

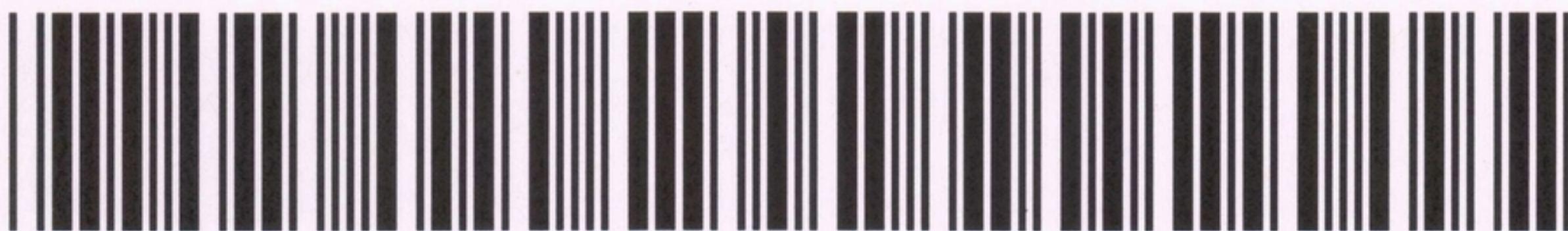
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HMAS ONSLOW

Report of Proceedings JANUARY 1974

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ONSLOW has now been cleared as
safe to dive. 5/3.

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The Secretary
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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1974

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(D.C. Wells) -
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

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HMAS ONSLOW Report G2/12/96 dated 1st February, 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Cockatoo Island.

1st February 1974.

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974.

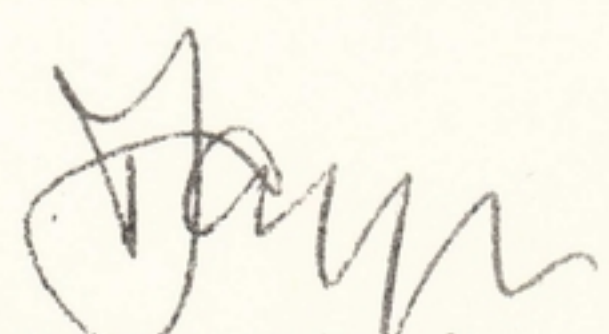
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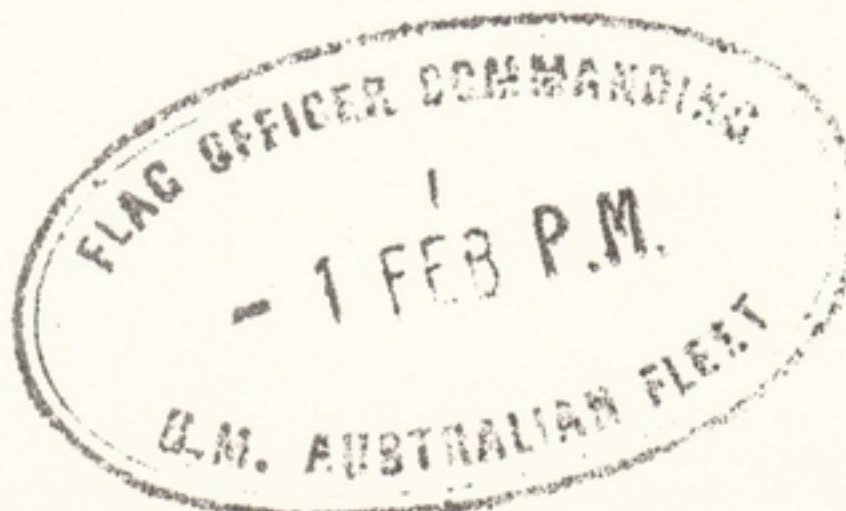
1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW, under my command, for the period 1st January to 31st January 1974. Times throughout are Zone Lima (-11).
2. On 1st January HMAS ONSLOW was alongside PLATYPUS continuing Assisted Maintenance Period N° 16.
3. At 0820 on Monday 7th January ONSLOW conducted a cold move using tug BRONZEWING and tugs 501 and 502 to Sutherland Dock at Cockatoo Island. The submarine sewed at 1100. HMAS ONSLOW is in dock to carry out her Special Survey Docking. She has remained in Sutherland Dock throughout the month. Progress to date is satisfactory. However, the planned undocking date has been delayed till the 15th February due to work arising from the survey and inclusion of additional work as detailed in GOSIEAA signal 180620Z JAN 74 Sig DKU/DWG HMAS ONSLOW SPECIAL SURVEY DOCKING.
4. On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January LEUT GLEX D.F. WEBB RAN and SBLT SLEX J.C.A. GERLACH RAN took their Part III Submarine Officers Qualification Examinations in HMAS PLATYPUS. These officers were posted to HMAS OTWAY on the 14th January 1974.
5. At 1000 on the 14th January I attended the Primary Planning Conference for Exercise Kangaroo One in which HMAS ONSLOW is participating in June.
6. The health of the Ship's Company remains good and morale is high.
7. The material state of the ship is sound.

I Have the Honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant


(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander
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Enclosure:- Annex A - Steaming Appendix

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ANNEX A to HMAS ONSLOW Letter G2/12/96
Dated 1st February 1974

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Distance Run	0.00
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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974

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

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HMAS ONSLOW Report G1/10/98 dated 1st March 1974

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

HMAS ONSLOW
At Neytral Bay.

1st March 1974.

IN REPLY QUOTE G1/10/98

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW, under my command, for the period 1st February to 28th February 1974. Times throughout are Zone Lima (-11).
2. From 1st February until 19th February, ONSLOW was in Sutherland Dock at Cockatoo Island carrying out her Special Survey Docking. The programmed undocking date of 15th February was delayed by industrial disputes and ONSLOW did not unsew until 1430 on the 19th February, 1974. Due to the overtime ban by Painters and Dockers it was not possible to leave Sutherland Dock and the submarine remained afloat, in dock over night.
3. LEUT R.J.H. CANHAM, RAN was relieved as Executive Officer by LEUT K.F. PITT, RAN on the 6th February 1974.
4. At 1015 on the 20th February, a cold move was made to the Destroyer Wharf, Cockatoo Island, using tugs 501 and 502 with tug BRONZEWING standing by. ONSLOW remained at Cockatoo Island until Monday 25th February. This period was occupied completing docking items and preparing for the Safety Certificate.
5. The period spent at Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard has been extremely fruitful. Not only did the Dockyard overcome considerable labour shortages and industrial disputes to achieve the aim of the docking, that being to extend the first commission of ONSLOW by one year, but the good relations which were established between Ship's Staff and Dockyard enabled a considerable amount of work to be undertaken by Ship's Staff which would not normally be allowed. This has been reported in detail in my letter to the Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron, E1/10/97 dated 16th February 1974.
6. The Special Survey Docking was successfully completed with the signing of the Safety Certificate in ONSLOW at 1400 on the 25th February 1974. At 1415 ONSLOW slipped and proceeded to HMAS PLATYPUS, remaining alongside storing and preparing for the coming workup and inspection until the end of the month.

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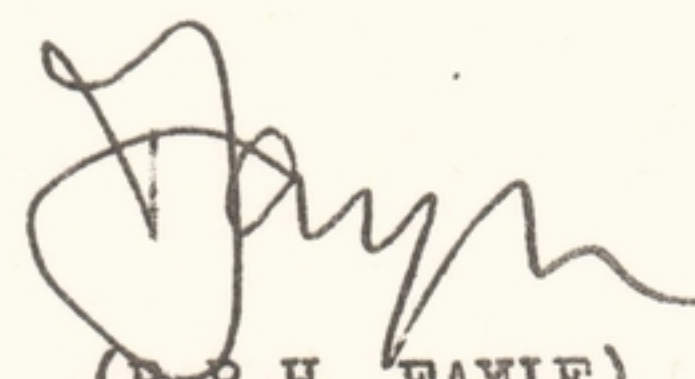
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The material state of the ship is sound.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(R.R.H. FAYLE)

Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosure:- Annex A - Steaming Appendix.

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ANNEX A to HMAS ONSLOW Letter G1/10/98
dated 1st March 1974.

STEAMING APPENDIX - FEBRUARY 1974.

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HMAS *ON SLOW*

Report of Proceedings *MAR '74*

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7 MAY 1974

The Secretary
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1974

1. Forwarded.
2. Provision of replacement printed circuit cards to overcome the TGPU problem noted in paragraph is being investigated. (DEFNAV message DAV/OWR 110649Z April 1974 and ANZUK message DAV/OWR 111321Z April 1974 refer).
3. The incident referred to in paragraph 15 is being investigated and will form the subject of a separate report in due course.


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

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HMAS ONSLOW Report C1/11/71 dated 3rd April, 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW,
At Sea.

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3rd April 1974.

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW under my command, for the period 1st March 1974 to 31st March 1974. Times until 030100 are in zone Lima (-11) and then zone Kilo (-10).
2. From 1st March until 10th March ONSLOW was alongside at HMAS PLATYPUS. This time was used as a harbour training period in preparation for the work-up, harbour and sea inspections. Included were a twelve hour fast cruise on 6th March and Divisions and Captain's Rounds on 8th March. Departmental continuation training and lectures on general submarine knowledge were conducted by ship's officers throughout the week.
3. At 0905 on Monday 11th March, ONSLOW sailed for the first week of work-up, diving at 1105. This dive will have some minor historical connotations as ONSLOW is the first submarine of the class to extend a commission beyond the traditional four years. The successful completion of this dive was reported in ONSLOW signal 110250Z MAR 74 and accordingly, the Safe to Dive period of the submarine has been extended to 11th March 1975. All systems were checked correct before commencing a comprehensive list of evolutions. These continued through until 0600 on 14th March when runs on the Jervis Bay measured mile were carried out. At 1600 sea riders were transferred at Captains Point, Jervis Bay.
4. On completion of the transfer, ONSLOW proceeded for a dived rendezvous with HMS ODIN at 2200. This rendezvous was successful and a co-ordinated transit was conducted until 0015 on 15th March. An SSK phase due to follow on immediately was cancelled ^{after} experiencing considerable communications difficulties. A further period of operational training followed and my intercept sonar was calibrated with the assistance of a Wessex Helicopter from NAS NOWRA. ONSLOW surfaced at 1025 for the return passage to Sydney.
5. At 1200 on 15th March ONSLOW was ordered to proceed at best speed to search for the ketch METUNG, reported to be in distress 20 miles east of KIAMA. ONSLOW arrived in the search area at 1340 and assumed duties of on scene commander. Other units involved in the search were one Iroquois, one Wessex and two trackers from RANAS NOWRA, M/V IRON HUNTER and M/V IRON CAVALIER. The yacht was sighted by Tracker 844 at 1505 and ONSLOW altered course to close this position some 58 miles to the south east. At 1520 ONSLOW withdrew from the rescue (COMAUSSUBRON ONE RTT 150520Z MAR 74) and returned to Sydney, securing alongside HMAS PLATYPUS at 2100. The sequel to the MAYDAY

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call was somewhat less than professional. It transpired that the yacht had fouled her propellor and did not have any suitable sails for the prevailing conditions. The crew were eventually taken off by helicopter from NAS NOWRA and their yacht left adrift to be taken in tow by a passing ship the following day.

6. ONSLOW remained secured at PLATYPUS until 19th March. Duty Watch initiative exercises were initiated by LCDRSM (CMDR I.D.G. MacDOUGALL, RAN) over this period. These included the repelling of armed militants and tanks from HMAS PLATYPUS Main Gate, and the extinguishing of a fire in PLATYPUS using on board appliances only. Four Mark 23 practice torpedoes were loaded on Monday 18th March.
7. ONSLOW sailed at 0905 on Tuesday 19th March and proceeded to sea to carry out the post survey docking deep dive. The successful completion of this dive was reported in ONSLOW's DKU/DKC/KKN 190837Z MAR 74 .
8. At 2200 ONSLOW entered Hunters Bay to affect a personnel transfer and proceeded to sea on completion. Work up evolutions were carried out until 2359 on the 20th March including exercises with HMA Ships PERTH and SWAN. A scheduled weapon firing had to be cancelled because of a Torpedo Guidance Control Unit defect. URDEF 51/73 refers.
9. On the 21st March a series of casexs were carried out involving HMA Ships PERTH, HOBART, SWAN, YARRA, aircraft from RANAS NOWRA and ORIONS from RAAF EDINBURGH. During the day major problems were experienced with the TGPU2 and it was decided to return to PLATYPUS to carry out repairs on completion of the first serial on Friday 22nd March. (ONSLOW KKN 210140Z MAR 74)
10. From 0100 until 1000 on the 22nd March ONSLOW operated in the SSK role searching for HMS ODIN, expected to be transitting toward the coast from the East. A successful SSK attack solution was achieved. ONSLOW surfaced at 1000 and returned to Sydney, securing alongside PLATYPUS at 1600. Base Staff worked on the defective fire control equipment overnight and the submarine proceeded to sea for her work-up Mk 23 TFX at 0800 on the 23rd March.
11. Two wepons were fired at the TRV and the third firing was aborted. ONSLOW's 230450Z MAR 74 refers. Further difficulties arose with the TGPU and URDEF 51/73 could not be cleared. ONSLOW remained at sea overnight and returned to PLATYPUS at 0600 on the 24th March.
12. The 24th and 25th were spent cleaning ship in preparation for the Harbour Inspection.
13. On the 26th March COMAUSSUBRON ONE (CMDR T.R. DUCHESNE, RAN) inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions and carried out rounds of the submarine. Officers from Fleet and Squadron Staff carried out departmental inspections through the day and an initial report on the Harbour Inspection was made in COMAUSSUBRON ONE's RPT 260333Z MAR 74.
14. ONSLOW sailed for her sea inspection at 1600 on the 26th March 1974, with COMAUSSUBRON ONE (CMDR T.R. DUCHESNE, RAN) and Staff embarked. The inspection was conducted in accordance with Annex K to FASSTM 17/74 and ONSLOW surfaced on completion at 1100 on the 28th

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March. The submarine secured alongside PLATYPUS at 1730 and a signal report (COMAUSSUBRON ONE RTT 280525Z MAR 74) was received confirming ONSLOW as being an operational unit of the fleet.

