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The Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

HMAS CERBERUS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1972

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CERBERUS under my command during the quarter ended 31st March, 1972.

Training

2. Commander D.J. Dalton, Officer-in-Charge, Marine Engineering School, visited HMAS NIRIMBA on 25th January, 1972, for discussions on mutual problems of training, equipment, trials, works and staffing. He had not previously visited the Apprentices Training Establishment.

3. HMAS CERBERUS provided a guard and band for the Australia Day Ceremony at Melbourne Town Hall on 26th January, 1972. To minimise loss of training time, the guard was composed mainly of sailors awaiting course.

4. Mr Millership from P.A. Management Consultants visited CERBERUS on 21st January, 1972, for discussions on training. His firm has been retained by the Department of Labour and National Service to prepare a feasibility study on the setting up of a National Maritime Training Service.

Visitors

5. On Friday 28th January, Captain T.E. Nave O.B.E., RN, (Rtd), Federal President of the Naval Association, accompanied by Mrs Nave visited HMAS CERBERUS. At Ceremonial Divisions that day, Captain Nave presented prizes to school children who were winners of the Association's Prize Essay competition run during Navy Week, 1971.

6. Mr R. Hyslop, Deputy Secretary General of SEATO and formerly an Assistant Secretary, Department of the Navy, visited HMAS CERBERUS on Monday 21st February, and gave a talk to officers on SEATO.

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7. The Head of Naval Training, Cambodia, Commander Su Pong, had discussions in HMAS CERBERUS on Tuesday 29th February with the administration and schools, and visited the Fleet Work Trainer.

8. Rear Admiral B.J. Castles, C.B.E., reviewed Ceremonial Divisions combined with the MIDN SLEX Graduation Parade on Friday 10th March, 1972, and presented graduation prizes.

Public Utilities

9. An outage of 3½ hours of all telephones and teletype services in HMAS CERBERUS was experienced on Thursday 6th January, when the main 74 pair cable from Crib Point to Dromana was severed by a contractor. A proposal has now been made to the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs that when the new junction cable from Hastings to Crib Point is completed later this year, 6 cable pairs be provided on this link, for HMAS CERBERUS, to provide an alternative and to prevent isolation in the event of a future breakdown.

10. A strike by State Electricity Commission employees led to severe restrictions of power during the first half of February. Fortunately only minor interruptions to training were encountered.

Chapel

11. In the Royal Australian Navy Memorial Chapel of St. Mark, work has commenced on the Memorial Screen, which is the result of a bequest by the late Captain H.L. HOWDEN, RAN.

West Head Open Day

12. On 17th March, a very successful open day was held at West Head Gunnery Range. This was a combined families day and demonstration for the inhabitants of Flinders village. There was a large static display of gunnery equipment and the visitors then watched the training classes carry out their scheduled firings. From subsequent reports, it would appear that the locals now have a much better appreciation of the requirement for and purpose of the range.

HMAS ARDENT

13. All of this ship's commitments have been fulfilled during a very busy quarter. The variety of her duties have included:

a. Visits to Tasmanian Ports
b. Fishery Patrol in the King Island Area
c. Target Towing Trials
d. Towing Williams Target for HMAS VAMPIRE trials
e. Taking part in film making
f. Wind Tunnel Tests in Westernport
g. Guard ship for Olympic Yachting Trials.

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Arrangements have been made for HMAS ARDENT to carry an additional tactical operator when the occasion warrants.

Complement

14. There were two "firsts" following complement changes during the quarter, namely:

a. The first 5 Warrant Officers were promoted and have taken their place in the structure of CERBERUS. In addition to their departmental duties the Warrant Officers are at present understudying the Officer of the Day and will shortly assume regular duties in the Watchbill.

b. Naval Police were posted in for security and investigations duty. Although a small detachment of naval police have been borne for the past 18 months for fire defence duties, this is the first employment of police, on complement, in the regulating role.

Ecology

15. There has been some local criticism of the extensions to the sewerage plant of HMAS CERBERUS, mainly on aesthetic grounds, and I have been at pains to point out that this facility is a necessary amenity for the establishment and an improvement which should benefit ecology in the area, since there has been some doubt as to the purity of the present effluent. Although the site of the extensions appears untidy at present, after the edges of the ponds have been earthed and grassed and some six hundred native trees of ten varieties planted, the appearance of the area will be preserved and, indeed, enhanced. Work on this project should complete next month.

16. The approved chemical treatment for eradication of noxious weeds over 999 acres at HMAS CERBERUS, for which a Procurement Demand for $3,950 had been placed, (Navy Office letter 1127/51/26 of 17th November, 1971) is in fact a requirement to keep down new growth. In the first instance mechanical clearance is necessary at an estimated cost of $12,000. Representations have now been made for an increase in allocation of funds so that this work can be effected as early as possible. I previously stated concern at the lack of progress in the eradication of this furze in my Report of Proceedings for the quarter ended 30th September, 1971. (Paragraph 17)

17. A two-fold problem has been developing in the fire practice area at HMAS CERBERUS, namely possible oil pollution of Hann's Inlet and a potential fire hazard. Following consultations with the Department of Works, remedial action at an estimated cost of $3,000 has been recommended (My letter 169/3/155 of 6th April, 1972, refers).

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Works

18. Work on the new Weapons Electrical Engineering Demonstration building has progressed satisfactorily and it is anticipated that construction will be completed towards the end of the next quarter. Equipment installation will then commence.

19. A meeting was held in CERBERUS during the quarter between representatives of the Electrical Engineering School, Williamstown Dockyard, Department of Works and crypto vault contractors (Messrs. Belling and Lee) to discuss problems associated with the crypto vault installation and the installation of training equipment in the WEED building.

20. The Marine Engineering Classroom, constructed at an estimated cost of $249,000, was almost complete at the end of the quarter. The contract for this building called for landscaping as a function of the contractor and the tree planting and grassing has proved a great success. It is recommended that similar provision be made in the contracts for building major buildings in the future.

21. Work on the new CPO's and PO's accommodation blocks and the Marine Engineering Demonstration Building is continuing satisfactorily.

Management Structure

22. Following the outline proposals in my letter 1/1/2 of 18th October, 1971, the Director-General of Manpower (Captain H.E. BAILEY, D.S.C., RAN) and the Director-General of Training (Captain E.V. STEVENS, RAN) visited HMAS CERBERUS on 24th February, 1972, for discussions on the managerial structure of this establishment. The decisions arising from this discussion are awaited with interest and it is anticipated that further recommendations, leading to a saving in manpower, can be made once a new structure is agreed.

Morale

23. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company have been good throughout the quarter. The Personnel Liaison Team (LCDR K. DOOLAN, RAN, and CPOCOX F.R. POWELL) visited HMAS CERBERUS from 21st to 25th February, 1972, and spoke to all interested officers and sailors on Kerr Committee Reports 3, 4, 5 and 6, the introduction of Warrant Officer Rank and the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits Fund. They also dealt with many individual inquiries, either on the spot or after referral to Navy Office and other authorities. Reaction to the visit was most favourable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D.H.D. SMYTH)
COMMODORE

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ANNEX A

COMMODORE'S OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Thursday, 13th January	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party for 36 people at Cerberus House.
Friday, 14th January	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cerberus Wardroom Party.
Tuesday, 18th January	Commodore entertained Captain Bourne-Jones, Deputy Master of the Company of Master Mariners, to lunch at the Naval and Military Club.
Wednesday, 19th January	Commodore dined at Lord Somers Camp, Somers.
Tuesday, 25th January	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Mr and Mrs David Wang, Melbourne City Councillor, in Melbourne.
Wednesday, 26th January	Commodore attended an Australia Day reception at the Australian Natives Association Boardroom, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Flag Raising Ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an Australia Day reception in the Town Hall Reception Room. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an Australia Day luncheon at the Main Town Hall. Commodore visited Mr Harold Freedman's studio in Caulfield to view his aircraft paintings for the Australian War Memorial.
Thursday, 27th January	Commodore attended a Mess Dinner in the Cerberus Wardroom.
Friday, 28th January	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained Captain Nave (Federal Secretary Naval Association) and Mrs Nave to lunch, prior to their attending Divisions at HMAS CERBERUS.

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Monday, 31st January	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended Balnarring Picnic Races.
Tuesday, 1st February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a dinner party at Cerberus House.
Thursday, 3rd February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at Cerberus House.
Friday, 4th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a New Zealand High Commission reception at the Hotel Australia, Melbourne.
Tuesday, 8th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a State Reception for His Excellency The President of Indonesia and Madame Suharto.
Thursday, 10th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth visited the A.H.Q., Survey Regiment, Bendigo, the Sea Cadet site at Lake Eppalock, and the Bendigo Sea Cadet unit at Bendigo.
Friday, 11th February	Commodore visited the Ordnance Factory, Bendigo and the Bendigo Potteries.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception on board HMAS TEAL at Port Melbourne.
Tuesday, 15th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Wardroom Party, HMAS CERBERUS, and entertained Sir Vernon Christie (speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly) and the Honourable Vasey Haughton.
Wednesday, 16th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a dinner party.
Thursday, 17th February	Commodore visited Monash University and lunched with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Professor J.M. Swan, D.Sc., Ph/D., FRACI) and members of the staff.
Friday, 18th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a dinner party.
Saturday, 19th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth visited the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

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Sunday, 20th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth lunched with Lady Brookes, Frankston.
Monday, 21st February	Commodore attended a lecture by Mr R. Hyslop, Deputy Secretary General of SEATO.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained Commodore and Mrs Mackinnon (RAN Rtd).
Tuesday, 22nd February	Commodore addressed the Mt. Eliza Rotary Club at the Long Island Restaurant, Frankston.
Thursday, 24th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Mess Dinner in the Cerberus Wardroom.
Friday, 25th February	Commodore lunched with members of the Committee at the Melbourne Club.
Saturday, 26th February	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cocktail Party with Mr R. Southey (Liberal Party Federal President) at Mt. Eliza.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Surgeon Captain and Mrs Martin, Mt. Eliza.
Tuesday, 29th February	Commodore helped entertain Commander Su Pong (Head of Cambodian Naval Training) in the Cerberus Wardroom.
Wednesday, 1st March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Twilight Red Cross Garden Party at Government House.
Thursday, 2nd March	Commodore attended an ASCO Management Working Party at 420 Spencer Street, Melbourne.
Friday, 3rd March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Moomba opening ceremony and display at the Henley Landing, Melbourne.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Moomba Reception at the Dorchester.
Sunday, 5th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Arts Council Award presentations at the National Gallery.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Victorian Premiers Department cocktail party in Melbourne.

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Monday, 6th March	Commodore attended the opening of the Naval Association Triennial Conference in Melbourne.
	Commodore attended a Reception by the Lord Mayor in the Portico Room, Town Hall, for the Naval Association.
Wednesday, 8th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a dinner party at Cerberus House.
Thursday, 9th March	Commodore attended the Naval Association Conference's forenoon session (C.N.S. addressing).
	Commodore attended a luncheon at the Melbourne Club given by Mr R. Southey for Sir William McKie.
	Commodore attended a cocktail party given by RADM H.D. Nixon MVO at the Naval and Military Club.
	Commodore attended the Inter Service swimming meeting at the Olympic Pool.
Friday, 10th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained Admiral Castles (3NM) to lunch, prior to his taking the parade at Divisions and S.L. Promotion parade.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a S.L. Officers' Graduation Ball in the Cerberus Wardroom.
Sunday, 12th March	Commodore Smyth opened Miss Jane Stapleford's Exhibition of paintings at the Manyung Gallery.
Monday, 13th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth viewed the Moomba March from the Melbourne Town Hall.
Wednesday, 15th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at Cerberus House.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Melbourne Club Cocktail Party.
Friday, 17th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Garden Party at Government House.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cerberus Wardroom party.

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Saturday, 18th March	Commodore attended a 1951 Burnett Year re-union dinner at HMAS LONSDALE.
Sunday, 19th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Burnett year lunch at Cerberus Wardroom, and entertained the officers and wives at Cerberus House p.m.
Monday, 20th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a party given by the WRANS OTC.
Wednesday, 22nd March	Commodore attended the Interservice Athletics meeting at RAAF Point Cook, and lunched there.
Thursday, 23rd March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cerberus Wardroom Party.
Saturday, 25th March	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Garden Party at St. Catherine's School, Melbourne.
Wednesday, 29th March	Commodore attended a combined Services versus combined Universities Athletic meeting at Pt. Cook.
	Commodore attended an OTS Presentation and supper.
	Commodore attended a Cerberus Sailors' Club Social.

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ANNEX B

OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS AT WHICH THE COMMODORE WAS REPRESENTED

Wednesday, 16th February	Commander and Mrs D.W. Falconer attended the Lord Mayor's reception for the 1st (U.S.) Marine Division Association at the Town Hall.
Sunday, 27th February	Surgeon Commodore J.A.B. Cotsell, RAN, attended the presentation of the Queen's and Regimental Colours to the 22nd Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment, at Puckapunyal.
Tuesday, 14th March	Captain Sharp attended the Australian Yachting Championships dinner at the Moorabin Town Hall.
Friday, 17th March	Lieutenant Redman attended an oil polluting seminar at the Somerville hotel and the Hastings, Crib Point refineries.
Friday, 17th March	Commander and Mrs D.M. Wogan-Browne attended a Grand Masonic Lodge Celebrity Concert at the Dallas Brooks Hall, Melbourne.
Tuesday, 21st March	Lieutenant P.J. Mead attended the Victoria Golf Association Party at The Age Board Room, Melbourne.

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ANNEX C

SPORTING EVENTS AND RESULTS

EXTERNAL SPORT

Soccer

Navy A	defeated	Balcombe	7 - 0
Navy B	lost to	Laverton	5 - 2
Navy A	lost to	RAAF Pt Cook	3 - 2
Navy B	lost to	Balcombe	5 - 2

Squash

Navy	defeated	Frankston	3 - 1
Navy	defeated	Rosebud	3 - 1

Golf

Navy 219 defeated Frankston Postal Institute P 198

Cricket

Cerberus	defeated	Virginia Park	7 - 94	- All out 89
Cerberus	defeated	Seagulls	A.O. 186	A.O. 107
Cerberus	defeated	Fire Brigade	1 -88	A.O. 55
Cerberus	defeated	Stragglers	131 - 72	
Cerberus	vs	Prahran Police	Semi-Final	Cancelled
Cerberus	defeated	Masonic Club	142 - 111	
Cerberus	defeated	Thirty Fivers	148 - 90	
Navy	lost to	Dromana	131 - 116	
Navy	defeated	Portsea	6 - 86 - 29	

Basketball

Navy	defeated	Portsea	46 - 30

Tennis

Navy	defeated	Portsea	2 - 1

Rugby

Navy	defeated	Balcombe	26 - 0
Navy	lost to	Hawthorne	28 - 11
Colts	lost to	Power House	12 - 6

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Australian Rules

Navy	lost to	Nth Melbourne 3rd	20-7 9-11
Navy	lost to	Power House	9-7 6- 9
Navy	defeated	Army	12-14 3- 5
Navy 1st	lost to	Phillip Island	
Navy 2nd	lost to	Phillip Island	79- 4 8
Navy 1st	defeated	Red Hill	7-11 7- 7
Navy 2nd	defeated	Red Hill	15-17 2- 1

INTERSERVICE (MEN)

Softball

Army	defeated	RAAF	32 - 21
RAAF	defeated	Navy	22 - 13
Army	defeated	Navy	37 - 10

Water Polo

Army	defeated	RAAF	7 - 6
RAAF	defeated	Navy	10 - 4
Army	defeated	Navy	8 - 0

Cricket

RAAF	defeated	Army	
RAAF	defeated	Navy	125 - 67
Army	defeated	Navy	152 - 148

Tennis

1. Army 2. RAAF 3. Navy

Rifleshooting

1. RAAF 2. Army 3. Navy

Bowls

1. Army 2. RAAF 3. Navy

Swimming

1. Army 2. RAAF 3. Navy

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Athletics

1. Army 2. RAAF 3. Navy

INTERSERVICE (WOMEN)

Tennis

1. Army 2. RAAF 3. Navy

Swimming

1. Navy 2. Army 3. RAAF

Athletics

1. Navy 2. Army 3. RAAF

CURRY CUP	FINAL	1st	Electrical	26 min.	1.2 sec.
		2nd	Officers Training School		
		3rd	BM & S		

COMBINED ATHLETICS

Combined Services defeated Combined University 106 - 92

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ANNEX D

BAND ENGAGEMENTS

1. During the quarter the HMAS CERBERUS Band has performed at a variety of commitments ranging from the official Australia Day function at the Melbourne Town Hall, with His Excellency the Governor in attendance, to appearances at the final two days of the Victorian Open Golf Championship.

2. In addition, they have performed at the opening of the Yooralla Spastic Appeal, Frankston Australia Day Parade, the Frankston Motor Show (organised by the Lions Club), the Moomba Fete at the Victorian School for the Deaf, an afternoon garden party at the Freemasons Homes, a concert to a capacity audience in the Dallas Brooks Hall and at the international athletics meeting at Olympic Park.

3. Perhaps the highlight of the quarter was the appearance of the combined RAN and RANR Bands at the head of the annual Moomba procession, a spectacle witnessed by well over a million people, both "live" and on television.

4. Internal Band commitments in CERBERUS have included 5 Recruit School passing out parades, 2 Ceremonial Divisions, 2 Wardroom dinners, and a continuation of the lunchtime concerts within the establishment.

5. Engagements carried out by the Band are listed hereunder:

January	14th	-	Recruit School passing out parade Opening Yooralla Appeal
	26th	-	Guard and Band, Australia Day ceremony - Melbourne Town Hall
	27th	-	Wardroom dinner
	28th	-	Recruit School passing out parade Divisions - HMAS CERBERUS
	31st	-	Australia Day Parade - Frankston
February	5th	-	Victorian Open Golf Championship
	6th	-	Victorian Open Golf Championship
	11th	-	Recruit School passing out parade
	14th	-	Funeral - Springvale Crematorium
	18th	-	Lions Club Motor Show - Frankston
	23rd	-	Recruit School passing out parade
	24th	-	Wardroom dinner
March	4th	-	Moomba Fete - Victorian School for the Deaf
	5th	-	Garden Party - Masonic Homes, Melbourne
	10th	-	Divisions HMAS CERBERUS
	13th	-	Moomba procession Melbourne (combined RAN and RANR Bands)
	17th	-	Concert - Dallas Brooks Hall
	19th	-	V.A.A.A. international meeting, Olympic Park
	24th	-	Recruit School passing out parade

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ANNEX E

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

1. The MIDN SLEX entry 1/72 which joined on 21st February included, for the first time, two officers from the Republic of Vietnam. The increasing number of foreign officers being trained at the school is considered likely to cause some problems and a separate report has been forwarded. (My letter 72/28/1 of 12th April, 1972, refers.)

2. Three of the school's complement of four officers joined on 4th January, 1972.

3. Training progressed satisfactorily during the quarter.

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ANNEX F

RECRUIT SCHOOL

1. Satisfactory results have been achieved in the training of Adult Recruits during the quarter.

2. 245 recruits have been entered since 1st January, 44 less than the corresponding period in 1971.

3. Two very valuable days of sea experience were gained with the visit of HMA Ships TEAL and SNIPE in February. Recruit classes benefited by being able to carry out seamanship evolutions with the two ships underway in company.

4. Varied success has been attained in sporting activities. The Recruit School tied with the Electrical School in winning the Swimming Sports and came fourth in the Athletics.

5. The Recruit School Training Officer's Assistant, (CPOUCSM F.J. LAWRENCE) visited HMAS QUEENBOROUGH in order to nominate items of equipment that could be of use as training aids in the school. The aids will be required because of the increased emphasis on practical skills in the new syllabus and the progressive abolition of Common Sea Training.

6. LEUT R.W. ASHMORE, RAN, relieved LEUT B.R. HORE, RAN, as Training Officer on the 24th January, 1972. LEUT R.J. WHITE, RAN, relieved LEUT ASHMORE as Rankin Divisional Officer. A/SBLT P.M. COX, RAN, assumed duties of Waller Divisional Officer on the 14th January in the interim period between the departure of LEUT D.C. MITCHELL, RAN, on the 17th December, and the anticipated joining of LEUT G.E.S. VIDAL on the 1st May, 1972.

7. Turnover of instructor staff has been more than usual during the quarter. Six new instructors have joined, and the Recruit School has also been forced to obtain staff from within CERBERUS to maintain its complement. With the number of recruits currently being inducted it is not possible for new instructors to be given Instructional Technique Courses without overloading the Instructor/Student ratio.

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ANNEX G

MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

1. On March 27th the Petty Officers' School was renamed the Management School.

2. Two Petty Officers' Leadership Courses were completed during the quarter and the third course for 1972 was in progress at the end of the quarter. Classes have consisted of an average of 12 students.

3. Training Syllabuses for Warrant Officers Service Knowledge and Management Courses were received during the quarter and preparations are being made for the first six week course, commencing on May 17th. Advice from Navy Office indicates that the syllabus for the Petty Officers' course on the same lines has been approved. This course will run for two days more than the current Leadership Course.

Coxswain's Courses

4. A revised syllabus for the Petty Officer Coxswains Promotion Course was recently returned from Navy Office with minor amendments and has been forwarded for final approval. The course will now include $4\frac{1}{2}$ weeks Seamanship and $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks Law, Regulations, etc.

5. A class of 6 Coxswains Conversion and a class of 6 Petty Officers Promotion successfully completed instruction during the quarter.

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ANNEX H

SEAMANSHIP SCHOOL

1. The two-day courses in ship husbandry, which commenced in January as part of the Able Seaman Promotion Courses, are proceeding satisfactorily.

2. The introduction in January of a one-day Survival at Sea course for all Recruits and Able Rank Promotion Courses has extended the workload on the SAS Staff to the limit. Any further increase above the present loading, either in course time or in student numbers, will require an increase in S.E. instructors and an increase in classroom facilities.

3. Petty Officer Seamanship Courses, based on the new syllabus introduced in January, are proceeding satisfactorily. The Chief Petty Officer on Quality Control will visit TRU2 at WATSON in April to commence analyzing the course in preparation for conversion to Objective Training.

4. The OIC Seamanship School visited TRU2 for a week in March to observe Free Running Courses at WATSON and PENGUIN and to assist in the gathering and completion of software for the objective training of Able Seaman in Seamanship. Free Running Able Seaman Courses commenced in CERBERUS on the 29th March, 1972.

5. Some work is outstanding on the Training Aids received ex GASCOYNE, as follows:

a.	'B' Gun Deck Awning	Awaiting installation of stanchions.
b.	Accommodation ladder	Awaiting metal fittings for wharf.
c.	Mediterranean ladder	
d.	Boat Hoisting Winch	Drawings completed. Now awaiting estimate for repair and installation.

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ANNEX I

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Training

1. The average weekly instructional loading in the school for the quarter has been 183 students in 44 classes. The number of courses completed during the quarter, both PWT and promotion, was 21.

2. Sub-Lieutenant P. MOORE UVEN was to join the School in March (post Indoctrination course) for training but was transferred to the General List and posted to HMAS SYDNEY, prior to undertaking further application training in the United Kingdom later in the year.

3. Due to the unavailability of Instructional Technique courses during the quarter, no School Instructors were I.T.-trained. However, bookings have been made on future courses and an active programme is in hand to ensure that all instructors qualify in this field.

4. One consignment of assorted Ikara development surplus component stock has been received, ex Department of Supply, and will greatly enhance the development of training aids and student consolidation projects.

5. It is anticipated that the task of originating and re-writing lesson plans for new approved syllabuses will commence in the near future.

6. Supply of the seven additional Tool Kits required for the High Reliability Soldering technique courses is anticipated in April, and their receipt is eagerly awaited.

Personnel

7. LEUT MLIT BASS was posted away during the quarter, and LCDR GLEWEL RILEY was posted in. The imminent postings away of LCDR MLIT SIDDINS, LEUT MLIT HANCOCK and LEUT MLIT BURDON will undoubtedly seriously dilute the expertise available in the school, and is viewed with some concern, particularly having regard to the increased training load consequent on the introduction of SAILSTRUC 70 procedures later in the year.

8. Lieutenant Commander J. BELBIN was appointed the CERBERUS representative on the SAILSTRUC 70 Implementation Committee, and has commenced the co-ordinated production of Phase One Course Training Standards and syllabuses for all Weapons Electronic Engineering sailors. Similar action will be undertaken for the Marine Engineering School when the appropriate Course Training Standards are received.

9. Three Warrant Officer billets were approved for the school vide NOL 303/1/105 dated 1st March, 1972, i.e. 1 W.O. Power and 2 W.O. Weapons. However, these billets have not been filled, nor have reliefs been forecast or posted for the allowed CEMWR (DEE 7th May, 1971) or the CEWE (posted 13th December, 1971).

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10. The conduct of personnel under training is very good, their morale is high and their general standard most satisfactory.

General

11. Approval in principle has been received vide NOL 400/1/1747 (DNS) dated 7th January, 1972, to obtain consumable stores for training requirements, similar to the procedure available to HMAS NIRIMBA (ABR 4 ART. 0307 refers); this fulfils a long-standard need. The ability to identify components and tool requirements with current stores nomenclature and cataloguing remains a problem at this distance from appropriate Naval Store depots, and this matter is currently under active investigation.

12. Many visits were made to the school during the quarter including:

a. The Third Naval Member
b. HMAS NIRIMBA Instructors
c. Senior Technical Instructor from Garden Island Dockyard
d. Base WEEO, HMAS WATERHEN
e. Submarine Squadron WEEO, HMAS PLATYPUS
f. RAAF Apprentices' School Instructor, Wagga
g. Cambodian Naval Training representative (Commander SU PONG)
h. Technical Representative from various commercial organisations.

13. The new LEM B.T.T. format for the test conducted in February i.e. multi-choice objective-type, produced little variation on previous pass rates. Results obtained were as follows:

Category	Nos. Sat	Nos. Passed	%
P.	112	19	17%
W.R.	35	19	54%
W.E.	29	5	17%
C.	29	8	27%

Equipment

14. CERBERUS representatives attended a meeting at Williamstown Dockyard to discuss planned dates of equipment installation in relation to the training programme.

15. The installation of AN/SRC20 and FH5 is almost complete.

16. The Dummy Load for the AN/UQN-4 echo-sounder training installation was manufactured and installed by Dockyard. It is anticipated that a locally-designed signal injector unit will be manufactured and installed during the next quarter.

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ANNEX J

MARINE ENGINEERING TRAINING SCHOOL

Staff and Personnel

1. a. Officers

Leut A.D. Wilson joined on 11th January, 1972, and Leut L.G. Pollard joined on 13th January, 1972, which brought the School up to complement for Officers. CME O'Day was promoted to Warrant Officer.

b. Sailors

The turbulence experienced during the last quarter has continued. The critical area being CERA's, there being only one borne out of a total complement of four as at 31st March, 1972, and even this CERA being due to go on leave and posting in early May, 1972. Only two CERA's are forecast to join the school, one in late May, the other in mid July.

CERAD Koopmans is now medical category A and will go on leave and posting to HMAS Stalwart in mid June, 1972.

General

2. a. Syllabus Writing

No further effort has been expended on writing the new syllabuses for the ME and MED courses, since the new Sailstruc training will be introduced in October, 1972.

The Course Training Standards and syllabus for the adult apprentice entry Phase I, although not yet started, will be in preparation soon as it is believed that the Job Standards for this phase of training have been completed. Three other syllabuses are outstanding, but work will not be progressed on these until the work load on the Sailstruc syllabus is known.

b. New Classroom Building

This building was officially inspected on 7th April, and it is expected that classes will start on 24th April, using these facilities.

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c. Marine Engineering Demonstration Building

Work is progressing with no major delays. It is expected that the boiler will be delivered early in May in a semi-erected state. The diesel installation contract should be let very soon.

d. HMAS CASTLEMAINE

The ship still remains alongside with no information forthcoming as to her disposal.

e. Sport

All officers and sailors in the school have participated in internal and representative sporting activities during the quarter.

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ANNEX K

COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

Complement

1. a. Officers

The school is still one officer short of allowed complement. Duties and responsibilities have recently been rearranged more adequately to cover this gap, and the CCY has been and is currently performing some of the duties normally allocated to officers. The situation will be alleviated to a large extent when the WOCY joins the school in June after his Management Course.

b. Sailors

Although postings in and out frequently vary the allowed complement in the three categories, overall the total numbers of staff and instructors have remained adequate.

Equipment

2. a. Transmitter Type AN/URT 24 (1 - School. 2 - MSO)

The installation of all these new transmitters, and the installation inspections, have been completed. Dockyard have set to work all equipments, and acceptance trials by RANTAU are now awaited.

b. Sight and Sound Typing Trainer

Although no official notification has been received it is understood that the purchase of this facility is being negotiated by Navy Office. It continues to produce most satisfactory results.

Fleetwork Trainer

3. a. This training facility continues to be the best training aid in its field, and it has improved the standards in fleetwork and voice procedure immensely, irrespective of the trainees involved.

b. In addition to the normal school courses, the following carried out training during the period:

HMAS BRISBANE 10-12 JAN 721INCLUSIVE
1 CY - 7 TO'S

HMAS PERTH 10-12 JAN 72 INCLUSIVE
3 TO'S

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HMAS LEEUWIN 10-14 JAN 72 INCLUSIVE
LTO Conole (Posted Hobart OC)

HMAS STUART 11 JAN 72
CAPT I.H. RICHARDS - LEUT BRECHT - LEUT KRUTSKY -
SBLT MORGAN

HMAS BRISBANE 11-12 JAN 72
LCDR'S CARWARDINE, BARTLETT, HORNSBY AND WEEKS -
LEUT PRASS - SBLT SCOTT

HMAS PERTH 17-21 JAN 72 INCLUSIVE
1 CY - 2 LTO'S - 3 TO'S

HMAS DERWENT 17-19 JAN 72 INCLUSIVE
1 CY - 2 LTO'S - 1 TO - LEUT MATHERSON

HMAS STUART 24-28 JAN 72 INCLUSIVE
1 CY - 2 LTO'S

HMAS DERWENT 14-16 FEB 72 INCLUSIVE
1 CY - 2 LTO'S - 2 TO'S

MID SLEX 1/70 PHASE III AM 22 AND 23 FEB 72
19 MIDSHIPMEN

CAPT I.H. NICHOLSON (CO DESIG HMAS HOBART) FRI 17 MAR 72

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ANNEX L

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CPOMUSN's Course

1. Two POMUSN's are currently on course. They are receiving support instruction at the Melba Conservatorium of Music.

POMUSN's Course

2. The next course will start on 4th April.

MUSN's Course

3. Five OMUSN's completed a course in the period, and two JMUSN's commenced it. One JMUSN was later transferred to JRCT.

ORDMUSN's Course

4. Two JMUSN completed the course, and two OMUSN's and two JMUSN's commenced it.

JMUSN's Course

5. Three JMUSN's commenced the course, and two completed it. One JMUSN was discharged and one was transferred to JRCT.

RANR Training

6. A 13 day ACT was carried out by bands from HMAS LONSDALE and LEEUWIN. This was considered highly effective and a separate report has been forwarded to Navy Office.

Miscellaneous

7. Selected staff members and trainees performed with the CERBERUS band at the Victorian Open Golf Championships, the Moomba Parade and at a Celebrity Concert in Melbourne.

