



## **BORDER PROTECTION COMMAND**

### **CURRENT OPERATIONS - Incident Log – SAR 2013/4724 (SIEV 784)**

**BPC File Reference:** 2013/022878-01 and 2013/022875-01

**AMSA Reference:** 2013/4724

**Misc Reference:** Executive Summary:

#### **FRIDAY 12 JULY 2013**

At approximately 11.17 am AEST on Friday 12 July 2013, the Australia Federal Police (AFP) advised RCC Australia that it had received a call from a person in Melbourne who received a call from a person claiming to be on a vessel possibly in distress. It was reported that no engine noise could be heard and only a partial GPS position was provided. The Melbourne man further advised that this information was passed onto the Victorian Police Service.

On the same day, at approximately 12.33 pm AEST, s47E(d) to assist in providing a location for the vessel. At approximately 2.29 pm AEST on the same day, Border Protection Command (BPC) provided RCC Australia with a position for the vessel of approximately 108 nautical miles north of Christmas Island.

At approximately 3.03 pm AEST RCC Australia, having already assumed coordination for this incident designated AUSSAR 2013/4724, issued an urgency broadcast to shipping seeking the assistance of vessels in the area.

At approximately 4.32 pm AEST on the same day BPC directed ACV Triton, operating under the control of BPC, to proceed north of Christmas Island to assist RCC Australia's response to this incident. At approximately 4.45 pm AEST on the same day, RCC Australia advised BPC that

the AFP had received further calls from a person on the vessel, who indicated that the vessel was disabled and taking on water. RCC Australia subsequently requested the assistance of BPC assets.

ACV Triton, now operating in support of RCC Australia, was tasked to proceed to the reported location of the vessel at best speed. RCC Australia requested the merchant vessel (MV) Garden City River to respond. At approximately 7.00 pm AEST on the same day, RCC Australia advised that it had been in further contact with the vessel subject to AUSSAR 2013/4724 and was able to provide an updated position of approximately 87 nautical miles north of Christmas Island.

At approximately 10.00 pm AEST on the same day, ACV Triton located the vessel subject to AUSSAR 2013/4724 and dispatched a boarding party to assess the nature of the assistance required. At this time, the vessel was observed to be stationary. Assistance was rendered with the permission of the Master consistent with safety of life at sea (SOLAS) obligations.

At approximately 10.27 pm AEST on the same day, ACV Triton advised that the vessel subject to AUSSAR 2013/4724 had capsized and that people had entered the water. At the time of the vessel capsizing three Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (ACBPS) Officers were on board the vessel. Immediate action was undertaken to commence recovering all people who had entered the water. At approximately 10.43 pm AEST on the same day, ACV Triton reported that two tenders and a life raft had been deployed to recover the people from the water.

The MV Garden River City was on-scene but was unable to launch its tender. At approximately 10.51 pm AEST on the same day, RCC Australia requested Defence assistance in relation to this incident. HMA Ships Albany and Bathurst were tasked to respond.

At approximately 11.10 pm AEST on the same day, ACV Triton reported that it had recovered 51 people onto one of its tenders which had become unserviceable and a further 25 people onto the life raft. One deceased infant had also been recovered. ACV Triton further reported and confirmed that all ACBPS Officers involved in the boarding party had been accounted for. At approximately 11.35 pm AEST on the same day, ACV Triton reported that 87 people had been recovered and there had only been one fatality. ACV Triton continued to search the area with the assistance of the MV Garden River City.

## **SATURDAY 13 JULY**

At approximately 1.04 am AEST on Saturday 13 July 2013, ACV Triton reported that the MV Garden River City had sighted a female child aged between 4-5 years in the water wearing a life jacket. The child was reported to be face down in the water. The MV lost sight of the child and attempted to relocate her but subsequent search activity associated with AUSSAR 2013/4724 was unable to relocate and recover her.

At approximately 1.20 am AEST on the same day, HMAS Bathurst, operating in support of RCC Australia, arrived on scene and commenced searching for further survivors. At approximately 2.20 am AEST on the same day, ACV Triton reported that 88 people plus a deceased infant had been embarked with no reported physical injuries amongst those rescued, including the ACBPS Officers that entered the water, but advised that the survivors were in a distressed state.

At approximately 3.45 am AEST on the same day, ACV Triton was released from search and rescue activity associated with this incident and commenced passage to Christmas Island to transfer the survivors to other Australian Government Authorities at Christmas Island. Prior to leaving the area, on-scene coordination was transferred to HMAS Bathurst. Upon arrival on-scene, HMAS Albany, operating in support of RCC Australia, assisted HMAS Bathurst search for any further survivors.

At approximately 6.05 am AEST on the same day, RCC Australia advised that further assets had been deployed to assist in the search for survivors. These assets included two corporate jets chartered by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and a RAAF maritime patrol aircraft. HMA Ships Bathurst and Albany as well as the MV Garden River City remained in the area and continued to search for survivors. The 88 survivors recovered from the vessel subject to AUSSAR 2013/4724 comprised 85 passengers and three (3) crew.

At approximately 11.08 am AEST on the same day, ACV Triton completed the transfer of the 88 people at Christmas Island.

At approximately 9.41 pm AEST on the same day, HMA Ships Bathurst and Albany had completed search activities with no further survivors located or significant sightings reported. At approximately 12.03 on Sunday 14 July 2013, RCC Australia suspended further search action in relation to AUSSAR 2013/4724 based on the high integrity of the search and medical advice that the timeframe for survival of the missing people had passed. RCC Australia advised that based on information from survivors of this incident, a number of people remain unaccounted for.