15. During the Sea Inspection, at 0623 on 28th March ONSLOW touched the bottom. This grounding resulted from an error in estimated position of six miles. Subsequent inspection by ship's divers on the 29th March confirmed that no damage had been sustained (ONSLOW's KKE/KKN 280050Z and KKE 290425Z MAR 74 refer)

16. On 29th March ONSLOW proceeded to Number 5 Buoy and loaded the war outfit of torpedoes, returning to PLATYPUS at 1615 and remaining alongside for the remainder of the month.

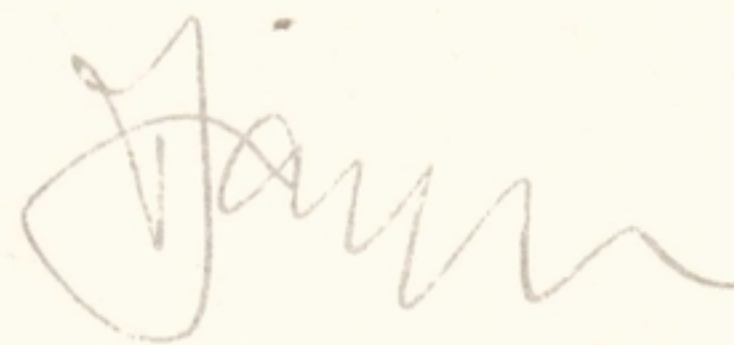
17. The pressures of Work-up have brought a considerable increase in disciplinary problems, particularly among the younger sailors under training. However, the overall effect on morale has been good and with work-up behind us, morale is high and health good.

18. The material state of the ship is sound with the exception of the fire control system which remains unproven. No Mk 8 firings have been possible because of torpedo safety difficulties reported in COMAUSSUBRON ONE 220016Z MAR 74. The Mk 23 system remains untested URDEF 54/73 refers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: ANNEX A - Steaming Appendix

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ANNEX A to ONSLOW Letter G1/11/71
dated 3rd April 1974.

STEAMING APPENDIX - MARCH 1974

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Distance Run	576.27
Hours	60.00

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Distance Run	1076.71
Hours	178.00

SINCE COMMISSIONING

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Hours	6454.24

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22 MAY 1974

The Secretary
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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

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Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS ONSLOW Report G1/23/72 dated 1st May 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1 May 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW under my command, for the period 1 April 1974 to 30 April 1974. Times throughout are in Zone Kilo (-10).

2. On Monday 1 April the submarine sailed from HMAS PLATYPUS at 0905 for a week of Fleet support exercises in the local Sydney areas. Three research Laboratory Scientists were embarked for submarine familiarisation, two of whom, Mr J. Wood from Navy Office and Mrs J.M. Tonurist from RANRL, were landed by boat in Hunter's Bay that evening. Mr B. Macmillan, also from RANRL, remained on board for the week.

3. On Tuesday 2 April ONSLOW was unfortunately unable to participate in Exercise Slow Foxtrot, a live firing against MV KAROOLA, as the draught of the target was insufficient for Mk 8 torpedoes to be used. This would have been the first live firing of a torpedo by a Royal Australian Naval Submarine.

4. ONSLOW berthed at HMAS PLATYPUS at 1715 on Thursday 4 April.

5. On Monday 8 April the submarine sailed at 0805 for further Fleet support operations and returned to HMAS PLATYPUS at 1030 on Thursday 11 April.

6. On Tuesday 16 April ONSLOW commenced Maintenance Period No 17 and, apart from a visit to No 4 Buoy to offload some warhead torpedoes on Thursday 18 April, has remained alongside HMAS PLATYPUS for the remainder of the month. Maintenance is progressing satisfactorily and leave is being taken prior to ANZUK deployment in June.

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7. The ship's Company have been lectured on security during the month.

8. The material state of the ship remains sound except for the Fire Control System and associated ORDER 55/73 remains outstanding. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(R.J.H. CANHAM)
Lieutenant RAN

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Enclosure- Annex A Steaming figures.

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Annex A to HMAS ONSLOW's letter G1/23/72 dated 1 May 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

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Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS ONSLOW Report 1/6/73 dated 1st June 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1st JUNE, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of May, 1974. Times throughout are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. On 1st May, ONSLOW was at HMAS PLATYPUS undergoing AMP No. 17. This period completed on 17th May with a repeat Internal Inspection by The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron. A good report was received from this inspection which was gratifying in the light of the amount of work that was put into bringing the boat up to standard.
3. The submarine sailed at 0905 on 20th May for Index and Torpedo Firing Exercises aimed at proving the Fire Control and Weapons Systems. Four Mk. 23 Practice Torpedoes and 6 Mk. 8 Torpedoes had been scheduled for the weeks firings. Of the Mk. 8's only three could be supplied by RANTME, and one of the three became unserviceable after embarkation, leaving only two for firing. All four Mk. 23's arrived onboard but just prior firing the first weapon guidance failed and the torpedo settings were lost. My URDEF 57/73 referred. This necessitated the disembarkation of all four Mk. 23's on Thursday 23rd May on return to PLATYPUS at 1500. Both Mk. 8 weapons were fired successfully and the Mk. 23 firing was re-programmed for Monday 27th May.
4. Bad weather prevented the firing taking place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th, and ONSLOW sailed at 1030 on Wednesday 29th for a final attempt prior to ANZUK detachment. Recovery conditions were marginal and one firing took place using TRV 803 as target. The Fire Control System functioned normally throughout but unhappily a mechanical linkage failed to trip the Disconnect Switch thus preventing guidance of the



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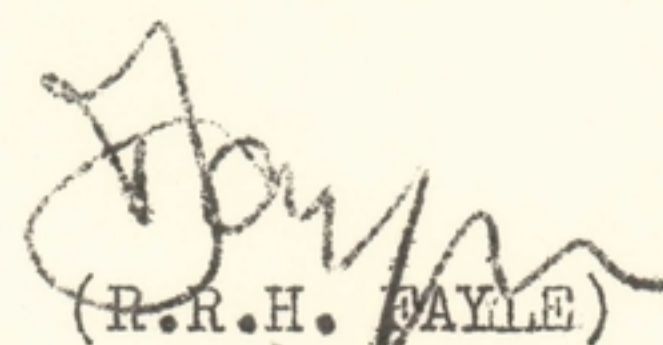
weapon. The torpedo and TCGU 2 appeared to run correctly and the submarine returned to PLATYPUS at 1630 with weapon system now fully operational.

5. Thursday 30th and Friday 31st were spent at PLATYPUS making final preparations for detachment to ANZUK on 2nd June.

6. The material state of the ship remains satisfactory. Poor UHF Communications during the month prompted fitting a replacement ALN Wireless Mast and this was carried out on Friday 31st. Associated URDEF 60/73 remains outstanding. The EM Log is unreliable with URDEF 56/73 still outstanding.

7. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale high with the prospect of an interesting detachment to South East Asia ahead.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,



Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures.

ANNEX A TO
1-6-73
DATED 1st JUNE, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance Run	100.75
Hours	16.5

DIVED

Distance Run	411.88
Hours	69.0

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

Distance Run	63,677.07
Hours	6,526.49

DIVED

Distance Run	29,791.88
Hours	4,007.32

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st July, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The ANZUK Naval Commander,
ANZUK Naval Headquarters.

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- JUNE 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of June, 1974.
2. On the first of the month ONSLOW was alongside at HMAS PLATYPUS making final preparations prior to departure for Exercise Kangaroo One and subsequent ANZUK detachment. At 1000 K (-10) on Sunday 2nd ONSLOW sailed for Kangaroo One, but shortly after leaving harbour it was discovered that the HF component of the replacement ALN mast was defective. The submarine returned to PLATYPUS, arriving alongside at 1130K (-10), and the original mast, changed because of its impaired UHF capacity, was refitted. ONSLOW finally sailed at 2215K (-10) with the prospect of being some hours late at the start position for Phase 1 of Kangaroo One.
3. During the passage to the Exercise Areas an amended attack position was ordered and ONSLOW dived at 0930K (-10) on the 4th June, to commence Exercise Kangaroo One. The main Naval units taking part in this exercise were HMA Ships MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, STALWART, HOBART, VAMPIRE, STUART, TORRENS, and OXLEY, HM Ships FIFE, DANAE, SCYLLA, ARGONAUT, ARIADNE and LONDONDERRY, US Ships JUNEAU, BRISTOL COUNTY, ALAMO, FORT FISHER, WADDELL, GURKE, and BAUSELL, HMNZ Ship WAIKATO, and RFA's TIDESPRIING and TARBATNESS.
4. By far the most rewarding part of the Exercise for ONSLOW was the period of inshore operations involving a minelay, a covert rendezvous, an attack on the Amphibious Task Force and a periscope reconnaissance. ONSLOW operated in only 18 fathoms of water at times, but remained undetected throughout the period. The subsequent opposed transit from Townshend Island to the areas allocated for Exercise Boomerang One was also undetected. During this transit ONSLOW passed across Haberfield Shoal at periscope depth, using active sonar in a mine detection mode to warn of shallow patches.

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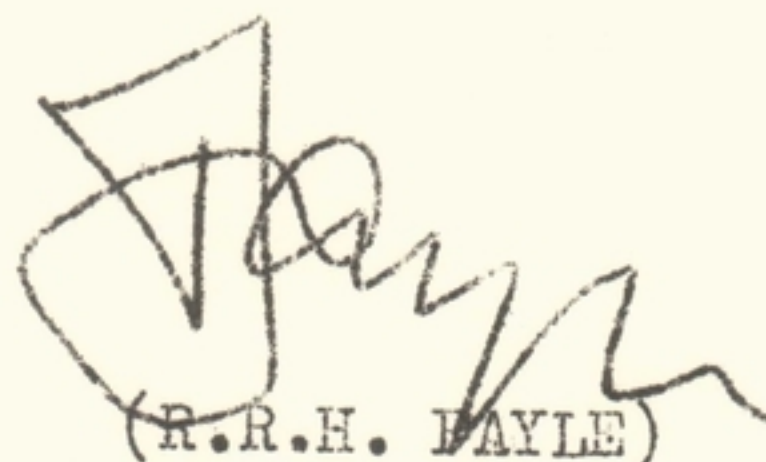
Hostile aircraft were detected searching for ONSLOW at this point but were clearly expecting the submarine to transit down the Capricorn Channel to the east of the shoal area.

5. Overall the Exercise was good value and at about 1600K (-10) on Monday 17th June, 1974 ONSLOW surfaced and commenced passage to Bangkok by way of the Inner Barrier Reef, and the Wetar, Raas and Karimata Straits.

6. At 2130G (-7) on the 25th June, ONSLOW chopped to the operational control of the ANZUK Naval Commander, and on the last day of the month was in the vicinity of the Anamba Islands on route to the Gulf of Thailand.

7. The material state of the ship remains satisfactory. URDEFS 56/73 (EM Log) and 60/73 (UHF Communications) remain outstanding from last month. The TGCU 2 continues to give trouble and is currently unserviceable. My URDEF 62/73 refers.

8. The health of the ship's company is very good and morale is high after nearly four weeks at sea and with the prospect of a well earned visit to Bangkok early in July.



