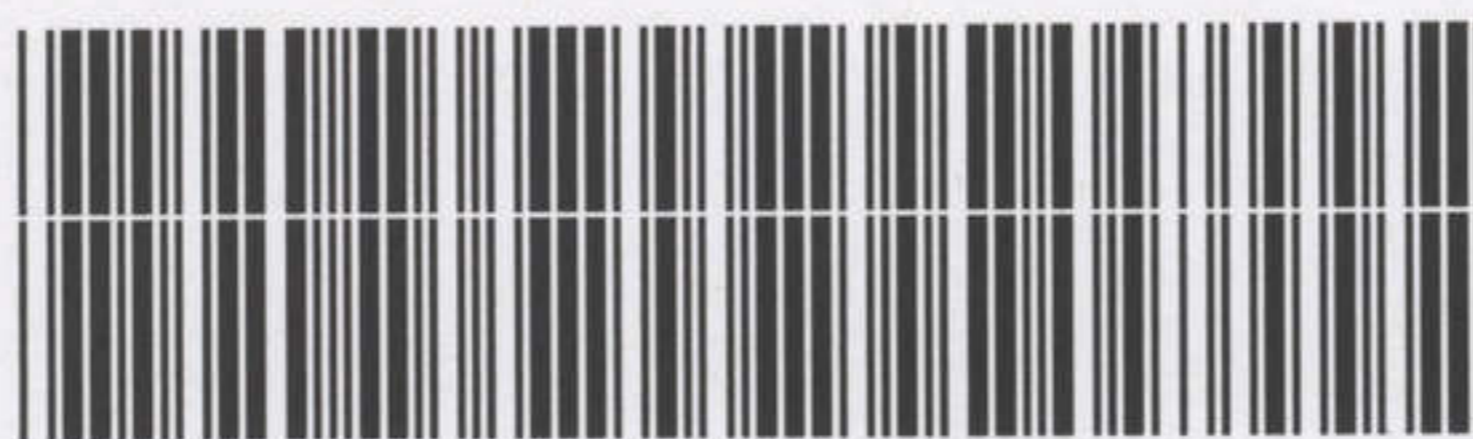


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Commodore  
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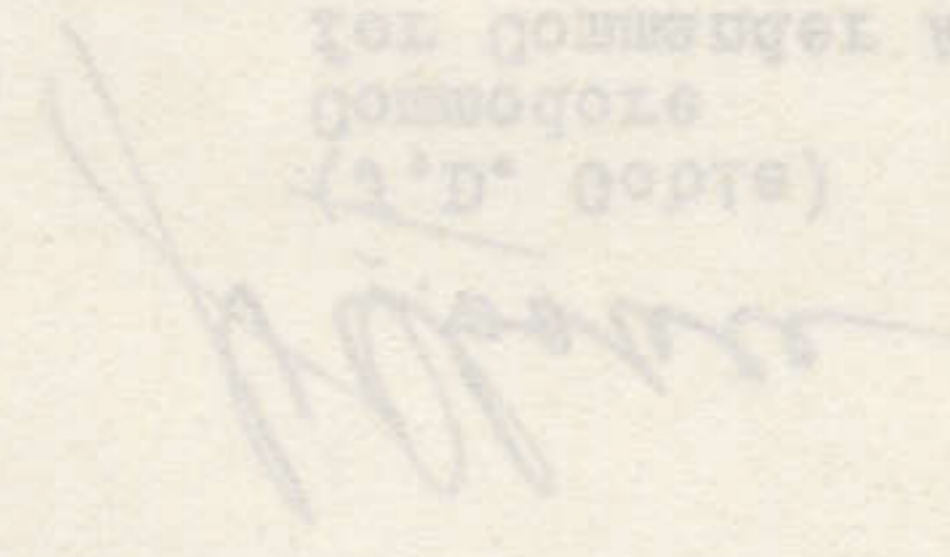
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HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Hobart

11 FEB 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of January 1975. Times used are LIMA (-11) until Thursday 23rd and New Zealand Daylight Saving Time (-13) thereafter.

2. In contrast to December, January has been a particularly active month for DUCHESS. Fortunately all essential personnel were released from Operation Navy Help Darwin in time to sail with the ship on 7th January for a brief shakedown.

3. The opening week of 1975 was spent alongside at Garden Island preparing for both the forthcoming shakedown and the arrival of the first class of Junior Trainee Officers (JTO's). At 1600 on Tuesday 7th, after ammunitioning at No. 2 buoy, DUCHESS sailed for the Jervis Bay areas. From 7th to 10th January, exercises were carried out in accordance with the East Australia Exercise Programme (EAXP). Time in company with HMAS DERWENT was a valued feature.

4. DUCHESS anchored in Jervis Bay (anchorage J5) on Wednesday 8th for FH4 calibrations, but because of strong winds it was not possible to swing the ship sufficiently to complete the task. A further calibration is being programmed. After shifting to C1 anchorage at 0700 Thursday 9th to disembark fire parties, DUCHESS proceeded to sea in company with HMAS DERWENT at 0800. Fire parties were re-embarked at 1800 and DUCHESS sailed at 1900 in time to successfully complete 4.5" recovery firings at 2145.

5. The ship berthed at West Dock wall bows south at 0800 on Friday 10th January.

6. On Sunday 12th January one acting Sub Lieutenant and seven Midshipmen joined for DUCHESS' maiden training cruise (1/75).

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7. At 1000 on 13th January DUCHESS proceeded to sea in company with HMAS DERWENT to continue exercises in accordance with the EAXP. At 0900 on 14th DUCHESS entered Sydney harbour in company with HMAS DERWENT and departed to act as consort for her Training Battle Problem. This opportunity was used to best advantage to test DUCHESS' manning capabilities. A separate submission has been made on complement factors.

8. The weeks activities culminated in a Casex A6 with DERWENT and PARRAMATTA screening DUCHESS against OXLEY and ONSLOW. While DUCHESS' role was restricted due to her limited ASW capability, benefit was derived by the OOW's and the operations room watches.

9. On Friday 17th DUCHESS berthed bows south at West Dock Wall, fuelled, and remained alongside for the weekend.

#### TRAINING CRUISE 1/75

10. At 1011 on 20th January DUCHESS proceeded to sea in company with DERWENT and PARRAMATTA, detached when clear of Sydney heads, and set course for New Zealand.

11. Conditions during the Tasman crossing were ideal for Astro navigation training and full advantage was taken to train the JTO's onboard. Three Sub Lieutenants were awarded Ocean Navigation Certificates during the passage.

12. At 0900 on Friday 24th the ship berthed starboard side to Calliope Wharf, HMNZ Dockyard, Auckland. Official calls made are at Annex E. Returns for these calls were effected in the form of a luncheon onboard.

13. On the invitation of the Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr. K.L. Le Rossignol, the majority of my officers and I attended an Official Australia Day reception on the evening of our arrival. The ship's official cocktail party was held on Saturday 25th. Sixty guests were invited.

14. DUCHESS dressed overall on Sunday 26th to commemorate Australia Day and again on Monday 27th to mark Auckland Anniversary Day.

15. After departing Auckland at 1300 on Tuesday 28th, DUCHESS met with HMNZS WAIKATO in Hauraki Gulf for exercises. The bulk of DUCHESS time was taken up with officer training. However, the exercises listed at Annex B were carried out to the mutual benefit of both companies.

16. At 0230 on 30th January WAIKATO detached to comply with her programme and DUCHESS proceeded to Wellington, berthing port side to No. 2 Overseas passenger terminal at 0900 on 31st January.

17. Official calls paid are listed at Annex E and once again, return calls were received at a luncheon onboard. An official reception was held in the wardroom on the evening of arrival.

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18. The High Commissioner for Australia, His Excellency Mr. B.C. Hill, called at 1815 and remained onboard to attend the reception.

ENGINEERING

19. During the month the main and auxiliary machinery has performed satisfactorily.

20. Three major steam line leaks have occurred during January. One failure, whilst carrying out a light jackstay transfer with HMNZS WAIKATO necessitated cancellation of the remainder of the serial and the shutting of "B" unit to effect repairs. A careful watch is kept on the steam line system.

WEAPONS AND ELECTRICAL

21. Both 40/60 mountings have been fired several times during the month and on one occasion a sleeve target was shot down. Successful recovery firings have been achieved with A and B 4.5" turrets and work on the MRS3 is progressing at a satisfactory rate.

22. On 28th the AN-URT/23V aerial feeder developed an earth. This was traced to damage sustained to the aerial cable run during one of the steam leaks in "B" boiler room. On Wednesday 29th the motor generator rotor shaft sheared on the 975 Radar and the ship remains at this time, devoid of navigational radar. It is anticipated that repair of the 975 radar will be effected by ship's staff in Hobart.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

23. The health of the ship's company is good. One sailor (CPOMTP4 J.L. Sullivan, R54030) was landed as a "medivac" case in Jervis Bay on 9th but returned onboard in Sydney on 11th January. Standard service inoculations have been well progressed and a considerable effort has been made by medical staff to increase the level of first aid knowledge onboard. The addition of LCDR C. Levi, MDDM, from 20th January has enabled many sailors to be pronounced dentally fit.

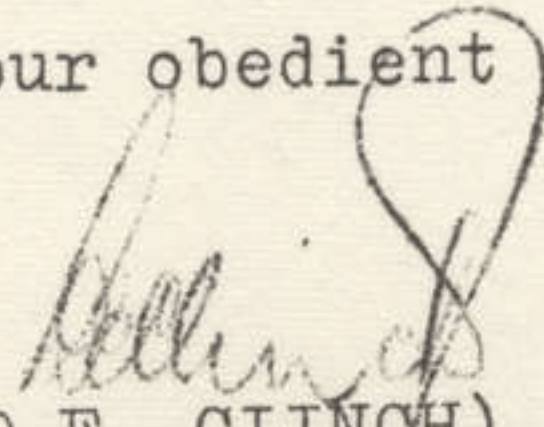
24. The long awaited first cruise has allowed development of an independant DUCHESS team spirit which has, I believe, improved the morale of the ship's company.

25. The ship's company was addressed on the subject of security during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

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Annexes:

- A. Steaming Return
- B. Exercises
- C. Diving
- D. Officers' Movements
- E. Commanding Officer's Official Calls

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 11 FEB 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1. Distance steamed during the month 3,859 miles
2. Distance steamed since first commissioning 450,617 miles
3. Hours underway during the month 319 hours
4. Hours underway since first commissioning 32,932 hours
5. Periods of more than 1 hour in excess of fast routing speed
  - a. 14JAN 1 hour 19 kts DERWENT TBP

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 11 FEB 1975

EXERCISES

1. The following exercises have been carried out during the month.

OFFICER TRAINING

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EXERCISE</u>       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 7           | OOW Manoeuvres        |
| 7           | NSIC Ex Stationmaster |
| 8           | OOW Manoeuvres        |
| 9           | OOW Manoeuvres        |
| 10          | NSIC Ex Stationmaster |
| 13          | OOW Manoeuvres        |
| 13          | JTO NAVEX             |
| 13          | NSIC Ex Stationmaster |
| 14          | NSIC Ex Stationmaster |
| 15          | MO Board Training     |
| 15          | JTO NAVEX             |
| 15          | OOW Manoeuvres        |
| 15          | NSIC Ex Stationmaster |
| 16          | JTO NAVEX             |
| 17          | NSIC                  |

GUNNERY

|    |                     |
|----|---------------------|
| 7  | RIX SPX             |
| 8  | AA UDX              |
| 8  | BOARDEX             |
| 8  | NGSCX               |
| 9  | AATX                |
| 9  | AACRF               |
| 9  | Gun Recovery Firing |
| 13 | AATX                |
| 13 | AACRF               |
| 15 | Gun Recovery Firing |
| 28 | ARRX                |
| 28 | STX                 |
| 28 | CACREX 406          |
| 29 | CACREX 406          |

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| 7  | CASEX E1 |
| 13 | CASEX A5 |
| 16 | CASEX A5 |
| 16 | CASEX A6 |

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EXECUTIVE GENERAL

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EXERCISE</u>            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 8           | RAS Approaches             |
| 9           | Jackstay Transfer          |
| 13          | RAS Approaches             |
| 14          | RAS Approaches             |
| 14          | TOWEX                      |
| 15          | SEAMEX                     |
| 16          | ILR and HELO Demonstration |

COMMUNICATION DEPT.

