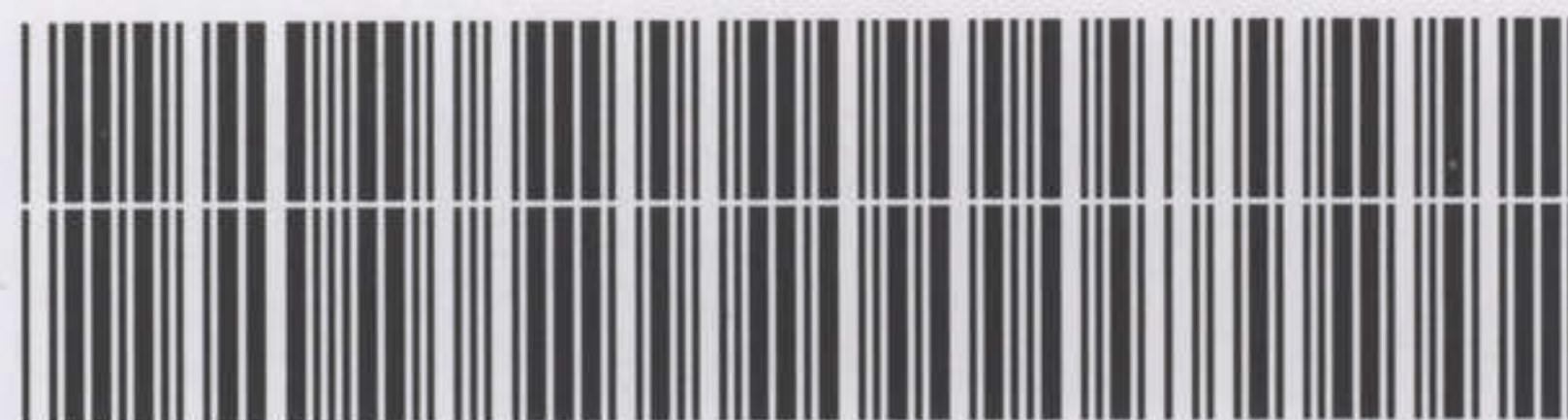


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HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1974

1. Forwarded.
2. With reference to paragraph 14, the components required by the ship have been supplied by transfer from other ships.

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

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HMAS PERTH Report 1/16/1 dated 8th February, 1974

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Sydney.

8th February, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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The Australian Naval Attache,  
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HMAS BRISBANE

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1st JANUARY - 8th FEBRUARY, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH, under my command, for the period 1st January, 1974 until 8th February, 1974. All times are zone L(-11).
2. From 1st until 25th January, PERTH was finishing an Intermediate Docking. During this period a 'ship-check' was carried out by 14 personnel of Long Beach Naval Shipyard from 8th till 13th January. The results of their work is expected in March. Additionally, command team training was undertaken in HMAS WATSON in the week commencing 14th January.
3. On the Australia Day Holiday, Monday 28th January, the death of LSQM J.B. CORCORAN occurred in a hit and run road accident in Sydney. Unhappily this was the third untimely death of a member of PERTH's company in the last two months, two of them being on the roads.
4. Finally at 0805 on Tuesday 29th January after almost four months alongside Garden Island the ship was moved to No. 3 buoy to ammunition ship and to commence running as an operational unit again.
5. The following day at 1404 PERTH proceeded to sea to shakedown and for a programme of post ID trials and weapon training. Particular importance was placed on this shakedown since the ship will need to be fully operational for the forthcoming JUC91 and JBMR activation.
6. Whilst at sea on 31st January the ship was stopped and a short memorial service held at 1607 when the ashes of the late Mr. H.R. WILLIAMS (ex RAN) were scattered. The service concluded at 1616 when the ship continued with the EAXP.

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7. A highlight of the initial few days at sea was at 1850 on 31st January when, for what appears the first time, all three RAN DDG's operated at sea in close company. Opportunity was taken to obtain aerial photographs of this unique event and the squadron continued in company until 0500 the next morning when HMA Ships BRISBANE and HOBART were detached.

8. On Friday 1st February PERTH anchored in WATSON'S BAY at 1229 and shortly afterwards a funeral party attended a memorial service for the late LS CORCORAN in the chapel at HMAS WATSON. After the service the ship weighed and berthed at Garden Island at 1510.

9. At 1653 a fire was reported in No.1 Engine Room and fire and emergency parties were called out. The fire was very quickly extinguished and was due to oil on hot lagging. The cause of the fire was investigated and is being reported separately.

10. On Monday 4th February at 0830 I had the honour of attending the formal change of command ceremony for the Fleet Commander. Later at 1000 a meeting of the First Destroyer Squadron was held in PERTH.

11. The following day at 1000 PERTH sailed for further weapon training. On Wednesday 6th February, 31 Cadet Midshipmen were embarked for a day's visit to sea. A further visit by another 28 Cadet Midshipmen scheduled for Thursday was cancelled due to unsuitable weather conditions. This same weather prevented the completion of some EAXP serials.

12. PERTH entered Sydney and berthed at 0730 on Friday 8th February and that day I handed over command to Captain P.J. HUTSON RAN. At 1000 I called on you, Sir, on my departure from sea command.

### WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

13. The return to sea at the end of the period has provided the first opportunity to fully check out all weapons and associated systems. The restrictions on shore power-availability in addition to almost continuous CLAM procedures has been a severe hindrance to effective setting-to-work of systems.

14. Lack of vital components such as an Exdax power supply and IKARA FSE timers, loaned to other ships by direction, has also prevented full ASW system operations.

15. An additional handicap to ship's staff maintenance has been the total unavailability of craneage during the entire I.D. period.

16. Notwithstanding the above difficulties, most systems are gradually returning to normal operation and it is anticipated that two weeks of seagoing operation will see the Department return to a satisfactory state.

17. The AN/SPL-64/74 antenna exchange quoted in previous ROP, has not eventuated and it is fervently hoped that the existing antenna continues to rotate until completion of the JBMR activation period.

### MARINE ENGINEERING.

18. Intermediate Docking Period. A large amount of work was undertaken by the Dockyard and by ship's staff during the Intermediate Docking period. Trials conducted subsequent to the ID have shown that, with a few minor exceptions, the work was timely completed. The only points of

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18.(cont'd) concern that arose were:

- a. Temporary repair to boiler casings in the economizer areas of 1A and 2B boilers were not undertaken due to a shortage of dockyard capacity.
- b. The defective sootblower water valve in No 2 Fireroom (URDEF 155/74) was not replaced. My message DAU 302245Z Jan refers.
- c. Harbour steaming trials had to be interrupted for three days to allow the Dockyard to complete steam system lagging work. This lagging was originally planned to be completed by the steaming trials commencement date.

19. ACCIDENT - 2A BOILER

On Monday 28th, during an attempt to rectify a leaking desuperheater element joint in 2A boiler, A1MTP F.N.ANDREWS R43167 suffered minor burns resultant from contact with hot water. This incident is being reported separately.

20. FULL POWER WORK-UP

On Friday 1st February the ship worked up to full power and achieved an average 285 RPM - the highest speed achieved for four years. The prime reasons for increased performance were:

- a. a clean hull, and
- b. successful temporary repairs to 1B and 2A economizer casings and to deckplate level casings of all four boilers

21. GENERAL.

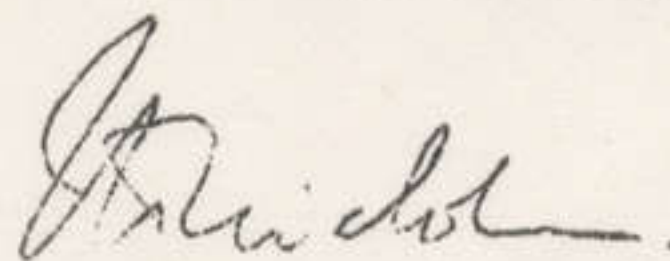
A training programme for the training onboard of all AB2's has been commenced in accordance with AF letter 94/73.

The health, conduct and welfare of the ship's company are considered to be satisfactory. The ship's welfare committee has met during the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(I.H.NICHOLSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Annex A to HMAS PERTH's letter  
1/16/1 dated 8th February, 1974.

ANNEX A - STEAMING FIGURES.

1. Distance steamed during January 408.4
2. Hours underway during the month of January 41<sup>24</sup>/60
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning. , 304,741.5
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 21,695<sup>42</sup>/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed: NIL

STEAMING FIGURES 1-8 FEBRUARY 1974

1. Distance steamed during period 691.1
2. Hours underway during period 54<sup>39</sup>/60
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 305,432.6
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 21,750<sup>21</sup>/60

Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1FEB	24	.3	SONAR NOISE LEVEL TRIAL
1FEB	UP TO 32.8	1.15	HIGH POWER TRIAL.

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Annex B to HMAS PERTH's Letter  
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### ANNEX B - OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

#### IN MOVEMENTS.

CAPT GLEX P.J. HUTSON RAN	FROM	HARMAN	8 FEBRUARY 1974.
LEUT SLEN WEL T.M. BUTLER RAN	"	HARMAN	3 JANUARY 1974
MIDN A.P.S. LADOMIRSKI	"	MELBOURNE	7 JANUARY 1974
MIDN G.W. KEILAR	"	MELBOURNE	7 JANUARY 1974
LEUT PSEX (P) E.M. KAVANAGH	"	ALBATROSS	14 JANUARY 1974
LCDR SDSU S R.R. LAING	"	HARMAN	7 JANUARY 1974.

#### OUT MOVEMENTS.

CAPT GLEX I.H. NICHOLSON	TO	HARMAN	8 FEBRUARY 1974
LEUT GLEN WE J.D. RIDLER	"	WARATAH	7 JANUARY 1974
LCDR GLEX P B.J. DIAMOND	"	ALBATROSS	7 JANUARY 1974
LCDR GLSU T.D. ROWLING	"	MORETON	19 JANUARY 1974.

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Annex C to HMAS PERTH's letter  
17/16/1 dated 8th February, 1974

ANNEX C -- EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING PERIOD

1 OPERATIONAL TRAINING

Wednesday 30th January	1630 - 1800	GFT
	1700 - 2100	IFF/Tacan/Comms/URD4 Check
	2230 - 2359	Sonar Beam Pattern Checks
Thursday 31st January	0001 - 0430	Sonar Beam Pattern Checks
	0630 - 0730	Casex A1
	0730 - 0800	Casex E1
	0800 - 1200	Gonex
	0800 - 1600	ARRX
	0830 - 0950	COW Manoeuvres
	1000 - 1200	AATX
	1000 - 1200	PWO Procedures
	1300 - 1400	RFX 2
	1400 - 1500	RAS Approaches/Jackstay Transfers
	1700 - 1830	Casex A2
	1845 - 1930	DDG Manoeuvres/Photographs
	2030 - 2330	Casex A6/PWO Procedures
Friday 1st February	0600 - 0800	Sonar Self Noise Checks
	0800 - 1200	High Power Work Up
Tuesday 5th February	1330 - 1530	AATFX
	1600 - 1900	VCD Coverage/Tacan Check
	2200 - 2359	EWX1
Wednesday 6th February	0730 - 2100	Cadet Midshipmen's Visit
	0800 - 1200	ARRX
	1000 - 1200	Intex
	1130 - 1230	EWX 2
	1200 - 1600	LAAXX
	1230 - 1600	AATX/PWO Procedures
	1300 - 1500	NECDX
	1630 - 1930	NGS NAVEX/NGSCX
	1630 - 1830	MTX
Thursday 7th February	0830 - 1000	NECDX
	1000 - 1200	MTX
	1200 - 1400	INTEX
	1300 - 1415	NGS NAVEX
	1500 - 1700	AATFX
	2200 - 2300	Tartar ECM/ECCM trial

2 INTERNAL TRAINING

Friday 4th January	Lost Stores Diving Search
Thursday 10th January	Diving Directional Signals & Ditching drills
Monday 14th - Fri 18th Jan	RP/Command Team Continuation Training
Thursday 17th January	Diving for hull maintenance
Mon 21st - Thu 24th Jan	UC/UW Continuation Training
Friday 25th January	UW Demolition Training
Wednesday 30th January	1500 Exercised Steering Breakdown
	1511 Exercised Action/Emergency/Leaving Ship Stations

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2 INTERNAL TRAINING (CONT)

1630 Exercised Man Overboard  
1645 Exercised Steering Breakdown  
1819 Exercised Steering Breakdown  
2130 Exercised Action/Leaving Ship Stations

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2. With respect to paragraph 11 the CW1 Radar problems were resolved and this enabled two successful Tartar firings to be carried out.

