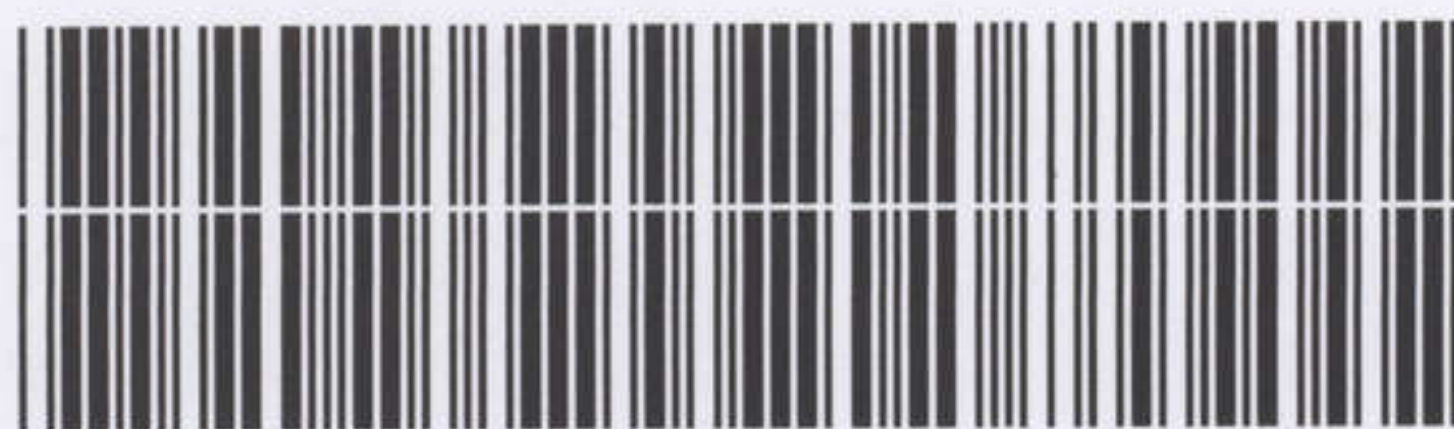


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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCESHMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of January 1982.

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was berthed at No 1 Wharf, Cairns. At 0902(K) Tuesday 5 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for a patrol of R S T and A areas and was anchored 2 cables off Lizard Island at 1854(K).

3. Anchor was weighed the following morning at 0755 and the ship proceeded for Thursday Island. Many floating logs were sighted in the waters around Cape York and two of these were reported to COSURCEN as dangers to navigation. They were both in excess of 6M long, 0.5M in diameter and floating vertically. After a very smooth passage up through the reef BARBETTE berthed starboard side to the Fuel Wharf, Thursday Island at 1300(K). At 1517, on completion of fuelling the ship cast off and proceeded for Weipa.

4. After an overnight steam, BARBETTE berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa at 0900(K) on Thursday 7. During the stay in Weipa the ship's volley ball team challenged one of the local teams and emerged victorious in front of a sizeable crowd of spectators.

5. BARBETTE departed Weipa at 0900(K) on Friday 8 and proceeded for the Bountiful Islands Group at the southeastern end of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The ship was anchored 7 cables from North Bountiful Island at 0738(K) on Saturday 9. Anchor was weighed at 1248(K) and the ship proceeded for Mornington Island and was anchored 6 cables from the island

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at 1729(K). A party proceeded ashore in the ship's boat and spoke with Mr Ray Verner, the owner of Birri fishing camp, on Mornington Island. He extended an invitation to the ship's company for a 'banyan' on his property. The invitation was accepted and those who could be spared enjoyed the hospitality ashore. Whilst anchored at Mornington Island an uncharted reef was discovered by personnel using the ship's boat. BARBETTE Hydrographic note 1/82 refers.

6. BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for Gove at 0858(K) on Sunday 10. The weather remained favourable and the Gulf Waters were calm for the passage. The ship berthed at the General Cargo Wharf at 0905(IK) outboard HMAS ADROIT outboard HMAS ASSAIL. BARBETTE moved to alongside the wharf at 1300(IK) when ADROIT and ASSAIL departed.

7. After an overnight stay in Gove, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Darwin at 0730(IK) on Tuesday 12. I changed to the operational control of NOCNA at 0700(IK) on Tuesday 12. At 1030(IK) a message from NOCNA directed BARBETTE to proceed with despatch to Raragala Island (south of the Wessel Island Chain) to medivac an injured NORFORCE soldier back to Gove. Communications were established with NORFORCE and a pick-up position established on the western side of the island. BARBETTE transitted Gugari Rip at 1055(IK) and was anchored 5 cables from the pick-up position at 1134(IK). The ship's boat was despatched inshore to transport the injured soldier back to the ship. The patient was embarked at 1205(IK) and BARBETTE departed the area for Gove. The soldier was suffering from a back injury after a fall, the extent of his injury was unknown, however, his condition seemed to improve after a hot shower and Navy cooking. BARBETTE berthed at the General Cargo Wharf at 1555(IK) and landed the patient at 1625(IK). After fuelling the ship cast off and proceeded for Darwin.

8. I carried out internal and external rounds of the ship during the forenoon of Wednesday 13. During the afternoon several licenced Taiwanese fishing vessels were sighted north of Cape Hodham heading in an easterly direction HMAS BARBETTE EOJ 130845Z JAN 82 and 130846 JAN 82 refer.

9. The weather deteriorated during the dogs and the wind increased to force 6 due to the influence of a tropical low astern of the ship. The low overtook the ship at 1930(IK) and the wind and sea state subsequently dropped.

10. BARBETTE entered Darwin Harbour at 0920(IK) on Thursday 14 and berthed at the Patrol Boat Landing, Stokes Hill Wharf at 1020(IK). The ship remained in Darwin until Tuesday 19 and during this period personnel were given maximum leave to take in the sights of Darwin and the surrounding area. Sport was played against Naval Headquarters staff.

11. At 0830 (IK) on Tuesday 19 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Cairns. I changed to the operational control of NOIC CAIRNS at 1600(K) on Wednesday 20. Fuel was taken on in Thursday Island on Thursday 21 and the passage continued via Endeavour Strait.

12. BARBETTE berthed at No 1 Wharf Cairns at 1640(K) on Saturday 23. During the week commencing Monday 25 I attended Cairns Magistrate's

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Court as a witness in the case against the Taiwanese fishing vessel YUAN TSUAN which was apprehended by BARBETTE on 13 November 1981. The case finished on Friday 29 and the master was found guilty of being in charge of an unlicensed vessel equipped for fishing in the Australian Fishing Zone. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$2,500.00 which hardly seems appropriate when the cost of fuel alone used by the Navy and Airforce in the operation is taken into consideration.

Health and Morale

13. The health and morale of the ship's company are good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.P. SCOVELL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
- B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
4 February 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the month	3153
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	302015
3.	Hours underway during the month	255
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	21840
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
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EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex for Month</u>	<u>Total Hrs</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship & General Evolutions</u>			
Breakdown Drills	2	2	20, 21
Manord	1	1	20
Prove Watchbill	1	1	6
<u>Gunnery</u>			
Small arms shoot	1	1	6
<u>Navigation & A.I.O.</u>			
XO con ship	2	2	11, 12
<u>NBCD</u>			
Daily exercises	31	12	Daily

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

2 March 1982

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AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of February 1982. Times throughout are zone kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month BARBETTE was secured outboard HMAS ADVANCE at No 1 Wharf Cairns.

3. BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for a patrol of area A at 0900 on Tuesday 2 and was anchored in the lee of Lizard Island at 1900. The following morning a number of the ship's company took the opportunity to climb to the peak of the island, Cook's Look. It was from here that Captain James Cook sighted a passage to clear the reef.

