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**HMAS ACUTE**

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
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HMAS

Report of <sup>MOVEMENTS</sup> ~~Proceedings~~

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The Secretary,  
Department of Defence (Navy Office),  
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### HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

Reference: RI Appendix 39A.

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of January, 1975 is forwarded in accordance with the reference:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
22nd January	RAN	40/60 Gun Functioning Trials

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 54.0 miles and spent 4.0 hours underway.

  
(D.A.H. CLARKE)  
COMMODORE

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and about 4.0 miles inland.

During the month HMVSCA steamed a distance of 24.0 miles.

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Journal: 1212 is forwarded in accordance with the reference:-

The report of movements for HMVSCA for the month of

Reference: HI 12866h

HMVSCA - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

COMMODORE V.C.L. 5000  
Department of Defence (Naval Office)  
The Secretary

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COMMODORE M.V. 5100  
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HMAS LEEUWIN	1/16/4	2/2/76	

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
(NAVY OFFICE)

FEBRUARY 1976

HMAS ACUTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MOVEMENTS.

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During February ACUTE carried out 3 RAN

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28/20/4 Training courses and on PIVF tasks.

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ASRA N. 9.2.76

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CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

Reference: RI Appendix 12A

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1st February	RANR	RANR TRAINING
2nd February	RAN	ESCORT AWB-FREMANTLE TO YANCHEP
21st-22nd February	RANR	RANR TRAINING WEEKEND
28th-29th February	RANR	RANR TRAINING WEEKEND

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 435.7 miles and spent 45.0 hours underway.

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(N.A. BOASE)  
COMMODORE

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COMMODORE  
(H.V. FORCE)

V. J. [Signature]

of 422.1 miles and about 42.0 miles inland.

During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance

SEAF-SEAF Berthall

BVIB

BVIB LEVING WEEKEND

STAF-SSAF Berthall

BVIB

BVIB LEVING WEEKEND

SAF Berthall

BVIB

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RAF Berthall

BVIB

BVIB LEVING

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the reference:-

month of Berthall: 1946, as forwarded in accordance with

1. The report of movements for HMAS ACUTE for the

reference: BI VBBBQTX TSV

HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

COMMODORE V.C.L. 5900

Department of Defence (NSA Office)

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23 MAR 1976

BRENNVILLE M.V. 5900

P.O. BOX 28

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Movement - Feb 76.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
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MARCH 1976

HMAS ACUTE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MOVEMENTS

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FREMANTLE. W.A. 6160

2 APR 1976

Department of Defence (Navy Office)  
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

## HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

Reference: RI Appendix 12A

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of March, 1976, is forwarded in accordance with the reference:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1st March	RANR	RANR TRAINING
4th March	RAN	SLIPPING - DILLINGHAMS SHIPYARD, FREMANTLE
12th March	RAN	UNSLIPPING - DILLINGHAMS SHIPYARD, FREMANTLE
24th-25th March	RAN	VISIBILITY SURVEY OF LANCELIN NGSR TARGET
26th-28th March	RAN	SD OFFICER CANDIDATES NAV TRAINING.

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 650.9 miles and spent 49.0 hours underway.

*N.A. Boase*  
(N.A. BOASE)  
COMMODORE

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CENTRE

COMMODORE  
(H.V. ROYCE)

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220.0 miles and about 42.0 miles inland.  
S. during the month HMS VGLLE steamed a distance of

28th-28th March	BVI	IVA LEVINING
24th-22th March	BVI	2D OFFICER COMMANDING
12th March	BVI	TRICERIN MORN JUDGE
4th March	BVI	ALIBITIA SUBAR OF
1st March	BVI	SHILVED' BERNVILLE
		AMSTING - DISTINGUISH
		SHILVED' BERNVILLE
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		BVIB LEVINING
DATE	USED BY	REMARKS

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J. the report of movements for HMS VGLLE for the

REFERENCE: RI 488841 J5V

HMS VGLLE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

COMMODORE V.C.J. 2000  
Department of Defence (M&A Office)

5 APR 1975

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MOVEMENTS.  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS APR '76

HMAS ACUTE

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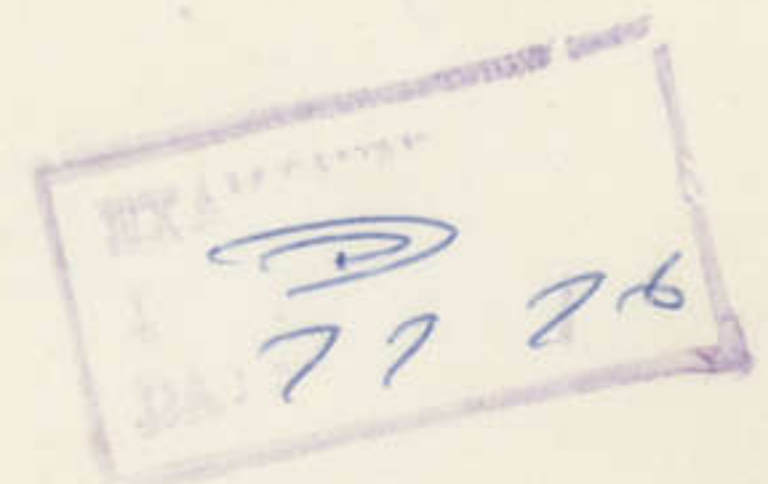
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04 MAY 1976

Department of Defence (Navy Office)  
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Reference: A. RI Appendix 12A

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of April 1976 is forwarded in accordance with the reference:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Used By</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3rd-4th April	RANR	RANR Training Weekend
25th-30th April	RANR	ACT 1/76

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 1476 miles and spent 104 hours underway.

*N.A. Boase*  
(N.A. BOASE)  
COMMODORE

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HMAS ACUTE

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CENTRE

COMMODORE  
(M.V. ROUSE)

*V. G. Rouse*

1410 miles and spent 104 hours underway.

5. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of

5248-3048 miles

EVMS

AGE 1410

319-448 miles

EVMS

EVMS during weekend

Date

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Remarks

of ACUTE 1410 is forwarded in accordance with the reference:

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month

Reference: A. H. Appendix 15A

HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

COMMODORE AGE 3000  
Department of Defence (Naval Office)

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04 MAY 1975

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PO BOX 28

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HMAS LEEUWIN	1/16/4	4.5.76	

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MAY 1976

HMAS

ACUTE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MOVEMENTS.

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### HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

Reference: RI Appendix 12A.

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of May, 1976 is forwarded in accordance with the reference.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1st - 7th May	RANR	ACT 1/76
8th - 21st May	RANR	ACT 2/76

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 4679.55 miles and spent 288 hours underway.

*N. A. Boase*  
(N.A. BOASE)  
COMMODORE

ASRP-N  
(A)

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JUN 5 1976

Now HMAS ACUTE - 1st May 76



Wom HMAS Aute - Report of  
NP. Movements

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DEPT. OF DEFENCE  
INFORMATION ANALYSIS  
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COMMODORE  
(M.V. ROYCE)

V. J. Jones

12.22 miles and about 588 miles under way.

During the month HMAS AUTE steamed a distance of

840 - 51st May

EVING

VCL 5/10

1st - 1st May

EVING

VCL 1/10

DATE

USED BY

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The report of movements for HMAS AUTE for the month of

Reference: HJ 150000 15V.

HMAS AUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

COMMODORE M.V. ROYCE

Department of Defence (Naval Office)

3 JUN 1975

COMMODORE M.V. ROYCE

P.O. Box 28

HMAS AUTE

Headquarters AUTE

Naval Officer Commanding

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Debbie	8/6/76
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
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24/4 - 7/5/76

HMAS

*Acute*

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

ASRP-N

*28/5*

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*An excellent ACT, contributing to higher surveillance*

*20/7*

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18 MAY 1976

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - HMAS ACUTE.

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(J.M. HARRIES)  
COMMANDER, RAN  
for COMMODORE (AOL)

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10th May 1976

Naval Officer Commanding  
West Australia Area

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF HMAS ACUTE  
ACT 1/76 -24TH APRIL - 7TH MAY 1976

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS Acute, under my command for the above period.

The ACT was a 13 days cruise for RANR personnel covering some North West Ports for the first week on fisheries surveillance followed by surveying duties of the Lancelin area in the second week.

The ship's company joined on Sunday 25th April at 0730H, consisting of 3 officers, 15 RANR sailors and one PNF, AB MTP. The ship's complement complying with ANO 412/69.

After storing and fueling ship, HMAS Acute slipped from HMAS Leeuwin boat shed and proceeded to C Berth, Fremantle Harbour to load ammunition. Having completed ammunitioning, the ship slipped Fremantle at 1600H and proceeded to North West Cape, a two day passage, in ideal weather conditions.

At 1900H on Monday 26th April, whilst 10 miles to seaward of Zuytdorp Point, a radar contact was made with two vessels some 12 miles to seaward of our position. On investigation they were identified as Taiwanese trawlers engaged in pair trawling:

CHIN HONG 11	CT6 0485	REG. PORT	KAHHSIUNG
CHIN HONG 12	CT6 0486	" "	KAHHSIUNG

These two trawlers were of a much larger type than sighted on previous fisheries patrols. They were of approximately 400 tonnes, with superstructure amidships and a catwalk from the bridge over the forward well deck to the forecastle. (Appendix B attached summarises all sightings and positions.)

On Tuesday April 27th, a further four sightings were reported at 1315H. These were:-

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YIH TAI	NO. 2	CT6 0513	REG. PORT	KAHHSIUNG
YIH TAI	NO. 2	CT6 0512	"	"
TAI FA	NO. 2	CT6 0411	"	"
TAI FA	NO. 1	CT6 0410	"	"

When intercepted the four trawlers were steaming 190° at 8 knots in loose line ahead.

These four stern trawlers were identical with the larger type trawlers reported on previous fisheries patrols. They were of approximately 300 tonnes, superstructure well forward, a large well deck amidships with two sets of sampson posts aft.

During the afternoon full power trials were conducted from 1400H - 1430 H with satisfactory results. The ship secured alongside Port Murat Wharf, North West Cape, at 1805H. Due to investigating fishing contacts en route north, the ship's arrival was 2 hours late on the planned ETA. On arrival we were met by Leut. G. Linning RAN. As weather conditions were very calm, this ship remained alongside Pnt. Murat Wharf overnight, after refuelling.

Wednesday the 28th April saw a continuance of the excellent weather pattern. The ship slipped from Pnt. Murat Wharf at 0700H sailing for the Monte Bellos Islands to the north. During the Wednesday a further six Taiwanese trawler sightings were reported. These were:-

28 1120H	ANN MAN 102	CT6 0433
	ANN MAN 101	CT6 0432
28 1240H	HSIEH SHUAN	CT6 0448
	HSIEH SHUAN	CT6 0449
28 1311H	NO. 1 HORNG DER	CT6 0478
	NO. 2 HORNG DER	CT6 0479

All six trawlers were pair trawling when sighted. The trawlers were the type with the superstructure forward and of approximately 300 tonnes.

The ship arrived in the Monte Bellos area late on the Wednesday afternoon and as no further sightings or radar contacts were made, the ship anchored in the lee of North East Island at 2000H in 15 metres.

During the forenoon of Thursday 29th April at 1000H an RAN Tracker aircraft No. 8848 flew over the ship, and on establishing radio contact reported nil sightings in the area of the islands. The balance of the forenoon was spent in static training on board, including a 40/60 MM. shoot. At 1230H the ship weighed anchor and proceeded southward to patrol an area south of Sharks Bay. On the southward passage, four of the trawlers reported the previous day were resighted.