*[Signature]*  
(D.C. WELLS)  
Rear Admiral  
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS PERTH Report 1/16/1 dated 5 March 1974

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Sea.

5th March, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding  
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For Information:

The Australian Naval Attache  
WASHINGTON. DC. USA.

The Commander,  
First Australian Destroyer Squadron.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 9TH-28TH FEBRUARY, 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command, for the period 9th February to 28th February 1974. All times are zone L(-11).
2. At the start of the period the ship was berthed at Garden Island undergoing a self maintenance period and during the week following I and most of my Seaman specialist officers attended the JUC91 Lecture Period at AJASS.
3. At 1000 on Monday 11th February I had the honour to call on you, Sir, at your Headquarters, Garden Island.
4. On Saturday 16th February the ship's welfare committee ran a very successful ship's picnic in the Lane Cove National Park, some 450 of the ship's company and their relatives attending.
5. On Monday 18th February PERTH was scheduled to lead the other JUC 91 units from Sydney at 0930 but due to the need to carry out an Ikara alignment sailing was delayed until 1200.
6. The shakedown planned for the Casex week progressed well until 0430 Wednesday 20th February when a severe local depression struck the exercise areas, producing high winds and seas. The programme was abandoned for the remainder of the day and resumed at 1000 on Thursday 21st February. PERTH berthed south end Fitting Out Wharf at 1335 Friday 22nd February.

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7. PERTH sailed from Sydney at 1030 Monday 25th February to start the Longex phase of JUC 91. This was the first chance for the ship to work at sea in a continual multi threat environment since October last year. As a result of operations over the past two weeks a lot of deficiencies in the ships preparedness have been remedied.

8. On Tuesday 26th February at 0933 the defence forces ombudsman designate, Mr D.O. Hay CBE DSO embarked by helicopter. Whilst with the Longex units, Mr Hay was given ship familiarisation tours in all types of RAN escort and on departure at 1540 on Wednesday 27th February he expressed his appreciation of the opportunity given him to gain a much clearer picture of life at sea.

9. PERTH was detached from the Longex at 2200 on Wednesday 27th February and after landing records in Jervis Bay proceeded to the Newcastle area. In company with HMAS HOBART, the ships carried out interception and missile tracking exercises with mirage aircraft from RAAF Williamtown throughout Thursday 28th February. On completion the ship anchored for the night in Providence Bay at 1904.

#### WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

10. All weapons and electronic systems have suffered defects during the month but these have been successfully repaired with the exception of FCS-2 CWI radar.

11. The CWI radar difficulties are gradually being resolved but the time remaining before scheduled firings in early March will not permit satisfactory exercising of the system if further major defects are encountered. Prompt reaction by CSS Sydney to priority stores demands has been very helpful in the rectification of defects found to date.

12. An unprogrammed and short notice D3 alignment of the IKARA aerial system was successfully undertaken by GID on the 18th of the month. This alignment became necessary when an aerial alignment was carried out after discovery of defective gearing in the aerial servo chain.

13. AN/SPS-52 radar is performing very satisfactorily.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

14. 2 Fireroom Master Sootblower Valve The defective master sootblower valve in No 2 Fireroom, mentioned in my January Report of Proceedings, was replaced by an Anchor valve by Garden Island Dockyard on the 15th February. Confidence is felt that the new valve will give satisfactory performance.

15. FFO Pipework. Resultant upon a survey of all bilge level FFO pipework six pipes were found to be excessively corroded, and URDEF 167/74 was raised. Most lengths of corroded bilge piping have been recently renewed; however prevention of further corrosion imposes a heavy maintenance burden.

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16. Storm damage Heavy seas on Tuesday 19th caused damage to upper deck fittings. In particular, the stern and wake lights fitting and the garbage chute were carried away. Repair of the majority of damage is being undertaken by ship's staff.

17. Oil spill On Sunday 24th a minor oil spill occurred which resulted in approximately 10 gallons of FFO being discharged into Sydney Harbour. (My KIP 232328Z FEB74 refers). Investigations are still in progress to determine the cause.

18. Validation Validation progress is satisfactory, and the assistance given by two loan sailors from the FMU is of considerable value.

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19. During the period training commenced for promotion to all ranks and 25 candidates have nominated. Additionally the programme for AB2's has continued.

20. The health, conduct and welfare of the ship's company are considered to be satisfactory. The ship's welfare committee has met during the period and the ship's company have been addressed on matters of security.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



*P.J. Hutson*

( P.J. HUTSON )  
CAPTAIN R.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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1/16/1 dated 5th March, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES 9TH - 28TH FEBRUARY 1974

1. Distance steamed during the period 1981.4
2. Hours underway during the period 157 15/60
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 307,414.0
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 21,907 36/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
21FEB74	21	1.5	JUC 91 Casex period.
26FEB74	20	1	JUC 91 Longex.
"	24	1.7	JUC 91 Longex.

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EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING PERIOD 9TH-28TH FEBRUARY 1974

1. OPERATIONAL TRAINING

Monday 18th February	1330 - 1500	Casex A2
	1600 - 1730	RAS Approaches
	1930 - 2330	Casex C2
	1930 - 2130	LAAWX
Tuesday 19th February	0600 - 0700	Casex A5
	0730 - 0900	MTX
	0930 - 1100	Casex A3
	1200 - 1500	NGSCX
	1600 - 1730	Casex E1
	1800 - 1900	OOW Manoeuvres
	1930 - 2330	Casex C3/LAAWX
Wednesday 20th February	0900 - 1200	Rainbow Reporting.
Thursday 21st February	1000 - 1200	NGSCX/FX
	1000 - 1200	Intex
	1400 - 1700	Casex C3
	1400 - 1700	LAAWX
	1730 - 1900	OOW Manoeuvres
	1930 - 2330	Casex C3
Friday 22nd February	0600 - 0730	Casex A3
	0800 - 0930	AATFX/MFX
	1000 - 1200	Casex A4
Monday 25th February	1030	Start JUC Longex
Wednesday 27th February	1500 - 1730	NGSFX
	2200	Finish JUC Longex
Thursday 28th February	1000 - 1630	Intex with RAAF Williamtown
	1000 - 1630	JARRX

2. INTERNAL TRAINING

Monday 11th - Friday 15th February.		JUC 91 Lecture Period
Monday 18th February.	1230	Steering Gear breakdown
	1730	Man overboard drill
Monday 18th February	1740	Forced Lube Oil failure
	1750	Steering Gear failure
	1755	Telegraphs failure
Tuesday 19th February	1340	Helo Transfer
Monday 25th February	1030 - 1145	Action Stations for sailing
	1145 - 1900	Defence Stations

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2. INTERNAL TRAINING (Cont)

Tuesday 26th February	0933	Helicopter Transfer
	1312 - 1415	Action Stations/NBCDX
	1514 - 1525	Jackstay Transfer
	1902 - 1919	Jackstay Transfer
Wednesday 27th February	0814 - 0835	Jackstay Transfer
	1341 - 1352	Jackstay Transfer
	1440	Helicopter Transfer
Thursday 28th February	0930	Man Overboard
	1122 - 1220	OCW Station Changing
	1800 - 2200	Location and Examination of Hull fittings/ $\frac{1}{2}$ Necklace Searches.

Annex C to HMAS PERTH letter  
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SHIPS MOVEMENTS

Monday 18th February	1200	Sailed Port Jackson
Wednesday 20th February	1213	Anchored Jervis Bay
Thursday 21st February	0953	Weighed Jervis Bay
Friday 22nd February	1330	Arrived Port Jackson
Monday 25th February	1034	Sailed Port Jackson
Thursday 28th February	1904	Anchored Providence Bay

Annex D to HMAS PERTH letter  
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OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

<u>IN</u>	CAPT P.J. HUTSON from HARMAN
<u>OUT</u>	CAPT I.H. NICHOLSON to HARMAN N.O.

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Sydney.

5th April, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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For Information

The Australian Naval Attache  
WASHINGTON DC USA

The Commander,  
First Australian Destroyer Squadron.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH, under my command, for the month of March, 1974. All times are local.
2. On Friday 1st March, the ship was engaged in completing direction exercises with RAAF Williamtown, off Newcastle. Later at 1400 the ship berthed in Newcastle for a short operational visit. Whilst there, the offer was made for any interested personnel from RAAF Williamtown to be given a ship tour but disappointingly none came. A cocktail party held on the evening of Friday 1st principally for RAAF officers and their ladies was well attended. The ship sailed from Newcastle at 1800 on Sunday 3rd March.
3. Over the next two weeks PERTH was involved heavily with the Jervis Bay Missile Range activation and on Thursday 7th March the first Tartar fired scored a Jindivik target at 1205 and later some wreckage was recovered. A second successful firing against a towed target took place on Friday 8th March after which the ship returned to Sydney.
4. Whilst berthing alongside at 1600 that afternoon the ship rested heavily on HMAS HOBART causing minor damage to her port SLT tubes. The matter has been reported (My AS232 dated 15th March refers).
5. The following week, bad weather caused the postponement of air to air firings but eventually two RAAF Mirage aircraft were able to fire against a Jindivik target on Thursday 14th March. Unfortunately this target crashed short of the JBMR runway and the remaining activation programme was cancelled.

