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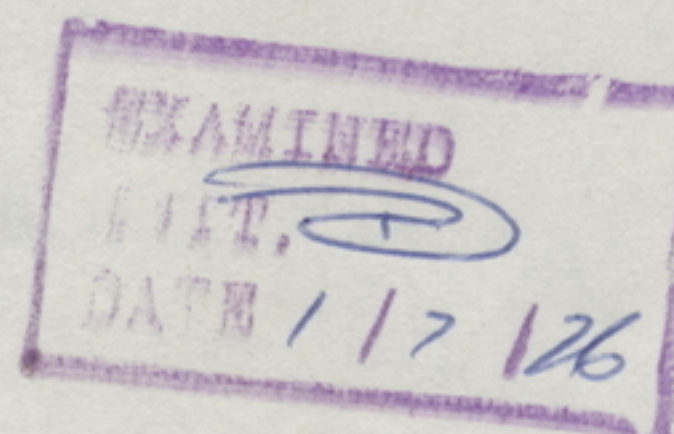
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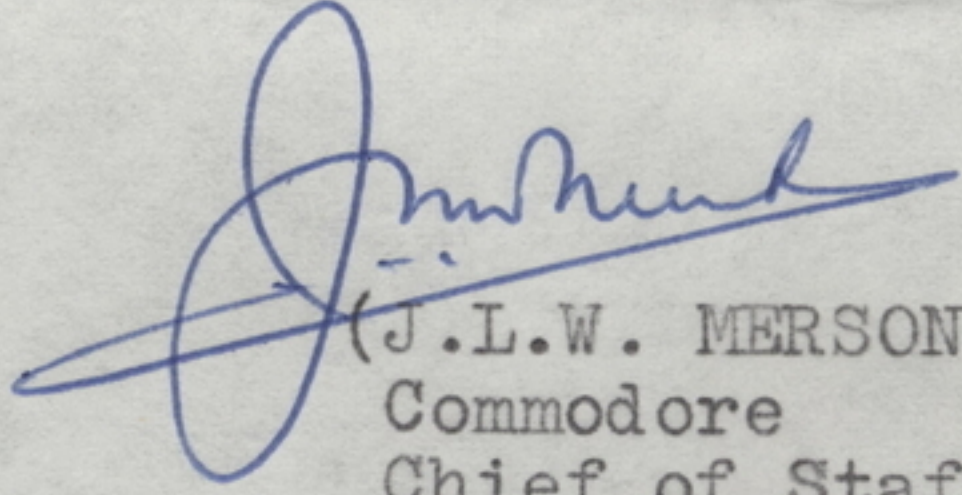
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(Attention : Deputy Chief of Naval Staff)

HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR  
THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1976 TO 31 MARCH  
1976

Reference : Reference FOCEA letter NC1/16/1 dated 21 January,  
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(J.L.W. MERSON)  
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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
PERIOD 1 JANUARY 1976 to 31 MARCH 1976

Reference: RI Appendix 29A.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS HARMAN under my command for the period 1 January 1976 to 31 March 1976.

Rations and Quarters

2. There has been a steady flow of requests from personnel to live ashore and cease paying rations and quarters charges. The accommodation situation at HARMAN has, with the exception of the Wardroom and Senior Sailors blocks, now reached the stage where the WRANS blocks are 45% vacant and the Junior Sailors Block is 70% vacant.

3. Proposals to re-arrange occupied cabins in order to leave a wing/floor vacant have been examined, but it is considered that the criteria for cleanliness, maintenance and prevention of fire can best be met if all areas continue to be occupied even on a skeleton basis.

Works and Property

Junior Sailors Club. It is with pleasure that I am able to report that at long last work has commenced on the much needed extensions to the HARMAN Junior Sailors Club. These extensions plus an updating of the bar facilities, together with new furniture, provided from non public funds should provide a handsome facility for the Junior Sailors and WRANS.

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5. Main Galley. Tenders were issued on 14th March 76 by the Department of Housing and Construction, with a closing date of 13th April, 1976. It is anticipated work will commence about 1st May 1976. The requisition for \$105,000 was issued by Navy Works on 19th February 1976.
6. The present plan is for work to commence using Day Labour, about 13th April 1976 in order to provide temporary galley facilities by 1 May 1976 when contractor's work should commence.
7. Repairs to Security Fence - BELCONNEN. This saga continues with the latest quote for repair work reaching \$5,100. The first quote received after the damage occurred in April 1974 was \$2,000. Since two weeks have elapsed since the latest advice of escalating repair costs, it is assumed that work will commence shortly.
8. Provision of New Tractors. Requisitions for two new tractors have been issued and they are expected to be delivered in late April 1976.
9. HMAS HARMAN Chapel of Saint Gabriel. Approval was obtained in July 1975 to convert Building No. 99. Education Block and Library to a Chapel, and work was commenced late in that year. Saint Gabriel's Chapel was blessed and dedicated on Sunday 15th February 1976 by the Most Reverend J.A. Morgan, Chaplain W.T. Wheeldon RAN, Chaplain I. MacPherson RANR and assisted by Chaplain K. Flynn RANR.
10. The Chief of Naval Staff (Vice Admiral H.D. Stevenson A.C. CBE) and Mrs. Stevenson were present at the dedication.
11. Arrangements have been made to conduct a non denominational Service on the first Sunday of each month and other Services have been held on a denominational basis. In addition, the Chapel has already seen its first wedding and christening.
12. Much work still remains to be undertaken but all who have seen St. Gabriels have been impressed and it is considered that the new Chapel will meet a long felt need in HMAS HARMAN.

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### Welfare and Discipline

13. Morale remains high and only one serious offence has occurred during the period. HARMAN letter 74.6.14 dated 29th March is relevant. The offence by a senior sailor mentioned in paragraph 7 of my previous report is not expected to come before the Supreme Court until June of this year.

14. The level of welfare matters handled by the Personal Services Office and Naval Social Worker continued to be low. PSO Staff visited two members of the ships company hospitalised as a result of a road accident. PSO Staff were also involved with the next-of-kin of the following late members:

- a. CMDR J.L. CURTIS, RAN
- b. Leading Seaman K. Murrylane (HMAS ALBATROSS); and
- c. 1STO P.M. JOYCE, whose parents were flown to Canberra under the AUDIL scheme.