8. The Training Officer, staff and Apprentice Musicians from the Army School of Music at Balcombe visited CERBERUS on 16th February. The Apprentice Musicians and all Navy trainee Musicians combined as a concert Military Band and after two hours rehearsal performed very capably before me and my Training Commander. These 'Training Workshop' visits prove a great stimulant to trainees of both Services and will be programmed regularly whenever requirements permit.

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ANNEX M

SUPPLY SCHOOL

Staff Changes

1. There have been no changes in the officer complement of the Supply School during the quarter.

2. CPOSV COX R. (Victualling Training) and CPOSN PROUD T. (Naval Stores Training) joined the staff in January and immediately commenced instruction. Neither Senior sailor received a turnover nor have they undertaken an I.T. Course but both will be programmed for this course at the first available opportunity.

Visits

3. The OIC Supply School visited HMAS WATERHEN on 9 - 10th March, to examine the Tenders organisation for minor war vessels, and to draft a P.C.T. Syllabus for Patrol Boat Cooks.

4. The OIC School of Cookery, Lieutenant G.A.V. McARTHUR, RAN, and CPOSTD K. BAMBROOK were lent to Navy Office, Canberra, for the week commencing 6th March, to assist the Training Directorate with the results of the Cook and Steward Job Analysis.

Officers Miscellaneous Training

5. The following officers attended miscellaneous courses in the Supply School during the quarter:

CAPTAIN I.H. NICHOLSON, RAN, C.O. (Dosignate) 15th March
LCDR SDSU W J.R.B. DENNISS, RAN, S.O. Refresher
13th - 16th March
LCDR W.L. TAYLOR, RAN, S.O. Refresher 1st - 4th March
LEUT SDSU C CA C.R. HUMPHREY, RAN, WR Management
13th - 24th March.

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ANNEX N

GUNNERY SCHOOL

Equipment

1. At long last work has started on the drill turret and, by the last week of the quarter, the gunhouse had been lifted and all gear returned to store or despatched to Williamstown Dockyard and Bendigo Ordnance Factory for complete overhaul and modifications. It is presumed that the turret will now be available for drill again by late 1972 or early 1973.

2. At West Head, the dockyard also removed the last of the MRS 8 and FEB 3 equipments and various proposals have been submitted for utilisation of the vacated compartments.

3. A second 40 MM mark 7 mounting has now been installed at West Head, although it has not yet been set to work. When it becomes operational, it will be possible to speed up training in aiming and firing for QMG and patrol boat courses and obtain greater utilisation from aircraft and targets. The second 40 MM mark 9 mounting is not expected to be delivered until late 1972.

4. A portable saluting gun and ammunition have now been issued to CERBERUS. A small wheeled stand has been manufactured locally and the gun successfully passed all functioning trials. It is now available for instruction.

5. Dockyard personnel have been allocated the West Head M22 system until late April to incorporate outstanding modifications. It was regrettable that it was not possible to complete these before the acceptance firings of the system at a DELMAR target in early February. In spite of the turret barrels being at the end of their life and the mixed lots of fuzes used, the acceptance firings were considered to be most satisfactory and the system has now been accepted.

6. The M44 system will not now be set to work until it is installed in the new WEED buildings in the first half of 1973. It will thus not be available for user training until nearly three years after its initial installation was completed.

7. The only ammunition restrictions at present (as far as training is concerned) are on two inch rocket flares, which have not been available since July 1971. No information is held in CERBERUS on when this restriction is likely to be lifted.

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Training

8. New style lesson plans have now been produced for all the more frequent gunnery courses and the format has been adopted by other schools in CERBERUS. The syllabus writing team has been temporarily re-allocated to writing draft ABR's, the following of which have been produced in the last two years:

ABR 5143 - Drill for 40 MM mark 5 mounting
ABR 5132 - Drill for 4.5" mark 6 mod 3 mounting
ABR 5071 - Drill for MRS 3 and GDS 5
ABR NN - RAN Handbook for landing and boarding parties
ABR NN - RAN Parade Training Handbook
ABR NN - The Portable Saluting Gun
ABR NN - Operation and Maintenance of the 7.62 MM SLR, AR and line throwing rifle.

Additionally ABR 5105 (draft), User Handbook for 9MM pistol, was extensively rewritten and corrected and BR 1043, the Firing Manual, and BR 862, Naval Magazine and Explosives Regulations, are being rewritten to meet RAN requirements.

Pre-Work-Up Team Training

9. The following PWT training was conducted during the quarter:

HMAS STUART - Ords Basic Gunnery Course
Seacat Aimers (Twice)
Turret Crew
Control Team

HMAS STALWART - Landing Party (Officer, PO, Section Leaders)

HMAS TORRENS - .5 Browning Machine Gun Crews

HMAS VAMPIRE - M22 Refresher

HMAS DERWENT - Ords Basic Gunnery Course
Seacat Aimers
Turret Crew
Control Team

HMAS PERTH - CO Designate
Explosive Accounting Course

As previously reported, Seacat aimers are noticeable by their absence, in spite of current instructions on the subject.

Non Promotion Courses

10. The following courses were conducted during the quarter:

Patrol Boat QMG Course
Patrol Boat gun maintenance course (twice)
Midshipmen SLEX Phase III

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RANR (s) basic gunnery course
E.A.O.
Seacat aimers course
Naval Police pistol course
POQMG RANR

An RNZN Seacat aimer's course was also scheduled, but was cancelled three days before course commencement date after a series of telephone calls to the RNZN Liaison Staff.

Small Arms Range

11. The following Army units used the Sandy Point area and range during the quarter:

H.Q. 4th Task Force
3 Division Intelligence Unit
Army Apprentices School Balcombe

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ANNEX O

HMAS ARDENT

Sir,

1. I have the honour to make a report of proceedings for HMAS ARDENT from Saturday 1st January, 1972, until Monday 31st January, 1972.

2. From Saturday 1st January, until Monday 10th January, the ship remained alongside HMAS CERBERUS. Two thirds of the Ship's Company were on Annual Summer Leave, the remaining third, acted as ship keepers on a twenty four hour, forty four hours off duty basis. No incidents were reported during the period and essential maintenance was processed.

3. On return of the main leave party the Ship Keepers proceeded on their leave, reliefs were provided for them by HMAS CERBERUS, so that the ship would become operational. A shakedown trial run of machinery and new sailors was carried out satisfactorily, AM on Wednesday 12th January.

4. Thursday 15th January, I proceeded to sea to carry out target duties with West Head. On arrival on station, 180° West Head 5 miles, it was reported that gunnery systems ashore were not functioning due to electrical faults and ARDENT would not be required. Further training of new personnel was carried out and the ship returned alongside CERBERUS on completion.

5. I proceeded to sea on Monday 17th January, for our first fish patrol of 1972. Lieutenants Hackworth, Rowlands and Mr L. Cleaver were embarked. The area of surveillance selected was, King Island, Hunter Island, Hunter Passage and Three Hummock Islands. Weather conditions were perfect for passage to King Island, a slight south easterly of force 2 was prevalent with a long south westerly swell. Later in the afternoon the south easterly freshened which made it improbable that I would be able to anchor for the night, off the east coast of King Island, at Grassy Bay. On arrival at Grassy Bay my assumption proved correct but as there appeared to be frantic visual signalling ashore from car headlights etc. which indicated I should track south, I proceeded to the south.

Although nothing appeared on radar except what looked like, land reclanation, I suddently came visual with the end of a breakwater and subsequently found a harbour in the process of being constructed. I proceeded with caution into this harbour to find a delightful, exceedingly well sheltered from all weather anchorage, in relatively deep water. Photographs and a chart of the area have been procured and are forwarded with this report. (CST only). Coming to anchor at about 1730L the boat was lowered and sent ashore to embark our Liaison Officer, the PRO of the Tasmanian Shelite Company, Mr Dennis Green. Mr Green informed me that the harbour was originally

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conceived to rid the Shelite Company of their tailings from mining and that in April, 1972, approximately, a ship of 1,000 tons would be operated on a roll on roll off type of wharf, currently under construction. The implications of the new harbour therefore would appear that most of the sea freight for the island would be conducted from Grassy in the future.

6. At anchor, in Grassy, the Ship's Company were invited to a barbecue as guests of the Shelite Company. Good relations were cemented, no incidents occurred, as all sailors acquitted themselves well. Tuesday 18th, the south easterly freshened to force 6 but by 1600L moderated to force 3, I decided to continue patrol to Hunter Island. At about 1900L the south easterly freshened again to force 6! With up to date weather I may have been able to forecast this but found that I seemed to lag behind the weather in thought by about 6 hours. My assumption is that this lag may be due to the dilution of staff at the Melbourne Weather Centre coincident with annual leave. A safe, secure anchorage was found off the south east coast of Hunter Island. Several fishing boats from Stanley were passed on passage, all appeared to be heading for the many little bays among the islands that would afford them shelter.

7. Wendesday 19th, at 0800L I weighed anchor and proceeded to patrol Three Hummock Island, weather conditions were perfect for lowering the boat. I sent Lieutenant Rowlands ashore to make contact with the owner of the island, Commander J. Alliston RN retired. About one hour later a party of six people were seen walking along one of the north west beaches. The boat was sent ashore and on return, was found to have the Commander and members of his family embarked. I received an invitation to land and look round the property and the ship's company, were invited to use one of the beaches. The ship was brought to anchor quite near the homestead, it was found that a small jetty of sorts existed, which allowed us to land dry shod.

8. Three Hummock Island is prime beef farming country. The whole island is not concerned with this venture but selected areas have been properly grassed and fertilised and the herd thrives. I would think the farm is financially sound, produce is despatched to and from the island by a small landing craft which has its own slip by the Jetty. Contact between the island and the mainland is made frequent by fishing vessels from Tasmanian Harbours. There is a small airstrip which allows aircraft to frequently land stores, passengers and mail. Carrots and other vegetables are produced for consumption on the mainland but market dates have to be met for decent economical prices to be paid. This presents a problem especially when the south westerlies begins to blow. A large extensive mutton bird nesting ground, exists on the south east corner but the Allistons do not participate in the harvesting of these birds.

9. The Allistons are a very friendly and gracious couple. Lieutenant Rowlands and myself were made welcome. Gifts were exchanged and Mrs Alliston presented to the Ship's Company, her book, "Escape to an Island". The book itself is good reading and explains dramatically several of the more dangerous aspects of reclusing on an island like Three Hummocks but also vividly shows, the determination required to really make a go of such a venture.

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10. Thursday 20th January0600L. I weighed and proceeded to Grassy Harbour to recover Mr L. Cleaver who had been landed there previously. Mr Cleaver was again embarked at 0830 complete with chart of the new harbour and film of the whole installation. On completion, I returned to CERBERUS arriving at about 1830L. No foreign fishing vessels were sighted but a school of whales was seen about 20 miles due east of King Island and apparently tracking north (Commander Alliston reported to me that about a year ago a whale was stranded still alive, on one of his beaches with an exploded harpoon head in its side. The Commander extracted this head and found that the markings were of Russion origin).

11. Monday 24th January, I proceeded in excellent weather conditions to Launceston, northern Tasmania's provincial city. Lieutenant Hackworth, RAN, was embarked as extra watchkeeping Officer. On arrival off the Tamar Heads at 0800L on Tuesday 25th, a pilot was embarked for the passage up river. Mr Hartnack the pilot, was a Master Mariner who had just completed six years in the Royal Australian Army as Captain in command of one of the LST's off Vietnam. He proved exceedingly efficient and gave me continuous instruction on the passage to Launceston. It is interesting to note that even at slow ahead on one engine we incurred a complaint of excess wash while passing in mid channel, a deep water berth that is being constructed for 100,000 ton ships, two miles up river from the deep water harbour at Beauty Point. Captain Hartnack informed me, this was a regular complaint lodged, the motive being to negate responsibility for loss of stores etc. being laid on the doorstep of the operator employed, laying piles.

12. After excellent pilotage to a berth in Launceston, I was introduced to the Warden at the Harbour Office and from that meeting, transport, golf parties and introduction to ex-serviceman Clubs were initiated. The visit to the city proved popular and we were on a whole, well looked after. I opened the ship to visitors on both days while alongside, checking at least 300 schoolchildren and parents over the brow. The President of the Naval League and Ex-servicemen's Club did complain that bigger ships should visit Launceston. I tried to point out the limitations of the channel I had experienced and the fact that, dredging of silted areas had ceased, four years previously. The President informed me that the matter would be brought to the notice of Doctor McKay, the Minister of the Navy, by him. In my estimation it would of course be imprudent of a Navy ship larger than our minesweepers to attempt the passage.

13. ARDENT had a good send off from Launceston at 0800L on Friday 28th. I sailed with the pilot embarked for the return trip down river, now quite confident I can make the river at any time in the future. On disembarking pilot in the Tamar, I sailed for STANLEY.

14. At STANLEY, at 1630L, on the same day, I was given a good berth, there were no obstructions and the Deputy Warden and Secretary to the Aquatic Show met me on arrival. There appeared some consternation when I informed them I was leaving on Sunday morning but having ascertained that the Aquatics didn't start until the Sunday, I relieved their anxieties by saying I would request to defer my

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departure. Invitations were proferred for the Ship's Company to use the facilities of the Golf Club and to join in with the Mardi Gras on the Saturday evening. I personally think the whole proceedings of the Aquatics bored the Ship's Company who appeared quite content to remain onboard during the Friday and Saturday, fishing over the side. The local Fishermen's Co-operative were extremely friendly plying the Ship's Company with sacks of cooked crayfish legs. Three crayfish were delivered onboard, cooked, for consumption by the Officers.

15. Sunday 30th, I sailed STANLEY, for WYNYARD to act as guard ship for the power boat race due to depart from there at 1215. I anchored on arrival at about 1200L but found the anchorage untenable due to a long north easterly cross swell. On attempting to start up for departure it was noted that low pressures and fluctuations were recorded in the port main engine gear box. Unless in an emergency I was precluded from using the port engine further and therefore decided to first, cover the power boat race then return to CERBERUS.

16. Weather on return to CERBERUS was favourable for a good passage to Hann's Inlet. I decided to enter the inlet at about 0200L on Monday 31st. With a spotlight, right ahead in the bows, good illumination from reflectors on the piles, was received which convinced me that passage of ARDENT entering or leaving at any stage of the tide or anytime of day, except in thick fog, is practicable.

17. The morale of the ship's company is good. I had occasion to recommend that one able sailor was unfit for further service in small ships for disciplinary reasons. This sailor has had a long history of non co-operation and requires personal supervision by higher rates for him to produce work. Two sailors of 18 months or more service in ARDENT have requested to be transferred. Both sailors wives have recently acquired babies and it is considered this dissatisfaction stems from their spouses demands to be on hand at home and their long association with weather conditions prevailing in the Bass Strait (Both are prone to sea sickness).

18. Outstanding defects in the ship are beginning to build up due to the lack of time available and the delay in supply of spares to effect repairs.

a. Main Engines:
1. Port main gear box inoperative due to low operating oil pressure and fluctuation when proceeding from ahead to astern.
2. Port main engine tappets require adjusting and injector nozzles renewed.

b. Air-Conditioning: Forward air conditioning unit inoperative due to sticking solenoid.

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c. Anchor Winch: Requires overall and power box dried out. Silica Gel absorbent required to pack power switch.

d. Refrigeration: Forward and aft fridges inoperative, requires recharging.

e. Radio: Type ANV58 requires maintenance as double side band is inoperative on voice.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

Enclosures:- 1. Annex 'A'
2. Grassy Harbour and Photographs (CST only)

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1014 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	60 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	9298 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	673.5 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to make a report of proceedings for HMAS ARDENT from Tuesday 1st February, until Tuesday 29th February, 1972.

2. Self maintenance and repairs to the port main engine gearbox and equipment trials were conducted from the beginning of the month until the twelfth of February.

3. During the remainder of the month the ship acted as consort to HMAS VAMPIRE during her sea acceptance trials! Carried out trials towing the Williams Target and was employed on two occasions as live target for West Head firings.

4. The Williams target towing trials proved satisfactory, the new polypropelene 3" rope presented few problems in towing or handling and the modified Williams target with short mast, proved both stable and of good radar reflectivity. The target was towed for HMAS VAMPIRE's shoots on two occasions, in the Westernport firing areas.

5. During ARDENT's participation as consort with VAMPIRE for her SATS, VAMPIRE used ARDENT for HF/DF trails, tracking for M22 system, OOW manoeuvres and darken ship exercises. ARDENT responded well to all that was required of her and VAMPIRE's Captain did remark how useful we were to him at this stage. It is my opinion that should we be required to carry out further tasks of this nature it would be advantageous for both participating ships that ARDENT should be loaned, one tactical operator to relieve the radio operator of some of his burden and an Officer to relieve me, in station keeping duties, when I am required to organise the ship's response to further trial requirements as requested.

6. No major breakdowns occurred during the month, the port main engine gearbox passed its trials successfully and no further fluctuations were recorded. A proposed modification to the blocktube control system has been forwarded to the MEO HMAS WATERHEN for consideration which it is thought, may prevent further unacceptable fluctuations in the gearbox.

7. Defects listed in my report of proceedings for January, 1972, were rectified and the ship was made 100% operational. During the Williams target towing trials, no black smoke was evident at anytime even when we were on load, up to speeds of 15-16 knots.

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8. The morale of the ship's company is excellent. Both technical and seamen branches were glad of the 10 days of self maintenance to get the ship up to scratch. The Engineers produced a small, effective paname fairlead which could be easily made by any ships staff, at short notice should that requirement arise and drawings and explanations have been forwarded to MEO, HMAS WATERHEN for consideration, for acceptance by Patrol Boats.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

Enclosure: Annex 'A'

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	904.5 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	58 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	11,202.5 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	731.5 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to make a report of proceedings for HMAS ARDENT from Wednesday 1st March, 1972, until Friday 31st March, 1972.

2. Wednesday 1st March, and Friday 3rd March, ARDENT towed the Williams Target for HMAS VAMPIRE's systems firings and acted as photograph platform for her press coverage.

3. Monday 6th, till Friday 10th March, the ship was employed as guard and observation site for the 1972 Olympic sailing trials in Port Phillip Bay. The Commodores of both the Sydney and Melbourne Royal Yacht Clubs were embarked daily and appeared well satisfied with the conduct and handling of the ship.

4. ARDENT took part in the final scenes of a feature film, jointly being produced by Australian and American interests, off the south coast of Phillip Island on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March. The ship's part in the film "Hands of Cormac Joyce" was the rescue of about nine peasants supposedly on an island off the coast of Ireland which was expected to be engulfed by a tidal wave. Some very dramatic pictures of the ship were taken from a camera situated just above the level of the surfline when the ship was approaching from the south. The director of the film, Mr Fieldler - Cooke seemed well satisfied with the take after two or three runs into the 8 fathom line.

5. ERAD2 Schilder was posted during the period, his relief ERAD3 Marchant settling into the routine admirably. The morale of the Ship's Company is excellent and all appear happy in the work and in the tasks given to the ship. The annual Musketry Course was conducted on Wednesday 29th March, resulting in awards for three sharp shooters. All the ship's smallarms were zeroed.

6. Self maintenance was carried out and defects made good from the 20th March until the end of March. The only apparent defects outstanding were a jamming 50 calibre Browning and the forward fresh water cooler.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	658.8 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	42 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	11,861.3 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	773.5 hours

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ANNEX P

NBCD SCHOOL

1. The OIC NBCD School visited HMAS Penguin during the quarter, with mutually satisfactory results. Lesson plans for all courses have now been prepared and are being implemented.

2. Plans have been prepared for the DC Unit. A close liaison with Williamstown Dockyard Staff has resulted in a high degree of co-operation which should ensure a satisfactory unit.

3. The existing smoke tunnel will require modifications to ventilation, and a great deal of ship husbandry, before the erection of a second deck.

4. With the exception of 2 ME's, a full complement is now borne, and all instructors have completed an I.T. course.

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ANNEX Q

PT SCHOOL

1. a. Numbers under Training

MIDN BATC 1/72	9
SLEX 1/71	20
Recruits - November	19
Oscar	20
Rankin	15
Sierra	14
Tango	19
Uniform	19
Victor	19
Whisky	19
XRay	22
Yankee	20
Petty Officers School	
1/72	14
2/72	10
Cox'n conversion Course 1/72	6

b. Numbers completed Training

Recruits	186
Passed swimming test	312

c. Life Saving Awards - (Royal Life Saving Society)

Resuscitation	105
Water Safety	73
Elementary	254
Survival	81
Proficiency	6
Intermediate Star	4
Bronze Medallion	4
Bronze Bar	3
Award of Merit	5
Safe Swimmer	254

d. Expedition Training

Midshipmen SLEX 1/72 to Halls Gap in the 'Grampians' for four days. Twenty Midshipmen plus five staff attended.

2. Boxing - (i) ABQMG J. Donovan eliminated in the Australian Boxing selection trials for selection to represent at the Olympic Games in Munich.

(ii) WOPT L. Payne attended Olympic Trials, held in Western Australia, as the Victorian State Coach.

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3. Clay Targets - LCDR W. Murphy officiated at the Australian Clay Targets Championship held at Griffith N.S.W.

4. Gymnastic Displays - The staff of the School of Physical Training and members of the POPT 'Q' Course 1/72 performed at the following places:

(i) Waverley Football Ground - in aid of Olympic Games fund raising.

(ii) Government House - Annual Youth Garden Party.

(iii) A.M.P. Square - Melbourne - Navy Public Relations during Moomba week.

(iv) Victorian School for Deaf Children - Moomba Pageant.

5. Judo - (i) LSPT P. Drew eliminated in the Australian Judo Championship.

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ANNEX R

WRANS SCHOOL

Recruit Wrans Indoctrination Course

1. Sixty three Recruit Wrans successfully completed Part 1 Training during the period under report, with one Recruit Wran discharged as Unsuitable and one discharged on medical grounds. No Recruit Wran exercised the right of optional discharge.

WRANS Officers Training Course

2. WRANS OTC 2/71 completed training on 11th April, 1972. One Cadet Wran was commissioned as a Probationary Third Officer, one transferred to the pool of trained Cadets awaiting promotion, two were returned to the ranks and one was discharged FREE.

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ANNEX S

ACADEMIC SCHOOL

Instructor Officers

1. A/CAPT MLIT W.R. Sharp, RAN, joined on 17th January, from HMAS LEEUWIN and assumed the duties of Senior Instructor Officer.

2. Instructor Officer intake 1/72 of eight officers joined on 4th January, and completed the CERBERUS phases of their basic training on 25th February. This intake successfully followed a new expanded syllabus which resulted from recently approved Course Training Standards.

RMIT Bridging Mathematics Course

3. A mathematics course was conducted during early February for Midshipmen due to commence Diploma training at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

4. In view of the widely differing backgrounds of the Midshipmen, both in formal academic training and in the period since such training, the course is considered essential. The future prospects of this group without the course would have been poor, since basic mathematical concepts had been forgotten by the majority.

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ANNEX T

SCHOOL OF TRAINING TECHNOLOGY

1. During the quarter an Instructional Technique team visited Malaysia and Singapore, conducting four courses. A separate full report has been forwarded. (My letter 70/20/2 of 13th April, 1972, refers.)

2. LCDR V. JERRAM, RAN (E/L), of the Civil Defence College, Mt. Macedon, visited the school for discussions on current Instructional Technique philosophy.

3. The Officer-in-Charge of the School made liaison visits to Monash University, Latrobe University and to the Educational Facilities Research Laboratories during the quarter.

4. The following new courses were conducted:

   a. Training Technology (5 days) for CAPTAIN N. WILLIAMS RNZAEC.

   b. Course objectives, syllabus writing and objective testing for new entry Instructor Officers.

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ANNEX U

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

1. During the quarter, the following Character Guidance and other lectures have taken place:

Phase 1 - Recruits

2. 48 Character Development lectures to 143 Recruits, as follows:

	Attendance	Lectures
RANKIN 1/72	37	8
WALLER 2/72	22	8
RANKIN 3/72	28	8
WALLER 4/72	37	8
RANKIN 5/72	38	8
WALLER 6/72	41	8

Phase 2 - RWRANS

3. 8 Character Development lectures to 69 RWRANS, as follows:

Class 131	31	4
Class 132	35	4

Phase 3 -

4. Sessions on Character Responsibility have been conducted for the following groups of ORDS, under training for Able Rank, involving 35 lectures to 352 men:

ABWM 1/72
ABQMG 1/72, 2/72, 3/72, 4/72
ABFC 1/72, 2/72
EMP 1/72, 2/72
WTR 1/72, 2/72
SAN 1/72
STD 1/72, 2/72, 3/72
CKS 1/72, 2/72, 3/72
EMWE 1/72, 2/72
EMWR 1/72, 2/72, 3/72
ME 1/72, 2/72
MED 1/72, 2/72
OCO 1/72, 2/72
SAV 1/72

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Other Lectures

5. Lectures on Character Responsibility and Leadership have been delivered as follows:

	Attendance	Lectures
Junior Musicians	6	11
MIDN SLEX 1/72	16	3
Reserve Officers	14	1
RMIT Officers	8	1
PO's School	14	1
Medical Officers	14	1
BATC	10	3
WRAN OTC	5	5
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Historian

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Commodore Superintendent of Training
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In reply quote:
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The Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

HMAS CERBERUS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1972

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CERBERUS during the quarter ended 30th June, 1972.

Training

2. Training has progressed satisfactorily during the quarter, the average number under training being about 1050. Training for the first half of the year ceased on Friday, 9th June, in most schools but continued in the Recruit School and for courses in other schools where leave would have caused undue interruption to training. Leave in these cases will be taken on completion of course.

3. A study of the effects of metrication was carried out in the training schools during the quarter and the result reported to the Director of Naval Education Service.

4. 1 Officer, 5 Instructors and 60 Cadets from the Australian Sea Cadet Corps in Victoria underwent Annual Training in HMAS CERBERUS from 7th to 13th May. A varied and interesting training programme was arranged in which the cadets joined with enthusiasm. One officer and 15 cadets from TS MILDURA visited CERBERUS from PM 11th to PM 12th June, 1972. In addition, 4 Sea Cadet Officers undertook the Reserve Officers' Indoctrination Course with RANR Officers from 1st to 12th May.

5. Training assistance to the Port Melbourne Division RANR was provided on seven occasions, four at CERBERUS and three at LONSDALE.

6. A Drug Education Seminar was conducted by the Victorian Department of Health Education Service in CERBERUS from 13th to 15th June, 1972.

7. The RAN Instructional Technique Team conducted an I.T. course in LEEUWIN commencing 27th June.

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Visitors

8. As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Tingara Old Boys Association, 80 members, wives and widows from the Association visited HMAS CERBERUS on Sunday, 4th June, 1972.

9. On Monday, 5th June, Colonel Soegito and Lieutenant Colonel Winarto, of the ALRI, arrived in HMAS CERBERUS to study naval training methods. They departed on Wednesday, 7th June.

10. The Victorian Inter-service Winter Sports meeting was held in HMAS CERBERUS from 13th to 15th June, as Navy is the host for the 1972/73 series. Distinguished visitors for the sports included the General Officer Commanding Southern Command, Major-General C.A.E. Fraser, C.B., C.B.E.

Koalas

11. As a result of a joint project between HMAS CERBERUS and the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 20 koalas were released in the Sandy Point area of HMAS CERBERUS on Thursday, 19th May, and a further 20 were released the next day. They appear to have settled in well in their new home.

Works

12. Instruction in the Marine Engineering Classroom Building started a little later than anticipated, due to the final sorting out of furniture and of modifications required to some of the seating in the cinema. The new classrooms are good, but it is extremely difficult to prevent scuff marks from rubber-soled boots damaging the tiled floors, giving the impression that the floors have not been cleaned. This problem is being investigated.

13. Work on the Marine Engineering Demonstration Building is progressing slowly. The delivery of the boiler has been delayed until mid-July as the access road to the boiler section was not in a fit state to accept an 80 ton load. The diesel installation contract has been let and the contractor started on 5th June. He has already had a few set-backs, as diesel test cells required for the installation of equipment were not ready, requiring the contractor to alter his network. The WILDOCK overseer of this contract is on site and has set up an office within the Marine Engineering School.

14. The Department of Works component of the Weapons Electrical Engineering Demonstration Building (i.e. the building itself) will be completed and taken over on 19th July.

15. Work on the new CPO's and PO's Mess is progressing satisfactorily and is about one third complete.

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16. The beautification of the pondage area of the extensions to the sewerage plant, referred to in paragraph 15 of my last report of proceedings, has been completed.

Legal Officer

17. Leut I.R.A. Row SLJA was posted, as from February 1st, 1972, as Legal Officer HMAS CERBERUS and Staff Legal Officer, NOICVIC. Part of his duties as Legal Officer HMAS CERBERUS is to advise service personnel on private legal matters. This advice has been given in conjunction with the operation of the HMAS LONSDALE Legal Advisory Clinic where Leut Row attends every Tuesday night.

18. To provide some idea of the worth of this service, the following is a list of matters on which advice has been given during the quarter:

SUBJECT MATTER	MATTERS ADVISED UPON AT HMAS CERBERUS	MATTERS REFERRED TO HMAS LONSDALE LEGAL ADVISORY CLINIC
POLICE - CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS	6	3
POLICE - TRAFFIC PROSECUTIONS	5	1
MOTOR CAR DAMAGE - CLAIMS BY SERVICE PERSONNEL	11	
MOTOR CAR DAMAGE - CLAIMS AGAINST SERVICE PERSONNEL	3	
MOTOR ACCIDENT INJURY - CLAIMS AGAINST SERVICE PERSONNEL	2	
HIRE PURCHASE, COMMERCIAL MATTERS	18	1
MATRIMONIAL, MAINTENANCE	16	3
WILLS, TESTATORS, FAMILY MAINTENANCE	5	
CONDITIONS OF SERVICE	3	
SERVICE DISCIPLINARY MATTERS	1	1
CONVEYANCING	3	
MISCELLANEOUS	7	

HMAS ARDENT

19. ARDENT carried out a Fishery Patrol in Bass Strait and the east coast of Tasmania in April, and visited Hobart for three days during the cruise.

20. A second patrol to Adelaide was programmed for May, but after arriving at Portland the weather forced the cancellation of the cruise and the ship returned to CERBERUS.

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21. Also during May, ARDENT carried out an exercise with 18 members of the Citizen Military Forces. These personnel were embarked at Queenscliff and transported to Westernport Bay, where they carried out an unopposed landing at Corinella using Gemini dinghies.

22. During the balance of the period ARDENT has provided sea training for Midshipmen, Recruits, ROs, Sea Cadets and WRANS.

Morale

23. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company have been good throughout the quarter. Some older officers have expressed concern regarding their entitlements under the proposed D.F.R.B. scheme, and this has been reported separately.

