Storemen employed as Crane/Forklift Drivers at Newington struck from 26th July to 5th August, 1974.

30. Transport Drivers attended stop work meetings in connection with a wage increase claim and were subsequently absent from duty as follows:

- a. On 1st August, 1974.
- b. From 7th - 9th August, 1974.
- c. On 23rd August, 1974.

The increase has since been granted.

31. A stop work meeting of members of the Foremen's Association occurred from 11.30 a.m. to C.O.B. on 26th September, 1974. Supply Division business, however, was not affected for the short period involved.

32. Owing to an abnormal tide during the week-end of 20th - 21st July, minor flooding of a Storehouse occurred at Rydalmere. There was no damage to stores.

33. The collapse of the stores wharf at Garden Island has necessitated the re-arrangement of Supply Division services by utilising as an interim measure, another wharf on the Island. Current indications are that a considerable time will lapse before the wharf is back in service.

34. Work commenced on 9th September, 1974, on construction of three new Explosive Storehouses in the Evans/Canberra Roads area at Kingswood.

35. The new office accommodation building (N66) at Kingswood was occupied as from 23rd September, 1974.



36. Transfer of Avionics from S.L.S.O. to S.N.A.S.O. commenced at the start of September and to date, 1,700 items of an estimated total of 3,700 items have been transferred.

37. Conversion of stock accounts to E.D.P. at the Air Store Depot was completed in the quarter and a total of approximately 84,000 Air Store items are now on NAV STOCK.

38. Conversion of stock accounts to E.D.P. at the Weapons Equipment Depot is now in progress and during the quarter approximately 7,500 items were converted.

#### Public Relations

39. The three months under review has been one of the busiest recorded. Assignments and output in terms of New Releases and pictures exceeded previous quarters. Requests for assistance and information from the media reached a new high as did telephone and mail requests and inquiries from the general public. The demand for project material from school students, teachers and reference libraries was exceptional and the trend of requesting overall defence type material was maintained.

40. Media co-operation with Navy PR remains at the highly favourable level indicated in the previous report. As mentioned in the previous report useage of Navy PR material by the metropolitan dailies is somewhat disappointing while radio and television are excellent with radio taking prime place and using just about all material supplied.

41. Internal PR is at a high level with ship's and establishment PROs maintaining close contact, due, in the main to the favourable location of Area PR.

42. During the quarter Area Public Relations distributed on a wide basis:

- a. 54 News Releases (36 in previous quarter).
- b. 2 TV News clips (4 last quarter) (films taken during visits by Films Officers, DPRs Office because of vacancy in Sydney Office).
- c. 367 still pictures (313 last quarter). (Does not include file pictures to media and special orders from Navy Office).
- d. 40 telex calls to multiple media addresses (25 last quarter).

43. Public Relations assignments covered during the quarter are detailed in Annex F.

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East Australia Area Band

44. The East Australia Area Band has continued to be kept busy with both Naval and Public Relation commitments encompassing city and suburban areas.

45. Details are contained in Annex G.

General

46. A Residential Management Course was held at Glenavon Lodge, Vaucluse, from 23rd to 27th September. I was among the Guest speakers, and presented a paper on Australian Naval Defence. Mr. R. Hyslop, Assistant Secretary, Naval Personnel, also spoke on Government and Naval administration.

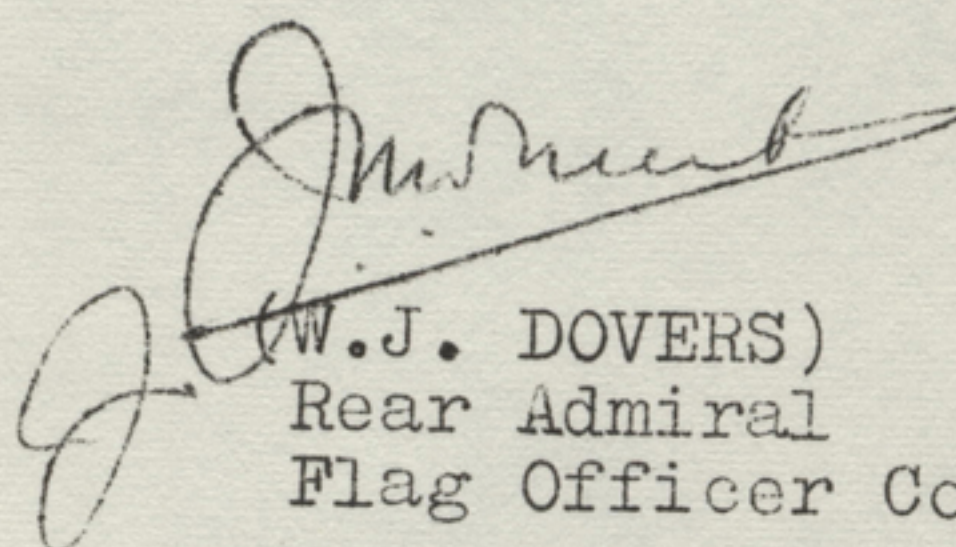
47. The lease of Beecroft Peninsula from the State Government was temporarily extended to 30th October, 1974, following discussions between Australian Government and State Government authorities. At these discussions it is reported that the Australian and N.S.W. Governments reached a measure of agreement on the proposed transfer of Australian Government land, including land at HMAS WATSON, to the State of N.S.W. for the establishment of a Harbour National Park.

48. A Committee of Enquiry into the administration of the RAN Torpedo Maintenance Establishment has been established and began its investigations on 30th September, 1974.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
(W.J. DOVERS)  
Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding

Annexes:

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- B. Sporting Results
- C. Operations
- D. Visits by V.I.Ps.
- E. Public Relations Assignments
- F. Band Engagements
- G. Visiting Ships



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

JULY

Wednesday 10th	With my wife I attended the 27th Public Meeting of the War Widows' Guild.
Friday 12th	With my wife I attended the RAN Navy Wives' Ball at the Roundhouse.
Saturday 13th	With my wife I dined onboard HMAS TORRENS.
Monday 15th	I received a call from Mr. Evans, Vice Commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia.
Wednesday 17th	I visited HMAS CRESWELL to address the Cadets.
Thursday 18th	With my wife I attended a Mass in the Dockyard Chapel to celebrate the Silver Jubile of Monsignor F. Lyons' Ordination to the Priesthood.
Friday 19th	I played in the Annual Golf Match with the Bench and Bar at Royal Sydney Golf Club.
Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th	I inspected HMAS MELVILLE and HMAS COONAWARRA.
Thursday 25th	I addressed the P.R.O. Course on Garden Island. I attended a Luncheon at Legacy House.
Monday 29th	I received a call from Commander R.R. Owens, USN, Commanding Officer, USS HEPBURN. With my wife I attended a Farewell Cocktail Party onboard HMAS PERTH.
Tuesday 30th	I attended a briefing on the new P.E.R. System, HMAS KUTTABUL.