The ship required refuelling before proceeding on further patrol work and was routed to Carnarvon for fuel. The overnight passage was calm and without further contacts or sightings. Radar reception during this period was excellent and shipping was painting up to a range of some 30 miles.



On Friday morning the 30th April, the ship anchored one mile south of the Carnarvon wharf at 1000H awaiting the pilot for entry into the new fishing harbour. The pilot, Captain P. Everly, boarded HMAS Acute at 1030H and the ship secured alongside the fishing wharf at 1050H.

The new fishing harbour at Carnarvon offers excellent facilities for patrol boats. Whilst the wharf is small and crowded, prior notice should secure a berth for servicing of patrol boats. The wharf is situated 1/2 mile north from the town of Carnarvon and fuelling and watering facilities are readily available. It is very well sheltered from any type of weather.

At the completion of refuelling the ship proceeded to sea at 1300H to continue fishing surveillance patrolling.

During the evening of Friday 30th April the area north of Bernier Island (Shark Bay) was patrolled with no sightings. However to the south several radar contacts were made indicating a large fishing fleet. The first of these contacts was identified at 2310H and the next several hours were ones of high activity in identifying the large fleet. This continued into the forenoon of Saturday 1st May. These identifications are listed below:-

30	2310H	TAI FAI NO. 1	CT6 0410
		TAI FAI NO. 2	CT6 0411
30	2315H	UY KING NO. 20	CT6 0537
		UY KING NO. 21	CT6 0538
30	2330H	CHUNG SHONG NO. 1	CT6 0870
		CHUNG SHONG NO. 2	CT6 0871
01	0014H	HUA WON NO. 101	CT6 0551
		HUA WON NO. 102	CT6 0552
01	0115H	HONG HAI HUI NO. 1	NOT NOTED
		HONG HAI HUI NO. 2	" "
01	0300	HORNG DER NO. 1	CT6 0478
		HORNG DER NO. 2	CT6 0479

Most of the group, all in close proximity of each other, were drifting with no signs of fishing activity or processing being carried out. All were of the class with superstructures forward and of approximately 300 tonnes, with the exception of HONG HAI HUI No's 1 and 2, which were the larger class with the superstructure amidships. These two trawlers were steaming in a northerly direction at 12 knots, having showed aggression when approached in an attempt to identify. On each approach to either trawler to identify their registered numbers, they were turned towards HMAS Acute on a collision course. Rather than hazard the ship for closer inspection, names only were noted.

Sea conditions during the Friday night and Saturday morning were quite uncomfortable with a fresh wind from the south west with a large swell and moderate seas.

Proceeding south further contacts were made and identified and these are listed below:-



01	0500H	SAN CHAIR	NO. 1	CT6 0402
		SAN CHAIR	NO. 2	CT6 0403
01	0825H	HSIN HANG	NO. 1	CT6 0425
		HSIN HANG	NO. 2	CT6 0426
01	0847H	CHIN HONG	NO. 11	CT6 0485
		CHIN HONG	NO. 12	CT6 0486
01	0917H	HO CHENG	NO. 21	CT6 0568
		HO CHENG	NO. 22	CT6 0569
01	0935H	HOUN YE	NO. 11	CT6 0600
		HOUN YE	NO. 12	CT6 0601
01	1015H	SHIN HONG	NO. 11	CT6 0400
		SHIN HONG	NO. 12	CT6 0401

All of the above vessels were pair trawling.

Amongst the Reserve personnel on board was LS QMG J. Lillburn whose civilian occupation is a Fishing <sup>Fishes</sup> Inspector with the State Government Fisheries & Fauna Dept. Two of the above trawlers were observed pulling their nets and the bulk of their catch being identified as schnapper. The trawler was pulling in a depth of 100 metres.

Following the last reported trawlers, HMAS Acute then proceeded to Geraldton, securing alongside the Geraldton wharf at 1922H on the Saturday evening May 1st.

On Sunday May 2nd the survey party detached from HMAS Moresby ~~and~~ joined HMAS Acute at Geraldton at 1800H. The party consisted of Leut. P. Hardey, SBLT J. Patterson and AB.SR Barr. Following the installation of Hi Fix equipment, HMAS Acute sailed from Geraldton at 2100H the same evening.

On the southward journey to Lancelin a rough passage was experienced overnight, with Acute arriving in the Lancelin area at 0700H on Monday 3rd May.

During the forenoon Leut. Hardey transferred to a MSL and returned ashore to the Hi Fix Master Station. SBLT Patterson and ABSR Barr remaining on board HMAS Acute.

The balance of Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th May was spent in continual survey work, but unfortunately continuous breakdown of the Hi Fix equipment seriously hampered progress.

On the morning of Wednesday May 5th at 0300H HMAS Acute sailed from the Lancelin area for Fremantle to refuel, refuelling alongside Fremantle at 0800H, returning to the Lancelin area the same afternoon. The ship continued with the survey work, but once again continual faults with the Hi Fix equipment considerably slowed down the progress of the work.

HMAS Acute returned to Fremantle on Friday 7th May securing alongside Leeuwin boat shed at 0900H. Ship's company, after de-storing and cleaning ship, secured ~~ship~~ at 1530H.

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The ACT covered a great deal of sea time, but was excellent training and experience for the RANR personnel, and moral of the ship's company was extremely high for the entire ACT. It was also pleasing to note that all on board took a very keen interest in the latter part of the ACT when on survey duties.