**Acronyms:**

RCC	Rescue Coordination Centre
BPC	Border Protection Command
CNOC	Customs National Operations Centre
AMSOC	Australian Maritime Coordination Centre
CCC	Crisis Coordination Centre
CI	Christmas Island

Time AEST	Event	Source/ Folio	BPC member/ Notes
<b>FRIDAY, 12 JULY 2013</b>			
1243	<p>Email - BPC Border Protection Operations: – BPC [REDACTED] and Liaison.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [REDACTED] §47E(d) - AMSA <b>SAR 2013/4724</b> refers.</li> <li>• AFP message: call from possible asylum seeker vessel to member of the public in Melbourne.</li> <li>• RCC attempt to call satellite phone number.</li> <li>• RCC has spoken with first informant.</li> <li>• [REDACTED] §47E(d) &amp; 37(2)(b)</li> <li>• <b>Position 105 19</b> longitude recorded. (No latitude provided).</li> </ul>	01-02	[REDACTED] §47E
1429	<p>Phone call: AMSOC – RCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible position for vessel as per email from BPC- [REDACTED]</li> <li>• RCC advise AFP they have received further call to determine and will advise if this call refers to separate incident or not?</li> </ul>	08	[REDACTED] §47E

1429	<p>Email: BPC [REDACTED] to Border Protection Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 12.35 pm AEST a maritime venture en route to Christmas Island may be located <b>08 38S 105 50E</b>.</li> </ul>	03	[REDACTED]
1459	<p>Email: RCC to BPC Ops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC ACTIVATE emergency broadcast – Asylum seeker vessel reported in difficulty in vicinity of <b>08 38S 105 50E</b>.</li> </ul>	04	[REDACTED]
1532	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724 Approximately 108 nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 01</b> as at 3.30 pm AEST Friday 12 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At approximately 11.17am AEST the Australian Federal Police (AFP) advised the Rescue Coordination Centre (RCC) that they received a call from a man in Melbourne who received a call on his mobile from a person on a vessel requiring assistance.</li> <li>Caller stated vessel was in trouble. Partial GPS provided.</li> <li>RCC attempted to call satellite telephone (unsuccessful).</li> <li>[REDACTED]</li> <li>At 12.31 pm AEST position 108nm north of Christmas Island was passed to RCC.</li> <li>At 3.03 pm AEST RCC released urgency broadcast and issued <b>AMSA SAR 2013/4724</b></li> </ul>	05	[REDACTED]
1553	<p>Email: DOPS to RCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DOPS advised that BPC has no air assets capable of supporting SAR operations for Friday 12 July 2013.</li> </ul>	123	[REDACTED]
1557	<p>Verbal instruction: DOPS to Ops Supervisor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Ops Supervisor directed to contact RCC and advise them of BPC's preference that ACV TRITON be requested rather than Defence assets if immediate assistance is required (due to the fuelling sequence of HMA Ships at Christmas Island).</li> <li>Ops Supervisor directed to pre-position ACV TRITON in readiness for possible RCC request for assistance.</li> </ul>		
1600	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to RCC.</p>	09	[REDACTED]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If required please request assistance from Customs and Border Protection (CBP), not Defence given situation on Christmas Island (due to the fuelling sequence of HMAS Ships at Christmas Island).</li> <li>• Current plan to divert merchant vessel to see if they can locate vessel in distress.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON asked to relocate to Contiguous Zone (CZ) in case RCC request response.</li> </ul>		
1645	<p>Phone call: RCC – AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC request ACV TRITON be released for SAR 2013/4724.</li> <li>• <b>Position 08 38S 105 50E (112nm North of Christmas Island).</b></li> <li>• 90 Persons On Board (POB).</li> <li>• Vessel disabled with water ingress.</li> <li>• RCC request Merchant Vessel (MV) GARDEN CITY RIVER direct (nil response at this time).</li> <li>• ACV TRITON to call RCC upon receipt (Best speed approved).</li> </ul>	06	\$47F
1655	<p>Phone call: AMSOC – ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON requested to respond. Last Known Position (LKP) passed from RCC.</li> <li>• Approved best speed.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON to provide ETA once underway.</li> </ul>	07	\$47F
1702	<p>PHONE CALL: AMSOC – CO ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per RCC request in response to SAR 2013/4724.</li> <li>• LKP <b>08 38S 105 50E.</b></li> <li>• 90+ POB.</li> <li>• Vessel disabled and there is water ingress.</li> <li>• RCC request MV GARDEN CITY RIVER to divert.</li> <li>• Best speed approved and to advise Estimated Time of Arrival (ETA) once underway.</li> </ul>	14	\$47F

1712	<p>EMAIL: BPC <sup>s47E(d)</sup> to Border Protection Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <sup>s47E(d)</sup> A vessel en route to Christmas Island may be located at position <b>08 51S 105 50E</b>. Previously at 12.35 om AEST the vessel may have been located at position <b>08 38S 105 50E</b>.</li> </ul>	13	<sup>s47F</sup>
1734	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON current speed 16.7 Knots</li> <li>• ETA 11.30pm AEST (8.30pm local).</li> </ul>	10	<sup>s47F</sup>
1735	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724 Approximately 108 nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 02</b> as at 5.35 pm AEST Friday 12 July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 4.45pm AEST RCC advised BPC that AFP had received calls from a person on the vessel subject to <b>SAR 2013/4724</b></li> <li>• Caller stated vessel was disabled, there was water ingress and pumps unserviceable and in excess of 90 POB.</li> <li>• RCC have requested the release of BPC assets.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON <sup>s47E</sup> been released to support.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER has been requested to respond however no response from vessel.</li> <li>• <sup>s47E(d)</sup></li> </ul>	11	<sup>s47F</sup>
1735	<p>EMAIL RCC to Border Protection Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As at 3.40pm AEST a vessel en route to Christmas Island may be located at position <b>08 51S 105 50E</b>. Previously at 12.35pm AEST vessel may have been located at position <b>08 38S 105 50E</b>.</li> </ul>	12	<sup>s47F</sup>
1738	<p>Email: RCC to DOPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion held regarding additional air assets. RCC advise they are tasking a civilian business jet from Perth.</li> </ul>	122	<sup>s47F</sup>

