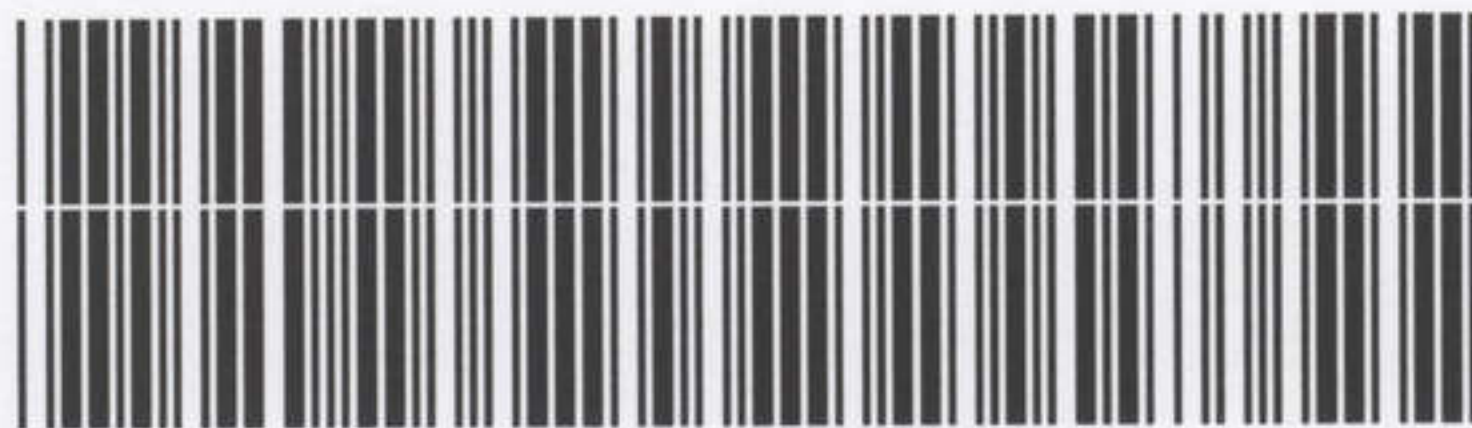


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*U13/3 a good towing job was done by Fremantle.*

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE,  
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FREMANTLE for the month of January, 1959.

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Commodore  
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H.M.A.S. Fremantle,  
At Adelaide.  
2 February, 1959.

The Naval Officer-in-charge,  
West Australian Area,  
FREMANTLE W.A.

( Copy to: Naval Officer-in-charge, South Australia.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of January, 1959.

2. From the 1st until the 11th January, 1959, "Fremantle" continued 98 days availability for leave and refit and remained at 48 hours notice for steam. On Monday 12 January notice for steam was reduced to 4 hours and normal ship routine resumed upon the return of the second leave party. By this date, with the exception of items which were deferred, the refit was 100% complete excluding trials.

3. Credit must be given to the efforts of Lieutenant T.D. DICKS (ME) (SD) R.A.N., whose energy and attention to detail contributed a great deal to the successful completion of a satisfactory refit.

4. Fumigation was carried out on Saturday 3 January and an inspection of the ship on opening up revealed very little evidence of cockroach infestation.

5. Until the 7th January, the ship had lain alongside at No. 10 A berth North Fremantle. At 1230 with the assistance of "Leeuwin's" workboat, "Fremantle" turned around in order to test port side derricks and davits and at 1615 shifted berth under her own power to secure starboard side at No. 2 berth North Fremantle.

6. Midshipman C.J. LITTLETON R.A.N., joined from "Leeuwin" on Sunday 11 January.

7. The port sweep wire was landed on deposit on Monday 12 January and in its place 150 fathoms of ESFSWR (4") was embarked for use as a towing wire.

8. With the Base Engineer Officer and manager of the Civilian Engineering Contractors embarked, "Fremantle" sailed for sea trials in Gage Roads at 0900 on Wednesday 14 January. The only defect found was an overheating of the starboard Plummer Block which was remedied after berthing, starboard side at No. 3 berth North Fremantle at 1400.