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6. The ship returned from JBMR activation berthing in Sydney on Friday 15th March at 1002. On Monday 18th March at 0915 the ship sailed from Sydney with twelve observers from the School of Artillery embarked. The aim was to demonstrate NGS to these future forward observers but poor weather conditions allowed only a limited firing demonstration.
7. The remainder of the week was spent acting as consort for HMAS SWAN, in her work up. Included in the exercises scheduled was a disaster relief exercise which took place from 1300 to 2350 on Wednesday 20th March. This exercise was most beneficial in proving the ship's organisation.
8. On Friday 22nd March at 0805 the ship secured in Garden Island for a self maintenance period which lasted till the end of the month.
9. Mr. R. Hyslop, Assistant Secretary Naval Personnel visited PERTH on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March to familiarise himself with ships of the class.
10. WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
The month has been an extremely active one for the Department with ship validation added to normal maintenance tasks. The loan of FMP personnel to assist with validation was of great assistance and permitted timely completion of the task.
11. Successful Tartar firings were carried out on the 7th and 8th of the month in spite of major problems within the system just prior to firing dated.
12. A Long Beach Naval Shipyard Shipcheck team spent the week 22nd to 29th checking main power generation, conversion machinery and weapons systems for specification tolerances.
13. AN/SPS52 radar continues to function satisfactorily.
14. MARINE ENGINEERING  
PERSONNEL The MTH work force during the month has been considerably reduced due to accidents ashore. Currently one CPOMTH is hospitalized with an esdur of eight weeks and one LSMTH is nursing a broken hand. FMP assistance during the March SMP did much to alleviate the backlog of hull defects, and was greatly appreciated.
15. 1B BOILER. TUBE RW31 On March 7th, a loss of water level in 1B boiler occasioned an inspection which showed that tube RW31 was split circumferentially just below the top rear wall header. The tube was cut out, the tube ends plugged and the boiler made available for service on the 9th March. This defect was reported in my letter 53.2.8 dated 27th March, 1974.
16. GENERATOR TRIALS Pre-refit trials were conducted on all ship's generators during the period 22-24 March. The steam generators performed very well in all aspects and only minor defects were brought to light during diesel generator trials.

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17. PORT MAIN ENGINE LP TURBINE . An inspection of the Port Main Engine on the 28th March showed that ten of the twenty casing stay rods were cracked at the outer tube/rod weld. Available information indicates the defect is not serious, however this matter is being reported separately and investigations are continuing.

18. TRAINING. On March 27th I presided over a promotion board at which a total of 18 candidates for Part 1 and 17 candidates for Part 2 achieved success. Normal training for AB2's is continuing.

19. The health, conduct and welfare of the Ship's Company are considered to be satisfactory. The Ship's Welfare Committee has met during the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

*P. J. Hutson*

(P.J. HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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STEAMING FIGURES - MARCH 1974.

1. Distance steamed during the month 2722.6
2. Hours underway during the month 216<sup>01</sup>/60
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning. 310136.6
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning. 22123<sup>37</sup>/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
7th March	20	.1	To find splashed Jindivik target.
19th March	20	.2	For log calibration.
	24	.3	" "
20th March	24	.5	To join HMAS SWAN for Disaster Exercise.

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OPERATIONAL.  
EXERCISES CARRIED OUT.

Friday 1st March	0900-1100 0930-1100	INTEX ARRX(GEOREF)
Monday 4th March	0930-1130 0930-1130 1330-1600	INTEX MTX/COUNTDOWN DRILLS INTEX
Tuesday 5th March	0915-1100 1100-1600 1200-1600 1430-1630 1900-2000	MTX/COUNTDOWN DRILLS ARRX RAINFORM REPORTING. AATFX RIX/SPX
Wednesday 6th March	0800-1600 1300-1500 1600-2200	AARX MTX/COUNTDOWN DRILLS 6 hour WAR.
Thursday 7th March	0800-1200 0800-1600 1130-1230 1330-1500 1900-2200 1900-2130	GOPEX ARRX TARTAREX MTX/COUNTDOWN DRILLS CASEX A2 LAARX
Friday 8th March	0930-1030 1030-1110	MTX/COUNTDOWN DRILLS TARTAREX
Monday 11th March	0830-1130	SPX(PS4)
Tuesday 12th March	0800-1600 2000-2359	ARRX NEX
Thursday 14th March	0800-1600 1030-1230 1400-1530 1600-2000	ARRX/LAARX JINDI/MATRAEX NGSEFX 4 HOUR WAR
Friday 15th March	0700-0830	CASEX A5/A2
Monday 18th March	1100-1600 1200-1430 1530-1800 1800-2100 1930-2130	ARRX AATX/AATFX NGSCS WGSEFX LAARX NGSCX
Tuesday 19th March	0700-0800 0800-0925 0800-1600 1030-1300 1800-2200	MINEFIELD TRANSIT TOWEX ARRX SUTF 4 HOUR WAR.
Wednesday 20th March	0400-0700 0800-1030 1300-2359	CASEX E2/A2 CASEX A5/A6 DISTEX - OPERATION AWKWARD

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Thursday 21st March	0800-1100	CASEX C3
	0800-1430	LARRX
	0800-1200	GOPEX
	1130-1430	CASEX C3
	1700-2300	6 HOUR WAR

2. INTERNAL TRAINING.

Friday 1st March	1130 1247-1340	Helicopter Transfer. Measured Mile Runs.
Tuesday 5th March	1130-1215 1720-1824	Man overboard Drills RAS Approaches/Jackstays
Wednesday 6th March	0828-1030 1535-1604 2210-2240	Exercise anchorages/ Man overboards. Jackstay Transfers. Jackstay Transfers.
Thursday 7th March	1600-1730 1730-1830	OOW Manoeuvres RAS Approaches/Jackstay Transfers.
Tuesday 12th March	1350 1710-1800	Helicopter Transfer OOW Manoeuvres.
Wednesday 13th March	0230-0600 0730-0830 1350	Exercise Station Master. OOW Manoeuvres. Helicopter transfer.
Thursday 14th March	0650-0853 1548	OOW Manoeuvres. Helicopter Transfer
Friday 15th March	0030-0400	Exercise Station Master.
Monday 18th March	1031-1040 1043-1202	Man Overboard. OOW Manoeuvres
Tuesday 19th March	0930-1035 1400-1706	RAS APPROACHES/JACKSTAYS LOG CALIBRATION
Wednesday 20th March	0700-0800 1800-2300	OOW MANOEUVRES DIVERS EXERCISED FOR OPERATION AWKWARD.
Thursday 21st March	0800-0900 1500-1615 2330	OOW MANOEUVRES JACKSTAYS/RAS APPROACHES COMMENCED STATIONMASTER
Friday 22nd March	0400	STATIONMASTER COMPLETED
Tuesday 26th March	AM/PM	DIVERS EXERCISED ON HULL INSPECTION.

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SHIP MOVEMENTS

Friday 1st March	0730 1400	SAILED PROVIDENCE BAY ARRIVED NEWCASTLE
Sunday 3rd March	1800	SAILED NEWCASTLE
Monday 4th March	1738	ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Tuesday 5th March	0730 2104	SAILED JERVIS BAY ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Wednesday 6th March	0828	SAILED JERVIS BAY
Thursday 7th March	0445 0840 2355	ANCHORED JERVIS BAY SAILED JERVIS BAY ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Friday 8th March	0700 1600	SAILED JERVIS BAY BERTHED PORT JACKSON
Monday 11th March	1100 1740	SAILED PORT JACKSON ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Tuesday 12th March	1415	SAILED JERVIS BAY
Wednesday 13th March	1440	ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Thursday 14th March	0634	SAILED JERVIS BAY
Friday 15th March	1000	BERTHED PORT JACKSON
Monday 18th March	0915 2217	SAILED PORT JACKSON ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Tuesday 19th March	0622	SAILED JERVIS BAY
Wednesday 20th March	1300	ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Thursday 21st March	0643	SAILED JERVIS BAY
Friday 22nd March	0805	BERTHED PORT JACKSON.

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ANNEX 'D' OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

LEUT M.BIDDLE RAN  
LCDR D.G.REARDON RAN

JOINED FROM HARMAN FOR 5 DAYS. 5 MARCH 1974  
JOINED FROM KUTTABUL FOR 2 DAYS 20 MARCH 1974.

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Sydney.

3rd May, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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The Australian Naval Attache  
WASHINGTON DC USA

The Commander,  
First Australian Destroyer Squadron.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH, under my command for the month of April 1974. All times are zone Kilo (-10).
2. On Monday 1st April at 0930 I welcomed you onboard, Sir, and later at 0944 PERTH cast off and proceeded from Sydney in company with HMA Ships TORRENS, HOBART, YARRA, STUART and SWAN and HMNZS WAIKATO for exercise SLOW FOXTROT. After conducting an opposed departure from harbour the remainder of the day was spent in preparation for surface firings against the hulk KAROOLA. At 1421 you were transferred to TORRENS by jackstay accompanied by your staff officers.
3. The next day at 0630 PERTH and YARRA carried out live firings against MV KAROOLA the results of which have been reported separately (my letter 5/5/12 dated 8th April, 1974 refers). Firings were finished at 0720 and the remaining time at sea that week was spent in more conventional exercises. During these, a successful Ikara firing against a submarine target took place at 0845 on Wednesday 3rd April.
4. The following day PERTH, TORRENS and YARRA acted as an enemy SAG against SWAN, STUART and WAIKATO for SWAN's final battle problem. This finished at 1300 and after receiving your approval, Sir, PERTH, TORRENS and YARRA proceeded at high speed for Sydney where PERTH berthed at 1520.
5. On Sunday 7th April, PERTH was opened to the public from 1400 until 1700 during which time 760 persons visited the ship. This response was quite gratifying in view of the effort involved.
6. The pre-Easter week was spent in Sydney where it was hoped to progress upper-deck maintenance but heavy rain throughout most of the period prevented any real progress being made.

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7. At 1000 on Tuesday 16th April the ship cast off and proceeded to the local areas for exercises and to sea train ASAC course 2/74 from HMAS WATSON. Additionally, on sailing there were 13 WRANS, 2 SENS and 2 female civil staff from HMAS PENGUIN embarked for a day at sea. Conditions at sea were ideal and our visitors disembarked in Watson's Bay at 2000.
8. On Thursday 18th April, PERTH towed a splash target and acted as marking ship for air attacks by tracker aircraft between 1600 and 2200. Although rain, low cloud and unserviceable aircraft searchlights made conditions difficult, it was interesting to see the success achieved.
9. PERTH returned to Sydney berthing at 1030 on Friday 19th April.
10. On Monday 22nd April PERTH cast off and proceeded to No.2 buoy to embark ammunition before leaving harbour in company with HMAS Ships MELBOURNE and HOBART at 1030. Exercises programmed for the first part of the week included more ASAC sea training and two RAS (1)s. The first fuelling took place on Monday night at 1830 and the sea conditions did not assist the ship's team in doing their first RAS(L) in 6 months. However, the second fuelling Tuesday night resulted in improved handling of lines.
11. At 1330 on Wednesday 24th April the ship berthed in Port Kembla at the multi purpose berth. Here the ASAC course 2/74 disembarked after five days actual training. During the afternoon I paid an official call on the Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Alderman J.F.Parker.
12. Although the ship visited Port Kembla in response to a request to assist in commemorating the 50th anniversary of scouting in the Illawarra area, the visit coincided with Anzac Day. 197 volunteers from the ship's company marched at the head of the Anzac Day procession in Wollongong and later in the day 3,800 visitors including special groups of scouts and cubs inspected the ship.
13. PERTH sailed from Port Kembla at 0840 on Friday 26th April and later berthed in Sydney at 1346 for a self maintenance period. Shortly after arrival in Sydney a further ship check team from Long Beach Naval Shipyard joined to continue work in preparation for the ship's forthcoming gun update. This work and the maintenance period continued until the month's end.

#### WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

14. The reduced tempo of weapons operations during the latter part of the month has allowed the Department to catch up on planned maintenance routines in addition to rectifying minor defects of long standing.
15. The long awaited IKARA firing, originally programmed for February, was carried out on Wednesday, 3rd and was initially classified as successful.
16. Gunmount 51 continues to be troublesome and is now confined to single sided operation (COMAUSFLT 090716Z April, 1974 refers). Mount 52 has been relatively trouble free.
17. The third Long Beach Naval Shipyard shipcheck team commenced work onboard on the 27th and is scheduled to complete on 3rd May.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

18. Shore Services : Shore services were not connected during the two maintenance periods in the month due to:
  - a. unavailability of power, and
  - b. prediction of interruptions in power supply.

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18.(cont'd) However, power and steam were supplied to HMAS STUART on the 5th for six days, and although the two running Ship's Service Generators were loaded to capacity the arrangement was satisfactory with only minor power restrictions having to be imposed in PERTH and STUART.

19. LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD SHIP CHECK TEAM

The final ship check team commenced job estimating of all Work Package defect items on the 29th and considerable benefit is expected to result from this early on-site estimation both in estimate accuracy and planning co-ordination.

20. MAIN AND AUXILIARY MACHINERY.

The main and auxiliary machinery has performed satisfactorily during the month.

21. TRAINING

With no supervisor available diving training could not be carried out during the month. On Thursday 18th April first aid lectures and demonstrations were carried out as part of a Major NBCD exercise. Additionally, 3 candidates have completed Part 3 command tests and 8 helmsman's certificates have been awarded while training of 38 AB2's continues.

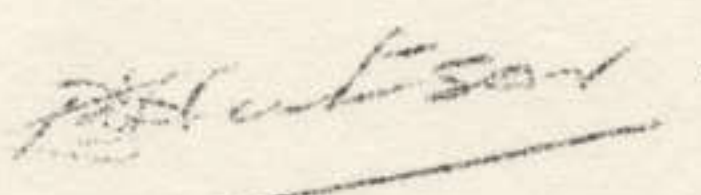
22. Fifteen more task books have been given to PERTH for trial amongst junior sailors and the initial reaction to them has been good.

23. The health, conduct and welfare of the Ship's Company are considered to be satisfactory. The ship's Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

  
(P.J. HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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STEAMING FIGURES - APRIL 1974.

1. Distance steamed during the month 2458.1
2. Hours underway during the month 199<sup>00</sup>/60
3. Distance steamed since first commissioning 312594.7
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 22322<sup>37</sup>/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2nd April	20	.6	For action
	24	.3	against KAROOLA
	22	.4	Night Encounter Exercise.
4th April	22	.7	SAG action SWAN F.B.P.
	24	1.5	To berth Sydney (COMAUSFLT approval)
24th April	20	.3	To set ships log
	24	.3	To set ships log.

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EXERCISES CARRIED OUT - APRIL 1974.

OPERATIONAL

Monday 1st April	1030-1200	Opposed departure, minefield transit. Casex C3.
	1100-1600	ARRX
	1430-1600	SUTF
	1730-1800	SAG PROCEDURES
Tuesday 2nd	0630-0720	TACTICAL FIRING AGAINST KAROOLS
	0800-1000	AIPPO PROCEDURES
	0800-1200	GOPEX
	0800-1600	ARRX
	1000-1300	CASEX A4
	1400-1600	AATX/AATFX
	1900-2100	NGSCX/FX TACTICAL FIRING
	2130-2359	NEX
Wednesday 3rd	0001-0200	STATIONMASTER
	0200-0400	IKARA SAT 3
	0700-1100	CASEX E10
	1230-1400	NGSCX/NAVEX
	1400-1800	NGSCX/NAVEX/NGSFX
	2200-2359	STATIONMASTER
Thursday 4th	1100-1300	SAG ACTION AGAINST SWAN BATTLE BROBLEM.
Tuesday 16th	1030-1600	ARRX
	1200-1600	GOPEX
Wednesday 17th	0800-1600	ARRX
	1130-1300	SUTF
	1530-1730	MTX
	1800-2200	4 HOUR WAR
Thursday 18th	0600-0800	DEPARTURE SCREENEX
	0800-1100	ARRX
Friday 19th	0700-0900	TOWEX
Monday 22nd	1100-1800	ARRX
	1100-1230	CASEX A2(S)
	1300-1500	MTX
	2100-2359	FUI & IFF CHECKS (BY MELBOURNE)
Tuesday 23rd	0001-0400	FUI & IFF CHECKS (BY MELBOURNE)
	0800-1800	ARRX
	0800-1200	GOPEX
	1300-1600	NGSFX TACTICAL
	1630-1800	CASEX C2(S)
Wednesday 24th	0800-1000	ARRX
	0800-1200	GOPEX

INTERNAL

Monday 1st	0930	ACTION STATIONS
	0930-1020	FORMATION DEPARTURE
	1300-1400	COW MANOEUVRES
	1400-1430	JACKSTAY TRANSFER
	1800-2200	EXERCISE STATION MASTER

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Tuesday 2nd	0001-0200 1630-1715 1725-1800	EXERCISE STATION MASTER RAS APPROACHES MAN OVERBOARD
Wednesday 3rd	0030-0200 0935-1035 1123-1135 1900-2200 2200-2359	EXERCISE STATION MASTER TORPEDO RECOVERY JACKSTAY TRANSFER OOW MANOEUVRES/RAS APPROACHES/JACKSTAY TRANSFER EXERCISE STATION MASTER
Thursday 4th	0800-1000 1500-1545	OOW MANOEUVRES FORMATION ENTRY
Tuesday 16th	1000-1045 1100-1200 1200-1230 1517-1524 1535-1553 1630-1900 1645-1655	FORMATION DEPARTURE OOW MANOEUVRES ASAC COURSE TRAINING EXERCISE STEERING BREAKDOWN EXERCISE MAN OVERBOARD ASAC COURSE TRAINING EXERCISE MAN OVERBOARD
Wednesday 17th	0830-1100 1330-1600 1545-1600 2200-2330	ASAC COURSE TRAINING ASAC COURSE TRAINING EXERCISE MAN OVERBOARD FORMATION ANCHORAGE
Thursday 18th	0800-1030 1100-1300 1300 1300-1430 1342-1350 1727 1730-2200 2155	ASAC COURSE TRAINING ASAC COURSE TRAINING ACTION STATIONS MNCIX/NUCLEAR TRANSIT EXERCISE STEERING BREAKDOWN STREAMED SPLASH TARGET AIR WEAPON ATTACKS RECOVERED SPLASH TARGET.
Friday 19th	0945-1030	FORMATION ENTRY
Monday 22nd	1000-1030 1330-1430 1430-1530 1530-1630 1741-1750 1830-2030	FORMATION DEPARTURE OOW MANOEUVRES RAS APPROACHES OOW MANOEUVRES EXERCISE STEERING BREAKDOWN TOKEN RAS(L)
Tuesday 23rd	0600-0700 0830-1000 1800-2200 1830-1930 2200-2300	OOW MANOEUVRES ASAC COURSE TRAINING RELVELEX TOKEN RAS(L) RADAR CALIBRATIONS
Wednesday 24th	0300-0530 0700-0800 0801-1100	EXERCISE STATION MASTER OOW MANOEUVRES SETTING UP SHIP'S LOG

COMMUNICATIONS

Monday 1st	NAVCOMEX 453, EWX 5.
Tuesday 2nd	EWX 5.
Tuesday 17th	NAVCOMEX 652.
Thursday 19th	NAVCOMEX 604
Monday 22nd	NAVCOMEX 405, NAVCOMEX 604, NAVCOMEX 453, EWX 23.
Tuesday 23rd	NAVCOMEX 652, NAVCOMEX 656, EWX 6, EWX 4.

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS

Monday 1st April	0944	SAILED PORT JACKSON
Thursday 4th April	1520	BERTHED PORT JACKSON
Tuesday 16th	1000	SAILED PORT JACKSON
Wednesday 17th	2304	ANCHORED JERVIS BAY
Thursday 18th	0558	WEIGHED JERVIS BAY
Friday 19th	1030	BERTHED PORT JACKSON
Monday 22nd	0844 0912 1016	SAILED FOR NO.2 BUOY. SECURED TO NO.2 BUOY SAILED PORT JACKSON
Wednesday 24th	1330	BERTHED PORT KEMBLA
Friday 26th	0840 1346	SAILED PORT KEMBLA BERTHED PORT JACKSON

ANNEX 'D' - OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

LEUT J.E. WHITTAKER RAN )  
LCDR R.A. HOWLAND ) joined 16th April for ASAC course.

LEUT F.A. HARRISON RAN departed 29th April, 1974 for HMAS LEEUWIN

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HMAS PERTH,  
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5th June, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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The Australian Naval Attache,  
WASHINGTON. DC. USA.

The Commander,  
First Australian Destroyer Squadron.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Ship PERTH, under my command, for the month of May 1974. All times are zone Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month PERTH was self maintaining in Sydney until Friday 3rd May. At the same time a ship check team from Long Beach Naval Shipyard was completing pre-update checks.
3. At 1509 on Thursday 2nd May the after motor whale boat fall shock absorber parted while the boat was being hoisted so allowing the after davit to slide down its tracks with resultant damage to the boat. There was a number of contributing causes to this incident which has been reported on fully in my 68/2/3 dated 30th May.
4. Despite poor visibility PERTH cast off and proceeded for local exercises at 1000 on Monday 6th May in company with HMAS TORRENS. On clearing the harbour a fast passage was made to the south to rendezvous with HMAS MELBOURNE.
5. The ship's principal role at sea during the week was to act as planeguard for night flying operations however, it was possible to complete a good week of sea training especially for junior officers before PERTH secured to No 2 buoy on Friday 10th May at 0925.
6. On Monday 13th May the ship ammunitioned and despite the lack of crane lighters due to industrial action was able to proceed as planned at 1600 in company with TORRENS. Later with TORRENS still in company a night encounter exercise was carried out against HMA Ships MELBOURNE and SWAN before joining MELBOURNE for the remainder of the week's exercises.

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7. On Wednesday 15th May at 0750 four of your staff officers transferred by helicopter for departmental inspections and from 1500 until 1700 evolutions were conducted by you, Sir, completing with a formation anchorage in Jervis Bay at 1743.
8. The following day at 0549 the ship weighed and proceeded to rendezvous with TORRENS and later to join with MELBOURNE to carry out a mini war. This serial was brought to an unfortunate end when an A4G crashed into the sea whilst mounting an attack on the task force. PERTH was despatched to the scene at 1055 and on arrival at 1126 commenced recovering remains with TORRENS later assisting. This job was completed at 1240 and at 1346 all material recovered was transferred to MELBOURNE by helicopter.
9. A surveillance exercise by S2E aircraft was conducted during the dark hours of 16th/17th May. Although no strikes were made against the splash targets streamed the full results of this exercise are awaited with interest.
10. At 0917 on Friday 17th May PERTH secured alongside HMAS YARRA at Garden Island and final preparation for the ships annual inspection commenced.
11. Departmental inspections were completed on Wednesday 22nd May and the following day at 0900 I had the pleasure of presenting PERTH for your inspection.
12. The ship moved to No 3 buoy at 0805 on Friday 24th May to adjust ammunition outfit to the levels required post update in USA and on completion returned alongside. Pre deployment leave commenced the same day.
13. On Saturday 25th May it was intended to hold a families day however, in view of the weather conditions prevailing a decision was made not to get under way. The day turned into a rather better 'ship open to visitors' than normal but was still disappointing to many relatives who expected a short sea trip.
14. During the week commencing Monday 27th May PERTH acted as host ship for HMS ARGONAUT (Commander C.F. SEAL RN) and a most enjoyable round of sporting and social events were arranged.
15. The remainder of the month was spent self maintaining and preparing for the ripout period.

#### WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

16. Weapon Electrical Engineering departmental inspection was carried out by LCDR M.G. HARVEY, RAN on 21st and 22nd of May.
17. A number of defects occurring in the CARTAR missile system effected serviceability in this area.
18. Conferences with Fleet Staff and GID planners at the end of the month have completed planning for equipment removal during the ship's Ripout Period and work is scheduled to commence early in June.

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19. Annual Inspection. The annual Departmental Inspection was conducted by Commander P.A. HARDY RAN, the Fleet Marine Engineer Officer, on Wednesday 22nd and the Hull Inspection was conducted by LEUT V. FAZIO RAN on the 21st.

20. Main and Auxiliary Machinery. The main and auxiliary machinery performed satisfactorily during the month, and a welcome change occurred on the 28th when shore power and steam became available which enabled the steam plant to be shut down.

GENERAL

21. Some curtailment of general training was occasioned by the ship's annual inspection however training of AB2's was continued. All ship's divers were exercised and qualified for the month.

22. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are considered to be satisfactory. The Ship's Welfare Committee has met during the month and the Ship's Company has been lectured on security.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

*P.J. Hutson*

( P.J. HUTSON )  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER



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Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter  
1/16/1 dated 5th June, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES - MAY 1974

1. Distance steamed during the month 2055.5
2. Hours underway during the month 163 21/60.
3. Distance steamed since first commissioning 314,650.2
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 22,485 58/60.
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
6th May	20	.6	As planeguard.
7th May	20	.4	As planeguard.
8th May	20	.9	As planeguard.
13th May	23	.3	For NEX.
16th May	26	.5	To close search centre of crashed A4G.

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Annex B to HMAS PERTH letter  
1/16/1 dated 5th June, 1974.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT - MAY 1974

OPERATIONAL

Monday 6th May	1130 - 1800 1730 - 2120	ARRX Plane Guard
Tuesday 7th May	1330 - 1600 1755 - 2155	NGSCX/Navex Plane Guard
Wednesday 8th May	1300 - 1430 1430 - 1700 1746 - 2205	AATFX MTX Plane Guard
Thursday 9th May	1400 - 1600 2000 - 2200	MTX Screenex/Voice Procedure Exercise
Monday 13th May	2000 - 2245	NEX
Tuesday 14th May	0800 - 1200 1300 - 1600 1930 - 2359	ADEX AAGDX/Strikex FPBX
Wednesday 15th May	0800 - 1130 1300 - 1500 1500 - 1700	ADEX Casex C2(S) Evolutions
Thursday 16th May	0600 - 1100 1800 - 2359	Mini-War Shadex
Friday 17th May	0001 - 0700	Shadex/Strikex

INTERNAL

Thursday 2nd May	All day	Lost stores search, Screw clean and Hull inspection. Diving quals.
Monday 6th May	1100 - 1200 1400 - 1600 1550 - 1558 1600 - 1615	OOW Manoeuvres Towex Helo transfer Steering Gear Breakdown
Tuesday 7th May	0200 - 0600 0200 - 0600 0800 - 0900 0900 - 1000 1000 - 1230	Station master OOW Quiz Formation anchorage RAS Approaches/Jackstay OOW Manoeuvres
Wednesday 8th May	0715 - 0725 1100 - 1300 1600 - 1740	Helo Transfer OOW Manoeuvres RAS (P)

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Thursday 9th May	0831 - 0958 1028 - 1045 1048 - 1120 1120 - 1130 1137 - 1330 1340 - 1450 1600 - 1800	Boardex Lay and recover Danbuoy Training anchorage Helo Transfer Compass Swing Training anchorages RAS(L)
Monday 13th May	1630 - 1800	OOW Manoeuvres
Tuesday 14th May	0100 - 0300 0430 - 0600 1230 - 1300 1630 - 1640 1700 - 1800	OOW Quiz OOW Quiz Streamed Splash Target Helo Transfer OOW Manoeuvres
Wednesday 15th May	0200 - 0600 0600 - 0700 0745 - 0800 1552 - 1604 1730 - 1745	Station master OOW Manoeuvres Helo Transfer Man Overboard Drill Formation Anchorage
Thursday 16th May	1335 - 1343 1400 - 1600 1705 - 1710	Helo Transfer OOW Manoeuvres Helo Transfer
Friday 17th May	0540 - 0558 0704 - 0720	Streamed Splash Target Recovered Splash Target.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thursday 9th May	EWX 23
Tuesday 14th May	EWX 14 Navcomex 455
Wednesday 15th May	Navcomex 251/252 Navcomex 454
Monday 27th May	Navcomex 205
Tuesday 28th May	Navcomex 253 Navcomex 455
Wednesday 29th May	Navcomex 453

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS

Monday 6th May	1000	Sailed Port Jackson
Wednesday 8th May	0058 1013	Anchored Jervis Bay Weighed Jervis Bay
Friday 10th May	0925	Entered Port Jackson
Monday 13th May	1600	Sailed Port Jackson
Wednesday 15th May	1743	Anchored Jervis Bay
Thursday 16th May	0549	Weighed Jervis Bay
Friday 17th May	0917	Entered Port Jackson

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OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

MIDN G. KEILAR RAN departed 10th May 1974 for USN Exchange Service.  
MIDN A. LADOMIRSKI RAN departed 24th May 1974 for HMAS STALWART.  
LEUT P. BODDINGTON RAN departed 27th May 1974 for HMAS WATSON.

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HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1974

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(D.C. WELLS)  
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Commander Australian Fleet

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**RESTRICTED**HMAS PERTH  
at Sydney.

4th July, 1974.

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH, under my command, for the month of June, 1974.
2. Throughout the month PERTH remained alongside in Sydney undergoing self and assisted maintenance and a long leave period. The 'rip out' of equipment prior to deployment to Long Beach commenced on Tuesday 11th June, and progress has been satisfactory.
3. On Monday 3rd June approval was given for the grant of family passages to the U.S.A. for dependents of PERTH's Ships Company. This brought to an end the long period of uncertainty on this most important aspect of PERTH's deployment but the late decision in this matter has brought problems in making the necessary arrangements in the short time remaining before the ship deploys.
4. At 1430 on Monday 3rd June, I paid an official call on the Right Worshipful, the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman N Shehadie, O.B.E.
5. During the forenoon of Friday 21st June the ships company were given an introductory lecture on the Naval Combat Data System by the Project Director, Commander B.L. Spark, RANEM and members of his staff.
6. On the same day I attended with two of my officers the Fleet Buffet Luncheon held onboard HMAS MELBOURNE for officers of USN warships visiting Sydney following exercise KANGAROO ONE.
7. During the week commencing Monday 24th June, PERTH acted as host ship for USS BAUSELL (Lieutenant Commander A. Rowe, USN) and a most enjoyable round of sporting and social events were arranged.

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8. On Tuesday 25th June, PERTH was visited by members of the Central Studies Establishment headed by Commander G.J.M. CLARK.

WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

9. Dockyard/Ships Staff Ripout work is progressing satisfactorily. All major units have been removed and work should complete early in July.

10. The uncertainty as to which IKARA equipments are to be landed for Dockyard/Contractor overhaul and modification is a cause for concern in that the timescale for equipment removal has now been drastically reduced. IKARA Launchers have been removed and landed.

MARINE ENGINEERING

11. Dockyard Work. Due to the prolonged scheduled absence from Australia, a larger than normal amount of dockyard work is being undertaken during the current 'rip out' phase. In general, most work is proceeding to plan; however some items, namely; No. 2 Engine room drain tank renewal, whale boat davit and winch defects, and FFO line replacement are critical. The ship's Project Superintendent has voiced confidence that all dockyard work will complete by the cut-off date of 19th July.

12. Furnace . Fuel Oil Tanks. During routine cleaning of the forward group of FFO tanks, seven splits were discovered in the tank bulkheads. URDEF action has been taken, and additional stiffening is being installed in an attempt to prevent recurrence.

GENERAL

13. General training was curtailed during the month due to long leave and self maintenance. Only 7 of the ship's divers were exercised and qualified for the month. The remaining 3 have been on leave.

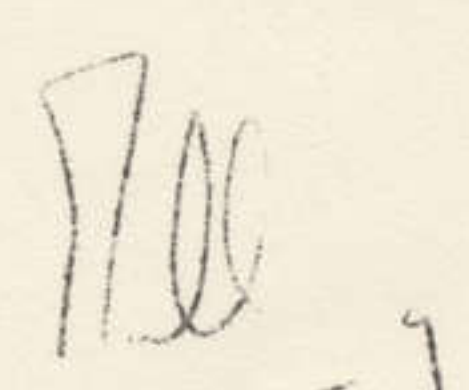
14. The health, conduct and morale of the Ships Company are considered to be satisfactory. The Ships Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



  
(D.D. FARTHING)  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Annex A to HMAS PERTH  
letter 4th July, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES - JUNE 1974

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| 1. | Distance steamed during the month              | NIL          |
| 2. | Hours underway during the month                | NIL          |
| 3. | Distance steamed since first commissioning     | 314,650.2    |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first commissioning | 22,485 58/60 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed    | NIL          |

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Annex B to HMAS PERTH  
letter dated 4th July, 1974.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT - JUNE 1974

OPERATIONAL

NIL.

INTERNAL

Tuesday 25th June.

All day

Lost Stores Search  
Diving Qualifications  
Directional signals.

Due to equipment removal for rip-out DSOTS on all weapon systems  
could only be carried out on an availability basis throughout the month.

COMMUNICATIONS

NIL.

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Annex C to HMAS PERTH  
letter dated 4th July, 1974.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS

PERTH remained alongside South East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island,  
bows south, throughout the period.

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OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

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1. Preparation for departure to USA
2. Meeting from SUPPLY after sailing

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Sea.

3rd August, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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For Information.

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH, under my command, for the month of July, 1974. (all times zone K(-10)).
2. For the majority of the month PERTH remained alongside at Garden Island completing an assisted maintenance and long leave period prior to her departure for Long Beach.
3. On Monday 22nd July a major storing programme commenced in preparation for the ship's departure. This programme completed on Tuesday 30th July with a minimum of disruption to normal routines despite a strike by storemen and packers at Garden Island.
4. At 1830 on Monday 29th July a farewell cocktail party was held onboard. Amongst the 17 official guests present were Lady Beale (our launching lady), the Flag Officer Commanding, East Australia Area; Rear Admiral W.J.Dovers CBE, DSC\* and Mrs Dovers and yourself, Sir, and Mrs Wells.
5. The following day at 1100 I called on the Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden Cutler, VC, KCMG, KCVO, CBE, K St J.
6. The strike by storemen and packers previously mentioned prevented the ship fuelling whilst in Sydney. This caused concern since ship stability was threatened by low fuel (17%) remaining. Eventually on 30th July it was resolved that PERTH would fuel from HMAS SUPPLY after sailing from Sydney.
7. At 0920 on Wednesday 31st July, I welcomed you onboard, Sir, to take passage in PERTH to Suva. Shortly afterwards, at 0930, the ship cast off and proceeded for Long Beach, California, farewelled by about 400 friends and relatives.