(R.R.H. HAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures for June, 1974.
B. ANZUK Movements RANOP 0125

ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-29-73
DATED 1st JULY, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

DISTANCE RUN	4374
HOURS	408

DIVED

DISTANCE RUN	1580
HOURS	268

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

DISTANCE RUN	68051.07
HOURS	6934.49

DIVED

DISTANCE RUN	31371.88
HOURS	4275.32

ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-29-73
DATED 1st JULY, 1974

MOVEMENTS DURING JUNE 1974

Reference: A. RANOPS 0125

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
25 JUNE	CHOP to ANZUK
25-30 JUNE	PASSAGE TO GULF OF THAILAND

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st August, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
ANZUK NAVAL FORCES

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- JULY, 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of July, 1974.

2. On the first day of the month ONSLOW was twenty-nine days out of Sydney, heading into the Gulf of Thailand in order to participate in Exercise Thalay Thai, due to commence at 0600 G (-7) on 3rd July. The submarine dived at 2000G (-7) on the 2nd July and made the Exercise rendezvous next morning at 0600G (-7). Ships taking part in this Exercise were HMA Ships STUART and ONSLOW, HM Ships DANAE, LONDONDERRY, SCYLLA, HTM Ships MAKUTRAJAKUMARN, PINKLAO, PRASAE, and RFA TIDESPING. Operational control of ONSLOW reverted to COMAUSSUBRON ONE from 0001G (-7) On the 3rd July for the period of the Exercise.

3. During Thalay Thai two Royal Thai Navy officers were embarked in ONSLOW and two of ONSLOW's officers were transferred to Thai ships.

4. The Exercise terminated at 2000G (-7) on the 4th July when the submarine surfaced and proceeded towards Bangkok. At 0001G (-7) on the 5th July ONSLOW chopped back to COMANZUKNAV.

5. At 1300G (-7) on the 5th July the submarine secured alongside HMAS STUART at Klong Toey. On the 8th July I called on the Chief of Staff of the Royal Thai Fleet, Admiral CHING CHULLASUKHUM R.T.N.

6. ONSLOW sailed from Bangkok at 0900G (-7) on the 9th July after a very successful visit and arrived in Singapore at 1130GH (-7½) on the 12th July. On Monday 13th July I called on COMANZUKNAV, Commodore D.A.H. Clarke, MVO, DSC, RAN, and COMANZUKFOR Air Vice-Marshal R.G. Wakeford, MVO OBE AFC, RAF.



7. From 17th July to 31st July the submarine carried out local exercises in the Singapore areas and is presently en route to Penang.

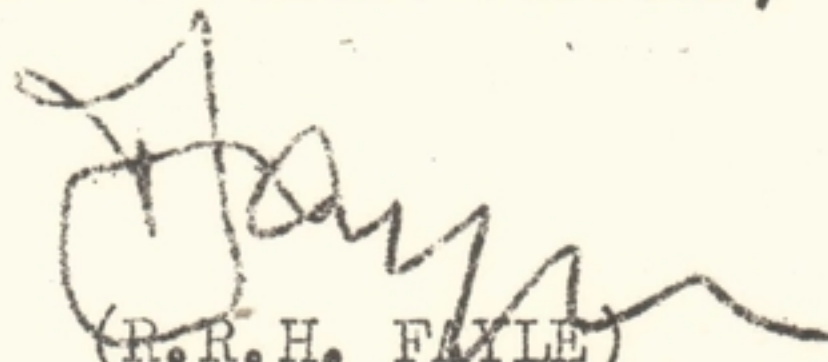
8. The material state of the submarine continues to be satisfactory. The TGCU2 remains unserviceable (URDEF 62/73). Urdefs are outstanding on No 1 Air Conditioning Unit (65/73), Auxiliary Propulsion (72/73) Sonar Type 183 Transducer (70/73) and Main Motor Air Coolers (69/73).

9. The health of the ship's company is good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures

B. Movements July 1974

ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW LETTER
DATED 1st AUGUST 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance : 2483 miles

Hours : 243 hours

DIVED

Distance : 946 miles

Hours : 163.50 hours

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

Distance : 70534.07 miles

Hours : 7177.49 hours

DIVED

Distance : 32317.88 miles

Hours : 4438.50 hours

ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-74-15
DATED 1st AUGUST 1974

MOVEMENTS FOR JULY 1974

Reference: RANOP 0125.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-4	GULF OF THAILAND. EXERCISE THALAY THAI
5-9	BANGKOK
9-12	PASSAGE
12-17	SINGAPORE
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2. Exercises with RN Task Group.
3. S.M.P. at Singapore.
4. Visit to Subic Bay.

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Subic Bay

1st September, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
ANZUK NAVAL FORCES

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of August, 1974. Times throughout are Zone Golf Hotel (-7½).

2. On the 1st August the submarine was on passage to Penang arriving off Georgetown early on the morning of 2nd August. The measured mile was used for log calibrations until 1300 when HM ships FIFE and ARGONAUT entered harbour and berthed at Swettenham Pier. ONSLOW berthed on ARGONAUT at 1330.

3. On 3rd August, I called on the Director-General of the Penang Port Commission, Tuan Haji Mohd. Aziddin b. Hj. Zainal Abidin, the Penang Garrison Commander, Colonel Manson b. Mohd. Yunus KMN, the Chief Police Officer for Penang, Encik I.M. Yusoff Khan, JSN, KMN, PJK and the Honourable The Deputy State Secretary, Penang, Encik Mohd. Hussain b. Hassan.

4. At 0700 on Monday 5th all three ships shifted berth to anchor in the Man of War Anchorage and ONSLOW secured alongside HMS FIFE.

5. ONSLOW sailed Penang at 0740 on Tuesday 5th and dived at 1600 for an opposed transit to PENANGEX Exercise Area North of Sumatra. On Wednesday 6th a series of exercises were conducted with the departing Royal Navy Task Group, comprising HM Ships FIFE, SCYLLA, DANAE, ARGONAUT, LONDONDERRY, and RFA TIDESPING, together with HMAS STUART. ONSLOW surfaced at 1830 and headed for Singapore.

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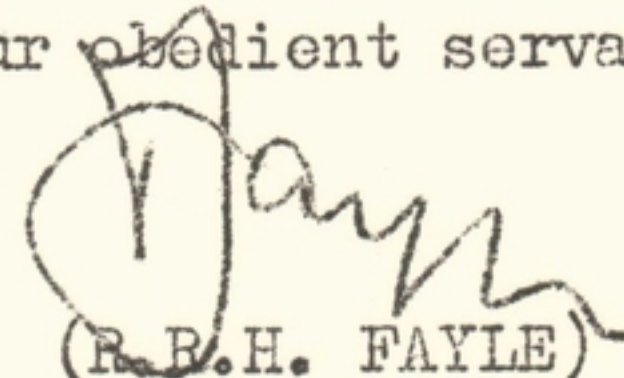
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6. ONSLOW berthed in ANZUK Naval Basin at 1340 on Friday 9th to commence SMP (AMP No 18). With the reduction in ANZUK Naval man power, the absence of an ANZUK Fleet Maintenance Group was badly missed and assistance had to be requested on a "good will" basis from any available sources. This was most unsatisfactory, and will be the subject of a detailed report on return from ANZUK deployment to the Commander First Australian Submarine Squadron.
7. The maintenance period was successfully completed on Saturday 24th and at 1100 on the 25th ONSLOW sailed for Subic Bay.
8. The submarine berthed in Subic Bay at 0900 Hotel on Friday 30th and remained alongside until the end of the month. Calls were made on the Commanding Officer NAVSTA Subic Bay, Captain R.M. Weidman USN, and the Commanding Officer NAVBASE Subic Bay, Rear-Admiral D.B. Shelton USN.
9. The material condition of the submarine is satisfactory. URDEF 62/73 (TGPU 2) remains outstanding as does URDEF 72/73 (Auxiliary Propulsion). The Port Main Generator insulation (URDEF 72/73) is currently causing considerable concern reflecting the temporary nature of low insulation rectification utilised in May this year.
10. Official Cocktail Parties during the month were given in Penang and Subic Bay.
11. The health and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Lieutenant Commander, RAN

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-5
DATED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance	1948.0
Hours	199.0

DIVED

Distance	197.0
Hours	32.5

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

Distance	72382.07
Hours	7376.49

DIVED

Distance	32514.88
Hours	4471.00

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ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-5
DATED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1974

MOVEMENTS - AUGUST 1974

Reference RA WOPS 0125

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-2	Sea
2-6	Penang
6-9	Sea (PENANGEX)
9-25	Singapore SMP
25-30	Sea
30-31	Subic Bay

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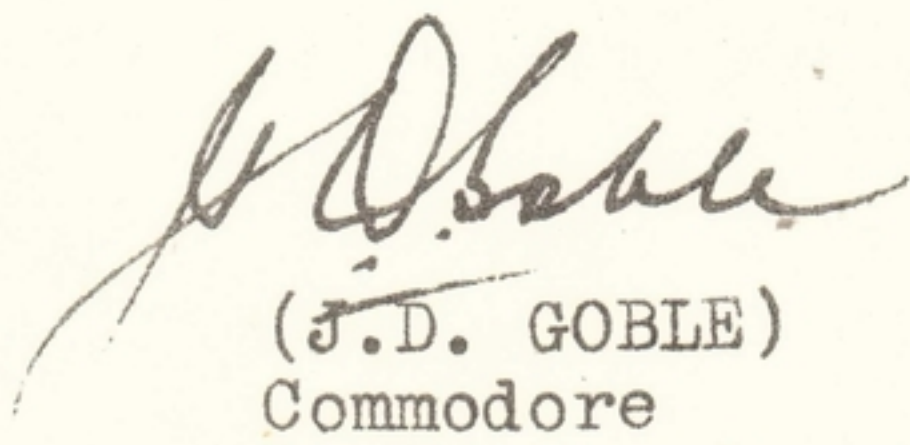
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1. Forwarded.
2. Reference to Seaking helicopters in paragraph 2 presumably concerns SH3A or SH3H helicopters.


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

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st October, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
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For Information:

The Commander,
ANZUK NAVAL FORCES

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of September, 1974.
2. On the 1st September, ONSLOW was in Subic Bay enjoying an all too brief stay amongst American hospitality. At 0700H (-8) on the 2nd the submarine proceeded to sea and at 1200H (-8) on the same day commenced what was intended to be five days of ASW exercises. Other forces taking part were HMAS STUART and USS BRADELY, JOHN S. MCCAIN, TURNER JOY and SACRAMENTO. These exercises, which also involved helicopters and ASW aircraft, were not very advanced but the USN welcomed the opportunity of having a submarine for so long a period. From ONSLOW's point of view the main benefit was working against the SQS 26 AXR Sonar in USS BRADELY and Seaking helicopters fitted with AQS 13 Sonar.
3. ONSLOW had sailed from Singapore on the 25th August with a low insulation reading on the Port Main Generator armature which was however within acceptable limits. The readings had been reported regularly to The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron, including URDEF action and on Thursday 5th September ONSLOW was withdrawn from exercises and directed to return to Singapore to change the offending armature. This necessitated cancellation of the remaining exercise and the visit to Hong Kong from the 10th-14th September and this was the cause of considerable disappointment on board.
4. During the return passage to Singapore, distress flares were

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sighted and investigated on the evening of the 6th. A full report on the incident was forwarded to The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces, my letter 34-72-3 dated 9th September refers.

5. ONSLOW arrived in Singapore at 1215 GH (-7½) on the 10th September and by Wednesday 18th September the new armature was in place and had been successfully trialled. No major difficulties were encountered during the change and Sembawang Shipyard, who were contracted to undertake the job, worked well under ship's staff and HMAS PLATYPUS Base Staff supervision.

6. At 1600GH (-7½) on Thursday 19th September ONSLOW went to sea for a short exercise period with HMS LEOPARD and HMNZS TARANAKI. It was during this period that the incident reported in my 201537Z SEP 74 occurred. The submarine returned alongside at 0830GH (-7½). A Board of Inquiry was convened by The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces and the findings are awaited at this time.

7. A replacement Attack Periscope arrived alongside at 1830GH (-7½) on Thursday 26th September and was installed without difficulty.

8. At 1600GH (-7½) on Friday 27th September ONSLOW left Singapore for passage to Australia. On the last day of the month the submarine was clear of Sunda Strait and bound for Onslow W.A.

9. The material state of the submarine remains satisfactory. The following URDEFS are outstanding: TGPU2 (62/73) and Auxiliary Propulsion (72/73).

10. This report concludes the period of detachment under the Operational Control of The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces. It has been a particularly valuable detachment for ONSLOW with exercises in a wide range of Oceanographic, environmental and operational conditions. With a virtually static ship's company it has been possible to tune the team to a fine pitch and, not unexpectedly, morale is excellent. It was not without some disappointment that we learnt of the further scaling down of the RAN input at Singapore and it is hoped that this does not spell the end of submarine deployments in the area with the tremendous operational and morale benefits that accrue.