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 8  | NCX          |
| 8  | ECR1         |
| 14 | NCX          |
| 15 | NCX          |
| 15 | NCX          |
| 15 | NCX          |
| 15 | NCX          |
| 15 | NCW          |
| 28 | NAVCOMEX 451 |

ACTION INFORMATION ORGANISATION

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|----|-------------------|
| 13 | ARRX              |
| 15 | GOPEX             |
| 16 | RAINFORM REPORT X |
| 28 | IFF/SIF CHECKS    |

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DIVING

NIL

(Vaccinations and inoculations effected while standing  
by to proceed to Darwin)

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Annex D to HMAS DUCHESS  
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OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

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From

|      |                          |  |
|------|--------------------------|--|
| 5th  | LCDR GLEX W. Burroughs   | rejoined ex HMAS STALWART<br>Darwin Help |
| 5th  | LEUT SLEX G.R. Caldow    | rejoined ex HMAS BRISBANE<br>Darwin Help |
| 8th  | ASLT GLEN G.W.J. Thomson | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEX P.J. Collins   | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEN R.I. Gudgeon   | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEN K.W. Joseph    | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEN J.I. O'Brien   | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEN J.L. O'Neill   | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEX W. Ruse        | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 8th  | MIDN GLEN J.M. Walton    | HMAS CRESWELL                            |
| 17th | LCDR SSDN C.A. Levi      | HMAS KUTTABUL                            |
| 20th | LCDR EDIT A.W. Eberhardt | FOCAF Staff                              |

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Annex E to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 11 FEB 1975

COMMANDING OFFICER'S OFFICIAL CALLS

1. AUCKLAND

- a. Friday 24th January - called;
- 1015 Australian Trade Commissioner - Mr. K.L. LeRossignol
  - 1045 Auckland Harbour Board Chairman - Mr. R.W. Carr
  - 1115 Mayor of Auckland Representative - Councillor M.L. Tronson
  - 1145 Commodore Auckland - Commodore J.F. McKenzie, CBE
- b. Friday 24th January - calls returned:-
- 1230 Mr. K.L. LeRossignol
  - 1230 Councillor M.L. Tronson
  - 1230 Commodore J.F. McKenzie, CBE
  - 1230 Mr. R.W. Carr

2. WELLINGTON

- a. Friday 31st January - called;
- 1000 Australian High Commissioner - His Excellency, Mr. B.C. Hill
  - 1030 Chief of Naval Staff - Rear Admiral E.C. Thorne, CBE
  - 1100 Mayor of Wellington - Mr. E.M.C. Fowler
  - 1130 Chairman of Harbour Board - Mr. H.A. James  
and Harbour Master - Captain D.W. Galloway
- b. Friday 31st January - calls returned:-
- 1230 Mr. H.A. James and Captain D.W. Galloway
  - 1230 Mr. E.M.C. Fowler
  - 1235 Rear Admiral E.C. Thorne, CBE (guard paraded)
  - 1815 His Excellency, Mr. B.C. Hill

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

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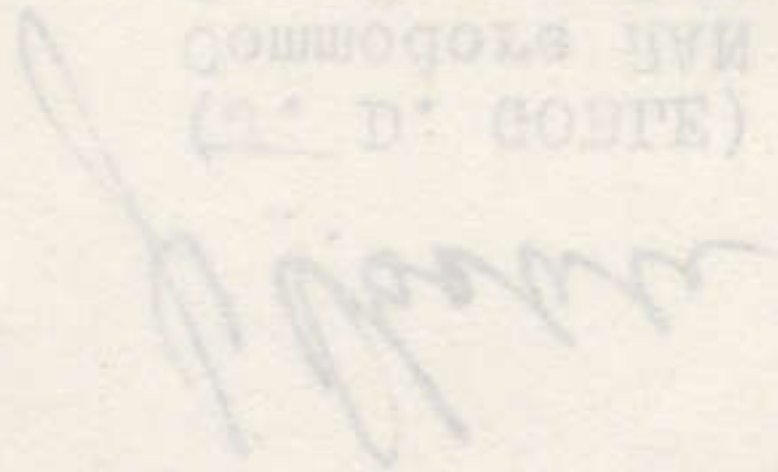
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HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of February 1975. Times used are New Zealand Daylight Saving Time (-13) until Tuesday 4th and LIMA (-11) thereafter.
2. Training cruise 1/75 continued during the month until the return to Sydney on 21st February when a self maintenance period began.
3. On 1st February, DUCHESS was alongside in Wellington, New Zealand. During this visit many friendly contacts were established; the Wairarapa Branch of the Navy League excelling in their hospitality. Nineteen of the Ships Company thoroughly enjoyed a weekend in private homes some sixty miles north of Wellington. The Clubs and messes of both civilian and service personnel were generous in their invitations.
4. At 1100 on Monday 3rd, lines were cast off and the passage to Hobart begun. The assistance of the Staff of the High Commission was much appreciated and contributed in no small way towards a rewarding visit to New Zealand's two major cities.
5. The passage across the Southern Tasman was uneventful apart from the experience of a mountainous south westerly swell on Wednesday 5th. Clocks were retarded by two hours to Zone (-11) during the crossing.
6. At 0830 on Friday 7th DUCHESS berthed at Selfs Point Fuelling Jetty, Hobart. A Pilot was provided for the passage under the bridge although compulsory pilotage is not yet enforced by the Harbour Authorities. My Calls were paid during the forenoon (Annex F) and at 1430, the Ship cast off and proceeded to berth alongside Elizabeth Street Pier (North) at 1500. The Ship's Official Reception was held onboard the same evening.
7. At 0830 on Tuesday 11th, DUCHESS cast off and proceeded to the Royal Regatta Flagship anchorage, dressing ship on arrival. The opportunity was taken to embark the small number of Ship's company families for the day. A most colourful day was viewed from the ideal vantage point of the flagship, but it was noted

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that the Regatta crowds were not as prolific as usual; mainly because of the travel limitations imposed by the recent bridge disaster.

8. During the afternoon DUCHESS was visited by His Excellency Sir STANLEY BURBURY, KBE and Lady Burbury together with their guests, His Excellency Sir RODEN CUTLER, VC and Lady Cutler, and the Chief Justice, Sir GARFIELD BARWICK and Lady Barwick. The Vice-regal party spent an hour on board observing the Regatta activities from the forecastle. Anchor was weighed at 1645 to return to the berth alongside Elizabeth Street Pier.

9. Casting off at 0830 on 13th, DUCHESS proceeded east-about to Port Phillip Bay, berthing alongside Station Pier (Inner West) at 1500 on Friday 14th.

10. An official reception was held onboard on the evening of arrival and calls were paid and returned on Monday 17th (Annex F). Apart from these activities, formalities were kept to a minimum in order to allow the still considerable number of Melbourne residents as much time with their families as possible.

11. DUCHESS departed Melbourne for the Jervis Bay Area at 1900 on Monday 17th. The East Australia Area Public Relations Team was embarked for the passage to take sequences for a "Class-room Afloat" film. At 1100 on 18th while in Bass Strait, a boat was lowered to provide the cameraman some external shots. At 0800 on 19th DUCHESS anchored in Jervis Bay. The opportunity for officer training discussions with RANC officers was taken and proved beneficial.

12. The remainder of Wednesday 19th and all of Thursday 20th was spent progressing the gunnery system towards Acceptance Trial Standards. Exercises conducted are listed at Annex B. DUCHESS remained at anchor in Jervis Bay during the night of 19th/20th. The Ship's Senior Sailors were successfully exercised in taking charge of departments on weighing and proceeding at 0800 on 20th.

13. At 2100 on 20th DUCHESS made rendezvous with HMAS SNIPE off Point Perpendicular Light. After remaining in company throughout the night and for the entry into Sydney Harbour, SNIPE was detached at 0803 to proceed to HMAS WATERHEN while DUCHESS berthed port side to HMAS VAMPIRE, at South East Cruiser Wharf, at 0810.

14. The last week of February was spent alongside conducting self maintenance. Such personnel as could be spared were despatched on leave to abate as much of the leave balance left after Darwin recall as possible.

#### JUNIOR OFFICER TRAINING

15. The landing of one acting sub lieutenant and eleven midshipmen in Sydney on Friday 21st marked the end of DUCHESS' maiden training cruise. Details of training carried out are contained in my letter 72/12/16 to Commanding Officer HMAS CRESWELL dated 26th February, 1975.

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16. It is considered that the period onboard has been of benefit to the young officers. The two seaman midshipmen (a third joined in Hobart) probably gained most of all because of the intensity of bridge and navigation training with such a small number. GLEN ME and WE gained some insight into the workings of their departments and now have a better knowledge of the practical aspects of shipboard engineering. Their eventual Application Courses should have more meaning to them in the light of their ANZAC and DUCHESS experience.

17. Accommodation facilities proved satisfactory although this first small class has not fully tested these facilities.

ENGINEERING

18. Two attempts were made during the month to achieve full power from the main engines. The first, on passage from Hobart to Melbourne on 14th was terminated when the port H.P. turbine casing relief valve lifted. 248 RPM were achieved. The second attempt was made on passage from Melbourne to the Jervis Bay Area on 18th. 275 RPM were achieved before B boiler lost its water level. No machinery damage was sustained.

WEAPONS ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

19. Steady progress has been made on the Weapon Systems throughout the month. It is intended that the system be ready for SATS (G) during the next period at sea.

20. The fault on the 975 radar motor generator (URDEF 7/76) reported last month was repaired by ships staff. The repair was completed on 11th and since that date the motor generator has been running satisfactorily.

21. The AN/URT-23V aerial feeder damaged by a steam leak last month (URDEF 8/76) has been replaced by Garden Island Dockyard personnel but has yet to be tested.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

22. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*D.E. Clinch*  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

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Annexes:

- A. Steaming Return
- B. Exercises
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- D. Ships Movements
- E. Officers' Movements
- F. Commanding Officer's Official Calls

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 4 MAR 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1. Distance steamed during the month 2,675 miles
2. Distance steamed since first commissioning 453,292 miles
3. Hours underway during the month 195 hours
4. Hours underway since first commissioning 33,127 hours
5. Occasions of exceeding fast routing speed

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Av. Speed</u> | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Remarks</u>     |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 14 Feb      | 21               | 1.4          | Full power work up |
| 18 Feb      | 25               | 1.0          | Full power work up |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 4 MAR 1975

EXERCISES

1. The following exercises have been carried out during the month.

|                         | <u>DATE</u> | <u>EXERCISE</u>   |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| <u>OFFICER TRAINING</u> | 6           | JTO Pyro Demonstrations   |
|                         | 19          | OOW Manoeuvres  |
|                         | 19          | JTO Anchorages  |
|                         | 20          | OOW Manoeuvres - HMAS SNIPE in company  |
|                         | 21          | NSIC Ex Stationmaster - -"-----"-   |
| <u>GUNNERY</u>          | 19          | AATX  |
|                         | 19          | AATX  |
|                         | 20          | NGSCX/NAVEX   |
|                         | 20          | AATX  |
|                         | 20          | AACRFX - HMAS SNIPE in company  |
| <u>AIO</u>              | 20          | Radar Calibration - HMAS SNIPE  |
| <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>   | 19          | JOCOMEX (AS) 1975   |
|                         | 20          | JOCOMEX (AS) 1975   |
| <u>DIVING</u>           | 17          | <u>Location</u> - Station Pier, Melbourne<br><u>No of Divers</u> - 7<br><u>Task</u> - Screw Clean, Poker gauges |
|                         | 27          | <u>Location</u> - S.E. Boats Pound, Sydney<br><u>No of Divers</u> - 5<br><u>Task</u> - Preliminary Dips         |

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Annex D to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of **4 MAR 1975**

MOVEMENTS OFF AUSTRALIA STATION

| <u>Arrival</u> | <u>Port</u> | <u>Departure</u>  |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 31 Jan         | Wellington  | 031100 (NZDT) FEB |
| 070830 (-11)   | Hobart      | 130830 (-11)      |

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Annex E to HMAS DUCHESS  
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OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