9. Captain HEAD, Deputy Director of Navigation for West



2.

Australia was embarked prior to sailing at 0900 on Thursday 15 January. Once clear of the entrance Captain Head carried out a compass swing and on completion at 1030 the ship returned to Fremantle Harbour where he was disembarked by workboat. "Fremantle" then proceeded to Gage Roads where the starboard Oropesa Sweep was streamed and recovered, after which Ship returned to harbour arriving at 1500 and secured port side at No. 9 berth, North Fremantle.

10. "Fremantle" sailed from No. 9 berth North Fremantle at 0915 on Friday the 16th and proceeded by way of Cockburn Channel to Woodmans Point Jetty where the ship's outfit of ammunition was embarked in time to sail for Fremantle at 1130. After anchoring for 50 minutes in Gage Roads, the ship proceeded into harbour at 1350 and secured starboard side at No. 5 berth North Fremantle, at 1415.

11. Eleven R.A.N.R. ratings joined from "Leeuwin" on Sunday 18 January for 13 days A.C.T.

12. "Fremantle" remained alongside at No. 5 berth North Fremantle until Wednesday 21 January. During this period storing was completed in preparation for the voyage to Port Adelaide. On Tuesday 20 January, Army Lighter AB1301 was secured to the wharf astern of the ship and the tow was secured.

13. At 0840 "Fremantle" slipped from No. 5 berth with the Army lighter in tow at short stay. Once clear of the harbour the tow was veered to 140 fathoms and course set to clear Rottnest Island and proceed towards Cape Leeuwin.

14. Throughout the days of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd while steaming towards Cape Leeuwin, "Fremantle" encountered heavy head seas which caused the lighter to pitch heavily and pound into the sea. As the speed made good over this period was only 6 knots and the consumption of oil fuel high it was decided to top up with F.F.O. at Albany for the trip across the Great Australian Bight. My signal D.T.6 230020Z is relevant.

15. Albany was reached at 1300 on Friday 23 January and after anchoring to put the lighter alongside port side, "Fremantle" secured starboard side to the Old Arm of Deepwater Jetty. Fuelling was completed at 1600.

16. An inspection of the lighter whilst alongside in Albany revealed that the condition along the wind and water line was very poor. Three feet of water was found to be in the Forward Compartment and six inches in the Hold. After pumping out, a close survey revealed two holes of a half an inch and a quarter inch diameter and three splits along the wind and water line. The pounding action of the seas had flaked off the rust and paint previously covering the area and had perforated the thin plate remaining. My signal D.T.6 231000Z refers.

17. Temporary repairs were carried out by the ship's staff using plugs, wedges and quick drying cement until the forward compartment was once again watertight. Although it was realised that the lighter may again be holed on passage it was decided to continue for Port Adelaide.

18. "Fremantle" slipped from Albany jetty at 1900 and after transferring the tow astern proceeded out of the harbour to the south of Breaksea Island. Once clear, course was set for Neptune

Island

3. Island light in Investigator Strait.

19. From the 24th to the 28th January "Fremantle" proceeded to the East with the lighter in tow in the most favourable of conditions. A long swell from the South-West made towing conditions very good while light winds from the South-South-East made smooth seas. Over the period of this ocean passage a speed made good of seven and a half knots was registered with revolutions for ten knots. At 2100IK operational control was chopped to the Naval Officer-in-charge, South Australia.

20. South Neptune Island light was raised on time, at 1320 on Wednesday 28 January and "Fremantle" proceeded thru Investigator Strait to arrive off Outer Harbour at 0630 on 29 January 1959. Here the Army lighter was transferred to a South Australian Harbour Board launch to be secured at Outer Harbour, while "Fremantle" proceeded up river to secure at C.O.R. wharf, Port Adelaide, at 0800. On completion of fuelling at 1130 "Fremantle" shifted berth to No. 2 West, Port Adelaide.