11. The health of the ship's company is good and a security address has been given during the month.



Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures.
B. ANZUK Movements.

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-27
DATED 1st OCTOBER, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

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Distance : 2578.8

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ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-27
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ANZUK MOVEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1974

Reference: A. RANOPS 0125

1-2	Subic Bay
2-5	Sea- Exercises Subic Areas
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1. Examining with LAMP.
2. Visit to Onslow town.
3. Visit to Fremantle.
4. Examining with SAS Agent.

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

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HMAS ONSLOW
at Sydney

1st November 1974

Flag Officer Commanding
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

Flag Officer Commanding
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (AFLOAT)

The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW -REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of October 1974.

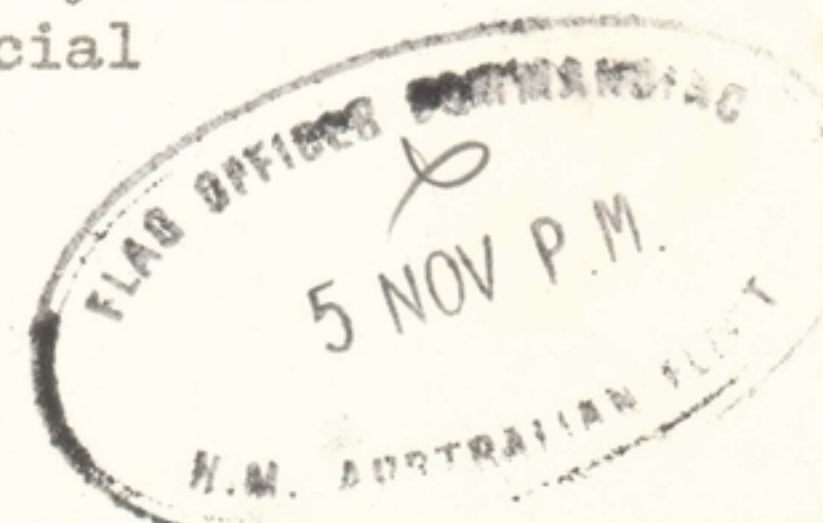
2. At 2330H (-8) on 30th September ONSLOW dived 10 miles east of Christmas Island and commenced a fast, covert snort transit, which was opposed by RAAF LRMR aircraft from 3rd-5th October. Conditions onboard were made as realistic as possible and ONSLOW was detected once by visual means. A lot of value was obtained from this exercise and the submarine surfaced at 0600H (-8) on 5th October just north of Onslow, Western Australia after the 840 miles transit.

3. At 1200H (-8) ONSLOW anchored in Ashburton Roads off Onslow town. Unfortunately weather conditions prevented boats from coming alongside and no leave could be given. By the time the weather moderated that night, it was too late to give leave; however on the morning of 6th October, several groups of townspeople were shown over the submarine prior to departure. At 1400H (-8) on the same day ONSLOW sailed for Fremantle with a party of Junior Recruits from HMAS LEEUWIN embarked. A compensating number of ship's company had been landed, to travel to Fremantle by RAAF aircraft.

4. Early on 7th October, the starboard main engine became defective due to excessive tooth wear on the springwheel drive assembly. My URDEF 77/73 refers. Passage to Fremantle was continued at a reduced speed of advance, and at 1900H (-8) on 9th October ONSLOW berthed at Victoria Quay, Fremantle.

5. On Thursday 10th October, I called on the Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia, Commodore P.H. Doyle, O.B.E., R.A.N., and the Mayor of Fremantle, Mr. W.A. McKenzie. At 1830H (-8) the same day, an official cocktail party was held onboard for approximately 30 guests.

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6. Repairs to the starboard main engine were completed on Saturday 12th October. Inspection of the same assembly on the port side revealed advanced wear and as a safety precaution my URDEF 80/73 was raised which allowed use of the port engine in emergency only.

7. ONSLOW sailed from Fremantle at 1400H (-8) on Sunday 13th October with 13 troops from the Special Air Services Regiment, together with canoes and equipment, embarked. This party was launched on a simulated raid in Two People's Bay, north east of Albany at 1230H (-8) on 15th October. At 1600H (-8) ONSLOW entered Albany Harbour to land an S.A.S. officer and embark the members of the ship's company who had travelled overland from Fremantle.

8. On 21st October ONSLOW received a mail drop from a RAAF Orion aircraft off Cape Otway and on 23rd October ONSLOW dived for a short period off Point Hicks to provide photographic opportunities for another Orion aircraft carrying press and television representatives.

9. At 0530K (-10) on 25th October the submarine anchored in Watson's Bay to await Customs Clearance at 0830K (-10) and at 1000K (-10) secured alongside HMAS PLATYPUS to commence Assisted Maintenance Period No. 19. Apart from a visit to No. 4 Buoy in Sydney to offload torpedoes, the remainder of the month has been spent alongside HMAS PLATYPUS.

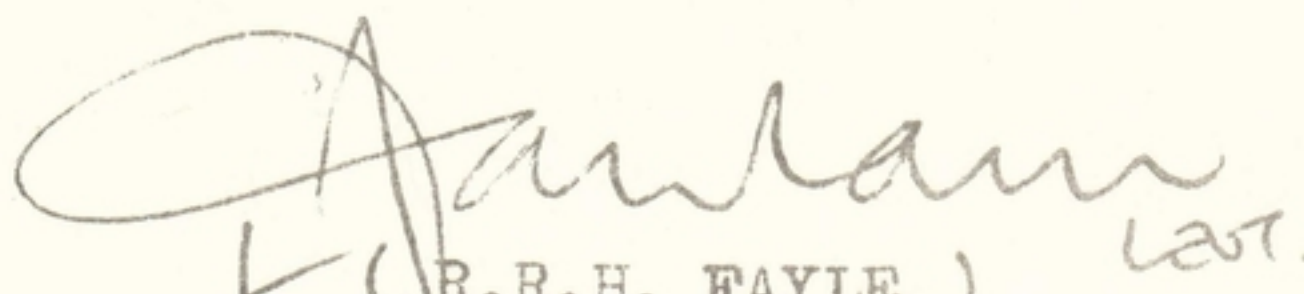
10. The material state of the submarine remains satisfactory. The following URDEF'S are outstanding:- 62/73 TGCU2, 72/73 Auxiliary Propulsion and 80/73 Port Main Engine Springwheel Drive.

11. The health of the ship's company is good and morale is high. A further address on certain aspects of security was given to the ship's company during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW LETTER
DATED 1st NOVEMBER 1974

STEAMING FIGURES - OCTOBER 1974

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Distance Run	2822.20	820.91
Hours	332	107

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Neutral Bay.

29th November 1974.

Flag Officer Commanding,
HM Australian Fleet.

For Information
Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet (Afloat)
The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron.

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of November 1974. All times Lima (-11).
2. Throughout the month ONSLOW has been alongside HMAS PLATYPUS for Assisted Maintenance Period Number 19, and leave. On Monday 11th November RANTAU commenced Mk 48 Torpedo handling trials. These trials were completed on Thursday 21st November.
3. The material state of the submarine is satisfactory, with the following URDEFs outstanding, 62/73 TGPU 2, 72/73 Auxiliary Propulsion, and 80/73 Port Main Engine Spring Wheel Drive.
4. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.
5. On Friday 29th November I was relieved in command by A/LCDR P.W. HOROBIN RAN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.R.H. Fayle)
LCDR RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX A to ONSLOW Letter
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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1st January, 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR

THE PERIOD 29th NOVEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, from 29th November to 31st December, 1974. The time zone used throughout this report is Lima (-11).
2. I relieved Lieutenant Commander R.R.H. Fayle RAN on Friday 29th November, and I called upon you, Sir, at 1000 the same day.
3. ONSLOW sailed for five days independent exercises in the Sydney Exercise Areas at 1000 on Monday 2nd December. During this period safety evolutions were carried out and two torpedo firing exercises, one of four Mk 23P torpedoes and the other of three Mk 8P, were conducted. A defect occurred in the Torpedo Guidance Control Unit during the Mk 23 firings and URDEF 81/73 was raised.
4. A bottoming exercise was conducted in the Broken Bay Safe Bottoming Area at 2200 on Wednesday 4th December and some visual attack training was conducted against HMA Ships BRISBANE (CAPT M.W. Hudson RAN), PARAMATTA (CMDR J.D. Foster RAN) and DERWENT (CMDR N.J. Stoker RAN) during the early forenoon of Friday 6th December. ONSLOW returned to PLATYPUS at 1100 on Friday 6th December.
5. At 1010 on Monday 9th December ONSLOW sailed in company with HMA Submarines OXLEY (LCDR T. Everard RN) and OTWAY (LCDR R.H. Woolrych RAN) and HMS ODIN (LCDR G.T. Swales RN). The four submarines completed a ceremonial departure from Port Jackson and then proceeded to their assigned areas for a four day pro-submarine exercise.
6. Throughout Phase 1 of the exercise ONSLOW operated in company with OXLEY. Submarine Co-ordinated operations were exercised and a number of submarine versus submarine attacks were conducted. During Phase 11 ONSLOW acted independently to gain information from LRMP aircraft broadcasts of a surface shipping plot and to use that information to achieve attacking positions on pre-designated targets. The withdrawal of OXLEY for approximately twenty four hours during Phase 1 allowed ONSLOW to carry out some basic training exercises with Wessex helicopters

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from NAS NOWRA during the afternoon of Wednesday 11th December. ONSLOW returned to PLATYPUS at 1200 on Friday 13th December.

8. During the period 16th to 19th December ONSLOW conducted three "day trips" for interested Naval personnel. The submarine sailed at 1030 on Monday 16th and returned to harbour at 1615 on that day. On Tuesday 17th ONSLOW sailed at 0830 with Captain G.M. Vallings RN, from the Staff of the British Defence Liason Officer, Canberra, on board and returned at 1545 on that day. On Wednesday 18th ONSLOW successfully competed in the annual Submarine Squadron Sports and disembarked four Mk 23 torpedoes. The torpedoes have been disembarked to enable the acid in the primary battery to be replaced; and at present ONSLOW has no outfit of Mk 23 warhead torpedoes. The final "day trip" took place on Thursday 19th December when ONSLOW sailed at 0830 and returned to harbour at 1500. Approximately 60 Officers and sailors from ships and establishments in the Sydney area took the opportunity to get to sea in a submarine during the three days.

9. ONSLOW's minor contribution to Operation Navy Help started on Thursday 26th December when ONSLOW was directed to fuel HMS ODIN. Thirty three thousand, four hundred and forty gallons of Diesel fuel was transferred to HMS ODIN and the operation was completed at 1900 on Friday 27th December.

10. The material state of the submarine is satisfactory. However, the following URDEFs remain outstanding:

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| b. 72/73 | Main Motors Auxilliary Propulsion |
| c. 62/73 | TGCU2 |
| d. 81/73 | TGCU2 |

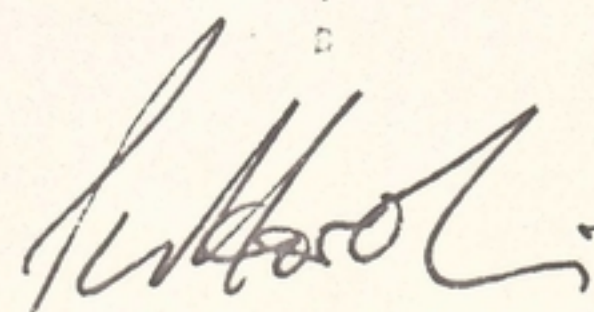
Approval has been given to allow URDEF 80/73 (Port Engine) to remain outstanding for repair in refit and the engine is available for emergency or urgent operational use. URDEFs 62/73 and 81/73 have required excessive amounts of manhours in efforts to rectify them and they will not be rectified until ONSLOW has successfully fired a Mk23P torpedo.

11. The health and morale of the Ships Company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



(P.W. HOROBIN)

Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER DATED 1st JANUARY 1974

STEAMING FIGURES - DECEMBER 1974

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Distance : 135.05

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Distance : 831.58

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TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING

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AMP and Special Survey Decking.
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HMAS ONSLOW
At Cockatoo Island.

1st February 1974.

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW, under my command, for the period 1st January to 31st January 1974. Times throughout are Zone Lima (-11).
2. On 1st January HMAS ONSLOW was alongside PLATYPUS continuing Assisted Maintenance Period No 16.
3. At 0820 on Monday 7th January ONSLOW conducted a cold move using tug BRONZEWING and tugs 501 and 502 to Sutherland Dock at Cockatoo Island. The submarine sewed at 1100. HMAS ONSLOW is in dock to carry out her Special Survey Docking. She has remained in Sutherland Dock throughout the month. Progress to date is satisfactory. However, the planned undocking date has been delayed till the 15th February due to work arising from the survey and inclusion of additional work as detailed in GOSIEAA signal 180620Z JAN 74 Sig DKU/DWG HMAS ONSLOW SPECIAL SURVEY DOCKING.
4. On Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January LEUT GLEX D.F. WEBB RAN and SBLT SLEX J.C.A. GERLACH RAN took their Part III Submarine Officers Qualification Examinations in HMAS PLATYPUS. These officers were posted to HMAS OTWAY on the 14th January 1974.
5. At 1000 on the 14th January I attended the Primary Planning Conference for Exercise Kangaroo One in which HMAS ONSLOW is participating in June.
6. The health of the Ship's Company remains good and morale is high.
7. The material state of the ship is sound.