1745	<p>EMAIL RCC to Border Protection Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal request for release of ACV Triton.</li> <li>• Several calls received by AFP from asylum seeker vessel approximately 100nm north of Christmas Island.</li> <li>• Latest call 5.01 pm AEST GPS position <b>08 53.60S 105 49.53E</b> Format incorrect.</li> <li>• Vessel may be making way south at 3.5 Knots.</li> <li>• RCC request ACV TRITON to attend.</li> </ul>	15	s47F
1753	<p>Email: DOPS to RCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice to RCC that BPC currently has no air assets capable of supporting SAR operations in the vicinity of Christmas Island.</li> <li>• It is anticipated that BPC will regain aircraft and fly Christmas Island surveillance tomorrow.</li> </ul>	123	s47F
1754	<p>DEFENCE SIGNAL HQJTF 639 to Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Provided – Refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	18	s47F
1845	<p>Phone call: RCC to Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC has obtained position of vessel in distress at position <b>08 56.45S 105 54.49E.</b></li> <li>• RCC does not place a lot of confidence in position as it places vessel east of predicted course and vessel would have had to increase speed beyond vessel capability.</li> <li>• Details passed to ACV TRITON.</li> <li>• RCC s47E(d) and request ACV TRITON call RCC direct.</li> </ul>	16	s47F
1855	<p>DEFENCE SIGNAL: HQJTF 639 to Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	19	s47F
1900	<p>Phone call RCC to Border Protection Command.</p>	17	s47F



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updated position at 6.19 pm AEST <b>08 58.98S 105 49.37E heading 180 at 4 Knots.</b></li> <li>ETA ACV TRITON 10.00 pm AEST.</li> </ul>		
1941	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 03</b> as at 7.40 pm AEST Friday 12 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 7.00 pm AEST RCC advised BPC that they have been in contact with vessel subject to <b>SAR 2013/4724.</b></li> <li>Updated position places vessel 87nm north of Christmas Island inside the Indonesian Search and Rescue region.</li> <li>ACV TRITON reports ETA 1.00 pm AEST.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is also responding (ETA Unknown).</li> <li>RCC maintains coordination of incident.</li> </ul>	20	<b>S47F</b>
2019	<p>Email: CNOC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customs and Border Protection at Christmas Island advised that the barges are booked for 11.30 am AEST Sat 13 July 2013.</li> </ul>	101	<b>S47F</b>
2033	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON has received a radio call from MV GARDEN CITY RIVER. MV has vessel in distress on echo radar 5nm away.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is a large tanker, fully loaded and would be able to provide very limited support.</li> <li>ACV TRITON request MV GARDEN CITY RIVER provide shelter from weather for ACV TRITON.</li> <li>RCC advise another call received from vessel in distress stating both engines have stopped and taking on water.</li> </ul>	21	<b>S47F</b>
2221	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON boarding officer is on board vessel and has declared mass SOLAS.</li> <li>Unable to restart engine.</li> </ul>	23	<b>S47F</b>

2227	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC and RCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforcement Commander (EC) advised vessel has capsized. People in the water. EC request AMSOC advise RCC and request further assistance.</li> <li>AMSOC advised RCC and request that ACV TRITON has requested further assistance.</li> <li>RCC advise that MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is the only vessel in the vicinity.</li> <li>RCC to contact MV GARDEN CITY RIVER and advise of situation and to provide further assistance if they are able.</li> </ul>	24	§47F
2230	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advised HQJTF639 watch keeper that ACV TRITON arrived in location of vessel in distress.</li> <li>ACV TRITON advised vessel has capsized with people in water.</li> </ul>	22	§47F
2234	<p>EMAIL: RCC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC Urgency cancellation <b>2013/4724</b>.</li> </ul>	25	§47F
2235	<p><b>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION</b> AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 04</b> as at 10.35 pm AEST Friday 12 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 10.00 pm AEST ACV TRITON arrived on the scene and inserted a boarding party to determine whether assistance was required.</li> <li>At 10.27 pm AEST ACV TRITON advised that the vessel subject to <b>SAR 2013/4724</b> had capsized and that people were in the water.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is also on the scene.</li> <li>ACV TRITON reports poor visibility and a sea state of 4.</li> <li>RCC maintain coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	27	§47F
2243	<p>Phone call ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON has 2 x tender and life raft in water.</li> </ul>	26	§47F



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER unable to launch its tender.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON attempting to launch its smaller tender.</li> <li>• All able bodied rescued souls will be transferred from tenders to life raft.</li> <li>• Enforcement Commander believes boarding party is accounted for and will advise if this is not the case.</li> </ul>		
2245	<p>EMAIL: RCC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distress relay <b>2013/4724</b> activated.</li> </ul>	28	<b>S47F</b>
2255	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 05</b> as at 10.55 pm AEST Friday 12 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 10.43 pm AEST ACV TRITON reported they have 2 tenders and a life raft in the water and are undertaking recovery operations at this time.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is on the scene but cannot launch its tender.</li> <li>• RCC have requested Defence assistance.</li> <li>• RCC maintain coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	29	<b>S47F</b>
2255	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SITREP from ACV TRITON: 1 x priority casualty (infant) presenting with no vital signs.</li> <li>• 1 x tender unseaworthy (U/S) with 50 persons on board towing a life raft with multiple people on board.</li> <li>• 1 x other ACV TRITON vessel in water.</li> <li>• Position <b>09 04.338S 105 46.953E</b>.</li> </ul>	31	<b>S47F</b>
2305	<p>Phone call HQJTF639 to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS WARRAMUNGA ETA to vessel in distress is approximately 3 hours.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST ETA approximately 2 hours.</li> </ul>	30	<b>S47F</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defence tasked to assist.</li> </ul>		
2308	<p>Phone call ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON advise 1 x tender u/s (debris in jets).</li> <li>1 X life raft full, 25 Persons on board (POB).</li> <li>1 X tender returned with 19 POB.</li> <li>1 X 6 month old infant critical (presenting no vital signs).</li> <li>Second tender dead in water (DIW).</li> <li>Priority is survivors in water.</li> <li>All boarding party recovered.</li> </ul>	33	\$47F
2308	<p>EMAIL RCC to INDONESIAN BASARNAS. CC AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>AUSSAR 2013/4724</b> Vessel capsized, assistance required estimated 97 POB.</li> <li>RCC request assistance from BASARNAS for both maritime and aviation assets to assist with the recovery of people from the water.</li> <li>Position <b>09 05S 105 48.8E</b> 110nm south of the Indonesian mainland and 80nm north of Christmas Island.</li> <li>Request BASARNAS acknowledge request.</li> </ul>	35	\$47F
2309	<p>Phone call: RCC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC advise HMAS WARRAMUNGA and HMAS BATHURST responding.</li> <li>ETA's to be provided when actual ETA is known.</li> </ul>	32	\$47F
2310	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enforcement Commander advise that 6 month old infant is deceased.</li> <li>Boarding party were advised there was approximately 97 POB.</li> </ul>	34	\$47F

