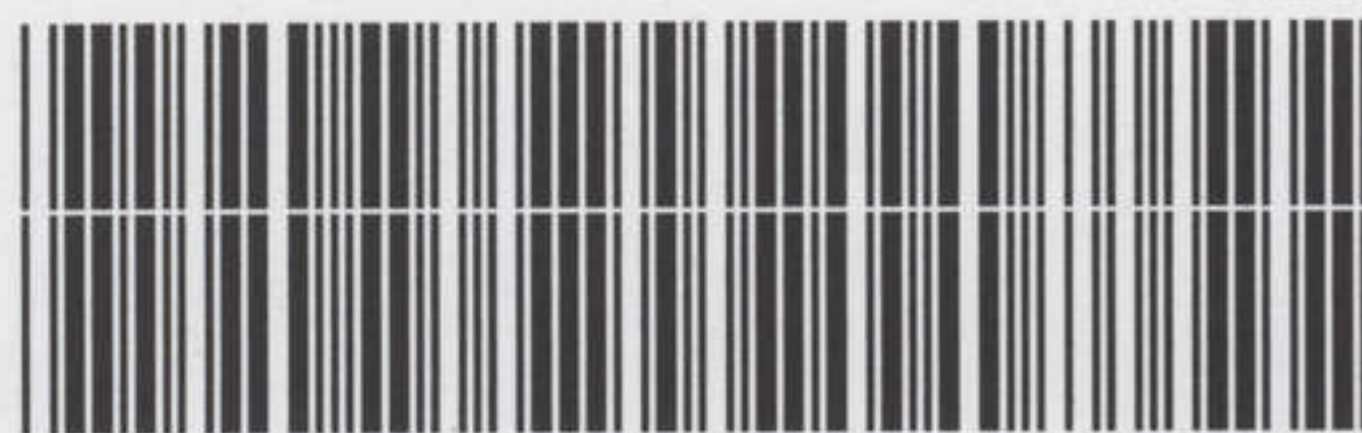


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HMAS CURLEW

Report of Proceedings JANUARY '74

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HMAS CURLEW REPORT dated 1st February, 1974.

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HMAS CURLEW
At WATERHEN

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The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander
Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine
Countermeasures Squadron
HMAS IBIS



HMAS CURLEW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1st JANUARY 1974
- 31st JANUARY 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW, under my command for the month of January, 1974. All times are zone L(-11)

2. At the beginning of the month CURLEW was alongside the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN and remained there for the remainder of the month.

3. The majority of the Ship's Company has now returned from Christmas leave and the opportunity is being taken to progress ship's husbandry.

STATE OF SHIP

Main Engines

4. Both main engines were started for trial on the 30th January and are operating satisfactorily.

Active Rudders

5. The exhaust expansion lines on the port and starboard active rudders have been received and are currently being fitted.

Air Conditioning Unit

6. The dockyard overhaul of the air conditioning unit was completed on the 14th January and the unit has operated satisfactorily for the remainder of the period.

Generators

7. Numbers 1 and 3 generators have been lined up and tested by dockyard staff and are fully servicable.

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Hull

8. All priority areas of the deck have now been recaulked except for the area over the victualling store which is expected to be completed before the commencement of work-up.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

9. The general health, welfare and morale of the Ship's company remains satisfactory.

CONDUCT

10. The conduct of the Ship's company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. Williams

(J.C. WILLIAMS)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed during the month	Nil
Miles steamed since commissioning	194687
Hours underway during the month	Nil
Hours underway since commissioning	18018

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APPENDIX 2

Nil exercises during the period

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HMAS CURLEW
at WATERHEN

4th March, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
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For information:

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

The Commander,
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron, HMAS IBIS.

HMAS CURLEW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1ST FEBRUARY, 1974 - 28TH FEBRUARY, 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the month of February, 1974. All times are zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the month CURLEW was alongside the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN and remained there until the 18th February progressing ship's husbandry.
3. CURLEW cast off all lines at 0830 on the 18th February, and proceeded down harbour coming to number 4 buoy at 0859. At 0930 the ammunition lighter was secured alongside and CURLEW ammunitioned ship. On completion of ammunitioning, CURLEW commenced a compass swing with D.G. switched off. The compass swing was completed at 1500 and CURLEW proceeded from number 4 buoy to WATERHEN, berthing starboard side to the minesweeping wharf at 1530.
4. CURLEW remained at WATERHEN till 1005 on the 25th February, when all lines were cast off and the ship proceeded out of harbour and set course for Jervis Bay to commence working up.
5. Whilst passaging to Jervis Bay the watchbill was proved and breakdown drills exercised. CURLEW entered Jervis Bay at 1655 and commenced Officer of the Watch man overboard manoeuvres. On completion CURLEW came to single anchor in F2 at 1840 and remained there overnight.
6. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0702 on the 26th February, and commenced sound ranging.

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7. Sound ranging was completed by 1216 and CURLEW proceeded to lay a Short Scope Buoy. The buoy was laid at 1233 and at 1239 CURLEW came to single anchor in F2, and remained there overnight. Whilst at anchor, sonar set to work trials were carried out by Dockyard staff.

8. At 0730 on the 27th February, conning runs and operator training were carried out. This proved valuable training as the majority of 193 operators now borne, had not previously worked with the 193 Sonar operationally.

9. Operator training and conning runs were completed at 1041, and at 1058 CURLEW weighed and proceeded out of harbour to exercise breakdown drills. On completion of drills CURLEW returned to harbour at 1153 and commenced minehunting in the Darling Roads anchorage area. Minehunting was completed by 1520 and CURLEW proceeded to F2, coming to single anchor at 1531 and remained there overnight.

10. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0714 on the 28th February, and continued minehunting and operator training until 1030. At 1051 CURLEW recovered the Short Scope Buoy and proceeded to F2 to change the soft dome and remove the active rudders.

11. CURLEW weighed at 1353 and proceeded in company with HMAS IBIS out of Jervis Bay. At 1432 CURLEW and IBIS commenced a team sweep. The team sweep was successfully completed at 1547 and CURLEW returned to Jervis Bay with IBIS and carried out a formation anchorage.

12. At 2300 CURLEW, in company with IBIS, weighed and proceeded out of Jervis Bay setting course for Sydney.

STATE OF SHIP

Main Engines

13. Both main engines have operated trouble free during the period and a quarterly full power trial was successfully completed on the 25th February.

Active Rudders

14. New exhaust expansion lines have been fitted on the port and starboard active rudders. Both active rudders are operating satisfactorily.

Air Conditioning Unit

15. The air conditioning unit has operated satisfactorily during the month with the exception of a burst chilled water line which was repaired by ship's staff.

Hull

16. The decks have now been recaulked and appear to have taken up.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

17. The general health, welfare and morale of the ship's company remain satisfactory.

Conduct of the ship's company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. C. Williams

(J. C. Williams)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed during the month	229
Miles steamed since commissioning	194,916
Hours underway during the month	26
Hours underway since commissioning	18,044
Occasions for exceeding economical speed 25th February. Quarterly Full Power Trial.	

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MCM DIVING

- 12th February - Fitted Active Rudders
Familiarisation dives with Bendix
Diver communication (diving time 90 mins)
- 25th February - Replaced hand dome
Removed Active Rudders (diving time
41 mins.)
- 26th February - Laid SSB and dummy mine
Replaced Active Rudders
Diving continuation training - bottom
searches (diving time 98 mins.)
- 27th February - Conning Runs on dummy mine (17 runs)
Minehunting navigation and procedural
training (diving time 6 mins.)
- 28th February - Minehunting navigation and procedural
training
Recovered SSB and dummy mine
Replaced hand dome and removed active
rudders (diving time 40 mins.)
Team Sweep with HMAS IBIS.

NBCD

- 25th February - Exercised:
Emergency Stations
Leaving Ship Stations
Action Stations
Closed down to state 1ZA
- 26th February - Ship's Company lectured on all pumps
carried onboard
Minor NBCDEX - pumping and flooding.

NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 18th February - Compass Swing No. 4 buoy XO conning
alongside.
- 25th February - OOW man overboard manoeuvres - 3 each
Officer.
Blind Pilotage training.
- 27th February - Extended steering gear breakdown
exercises.
- 28th February - Enemy Contact Reporting exercise
(NAVCOMEX 452)
Formation anchorage with IBIS

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Exercises in E.A.A.

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HMAS CURLEW
at WATERHEN

4th April, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For information:

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

The Commander,
First Australian Minesweeping Squadron, HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1ST MARCH, 1974 - 3RD APRIL, 1974

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st March, 1974 to 8th April, 1974. Times are zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of March, CURLEW was passaging northward from Jervis Bay to Sydney. CURLEW rendezvoused with HMAS IBIS off Sydney and proceeded to the gunnery firing area. A firing exercise with a sleeve target commenced at 1013 and on completion at 1203, IBIS and CURLEW proceeded to Sydney. CURLEW berthed port side to on IBIS at the minesweeping wharf at 1443.
3. Clocks were retarded one hour to zone K (-10) at 0100 on the 4th March. All times following are zone K (-10).
4. All lines were cast off at 1000 on the 4th March, and CURLEW proceeded out of harbour and set course for Broken Bay. Whilst passaging north the opportunity was taken to calibrate kites and otters. On completion of calibrations at 1423, CURLEW proceeded into Broken Bay and came to single anchor 160 Shark Rock Point 4 cables and remained there overnight.
5. CURLEW weighed and proceeded out of Broken Bay at 0815 on 5th March and laid a Short Scope Buoy. Minehunting navigation and procedural training continued until 1150 when CURLEW returned to Broken Bay coming to anchor at A2 at 1215.