Joined

|      |                          |             |
|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 14th | MIDN GLEX N.A. McQueen   | Uni NSW     |
|      | MIDN GLEN M.R. Davis     | Uni NSW     |
|      | MIDN GLEN L.W. Goodridge | Uni NSW     |
|      | MIDN GLSU S. Montgomery  | Uni NSW     |
| 24th | SBLT GLSU K.J. Scarce    | FOCAF Staff |

Departed

|      |                          | <u>To</u>     |
|------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 10th | LCDR EDIT A.W. Eberhardt | FOCAF Staff   |
| 21st | LCDR SSDN C.A. Levi      | HMAS KUTTABUL |
|      | ASLT GLEN G.W.J. Thomson | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEX P.J. Collins   | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEX W. Ruse        | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN R.I. Gudgeon   | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN K.W. Joseph    | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN J.I. O'Brien   | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN J.L. O'Neill   | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN J.M. Walton    | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLSU S. Montgomery  | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEX N.A. McQueen   | HMAS WATSON   |
|      | MIDN GLEN M.R. Davis     | Uni NSW       |
|      | MIDN GLEN L.W. Goodridge | Uni NSW       |

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Annex F to HMAS DUCHESS  
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## OFFICIAL CALLS

### 1. HOBART

- a. Friday 7th February - called on;  
0930 Lord Mayor - Rt. Hon. R.G. Soundy  
1000 Premier's Representative - Hon. B.K. Miller MHA  
1030 Governor of Tasmania - H.E. Sir Stanley Burbury KBE  
1100 Senior Officer RAAF - Wing Commander W.E. Dixon RAAF  
1130 Master Warden of Marine Board - R.J. Harris Esq.  
1215 Commander 6 Field Force Group - Brigadier J.D.  
Stevenson C.B.E.
- b. Friday 7th February - calls received;  
0900 N.O.I.C. Tasmania - Commander F.G. Morrell RAN  
1815 Aide-de-camp to Governor - Lieutenant W.T.  
Gascoigne, RAN  
1830 Premiers Representative - K.E. Austin, MHA  
1830 Senior Officer RAAF - Wing Commander W.E. Dixon RAAF  
1830 Master Warden - R.J. Harris Esq.
- c. Monday 10th February - call received;  
1230 Commander 6 Field Force Group - Brigadier J.D.  
Stevenson C.B.E.
- d. Wednesday 12th February - called on;  
1200 N.O.I.C. Tasmania - Commander F.G. Morrell, RAN

### 2. MELBOURNE

- a. Monday 17th February - called on;  
0930 N.O.I.C. Victoria - Commodore B.S. Murray ADC  
1000 Governor of Victoria - H.E. Sir Henry Winneke KCMG
- b. Monday 17th February - calls received;  
1200 Personal Assistant to Governor - Captain C. Curwan  
1205 N.O.I.C. Victoria - Commodore B.S. Murray ADC

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HMAS Duchess Report of Proceedings March 1975

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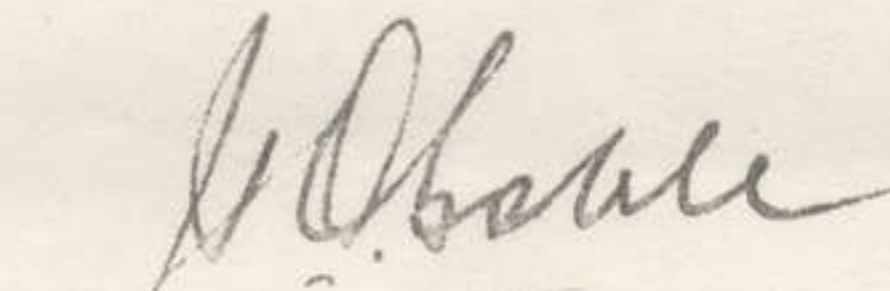
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The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1975

Forwarded.

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

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HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 4th April 1975

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

4 APR 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of March, 1975.
2. Throughout the month the overriding concern has been for the ship's turbo - generators. J2 and M4 generator governor assemblies are being overhauled and set to work by Garden Island Dockyard (URDEF's 16/76 and 17/76 refer ). Since 21st March J2 generator governor has repeatedly failed trials and further investigations are being carried out by Dockyard staff. Trials on M4 generator commenced on 27th March with initially unsatisfactory results. At the end of the month it is anticipated that satisfactory trials on both generators maybe completed by 4th April, 1975. DUCHESS has been berthed at South End Cruiser Wharf on VAMPIRE for the whole month.
3. Advantage was taken of the extended period in Sydney to further abate the leave balance due to the Ship's Company. The Fleet Maintenance Unit and Dockyard personnel have given valuable assistance to ship's staff during the month, and a considerable number of defects have been rectified. Apart from the turbo - generators there are no major defects outstanding.
4. Twenty Naval Reserve Cadets from NSW units carried out harbour training onboard from 7th - 9th March. On 21st March 18 students from St Aloysius High School visited the ship and on 29th March ten boys from Berry Children's Corrective farm were given an extensive tour.

HEALTH, WELFARE and CONDUCT

5. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company remain satisfactory.



I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

*D.E. Clinch*  
(D.E. CLINCH)

Commander RAN

Commanding Officer

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Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated **4 APR 1975**

STEAMING RETURN

|    |  |   |               |
|----|--|---|---------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed during month              | - | Nil           |
| 2. | Distance steamed since first commissioning | - | 453,292 miles |
| 3. | Hours underway during month                | - | Nil           |
| 4. | Hours steamed since first commissioning    | - | 33,127 hours  |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 4 APR 1975

EXERCISES

AIO

HPX

12th, 13th

COMMUNICATIONS

|          |     |  |
|----------|-----|--|
| Navcomex | 251 | 13th   |
| Navcomex | 252 | 20th   |
| Navcomex | 405 | 20th   |
| Navcomex | 451 | 5th, 11th, 18th                                    |
| Navcomex | 453 | 4th, 13th  |
| TRENTX   |     | 6th, 13th  |
| FRX/FTX  |     | 3rd - 7th, 11th - 13th, 20th,<br>21st, 24th - 27th |

DIVING

3 MAR

|                     |   |             |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| <u>Location</u>     | - | Sydney      |
| <u>No of Divers</u> | - | 6           |
| <u>Task</u>         | - | Poker guage |

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HMAS Duchess Report of Proceedings APR 1975

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1. Main armament trials.
2. Visit to Ambleton for Anzac Day.
3. FFO tank tests.

DNO 24/10/6

DGNOF 11/6

DCNS

~~Handwritten signature and date~~

CNP 13/6

CNTS Covering letter. paras 4, 7  
probably a split in the funnel which works worst under way.

CNSW 19/6

CNM 23/6

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The Secretary  
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1. Forwarded.
2. The temporary repairs to the shaft seals effected at Cairns proved ineffective. A complete rebuild was undertaken by Fleet technical personnel, the results of which will be known shortly. Garden Island Dockyard is investigating the FFO leaks in the vicinity of Nos. 7 & 9 tanks but has so far been unable to identify the cause. The ship may have to sail with these tanks empty. ||
3. Other defects discussed at paragraph 17 of the enclosure are of a routine nature.

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

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Commander Australian Army  
Headquarters  
(D.C. REGTS)

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3. Special defects discussed at Brisbane 11 of the

the unit may have to wait until these units  
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which will be known shortly. General James  
understand the best description of the results of  
of which would be the best description of  
5. The description of the unit is as follows:

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Department of Defence (Head Office)  
The Secretary

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HMAS DUCHESS  
at Sea

**30 APR 1975**

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer Squadron  
The Captain, Royal Australian Naval College

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of April, 1975. Time zones are as stated.
2. The beginning of the month saw DUCHESS still berthed on VAMPIRE at the South End Cruiser Wharf carrying out repairs and trials to J2 and M4 turbo generators (URDEF 16/76 and 17/76 refer). Satisfactory trials of M4 and J2 generators were completed on Tuesday 1st and Friday 4th April respectively. Minor problems have recurred with both turbo generators and J2 is currently limited to 150KW.
3. DUCHESS cast off at 1000K on Monday 7th April and proceeded to the Sydney/Jervis Bay exercise areas, where trials of the main armament in the surface mode were progressed. At 1600K on Tuesday 8th the ship returned to Sydney and berthed at North End Fitting Out Wharf.
4. While embarking diesel fuel on Wednesday 9th one fuel tank was contaminated by gasoline supplied by commercial road-tanker. The consequent requirement to empty and vent the tank delayed sailing the following day by one hour. The incident has been reported separately.
5. After casting off at 0915K, Thursday 10th, DUCHESS proceeded to the Degaussing Range where a full calibration ranging was successfully completed. On completion of the ranging the ship secured to Number 3 buoy at 1315K and carried out an exchange of ammunition withdrawn from service. Thereafter DUCHESS slipped at 1515K and proceeded directly to Jervis Bay, anchoring at 2045K.
6. During the forenoon of Friday 11th three Midshipmen and 41 Cadet Midshipman of Class II C were embarked from CRESWELL for Cruise 2/75. DUCHESS weighed anchor at 1100K and proceeded to the local areas where successful calibration and target firings were achieved in the surface mode, the rewarding culmination of much effort by ship's maintenance personnel.



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7. Whilst on passage to Cairns leakage of NEOX 'D' lubricant from both stern glands reached excessive rates, necessitating continual reconstitution and recycling of the NEOX by an improvised method. The defect was reported in DUCHESS URDEF 21/76 and numerous subsequent messages.

8. On Tuesday 15th DUCHESS berthed at Number 10 berth, Cairns. After fuelling at this berth, the ship carried out a hot move to Number 1 berth, securing at 1400K. Calls were paid and returned on Wednesday 16th April (Annex C). On the same day the ship was visited by nine deaf pre-school children and 18 mentally handicapped children from Birrale School, Innisfail.

9. Sailing having been delayed 24 hours in order to complete repairs to the stern glands, DUCHESS cast off at 0830K on Friday 18th, and proceeded on passage to Darwin. The Reef transit provided valuable navigation training for the embarked class as well as for my many Sub Lieutenants under training.

10. At 0815IK on Monday 21st DUCHESS berthed at Stokes' Hill Wharf No. 2. Details of calls paid and returned are at Annex C. Having fuelled, the ship sailed from Darwin at 0900IK the following day. Mr W.A.M. CHAPMAN and Mr L.D. BENVIE, representing the Gull Force Association were embarked for passage to and from Ambon (DUCHESS message 220048Z April 1975 refers).

11. On Thursday 24th April, DUCHESS embarked a pilot off Ambon civil port and proceeded into the inner harbour, berthing alongside the Halong naval base wharf at 0845I. Calls paid and received are noted at Annex C. An official reception, co-hosted by the Australian Ambassador to Indonesia, His Excellency Mr R.W. WOOLCOTT, and the officers of HMAS DUCHESS was held onboard from 1930-2100I the same evening.

12. An impressive guard of 36 Junior Trainee Officers (JTO's) was paraded for the Anzac Day Dawn Service held in the Ambon Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. Wreaths were laid by H.E. The Ambassador, the Australian Naval Attache Jakarta, myself and by Colonel SALEH SUJADI representing the local naval commander. Further wreath laying ceremonies were held the same morning at the Ambonese War Heroes' Cemetery and the Kudamati Memorial to Driver W.T. DOOLAN (Gull Force).

13. The Indonesian Navy were most helpful in all matters and contributed greatly to a most successful visit. An extensive sporting programme, together with organised banyans and water skiing, were provided for the entertainment of the Ship's Company.

14. The Commander of Naval Area 9, Commodore A. RACHMAN, entertained DUCHESS' officers and ten Junior Trainee Officers at an evening reception on Saturday 26th, the highlights of which included several native Indonesian dances and several native Australian songs sung by the recently formed DUCHESS officers' choral group. It is of interest to note that the Indonesian custom which requires guests to 'sing for their supper' appears to be quite common and does provide a much quicker avenue to the enjoyment of convivial company than the traditional western cocktail party.

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15. On Sunday 27th at 1000I DUCHESS cast off and proceeded for Darwin. Shortly after getting underway a build up of FFO developed in the starboard stern gland space. Investigations indicate that the leak may be caused by a split in number 7 FFO tank (URDEF 1/76 refers). Whilst on passage the afternoon of Monday 28th was devoted to gunnery exercises in the Darwin area.