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently believes there are 57 survivors on the u/s tender and 25 survivors in the life raft.</li> </ul>		
2326	<p><b>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION</b> AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 06</b> as at 11.25pm AEST Friday 12 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 11.10pm AEST ACV TRITON reported they have recovered 51 survivors on a tender which is unserviceable, there are 25 further survivors on a life raft.</li> <li>ACV TRITON advises that they have one operational tender and have launched their fast rescue craft as well.</li> <li>ACV TRITON has assessed that there were approximately 97 POB prior to vessel capsizing.</li> <li>ACV TRITON has confirmed all boarding party members accounted for.</li> <li>ACV TRITON has reported one deceased person has been recovered at this time.</li> <li>HMAS WARRAMUNGA and HMAS BATHURST have been tasked to respond with ETA's of 2 and 3 hours respectively.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on the scene.</li> <li>RCC maintain coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	36-38	<span style="background-color: black; color: red;">§47F</span>
2326	<p>EMAIL: C&amp;BP Post Indonesia to RCC and AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C&amp;BP Post Indonesia advise they have flagged assistance required with BASARNAS and Bakorkalma who are working up closest response vessel <span style="background-color: black; color: red;">§33(1)(a)(iii)</span></li> </ul>	39	<span style="background-color: black; color: red;">§47F</span>
2329	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial count of 87 survivors.</li> <li>Search pattern along debri drift.</li> <li>Intention: Start to embark survivors, transfer will be by tender.</li> </ul>	40	<span style="background-color: black; color: red;">§47F</span>
2338	<p>SIGNAL CJOPS to HQJTF639 and Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADF SAR assistance in support of SAR operation.</li> <li>RCC formally requested an ADF drop capable air asset in order to support vessel in distress.</li> </ul>	41	<span style="background-color: black; color: red;">§47F</span>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HQTF639 is tasked as SAR commander and is tasked from 11.00 pm AEST until task complete.</li> </ul>		
2338	<p>SIGNAL CJOPS to HQJTF 639 and Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADF SAR assistance in support of SAR operation.</li> <li>RCC formally requested an ADF drop capable air asset in order to support vessel in distress.</li> <li>HQTF639 is tasked as SAR commander and is tasked from 11.00 pm AEST until task complete.</li> </ul>	47	s47F
2341	<p>Phone call: HQJTF639 to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ETA HMAS BATHURST to vessel in distress 1.00am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013. .</li> <li>ACV TRITON advised by AMSOC.</li> </ul>	42	s47F
2350	<p>Phone call: HQJTF639 to AMSOC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS ALBANY is now responding vice HMAS WARRAMUNGA fuel limited, ETA TBA.</li> </ul>	43	s47F
<b>SATURDAY, 13 JULY 2013</b>			
0002	<p>Phone call: BPC [redacted] to AMSOC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>00.02 am AEST 79 Adults, 7 children and 3 crew. Count by ACV TRITON 87 survivors and 1 x deceased.</li> <li>00.07 am AEST request AMSOC request s47E(d) [redacted] person to attend AMSOC.</li> <li>00.10 am AEST RCC called to say nobody available to attend brief for <b>SAR 4724 and 4732.</b></li> </ul>	45	s47F
0011	<p>Phone call RCC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC requested to send s47E(d) [redacted] person to AMSOC for a s47E(d) [redacted] briefing in relation to <b>SAR's 4724 and 4732.</b></li> <li>RCC advise no one with the s47E(d) [redacted] available till morning (business hours 13 July 2013).</li> </ul>	44	s47F

0015	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 07</b> as at 00.15 am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 July 2013 at 11.35 pm AEST ACV TRITON reported the current numbers of people are 87 survivors and 1 x deceased.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON conducting search for remaining people.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON advises they are transferring people from u/s tender and the life raft, to ACV TRITON with the remaining serviceable tender.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST has a revised ETA on scene at 13 July 1.45 am AEST.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on the scene.</li> <li>• RCC maintain coordination of this incident</li> </ul>	46	§47F
0049	<p>Phone call ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 x persons on life raft.</li> <li>• 10 x persons on broken tender.</li> <li>• 7 x Boarding party on tender.</li> <li>• Female person reports she is missing a 5 year old child.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON report no 5 year old rescued.</li> </ul>	48	§47F
0051	<p>EMAIL: RCC to Border Protection Operations to BPC-§47F.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 July 00.44am AEST RCC Australia advise that WoG support for incidents <b>2013/4724</b> and <b>2013/4732</b> is no longer required</li> </ul>	53	§47F
0055	<p>EMAIL: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weather report: Sea State 5, winds East by south, rough seas with moderate to heavy swells.</li> </ul>	49	§47F
0104	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON advised that MV GARDEN CITY RIVER they have sighted a female 4-5 years old in water wearing a life</li> </ul>	54	§47F






	<p>jacket however female was upside down in water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON will complete offloading tender and attempt to relocate female. MV GARDEN CITY RIVER will also assist in relocate of female.</li> </ul>		
0105	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 08</b> as at 1.05am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 00.49.am AEST ACV TRITON reported 87 survivors and one deceased person.</li> <li>ACV TRITON advises they are conducting search for remaining people.</li> <li>One survivor reports a missing 5 year old child.</li> <li>ACV TRITON advises they have embarked all but 19 survivors and the 7 boarding party members.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST has a revised ETA on scene 1.45.am AEST.</li> <li>HMAS ALBANY has advised an ETA of 4.15.am AEST.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on the scene.</li> <li>ACV TRITON reports weather conditions have deteriorated and are now operating at sea state 5.</li> <li>RCC maintains coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	50-52	
0120	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 09</b> as at 1.20.am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 1.04.am AEST ACV TRITON reported that MV GARDEN CITY RIVER had sighted a female child aged between 4-5 years in the water wearing a life jacket however the female child is likely deceased.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is attempting to re-locate the child in the water after losing sight of her.</li> <li>ACV TRITON continues to transfer survivors from the tender and life raft and will attempt to recover the child in water.</li> <li>ACV TRITON continues to search for survivors.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY continue on passage to the scene of the SAR.</li> <li>RCC maintains coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	55-58	