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6. The Fleet NBCDO LCDR J.E. ASKER, RAN, boarded CURLEW at 1240, and after lectures to the ship's company, witnessed a major NBCD exercise. On completion at 1528, the Fleet NBCDO Officer was landed and CURLEW remained at anchor overnight.

7. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0750 on 6th March, and continued minehunting until 1317 when a submarine laid mine was found in a position 107 Barranjoey Light 1.82 miles. After recovering the mine inboard, CURLEW continued minehunting until 1530 when the ship proceeded into Broken Bay and came to single anchor 090° Cowan Point Light 6.4 Calder and remained there overnight.

8. Anchor was weighed at 0800 on 7th March, and CURLEW proceeded out of Broken Bay to continue minehunting. At 0935 a second submarine laid mine was found in position 1.15 Barranjoey Light 1.88 miles. Minehunting was completed at 1106 and CURLEW proceeded to rendezvous with IBIS for minesweeping and dan line navigation exercises. On completion at 1420, CURLEW recovered sweeps and proceeded to continue minehunting at the entrance to Broken Bay. At 1735 a minelike contact was found to be a badly corroded torpedo which CURLEW relaid in a position 070 Barranjoey Light 1.27 miles. (COMAUSMINRONONE SIG KBT/WCP 080401Z, MAR 74 refers). Minehunting stations were secured at 1809, and CURLEW proceeded into Broken Bay coming to single anchor in A2 and remaining there overnight.

9. CURLEW weighed at 0912 on 8th March, and proceeded to area R479 for a sleeve target shoot. Firing commenced at 1045 and on completion at 1115, course was set for Sydney. CURLEW berthed port side to the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN at 1325 and remained there until the 25th March.

10. All lines were cast off at 1000 on 25th March, and CURLEW in company with HMAS BOMBARD, proceeded out of Sydney Harbour and set course for Jervis Bay. CURLEW entered Jervis Bay at 1626 and came to single anchor at 1655. CURLEW remained at anchor overnight.

11. Anchor was weighed at 0600 on 26th March and CURLEW proceeded to Station C to carry out trials in accordance with RANRL Trials Proposal No. 4/74. The swell permitted only high speed runs to be carried out so on recovery of the gear at 1006, CURLEW proceeded for F2 coming to single anchor at 1050, and remaining there overnight.

12. CURLEW weighed at 0715 on the 27th March and proceeded to station D to attempt slow speed runs. The swell was still too large to continue runs, so an hour's swell recording was taken. At 1256, CURLEW weighed anchor and proceeded for CRESWELL berthing starboard side to the SAR wharf at 1345.

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13. All lines were cast off at 0627 on 28th March and CURLEW proceeded to stations A, C and D to carry out swell recordings. On completion at 1540, CURLEW proceeded to CRESWELL and berthed starboard side to the SAR wharf, remaining there overnight.

14. CURLEW cast off all lines at 0558 on 29th March and proceeded to station A to complete swell recordings. On completion at 1003, CURLEW proceeded out of Jervis Bay and set course for Sydney. CURLEW entered Sydney Harbour at 1745, and berthed port side to IBIS at the minesweeping wharf WATERHEN at 1830.

15. All lines were cast off at 1000 on 1st April and CURLEW, in company with IBIS and BOMBARD proceeded out of Harbour. Ship handling was carried out until 1300 when IBIS took the tow of M.V. KARoola from BRONZEWING and CURLEW became consort. Course was then set for position 34° 50' S. 151° 30' E, where the tow was to be slipped. CURLEW was detached at 0332 on 2nd April, and course was set for Jervis Bay to embark the Commanding Officers Designate, of SNIPE and CURLEW, LEUT K. GREEN, RAN, and LEUT W.E. McALLISTER, RAN. CURLEW entered Jervis Bay at 0712 and came to anchor in F2 at 0736.

16. With Commanding Officers designates embarked CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0957 and commenced minehunting. On completion at 1231, CURLEW proceeded to carry out ship handling manoeuvres, CURLEW proceeded out of Jervis Bay and set course for Sydney. CURLEW entered Sydney Harbour at 0915 on 3rd April and berthed starboard side to the mine-sweeping wharf at WATERHEN at 1000. CURLEW remained alongside until the end of the period.

17. LEUT W.E. McALLISTER SDEK(B) RAN, assumed command of HMAS CURLEW on 3rd April, 1974 (DEFNAV CANBERRA SIG NBR 030535Z APR, 74 refers).

STATE OF SHIP

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18. A split in the soft patch over the generator room remains a cause for concern as moisture is finding its way into electrical components (My SIG DAW 180126Z MAR 74 URDEF NO. 69/73 refers).

19. The starboard rubbing strake has sprung but temporary repairs have been effected by ship's staff. Action has been initiated for complete repair by Base Staff.

193 SONAR

20. The 193 Sonar has operated below optimum performance during the period due to reduced receiver gain and oscillating beam pattern (My SIG DAW 060235Z MAR 74 Urdef No. 67/73 refers). Dockyard staff are currently effecting repairs.

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ACTIVE RUDDERS

21. New exhaust lines on the port and starboard Active Rudders have been fitted and lagged and both Active Rudders have operated satisfactorily.

MAIN ENGINES

22. Both main engines have operated troublefree throughout the period.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

23. The general health, welfare and morale of the ship's company remains satisfactory.

CONDUCT

24. The conduct of the Ship's Company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(W. E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed during the month	975
Miles steamed since commissioning	195891
Hours underway during the month	106
Hours underway since commissioning	18150

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APPENDIX II

GUNNERY

01 MARCH - AATFX
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08 MARCH - AATFX
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04 MARCH - Major NBCDEX

- a. Pumping, flooding and shoring
- b. rigging emergency power
- c. Action stations - 1 Z A
- d. Wearing of respirators for 15 minutes
- e. Operated pre wetting
- f. Reporting and plotting procedures
- g. Shelter and decontamination stations
- h. Radiological monitoring drill
- i. Exercised medical parties

05 MARCH - Second major NBCDEX observed by FNBCDO

COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION

07 MARCH - Blind pilotage training

26 MARCH - OOW anchorage

01 APRIL - Visual recognition IAW CCG 158

02 APRIL - Visual recognition IAW CCG 158

MCM AND DIVING

04 MARCH - Calibration of kite and otters

05 MARCH - Fitted Active Rudders
Investigating sonar contacts - diving time 31 mins

06 MARCH - Conning runs and investigating contacts - diving
time 11 mins

07 MARCH - Minehunting and investigation of contacts - diving
time 29 mins

08 MARCH - Removed Active Rudders - diving time 25 mins

21 MARCH - SSBA drills - diving time 44 mins

25 MARCH - Remove Active Rudders, Check and remove
hydrophone monitor - diving time 48 mins

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- 26 MARCH - Laying swell recorder and weights, bottom survey
- diving time 181 mins
- 27 MARCH - RANRL visibility trials - diving time 5 mins
- 28 MARCH - Bottom survey - diving time 17 mins
- 29 MARCH - Clear foul swell recorder cable diving time 381 mins
- 02 APRIL - Fitted and removed Active Rudders diving time
47 mins

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HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

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2. The spare switch vide paragraph 17 has arrived.


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HMAS CURLEW
at sea

1st May, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
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Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander,
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron, HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
4TH APRIL, 1974 - 30TH APRIL, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 4th April, 1974 to 30th April, 1974. All times are zone K (- 10).

2. At the beginning of the period CURLEW was alongside the Minesweeping Wharf at WATERHEN. All lines were cast off at 0700 on the 4th April, and CURLEW set course to proceed out of Sydney Harbour.
3. CURLEW rendezvoused with HMAS IBIS at 0920 and commenced minesweeping operations. On completion at 1112, all sweeps were recovered and CURLEW commenced underway replenishment approaches on IBIS. At 1313 CURLEW, in company with IBIS set course for Sydney and berthed starboard side to the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN at 1505.
4. CURLEW remained alongside until 22nd April, progressing ship's husbandry and planned maintenance schedules.
5. All lines were cast off at 1324 on the 22nd April, and CURLEW proceeded out of Sydney Harbour and set course for Broken Bay. CURLEW entered Broken Bay at 1546 and came to single anchor 060 Challenger Head pile 5.4 cables at 1609.
6. CURLEW weighed at 0556 on the 23rd April and proceeded on active rudders to lay a short scope buoy and dummy mine. On completion of the lay, minehunting stations were closed up and minehunting navigation and procedural training was carried out. On completion at 1145, the short scope buoy and dummy mine was recovered and CURLEW proceeded out of Broken Bay and set course for Sydney. CURLEW entered Sydney harbour at 1407 and berthed port side to the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN at 1500.

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7. All lines were cast off at 1200 on the 29th April, and CURLEW, in company with IBIS proceeded out of Sydney harbour for Broken Bay to participate in Exercise REAL IDEA. At 1542 CURLEW was tasked to carry out a precursor hunt along the Mean Dan Line for channel X - MC. On completion at 1845, CURLEW proceeded into Broken Bay and came to single anchor 061 Challenger Head pile 9 cables at 1920.

