

WT 18/5/650.

5th February, 1967

Sir,

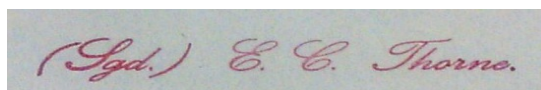
1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's New Zealand Ship Waikato during the period 5th - 31st January, 1967.
2. On Friday 6th January it was learnt from the Trial records that the G.W.S. 22 System had failed Sea Acceptance Trials for the fourth time on Tuesday 3rd January. After consulting the authorities concerned it was decided to delay commencement of the work-up until 23rd January in order that a thorough investigation of the G.W.S. 22 could be carried out. With the exception of 17, 18 and 19th January the ship remained alongside at Portsmouth for the period 6th - 23rd January enabling the G.W.S. 22 to be completely checked through and returned. A preliminary sea trial was carried out on Tuesday 17th January and good results were achieved. Mr. Marks (Head of Weapon System Tuning Group, North) and Commander Jenkins R.N. (Commander (X) (F) HMS EXCELLENT) accompanied the full Trials Team who were embarked on Thursday 19th January. It was most heartening to see the heads of the two opposing departments taking such an active interest in the trial. In spite of all the time and effort expended in preparing for the trial again the result was a failure.
3. However, as the ship was in all other respects ready for work-up it was decided, with the Flag Officer Sea Training's agreement that further delay was unacceptable and the ship commenced work-up on Monday 23rd January with G.W.S. 22 still non operational. A further Sea Acceptance Trial was arranged for Friday 27th, the last day of the shakedown week. After adjustments to the system. In harbour the trial was carried out on the afternoon of Friday 27th January and results proved successful at last.
4. Rear Admiral C.H.S Wise M.B.E. (Chief Staff Officer (Technical,) Home Fleet) inspected the ship on Saturday 7th January and in his report stated that "Waikato has passed an excellent inspection but is not yet operational due to unsatisfactory performance of G.W.S. 22".
5. The unexpected additional period spent alongside in Portsmouth between 2 - 23rd January provided an excellent opportunity to progress ship husbandry and other outstanding items.
6. Also during this period it was possible to arrange continuation training for the Command Team, and rest of the Ship's Company at the various schools.
7. The Ship's Company are now settling down well and working hard and have so far achieved very satisfactory results.
8. Rear Admiral P.G. Sharp D.S.C. (Flag Officer Sea Training) was indisposed and my official call on Monday 30th January was paid to Captain G.F.A. Trewby (Chief Staff Officer (Technical) and it was he who took the Admiral's chair at the work-up meeting aboard later the same day.

9. The moral, behaviour and health of the ship's company remains good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in red ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "(Sgd.) E. C. Thorne.".

(E.C. Thorne.)
Captain. R.N.Z.N.

The Commodore,
Auckland

Copy to:

The Deputy Secretary of Defence (Navy)
Navy Office
WELLINGTON

Appendix "A" to W.T. 18/5/650 dated 5th February, 1967

Summary of Sporting Events.

Rugby.

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|---------------------------|---|---------|------|--------|
| January, 8 th | 1 st XV versus Liss Barbarians | at Liss | Won | 37 - 0 |
| January, 11 th | 1 st XV versus HMS SULTAN | | Drew | 0 - 0 |
| January, 18 th | 1 st XV versus HMS COLLINGWOOD | | Lost | 0 - 5 |
| January, 22 nd | 1 st XV versus Trojans RFC., Southampton | | Lost | 8 - 28 |
| " " " | 2 nd XV versus Trojans RFC., Southampton | | Lost | 0 - 14 |
| January, 29 th | 2 nd XV versus Portland Borstal | | Won | 11 - 9 |

Soccer

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| January, 10 th | Versus HMS NAIAD | Grounds Unfit |
| January, 20 th | Versus HMS DECOY | Grounds Unfit |

Squash

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| January, 10 th | Waikato Squash Club Night, United Services Club |
| January, 17 th | Waikato Squash Club Night, United Services Club |
| January, 31 st | Waikato Squash Club Night, United Services Club |

Cross Country

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| January, 27 th | Portland Cross Country, Spring Championships, Waikato Team of eight entered and came 5 th out of 11 teams competing. |
| January, 29 th | Inter Part Cross Country |
| | 1 st Supply and Secretariat |
| | 2 nd Weapons and Electrical |
| | 3 rd T.A.S Department |

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Steaming Figures.

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| Distance steamed | 1219 miles. |
| Hours underway | 107 hours. |
| Miles per ton of fuel. | 3.75. |
| Total distance steamed since commissioning | 4450 miles. |
| Total hours underway since commissioning | 389 hours. |