AUGUST

Friday 2nd	I attended the handover of a Patrol Boat to the Ambassador for the Philipines. With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party onboard HMNZS TARANAKI.
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Saturday 3rd With my wife I attended the Annual Review of The St. John Ambulance Brigade at Victoria Barracks.

Monday 5th I received a call from RADM Metzel, USN and Mr. Buckham.

Tuesday 6th I attended the opening of the R.S.L. State Congress at Canterbury/Hurlstone Park R.S.L. Club.

Wednesday 7th With my wife I attended the Opening of the Forty-Fourth Parliament of N.S.W.

With my wife I attended a Farewell Reception for Miss P.A. Ross, N.Z. Consul.

Thursday 8th With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party at the Royal Sydney Golf Club given by Major General Ian Campbell.

Friday 9th With my wife I attended the Mosman Municipal Ball at Mosman Town Hall.

Monday 12th I attended the Official Opening of No. 5 Berth Darling Harbour.

I attended a Reception at the Premier's Department to meet Mr. T.S. Fernando, High Commissioner for the Republic of Sri Lanka.

Tuesday 13th With my wife I attended the Official Opening of Red Cross House.

Wednesday 14th I greeted His Excellency the Governor-General at the Airport on his arrival for an official visit to N.S.W.

I paid an official call on His Excellency the Governor-General at Admiralty House.

I attended a Dinner at the Castle Hill and District R.S.L. Club and delivered a speech.

Thursday 15th I received a call from Colonel Sigit and Colonel Tomenghol.

I received a call from Commander P.N. Wright, DSC, RNZN, Commanding Officer, HMNZS TARANAKI.

With my wife I attended a Reception at the Town Hall to meet His Excellency the Governor-General.

With my wife I attended the State Dinner for His Excellency the Governor-General at the Boulevard Hotel.



Friday 16th	Lunch at TRESCO for RADM Cotsell and Surgeon Captain Treloar.
Monday 19th	I attended the opening of No. 12 Pyrmont.  I played in the Annual Inter Services Officers Teams Match at the Royal Sydney Golf Club.  With my wife I attended a Reception at the Consul of the Republic of Indonesia.
Wednesday 21st	I attended the Commanding Officers Meeting at Garden Island.
Thursday 22nd	Lunch at TRESCO:  Rear Admiral & Mrs. Moore The Hon. & Mrs. C.L.A. Abbott Captain & Mrs. Gledhill Captain & Mrs. Goldrick Captain & Mrs. Parker
Friday 23rd	With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party in the Wardroom, HMAS PENGUIN.
Monday 26th	Lunch at Tresco for Mr. Evans and Mr. Bryden-Brown.
Tuesday 27th to Wednesday 28th	I attended the F.A.A. Conference at HMAS ALBATROSS.
Friday 30th	I attended the meeting of the RAN Naval House Council.
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
Sunday 1st	With my wife I attended the Legacy Commemoration Week Service in the Garden Island Chapel.
Monday 2nd	I attended a Legacy Week Luncheon at Legacy House.
Wednesday 4th	I attended a meeting in Canberra with Mr. White, Department of Defence.  With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party for Dave Brubeck at the U.S. Consul General's Residence.
Thursday 5th	With my wife I attended the Legacy Ceremony in Martin Plaza.  I attended the Annual Dinner of the Chamber of Manufactures at the Wentworth Hotel.

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Friday 6th	I received a call from the Indonesian Naval Attache.
Saturday 7th	I attended the Buffet Dinner for the Service Cup Day at the Royal Sydney Golf Club.
Tuesday 10th	With my wife I attended the Victoria League Tea at RAN House.
Wednesday 11th	I attended the Wills Cup Competition at Narellan Golf Club.
Thursday 12th	With my wife I attended a Memorial Service for Lady Kerr.
Friday 13th	I lunched with Mr. Arthur Edwards, General Manager, Custom Credit Corporation.
Sunday 15th	With my wife I attended the N.R.C. Church Parade, Dockyard Chapel, Garden Island.
Tuesday 17th	I attended a Kangaroo I Presentation in Canberra.
Friday 20th	I attended the Launching of the New English Library on Garden Island.
Saturday 21st	I played in the Ex Service Day at Pymble Golf Club.
Sunday 22nd	With my wife I attended the RANR Annual Church Parade at the Naval Memorial Chapel, HMAS WATSON.  I attended the Management Performance Course Dinner at Glenavon Lodge.
Monday 23rd	I received a call from the Clipper Crew.  With my wife I attended a Reception at the State Office Block to meet Their Imperial Majesties The Shahanshah Aryamehr and The Shahbanou of Iran.
Tuesday 24th	I lectured on Australian Naval Defence at the Management Performance Course, Glenavon Lodge.  Dinner Party TRESCO:  Rear Admiral & Mrs. Becher Commodore Griffiths Mrs. P. Cooke Commander & Mrs. J.St.B. More Mr. & Mrs. J. Arnott Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Magney
Wednesday 25th	I attended Captain Stovin Bradford's funeral at Garden Island Chapel.

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Thursday  
26th

I attended a Conference at Navy Office.

Friday  
27th

With my wife I attended an Investiture at Government House.

With my wife I attended a Spring Party onboard HMAS SWAN.

Saturday  
28th

With my wife I Opened the Season at the Royal Motor Yacht Club, Rose Bay.

Sunday  
29th

With my wife I attended the Opening of the Museum on Schnapper Island.



SPORTS RESULTS

Results in sports during the quarter are listed below:

A. Inter-Service Events

Australian Rules - 30th July - 1st August

Army	10-17	Def	Navy	8-17
Navy	16-18	Def	RAAF	11-10
Army	20-20	Def	RAAF	6-9

Mens Hockey

Army	2	Def	Navy	1
Navy	8	Def	RAAF	1
Army	4	Def	RAAF	2

Womens Hockey

Navy	3	Def	Army	0
Army	2	Def	RAAF	1
RAAF	1	Def	Navy	0

Soccer - 20th - 22nd October

Navy	4	Def	Army	1
RAAF	3	Def	Army	0
Navy	4	Def	RAAF	0

B. Mid Week Sport

Australian Rules Grand Final - 11th September

MELBOURNE, SUPPLY STALWART 15-16 Def N.S.W. Police 7-8.

Dempster Cup Grand Final - 18th September

MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, STALWART 13 Def KUTTABUL 0

Wills Golf Grand Final - 11th September

ALBATROSS Def KUTTABUL 334-322.

11th September - EAA Open Day At Narrellan Country Club.



OPERATIONS

The Ships and other craft operated by FOCEA were employed during the period as follows:

HMAS ARCHER

HMAS ARCHER commenced refit 8th July, 1974 prior to being handed over to Indonesia as the KRI SILIMAN.

HMAS ADROIT

HMAS ADROIT became the Sydney Port Division training patrol boat having been transferred from Brisbane on 4th July, 1974, subsequently undertaking week-end training sailing from HMAS WATERHEN on 17th - 18th August, 1st September and 7th and 8th September with a Reserve crew. Indonesian P.C.T. Courses were undertaken on three occasions during this period.