8. CURLEW weighed at 0547 on the 30th April, and proceeded out of Broken Bay to check the Mean Dan Line. On completion at 0843, sweeps were streamed and CURLEW in company with IBIS commenced the wire sweeping phase of Exercise REAL IDEA.

9. At 0907 CURLEW's starboard sweep began running incorrectly and was recovered for inspection. On restreaming, the sweep still ran incorrectly and was again recovered. CURLEW proceeded with the wire sweeping phase with only the port wire streamed. This was the first instance that CURLEW had swept to a depth of fifteen fathoms and further calibrations to both port and starboard otters will be carried out prior to exercise KANGAROO ONE.

10. At 1335 Sir, you in company with your Flag Lieutenant and the Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces visited CURLEW and witnessed minesweeping operations.

11. On completion of minesweeping at 1416 CURLEW proceeded to lay a short scope buoy after which, Sir, you departed CURLEW. Minehunting stations were then closed up and CURLEW proceeded to minehunt area MW and Minehunting stations were fallen out at 1906 and CURLEW proceeded to an anchorage 100 Green Point 6 cables where she remained for the remainder of the month.

STATE OF THE SHIP

Main Engines

12. Both main engines have operated trouble free throughout the period.

Active Rudders

13. The active rudders have operated satisfactorily throughout the month.

Hull

14. Removal of the soft patch over the generator room revealed that sixty percent of the securing rivets had corroded away (My SIG DAW 260405Z APR 74 URDEF No.73/73 refers). Temporary repairs have been effected by Base Staff and final repairs are expected to be completed early May.

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15. On the 17th April, six point nine percent fresh water coolant was discovered in number two diesel generator, necessitating a generator change (My SIG DAW 180048Z APR 74 URDEF No. 72/73 refers). On visual examination no apparent fault was evident and it was suspected that the liner seal was unserviceable.

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16. The generator change was successfully completed by ship's staff (My SIG DAW 260400Z APR 74 refers).

17. Number one diesel generator is currently unserviceable due to a faulty supply switch (My SIG DAW 29290Z APR 74 refers). The switch has been demanded from stores and ship's staff will effect repairs on arrival of the spare switch.

193 SONAR

18. The sonar type 193 operated satisfactorily until the 17th April, when the depression servo unit was found to be flooded (COMAUSMINPABFOR's SIG DAW 160005Z APR 74 URDEF No. 71/73 refers). Dockyard staff have since rectified the defect and set the sonar to work.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

19. The general health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

CONDUCT

20. The conduct of the Ship's Company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(W. E. McAllister)
Lieutenant, RAN
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APPENDIX I

Miles steamed throughout the month	363
Miles steamed since commissioning	196254
Hours underway during the month	42
Hours underway since commissioning	18192

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APPENDIX II

MCM AND DIVING

- 04 April - Minesweeping operations with double Oropeza rig.
- 23 April - Laid SSB and dummy mine Minehunting
- 29 April - Exercise REAL IDEA
- 30 April - Exercise REAL IDEA

NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 04 April - RAS approaches
- 26 April - Internal exercise and training using:
 - AKAC 132
 - AKAC 1519
 - KAL 61B
- 29 April - Enemy contact reporting exercise (NAVCOMEX 452)
2 ship radar calibration.

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Docking for action
rudder repairs.

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HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

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HMAS CURLEW Report dated 1st June 1974

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HMAS CURLEW
At WAVERTON. N.S.W. 2060

1 June 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
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HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1st MAY 1974 - 31st MAY 1974

Sir,

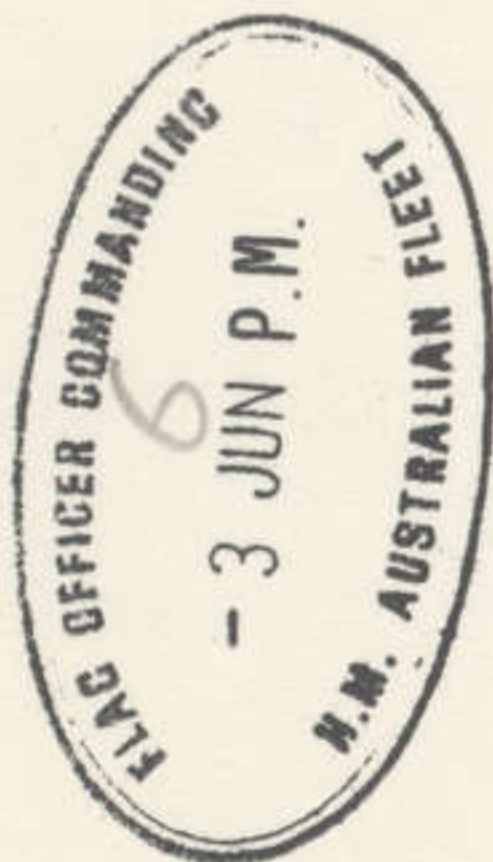
I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period of 1st May, 1974 to 31st May, 1974. All times are zone K (-10)

2. At the beginning of the month, CURLEW was at anchor in Broken Bay participating in Exercise REAL IDEA. CURLEW weighed at 0600 on the 1st May, and proceeded to carry out minehunting operations in area MW. Minehunting continued until 1040 when the automatic clutch assembly in the port active rudder overheated and seized rendering the active rudders unservicable. CURLEW completed minehunting and proceeded for sheltered waters to carry out an investigation.

3. CURLEW came to single anchor in anchorage A2 at 1154 and continued investigation of the active rudders. CURLEW weighed and proceeded out of Broken Bay at 2140 to participate in a search for a yacht from which distress flares had reportedly been sighted (COMAUSFLT SIG KAO 011050Z MAY 74 refers). CURLEW in company with HMAS IBIS, continued the search without success until 0230 on the 2nd May, when course was set for Broken Bay. CURLEW came to single anchor in anchorage A2 at 0313.

4. CURLEW weighed at 0820 and proceeded to area MW to mine-hunt. However the prevailing weather conditions precluded minehunting operations and CURLEW returned to her anchorage. CURLEW weighed at 1600 and proceeded to recover the previously located mine and the Short Scope buoy. On completion at 1753, CURLEW proceeded out of Broken Bay and set course for Sydney. CURLEW entered Sydney harbour at 1940 and berthed starboard side to the minehunting wharf at WATERHEN at 2038.

5. All lines were cast off at 1352 on the 3rd May, and CURLEW proceeded for Garden Island securing in the Floating Dock at 1440 and docking down at 1800.



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6. CURLEW undocked from the Floating Dock at 1010 on the 7th May, and with the assistance of one tug and a workboat, moved to WATERHEN berthing starboard side to on HMAS SNIPE at the minesweeping wharf at 1039.

7. All lines were cast off at 1300 on the 13th May, and CURLEW proceeded for Garden Island berthing port side to the East Return Wall at 1333. Whilst alongside at Garden Island, dockyard repairs continued on the active rudders.

8. CURLEW cast off all lines and proceeded for WATERHEN at 0935 on the 20th May, berthing starboard side to the minesweeping wharf at 1007.

9. All lines were cast off at 0925 on the 21st May, and CURLEW proceeded out of Sydney harbour for Broken Bay. On passage, the opportunity was taken to calibrate the port and starboard sweeps and currently both otters are running correctly. On completion of sweep calibration at 1121, CURLEW proceeded into Broken Bay to commence minehunting for those mines not recovered in Exercise REAL IDEA. Minehunting stations were secured at 1630 and CURLEW proceeded into anchorage A2 remaining overnight.

10. CURLEW weighed at 0715 on the 22nd May, and proceeded to continue minehunting operations. At 0850 a fault developed in one of the sonar alternators which necessitated CURLEW's return to WATERHEN. CURLEW proceeded out of Broken Bay at 1046 and set course for Sydney berthing starboard side to the minesweeping wharf at 1300. CURLEW remained alongside for the remainder of the month preparing for Exercise KANGAROO ONE.

STATE OF SHIP

MAIN ENGINES

11. Both main engines have operated trouble free throughout the period.

ACTIVE RUDDERS

12. On the 1st May, the automatic clutch assembly of the port active rudder overheated and seized resulting in the inner clutch assembly disintegrating. The level box cover was smashed and the clutch shaft bent (My SIG DAW 010250Z MAY 74 URDEF No 75/73 refers). CURLEW was docked to ascertain the extent of the damage and until spares became available, the port active rudder is unservicable. It is envisaged that CURLEW will be able to minehunt competently on the starboard active rudder in the forthcoming Exercise KANGAROO ONE.

HULL

13. Repairs to the soft patch over the generator room, have been effected by dockyard staff and it no longer is a cause for concern.

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GENERATORS

14. The faulty supply switch for number one diesel generator has been received from stores and repairs have been effected by ship's staff.

193 SONAR

15. The four hundred cycle, three phase, one hundred and sixteen volt motor alternator which burnt out on the 22nd May, has been repaired by base staff and is now operating satisfactorily.

16. On the 29th May, the sonar type 193 lost all gain in the high frequency mode reducing the ships minehunting capabilities (COMAUSMINPABFOR's SIG DAN 282258Z MAY 74 URDER No 77/73 refers) Dockyard staff are currently setting the set to work and it is expected that repairs will be effected before CURLEW's deployment for Exercise Kangaroo One.