21. At 1200 I called on the Naval Officer-in-charge, South Australia, Acting Commander C.J. COCHRANE, R.A.N.

22. "Fremantle" remained alongside at No. 2 West, Port Adelaide for the remainder of the month. At noon on the 30th accompanied by Lieutenant Commander J. NICHOLAS of "Cootamundra", I called on His Excellency, The Governor of South Australia, Air Vice Marshall Sir Robert Allingham George K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., M.C., and subsequently remained for luncheon. The ship's Officers attended a Dinner Dance at the Mount Osmond Golf Club, the same evening.

23. Eleven R.A.N.R. ratings were discharged on the 31st and returned to Perth by air.

24. During January the second leave party received their second Salk anti-Polio Vaccine injections and now about 60% of the ship's company have received their two injections. The remaining 40% comprises ratings recently drafted to the ship and as yet unable to receive their injections. It is hoped that arrangements will be able to be made when the ship returns to Fremantle.

25. Drafts in during the month have restored the ship to full Peace-time complement with the exception of the seamen branch which is four ratings below complement.

26. During the month the standard of victualling has been satisfactory. The morale of the ship's company has been excellent and the health good.

27. Appendices A, B, C; Steaming Figures; Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of exceeding economical speed are attached.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant



(B.D. GORDON.)

Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.,  
Captain.

APPENDIX 'A'

Distance steamed during month	1490.9
Total distance steamed	105874.15
Hours under way during month	200 Hr 10 Min
Total hours under way	11635 Hr 16 Min
Average distance/Ton of fuel	9.2 M

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APPENDIX 'B'

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APPENDIX 'C'

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H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE,"  
At Fremantle.  
6 March, 1959.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
West Australian Area,  
FREMANTLE, W.A.

(Copy to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, South Australia.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of February, 1959.

2. On the 1st. February "Fremantle" was berthed at No.2 West, Port Adelaide with H.M.A.S. "Cootamundra" in company.
3. At 1100 IK on the 2nd. February both ships sailed in company for four day's minesweeping exercises in Investigator Strait in the vicinity of Marsden Point, Kangaroo Island; this being the subject of a special report vide my letter F.35/60 dated 6th. February, 1959.
4. "Fremantle" anchored in the quarantine anchorage, Outer Harbour at 0345 IK on Friday 6th. February and at 0950 IK weighed and proceeded up river to berth at the C.O.R. Wharf at 1105 to fuel. On completion of fuelling berth was shifted to No.13 West, Port Adelaide, securing starboard to at 1310. At 1430 the Naval Officer-in-Charge, South Australia, Acting Commander C.J. Cochran, R.A.N., returned my call.
5. The Governor of South Australia, Air Vice Marshal Sir Robert Allingham George, K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B., M.C., accompanied by Lady George and his staff arrived at 1730 IK on Saturday, 7th. February and were entertained onboard, remaining until 1845.
6. With six of my officers I attended a Civic Reception given by the Mayor, Mr. Whicker, and Council members of Port Adelaide for the Captain and Officers of H.M.A. Ships "Fremantle" and "Cootamundra" at 1200 on Monday, 9th. February. At 1700 that afternoon "Fremantle" slipped and proceeded for Port Lincoln.
7. At 1130 IK 10th. February after an uneventful passage ship secured port side to Kirton Point Jetty. At 1200, with six officers, I attended a Civic Reception given by the Mayor of Port Lincoln, Percival Puckeridge Esq. followed by a lunch at the Hotel Boston with Council members and prominent citizens. The Port Lincoln Returned Servicemens League held a social evening in their Club Rooms for Officers and Ship's Company during the evening.
8. On Wednesday the Mayor, accompanied by Councillors and prominent local citizens, was entertained onboard at noon and in the evening I attended the inaugural meeting of the Port Lincoln branch of the Navy League; the Ship's Company attended a social evening held by the Ex-Naval Mens Association in the Returned Servicemens Clubrooms.