I Have the Honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant



(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Dated 1st February 1974

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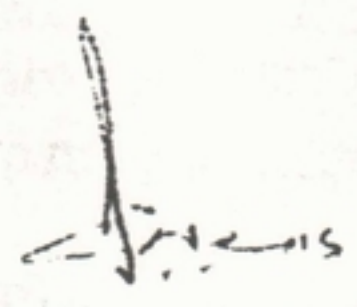
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HMAS ONSLOW
At Neytral Bay.

1st March 1974.

IN REPLY QUOTE G1/10/98

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW, under my command, for the period 1st February to 28th February 1974. Times throughout are Zone Lima (-11).

2. From 1st February until 19th February, ONSLOW was in Sutherland Dock at Cockatoo Island carrying out her Special Survey Docking. The programmed undocking date of 15th February was delayed by industrial disputes and ONSLOW did not unsew until 1430 on the 19th February, 1974. Due to the overtime ban by Painters and Dockers it was not possible to leave Sutherland Dock and the submarine remained afloat, in dock over night.

3. LEUT R.J.H. CANHAM, RAN was relieved as Executive Officer by LEUT K.F. PITT, RAN on the 6th February 1974.

4. At 1015 on the 20th February, a cold move was made to the Destroyer Wharf, Cockatoo Island, using tugs 501 and 502 with tug BRONZEWING standing by. ONSLOW remained at Cockatoo Island until Monday 25th February. This period was occupied completing docking items and preparing for the Safety Certificate.

5. The period spent at Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard has been extremely fruitful. Not only did the Dockyard overcome considerable labour shortages and industrial disputes to achieve the aim of the docking, that being to extend the first commission of ONSLOW by one year, but the good relations which were established between Ship's Staff and Dockyard enabled a considerable amount of work to be undertaken by Ship's Staff which would not normally be allowed. This has been reported in detail in my letter to the Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron, E1/10/97 dated 16th February 1974.

6. The Special Survey Docking was successfully completed with the signing of the Safety Certificate in ONSLOW at 1400 on the 25th February 1974. At 1415 ONSLOW slipped and proceeded to HMAS PLATYPUS, remaining alongside storing and preparing for the coming workup and inspection until the end of the month.

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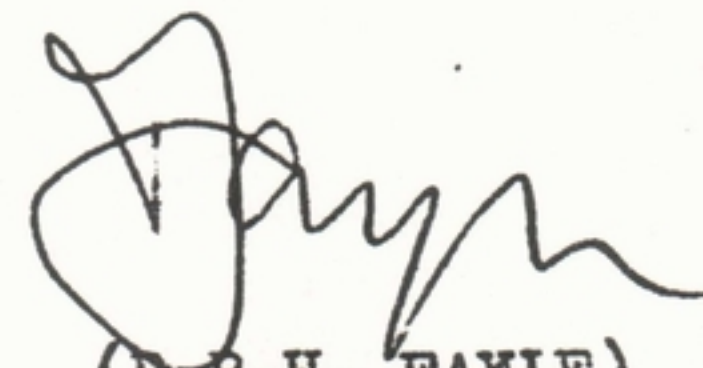
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7. The health of the Ship's Company remains good and morale is high.
8. The material state of the ship is sound.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN
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ANNEX A to HMAS ONSLOW Letter G1/10/98
dated 1st March 1974.

STEAMING APPENDIX - FEBRUARY 1974.

Surfaced

Distance Run	4.50
Hours	0.60

Dived

Distance Run	0.00
Hours	0.00

SINCE COMMISSIONING

Surfaced

Distance Run	62401.05
Hours	6394.24

Dived

Distance Run	27693.47
Hours	3655.82

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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1974

1. Forwarded.
2. Provision of replacement printed circuit cards to overcome the TGPU problem noted in paragraph is being investigated. (DEFNAV message DAV/OWR 110649Z April 1974 and ANZUK message DAV/OWR 111321Z April 1974 refer).
3. The incident referred to in paragraph 15 is being investigated and will form the subject of a separate report in due course.

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

Enclosure:

HMAS ONSLOW Report C1/11/71 dated 3rd April, 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW,
At Sea.

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3rd April 1974.

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

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974:

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW under my command, for the period 1st March 1974 to 31st March 1974. Times until 030100 are in zone Lima (-11) and then zone Kilo (-10).
2. From 1st March until 10th March ONSLOW was alongside at HMAS PLATYPUS. This time was used as a harbour training period in preparation for the work-up, harbour and sea inspections. Included were a twelve hour fast cruise on 6th March and Divisions and Captain's Rounds on 8th March. Departmental continuation training and lectures on general submarine knowledge were conducted by ship's officers throughout the week.
3. At 0905 on Monday 11th March, ONSLOW sailed for the first week of work-up, diving at 1105. This dive will have some minor historical connotations as ONSLOW is the first submarine of the class to extend a commission beyond the traditional four years. The successful completion of this dive was reported in ONSLOW signal 110250Z MAR 74 and accordingly, the Safe to Dive period of the submarine has been extended to 11th March 1975. All systems were checked correct before commencing a comprehensive list of evolutions. These continued through until 0600 on 14th March when runs on the Jervis Bay measured mile were carried out. At 1600 sea riders were transferred at Captains Point, Jervis Bay.
4. On completion of the transfer, ONSLOW proceeded for a dived rendezvous with HMS ODIN at 2200. This rendezvous was successful and a co-ordinated transit was conducted until 0015 on 15th March. An SSK phase due to follow on immediately was cancelled^{at 0100} experiencing considerable communications difficulties. A further period of operational training followed and my intercept sonar was calibrated with the assistance of a Wessex Helicopter from NAS NOWRA. ONSLOW surfaced at 1025 for the return passage to Sydney.
5. At 1200 on 15th March ONSLOW was ordered to proceed at best speed to search for the ketch METUNG, reported to be in distress 20 miles east of KIAMA. ONSLOW arrived in the search area at 1340 and assumed duties of on scene commander. Other units involved in the search were one Iroquois, one Wessex and two trackers from RANAS NOWRA, M/V IRON HUNTER and M/V IRON CAVALIER. The yacht was sighted by Tracker 844 at 1505 and ONSLOW altered course to close this position some 58 miles to the south east. At 1520 ONSLOW withdrew from the rescue (COMAUSSUBRON ONE RTT 150520Z MAR 74) and returned to Sydney, securing alongside HMAS PLATYPUS at 2100. The sequel to the MAYDAY

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call was somewhat less than professional. It transpired that the yacht had fouled her propellor and did not have any suitable sails for the prevailing conditions. The crew were eventually taken off by helicopter from NAS NOWRA and their yacht left adrift to be taken in tow by a passing ship the following day.

6. ONSLOW remained secured at PLATYPUS until 19th March. Duty Watch initiative exercises were initiated by LCDRSM (CMDR I.D.G. MacDOUGALL, RAN) over this period. These included the repelling of armed militants and tanks from HMAS PLATYPUS Main Gate, and the extinguishing of a fire in PLATYPUS using on board appliances only. Four Mark 23 practice torpedoes were loaded on Monday 18th March.
7. ONSLOW sailed at 0905 on Tuesday 19th March and proceeded to sea to carry out the post survey docking deep dive. The successful completion of this dive was reported in ONSLOW's DKU/DKC/KKN 190837Z MAR 74.
8. At 2200 ONSLOW entered Hunters Bay to affect a personnel transfer and proceeded to sea on completion. Work up evolutions were carried out until 2359 on the 20th March including exercises with HMA Ships PERTH and SWAN. A scheduled weapon firing had to be cancelled because of a Torpedo Guidance Control Unit defect. URDEF 51/73 refers.
9. On the 21st March a series of cases were carried out involving HMA Ships PERTH, HOBART, SWAN, YARRA, aircraft from RANAS NOWRA and ORIONS from RAAF EDINBURGH. During the day major problems were experienced with the TGPU2 and it was decided to return to PLATYPUS to carry out repairs on completion of the first serial on Friday 22nd March. (ONSLOW KKN 210140Z MAR 74)
10. From 0100 until 1000 on the 22nd March ONSLOW operated in the SSK role searching for HMS ODIN, expected to be transitting toward the coast from the East. A successful SSK attack solution was achieved. ONSLOW surfaced at 1000 and returned to Sydney, securing alongside PLATYPUS at 1600. Base Staff worked on the defective fire control equipment overnight and the submarine proceeded to sea for her work-up Mk 23 TFX at 0800 on the 23rd March.
11. Two weapons were fired at the TRV and the third firing was aborted. ONSLOW's 230450Z MAR 74 refers. Further difficulties arose with the TGPU and URDEF 51/73 could not be cleared. ONSLOW remained at sea overnight and returned to PLATYPUS at 0600 on the 24th March.
12. The 24th and 25th were spent cleaning ship in preparation for the Harbour Inspection.
13. On the 26th March COMAUSSUBRON ONE (CMDR T.R. DUCHESNE, RAN) inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions and carried out rounds of the submarine. Officers from Fleet and Squadron Staff carried out departmental inspections through the day and an initial report on the Harbour Inspection was made in COMAUSSUBRON ONE's RTT 260333Z MAR 74.
14. ONSLOW sailed for her sea inspection at 1600 on the 26th March 1974, with COMAUSSUBRON ONE (CMDR T.R. DUCHESNE, RAN) and Staff embarked. The inspection was conducted in accordance with Annex K to FASSTM 17/74 and ONSLOW surfaced on completion at 1100 on the 28th

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March. The submarine secured alongside PLATYPUS at 1730 and a signal report (COMAUSSUBRON ONE RTT 280525Z MAR 74) was received confirming ONSLOW as being an operational unit of the fleet.

15. During the Sea Inspection, at 0623 on 28th March ONSLOW touched the bottom. This grounding resulted from an error in estimated position of six miles. Subsequent inspection by ship's divers on the 29th March confirmed that no damage had been sustained (ONSLOW's KKE/KKN 280050Z and KKE 290425Z MAR 74 refer)

16. On 29th March ONSLOW proceeded to Number 5 Buoy and loaded the war outfit of torpedoes, returning to PLATYPUS at 1615 and remaining alongside for the remainder of the month.

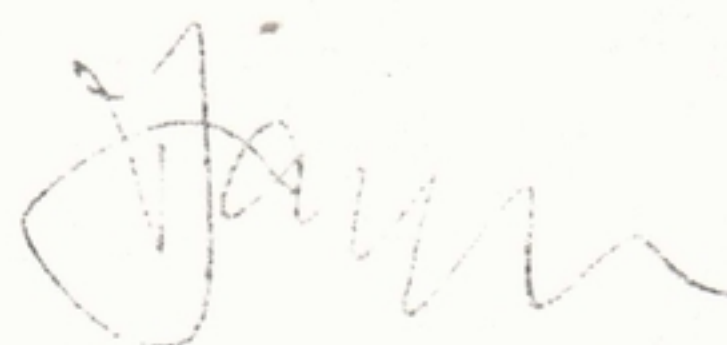
17. The pressures of Work-up have brought a considerable increase in disciplinary problems, particularly among the younger sailors under training. However, the overall effect on morale has been good and with work-up behind us, morale is high and health good.

18. The material state of the ship is sound with the exception of the fire control system which remains unproven. No Mk 8 firings have been possible because of torpedo safety difficulties reported in COMAUSSUBRON ONE 220016Z MAR 74. The Mk 23 system remains untested URDEF 54/73 refers.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN.

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Enclosure: ANNEX A - Steaming Appendix

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ANNEX A to ONSLOW Letter G1/11/71
dated 3rd April 1974.

STEAMING APPENDIX - MARCH 1974

Surfaced

Distance Run	576.27
Hours	60.00

Dived

Distance Run	1076.71
Hours	178.00

SINCE COMMISSIONING

Surfaced

Distance Run	62977.32
Hours	6454.24

Dived

Distance Run	28770.18
Hours	3843.82

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7. The Ship's Company have been lectured on security during the month.

8. The material state of the ship remains sound except for the Fire Control System and associated ORDER 55/73 remains outstanding. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(R.T.H. CANHAM)
Lieutenant RAN

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Enclosure- Annex A Steaming figures.