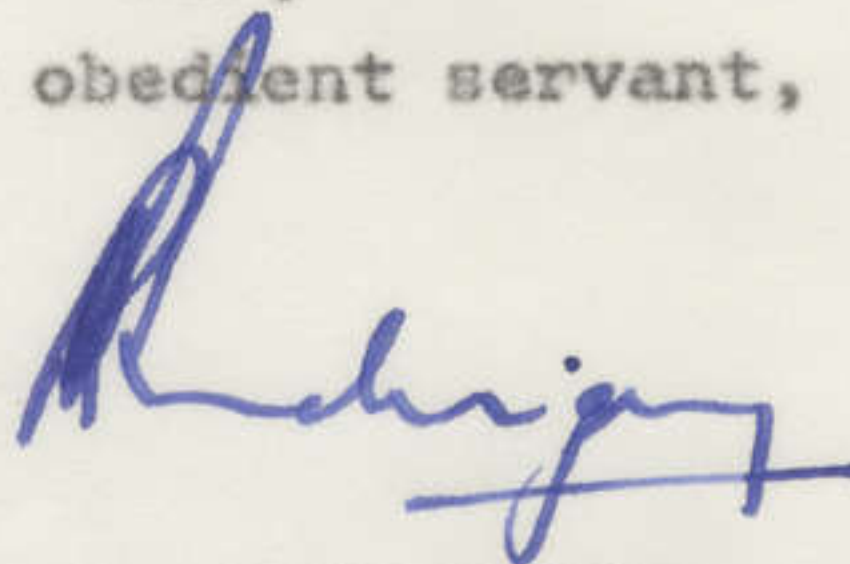
The ship and all associated equipment gave excellent performances throughout the ACT and only two minor malfunctions were experienced. The overall appearance of the ship, both internally and externally is excellent.

Attached, Appendix 'A' giving <sup>CRUISE</sup> statistics and Appendix 'B' summarising Fishing Reports.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(R.P. RODRIGUEZ)  
COMMANDER RLEX  
COMMANDING OFFICER



APPENDIX 'A'

(1)	Distance steamed	2984 miles
(2)	Hours underway	217 Hours 11 mins.

ENGINE HOURS

Port Main Engine	196 Hours
Starboard Main Engine	100 Hours

FUEL CONSUMED

12,780 Gallons



## APPENDIX 'B'

## TAIWANESE SIGHTINGS

<u>FISHREP</u>	<u>DTG</u>	<u>NAME OF VESSEL</u>	<u>REG NR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	
1/76	261248	CHIN HONG 11	CTC0485	26 29S	
	APR 76	CHIN HONG 12	CTC0486	112 56E	
2/76	270455	YIH TAI 2	CT60513	22 43S	
	APR 76	YIH TAI 1	CT60512	113 23-5E	
		TAI FA 2	CT60411		SEE 7/76
		TAI FA 1	CT60410		
3/76	280210Z	ANN MAN 102	CT60433	21 02-5S	
	APR 76	ANN MAN 101	CT60432	114 55E	SEE 7/76
4/76	280436	HSIEH SHUAN 1	CT60448	20 52S	SEE 5/76
	APR 76	HSIEH SHUAN 2	CT60449	114 33E	
	280511	NO 1 HORNG DER	CT60478	20 48S	SEE 7/76
	APR 76	NO 2 HORNG DER	CT60479	114 55E	
5/76	290840	HSIEH SHUAN 1	CT60448	20 53S	RESIGHT
	APR 76	HSIEH SHUAN 2	CT60449	114 58E	
6/76	291020	ANN MAN 1	CT60432	21 17-5S	RESIGHT
	APR 76	ANN MAN 2	CT60433	114 40E	
7/76	301510	TAI FAI 1	CT60410	25 11-8S	RESIGHT
	APR 76	TAI FAI 2	CT60411	112 43E	
	301515	UY KING 20	CT60537	25 12-5S	
	APR 76	UY KING 21	CT60538	112 43E	
	301530Z	CHUNG SHONG 1	CT60870	25 13S	
	APR 76	CHUNG SHONG 2	CT60871	112 45-5E	
	301614Z	HUA WON 101	CT60551	25 14-9S	
	APR 76	HUA WON 102	CT60552	112 43-8E	
	301715	HONG HAI HUI 1	NOT	25 31-5S	
	APR 76	HONG HAI HUI	NOTED	112 38E	
	301900	NO 1 HORNG DER	CT60478	25 41S	RESIGHT
	APR 76	NO 2 HORNG DER	CT60479	112 39E	
	302100	1 SAN CHAIR	CT60402	25 50S	
	APR 76	2 SAN CHAIR	CT60403	112 30E	
	010025	1 HSIN HANG	CT60425	26 21S	
	MAY 76	2 HSIN HANG	CT60426	112 53E	
	010047	CHIN HONG 11	CT60485	26 23S	
	MAY 76	CHIN HONG 12	CT60486	112 58E	
	010117	HO CHENG 21	CT60568	26 34S	
	MAY 76	HO CHENG 22	CT60569	112 56E	
	010135	11 HOUN YE	CT60600	26 36S	
	MAY 76	12 HOUN YE	CT60601	112 58E	
	010215	11 SHING HONG	CT60400	26 42S	
	MAY 76	12 SHING HONG	CT60401	113 02E	



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During set 9-21 May, *Acute*  
assisted in survey of LANCEZIN area,  
but was hampered by constant  
bad weather.

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RANR Office  
HMAS LEEUWIN.

25th May 1976.

Naval Officer Commanding  
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Report of Proceedings - HMAS ACUTE  
9th to 21st May, 1976.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit this report of proceedings of HMAS ACUTE under my command from the 9th to the 21st May, 1976.

The original intention of commencing the survey on Sunday the 9th May was changed after consultation with CO MORESBY and HMAS ACUTE slipped from the Boatshed 091000 H May 1976 to proceed into Cockburn Sound for a workup, returning to berth astern of MORESBY in Fremantle Harbour PM of the same day.

After embarking the Senior Surveyor off the MORESBY, LEUT GLEX P.A. HARDY the ship sailed in the early hours of the 10th May to arrive at the Lancelin Survey Area by 0645. The ships company consisted of 1 PNF and 2 RANR officers plus 3 PNF and 15 RANR sailors.