9. "Fremantle" sailed from Port Lincoln at 1030 on Thursday 12th. February, 1959 and proceeded by way of the Southern entrance to Waterhouse Point from where course was set for Albany.
10. A rapidly falling barometer on Thursday afternoon gave early indication of bad weather and the ship was accordingly prepared. At 1615 on Friday, 13th. February in the face of a heavy swell and large seas and winds up to force nine I reduced speed to eight and a half knots. The wind and seas stayed from ahead to fine on the port bow and the ship rode it out easily, sustaining no structural damage.
11. The rough conditions gradually abated until on Monday 16th. they were back to normal. Cloudy prevented any sights being obtained on the 15th. and 16th., but a landfall was made on Bald Island as expected by Dead Reckoning shortly before midnight on Monday. "Fremantle" came to single anchor in the swinging basin Albany at 0430H on Tuesday. At 0800 anchor was weighed and the ship to berth starboard side to No.1 Berth.
12. "Fremantle" fuelled on Tuesday and because of the day lost whilst crossing the Great Australian Bight, sailed from Albany at 0800 on Wednesday, 18th. February. Whilst at Albany temporary repairs were carried out to the brickwork of the Starboard boiler which had been dislodged during the rough weather. Repairs of a more permanent nature will be effected in Fremantle. Enroute to Bunbury steady steaming trials were carried out.
13. At 0920 on Thursday, 19th. the ship secured port side to No.1 East side at Bunbury. During the First Watch the surge alongside the wharf increased and parted both springs. The head and stern ropes were tripled up and the springs "let go" allowing the ship to move alongside the wharf, this is the customary method of berthing at West Australian ports exposed to the swell.
14. "Fremantle" remained alongside at Bunbury till 0100H on Monday, 23rd. February, when she slipped and proceeded via the passage South of Rottne Island berthing port side to No.10A berth, North Fremantle at 0920.
15. For the remainder of the month "Fremantle" lay alongside at No.10A and took the opportunity to carry out periodical maintenance and to effect permanent repairs to the brickwork of the Starboard boiler.
16. Throughout the month the standard of Victualling has been satisfactory. The health of the Ship's Company has been good and their morale is high. All the Ship's Company have had their six monthly chest x-ray.
17. Appendices A, B and C, Steaming Figures, Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B. D. GORDON  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A"

Distance Steamed during month	1896.5 miles
Total Distance Steamed	106770.55 miles
Hours under way during month	212 hours 23 minutes
Total hours under way	11847 hours 39 minutes
Average distance per ton of fuel	11.5 miles

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APPENDIX "B"

Nil Whales Sighted.

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APPENDIX "C"

18 February, 1959.

- (a) 12 Hours.
- (b) 10.8 Knots.
- (c) .82 Tons per hour.
- (d) 13.2 Miles per ton.
- (e) Steady Steaming Trials C.N.O.946/55(6)

18/19 February, 1959.

- (a) 12 Hours.
- (b) 11.2 Knots.
- (c) .84 Tons per hour.
- (d) 13.3 Miles per ton.
- (e) Steady Steaming Trials C.N.O.946/55(6)

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*[Signature]*  
Commodore  
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE  
WEST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

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H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE",  
At Woodmans Point.  
8 April, 1959.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
West Australian Area,  
FREMANTLE, W.A.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of March, 1959.

2. From 1st. to 8th. day of March "Fremantle" lay alongside at No. 10A Berth North Wharf Fremantle. During this week maintenance of machinery and preservation of deck fittings was carried out.

3. On Monday 9th. March "Fremantle" sailed in accordance with previous classified instructions and returned to harbour on Friday, 27th. March. The proceedings during the period 9th. - 27th. March are the subject of my Special Report F.002/129.

4. "Fremantle" remained alongside at No.10A North Wharf Fremantle for the remainder of March. *F.002/128? of 1/4/59 - see file 5200/1/57*

5. The Minister for the Navy, Senator J.G.Gorton, accompanied by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australian Area, Commodore J.C.Morrow, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., met the Ship's Officers and walked round the ship on the afternoon of Tuesday, 31st. March.