0147	<p>EMAIL CJOPS to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HQJTF639 is SAR Commander.</li> <li>HMA Ships BATHURST and ALBANY responding.</li> <li>RAAF Maritime Aircraft is tasked for sortie in general vicinity. Re-tasking of asset is being addressed. HQNORCOM to advise.</li> </ul>	65	§47F
0157	<p>SIGNAL: HQJTF639 to Border Protection Command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS WARRAMUNGA to assume Christmas Island RV duties until HMAS ALBANY returns to Christmas Island.</li> <li>HMAS ALBANY to assist ACV TRITON at position <b>09 04S 105 46E.</b></li> <li>HMAS BATHURST to assist ACV TRITON at position <b>09 04S 105 46E.</b></li> </ul>	59	§47F
0158	<p>EMAIL: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS BATHURST on scene 1.20 am AEST and was tasked to undertake a creeping line ahead 300 degrees, 5nm either side.</li> <li>Sea drift 0.5 – 1.5Kts wind heading 120 at 24Kts.</li> <li>Significant debris field.</li> <li>ACV TRITON tender tasked to retrieve deceased child as sighted by MV GARDEN CITY RIVER. Other tender is dead in water.</li> <li>9 persons remain in life raft with 7 x Customs officers (boarding party) to be transferred to ACV TRITON.</li> <li>80 persons currently on ACV TRITON including one deceased.</li> <li>97 persons were reported as being on the vessel in distress.</li> </ul>	60	§47F
0215	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 10</b> as at 2.15 am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 1.55 am AEST ACV TRITON reported they had embarked 80 people including one deceased. Nine survivors and the seven boarding party members remain in the u/s tender.</li> </ul>	61-64	§47F

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER and ACV TRITON serviceable tender continue attempts to re-locate the 4-5 year old child who is likely deceased.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST operating in support of SAR. Arrived at scene 1.20 am AEST and is conducting search for survivors along with ACV TRITON.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON reports sea state 5.</li> <li>• HMAS ALBANY continues on passage to SAR.</li> <li>• RCC maintain coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>		
0216	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All people are recovered to ACV TRITON. 89 persons including one deceased.</li> <li>• Asylum seekers are reporting 97 people were on board.</li> <li>• Survivors are distressed and distraught. ACV TRITON crew doing best to reassure people.</li> <li>• No significant injuries reported.</li> <li>• Initial point of cap size <b>09 04.338S 105 46.953E</b></li> </ul>	66	
0235	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 11</b> as at 2.35 am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 2.20 am AEST ACV TRITON reported they had embarked all 88 survivors plus one deceased person.</li> <li>• ACV TRITONS boarding party all recovered.</li> <li>• No reported injuries amongst survivors or boarding party.</li> <li>• All survivors are reported to be in a distressed state.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER and ACV TRITON tender continue search to re-locate a 4-5 year old child who is likely deceased.</li> <li>• HMAS ALBANY continues passage to SAR.</li> <li>• RCC maintain coordination of this incident.</li> </ul>	67-70	






0305	<p>EMAIL ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON unable to recover fast rescue tender and has set it adrift at position <b>09 02.54S 105 43.73E.</b></li> <li>ACV TRITON has destroyed life raft in position <b>09 03S 105 43.5E.</b></li> <li>Both positions passed to RCC.</li> <li>ACV TRITON also unable to recover u/s tender.</li> <li>Nationalities are believed to be majority Afgan, 2 X Sri Lankan, 11 Iranian and 3 Indonesian crew.</li> </ul>	71	S47F
0305	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 12</b> as at 3.05 am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At approximately 3.00 am AEST ACV TRITON reported initial nationalities of the survivors as Afghans, Sri Lankans and Iranians as well as three (3) Indonesian crew.</li> <li>The MV GARDEN CITY RIVER and ACV TRITON's serviceable tender continue attempts to re-locate the 4-5 year old child who is likely deceased.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST and ACV TRITON continue to search for survivors.</li> <li>HMAS ALBANY continues passage to the scene of the SAR.</li> <li>RCC maintains coordination of the incident.</li> </ul>	75-79	S47F
0309	<p>Email: RCC to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distress cancellation – RCC broadcast cancel “MY MAYDAY RELAY”.</li> </ul>	74	S47F
0320	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON requested ETA of HMAS ALBANY, AMSOC advised HMAS ALBNAY due at 4.15 am AEST.</li> <li>ACV TRITON acknowledged.</li> </ul>	72	S47F

0324	<p>SIGNAL: HQJTF639 to Border Protection Command – Incident Report 328/13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	80	
0328	<p>Email: RCC to AMSOC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urgency Broadcast release from RCC requesting vessels transiting the area keep a sharp lookout for 8 people missing in the water.</li> </ul>	73	
0358	<p>Email: ACV TRITON to BPC Ops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medic on board ACV TRITON has assessed three patients:</li> <li>1 x infant boy who presented without signs of life was unable to be resuscitated.</li> <li>1 x male who presented with soft tissue injuries to his lower leg but is able to walk.</li> <li>2 x female who required calming after presenting with respiratory distress.</li> <li>A significant number of people suffering psychological distress due to missing loved ones. One woman has stated two of her four children are missing (5 &amp; 8 years olds).</li> </ul>	86	
0359	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to AMSOC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON ETA Christmas Island 9.38 am AEST.</li> <li>Barge ready to receive 11.30 am AEST.</li> </ul>	89	
0405	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON requested earlier transfer of survivors at Christmas Island for 9.30 am AEST. CNOC advised this would be possible using tenders and ladders at Flying Fish Cove. ACV TRITON acknowledged.</li> <li>ACV TRITON advises a mother is missing a 5yr old female, probably Afghan. Unclear if this is same mother who earlier reported a 5yo and 8yo missing.</li> <li>Unknown if parents of deceased infant have been identified.</li> </ul>	88	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON has requested translator support be available at Christmas Island on their arrival.</li> <li>• CNOC advised.</li> </ul>		
0409	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 13</b> as at 3.05 am AEST Saturday 13 July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At approximately 3.45 am AEST RCC released ACV TRITON from SAR tasking.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON has now commenced passage to Christmas Island with an ETA of 9.30 am AEST for a subsequent transfer ashore of the survivors and the one deceased person.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON has handed over On Scene Commander to HMAS BATHURST</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on scene.</li> <li>• HMAS ALBANY continues passage to the scene of the SAR, ETA approx. 4.15 am AEST.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON reports that the survivors continue to exhibit signs of significant distress, and that a female is stating that two (2) of her four children that were aboard, she is missing a five and an eight year old.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON also reported that there were no significant physical injuries to the survivors or the boarding party.</li> <li>• RCC maintains coordination of the incident.</li> </ul>	81-85	
0411	<p>Signal – HQJTF639 to BPC Ops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	100	
0419	<p>Phone call: Duty Manager to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS WARRAMUNGA tasked to remain as Christmas Island RV until both ACV TRITON and HMAS ALBANY return to Christmas Island.</li> </ul>	87	
0426	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMSOC request HMAS WARRAMUNGA be available to assist ACV TRITON with transfer of survivors to Christmas Island at 9.30 am AEST.</li> </ul>	91	