16. DUCHESS berthed at Stokes Hill Wharf No. 2 at 0830IK on Tuesday 29th. That evening a reception for 60 guests was held onboard. During the Darwin visit the Ship's Company was kept very busy fulfilling sporting and tours engagements.

17. In the technical areas the month has been a busy and frustrating period, with numerous minor defects adding to the burden imposed by the major defects previously described. Problem areas were the telemotor system, one steering motor, Types 975 and 293 radars, the Pitometer Log and refrigeration motors. Defects outstanding at the end of the month are one refrigeration motor (INDEF 17/76) and the Pitometer Log (URDEF 23/76).

18. Training of JTO's has been progressed satisfactorily during the month and the young officers appear to be enjoying their first sample of life afloat. The addition of 44 industrious young men has also assisted in ship husbandry progress throughout the ship.

19. My Marine Engineer Officer, Lieutenant Commander H.G. PAGE was relieved by Lieutenant Commander D. MITCHELL on 29th April.


Health, Welfare and Conduct

20. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises  
C. Official Calls  
D. Officers Movement

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated **30 APR 1975**

STEAMING RETURN

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|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed during month             | 4501 miles    |
| 2. | Hours underway during month               | 300 hours     |
| 3. | Distance steamed since commissioning      | 457,793 miles |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning        | 33,427 hours  |
| 5. | Periods in excess of fast routeing speed: |               |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>      |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 8th         | 20           | 1            | Log Calibration     |
| 18th-19th   | 20           | 36           | Passage Requirement |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 30 APR 1975

EXERCISES

Gunnery

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| AATX               | 7th        |
| SUTX               | 7th        |
| SUCAL              | 11th       |
| SUTFX              | 11th       |
| REWF               | 28th       |
| SSF                | 28th       |
| SUPAC              | 8th, 11th  |
| SUCRFX             | 28th       |
| Small Arms Firings | 12th, 19th |

Navigation

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Blind Pilotage    | 7th, 8th, 10th, 15th, 18th, 21st, 22nd,<br>24th, 27th, 29th, |
| Log Calibration   | 8th  |
| Radar Calibration | 7th  |
| Stationmaster     | 8th  |
| XO Berthing       | 8th  |
| NO un berthing    | 27th   |
| NO Berthing       | 29th   |

Communications

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| JOCOMEX 2    | 3rd   |
| JOCOMEX 5    | 3rd   |
| LONGCOMEX    | 11th  |
| NAVCOMEX 453 | 11th  |
| FRX/FTX      | 1st-3rd, 8th-10th, 14th-18th, 21st, 23rd,<br>28th, 29th |

NBCD

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Minor NBCDX     | 18th, 22nd |
| Action Stations | 28th       |

Diving

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>No. DIVERS</u> | <u>MINS/DIVER</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 9 APR       | FOW             | 7                 | 65                |
| 16 APR      | CAIRNS          | 4                 | 55                |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 30 APR 1975

OFFICIAL CALLS

1. CAIRNS

a. Wednesday 16th April - called on:

1030 Mayor of Cairns - Alderman K. CRATHERN  
1100 Chairman of Cairns Harbour Board - Mr. M. BORZI

b. Wednesday 16th April - calls received;

1200 Mayor of Cairns - Alderman K. CRATHERN  
1205 Chairman of Cairns Harbour Board - Mr. M. BORZI  
CMDR YATES

2. DARWIN

a. Monday 21st April - called on;

1030 Administrator of Northern Territory - Mr. J.N. NELSON  
1100 Senior Judge of Supreme Court - Mr. Justice W.E.S.  
FORSTER  
1130 Mayor of Darwin - Alderman H. BRENNAN

b. Monday 21st April - calls received;

0910 Commanding Officer, HMAS ASSAIL - Lieutenant C.J.  
CLEVELAND RAN  
0910 Commanding Officer, HMAS BALIKPAPAN - Lieutenant M.D.  
OTTER RAN  
1210 Mayor of Darwin - Alderman H. BRENNAN  
1215 Administrator of Northern Territory - Mr. J.N. NELSON  
1220 Senior Judge of Supreme Court - Mr. Justice W.E.S.  
FORSTER

3. AMBON

a. Thursday 24th April - called on;

0940 Commander Naval Area 9 - Commodore A. RACHMAN  
1030 Deputy Governor of Maluku - Mr. J. MANAHUTU  
1115 Commander Military Area 15 - Brigadier General HARUN  
SUWARDI  
1200 Chief of Police, Maluku - Brigadier General MURYONO  
1240 Deputy Mayor of Ambon - Mr. TAURAN

b. Thursday 24th April - calls received;

1300 Commander Naval Area 9 - Commodore A. RACHMAN  
1300 Chief of Staff Naval Area 9 - Colonel SALEH SUYADI  
1300 Deputy Governor of Maluku - Mr. J. MANAHUTU  
1300 Deputy Mayor of Ambon - Mr. TAURAN

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4. DARWIN

Tuesday 29th April - calls received;

1100 Commanding Officer, HMAS ADVANCE - Lieutenant R.D. EAMES RAN  
1100 Commanding Officer, HMAS ADROIT - Lieutenant R.G. COOK RAN

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letter 1/16/2 dated **30 APR 1975**

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

1. JOINED

24th March

2nd LEUT M. KOELA PNGDF  
2nd LEUT L. SIROI PNGDF  
2nd LEUT M. SUKRAK PNGDF

11th April

LEUT D.B. JENNINGS USN from HMAS CRESWELL

21st April

LCDR GLEN D. MITCHELL from HMAS KUTTABUL

2. DEPARTED

30th April

LCDR GLEN H.G. PAGE to HMAS LONSDALE

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HMAS DUCHESS Report of Proceedings MAY 1975

ASRP-N 8/7 1. Visits to Darwin, Townsville  
2. Shipwrecks for Army Staff College.

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**25 JUN 1975**

The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975

1. Forwarded.
2. The leakage of Neox D lubricant from both inner stern tube seals (URDEF 28/76) was investigated by fleet technical staff. Examination disclosed that two rubber sealing rings incorporated in the seals had twisted during installation. There was also some maladjustment of the seals. These defects were rectified by Fleet Maintenance Unit and leakage from the seals is now insignificant.
3. The FFO leakage into the starboard shaft tunnel has been investigated by dockyard. Numbers 7 and 9 FFO tanks were emptied, cleaned and pressure tested without revealing the source of the leakage. Ship's staff are investigating further under seagoing conditions.

*J. D. Goble*  
(J. D. GOBLE)

Commodore  
for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 6th June 1975

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

**6 JUN 1975**

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.  
The Captain, Royal Australian Naval College.

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of May, 1975. Time zones are as stated.
2. After an enjoyable two day visit to Darwin DUCHESS cast off from Stokes' Hill Wharf at 0830IK on Thursday 1st May and proceeded on passage to Townsville. On Sunday 4th the ship anchored off Lizard Island at 0715K, to enable a fishing contest to take place, subsequently weighing at 1400K the same day to continue passage south. The results of the fishing competition were disappointing.
3. At 0900K on Monday 5th DUCHESS entered Townsville harbour, securing to No.7 Berth. Having fuelled, and fulfilled a number of sporting engagements, the ship cast off and proceeded out of harbour at 0830K the following day. By mutual agreement calls were neither paid nor received in Townsville, Monday 5th being Queensland Labour Day.
4. DUCHESS anchored in Cid Harbour from 1815K to 2010K Tuesday 6th, during which period a most entertaining Ship's Concert was held. Thereafter passage south continued uneventfully until Friday 9th when DUCHESS entered Sydney Harbour, anchoring off Shark Point at 0700K for Customs' Clearance formalities. At 0905K anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded to West Dock Wall, securing at 0930K. Many families and friends of the Ship's Company and the embarked class of Cadet Midshipmen were on hand to welcome the ship.
5. Cruise 2/75 completed, the Junior Trainee Officers (JTO's) were disembarked shortly after arriving in Sydney. If judged by comments made by the JTO's prior to their departure, the cruise was successful in achieving its twofold aims, namely, to provide career motivation and to inculcate into the young officers an understanding of life at sea. Almost all expressed the view that they should undergo a period of 'seatetime' much earlier in their RANC course.
6. Maintenance and defect repairs were progressed during the week 12th - 16th May. Repairs to both stern glands (URDEF 28/76) were completed; load tank trials of J2 turbo-generator (URDEF 16/76)

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were carried out; and investigations into a FFO leak in the starboard shaft tunnel (URDEF 27/76) were undertaken. DUCHESS was moved to North End Cruiser Wharf on PARRAMATTA on Tuesday 13th. The Ship's landing party carried out an annual small arms firing practice on Friday 16th.

7. With members of the Fleet Technical Staff embarked DUCHESS cast off at 0930K Monday 19th. While proceeding out of harbour, results of repairs to the stern glands were assessed. Although the port stern gland was not now leaking, the ship anchored off Shark Point at 0945K to carry out further adjustments to the starboard stern gland. Repairs successfully completed, DUCHESS weighed at 1240K and proceeded out of harbour.

8. The remainder of the week was spent in the Sydney/Jervis Bay areas exercising in accordance with the East Australia Exercise Programme. A valuable week was experienced.

9. On Thursday 22nd DUCHESS joined SUPPLY, VENDETTA, PARRAMATTA and TARANAKI for an interesting programme of exercises, manoeuvres and evolutions as a demonstration for students from the Army Staff College embarked in SUPPLY, VENDETTA and PARRAMATTA. After the demonstration, DUCHESS replenished fuel underway from HMAS SUPPLY, the first such replenishment since the long refit.

10. The following morning DUCHESS entered harbour berthing on VENDETTA at West Dock Wall at 0845K.

11. You, Sir, boarded DUCHESS at 0950K the same morning, and the ship cast off shortly afterwards with Ship's Company families embarked. DUCHESS proceeded in company with VENDETTA, and after a light mortar firing by VENDETTA, you transferred to VENDETTA by boat and, Your flag was struck at 1130K. DUCHESS then closed the coast and returned to harbour, berthing on West Dock Wall at 1345K.

12. Annual departmental inspections were carried out in the period Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th May. The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer Squadron, Captain G. McC. JUDE, RAN, commenced his inspection of the ship at 0900K Thursday 29th and concluded at 1500K. (COMAUSDESRON TWO Message RTT 290630Z May 1975 refers).

#### Training

13. A class of 20 Naval Reserve Cadets joined DUCHESS on Sunday 18th and carried out training onboard until Saturday 24th May. Eight New Entry Instructor Officers plus a Course Officer joined from HMAS WATSON on Monday 19th and disembarked a.m. Friday 23rd May.

#### Health, Welfare and Conduct

14. The conduct of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

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Health and morale remain good.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated **6 JUN 1975**

STEAMING RETURN

- 1. Distance steamed during month - 3,622 miles
- 2. Distance steamed since commissioning - 461,415 miles
- 3. Hours underway during month - 237 hours
- 4. Hours underway since commissioning - 33,664 hours
- 5. Periods in excess of fast routeing speed:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>   |
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| 21st        | 20           | 2            | EAXP Requirement |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

6 JUN 1975

EXERCISES

Navigation

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Blind Pilotage            | 1st, 5th, 6th, 9th, 19th, 23rd. |
| Stationmaster             | 19th, 22nd, 23rd.               |
| OOW Manoeuvres            | 19th, 22nd.                     |
| Man overboard drill       | 20th.                           |
| XO Unberthing             | 1st.                            |
| Junior Officer Anchorages | 4th, 6th, 20th, 21st.           |
| Junior Officer Pilotage   | 1st, 5th.                       |
| G.O. Unberthing           | 19th.                           |

Gunnery

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| AATX              | 19th, 20th, 21st. |
| AATFX (Delmar)    | 21st.             |
| NGSCX/Navex       | 20th, 21st.       |
| Landing Party ARC | 16th.             |

Miscellaneous

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| INTAWKEX             | 21st.      |
| Demolitions Training | 15th, 16th |

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|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| Casex C2(s) | 20th. |
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Seamanship

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| RAS(L) - HMAS SUPPLY | 22nd. |
|----------------------|-------|

Communications

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Navcomex 201 | 15th.                                     |
| Navcomex 252 | 13th.                                     |
| Navcomex 454 | 23rd.                                     |
| Navcomex 455 | 21st.                                     |
| MMX          | 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 26th, 27th, 28th. |
| FRX          | 7th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 15th.               |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated **6 JUN 1975**

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

1. DEPARTED

9th May

LEUT D.B. JENNINGS, USN to HMAS CRESWELL  
LEUT GLSU K.J. SCARCE to HMAS WATSON

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1. Trials and exercises Sydney/50 area.
2. SARP at GI - Hull repairs at Cobock.