6. During the month the standard of victualling has been satisfactory despite long periods at sea. The health of the Ship's Company is good and their morale high.

7. Appendices A, B and C, Steaming Figures, Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B.D.Gordon.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A".

(a) Miles steamed during month	3,729.0
(b) Total miles steamed	110,499.55
(c) Hours steamed during month	352 hours 18 minutes
(d) Total hours steamed	12,199 hours 57 minutes
(e) Miles per ton of furnace fuel oil	11.6 miles

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APPENDIX "B"

Whale Sighting Report.

Type.	Position.	No. in Group.	Calf Present	Direction of Travel.	Date.
Not known	21 <sup>0</sup> 56.0'S. 113 <sup>0</sup> 47.0'E.	2	No.	North	12.3.58.

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APPENDIX "C"

Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed.

9th. - 11th. MARCH.	12th. MARCH.
(a) 42 hours.	(a) 19 hours.
(b) 10.8 knots.	(b) 10.8 knots.
(c) .82 tons per hour.	(c) .82 tons per hour.
(d) 13.1 miles per ton.	(d) 13.2 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.
15th. - 16th. MARCH.	17th. MARCH.
(a) 20 hours.	(a) 2 hours, 20 minutes.
(b) 11.5 knots.	(b) 13 knots.
(c) 1.0 tons per hour.	(c) 1.1 tons per hour.
(d) 11.5 miles per ton.	(d) 11.8 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.
17th. - 19th. MARCH.	19th. - 22nd MARCH.
(a) 31 hours.	(a) 65 hours.
(b) 11.4 knots.	(b) 11.2 knots.
(c) .95 tons per hour.	(c) .96 tons per hour.
(d) 11.7 miles per ton.	(d) 11.7 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.
22nd. - 23rd. MARCH.	24th. - 25th. MARCH.
(a) 34 hours.	(a) 28 hours.
(b) 11.6 knots.	(b) 10.8 knots.
(c) 1.1 tons per hours.	(c) .95 tons per hour.
(d) 10.5 miles per ton.	(d) 11.4 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.
25th. - 26th. MARCH.	
(a) 29 hours.	
(b) 11.6 knots.	
(c) .99 tons per hour.	
(d) 11.6 miles per ton.	
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	



H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE,"  
At Woodmans Point.  
8 April, 1959.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
West Australian Area,  
FREMANTLE, W.A.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of March, 1959.

2. From 1st. to 8th. day of March "Fremantle" lay alongside at No. 10A Berth North Wharf Fremantle. During this week maintenance of machinery and preservation of deck fittings was carried out.
3. On Monday 9th. March "Fremantle" sailed in accordance with previous classified instructions and returned to harbour on Friday, 27th. March. The proceedings during the period 9th. - 27th. March are the subject of my Special Report F.002/129.
4. "Fremantle" remained alongside at No.10A North Wharf Fremantle for the remainder of March.
5. The Minister for the Navy, Senator J.G.Gorton, accompanied by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australian Area, Commodore J.C.Morrow, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., met the Ship's Officers and walked round the ship on the afternoon of Tuesday, 31st. March.
6. During the month the standard of victualling has been satisfactory despite long periods at sea. The health of the Ship's Company is good and their morale high.
7. Appendices A, B and C, Steaming Figures, Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) B. D. GORDON  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A"

(a) Miles steamed during month	3,729.0
(b) Total miles steamed	110,499.55
(c) Hours steamed during month	352 hours 18 minutes
(d) Total hours steamed	12,199 hours 57 minutes
(e) Miles per ton of furnace fuel oil	11.6 miles

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APPENDIX "B"

Whale Sighting Report.

Type.	Position.	No. in Group.	Calf Present	Direction of Travel.	Date.
Not Known	21° 56.0'S. 113° 47.0'E.	2	No	North	12.3.58

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APPENDIX "C"

Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed.