HEALTH WELFARE AND MORALE

17. The general health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

CONDUCT

18. The conduct of the Ship's Company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant RAN
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APPENDIX I

Miles steamed throughout the month	196
Miles steamed since commissioning	196450
Hours underway during the month	29
Hours underway since commissioning	18221

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APPENDIX II

MCM AND DIVING

01 May Investigation of sonar contacts. Diving time 30 mins
Hull survey and removal of active rudders. Diving time 43 mins

02 May Remove and replace hand dome. Diving time 7 mins

07 May Recovery of lost stores. Diving time 30 mins

21 May Streaming and calibration of sweeps
Investigation of sonar contacts. Diving time 32 mins.

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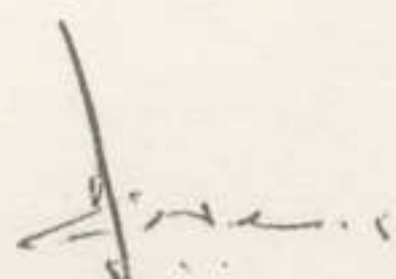
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The Secretary
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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
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HMAS CURLEW
At WAVERTON. NSW. 2060

01 JUL 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For information

The Commander
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HMAS WATERHEN

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HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1ST JUNE 1974 -
30TH JUNE 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period of 1st June, 1974 to 30th June 1974. All times are zone K(-10).

2. At the beginning of the month CURLEW was alongside the minesweeping wharf at WATERHEN. All lines were cast off at 0908 on the 3rd June, and CURLEW, in company with HMAS SNIPE, proceeded down harbour to rendezvous with major Fleet units for a lead out of Sydney harbour. CURLEW rendezvoused with HMAS MELBOURNE at 1127 and commenced the lead out of the notional swept channel A-MC-X, with MELBOURNE stationed one mile astern. On completion at 1200, CURLEW was detached and proceeded to join SNIPE for passage to Shoalwater Bay for Exercise Kangaroo One.

3. On passage to Shoalwater Bay, the opportunity was taken to carry out OOW manoeuvres, RAS approaches and a surface gunnery shoot. CURLEW and SNIPE arrived at the Shoalwater Bay exercise area at 1600 on the 6th June, and after conducting OOW manoeuvres berthed starboard side to HMAS STALWART anchored in position 290 Otterborne Island 1'00m

4. CURLEW cast off all lines at 0532 on the 7th June, and proceeded to join HMAS IBIS to carry out a personnel transfer. On completion at 0610 CURLEW proceeded into Shoalwater Bay and commenced laying the dan line for the alternative channel X-MC1-ME1. On completion of laying all available dan buoys CURLEW returned to STALWART berthing starboard to at 1400. The remaining dan buoys and associated equipment were embarked and on completion 1616, CURLEW proceeded to rendezvous with HMAS BERNANO to embark radar reflectors. On completion CURLEW proceeded to an anchorage to the North of Marble Island where she remained overnight as a radar picket.

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5. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0534 on the 8th June, and proceeded to complete the dan line for channel X-MC1. On first inspection of previously laid dans, four appeared to be missing. One hour later three of these dans were watching properly, and it is considered that the dans dipped at maximum tide.
6. On completion of the dan lay, CURLEW proceeded to rendezvous with IBIS and SNIPE to commence the minesweeping phase of Kangaroo One. Ships were formed up at 1401 and CURLEW entered the lap at 1425.
7. Minesweeping operations completed at 1710, and on recovery of all gear, CURLEW proceeded to rendezvous with BETANO to transfer dans and associated equipment. On completion at 1818, CURLEW proceeded to anchor in position 270 White Rocks 3.6 miles and remained there overnight.
8. CURLEW weighed at 0530 on the 9th June, and proceeded to lay two Short Scope Buoys for minehunting operations. Minehunting stations were closed up at 0807 and after establishing detection and classification ranges for the day, CURLEW commenced minehunting the channel ME-MT, MT-MV1. CURLEW detected and recovered one ground mine at 1300. Minehunting operations were completed at 1820 and CURLEW came to anchor in hunted water 305 White Rocks 2 miles and remained there overnight.
9. CURLEW weighed at 0500 on the 10th June, and proceeded for STALWART berthing port side to at 0629. On completion of embarking dan buoys, CURLEW proceeded to check and relay if required the dan line X-MC. On completion, CURLEW continued minehunting operations in the channel X-MC.
10. Minehunting stations were secured at 1610, and CURLEW proceeded up the channel to the anchorage area berthing on STALWART at 1829 and remaining overnight.
11. All lines were cast off at 0516 on the 11th June, and CURLEW and SNIPE proceeded to Point X to lead in the Amphibious Task Group. CURLEW commenced the lead in of USS JUNO, USS BRISTOL COUNTY and HMS LONDONDERRY at 0812 and on completion at 1108, proceeded to Point X to lead in HMAS STUART. STUART was led in through the North Channel and on completion at 1510, CURLEW proceeded to continue minehunting. Minehunting was completed at 1840 and CURLEW came to single anchor 240 Otterbourne Island 8 cables.
12. CURLEW weighed at 0332 on the 12th June and proceeded to Point A to lead out USS GURKE. The lead out was completed at 0843 and CURLEW continued minehunting channel X-MC. On completion of minehunting at 1841, CURLEW proceeded to the anchorage area anchoring in Number 11 at 2239 and remaining overnight.
13. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0530 on the 13th June to lead out HMS ARIADNE and HMAS STUART. On completion of the lead out at 0810, CURLEW returned to hunting the channel X-MC. At 1145 a mine like contact was dived on and confirmed as a sunken buoyant mine with sinker which was subsequently recovered inboard.

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14. At 1510 an Orange Force Patrol Boat was sighted and was engaged with 40/60 Break Up Shot. After initial reporting, a fighter attack was successfully directed by CURLEW on the Patrol Boat and one other which was sighted just prior to the arrival of the aircraft. One of the Patrol Boats was identified as HMAS BOMBARD operating in the Orange role.
15. Minehunting stations were secured at 1818 and CURLEW proceeded to anchor 180 Otterbourne Island 3.25 miles where she remained overnight.
16. CURLEW weighed at 0515 on the 14th June, and proceeded to Point X to lead in HMAS HOBART and HMS ARGONAUT. On completion of the lead in at 0904, CURLEW proceeded to berth on BELMO to disembark mines and sinkers. All mines were disembarked at 1040 and CURLEW proceeded for the channel X-MC to continue minehunting. On completion of minehunting at 1930, CURLEW proceeded for the anchorage area anchoring 167 Bay Island 1 mile at 2135.
17. CURLEW weighed at 0539 on the 15th June, and proceeded to Point A to lead out HMAS HOBART and HMS ARGONAUT. On completion of the lead out at 0845, CURLEW returned to channel X-MC3 to search for submarine laid mines the position of which were known. CURLEW was unsuccessful in locating the submarine laid mines and at 1545, CURLEW proceeded to the anchorage area to berth on STAINWART for provisioning and refuelling. CURLEW remained alongside overnight.
18. All lines were cast off at 0700 on the 16th June and CURLEW proceeded to channel X-MC1 to continue with the search for submarine laid mines. Minehunting continued unsuccessfully until 1600 when CURLEW returned to the anchorage area coming to single anchor at 2003 and remaining overnight.
19. On completion of the Amphibious Task Group clearing the anchorage at 1130 on the 18th June, CURLEW in company with IBIS and SNIPE, weighed and proceeded to recover duns and short scope buoys. On completion at 1447, course was set for Seawall Island. The squadron carried out a formation anchorage in Refuge Bay at 2212 and remained there overnight.
20. CURLEW, in company with IBIS and SNIPE, weighed at 0800 on the 19th June, and proceeded for Mackay berthing starboard side to number two berth at 1010.
21. All lines were cast off at 1004 on the 21st June, and CURLEW in company with IBIS and SNIPE, proceeded out of Mackay Outer Harbour and set course for Sydney.
22. During the passage to Sydney CURLEW was detached to investigate a Japanese fishing boat and results of the investigation were forwarded vide COMAUSMINRON ONE's FISHREP 230645Z JUN 74.
23. CURLEW entered Sydney harbour at 0921 on the 24th June, and berthed starboard side to on SNIPE at WATERHEN at 1009. CURLEW remained alongside for the remainder of the month.

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State of Ship

Main Engines

24. Both main engines have operated trouble free throughout the month.

Active Rudders

25. The port Active Rudder remains unserviceable due to the unavailability of spares. However CURLEW was able to minehunt competently on one active rudder during Kangaroo One and the unserviceability of the port Active Rudder is not an immediate concern.

Hull

26. The number two generator dummy load tank has a cracked welded seam at the base, allowing ingress of sea water to the generator room. Base staff are currently effecting repairs (My SIG DAN 202330Z JUN 74 URDEF No 78/73 refers)

Vesper Roll Dampers

27. The bolts holding the centralising worm drive gear have come adrift on both Roll Dampers. Base staff at WATERHEN are currently effecting repairs. (My 202331Z JUN 74 URDEF no 79/73 refers).

193 Sonar

28. The gyro stabilising unit in the 193 sonar is currently unserviceable and dockyard staff will effect repairs (My SIG DAN 202335Z JUN 74 URDEF No 81/73 refers)

29. During Kangaroo One, the 193 sonar performed efficiently and satisfactorily.

Health, Welfare and Morale

30. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company has been excellent, particularly during the longer hours worked during Exercise Kangaroo One.