TRV 801

This vessel has been in Dockyard hands undergoing a refit and replacement of port propeller and shaft during the past three months.

TRV 802

TRV 802 was loaned to NOIC/JB whilst TRV 801 underwent Refit and Repairs in Sydney. During this period TRV 802 has been engaged in support of operations for Turana trials, torpedo recovery for submarine firings and RAAF air drops, Range clearance duties, assistance in work-up for HMAS AWARE, SAR duties for night flying operations from NAS NOWRA, and on one occasion for Scattering Ashes at sea.

TRV 803

This vessel has been employed in a strenuous and varied programme during the period, commencing in July with four days Navigational Training support for HMAS WATSON, followed by torpedo recovery for HMAS ODIN, a joint Staff Service College Harbour Cruise, acting as a target for HMAS VAMPIRE and a further six days at the end of the month for torpedo recovery for submarine firings.

During August, 1974, a total of seven days were spent operating for HMAS WATSON for Navigational training, three days for Torpedo recoveries and working with HMAS OXLEY and one occasion scattering Ashes.



In September, 1974, three days were spent for Navigation Training Courses, eight days for torpedo recoveries, three days engaged in RANRL trials in Sydney Harbour, assisting in HMAS OTWAY work-up programme, and acting as a target for HMAS VENDETTA.

AIR SPRITE

AIR SPRITE developed a defect in her port engine and was subsequently escorted to Sydney where she was berthed at HMAS WATERHEN to await the result of an investigation into the serviceability of a replacement engine (NOICB DAW 080621Z August 1974 refers). Prior to this, she undertook trials for TURANA, and flare experiments, range clearance and SAR duties for night flying activities of NAS NOWRA.

YDT SEAL

YDT SEAL deployed to Port Stephens in the periods 8th - 12th July, 12th - 26th August, 23rd - 30th September with further periods 26th - 29th August and 16th - 20th September day running from HMAS PENGUIN.

YDT PORPOISE

YDT PORPOISE was slipped at the beginning of the quarter, then deployed 22nd July - 9th August in Broken Bay area followed by a further period 23rd - 30th September at Port Stephens.



VISITS BY VIPs

The following important persons paid visits to the East Australia Area during the quarter:

- 2-3 July Rear-Admiral M.P. Reed, Chief of Naval Technical Services, visited Sydney to attend an Australian Shipbuilding Board (A.S.B.) meeting.
- 6-8 July Sir Arthur Tange, Secretary, Department of Defence, accompanied by my Chief of Staff, visited HMAS WATSON and inspected the Tactical Training Building. He also looked over Navy property in the Woolloomooloo area.
- On the 8th July, he visited HMAS NIRIMBA.
- 21-24 July Rear Admiral G.J. Willis, Chief of Naval Personnel, paid visits to HMAS's WATSON, PENGUIN, NIRIMBA, WATERHEN and PLATYPUS, and to the Defence Forces Recruiting Centre and CPS Organisation. The purpose of these visits was to enable CNP to familiarise himself with EAA establishments and to look over training schools. He also paid brief calls on FOCAF and my Chief of Staff (I was absent in Darwin).
- 14 August Rear Admiral Reed visited Sydney to attend an N.T.S. Conference at Garden Island. He also paid a brief call on FOCEA.
- 21 August Rear-Admiral Reed attended an A.S.B. meeting.
- 30 August Rear-Admiral Reed visited Garden Island for the Apprentices' prize-giving ceremony.
- 18 September Rear-Admiral Reed attended an A.S.B. meeting in Sydney.
- 20 September The Honourable L.H. Barnard, M.P., Minister for Defence, visited Garden Island and at the invitation of the New English Library, launched the part-work "A History of Ships".



PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSIGNMENTS

Major assignments covered during the quarter included:

- a. Floods on the N.S.W. South Coast which heavily involved Navy from NAS NOWRA. With co-operation of NAS NOWRA PRO a steady stream of information was supplied to media concerning the flood situation and Navy's primary role. DPR Navy and DPR Defence were kept fully informed. Material supplied to the media received wide useage.
- b. Industrial disputes at Garden Island which had a crippling effect on the Fleet attracted heavy media attention and a high inquiry level to Area PR following a story on TCN9s "Federal File" programme. In consultation with SEA, Master Attendant, Navy Office, DPR Navy and Defence, media inquiries were answered. Media co-operated well sticking with the factual situation supplied in response to their questions.
- c. The visit to Newcastle by HMAS OXLEY and HMAS VENDETTA received excellent media coverage following a continuation of Area PR policy of a Journalist visiting Newcastle before the visit, making a news release and talking with all news media on their requirements.
- d. Organising of the Sydney section of the PR course conducted by DPR Navy. This included an address to students by FOCEA and visits to media. The course is paying dividends with students, now PROs, supplying information in a steady flow.
- e. The final training cruise by HMAS ANZAC and its return to Sydney was covered by Area PR. Media response was excellent with TCN Channel 9 pre-shooting an onboard sequence before the ship left and running it together with new film on the day the ship returned. This film included an interview with FOCAF and was shown in all major capital cities.
- f. The ABC TV programme "Target" aimed at a teenage audience sought Area PR assistance in producing a series of films on navy including one on Naval Exercises, Garden Island Dockyard and HMAS MORESBY and the Hydrographic service. These were all successfully completed and most have been shown on the programme throughout Australia.
- g. The circumnavigation of Australia by the patrol boat, HMAS BOMBARD was the subject of a News Release sent Australia wide. It has received extensive useage. Area PR also assisted the ship in preparing complete Press Packs for the voyage as it did for HMAS ARROW on its departure for Darwin and for other ships.



h. An all State cover of HMAS VENDETTA's return from ANZUK service was provided with the co-operation of Perth Office PRO and particularly the ship's PRO. This included a news release covering a race between a land party and the ship and a ship to shore telephone call involving the ship's PRO and Radio 2UE breakfast show announcer.

i. Other assignments included the loss of the bow door by HMAS BUNA and the escort mission by HMAS PARRAMATTA, the Woolloomooloo Bay incident involving the liner Australia and HMAS MELBOURNE, the Bathtub Derby participation by HMAS BRISBANE, the Adelaide and Melbourne visits by HMAS TORRENS which received wide coverage, Navy participation in the City to Surf race, assistance in the filming of a new national anthem featuring the EAA and Fleet Bands, presentation of gifts to a handicapped childrens' home by HMAS VENDETTA, Direct liaison with Australian Information Service in Los Angeles concerning HMAS PERTH and the supply of PR material to the ship



BAND ENGAGEMENTS

JULY

1st	Band Return from leave
2nd	Bugler. Eastern Suburbs Crematorium
4th	COMBO. Westfield Plaza
5th	Divisions HMAS PENGUIN
12th	Naval Wives Ball
18th	Narrabeen War Veterans Home. Concert
19th	Small Group. P.O.'s Mess HMAS PENGUIN
20th	RUGBY. 3rd Test SCG.
25th	Bugler. Commissioning of HMAS ARROW
26th	Divisions HMAS PENGUIN