9th. - 11th. MARCH.	12th. MARCH.
(a) 42 hours.	(a) 19 hours.
(b) 10.8 knots.	(b) 10.8 knots.
(c) .82 tons per hour.	(c) .82 tons per hour.
(d) 13.1 miles per ton.	(d) 13.2 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6
15th. - 16th. MARCH.	17th. MARCH.
(a) 20 hours.	(a) 2 hours, 20 minutes.
(b) 11.5 knots.	(b) 13 knots.
(c) 1.0 tons per hour.	(c) 1.1 tons per hour.
(d) 11.5 miles per ton.	(d) 11.8 miles per ton.
(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.	(e) N.O.I.C., W.A.'s 00205/4A/6.
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(b) 11.4 knots.	(b) 11.2 knots.
(c) .95 tons per hour.	(c) .96 tons per hour.
(d) 11.7 miles per ton.	(d) 11.7 miles per ton.
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(b) 11.6 knots.	(b) 10.8 knots.
(c) 1.1 tons per hour.	(c) .95 tons per hour.
(d) 10.5 miles per ton.	(d) 11.4 miles per ton.
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H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE" - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1959

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board is the Report of Proceedings for H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE for the month of April, 1959.

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H.M.A.S. "FREMANTLE,"  
At Sea.  
8 May, 1959.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
West Australian Area,  
FREMANTLE, W.A.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1959.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of April, 1959.

2. At 0930H on Wednesday, 1st. April "Fremantle" shifted berth from No.10A Wharf to the eastern end of No.10 Wharf North Fremantle. Power was provided by one Fremantle Harbour Trust Tug and one "Leeuwin" work boat.
3. "Fremantle" remained alongside No.10 until Monday, 6th. April, and during the forenoon 77 tons of furnace fuel oil were embarked. At 1045 "Fremantle" slipped and proceeded to Woodmans Point Jetty via Cockburn channel securing alongside at 1200, whilst during the afternoon ammunition for dumping was embarked.
4. "Fremantle" sailed for the dumping ground at 0735H on Tuesday 7th. April. However, at 0830H while proceeding between Cockburn channel and South Passage "Fremantle" was instructed to proceed to a position to the North East of Rottnest Island and take in tow the S.D.B. from "Leeuwin". Arriving at the rendezvous at 0855 it was found that the tug "Lady Mitchell" already had the S.D.B. and workboat in tow, but acting on the personal instructions of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australian Area, "Fremantle" took over the task, arrested the person responsible for the theft of the S.D.B. and towed both the S.D.B. and workboat back to Fremantle, securing starboard side to No.1 Wharf North Fremantle at 1100. The S.D.B. was handed over to "Leeuwin" personnel and the offender to the civil police.
5. As the time factor precluded dumping that day the ship slipped at 1230 and proceeded again to Woodmans Point Jetty securing alongside at 1330.
6. Daily ammunition dumping runs were made until Friday, 10th. April, the schedule being 0730 slip and proceed, 1130 dumping in 300 fathoms 32° 03'S. 115° 08'E., 1430 secure alongside Woodmans Point Jetty and commence loading, 1530 complete loading.
7. Whilst at Woodmans Point Jetty ship's staff renewed the fresh water line enabling water from shore mains to be supplied whilst alongside.
8. "Fremantle" sailed at 0900 on Friday, 10th. April and on completion of dumping at 1245 proceeded for Geraldton, arriving at 0900 on Saturday the 11th. and securing port side to No.3 Wharf. The Harbourmaster, Captain Hartley, and the Sub Collector of Customs, Mr. Lovell, called on completion of berthing.