Conduct

31. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been entirely satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed throughout the month	2430
Miles steamed since commissioning	198880
Hours underway during month	256
Hours underway since commissioning	18477

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APPENDIX 2

Exercised during Kangaroo One

3rd June 18th June

SUTF nil target

SUTF 40/60 B.U. against FPB

Minehunting including gaeognition method of navigation

Laying and recovery of dan buoys and SSB

Minesweeping operations

Lead In/Outs of major fleet units

Investigation and recovery of mines and minelike contacts.
Total diving time 33 hours

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Fleet work

24th June OOW manoeuvres by flags

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HMAS CURLEW
At WAVERTON. N.S.W. 2060

01 AUG 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1 ST JULY 1974 -
31ST JULY 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st July, 1974 to 31st July, 1974. All times are zone K (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month CURLEW was alongside the mine-sweeping wharf at WATERHEN and remained there until the 30th July, undergoing a base assisted maintenance period and general ship's husbandry.

3. All lines were cast off at 0800 on the 30th July and CURLEW proceeded down harbour for number 4 buoy. CURLEW came to number 4 buoy at 0831 and commenced ammunitioning at 0845. On completion of ammunitioning ship at 1005, CURLEW slipped from the buoy and, in company with HMAS SNIPE, proceeded out of Sydney harbour and set course for Jervis Bay. During the passage the opportunity to stream crepea sweeps was taken, however the port sweep wire was found to be defective and the stbd sweep only was streamed. CURLEW entered Jervis Bay at 1800 and proceeded to anchorage F3 coming to single anchor at 1838 and remaining overnight.

4. CURLEW weighed at 1220 on the 31st July, and proceeded for minehunting operations to work up the new crew of sonar operators. Minehunting stations were secured at 1545 and on completion of recovering the short scope buoy at 1620, CURLEW proceeded to anchorage F3 coming to single anchor at 1702. CURLEW weighed at 2355 and proceeded out of Jervis Bay setting course for Sydney. CURLEW continued passaging to Sydney for the remainder of the month.

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State of Ship

Main Engines

5. Both main engines have operated trouble free throughout the period

Generators

6. The cracked seam at the base of number two generator dummy load tank has been repaired by Base Staff and is no longer a cause for concern.

Vosper Roll Dampers

7. Base Staff have effected repairs on the bolts holding the centralising worm drive gear.

Recompression Chamber

8. The one man recompression is currently inoperative due to a malfunctioning oxygen regulator valve. The chamber has been removed and dockyard staff are effecting repairs (My 100137Z JUL 74, Urdef No 84/73 refers).

Active Rudders

9. The port Active Rudder remains unserviceable awaiting spares from the United Kingdom.

10. There is water ingress through the propeller shaft seal causing dilution in the starboard Active Rudder lube oil system (My 100145Z JUL 74, Indef No 17/73 refers).

Hull

11. There is constant water seepage from the bathrooms to the forepeak causing continual minor flooding. (My 270040Z JUN 74, Indef No 29/73 refers).

12. The bolts and ribbing on the starboard side of the dome space are corroded and leaking necessitating dockyard repair (My 270015Z JUN 74 Indef No 18/73 refers).

13. Several rubbing strokes on the port and starboard side of the ship have come adrift and dockyard staff are to survey and repair (My 270028Z JUN 74 Indef No 28/73 refers).

Rudders

14. Both the port and starboard rudder post glands are leading ^K suspectedly caused by excessive movement during Exercise Kangaroo One. (My 270022Z JUN 74 Indef No 19/73 refers).

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193 Sonar

15 The gyro stabilising unit in the 193 sonar has been repaired by dockyard staff and the sonar is performing efficiently and satisfactorily.

Health, Welfare and Morale

16. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory.


Conduct

17. The conduct of the ship's company also remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed throughout the month	132
Miles steamed since commissioning	199012
Hours underway during the month	14
Hours underway since commissioning	18491

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MCM and Diving

Friday	19th July	Cleaning screws - diving time 44 mins
Tuesday	30th July	Calibration of port and starboard sweeps
Wednesday	31st July	Change dome and Active Rudders - diving time 30 mins
		Minehunting continuation training
		Investigating sonar contacts - diving time 20 mins

NBCD

Tuesday	30th July	Major fire exercise - crash stopping of fans and use of Normal Air breathing apparatus Transfer and treatment of casualties Proved watchbills at:- Action stns - 1 Z A Emergency stns Leaving ship stns Rigged branch pipes and exercised boundry cooling
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GUNNERY

Tuesday	30th July	Ammunition ship
Wednesday	31st July	Landing and boarding parties mustered and kit labelled.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND FIRST AID

Wednesday	31st July	ILR and helo demonstrations Safety equipment lecture First Aid lecture by XO Asphyxiation - mouth to mouth resuscitation Electric shock Use of Oxy Viva resuscitation Drowning
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PILOTAGE

Tuesday	30th July	OOW Blind Pilotage training
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COMMUNICATIONS

Monday	22nd July	Navcomex 405 - Voice procedural exercise including DRYAD
Wednesday	24th July	Navcomex 204 - flashing procedural exercise
Thursday	25th July	Exercise emergency destruction procedures
Tuesday	30th July	Navcomex 453 CW T/X exercise
Wednesday	31st July	Navcomex 453 CW T/X exercise

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HMAS CURLEW Report of Proceedings

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1. Manoeuvring exercises
2. Rescue of dinghy and 3 crew members.

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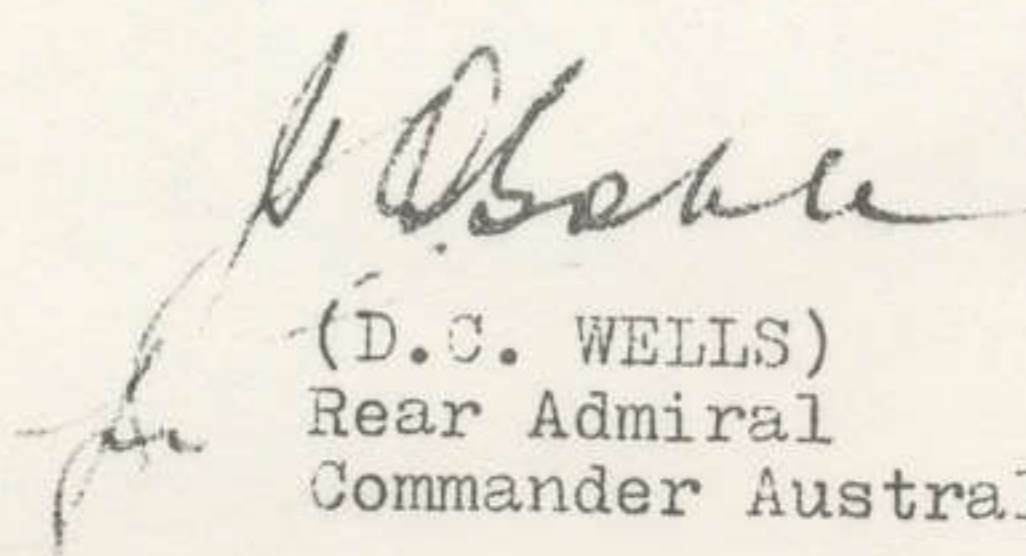
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HMAS CURLEW

AT SEA

3rd SEPTEMBER 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasure Squadron
HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1ST AUGUST 1974 - 31ST AUGUST 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st August 1974, to 31st August 1974. All times are zone K (-10).

At 2355, 31st July, HMAS CURLEW weighed anchor and in company with HMAS SNIPE proceeded from her anchorage in position F3 in Jervis Bay. On 1st August, whilst en route a heaving line transfer was carried out with SNIPE. The opportunity was also taken to carry out OOW manoeuvres in recovering a man overboard, and to test both Port and Starboard Orepesa Sweeps. On completion of the sweep test, the ship proceeded to anchor in position A1 in Broken Bay, where the ship remained overnight.

At 0558, 2nd August, CURLEW weighed anchor and proceeded for mine hunting operations. At 0915 CURLEW rendezvoused with HMAS SNIPE and conducted OOW manoeuvres and minesweeping operations prior to returning to Sydney. The ship secured alongside at WATERHEN.

On 5th August, CURLEW cast off at 1000 and in company with HMA Ships IBIS and SNIPE, proceeded from WATERHEN. Whilst in the vicinity of No 4 Buoy Sydney Harbour, CURLEW was detached to carry out Port engine trials on completion of which CURLEW rendezvoused with SNIPE to carry out a towex - SNIPE towing. At 1312 the tow was slipped and CURLEW set course to investigate a capsized dinghy from which three crew members were rescued - reference my 050400Z Aug 74. With the three members embarked, and the dinghy hoisted inboard, CURLEW proceeded to Broken Bay, where the survivors and their boat were landed at Cottage Point. The ship then came to anchor in position C2. Due to unsuitable weather, CURLEW remained at anchor until 7th August. On the 7th and 8th August, CURLEW carried out a series of mine hunting exercises in the vicinity of Broken Bay and then proceeded to WATERHEN berthing Starboard side to Minesweeping Wharf, preparing for annual inspection.