	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HQJT639 acknowledge.</li> </ul>		
0434	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AMSOC advised that HMAS WARRAMUNGA will be able to assist with transfer of survivors to Christmas Island in the morning, and that HMAS WARRAMUNGA would remain Christmas Island RV until arrival of HMAS ALBANY at Christmas Island.</li> <li>ACV TRITON acknowledge.</li> </ul>	90	5475
0431	<p>Signal HMAS BATHURST to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS BATHURST assumed On Scene Commander duties from ACV TRITON.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains in support. MV GARDEN CITY RIVER unable to launch sea boats due to sea state.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST intends to commence creeping line search, HMAS ALBANY commencing creeping line search 3nm ahead of BATHURST. MV GARDEN CITY RIVER conducting straight line visual search along Mean Line of Advance of 300 degrees.</li> <li>ACV TRITON believe 8 persons remain unaccounted for.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST sea boats remain in water and investigating all sightings. Numerous life jackets recovered, nil survivors or bodies thus far.</li> </ul>	93	5475
0440	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS BATHURST 60nm NNW from SAR location at task time (approx. 80nm south of Sunda Strait).</li> </ul> <p><u>Refuel times;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS BATHURST commenced 3.31 pm AEST – ceased 4.30 pm AEST.</li> <li>HMAS WARRAMUNGA commenced 7.00pm AEST – ceased 10.00 pm AEST.</li> <li>HMAS ALBANY commenced 12.15 pm AEST – ceased 2.40 pm AEST.</li> </ul>	92	5475






0505	<p>Email: HQJTF639 to BPC Operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS ALBANY &amp; HMAS BATHURST on scene and continuing search (HMAS BATHURST is On Scene Commander).</li> <li>• ACV TRITON released from SAR and en routé to Christmas Island with 88 survivors and 1 x deceased infant.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on scene.</li> <li>• Possible 8 people remain missing.</li> </ul>	94	S47F
0523	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 14</b> as at 5.20 am AEST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As at 5.15 am ACV TRITON continues passage to CI with 88 survivors and 1 x deceased. ETA 9.30 am AEST.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST, HMAS ALBANY and MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remain on scene.</li> <li>• RCC maintains coordination of the incident.</li> </ul>	95-99	S47F
0555	<p>Phone call: AMSOC Supervisor to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMSOC advised ACV TRITON that Employee Assistance Program (EAP) service is being organised by NM BPC Operations. Service available to ACV TRITON crew if required at CI today. ACV TRITON acknowledged.</li> </ul>	104	S47F
0605	<p>Email: RCC to AMSOC – RCC SITREP ONE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AUSSAR Summary 2013/4724</li> </ul>	103	S47F
0622	<p>Phone call: AMSOC - ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions asked re boarding details and actual sinking.</li> <li>• How many people in boarding party and how many on board when the vessel capsized?</li> <li>• There were 8 people in 1<sup>st</sup> tender and 2 people in 2nd tender.</li> <li>• Three (3) of the boarding party where on board when the vessel capsized.</li> <li>• At 11.12 pm AEST the vessel was boarded.</li> </ul>	105	S47F




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 11.12 pm AEST capsizing commenced and people were in the water.</li> <li>Vessel flooded from the stern and people were not able to cling to the vessel. An initial wave swamped the stern of the vessel followed by another wave. The vessel rolled slightly, corrected and then went straight down at the stern.</li> </ul>		
0632	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 15</b> as at 6.30 am AEST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 6.05 am AEST RCC advised that further assets will be deployed to assist in the search for survivors. Two corporate jets and a RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft have been tasked to commence a search at first light.</li> </ul>	102	
0654	<p>Signal – JTF639 to BPC Ops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other SAR aircraft may be operating in the search area. RCC will advise of any conflicting traffic before flight and provide details.</li> <li>Aircraft are to contact RCC before flight to confirm latest search instructions.</li> <li>Pass SITREPS to HQJTF639 Watch-keeper as required.</li> </ul>	106-107	
0719	<p>Email: AMSOC - ACV TRITON, HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tasking Brief Overview from RCC. Incident Summary and Search Plan overview.</li> </ul>	108-110	
0740	AMIFC graphic of SAR 2013/4724	111	
0747	<p>Signal: HMAS BATHURST to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY are continuing creeping line ahead searches. MV GARDEN CITY RIVER is continuing visual search.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST recovered various items – life-jacks (adult and infant) strobe lights, various rubbish, clothing, footwear and tyre inner tubes.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST relocated life-raft previously destroyed by ACV TROTON following recovery of survivors.</li> </ul>	112	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base on calculated drift rate HMAS BATHURST has established a new search datum for coordination of surface assets.</li> <li>• Note – signal incorrectly mentions HMAS LARRAKIA as being involved in search.</li> </ul>		
0816	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to COMCARE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two calls made to COMCARE reporting this incident.</li> </ul>	114-115	547F
0904	<p>Phone call: AMSOC Supervisor to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CNOC are experiencing communication issues.</li> <li>• Enforcement Commander confirmed <b>11.30 am AEST</b> barge offload of survivors.</li> <li>• Request for interpreters and councillors to be present on tender as survivors will be distressed.</li> </ul>	113	547F
0920	<p>Phone call: Duty Manager to RCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC advised BPC of surveillance times for air assets responding to incident.</li> <li>• VH – VSZ 10.30 am AEST.</li> <li>• VH – PPD 10.40 am AEST.</li> <li>• RAAF Maritime Aircraft 1.00 pm AEST.</li> </ul>	119	547F
0925	<p>Phone call: AMSOC to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions held regarding AFP Investigation.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON crew are top liaise with legal before they provide statements.</li> <li>• Enforcement Officers will meet AFP officers when ACV TRITON berths as a courtesy.</li> </ul>	117	547F
0936	<p>Phone call: AMSOC Supervisor to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON advised barges ready to go, 30 mins until transfer to commence.</li> </ul>	116	547F