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9. After an enjoyable weekend "Fremantle" slipped at 0900 on Monday 13th. and proceeded for Woodmans Point. Gunnery firings were exercised enroute and ship secured at Woodmans Point Jetty at 0830 on Tuesday, 14th. April. More ammunition for dumping was loaded during the forenoon.
10. Daily dumping was continued until Friday 17th. The dumping programme having been completed "Fremantle" returned to Fremantle Harbour and secured starboard side to No.10A Wharf.
11. One hundred and thirty six tons of ammunition were dumped by "Fremantle" in six trips. This total comprised 46 "A" mines, 43 tons of 4", the remainder being 40MM, 2 pounder, 30 smoke floats and three boxes of detonators.
12. During the two weeks of dumping one Petty Officer and twelve reserve ratings carried out 13 days A.C.T. The fact that their numbers were more widely split among the branches greatly facilitated the training and rendered the instruction more effective.
13. On Wednesday, 15th. April while securing port side to Woodmans Point Jetty the port cable parted at the swivel piece and the anchor dropped to the bottom alongside in 28 feet of water. The following day Mr. Harold Roberts of the Underwater Explorers Club secured a wire to the anchor which was duly recovered. My report 38/159 dated 1st. May, 1959 and form A.S.541 separately deal with this subject.
14. From the 18th. - 30th. April the ship remained alongside at No.10A berth. During the two clear working weeks Engine Room and Upper deck maintenance were carried out and preparations were made for the passage to Sydney and subsequent de-commissioning of "Fremantle."
15. A visit to the ship on Tuesday, 28th. April by the Mobile Blood Transfusion Service yielded 26 pints of blood for the West Australian Red Cross from donors from the ship.
16. The health of the Ship's Company has been good during the month whilst the standard of victualling has been satisfactory and the morale of the Ship's Company high.
17. On the social side a dance held by the Ship's Company in the Ex Petty Officer's Mess at H.M.A.S. "Leeuwin" on Friday, 24th. April was a great success and enjoyed by all the relatives and friends who attended.
18. Appendices A, B, C, Steaming Figures, Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) E. D. GORDON  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX "A".

(a) Miles steamed during month	860.3
(b) Total miles steamed	111,359.85
(c) Hours steamed during month	86 hours 42 minutes
(d) Total hours steamed	12,286 hours 39 minutes
(e) Miles per ton of Furnace Fuel oil	11.3 miles.

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APPENDIX "B".

WHALE SIGHTING REPORT.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>No. in Group</u>	<u>Calf Present</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>	<u>Date</u>
Humpback	32° 05.0'S. 115° 08.0'E.	One	No	North	10.4.59

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APPENDIX "C".

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

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H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE,  
At Sydney.  
8 June, 1959.

The Flag Officer-in-Charge,  
East Australian Area,  
Naval Headquarters,  
POTTS POINT, SYDNEY.

## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1959.

(Copy to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australian Area.)

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of May, 1959.

2. 1st. May "Fremantle" shifted berth from No.10A North Fremantle to No.10 East and fuelled to 95% capacity.
3. "Fremantle" departed from Fremantle(Town) at 0930 on Sunday, 3 May and set course for Albany. A large crowd of relatives and friends farewelled the ship and the "Paying Off" pennant was streamed leaving harbour.
4. After an uneventful passage the ship reached Albany at 1715 on 4 May and secured alongside No.1 wharf to embark fuel. On completion "Fremantle" sailed for Melbourne direct at 2045.
5. The presence of a high pressure ridge in the Great Australian Bight produced favourable winds and calm following seas thus enabling estimated speed to be maintained on passage.
6. The Rip was negotiated on a flood tide at 2230, 9 May, 1959 and "Fremantle" secured to Outer West Wing Station Pier at 0900 Sunday, 10 May.
7. At 0830 Monday, 11 May "Fremantle" shifted berth from Outer West Wing Station Pier to Williamstown to fuel berthing on the Oil Fuel Lighter at Inner West Gellibrand Pier at 0850. After fuelling "Fremantle" proceeded for Jervis Bay at 1330, negotiating Port Phillip Heads at 1600. I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Victoria, Acting Captain G.L.Fowle, D.S.C., R.A.N. at 0930 on Monday 11 May, 1959.
8. At 1130 Wednesday, 13 May "Fremantle" anchored off Captains Point and I made an informal call on the Resident Naval Officer Jervis Bay, Captain J.M.Ramsay, D.S.C., R.A.N. Opportunity was taken to touch up the ship's side and prepare for de-ammunitioning. At 2000 weighed and proceeded for Sydney adjusting speed to arrive at the entrance at 0800 Thursday, 14 May.
9. "Fremantle" rounded Bradleys Head at 0845 and secured to No.1 buoy Port Jackson at 0900. After de-ammunitioning berth was shifted to alongside H.M.A.S. "Cootamundra" at North East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island.