4. At 1305 on Wednesday 3 anchor was weighed and BARBETTE proceeded for R793 to conduct a surface firing. On completion of the firing the ship proceeded for Cooktown and berthed at the Railway Wharf at 1745.

5. During the afternoon of Thursday 4 170 children from the Cooktown primary school were given a tour of the ship. At 1800 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Cowlshaw Reef and was anchored there at 1840.

6. At 0100 on Friday 5 anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded for Cairns. BARBETTE secured outboard HMAS WARRNAMBOOL at No 1 Wharf at 0755 and commenced a two week assisted maintenance period on Monday 8.

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7. The annual range course was conducted at the Commonwealth Rifle Range at Atherton on Wednesday 10 and all members of the ship's company were given refresher training on small arms.

8. On completion of a most productive AMP BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for the Cairns exercise area at 1000 on Monday 22 and rendezvoused with HMAS ADVANCE off Fitzroy Island at 1440. During the next two days, in company exercises were conducted and included OOW manoeuvres, boarding exercises, heaving line transfers, towing exercises and a formation anchorage. The in company time was most welcome as a work-up for the forthcoming Squadron exercise.

9. BARBETTE detached at 1830 on Tuesday 23 and proceeded for Cooktown. The ship was secured alongside the Railway Wharf at 1022 on Wednesday 24 and remained there overnight.

10. BARBETTE departed Cooktown at 1000 the following morning and proceeded for the Spitfire Reef area north of Low Isles. The ship was anchored there at 1623 and remained until 0330 on Friday 26 when the anchor was weighed and a course planned for Cairns. BARBETTE secured alongside HMAS TOWNSVILLE at No 1 Wharf at 0843 after first fuelling at No 10 Wharf. The ship remained in Cairns for the remainder of the month.

Engineering and Electrical

11. Engineering and electrical performance was again pleasing. A 250 hourly maintenance routine was carried out on the starboard main engine and the I.N.O. inspection was completed.

12. URDEFs raised during the period were 34/83 (PRC F1 HF transceiver) and 35/83 (RACAL HF receiver). These are still outstanding.

Health and Morale


13. The health and morale of the ship's company remain very high. A video cassette recorder and second television set have been installed to provide additional entertainment for the ship's company at sea.

14. Three new sailors drafted in during the month and have adjusted to the ships routine with a minimum of fuss.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(R.P. SCOVELL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
2 March 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the month	914
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	302929
3.	Hours underway during the month	62
4.	Hours steamed since commissioning	21902
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
2 March 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No. of Ex for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General Evolutions</u>			
OOW Manoeuvres	3	4	22, 23
Manord	1	1	23
Prove watchbill	1	.5	22
Boardex	2	2	22, 23
Rasaps	1	1	23
Towex	2	2	23
Steam in company	2	3	22, 23
<u>Gunnery</u>			
SUFX	1	1	3
<u>Navigation and A.I.O.</u>			
Blind Pilotage	1	.5	26
<u>NBCD</u>			
Daily Exercises	28	12	Daily

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH, 1982.

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(P.A. KNIFE)
Commander, RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure: HMAS BARBETTE Report of Proceedings for March 1982,
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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

1 April 1982

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commander
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of March 1982. Times throughout are zone kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month BARBETTE was secured outboard HMAS TOWNSVILLE at No 1 wharf Cairns while preparations were underway for the forthcoming Task Element Exercise, 1/82.

3. BARBETTE sailed at 1040 on Tuesday 2 in company with HMA Ships TOWNSVILLE and WARRNAMBOOL to conduct in company manoeuvres in the Cairns exercise area. The purpose of the exercise was to give a brief demonstration of patrol boat manoeuvres to the Chief of Defence Force Staff Admiral Sir Anthony Synnot KBE, AO and Lady Synnot, who were embarked in TOWNSVILLE. On completion of the seetime a luncheon was held at the Cairns Game Fishing Club for Admiral and Lady Synnot.