1019	Email: AMSOC Supervisor to Maritime Division. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advice to Maritime Division re notification of COMCARE incident.</li> </ul>	118	
1028	BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 16</b> as at 10.25 am AEST Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY have located a number of items including life jackets and various debris during search activity.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER continues assisting search.</li> <li>• ACV TRITON has commenced the transfer of the 88 survivors to Australian Government Authorities.</li> </ul>	120	
1032	Signal: HQJTF639 to BPC – Incident Report 326B/13. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information Provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	129	
1051	Phone call: Duty Manager to RCC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions held regarding life expectancy.</li> <li>• RCC are awaiting expert advice on life expectancy.</li> <li>• Request as to what time the MV GARDEN CITY RIVER responded. RCC to advise.</li> <li>• Request advice did the vessel in distress stop? At 11.38 pm AEST the vessel advised RCC they could see a large vessel. RCC believe this was the MV GARDEN CITY RIVER.</li> <li>• BPC Ops contacted RCC again at 11.57 pm AEST and RCC advised that the MV GARDEN CITY RIVER diverted course to assist at 6.07 pm AEST.</li> </ul>	121	
1053	Phone call: COMCARE to AMSOC Supervisor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirming details of SAR incident.</li> </ul>	124	
1108	Signal: HMAS BATHURST To BPC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS BATHURST recovered rescue boat and further lifejackets.</li> </ul>	125	





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER reports sighting the hulk of capsized vessel.</li> <li>• HMAS ALBANY closing on hulk to investigate.</li> <li>• Based on drift assessments request RCC to analyse and provide updated search area for surface response assets.</li> </ul>		
1123	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to BPC Operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eighty Seven (87) survivors transferred to Christmas Island Australian Government Authorities at 11.08 am AEST.</li> <li>• Deceased not yet transferred.</li> <li>• (Reference Folio 130 for corrected count).</li> </ul>	126	
1208	<p>Email: CNOC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offload of survivors completed without incident ex SAR 2013/4724.</li> <li>• Offload consisted of 85 PII, 3 crew, and one (1) deceased (total of 89).</li> <li>• Offload completed via pusher barge from ACV TRITON (timings provided).</li> </ul>	127	
1218	<p>Email: DOPS to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCBPC (Ops) has cleared designation of SAR 4724 to <b>SIEV 784</b>.</li> </ul>	128	
1312	<p>Phone call: BPC Operations to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirmed number of survivors transferred to Christmas Island Australian Government Authorities as eighty eight (88), plus one (1) deceased (total of 89).</li> <li>• (Reference to folio number 126).</li> </ul>	130	
1342	<p>Signal: HQJTF639 to BPC.</p>	135	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>		
1358	<p><b>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION</b> AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 17</b> as at 1.55 pm AEST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 11.08 am AEST ACV TRITON completed transfer of 88 survivors to Christmas Island Australian Government Authorities.</li> <li>At 11.37 am AEST deceased transferred to Christmas Island Australian Government Authorities.</li> <li>HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY continue to search for survivors.</li> <li>MV GARDEN CITY RIVER remains on scene assisting search efforts.</li> <li>One (1) RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft and one (1) corporate jet remain on scene assisting in search efforts.</li> <li>One (1) corporate jet has retired from search with NSTR.</li> </ul>	131	
1402	<p>Signal: DEFCOMMSTA Canberra to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft update.</li> <li>Established in search area at 1.33 pm AEST.</li> <li>Aircraft will reach prudent limit of endurance (PLE) at 5.02 pm AEST.</li> </ul>	133	
1408	<p>Email: RCC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCC request re: Questioning of survivors.</li> <li>How many people are reported to be missing?</li> <li>All available information regarding age, gender, nationality, clothing, flotation devices?</li> <li>How much food and water was available on the vessel prior to the incident?</li> <li>Where there any people suffering dehydration, malnutrition, sea sickness?</li> <li>Are any of the missing people known to be injured?</li> </ul>	132	





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other relevant information to be considered in search operations?</li> </ul>		
1418	<p>Phone call: ACV TRITON to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACV TRITON offered to take up Christmas Island RV duties (accepted).</li> </ul>	134	s47F
1437	<p>Email: BPC to ACV TRITON.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions for survivors (from RCC).</li> <li>How many people are reported to be missing?</li> <li>All information regarding gender, age, clothing, flotation devices?</li> <li>Where persons were last seen i.e. in the water, below deck, on deck etc?</li> <li>Was there food and water available on the vessel prior to sinking?</li> <li>Are any of the mission persons known to have injuries etc?</li> <li>Any other information that may be relevant to search operations?</li> </ul>	136	s47F
-	Spread sheet of PII details.	137	
1657	<p>Email: CNOC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update form Customs Christmas Island on ETA for questions from RCC</li> </ul>	138	s47F
1803	<p>Signal: DEFCOMMSTA Canberra to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft update.</li> <li>12 legs- 50 per cent of search area completed.</li> <li>3 significant objects found. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>submerged hull;</li> <li>submerged lift raft; and</li> <li>a cluster of life jackets.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	139	s47F