(D.H.D. SMYTH)
COMMODORE

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ANNEX A

COMMODORE'S OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Thursday, 6th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Surgeon Captain and Mrs Freeman in Melbourne.
Friday, 7th April	Commodore dined with Mr R.S. Allen in Melbourne.
Saturday, 8th April	Commodore, Mrs Smyth and family attended the Head of the River Boatrace at Geelong.
Sunday, 9th April	Commodore attended the RAAF Open Day and Flying Display at Laverton.
Wednesday, 12th April	Commodore attended the Port Melbourne RANR Wardroom Quarterly meeting and Buffet Supper.
Thursday, 13th April	Mrs Smyth gave a Garden Party at Cerberus House for Navy wives.
	Commodore attended a "University Night" Mess Dinner in the Wardroom HMAS CERBERUS.
Saturday, 15th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Social at the Club Cerberus.
Sunday, 16th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Charity Premiere at the Barclay Theatre, Melbourne, and a reception afterwards at the Windsor Hotel.
Wednesday, 19th April	Commodore attended a Lord Mayor's reception at the Town Hall, Melbourne, to mark the Civic Inauguration of the 40th International Eucharistic Congress.
Thursday, 20th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an Investiture at Government House.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception given by the British Deputy High Commissioner and Mrs Carter in Melbourne.
Friday, 21st April	Commodore attended a Mess Dinner in HMAS CERBERUS WRANS CPO's and PO's Mess.

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Monday, 24th April	Commodore attended a 'N' Class Destroyers Association Re-Union at Collingwood Town Hall.
Tuesday, 25th April	Commodore attended the Anzac Day Commemoration March and Ceremony at the Shrine, Melbourne.
	Commodore attended the start of HMAS MELBOURNE marathon relay at the Town Hall, Melbourne.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a CERBERUS Wardroom Party.
Wednesday, 26th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cocktail Party given by Air Commodore and Mrs Hennock at RAAF Support Command Mess, Melbourne.
Thursday, 27th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a WRANS Birthday Dance in CLUB CERBERUS.
Friday, 28th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception at the Southern Cross Hotel to celebrate the birthday of the Emperor of Japan.
Saturday, 29th April	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Dr. C.B. Bailey at Somers.
Sunday, 30th April	Commodore took the salute at the Anzac Sunday Commemoration Parade in Frankston and gave the address at the subsequent service at Frankston Park.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended afternoon tea with the RSL Sub-Branch, Frankston.
Monday, 1st May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at Cerberus House.
Tuesday, 2nd May	Commodore lunched at HMAS LONSDALE with FOCEA and accompanied him on walk round of Melbourne naval establishments.
Wednesday, 3rd May	Commodore accompanied FOCEA on walk round of naval assets in Williamstown, Maribyrnong and Somerton and lunched at HMAS LONSDALE.
	Commodore attended a meeting with Hastings Shire Council.

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Thursday, 4th May	Comm dore and Mrs Smyth attended the Australian-American Association Coral Sea Ball at the Royale Ballroom, Melbourne.
Friday, 5th May	Commodore attended the Coral Sea Commemoration Service at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.
Sunday, 7th May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the opening by His Excellency the Governor of Victoria of the new wing at the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne.
Monday, 8th May	Commodore lunched in Wardroom with Mr C. Macpherson and Dr D. Williams from the BP Refinery, Westernport.
Tuesday, 9th May	Commodore attended the opening sessions of the Training Administration Course in HMAS CERBERUS.
Wednesday, 10th May	Commodore attended an Industrial Mobilisation Course Buffet Dinner reception at Southern Command Mess given for the USAF Industrial College.
Thursday, 11th May	Commodore attended a Mess Dinner in HMAS CERBERUS Wardroom.
Friday, 12th May	Commodore attended a Civic Reception for the Hon. Don Dunstan, M.P., Premier of South Australia, in the Council Chambers, Hastings.
Wednesday, 17th May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Surgeon Captain and Mrs Haughton at Somers.
Friday, 19th May	Commodore attended the opening of Westernport Police District Headquarters at Frankston.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Supper Dance in aid of the Westernport Memorial Centre.
Monday, 22nd May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a farewell dinner for Surgeon Captain Haughton in the Wardroom, HMAS CERBERUS.
Tuesday, 23rd May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a supper Party at Cerberus House.

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Wednesday, 24th May	Commodore attended a Victoria League Anniversary Party in Melbourne.
	Commodore attended a Royal Commonwealth Society reception in Melbourne.
	Mrs Smyth attended a Cerberus Kindergarten fund-raising party.
Friday, 26th May	Commodore lunched with President of the Naval and Military Club, Melbourne.
Tuesday, 30th May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a small dinner party in Cerberus House.
Wednesday, 31st May	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception given by the South African Trade Commissioner at the Hotel Australia, Melbourne.
Thursday, 1st June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a dinner party at the Grand Hotel, Mildura.
	Commodore met the Naval Association at the Sea Cadet Hall, Mildura.
Friday, 2nd June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth visited the Mildara Winery, lunched at Red Cliffs Pumping Station and visited Chaffey House and Art Gallery.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Civic Reception given for them by the Mayor of Mildura.
	Commodore inspected T.S. MILDURA.
Saturday, 3rd June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth visited Cardross Lake, Mildura RSL and a property at Nangiloc.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Naval Association barbeque at Mildura.
Monday, 5th June	Commodore lunched in the Wardroom with Col. Soegito and L.Col. Winarto, ALRI training mission.
Tuesday, 6th June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a dinner party at Cerberus House for the Indonesian training mission.
Friday, 9th June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended HMAS CERBERUS Wardroom Winter Ball.

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Sunday, 11th June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the opening of Ian Purvis's Art Exhibition at the Manyung Gallery.
Monday, 12th June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Queen's Birthday holiday race meeting at Flemington and lunched with the VRC Committee.
Tuesday, 13th June	Commodore opened a Drug Seminar at HMAS CERBERUS.
Wednesday, 14th June	Commodore lunched with ASCO Council of Management at the Naval and Military Club. Commodore attended an ASCO Council Meeting at 420 Spencer Street, Melbourne.
Thursday, 15th June	Commodore presented Interservice Sports Trophies in Club Cerberus, and attended the subsequent festivities.
Friday, 16th June	Commodore attended the Cadet Graduation Parade at the Officer Cadet School, Portsea. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Dinner Party.
Saturday, 17th June	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Iceland National Day consular reception in Melbourne.
Sunday, 18th June	Commodore commenced mid-winter leave.

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ANNEX B

OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS AT WHICH THE COMMODORE WAS REPRESENTED

Friday, 26th May, 1972	Surgeon Captain and Mrs C.S. Martin attended the Southern Command Officers' Ball at Camberwell Civic Centre.
Saturday, 3rd June, 1972	Surgeon Commodore J.A.B. Cotsell, R.A.N., attended a Queen's Birthday Levee at Parliament House.
Thursday, 8th June, 1972	Commander R. Leonard, M.B.E., D.F.C., R.N., and Mrs Leonard attended 42 Navigation Course Graduation Parade at the RAAF Base, East Sale.
Thursday, 22nd June, 1972	Commander R. Leonard inspected the BAC/Sud Aviation Concorde at Tullamarine Airport.

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ANNEX C

SPORTING EVENTS AND RESULTS

EXTERNAL SPORT

Australian Rules

Navy (1sts)	Defeated	Red Hill	7.11 - 7. 7
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Red Hill	15.17 - 2. 1
Navy	Lost to	Dromana	15. 3 - 10.12
Navy	Defeated	Dromana	10.13 - 5.14
Navy	Lost to	Rosebud	
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Rosebud	19.11 - 10. 8
Navy (1sts)	Defeated	Rye	16.13 - 15. 9
Navy (2nds)	Lost to	Rye	14.15 - 6.10
Navy (1sts)	Defeated	Bonbeach	16.14 - 11. 8
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Bonbeach	21.14 - 9.11
Navy	Defeated	RAAF	20.18 - 6. 4
Navy (1sts)	Defeated	Crib Point	12.20 - 5.13
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Crib Point	11. 4 - 9. 7
Navy (1sts)	Lost to	Pearcedale	17.18 - 6.18
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Pearcedale	13.13 - 7. 5
Navy (1sts)	Lost to	Pines	19. 5 - 14.10
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Pines	13.15 - 9. 7
Navy (1sts)	Lost to	Red Hill	12.13 - 12.12
Navy (2nds)	Defeated	Red Hill	32.21 - 3. 7

Hockey

Navy	Lost to	M.C.C.	3 - 2
Navy	Lost to	Old Scotch	4 - 3
Navy	Lost to	S.N.P.	3 - 2
Navy	Drew	O.H.A.	3 All
Navy	Lost to	UNI	3 - 2
Navy	Lost to	Waverly	2 - 1
Navy	Lost to	St Kilda	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	UNI	2 - 1
Navy	Lost to	Camberwell	1 - 0
Navy	Defeated	Toorak E. Malvern	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Moorabbin	3 - 2

Golf

Navy (B)	Lost to	Carrington Park	6 - 1
Navy (C)	Lost to	Portsea	5 - 2
Navy (B)	Defeated	Mornington	3 - 1
Navy (B)	Defeated	Pennant	5 - 2
Navy (C)	Lost to	Pennant	6 - 1

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Golf (Cont'd)

Navy (B)	Defeated	Rosebud	5 - 2
Navy (C)	Defeated	Carrington Park	4 - 3
Navy (B)	Defeated	Pennant	
Navy (C)	Defeated	Pennant	6 - 1
Navy	Lost to	Puckapunyal	5 - 2
Navy	Defeated	Flinders	5 - 2

Soccer

Navy 'A'	Lost to	RAAF Pt Cook	3 - 2
Navy 'B'	Lost to	Balcombe	5 - 2
Navy	Drew	Moe	3 All
Navy 'B'	Defeated	Balcombe	8 - 0
Navy 'A'	Defeated	Police Cadets	3 - 0

Squash

Navy	Lost to	Rosebud (3)	4 - 0
Navy	Defeated	Mornington	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Franksston	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Rosebud	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Rosebud	Forfeit
Navy	Defeated	Franksston (2)	3 - 1

Basketball

Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Lions (3)	33 - 11
Navy	Lost to	Lions (1)	33 - 27
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Hieghts	20 - 10
Navy	Lost to	Franksston	35 - 17
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Clintons	Forfeit
Navy	Lost to	Lions (2)	34 - 24

Rugby

Navy	Lost to	Hawthorn	28 - 11
Navy	Defeated	UNI	26 - 0
Navy	Defeated	Parramatta	11 - 10
Navy	Defeated	Moorabbin	32 - 6
Navy	Defeated	Box Hill	23 - 3
Navy (Colts)	Defeated	Harlequins	27 - 4
Navy	Defeated	RAAF Frognell	21 - 7
Navy (Colts)	Lost to	Box Hill	44 - 10
Navy (Colts)	Defeated	UNI	18 - 3
Navy (Rect)	Lost to	Balcombe	13 - 10

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Rugby (Cont'd)

Navy	Defeated	Geelong	29 - 0
Navy (Colts)	Defeated	Army Balcombe	15 - 13
Navy	Lost to	Hawthorn	17 - 7
Navy	Lost to	Army	26 - 19
Navy (Colts)	Defeated	Torrens	20 - 12

Netball

Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Y.C.W.	31 - 27
Navy	Defeated	Dolphins	28 - 24
Navy	Lost to	Karingal	42 - 21
Navy	Lost to	Dolphins	37 - 22

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Events

Tuesday 13th June 1972	Navy v Airforce
Wednesday 14th June 1972	Navy v Army
Thursday 15th June 1972	Army v Airforce

Results

Australian Rules

Navy	Defeated	Airforce	15.15 - 14. 7
Army	Defeated	Navy	21.20 - 5.12
Army	Defeated	Airforce	18.21 - 9.12

1st Army 30; 2nd Airforce 20; 3rd Navy 10.

Soccer

Airforce	Defeated	Navy	2 - 0
Army	Defeated	Navy	4 - 1
Army	Defeated	Airforce	4 - 0

1st Army 30; 2nd Airforce 20; 3rd Navy 10.

Rugby

Airforce	Defeated	Navy	16 - 7
Navy	Defeated	Army	11 - 6
Airforce	Defeated	Army	16 - 10

1st Airforce 30; 2nd Navy 20; 3rd Army 10.

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Hockey

Navy	Defeated	Airforce	3 - 2
Army	Defeated	Navy	3 - 1
Army	Defeated	Airforce	1 - 0

1st Army 30; 2nd Navy 20; 3rd Airforce 10.

Squash

Airforce	Defeated	Navy	5 - 1
Army	Defeated	Navy	6 - 0
Army	Defeated	Airforce	4 - 2

1st Army 30; 2nd Airforce 20; 3rd Navy 10.

Basketball

Navy	Defeated	Airforce	47 - 41
Army	Defeated	Navy	54 - 47
Army	Defeated	Airforce	54 - 50

1st Army 30; 2nd Navy 20; 3rd Airforce 10.

Women

Hockey

Navy	Defeated	Airforce	6 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Army	4 - 0
Army	Defeated	Airforce	4 - 3

1st Navy 30; 2nd Army 20; 3rd Airforce 10.

Basketball

Airforce	Defeated	Navy	25 - 21
Army	Defeated	Navy	34 - 20
Airforce	Defeated	Army	28 - 23

1st Airforce 30; 2nd Army 20; 3rd Navy 10.

Squash

Airforce	Defeated	Navy	2 - 2 Count Back
Army	Defeated	Navy	2 - 2 Count Back
Army	Defeated	Airforce	2 - 2 Count Back

1st Army 30; 2nd Airforce 20; 3rd Navy 10.

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ANNEX D

BAND ENGAGEMENTS

1. Between April and June, the Band of HMAS CERBERUS has performed at a variety of commitments, and as usual many letters of appreciation have been received.

2. Engagements carried out by the band are listed below:

Saturday	April	1st	-	Australian Marching Girls Association Championships.
Thursday	"	13th	-	Wardroom Dinner.
Friday	"	21st	-	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Tuesday	"	25th	-	Anzac Day Parade, Melbourne.
Friday	"	28th	-	Ceremonial Divisions, HMAS CERBERUS.
Sunday	"	30th	-	Anzac Commemoration, Frankston.
Thursday	May	4th	-	Coral Sea Ball, Melbourne.
Friday	"	5th	-	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Sunday	"	7th	-	Opening of New Wing, Royal Women's Hospital.
Friday	"	19th	-	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Friday	June	2nd	-	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Friday	"	9th	-	Ceremonial Divisions, HMAS CERBERUS. Wardroom Winter Ball.
Friday	"	16th	-	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Tuesday	"	20th	-	Sun Miss Teenage of Victoria presentation concert, Melbourne.
Wednesday	"	21st	-	ABC Tape Recordings, Melbourne.
Thursday	"	22nd	-	Band to Midwinter Leave.

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ANNEX E

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

1. A problem over the years has been the categorisation of aircrew midshipmen who fail pilot training. This quarter a decision on two midshipmen, MURPHY and WALKER, was left to the Board selecting observers for BATC 3/72. This procedure, which worked well, will be studied and a paper raised.

2. The major prize for SLEX midshipmen, the RSL sword, was not presented at CERBERUS this year as the winner, ASLT J.Z. VAN DER ZYDEN, was on leave overseas. He will now receive the prize onboard HMAS PERTH.

3. Training progressed satisfactorily throughout the quarter.

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ANNEX F

RECRUIT SCHOOL

1. Satisfactory results have been achieved in the training of Adult Recruits during the quarter. Since 1st January, 436 Recruits have been entered compared with 468 for the same half year period in 1971.

2. Visits were made to HMA Ships MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, SUPPLY, SWAN, PARRAMATTA and OVENS by Recruits during April. HMAS ARDENT has been used on an opportunity basis to give sea experience to several classes.

3. Recruits have taken an active part in representative sport, some of them participating in the Interservice Sports winter matches held at HMAS CERBERUS. The Recruit School's success in last year's Curry Cup was not repeated.

4. Staff turn over, although high, had a minimal effect on training. LEUT G.E.S. VIDAL RAN relieved SBLT P.M. COX RAN on 1st May as Waller Divisional Officer.

5. The new Adult Recruit Training Course syllabus was returned from Navy Office for revision and insertion of those new sections now required by the implementation of SAILSTRUC 70 recommendations.

6. The Optional Discharge Rate for those entered in 1972 and reaching their option date is 12.5%.

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ANNEX G

MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

1. Two Petty Officers Leadership Courses were held during the quarter with a total of 31 students in the two classes.

2. OIC Management School completed the two weeks Training Administration Course at CERBERUS on May 12th.

3. The first Warrant Officers Management and Service Knowledge Course commenced on 17th May and completed on 23rd June. Questionnaires completed by the 18 course members indicate that the course achieved the aim as stated in the training syllabuses. Some amendments to the syllabuses will be necessary and these are being raised for submission to Navy Office.

Coxswains Courses

4. A class of 5 completed the CERBERUS section of the Coxswain's Conversion Course on 9th June and were posted to KUTTABUL for the final section of the course.

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ANNEX H

SEAMANSHIP SCHOOL

1. Objective Training and the free running of Able Seaman Seamanship Courses is now proceeding satisfactorily and the benefit of the time saved, over the old course training method, is now apparent.

2. A relief for the Module Control Chief Petty Officer joined on 22nd May, and both Chief Petty Officers visited TRU 2 in HMAS WATSON in June for two weeks. The indoctrination in Objective Training of the new Module Controller is now complete. It is worthy of note that the previous Module Controller (CPO Millar) is due to join HMAS SUPPLY in August, where he will be further involved in the On the Job Training which is an extension of the Able Seaman's Course at CERBERUS and PENGUIN.

3. The Officer-in-Charge TRU2 visited the Seamanship School in April and June to discuss development of Test Specifications for Petty Officers' Seamanship Courses.

4. Fifteen Sea Cadets carried out five days Seamanship Training from 8th to 12th May inclusive.

5. The main slipway is unusable and the tug and two workboats, long overdue for bottom scrape and clean, were slipped at San Remo in a commercial repair yard.

6. The following work is outstanding on training aids received ex GASCOYNE:

a.	'B' Gun Deck Awning	Awaiting the Works Department to instal stanchions.
b.	Accommodation Ladder	Awaiting Works Department to fit the davit and metal fittings on the wharf.

The boat hoisting winch, reported in my last Report of Proceedings, has been declared 'beyond economical repair' by the Works Department.

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ANNEX I

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Training

1. The average weekly instructional loading in the school during the ten full instructional weeks of the quarter has been 207 students in 40 classes. The total number of P.C.T. and promotional courses completed during this period was 22.

2. Instructional Technique courses were completed by eleven Electrical Engineering School staff instructors, and an active program remains in hand to ensure that all instructors qulify in this area.

3. P.W.T. courses were conducted for two W.E.E.O. designates during the quarter:- LCDR GLEN WESM I. NOBLE and LEUT SDENAR W. DAVIES.

4. Unfortunately the task of originating and re-writing lesson plans for new syllabuses did not reach the fruition anticipated; priority of effort was channeled into the production of SAILSTRUC 70 course syllabus writing and implementation planning. The relevant syllabuses for Phase 1 courses were forwarded to Navy Office on 7th June.

5. A second consignment of surplus Ikara Development stock was received, and additional selected items from a further surplus Stock List has been requested.

6. Naval Board approval for the formation of a new WRAN maintenance category (WRETC) early in 1973 was promulgated vide NOL 303/31/63 dated 27th April, 1972. It is anticipated that, in this school, they will receive training identical to that of their male contemporaries.

7. NOL 312/24/34 dated 11th April, 1972, approved a proposal raised by the School that each CSA and POE qualifying course be individually assessed, with a view to improving course content. Additionall, the proposal to include senior WEE HRS training in each of these courses was supported.

8. The programming of parallel SAILSTRUC 70 and RATSTRUC courses, assuming a SAILSTRUC 70 start date of 1st October, 1972, is proceeding. Details of overall Instructor requirements cannot be assessed at this time, but will be presented to the Complements Committee in August.

9. CERBERUS letter 80/0/16 dated 25th April, 1972, proposed for consideration that three additional N.D.A. Technical Instructors' positions be established for Laboratory instruction within the School.

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Personnel

10. The following officers' postings were effected during the quarter:-

a. Departures:

LCDR SIDDINS, LEUT BURDON, LEUT HANCOCK.

b. Arrivals:

LEUT MASTERS, LEUT KENT, LEUT VELTMEYER.

New Entry I.O.s:

LEUT ALLEN, LEUT AGAR, LEUT STONE, LEUT McMILLAN, SBLT FORBES.

The New Entry I.O.'s Basic Electronics course 901183 is nearing completion. Good progress is being made by all members of the course, but further specialist training will be necessary before they are able to take their places as fully proficient and adaptable staff.

The employment of Leut Veltmeyer (a WE Officer) as an Instructor fills a long felt need. The "on the job" experience and expertise he can bring to his own instruction, and equally importantly the guidance and advice he can give to less experienced Instructor Officers, can only be of benefit to the fulfilment of the training aims of the school.

11. Three Warrant Officer billets for the School have been ratified and promulgated as an amendment to the Scheme of Peace Complement. Two of these billets, WOEWR and WOEWE for quality control and specialist instruction, have not been filled and are in fact in lieu of a CEWR and CEWE whose billets have been vacant since 7th May, 1971, and 13th December, 1971, respectively. The lack of personnel in these critical billets seriously inhibits training expertise and is the cause of continuing concern.

12. The conduct, morale and general standard of all personnel under training remains excellent, and is amply reflected by a most satisfactory "esprit de corps" and by first class achievements on the sporting fields.

General

13. To enable the new SAILSTRUC training courses to commence with adequate aids and facilities, several additional training aids have been raised as supplementary 1972-73 T.E.P. items, for urgent consideration.

14. A decision on the provision of numerous equipments and components, ex HMAS QUEENBOROUGH, nominated as suitable for W.E.E. training purposes is awaited.

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15. Five additional High Reliability Soldering Tool Kits have been received and have partially relieved the load in this crucial instructional sphere. More have been requested by TEP procedure to meet the increasing requirements in this field.

16. The Electrical Engineering School Stores supervisor, Mr Harris TA2, visited Naval Stores organisations in Sydney for two days in May, and resolved many component identification and cataloguing difficulties. Positive results from this visit in the supply situation are already evident.

17. Visits made to the School during the quarter include:-

a. 2 senior Indonesian Navy Officers.

b. Senior Technical Instructor from Williamstown Naval Dockyard.

c. Civilian technical representatives from the following organisations:-

i. Amalgamated Communications Pty. Ltd.
ii. John Kehm & Co. Pty. Ltd.
iii. Vickers Detroit Hydraulics.
iv. Ronald J.T. Payne.

18. Staff visits were made to the following:-

a. Williamstown Naval Dockyard

b. RMIT

c. WRE Salisbury

d. HMAS QUEENBOROUGH

e. Vickers Detroit Hydraulics

f. Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation

g. Ordnance Factory Maribyrnong.

19. Results obtained during the May B.T.T. were as follows:-

a. B.T.T. for LEM:

Category	No. Passed	No. Failed	Total Sat	% Passed
LEMP	25	25	50	50%
LEMC	12	11	23	52%
LEMWE	12	6	18	67%
LEMWR	8	1	9	89%
TOTALS	57	43	100	FIN

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b. B.T.T. for CHIEF ELECTRICIAN:

Category	No. Passed	No. Failed	Total Sat	% Passed
CEP	2	12	14	14%
CEC	2	1	3	67%
CEWE	2	1	3	67%
CEWR	3	6	9	33%
TOTALS	9	20	29	31%

c. B.T.T. for SYSTEMS ARTIFICER 1ST CLASS:

SAP	5	21	26	19%
SAC	1	2	3	33%
SAW	0	3	3	0%
TOTALS	6	26	32	19%

20. The results being achieved by candidates for LEM have shown a marked improvement since the introduction of objective-type papers. Results of candidates for Chief Electrician and Systems Artificer 1st Class are consistent with those of previous tests and show a lack of preparation, particularly by POEP's and all categories of Systems Artificer.

Equipment

21. Close liaison is being maintained with Williamstown Naval Dockyard in the installation planning of equipment in the new WEED building. Layout drawings of major equipments have been prepared by the Dockyard and concurred in by CERBERUS.

22. The crypto-vault contractors (Messrs. Belling and Lee) have carried out preliminary radiation leakage tests on the vault in the new building and results have been forwarded to D.W.E.D.

23. Installation of the AN/SRC 20 and FH 5 equipments has been completed.

24. The signal injector unit for use with the AN/UQN-4 echo sounder training installation is still in course of manufacture by Dockyard.

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ANNEX J

MARINE ENGINEERING TRAINING SCHOOL

Staff and Personnel

1. a. Officers

It was realised as soon as preparation of Course Training Standards and Syllabuses for the Adult Apprenticeship Scheme started, that it would be necessary to set up a Syllabus writing "cell". This was done early in May utilising the MES School Instructor Officer and the LCDR GLEN. The MES is currently without an Instructor Officer and Course Officers were moved round in billets to allow for the loss of the Senior Engineer. This left the ORDME's without a Course Officer. This position has been filled satisfactorily with the recent complement amendment allowing one WOME for the School.

b. Sailors

The CERA situation has improved slightly as it is expected that two ERA1's should be promoted to CERA soon, having successfully completed the CERA'A' course and been posted to HMAS CERBERUS billet.

General

2. a. Syllabuses

No further progress has been made on any Syllabuses other than the Common Section of Phase I Adult Apprenticeship which should complete very soon.

The PE Section of Phase 1 has been completed by the Electrical School and it is hoped to have the Propulsion and Hull Sections completed by the end of June. It is a very slow process producing these syllabuses, using the new Nirimba Syllabuses as a guide as anomalies are already being found in the Nirimba Syllabuses and these require rechecking before finalising the CERBERUS draft syllabuses.

b. Complements Committee Visit August 1972

It is becoming increasingly obvious that most proposals for changes in complement required to accommodate training under the adult apprenticeship scheme are going to be little more than 'educated guesses' as, until course lengths are known, a decision as to where Phase II training will be carried out is made and many other minor details are arranged, accurate estimates of instructor requirements will be impossible.

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c. New Classroom Building

Due to the current embargo on the recruiting of civilian employees, there is no cleaner for this building. The cleaner allowed for the Marine Engineering School was employed there as well for a short while, but the work proved too arduous for him. The building is in fact large enough to employ two cleaners full time. Temporary arrangements have been implemented using sailors on course outside working hours and a reasonable standard is being maintained. It is considered that this is a sorry state of affairs when the cost of the building was approximately a quarter of a million dollars.

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ANNEX K

COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

Complement

1. a. Officers

Commander SDEX C. Harle was posted to HMAS LONSDALE for temporary duty on 31st May, 1972, and during his absence Leut SDEM C. Silverthorne, has again assumed duty as OICCS, Communications Officer and Telephone Officer. 3rd Officer Edwards is to be posted away but, for the moment, her departure date is uncertain because of the temporary unavailability of her relief (which in turn has caused the cancellation of her original posting). Leut GLEX C. Wilson is to be posted to U.K. on 3rd January, 1973, for the Advanced Communications Course. No relief has yet been nominated for this officer, nor for Leut SDEX C. Gerrey who left in June, 1971. WOCY Nevell is due to join the School on 3rd July, 1972.

b. Sailors

Despite a number of recent postings away, the numbers borne are adequate for the task.

Equipment

2. a. Transmitter Type AN/URT24

The transmitter fitted in classroom 22 has been accepted by RANTAU. One of the two fitted in the Main Signal Office has been accepted by RANTAU but the other is still in Dockyard hands. Two in number Receivers B40D have been fitted in the MSO for use with these two transmitters.

b. Sight and Sound Typing Trainer

Negotiations for the purchase of this trainer are still under way, and bridging finance has been made available to cover the interim cost of hiring.

Fleetwork Trainer

3. In the period since 31st March, the F.W.T. has been in almost constant use. In addition to the normal scheduled school courses, it has been used as follows:-

HMAS DERWENT 18-19 APR 72

CMDR Jackson, M.D.

HMAS HOBART 21-24 APR 72

LCDR Lattin, J.V.

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HMAS YARRA -FWT- 8-12 MAY 72

1 CY, 3 LTO, 3 TO
LT. Linning (SCO)

ORO COURSE 5-6 JUN 72

LT. Richards, R.
LT. Carroll, M.J.
LT. Eames, R.D.
LT. Scott, J.
SBLT Gain, G.S.
SBLT DeGraff, P.
SBLT Blansjarr, J.P.J.
SBLT Cleveland, G.J.

HMAS YARRA -FWT- 6-7 JUN 72

LCDR Patterson
SBLT Quinton
SBLT Ryan

Visits

4. On 6th June, 1972, COLONEL SOEGITO and LEUT COL WINARTO of the Indonesian Navy paid a short visit to the Fleet Work Trainer and seemed impressed.

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ANNEX L

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CPOMUSN's Course

1. The two POMUSN's on course have recently achieved a Credit Pass on their instruments at examination held by the Australian Music Examinations Board and at a progressive test on Theory, were slightly below standard. Lessons have been re-allocated to give more time to the weak areas.

POMUSN's Course

2. The three LMUSN's on course are all progressing well and are receiving support instruction at the Melba Conservatorium of Music.

MUSN's Course

3. Four OMUSN's and two JMUSN's completed a course in the period, one OMUSN and two JMUSN's commenced it.

ORDMUSN's Course

4. Two JMUSN's completed the course, and three OMUSN's and two JMUSN's commenced it.

JMUSN's Course

5. Two JMUSN's commenced the course, and two completed it. One JMUSN has been recommended for transfer to JRCT.

Miscellaneous

6. Selected educational films on music from the State Film Library are screened once every three weeks. In addition a member of the CERBERUS Hospital training staff gave a lecture and screened a film on the importance of correct breathing.

7. Miss Judy Easton, oboist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra visited HMAS CERBERUS and lectured all woodwind trainees on musical techniques and application required for practice periods.

8. Professor George Loughlin, Professor David Cubbin, Dr Percy Jones and Dr Ian Bonighton visited the School of Music for lectures and demonstrations.

9. CPO and PO MUSN's Courses and Trainees attended three ABC Youth Concerts, the Nederlands Ballet and the Farewell Performance of the Don Burrows Quartet.

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10. All instructional staff and selected trainees have performed with the band at various commitments such as the Anzac Day parades in Melbourne and Frankston, the opening of the new wing of the Royal Womens Hospital, and the Sun Miss Teenage of Victoria Quest.

11. Two instructors have been discharged, engagement expired, in this period. It is considered that the enthusiasm of new staff members has assisted in maintaining high standards.

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ANNEX M

SUPPLY SCHOOL

Staff Changes

1. On 1st May Commander J.B. Matthews, RAN, was relieved as Officer-in-Charge by Lieutenant Commander W.B. Loftus, RAN.

2. In April, Lieutenant I.R.A. Row, Legal Officer, HMAS CERBERUS, was relocated within the school. The primary reason for this was because a large proportion of this officer's time is spent on instructional duties. The arrangement is proving satisfactory, as it permits Lieutenant Row to counsel and give legal advice to personnel in a private and convenient location and does not interfere with his performance of his other duties.

Visitors to Supply School

3. The Director of Naval Legal Services, Captain D.G. Robertson, R.N., visited the school to lecture the Advanced Supply Course from 24th to 26th May.

On 22nd June Supply Lieutenant C.G. Cleverly RAN, of the Staff of the Director of Training, visited to discuss various matters connected with Supply Training.

Training

4. The Advanced Supply Course started on 8th May, and is progressing satisfactorily. At present 1 P/LCDR GLSU, 2 LEUTS GLSU and 1 LCDR Royal Malayan Navy are on course. They are shortly to be joined by 2 LEUTS SDSU.