4. At 0800 on Wednesday 3 BARBETTE sailed in company with TOWNSVILLE and WARRNAMBOOL to conduct Task Element Exercise 1/82 in the Cairns exercise area. During the next two days a series of exercises was conducted and included OOW manoeuvres, machinery breakdowns, towing exercises, boarding exercises, gunnery firings, a formation anchorage and SAR exercise. The overall standard achieved was pleasing and the calm sea conditions contributed to an enjoyable exercise. All ships returned to Cairns on completion of the exercise and were secured at No 1 wharf by 1515 on Thursday 4.

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5. BARBETTE remained alongside until 1000 on Monday 8 when she sailed for a patrol of AB&C areas. The harbour departure was made in company with TOWNSVILLE. At 1033 BARBETTE detached and proceeded for Kennedy Shoal and was anchored there at 1653.

6. The following morning, anchor was weighed at 0325 and the ship proceeded for Townsville. BARBETTE secured alongside No 9 West Pier Wharf at 0950. After an overnight stay, the ship departed Townsville at 1100 on Wednesday 10 and proceeded for the Whitsunday Passage area.

7. After an uneventful passage, BARBETTE was anchored off South Molle Island at 2300. I proceeded ashore the following morning and spoke with the resort manager Mr. Alan Anderson but he had nothing of interest to report. Anchor was weighed at 1005 on Thursday 11 and the ship proceeded for Hamilton Island and anchored off the site of the new resort at 1100. I visited the manager who was most hospitable and pleased to see the Navy in the area. The resort is being built by Mr. Keith Williams of Sea World fame on the Gold Coast, at a cost of 90 million dollars and will have a staff of a thousand. It is expected to open later this year.

8. BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for Nara Inlet via Dent Passage at 1026 on Friday 12. The ship was anchored in the inlet at 1330 and remained overnight.

9. The following morning, anchor was weighed at 0746 and BARBETTE proceeded to Hayman Island and was anchored off the jetty at 0845. The ship remained at Hayman Island for the weekend and crew members were made most welcome by the resort management. Various sporting activities including cricket and sailing were organised for the crew. That, combined with excellent weather made for a most enjoyable weekend for all.

10. BARBETTE sailed from Hayman Island at 0835 on Monday 15 and proceeded for Mackay. The weather deteriorated on the passage south and once out of Whitsunday Passage conditions became most uncomfortable. The ship secured alongside Breast Wharf at 1446 and remained there for the next 5 days because of adverse weather and rough seas which precluded making the passage south.

11. At 0900 on Saturday 20 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for the Whitsunday area. The rough seas had not abated to any degree so shelter was sought in Nara Inlet. BARBETTE was anchored there at 1439 and remained there for two days, during which time advantage was taken of the calm conditions to catch up on some ship's husbandry.

12. At 1430 on Monday 22 BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for Happy Bay and was anchored off the resort at 1530. At the invitation of the resort manager, the ship's company was welcomed ashore that evening for some rest and recreation. BARBETTE sailed the following morning at 1100.

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13. After an uncomfortable passage north the ship was anchored in the lee of Dunk Island at 0930 on Wednesday 24 and remained there overnight.

14. BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for Cairns at 0900 on Thursday 25 and berthed at No 1 wharf at 0800 on Friday 26 after anchoring overnight at Fitzroy Island.

Engineering and Electrical

15. The only URDEF raised during the period was 36/83 (Main broadcast). Outstanding URDEFs at the end of the period are 34/83 (F1 HF radio) and 35/83 (HF Racal receiver). These are a cause for concern considering the limited communications fit in Attack class FPBs.

Health and Morale


16. The health and morale of the ship's company remain high. Currently there are 6 junior sailors who have volunteered to remain in Cairns based patrol boats.