AUGUST

1st	Recordings. Forbes Street, City. PENGUIN and Fleet Bands.
2nd	Photograph for National Anthem
5th	Dixie Group WO and Chiefs Mess
8th	Wardroom Dinner HMAS PENGUIN
9th	Mosman Mayoral Ball. Big Dance Band
11th	Bugler HMAS WATSON
13th	Red Cross Official Opening
15th	Visit by School Children
16th	Divisions HMAS WATSON
17th	School Boys Rugby. S.C.T.
18th	RANC Divisions
21st	Rehearsal for Town Hall Concert at ABC Studios
23rd	Small Group Wardroom Cocktail Party
25th	Town Hall Concert. PENGUIN and Fleet Bands
30th	Divisions HMAS WATERHEN
30th	Divisions HMAS PENGUIN

SEPTEMBER

1st	Legacy. Church Parade and Service G.I.
5th	Legacy ceremony Martin Plaza
6th	Passing Out Parade HMAS NIRIMBA
13th	Recital WO and CPOs Mess PENGUIN
15th	Church. G.I. Naval Reserves
19th	St. Therese Primary School visit
20th	Garden Island Luncheon. Mr. Barnard
20th	Wardroom HMAS WATSON
21st	Ashfield Childrnes Home Fete
21st	Bugler. Pymble Golf Club
24th	Divisions HMAS PLATYPUS
25th	Funeral Service G.I.
25th	Bugler, Funeral North Sydney Crematorium
27th	Divisions HMAS PENGUIN
28th	Mosman Hospital Fete
30th	Drum Display to City



ANNEX G TO  
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DATED 1ST NOVEMBER 1974

VISITING SHIPS

HMNZS TARANKI (Commander P.N. Wright, D.S.C., R.N.Z.N.)

Friday 28th June, to Saturday 17th August, 1974.  
Working-up off Sydney with ships of HMA Fleet

USS HEPBURN (DE-1055) (Commander R.R. Owens, U.S.N.)

Sydney Monday 29th July - Monday 5th August, 1974.  
Port Kembla Wednesday 14th August - Saturday  
17th August, 1974.  
J.U.C. off Sydney with ships of Fleet.



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1. Fuel installations out of operation - para. 8
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3. "Mavy Help" program - para. 28.
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- NOTES:
- A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.
  - B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.
  - C. Circulation lists numbers 2 and 3 are referred to Directors and Heads of Branches.
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Office of the  
Flag Officer Commanding  
East Australia Area  
GARDEN ISLAND. NSW. 2000

26 February, 1975.

The Secretary  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY OFFICE)

EAST AUSTRALIA AREA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 1974

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for the East Australia Area for the quarter ended the 31st December, 1974.

Inspections and Walkrounds

2. I inspected HMAS WATERHEN on the 31st October, HMAS LEEUWIN, on behalf of the Naval Board, on the 4th, 5th and 6th November and HMAS NIRIMBA on the 13th November, 1974. Despite the economic and manpower stringencies, these establishments continue to be maintained at a high standard and morale is good.

Ceremonial

3. During "Navy Week", open days were held at HMAS's ALBATROSS, WATSON, PLATYPUS and NIRIMBA. All were well patronised. On Sunday the 13th October, a United Church Service was held in the G.I. Chapel. The E.A.A. Band provided music for the Service and I was invited to read the Affirmation of Duty.

4. At the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Cenotaph, Martin Plaza, the Navy paraded a detachment from HMAS WATSON, comprising thirty-six sailors and one officer, and the E.A.A. Band.

Operational Control

5. I assumed Operational Control of HMA Ships on the Australian Station for the following periods:

102000K	OCT. 74	-	160900K	OCT. 74
202000K	OCT. 74	-	231830K	OCT. 74
132000L	DEC. 74	-	160900L	DEC. 74
180001L	DEC. 74	-	230800L	DEC. 74

Operations

6. Details of ships and other craft operated by FOCEA have been covered in Annex C.

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## Captain of the Port

7. USS REASONER visited Sydney from the 21st to 25th November. Her Commanding Officer, Commander T.E. Fleming, U.S.N. paid me a call on the 21st.
8. Woolloomooloo, Chowder Bay and Garden Island fuelling installations have continued out of operation during the quarter. The progress of repairs is included under the heading of Works and Property.
9. HMAS ANZAC was accepted into the Captain of Port's custody, to await disposal, on the 21st November, 1974.

## Works and Property

10. The three ships company accommodation blocks and two apprentices accommodation blocks in HMAS NIRIMBA were completed during the quarter and are now occupied.
11. At HMAS WATSON, six temporary buildings have now been removed and a further two sold. Approval has been received to dispose of another five, and for which tenders will be called shortly.
12. The possible source of contamination in the OFI line from Woolloomooloo was traced to a fracture in the line in the vicinity of Nos. 5 and 6 berths Woolloomooloo. It was repaired at a cost of \$10,000, and is yet to be tested. Repair was costly owing to the location of the fractures, which was below the high water line, and the necessity to remove extensive sections of protective concrete from around it. It is not known whether the repair has overcome the original problem of salt water in the line but time will tell.
13. Work on the Chowder Bay fuelling berth is scheduled to start on the 20th January and completion is forecast for mid-May 1975.
14. Repair work and testing of the G.I. Dieso tank has recently been completed. The first delivery of fuel is expected in early January.

## Accommodation

15. Staff at the Kingswood Armament Depot and Missile Maintenance Establishment moved into newly constructed office accommodation during October, 1974.
16. The exchange of accommodation between RANTAU and GOSI was carried out on 23/24 November, 1974.
17. Formal approval was given on 4 December, 1974, for the lease of floors 15-28 of the Remington Centre for defence occupation.



## Supply Division

18. Navstok conversion of the Weapons Equipment Depot, Sydney, completed on 18th November, 1974.

19. The Navstok conversion of the Torpedo Depot commenced on 18th November, 1974. A total of 7,961 stock accounts were transferred to EDP on completion of conversion on 24th December, 1974.

20. During the latter part of November, arrangements were made for the successful recovery and transportation from Rockhampton airport to Sydney of crashed Wessex aircraft N7-222.

21. Processing of claims for fresh/frozen provision accounts, previously carried out by Area Finance Branch, was transferred back to the Victualling Branch during November.

22. The crew of the QANTAS aircraft carrying the Prime Minister overseas on 6th December, 1974, were issued with cold weather clothing prior to departure.

## Industrial Relations

23. Industrial unrest occurred during October and November over the issue of contract cleaning at Garden Island. This matter was resolved following a meeting of Union representatives with the Minister on 8th November, 1974.

24. Two industrial disputes occurred during the quarter involving Painters and Dockers (Rigger) in the Master Attendant's Section.

25. The first one arose from complaints about the standard of their amenities and the lack of dining space. These were genuine grievances. However the refusal of management to meet excessive claims for additional washing time, demanded because of the lack of space, led to a five day stoppage. Repainting of the two amenities rooms has been completed, and efforts are continuing to provide the required dining space.