5. The Cookery School has continued to cope satisfactorily with the increased numbers of students, created by the gradual abolition of Common Sea Training, No. 2 Galley being used to provide extra cookery training facilities. It is anticipated that the situation will revert to normal early in 1973.

6. The first students (ORDSTDS) to come direct from the Recruit School without having undertaken Common Sea Training have graduated. They performed satisfactorily on course.

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ANNEX N

GUNNERY SCHOOL

Equipment

1. The following equipment variations have taken place during the quarter:-

a. A second 40 mm Mark 9 mounting has been supplied to West Head Gunnery Range and is in the process of being installed.

b. The 4.5" drill turret refurbishment programme has proceeded and the Gunhouse Gunbay is being preserved in wake of removed machinery.

c. Outstanding modifications have been incorporated in the West Head M22 System and a Delmar Target SAFA planned for Wednesday, 14th June, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Personnel

2. Commander J. SMITH GLEX G+ RAN was relieved as OIC Gunnery School by Commander I.A. CALLAWAY GLEX G+ on 1st June.

Training

3. A survey of training aids, techniques, facilities and instructors was begun on 14th June, after discussions with the School of Training Technology.

4. The writing of Draft ABR's has continued during the quarter with the following results:-

ABR 1043	Firing Manual - completed and forwarded
ABR 862	Naval Magazine and Explosive Regulation - 25% of total re-writing requirement has been completed.

Pre Work Up Team Training

5. The following PWT training was conducted during the quarters-

HMAS VAMPIRE	M22 Control, 4.5" Turret WM's.
HMAS YARRA	MRS3 Control Team, 4.5" Turret Crew, Landing Party.
HMAS STUART	.5 Browning Machine Gun Crews.

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Non Promotion Courses

6. The following courses were completed during the quarters-

Destroyer Gunnery Officers
HMAS HOBART XO Gunnery Acquaint
HMAS ANZAC Explosives Acquaint
ABQMG RANR
Patrol Boat Gunnery
HMAS PARRAMATTA Seacat Aimers
Midshipmen SLEX Phase III
Dockyard Police Pistol Course
Annual Range Course RANR Officers
Explosives Accounting Officers.

Small Arms Range

7. The following Army Units used the Sandy Point area and range during the quarters-

Officer Cadet Training Unit
Balcombe Apprentice School
4th Task Force
4th Field Ambulance.

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ANNEX O

HMAS ARDENT

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of May 1972. Times throughout KILO (-10).

2. On Thursday 4th May at 0900, the ship proceeded from alongside HMAS CERBERUS to carry out seaman training of twenty recruits. Exercises in man overboard drills, leaving ship stations, emergency stations and anchoring were carried out in the Westernport area, culminating in berthing alongside HMAS CERBERUS at 1550.

3. On Monday 8th May, ARDENT proceeded at 0900 for passage to QUEENSCLIFF, in Port Phillip Bay. Foggy conditions with visibility down to 300 yards required the blind pilotage team to close up for passage through Port Phillip Heads. The ship was berthed alongside QUEENSCLIFF at 1148. At 1230 18 members of the Citizens Military Forces plus equipment and two Gemini Dinghies were embarked, accompanied by two members of the Naval and Military Public Relations, photographic staff. At 1345 ARDENT proceeded to CORINELLA in Westernport Bay to anchor at 1735 (after dark). At 1740 the C.M.F. were landed by Gemini at a secluded beach southwest of CORINELLA. It was an unopposed landing of men and equipment, the proceedings being covered by camera. At about 2215 the Gemini dinghies returned and were hoisted aboard with three of the army observers embarked. At 2223 ARDENT returned to alongside at HMAS CERBERUS berthing at 2338.

4. On Wednesday 10th May at 1320, 15 sea cadets plus instructors were embarked for a two hour period of simple aquaint exercises in the area North of COWES. Man overboard and anchoring demonstrations were conducted, the sea cadets taking part. On completion the ship returned to HMAS CERBERUS berthing at 1500.

5. On Thursday 11th May, ARDENT proceeded at 0940 for .50 calibre firings to be conducted in the firing area 5 miles south of Westhead. The 40/60 Bofor failed its prefiring checks and was declared unserviceable due to a fractured back plate. This has since been replaced! The ship returned on completion, berthing at 1400. On arrival warrant number one for HMAS ARDENT was read.

6. On Wednesday 17th May, ARDENT proceeded on the fourth fishery surveillance patrol for 1972. Lieutenant McNaughton RANR and Midshipman Murphy R.A.N. were embarked for training. The weather was fine with a North Westerly of force four and a long South Westerly swell running. At about 2200 when the ship was passing three miles south of Cape Otway the weather deteriorated which made the passage to PORTLAND extremely uncomfortable. Speed was reduced to prevent seas from washing down the

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forecastle but the movement was still uncomfortable due to the cross effect of wind and tide. At 0730 the ship secured alongside the commercial wharf at PORTLAND. Shortly after 0800 the Harbour Master suggested a more secure berth could be found in the Fisherman's Wharf area. Another consideration forwarded for shifting berth was the arrival of a 30,000 ton ore carrier which was due that day to unload phosphate, upwind of the ship. At 1100 ARDENT shifted berth. The ship was well received at PORTLAND, the company was entertained by Councillor Foley, the Mayor, at the Town Hall, and further entertained at the Henty Hotel, later on the Saturday evening. Due to further deterioration of the weather during the weekend I decided that it would be imprudent to proceed further on fishery surveillance patrol and to return to HMAS CERBERUS as soon as a break appeared. At 0740 on Monday 22nd, ARDENT proceeded to HMAS CERBERUS arriving alongside at 1726 that day having had a fair passage.

7. On Monday 29th May, recruits were embarked for sea training. On Tuesday 30th May, 19 WRANS were embarked at 1300 for aquaint training for one hour. On return alongside at 1400 the ship was shifted to a mooring off the end of the Naval Depot jetty and preparations made for operation awkward exercises, to be carried out that evening. At 1730 the ship was brought to readiness state one and sentries posted. A night viewing device was mounted on the upper bridge which proved very effective in detecting surface swimmers and canoeists. On completion of the exercise at 1830 the ship was unmoored and returned alongside. The following day, Wednesday 31st, five radio operators were embarked for aquaint training. The ship sailing at 0900 returning at 1500. Several forms of communication exercises, using lights, flags and portable transceivers were carried out. From results it was found that the operators would require further training in voice and fleet work procedures to make them capable of filling their patrol boat billets; their course officer has been informed of my findings.

8. The morale of the Ship's Company is very good. No major defects have occurred during the period and planned maintenance schedules have been brought up to date.

I have the honour to be,,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

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ANNEX 'A'

A.	Distance steamed during the month	646 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	46.75 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	13,705.8 miles
D.	Total hours underway	887.75 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to make a report of proceedings for HMAS ARDENT from Saturday, 1st April 1972, until Sunday, 30th April 1972.

2. Wednesday, 5th April, HMAS ARDENT sailed for the 3rd Fish Patrol of 1972, and Lieutenant Commanders Murphy and Orrocks were borne for watch-keeping duties. Areas to be visited were mid Bass Strait Islands, East coast of Tasmania and Hobart. At 1400 local time 40/60 and .50 calibre guns crews were exercised at live firing using Devil's Tower as a surface target. Moderate swell conditions were prevalent which tended to upset the accuracy of the Bofor layer at close ranges.

3. Proceeding on completion, ARDENT was anchored at about 1700 at Erith Island. The following morning, Thursday, 6th April, patrol continued to Falmouth. Weather conditions prevented an anchorage on a lee shore and passage was continued to Byron's Bay. Large shoals of tuna were sighted en route to Schouten passage and several large turtles were seen at about 6 miles off the East coast of Tasmania.

4. Divers were exercised at 0700 on Friday 7th April. On completion, patrol was continued via Maria Island to Hobart.

5. I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Tasmania, on arrival at about 1530 on Friday 7th April, ARDENT was well received, several invitations were forwarded for the ship's companies' entertainment and sport was organized. ARDENT was fuelled efficiently during her stay, no incidents occurred on shore except that two sailors returned late onboard from night leave, indicating that they had had a good run.

6. Patrol was continued from 0830 Monday, 10th April, to Coles Bay. Unfortunately weather prevented an anchorage in the bay and shelter had to be sought in the Schouten passage area. There were several small fishing boats anchored in this area waiting for the weather to moderate enough, to enable them to draw nets and crayfish pots. We "spoke" two of the boats while on passage to Westernport. On the following morning we were rewarded with enough crayfish and trumpeter to feed the ship's company,

7. Passage to Westernport was smooth but marred by the failure of one of the tappets in the Port engine. The cyclinder was isolated making that engine capable of only being used in an emergency.
For the remainder of the month ARDENT was employed locally in sea training for young Officers and Recruits. Westhead carried out live firings utilising the ship as a target for the qualifying gunners and the DGO's course. Opportunity was taken during this period to "commit to the deep" the ashes of LSRP Barnewell and POME Mathhews. The Reverend Ball, Chaplain, officiated.

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8. Friday, 21st April, ARDENT sailed for Melbourne to embark the Governor, Sir Rohan Delacombe, early on Saturday morning, for the passage to Mornington. Unfortunately, and much to the disappointment of the ship's company who had worked rather hard for the visit, all arrangements were cancelled. I therefore returned to Westernport AM Sunday, 23rd April.

9. The ship's company were well behaved during this period. Morale is still of a very high standard which I think is maintained by the varied and interesting tasks the ship is required to carry out.

10. Midshipman Pilch RAN and Sub Lieutenant Waugh RANR were borne onboard during the latter part of the month, for training.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

Enclosure: Annex A

ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1198.5 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	67.5 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	13059.8 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	841 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of June, 1972. Times throughout KILO (-10).

2. Friday, 2nd June, HMAS ARDENT proceeded at 1110 with 19 WRANS embarked for a short trip to sea, returning alongside at 1215.

3. Thursday, 8th June, at 1000 the ship proceeded for West Head firings. Firings were delayed until 1300 on that afternoon and ship was anchored off Flinders jetty at 1105 to facilitate the preparation and consumption of the midday meal. At 1230 HMAS ARDENT weighed and proceeded to a position 180 degrees West Head 5 miles, for target duties. On completion at 1400, HMAS ARDENT returned to HMAS CERBERUS berthing at 1500.

4. The morale of the ship's company is excellent. No major defects have occurred during the period and planned maintenance schedules were processed.

5. On Friday, 9th June, two-thirds of the ship's company proceeded on mid winter leave. The ship reverted to 48 hours notice for sailing. On the 14th June two RANR technical sailors were embarked for their annual 14 day training.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	75.5 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	5 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	13781 miles
D.	Total hours underway	892.75 hours

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ANNEX P

NBCD SCHOOL

1. During the quarter approximately 50 classes have attended courses at the school with only 13 individual failures, which is possibly indicative of the enthusiasm of the instructors.

2. The estimates for the proposed DC Unit are still being processed at Williamstown Dockyard. The OIC has visited the dockyard twice during this quarter for discussions with the staff involved. The second deck for the existing smoke tunnel is still in the planning stage.

3. The new fire pit modifications have not yet been completed, but it is estimated that the fire pit will be in use during the next quarter.

4. With the exception of 2 MEs, a full complement is borne, and all the instructors have completed the I.T. Course.

5. LCDR GLEX A.V.R. Horne, RAN, assumed the duties of OICNBCD School and Operations Officer from LEUT SDEX T. Redman, RAN(E/L) on Tuesday, 8th May, 1972.

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ANNEX Q

PT SCHOOL

1. a. Numbers under Training

MID BATC 2/71	17
Recruits - Bravo	19
Charlie	21
Delta	15
Echo	16
Foxtrot	19
Golf	19
Hotel	18
India	19
Backward Swimming	11
Petty Officers Leadership Course -	
3/72	14
4/72	15
5/72	18
MID SLEX 1/72	16
MID SLEX 2/72 -	
Sports Course	8
MID BATCH 2/72	8
SEA CADETS CLASS	60
Cox'n Conversion Course 2/72	5

b. Number Completed Training

Recruits	173
Passed Swimming Test	219

c. Life Saving Awards - (Royal Life Saving Society)

Resuscitation	231
Water Safety	213
Elementary	224
Survival	171
Proficiency	2
Intermediate Star	5
Bronze Medallion	12
Bronze Bar	5
Award of Merit	5
Safe Swimmer	186
Instructors	2

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d. Expedition Training

i. SLEX 1/72. To Halls Gap (Grampians) for four days. Twenty students, plus three supervising staff.

ii. BATC 2/72. To Halls Gap (Grampians) for four days. Seven Midshipmen, plus four supervising staff.

iii. POPT 1/72. To Enoch Point (Eildon) for five days. Six students plus two supervising staff.

2. Outside Visits

i. POPT 1/72 plus two instructors visited Mount Martha Rehabilitation Centre.

ii. POPT 1/72. Visit to Victoria Police Academy and Debney Park Recreation Centre.

3. Intensive Swimming Course

Recruit Triptree)
Recruit Dickens) 3 P.S.T.
POME D. Smart)

Junior Recruit Lee taken off course 12th April, 1972 - Medical.

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ANNEX R

WRANS SCHOOL

Recruit Wrans Indoctrination Course

1. Fifty-nine Recruit Wrans successfully completed Part 1 Training during the period under report, with three Recruit Wrans electing to exercise the option of discharge and two Recruit Wrans discharged 'Unsuitable'. One Recruit Wran has been back-classed for medical reasons.

Leading Wran Regulating Course

2. Six Wrans are under training in the Administration section of the Leading Wran Regulating Course.

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ANNEX S

ACADEMIC SCHOOL

Commander D.R. Patterson, B.Ed., Litt.B., M.A.C.E., RAN, joined on 29th May, 1972, from Navy Office, Canberra, and assumed the duties of Officer-in-Charge, Academic School; Deputy Senior Instructor Officer; Base Tutorial Officer for the Officers' Extension Tutorial Course. In addition Commander Patterson has taken over as Naval Member of the Victorian Inter Service Sports Committee from Commander D.M. Wogan-Browne, RAN.

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ANNEX T

SCHOOL OF TRAINING TECHNOLOGY

1. OICRANSTT was relieved as OICTRU 1 by Leut MLIT K.A. Donohue on 29th May, 1972.

2. OICRANSTT and one officer conducted a weekend quality control course for reserve officers and sailors in HMAS MORETON. A similar course was conducted in HMAS ALBATROSS for RANAMEB staff and others.

3. Training Administration Course 1/72 was held from 1st to 12th May. Visiting lecturers from Monash and Latrobe Universities, Army, Air Force and the Australian Council for Educational Research contributed to the success of the course.

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ANNEX U

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

1. During the quarter, the following Character Guidance and other lectures have taken place:-

Phase 1 - Recruits

2. 49 Character Development lectures to 229 Recruits, as follows:

	Number of Recruits	Lectures
RANKIN 7/72	38	8
WALLER 8/72	37	8
RANKIN 9/72	30	8
WALLER 10/72	31	8
RANKIN 11/72	38	8
WALLER 12/72	36	8
RANKIN 13/72	19	1

Phase 2 - RWRANS

3. Character Development courses have been conducted with two intakes of WRANS, involving 8 lectures to 63 WRANS:

Phase 3

4. Sessions on Character Responsibility have been conducted for the following groups of ORDS, under training for Able Rank, involving 26 lectures to 216 men:

ABWM	2/72			
ABQMG	5/72			
ABFC	3/72			
ME	4/72	5/72	6/72	7/72
WTR	3/72			
CKS	4/72			
SAN	2/72			
SAV	2/72			
STD	4/72			
OCO	10/71			
EMP	2/72			
EMC	2/72			

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Other Lectures

5. Lectures on Character Responsibility and Leadership have been delivered as follows:

	Numbers	Lectures
Junior Musicians	6	10
Reserve Officers	11	1
BATC 2/72	10	4
PO's School	47	6
	74	21

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The Secretary
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CERBERUS during the quarter ended 30th September, 1972.

Training

2. On Monday the 17th July, 1972, the title of Training Commander was changed to that of Training Captain, the duties of which were assumed the same day by Instructor Captain W.R. Sharp, RAN. This first step in the reorganization of the management structure of HMAS CERBERUS has proved most successful.

3. The duties of Senior Instructor Officer, formerly carried out by Captain Sharp, have been assumed by Instructor Commander D.R. Patterson in addition to his present duties as Officer-in-Charge, Academic School.

4. Most schools during the quarter were required to produce the sets of supervisory tasks required for the Modified Command Tests. The difficulties experienced in the production of these tests have been reported in other papers.

5. Regular Training Meetings have been introduced, attended by OIC's, Training Officers, a Psychologist and the Chaplains, for the interchange of ideas and the discussion of mutual problems.

6. Training assistance for the Port Melbourne Division of the RANR was provided at West Head Gunnery Range and in HMAS CERBERUS. One Officer, five Instructors and 60 Cadets of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps underwent Annual Training in HMAS CERBERUS from 19th to 27th August, 1972.

7. An Introductory Course for 5 officers, 15 sailors and 4 Wrans posted for Recruiting Duties was held in HMAS CERBERUS from 24th July to 4th August. The course included visits to the training schools in HMAS CERBERUS.

8. A group of 37 Dockyard Apprentices and 5 ANL Cadets visited the Technical Schools in HMAS CERBERUS on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th August, 1972.

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9. A number of sailors and WRANS joined in with the citizens of Crib Point in an organized "Community Clean Up" of the township on Sunday, 13th August. The Shire President forwarded a letter expressing his praise for the way they went about their tasks.

10. On Tuesday, 5th September, HMAS CERBERUS provided a Royal Guard and Band for the State Opening of Parliament. The Governor made a special point of asking me to congratulate the Guard and Band on their performance. Similar encomiums were received from Army and Air Force leaders.

Distinguished Visitors

11. A group of about 70 members, wives and families of the Ex-HMAS HOBART Association visited HMAS CERBERUS on 23rd July, for a Church Service and a tour of the establishment. At the Church Service, which was also attended by the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral Sir Richard Peek, KBE, CB, DSC, and Lady Peek, the Captain Howden Memorial Screen was dedicated.

12. The Complements Committee (Captain H.E. Bailey, DSC, Captain R.J. Scrivenor, Instructor Captain G. Histed and 6 other officers) visited HMAS CERBERUS from 21st to 25th August, 1972.

13. An Initial Selection Board (Captain R.G. Craft, President) interviewed 12 Officer Candidates in HMAS CERBERUS on 29th and 30th August, 1972.

14. Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC, made an informal visit to HMAS CERBERUS on 5th September, 1972, to view works in progress.

15. Mr D.E. Harris, Secretary of the Victorian Credit Co-Operative Association, gave a talk on Credit Unions in the Southern Cross Cinema on Wednesday, 20th September. Although his talk was well attended there is little support for a Service Credit Union.

HMAS ARDENT

16. In July, HMAS ARDENT entered Duke and Orr's drydock at Melbourne for mid cycle docking. The ships company were accommodated at HMAS LONSDALE for this period.

17. The Flinders Cub Pack was given passage from HMAS CERBERUS to Flinders in August, and the ship then proceeded for a three day visit to Geelong. During this period ARDENT exercised with HMAS ARROW for two days.

18. HMAS ARDENT carried out a fishery patrol in eastern Bass Strait in September, combined with a three day visit to Georgetown, Tasmania.

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19. During the balance of the quarter HMAS ARDENT was employed in carrying out target duties at West Head, and in providing sea training and familiarisation for Midshipmen, Recruits, RO's, Sea Cadets, Instructor Officers, RANNS and WRAN recruits.

Medical and Dental

20. During the quarter, minor structural alterations have been carried out in the Medical Training School (glass doors to cupboards and laminex fitted to the bench in Practical Classroom). The only outstanding item of equipment (a Yashika 35 m.m. camera and attachments) has been approved but not yet supplied.

21. In July, representatives of the South Australia Dental Board and the South Australia Dental Association spent one day in the Dental Training School witnessing training of the Combined Services Dental Hygienist Course.

22. The South Australia Government has recently passed legislation to permit dental hygienists to practise in that State, and the two visitors had been commissioned to evaluate the Navy Course, the only one so far established in Australia.

Works

23. Work is progressing slowly on the Marine Engineering Demonstration building and it is expected that the building itself may be handed over in October, although it is unlikely that the Diesel Installation Contractor will meet his completion date of 28th October.

24. Construction of the new Weapons Electronic Engineering Demonstration building has been completed and the building provisionally accepted from the contractors. Action is being taken to remedy minor deficiencies in the new building, as detailed in the provisional acceptance documents.

25. The improved sewerage system has been completed and was accepted, after inspection, on 8th September, 1972. Work on the restoration of the ornamental lake is also complete.

Boy Scouts

26. During the quarter the Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the Scout Association of Australia (General Sir Robert Risson) invited me to join the State Council of Control, which I have done.

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Ecology

27. The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) has recently set up a Landscape Classification Committee, which will aim at classifying areas of countryside in rather the same way as the Trust already classifies buildings. The Committee has recommended to the Trust that three areas in Westernport should be so classified, and one of these is Sandy Point.

28. I have given permission for the Westernport Bay Environmental Study Executive Committee to have periodic access to HMAS CERBERUS for the purpose of stream measurement and sampling in the watercourse flowing through HMAS CERBERUS.

29. The ornamental lake in HMAS CERBERUS has, with the co-operation of the Fisheries and Wildlife Department, been stocked with 300 yearling fish (half brown and half rainbow trout). Observation and angling success will decide which of the two species is better suited to the lake. Four ducks have taken up residency on the lake, as has a migratory black swan.

30. The clearing of noxious weeds from the previously leased grazing land is still a matter for concern. I have now written to the Department of Works seeking their intentions in this matter, since their actions in the past few months have merely resulted in large piles of weeds and earth being dotted over the land in question, and burning these piles will be difficult, if not impossible.

Morale

31. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company have been good throughout the quarter.

(D.H.D. SMYTH)
COMMODORE

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ANNEX A

COMMODORE'S OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Tuesday, 4th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception at the Southern Cross Hotel given by the U.S. Consul-General to commemorate American Independence Day.
Wednesday, 5th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception at Hawthorn given by the Venezuelan Consul to commemorate Venezuelan National Day. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Buffet Dinner at the Southern Command Officers Mess to meet Lt. General Sir Mervyn Brogan, K.B.E., C.B., and Lady Brogan.
Thursday, 6th July	Commodore attended the Westernport Lions annual Changeover Night formal dinner.
Sunday, 9th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth had coffee in HMAS CERBERUS Wardroom with visiting Olympic Games officials. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the christening of Jason, son of LCDR and Mrs Rouse, at the R.C. Chapel, HMAS CERBERUS, and afterwards in the Wardroom. Commodore attended a Buffet Dinner at the home of the Judge Advocate-General and Mrs Rapke, North Balwyn.
Monday, 10th July	Commodore opened the RAN Legal Services Seminar at HMAS LONSDALE. Commodore attended a RAN Legal Services Mess Dinner at the Naval and Military Club.
Wednesday, 12th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Commander and Mrs Leonard in the Commander's residence HMAS CERBERUS.
Friday, 14th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a HMAS CERBERUS Wives Club Dance in Club Cerberus.

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Saturday, 15th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a farewell party given by Commander and Mrs D.M. Wogan-Browne. Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs J.M. Bennett at Somers.
Sunday, 16th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a lunch party at Mornington.
Monday, 17th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cocktail Party in HMAS SUPPLY at Port Melbourne.
Tuesday, 18th July	Commodore inspected the Lysaght complex at Hastings with Captain K.A. Young, RAN (Rtd.). Commodore attended a meeting of the Company of Master Mariners in Melbourne.
Wednesday, 19th July	Commodore attended the Annual RSL Conference in Melbourne. Commodore attended the Lord Mayor's 'At Home' in the Town Hall. Commodore attended an Olympic Boxing Team Gala Boxing Night at the Pier Hotel Frankston.
Thursday, 20th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an 'At Home' in Toorak (Councillor Osborne).
Saturday, 22nd July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Navy League Dinner Dance at Camberwell Civic Centre.
Sunday, 23rd July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended Divine Service in the Memorial Chapel HMAS CERBERUS at which the Captain Howden Memorial Screen was dedicated in the presence of the Chief of the Naval Staff and Lady Peek, Surgeon Rear Admiral and Mrs Lockwood and 70 ex-Hobartians.

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Sunday, 23rd July (Cont'd)	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a luncheon party for Admiral Sir Richard Peek, Lady Peek and other guests.
	Opening of an exhibition of the Commodore's paintings at Manyung Gallery, Mount Eliza, by Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., M.P.
Monday, 24th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth took afternoon tea with Bishop McKie at South Yarra.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with the U.S. Consul General in South Yarra.
Tuesday, 25th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a luncheon at Cerberus House for the Director-General of Recruiting, the Director of Naval Recruiting, the Director of Manpower Planning and the Principal Social Worker.
Wednesday, 26th July	Commodore in company with GOSI Victoria inspected naval boats building at Swiftcraft, Mordialloc.
Friday, 28th July	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an 'At Home' at the RANR Mess HMAS LONSDALE.
Saturday, 29th July	Commodore attended the launching of HMAS FLINDERS at H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Williamstown.
Wednesday, 2nd August	Commodore attended the Annual Meeting of the Crib Point Infant Welfare Centre.
Friday, 4th August and Saturday, 5th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Interservice Skiing Championships at Mount Buller.
Monday, 7th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Chapter of the Naval Historical Society and the Commodore delivered an address.
Tuesday, 8th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Gala performance of the Australian Ballet at the Princess Theatre followed by a Stage Supper Party.

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Wednesday, 9th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Surgeon Captain and Mrs Ryan at the MCIC's residence HMAS CERBERUS.
Thursday, 10th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Dinner Party at Cerberus House.
Friday, 11th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the opening of Ball and Welch store, by the Hon. Philip Lynch M.P., at Frankston.
Wednesday, 16th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth toured Yooralla Children's Hospital and remained for lunch.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Hastings Shire Annual Presidential Dinner.
Thursday, 17th August	Commodore attended a Mess Dinner in the Wardroom HMAS CERBERUS.
Sunday, 20th August	Commodore attended the christening of Lieutenant and Mrs G.J.T. Hunt's daughter in HMAS ARDENT.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a YCW Dance in Club Cerberus.
Monday, 21st August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Vice-Regal dinner at Government House to farewell Sir Henry Bolte, Premier of Victoria.
Tuesday, 22nd August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a State Reception for the Lieutenant Governor and Dame Mary Herring in the Great Hall of the National Gallery of Victoria.
Wednesday, 23rd August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained members of the Complements Committee at Cerberus House.

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Thursday, 24th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a dinner party in Hastings.
Friday, 25th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a dinner party at the Melbourne Club.
Monday, 28th August	Commodore attended the DDL Presentation at the CML Centre, Melbourne.
Tuesday, 29th August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Dinner Party at Cerberus House.
Thursday, 31st August	Commodore and Mrs Smyth lunched with the Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly at Parliament House, Melbourne.
Monday, 4th September	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Royal Thai Consular Reception at the Southern Cross Hotel.
Tuesday, 5th September	Commodore attended upon His Excellency the Governor at the State Opening of Parliament.
Friday, 8th September	Commodore ~~and Mrs Smyth~~ attended a dinner for Admiral Sir Victor Smith, K.B.C., C.B., D.S.C., at the Melbourne Club.
Monday, 11th September	Commodore attended a luncheon for the RAN 1914 New Guinea Landing Party in the Wardroom HMAS CERBERUS. Commodore attended a meeting of the Westernport Regional Planning Authority in Melbourne.
Wednesday, 13th September	Commodore attended the annual meeting of the Lord Mayor's Fund in the Town Hall Melbourne. Commodore attended a meeting of the Ship Lovers' Society in Melbourne.
Thursday, 14th September	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Mess Dinner in the Wardroom HMAS CERBERUS.

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Friday, 15th September	Commodore attended a Cocktail Party in Somers.
Monday, 18th September	Commodore gave a luncheon for Commander Bassett RAN (Rtd).
Tuesday, 19th September	Commodore called on the new Lord Mayor of Melbourne. Commodore dined with the Master of the Melbourne Branch of Master Mariners and afterwards attended a meeting of the Company of Master Mariners.
Wednesday, 20th September	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Show Eve Cocktail Party at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.
Thursday, 21st September	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Royal Agricultural Show, Melbourne, and lunched with the Committee.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a performance at Princess Theatre as guests of the Australian Ballet.
Sunday, 24th September	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a lunch party at Marathon, Mt Eliza.
Tuesday, 26th September	Commodore attended the Bi-Annual meeting of HMAS CERBERUS Pre-School Centre.
Wednesday, 27th September	Commodore was Guest Speaker at the Taxation Department Sub-Branch of the RSL in Melbourne at their annual dinner.
Thursday, 28th September	Commodore attended a meeting of the Westernport Lions club.
Friday, 29th September	Commodore attended the HMAS QUICKMATCH annual re-union at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron as Guest of Honour.

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ANNEX B

OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS AT WHICH THE COMMODORE WAS REPRESENTED

Friday, 28th July	Surgeon Captain and Mrs C.S. Martin attended the Naval Association Annual Ball at South Melbourne Town Hall.
Wednesday, 13th September	Commander R. Leonard, M.B.E., D.F.C., A.F.C., RN, and Mrs Leonard attended the RAAF Association Battle of Britain Dinner Ball.