15. Housing and removals activity remains at a high level. The waiting time for a 3 B/R house which normally begins to reduce after reaching a peak of 4 to 6 weeks in December, shows no sign of reduction, possibly due to a reduced intensity of construction activity by the Department of the Capital Territory.

### Belconnen Transmitting Station

16. It is expected that work on the new security arrangements will not now be completed until April 1976.

17. Sewerage work in the area has now been completed and the Transmitting Station and Accommodation Area is now connected to the main trunk.

18. The east mast of the LF Transmitter aerial continues without any form of obstruction lighting.

19. Approval to hire a tractor for use at Belconnen was received during the period and the grass fire hazard reduced to an acceptable state.

### Security

20. No security breaches occurred during the period.

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21. Several items noted as security deficiencies during your inspection in April 1975 still remain to be rectified. Estimates to the amount of \$1700 have been obtained from the Department of Housing & Construction, and as advice has been received that no funds are available for these items in the appropriate vote, action will be taken on sub-requisitions.

22. Work on Security alarms in the Administration Block has been completed but the system has not yet been officially handed over by Department of Housing & Construction.

23. Improved security arrangements to the Communication Centre, Receiving Station and Belconnen are being progressed and anticipated completion date is May 1976. A reduction in Naval Police complement is expected when the new security arrangements are completed and successfully trialled. This expected reduction will be the subject of a separate submission.

24. Installation of VHF radio equipment for use by Naval Police is expected to be completed and operational in April 1976.

25. Security lectures were given to Communication members of the ships company, and all security containers were serviced during the period.

#### Naval Reserve Cadets

26. T.S. Canberra Sea Cadets held the Annual Church Parade in HMAS HARMAN on Sunday 29th February 1976. The inspecting officer for this occasion was Commander D.M. Blake RD RANR. A Church service was held after the parade in Saint Gabriel's Chapel and the unit kindly made a donation to the Chapel Fund.

#### Technical Department

27. Manning. The shortage of experienced personnel continues to preclude optimum efficiency particularly in relation to maintenance and training. Currently, shortages exist in the Able, Leading Seaman and Petty Officer ETC ranks, and it has been necessary to fill able rank shortages with Seaman ETC, direct from courses ex HMAS CERBERUS. The inexperience of these SMNETC's, added to the lack of experienced personnel to adequately progress their training and the need to use them in a watchkeeping capacity is delaying their development and could have an adverse effect on their morale. Further, the shortage of LSETC's necessitates this group watchkeeping for long hours without relief and with the responsibility of supervising the inexperienced SMNETC's, is resulting in a lowering of morale at this level.

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28. Civilian technicians are not being replaced and additional POETC's, appropriately trained are required to replace them. It is essential that such POETC's be crypto trained in the specialised equipment which involves a period of 17 weeks instruction, thus removing these personnel from maintenance effectiveness for that period.

29. An instructor at the CPOETC3 level is needed to conduct cryptographic courses. At present, the senior sailor in charge of "on line" and T/T maintenance doubles in this role. Coupled with the POETC shortage, maintenance must suffer.

30. The problems already mentioned are aggravated by increased work loads due to current refitting at Bonshaw, alterations within DEFCOMMARS and commitments to the Navy Office MSO and the Campbell Park tributary.

#### Training

31. Training of WRETC's has been impaired for reasons already stated and additionally is compounded by postings to other establishments before comprehensive on the job training can be completed. These girls are intelligent and enthusiastic and will in time, if training is allowed to continue, here for a period of 12 months, be a credit to their branch. WRANETC's in the existing posting circumstances leave HARMAN with Task Books barely started. This is unfair to the individual and to the establishments to which they are posted. Establishments will receive WRETC's with a lower level of competence than is expected and no doubt HMAS HARMAN will receive unwarranted criticism for failing to complete on the job commitments.

32. The Weapons Electrical Engineering Officer and one LSETC attended a three weeks course at A.W.A. Pty. Ltd. Sydney on the new CRH-11 receiver. A separate report on this course is being prepared.

33. Shore Wireless Acquaint and KW 26C courses were undertaken during the period and successfully completed, by all participants. Two courses, PORSS 'Q' 1/76 and ROS CAT WRROS\* 1/76 are still progressing.

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### Supply and Secretariat

34. No major problems occurred during the period. Your Chief Staff Officer (Administration), (Captain P.A. Wood, RAN) 'walked around' the Supply and Secretariat areas of responsibility on Monday 29th March, 1976.

### Communications

35. The complement over the period has been generally satisfactory with overbearings in the ABSIG and WRROT categories. The underbearings in the CPORS category have been cause for some concern and some loss of communication efficiency particularly at the Receiving Station has resulted.

35. The technical and logistic organisation have continued to give good support and the high standard of operational availability was maintained.

36. LCDR M.E.H. EARLAM assumed duty as O.I.C. NAVCOMMSTA Canberra on 16th February 1976.

### Sporting Activities

37. This has been a quiet period for HMAS HARMAN, with the emphasis on social matches in cricket and golf. The Canberra Navy Squash Club is progressing well with nine teams in the various grades of local competition. Three of the teams comprise lady members and with one team filled solely by WRANS.

38. WRANS have also competed in local Basketball competition and hope to improve on their runner up position of last year. Two WRANS competed in the recent Inter-service Swimming fixture and were delighted to represent in a winning team.

39. The HARMAN Rugby League Club is once again the centre of sporting activity. Pre season games have been held and a team reached the semi-finals of the Canberra Day knockout competition. Admiral Sir Victor Smith AC KBE CB DSC has consented to continue as the club patron and every effort is being made to retain the premiership trophy won last year.

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Officers Movements

40. SBLT GLSU P.P.C. VALCKE joined on 1 March 1976 and is carrying out the duties of Supply Officer, Navy Office.

41. 2NDO R.A. McVEAN assumed duties of Unit Officer WRANS on 17th February 1976 and the Quarters Officer, 3RDO J.E. HUNTINGTON, was posted to HMAS LONSDALE on 15th March 1976 without relief.

42. LEUT SSDN R.A. WILLIAMSON commenced duty as the Dental Officer on 13th January 1976.

Group Rental Scheme

43. All married accommodation in HMAS HARMAN with the exception of the Commanding Officer's residence, has been designated Group 1A with effect 15th April 1976, and is therefore not available to officers posted to HMAS HARMAN. These officers, as opposed to those posted to HMAS HARMAN Navy Office and HMAS HARMAN Department of Defence, are not entitled to accommodation provided by the Department of the Capital Territory. This anomaly is a matter for concern and will be the subject of separate correspondence.