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8. A rendezvous with SUPPLY was made at 1025 to fuel. After transferring 665 tons of FFO fuelling completed at 1233 when PERTH set a course for Lord Howe Island. I

WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

9. The 'ripout' of all equipment programmed for removal has been completed satisfactorily as has the loading of equipment to be transported to LENSY.

10. The removal of IKARA units for overhaul/modification has rendered this system nonoperational except for a basic Computer/Attack Console interface. Several additional units were landed to provide serviceable items to other Fleet Units.

11. The transfer of components to Stores or other ships coupled with a defective Track Radar EHT cable has also rendered the TARTAR radar system non operational. One Track radar remains functional.

12. All equipments necessary for passage to USA and FORACS ranging in HAWAII are serviceable.

MARINE ENGINEERING

13. Dockyard Work. Although all Dockyard work was scheduled to be complete by the 19th July several items extended well beyond this date due, in the main, to industrial disputes. However, all work was satisfactorily completed by the 29th July.

14. Auxiliary Steaming Trials. Auxiliary steaming trials were commenced on the 17th July in No.2 unit; however trials in No.1 unit were slightly delayed due to a perforated fuel line in No.1 fireroom. Prompt assistance from the Dockyard minimized the delay and all trials were complete by the 26th July.

GENERAL

15. Very little training has been carried out during the month due to the leave period and the intense activity prior to the ship sailing. No diving activity took place due to lack of a qualified diving supervisor coupled with a leave period and other ships commitments.

16. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are considered to be most satisfactory. The ship's Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

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*P.J. Hutson*  
(P.J. HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



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STEAMING FIGURES - JULY 1974.

1. Distance steamed during July. 175.1
2. Hours underway during July. 14.
3. Distance steamed since first commission-  
ing. 314,825.3
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning. 22,499<sup>58</sup>/60
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed:

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
31 July	21	11	For transit to Lord Howe Is. COMAUSFLT KAA/KNA 250406Z JUL 74.

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EXERCISES CARRIED OUT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE.</u>
1 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 404 501 405
2 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 251 402
3 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 404 405
4 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 252 451
5 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 251
15 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 405
16 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 302
17 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 405
18 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 204
19 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 405
22 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 201 251
23 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 405
24 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 251
25 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 350
26 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 252
29 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 205 404
30 JULY	NAVCOMMEX 251 405 455.

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Annex C to HMAS PERTH letter  
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SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

Wednesday 31st July.      0930      Sailed Port Jackson.

Annex D to HMAS PERTH letter  
1.16.1 dated 3rd August, 1974.

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

JOINED.

LEUT J.S.PETRIE RAN FROM HARMAN  
LEUT R.N.HALL RAN FROM MELBOURNE  
LEUT B.F.VANDEPETER RAN FROM BARRICADE.  
LEUT M.J.FLYNN MDSG RAN FROM ALBATROSS.

DEPARTED

LEUT P.F.QUINTON RAN	TARANGAU II
SBLT E.P.HYTEN RAN	HOBART
SBLT C.J.ELLIS RAN	HOBART.
LEUT T.M.BUTLER RAN	HARMAN NO
LEUT V.C.BRICE RAN	HARMAN NO
LCDR D.E.HIRON RAN	WATSON
SBLT T.B.RUTING RAN	MELBOURNE
SBLT J.A.BOASE RAN	DERWENT
SBLT G.D.BANYER RAN	SWAN

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1. COMAUSFET embarked for passage to Fiji.
2. visit to Pearl Harbour.
3. Long Beach Naval shipyard.

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HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1974

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(D.C. WELLS)  
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HMAS PERTH Report 1/16/1 dated 5th September 1974

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Long Beach,

5th September, 1974.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

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WASHINGTON. DC. USA.

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The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

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HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command, for the month of August, 1974.
2. On Thursday 1st August the ship anchored off Lord Howe Island at 0832 (-11) to discharge some 5 tons of mail for the local population and a variety of stores required by the First Field Engineering Regiment to continue airfield construction on the island. During this period, Sir, you proceeded ashore for a brief tour of the island and to inspect progress at the airfield.
3. The landing of stores completed the ship weighed and proceeded for Suva, Fiji, at 1105 (-11). After an uneventful passage PERTH berthed at the King's Wharf at 0930 (-12) on Sunday 4th August.
4. At 1000 (-12) the Australian High Commissioner, Mr H.W.Bullock called on you, Sir, and later I accompanied you to a luncheon given by the High Commissioner in your honour. Afterwards you departed to join HMAS ANZAC in Lautoka.
5. On Monday 5th August at 1600 (-12), PERTH cast off and proceeded for Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. On clearing harbour the ship assumed the economical steaming condition for the passage and as a result about 3 percent fuel was saved over normal expenditure.
6. During the afternoon of Thursday 8th August the traditional crossing of the line ceremony was held and the festivity was enjoyed by all.
7. After a smooth passage the ship berthed in Pearl Harbour at 1050 (+10) on Monday 12th August. That afternoon I called on Commander, U.S. Third Fleet (Vice Admiral W.T. Rapp) and Commandant Fourteenth Naval District (Rear Admiral R.A. Paddock). Later in the evening I attended a cocktail party given by the Australian Consul, Mr D. Wadham.

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8. Harbour checks having been completed on Tuesday 13th August, PERTH cast off and proceeded to sea at 0630 (+10) on Wednesday 14th August for FORACS ranging. The ranging completed at 1551 (+10) and the ship berthed alongside at 1707 (+10).

9. At 1600 (+10) on Thursday 15th August the ship cast off and proceeded for Long Beach, California, after a well organised and busy time in Pearl Harbour. The efforts of our host ship, USS BENJAMIN STODDART were outstanding and were much appreciated by all in PERTH.

10. PERTH berthed in Seal Beach at 0747 (+7) on Thursday 23rd August and immediately commenced de-ammunitioning ship in preparation for the forthcoming modernisation. This was completed by 1155 (+7). Later, after several delays in getting a pilot the ship cast off from Seal Beach at 1434 (+7). As PERTH arrived in Long Beach a fire float escorted the ship down harbour and a balloon welcome was also given before berthing at the Naval Support Activity at 1535 (+7). The Australian Consul General Los Angeles, Mr. P.R.Searey OBE, and local civil dignatories boarded the ship on arrival.

11. Throughout the long passage to Long Beach reasonable weather was experienced and this allowed the ship to keep up with most upper-deck maintenance and to conduct an interesting programme of inter-part sport and other entertainment. Additionally use was made of the Optimum Track Ship Routing facility offered by the Fleet Weather Centre, Monterey and a separate report is being made on this.

12. On Friday 23rd August, I called on the Commanding Officer, Long Beach Naval Shipyard (Captain A.W.Duacsek USN) and the Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity Long Beach (Captain J.J.Meyer USN).

13. The following week on Monday 26th August, the Commander, Destroyer Squadron 31 (Captain P.A.Lauthermilch USN) called on me. Afterwards I received a call from the Commanding Officer, USS HULL (Commander J.E.McConville USN) and the following day I received a call from the Commanding Officer, USS FRANCIS HAMMOND (Commander R.E.Ong USN).

14. The remainder of the month was spent organising for the arrival of dependents who arrived as planned at Los Angeles International Airport by charter flight on Thursday 29th August and in completing preparations for the modernisation. PERTH was shifted by tugs into the Naval Shipyard on Friday 30th August at 0900 (+7).

#### WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

15. An uneventful month for the W.E.Department with a few minor problems occurring in communications, Loran and echo sounder.

16. A FORACS ranging was carried out on FORACS III Check Site, Oahu on the 14th of the month. Rough results made available the following day were much as expected with some unsatisfactory performance observed in the GFCS-68 Director, the Sonar and in the radar displays. These are programmed for correction during the update period.

17. Gunmount roller path checks were carried out by LBNSY personnel in Pearl Harbour on 13th of the month. Results of these checks are not yet to hand.

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MARINE ENGINEERING

18. The passage from Sydney to Long Beach was, for the most part, made under economical steaming conditions, and expenditures of fuel, feed and fresh water were favourable.

19. Two technicians from Long Beach Naval Shipyard accompanied the ship from Pearl Harbour to Long Beach to ascertain the condition of the automatic combustion control system. Their findings were pleasing in that the system was basically sound although the condition of the boiler casings did not allow the achievement of rated full power.

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20. Training commenced onboard for 55 candidates for promotion and it is hoped to hold a promotion board next month. Additionally the ship's divers were exercised whilst in Pearl Harbour under the supervision of POCD H.BRANCOMBE.

21. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are considered to be most satisfactory. The Ship's Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

*P.J. Hutson*

(P.J.HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter  
1.16.1 dated 5th September, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES - AUGUST, 1974.

1. Distance steamed during August. 6758.7
2. Hours underway during August. 419<sup>22</sup>/<sub>60</sub>
3. Distance steamed since first commissioning. 321,584.0
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning. 22,919<sup>20</sup>/<sub>60</sub>
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1 AUGUST	21	8	For transit to Lord Howe Is.
1 AUGUST )	20	56	To transit to Suva.
3 AUGUST			(COMAUSFLT KAA/KNA 250406Z JULY 74 refers).

Annex B to HMAS PERTH letter  
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SHIP MOVEMENTS.

Thursday	1st August.	0832 (-11)	Anchored Lord Howe Is.
		1105 (-11)	Weighed Lord Howe Is.
Sunday	4th August	0930 (-12)	Berthed Suva
Monday	5th August	1600 (-12)	Sailed Suva.
Monday	12th August	1050 (+10)	Berthed Pearl Harbour.
Wednesday	14th August	0630 (+10)	Sailed Pearl Harbour.
		1707 (+10)	Berthed Pearl Harbour.
Thursday	15th August	1600 (+10)	Sailed Pearl Harbour.
Thursday	22nd August	0747 (+7)	Berthed Seal Beach.
		1434 (+7)	Sailed Seal Beach.
		1535 (+7)	Berthed Long Beach.

Annex C to HMAS PERTH letter  
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OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

SBLT I.A.WHITEHOUSE RAN joined from HMAS YAHRA 29th August, 1974.

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HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command, for the month of September, 1974. All times are zone T(+7).
2. Throughout the month the ship has been available for modernization work at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard.
3. On Tuesday 3rd September Shipyard work commenced onboard and at 0800 notice for sea was extended to 47 hours. During the forenoon a Briefing Conference for the benefit of all officers and senior Chief Petty Officers was given by Shipyard officials.
4. The following day I attended a training conference convened in San Diego to review and finalise training courses for the ship's company whilst in the USA. This review, directed by Navy Office resulted in a reduction in projected training costs of some 50 percent without sacrificing essential courses. Also I was able to call on the authorities in the area under whom PERTH will work next year on completion of modernisation.
5. During the afternoon of Thursday 5th September married accompanied members of the ship's company and their wives attended a familiarisation tour of the Long Beach Naval Hospital. This tour which also explained the methods of obtaining medical assistance for dependants and has since proved invaluable.
6. Later that day I attended a reception given in our honour by the firms concerned with the supply of NCDS equipments to the RAN. At this function many useful ~~contacts~~ were made with key personnel in the firms and with US Naval authorities involved with this important aspect of the overhaul.