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During the week commencing Monday 12th August, Annual Departmental Inspections were carried out.

Divisions were held on the 20th August at 0900 where the Inspection of Ship's Company and ship was carried out by Commander J. St. B. MORE GLEX (G).

Due to a faulty generator - my 270432Z Aug 74 Urdef No 85/74 and 87/74 refers the ship remained alongside for the remainder of the month.

STATE OF SHIP

MAIN ENGINES

Both Main Engines have operated satisfactorily throughout the period.

GENERATORS

No2 Generator caused concern (My 270432Z Aug 74 Urdef 85/74 and 87/74) refers). This was rectified by completely replacing the generator.

ACTIVE RUDDERS

The Port Active Rudder remains unserviceable awaiting spares and maintenance is still outstanding on the Starboard Active Rudder (My 100145Z Jul 74 Indef No 17/73 refers).

RECOMPRESSION CHAMBER

My 100137Z Jul 74 Urdef No 74 refers has now been corrected.

AIR CONDITIONING

The air conditioning units performance is still below acceptable standard.

HULL

The bolt and ribbing on the Starboard side of the Dome Space are corroded and leaking necessitating dockyard repair (My 270028Z Jun 74 Indef No 78/73 refers. Several Rubbing Strakes on the Starboard side of the ship have come adrift and dockyard staff are to survey and repair (My 270028Z Jun 74 Indef No 28/73 refers).

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MARALE

The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

W.E. McAllister

(W.E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 1

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Miles steamed throughout month
Miles steamed since commissioning

294
199306

Hours underway during month
hours underway since commissioning

33
18524

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APPENDIX 2

MCM and Diving

Thursday 01st August	Calibration of Port and Starboard sweeps
Friday 02nd August	Minehunting continuation training
Wednesday 07th August	Minehunting continuation training
Thursday 08th August	Minehunting continuation training

NAVIGATION

Thursday 01st August	Heaving line transfers with HMAS SNIPE OOW manoeuvres in recovering man overboard
Friday 02nd August	OOW manoeuvres/Mine sweeping formations with HMAS SNIPE
Monday 05th August	Towing exercise with HMAS SNIPE

COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday 22nd August	Navcomex 405 - Flashing procedural exercise
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1. Mine warfare survey Newcastle.
2. RANRL trials in J.B.
3. To Hobart for exercises.

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HMAS CURLEW

At Sea.

2nd September, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st September, 1974 - 30th September, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st September, 1974 to 30th September 1974. All times are in zone Kilo (-10)

2. HMAS CURLEW remained alongside at WATERHEN until the 2nd September, when at 1000 all lines were cast off and CURLEW proceeded from WATERHEN in company with HMAS IBIS. On leaving SYDNEY Harbour course was set for NEWCASTLE, both ships steaming on single engine whilst en route. At 1621 CURLEW entered NEWCASTLE Harbour and proceeded to her berth at WEST MEREWETHER Street Wharf where she secured starboard side to.

3. At 0808 on the 3rd September, 1974 CURLEW cast of all lines



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and proceeded from MEREWETHER STREET Wharf for the STEELWORKS Channel and the BHP swinging basin to commence the mine warfare survey of NEWCASTLE Harbour. However, due to shipping movements in the channel, CURLEW returned to her berth until traffic in the Harbour had decreased. At 1101 CURLEW resumed the survey in the STEELWORKS, the Main, and approach channels to NEWCASTLE Harbour. Whilst surveying the harbour, divers entered the water at intervals to classify the type of seabed being surveyed. At 1648 CURLEW ceased surveying and at 1658 secured starboard side to HMAS IBIS at MEREWETHER STREET Wharf.

4 On the 4th September at 0745 CURLEW cast off from HMAS IBIS and resumed the mine warfare survey of the approach channel to NEWCASTLE Harbour. Favourable conditions enabled an early completion of the survey, and CURLEW returned to MEREWETHER STREET Wharf where she secured starboard side to at 1306.

5. On Thursday 5th September, CURLEW cast off from MEREWETHER STREET Wharf, and in company with HMAS IBIS proceeded from NEWCASTLE Harbour and set course for SYDNEY. Whilst en route, the opportunity was taken to carry out Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres. CURLEW entered SYDNEY Harbour and at 1544 secured port side to HMAS IBIS at WATERHEN

6. HMAS CURLEW proceeded from WATERHEN at 0803 for No 4 buoy off GARDEN ISLAND where the ship secured and commenced ammunitioning. On completion of ammunitioning, CURLEW returned to her berth at WATERHEN. The ship remained alongside at WATERHEN until the 16th September, carrying out repairs on a generator.

7. All lines were cast off at 1626 on the 16th September and CURLEW proceeded from SYDNEY for JERVIS BAY with members from the RAN Research Laboratory embarked. The ship came to anchor in JERVIS BAY at 0050 on the 17th September, and remained at anchor. At 0900 CURLEW and HMAS AWARE commenced a series of pressure trials in JERVIS BAY. The pressure trials were subject to the existing swell and were

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completed on Thursday the 19th September at 1140, and the ship went to anchor in the Northern reaches of JERVIS BAY. due to the prevailing weather conditions. At 2143 CURLEW weighed anchor and proceeded from JERVIS BAY for SYDNEY. At 0658 CURLEW secured starboard side to HMAS SNIPE at WATERHEN

8. The ship remained alongside at WATERHEN until the 29th September continuing with self maintenance. Whilst alongside, a fault was found in the low insulation gland to the roll servo, which prevented the ship from putting to sea on Thursday the 26th when all MCM vessels were ordered to sea after a SMASHEX had been initiated.

9. All lines were cast off at 0908 on Monday the 30th September, and CURLEW in company with HMA Ships IBIS and SNIPE proceeded from SYDNEY for HOBART. On clearing SYDNEY HEADS the three MCM vessels carried out three ship radar calibration to assess Index Errors. At 1448 CURLEW rendezvoused with HMAS STALWART and the four ships in company carried out a tracking and firing exercise. On completion of the exercise the three MCM vessels were stationed for night steaming on STALWART.

STATE OF THE SHIP

Main Engines

Both main engines have operated satisfactorily throughout the period.

Generators

Since repairs were effected, all three generators have operated satisfactorily.

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Active Rudders

Dockyard repairs are still outstanding on both active rudders. The ship's programme is such that repairs cannot be effected until a later date. (My 100145Z July 1974 INDEF No 17/73 refers)

Domestic Services

The ship's Company bath heater was landed for dockyard repairs and has since been returned and is operating satisfactorily. (my 252324Z August 1974 URDEF No 86/73 refers.)

Hull

Base staff maintenance is still outstanding from the last period.

Health, Welfare, and Morale

The health, welfare, and morale of the ship have been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant



(W.E. McALLISTER)

Lieutenant, RAN.
Commanding Officer.

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APPENDIX ONE

Miles steamed throughout the month	502.4
Miles steamed since commissioning	199808.4

Hours underway during Month	74
Hours underway since Commissioning	18598

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APPENDIX TWO

MCM and Diving

Tuesday 3rd September

Mine Warfare survey and diving in
NEWCASTLE Harbour

Wednesday 4th September

Mine Warfare survey and diving in
NEWCASTLE Harbour

Navigation

Thursday 5th September

OOW Manoeuvres carried with HMAS L ...

Friday 6th September

Junior Officer under training anchor-
age in SYDNEY Harbour

Monday 30th September

Three ship radar calibration
OOW Manoeuvres with HMA Ships STALWART
IBIS and SNIPE

Trials

Tuesday to Thursday
17 - 19th September

Pressure trials carried out in JERVIS
BAY with HMAS AWARE

Gunnery

Monday 30th September

Anti-aircraft tracking exercise and
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2. Visit to Melbourne.

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HMAS CURLEW
At BRISBANE, QLD.
1st November, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron
HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st OCTOBER 1974 - 31st OCTOBER 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st October, 1974 to 31st October, 1974. All times are zone K (-10) except paragraph 20 where all times are L (-11).

2. On the 1st October, 1974, CURLEW was on passage to HOBART for Exercise COLD CIDER, in company with IMA ships STALWART (OTC) IBIS and SNIPE. All ships had departed SYDNEY on 30th September, 1974.
3. During the day, RAS approaches to STALWART, and OOW manoeuvres were carried out.
4. At 1236 on the 2nd October, the squadron commenced underway replenishment from STALWART in the order IBIS, SNIPE and CURLEW.

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At 1410 on completion of IBIS and SNIPE refuelling, CURLEW took station on STALWART'S starboard beam and commenced receiving the refuelling rig. The evolution was completed at 1510 and CURLEW resumed station astern of STALWART, prior to entry into HOBART.

5. At 1641 HMAS CURLEW secured Port side to HMAS STALWART at PRINCES WHARF, HOBART.

6. On Thursday 3rd October, CURLEW slipped from STALWART, having made use of her bilge cleaning facilities during the forenoon, and berthed outboard of HMAS SNIPE at Number Four PRINCES WHARF.

7. All lines were cast off at 1100 on the 7th October and CURLEW held off in the River DERWENT to take up station astern of IBIS and SNIPE. Upon clearing the River DERWENT, course was set for FREDERICK HENRY BAY, the operating area for Exercise COLD CIDER. The course officer and one student of the MCDO(Q) course 1/74 were embarked.