44. There are 110 sub-standard cottages of some antiquity in the HARMAN/BELCONNEN housing complex. It is anticipated that with the increased rents under the Group Rental Scheme, there will be many complaints and requests to update the cottage facilities, particularly the modernisation of bathrooms and replacement of leaking roofs. There are about 30 of the latter needing replacement now at a cost of \$2,000 (1975 figures) per roof.

45. It is considered that this continual repair and maintenance outgoing on already sub-standard dwellings is not cost effective. It is envisaged that HMAS HARMAN will continue as a commissioned establishment for the foreseeable future and consideration should be given now to erecting modern housing, including flats at, for example, the rate of ten per year. The cost of roof replacement alone would pay for at least 4 modern Brick/Veneer cottages.

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Social/Ceremonial

46. The following social functions occurred during the period.

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| 13th January  | - | Buffet luncheon in honour to the visit of members of the Canadian Staff College.  |
| 10th February | - | Luncheon hosted by the Assistant Chief of Defence Force Staff (Rear Admiral A.M. Synnott CBE) for participants in the routine BRITANZ talks.                              |
| 26th March    | - | Farewell dinner hosted by the Chief of Naval Staff (Vice Admiral H.D. Stevenson A.C. CBE) in honour of Mr. T.S. Philpott OBE, B.A., retiring Special Deputy, Navy Office. |

47. Accommodation and transport facilities were provided by HARMAN for the following events.

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| 2nd - 5th March  |   | Arrival and departure of King Hussein of Jordan.                                     |
| 5th March  | - | Arrival of the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, Mr. Michael Somare.               |
| 29th - 31st March<br>Saluting Battery<br>from 8/12 Medium<br>Regiment R.A.A. |   | Arrival of the Vice President of the United States of America W. Nelson Rockefeller. |

48. In addition, HMAS HARMAN provided bearers, and funeral firing party for the funeral of the late Commander CURTIS.

Funeral/Deaths

49. The death occurred on 9th February 1976 of Commander John Lyle CURTIS, RAN. A funeral service with Naval Honours was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Curtin on 12th February 1976 followed by cremation at Norwood Park. The ashes of the late Commander CURTIS were scattered at sea from HMAS HOBART (Captain P.R. Sinclair RAN) on Tuesday 2nd March, 1976.

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50. The death occurred on Saturday 28th February 1976 of First Officer Patricia Mary JOYCE, WRANS. A private funeral Service was held in Brisbane on Friday 5th March 1976.

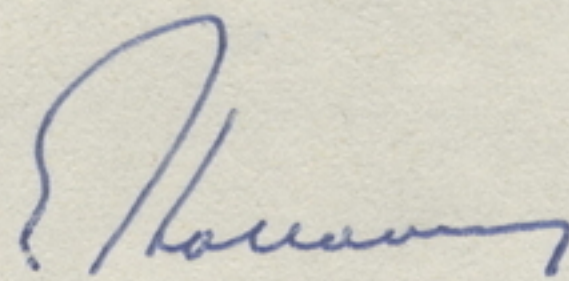
A Memorial Service was held in St. Gabriel's Chapel HARMAN on Friday 12th March 1976 and coincided with a similar service in Sydney.

51. All good things come to those who wait. It was very pleasing to end the period on a celebratory note with the promotion of the Supply Officer (LEUT SDSU W W.J. MONAGHAN) to the rank of LCDR.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(P.E.M. HOLLOWAY)  
COMMANDER, RAN  
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HMAS HARMAN

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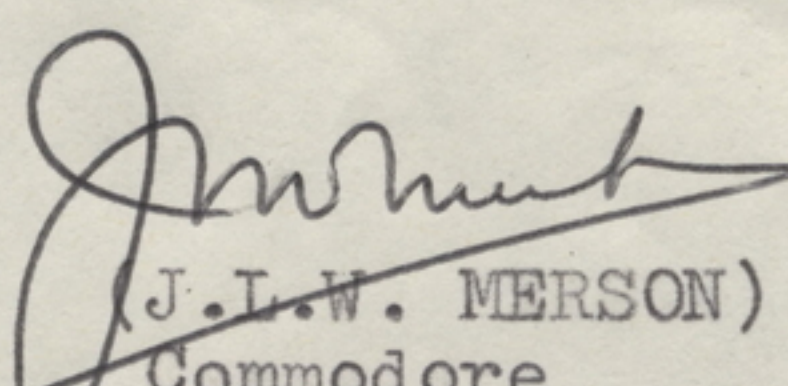
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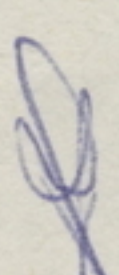
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HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
PERIOD ENDED 1 APRIL to 30 JUNE 1976

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1. The enclosure is forwarded for information.
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(J.L.W. MERSON)  
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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
PERIOD 1 APRIL 1976 to 30 JUNE 1976

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS HARMAN under my command for the period 1 April 1976 to 30 June 1976.

WORKS AND PROPERTY

2. Main Galley. Work has finally commenced on the renovations to the main galley. The temporary arrangements in use for approximately the next four months appear to be working satisfactorily and the galley staff has been complimented on their achievements to date in producing high standard meals under difficult circumstances. The mobile galley was returned to Garden Island on 16th June, 1976.
3. Junior Sailors Club. The extensions to this club are almost completed at a cost of \$9000. The opportunity is being taken at this time to update the bar facilities and improve the decor of the club at a cost of \$8000, which is being provided from Welfare and Club funds.
4. Painting Programme. An extensive painting programme costing \$40,000, in the HARMAN cottages, is nearing completion. These sub-standard dwelling require as much beautification as possible, but despite large sums spent on repair and maintenance and internal and external painting, "The ass is still an ass, e'en though he wears a lion's pride".

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5. Beautification. Some 750 trees and shrubs have been planted at HARMAN and Belconnen during the period. The majority of the trees are pines, planted with a view to providing windbreaks and hiding unsightly areas such as the new industrial area in Queanbeyan.

#### NAVAL RESERVE CADETS

6. In addition to the normal training, a weekend training camp for 1 officer, 1 instructor and 12 cadets was held from 4 - 6 June 76. All cadets attended morning service in St. Gabriels on 6 June 76.