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ANNEX C

SPORTING EVENTS AND RESULTS

EXTERNAL SPORT

Australian Rules

Navy 1sts	Defeated	Langwarrin	16. 9 - 13. 6
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Langwarrin	6.16 - 6.11
Navy 1sts	Defeated	Karingal	11.17 - 6.11
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Karingal	32.19 - 2. 5
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Dromana	24.19 - 12. 0
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Dromana	11.11 - 5. 7
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Rosebud	16.11 - 11.20
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Rosebud	18.11 - 8. 5
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Rye	24.16 - 11. 9
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Rye	21.15 - 15.12
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Bonbeach	16.13 - 11.11
Navy 2nds	Lost to	Bonbeach	15.12 - 9.15
Navy	Defeated	Frankston Teachers College	12. 7 - 5. 6
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Crib Point	18.12 - 16. 6
Navy 2nds	Lost to	Crib Point	9.11 - 8. 9
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Pearcedale	23.23 - 8. 7
Navy 2nds	Defeated	Pearcedale	19.13 - 4. 6
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Pines	12. 6 - 8. 9
Navy 2nds	Lost to	Pines	13.12 - 13. 8
Navy 2nds	Lost to	Rye	20.16 - 13.16

Hockey

Navy	Lost to	Springvale/Nobbe Park	5 - 1
Navy	Lost to	O.H.A.	4 - 1
Navy	Lost to	Waverley	4 - 1
Navy	Lost to	Monash	4 - 0
Navy	Lost to	Camberwell	4 - 1
Navy	Lost to	Camberwell	6 - 0
Navy	Lost to	St Kilda	8 - 1
Navy	Defeated	St Kilda	3 - 2
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Camberwell	5 - 3
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Dandenong	3 - 0
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Pall	Forfeit
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Box Hill	Forfeit

Golf

Navy	Defeated	Frankston Teachers College	At Frankston
Navy	Drew	Frankston Teachers College	At Cerberus
Navy	Lost to	Frankston United	46 Points
Navy	Lost to	Bata Shoes	

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Soccer

Navy	Defeated	Army	6 - 2
Navy	Defeated	A.B.C.	5 - 3
Navy	Defeated	Chelsea	4 - 2

Squash

Navy 'B'	Defeated	Mornington	9 - 8
Navy 'B' Reserve	Defeated	Lysaght	8 - 7
Navy 'B' Reserve	Defeated	Tyabb '5'	3 - 1
Navy 'B'	Lost to	Tyabb '3'	10 - 9
Navy 'B'	Defeated	Rosebud (6)	9 - 6
Navy 'B' Reserve	Lost to	Mornington (7)	3 - 1
Navy 'B'	Defeated	Lysaghts (3)	3 - 7
Navy 'B'	Lost to	Mornington (5)	3 - 1
Navy 'B' Reserve	Lost to	Frankston (8)	7 - 6
Navy 'B'	Defeated	Tyabb (4)	3 - 1
Navy 'B'	Defeated	Rosebud (5)	7 - 6
Navy 'B' Reserve	Lost to	Lysaghts (2)	4 - 0
Navy 'B' Reserve	Defeated	Frankston (7)	4 - 0
Navy	Defeated	HMAS DUCHESS	3 - 1
Navy	Defeated	Lysaghts - Countback	9 - 7
Navy	Lost to	Mornington	8 - 7

Rugby

Navy 1sts	Lost to	Army (O.C.S.)	13 - 10
Navy (Colts)	Lost to	Harlequins	4 - 0
Navy 1sts	Defeated	Geelong	20 - 0
Navy (Colts)	Lost to	Box Hill	16 - 4
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Hawthorn	31 - 0
Navy (Colts)	Lost to	University	27 - 4
Navy 1sts	Defeated	University	38 - 15
Navy (Colts)	Defeated	Army	28 - 10
Victorian Services	Lost to	Queensland (Old Country)	30 - 6
Navy 1sts	Lost to	Moorabbin	12 - 4
Navy (Colts)	Lost to	Melbourne	24 - 11
Combined Services	Defeated	Victoria	27 - 16
Combined Service Colts	Lost to	Victorian Colts	17 - 10
Navy	Lost to	HMAS DUCHESS	10 - 3

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Basketball

Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Heights (2)	27 - 12
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Frankston	47 - 4
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Clintons	21 - 20
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Frankston	29 - 21
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Frankston Teachers College	16 - 10
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Lions (2)	41 - 4
Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Lions (1)	29 - 25
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Lions (2)	32 - 22
Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Lions (2) Semi-Final	32. - 27
Navy (RCTS)	Defeated	Morning Star	42 - 25
Navy	Defeated	Frankston Teacher's College	34 - 19
Navy	Defeated	HMAS DUCHESS	50 - 13
Navy (OTS)	Defeated	Army (O.C.S.)	8 - 7

Net Ball

Navy (WRANS)	Defeated	Karingal	26 - 23
Navy (WRANS)	Drew	Dolphins	27 - 27

INTER-SERVICE

Skiing

1st	Army
2nd	Air Force
3rd	Navy

Soft Ball

Navy (WRANS)	Lost to	Army	15 - 8

Water Polo

Navy	Defeated	HMAS DUCHESS	7 - 1

Volley Ball

Navy OTS (B)	Defeated	O.C.S.	3 - 1
Navy OTS (A)	Defeated	O.C.S.	3 - 0

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ANNEX D

BAND ENGAGEMENTS

1. During the third quarter of 1972 HMAS CERBERUS band has maintained a high standard at a variety of engagements.

2. Highlights were the Farewell to the Australian Olympic Team at Tullamarine and the Ceremonial Parade for the Opening of State Parliament by His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria.

3. The two performances for the Victorian Football League finals had a maximum publicity impact through television coverage. In particular the Preliminary Final on the 30th of September fostered interest in Navy Week.

Friday	July	14th	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Saturday	"	22nd	Navy League Ball. Camberwell Civic Centre.
Friday	"	28th	Recruit School Passing Out Parade, Ceremonial Divisions HMAS CERBERUS.
Saturday	"	29th	Launching of HMAS FLINDERS, Williamstown Naval Dockyard.
Saturday	August	5th	Farewell Olympic Team, Tullamarine.
Tuesday	"	8th	Concert at School for the Blind, Burwood. Opening of Australian Ballet Season, Princess Theatre, Melbourne.
Friday	"	11th	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Thursday	"	17th	Wardroom Dinner.
Sunday	"	20th	Charity Concert at Rosebud in aid of Helicopter Ambulance Service.
Monday	"	21st	State Dinner, Government House.
Wednesday	"	23rd	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Friday	"	25th	Ceremonial Divisions HMAS CERBERUS, Chamber of Commerce Dinner, Arts Centre.
Tuesday	September	5th	Opening of State Parliament, Melbourne.
Friday	"	8th	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Thursday	"	14th	Ladies Night Wardroom Dinner.
Saturday	"	16th	VFL 2nd Semi Final, VFL Park Waverley.
Friday	"	22nd	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.
Saturday	"	30th	VFL Preliminary Final at MCG.

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ANNEX E

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

1. During the quarter, the following Character Guidance and other lectures have taken place:

Phase 1 - Recruits

2. 49 Character Development lectures to 229 Recruits, as follows:

	Number of Recruits	Lectures
RANKIN 13/72	19	7
WALLER 14/72	14	8
RANKIN 15/72	32	8
WALLER 16/72	24	8
RANKIN 17/72	21	8
WALLER 18/72	40	8
RANKIN 19/72	24	2
WALLER 20/72	25	1 (New Entry)

Phase 2 - RWRANS

3. Character Development courses have been conducted with two intakes of WRANS, involving 21 lectures to 78 WRANS.

Phase 3

4. Sessions on Character Responsibility have been conducted for the following groups of ORDS, under training for Able Rank, involving 47 lectures to 376 men:

ABWM	3/72	4/72	
WTR	6/72	5/72	4/72
SAN	3/72		
STD	5/72	6/72	
COOK	5/72	6/72	7/72
DA	2/72		
ABQMG	7/72	6/72	8/72
ABFC	4/72		
EMP	3/72	4/72	
EMWE	2/72	3/72	
COOK	8/72	9/72	10/72
ME	8/72	9/72	10/72
OCO	4/72	5/72	
MED	3/72		
SAV	3/72		
EMWR	2/72		
EMC	3/72		

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Other Lectures

5.	Junior Musicians	6	10 lectures
	Reserve Officers	10	1
	BATC 3/72	13	3
	Management School	15	2
	SLEX	14	2

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ANNEX F

ACADEMIC SCHOOL

Instructor Lieutenant J.A.D. Lines, RAN, conducted an Instructor Officer's Duties course for new entry Instructor Officers from 10th July to 21st July, and from 14th August to 18th August.

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ANNEX G

COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

Complement

1. a. Officers

Commander SDEX C G.J. Harle resumed as Officer-in-Charge Communications School on 15th August, 1972, after temporary duty as Commanding Officer, HMAS LONSDALE. 3/O Edwards posted out to KUTTABUL 15th August, and was relieved by 3/O McVean, who was subsequently hospitalised. 3/O Waugh joined temporarily on 29th August, until 3/O McVean returns to duty. Leut GLEX C Wilson and Leut SDEX C Densten have both been posted out, to UK for Advanced C course and to COONAWARRA respectively, in December. Reliefs are not expected to arrive until March and April respectively.

b. Sailors

Despite a number of recent postings the numbers borne are adequate for the task.

Equipment

2. a. One in No. AN/URT 24 installed in the Main Signal Office has still to be accepted as satisfactory.

b. Multi-Channel installation still requires TEMPEST check.

Sight and Sound Typing Trainer

3. This facility continues to produce very good results.

Fleetwork Trainer

4. In addition to normally scheduled courses, other personnel have been trained as follows:

HMAS VAMPIRE 13 - 14 JUL 72
CCY PINKSTONE and four Tactical Operators.

HMAS TORRENS 17 - 21 JUL 72
CY KRUCK and three other Tactical sailors.

HMAS STALWART 9 - 10 AUG 72
1 OFFICER and six Tactical sailors.

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CDR A.G. TERRIS CO DESIG CSC 15 - 16 AUG 72
CDR BERGER CO DESIGN CSC 14 - 16 AUG 72

HMAS YARRA 4 - 8 SEPT 72

Two Tactical sailors.

HMAS SYDNEY 4 - 8 SEPT 72

CY GRAHAM and five other Tactical sailors.

Works

5. Work will be commencing shortly on the construction of a new toilet block in the eastern section of the school, at a cost of $25,000.

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ANNEX H

GUNNERY SCHOOL

Equipment

1. Progress is being made slowly on the refurbishment of the 4.5" drill turret. The absence of this turret from the training aids available is sorely felt. It has resulted in much greater wear on the operational 4.5" turret at West Head Gunnery Range and a reduction in the standards of turret drill amongst the ABWM's courses and ship Pre Workup Training Teams.

2. An extended platform has been fitted to the MRS 3 Director at West Head Gunnery Range. This addition will allow more effective instruction to be given to classes under training on this equipment.

3. One 40/60 Mk 5 Mounting has been removed from West Head for refitting in Williamstown Naval Dockyard.

Personnel

4. During the quarter one Sub Lieutenant SD (G) has joined the school on loan from the RN and a similarly qualified Lieutenant has departed. The present complement of officers borne in the Gunnery School is sufficient to allow all tasks to be discharged effectively with the exception of officers' training. Apart from the Officer-in-Charge, no officers are borne who have completed a Gunnery Course to the G (/) level. As the properly qualified officers thus are not available for extended lecturing to officers' courses, the quality of instruction often is below an acceptable level. This lowering of standards could be especially injurious to the standing of the Destroyer Gunnery Officers' qualification. It is noted that the next DGO's course is due to commence during January 1973 and at present no qualified Course Officer will be available.

Training

5. The Officer-in-Charge completed the Training Administration Course during September. This officer found the course of great assistance in his administration of the school.

6. From the beginning of 1973 sailors joining the Gunnery School for Able Seamen's courses will largely be drawn from JR's coming direct from HMAS LEEUWIN. This will mean that new trainees will arrive in groups of 30 to 45, once each quarter. Preparations are being made to adopt a "team teaching" approach for the common four weeks Gunnery Training for these sailors in the hope that:

a. the standard of instruction will be improved, and

b. the time taken can be reduced.

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In conjunction with this move the amount of information of a cognitive nature required to be known by the classes will be very closely examined.

7. A feasibility study is to be conducted by the OIC TRU 2 in the coming months to assess the possibility of introducing objective, free-running style training for Gunnery School courses.

8. The writing of draft ABR's and syllabuses has continued throughout the quarter with the following results:

ABR 862 (NM & ERs)	98% completed
P.B. Gunnery Pamphlet	Written
RANR Patrol Boat Officer P.C.T. Syllabus	Written
Instructor Officer Surface Weapons Course Syllabus	Written

9. The production of Part 3 of the Modified Command Test gave the school much food for thought during the quarter. The drafting of the Parade Training Section of Part 1 of this command test was completed by OIC TRU 1 with the assistance of the Gunnery School.

10. Three Gunnery School classes formed part of the Royal Guard which was paraded on the occasion of the Victorian State Opening of Parliament during September. The course completion date for these courses was delayed by two weeks. Two Petty Officer and two Able Rank courses were completed, and one Petty Officer and six Able Rank courses were commenced, during the quarter.

11. The following non-promotional training was completed:

HMAS SWAN	C.O. Designate
HMAS VENDETTA	C.O. Designate
HMAS TORRENS	PWT
HMAS DUCHESS	Landing Party
HMAS YARRA	4.5" Turret Crew

PNG POQMG Patrol Boat Gunnery

ABQMG/WM Patrol Boat Gunnery Course

Seacat Aimers Refresher Training

Seacat Aimers Qualification Course
(Two courses - 8 Aimers qualified)

RNZN Seacat Aimers Qualification Course

RANR 40/60 Firings (once).

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12. The Army has used the rifle range area on some 10 occasions but due to the desire to conserve the state of the flora and fauna in the area its use in this way will be reduced in the future.

General

13. During August the Officer-in-Charge and the West Head Range Officer delivered a presentation to the Defence Standards Laboratory. As a result of this visit it was arranged that officers from the laboratory should visit the West Head Range from time to time. It was felt by both the OIC and the Director of the laboratory, Mr Edwards, that in view of the amount of work being undertaken for the RAN this liaison should be encouraged. As a result, the Director and four of his officers visited the range during September.

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ANNEX I

MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

1. The second Warrant Officers Management and Service Knowledge Course commenced on 11th September. There are 18 Warrant Officers on course.

2. A class of Petty Officers is undergoing the Petty Officers Leadership Course, having commenced the course on 18th September.

3. OIC Management School completed a one month's Management Course at the Army Management School RAAOC Centre, Bandiana, on 8th September.

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ANNEX J

MARINE ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Staff and Personnel

1. a. Complements Committee

During its visit in August the Complements Committee accepted in general the reorganisation of the Marine Engineering School to cope with the introduction of the Adult Apprenticeship Scheme and the running of the new Marine Engineering Demonstration Building.

b. Officers

(i) One SBLT SDSH was posted in on 30th September (SBLT D. CARLIN) to set up and take charge of the training of the MT (Hull) Category.

(ii) It was reported last quarter that one Instructor Officer and one LCDR GLEN ME comprised the Sailstruc Syllabus writing cell. The Instructor Officer has now returned to training duties, but the LCDR GLEN will be employed for some months yet on the planning and syllabus preparation for the Adult Apprentice Scheme.

c. Sailors

The two WOERA billets for the Marine Engineering Department are currently filled by CERA's, with apparently no likelihood of the billets being filled by WOERA's. It is considered desirable that the WOERA billet for the Marine Engineering School should be filled in the near future. Otherwise the new staff organisational chart cannot be fully introduced in the Propulsion training section.

General

2. a. Syllabuses

(i) The Adult Apprentice Scheme Syllabuses are now progressing reasonably well and the Propulsion Task Book has been started. Phase II Syllabuses have not been attempted yet.

(ii) The draft syllabus for ENMESM Officers returning to General Service is in final preparation and the draft syllabus for GL/SLEX and GL/SLSU Midshipmen Marine Engineering Familiarisation should be available towards the end of October.

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b. New Classroom Block

This building has now been in use for three months and the cleaning situation has not changed since the last report. Sailors in the Marine Engineering School are just managing to maintain a reasonable standard of cleanliness in this building. It is understood that the Complements Committee are making recommendations about cleaning generally in HMAS CERBERUS. Something better will have to be done in the classroom block soon, if the building is not to deteriorate. The subject of removing the projection screens from behind the chalk-boards has been taken up separately.

Marine Engineering Demonstration Building

3. The boiler for the Steam Section was delivered during the quarter and final erection on site has started. Considerable concern is felt about the initial running of the equipment in this building as demands for stores to run the large number of diesel engines are being constantly queried, particularly for lubricating oils etc. There appears to have been no provision made for these items to be supplied as required for initially setting to work and testing the equipments. It is considered that a considerable amount of work of this nature will be required when setting the Steam Section to work.

Sport

4. Personnel from the Marine Engineering School have represented the Navy in the Winter Interservice Sports in Hockey and Skiing and have also played in CERBERUS representative teams in Hockey, Rugby and Australian Rules.

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ANNEX K

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CPOMUSN's Course

1. The two POMUSN's on course have completed all examinations but did not reach the required standard in some subjects. Re-tests as necessary have been proposed for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December, 1972.

POMUSN's Course

2. One LMUSN was withdrawn from course. The remaining two LMUSN's have successfully completed the course.

MUSN's Course

3. Three OMUSN's completed a course in the period, three OMUSN's and two JMUSN's commenced it. One OMUSN was discharged as unsuitable.

ORDMUSN's Course

4. Three OMUSN's and two JMUSN's completed the course, and seven JMUSN's commenced it.

JMUSN's Course

5. Seven JMUSN's commenced the course, and seven completed it.

Miscellaneous

6. Visits were received from Mr R. Divall, Musical Director of Vic. Opera Co. and Mr P. Burch, and the final conducting examination for the CPOMUSN's course was witnessed by Professor G. Loughlin, Ormond Professor Melbourne University and Mr Harold Badger, Director, Melba Conservatorium of Music.

7. Selected instructors and trainees have worked with the CERBERUS Band at the Navy League Ball, the Victorian Football League finals at Waverley and the Melbourne Cricket Ground and at the Opening of Parliament.

8. Six trainees visited the Mentone Grammar School music camp at Shoreham for a weekend, and performed with their band at the Southern Cross Cinema.

9. CPO and PO Musn Courses and trainees attended three ABC Youth Concerts and four Ballet performances.

10. Training levels are at a satisfactory standard and intelligent evaluation of the training requirements by all instructors maintains high standards of instruction.

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ANNEX L

NBCD SCHOOL

1. During the quarter the following number of courses were completed:

34 Junior and Standard
2 WRANS Recruit
1 RANSS Indoctrination
1 Instructor Officers Indoctrination
1 PWT for HMAS TORRENS
2 MIDN
1 ASCC.

2. The estimates for the proposed DC Unit are still being processed at Williamstown Naval Dockyard. The second deck for the existing smoke tunnel is still in the planning stage.

3. The new fire pit modifications have still not been completed, but it is estimated that the fire pit will be in use during the next quarter.

4. The Officer-in-Charge, NBCD School, has recently attended the Training and Administration Course held at HMAS CERBERUS. With the exception of one Petty Officer a full complement is borne. The Leading Sailor, who is temporarily replacing the missing Petty Officer, is the only instructor in the school who has not completed the IT Course.

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ANNEX M

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

1. Commander M de V Salmon, RAN, was relieved as Officer-in-Charge, Officers' Training School on 15th August by Lieutenant Commander G.R. Smith, RAN.

2. Midshipmen SLEX 1/72 commenced their six week Phase 1 Navigation course at HMAS WATSON on 3rd June and, on completing this, joined HMAS DUCHESS for their initial sea training. They will complete this on 23rd October. Lieutenant T.E. Lewis, RAN, of the Officers' Training School Staff is accompanying SLEX 1/72 whilst they are absent from HMAS CERBERUS during their Phase 1 training.

3. Midshipmen BATC 3/72 which consisted of six Air Trainee Pilots and seven Air Trainee Observers commenced training on 24th July and completed the BATC on 15th September. The Air Trainee Pilots are currently undergoing training at No. 1 Flying Training School at RAAF Base Point Cook, whilst the Air Trainee Observers are at the School of Air Navigation at RAAF Base, East Sale.

4. A three week indoctrination course for eight Direct Entry Instructor Officers and four RANNS Officers was commenced on 24th July and completed on 11th August.

5. Midshipmen SLEX 2/72 which consists of seven South Vietnamese Officers, six Australian Midshipmen, three Singapurian Officer Cadets and two Ensigns from the Khmer Republic commenced training on 21st August. After some initial problems with language comprehension by the overseas officers, the course has settled down and is progressing satisfactorily.

6. For their initial six weeks of training two Australian and one PNG SL Supply Midshipmen joined with SLEX 2/72. They will commence their Basic Supply Course on 2nd October.

7. Fourteen General List Seamen and six General List Supply and Secretariat Sub Lieutenants joined HMAS CERBERUS on 4th September for a three week Divisional Officers and Man management course which was successfully completed on 22nd September.

8. During the quarter, five Midshipmen from BATC 1/72 have been suspended from flying training at No. 1 Flying Training School, RAAF Point Cook, and have returned to HMAS CERBERUS to await discharge. So far only one has had his appointment terminated. The remaining four are still at HMAS CERBERUS, as leave without pay is no longer being approved. Difficulty is sometimes experienced in effectively employing these Midshipmen. They also sometimes have a disruptive effect on other Midshipmen who are being trained at HMAS CERBERUS.

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ANNEX N

PT SCHOOL

1. a. Numbers under Training

MID SLEX 2/72		22
Recruits -	November	17
	Oscar	15
	Papa	22
	Quebec	20
	Romeo	18
	Sierra	19
	Tango	12
	Uniform	12
Backward Swimming		13
Petty Officers Leadership Course - 6/72		10
LSPT (Q) 2/72		6

b. Numbers Completed Training

MID BATC 3/72	13
GLEX/GLSU Sports Course	20
Recruits	183
Passed Swimming Test	187
POPT (Q) 1/72	6

c. Life Saving Awards - (Royal Life Saving Society)

Resuscitation	142
Water Safety	125
Elementary	234
Survival	90
Proficiency	15
Intermediate Star	15
Bronze Medallion	10
Bronze Bar	1
Award of Merit	0
Safe Swimmer	235
Instructors	1
Bronze Cross	3

d. Expedition Training

(i) BATC 3/72. To Halls Gap in the Grampians for four days. 13 Midshipmen plus four Supervising Staff.

(ii) RMIT MIDS. Halls Gap in the Grampians for four days. 10 RMIT + 5 Army + 4 Staff.

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e. Intensive Swimming Courses

RCT COOK)
* ORDWTR VOGT) 2 P.S.T.

RCT Johnson taken off course 26th September, 1972, for discharge.

* ORDWTR Vogt joined ex HARMAN and passed test same day without instruction - he had not been tested at HARMAN prior to joining CERBERUS for course.

Olympic Team Training

2. The Australian Olympic Boxing, Judo and Wrestling teams carried out pre-Olympic training at the PT School under LCDR Murphy, WOPT Payne and POPT Milford.

Specialist Roping and Canoe Course

3. A specialist course for PT's was conducted over 5 days, attended by LSPT (Q) Course 2/72 and 14 PT's from establishments and ships.

Combat Survival Course

4. 3 Senior Instructors attended a course at RAAF Amberley.

Cliff Leader Course

5. POPT Milford attended a course with No. 2 Commandos.

Boxing (Representing Navy)

6. ABQMG Donovan, J. (Bantamweight) defeated Michael O'Brien Australian Bantamweight Champion.

ABSM Hishim (RMN) (Featherweight) lost to Henry Longfellow.

Royal Melbourne Show

7. Eleven PT Instructors performed at the Royal Show on 28/29 September.

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ANNEX O

RECRUIT SCHOOL

1. Satisfactory results have been achieved in the training of Adult Recruits during the quarter, when 173 Recruits have been entered, this being 36 more than for the corresponding quarter in 1971. A total of 610 have entered so far this year; 5 more than at the same stage in 1971.

2. Of the 162 General Service recruits entered this quarter, 103 have been categorised on entry. There is insufficient data available at this early stage to comment upon the effectiveness of the new system.

3. The Recruit Training Course Syllabus (Course 901700) was approved by Navy Office in August 1972 and implemented by the Recruit School with Intake 18/72 which entered the RAN on 30th August, 1972. No major problems have occurred with the concurrent running of both old and new syllabuses and course programmes.

4. 60 Sea Cadets were accommodated in the Recruit School during the August school holidays.

5. The Recruits have performed well in sport, maintaining a high standard in team games.

6. Ship visits have been made to HMA Ships TORRENS and DUCHESS, whilst HMAS ARDENT has been used on an opportunity basis to give sea experience to the majority of classes.

7. Staff turnover has been at an acceptable level, although Lieutenant R.J. White, RAN, was posted out at short notice on 11th September, and his relief is not expected to join until 20th November, 1972.

8. The Optional Discharge rate so far in 1972 has been 10.5%.

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ANNEX P

SEAMANSHIP SCHOOL

1. The Officer-in-Charge visited WATSON in July to prepare plans for the Pilot Course in Objective Training in Seamanship for promotion to Petty Officer. This course commenced in August and 12 students have successfully completed. The study is continuing with the remaining 7 students. All records of the study are being forwarded to TRU2 as they become available.

2. The Officer-in-Charge TRU2 visited the school in August and lectured students and staff in Objective Training or Programmed Learning.

3. One days practical boatwork training for RANR sailors was carried out in July.

4. One days Survival at Sea course for Monash University Army Cadets was carried out in August.

5. The Module Control Chief Petty Officer completed a 3 day Quality Control Course in September.

6. The main slipway is still unusable.

7. Work on training aids ex GASCOIGNE has now been completed by the Works Department.

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ANNEX Q

SUPPLY SCHOOL

Training

1. The Advanced Supply Course ended on 8th September, 1972. It became apparent during the course that the concept and content of the course were not entirely satisfactory, and proposals in this regard are in course of preparation.

2. The Supply School continued to train maximum numbers during the quarter. There were very few (and these were short) periods when all classrooms were not in use and when all instructors did not have a class. Indeed it proved necessary to:-

a. Split one Able rank Steward class of 32 into two parts, and re-organise the course in order to cope with the extra numbers, (20 is the normal maximum).

b. Send 6 WRCK's to KUTTABUL for their Able rank course, as the school could not train the number posted for the course.

Both of these measures served as temporary palliatives rather than permanent remedies, and it is hoped that numbers in excess of those which the school can properly train will not in future be posted for course.

Movements

3. The Officer-in-Charge, Lieutenant Commander W.B. Loftus, RAN, attended a Legal Seminar on 10th and 11th July, 1972, and visited Canberra with the Advanced Supply Course from 24th July to 4th August.

4. From 4th to 18th September, Lieutenant Commander Loftus took part in the Training Administration Course at HMAS CERBERUS. This was a most instructive and valuable course and it would be desirable in future if OIC's Designate of schools were to be posted to the course before taking over as OIC of a school.

Staff Changes

5. On 11th August, 1972, Supply Lieutenant (W) J.R. Smail, the Writer Training Officer, was posted from the school at short notice and without relief. So far all efforts to obtain a replacement for him have failed and no indication has been given of when his relief may be expected. It is becoming increasingly difficult, and will be even more so after 2nd October when the Basic Supply Course commences, to meet the requests of other schools for lecturers in the subjects of Administration, Secretarial, Discipline, Pay and Cash. During the current quarter lecturers in some or all of these subjects were provided to the Officers Training School, the WRANS O.T.C., the Recruit School, the Management School and the Marine Engineering School.

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Visitors

6. The following Commanding Officer (Designate) Courses were conducted during the quarter:-

a. Commander H.P. Berger, RAN - 10th/11th August

b. Commander A.G. Ferris, RAN - 14th August.

7. The following persons visited the school to lecture to the Advanced Supply Course during the quarter:-

a. Lieutenant Commander A.M.F. Summers, RAN - Executive Officer HMAS TORRENS and formerly Fleet Operations Assistant - 14th July.

b. Mr J.A. Eldridge - Chartered Accountant and Chartered Secretary - 17th to 21st July.

c. Lieutenant Commander H.O. Warwick, RAN - Officer-in-Charge, Supply Operation Assistance Programme - 17th August.

d. Lieutenant Commander H. Evans, SC, USN - Office of Director of Fleet Supply Duties - 17th August.

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ANNEX R

SCHOOL OF TRAINING TECHNOLOGY

1. During the quarter, OIC RANSTT visited the Training Manager of British Petroleum to discuss problems related to training, and Monash University to liaise with lecturers for Training Administration Courses.

2. Training Administration Course 2/72 was held from 4th September, 1972, to 15th September, 1972. Visiting lecturers from Monash and Latrobe Universities, Army, Air Force and the Australian Council for Educational Research contributed to the success of the course.

3. The first ever quality control course held in CERBERUS took place over three days beginning on 25th September, 1972.

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ANNEX S

WEAPONS ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Training

1. Two Weapons Electronic Engineering School staff officers, Lieutenant SDEN J. Veltmeyer and Lieutenant SDEN C. Blythe, attended a Training Administration Course conducted by the RAN School of Training Technology.

2. Three staff Chief Petty Officers currently occupying the combined Quality Control/Instructional billets attended a Warrant Officer Quality Control Course conducted by the R.A.N.S.T.T.

3. Five W.E.E. School Instructors successfully completed Instructional Technique courses during the quarter, and all of them were thoroughly appreciative of the training received. Every effort is being maintained to ensure that all staff instructors qualify in this field.

4. The average weekly instructional loading for the quarter has been 245 students in 42 classes. The number of courses completed was six promotional and seventeen PCT.

5. One M22/44 Acquaint course was conducted during the quarter, and was attended by one Lieutenant, two Warrant Officers and two personnel from Garden Island Dockyard. Additionally, a short M22/44 familiarisation course was conducted for four EMWR's.

6. Sixteen Williamstown Naval Dockyard personnel undertook Introductory Digital training in two courses during the quarter, six in the programmed course which commenced 3rd July and ten in a specially convened course which commenced 4th September.

7. Two Systems Artificers Power undertook a course in Hydraulic Technology offered by VICKERS DETROIT HYDRAULICS DIVISION, consequent on a liaison made between the company and the school.

8. Three W.E.E. School staff officers and one civilian Technical Instructor attended a one-day symposium on "Digital Integrated Circuits for the Technical Officer" conducted by Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology lecturers at Monash University, and sponsored by I.R.E.E. (AUST). It was felt that the level of lectures and notes provided were particularly suitable to this school and it is hoped that other staff members will have the opportunity to attend any such future symposium.

9. Two civilian Technical Instructors, Mr G. Richardson and Mr L. Arboit, attended a five-day High Reliability Electronic Assembly course conducted at the QANTAS Training School by Pace Incorporated of the U.S.A. It is pleasing to learn from their report that the skill level achieved by graduates of the R.A.N. High Reliability Soldering courses

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compares more than favourably with that of civilian technicians in related specialisations. It is noted, however, that the state of the art dealing specifically with Printed Circuit Board repair using the Pace Incorporated Bench-top Rework Centre Model No. PRC-150A exceeds current service capabilities, and every consideration will be given to the inclusion of these specialist techniques in the senior H.R.S. syllabus; subject to the receipt of the necessary hardware in due course. Procurement of such is being pursued.

10. All SAILSTRUC Phase 1 syllabuses have been produced and approved by Navy Office; the first class of Electronic Technical sailors commenced training on 25th September.

11. The task of re-writing and/or originating lesson plans for the new syllabuses again suffered from lack of attention during this quarter, priority being given to implementation planning for the Electronic Technical Phase I courses and the production of modified Command Tests for use in lieu of B.T.T.'s.

12. One LEMC attended the first LCH PCT to be conducted, and arrangements were made for him and one W.E.E. School staff member to spend two days at the Army School of Signals, Watsonia, for a brief maintenance and operational familiarisation on the LCH communications fit. It is intended that such liaison will continue for all future LCH LEM PCT's.

Personnel

13. The imminent posting of five Instructor Officers without adequate or experienced reliefs will not only cause a critical dilution of expertise within the school, but will also necessitate the cancellation of several promotional courses. Separate representations are being made on this matter.

14. When the Complements' Committee visited CERBERUS in August, the W.E.E. School submitted a proposed revision of its structure, which would (if accepted) result in an overall reduction of five officers and an increase of three Technical Instructors (civilian).

15. The following officers' moves occurred during the quarter:-

a. Arrivals:

LCDR RSEN (R) D. HYDE ex HMAS COONAWARRA

b. Losses:

LCDR MLIT A. MASTERS to CPC
LEUT SSIT P. ALLEN to Gunnery School
LEUT SSIT D. FORBES to Academic School

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General

16. A selection of training publications was requested from the Training Information and Development Section (TIDS) of RAAF Headquarters Support Command, in order to evaluate their effectiveness as training aids for the Electronic Technical promotional courses. As a result of this initial evaluation, an order for 200 copies of Electronic Fundamentals Part I has been raised.