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Annex A to HMAS ONSLOW's letter G1/23/72 dated 1 May 1974

STEAMING FIGURES - APRIL 1974

SURFACED

Distance run 599
Hours 55.75

DIVED

Distance 610
Hours 94.50

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

Distance run 63576.32
Hours 6509.99

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Distance run 29380.00
Hours 3938.32

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HMAS ONSLOW Report 1/6/73 dated 1st June 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1st JUNE, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of May, 1974. Times throughout are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. On 1st May, ONSLOW was at HMAS PLATYPUS undergoing AMP No. 17. This period completed on 17th May with a repeat Internal Inspection by The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron. A good report was received from this inspection which was gratifying in the light of the amount of work that was put into bringing the boat up to standard.
3. The submarine sailed at 0905 on 20th May for Index and Torpedo Firing Exercises aimed at proving the Fire Control and Weapons Systems. Four Mk. 23 Practice Torpedoes and 6 Mk. 8 Torpedoes had been scheduled for the weeks firings. Of the Mk. 8's only three could be supplied by RANTME, and one of the three became unserviceable after embarkation, leaving only two for firing. All four Mk. 23's arrived onboard but just prior firing the first weapon guidance failed and the torpedo settings were lost. My URDEF 57/73 referred. This necessitated the disembarkation of all four Mk. 23's on Thursday 23rd May on return to PLATYPUS at 1500. Both Mk. 8 weapons were fired successfully and the Mk. 23 firing was re-programmed for Monday 27th May.
4. Bad weather prevented the firing taking place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th, and ONSLOW sailed at 1030 on Wednesday 29th for a final attempt prior to ANZUK detachment. Recovery conditions were marginal and one firing took place using TRV 803 as target. The Fire Control System functioned normally throughout but unhappily a mechanical linkage failed to trip the Disconnect Switch thus preventing guidance of the



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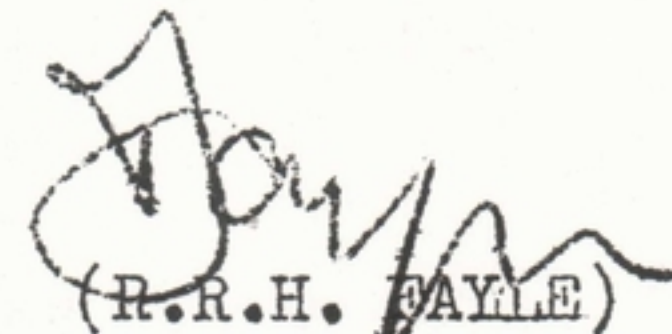
weapon. The torpedo and TCGU 2 appeared to run correctly and the submarine returned to PLATYPUS at 1630 with weapon system now fully operational.

5. Thursday 30th and Friday 31st were spent at PLATYPUS making final preparations for detachment to ANZUK on 2nd June.

6. The material state of the ship remains satisfactory. Poor UHF Communications during the month prompted fitting a replacement ALN Wireless Mast and this was carried out on Friday 31st. Associated URDEF 60/73 remains outstanding. The EM Log is unreliable with URDEF 56/73 still outstanding.

7. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale high with the prospect of an interesting detachment to South East Asia ahead.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,



(R.R.H. BAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures.

ANNEX A TO
1-6-73
DATED 1st JUNE, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance Run	100.75
Hours	16.5

DIVED

Distance Run	411.88
Hours	69.0

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

Distance Run	63,677.07
Hours	6,526.49

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Distance Run	29,791.88
Hours	4,007.32

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HMAS ONSLOW Report of Proceedings JUNE '7

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2. Departure for ANZUK service

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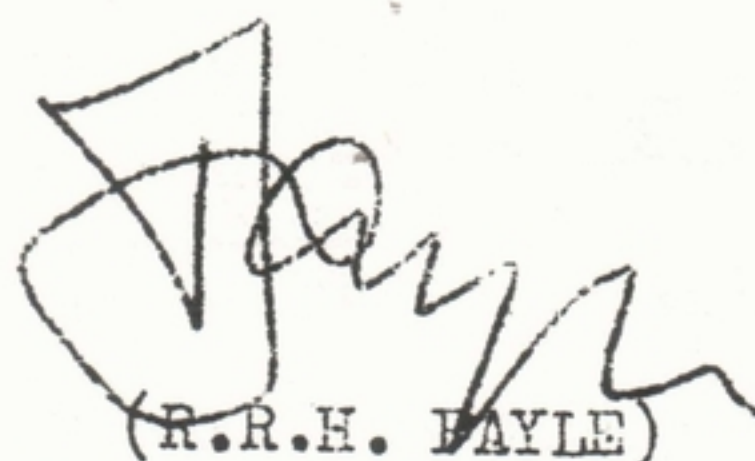
Hostile aircraft were detected searching for ONSLOW at this point but were clearly expecting the submarine to transit down the Capricorn Channel to the east of the shoal area.

5. Overall the Exercise was good value and at about 1600K (-10) on Monday 17th June, 1974 ONSLOW surfaced and commenced passage to Bangkok by way of the Inner Barrier Reef, and the Wetar, Raas and Karimata Straits.

6. At 2130G (-7) on the 25th June, ONSLOW chopped to the operational control of the ANZUK Naval Commander, and on the last day of the month was in the vicinity of the Anamba Islands on route to the Gulf of Thailand.

7. The material state of the ship remains satisfactory. URDEFS 56/73 (EM Log) and 60/73 (UHF Communications) remain outstanding from last month. The TGCU 2 continues to give trouble and is currently unserviceable. My URDEF 62/73 refers.

8. The health of the ship's company is very good and morale is high after nearly four weeks at sea and with the prospect of a well earned visit to Bangkok early in July.



(R.R.H. BAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures for June, 1974.
B. ANZUK Movements RANOP 0125

ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-29-73
DATED 1st JULY, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

DISTANCE RUN	4374
HOURS	408

DIVED

DISTANCE RUN	1580
HOURS	268

SINCE COMMISSIONING

SURFACED

DISTANCE RUN	68051.07
HOURS	6934.49

DIVED

DISTANCE RUN	31371.88
HOURS	4275.32

ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-29-73
DATED 1st JULY, 1974

MOVEMENTS DURING JUNE 1974

Reference: A. RANOPS 0125

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
25 JUNE	CHOP to ANZUK
25-30 JUNE	PASSAGE TO GULF OF THAILAND

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st August, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
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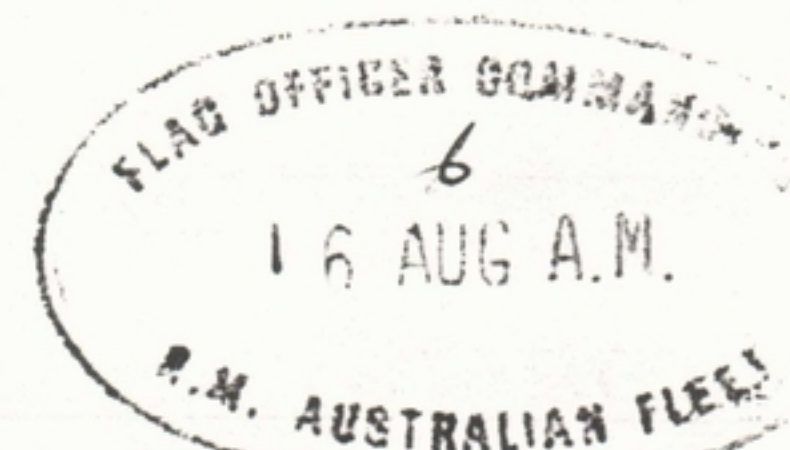
The Commander,
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The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- JULY, 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of July, 1974.
2. On the first day of the month ONSLOW was twenty-nine days out of Sydney, heading into the Gulf of Thailand in order to participate in Exercise Thalay Thai, due to commence at 0600 G (-7) on 3rd July. The submarine dived at 2000G (-7) on the 2nd July and made the Exercise rendezvous next morning at 0600G (-7). Ships taking part in this Exercise were HMA Ships STUART and ONSLOW, HM Ships DANAE, LONDONDERRY, SCYLLA, HTM Ships MAKUTRAJAKUMARN, PINKLAO, PRASAE, and RFA TIDESPRING. Operational control of ONSLOW reverted to COMAUSSUBRON ONE from 0001G (-7) On the 3rd July for the period of the Exercise.
3. During Thalay Thai two Royal Thai Navy officers were embarked in ONSLOW and two of ONSLOW's officers were transferred to Thai ships.
4. The Exercise terminated at 2000G (-7) on the 4th July when the submarine surfaced and proceeded towards Bangkok. At 0001G (-7) on the 5th July ONSLOW chopped back to COMANZUKNAV.
5. At 1300G (-7) on the 5th July the submarine secured alongside HMAS STUART at Klong Toey. On the 8th July I called on the Chief of Staff of the Royal Thai Fleet, Admiral CHING CHULLASUKHUM R.T.N.
6. ONSLOW sailed from Bangkok at 0900G (-7) on the 9th July after a very successful visit and arrived in Singapore at 1130GH (-7½) on the 12th July. On Monday 13th July I called on COMANZUKNAV, Commodore D.A.H. Clarke, MVO, DSC, RAN, and COMANZUKFOR Air Vice-Marshal R.G. Wakeford, MVO OBE AFC, RAF.



ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW LETTER
DATED 1st AUGUST 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance : 2483 miles

Hours : 243 hours

DIVED

Distance : 946 miles

Hours : 163.50 hours

SINCE COMMISSIONING

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Distance : 70534.07 miles

Hours : 7177.49 hours

DIVED

Distance : 32317.88 miles

Hours : 4438.50 hours

ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-74-15
DATED 1st AUGUST 1974

MOVEMENTS FOR JULY 1974

Reference: RANOP 0125.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-4	GULF OF THAILAND. EXERCISE THALAY THAI
5-9	BANGKOK
9-12	PASSAGE
12-17	SINGAPORE
17-19	SEA
19-22	SINGAPORE
22-26	SEA
26-29	SINGAPORE
29-31	SEA

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Report of Proceedings AUG. '70

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CNSW 9/8/79

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1. Visit to Penang.
2. Exercise with RN Task Group.
3. S.M.P. at Singapore.
4. Visit to Subic Bay.

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The Secretary
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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1974

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

 Enclosure:

HMAS ONSLOW Report 1/75/5 dated 1st September 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Subic Bay

1st September, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
ANZUK NAVAL FORCES

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of August, 1974. Times throughout are Zone Golf Hotel (-7½).

2. On the 1st August the submarine was on passage to Penang arriving off Georgetown early on the morning of 2nd August. The measured mile was used for log calibrations until 1300 when HM ships FIFE and ARGONAUT entered harbour and berthed at Swettenham Pier. ONSLOW berthed on ARGONAUT at 1330.

3. On 3rd August, I called on the Director-General of the Penang Port Commission, Tuan Haji Mohd. Aziddin b. Hj. Zainal Abidin, the Penang Garrison Commander, Colonel Manson b. Mohd. Yunus KMN, the Chief Police Officer for Penang, Encik I.M. Yusoff Khan, JSN, KMN, PJK and the Honourable The Deputy State Secretary, Penang, Encik Mohd. Hussain b. Hassan.

4. At 0700 on Monday 5th all three ships shifted berth to anchor in the Man of War Anchorage and ONSLOW secured alongside HMS FIFE.

5. ONSLOW sailed Penang at 0740 on Tuesday 5th and dived at 1600 for an opposed transit to PENANGEX Exercise Area North of Sumatra. On Wednesday 6th a series of exercises were conducted with the departing Royal Navy Task Group, comprising HM Ships FIFE, SCYLLA, DANAE, ARGONAUT, LONDONDERRY, and RFA TIDESPING, together with HMAS STUART. ONSLOW surfaced at 1830 and headed for Singapore.