#### BELCONNEN TRANSMITTING STATION

7. Flood Damage - Security Fence. After two years this damage has finally been repaired.

8. Security Arrangements - Problems are still being encountered with the new security arrangements, the original completion date for which was 14 April, 76. It is not yet possible to predict a new completion date.

9. Mast Lighting. The lighting transformer for the east 600 foot mast has been provided and will be installed shortly.

#### WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE

10. Morale remains high. An investigation is currently being undertaken into misuse of Service telephones and it is expected that this will be completed by late July 76 when appropriate disciplinary action will be considered. The recent approval to instal a new PABX System should preclude such misuse in the future.

11. The level of welfare matters handled by PSO and the Naval Social Worker continued to be low during the period. PSO Staff members were involved in arrangements for school holiday reunion visits for children of 2 families overseas.

12. Housing and removals activity has decreased considerably during the period, which is normal for the time of year. Relatively long waiting times for DCT houses are now the norm as Navy's allocation of dwellings has been used. This matter has been the subject of separate correspondence.

#### SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

13. LEUT SDSUW L.A. HOFFMANN assumed the duties of Supply Officer on 26 June 76 on the resignation of LCDR W. MONAGHAN.

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14. The first occurrence requiring decision of the incoming Supply Officer concerned the newcomer referred to in my letter 75.8.75 dated 18 June 76. It was determined that although the work was possibly 'executed on board', the newcomer could not be defined as 'arisings' as per the examples given in ABR 4 Article 0901.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

15. The complement has been generally satisfactory during the period, but with large overbearings in the WROT Category and underbearings in the CPORS and PORS Category. The temporary posting of the WORS (NAVCANS Co-ordinator) to FHQ for bookwriting duties exacerbated the problems caused by the underbearings of CPORS and RS.

16. The support provided by the logistic organisation continued to permit a high degree of operational availability to be maintained by NAVCOMMSTA Canberra.

17. Despite the additional heavy shipstaff installation load caused by the lack of Dockyard installation effort, the technical department continued to provide good support to NAVCOMMSTA.

#### TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

18. Manning. WEE staffing remains critical with underbearings in all ranks except CPOETC3 and SMN/WRETC. However, a CPOETC3 is still required as an instructor for cryptographic courses; paragraph 29 of my previous report is relevant.

19. The additional work loading due to the installation of Bonshaw aerial exchanges and CRH-11 receiver fits for which no finance is available for dockyard work is placing a severe strain on the technical branch's capacity and it is just able to discharge its responsibilities. The SMN/WRETC's borne are doing well within their capabilities but their effective employment and on the job training is a continuing concern particularly with a Leading rank borne level of less than 50% of that allowed.

20. Due to the shortage of POETC ranks, it has been necessary to apply for three civilian Technical Officer positions allowed at the Receiving Station and DEFCOMMARS to be filled.

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21. Training. Two POETC and one WRETC are undertaking the Electronic Communications Certificate at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.

22. Two classes of SMN/WRETC have completed the Introduction to Shore Wireless Course (914630) and are employed appropriately.

23. A desire has been expressed by a WRETC to qualify as a Weapons Electrical Officer. This WRAN appears to be academically qualified and well motivated. This matter will be the subject of a separate submission.

#### SECURITY

24. The improved security arrangements involving HARMAN Comcentre, Bonshaw and Belconnen are still being progressed. No completion date can yet be estimated.

25. Security lectures have been given to Communication and Technical personnel during the period.

26. The Naval Police complement is below strength by 3 Constables, which has resulted in reduced manning of the post at Belconnen.

27. A security violation occurred during the period which is the subject of a separate report.

#### ADMINISTRATION

28. Divisions were held on 14 April 1976 after the change to winter uniform. The standard of dress and bearing of those attending was most satisfactory. The presence of the RMC Duntroon Band added to the occasion.

29. The forenoon after Divisions was used for a fire fighting demonstration organised by HARMAN's Naval Police and with participation by the RAAF Fairbairn Fire Crew and Canberra Fire Brigade. The latter organisation took advantage of the opportunity to introduce 12 cadets to the problem of fighting oil fires.

#### TRAINING

30. During the period, the following personnel passed promotion examinations:

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For Petty Officer Rank	6	6	3
For CPO Rank	5	6	-
For Sergeant Rank	1	1	-

31. Three WRAN officer candidates, 2 SD candidates and 1 SL officer candidate are presently borne in HARMAN.

#### WRANS ACTIVITIES

32. My letter 75.8.75 dated 18 June 76 refers to one aspect of WRANS activities.

33. Second Officer M. DOBSON assumed the duties of Unit Officer on 11 June 1976 from Second Officer R. McVEAN who has been posted to HMAS COONAWARRA.

34. WOWRMTD P.A. WITTON assumed the duties of Quarters Officer in May 1976.

#### SPORTS

35. Rugby League. The 1975 Premiers continue to do well and are currently equal leaders with 10 wins and 2 losses. The support provided by the remainder of HARMAN is ear shattering, and all in HARMAN are delighted at the weekly presence of the Club Patron, Admiral Sir Victor Smith.

36. Australian Rules Football. A Combined Services Australian Rules Football team was organised this season for exponents of the "aerial" code. The team consists of 20 HARMAN players and 2 from RAAF and participates in the Monaro Australian Football League. The team has won 5 of 10 games played to date and it is anticipated that it will be final 5 contenders. It is unfortunate that no Naval members of the team base their game on that of the experts from VFL, leaders Hawthorn. The cry "up the Magpies" has been heard occasionally, but only in a very low key.

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37. Golf. The ACT Interservice series were held on 13 and 20 May 1976 at Queanbeyan and resulted in Navy losing to Army by 7 matches to 2 and to RAAF 5 to 4. Army were the overall winners.

38. A senior NCO series was held in conjunction and resulted in a win for Navy by 3 matches to 2 in both cases.

39. Navy supplied 12 officers to defend the SAAG Trophy against the Services Attaches and Advisors Group at Yowani Golf Club on 29 April. Navy had no trouble in winning by 376 points to 284.

#### WRANS SPORTS

40. Hockey. Four WRANS from HARMAN have been selected to participate in the Interservice Team which will compete in Sydney from 6-8 July 76.

41. Basketball/Tennis. POWRRST HANNAIT represented Navy in both sports during the period and was selected as the most outstanding player in the basketball series.

42. Squash. Six WRANS compete regularly for the D3 team in the local squash competition. Only one game has been lost this season and the team will contest the semi-finals in July.