26. The second one arose following the discharge of a Painter and Docker (Rigger) delegate in the Master Attendant's Section on 1 November. The dispute was referred to the Public Service Arbitrator and a subsequent enquiry conducted by Deputy Public Service Arbitrator Watson resulted in the delegate being reinstated subject to his apology to the foreman involved in the incident.

27. Mr. G.W. Bennett, Superintending Electrical Store Officer of the Supply Division has been appointed as a member of the Committee of Enquiry into Industrial Relations in Naval Dockyards.

## Operation "Navy Help Darwin"

28. This was undoubtedly the biggest peacetime logistic exercise undertaken by the Navy and involved all elements of the East Australia Area Command. The operation began on



Christmas Day as soon as first detailed information was received of the disaster, and continued unabated over the Christmas/New Year period. The response to recall was excellent with NHQ manned as were all other support elements of the Command. The activities included the activation of all major stores complexes, the provision of transport, the establishment of refugee centres in three Sydney establishments - KUTTABUL, WATSON and PENGUIN. Reception centres were established at Sydney Airport and HMAS KUTTABUL which processed civilian refugees as well as Naval personnel and their families evacuated from Darwin. A more detailed report of the complete operation will be forwarded separately.

#### Public Relations

29. The period under review was undoubtedly the busiest Navy PR in Sydney has recorded, far exceeding the previous quarter which, at that time, was the busiest recorded. It did not slacken throughout the period and reached a dramatic climax with the effect of Cyclone Tracy and the decision to send a Naval Task Force.

30. Requests for assistance and information from all sections of the media, and the general public, reached a new all-time high. The demands for project material, Navy and general Defence, from school children, teachers, libraries and members of the general public and organisations continued at a high level and came from all Australian States. These high demands have placed and continue to place heavy pressures on Area Public Relations.

31. Media co-operation with Navy PR continued at a highly favourable level with Radio Stations giving excellent support and coverage to Navy news releases and events. Local newspaper coverage was disappointing but useage of material by suburban, country and interstate papers was very good.

32. During the Quarter Area Public Relations issued on a wide basis:-

- a. 70 News Releases (54 in previous quarter) making total for 1974 of 188, an all time high.
- b. 7 News Film Releases for TV (2 last quarter) - achieved by using cine-cameraman on casual basis).
- c. 820 still pictures (367 last quarter).
- d. 52 Telex releases, stories and information to multiple addressees (40 last quarter).

33. Public Relations assignments covered during the quarter are detailed in Annex F.



General

34. Approval has been given by the N.S.W. Lands Department for the continued use of Beecroft Range from 31st October, 1974, for a further period.

35. Departmental officers attended an exploratory conference with the State Planning Authority on 12th November, 1974, to discuss the Sydney Harbour Waterside Zoning Plan, the plan to develop the Woolwich site and the future of RAN Armament Depot, Newington.

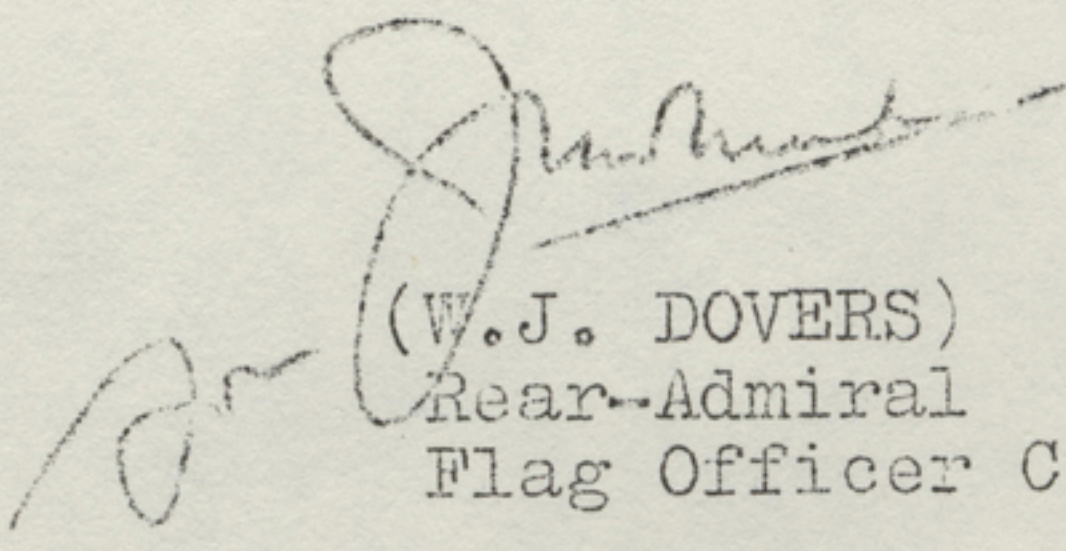
36. A Residential Management Course was held at Glenavon Lodge Vaucluse, from 1st December to 6th December. Guest Speakers included Rear-Admiral Dovers and Mr. F. Green, Special Deputy Navy Office.

37. The Senior Officers Quarterly Luncheon was held on Friday, 29th November, 1974. Rear-Admiral Dovers and Mr. F. Green accepted invitations to attend the luncheon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,



(W.J. DOVERS)

Rear-Admiral

Flag Officer Commanding

Annexes:   A. Social Engagements.  
          B. Sports Results.  
          C. Operations.  
          D. Visits by VIP's.  
          E. Public Relation Assignments.  
          F. East Australia Area Band Engagements.



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

October

Thursday 3rd	I lunched with Colonel Magee of the Sydney Cove Authority.  With my wife I attended the Darby Ball at the Sebel Town House.
Friday 4th	With my wife I attended the Shell National Folkloric Festival at the Sydney Opera House.
Tuesday 8th	With my wife I attended the Black and White Ball at the Wentworth Hotel.
Wednesday 9th	With my wife I attended a Buffet Luncheon in the Vice Regal Room, Randwick Racecourse.
Friday 11th	With my wife I attended the Lady Mayoress Relief Fund Ball at the Town Hall.
Saturday 12th	With my wife I hosted a Navy Week Reception at Tresco. (Guest List attached)
Sunday 13th	With my wife I attended a United Church Service in the Garden Island Chapel.
Monday 14th	With my wife I dined with His Eminence James Cardinal Freeman at "Swifts", Darling Point.
Tuesday 15th	With my wife I attended a visit to Parliament by His Royal Highness Prince Charles followed by a Reception.
Wednesday 16th	I attended the Chief Officers Luncheon in Guest Cabin, HMAS KUTTABUL, Wardroom Mess.
Thursday 17th	I attended a Farewell Dinner for Mr. T.C. Caldwell, in the Carillon Room, Wentworth Hotel.
Wednesday 23rd	With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party given by Lady Albert.
Sunday 27th	With my wife I attended the Annual Seafarers' Service at St. Andrew's Cathedral.
Tuesday 29th	I lunched with Sir John O'Neill at the City Mutual Life Insurance Building.
Wednesday 30th	With my wife I attended the Official Naming and Opening of the War Widows' Guild Home Units.
Thursday 31st	I inspected HMAS WATERHEN.  With my wife I attended the Annual Trafalgar Day Dinner at HMAS PENGUIN.