The Hi Fix Equipment malfunctioned during most of the Monday and when the fault was finally traced to a corroded Earthlead in the Aerial cable, adverse atmospheric conditions prohibited further surveying during the night.

The Survey got under way properly in the early hours of Tuesday 11th May and LEUT Hardy was transferred to the MORESBY Boatcamp the same day where he remained until the completion of the survey.

In order to compensate for the loss of time, the remainder of the survey was carried out using both engines, weather permitting. Also the scheduled visit to Geraldton on Wednesday 12th was cancelled and ACUTE returned briefly to Fremantle for fuel.

On Friday 14th May the weather deteriorated rapidly during the afternoon and the ship once again returned to Fremantle for fuel and shelter - cancelling the Geraldton visit; overnight leave was granted to the ship's company and when the weather was still found to be adverse on Saturday, further leave was granted.

On completion of overnight leave the ship proceeded to the survey area arriving off Lancelin at 1230 on Sunday the 16th and continued to carry out surveying. During late afternoon however, the echo sounder fitted for the survey became defect<sup>ive</sup> and after a successful attempt to launch the SMB through a heavy surf personnel from the boatcamp endeavoured to repair the defect equipment. This was unsuccessful and since the SMB had to return before darkness the survey was continued by using the ship's Echo sounder which required only minor modifications to make it suitable.



On passage to Fremantle for fuel HMAS ACUTE rendezvoused with HMAS MORESBY South West off Rottnest in the early hours of Tuesday the 18th May to transfer a replacement control unit for the defect Echo Sounder. After a brief refuelling stop the ship arrived off Lancelin the same evening to carry out the remainder of the survey.

By late Wednesday evening the weather once again deteriorated and since the majority of the survey had been completed and HMAS MORESBY had retrieved the two reference beacons that same afternoon, permission was requested and obtained from CO MORESBY to return South and anchor in Sulphur Bay early Thursday morning.

During Thursday, Power of Command test for promotion were carried out and passed by three Able Seaman and one Leading Seaman. Three Helmsman's Certificates were awarded and after Captains Rounds, Officer of the watch manoeuvres were carried out in Cockburn Sound, returning to the anchorage at Sunset for a combined party in the junior Sailors Mess.

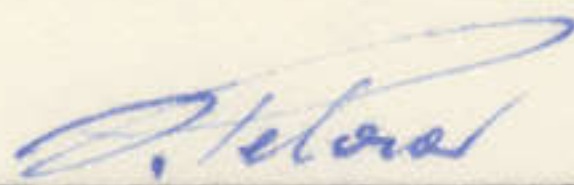
The ship secured alongside the Boatshed at 211000 H May 1976 and commenced destoring. The ship's company mustered for payment at 1330 and was dismissed at 1400, completing ACT 2/76.

Morale amongst the ship's company during this ACT was of the highest order and even though weather conditions and the continuous surveying at high speed requiring fixing every  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minutes must have been a strain, it was felt that this was preferred to the periods of inactivity that occurred due to equipment malfunction. A sense of achievement in completing 1406.9 miles of actual survey was felt by every crew member.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your abedient Servant



(O. PELCZAR)  
LCDR RLEX



Appendix A - Cruise Statistics

Distance steamed 3078.55 miles

Total time underway 7 days 7 hours.



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2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 1827.9 miles and spent 138 hours underway.

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(N.A. BOASE)  
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*M. J. Power*

1851.8 miles and about 128 miles inland.  
During the month HMAS VSCLE steamed a distance of

10th-11th June	HMV	Harbour Patrol
11th-12th June	HMV	HMV during weekend
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*A good description of the difficulties in escorting  
FFV's.*

*DAFO 12/8 Pse draft letter to approp authorities covering matter in paras 5.*

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - HMAS ACUTE

Reference: RI Appendix 29A

It is recommended that the problem raised  
in paragraph.5 be taken up with the Department of Primary  
Industry (Fisheries).

*H. A. Goss*

NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING  
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Encl:  
Commanding Officer, HMAS ACUTE, letter 1/16/4 of 22nd June, 1976

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HMAS ACUTE  
AT FREMANTLE

22nd June 1976

Naval Officer Commanding  
WEST AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ACUTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
9TH-17TH JUNE 1976

(All times HOTEL (-8) )

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command from 9th - 17th June 1976.
2. As a result of the increased Taiwanese presence in the Shark Bay area ACUTE was programmed to conduct Fisheries surveillance patrols through that area during mid June. To accomplish this ACUTE sailed from HMAS LEEUWIN's boatshed at 0800 am Tuesday 10th June and after embarking ammunition in Fremantle harbour proceeded north.
3. ACUTE's original programme was to be short lived however when on receipt of your signal KBG 110127Z Jun 76 the ship by passed its scheduled visit to Carnarvon and proceeded direct to North West Cape. At 0800 on Saturday 12th ACUTE secured alongside Point Murat wharf to embark fuel and fresh provisions. The unpredictable weather conditions experienced in this area deemed it unadvisable to remain alongside and at 1200 that day ACUTE cast off and proceeded south in Exmouth Gulf. At 1245 the ship came to anchor off Exmouth Town Beach in the vicinity of the two Taiwanese fishing vessels that were to become our charges for the next five days. YIH TAI No.1 and YIH TAI No.2 had previously been arrested by HMAS ADROIT on charges of illegally processing fish in the Australian declared fishing zone and were escorted by ADROIT to North West Cape. Following the preliminary Magistrates hearing the Captains of these vessels were remanded for trial. The remoteness and lack of facilities at North West Cape hindered the continued custody of the Taiwanese in that area and ACUTE stood by to escort these vessels to a safe haven.
4. On receipt of instructions to escort the Taiwanese to Geraldton preparations were made to embark two Commonwealth Police Officers and two Naval personnel on each vessel to act as guards during the passage south.