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The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1975

Forwarded.

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

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HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 1st July 1975

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

**1 JUL 1975**

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET



For Information: The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1975.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of June 1975. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. On Monday 2nd June DUCHESS cast off from West Dock Wharf at 0950 and proceeded out of harbour with PARRAMATTA and HMNZS TARANAKI in company. A busy, rewarding four days trials and exercises in accordance with EAXP 23/75 ensued, the highlights of which were - a successful first naval gunfire support firing; completion of calibrations of the FH4 equipment (virtually the post 1974 refit Sea acceptance trial); an interesting night encounter exercise with VENDETTA, TORRENS, PARRAMATTA and TARANAKI and; a full power work up during which a speed of over 32 knots was achieved. DUCHESS entered harbour on Thursday 5th berthing on YARRA at North End Cruiser wharf at 1515.
3. The ship commenced a seven week leave and maintenance period from 9th June. Governor trials of J2 turbo-generator (URDEF 16/76) were progressed without complete success. Further efforts will be required to bring this equipment to full serviceability.
4. On Wednesday 25th the inlet scoop of 'B' main condenser was holed by pneumatic chipping hammer (URDEF 31/76 refers). A Dockyard survey of the area discovered considerable corrosion and DUCHESS was moved to Vickers' Cockatoo Dockyard during the forenoon of Friday 27th. Docking down in Fitzroy Dock was completed by 1600 the same day. The discovery of corrosion in other machinery spaces has since caused URDEF 32/76 and INDEF's 23/76, 24/76 and 25/76 to be raised. Garden Island Dockyard was requested to carry out a comprehensive survey of machinery space underwater areas to determine the extent of corrosion. Repairs to allow completion of DUCHESS' 1975 commitments appear to be possible within the time scale available.
5. Ship visits by organised groups during the month have comprised - 16 retarded children and four tutors on Sunday 8th; 29 Public Service Graduate Officers on Monday 9th; and 33 students with three teachers from Gulargambone Public School on Friday 13th.

Training

6. Twenty Naval Reserve Cadets and two NRC Officers were

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embarked for sea training from Sunday 1st until Friday 6th June. Their training week was mutually beneficial.

7. Eight New Entry Instructor Officers from HMAS WATSON completed their second week of sea training in DUCHESS from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th June.

Health, Welfare and Conduct

8. The health and conduct of the ship's company remain at a satisfactory level.

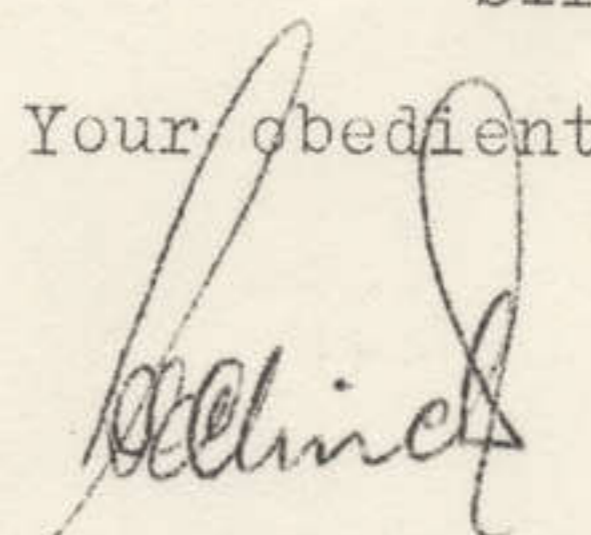
9. Morale has been improved by a month's activities which included the proving of the required limited war-role capabilities and the completion of a full power trial which demonstrated "Her Grace's" ability to still exceed the magical barrier of thirty knots.

10. The disappointment caused by the need for an unplanned docking will be offset to some extent by the concurrent leave period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises  
C. Officers' Movements

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

**1 JUL 1975**

STEAMING RETURN

1. Distance steamed during month - 867 miles
2. Hours underway during month - 66 hours
3. Distance steamed since sommissioning - 462,282 miles
4. Hours underway since commissioning - 33,730 hours
5. Periods in excess of fast routeing speed:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | <u>HOURS</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>   |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 3rd         | 22           | 6            | NEX              |
| 4th         | 20           | 2            | NEX              |
| 5th         | 27           | 1.5          | Full Power Trial |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

**1 JUL 1975**

EXERCISES

Navigation

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Blind Pilotage    | 2nd      |
| Minefield Transit | 2nd      |
| OOW Manoeuvres    | 2nd, 3rd |
| Pilotage Training | 4th      |

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|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| ARRX               | 2nd, 3rd |
| GOPEX              | 2nd, 4th |
| Rainform Reporting | 2nd, 4th |
| NEX                | 3rd      |

Gunnery

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| AATX           | 2nd, 5th |
| AATFX (Sleeve) | 2nd      |
| AACRF          | 5th      |
| SUTFX          | 3rd      |
| NEX            | 3rd      |
| Boardex        | 4th      |
| NGSFX          | 3rd      |

Seamanship

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Tow Forward | 2nd |
| Lay Danbouy | 4th |

Communications

|                 |      |
|-----------------|------|
| FH4 Calibration | 4th  |
| Navcomex 204    | 24th |
| Navcomex 252    | 26th |
| Navcomex 350    | 4th  |
| Navcomex 657    | 3rd  |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

**1 JUL 1975**

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

1. DEPARTED

13th June LEUT GLEN I.A. GORDON to HMAS MELBOURNE  
LEUT SLEX ORO T.K. WHITELAW to HMAS LEEUWIN

17th June 2nd Lt. M. KOELA, PNGDF to HMAS AWARE

18th June 2nd Lt. M. SUKRAK, PNGDF to HMAS ARDENT

20th June LEUT SLEX G.R. CALDOW to HMAS CERBERUS

23rd June 2nd Lt. F. SIROI, PNGDF to HMAS BARBETTE

30th June ASLT SLEX G.R. SLAPP to HMAS SUPPLY

2. JOINED

23rd June LEUT SLEX T.J.D. BREUKEL from HMAS CRESWELL

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HMAS DUCHESS Report of Proceedings JULY 1975

ASRP-N J27/1 Docking at 10 o'clock.

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DGNOP 7/6/9

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CNS 4/10/9

CNP 11/9/9

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CNSW 1/11/9

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20 AUG 1975

The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1975

1. Forwarded.
2. The governor problem on J2 turbo generator has been rectified only after a complete rebuild of the governor by GID. Successful generator trials were conducted on J2 turbo generator on 7th August 1975.

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

Enclosure:

HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 5th August 1975

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS  
at Sea,

05 AUG 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.



HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1975.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of July, 1975. All times are Zone Kilo. (-10).
2. With DUCHESS in Fitzroy Dock, Cockatoo Island, at the beginning of the month, repairs to the underwater hull defects were progressed. A comprehensive survey of the machinery space underwater areas revealed a number of other badly corroded areas, all of which were approved for repair as URDEF's 33/76, 34/76, 35/76 and 36/76. In view of the enlarged work package and the consequential necessity to extend the period in dock, planned maintenance to underwater valves was also incorporated in the total package. This addition has obviated the requirement to dock during DUCHESS' refit commencing in October.
3. All work completed, flooding up of the dock commenced at 0845 on Friday 25th and undocking was completed by 1100. DUCHESS was moved by tugs to Garden Island, securing at North End Cruiser Wharf at 1155.
4. No major administrative problems were encountered during the period at Cockatoo Island, which bodes well for the forthcoming refit. The lack of suitable shore power supplies however, prevented maintenance repairs and testing of electronic equipment being carried out.
5. Since returning to Garden Island, all electronic equipments have been satisfactorily set to work. Lead tank trials of #1 diesel generator (URDEF 30/76) have been completed. Trials of J2 turbo generator (URDEF 16/76) continue to give unsatisfactory results (further URDEF 38/76) refers.

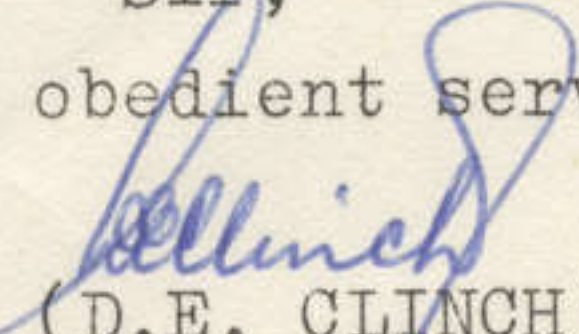
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6. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been good. Health and morale remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
COMMANDER R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER

- Annexes:
- A. Steaming Return
  - B. Exercises
  - C. Officers' Movements.

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated **05 AUG 1975**

STEAMING RETURN

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|----|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed since commissioning | - 462,282 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway since commissioning   | - 33,730 hours  |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

05 AUG 1975

EXERCISES

Communications

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Navcomex 202   | 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th,<br>17th, 21st-24th, 28th, 30th. |
| Navcomex 252   | 21st  |
| Navcomex 405   | 17th, 29th  |
| Jocomex (AS) 6 | 29th, 30th  |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 05 AUG 1975

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

1. Departed

7th July SBLT GLEX B.M. DOWSING to HMAS VENDETTA  
LEUT GLEX M.K. PROCTOR to HMAS VENDETTA  
18th July LEUT SLEX SM R.A. BASTIAN to HMAS KUTTABUL (FOCAF)  
25th July SBLT GLEX W.G. CONLIN to HMAS VAMPIRE

2. Joined

7th July SBLT GLEN P.K. BODEN from HMAS MELBOURNE  
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11th July MIDN A.Y. AL-MULLA and MIDN H.Z. AL-ANZI, Kuwait  
Navy, from HMAS CERBERUS  
23rd July SBLT SLEX C.S. FERGUSON from HMAS BUCCANEER  
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HMAS

DUCHESS

Report of Proceedings

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1. Although DUCHESS experienced difficulties in the areas of turbo alternators, starboard stern gland, and a leaking O/F/O tank, she met all her commitments. After a useful "in company" period at the beginning of the month, the ship had successful visits to SUVA and APIA.

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The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1975

1. Forwarded.
2. The components of the starboard stern gland were machined by HMAS STALWART FMU during the recent SMP. The gland was re-assembled by ship's staff and after some minor adjustment problems during the initial period at sea, the gland is now operating satisfactorily.
3. Repairs to J2 turbo-generator governor were completed by Garden Island Dockyard during the SMP and the generator was trialled successfully prior to the current deployment.
4. Ship's staff located the source of the FFO leakage from No. 9 FFO tank and successful repairs were carried out by Garden Island Dockyard.
5. URDEF 39/76 was rectified by ship's staff following supply of replacement parts and reported rectified vide HMAS DUCHESS Message DTG 040150Z SEP 75.