8. During the afternoon, the squadron laid dan buoys to mark the Exercise Channels in preparation for the sweeping and hunting stages. CURLEW laid five danbuoys in Channel MARCH and four short scope buoys off SMOOTH ISLAND to mark the exercise anchorage area. CURLEW came to anchor at 1950 off SLOPING MAIN BEACH.

9. At 0600 Tuesday October, CURLEW weighed and proceeded to MARCH Channel to fix the positions of the dan buoys. At 0900, having established the dan line, course was set to rendezvous with IBIS and SNIPE for the mine sweeping phase of Exercise COLD CIDER. Ships took the preliminary formation at 1257 and entered the lap at 1401. Wire sweeping operations were completed at 1851 and on recovery of all gear, CURLEW came to anchor in position 280 - 1.8 miles off PRIMOSE POINT, FREDERICK HENRY BAY, where the ship remained overnight.

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10. CURLEW weighed anchor at 0619 on the 9th October, and after obtaining sonar detection and classification ranges for the day, proceeded to lay two short scope buoys off MARCH Channel for integrating purposes when minehunting. The ship commenced hunting MARCH Channel at two miles from point ME toward the Exercise anchorage area at 0910. Mine hunting operations were completed at 1655 and CURLEW came to anchor 097 - 1.9 miles from IRONSIDE POINT where the ship remained overnight.

11. At 0900 the following morning, CURLEW weighed and proceeded to recover the two short scope buoys laid the previous day. On completion the OCE made known the positions of mines laid in Channel FEBRUARY and at 1005, with mine hunting stations closed up, CURLEW commenced the recovery phase in Channel FEBRUARY. However, due to the thick muddy bottom efforts to detect the mines were fruitless and CURLEW was retasked to the Northern section of Channel JANUARY. Mine hunting stations were closed up at 1605 and minehunting continued until 2345 at which time three A MK12 ground mines had been located and recovered. CURLEW proceeded to her anchorage off SLOPING MAIN BEACH, where she came to anchor at 0013 on Friday, 11th October.

12. CURLEW weighed and proceeded at 0600 on the 11th October to the Northern sector of JANUARY Channel where a moored mine sinker was located and subsequently recovered. Following this recovery, CURLEW returned to the Exercise Anchorage area off SMOOTH ISLAND to recover short scope buoys. During this phase, the opportunity was taken to allow junior Officers to manoeuvre the ship. Upon completion course was set to close STALWART.

13. At 1148 CURLEW Secured Starboard side to HMAS STALWART which was anchored off CREMORNE BEACH, and commenced embarking diesel fuel and fresh water. The mines and sinker were transferred during the replenishment, which was completed at 1215. CURLEW cast off all lines at 1232 and proceeded out of FREDERICK HENRY BAY. Whilst

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proceeding to the rendezvous position off IRON POT LIGHT, a steering gear break down was exercised.

14. At 1500, CURLEW rendezvoused with HMA Ships STALWART, IBIS and SNIPE and was stationed 1600 yards astern of STALWART for entry into HOBART. CURLEW secured Port side to, HMAS SNIPE, at PRINCES WHARF at 1643 and remained alongside until Monday the 14th October 1974.

15. CURLEW slipped and proceeded from PRINCES WHARF at 0842 on Monday 14th October, and was stationed astern of IBIS and SNIPE for the lead out of HOBART. Upon clearing the RIVER DERWENT, SNIPE and CURLEW were detached and course was set for MELBOURNE via the west coast of TASMANIA.

16. CURLEW passed through the entrance into PORT PHILLIP BAY at 0430 on Wednesday 16th October, and came to anchor 218 - 7.8 miles off PORTSEA POINT, where the ship remained for the rest of the morning.

17. At 0918 the ship weighed anchor and with hands closed up in mine hunting stations proceeded to hunt the areas in PORT PHILLIP BAY (COMAUSFLT letter 5/5/226). No objects were found and at 1745 hands secured from hunting stations and CURLEW came to anchor 3.6 miles south of WERRIBEE JETTY.

18. At 1400 on 17th October and in company with HMAS SNIPE CURLEW weighed anchor and entered the RIVER YARRA and proceeded to berth at Number 6 North Wharf, PORT MELBOURNE, where the ships remained until Monday the 21st October.

19. HMAS CURLEW slipped from Number 6 North Wharf at 0906 and in company with HMAS SNIPE set course for SYDNEY. Whilst en route Ships Company were exercised in emergency and action station drill,

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damage control exercises, man overboard drill, machinery breakdown classified equipment destruction drill. A small arms shoot was carried out as well.

20. CURLEW entered SYDNEY at 0930 and at 1030 on the 23rd October berthed starboard side to HMAS SNIPE at WATERHEN, where the ship remained until the 30th October.

21. At 0902 on Wednesday the 30th October CURLEW slipped and proceeded from HMAS WATERHEN, in company with HMAS IBIS and SNIPE. Upon clearing SYDNEY HEADS, the squadron set course for BRISBANE, making good a rendezvous with HMAS STALWART at 1730.

STATE OF THE SHIP

Main Engines

22. Both main engines have operated trouble free throughout the period.

Generators

23. All generators have operated satisfactorily.

Air Conditioning

24. The air conditioning unit was run up during the month, and though it operates satisfactorily, its performance is still considered to be below standard.

Planned Maintenance

25. All planned maintenance was brought up to date during the period

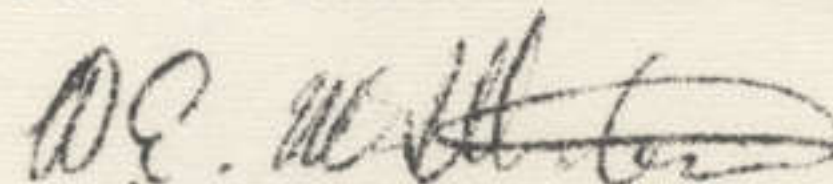
Health, Welfare and Morale

26. The general health, welfare and morale of the Ships company remains satisfactory

I have the honour to ge,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(W.E. McALLISTER)

Lieutenant RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 1

Miles steamed throughout the month	2401.7
Miles steamed since commissioning	202210.1
Hours underway during the month	271
Hours underway since commissioning	18869

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Navigation

01st October	OOW Manoeuvres and UNREP Approaches
02nd October	Underway Replenishment
11th October	Junior Officers Ship handling, Steering gear breakdown procedures.
16th October	Junior Officer under training Anchorage
21st October	Man over board procedures
22nd October	Exercised loss of gyro steering by magnetic
31st October	OOW Manoeuvres carried out.

Mine Sweeping/Mine Hunting

07 - 11th October	Hunting and Diving to investigate contacts as necessary for Exercise COLD CIDER
16th October	Hunting and Diving to investigate contacts as necessary during survey of PORT PHILLIP BAY
08th October	Minesweeping as required during the mine sweeping phase of Exercise COLD CIDER.

Gunnery

21st October	Carried out small arms shoot with 9mm service pistol, SLR drill and firing.
22nd October	Carried out small arms shoot with SLR and automatic SLR

Other Exercises

02nd October	Action, Emergency and Leaving ship stations
05 and 06th October	Minor Damage Control Exercise
09th October	Action messing
21st October	Action and Leaving Ship's Stations drill exercised
22nd October	Incidents to practice Damage Control and Emergency drill, Classified Equipment Destruction drill.

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1. Exercise WARM WATERS
2. Bad weather disrupted the exercise

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

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HMAS CURLEW Report dated 5th December 1974

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HMAS CURLEW
At COCKATOO ISLAND

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The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For information:

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces, HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron, HMAS IBIS

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1ST NOVEMBER, 1974 - 30TH NOVEMBER, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st November, 1974, to 30th November, 1974. Times in paragraphs one to fifteen are in Kilo (-10) time; all other times are in Lima (-11) time.

2. HMA Ships IBIS, SNIPE and CURLEW sailed from SYDNEY on the 30th October, 1974, and arrived in BRISBANE on the 1st November. CURLEW secured port side to on SNIPE at EAGLE STREET WHARF, where the ships remained until sailing for Exercise WARM WATERS.

3. On Thursday morning, 7th November, Major R. PALMER of 7th Support Group Royal Australian Engineers embarked CURLEW for the duration of the exercise. At 0814 CURLEW cast off all lines and held off in the BRISBANE RIVER whilst IBIS and SNIPE got underway. The squadron proceeded from BRISBANE for phase One of Exercise WARM WATERS, carrying out a three ship radar calibration whilst en route, and then making good a rendezvous with HMAS STALWART and PARRAMATTA at 1630 that afternoon.

4. CURLEW with IBIS and SNIPE, took station on PARRAMATTA at 0737 on the 8th November, to carry out a formation anchorage. CURLEW anchored at 0840 three miles East of the Lagoon entrance in HERVEY BAY.

5. Operations within HERVEY BAY during Phase One of the Exercise continued until 2255 on the 11th November, when CURLEW proceeded to GLADSTONE with HMAS SNIPE, BAYONET, and ASSAIL. The Patrol Craft had difficulty proceeding at the slow speed of advance, and were subsequently detached, to rendezvous the following morning.

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6. A rendezvous was affected at 0850, 12th November and the ships entered FORT CURTIS. At 1008 CURLEW secured port side to on SNIPE at Number Two Grain and Meat Wharf, GLADSTONE. Two sea cadets from the ROCKHAMPTON contingent were embarked for sea experience on the 13th for the remainder of the Exercise.