17. There were two new additions to the ship's company during the month resulting from postings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(R.P. SCOVELL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
 B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
1 April 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the month	1106
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	304035
3.	Hours steamed during the month	94
4.	Hours steamed since commissioning	21996
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
1 April 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex. for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship & General</u>			
OOW Manoeuvres	3	2	3, 4
Manord	1	1	4
Boardex	1	1	3
Rasaps	1	1	4
Towex	1	1	3
Breakdown drills	1	1	3
Screenplay	1	1	3
Sarex	1	1.5	4
Formage	1	0.5	3
<u>Gunnery</u>			
AATX/AACRF/AAROFX	1	1	3
AAROFX (Illuminated)	1	1	3
SUFx	1	1.5	4
<u>Navigation & AIO</u>			
Blind Pilotage	1	.5	4
<u>NBCD</u>			
Major Fire in Engineroom	1	1	3
Daily Exercises	25	10	Daily

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL, 1982

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(P.A. KNIFE)
Commander, RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

3 May 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of April 1982.

2. At the beginning of the period BARBETTE was alongside No 1 wharf Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period. During the AMP a compass swing was conducted in the Cairns swinging basin on Monday 5. Organised sport in the form of indoor cricket and touch football was played against HMAS TOWNSVILLE with BARBETTE victorious on both occasions. Even though hampered by rain the ship's company worked hard to complete the work programme.
3. After a much welcomed Easter break BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for a patrol in S,T,A & B areas at 1000(K) on Tuesday 13. The harbour departure was made in company with HMA Ships TOWNSVILLE and VARRNAMBOOL. The ship was anchored off Lizard Island at 1940(K) and remained overnight.
4. At 0752(K) the following morning BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for the Flinders Island Group. During the afternoon man overboard exercises were conducted on completion of which the ship was anchored 3 cables off Flinders Island.
5. Anchor was weighed at 0800(K) on Thursday 15 and BARBETTE proceeded for Thursday Island. After an uneventful passage north the ship was secured alongside the Engineers Wharf, Thursday Island at 1226(K) after first fuelling at the Caltex Wharf. A game of touch rugby was played that afternoon against some of the local police.

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6. At 0900(K) on Saturday 17 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Gove via Booby Island where the ship was anchored for an hour while I visited the lighthouse keeper. After a relatively comfortable passage across the Gulf BARBETTE berthed at the General Cargo Wharf, Gove at 1206(IK) on Sunday 18. Some of the ship's company made the effort to go around the local golf course which was more akin to a quagmire after recent rains while others played squash.

7. BARBETTE departed Gove on Monday 19 at 0145(IK) and proceeded for the south western Gulf area. An overnight stop was made at Alyangula on Tuesday 20 after which the patrol continued to the Sir Edward Pellew Group of Islands. The ship was anchored in Paradise Bay at 1545(IK) on Wednesday 21. The only inhabitant is an 'official' squatter who has lived in the Gulf region for the past 20 years. He entertained some members of the ship's company that evening at a 'banyan' with some stories and experiences of his time in the region.

8. At 0830 (IK) on Thursday 22 BARBETTE weighed and proceeded for Weipa for the ANZAC weekend. The passage was made into a strong easterly wind which reached force 5 at times. The ship berthed at Evan's Landing at 1138(K) on Friday 23. That evening, an official cocktail party was hosted on board by the officers and senior sailors for the leading citizens of Weipa and members of the RSL committee.

9. All members of the ship's company with the exception of duty watch attended the Dawn Service on Sunday 25 and then led the ANZAC day march at 1000(K). During the weekend, volley ball, basketball, bowls and golf were played against local Weipa teams. BARBETTE was victorious in everything but the golf.

10. The hospitality and friendship extended to the ship's company by the people of Weipa were overwhelming. After a most enjoyable weekend, the ship cast off at 0800(K) on Monday 26 and proceeded for Cooktown via Endeavour Strait. BARBETTE was secured alongside the Railway Wharf at 1015(K) on Wednesday 28.