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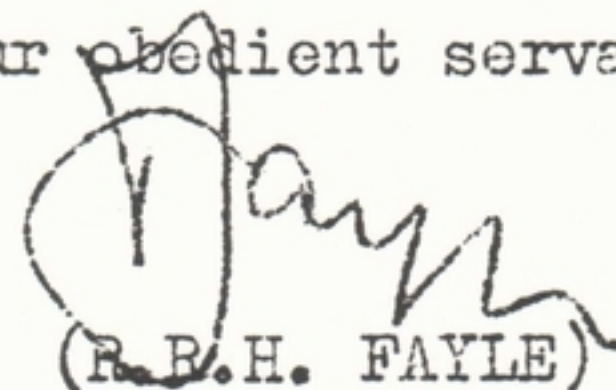
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6. ONSLOW berthed in ANZUK Naval Basin at 1340 on Friday 9th to commence SMP (AMP No 18). With the reduction in ANZUK Naval man power, the absence of an ANZUK Fleet Maintenance Group was badly missed and assistance had to be requested on a "good will" basis from any available sources. This was most unsatisfactory, and will be the subject of a detailed report on return from ANZUK deployment to the Commander First Australian Submarine Squadron.
7. The maintenance period was successfully completed on Saturday 24th and at 1100 on the 25th ONSLOW sailed for Subic Bay.
8. The submarine berthed in Subic Bay at 0900 Hotel on Friday 30th and remained alongside until the end of the month. Calls were made on the Commanding Officer NAVSTA Subic Bay, Captain R.M. Weidman USN, and the Commanding Officer NAVBASE Subic Bay, Rear-Admiral D.B. Shelton USN.
9. The material condition of the submarine is satisfactory. URDEF 62/73 (TGPU 2) remains outstanding as does URDEF 72/73 (Auxiliary Propulsion). The Port Main Generator insulation (URDEF 72/73) is currently causing considerable concern reflecting the temporary nature of low insulation rectification utilised in May this year.
10. Official Cocktail Parties during the month were given in Penang and Subic Bay.
11. The health and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-5
DATED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1974

MOVEMENTS - AUGUST 1974

Reference RANOPS 0125

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1-2	Sea
2-6	Penang
6-9	Sea (PENANGEX)
9-25	Singapore SMP
25-30	Sea
30-31	Subic Bay

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HMAS Onslow

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1. Exercises at Subic Bay.
2. Spratly I. incidents.
3. Periscope damage - HMAS TARANAKI.

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1. Forwarded.
2. Reference to Seaking helicopters in paragraph 2 presumably concerns SH3A or SH3H helicopters.


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

Enclosure.

HMAS ONSLOW Report of Proceedings - September 1974

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st October, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
ANZUK NAVAL FORCES

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of September, 1974.
2. On the 1st September, ONSLOW was in Subic Bay enjoying an all too brief stay amongst American hospitality. At 0700H (-8) on the 2nd the submarine proceeded to sea and at 1200H (-8) on the same day commenced what was intended to be five days of ASW exercises. Other forces taking part were HMAS STUART and USS BRADELY, JOHN S. MCCAIN, TURNER JOY and SACRAMENTO. These exercises, which also involved helicopters and ASW aircraft, were not very advanced but the USN welcomed the opportunity of having a submarine for so long a period. From ONSLOW's point of view the main benefit was working against the SQS 26 AXR Sonar in USS BRADELY and Seaking helicopters fitted with AQS 13 Sonar.
3. ONSLOW had sailed from Singapore on the 25th August with a low insulation reading on the Port Main Generator armature which was however within acceptable limits. The readings had been reported regularly to The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron, including URDEF action and on Thursday 5th September ONSLOW was withdrawn from exercises and directed to return to Singapore to change the offending armature. This necessitated cancellation of the remaining exercise and the visit to Hong Kong from the 10th-14th September and this was the cause of considerable disappointment on board.
4. During the return passage to Singapore, distress flares were

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sighted and investigated on the evening of the 6th. A full report on the incident was forwarded to The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces, my letter 34-72-3 dated 9th September refers.

5. ONSLOW arrived in Singapore at 1215 GH (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$) on the 10th September and by Wednesday 18th September the new armature was in place and had been successfully trialled. No major difficulties were encountered during the change and Sembawang Shipyard, who were contracted to undertake the job, worked well under ship's staff and HMAS PLATYPUS Base Staff supervision.

6. At 1600GH (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$) on Thursday 19th September ONSLOW went to sea for a short exercise period with HMS LEOPARD and HMNZS TARANAKI. It was during this period that the incident reported in my 201537Z SEP 74 occurred. The submarine returned alongside at 0830GH (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$). A Board of Inquiry was convened by The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces and the findings are awaited at this time.

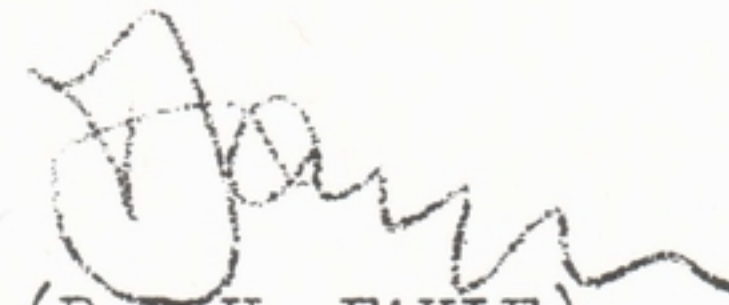
7. A replacement Attack Periscope arrived alongside at 1830GH (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$) on Thursday 26th September and was installed without difficulty.

8. At 1600GH (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$) on Friday 27th September ONSLOW left Singapore for passage to Australia. On the last day of the month the submarine was clear of Sunda Strait and bound for Onslow W.A.

9. The material state of the submarine remains satisfactory. The following URDEFS are outstanding: TGPU2 (62/73) and Auxiliary Propulsion (72/73).

10. This report concludes the period of detachment under the Operational Control of The Commander, ANZUK Naval Forces. It has been a particularly valuable detachment for ONSLOW with exercises in a wide range of Oceanographic, environmental and operational conditions. With a virtually static ship's company it has been possible to tune the team to a fine pitch and, not unexpectedly, morale is excellent. It was not without some disappointment that we learnt of the further scaling down of the RAN input at Singapore and it is hoped that this does not spell the end of submarine deployments in the area with the tremendous operational and morale benefits that accrue.

11. The health of the ship's company is good and a security address has been given during the month.


(R.R.H. FAYLE)

Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures.
B. ANZUK Movements.

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-27
DATED 1st OCTOBER, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

SURFACED

Distance : 2578.8

Hours : 240.6

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Distance : 367.5

Hours : 73.0

SINCE COMMISSIONING

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Distance : 75330.47

Hours : 7616.29

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Distance : 32831.98

Hours : 4543.80

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1. Exerising with LAMP.
 2. visit to Onslow town.
 3. visit to Fremantle.
 4. Exerising with SAS against.

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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1974

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

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HMAS ONSLOW Report 1/76/16 dated 1st November 1974

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6. Repairs to the starboard main engine were completed on Saturday 12th October. Inspection of the same assembly on the port side revealed advanced wear and as a safety precaution my URDEF 80/73 was raised which allowed use of the port engine in emergency only.

7. ONSLOW sailed from Fremantle at 1400H (-8) on Sunday 13th October with 13 troops from the Special Air Services Regiment, together with canoes and equipment, embarked. This party was launched on a simulated raid in Two People's Bay, north east of Albany at 1230H (-8) on 15th October. At 1600H (-8) ONSLOW entered Albany Harbour to land an S.A.S. officer and embark the members of the ship's company who had travelled overland from Fremantle.

8. On 21st October ONSLOW received a mail drop from a RAAF Orion aircraft off Cape Otway and on 23rd October ONSLOW dived for a short period off Point Hicks to provide photographic opportunities for another Orion aircraft carrying press and television representatives.

9. At 0530K (-10) on 25th October the submarine anchored in Watson's Bay to await Customs Clearance at 0830K (-10) and at 1000K (-10) secured alongside HMAS PLATYPUS to commence Assisted Maintenance Period No. 19. Apart from a visit to No. 4 Buoy in Sydney to offload torpedoes, the remainder of the month has been spent alongside HMAS PLATYPUS.

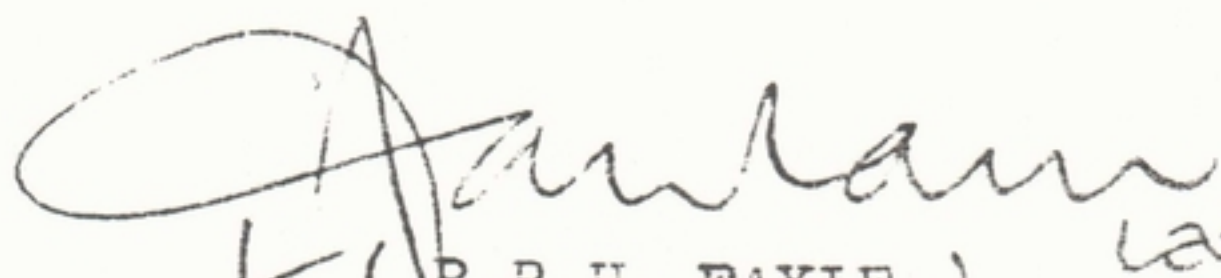
10. The material state of the submarine remains satisfactory. The following URDEF'S are outstanding:- 62/73 TGCU2, 72/73 Auxiliary Propulsion and 80/73 Port Main Engine Springwheel Drive.

11. The health of the ship's company is good and morale is high. A further address on certain aspects of security was given to the ship's company during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(R.R.H. FAYLE)
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annex: A. Steaming Figures

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW LETTER
DATED 1st NOVEMBER 1974

STEAMING FIGURES - OCTOBER 1974

	<u>SURFACED</u>	<u>DIVED</u>
Distance Run	2822.20	820.91
Hours	332	107

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING

	<u>SURFACED</u>	<u>DIVED</u>
Distance Run	78152.67	33702.89
Hours	7948.29	4650.80

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Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Neutral Bay.

29th November 1974.

Flag Officer Commanding,
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Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet (Afloat)
The Commander, First Australian Submarine Squadron.

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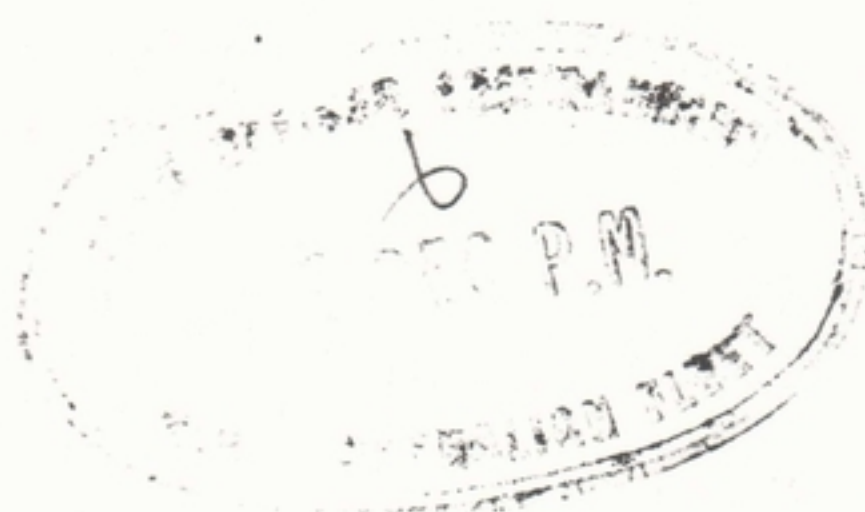
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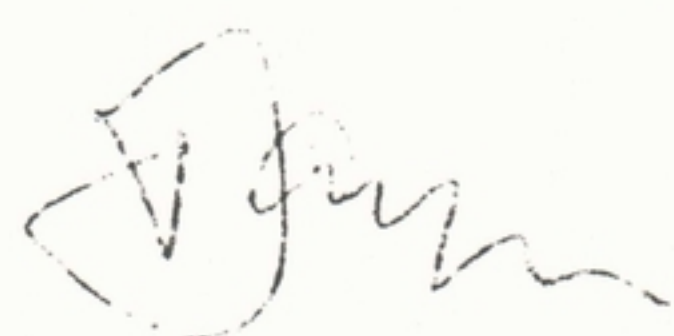
1. I have the honour to report the Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of November 1974. All times Lima (-11).
2. Throughout the month ONSLOW has been alongside HMAS PLATYPUS for Assisted Maintenance Period Number 19, and leave. On Monday 11th November RANTAU commenced Mk 48 Torpedo handling trials. These trials were completed on Thursday 21st November.
3. The material state of the submarine is satisfactory, with the following URDEFs outstanding, 62/73 TGPU 2, 72/73 Auxiliary Propulsion, and 80/73 Port Main Engine Spring Wheel Drive.
4. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.
5. On Friday 29th November I was relieved in command by A/LCDR P.W. HOROBIN RAN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,




(R.R.H. Fayle)
LCDR RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX A to ONSLOW Letter
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	Surfaced	Dived
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Hours	-	-

TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING

	Surfaced	Dived
Distance Run	78152.67	33702.89
Hours	7948.29	4650.80

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HMAS ON SLOW

Report of Proceedings DEC. 74.

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Rear Admiral
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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1st January, 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR

THE PERIOD 29th NOVEMBER TO 31st DECEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, from 29th November to 31st December, 1974. The time zone used throughout this report is Lima (-11).

2. I relieved Lieutenant Commander R.R.H. Fayle RAN on Friday 29th November, and I called upon you, Sir, at 1000 the same day.

3. ONSLOW sailed for five days independent exercises in the Sydney Exercise Areas at 1000 on Monday 2nd December. During this period safety evolutions were carried out and two torpedo firing exercises, one of four Mk 23P torpedoes and the other of three Mk 8P, were conducted. A defect occurred in the Torpedo Guidance Control Unit during the Mk 23 firings and URDEF 81/73 was raised.