1816	<p>Signal: DEFCOMMSTA Canberra to HQJTF639.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft update.</li> <li>• Established in search area 1.33pm AEST and PLE 5.02pm AEST.</li> <li>• Weather – Winds 90 degrees at 20 knots, Visibility 5 nm, Swell 1.5 metres, Sea State 3.</li> </ul>	149	S47F
1828	<p>Email: RCC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAR Update.</li> <li>• Search Aircraft VH-PPE VS2 off station.</li> <li>• RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft off station.</li> <li>• Search Aircraft VH-PFV out going, search to last light.</li> <li>• At last light RCC will recommend that the search be ceased and all assets released.</li> </ul>	141	S47F
1836	<p>Signal: HMAS Bathurst to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft update off station, 12 legs - 50 per cent of search area completed.</li> <li>• Summary of inspection of objects identified by RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft.</li> <li>• HMAS ALBANY NSTR.</li> <li>• MV GARDEN CITY RIVER located a number of life jackets that will be retrieved by HMAS BATHURST.</li> <li>• Intent is to continue search while daylight remains.</li> </ul>	140	S47F
1851	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 18</b> as at 6.50 pm AEST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.</p>	141-148	S47F

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS BATHUST and HMAS ALBANY remain under the coordination of RCC and are continuing search.</li> <li>• MV GOLDEN CITY RIVER remains on scene.</li> <li>• Two (2) corporate jets and RAAF Maritime Patrol Aircraft have completed searches.</li> <li>• Another corporate jet will conduct search activities from 7.30 pm AEST.</li> </ul>		
1903	<p>Email: CNOOC to BPC- forward of an email from CUSTOMS Christmas Island.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of information received through interviews with PIIs.</li> <li>• Most passengers interviewed said that there were 97-98 passengers on board.</li> <li>• No passengers were able to identify any missing adults.</li> <li>• The last two men to exit from below deck confirmed that the last man to leave was on Christmas Island with him.</li> <li>• Three (3) missing children identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 ½ month old Afghani MALE recovered/deceased from ocean.</li> <li>○ 4 yr old Sri Lankan FEMALE –missing.</li> <li>○ 5yr old Afghani FEMALE- missing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Based on information received from PIIs interviewer surmises that there is one missing adult.</li> <li>• The boat may have departed SUKABUMI on <b>10<sup>th</sup> July at 0100hrs</b> (time zone unknown).</li> <li>• <b>s372(b)</b> [REDACTED]</li> </ul>	150	<b>s47F</b>
<b>FOLDER 2</b>			
1923	Email: ACV TRITON to BPC.	01	<b>s47F</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of PII debriefing requested by RCC.</li> <li>• 97 POB. Based on that it would indicate that there are eight (8) persons missing.</li> <li>• All other questions asked by RCC could not be answered.</li> <li>• Many PII embarked on the ACV TRITON were sea sick and dehydrated. Some had 'uncertified' life jackets and others were carrying inflatable rubber tubes.</li> </ul>		
2150	<p>Email: RCC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY released from SAR tasking.</li> <li>• Further tasking for HAMS BATHURST pending.</li> </ul>	02	
2150	<p>Signal- BPC to HQNORCOM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 9.45 am AEST RCC advised HMAS ALBANY and HMAS BATHURST be released from SAR tasking.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST re-tasked to assist ACV TRITON (SAR 4753).</li> </ul>	05	
2200	<p>Phone call: RCC to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC advise that SAR tasking for SAR 4724 has been suspended.</li> <li>• HMAS BATHURST has been released.</li> </ul>	06	
2201	<p>Signal: HMAS BATHURST to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At 8.40 pm AEST HMAS Bathurst contacted RCC to inform them that there was 30 minutes of light left and they anticipated that they would complete 100 percent of search area before then.</li> <li>• Nil survivors or deceased recovered.</li> </ul>	07	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACV TRITON's life-raft recovered at position <b>08 59.86S 105 33.07E</b>.</li> <li>• HAMS BATHURST directed to proceed to SAR 2753</li> </ul>		
2203	<p>Email: RCC to BPC-SITREP 2 and FINAL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between 10.27 pm AEST 12<sup>th</sup> July AEST and 9.00 pm AEST, RCC conducted three aviation searches over a total area of 445.1 square nautical miles.</li> <li>• Search by surface assets covered an area of 101.3 nautical miles.</li> <li>• On scene weather conditions varied between sea state 2 to 4, winds north easterly to south easterly 4-15 knots, swell 1-4 metres.</li> <li>• High confidence in the integrity of the search.</li> <li>• 2 confirmed missing from the vessel with a remote possibility of a third missing person.</li> <li>• At 9.20 pm AEST, further search action suspended based on high integrity of the search and medical advice that the time-frame-for-survival of the missing people had passed.</li> </ul>	08	
2212	<p>Signal: HMAS ALBANY to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS ALBANY, HMAS BATHURST and MV GARDEN CITY RIVER released from SAR tasking as of 10.04 pm AEST.</li> </ul>	09	
2213	<p>BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 19</b> as at 10.12 pm AEST Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMAS BATHURST and HMAS ALBANY released by RCC.</li> <li>• RCC have suspended search activity.</li> </ul>	03	
2259	<p>EMAIL - HQNORCOM to BPC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC have issued cancellation of search.</li> <li>• HQJOC issued ADF Assistance SAR CEASO signal.</li> </ul>	04	

2339	Signal: HQJTF639 to BPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Provided – refer Folio Reference.</li> </ul>	10	
0855	EMAIL-RCC to BPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urgency Cancellation message. Search Operations Suspended.</li> </ul>	11	
1130	BPC SIEVREP NOTIFICATION AMSA SAR 2013/4724: Approximately 108nm north of Christmas Island: <b>SITREP 20 (FINAL)</b> as at 11.30 am AEST Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 12.03 am AEST RCC suspended further search action.</li> <li>Based on integrity of search and medical advice, time frame for survival of missing people had passed.</li> <li>Indications of unaccounted people comprise of two juveniles and possibly one adult.</li> <li>Final SITREP for SAR 2013/4724.</li> </ul>	12	
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