7. CURLEW remained at GLADSTONE until Thursday 14th November, when the ship proceeded from FORT CURTIS for Phases Two and Three of the Exercise. Upon reaching the Exercise area, an anchorage in the lee of FLAT ISLAND was investigated, but the depth of the water was extreme. The ship subsequently anchored in seven fathoms of water off CLIFF POINT at 1636, and preparations were made for Phase Two.

8. On Friday the 15th November, CURLEW weighed anchor at 0530, and proceeded to GREAT KEPIEL ISLAND. During this passage, the wind and the swell, predominantly from the South East, rose and caused uncomfortable conditions. The ship anchored in a position 280 North GREAT KEPIEL ISLAND 1.0 mile. Shortly thereafter, CURLEW was directed by the OTC to proceed to a rendezvous position which had been incorrectly printed in the ORANCE Operation Order by one degree of Longitude.

9. As a result of the heavy swell, little Eastward progress could be made, and the passage was restricted to the opposing forces territorial waters. At 1411 CURLEW was intercepted by PARRAMATTA. On completion of this interception CURLEW was ordered to seek shelter in the lee of OTTERBOURNE ISLAND. However, this island provided insufficient protection and an anchorage was found in the lee of SOUTH(PERCY) ISLAND, at 2330. The ship remained at anchor throughout the night. Material damage and loss of stores was experienced during the passage.

10. At 1030, 16th November, CURLEW weighed anchor and proceeded to rendezvous with STALWART which had anchored off OTTERBOURNE ISLAND. At 1240 CURLEW came to anchor 154 OTTERBOURNE (west) ISLAND 4.6 cables. The anchorage was not sheltered, nor was the depth of water suitable for anchoring an MCM Vessel. At 1300 the cable began to drag, and a second anchor was veered under foot.

11. Weather permitted CURLEW to resume her role in Phase Two the following day, when at 1125 CURLEW weighed anchor to proceed and rendezvous with the participating fishing vessel ILLAWARRA RANCE at 1220 off MARBLE ISLAND. After CURLEW had anchored, an infiltration plan for that night was planned and co-ordinated with the fishing vessel.

12. Infiltration into the opposing forces territories was restricted to night time operations during Phase Two, and CURLEW remained outside the territorial limits during the day. At 0945, 19th November, CURLEW rendezvoused with STALWART which was anchored off CONICAL ROCK and secured starboard side to. Fuel, water, and fresh victuals were embarked.

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Replenishment was completed at 1127 and CURLEW then resumed her infiltration role.

13. At 0937 on the 20th November, you Six, in company with your Flag Lieutenant embarked by helicopter, and observed CURLEW infiltrating the opposing forces territorial waters, during which an attack was carried out against HMA Ships PARRAMATTA and AWARE. On completion of the attack, CURLEW proceeded to the rendezvous position where yourself and Flag Lieutenant disembarked by helicopter at 1355.

14. Exercise WARM WATERS was concluded at 2310, 20th November, and course was set to rendezvous with STALWART in position 2.2 miles off CONICAL ROCK.

15. At 0910, 21st November, CURLEW anchored 320 CONICAL RICK 2.5 miles to await replenishment on STALWART. At 0943 CURLEW weighed and closed STALWART to secure starboard side to at 0951. At 1041 on completion of replenishment, CURLEW slipped from STALWART and returned to her assigned anchorage to await the refuelling of IBIS and SNIPE, and the promise of calmer waters during the passage to SYDNEY. Major R. PALMER was transferred to PARRAMATTA for return passage to BRISBANE.

16. At 1541 CURLEW weighed anchor and in company with IBIS and SNIPE set course for SYDNEY. Unfortunately, heavy seas were encountered throughout the passage, due to an intense depression which was positioned 150 miles to the east and moving in the same direction and speed as the squadron.

17. The passage was otherwise uneventful and the ship finally secured starboard side to on SNIPE at WATERHEN, at 1003 on the 24th November, 1974. The sea cadets were disembarked and returned to ROCKHAMPTON on Tuesday 26th November.

18. On Thursday 28th November, CURLEW slipped from HMAS WATERHEN and proceeded for No 4 Buoy at the Man Of War anchorage to deammunition.

19. Deammunitioning commenced at 1000 with 40/60, Mine Disposal Weapons, diving pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition being disembarked in that order.

20. Deammunitioning was completed at 1225, and at 1314 CURLEW slipped from number four buoy to return starboard side to on SNIPE at 1344, where the ship remained for the remainder of the month.

STATE OF THE SHIP

Main Engines

21. Both main engines have operated reasonably well during this period. Some minor defects occurred but these were within the capabilities of the ship's technical staff.

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Generators

22. Generators performed satisfactorily, and the minor defects that did occur were rectified by the ship's staff.

Air Conditioning

23. The air conditioning was run this month and proved to be below standard. Considerable time was spent repairing and replacing parts. The system now appears to be operating satisfactorily.

Hull

24. The hull and ship's side continues to deteriorate through lack of maintenance, and the period of time lapsed since a major refit.

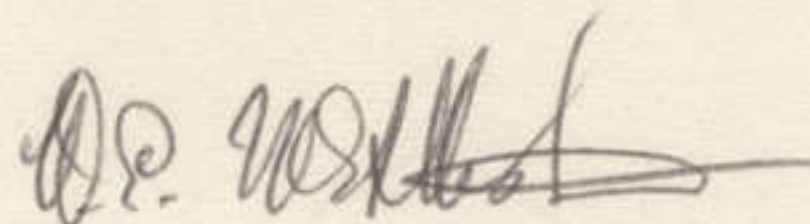
Health, Welfare and Morale

25. The health, welfare and morale of the ship have been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(W.E. McALLISTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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Miles steamed throughout the month	2818.4
Miles steamed since commissioning	205028.5
Hours underway during month	356 hours 18 minutes
Hours underway since commissioning	19225.

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Exercises and Evolutions

Thursday 7th November

3 ship radar calibration

Saturday 9th November

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OOW Manoeuvres

Monday 11th November

OOW Manoeuvres.

Gunnery

Saturday 9th November

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Monday 11th November

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Wednesday 20th November

Exercise engagement
with break up shot.

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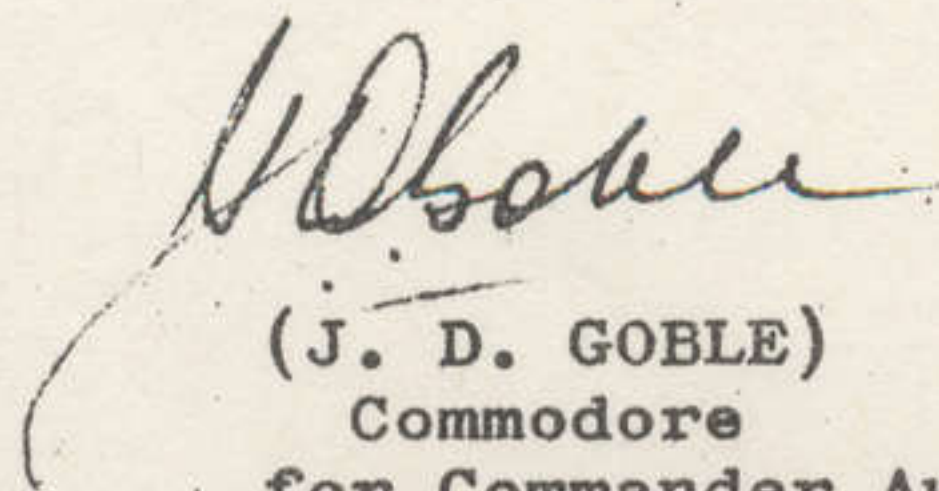
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HMAS CURLEW
At COCKATOO ISLAND
4th January, 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
HMAS WATERHEN

The Commander
First Australian Mine Countermeasures Squadron
HMAS IBIS.

HMAS CURLEW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st December, 1974 - 31st December, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CURLEW under my command for the period 1st December, 1974 to 31st December, 1974. All times are in zone Lima (-11)

2. At the beginning of the month, CURLEW was alongside the mine sweeping wharf at HMAS WATERHEN, preparing for the forthcoming intermediate docking period.

3. All lines were cast off at 0915 on the 2nd December, and CURLEW proceeded from WATERHEN for COCKATOO ISLAND, securing portside to the CRUISER Wharf at COCKATOO ISLAND at 0940. The Ship remained at the CRUISER Wharf continuing with ship's husbandry until entering the SUTHERLAND DRY DOCK at 1115 on Tuesday 17th December. The ship remained in dry dock for the remainder of the month.

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STATE OF THE SHIP

Main Engines

4. Both main engines operated trouble free prior to entering dry dock

Generators

5. All generators have operated satisfactorily.

Air Conditioning

6. Considerable ship's staff work has kept the air conditioning running at an acceptable level

Activated rudders

7. Dockyard repairs to the port active rudder is still outstanding, due to lack of spare parts from the UK.

Hull

8. Work is progressing on all hull defects during the present intermediate docking.

Ship's Company

9. Christmas leave period commenced on the 9th December, 1975.

Health Welfare, and Morale

10. The general health, welfare, and morale of the Ship's Company remains satisfactory.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(W.E. McALLISTER)

Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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