November

Friday 1st	I attended a Dinner in the Wardroom Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL.
Monday - Wednesday 4th - 6th	I inspected HMAS LEEUWIN.
Friday 8th	I attended the Governor's Legacy Golf Trophy at Royal Sydney Golf Club.
Saturday 9th	I attended the Annual Dinner of HMAS "TINGIRA" Old Boys Association.
Sunday 10th	With my wife I attended a Memorial Service for the Tenth Anniversary of the formation of the RAN Nursing Service in the Dockyard Chapel.  I attended the Sussex Trophy Golf Day at the Australian Golf Club.
Monday 11th	I attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph, Martin Place.
Wednesday 13th	I inspected HMAS NIRIMBA.  With my wife I attended a Cocktail Party given by Sir John and Lady Collins.
Thursday 14th	I attended The World War II Golf Trophy at Concord Golf Club followed by Dinner.
Friday 15th	I met Tan Sri Samad Noor at Mascot Airport.  Dinner Party at Tresco for Tan Sri Samad Noor and Puan Sri Salmah.  Guests: Tan Sri Samad Noor & Puan Sri Salmah Mr. & Mrs. M.J.R. McKellar Mrs. C. McKellar Mr. R. Wotton Commodore & Mrs. Bodman Lieutenant-Commander & Mrs. Chin
Saturday 16th	With my wife I attended the Stuttgart Ballet at the Opera House accompanied by Tan Sri Samad Noor and Puan Sri Salmah.
Sunday 17th	With my wife I had drinks with Sir William and Lady Morrow.
Wednesday 20th	I opened the ABCA (EOD) Conference at HMAS WATSON.  With my wife I dined with Rear Admiral and Mrs. Becher.

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Thursday 21st I received a call from Commander T.E. Fleming, USS REASONER.

Sunday 24th With my wife I attended the "Dovers Cup Day" at HMAS CRESWELL.

Wednesday 27th With my wife I paid an official visit to the Repatriation Hospital, Concord.

Thursday 28th I attended the RCDS Reunion Dinner at the Canberra Rex Hotel.

Friday 29th I attended the Senior Officers Quarterly Luncheon at South Sydney Leagues Club.

I presented Trophies on the completion of the N.S.W. State "Soling" Championships at RANSA Boatshed.

With my wife I attended the "Girl in a Million" Presentation at the Canterbury/Hurlstone Park RSL Club.

Saturday 30th With my wife I lunched with Air Vice Marshal and Mrs. Robey.

December

Sunday 1st With my wife I lunched with Sir John and Lady Bates.

I attended a Reception and Dinner for the Departmental Management Performance Course at Glenavon Lodge, Vaucluse.

Monday 2nd With my wife I attended the opening of the Naval Aviation Museum at NAS NOWRA.

Tuesday 3rd I delivered a lecture at the Management Performance Course.

Thursday 5th With my wife I attended the RANC Promotion Parade followed by the Promotion Ball.

Friday 6th I attended the RAN House Council Meeting.

Monday - Tuesday 9th - 10th I attended the Promotion Board Meeting in Canberra.

Wednesday 11th With my wife I attended the Legacy Torch Bearers Annual Christmas Party at Legacy House.

Thursday - Friday 12th - 13th I attended the Naval Symposium at HMAS WATSON.



Monday  
16th

With my wife I had drinks with Mr. & Mrs.  
Mackay-Cruise.

Tuesday  
17th

I attended the NHQ Christmas Party.

Thursday  
19th

I attended the Maritime Services Board Informal  
Christmas Gathering in the Board's Offices,  
Circular Quay.

Friday  
20th

I attended the Naval Police Christmas "Get  
together", WO and CPO's Mess, HMAS KUTTABUL.

With my wife I had drinks with Rear Admiral  
and Mrs. Crabb.



NAVY WEEK RECEPTION 1974 - GUEST LIST

Australian Government

Hon. W.L. & Mrs. Morrison (Minister Asst. Minister for  
Defence)  
Madam Speaker Storey, Speaker for the House, Cook Island  
Mrs. Mulholland.

Australian Parliament Members

Mrs. & Mrs. A.G. Cadman (Mitchell)

State Government

Mr. & Mrs. L.F. McGinty, Minister for Housing & Co-op.  
Services.  
Hon. Mrs. E.S. Roper, MLC, and Mr. Roper, Deputy Leader  
of the Opposition.  
Hon. Sir Harry & Lady Budd  
Mrs. & Mrs. L.J.F. Barraclough (Bligh)  
Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Arblaster (Mosman)  
Mr. & Mrs. K.R. Doyle (Vaucluse)

Local Government

Mr. & Mrs. L. Carter (Town Clerk)  
Alderman & Mrs. L. Port (Fitzroy), Deputy Lord Mayor  
Alderman & Mrs. J. Harris (Fitzroy)  
Alderman & Mrs. L. Mackay-Cruise (Mosman)  
Alderman & Mrs. McDermott (North Sydney) (Rep. Mayor)  
Alderman & Mrs. G. O'Neill (Woollahra)

The Law

The Hon. Mr. Justice & Mrs. Glass

The Church

His Eminence James Cardinal Freeman, DD  
The Rt. Rev. F.O. Hulme-Moir

Army

Colonel & Mrs. Norton

RAAF

Air Vice Marshal & Mrs. Robey  
Air Commodore & Mrs. Williamson

Police

Senior Assistant Commissioner & Mrs. R. Lendrum

Retired Navy

Vice Admiral Sir John & Lady Collins  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. G.G.O. Gatacre  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. J.S. Mesley  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. T.K. Morrison  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. B.J. Castles  
Rear Admiral & Mrs. B.W. Mussared



Retired Navy (cont'd)

Commodore & Mrs. J.H. Dowson  
Mrs. D.H. Harries  
Mrs. H.B. Farncomb  
Mrs. H.J. Buchanan  
Mrs. F.E. Hutcheson

Navy (EAA) & Fleet

Commander & Mrs. Drinkwater  
Lieutenant & Mrs. Westnedge  
Commander & Mrs. Holden  
Commodore & Mrs. Merson  
Captain & Mrs. Allen  
Commander & Mrs. Graham  
Commander & Mrs. Fuller  
Commander & Mrs. Da Costa  
Surgeon Captain & Mrs. Treloar  
Captain & Mrs. Lee  
Captain & Mrs. Daish  
Captain & Mrs. Osborne  
Commander & Mrs. Walker  
Captain & Mrs. Loosli  
Captain & Mrs. Wickett  
Captain & Mrs. Goldrick  
Captain & Mrs. Crossley  
Chaplain & Mrs. Lovitt  
Chaplain L. Breslan  
Senior Chaplain Lyons

Navy - Civilians

Mr. & Mrs. Mangleson  
Mr. & Mrs. Thornton  
Mr. B.C. Heagney  
Dr. & Mrs. W.F. Hunter  
Mr. & Mrs. Dalglish