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5. Difficulties arose when it became apparent that all navigational charts held onboard the Taiwanese had been confiscated and sent to Perth by members of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, to be used in evidence at a later date. Although it is appreciated the relevant chart being used at the time of arrest would constitute essential evidence it is considered that the confiscation of all navigational charts left not only the Captains YIH TAI No's 1 and 2 at a serious disadvantage in the safe navigation of their ships but also put additional burden on the escort vessel which not only has a communication difficulty but which may well have been called upon to conduct some other task during a temporary absence from the escort. These charts, minus the essential ones for evidence, could of been held in the locality by the local authorities and re-issued to the Taiwanese shortly before departure. In this instance the problem was alleviated to a degree by loaning the No.1 vessel extremely small scale charts from ACUTE. Although these gave the Captain of YIH TAI No.1 some indication of course it did not present detailed navigational dangers and ACUTE was forced to maintain a close watch on all three vessels navigational positions. The dangers of navigating without charts became acutely apparent when the Taiwanese vessels entered Geraldton harbour, after sunset and without charts or the assistance of a Pilot. The speed differences between the Taiwanese and a Patrol Boat do not allow a "follow the leader" situation.

6. Local weather conditions delayed the loading of personnel and stores to the Taiwanese and the departure from North West Cape was delayed until 1200 on Sunday 13th. The passage to Geraldton was both calm and uneventful with the boarding party onboard the Taiwanese reporting close co-operation from both the Captains and crew of those vessels. Heaving line transfers of fresh provisions were carried out with both vessels at 1630 on Monday 14th. A request from the Captain of YIH TAI No.1 to be allowed to stream and clean dead fish from his nets before entering Geraldton was granted for 1000 the following morning. At 1300 that day all three vessels came to anchor in Champion Bay. Shipping movements and blasting operations in the approaches delayed the ships entry into Geraldton until 1800 that evening when YIH TAI No.1 secured at No.4 berth Geraldton harbour. YIH TAI No.2 secured outboard of No.1 and ACUTE secured forward of these vessels and remained there overnight.

7. ACUTE cast off and proceeded at 1140 on Wednesday 16th and after leading the Taiwanese out of Geraldton harbour set course for Fremantle. Continuing fine weather and good co-operation from the Taiwanese made the overnight passage to Fremantle uneventful. The entry into Fremantle the following morning was delayed and all three vessels came to anchor in Gage Road at 0900.

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8. A Pilot boarded YIH TAI No.1 at 1300 that afternoon and that ship proceeded alongside No.1 berth Fremantle harbour. Shortly after a Pilot led YIH TAI No.2 alongside and both vessels were handed over to the custody of the Commonwealth Police. ACUTE proceeded outboard of HMAS DIAMANTINA and on completion of de-ammunitioning proceeded up river to HMAS LEEUWIN's boatshed where it secured at 1420.

9. Morale amongst the ship's company for the period was very high and can be attributed to the welcome break from shore duties for the majority of them.

10. The appearance of the Ship throughout the period remained satisfactory. Mechanical and Electrical equipment proved most reliable and considering the usage, without fault, the Ship has had in the last six weeks reflected well on the PNF maintenance staff.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant



(R.W. HUNTER)  
LIEUTENANT RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosure: Appendix A - Cruise statistics

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APPENDIX A

CRUISE STATISTICS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Distance steamed during the period | 1532.5 miles |
| 2. Hours underway during the period   | 114 hours    |

Engine Hours

Port main engine : 101.0 hours

Starboard main engine : 46.5 hours

Fuel consumed : 5233 gallons

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HMAS ACUTE

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- 5 AUG 1976

Department of Defence (Navy Office),  
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### HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

Reference: RI Appendix 12A.

1. The Report of Movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of July, 1976 is forwarded in accordance with the reference.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
8th July	RAN	40/60 Gun functioning trials
23rd - 25th July	RANR	Escort Taiwanese F/V to Fremantle
30th - 31st July	RANR	Escort Taiwanese F/V to Fremantle

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 838.4 miles and spent 57.0 hours underway.

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(N.A. BOASE)  
COMMODORE

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23rd - 25th July, 1976.

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HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS

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Department of Defence (Naval Office)

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HMAS ACUTE

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Captain HJP Adams RAN

With the Compliments of

the

Naval Officer Commanding  
Harry,  
Western Australia

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Neil Bone





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HMAS Leeuwin  
FREMANTLE 6160

## REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF HMAS ACUTE ESCORT DUTIES GERALDTON TO FREMANTLE FREDAY 30TH JULY TO SUNDAY 1ST AUGUST

Sir,

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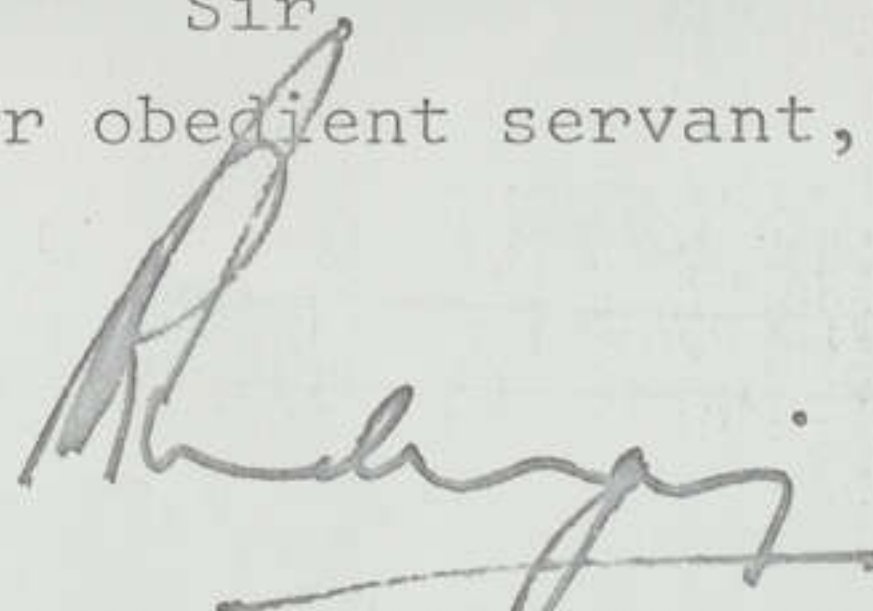
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1st August	RANR	Escort Taiwanese F/V to Fremantle.
15th-29th August	RANR	A.C.T. 3/76