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7. On Monday 9th September the stores offload for the S.O.A.P commenced. This large task was completed in three days compared with the scheduled activity time of eight days and with a minimum disruption of the ship's routine.

8. On the evening of Thursday 12th September my officers and I hosted a cocktail party onboard for those shipyard personnel and other parties directly involved with the ship's modernisation period. Over 150 people attended and seemed to appreciate the ship's hospitality.

9. At 2000 on Monday 16th September, by arrangement through the Australian Consul General, Los Angeles, a free concert was given in the Naval Support Activity theatre by the Rock Group, Brian Cadd and the Bootleg Family who were returning to home having represented Australia at the World Fair in Spokane. The Concert finished at 2130 and was thoroughly enjoyed by the 500 personnel of both navies who attended.

10. During the week commencing Monday 16th, Captain A. Townsend RAN (DDG UPD) visited Long Beach Naval Shipyard. The prime object of his visit was to attend the Electronic Ship Check Meeting on the 17th. The majority of the meeting was concerned with the findings of the ship check team and the authorization of resultant work to be accomplished by the shipyard. Also, the opportunity was taken to discuss other aspects of the modernization such as the ordalt supply status, additional automatic combustion control work, update of selected record data, repairs required on test equipment, and late supply of OU-91/UYA-4 equipment.

11. Progress of overhaul work has affected habitability and at present some 80 Petty Officers and Junior Sailors are accommodated in barracks in the Naval Support Activity but continue to be victualled onboard.

12. On Wednesday 18th September accompanied by Mr John Hanafin, Information Consul from the office of the Australian Consul General Los Angeles I had the dubious honour of presenting a trophy to the winning owner of the Australian Plate at the Los Angeles County Fair, Pamona.

#### WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

13. The modernisation is progressing well at this stage although most work completed to date has consisted of equipment removal.

14. Both gunmounts, all directors and antennas have been lifted and transferred to the appropriate shops with no problems occurring during these activities.

15. Communications, radar and weapons below decks equipment removal has almost completed although some difficulties have been encountered with the removal of 100KW 400 Hertz motor generators. No 1 MG can be removed only through the ship's side and must wait until the ship is in dry dock. No 2 MG has been removed internally, with some difficulty, and will be overhauled in time to replace No 1 during the docking phase. No 1 will then be overhauled and returned to the aft position.

16. Ship's staff have been fully employed on firewatch and security sentry duties in addition to carrying out maintenance not programmed for the shipyard.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

17. Long Beach Naval Shipyard has commenced work on all major repair items with commendable speed. All brickwork and the majority of generator tubes have been removed from all four boilers. Machinery for shop repair has been removed from the ship through hull accesses.

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18. In general machinery due for PM inspection has opened up well and few major defects have been found. However, many components are approaching their maximum wear limits, and extreme difficulty is being encountered in obtaining spare parts. To-date less than 50% of demands have been satisfied. In many cases of non supply the reason is that the authorized RAN procedure does not allow access to the full USN supply system. This problem is currently under investigation.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT.

19. Deployment to the United States has created a considerable extra work load in the administrative tasks associated with overseas passages and allowances undertaken by the Ship's Office Staff. Much overtime is necessary to keep this work current, notwithstanding the addition of an ABWTR to the complement for the extent of the deployment.

20. Approximately \$US630,000 have been disbursed since the ship transferred to US currency on 7th August, 1974. In excess of 250 vouchers were passed through the Cash Account in August and over 150 in September, being the busiest months in the recent history of the ship.

21. The first stages of the SOAP have proceeded smoothly. Due to a validation processing error, the availability date of the ship's COSAL has been retarded one month to 19th November, 1974, however this presents no problem and will not alter either the SOAP programme or the projected SOAP completion date.

22. Some difficulty has been experienced in the procurement of fresh provisions, as all US Navy demands are processed through the Supply Annex at Long Beach to the Naval Supply Centre, San Diego. This has generated a three-week lead time on orders for all provisions.

GENERAL.

23. Internal training during the month has centered around the promotion board which was held on 25th, 25th and 26th September. Of 41 candidates 38 passed. All ship's divers were exercised on 14th September at the Naval Support Activity. The first of the ~~three~~ scheduled NCDS operator training courses at Dam Neck Virginia commenced on 30th September.

24. Generally the ship's company has settled in to life in the USA well with no unusual or unexpected incidents being reported. In particular the families seem to have settled in smoothly and with only one exception are coping well with local conditions.

25. The Health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are considered to be satisfactory. The ship's Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

*P. J. Hutson*

(P.J. HUTSON)

CAPTAIN RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER.



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Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter 1.16.1  
dated 5th October, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES - SEPTEMBER, 1974.

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| 2. | Hours underway during September.                | NIL                      |
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| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.    | NIL                      |

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Annex B.

OFFICIAL CALLS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ON WHOM</u>
4 September	0900	Chief of Staff to COMTRAPAC Captain C.D.Lilly USN.
	1030	Chief of Staff to COMCRUDESPAC Captain C.A.Guthrie USN.
	1300	Chief of Staff to COMELEVEN Captain A.J.Hodder Jr. USN.
10 September.	1315	Commanding Officer Naval Dental Clinic. Captain W.G.Hillis DC USN.
12 September	1145	Director Naval Regional Medical Centre. Captain E.P.Rucci MC USN.
27th September	1000	Australian Consul General Los Angeles. Mr. F.R.Searey OBE.

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Annex C.

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

LIEUTENANT MSSG M.J.FLYNN RAN - TO USNAS PENSACOLA 28 September, 1974.

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para 11. Any indications of similar trends here? - Answer provided and retained in CSS office.  
Delays in stores have been actioned separately and PERTH difficulties appear to have been largely overcome by that November action. As regards supply from CSS stocks, this has been actioned on an item basis by the Item manager, rather than as a blanket decision for all items (N. 400/1/3837).  
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## HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1974

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2. With reference to paragraph 10 of the enclosure it is considered that supply of scarce spares from CSS Sydney to the U.S.A. is unlikely to be economic in the long term. As stated in the reference it is considered such items should be manufactured locally whenever practicable.

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(D.C. WELLS)  
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Commander Australian Fleet

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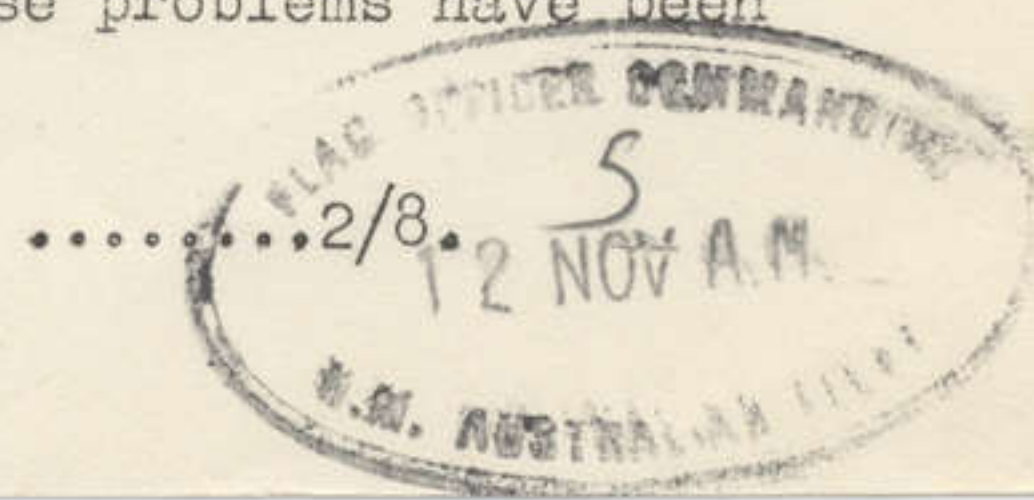
1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command, for the month of October, 1974.
2. Throughout the month the ship has been berthed in the Long Beach Naval Shipyard for repair and modernisation work.
3. On Tuesday 1st October at 0950 (T) I welcomed the Australian Naval Attache, Washington Commodore R.H. PERCY RAN onboard and took the opportunity to personally acquaint him with the progress of the modernisation and to discuss administrative matters of mutual concern.

WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

4. Modernisation work is progressing satisfactorily with particularly good progress being made in the Gun Mount replacement tasks.
5. Ship's Staff work is being progressed as fire and security sentry commitments permit. It is anticipated that all Ship's Staff tasks will be completed during availability.

MARINE ENGINEERING

6. Low manning in the boiler trades has caused slippage of shipyard boiler work, but the shipyard is confident that the scheduled light-off date can be met. Access has now been made to all boiler casings and the expected extensive corrosion is evident. Renewal of casings is due to commence shortly.
7. Of continuing concern is the lack of spare gear for Ship's Staff repair and planned maintenance work. The main problems that arise are in ascertaining correct Federal Stock Numbers and in the lead time to procure. These problems have been separately reported.





SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

8. The SOAP is progressing ahead of schedule at this point, although the technical review phase has been delayed due to a current backlog of work in the technical branch of the Long Beach SOAP organization. Rather than delay the entire operation, the results of the technical review will later be superimposed on the completed first and second stage stocktakes to provide the required final result.

9. Considerable delays are being experienced in response to PERTH's demands for those maintenance materials not available from NSC San Diego or the Long Beach annex. Demands input to NAVILCO Bayonne early in October for procurement through Foreign Military Sales procedures, have so far failed to produce any positive results. New procedures designed to reduce the input transmission times and to lessen delays in availability of status, have now been proposed and it is hoped they will be quickly implemented.

10. Demands for non-FSN material identified to manufactures' part numbers cannot be processed by either NSC San Diego or NAVILCO. Instructions issued by Navy Office to place this type of demands on CSS Sydney rather than attempt local procurement, has so far resulted in only 50% initial availability.

11. Overall, a great deal of supply management resources have been committed to monitoring and pursuing a relatively small number of troublesome but important demands. Raw material shortages now prevalent in the USA, have created some problems in local supply, which have in turn affected PERTH. Examples of recent unfilled demands for commonly used items are: plastic rubbish bin liners, torch batteries and paint, while a severe shortage of paper products is starting to be felt.

GENERAL

12. Training in damage control at the Fleet Training Centre, San Diego has progressed well and to date 39 students have completed the course. Ships divers were exercised on Thursday 31st October at the Naval Support Activity. The second NCDS operator course commenced in Dam Neck, Virginia on Tuesday 29th October.

13. Personnel from the first of the NCDS operator courses returned onboard from Dam Neck, Virginia on Friday 25th October. Feedback from this course confirms the opinion that because of the special operator techniques involved, the early scheduling of these courses could be to the detriment of the ship when the system is accepted in mid 1975.

14. The Welfare Committee and the ship's officers have been working hard to provide interesting and unusual ways for those of the ship's company who so wish, particularly the single sailors, to see the country and meet Americans. Family hospitality has been extended to our sailors by Americans on every weekend of the month. In addition, low cost visits to Las Vegas, Nevada and ship sponsored camping weekends have been popular.

15. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are considered satisfactory. The ship's welfare committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

(P.J.HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter 1/16/1  
dated 5th November, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURES - OCTOBER, 1974.

1. Distance steamed during October.	NIL
2. Hours under way during October	NIL
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning.	321,584.0
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning.	22,919 <sup>20</sup> /60.
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.	NIL



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HMAS PERTH

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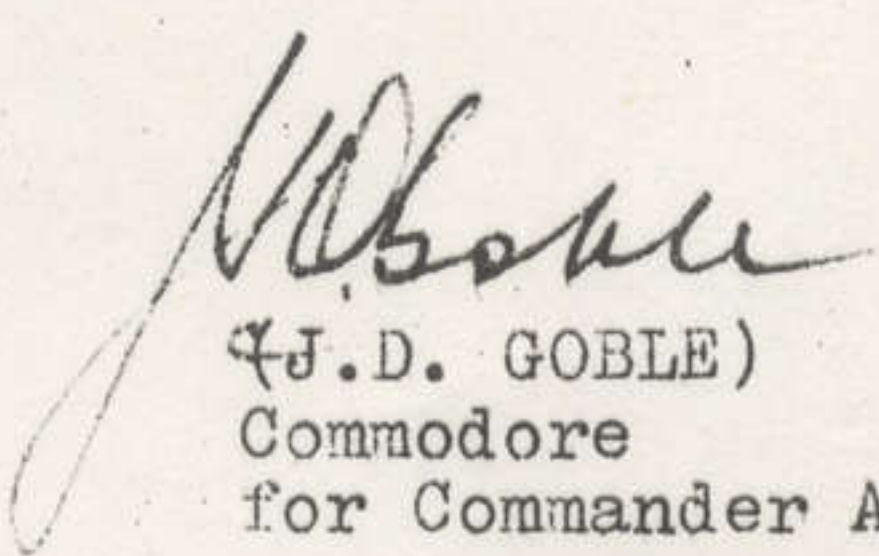
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The Secretary  
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## HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1974

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

Enclosure: 

HMAS PERTH Report 1/16/1 dated 4th December 1974

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HMAS PERTH,  
at Long Beach.

4th December, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information

The Australian Naval Attache,  
WASHINGTON.

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command for the month of November, 1974. All times are zone U(+8).
2. Throughout the month the ship has been in Long Beach Naval Shipyard hands for repair and modernisation work.
3. A very successful barbecue was hosted by the Ship's Company for the crew of USS STERETT on Wednesday 20th November. About 180 personnel attended to thank STERETT for their efforts as host ship and a suitable plaque was presented to the Commanding Officer, Captain P.K.Collins USN.
4. At 0810 on Friday 22nd November the ship was moved by tugs into No 2 dry dock, where PERTH docked down at 1057.

WEAPON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

5. All Update tasks are proceeding satisfactorily.
6. Gun Mounts were fitted on the 1st of the month. The task of lowering into position & commencing boltdown occupied only 80 minutes to complete both mounts.
7. A study of the RAN design for the new communications layout in the transmitter room has revealed problems with the location of C-2698/SRA-22 coupler control and with the location of PP3916/UR Power Supply. Rectification of these problems has been sought in HMAS PERTH 220013Z NOV 74.



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MARINE ENGINEERING

8. Shipyard progress continues to be satisfactory and all cardinal dates remain valid.
9. The ship docked on November 22nd and the state of the underwater hull, fittings and shafting was found to be good. The underwater hull has been brush blasted and the freeboard is currently being sandblasted back to bare metal.
10. The unsatisfactory spare gear situation outlined in my October Report of Proceedings slightly improved in the first half of the month but now that NAVILCO Bayonne is no longer authorized to process PERTH requisitions, the future is uncertain until new procedures are formulated.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

11. The saga of difficulties experienced in meeting requirements for maintenance repair parts has continued throughout the month. The USN Chief of Naval Material cancelled the procedure whereby items not available from NSC San Diego were demanded through NAVILCO Bayonne. This has been replaced with a new procedure (with as yet unknown capabilities) by which the Long Beach Naval Shipyard will support HMAS PERTH. It is hoped that this latest decision will result in lead times much shorter than those experienced in demanding through NAVILCO, which invariably ~~intended~~ well beyond UMIMPS time frames.

SOAP

12. The SOAP continues satisfactorily and is ahead of schedule in most phases. USN processing delays to production of the COSAL continues to retard a number of actions but this is not considered to be a serious problem at this stage.
13. There is some concern being felt at present over the lack of comprehensive listings of repair parts for new equipments being fitted in PERTH. Long Beach Naval Shipyard, presently tasked with providing the required information, is unable to comply with the requirement in a manner acceptable for SOAP/COSAL input. This problem is currently being brought to notice of all authorities concerned.

GENERAL.

14. By the time the ship docked on 22nd November all personnel living onboard had been transferred uneventfully to shore barracks.
15. The second NCDS operator course completed on Friday 22nd November with the third course commencing on Monday 25th November. Ship's divers were exercised on the 19th November.
16. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory. The ship's welfare committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

(D.D. FARTHING)  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.



Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter  
1/16/1 dated 4th December, 1974.

STEAMING FIGURED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1974.

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|--|--------------------------|
| 1. Distance steamed during November.                 | NIL                      |
| 2. Hours underway during November.                   | NIL                      |
| 3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning: | 321,584.0                |
| 4. Total hours underway since first commissioning.   | 22,919 <sup>20</sup> /60 |
| 5. Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.      | NIL                      |



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HMAS PERTH

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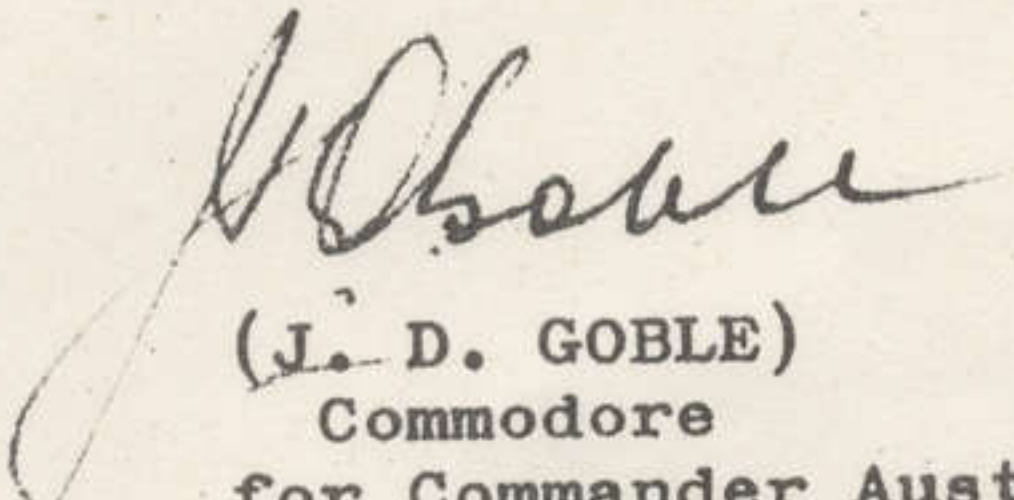
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The Secretary  
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HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1974

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(J. D. GOBLE)

Commodore  
for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS PERTH Report dated 2nd January 1975



HMAS PERTH DDG38  
at Long Beach

2nd January, 1975.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM Australian Fleet

For Information

The Australian Naval Attache,  
WASHINGTON.

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRISBANE.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS HOBART.

HMAS PERTH - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship PERTH under my command for the month of December, 1974. All times are zone U(+8).
2. Throughout the month the ship has been in Long Beach Naval Shipyard hands for repair and modernization work. The Ship's company leave period continued during the period.
3. At 1715 on the 19th December the ship undocked and was moved by tugs alongside Pier 2, Berth 21 starboard side to.
4. Indicative of hospitality offered the ship since arrival in Long Beach were many invitations from families in the Long Beach and Los Angeles areas, for personnel to spend Christmas and New Years day in their homes. Regrettably not all of these generous offers could be taken up.
5. On Christmas Day the news reached the ship of the devastation of Darwin by cyclone TRACY. Of the fifteen members of the Ships Company with relatives living in the area only two have received messages as to their fate. My 261950Z DEC74 refers. An amount of \$1,000 has been forwarded to the Lord Mayors Darwin Fund, Sydney being a grant from the Ship's Fund of \$500 and \$500 from an initial shipboard collection.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

6. Update tasks are proceeding satisfactorily, although there has to date been a two week slip in the NCDS/Tartar equipment installation phase. This was primarily due to a mismatch between the missile fire control switchboard and the installed foundations. Although shipyard state that this lag can be made up during the combat system testing phase and so maintain the original completion date of 2nd June, 1975 it is possible, that an extension to the shipyard period will eventuate.
7. Most equipment foundations have been installed in the NCDS/Tartar areas, and are in place awaiting connection to newly run cabling.



MARINE ENGINEERING

8. Shipyard and ship's staff work progress remains satisfactory. Reconstruction of the boilers has commenced, and welding of cracked LP turbine stayrods has been completed.
9. No major problems were encountered during the docking period during which time ship's staff refitted underwater valves. The shipyard undertook other underwater work including extensive sandblasting and painting of the external hull plating.
10. The supply of onboard maintenance spares has considerably improved since the establishment of procedures allowing requisitions to be placed through the shipyard.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

11. Perth commenced requisitioning maintenance material from the Long Beach Naval Shipyard in lieu of NAVILCO on 6th December. So far, response and the provision of status has proved to be satisfactory. This means of obtaining material, combined with the primary source, NSC San Diego, should do much towards resolving the many repair parts problems that have hindered completion of a number of maintenance items.
12. The SOAP schedule is currently 10 days in arrears due to a further delay in the production of the new COSAL by the Ship's Parts Control Center, Mechanicsburg Pa. A large scale computer back log caused by the US services transferring from FSN format catalogue numbers to the newer NSN's has developed and has affected COSAL production for the entire USN.
13. At the 19th of the month, five different US dollar exchange rates had been used in the cash account. Although no great problem exists in bringing these to account at the end of the accounting period, it is a time consuming task and one which requires considerable care.

GENERAL

14. The third and final NCDS operator course completed on Thursday 19th December. As a result of these courses all Operations Room watchkeeping Officers and all Radar Plot sailors onboard have received NCDS training.
15. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory. The ship's welfare committee has met on three occasions during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

*F. J. Hutson*

(F. J. HUTSON)  
CAPTAIN RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER



Annex A to HMAS PERTH letter 1/16/1  
dated 2nd January, 1975.

STEAMING FIGURES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1974.

- |    |   |                          |
|----|---|--------------------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed during December.                 | NIL                      |
| 2. | Hours underway during December.                   | NIL                      |
| 3. | Total distance steamed since first commissioning. | 321,584.0                |
| 4. | Total hours underway since first commissioning.   | 22,919 <sup>20</sup> /60 |
| 5. | Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed.      | NIL                      |

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Annex B.

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

JOINED

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R.I.A. GLEN RAN from WARATAH.  
LIEUTENANT D.B. COTSELL RAN from CARPENTARIA.

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER W.C. WILLIAMS RAN to HARMAN NO.



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