10. Ship reverted to 48 hours notice for steam at 0800 on Friday, 15 May and all hands remaining after the despatch of the Eastern States leave party were employed in de-storing. At 1000 I called on Rear Admiral D.H.Harries, C.B.E., Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australian Area.

11. For the remainder of the month de-storing and "Paying Off" of "Fremantle" continued. Preparation for commissioning of "Diamantina" was progressed and the storing by base staff begun.

12. Thirteen Recruit Seamen were drafted in on Saturday, 23 May to complete part 3 training.

13. The morale of the Ship's Company is excellent and their health satisfactory. The standard of victualling during the month has been good.

14. Appendices A, B, C, Steaming Figures, Whale Sighting Report and Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A"

Steaming Figures.

(a) Miles steamed during the month	2294.3
(b) Total miles steamed	113,654.0
(c) Hours steamed during the month	222 hours 10 minutes.
(d) Total hours steamed	12,508 hours 49 minutes.
(e) Miles per ton of furnace fuel oil	11.9

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APPENDIX "B"

Whale Sighting Report.

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APPENDIX "C"

Occasions of Exceeding Economical Speed.

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(The Captain, H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE's letter F.38/208 dated 22nd June, 1959.) ✓

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The Secretary,  
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REAR ADMIRAL. ✓

Naval Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney. ✓

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NO. F.38/208

H.M.A.S. FREMANTLE,

At Sydney.

✓ 22 June, 1959.

The Flag Officer-in-Charge,  
East Australian Area,  
Naval Headquarters,  
POTTS POINT, SYDNEY.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1st. TO 22nd. JUNE, 1959.

(Copy to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australian Area)

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the period 1st.- 22nd. June, 1959.

2. From the 1st.- 22nd. June de-storing and "Paying Off" of FREMANTLE continued whilst the preparation and painting of DIAMANTINA prior to commissioning was well advanced. The Eastern States long leave personnel returned on the 8th. June having had mid-winter leave.
3. Sub Lieutenant L.G. Terry, R.A.N. and Acting Sub Lieutenant C.J. Littleton, R.A.N. attended the 12th. R.A.N. Officer's Divisional Course at Flinders Naval Depot from 1st.- 15th. June. The T.A.S. Officer designate of DIAMANTINA, Acting Sub Lieutenant C.H.S. Thomason, R.A.N. and the Ship's T.A.S. Team underwent a type 144 Asdic Set familiarization course at WATSON from the 8th.- 12th. June, whilst Acting Sub Lieutenant T.W. Jones, R.A.N. and three ratings from the Ship commenced a three week C.A.B.A. Course at RUSHCUTTER. On the 18th. June Acting Sub Lieutenant C.J. Littleton, R.A.N. completed instruction in Armament Stores Accounting in accordance with C.N.O.444/59.
4. FREMANTLE paid off into Reserve on Monday, 22nd. June, 1959, all officers and men transferring to DIAMANTINA with the exception of Engineering Lieutenant (SD) (ME) E. Seddon, R.A.N. who left to take up an appointment as a Refit Assistant to General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard.
5. The morale of the Ship's Company has been excellent and their health satisfactory. The standard of victualling has been very good.
6. Attached as Appendix A are the final Steaming Figures of this commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX "A"

Distance steamed during Commission from 10 December 1952

113,654.0 Miles

Total number of hours steamed during Commission

12,508 Hours 49 Minutes

Total miles steamed since ship originally commissioned 24 March, 1943

170,812.0 Miles

Total number of hours steamed since ship originally commissioned

19,612 Hours.

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