2. During the month, HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 1713.3 miles and spent 123.3 hours underway.

*N.A. Borge*  
(N.A. BORG)  
COMMODORE

Encl: Report of proceedings for ACT 3/76 for period 15-29th August, 1976

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RANR Office  
HMAS Leeuwin  
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2nd August 1976

Naval Officer Commanding  
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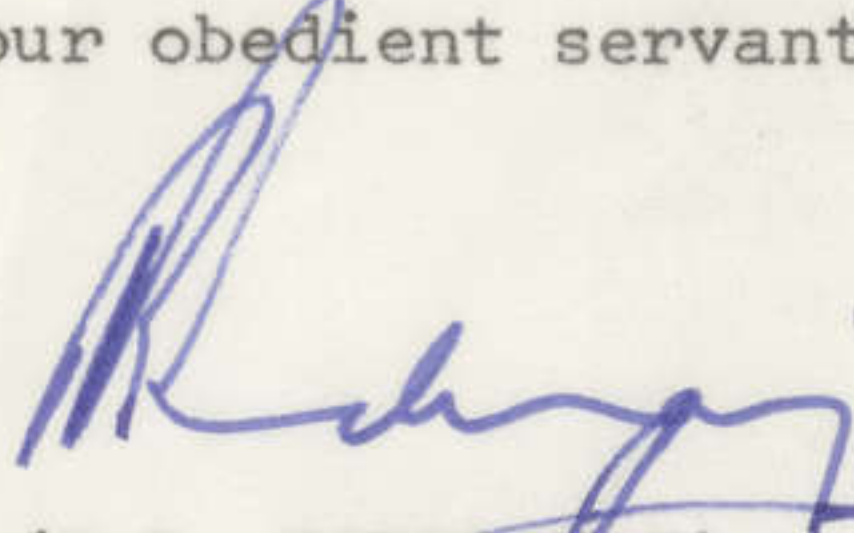
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APPENDIX 'A'

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(2)	Hours underway	<del>37</del> hours 53 minutes





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HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS - SEPTEMBER, 1976

Reference: RI Appendix 12A

1. The report of movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of September, 1976, is forwarded in accordance with the reference.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
09SEP76	RAN	Full power trial
24SEP76	RAN	Transport 2 injured Taiwanese to shore

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 181.6 miles and spent 12.5 hours underway.

*N. A. Boase*  
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COMMODORE

am Enclosure: Report of Proceedings for ACT 3/76

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## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

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RESERVE OFFICE,  
HMAS LEEUWIN.

14th September, 1976.

THE NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING,  
WEST AUSTRALIA AREA,  
HMAS LEEUWIN.

Sir,

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - HMAS ACUTE - ACT 3  
15TH - 28TH AUGUST 1976

I have the honour to submit the attached Report of Proceedings HMAS ACUTE ACT 3 1976.

The Ship's Company joined at 0800H on Sunday 15th August 1976. The crew comprised 12 RANR and 6 RAN personnel.

The ship sailed at 1000H on the same day into the tail end of a winter gale.

Two minutes after leaving the North Mole the radar became unserviceable. At the Outer Fairway Buoy the ship became exposed to the full effect of the weather and repairs to the radar impossible. The ship turned back to the shelter of Sulphur Bay, anchoring at 1130H.

At 1730H the ship's technical staff reported that repairs to the radar were beyond ship's capability. ACUTE returned to FREMANTLE until repairs were completed midday the following day.

At 1300H Monday 16th August, 1976 ACUTE sailed for Geraldton. During the night the radar and gyro became unserviceable. The ship secured alongside at Geraldton at 0230H Tuesday 17th August, 1976.

A local radar contractor worked on the radar for most of the day and into the evening. The cause of the fault was eventually tracked to a cracked solder joint. The ship sailed at 0400H Wednesday 18th August, 1976.

The programme was now too tight to patrol as far north as Dampier and then return to Carnarvon by Saturday 21st August, 1976. It was decided to change the programme and concentrate the patrol on the Shark Bay area.

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The ship anchored in Turtle Bay in 28 feet of water at 1800H on 18th August, 1976.

The following morning the ship sailed at 0645H on the first day of the intensive patrol of the Shark Bay area. A total of 10 West Australian fishing boats were intercepted during a box search covering the area Cape Inscription East to Cape Peron then north to Carnarvon West to 12 miles to seaward of Cape Ronsard, and then southwards towards Cape Inscription.

17 miles to seaward of Cape Inscription two Tiawanese fishing boats the HOUN YE 11 and HOUN YE 12 were intercepted just before sundown. Both ships had their nets down and were steaming at 3 knots towards the coast.

After ACUTE had circled, the boats altered direction and headed seawards, their stern winches recovering their nets.

ACUTE returned to Turtle Bay in worsening sea conditions anchoring at 1937H in 22 feet of water. During the night the wind increased with gusts to Force 6 from the SE.