(J. D. GOBLE)  
Commodore

for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 8th September 1975

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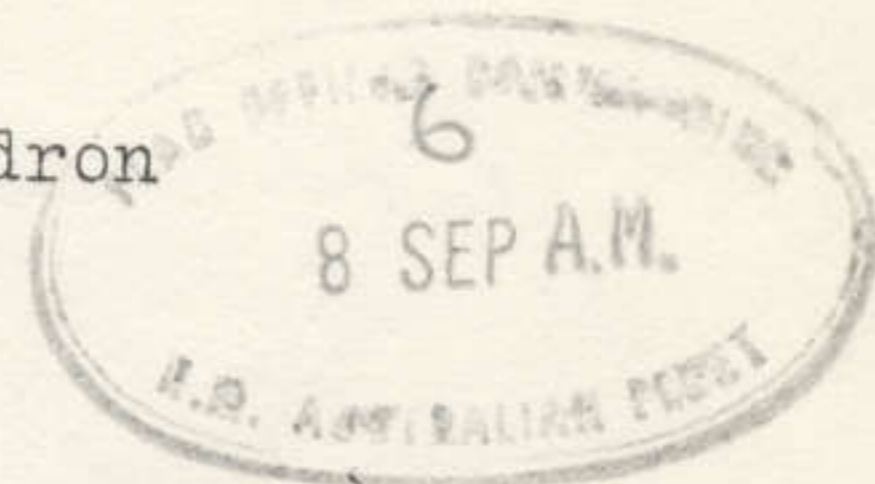
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HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

- 8 SEP 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron  
The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS CERBERUS



HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the month of August, 1975. Time zones are as stated.
2. At the beginning of the month DUCHESS was berthed at North End Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, completing setting to work electrical and mechanical machinery after a month at Vickers Cockatoo Island Dockyard. Although trials of J2 turbo generator (URDEF 38/76) were not completed, DUCHESS sailed on Monday 4th as one of the consorts for the Joint Services Staff College sea day. Casting off at 0915K DUCHESS proceeded to a harbour waiting position, and shortly afterwards left harbour in company with VAMPIRE, HOBART, VENDETTA, SWAN and HMNZS TARANAKI.
3. After clearing the harbour the force was joined by SUPPLY, wearing your flag. The JSSC sea day was progressed as programmed to the concluding formation anchorage of the Second Australian Destroyer Squadron plus HMAS HOBART in Jervis Bay at 1730K.
4. At 2200K the same day DUCHESS weighed and proceeded in company with SUPPLY and VAMPIRE. DUCHESS was detached at 2330K and returned to Sydney, berthing at North End Cruiser Wharf at 0830K on Tuesday 5th, to progress repairs and further trials of J2 turbo generator. Trials were successfully completed on Friday 8th August.
5. Twelve Midshipmen of SLEX 1/75 entry joined DUCHESS on Sunday 10th August, thereby initiating Cruise 3/76. At 1000K the following day DUCHESS cast off and proceeded on passage to Suva.
6. Because of a shortage of alongside berths in Suva DUCHESS came to anchor in the harbour at 0820M, Saturday 16th August. As soon as a berth became available the ship weighed and proceeded to berth at King's Wharf, completing the move at 1630M, Saturday 16th. Also present in harbour were the Chilean Training Ship ESMERALDA (Captain J. Bilbao M.), and HMNZS INVERELL.
7. An official reception for 90 guests was held on board commencing at 1830M, Saturday 16th. A most formidable guest list,

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I feel, emphasised local feelings on the importance of close Australian - Fijian relationships. The Governor-General of Fiji, H.E. Ratu Sir George Cakabau, GCMG, OBE was among the many important dignitaries who attended the reception. The Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Mr H.W. Bullock also attended.

8. In order to fuel, DUCHESS was warped 500 Feet along King's Wharf early on Sunday 17th. After fuelling the ship was warped back to her original berth. On Monday 18th it was again necessary to warp the ship 150 feet at the request of port authorities.

9. DUCHESS was opened for public inspection on Sunday 17th and 852 visitors toured the ship. On Monday 18th I made my official calls and received return calls, details of which are at Annex D.

10. On Tuesday 19th at 0950M DUCHESS cast off and proceeded out of harbour in company with HMNZS INVERELL, the latter wearing the flag of the Governor-General of Fiji. Two heaving line and two light jackstay transfers were carried out with INVERELL before DUCHESS detached for passage to Western Samoa. At the request of the newly formed Naval Squadron of the Royal Fiji Military Forces (RFMF), two officers of the RFMF were embarked in Suva for the passage to Apia and return.

11. Having crossed the International Dateline enroute, DUCHESS berthed in Apia at 0900X Wednesday 20th. During the forenoon of the same day I paid my official calls and later received return calls, details being shown at Annex D. That evening an official reception was held onboard for some 80 guests, including the Prime Minister of Western Samoa, the Honourable Tupua Jamasese Lealofi IV.

12. After a pleasant two day visit DUCHESS cast off at 1000X Friday 22nd and proceeded on the return passage to Suva. At 0830M Monday 25th August the ship berthed at King's Wharf, Suva. Fuelling completed, DUCHESS left harbour at 1300M the same day and proceeded for Sydney.

13. DUCHESS anchored in Watson's Bay at 0700L Saturday 30th. Having completed Custom's clearance the ship weighed at 0900K and proceeded to Garden Island, berthing at North End Cruiser Wharf at 0925K.

14. In the technical departments the month has been comparatively quiet. Excessive Neox consumption in the starboard stern gland has recurred (URDEF 41/76 refers); J2 turbo-generator governor assembly again requires repairs (URDEF 42/76 refers); a leak in No. 9 FFO tank requires survey and repair (URDEF 40/76 refers); and the ship's HF transmitting capability has been considerably reduced by a defect in the 23V transmitter system (URDEF 39/76 refers).

15. Training of Junior Trainee Officers (JTOs) has progressed very satisfactorily during the first phase of the cruise. All JTOs have completed six days astronomical navigation and most are now capable of producing a reasonable position. Fair weather for most of the period has also enabled ship husbandry, seamanship and OOW duties objectives to be progressed.

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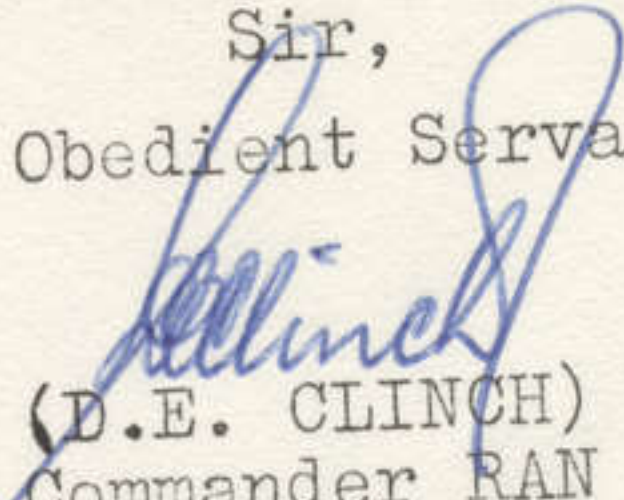
Health, Welfare and Conduct

16. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remain at a satisfactory level. Conduct has been excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

  
(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander RAN  
Commanding Officer

- Annexes:
- A. Steaming Return
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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated

8 SEP 1975

STEAMING RETURN

- |    |  |   |               |
|----|--|---|---------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed during month              | - | 4930 miles    |
| 2. | Hours underway during month                | - | 350 hours     |
| 3. | Distance steamed since commissioning       | - | 467,212 miles |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning         | - | 34,080 hours  |
| 5. | Periods in excess of fast routeing speed:- |   |               |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | <u>DURATION</u> | <u>REASON</u> |
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| 4th         | 22           | 1 hour          | JSSC Sea Day  |

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ANNEX B TO HMAS DUCHESS  
LETTER 1/16/2  
DATED - 8 SEP 1975

EXERCISES

NAVIGATION

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| XO Berthing         | 25th   |
| XO Unberthing       | 25th   |
| NO Berthing         | 20th   |
| NO Unberthing       | 22nd   |
| Man Overboard       | 23rd and 25th  |
| Formation anchorage | 4th  |
| Blind Pilotage      | 4th, 5th, 11th, 16th, 19th, 20th,<br>22nd, 25th, 30th. |
| OOW Manoeuvres      | 4th 19th   |

SEAMANSHIP

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Heaving Line Transfer | 19th (2) |
| Light Jackstay        | 19th (2) |

NBCD

|                             |                                 |
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| DC Communications Exercises | 13th and 14th                   |
| Minor NBCDX                 | 14th, 15th, 26th, 17th and 28th |

COMMUNICATIONS

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Navcomex 201   | 5th, 7th, 13th and 14th |
| Jocomex (AS 1) | 5th                     |
| Longcomex      | 11th 13th and 14th      |

DIVING

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place/Operation</u> | <u>No of Divers</u> | <u>Mins/Diver</u> |
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| 20th        | Apia/Area Survey       | 5                   | 20                |
| 22nd        | Apia/Wharf Survey      | 2                   | 50                |

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ANNEX C TO HAMS DUCHESS  
LETTER 1/16/2  
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MOVEMENTS

ARRIVE

16AUG  
20AUG  
25AUG  
30AUG

PORT

Suva  
Apia  
Suva  
Sydney

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19AUG  
22AUG  
25AUG  
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ANNEX D TO HAMS DUCHESS  
LETTER 1/16/2  
DATED 8 SEP 1975

OFFICIAL CALLS

1. SUVA

a. Monday 18th August - Called on

0915 Australian High Commissioner - HE Mr. H.W.  
Bullock  
0945 Deputy Commander, Royal Fiji Military Forces -  
Lieutenant Colonel D.L. Ogilvy.  
1010 Minister for Home Affairs - Ratu Sir Penaia  
Ganilau, KBE, CMG, CVO, DSO  
1030 The Governor General, His Excellency Ratu  
Sir George Kadavulevu Cakobau, GCMG, OBE  
1050 His Worship the Mayor of Suva - Councillor  
Navin Maharaj.

b. Monday 18th August - calls received

1150 His Worship the Mayor of Suva.  
1155 Commander Naval Squadron, RFMF - Commander S.B.  
Brown, MBE, VRD  
1155 Australian High Commissioner  
1155 Deputy Commander RFMF  
1205 Governor General of Fiji

2. APIA

a. Wednesday 20th August - called on

0945 Australian High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. H.W.  
Bullock  
1000 Prime Minister - The Honourable Tupua Tamasese  
Lealofi IV  
1045 New Zealand High Commissioner H.E. Mr. Cotton  
1120 Harbourmaster - Captain J.H. Evans

b. Wednesday 20th August - calls received

0915 Harbourmaster - Captain J.H. Evans  
1155 Australian High Commissioner  
1200 New Zealand High Commissioner  
1205 Minister of Works and Marine - The Honourable  
Tofaeono Tile (representing the Prime Minister)

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ANNEX E TO HMAS DUCHESS  
LETTER 1/16/2  
DATED **E 8 SEP 1975**

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

1. JOINED

10th August Lieutenant Commander RLEX M. Thomas de  
Meaune, RANR from Shore  
Lieutenant PSIT A.M. Young from  
MELBOURNE

18th August Sub Lieutenant D. Lane RFMF  
Sub Lieutenant M. Lomaloma RFMF

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25th August Sub Lieutenant D. Lane RFMF  
Sub Lieutenant M. Lomaloma RFMF

30th August Lieutenant PSIT A.M. Young to MELBOURNE

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HMAS DUCHESS

Report of Proceedings SEP 75

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~~DNO~~ ~~DGNOP~~ ~~DCNS~~ DUCHESS was in Sydney self maintaining until 8 Sep, when she sailed for Queensland waters with Junior Trainee officers embarked. For the remainder of the month she operated in the southern reaches of the Great Barrier Reef, visiting Townsville 13-15 Sep, MACKAY 22 Sep, BRISBANE 26-30 Sep.

~~CNS~~ 2. Vide COMNAVFLT's covering letter the material state of the ship may not be as critical now as that given in the R.P.

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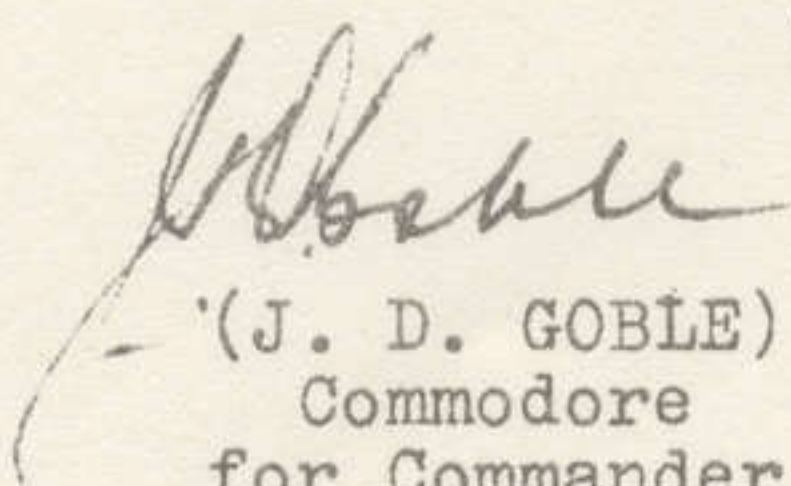
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The Secretary  
Department of Defence (Navy Office)

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1975

1. Forwarded.
2. The gloomy picture at paragraph 17 has its brighter side:
  - a. The T/G governing problems and the leaking FFO tanks were successfully repaired after being defective for a very long time.
  - b. The need for 'A' bracket repairs has not been established and there are no plans to dock the ship during her refit.