17. The supply, without demand, of a further selection of surplus items from finalised IKARA contracts at E.M.I. (AUST.) PTY. LTD., South Australia, has been requested and approved, and their receipt is awaited. These stores are proving a valuable asset in practical training.

18. Approval has been received vide NOL 400/1/1715 dated 14th July, 1972, for graduates of the senior HRS Courses to retain their test jobs; this decision is gratifying as it ensures that each graduate has a practical 'aide memoire' for future use. Unfortunately, stocks of these test jobs (Fitters Kits 6910-66-040-8785) have been expended, necessitating a short lapse in this training; procurement action is in hand.

19. As a result of an investigation ordered by Navy Office into M22/44 training at CERBERUS and West Head Gunnery Range, revised syllabuses have been approved and issued for these training courses. The Computor and Radar courses have been lengthened, and all necessary 'in-house' planning is in hand.

20. A considerable amount of effort has been applied by all personnel concerned to the preparation of displays for Open Day on Sunday, 1st October, and it is confidently anticipated that all displays will attain their customary standard of appeal, interest and effectiveness.

21. Visits made to the school during the quarter included:-

a. REAR ADMIRAL G.J.B. CRABB, C.B.E., D.S.C.

b. RAN COMPLEMENTS COMMITTEE

c. BRIGADIER R.K. ROSEBLADE, M.B.E. (Director General of Recruiting)

d. OFFICERS, SAILORS & WRANS undergoing training for Recruiting Duties

e. COMMANDER R.J. BASSETT (RAN Retired, formerly OIC Electrical School 1950-52)

f. Representatives from the following industrial organisations:-

(i) VICKERS DETROIT HYDRAULICS

(ii) GENERAL ELECTRONIC SERVICES PTY. LTD.

g. Students from the following schools:-

(i) HEATHERHILL HIGH SCHOOL

(ii) SWAN HILL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

(iii) MACLEOD TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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22. W.E.E. School staff visits were made to the following:

a. VICKERS DETROIT HYDRAULICS

b. WILLIAMSTOWN NAVAL DOCKYARD

c. HMAS VENDETTA

d. HMAS STUART

e. ARMY SCHOOL OF SIGNALS, WATSONIA.

23. Results obtained from the August 72 B.T.T. were as follows:-

Category	No. Attempted	No. Passed	% Passed
LEMP	43	8	19
LEMC	14	6	43
LEMWE	16	9	56
LEMWR	26	11	42
TOTALS	99	34	34

Equipment

25. All equipments to be installed within the new Weapons Electronic Engineering Department building have been received and Williamstown Dockyard has commenced wiring and installation. It is planned that certain of these equipments will be installed and set to work by the end of this year.

26. The signal injector unit for use with the AN/UQN-4 echo sounder training installation is still in course of manufacture by the dockyard.

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ANNEX T

WRANS SCHOOL

Recruit Wrans Indoctrination Course

1. Sixty Recruit Wrans successfully completed Part 1 Training during the period under report, with four Recruit Wrans electing to exercise the option of discharge and one Recruit Wran discharged on medical grounds. One Petty Officer Wran Linguist, a transferee from the WRAAC, completed an Indoctrination Course.

Leading Wran Regulating Course

2. Four Wrans completed successfully the Administration Section of the Leading Wran Regulating Course. One Wran was removed at her own request and one Wran was removed from course as unsuitable.

Wrans Officer Training Course

3. A class of six Cadet Wrans commenced the Administration Section of the OTC on 19th September, 1972.

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ANNEX U

HMAS ARDENT

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT, under my command during the month of July, 1972. Kilo (-10).

2. Monday, 3rd July, first leave party returned from mid winter leave, the ship reverting to eight hours notice for sailing. An opportunity was taken later that week on Friday, 7th July, to carry out engine trials in Westernport Bay.

3. Sunday 9th, at 0930 ARDENT proceeded to Port Phillip Bay. A full power trial in ambient conditions was carried out in the Bay, the ships speed being calculated at 23.5 knots, which confirmed a satisfactory trial. At 1400 ARDENT berthed alongside HMAS DERWENT at Station Pier in Port Melbourne. At 0700 on Monday 10th, the ship proceeded up the River Yarra to Messrs. Duke and Orr's drydock, arriving off the sill at 0800. The ship was driven into the dock, which effectively reduced time that would have been spent warping. There was a delay in bedding the ship down caused by mud on the sill preventing the dock gates from being closed. ARDENT reverted to 48 hours notice for sailing, and the ships company to care and maintenance duties. Due to labour regulations of which I was informed by the Dock General Manager and the visiting Naval Overseer, I was unable to employ ships staff on bilge, freshwater tank and cable locker cleaning. The jobs were considered extras to the original contract but were processed by Dock Staff after consultation with the Naval Overseer.

4. During the docking period the ships company were billeted at HMAS LONSDALE. Transport was provided for the ships use and duty watches were provided with the necessary victuals to prepare evening and breakfast meals.

5. Undocking procedures on completion of bottom painting, commenced at 0800 on Friday 14th. No leaks were evident and echo sounding equipment functioned properly. At 0849 ARDENT proceeded to Williamstown Dockyard, arriving alongside HMAS ARROW at 0921. Dock Yard staff were then embarked for rewelding 8 guard rail stanchion deck plates per defect lists. On completion at 1200, I proceeded to Westernport, on passage at 1216, permission to proceed was requested from HMAS SUPPLY which was anchored just south of Gellybrand Light. Proceeding, the ship berthed at 1555 alongside HMAS CERBERUS. On arrival I was met by Commodore D.H.D. Smyth, RAN.

6. Monday 24th. The ship was employed on West Head Gunnery Range as a target ship. Fifteen Junior Recruits were embarked for sea training. Tuesday 25th. A further fifteen Junior Recruits were embarked for sea training in Westernport Bay. Monday 31st. The ship was required for further target duties off West Head, but on arrival in the area, firings were cancelled. An opportunity was taken to exercise .5 calibre guns crews in drills and firings.

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7. The morale of the ship is good. The Coxswain, Chief Bosuns Mate and one Able Seaman QMG were relieved during the month. Replacements have settled in, but the Coxswqin has not yet attained the expertise necessary to take the ship in the event of my incapacity at sea.

8. Mid cycle docking maintenance was well conducted. A small leak was found emanating from the starboard rudder packing, this has since been replaced by ships staff. Outstanding defects remaining are of a minor nature and will be processed when spares arrive.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

Enclosure: Annex A.

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	354.7 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	24.5 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	14135.7 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	917.25 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of August, 1972. Times throughout Kilo (-10).

2. Tuesday, 1st August, ARDENT proceeded at 0910 for exercises and small arms firings in area R325 south of West Head. Seventeen recruits were embarked for sea training which included man overboard, leaving ship and anchoring drills. The ship anchored off Flinders pier at 1130, allowing time for lunch and then proceeded at 1245, returning to HMAS CERBERUS at 1445.

3. Thursday, 3rd August, ARDENT embarked six lieutenants and four sisters of the Indoctrination Course for sea acquaint demonstrations. At 0900 the ship proceeded for passage to Seal Rocks, carrying out man overboard, damage control and emergency station exercises. After passage to the rocks, the ship returned at 1100, to anchor off Sandy Point, at 1150 for lunch. Officers of the Indoctrination Course were landed by ships boat, lunch consisting of barbecued fish and chops was served by the ARDENT sailors. Anchor was weighed at 1400, the ship returning to HMAS CERBERUS, berthing at 1445.

4. Monday, 7th August,eighteen recruits were embarked for sea training in conjunction with a requirement for target duties, in area R325. ARDENT proceeded at 0900 carrying out drills en route. Recruits were given opportunities to steer the ship and to act as look-outs. West Head firings completed at 1145, allowing the ship to be anchored off Flinders Pier for lunch, at 1215; point ship was exercised when at anchor. At 1300 the ship weighed and proceeded to CERBERUS berthing at 1500. Recruits were employed onboard until 1600 in ship husbandry duties.

5. Thursday, 10th August, at 0900, without prior warning: crash sail was exercised. Sailors were mustered onboard, and the ship underway by 0920. Problems were found in steering the ship in Hann's Inlet but no cause for the problem could be located. Once clearing the Inlet ARDENT proceeded to area R325, for target duties with West Head Gunnery Systems. On completion at 1030, the ship returned to CERBERUS. A steering break-down occurred in Hann's Inlet when starboard wheel could not be applied but the ship was safely berthed, using engines at 1245. Shortly afterwards the cause of the break-down was found to be lack of hydraulic fluid in the steering pump, due to a leak in the system.

6. Sunday, 20th August, at 1130, a Christening for 6 children was conducted onboard by Chaplain Llewellyn, RAN. Guests included at the ceremony were you, Sir,and Mrs Smyth, Mr D. Gordon, a Mornington businessman and his wife and other Officers and their ladies, guests of the children's parents. Subsequent to the ceremony, the ship's bell is to be suitably engraved with the childrens' names.

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7. Monday, 21st August, 19 recruits were embarked for sea training in Westernport Bay, the ship sailed at 0900. It was found practical once again to anchor for lunch, off Flinders Pier at 1100. The CERBERUS School of Cookery assisted greatly in the problem of feeding 35 personnel, by providing an extra cook. On weighing at 1245 ARDENT returned to Westernport berthing at 1550.

8. Friday 25th, ARDENT sailed with 16 members of the Flinders Cub Pack embarked. At 1027 the ship was anchored off Flinders Pier, for the landing of the Cubs by boat. At 1112 the ship proceeded to the quarantine station anchorage in Port Phillip Bay, to anchor at 1300. The passage there was fairly rough with a North-Westerly of force 6 and a Long South-Westerly swell running. At 1405 ARDENT proceeded for passage to Geelong. Using the West Channel, ARDENT arrived alongside Cunningham Pier at 1610. I called on the Commodore of the Geelong Yacht Club, Mr M. McAllister, and the Secretary of the local Navy League, Mr T. Daniels. Invitations for these gentlemen to join the ARDENT for exercises with HMAS ARROW, the following day were extended, and accepted.

9. At 0830 Saturday 26th, Mr M. McAllister, Mr T. Daniels and 5 Geelong Sea-Cadets embarked; ARDENT sailed for rendezvous with HMAS ARROW, at 214 degrees Gellibrand Light 14 miles. ARROW was late at the rendezvous, but at 1016, formation one was formed on a heading of North; OTC and Guide were ARDENT. Initially communications on UHF voice were difficult due to the malfunction of ARROW's upper bridge voice position. Re-allocation of the command position soon allowed both ships to conduct manoeuvres in changing formation, courses and dispositions. At first I found that ARROW was slow in interpretation and execution of signals but standards rapidly improved. One small error was made when ARROW's interpretation of change of guide was misread and ARDENT was required to stop engines to avert a dangerous situation. At 1100 ARROW requested to return to Geelong to land the HMAS LONSDALE MSO keys, accidentally retained onbaord. I ordered the formation to proceed, ARROW to Williamstown, ARDENT to haul out and anchor just south of Gellibrand Light, anchoring at 1155. At 1230 ARROW arrived to join ARDENT in formation one; both ships then proceeded to Geelong berthing as a formation at 1610, Inner West Cunningham Pier. Later that evening both ships' companies were entertained at a dance run by the Navy League, held in the local RSL Club.

10. Sunday 27th. Both ships sailed Geelong for area R325, 20 miles south of Port Phillip Heads. Firing in formation at a made-up surface target commenced at 1140. Both ships expended two boxes of ball 40/60 ammunition; each completing an average shoot by 1150. On completion ARROW was ordered to recover the target and proceed to Williamstown. ARDENT to CERBERUS ETA ARROW 1500; ARDENT 1400.

11. Tuesday 29th, ARDENT completed the routine inspection of the 40/60 mounting and proceeded at 1230 to conduct a successful series firing in area R329, returning to CERBERUS at 1430.

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12. All planned maintenance routines for the month have been completed and no outstanding defects remain. The morale of the ship's company is good, the new personnel beginning to settle down to the small ship procedures.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	541.5 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	34.25 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	14,677.2 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	951.2 hours

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Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of September, 1972. Times throughout Kilo (-10).

2. Tuesday 5th, ARDENT proceeded on fishery surveillance patrol, embarked to assist with bridge watchkeeping duties were, Lieutenant Commander B. Orrocks, RAN, and Midshipman C. Beevor, RAN. The wind was from the North West, force four and close inshore, sea state two was experienced. At 1700 the ship was anchored in Refuge Cove on the eastern side of Wilson's Promontory. Wednesday 6th, at 0200, I was informed that the ship was dragging its anchor. Further dragging was prevented by veering another shackle and a half of cable. The second anchor was laid underfoot to prevent excess yawing that would be produced by the increase in cable laid. At 0830 ARDENT departed, the sea state had risen but I was able to carry out an inspection of waters around the Hogan Group and to proceed to the Kent group of islands. At 1400 the ship anchored off Erith Island. At 1600 several members of the ship's company landed to inspect the refuge there. At 1700 Midshipman Beevor called on the local lighthouse keeper and was shown around the homestead and light tower. At 1900 the weather deteriorated which necessitated I cancel the ships visit to Launceston.

3. Thursday 7th, a break in the weather was noticed which allowed the ship to depart at 0900. ARDENT berthed at Georgetown at 1500 arriving just ahead of a vigorous cold front that swept through the Bass Strait. Friday 8th, notice of the possibility of a ditched aircraft in the Banks Strait was received on the National News. As the ship had 75 per cent fuel remaining, I arranged that we be supplied with fuel in case we were called upon to conduct a search. The ship was brought to two hours notice for sailing and watches organised including the monitoring of search frequencies.

4. Saturday 9th, the ship's company were entertained by the local Naval League at a dinner and dance. A replica of the ship's badge was presented to the League President, to commemorate the visit.

5. Monday 11th, at 0600 ARDENT departed for HMAS CERBERUS. Embarked for a visit was Chaplain R.P. Upton RAAF Reserve, who intended to contact the Naval Chaplains on arrival. The weather deteriorated during the passage North, speed was reduced to 12 knots. ARDENT arrived HMAS CERBERUS at 2000 reverting to 12 hours notice for sailing for an injection change and required planned maintenance.

6. Wednesday 27th, injection change completed, the ship was brought to 4 hours notice for sailing. HMAS ARROW arrived during the afternoon and assistance was given to help prepare her for HMAS CERBERUS Navy Day.

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7. Friday 29th, ARDENT, ARROW unberthed and reberthed stern to the jetty. Preparations were continued for Navy Day displays. Satruday 30th at 1500 ARDENT conducted a rehearsal, both ships fired 40/60 breakup shot at an aircraft provided by the Forester Stevenson organisation. This arecraft called Mayday on his second run but it was ascertained his emergency was "Pan" as he still had one engine serviceable.

8. Ship's Company morale is very good, all behaved themselves well during the period. No major breakdowns of machinery were experienced and planned maintenance schedules were completed with the completion of injector changes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

Enclosures: 1. Annex A
2. Midshipman Beevor's Report on Deal Island

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ANNEX A

A.	Distance steamed during the month	461 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	30 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	15,138.2 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	981.2 hours

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HMAS ARDENT
15th September, 1972.

VISIT BY HMAS ARDENT TO THE KENT GROUP OF ISLANDS

1. The ship anchored at the group of islands on Wednesday afternoon, the 6th September, 1972. The group consists of Erith, Dover and Deal islands and it was just off Erith island that we dropped anchor in 30' of clear water. The bottom was visible, covered with small rocks and weeds, and the fishing looked good.

2. The sailors of the non-dutywatch went ashore for a barbeque, some rock fishing and exploring of the island. Before this was started all sailors ashore signed the visitors book in the little dwelling on the Northern end of the beach. This shack was erected from driftwood and built into the shelter of a rocky out-crop.

3. At 1700 that same afternoon the ship's boat was lowered and a sailor and myself journeyed across the narrow strait to Deal island. We intended to pay our respects to the lighthouse keeper and to ask him if there was anything that he might need. This excursion turned out to be quite interesting.

4. As we arrived at the beach, two men, the lighthouse keepers, came winding down in their Landrover to meet us. After introductions and a few minutes general talk they suggested that we go up to see the light. We all hopped into their Landrover and we started the trip up the island. It turned out that these two men had their families with them and the island group was always being visited by various scientists, geologists and ecologists to make studies.

5. We were shown all over the little settlement; the living quarters, store-houses, workshops and generating plants then proceeded up the two miles of steep, winding road to the light. On the way, amazed at the number of wallabies on the island, we questioned the two men further on this point. They explained that there were approximately 9000 at the last count and 6' fences had been built around the living area to keep them out.

6. Apparently, very early in the 18th century, the island was cleaned out by sealers until all the wallabies were dead. Soon the island began to be over-run by a species of melon and the authorities decided to introduce a small Tasmanian wallaby to combat it. Due to the absence of snakes or natural predators, the wallaby population steadily rose. The island is also inhabited by just as many possums but, being nocturnal, we did not see any.

7. Arriving at the light we were soon shown how it was operated and protected with fail-safe devices. If one of the supply generators fails another cuts in automatically. A blown bulb is replaced after a four second delay in operation.

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8. The light itself stands on the hill; 998' above the Bass Strait. The tower is the smallest on the coast but, in contrast, the light is the most powerful. It is one million candle-power. We were told that the light is going to be pulled down because it is too high. This, at first, seemed strange but 62% of the time the light is above cloud base. Next morning when the ship sailed we saw this to be quite true.

9. Instead of the one light three lights are going to be put on the island group, one for each of the islands.

10. At the base of the present light are ruins of an earlier keeper's quarters. Living there instead of near the water was practical since it saved him a two mile walk each day to switch the light on. When his supplies were delivered it used to take 6 days to winch them up a small railway. The roadway from the beach to the light being far too steep for carrying them. We also saw the grave of his nine month old daughter; one of the five graves on the islands.

11. After looking around the light we made our way back to the settlement. We made our farewells, picked up a letter to post on reaching Tasmania, and were driven back to the beach.

12. We proceeded back to HMAS ARDENT.

Report compiled by Midshipman Beevor. HMAS ARDENT. 6th September, 1972.

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(D.H.D. SMYTH)
COMMODORE

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The Secretary
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HMAS CERBERUS - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1972

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS CERBERUS during the quarter ended 31st December, 1972

Training

2. Training has progressed satisfactorily during the quarter, the average number under training being about 950 for the first two months, and due to course completions, the number falling to 650 in December. All schools ceased training for the year on Friday, 15th December, 1972.

3. Sailstruc courses for Marine Engineering and Weapons Electronic Engineering sailors which commenced late in the last quarter are proceeding with the usual settling in problems.

4. Training assistance to the Port Melbourne Division RANR was provided on five occasions in CERBERUS.

5. The Training Committee visited CERBERUS to discuss training procedures with 10 schools in the week commencing 13th November, 1972.

6. A Road Safety presentation was conducted by the Public Relations Department of the Victoria Police on 18th December in CERBERUS. Approximately 300 personnel attended.

7. A Drug Education Seminar was conducted by the Victorian Department of Health Education Service in CERBERUS on 18th and 19th December.

VISITORS

8. Members of the Advance Course from the Australian Administrative Staff College visited HMAS CERBERUS on 11th October, 1972 and were shown various schools at work.

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9. On the 12th October the Indonesian Naval Attache, Colonel S. Soedarjardi arrived for discussions on Indonesian Student Training.

10. Approximately 15 nembers of the Naval Association of Tasmania (Launceston Sub-Section) were accommodated in the Chief Petty Officers' Mess for the weekend 21st to 22nd October, 1972, this being a " back to Flinders" visit.

11. On October 26th, 1972, an Indonesian Patrol Boat team headed by Rear Admiral Hotma Harahap visited the establishment to see the basic training of patrol boat crews. Captain G. Kable, RAN accompanied the team.

12. Air Vice Marshall A.Griffiths CB,AFC,RAF, the head of the British Defence Liaison Staff called on me on 29th November, 1972.

13. On 1st November, 1972, the Medical Planning Group headed by Surgeon Rear Admiral J.A.B. Cotsell, QHP visited HMAS CERBERUS.

Works

14. The Marine Engineering Demonstration Building was completed and accepted on 1st November, 1972. This is commented on further in Annex J.

15. Work progressing satisfactorily on the new Senior Ranks Mess and accommodation blocks. The completion estimate of late March, 1973 should be met.

Open Day

16. HMAS CERBERUS received 19,000 visitors for the 1972 Navy Week Open Day. The fine weather and the helicopter display undoubtedly both contributed to its success.

Industrial Mobilisation Course

17. The final Symposium of the 1972 course was held in HMAS CERBERUS from 2nd to 5th October, 1972. The Chairman was Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC.

Sailstruc Explanation Team

18 Presentations were given to officers and ship's company by the liaison team headed by Commander J.L. Euston, OBE, RAN, on 25th. October, 1972.

Underwater Medicine Symposium

19. This was held in HMAS CERBERUS on 29th October, 1972 and was attended by approximately 60 medical officers from the three services.

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FOCEA Walk Round

20. Rear Admiral W.D.H. Grahan CBE, carried out a walk round on 14th. November, 1972 as a follow up to the 1971 inspection by his predecessor.

Court Martial

21. The court-martial of Petty Officer Coxswain C.P.H. Close, R54429 of HMAS ENCOUNTER was convened in HMAS CERBERUS on 1st December 1972. Captain W.A. Allen, RAN presided.

HMAS ARDENT

22. During the quarter HMAS ARDENT carried out two fishery patrols in Bass Strait. During the second of these patrols the ship visited Portland and Burnie with HMAS BOMBARD in company.

23. Two Sub Lieutenants have been borne during this period and during the fishery patrols, and on one short trip to the Wilson's Promotory area, they have been carrying out navigation exercises with a view to obtaining their Ocean Navigation Certificates.

24. A three day exercise in December was carried out with the Army involving infiltration and exfiltration, using gemini dinghys in Port Phillip and Westernport Bays.

25. In December the ship proceeded to Stanley for the town's Annual Agriculture Show. I embarked and carried out my annual sea inspection during the passage to Tasmania. The harbour inspections were carried out on the ship's return to HMAS CERBERUS.

26. Throughout the quarter ARDENT was also employed carrying out target duties at West Head, and providing sea training and familiarisation for Midshipmen, Recruits and WRAN Recruits.

LEAVE

27. On 25th December, 1972 HMAS CERBERUS commenced the summer main leave period.

Morale

28. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company have remained high throughout the quarter. The recent statements concerning re-engagement bounties, war service home loans and repatriation entitlements have generally been welcomed by officers and men alike. I feel that the retention rate in the near future will bear out the success of these policies.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(D.H.D.SMYTH)
COMMODORE

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ANNEX A

COMMODORE 'S OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday , 1st October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Navy Week Service at Christ Church, South Yarra, where the Commodore read a lesson.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the CERBERUS 1972 Open Day, together with nineteen thousand visitors, some of whom they subsequently entertained at Cerberus House.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Buffet Dinner in the Wardroom, HMAS CERBERUS, to welcome the 1972 Victorian Industrial Mobilisation Course.
Monday, 2nd October	The Commodore welcomed the Industrial Mobilisation Course members and staff to HMAS CERBERUS for their final Symposium.
Tuesday, 3rd October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Navy Week Reception at Greenwich House, Melbourne for two hundred guests.
Wednesday, 4th October	The Commodore started, and he and Mrs Smyth attended the completion of, a Walkathon in aid of the Navy Sportsgirl entrant.
Thursday, 5th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the tri-ennial Diocesan Synod party at Bishopscourt.
	The Commodore attended a mess Dinner in the Wardroom HMAS CERBERUS in honour of the Industrial Mobilisation Course.
Friday, 6th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Gurhka Welfare Appeal Reception, in the Great Hall at the National Gallery, as members of the official party.
Saturday, 7th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Navy Week race meeting at Flemington and lunched with the Committee.

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Saturday, 7th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception for members of the Royal College of Defence Studies at the home of Major General K.D.Green, of the Premier's Department.
Sunday,8th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the annual Seafarers' Service at St Paul's Cathedral, where the Commodore read a lesson
	The Commodore attended the Naval Commemoration Committee's Annual Dedication Service and Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Remembrance, and read the lesson.
	The Commodore attended a Navy Veterans Re-union at HMAS LONSDALE.
Tuesday, 10th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Chinese National Day Reception at the Chevron Hotel
Wednesday, 11th October	The Commodore received calls from some of the Administrative Staff College, staff and students, and from some officers of the Department of Defence.
Thursday, 12th October	Colonel SIGIT SOEDARJADI, the Indonesian Naval Attache, called on the Commodore, who subsequently lunched with him in the Wardroom, HMAS CERBERUS.
Saturday, 14th October	The Commodore and his family attended the Hastings Day celebrations at Hastings.
Sunday, 15th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at CERBERUS HOUSE.
Wednesday, 18th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Royal Society of St George luncheon in the Banquet Room at the Masonic Club to celebrate Trafalgar Day, and the Commodore delivered the occasional address.
	The Commodore dined with the Warrant Officers Management Course at Rosebud Hotel, and spoke after dinner.
Friday, 20th October	Mrs Smyth gave a luncheon for some fifty Naval wives at Amesbury House.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended Miss Ella Payne's "AT Home" at Orrong Road, Toorak.

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Sunday, 22 October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at Cerberus House.
Tuesday 24th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Dinner Party at Cerberus House.
Wednesday, 25th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained the visiting Indonesian Training Team at Cerberus House, and the Commodore subsequently dined with them in the Ward-room, HMAS CERBERUS.
Thursday, 26th October	The Commodore attended sea trials at the St Kilda Marina of the new 33 ft seaboat. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Dinner Party in Hastings.
Friday 27th October	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Mess Party at the Wardroom, HMAS CERBERUS.
Sunday, 29th October	The Commodore opened an Underwater Medicine Symposium at HMAS CERBERUS and lunched in the Wardroom with the medical officers attending. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Scout Association Brotherhood service at the Myer Music Bowl. Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with the Vice-Chancellor of Monash University and Mrs J.A.L.Matheson.
Monday, 30th October	The Commodore attended the opening of the 2nd International Meeting on aerospace medicine in the Great Hall of the National Gallery, whilst Mrs Smyth attended a Navy League meeting. The Commodore attended the Industrial mobilisation course final Cocktail Party in the Southern Command Officers Mess. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an Anniversary Dinner at the Melbourne Club.

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Tuesday, 31st October	The Commodore visited Canberra for discussions with the Chief of Naval Personnel. The Commodore attended a lecture to the USI by the CGS at the Signals Regiment Training Depot , SOUTH MELBOURNE.
Wednesday, 1st November	Air Vice Marshall Trudinger and Commodore Cotsell called on the Commodore.
Thursday, 2nd November	The Commodore received a call from Captain Crickard, of HMCS PROVIDER, and subsequently returned the call and remained to lunch on board HMCS PROVIDER at Station Pier. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended Colonel and Mrs Neill's "At Home" at Anesbury House. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a reception in HMCS PROVIDER.
FRIDAY, 3rd November	The Commodore judged an Art Competition at Hastings Primary School. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Naval and Military Club Annual Dinner Dance at the Royale Ballroom.
Saturday, 4th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the VRC Derby Day race meeting, and lunched with the Committee. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the British High Commissioner's Cocktail Party at 38 Irving Road, Toorak.
Sunday, 5th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth took the Captain of HMCS PROVIDER for a barbecue lunch in the "Australian Countryside" Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Dinner given by Dame Mabel Brookes at the Alexandra Club.
Monday 6th November	The Commodore lunched with the Captain on board HMAS DUCHESS. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended an "AT Home" at Government House followed by a supper party in South Yarra.
Tuesday, 7th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Melbourne Cup at Flemington Race Course. Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended Mr. John Livingston's Annual Cup Day Party at the Southern Cross Hotel

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Thursday, 9th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Melbourne Club Oak's Night Cocktail Party
	The Commodore attended the Lord Mayor's Annual Dinner at the Town Hall.
Friday, 10th November	The Commodore attended the Medical and Dental Officers' Annual Dinner at the Southern Command Mess.
Saturday, 11th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance, where the Commodore laid a wreath.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a VRC luncheon and race meeting at Flemington.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Ladies' Night Dinner in the CPO's Mess HMAS CERBERUS
MONDAY, 13th November	The Commodore lunched at the Australia Hotel with Council of the Corps of Commissionaires.
Tuesday, 14th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth entertained FOCEA and Commander Blackman at luncheon at Cerberus House, during FOCEA walk-round of CERBERUS.
Wednesday 15th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a dinner party in CERBERUS married quarters.
Thursday, 16th November	The Commodore was a member of the Naval Team in the annual USI Inter-service Rifle Shooting competition.
	The Commodore attended a Wardroom Mess Dinner.
Saturday, 18th November	The Commodore and family attended the Hastings Hospital Fete.
Sunday, 19th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth lunched with Colonel and Mrs Bennett at Somers.
Tuesday, 21st November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a lunch party at Cerberus House for senior officers attending the Summer series Inter-service Sports.
Wednesday 22nd November	The Commodore attended the Inter-service Sports wind-up party and presented the trophies.
Friday, 24th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Annual USI Cocktail Party at the Southern Command Officer's Mess.

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Saturday, 25th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Master Mariners Annual Dinner Dance at 9 Darling Street.
Sunday, 26th November	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Annual Church Parade of the Victoria Police at St. Paul's Cathedral.
Tuesday 28th November	The Commodore lunched with the CERBERUS Golf Club Associates and presented trophies for the 1972 Season.
	The Commodore dined with the President of the USI and the Chief of the Naval Staff at the Naval and Military Club.
	The Commodore attended a lecture by CNS at the United Services Institute in the RAAMC officers mess.
Wednesday, 29th November	Air Marshall Griffiths called on the Commodore and he and Mrs Griffiths subsequently lunched at Cerberus House with Commodore and Mrs Smyth.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Dinner Party in CERBERUS married quarters.
Thursday, 30th November	The Commodore attended a Band Concert in the Southern Cross Cinema for all the pre-school children of the Mornington Peninsula.
	The Commodore attended a Mess Dinner in the Petty Officers Mess, HMAS CERBERUS.
Friday, 1st December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the CERBERUS Wardroom Summer Dance.
Saturday, 2nd December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the WRAN CPO's and PO's Christmas Party.
Sunday, 3rd December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Luncheon Party at Cerberus House.
Monday, 4th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gave a Dinner Party at Cerberus House.
Tuesday, 5th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Apprentices School Passing Out Parade at Balcombe and lunched at the Balcombe Officers Mess.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended the Premiere of the film "Young Winston" at Hoyts No 1 Theatre and afterwards attended a supper party at the Southern Cross Hotel.