#### MISS AUSTRALIA QUEST

43. HARMAN provided substantial assistance to 2 entrants in the Miss Australia Quest in aid of spastic children. A fashion parade, which included 4 WRAN models was held on 26 MAY 76 and raised \$500. On Saturday 29 May 76 a carnival was held on the oval, with 3 teams from HARMAN and 3 teams from the Queanbeyan Blues Rugby League Club competing in 9 events, for the Coca Cola Trophy. A crowd of 1000 spectators enjoyed the spectacle and the sum of \$1700 was raised. A rugby league match between two teams of WRANS provided the lunchtime thrills.

#### BREATHALYSER PROGRAMME

44. On 24 June 1976 a Breathalyser programme was conducted in the Senior Sailors Mess by a representative of the ACT Department of Health assisted by the Naval Social Worker. Five volunteers attended the programme which aimed at introducing drinking drivers to an awareness of their responses to alcoholic consumption. Apart from the breathalyser process, the programme offered information on the behavioural and emotional effects of alcohol, rates of elimination of alcohol from the body and methods of controlling alcoholic intake.

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45. The participants were rather surprised at their readings and voted the programme to be most beneficial. It is intended to conduct further programmes in the future.

SOCIAL/CEREMONIAL

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47. HARMAN provided the Naval contingent for the combined service's guard and catalfaque party at the Memorial Service on ANZAC Day 25 April, 1976.

48. The following social functions occurred during the period.

- a. 24 MAY - Buffet Supper for visiting members of the AUSCANUKUS Communications groups.
- b. 28 MAY - Buffet luncheon attended by the Chiefs of Naval Staff of Australia and New Zealand, together with 6 RAN Flag Officers.
- c. 17 JUN - Joint Services Staff College Cocktail Party.
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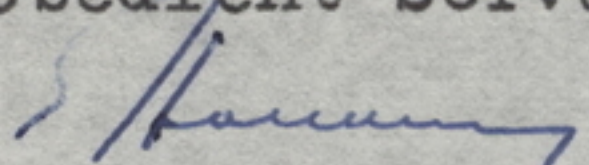
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

  
(P.E.M. HOLLOWAY)  
COMMANDER, RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(P. J. M. HOLLOMAN)  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS <sup>★</sup> July 30<sup>th</sup> 1976

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(Attention : Deputy Chief of Naval Staff)

HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
PERIOD 1 JULY, 1976 TO 3 OCTOBER, 1976

1. The enclosure is forwarded for information.
2. The provision of cash to HMAS HARMAN is the responsibility of the Regional Office, and the attendant problems reported in paragraph 29 are being resolved by the Regional Finance Officer.

  
(P. GOLDRICK)  
Captain, RAN  
for Flag Officer Commanding

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (NAVY DIVISION)  
(Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff)

THE HON. MEMBER FOR DEFENCE  
10/10/76

1. The report is forwarded for information.
2. The provision of such to the Hon. Member is the responsibility of the Hon. Member, and the statement of the Hon. Member is not to be taken as a statement of the Hon. Member.

(1. Hon. Member)  
Hon. Member  
Hon. Member

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ACT 2600

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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDING FOR THE PERIOD

1 JULY 1976 TO 3 OCTOBER 1976

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A.

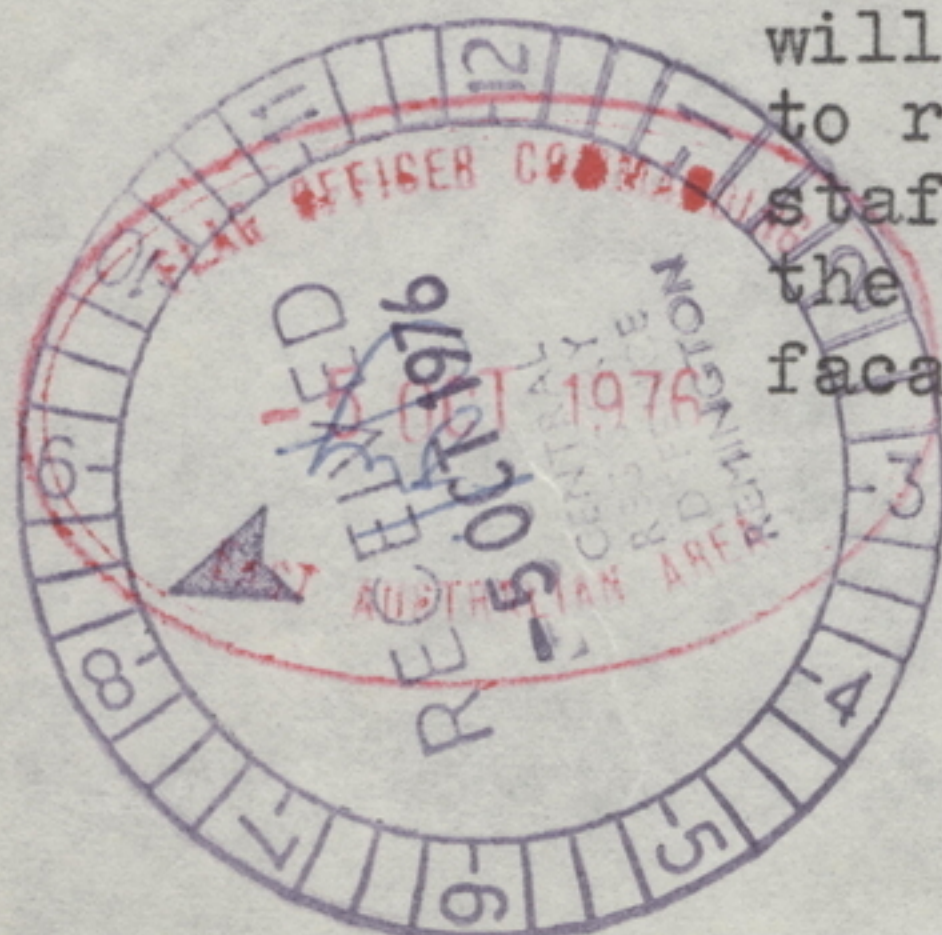
Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS HARMAN under my command for the period 1 July 1976 to 3 October 1976.