  
(J. D. GOBLE)  
Commodore

for Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 7th October, 1975

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HMAS DUCHESS  
at Garden Island,

In reply quote: 1/16/2

7th October, 1975.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS CERBERUS.



HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1975.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS DUCHESS for the month of September, 1975. Time zones are as stated.

2. Self maintenance was carried out for the first week in September, with DUCHESS berthed at North End, Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island. Considerable dockyard and ship's staff effort was expended during this period on the repair of J2 Turbo-Generator Governor Assembly (URDEF 42/76). Load trials were successfully concluded on Saturday, 6th September. Ship's staff repairs to the Starboard Stern Gland (URDEF 41/76) and dockyard repairs to No. 9 FFO tank (URDEF 40/76) were also carried out during the period.

3. DUCHESS cast off at 1010K Monday, 8th. During passage down harbour, it became evident that further adjustments to the starboard stern gland were necessary and the ship anchored off Shark Point at 1030K. After weighing at 1320K, DUCHESS proceeded to carry out coastal navigation training of the embarked Junior Trainee Officers (JTOs).

4. Later the same day further leakage of the starboard stern gland became apparent. The ship proceeded to the nearest anchorage in order that further fitting and adjustments could be carried out. At 2050K DUCHESS anchored in Broken Bay. The next day, Tuesday, 9th, anchor was weighed at 0915K and DUCHESS proceeded to a planned rendezvous with STALWART and SWAN off Sydney.

5. STALWART's departure from Sydney having been delayed, the rendezvous was not effected and DUCHESS proceeded independently to investigate reported violations of the Declared Fishing Zone in the Ballina - Tweed Heads area (COMAUSFLT Message KBG 080830Z September, 1975, refers).

6. Having conducted surveillance of the area from 0530K to 0830K on 10th September, without detecting foreign fishing vessels, DUCHESS rejoined STALWART and SWAN for passage northwards. While on passage a number of exercises were carried out as shown at Annex C. At 2300K on Wednesday, 10th, DUCHESS with SWAN in company was detached by STALWART to proceed to the High Peak Island for exercises. Both ships rejoined STALWART at 1330K

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Thursday, 11th. DUCHESS was detached by STALWART at 0600K  
Friday, 12th to proceed to Townsville.

7. At 0930K, the same day, DUCHESS berthed at NO. 8 Wharf, Townsville. Details of calls paid and received are at Annex D. On Saturday, 13th, the ship was shifted by tugs to NO. 6 Wharf, where fuelling was carried out. The next day, DUCHESS was open to the public from 1400 - 1700K and 1726 persons visited the ship. Twenty six Naval Reserve Cadets from TS CORAL SEA were given guided tours of the ship on Sunday, 14th.

8. On Monday, 15th, at 1530K, DUCHESS cast off and proceeded to the Whitsunday Passage pilotage area. DUCHESS Summer Time (Zone - 11) was introduced while on passage and remained in force until Thursday, 27th. Pilotage training for the JTOs commenced at 0700L Tuesday, 16th. While in the pilotage area DUCHESS' normal routine was to anchor each night at about 1900L and sail each morning at about 0700L, thereby achieving maximum use of daylight hours.

9. During the evening of Wednesday, 17th, a Hercules Variant B was discovered to be missing from the boat's boom (DUCHESS Message FFL/KKA 171354Z September, refers). A search of the immediate area was unsuccessful. DUCHESS weighed at 0400L Thursday, 18th, and searched the probability area until 1030L, when pilotage training was resumed. Anchorage was gained at 1940L. At daybreak the following day, the boat was found beached on Cid Island and recovered undamaged.

10. The period spent in the Whitsunday area was a fruitful and enjoyable one. Banyan parties were landed to Whitsunday Island on 17th, 19th, and 20th September. A Mini - Olympics was contested onboard on Sunday, 21st and a ship's concert was held on Tuesday, 23rd. Weather conditions for the pilotage training were generally good and target objectives were achieved.

11. At 1130K on Monday, 22nd, DUCHESS berthed at NO. 1 Wharf, Mackay. Having fuelled, the ship cast off at 1700K and proceeded back to the pilotage area. Pilotage training continued until the evening of Wednesday, 24th, when the ship set course for Brisbane.

12. Heavy weather from a small but intense low pressure area encountered during the night of 25th September, caused the ETA Brisbane to be delayed by one and a half hours. DUCHESS berthed at NO 1 Dalgety's Wharf, New Farm, at 1055K, Friday, 26th. Official calls paid and received are shown at Annex D. An Official Reception for 60 guests was held onboard during the evening of Friday, 26th.

13. DUCHESS' arrival in Brisbane was timed to coincide with the start of the Warana Spring Festival. Although the ship's involvement in the Festival was minimal, I attended a number of Warana activities in an official capacity. On Sunday, 28th, the ship was opened for public inspection and 2136 visitors toured the ship.

14. 220 Naval Reserve Cadets from Training Ships PALUMA GAYUNDAH, CALOUNDRA, TYALGUN and MAGNUS were given guided

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tours of the ship during the visit, in addition to a number of other visits by school groups.

15. With 80 members of Ship's Company families embarked, DUCHESS cast off at 1000K Tuesday, 30th, and proceeded downriver to an anchorage in Moreton Bay. The families were transferred to HMAS TARAKAN at 1345K for the return trip upriver.

16. DUCHESS' Commanding Officer (Designate) Commander R.G. HARRIS, and Executive Officer (Designate), Lieutenant Commander R.R. SUTTON, joined the ship in Brisbane for sea familiarisation during the return passage to Sydney. A number of shiphandling evolutions were carried out by Commander Harris in Moreton Bay from 1400 to 1600 on Tuesday, 30th, after which DUCHESS proceeded out of the bay and commenced passage south.

17. In the technical departments, the month has not been entirely satisfactory. In addition to the J2 turbo - generator, FFO tank and stern gland defects described previously in this report, a number of other major defects have arisen. The Pitometer Log has been unserviceable since 8th September (URDEF 43/76 refers) and a further defect has arisen in J2 turbo-generator - URDEF's 44/76 and 45/76 refer. Leakages in the telemotor system have, on several occasions, necessitated time consuming adjustments, although much experience in steering from aft has been gained. Poker gauge readings of the starboard 'A' bracket bearing indicate an excessive wear rate which may, in due course, affect the forthcoming refit plan (DUCHESS Message DAU/DUI 290100Z September, 1975, refers).

18. Training of JTOs embarked for Cruise 3/75 has proceeded apace during the month. The pilotage period in the Whitsunday area gave each JTO six visual and six blind anchorages to plan and execute. In addition the ship's routine enabled JTOs to carry out a large number of seamanship evolutions. At the end of the month, with only two days of the cruise remaining, all required tasks have been completed and it is considered that the aims of the sea training have been achieved. Ships' Officers under training have also benefitted from the concentrated exposure to seamanship and pilotage drills.

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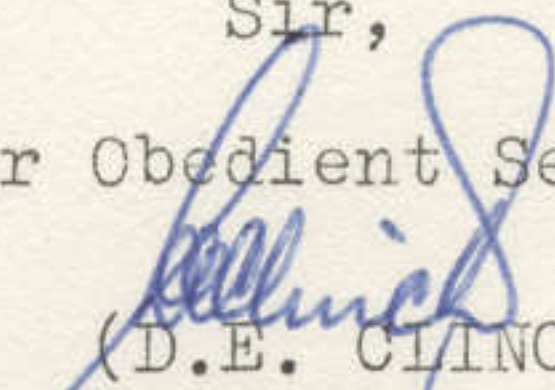
19. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company have remained satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
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(D.E. CLINCH)  
COMMANDER R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS letter  
No. 1/16/2 dated 7th October,  
1975.

STEAMING RETURN.

1. Distance steamed during the month 3146 miles.
2. Hours underway during month 226 hours
3. Distance steamed since commissioning 470,358 miles
4. Hours underway since commissioning 34,306 hours
5. Periods in excess of fast routeing speed

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEED</u> | <u>DURATION</u> | <u>REASON</u>                              |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| 09SEP       | 19           | 11 hours        | Fishery Surveillance                       |
| 10SEP       | 20           | 3 hours         | Station Changing                           |
| 11SEP       | 19           | 7 hours         | Passage requirement<br>(to exercise area). |

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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS letter  
No. 1/16/2 dated 7th October,  
1975.

## EXERCISES.

### NAVIGATION

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Blind Pilotage       | 8th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 22nd, 26th, 30th.    |
| Shiphandling         | 16th, (CO) 18th (CO), 19th (XO) 23rd (NO). |
| Dan Buoy             | 24th (GO), 30th (CO desig.)                |
| OOW Manoeuvres       | 10th, 11th, 12th.                          |
| Man Overboard Drills | 15th.                                      |

### GUNNERY

|       |      |
|-------|------|
| AAWDX | 9th  |
| GFT   | 25th |
| SSFX  | 25th |

### COMMUNICATIONS

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| NAVCOMEX 201  | 2nd, 4th, 18th, 22nd.                   |
| NAVCOMEX 207  | 4th, 5th.                               |
| NAVCOMEX 451  | 10th                                    |
| NAVCOMEX 501  | 10th                                    |
| NAVCOMEX 657  | 10th                                    |
| LONGCOMEX     | 11th                                    |
| ISB CHECKS    | 11th                                    |
| JOCOMEX (AS)1 | 16th                                    |
| JOCOMEX (AS)3 | 9th                                     |
| JOCOMEX (AS)5 | 30th                                    |
| SEMAPHORE RX  | 1st, 3rd, 15th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 24th. |

### SEAMANSHIP

|                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Light Jackstay Transfer  | 10th.                               |
| Helicopter transfer      | 10th                                |
| Dan Buoy - lay & recover | 16th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 30th. |

### NBCD

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| NBCD continuation      |           |
| Training - PENGUIN     | 2nd, 4th. |
| Major NBCDX (Modified) | 24th      |

### DIVING

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>PLACE</u> | <u>NO. OF DIVERS</u> | <u>MINS/DIVER</u> |
|-------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 20th        | Cid Harbour  | 6                    | 23                |
| 26th        | Brisbane     | 4                    | 44                |
| 29th        | Brisbane     | 2                    | 26                |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS letter  
No. 1/16/2 dated 7th October, 1975

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

1. JOINED

8th

Lieutenant SLJA R.J. SAMPSON from HMAS  
KUTTABUL

15th

Lieutenant GLSU A.L. THOMPSON from HMAS  
KUTTABUL

29th

Commander GLEX R.G. HARRIS  
Lieutenant Commander R.R. SUTTON,

2. DEPARTED

5th

Lieutenant Commander RLEX M. THOMAS de  
MEAUNE, RANR to Shore.

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Annex D to HMAS DUCHESS letter  
No. 1/16/2 dated 7th October, 1975.

OFFICIAL CALLS.

1. TOWNSVILLE

- a. Friday, 12th September - called on  
1115 Deputy Mayor - Ms Joan Reeves
- b. Friday, 12th September - Captain's Luncheon.  
1200 Representative of the Mayor - Alderman  
G.J. Keys.  
1200 Commander 1 Task Force - Brigadier N.C.  
Charlsworth, DSO.  
1200 Representative of Officer Commanding RAAF  
GARBUIT, Squadron Leader G. Harvey, RAAF.  
1205 Chairman Townsville Harbour Board, Mr. A.G.  
Field.  
1205 Naval Agent, Mr. K.J. McCaffery.

2. BRISBANE

- a. Friday, 26th September - called on  
1130 The Governor of Queensland - His Excellency  
Air Marshal Sir Colin Hannah, KCMG, KBE, CB.  
1155 Vice Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman R. Lynch.
- b. Friday, 26th September - Captain's Luncheon.  
1215 Warana Festival Senior Board Member, Sir  
Reginald McAllister, CMG, CVO.  
1230 Deputy Premier of Queensland, Sir Gordon  
Chalk, KBE.  
1230 Commander 1 Military District, Colonel W.H.  
Wansley.  
1230 Private Secretary to Governor of Queensland,  
Commander D.J. Robertson, RAN (Ret'd).  
1230 Representative of Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland, Commander R.S. Barrel, RAN.