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Wednesday, 6th December	The Commodore attended the RAAF Academy Graduation Parade at Point Cook.
Thursday, 7th December	The Commodore attended a Civic Reception in Hastings Public Hall for the Governor of Victoria.
Friday, 8th December	The Commodore embarked in HMAS ARDENT for passage to STANLEY and to carry out ARDENT's annual sea inspection.
Saturday, 9th December	The Commodore attended the 64th Circular Head Show at Stanley, in company with the Captain of ARDENT.
Monday, 11th December	The Commodore returned to CERBERUS after calling on Commander Alliston, DSO,DSC and Bar, RN at Three Hummock Island.
Tuesday, 12th December	The Commodore attended a Buffet Luncheon with the Chief Commissioner of Police at Airlie, 260 Domain Road.
	The Commodore visited Miss Anne Malony's exhibition of paintings at 430 Albert St. East Melbourne.
	The Commodore attended an A.S.I.O. Cocktail Party in the Port of Authority Building.
	The Commodore attended the Chancellor of Melbourne's at home' in Wilson Hall.
	The Commodore attended the G.O.C. Southern Command's Cocktail Party in Victoria Barracks.
	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Carol Service in St. Paul's Cathedral.
Wednesday, 13th December	The Commodore attended a luncheon at the Naval and Military Club.
	The Commodore attended an ASCO Council Meeting at ASCO Headquarters, Spencer St. MELBOURNE.
	The Commodore attended a Mayor's Christmas Buffet Party in Williamstown Town Hall.
Thursday, 14th December	The Commodore flew to Sydney to attend the 1972 Naval Symposium at HMAS PENGUIN.

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Friday, 15th December	On return from Sydney the Commodore attended a RAAF Support Command "At Home" at 426 St. Kilda Road.
Saturday, 16th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Christmas Cocktail Party at Flinders.
Sunday, 17th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth gavea lunch party at Cerberus House.
Monday,18th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth dined with Brigadier and Mrs Crompton at Mount Waverley.
Tuesday, 19th December	Commodore and Mrs Smyth attended a Cocktail party and a Dinner party in CERBERUS married quarters.
Thursday, 21st December	The Commodore was at the CPO's mess for a Christmas drink.
Friday, 22nd December	The Commodore attended a Wages Staff Christmas Party at Club CERBERUS
Monday, 25th December	The Commodore began two weeks leave.

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ANNEX B

OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS AT WHICH THE COMMODORE WAS REPRESENTED

Saturday, 7th October, 1972	Commander and Mrs. D.R.Patterson attended the official opening of the Commonwealth Library - Resource Centre at Mornington High School.
Wednesday, 18th October,1972	Commander and Mrs. D.W. Falconer attended a Trafalgar Cabaret Ball in HMAS LONSDALE.
Monday,23rd October, 1972	Inspector H. Dewsbury, NP attended the official opening of Fire Prevention Week.
Tuesday, 24th October, 1972	Lieutenant M.A.Wheeler, RAN attended the 58th Annual Meeting of the Australian Red Cross Society in Kew City Hall.
Thursday, 30th November,1972	Lieutenant Commander U.R.Smith, RAN attended a Graduation Parade at RAAF East Sale.
Friday, 1st December, 1972	Lieutenant Commander J.L.Belbin attended the Annual Dinner of the Peninsula Legacy Group at "Wingham Lodge", Frankston.

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ANNEX C

SPORTING EVENTS AND RESULTS

Basketball	Navy defeated Carrum	18 - 16
	Navy defeated United	26 - 11
	Navy defeated Frankston	23 - 12
Cricket	Ch's and PO's defeated Westralia Ass.	
	Navy H.C. defeated St. Kilda H.C	153 -138
Rugby	Navy vs Army vs Airforce	
	Knockout comp. - 8 teams	
	Won 2 - Lost 1	3rd.
Shooting	Gun Club Championships	H. Miller Frankston Gun Club
	Grey Smith Rifle Competition	
	CERBERUS defeated LONSDALE	1226 -1-21
SQuash	Navy (B) Res. defeated Tyabb (5)	4 - 0
	Navy (B) defeated Tyabb (3)	3 - 1
	Navy (B) Res defeated Mornington (7)	3 - 1
	Navy (B) defeated Rosebud (6)	3 - 1
	Navy defeated Mornington (5)	77 - 72
	Tyabb defeated Navy	4 - 0
	Navy defeated Rosebud	4 - 0
	Navy (B) defeated Frankston (6)	4 - 0
	Navy (Res) defeated Frankston (7)	4 - 0
	Tyabb defeated Navy (b)	127 - 114
	Navy defeated Lysaght's	3 - 1
	Navy (B) defeated Tyabb	
	Peninsula Prelim Final	11 - 4
	Navy defeated Tyabb	
	MPSR Grand Final 'B' Grade	3 - 2
Volley Ball	Navy defeated Balcombe	3 - 0
Basketball - Women	Navy defeated United	22 - 9
Softball - Women	Navy defeated Air Force	29 - 2
Inter-Service Men		
Badminton	Air Force defeated Navy	17 - 7
	Navy defeated Army	19 - 5
	Air Force defeated Army	22 - 2
Tennis	Air Force defeated Navy	9 - 0
	Army defeated Navy	9 - 0
	Army defeated Air Force	7 - 2

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Golf	Air Force defeated Navy	8 - 5
	Army defeated Navy	11 - 2
	Army defeated Air Force	8 - 4

Sailing	Day 1 - Air Force	26½	Navy 13	Army 10
	Day 2 - Air Force	30¼	Army 24	Navy 18
	Day 3 - Army	24	Navy 22¼	Air Force 22

Rifle Shooting	1st Navy 1518 points,	
	2nd Air Force 1439 points	
	3rd Army 1180 points	

Inter-Service Women

Tennis	Air Force defeated Navy	3 - 2
	Army defeated Navy	3 - 2
	Army defeated Air Force	3 - 2

Softball	Navy defeated Airforce	19 -13
	Navy defeated Army	19 - 7
	Army defeated Air Force	18 -15

Total Points Score

MEN.

SPORT	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Badminton	20	10	30
Tennis	10	30	20
Golf	10	30	20
Sailing	10	20	30
Rifle Shooting	30	10	20
TOTAL	80	100	120

WOMEN

Tennis	10	30	20
Softball	30	20	10
TOTAL	40	50	30

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ANNEX D

BAND ENGAGEMENTS

1. During the past three months, the Band of HMAS CERBERUS has maintained an excellent standard, and many letters of appreciation have been received stressing the favourable impression of the Royal Australian Navy that has been projected to the public.

2. Visits were made to the School of Music by Miss Laurel Martyn, Artistic Director of the Victorian Ballet Company, Mr Peter Binch, Director of the same company, and five dancers who gave a lecture/demonstration on time and rhythm as associated with music and ballet. Mr. Warner Thompson, Director of the Australian Music Examination Board, lectured the School of Music Staff on course contents and evaluation of results. The Training Officer of the Army School of Music, Balcombe, discussed training methods and problems.

3. The position of Training Officer, School of Music has been taken over by Lieutenant W.W. FARRELL, RAN, who has relieved Lieutenant J.H. McDONOUGH, RAN, the RAN sponsor for the October M3 examination which saw the one candidate from HMAS CERBERUS successfully pass. Once again support staff was required from CERBERUS Band to teach various instrumental categories for which no permanent instructor is available at the School of Music. In this regard a letter has been raised to support civil schooling for instrumentalists for whom there is no instructional staff available.

Engagements carried out by the Band are listed below:

Sunday	October	1st		Open Day - HMAS CERBERUS
Tuesday	"	3rd		Lunchtime Concert - MELBOURNE
Wednesday	"	4th	am	Small Dance Band - MELBOURNE
			pm	World General Medical Practice Conference Reception - MELBOURNE
Thursday	"	5th	am	Small Dance Band - MELBOURNE
			pm	I.M.C. Mess Dinner - HMAS CERBERUS
Friday	"	6th	am	Recruit School Passing Out Parade Ceremonial Fanfare Trumpets - Ghurka Reception MELBOURNE
Saturday	"	7th		VFL Final - MELBOURNE
Sunday	"	8th	am	Ceremonial Fanfare Trumpets - St. Pauls Cathedral
			pm	Shrine Ceremony
Saturday	"	14th		Hastings Day - HASTINGS
Friday	"	20th		Recruit School Passing Out Parade
Wednesday	"	25th		Bugler - Annual Dinner for "Carry On" - FRANKSTON
Friday	"	27th		Ceremonial Divisions - HMAS CERBERUS

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Friday	November	3rd	am	Recruit School Passing Out Parade
			pm	Naval and Military Club Dinner - MELBOURNE
Friday	"	10th		Medical Officers' Dinner - MELBOURNE
Thursday	"	16th		Wardroom Mess Dinner
Friday	"	17th	am	Recruit School Passing Out Parade
			pm	Concert - Peninsula Grammar School
Saturday	"	18th		Fete - Hospital - HASTINGS
Wednesday	"	22nd		Lunchtime Concert - University of Melbourne
Friday	"	24th		Ceremonial Divisions - HMAS CERBERUS
Saturday	"	25th		Children's Christmas Party - HMAS CERBERUS
Monday	"	27th		Concert - Karingal High School - FRANKSTON
Thursday	"	30th		Concert - Pre School Children - Southern Cross Cinema
Friday	December	1st		Recruit School Passing Out Parade
			1200	Lunchtime Concert - MELBOURNE
			p.m.	Wardroom Christmas Dance
Tuesday	"	5th		
			p.m.	Charity Premiere - 'Young Winston' - MELBOURNE
Thursday	"	7th		Visit from Victoria Police Highland Pipe Band
Sunday	"	10th	pm	Church Service - St. Luke's - FRANKSTON
Tuesday	"	12th		Lunchtime Concert - City Square - MELBOURNE
Wednesday	"	13th	am	Funeral - HMAS CERBERUS for late CPO NAMSCAWEN
				Lunchtime Dance Band Recital - Red Cross Handcrafts Centre - CAULFIELD
Friday	"	15th	am	Recruit School Passing Out Parade.

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ANNEX E

OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

1. Midshipman SLEX entry 1/1972 returned to CERBERUS on Sunday 22nd October for completion of Phase I training. Following a week of minor retesting and final seamanship examination, these midshipmen departed for Phase II training in the Fleet.

2. Midshipman SLEX 2/72 have continued Phase I of their course and completed their CERBERUS Component on 22nd December.

3. Satisfactory progress has been made, the major problem has been the poor standard of English of some of the SE Asian students. It is envisaged that this problem will be compounded during the Navigation Course at HMAS WATSON and initial sea training in ANZAC.

4. One each of courses 901345, Aircrew Re-orientation, 901344 SD Officers Promotion and 901341 Reserve Orientation have been held during the quarter.

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ANNEX F

RECRUIT SCHOOL

1. Satisfactory results have been achieved in the training of Adult Recruits during the period.

2. Seventy nine Recruits have been entered. This is ten more than the corresponding quarter in 1971. A total of 689 Recruits were entered during 1972, 15 more than in 1971. The Optional Discharge rate for 1972 is 11.5%.

3. The Recruit course programme has been amended slightly to cope with the excesses and deficiencies found in the original programme produced in August 1972 to implement the new Adult Recruit Course 901700.

4. Category entry sailors have not posed any problems. Approximately 25% of sailors entered by category have changed category whilst at the Recruit School.

5. Staff turnover has been higher than usual. Seven instructors and one divisional Chief Petty Officer will be posted out over the Christmas-New Year period. Replacements for these sailors have been posted. The majority of instructors leaving are the school's most experienced staff.

6. Lieutenant SLEX W.K. SCOTT, RAN joined on 20th November 1972.

7. The Recruits have maintained a high level of participation in sport throughout the quarter. The School gained third place in the Annual Cross Country Race.

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ANNEX G

MANAGEMENT SCHOOL

1. The second Warrant Officers' Service Knowledge/ Management Course was completed on 20th October. There were 18 Warrant Officers on course.

2. The third Warrant Officers Course commenced on 6th November. The 14 members of the class completed the course on 15th December. This course benefited from the experience gained by the Management School staff from the previous courses and also from suggestions contained in the weekly course critiques handed in by the first and second course students. Approval to hire management films from commercial sources has also enhanced the course content.

3. Three Petty Officers' Leadership Courses were held during the quarter with an average of 12 students per course.

4. A class of 10 completed the Cerberus section of the Coxswains Conversion Course on 24th November. Four of the successful candidates were Papua-New Guinea sailors.

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ANNEX H

SEAMANSHIP SCHOOL

1. The successful Seamanship Rivers Competition held at CERBERUS Open Day on 1st October 1972, was rewarding to the School staff.

2. The Pilot Course in Objective Training in Seamanship for promotion to Petty Officer was successfully completed and Officer-in-Charge Seamanship School visited TRU2 at HMAS WATSON in October, where terminal objectives were written in consultation with Officer-in-Charge Seamanship School, HMAS PENGUIN.

3. An exchange of one Seamanship Instructor was made with one from PENGUIN in November for a period of one week. This exchange proved valuable in standardising the new type Free Running Training taking place at both establishments.

4. Most (70%) of a full size Probe Fuelling Rig has been received and is erected. Further comment will be made when it has been used more fully.

5. The first 33 foot Seaboat completed by Swiftcraft of Mordialloc was received on 14th December, 1972.

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ANNEX I

WEAPONS ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING SCHOOL

TRAINING:

1. Instructor Lieutenant Commander B. COSHALL, RN and one staff CPO occupying a combined Quality Control/Instructional billet attended the second Quality Control course to be conducted by the RANSTT.

2. In pursuance of an active progremme to ensure that all WEE School staff attend an Instructional Technique course, an additional three instructors completed the course during the quarter and all praised the merits of such training.

3. Two WEE School Instructor Officers and one Systems Artificer Weapons 1st Class attended the re-presentation of a one-day symposium on "Digital Integrated Circuits for the Technical Officer", conducted at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and sponsored by the IREE (AUST). It is believed that such symposia, in any electronic/electrical discipline, provide valuable sources of information and excellent opportunities for both technical and instructional exchange.

4. Unscheduled courses arranged and completed during the quarter include a PWT for the WEEO designate HMAS STALWART, LCDR SDEN F. LEWIS, digital theory training for LEUT MLTT H. BURDON, of the NCDS Project Team, an M22/44 operational aquaint for two RANTAU personnel and a lower-level M22/44 familiarisation course for four EMWE's.

5. The average weekly instructional loading throughout the quarter has been 205 students in 36 classes. The number of courses completed total seven promotional and sixteen PCT.

6. Ten Williamstown Naval Dockyard personnel completed a digital training course during the quarter; one officer each from Williamstown and Garden Island dockyards completed a KW37R maintenance course.

7. Two WEE School instructional staff members visited NIRIMBA on separate occasions forSAILSTRUC 70 Electronic Technical training liaison; such reciprocal visits prove most valuable.

8. The first intake of Electronic Technical Phase 1 sailors nears completion of the common-phase section of the course, and the wastage rate to date (23%) is viewed with some concern. It is for consideration that lower standart students cannot be accepted for ET training; the compressed nature of these courses, inconjunction with the greater emphasis on skill of hand, suggests that the intake standard may require re-evaluation. This matter will be kept under close review.

9. The effort required to complete production of modified Command Tests, and the design, formulation and compilation of Phase 1 Task Books have thrown severe strain on WEE School resources. As a result, progress in lesson plan development for ET Phase 1 courses has once again been slow.

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10. Instruction of the important High Reliability Soldering maintenance skill had once again to be cancelled during the quarter because of the unavailability of the necessary Fitters' kits. That the adequately documented and frequently requested logistic support for this instruction should so consistently founder is not understood.

PERSONNEL

11. As a result of a representation forwarded concerning the serious dilution in Instructor Officer numbers and expertise because of planned postings at the completion of this quarter, one experienced senior Instructor Officer has been posted to the WEE School and the postings of two officers from the school have been cancelled.

12. Consequent on the Complements' Committee visit to CERBERUS last quarter, three additional civilian Technical Instructor billets have been approved and the positions advertised.

13. The following officers' postings were effected during the quarter:-

(a) Arrivals - LEUT SLIT Z.RAHAMANI

(b) Departures:-
LEUT MLIT D.G.KENT - HMAS NIRIMBA
LEUT MLIT R.G.GRAHAM - HMAS NIRIMBA
LEUT SSIT P.J.MEAD - HMAS NIRIMBA
LEUT SDEN N.V.PARKER - HMAS TARANGAU
LEUT SDEN M.F.LEACH - HMAS VENDETTA

GENERAL

14. The public interest in and reaction to the displays within the WEE School during Open Day confirmed the confidence the school has in its standard and presentation of laboratories and related instruction.

15. Visits made to the school during the quarter include:-

(a) Rear Admiral W.D.H. Grahan CBE.
(b) RMIT senior technical design staff
(c) Indonesian Naval Attache
(d) Six State Award Apprentices
(e) Advanced course of the Australian Administrative Staff College.
(f) Army School of Signals Watsonia
(g) Indonesian Patrol Boat Mission
(h) Mr. Evans, Director of Psychological Services
(i) Representatives from the following industrial organisations:-
(1) Numerical Control
(11) COMPUCD AUSTRALIA PTY.LTD.
(j) Students from the following schools:-
(1) WATSONIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.
(11) HUNTINGDALE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

16. WEE School Staff/Student visits were made to the following:-

(a) S.E.C. YALLOURN
(b) HMAS SWAN
(c) RMIT
(d) Williamstown Naval Dockyard
(e) HMAS NIRIMBA

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17. Results obtained from the November 1972 BTT written papers were pleasing, it being apparent that candidates were in general well prepared for this last opportunity to qualify by examination for higher rank. Results were:-

CATEGORY	NO ATTEMPTED	NO PASSED	% PASSED
LEMP	35	14	40
LEMWE	15	9	60
LEMC	18	10	56
LEMWR	30	10	33
CEP	24	8	33
CEWE	9	5	56
CEC	6	4	67
CEWR	13	6	46
SAP1	39	11	28
SAW1	8	2	25
SAC1	9	3	33

18. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT - Wiring and installation of equipments in the new WEED building are being progressed by Williamstown Dockyard. Three laboratory classrooms are now in use.

19. One Radar type 975, Radar type 8GR/301, and Indicator Group AN/SPA-50 have been set to work by Dockyard, and RANTAU has carried out installation inspections and acceptance trials.

20. It is expected that the McFarlane machine demonstration laboratory will be completed and ready for acceptance early in January, 1973.

21. The Seacat Dome Trainer has been given its first overhaul since installation and is currently being set to work by Williamstown Dockyard, with completion anticipated early January, 1973.

22. The signal injector unit for use with the AN/UQN-4 echo sounder training installation is still in course of manufacture by Dockyard.

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ANNEX J

MARINE ENGINEERING SCHOOL

Staff and Personnel

A. COMPLEMENTS COMMITTEE

1. Subsequent to the visit of the Complements Committee and the approval of the 1973 Course Programme, a re-assessment of training staff required for Phase 1 MT Courses was carried out and it was found that additional staff would be required. The initial staff requirements had been submitted to the Complement's Committee from a 'Model' course programme.

B. OFFICERS

2. SBLT SDSH D. CARLIN, RAN, joined on 30th September and is setting up instruction for the Hull category.

3. LCDR GLEN H.G. PAGE, RAN, left to join HMAS DUCHESS on 8th November having handed over the SAILSTRUC Syllabus and task book preparation to LEUT SLEN D. MITCHELL, RAN, who joined the staff as LCDR PAGE's relief on 16th October.

C. SAILORS

4. The position of the WOERA billets has not changed since the last report of proceedings. The recommendations of the Complements Committee if approved, will see an increase in instructional staff who will be fully employed not only instructing but preparing lesson plans for the new courses.

GENERAL

A. SYLLABUSES

5. Phase 1 MT Syllabuses have now been produced in their final format with the exception of the MTH Phase 1 Syllabus. This should be available in final format early in January. The MTP Task Book is progressing favourably and it should be forwarded to Navy Office on 22nd January 1973. The MTL Task Book will be available soon after and the MTH Task Book late in February.

6. No further progress has been made with non-SAILSTRUC Syllabuses but it is hoped that at least the GL/SLEX/SU Midshipmen's Marine Engineering familiarisation will be forwarded in the New Year with the Syllabus for Automatic Combustion Control being forwarded soon after.

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B. NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK

7. The cleaning of this classroom block still remains in the hands of uniformed personnel. There are two main problems in cleaning this building:

i. 'Dustless' chalk - leaving a mess on the rostrum under the chalkboard as bad as ordinary chalk. This is a problem in all classrooms not just the new ones.

ii. Rubber bootmarks on vinyl-asbestos tiled floows - it has been found that boot 'skid' marks are being made by the industrial boot which is available on loan in the RAN. It is also available through disposal stores and a large number of sailors under training within the Marine Engineering Branch are buying and using them for normal wear. It has been decided to ban these boots from instructional areas within the Marine Engineering School other than during practical training periods.

8. The general cleaning problem of this building is currently under investigation.

C. MARINE ENGINEERING DEMONSTRATION BUILDING

9. The building was accepted from Commonwealth Department of Works on 1st November 1972. Although furniture has been moved into the Administration Area, the building is not yet occupied by the School. The WILDOCK Overseer and personnel raising the List of Equipment have moved into two of the offices and the Ready Use Store.

10. It is hoped that contractors trials in Cells A to E of the Diesel installation will be completed by the end of this quarter.

11. The erection of the boiler is progressing satisfactorily and the water pressure test to one and one half times working pressure (750 psi) was completed on 11th December.

12. Tenders have recently been invited for the Steam Installation and close on 8th February 1973.

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ANNEX K

COMMUNICATIONS SCHOOL

1. COMPLEMENT

A. OFFICERS

(i) Lieutenant SDEX C DENSTEN, RAN was posted to HMAS COONAWARRA on 4th ecember, 1972

(ii) LEUT CMDR GLEX C. WILSON, RAN was posted to the United Kingdom for the advanced C course, on 5th December, 1972

(iii) 3RDO(C) S.D. WAUGH, WRANS was posted to HMAS LONSDALE on 27th October, 1972, when 3RDO(C) R.A.McVEAN, WRANS resumed her duties from 'medical'

(With reference to A(i) and (ii) above, reliefs have not been posted to join until late March/early April. Representation has been made to Navy Office in CERBERUS signal 010003CZ DEC72)

B. SAILORS

The number of sailors borne are in excess of those required for the number under training. This has been represented to Navy Office in CERBERUS letter 80/0/1 dated 22nd November 1972, together with a proposed revised complement.

2. EQUIPMENT

A. One in number AN/URT24 in Main Signal Office is still unsatisfactory for final acceptance.

B. Multi channel installatior still reqvires TEMPEST, check.

C. Replacement Spares - Difficulty is constantly experienced in obtaining parts for equipments of non-Australian origin, and also for Australian equipments for which the Naval Stores do not carry ready-use spares. Because of this at present some six or seven equipments are either not operational or are only partly so. In some cases, they have been in this state for a number of months, despite continuing hastening action.

3. SIGHT AND SOUND TYPING TRAINER - continues to produce very satisfactory results.

4. FLEETWORK TRAINER - In addition to normally scheduled courses, other personnel listed below have been trained.

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HMAS SWAN 9th to 11th OCTOBER

Commanding Officer and 4 Officers
CY, 2LTO's, 3TO's

Captain I.W. BROBEN, RAN CO Designate HMAS STALWART, 31st October.
Lieutenant G.F. McLENNAN, RAN, Flag Lieutenant to COMAUSFLT (Designate) 20th to 22nd November.

5. WORKS - Construction of the new toilet block in the eastern section of the school has commenced.

6. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

FARADAY LECTURE - Advantage was taken of an offer by IREE (AUST) in conjunction with the Australian Post Office, to stage the Faraday 1972 Lecture in the Southern Cross Cinema on Thursday, 23rd November. The lecture was of 90 minutes, and was attended by some 450 to 500 personnel, majority of whom were from the Electrical and Communications Schools. A most interesting feature of this lecture was the employment of a unique multi-projector audio visual presentation, which used words, pictures and sound to show the whole field of Australian Telecommunications. The lecturer was Mr. A.H.Kaye, MVO, BSc, C Eng, FIEE,FIE(AUST) FIREE AUST, Assist Director (Engineering), Australian Post Office, South Australia.

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ANNEX L

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

CPOMUSN's Course

1. Three Petty Officer Musicians commenced the course and have shown very good progress to date.

One Petty Officer who was retested from CPOMUSN's Q Course 2/71 passed, and is now fully qualified.

One Petty Officer who should have been retested from the same course failed to appear for the examination.

POMUSN's Course

2. Four Leading Musicians commenced the course and are progressing satisfactorily.

MUSN's Course

3. One OMUSN completed the course.
One OMUSN commenced the course.
Five JMUSNS commenced the course.
One OMUSN left the branch as unsuitable for Musician.

OMUSN's Course

One OMUSN commenced the course.
Five JMUSN's commenced the course.

JMUSN's Course

Two JMUSN's commenced the course.
One JMUSN was recommended for change of branch as unsuitable for Musician.

JMUSN's Preliminary Course

Three JMUSN's commenced the course.

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ANNEX M

SUPPLY SCHOOL

TRAINING

1. This year has been a busy one for the Supply School. 589 sailors and WRANS and 32 Officers were instructed in the School during 1972. In addition the Staff of the Supply School fulfilled a variety of instructional commitments to the Officers Training School, the WRANS School, the Management School (Warrant Officers and Coxswains), the Recruit School, the Marine Engineering School and the Weapons Electronic Engineering School, in such subjects as pay and allowances, secretariat, naval law, discipline, administration and naval and victualling stores.

2. Following is a summary of sailors and WRANS under instruction during 1972:

POWTR	19	POWRWTR	1
WTR	38	WRWTR	31
POSTD	13	POWRSTD	4
STD	99	WRSTD	52
POSN	15 + 1 USN Sailor		
SAN	46		
POSV	12	POWRSV	2
SAV	41	WRSAV	7
POCK	16	POWRCK	2
LCK	49	LWRCK	6
CK	119	WRCK	16
Total Sailors	468	Total WRANS	121

3. Following is a summary of officers under instruction during 1972:

CAPT GLEX	3	CO/XO Desig Courses
CMDR GLEX	2	
LCDR GLSU	1	1972 Advanced Supply Course
LCDR RMN	1	
LEUT GLSU	2	
LCDR SDSU	2	
LEUT SDSU	2	

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LEUT SLJA	1	) Legal Officers' Familiarisation
2NDO WRANS	1	)
SBLT GLSU	1	) 1971 and 1972 Basic Supply Courses
ASLT GLSU	9	)
MIDN SLSU	6	)
MIDN PNG	1	)
Total Officers	32	

STAFF:

4. No relief has as yet been provided for the School's Writer Officer, the previous occupant of the billet having been posted in August. Signalled representations to Navy Office have not met with success and present indications are that a relief will not be provided until September 1973 at the earliest. A shortage of even one officer in a small school complemented for only five officers cannot easily be absorbed and the quality of training must inevitably suffer as a result. Already, for this and other reasons, it has been found necessary to recommend that the 1973 Advanced Supply Course be cancelled.

5. It is already apparent that in the early part of next year there are going to be difficulties in maintaining the School's Steward and Writer Staff at sufficient strength to cope with the courses programmed, viz: two STD, two WTR, one POSTD, one POWTR in the first two months of 1973. Supply sailors are posted simply to CERBERUS to fill complement vacancies in both the Supply Department and the Supply School. As a result, if the School is maintained at full complement, the entire shortage is thrown onto the Department and the situation for the Department becomes more serious in reality than it appears on paper. In most cases the alternative (ie, for the School to bear some of the shortfall) would mean that the training commitment would not be met and that some courses would have to be cancelled.

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ANNEX N

GUNNERY SCHOOL

1. EQUIPMENT - Progress on the refurbishment of the 4.5 drill turret has been unsatisfactory and, as has been reported in other papers, conern is felt that the remaining life of the West Head Gunnery Range operational turret could be less than planned. If this happens gunnery training in the RAN will be severely curtailed.

2. The operational MRS3 system at West Head has continued to give noble service with few maintenance problems and with good firing results being achieved.

3. The firing results for the M22 system have varied. On occasions good results have been abhieved but a problem appears to have developed during the latter half of the period under report. This problem will be discussed in other papers when further information has come to hand.

4. The Seacat Dome Trainer, after some 6 years of continuous use with no major maintenance period, developed a multitude of minor defects which finally necessitated it being closed down for Dockyard repair. Much useful information came to hand during this period especially when Mr N.E. SHEPPARD visited the establishment from Navy Office. As a result of the visit it is planned to incorporate modifications found to be necessary to similar installations in the United Kingdom. When this modification work has been completed it is hoped that system availability will be improved.

5. TRAINING - The Training Committee visited the establishment during November . An opportunity was taken to explain the proposed new syllabus for Able Rank promotion courses starting in the New Year.

6. The writing of the new syllabuses and associated teaching guides has consumed most of the work effort available, and the following draft ABR's and syllabuses have been completed.

ABR 862 RANMER's
ABR 1920B Small Arms Training in the RAN
M22 Maintainer User PWT Course
M44 Maintainer User PWT Course
40/60 Mk 7 and Mk9* Drill Book

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The following non promotional training was carried out:-

HMAS VENDETTA	C.O. Designate
HMAS TORRENS	C.O. Designate
HMAS MADANG	C.O. Designate
HMAS BRUNEI	C.C. Designate
HMAS SWAN	Seacat Aimer Refresher Training
HMAS SYDNEY	L.G.D.O.'s.
RANR ABQMG Gunnery Course	
RANR 40/60 Firing WHGR. (Twice)	
Patrol Boat ABQMG/WM Course	

7. Personnel - During the quarter, due to the concern felt for the gunnery state of the Patrol Boats, a special team headed by a WOQMG from CERBERUS was formed. The team visited most Patrol Boats and their report which will be forwarded in other papers is awaited with interest.

8. During the quarter two officers have left the school and one SBLT SD GLG RN has joined for loan service. The school has been well served by RN personnel during the past year and the loss of three Chief Petty Officer Gunnery Instructors during the last month and two Gunnery Petty Officers early in the new year will be sorely felt. The anount of experience they have as instructors is very seldom found anongst RAN sailors. To further aggravate the situation, it appears at this stage that there will be insufficient replacements.

9. General- During the quarter the Naval Team won the interservice Rifle Shooting Competition. This competitive shoot followed closely after the Grey Smith Cup and the United Services Trophy Competitions for shooting, and as all firings were held on the CERBERUS Rifle Range they led to a resurgence of interest in this sport.

10. A 3" Rocket Launcher test firing was completed at West Head Gunnery Range on 16th November. This trial was conducted by the Gunnery Trials Officer and appeared to be successful.

11. As part of a programme for fostering a liaison with civilians associated with naval weaponry, four officers from the Ammunition Factory, Footscray witnessed 4.5" AA Firings at West Head on Tuesday 5th December.

12. The biggest challenge for the new year is the need to convince the young gunnery sailor that he has a satisfying and worthwhile career prospect. This has not been easy in the immediate past, due to the turmoil caused by change and by the uncertainty in the sailors' mind of the future of the gunnery user categories.

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ANNEX O

HMAS ARDENT

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of October, 1972. Times throughout are kilo (-10).

2. Sunday, 1st October, ARDENT and ARROW were berthed stern to the jetty HMAS CERBERUS: both ships with anchors laid seaward three shackles on the waterline. At 1100 both ships assumed state one readiness for HMAS CERBERUS Navy Day Displays. The ships were subjected to mock air attack by a PIAGGO aircraft, ships opening fire with 40/60 break-up shot. During the run ARDENT's 40/60 jammed.

3. Shortly after the air attack it was assumed for display purposes that both ships had been badly damaged and had to be abandoned. A realistic demonstration of this technique was carried out by a team of recruit sailors who boarded a 20 man liferaft. One of the recruits was subsequently winched by helicopter, showing the public the method of recovering injured personnel in this type of emergency.