Works and Property

2. Main Galley. Renovations to the main galley were completed on 24 September. With the installation of new equipment, retiling and painting, the galley now looks very well. The Cookery staff has been complimented on the hard work which has gone into preparing high standard meals in sub-standard temporary arrangements. There still remains the removal of the temporary arrangements to be carried out.

3. Junior Sailors Club. Extensions have been completed and with the additional expenditure of welfare and club funds on wall panelling, bar facility update, soundproof ceiling and tables and chairs, the interior now presents a pleasing appearance. It is anticipated that phase two will take place next year when funds are made available to renovate the games and T.V. rooms and toilets. Ships staff has improved the gardens and rockery in front of the club which is now beginning to present an attractive facade.



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4. Repair and Maintenance. Although some repair and maintenance is being progressed, the lack of finance for repair/replacement of furniture, drapes and floor coverings is presenting a problem. This will be the subject of separate correspondence.

Welfare and Discipline

5. Morale remains high and the efforts of the League and Australian football teams have contributed much to this standard.

6. The level of welfare matters handled by the PSO and his staff continued at a low level during the period. Arrangements were made for school holiday reunion visits for children of 5 families serving overseas.

7. Despite hastening action through administrative channels to the Department of Administrative Services, no progress appears to have been made on the provision of alternative premises for the PSO and his organisation. No improvements of any significance have been made by the sub-lessor during the past 12 months.

Belconnen Transmitting Station

8. Four WRET's joined the staff of the Station and are domiciled in Cottage 9. The girls have settled in well in their new environment and shown a keenness to unravel the mysteries of electronics. In addition, the girls provide a welcome change of scenery, particularly in the junior sailors social club.

9. Exchange visits between technical staff of the station and CTC 7 Canberra technicians occurred and were appreciated by both parties.

10. Problems have occurred with the new security gate and these will be discussed in paragraph 13.

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Security

11. Belconnen. The installation of a remotely controlled operating mechanism on the access gate to the inner perimeter has been completed, and the Naval Policeman withdrawn. Control is now undertaken from the Transmitting Control Room via an intercom system between the access gate and the control room.

12. This method of control is not completely satisfactory as it relies on oral identification only. Approval has now been received for the installation of a CCTV above the access gate with the monitor situated in the control room.

13. Malfunction of the locking device on the access gate is currently being experienced and it is proposed to install a solenoid lock similar to that installed at Bonshaw. This has proved very successful. In addition, intermittent breakdown of the intercom system is occurring and this has necessitated manual manning of the gate by ships staff until faults have been rectified.

14. Communication Centre and Receiving Station. The majority of the equipment required for the update of the physical security arrangements has now been installed - but the contractor is experiencing difficulty in setting the microwave fence to work. At this stage, a completion date cannot be forecast. Control of access to both areas is being maintained by Naval Police and sailors.

15. No security breaches were reported during the period.

16. Security lectures have been given at regular intervals to Communications Personnel.

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### Communications

17. The overbearing of WRROT's previously reported, has been considerably reduced. If no further postings/loan posting action takes place before Exercise Kangaroo Two, the Navcommsta will be 1 WRROT underborne for the exercise. The underbearing of senior radio category sailors is still a cause for concern.

18. Despite the additional workload imposed on the Technical Department (ships staff) by the requirement to install 44 in number CRH-11 receivers, and additional equipment for Kangaroo Two, the department has continued to maintain Navcommsta Canberra in a high degree of operational availability.

### Technical Department

19. Manning. Two applicants for civilian Technical Officer position at Defcommars were interviewed during the period. Both applicants were recommended and advice is awaited of their appointment.

20. Application to fill two other Technical Officer positions one in Defcommars, and the other at Bonshaw have been made. No acknowledgement or advice has yet been received as to the state of these applications.

21. The shortage of general service PO and LSETC's is still causing concern and is reflecting in the operating and maintenance efficiency of the station. The overall standard of AB/SMN/WRETC's is good for the rank held, but lack of experience precludes them being placed in positions of responsibility.

22. Training. One Shore Wireless Acquaint Course was held during the quarter.

### WRANS Activities

23. Four WRANS from HARMAN were selected to undergo officer training at HMAS CERBERUS commencing on 27 September. It is of particular interest that one of the officer candidates is the first married WRAN to be selected for such training.

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### Training

24. Command Tests. Command Tests were conducted in July with the following successful results:

	<u>For LS/LW</u>	<u>For PO/POWR</u>	<u>For CPO/CWR</u>
Part 1	27	6	-
Part 2	28	6	-
Part 3	8	2	2

25. SD Candidates. One Chief Petty Officer was posted to HMAS LEEUWIN for academic qualification course and another was successful at the SD Selection Board interview for SDSU W.

26. Linguists. Sub-Lieutenant GLSU P. Valcke undertook successfully a French language aptitude test and will attend a refresher course in the first quarter of 1977.

### Church Matters

27. Services were held on the first Sunday of each month and good use is made of the Chapel for Christenings - six being held during the period. It was very appropriate that the infant son of WRAN L.A. Gabriel was baptised at St. Gabriels Chapel on 3 September 1976.

28. The Naval Wives Association made a very generous presentation of two suitably inscribed altar vases to the Chapel on 5 September 1976.

### Supply and Secretariat

29. Problems continue to arise in the provision of cash, caused by delays in forwarding the Reserve Bank Cheque for the fortnightly cash advance and by the cheque being made out to Mayne Nickless instead of Brambles Brinks. The first problem has been overcome by sending the cash requirement by signal in addition to Form FB106. The second problem is not within HARMAN's ability to overcome as cheques are made out in Sydney. This is a recurring problem and will no doubt cause this establishment much embarrassment when Flag Officers, among others, have to be notified that cash is not available for payment on the due date.

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30. During the period it was found necessary to increase the fortnightly cash requirement to \$200,000 in order to meet disbursements.

Sports - Sailors

31. Rugby League. For the second time, HARMAN played in the Group 19 Second Division Grand Final on Sunday 29 August, but on this occasion were unsuccessful going down 12 - 7 to Canberra Camels. It has been a good season, and with the already co-operative sympathy of the posting organisation, 1977 should see the return of the Shield to its proper place in HARMAN's trophy case.

32. Australian Rules. A week before the commencement of the season, the Monaro Australian Rules Football League approached a few enthusiasts here to see if a team could be raised for the 1976 competition. From this rather rushed beginning the A.C.T. Combined Services Football Club was formed and has performed very creditably. The team won its semi-finals but was defeated by 8 points in the Preliminary Final by Canberra College of Advanced Education. The name of the Club is rather a misnomer as there are only 3 RAAF personnel with the remainder coming from HARMAN. It is anticipated that there will be better representation in 1977.