4. A bottoming exercise was conducted in the Broken Bay Safe Bottoming Area at 2200 on Wednesday 4th December and some visual attack training was conducted against HMA Ships BRISBANE (CAPT M.W. Hudson RAN), PARAMATTA (CMDR J.D. Foster RAN) and DERWENT (CMDR N.J. Stoker RAN) during the early forenoon of Friday 6th December. ONSLOW returned to PLATYPUS at 1100 on Friday 6th December.

5. At 1010 on Monday 9th December ONSLOW sailed in company with HMA Submarines OXLEY (LCDR T. Everard RN) and OTWAY (LCDR R.H. Woolrych RAN) and HMS ODIN (LCDR G.T. Swales RN). The four submarines completed a ceremonial departure from Port Jackson and then proceeded to their assigned areas for a four day pro-submarine exercise.

6. Throughout Phase 1 of the exercise ONSLOW operated in company with OXLEY. Submarine Co-ordinated operations were exercised and a number of submarine versus submarine attacks were conducted. During Phase 11 ONSLOW acted independently to gain information from LRMP aircraft broadcasts of a surface shipping plot and to use that information to achieve attacking positions on pre-designated targets. The withdrawal of OXLEY for approximately twenty four hours during Phase 1 allowed ONSLOW to carry out some basic training exercises with Wessex helicopters

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER DATED 1st JANUARY 1974

STEAMING FIGURES - DECEMBER 1974

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Distance : 135.05

Hours Run : 40

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Distance : 831.58

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TOTALS SINCE COMMISSIONING

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Distance: 78287.72

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The Secretary
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HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1974

Forwarded.

(D.C. Wells)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sydney

1 May 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ONSLOW under my command, for the period 1 April 1974 to 30 April 1974. Times throughout are in Zone Kilo (-10).
2. On Monday 1 April the submarine sailed from HMAS PLATYPUS at 0905 for a week of fleet support exercises in the local Sydney areas. Three Research Laboratory Scientists were embarked for submarine familiarisation, two of whom, Mr J. Wood from Navy Office and Mrs J.M. Bonurist from RANRL, were landed by boat in Hunter's Bay that evening. Mr B. Macmillan, also from RANRL, remained on board for the week.
3. On Tuesday 2 April ONSLOW was unfortunately unable to participate in Exercise Slow Foxtrot, a live firing against MV KAROOLA, as the draught of the target was insufficient for Mk 8 torpedoes to be used. This would have been the first live firing of a torpedo by a Royal Australian Naval Submarine.
4. ONSLOW berthed at HMAS PLATYPUS at 1715 on Thursday 4 April.
5. On Monday 8 April the submarine sailed at 0805 for further Fleet support operations and returned to HMAS PLATYPUS at 1030 on Thursday 11 April.
6. On Tuesday 16 April ONSLOW commenced Maintenance Period No 17 and, apart from a visit to No 4 Buoy to offload some warhead torpedoes on Thursday 18 April, has remained alongside HMAS PLATYPUS for the remainder of the month. Maintenance is progressing satisfactorily and leave is being taken prior to ANZUK deployment in June.

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HMAS ONSLOW
At Sea

1st July, 1974

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The ANZUK Naval Commander,
ANZUK Naval Headquarters.

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of June, 1974.
2. On the first of the month ONSLOW was alongside at HMAS PLATYPUS making final preparations prior to departure for Exercise Kangaroo One and subsequent ANZUK detachment. At 1000 K (-10) on Sunday 2nd ONSLOW sailed for Kangaroo One, but shortly after leaving harbour it was discovered that the HF component of the replacement ALN mast was defective. The submarine returned to PLATYPUS, arriving alongside at 1130K (-10), and the original mast, changed because of its impaired UHF capacity, was refitted. ONSLOW finally sailed at 2215K (-10) with the prospect of being some hours late at the start position for Phase 1 of Kangaroo One.
3. During the passage to the Exercise Areas an amended attack position was ordered and ONSLOW dived at 0930K (-10) on the 4th June, to commence Exercise Kangaroo One. The main Naval units taking part in this exercise were HMA Ships MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, STALWART, HOBART, VAMPIRE, STUART, TORRENS, and OXLEY, HM Ships PIPE, DANAE, SCYLLA, ARGONAUT, ARIADNE and LONDONDERRY, US Ships JUNEAU, BRISTOL COUNTY, ALAMO, FORT FISHER, WADDELL, GURKE, and BAUSELL, HMNZ Ship WAIKATO, and RFA's TIDESPRISE and TARBATNESS.
4. By far the most rewarding part of the Exercise for ONSLOW was the period of inshore operations involving a minelay, a covert rendezvous, an attack on the Amphibious Task Force and a periscope reconnaissance. ONSLOW operated in only 18 fathoms of water at times, but remained undetected throughout the period. The subsequent opposed transit from Townshend Island to the areas allocated for Exercise Boomerang One was also undetected. During this transit ONSLOW passed across Haberfield Shoal at periscope depth, using active sonar in a mine detection mode to warn of shallow patches.

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7. From 17th July to 31st July the submarine carried out local exercises in the Singapore areas and is presently en route to Penang.

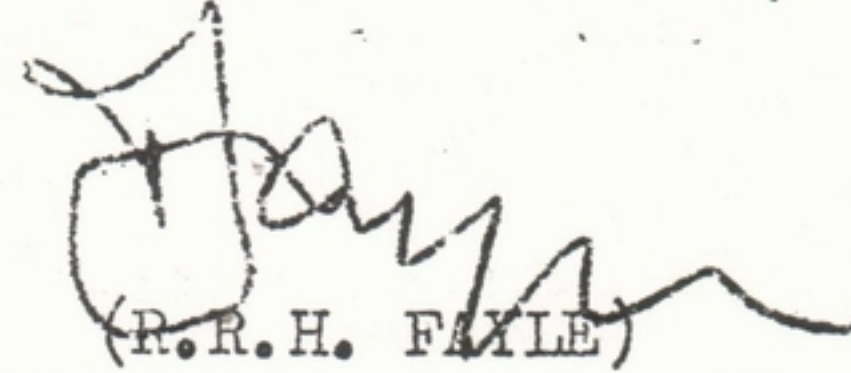
8. The material state of the submarine continues to be satisfactory. The TFCU2 remains unserviceable (URDEF 62/73). Urdefs are outstanding on No 1 Air Conditioning Unit (65/73), Auxiliary Propulsion (72/73) Sonar Type 183 Transducer (70/73) and Main Motor Air Coolers (69/73).

9. The health of the ship's company is good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Figures

B. Movements July 1974

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ANNEX A TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-5
DATED 1st SEPTEMBER, 1974

STEAMING FIGURES

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Distance	1948.0
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Distance	197.0
Hours	32.5

SINCE COMMISSIONING

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Distance	72382.07
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Distance	32514.88
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ANNEX B TO HMAS ONSLOW
LETTER 1-75-27
DATED 1st OCTOBER, 1974

ANZUK MOVEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1974

Reference: A. RANOPS 0125

1-2	Subic Bay
2-5	Sea- Exercises Subic Areas
5-10	Sea- Passage to Singapore
10-19	Singapore
19-21	Sea- Local Exercises
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HMAS ONSLOW
at Sydney

1st November 1974

Flag Officer Commanding
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

Flag Officer Commanding
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (AFLOAT)

The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE SQUADRON

HMAS ONSLOW -REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship ONSLOW, under my command, for the month of October 1974.

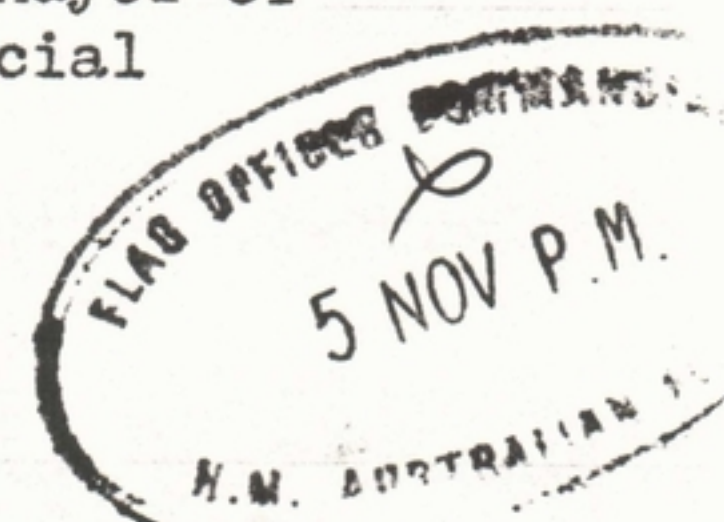
2. At 2330H (-8) on 30th September ONSLOW dived 10 miles east of Christmas Island and commenced a fast, covert snort transit, which was opposed by RAAF LRMR aircraft from 3rd-5th October. Conditions onboard were made as realistic as possible and ONSLOW was detected once by visual means. A lot of value was obtained from this exercise and the submarine surfaced at 0600H (-8) on 5th October just north of Onslow, Western Australia after the 840 miles transit.

3. At 1200H (-8) ONSLOW anchored in Ashburton Roads off Onslow town. Unfortunately weather conditions prevented boats from coming alongside and no leave could be given. By the time the weather moderated that night, it was too late to give leave; however on the morning of 6th October, several groups of townspeople were shown over the submarine prior to departure. At 1400H (-8) on the same day ONSLOW sailed for Fremantle with a party of Junior Recruits from HMAS LEEUWIN embarked. A compensating number of ship's company had been landed, to travel to Fremantle by RAAF aircraft.

4. Early on 7th October, the starboard main engine became defective due to excessive tooth wear on the springwheel drive assembly. My URDEF 77/73 refers. Passage to Fremantle was continued at a reduced speed of advance, and at 1900H (-8) on 9th October ONSLOW berthed at Victoria Quay, Fremantle.

5. On Thursday 10th October, I called on the Naval Officer Commanding Western Australia, Commodore P.H. Doyle, O.B.E., R.A.N., and the Mayor of Fremantle, Mr. W.A. McKenzie. At 1830H (-8) the same day, an official cocktail party was held onboard for approximately 30 guests.

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from NAS NOWRA during the afternoon of Wednesday 11th December. ONSLOW returned to PLATYPUS at 1200 on Friday 13th December.

8. During the period 16th to 19th December ONSLOW conducted three "day trips" for interested Naval personnel. The submarine sailed at 1030 on Monday 16th and returned to harbour at 1615 on that day. On Tuesday 17th ONSLOW sailed at 0830 with Captain G.M. Vallings RN, from the Staff of the British Defence Liason Officer, Canberra, on board and returned at 1545 on that day. On Wednesday 18th ONSLOW successfully competed in the annual Submarine Squadron Sports and disembarked four Mk 23 torpedoes. The torpedoes have been disembarked to enable the acid in the primary battery to be replaced; and at present ONSLOW has no outfit of Mk 23 warhead torpedoes. The final "day trip" took place on Thursday 19th December when ONSLOW sailed at 0830 and returned to harbour at 1500. Approximately 60 Officers and sailors from ships and establishments in the Sydney area took the opportunity to get to sea in a submarine during the three days.

9. ONSLOW's minor contribution to Operation Navy Help started on Thursday 26th December when ONSLOW was directed to fuel HMS ODIN. Thirty three thousand, four hundred and forty gallons of Diesel fuel was transferred to HMS ODIN and the operation was completed at 1900 on Friday 27th December.

10. The material state of the submarine is satisfactory. However, the following URDEFs remain outstanding:

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| a. 80/73 | Port Engine |
| b. 72/73 | Main Motors Auxilliary Propulsion |
| c. 62/73 | TGCU2 |
| d. 81/73 | TGCU2 |

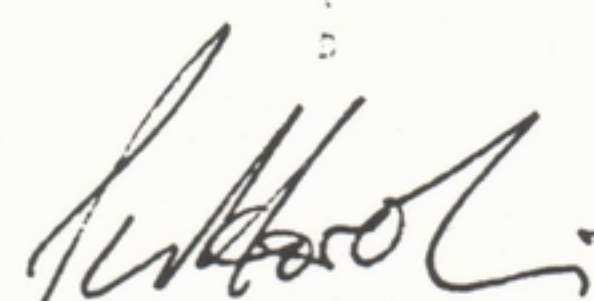
Approval has been given to allow URDEF 80/73 (Port Engine) to remain outstanding for repair in refit and the engine is available for emergency or urgent operational use. URDEFs 62/73 and 81/73 have required excessive amounts of manhours in efforts to rectify them and they will not be rectified until ONSLOW has successfully fired a Mk23P torpedo.

11. The health and morale of the Ships Company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



(P.W. HOROBIN)

Lieutenant Commander, RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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