Retired Army & RAAF

Lt. Gen. Sir Thomas & Lady Daly

Naval Reserves

Commander & Mrs. Farmer  
Commander & Mrs. Adams  
Commander & Mrs. Albert

Diplomatic

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Delgorge (Netherlands)  
Mr. & Mrs. A.K. Robinson (N.Z.)  
Mr. & Mrs. N. Yoshida (Japan)  
Mr. & Mrs. Jun Ha Pak (Korea)  
Mr. & Mrs. Dalindra Aman (Indonesia)

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Australian Government Departments

Mr. & Mrs. B.A. Brogan (Works)

State Government Departments

Captain & Mrs. J. Dodwell

Associations & Clubs

Captain & Mrs. L.M. Hinchcliffe (USI)  
Miss M.E. Wardell, OBE (Red Cross)  
Captain M. Moyes (Naval Association)  
Lt. Col. & Mrs. G.E. Colvin (R.C.S.)  
Mrs. J. Meagher (War Widows' Guild)  
Mrs. Una P. Boyce (War Widows' Guild)  
Rev. & Mrs. Craven-Sands (Missions to Seamen)  
Maj. Gen. Sir Daniel & Lady Macarthur Onslow (Queen's Club)  
Captain & Mrs. A.V. Knight (Naval Officers Club)  
Sir William & Lady Morrow (Australian Club)  
Sir Alexis & Lady Albert (R.S.Y.S.)  
Mr. & Mrs. Merrington (R.M.Y.C.)  
Sir Clyde & Lady Kennedy (S.T.C.)  
Sir Robert & Lady Webster (U.N.S.W.)

Business

Captain & Mrs. Humbley (Cockatoo)

RADM. LIST

Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Dovers  
Miss P.G. Thorpe  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Arnott  
Admiral Sir Joseph & Lady Henley  
Mrs. J. Diethelm  
Mr. & Mrs. N.D. Pixley  
Colonel & Mrs. Rodriguez  
Captain & Mrs. McMurray  
Mr. & Mrs. Snelling  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Eaton



SPORTS RESULTS

Results in sports during the quarter are listed below:

a. Inter Service Events

25th - 27th September

<u>GOLF</u>	NAVY 10	def	ARMY 3
	RAAF 12	def	ARMY 1
	RAAF 7½	def	NAVY 5½

9th - 11th October

<u>SQUASH</u>	ARMY 3	def	NAVY 2
(Mens)	RAAF 4	def	NAVY 1
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(Womens)	ARMY 3	def	NAVY 2
	RAAF 4	def	NAVY 1
	RAAF 3	def	ARMY 2

13th November

<u>RIFLE</u>	1st	NAVY	957	points
<u>SHOOTING</u>	2nd	RAAF	889	points
	3rd	ARMY	846	points

19th - 21st November

<u>Softball</u>	NAVY 25	def	ARMY 7
	ARMY 33	def	RAAF 13
	NAVY 21	def	RAAF 20

21st November

<u>Athletics</u>	1st	NAVY	135½	points
	2nd	RAAF	119½	points
	3rd	ARMY	108	points

NOTES: During the year, in which Navy was Inter Service host service of the 16 mens sports; Navy achieved 7 first placings and 7 second placing, whilst in the Womens sports, the WRANS recorded 3 wins and an equal first placing, out of six sports.

b. Representative Cricket

20th October

NAVY defeated RANDWICK Cricket Club on 1st Innings.

10th November

NAVY defeated OLD CRANBROOKIANS C.C. on 1st Innings.



1st December

NAVY defeated JOURNALISTS C.C. on 1st Innings.

c. Mid Week Sports

I Zingari Competition for Cricket progressing into 2nd round.

Lorraine Crapp Water Polo Competition progressing into 2nd round.



OPERATIONS

During the quarter, ships and other craft under the control of FOCEA were employed as follows:

HMAS ADROIT

At the commencement of the quarter, the ship was prepared for a bi-annual refit at Vicker's Cockatoo Dockyard, entering dockyard hands on 8th October. Preliminary sea trials were undertaken on 11th December, and the refit completed on 19th December, the ship remaining alongside at HMAS WATERHEN to the end of the quarter.

TRV801

At the beginning of the quarter TRV801 was in dockyard hands at Garden Island undergoing repairs. Acceptance trials were completed on 2nd December and the ship returned to Jervis Bay for deployment on the 6th December.

TRV802

This TRV was deployed to Jervis Bay, replacing TRV801 who was in Sydney undergoing repair and docking. During October, operating from Jervis Bay, the ship spent 13 days at sea employed for target laying, range clearance trials, torpedo recovery duties, and Cadet Seamanship ship handling training. In November, a further 13 days were spent at sea including the escorting of the AWL to Sydney for refit.

In the early part of December TRV802 was returned to HMAS WATERHEN on 11th December, with an RANR crew on board. She was the flagship of the Pittwater Regatta on 21st December in Broken Bay.

TRV803

During October, this WATERHEN based TRV spent 16 days at sea for Torpedo Recovery duties, Navigational training, various trials programmes, and the occasional VIP harbour tour.

November Navigational training for HMAS WATSON, was undertaken on three occasions and a SAR Distex undertaken in Botany Bay in conjunction with the Water Police and the Airport Authority.



December, eight days were spent undertaking Torpedo Recovery duties, Navigational training, and as standby starting boat for the Sydney/Hobart Yacht race.

TDY SEAL and TDY PORPOISE were deployed to Port Stephens as support to the diving training task from 1st October until 19th October. SEAL then undergoing a period in the Dockyard until 25th November, subsequently undertaking day running missions for the Diving School, spending the latter part of December alongside at HMAS WATERHEN.

TDY PORPOISE also underwent repairs in the dockyard from 21st October until 20th December, then remained alongside HMAS WATERHEN until the end of the quarter.



VISITS BY VIP'S

The following important persons paid visits to the East Australia Area during the quarter:

2 October	Vice-Admiral H.D. Stevenson, C.B.E., Chief of the Naval Staff, visited Sydney to attend the funeral of the late Rear-Admiral G.C. Oldham, C.B.E., D.S.C., who died suddenly on Saturday, 28th September, 1974.
8 October	Mr. F.J. Green, Special Deputy, Department of Defence (Navy Office), visited Sydney to inspect accommodation at the Remington Centre, Randwick complex and the Edgecliff Centre.
4 November	Mr. F.J. Green visited Sydney.
15 November	As part of Defence Co-operation with Malaysian, Mr. Samad Noor, Malaysian Secretary for Defence, visited Garden Island and spoke to 100 Malaysian apprentices from HMAS NIRIMBA, Samad Noor and his wife were our guests at TRESCO
29 November	Mr. F.J. Green visited Sydney to attend the Senior Officers' Quarterly Luncheon which was held at South Sydney Leagues Club.
December	Mr. F.J. Green visited Sydney to address the Residential Management Course held between 1st and 6th December at Glenavon Lodge, Vaucluse.



PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSIGNMENTS

The number of assignments during the quarter reached an all-time high reaching a climax with Operation Navy Help Darwin which came at a time when Navy PR is engaged in pop-up stories and assignments. Again it was not possible to cover all assignments because of the staff limitations and the list of job priorities was maintained. Again the cine-field suffered because the position had not been filled, but this has now been rectified with film being supplied to TV stations daily ex Darwin through Area P.R. The assignments have been many and varied and major assignments include:-

- a. Operation Navy Help Darwin. Area PRO maintained contact with media from approximately 1.30 p.m. 25th December, 1974. Extensive use of the messages recalling ship's companies was made by radio and T.V. One T.V. station offered its news studio for a Senior Navy Officer to personally announce the recalls and any other information but the offer could not be taken up because of planning for the Task Force Departure. Area PRO maintained constant contact with Fleet HQ and DASO and all sections of the media. Area P.R. staff worked throughout the holiday period escorting media on Garden Island, giving voice reports to radio stations, arranging radio and T.V. interviews with Senior Fleet Officers, issuing Telex news releases etc. A P.R. team of 1 Journalist and a cine-cameraman was despatched to Darwin by RAAF aircraft on 29th December, 1974 to arrive ahead of the Fleet and to provide P.R. support to NOCNA and FOCAF. The team is remaining in Darwin as long as the support is required. Media coverage for Navy so far has been excellent and promises to be even better.
- b. Fiji Trip by HMAS VENDETTA: A Journalist from Sydney Office and a photographer from Navy Office travelled in HMAS VENDETTA on the Fiji trip 2nd/17th October, 1974. P.R. material was air-expressed to Sydney and was later distributed throughout Australia with very good useage. Material for Navy News was also supplied.
- c. Navy Week 74 was held in the Sydney Area with four establishments and one ship open to the public during the weekend 12th/13th October, 1974. Stories and pictures were issued to media and with the very limited funds available advertisements



were inserted in the major metropolitan dailies. Media co-operation left a lot to be desired and attendances were very disappointing.

- d. During October stories and pictures were released following a visit to HMAS CRESWELL and HMAS ALBATROSS. Visits by ships to Victoria, Tasmania and New Zealand were previewed and news release material issued. Sydney office made arrangements for two representatives of "The Mercury" in Hobart to travel from Devonport to Hobart in HMAS HOBART. Good media coverage resulted.
- e. In November the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE was open for public inspection over two consecutive weekends. Area P.R. issued News Releases, wrote newspaper advertisements, arranged radio interviews with the C.O. and other officers to promote the Open Days. Despite competition from beach weather and other sporting attractions MELBOURNE attracted 10,000 visitors and a very good media coverage.
- f. Also in November good media coverage was received for three separate mercy flights from HMAS ALBATROSS taking injured or ill people to Sydney and South Coast Hospitals. Later good media coverage was given to two separate cases in which civilian divers suffering serious decompression sickness were treated at the School of Underwater Medicine at HMAS PENGUIN. Other events publicised included the return of HMAS STUART from ANZUK, the towing of HMAS ANZAC into the reserve fleet, the crash of a Wessex helicopter off Jervis Bay, Exercise Warm Waters. Two separate industrial disputes at Garden Island were covered and media calls dealt with.
- g. A T.V. film clip and pictures on the decommissioning of HMAS TARANGAU and the recommissioning of the PNG Defence Force patrol boat base Lombrum was issued by Sydney office on receipt from DPR who was on the scene.
- h. In December, in association with Army P.R. Sydney, Navy P.R. escorted a "This Day Tonight" team to South Head for coverage of a story on the demolition of Defence Department buildings. It was part of a general story on the hand back of land.
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- k. The following day Navy P.R. escorted media and covered the apprentices passing out parade at HMAS NIRIMBA. Pictures and stories were issued to media together with a same day Telex release for use by radio stations.
- l. Advance publicity was undertaken for HMAS PLATYPUS and the annual memorial service at the K13 memorial at Carlingford attended by 300 officers and sailors from Platypus and all submarines. The ceremony received extensive coverage on T.V. and in newspapers, especially suburban papers.
- m. Pictorial coverage was organised for the departure of four submarines from Sydney Harbour. A picture taken by Area PR's photographer was despatched same day to all Australian capitals and was used in every major city.
- n. Visits by HMAS NIRIMBA apprentices to Old Sydney Town near Gosford and to Inverell to recover old steam engines were covered by news releases which received a good run on all media. A P.R. team visited Old Sydney Town to cover the apprentices. Pictures were sent to all capitals and received a good run.
- o. Other assignments/coverages in December included Newcastle and Sydney media concern over the use of an area near Broughton Island, staff went to sea in HMAS MELBOURNE and HMAS ONSLOW to escort media or gather PR material, arrangements were made for the ABC to film segments for Station Identifications on board a submarine, pictures arranged for an OTC promotional film, film cover of a Christmas Party for the Children of HMAS SWAN's ships company and despatch to the ship, Presentation of a \$3000 cheque to the Far West Home by Naval Wines Association and Navy participation in the Murray River Canoe marathon.



EAST AUSTRALIA AREA  
BAND ENGAGEMENTS

OCTOBER:

2nd. Church Service, G.I.  
Funeral.

8th Commence Recording Rehearsals  
Selected Musicians from Cerberus.

11th Navy Ball, Canberra.

12th Cocktail Party, Tresco.

13th Church Service, G.I.  
NIRIMBA Beat Retreat.

16th Rehearsal ABC Studio, Forbes Street, SYDNEY.

17th Rehearsal ABC Studio, Forbes Street, SYDNEY.

18th Chinese Dynasty Programme, Show Grounds, SYDNEY.

20th Newcastle University Concert and Broadcast.

21st Change to Summer Rig.

25th ABC Recordings, Forbes Street, SYDNEY.

29th ABC Recordings, Forbes Street, SYDNEY.

30th ABC Recordings, Forbes Street, SYDNEY.

31st WATSON Divisions.

NOVEMBER:

1st. ABC Recordings Finish.  
Small Combo to KUTTABUL, Admiral Dovers Dinner.

4th Full Dress Rehearsal for Remembrance Day -  
Victoria Barracks.

5th Bugler - ROOKWOOD.

6th Bugler - ROOKWOOD.

9th Bugler - TINGIRA OLD BOYS Association.

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10th Rememberance Day - BURWOOD R.S.L. - ROOKWOOD.  
11th Rememberance Day - Martin Plaza - SYDNEY.  
12th - 22nd Work up and E.M.I. Recordings at CERBERUS.  
23rd Rejoin PENGUIN.  
28th Defence Services Dinner - CANBERRA.  
29th PENGUIN Divisions.  
Funeral - ROOKWOOD.

DECEMBER:

1st Depart for HMAS ALBATROSS.  
2nd - 5th Work up and Graduation Day - HMAS CRESWELL.  
6th Return to PENGUIN.  
8th Annual Submariners Memorial Service and  
Dinner, CARLING FORD K 13 MEMORIAL.  
12th Wardroom Dinner, HMAS PENGUIN.  
13th Band proceed on leave and postings.



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