33. Squash. HARMAN provided 5 WRANS and 2 officers for this years Interservice Squash competition. The girls were most successful with the final result being Navy 1, RAAF 2 and Army 3. Commodore K.W. Shands, at the very young age of 51, won both his matches, thereby becoming N.S.W. Service Champion. ||

34. The WRANS team, in C2 grade of the local competition were defeated by 1 game on a count back in the grand final by the Repatriation (but otherwise very fit) Team.

35. Golf. HARMAN provided three players in the 1976 Interservice series held in September. The final result was a three way draw with Navy getting up to defeat RAAF 7 to 6 in the last match.

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Social/Ceremonial

36. The following social functions occurred during the period:

- a. 2 July - CNS Advisory Committee farewell dinner for Rear Admiral McFarlane;
- b. 23 July - Annual Commonwealth Police Ball;
- c. 27 August - Buffet Supper hosted by the Supply Branch to farewell Commodore G. Brittain;
- d. 10 September Farewell dinner hosted by Rear Admiral Reed to mark the retirement of Mr. Howlett.
- e. 22 September Luncheon at Lakeside Hotel to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Canberra Times Newspaper. Attended by the Prime Minister Mr. Fraser.
- f. 24 September Farewell dinner for CNS hosted by DCNS and ND officers.
- g. 28 September Commodores/Captains luncheon to farewell CNS.

Commanding Officers Meeting

37. On 9 September, I attended the Annual Commanding Officers Meeting, chaired by you, Sir, at Garden Island Dockyard.

Courts Martial

38. The court martial of POSTD M. Ryan R63139 was held in HARMAN on Thursday 12 August 1976.

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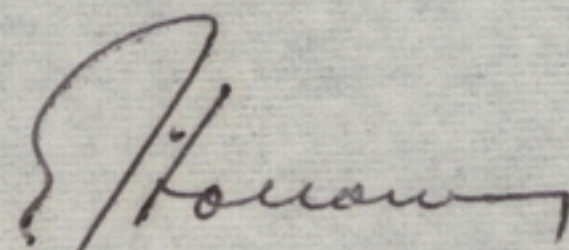
Conclusion

39. On leaving this establishment after 15 months, I consider that HARMAN is well thought of by both the Service and Civilian communities. I have enjoyed my period in command and wish my successor an equally rewarding and enjoyable commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(P.E.M. HOLLOWAY)  
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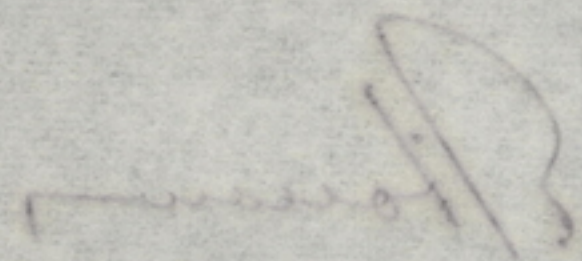
Conclusion

32. On leaving this establishment after 12 months, I consider that WAAAF is well thought of by both the Service and Civilian communities. I have enjoyed my period in command and wish my successor an equally rewarding and enjoyable commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(R. J. M. HOLLAWAY)  
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY  
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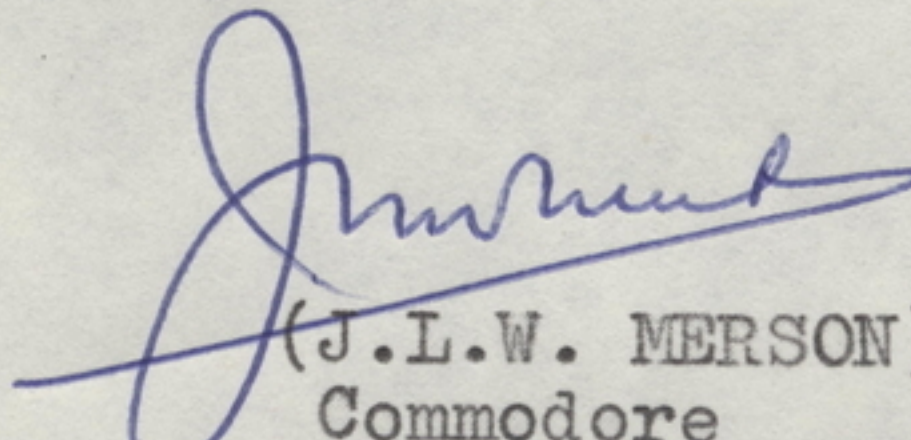
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The Commanding Officer  
HMAS HARMAN

HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PERIOD  
4th OCTOBER 1976 to 31st DECEMBER 1976

1. The enclosure is forwarded for information.
2. With reference to the reported lack of progress on the Minor New Works Programme and Minor Repair and Maintenance Programme, a similar situation exists throughout this Command and discussions with Department of Construction are being arranged with a view to resolving the situation.

  
(J.L.W. MERSON)

Commodore  
Chief of Staff  
for Flag Officer Commanding

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The Flag Officer Commanding  
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA

12 JAN 1977

HMAS HARMAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PERIOD  
4th OCTOBER 1976 TO 31st DECEMBER 1976

Reference: RI Appendix 29A

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS HARMAN under my command for the period 4th October 1976 to 31st December, 1976.

2. WORKS AND PROPERTY

No progress has been made on the 1976/77 minor new works programme. Of the seven items programmed, four have been funded for some months but work has not yet commenced.

3. The Repair and Maintenance programme is faring slightly better. Of the fourteen items programmed, seven have been funded, one project has been completed, work has commenced on two others, and work on another four tasks has not yet commenced.

4. The one project giving cause for concern and particularly in the present day security climate, is the repair to storm damage to the Security Fence at Belconnen Transmitting Station. This security fence prevents access to a particularly lethal area of Transmitter aerials, and the encroaching new suburbs with a rapidly rising population makes the situation particularly worrying. This fence and its repair has been the subject of other separate correspondence and signals.

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5. The painting programme is progressing satisfactorily.

6. WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE

A large scale abuse of service telephones uncovered in the previous quarter has now been dealt with and disciplinary action taken. The punishment return for December will reflect this. Apart from this particular problem, the crime and accident rate remained low.