On Friday 20th August, 1976 the ship sailed for Meade Island at 0705H and dropped anchor at 1000H in 20 feet water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the Dirk Hartog Station Shearer's quarters. The Manager of the station, Mr. John Sallinger, invited the ship's company to a barbeque on the lawns of the burntout homestead, a very pleasant two hours was spent cooking chops over coals of dried bubiala and draftwood. The ship technical staff repaired a station alternator before the boat ferried the crew back to the anchored ship.

On Saturday 21st August, 1976 the ship weighed and proceeded at 0400H for Carnarvon. A Pilot, Captain P. Everling brought the ship up the channel arriving alongside 1000H. Minor damage was sustained to the bow when knuckeling the ship alongside against a stiff south easterly.

*Wrong Sound*  
On Sunday 22nd August, 1976 the ship sailed to Nanga Station navigating the Useless Loop Salt Channel and the Denham trough. The persistent easterly winds since the 19th August had blown a large mass of water out of the Freycinet Inlet and check soundings off Denham indicated that the level of the water was at, or near, chart datum. The ship arrived at Nanga before sunset. Minimum depth on the passage was 20 feet.

The following morning boarding party stations were exercised off White Island. The ship anchored while hands were at dinner. One sailor, SGTENP THOMPSON, fishing during the dinner hour put a fishing hook through his hand. The ship sailed to Denham for medical assistance arriving mid afternoon. After the sailor returned from the Silver Chain Nurses Surgery (Sister O'Rielly), ACUTE weighed and proceeded to the Abrolos. The strong easterly of the previous few days had dropped to a calm. Navigating the Denham Channel a strong flood was observed returning into the Freycinet Inlet.

At sundown a group of 15 fishing boats were encountered near Cape Inscription and identified as Australian prawning fleet.



After sunset the easterly wind freshened to force 5 and ACUTE had to reduce speed in difficult sea conditions on the passage south from Cape Inscription. The ship anchored in the Pidgeon Island lagoon, Walabi Island in the Abrolhos at 1015H on Tuesday morning.

Advantage was taken of a day at anchor to clean up the ship for the Geraldton visit.

The ship reached Geraldton at 1600H on Wednesday. On Thursday two groups of school children were shown over the ship through an arrangement with Mr. J. Trevaskis, Headmaster, Geraldton Senior High School, and the afternoon group was taken to sea for a small arms demonstration. The sea conditions were too rough during the forenoon to take the other group to sea.

On Friday a third group of school children were taken to sea. In the evening official guests from the Geraldton Town Council, Chapman Valley and Greenock Shires, Geraldton Port Authority, and other prominent Geraldton business people were entertained.

Included amongst the guests were Mr. & Mrs. Ian Bogle, Chairman of the Port Authority, Mr. Reg Clarke, Captain Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. David Horwood, Mr. & Mrs. ColliD Thorpe and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lilburne.

The reception to the Ship's Company on Tuesday 17th August, 1976 was friendly enough from the persons in the street. However, the local Newspaper 'The Geraldton Guardian' and the ABC both sent reporters onboard. Their attitude was extremely anti Navy during discussions although, hearing at second hand, their stories were more or less factual.

On our return to Geraldton on Wednesday 25th August, 1976 preparations were beginning for the Sun City Festival and public interest was concentrated on the festivities. We did at this time establish a better relationship with the Port Authority and they invited the Captain of ACUTE to witness with them the successful refloating of the Fu Long 11.

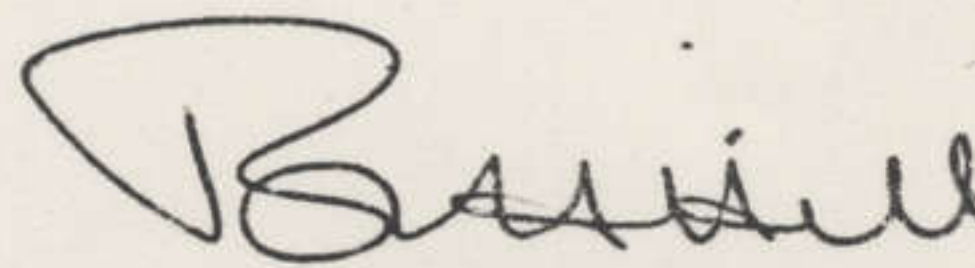
On Saturday 28th August, 1976 the ship sailed at 1200H and after a rough passage secured alongside the Boatshed at 0800H Sunday 29th August, 1976.

The A.C.T. proved to be a successful fisheries patrol, despite the adverse wind and sea conditions. The crew settled down to an effective team that performed well both at sea and ashore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(P. R. H. HILL)  
LCDR RANR



SCHEDULE 'A'

Total distance steamed	1970 miles
Total time underweigh	96 hours
Engine hours - Port	103 hours
Starboard	98 hours





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## HMAS ACUTE - REPORT OF MOVEMENTS - OCTOBER, 1976

Reference: RI Appendix 12A

1. The report of movements for HMAS ACUTE for the month of October, 1976, is forwarded in accordance with the reference.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
06OCT76	RAN	Full power trial
15-17OCT76	RANR	RANR training
22-24OCT76	RANR	RANR training
27-29OCT76	RAN	SGCE Navigation training

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 926.6 miles and spent 80.3 hours underway.

(N.A. POASE)  
COMMODORE

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(NAVY OFFICE)

HMAS

*ACUTE*

MOVEMENTS.  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

*NOVEMBER '76*

~~DNO~~ *Employed a RANK training for 2 short periods during the month 11/11*

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~~CNM~~ *21/1*

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>USED BY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
6 - 7 NOV 76	RANR	RANR Training
26 - 28 NOV 76	RANR	SAS Exercise

2. During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of 353.1 miles and spent 28.07 hours underway.

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COMMODORE A.O.L.

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223.4 miles and spent 58.04 hours underway.

During the month HMAS ACUTE steamed a distance of

28 - 28 NOV 75

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243 Exercises

2 - 2 NOV 75

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NAVIS Training

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