4. A second display following the preceeding pattern was carried out at 1400 that afternoon. At 1515 both ships weighed and proceeded to sea in formation, returning to berth alongside HMAS CERBERUS at 1600.

5. At 0830 on Tuesday, 3rd October HMAShips ARDENT and ARROW sailed in company for maneouvres and target duties for the WEST HEAD GUNNERY RANGE. At 0930 ARROW, under the command of Lieutenant Commander KEYES RANVR, was detached to carry out flare trials. ARDENT proceeded to anchor 2 cables north of SEAL ROCK. At 1025 ARDENT weighed, proceeding to rendezvous with ARROW 180 degrees WEST HEAD 5 miles for target duties. Throw-off firings commenced at about 1045 with ARROW in station 300 yards on ARDENT's port beam on a heading of west. On completion of surface and starshell firings at 1130, both ships proceeded in company to anchor in formation two cables due east of FLINDERS JETTY at 1241. At 1351 after lunch, both ships returned in company to HMAS CERBERUS, berthing at 1500.

6. At 0900 on Wednesday 4th; both ships proceeded to conduct O.O.W. Manoevres and evolutions in Westernport Bay. At 1200 ships secured alongside at COWES, and proceeded after lunch to HMAS CERBERUS at 1330, securing at 1430.

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7. ARROW departed for WILLIAMSTOWN on Thursday 5th October. On Friday 6th, ARDENT proceeded at 0830 to carry out tracking duties for WEST HEAD, which were subsequently cancelled due to bad weather off the peninsula . ARDENT returned to berth alongside at HMAS CERBERUS at 1155.

8. On Thursday 12th, the ship proceeded at 1550 to FLINDERS PIER to anchor and await the expected moderation of weather, wind force 6 and sea state 5. Remaining at anchor overnight, it became apparent that the weather would not moderate for at least three days. The ship returned to HMAS CERBERUS on Friday 13th; berthing alongside at 1430.

9. The expected moderation in the weather became apparent on Monday 16th and at 1500 the shop oroceeded on a modified fishery patrol. Night passage was made to THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND, allowing the two sub-Lieutenants on loan to take star sights and to put into practise a night passage plan. At 0110 on Tuesday 17th October ARDENT came to anchor off the West coast of the island, pilotage by radar being required due to the lack of lights in the area. At 1150 the ship was overflown by an RAAF Dakota either on fishery patrol or a navigation exercise. The aircraft circled the ship once at a height of about 1000 feet, but made no effort to answer the ships call made by light. The ships company was landed for recreation and lunch and were well entertained by the young farmer and his wife resident on the island.

10. At 0800 Wednesday 18th the ship weighed and proceeded to DEAL ISLAND in the middle of the BASS STRAIT. GLOMAR CONCEPTION, in site north of BURNIE, was passed during the afternoon and it was noted that she was in the process of being prepared to be moored. The ship came to anchor in WEST COVE, DEAL ISLAND at 1700. The following morning the ship oroceeded on patrol at 0800 and to DEVILS TOWER, where a 40/60 and .50 calibre firing was carried out. Firing proved unsatisfactory due to malfunctions in both weapons which have since been repaired. After the firings, the ship continued on patrol around the east and west coasts of WILSONS PROMONTORY, coming to anchor off GLENNIE ISLAND at 1806.

11. ARDENT weighed and proceeded at 0600 on Friday 20th October, returning to CERBERUS to berth at 1100. Both Sub Lieutenants managed to get morning and evening stars during the voyage, and further sun-run-sun sights bring their total sights to five.

12. The morale of the ships company during the period reported has been excellent. Sub Lieutenants S.N. HOWLETT and R.E. SHALDER and ABWM J.M. KOVACS have joined the ship during the month. No major defects occurred, except a malfunctioning of the 40/60 Bofor which was due to the coagulation of lubricating oil contaminated by the action

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of salt water. HMAS ARDENT and HMAS ARROW ships companies were mutual in their pleasure at the opportunity of being able to operate together as a squadron.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M.RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN

Enclosures:

1. Annexe ALPHA
2. Report by ASLT R.E. SHALDER on THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND (CST only)

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ANNEX A TO R.O.P. OCTOBER, 1972.

a. 555 miles steamed during month

b. 15693.2 miles steamed since commissioning

c. 42 hours underway during month

d. 1023.2 hours underway since commissioning.

ANNEX B

HMAS ARDENT

VISIT TO THREE HUMMOCK ISLAND - 17th AND 18th OCTOBER, 1972

Para 1 The ship anchored at 0100 17th October, 1972 on the Eastern side of Hope channel in an anchorage termed locally "Chimney Corner".

Para 2 As our ETA had been delayed some 12 hours by bad weather we assumed the island inhabitants would not be expecting us to arrive at all. However an advance party of four sailors and two officers found the island's owner madly organizing his garden and generally tidying up in expectation of a visit from ARDENT.

Para 3 After supplying coffee and biscuits and tentatively arranging a banyan for that afternoon the two occupants of Three Hummocks returned onboard ARDENT for a tour of the ship. The Captain gladly accepted, on behalf of the ship, a wooden, brass bound beer mug made from the wreck of the ARISTIDES - a sloop which foundered at Chimney Corner in 1940.

Para 4 Three Hummocks Island has, in fact, been settled for some years although at present it is leased by a retired Royal Navy Commander and his wife - John and Eleanor Alliston. During our visit they were away in Melbourne and his youngest son Warwick and his Japanese wife of three months acted as hosts and guides.

Para 5 During the afternoon of the 17th October the ship's company went ashore to explore, fish and generally enjoy themselves in an encironment essentially unspoilt by man.

Para 6 The island has coast-line extending for 37 miles with the only settlement being two home-steads in the South-west corner. The Post-Master General's Department has erected a micro-wave relay station on one of the hills but as that is automatic the only inhabitants are the Alliston family who run sheep and beef cattle. Although there are plans afoot to harvest kelp these are only in the design stage at present and the major part of the island's economy depends on the stock.

Para 7 During the course of the afternoon and evning we were able to learn something of the island's history which is also well documented in a book by Eleanor Alliston called "Escape to an Island" (William Heinemann Ltd. - London 1966).

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Para 9 Apparently during the course of one of his voyages Garibaldi landed at Three Hummocks whilst on passage through the Bass Strait. He is quoted as having said "one of the most beautiful landfalls I have ever made". There are plans in hand to commemorate his landing by erecting a stone plaque on the Western coast of Three Hummocks.

Para 10 Another story that is apparently quite true was revealed to us just as the last boat-load of sailors returned to the ship.

Para 11 On the beach where the barbeque had been set up there is what appears to be a large natural drain running down to the beach from a fresh water lagoon about 100 yards inland. Because of the shelter afforded by the drain the sailors elected to set up the barbeque in this area.

Para 12 As we were later told the drain had been dug in 1928 by treasure seekers who had found a map indicating that treasure had been hidden on the bottom of the lagoon by the survivors of an immigrant ship wrecked at Chimney Corner in the 1870's. Perhaps the present leasee's of the island were afraid that Ardent's ship's company might also get the treasure-bug and decide to drain one of their fresh water reservoirs. Now that the story is out there have been several requests to return to Three Hummocks for another "barbeque" cum "dig-in" so maybe the owner was wise in not telling the story when we first arrived at the island.

Para 13 By all accounts all personnel who made the effort to get ashore enjoyed themselves immensely and apart from requests to return in search of treasure there has been several approaches made to ship's officers to return purely because Three Hummocks has a sort of intrinsic charm; in addition to its great natural beauty.

Para 14 ARDENT weighed anchor and proceeded on her patrol of the Bass Strait at 0800 Wednesday, 18th October, after an interesting and enlightening visit to an isolated but beautiful little port of the world.

Report compiled by Sub-Lieutenant Shalders R.E.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of November, 1972. Times throughout are LIMA (-11).

2. At 1125 on Wednesday, 1st November, ARDENT sailed from HMAS CERBERUS for a two day navigation exercise and patrol off Wilson's Promontory. Captain W.R. SHARP, RAN and Mr. L. CONNOLEY were embarked for the duration of the trip. Overcast skies precluded evening stars that day, and the ship anchored in OBERON BAY overnight, sailing at 0425 on Thursday 2nd for morning stars. After breakfast at anchor in SEALER'S COVE, the forenoon was spent in exercising the Sub-Lieutenants in blind and visual pilotage through the numerous deep but narrow passages and majestically imposing bays which abound in this region. Following the exercise, the ship returned to HANN'S INLET, securing alongside CERBERUS at 1500.

3. Originally planned as a three day exercise and patrol to APOLLO BAY and KING ISLAND, the scope of this plan had to be modified at short notice when a suspected crack in A2 cylinder head was discovered. After ordering replacement components and conducting a thorough inspection it wasdecided not to traverse BASS STRAIT; WILSON'S PROMONTORY and a shortened trip being conducted instead. No undue problems were subsequently experienced with the engine during the month, though it was decided to continue with programmed head change at a convenient time during the month.

4. On Thursday, 9th November, ARDENT acted as target vessel for the WEST HEAD GUNNERY RANGE during surface throw-off firings by the MRS3 systen sailing at 0830 and returning to berth at 1216.

5. Preparation for Fishery Patrol 8/72 took place during Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November. On Tuesday, Rear Admiral W.D.H. GRAHAM, inspected the ship during his walk-round inspection of HMAS CERBERUS.

6. Patrol 8 commenced at 0855 on Wednesday 15th, when ARDENT sailed for PORT MELBOURNE to rendezvous with HMAS BOMBARD at 1415 at No. 7 NORTH WHARF. Both ships sailed in company for PORTLAND at 1600 on Thursday 16th., negotiating the RIP via the WEST CHANNEL. The overnight passage to PORTLAND was conducted with BOMBARD ordered to take station half a mile astern. Following an uneventful passage, ARDENT berthed at FISHERMAN'S JETTY, PORTLAND at 0800 on Friday, 17th November, BOMBARD being received alongside two minutes later.

7. Informal calls were made on the ships by the Mayor of PORTLAND, Councillor I.J. FOLEY, and his assistant Town Clerk; Mr. T.C. JARET, the Chairman of the Portland Harbour Trust, and Captain T.J. LLOYD, the Harbour Pilot for Portland, who were entertained onboard to morning tea and coffee. During the course of the weekend these calls were repaid, the ships companies of both vessels being made most welcome in the town by officials and citizens alike. The highlight of the visit occurred on Friday evening when Councillor FOLEY entertained both ships companies to drinks and dinner in the Council Chambers. In return, both ships were opened to visitors for three hours on Saturday afternoon; 230 visitors being counted.

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8. Following a most successful and relaxing visit, both ships departed from PORTLAND at midnight on Sunday 19th, setting course for THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND in unsettled weather. At 0136 BOMBARD, with orders to rejoin soonest, was detached to return to PORTLAND to make good a defect to a water cooling hose to her PORT main engine.

9. ARDENT maintained course for THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND, and after a stormy passage anchored at 1438 on Monday 20th November in CHASE HILL BAY, HUNTER ISLAND, to rest, clean ship, and make good the few minor defects incurred during the passage. The ship weathered the unforecast storm (sea states 4, wind forces 6) extremely well at normal operational speeds, the only toll being a slight leak in the access lobby hatch, a broken laminex panel (caused by a sailor being flung against it) and a tired but satisfied ship's company. Three minor injuries were suffered by the crew, but later treatment at BURNIE hospital out patients' department rectified this. Intermittent keying faults with the ANURC 58 set necessitated clearing overdue traffic in plain language via the MELBOURNE RADIO H.F. circuit from a set onboard the fishing vessel,"SAVARUS" at anchor in the same bay.

10. At -750 next morning, the ship was called upon by the TASMANIAN Government Fishery Inspection vessel L1B2 (Mr.A. WAY) to assist in investigating the MORNINGTON registered fishing vessel SAVARUS, R97, suspected of fishing illegally in Tasmanian waters. At the time, however, the ship had other commitments to fulfill, and after a discussion on navigation Mr. Way departed at 0800.

11. The ship weighed at 0830, proceeding to anchor in COULOMB BAY, THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND at 0840. The ships boat was called away and the two Junior Officers sent ashore to call on Commander L. ALLISTON, RN (Retd) the lessee of the island. Upon their return the anchor was weighed at 1010a and course set for BURNIE. However, whilst in the HOPE CHANNEL, the fishing vessel SAVARUS was sighted underway, and course was altered to investigate and determine her position and actions. During the next half hour ARDENT closed the fishermen, fixing her position to be outside TASMANIAN waters, exchanged greetings, and then reset course for BURNIE. My signal 202350Z NOV72 to COMAUSFLT refers to this incident. Following an uneventful passage, ARDENT berthed at SOUTH McGAW WHARF, BURNIE for an operational visit at 1425 on Tuesday 21st November. Later that afternoon, Mr. WAY again called the ship to discuss the forenoon's encounter. A copy of the two ship's tracks and relevant entries from the OOW notebook were given to him.

12. After our arrival in BURNIE and whilst the ship was fuelled and provisioned attempts were made to determine the status and intentions of BOMBARD, no news having been received onboard since her departure the previous Monday morning. It was not until the following afternoon, on Wednesday 22nd November, that I received copies via NOITAS of BOMBARD's P200003Z NOV72; R200342Z NOV72 and R202303Z NOV72, detailing her condition and intended new programme. An order for 2400 gallons of Dieso awaiting BOMBARD's arrival was subsequently cancelled.

13. At 1050 on Wednesday 22nd November, berth was shifted to NORTH McGAW WHARF at the request of the local Harbour Master to facilitate the berthing of a large merchant vessel expected the following morning.

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14. At 0906 on Thursday 23rd November, ARDENT sailed from BURNIE in excellent weather to WILSON'S PROMONTORY, anchoring overnight in WATERLOO BAY at 1615. The ship weighed at 0402 next morning, proceeding on a blind pilotage passage exercise round SOUTH EAST POINT and thence to CERBERUS to berth alongside at 1100. Because of contrary weather conditions during the voyage the Sub-Lieutenants were only able to do one day's sun-run-sun and nerpass observations, bringing their total sights since joining the ship to eight.

15. Following a weekend at HANN'S INLET, the ship sailed at 0842 on Monday 27th for target towing duties at WEST HEAD GUNNERY RANGE, returning alongside at 1311. Again on Tuesday 28th, the ship was employed in target towing duties, sailing at 0830 and returning to berth at 1400. On both days the WILLIAMS TARGET was employed by the Gunnery Range for acceptance firings by the M22 systen, the first day being used for tracking exercises, and the Tuesday for six firing runs in which 36 salvoes were fired. ARDENT took the WILLIAMS TARGET in tow at short stay after clearing HANN'S INLET each day, streaming it to long stay, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile astern when clear of WESTERNPORT FIARWAY buoy. The target handled well on tow and in good conditions and showed no difficulty in following the ship's wake, even in turns of up to 180 degrees (using 10 degrees of wheel) when only a small inwards side-slip was noticed. As WESTERNPORT CHANNEL was clear of shipping on both days, the target was towed up the channel at long stay to be recovered off HANN'S INLET by the CERBERUS tug once the polypropylene towing hawser had been recovered onboard. No difficulties were experienced in any of these manoeuvres.

16. During the remaining two days of the month, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th November, ARDENT remained alongside HMAS CERBERUS whilst the head of A2 cylinder was changed, there being a suspected crack in the existing one.

17. The morale of the ship's company during the period reported has been excellent. RO R.TANDY joined the ship during the month for the duration of patrol 8/72, greatly easing the workload on the complemented RADIO OPERATOR. During this time he also gained his helsmans qualification. No major defects occurred, save the suspected crack in A2 cylinder head which was replaced by ships staff in less than two and a half days once spares were received. The ship's company again expressed pleasure at being able to operate (albeit only for a short time) with another patrol boat as a squadron.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
ARDENT IN COMMAND

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ANNEX "A"

A. 1202.9 Miles steaned during nonth.

B. 16,896.1 Miles steaned since commissioning

C. 88.75 hours underway during nonth

D. 1111.95 hours underway since commissioning

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ANNEX O

HMAS ARDENT

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ARDENT under my command during the month of December, 1972. Times throughout are LIMA (-11).

2. During Friday 1st. December, HMAS ARDENT was alongside at HMAS CERBERUS undergoing a change to A1 cylinder head, there being a suspected crack in the existing one. This proved to be so and a new head was installed.

3. At 1234 on Monday 4th. December, the ship sailed for SWAN ISLAND, anchoring in position 073 degrees SWAN POINT WRECK 3.5 cables at 1541, to assist in 1/72 SPECIAL OPERATIONS COURSE (NAVAL OFFICERS). As detailed in Southern Command letter dated 13th November 1972, the aim of the four day exercise was to give practice to course members in:

(A) Basic techniques involving the infiltration and exfiltration of personnel by sea, including the launching and recovery of inflatable intermediate craft by FPB; and

(B) A limited introduction to the problems associated with "in passage" living conditions on an FPB.

Codenamed INEXFILTREX 1/72, the exercise was to have been conducted in four phases, namely:

PHASE I Launching and recovery drills off SWAN ISLAND;
PHASE II A sea passage followed by a night infiltration;
PHASE III Reconnaissance of shore targets; and

PHASE IV A night exfiltration and recovery, followed by a sea passage.

All phases were successfully completed except the third, a reconnaissance off BARWON HEADS. It was necessary to cancel this because of the conditions existing at the time.

4. Phase I drills with three GEMINI craft were

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conducted off SWAN ISLAND between 1545 and 1805 on Monday 4th December, 1972, the ships boat winch being used for this purpose. The ship sailed at 2011 to commence Phase II. During the passage to WESTERNPORT,the Directing Staff (members of 126 Signal Squadron) experienced ample demonstration of aim (B), heavy swells prevailing enroute. ARDENT entered WESTERNPORT channel at 2245 and anchored in position 035 degrees CRIB POINT JETTY 12 cables at 2353 to await craft launching directions at 0100 Tuesday, 5th December. The ship remained at anchor off CRIB POINT until 0330 whilst a night infiltration exercise was conducted. ARDENT was darkened for this exercise. Progress of the craft was monitored throughout the exercise by an AN/TVS NIGHT VIEWING DEVICE with excellent results. After recovering the Geminis, the ship sailed at 0333 for SWAN ISLAND, anchoring at 0645 to disembark craft and directing staff. The students remained at WESTERNPORT. At 0713, after the craft had been disembarked, the ship weighed and proceeded to MORNINGTON, berthing starboard side to MORNINGTON JETTY at 0827.

5. INEXFILTREX 1/72 recommenced for ARDENT at 1253 on Wednesday 6th December, when the ship sailed from MORNINGTON, anchoring off SWAN ISLAND at 1406 to embark.the Geminis. During the loading the ship's boat winch failed and embarkation was completed by hand by 1535. After loading three Geminis and directing.staff, ARDENT sailed for COWES at 1548. Prior to berthing, it was decided to test the towing capabilities of the small craft. All three were launched in calm water off COWES and towed in line astern for half a mile at speeds up to 15 Knots. During these manoeuvres, the inflat able craft handled well on tow, following in the ships wake in turns using up to 20 degrees of wheel. On completion of the towing exercise, ARDENT berthed port side to COWES JETTY at 1849 for dinner, and to await commencement of Phase IV operations. At 0020 on Thursday, 7th. December, the Geminis departed from COWES for their exfiltration exercise, returning alongside for recovery at 0326. Loading of craft and personnel completed, the ship departed for SWAN ISLAND at 0334, anchoring at 0627. Disembarkation of Geminis and Special Operations personnel was completed by 0651, and at 0732 ARDENT sailed for HANNS INLET, securing alongside HMAS CERBERUS at 1030.

6. Third Officer K. WESLEY, WRANS, sixteen WRAN Recruits and Public Relations photographers from Victoria Barracks, MELBOURNE, embarked at 1249 on Thursday 7th, December for an afternoons sea familiarisation and filming trip in WESTERNPORT. ARDENT sailed at 1300, and after clearing HANNS

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INLET, proceeded to demonstrate the capabilities of ATTACK Class Patrol Boats to the Recruits. During the demonstration the opportunity was taken for the Recruits to steer the ship and handle the light armament carried onboard. At 1420 the ship hove to off COWES whilst filming of Recruits took place. ARDENT returned to HANNS INLET on completion, securing alongside at 1521.

7. Friday 8th December was allocated to cleaning, storing and fuelling ship in preparation for the forthcoming weekend passage to STANLEY and annual sea inspection. At 1600, the Commodore Superintendent of Training, Commodore D.H.D. SMYTH, RAN was received onboard, and the ship sailed for STANLEY. At 1849 existing weather conditions forced a change in plan, and course was altered for HUNTER ISLAND anchoring by radar in CHASE HILL BAY, HUNTER ISLAND at 0247, Saturday 9th December. My PIM signal 081910Z DEC 72 refers. Shortly after anchoring, the Type 975 Radar failed despite ship's staff efforts, the set could not be repaired satisfactorily before arrival in STANLEY.

8. At 0645 the ship sailed for STANLEY, berthing starboard side to BREAKWATER JETTY, at 1900. The valve required was supplied free of charge when the local television retailer was confronted by the complexity of a local purchase order. Later that forenoon Mr. F.G. STOKES, Master Warden, Marine Board of Circular Head, his Secretary Mr. H. TRETHEWIE, and Mr. T.H. WILLIAMS, Secretary, Circular Head Agricultural Show, were entertained onboard to coffee. During the afternoon the Commodore, Captain and Officers visited the show after first being entertained to lunch in the Showgrounds pavilion. A cool, drizzly visit concluded with tea, generously provided by the local ladies Church Guild, and much enlivened by the presence of the Premier of TASMANIA, Mr. H. REES, and Miss TASMANIA, 1972. Highlights of the visit to STANLEY occurred soon after our arrival when a prize bull, evidently much taken by the occasion, escaped its pen and headed to sea, hotly pursued by a nonplussed and somewhat redfaced policeman charged with the task of rescuing the confused beast.

9. HMAS ARDENT sailed from STANLEY at 0900 Sunday, 10th December for THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND, anchoring in EAST TELEGRAPH BAY at 1050. That afternoon, a sports and luncheon barbeque was conducted ashore. Next morning, upon receipt of a three daygale warning for BASS STRAIT waters, sailing was delayed and the ship remained at anchor in EAST TELEGRAPH BAY, a second anchor being let go underfoot to reduce yawing. My P-102205Z

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DEC 72 to COMAUSFLT and subsequent signals refer. At 1305 on Monday 11th December, Commodore SMYTH and Sub Lieutenant S. HOWLETT RAN, proceeded ashore to be met by the sons of Commander J.M. ALLISTON, RN (Rtd) the lessee of the island. Following an overland tractor trek to the island's homestead, the Commodore returned to MELBOURNE by light aircraft.

10. As the predominant winds were veering to SW11 berth was shifted at 1256 on Tuesday 12th December to CHASE HILL BAY, HUNTER ISLAND, north about THREE HUMMOCK ISLAND, anchoring overnight at 1504. Gale warnings relaxed, ARDENT sailed at 0545 Wednesday 13th December for CHIMNEY CORNER, THREE HUMMOCKS ISLAND, anchoring at 0555 and proceeding again at 0615 after exchanging greetings with Commander ALLISTON. Course was set for SMITHTOWN TASMANIA to rendezvous at 0746 with the ALLISTON craft "ELEANOR" off the mouth of DUCK RIVER where Sub Lieutenant HOWLETT was recovered. ARDENT proceeded to WESTERNPORT, securing alongside HMAS CERBERUS at 1556.

11. During the remainder of the week the ship was alongside at CERBERUS, cleaning ship and preparing for Annual Departmental Inspections which took place on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December, 1972.

12. On Wednesday 20th December, a diving party of sixteen CERBERUS personnel was embarked, the ship sailing at 0856 and securing alongside COWES JETTY at 0929. Three and a quarter hours diving was completed during the day.

13. Thursday 21st December, the ship deammunitioned and prepared for the main leave period which commenced at 1200 Friday 22nd December, 1972.

14. The morale of the ships company during the period reported has been excellent. ERAD1 M. HEAD left the ship during the month, and was replaced by MECHD1 J.W. PLEITER. Defects occurred in the FAVCO boat winch, referred to in my P-080405Z DEC 72 to CSS SYDNEY and P-080406Z DEC 72 to COMAUSMINPABFOR; the type 975 Radar, URDEF 4/73-R200400Z DEC 72 to NOICVIC AND CERBERUS; and an intermittant keying fault persisted in the ANURC58 Transceiver as reported in URDEF 5/73-R-220030Z DEC 72 to NOICVIC and CERBERUS. The Sub Lieutenants were only able to take one astronomical sight during the month, bringing their total sights since joining the ship to nine. Arrangements are to be made for them to obtain MFDF radio fixing experience onboard one of the Victorian Fisheries and Wildlife Department

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vessels at present in HANNS INLET, thus qualifying them for their Ocean Navigation Certificates.

15. The recent announcements by the Government regarding War Service Home Loans Re-engagement bounties and re-habilitation training have been well received by all personnel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(J.M. RILEY)
LIEUTENANT RAN
ARDENT in Command.

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ANNEX ALFA TO R.O.P. DECEMBER, 1972.

(a) 718.9 Miles steamed during the month;

(b) 17615.0 Miles steamed since commissioning;

(c) 302.3 Hours underway during the month;

(d) 1414.25 Hours underway since commissioning;

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ANNEX P

NBCD SCHOOL

1. During the quarter the following number of courses was completed, with a total of 550 personnel passing through the school.

8 Junior
19 Standard
1 Midshipmen
2 WRAN Recruits
1 WRAN OTC
1 Direct Entry ERA's
1 PWT for HMAS VENDETTA
1 RANR (Weekend Training)

2. The proposed DC Unit using the old bridge superstructure from HMAS VENDETTA has lapsed due to excessive costs. The school is presently designing a proposed unit on a less ambitious scale that could be extended as finance comes available.

3. The new fire pit has still not been completed. The second deck for the existing smoke tunnel will be installed early in the next quarter.

4. At present the complement for the school is short of two POME's, and one LME is instructing in lieu.

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ANNEX Q

PHYSICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

A. Number under Training - Recruits

Alpha	23
XRay	16
Yankie	19
Zulu	25

B. Number completed Training

Passed Swimming Test	125
LSCOX 3/72	10
MID SLEX 2/72	22
6.72	15
P.O.'s School 7/72	12
8/72	17
LSPT Q's 1/72	5
Recruits	156

C. Life Saving Awards - (Royal Life Saving Society)

Resuscitation	87
Water Safety	110
Elementary	74
Survival	67
Safe Swimmer	74
Instructors	1

P.T. Displays

010CT	Navy Day - CERBERUS
030CT	Navy Day - AMP Plaza Melbourne
070CT	Williamstown Open Day
140CT	Hastings Commemoration Day
01DEC	'Carry On' - Natual Mutual Plaza - Melbourne
02DEC	'Alcoa' - Geelong
07DEC	Swinbourne Technical School - Hawthorn
09DEC	Government House - Legacy

Expedition Training

(1) MID SLEX 2/72 to Halls Gap, Grampions, for four days. 15 Midshipmen plus 4 supervising staff.

(11) Basic Supply Officers Course to Halls Gap, for four days plus LSPT 1/72 and three staff.

Canoeing - The 1972/73 Navy Canoe Marathon team trained over the Murray River Course, Yarrawonga to Swan Hill, from Monday 11th December - Friday 15th December, LCDR W.F. Murphy was in charge.

The Murray River Canoe Marathon, in aid of Red Cross took place over the same course from 28th December - 1st January 1973. Navy is the host service for the Service Section of the race.

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Roping - The following groups underwent roping training at Moorooduc quarry during the quarter:

ISPT	Q's	1/72	5
SBA	Q's	1/72	23

Combat Survival Course - Three senior instructors attended the RAAF Combat Survival Course at Amberley air base and the Numinbah Valley, Queensland.

ANNEX R

WRANS SCHOOL

1. RECRUIT WRANS INDOCTRINATION COURSE

Thirty eight Recruit Wrans successfully completed Part 1 Training during the period under report, with four Recruit Wrans electing to exercise their option of discharge.

2. WRANS OFFICERS TRAINING COURSE

WRANS OTC 1/72 completed the Administration Section of the OTC. One Cadet Wran was withdrawn from course and discharged at her own request. Five Cadet Wrans have been promoted to Probationary Third Officer, WRANS.

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ANNEX S

ACADEMIC SCHOOL

1. A pilot course for SBA's of six (6) week duration was conducted during August and September. This course is of a preparatory nature prior to SBA's going to the Military Hospital at Yeronga for a 12 month Medical Laboratory Assistants Course.

2. Instruction is given to the Midshipmen courses in Maths and English and they are progressing well. There are two courses of Midshipmen per year, each of 16 weeks duration.

EDUCATION

1. Officers and sailors studying at Technical Colleges have now completed their courses and, under the SVETS Scheme, are obtaining their refunds. There are 45 students from CERBERUS involved, which is a great increase over last year.

2. Five students sat for SGCE in October and one passed. Now that Victorian Leaving is being phased out, SGCE is losing it's appeal for any other purpose than promotion.

RESETTLEMENT

All sailors upon final discharge, are informed of their entitlements and 71 personnel have been sent to the Department of Labour and National Service for further interview and assistance.

GENERAL

The duties of Educational Officer and Ressettlement Officer for HMAS ARDENT have been taken over by CERBERUS.

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ANNEX T

SCHOOL OF TRAINING TECHNOLOGY

1. Two types of courses have been held by RANSTT in this quarter:

COURSE	NUMBER OF COURSES	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
a. INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUE	4 (including one at HMAS WATSON)	65
b. QUALITY CONTROL	1	8

2. The design of the Training Methods Course has been completed ready for the first course in January 1973.

3. Relations with outside organisations was continued with the School being visited by the executive training staff of the Department of Labour and National Service, and by Major P. McLean from the Army Systems Training Unit; both these groups are establishing units similar to RANSTT and are very interested in our organisation. Lieutenant R. CANNON, RAN from RANSTT attended the Army Training Objectives Course.

4. The School has acted in an advisory role with the Marine Engineering, Recruit, and Dental Schools in HMAS CERBERUS, in the areas of course design and assessment techniques, and in the solving of some training problems.

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ANNEX U

CHAPLAINS REPORT

The following Character Guidance and other lectures have taken place:

PHASE 1

RECRUITS

			LECTURES
RANKIN	19/72	24	6
WALLER	20/72	25	7
RANKIN	21/72	13	8
WALLER	22/72	18	8
RANKIN	23/72	25	8
WALLER	24/72	23	8

PHASE 2

RECRUIT WRANS

Character Development courses have been conducted with two intakes of WRANS, involving 19 lectures to forty two WRANS. Intakes 138 and 139.

PHASE 3

Sessions on Character Responsibility have been conducted for groups of ORDS under training, involving twenty eight lectures to 136 men.

ABFC	6/72	
EMC	4/72	
EMWE	4/72	
CK	11/72	12/72
DA	3/72	
ABQMG	10/72	
SAN	4/72	
SAV	4/72	
STD	8/72	
ME	11/72	12/72
MED	4/72	
ABMT	1/72	

OTHER LECTURES

Junior Musicians	16	9 lectures
PO's	12	2 "
OTC WRANS	6	5 "
MIDN SLEX	19	3 "
OFFICERS INDOCTRINATION COURSES	12	1 "

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