7. Welfare matters handled by the PSO staff continue at a low level; nine children were assisted when travelling on school holiday reunion visits.

8. There was a large increase in the transport of unaccompanied air baggage, families, and members proceeding overseas.

9. No further progress has been made in acquiring more suitable premises for the P.S.O. and his staff.

BELCONNEN TRANSMITTING STATION

10. The security fence problem has been aired in paragraph 4.

11. The access road leading to the Main Gate has finally been repaired and resealed eradicating a road safety hazard and generally improving the appearance.

12. The long awaited maintenance has commenced on the 600 feet masts. A team of eight arrived from Brisbane and it is expected the job will take 2 months.

DEFCOMMARS

13. The quarter has been extremely busy. Exercise Kangaroo II was followed by a large re-equipment of new installations and opening of new circuits.

14. The new equipment, not before seen in Australia, has been installed and set to work by station staff. The lack of formal training for this new equipment is cause for concern.

15. The complement is generally satisfactory with a slight overbearing in the WRROT category. Forecast posting indicates there will be a slight overbearing in the CPOSY, CPORS and POWRRST categories.

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16. It is pleasing to report the award of the Commodore Wardle Cup to Defcommars for their fine effort in Kangaroo II.

TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT

17. Manning. Of the two applicants for Technical Officer Grade 1 positions (Vide September R.O.P.) one was promoted to a TO 2 position in DFM and advice regarding the appointment of the second is still awaited.

18. The manning situation regarding civilian Technical Officers is now as critical as that of sailor maintainers above AB level.

19. Of the eight positions allowed by complement
- a. Three vacancies (Positions Nos. 38, 39 & 41) have never been filled.
  - b. One position (No. 42) is unfilled because of promotion.
  - c. Position No. 40 is unfilled because of transfer.
  - d. One TO 2 (Position No. 117) is suffering from herniated spinal discs, has had considerable sick and recreation leave, is severely incapacitated and will require surgery with unknown recovery period in the new year.
  - e. One TO 2 (Position No. 43) has a history of stomach cancer and is at present hospitalised. His future is unknown.

Appropriate action to fill the vacancies has been taken with DOD(Navy), Sydney.

20. The above deficiencies have been compounded by
- a. The standard underbearing in senior sailors
  - b. The absence from Defcommars of Navy and Army personnel on course.
  - c. The greatly increased work loads during Kangaroo II.
  - d. Installation of new equipment.

21. Whilst, generally personnel have responded well, complaints have been received and this subject is aired in a separate report.

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WRANS

22. Seven members of the WRANS worked with distinction on the weekend 16/17 October during the Queanbeyan area floods. They were all employed as telephonists at ACT HQ of the emergency services.

23. Command tests were conducted at HARMAN during the period. 20 candidates took the tests and all were successful.

24. The WRANS have had a successful quarter. The squash team won the Grand Final in the local ACT competition and the Netball Team were also successful Grand Finalists in the Division 2 Canberra Summer competition. HARMAN was well represented in the inter-service softball series in November and again in the combined services team in December.

SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT

25. Brinkmanship is still being experienced in the receipt of the Reserve Bank Cheque for the fortnightly cash advance. Of the last three pay cheques to be received, two arrived the day before the cash delivery and the last one was received one hour before the delivery. Considerable embarrassment will be caused if the cheque fails to arrive on time.

SOCIAL/CEREMONIAL

26. The following social functions occurred during the period:

21st October	Trafalgar Night Dinner
1st November	Games Night in aid of Chapel Fund
19th November	Naval Advisory Committee dined out Vice Admiral H.D. Stevenson
4th December	RAN Gunnery Officers Biennial Dinner
17th December	Christmas Buffet Dance

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27. By donations from the WO, Chief and Petty Officers Wives Association and the Welfare Fund, a childrens playground has been established in an area between the CPOs Mess and the Junior Sailors Club; the playground has been dedicated to the memory of CPORS Bill McMahon whose tragic death occurred a year ago. This dedication was well publicised in the Local Press.

28. Melbourne Cup day was celebrated with a full programme of domestic functions commencing with Divisions, followed by a Security lecture and film, and a demonstration by the ACT Police on the workings of the breathalyzer. After the lunch break the Bonshaw Cup was run. The race was started by Rear Admiral Reed and once again there was a very good turn out and fast times for this popular annual event were recorded.

29. SECURITY

- a. One Security violation occurred during the period. This is the subject of a separate report.
- b. Security lectures are included in all Electrical, ABROS/WRROS Training courses conducted at HARMAN. The lectures concentrate on Personnel/Physical Security and are delivered by the Security Officer.
- c. Pep talks on security have been given at the last three main payments by myself.
- d. On the 2nd November, as reported in Paragraph 28 above, a 70 minute period was used to present a lecture on Personnel Security to sixty five members of the Ships Company. The presentation included a film followed by discussion.
- e. During the period Mid/end November a series of 50 minute periods were utilised to show films and discuss communication security. A total of 100 personnel attended these sessions.
- f. NAVCOMSTA Canberra Security Passes were re-issued during the period.

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- g. The installation of the Electrical Security Control/Surveillance system is not yet complete. Advice on the firm completion date has been sought from Department of Construction through DAW-N and this project is significantly behind time. No reply to this inquiry has yet been received.
- h. Physical Security measures within HARMAN and Belconnen Transmitting Station were reviewed during December and any changes deemed necessary have been made.

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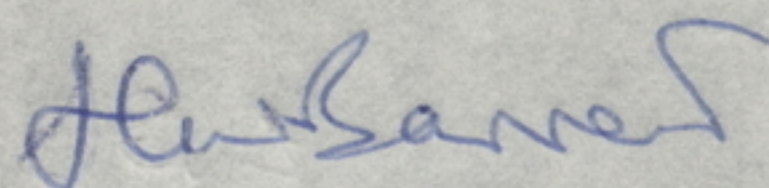
30. On a lighter note, I have pleasure in announcing the acquisition of three new abodes in Queanbeyan. The houses were allocated under the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement.

We are reliably informed they cost \$63,000 each and the economical rent is \$136 per week. After some discussion it has been agreed they should be named The Lodge, Buckingham Palace, and Admiralty House respectively. It is estimated these three houses cost the Naval Vote \$17,400 per year, this being the difference between the Group Rent charged to the tenant and the economical rent charged by the Housing Authority.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant



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