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HMAS DUCHESS Report of Proceedings 1-26 OCT 75

ASRP-N 17/11/75

~~DNO~~

HMAS DUCHESS returned to Sydney from Brisbane on 2nd Oct and after pre-refit preparations commenced her annual refit at VCS on 13 Oct.

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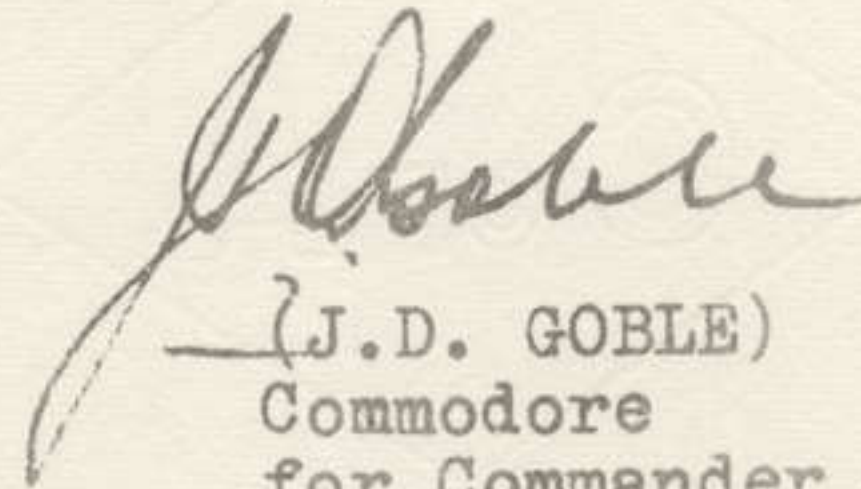
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The Secretary  
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HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1975

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

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HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 27th October 1975

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

27th October 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS under my command for the period 1st to 26th October 1975. Times stated are Zone K (-10).

2. Having left Brisbane on 30th September, on the first day of the month DUCHESS was on passage to Sydney. During the day a number of exercises, together with a two hour full power trial (DUCHESS message KNH/DNA 010820Z October 1975 refers) were carried out. At authorised full power a speed of 31.5 knots was achieved. Full results of the full power trial have been reported separately.

3. On Thursday 2nd DUCHESS entered Sydney harbour, and at 0805 the Commanding Officer (Designate), Commander R.G. Harris, berthed the ship at the Oil Wharf. At 0825 the ship cast off and proceeded to No. 3 buoy to commence deammunitioning at 0920. With the task completed, DUCHESS slipped from the buoy at 1400, from whence the Commanding Officer Designate again berthed the ship at the Oil Wharf.

4. Preparations for refit, including pre-refit generator trials, commenced on Friday 3rd October, and continued throughout the following week. TCV COLAC was utilised to clean all machinery space bilges and the after fuel tanks concurrent with generator trials.

5. At 0845 Monday 13th DUCHESS cast off and was moved by tugs to Cockatoo Island, where the ship was berthed on the Destroyer Wharf at 0930.

6. Since being taken in hand by Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard, the ship's annual refit has progressed satisfactorily. Weekly progress meetings have revealed no problem areas.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND CONDUCT

7. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain satisfactory.



.../8. Lieutenant

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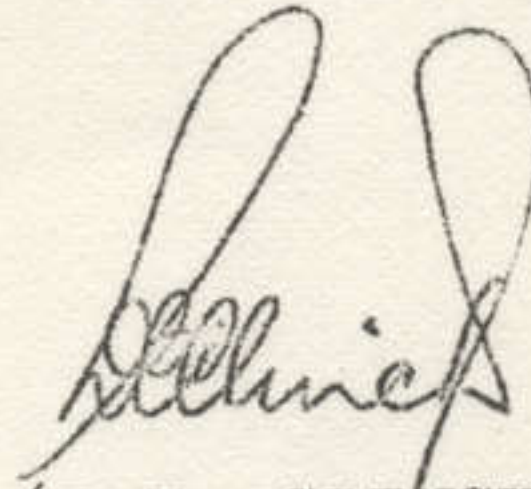
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8. Lieutenant Commander R.R. Sutton, RAN, assumes command today, until the arrival on 24th November of Commander R.G. Harris, RAN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(D.E. CLINCH)  
Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises  
C. Officers' Movements

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 27th  
October 1975

STEAMING RETURN - OCTOBER 1975

1. Distance steamed during month 447 miles
2. Hours underway during month 33 hours
3. Distance steamed since commissioning 470,905 miles
4. Hours underway since commissioning 34,339 hours
5. Periods in excess of fast routeing speed -

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Speed</u> | <u>Duration</u> | <u>Reason</u>    |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1st         | 28           | 3 hours         | Full Power Trial |

Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 27th  
October 1975

EXERCISES

Navigation

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| OOW Drills           | 1st     |
| Man Overboard Drills | 1st     |
| CO(Desig) Berthing   | 2nd (2) |
| Blind Pilotage       | 2nd     |

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Annex C to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 27th  
October 1975

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

1. JOINED

14th Lieutenant Commander GLEX R.R. Sutton from  
HMAS KUTTABUL

17th Lieutenant Commander RLSU H.R. Smith, RANER,  
from Shore

2. DEPARTED

2nd Commander R.G. Harris  
Lieutenant Commander R.R. Sutton  
Lieutenant SLJA R.J. Sampson

11th Acting Sub Lieutenant J.A.K. Wilson to HMAS  
TORRENS

12th Sub Lieutenant O.A. Kelly to HMAS DERWENT  
Sub Lieutenant J. McAree to HMAS DERWENT  
Acting Sub Lieutenant A.W. Donald to HMAS YARRA

17th Lieutenant Commander C.J. Littleton to HMAS  
HARMAN

27th Commander D.E. Clinch to HMAS PENGUIN

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HMAS DUCHESS

Report of Proceedings 27-31 OCT 75

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HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -  
27TH - 31ST OCTOBER 1975

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(J.D. GOBLE)  
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In Reply Quote 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney  
4th November 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 27TH - 31ST OCTOBER  
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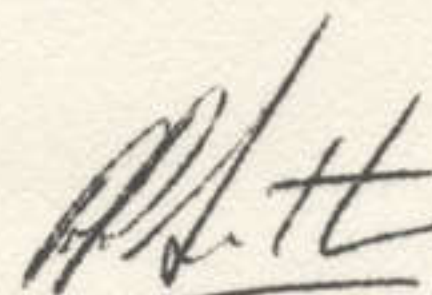
Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship DUCHESS under my command for the period 27th - 31st October 1975.
2. The ship remained alongside the Destroyer Wharf Cockatoo Island for the period. However, negotiations are underway to have the ship moved to a more suitable berth as soon as possible to enable ship's staff and dockyard work to be accelerated.
3. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.R. SUTTON)  
Lieutenant Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises



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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 4th  
November 1975

STEAMING RETURN

- |    |                                      |               |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed since commissioning | 470,905 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway since commissioning   | 34,339 hours  |

Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 dated 4th  
November 1975

EXERCISES

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Daily fire exercise

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HMAS DUCHESS

Report of Proceedings NOVEMBER 1975

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During the period of this report HMAS DUCHESS remained  
in refit in Cockatoo Dockyard.

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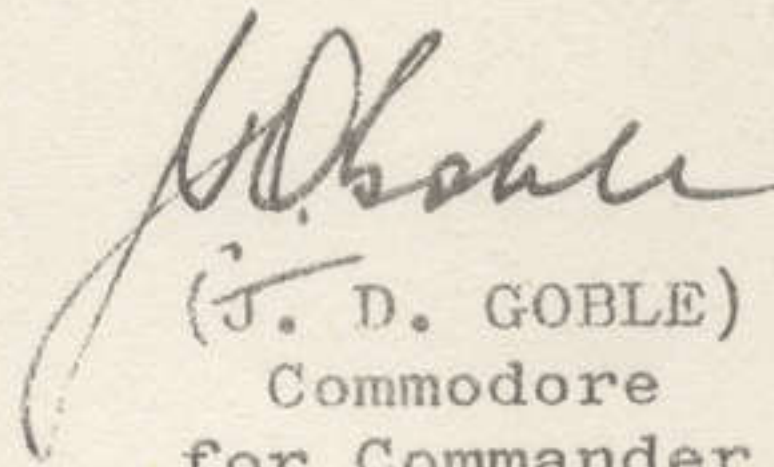
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(J. D. GOBLE)  
Commodore  
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In Reply Quote 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

24th November 1975

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship DUCHESS under my command for the period 1st to 24th November 1975. Times stated are Zone L (-11).
2. At 0950 Monday 10th DUCHESS cast off and was moved by tugs to the Cruiser Wharf where the ship was berthed port side to at 1030.
3. The General Overseer and Superintendent of Inspection East Australia Area, Captain P.J. Daish and the Principal Naval Overseer Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard, Commander K.H. Krummel walked around the ship on Wednesday 12th. Both expressed satisfaction with the progress of the refit at that time.
4. Since the 11th industrial unrest has increased. A total of 4 days work has been lost since that date as opposed to 1 day lost during the initial period of the refit.
5. Commander D.G. Holthouse, Fleet Marine Engineering Officer visited the ship on Wednesday 19th.
6. Some concern is felt as to the ability of Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard to complete some work discovered as a result of surveys - my REDEFS 6/75, 7/75, 8/75 and 12/75 refer.
7. It has been possible to place most of the ship's company in four watches during the month, those departments remaining in three watches are being compensated by a liberal make and mend policy. An interdepartmental volley ball competition is well supported by the ship's company and arrangements have been made to use the Greenwich Swimming Pool during the dog watches for recreation and water polo.
8. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain satisfactory. The Welfare Committee met during the month.
9. Commander R.G. Harris, RAN assumed command today.

OFFICER COMMANDING  
6  
26 NOV P.M.  
M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.R. SUTTON)  
Lieutenant Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Return  
B. Exercises

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 24th  
November 1975

STEAMING RETURN

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|----|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Distance steamed since commissioning | 470,905 miles |
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Annex B to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of 24th  
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Daily fire exercises

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HMAS DUCHESS

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(R.C. SWAN)

Commodore

for Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS DUCHESS Report 1/16/2 dated 8th January 1976

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In Reply Quote 1/16/2

HMAS DUCHESS,  
at Sydney

**8 JAN 1976**

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information: The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer  
Squadron

HMAS DUCHESS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship DUCHESS for the period 24th November until 31st December, 1975. Times stated are Zone Lima (-11).
2. I assumed command of DUCHESS from Lieutenant Commander R.R. Sutton, RAN on 24th November, at which time the ship was undergoing annual refit at Vickers Cockatoo Dockyard. The ship was berthed at the Cruiser Wharf. At the time of joining I was advised by ship's officers that the refit was proceeding slowly and that the ship was unlikely to meet completion date. This assessment subsequently proved correct.
3. Generator trials were carried out from 8th to 21st December. Four generators successfully completed trials while the fifth, J2 turbo alternator, is still being adjusted and trialled at the end of the month. All auxiliary machinery was trialled prior to refit completion and a full basin trial was carried out on 17th December.
4. The post refit meeting was held on Friday 19th December. At 0835 on Tuesday 23rd December, DUCHESS cast off and was moved by tugs to the North End Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, where the ship remained until the end of the month.
5. Members of the Ship's Company played host to children and staff of DUCHESS' main charity interest, "Our Children's Home", on Sunday 7th December. After a tour of the ship a barbecue was held on Snapper Island.
6. At the end of 1975 DUCHESS is ready and eager to resume the training task with the first cruise of 1976 commencing on 12th January.
7. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are satisfactory.



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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R.G. Harris', with a stylized flourish above the name.

(R.G. HARRIS)  
Commander, RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annex: A. Steaming Return

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Annex A to HMAS DUCHESS  
letter 1/16/2 of **8 JAN 1976**

STEAMING RETURN

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| 1. | Distance steamed since commissioning | 470,905 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway since commissioning   | 34,339 hours  |

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