11. After fuelling and an overnight stay in Cooktown, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Cairns at 1550(K) on Thursday 29. The ship was berthed at No 1 wharf outboard HMAS WARRNAMBOOL at 1200(K). 30/

Engineering and Electrical

12. URDEFs raised during the period were 37/83 (galley fridge), 38/83 (Marconi auto alarm) and 39/83 (Watchkeeping panel starboard engine). Outstanding URDEFs at the end of the period are 34/83 (F1 HF Transceiver); 35/83 (Racal HF receiver) and 39/83. (Starboard engine and auto wtachkeeper).

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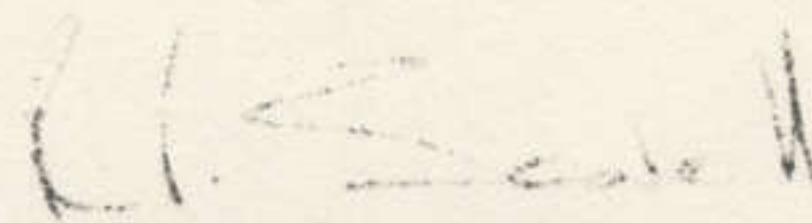
Health and Morale

13. The health and morale of the ship's company are very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.F. SCOVELL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
3 May 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the month	2,229
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	306,264
3.	Hours steamed during the month	161
4.	Hours steamed since commissioning	22,157
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
3 May 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex. for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
Manord	1	1.5	14
Steering gear breakdown	1	11.00	14
<u>Navigation & AIO</u>			
XO Con ship	3	2.5	16, 18, 20
Anchorage (Coxswain)	2	1.0	14, 30
Blind Pilotage	1	.5	30
<u>NBCD</u>			
Daily fire/floodex and D.C. drills			

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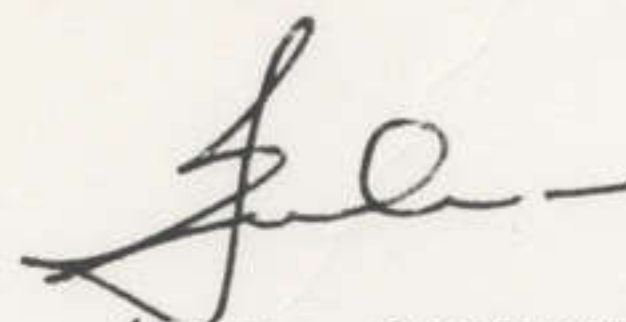
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The Chief of Naval Staff
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS
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(L.M. SULMAN)
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for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

14 May 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01 - 14 MAY 1982

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the period 01-14 May 1982. Times throughout are zone kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BARBETTE was secured alongside No 1 wharf Cairns. At 1130 on Tuesday 4 the ship cast off and proceeded for a patrol in Area B, and anchored in the lee of Daydream Island at 0915 on Wednesday 5.

3. I proceeded ashore and spoke with the resort manager but he had nothing of significance to report. That afternoon the ships volleyball team played against the resort staff.

4. BARBETTE departed Daydream Island at 0930 on Thursday 6 after a pleasant stay and proceeded into the Whitsunday Passage for some visual navigation training for the senior sailors, on completion of which the ship proceeded for Cairns. Identities were exchanged with HMAS BUCCANEER at 1113.

5. BARBETTE berthed at No 1 wharf, Cairns at 0900 and commenced a two week assisted maintenance period.

6. The ships cricket team journeyed to Kuranda on Sunday 9 to play the local team in a limited over game and snatched victory by three runs.

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7. On Friday 14 I handed over command to Lieutenant A.R. Spelta RAN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.P. SCOVELL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated

14 May 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the period	616
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	306880
3.	Hours steamed during the period	45
4.	Hours steamed since commissioning	22202
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated

14 May 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
Manord	1	1	6
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Radar failure	1	2	6
Anchorage (Coxswain)	1	.5	5
XO con ship	1	.5	4
<u>NBCD</u>			
Daily fire/floodex and equipment lectures			

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Sea

2 June 1982

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The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commander
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
14-31 MAY 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the period 14-31 May 1982. Times throughout are zone Kilo (-10).
2. On Friday 14 I assumed command of HMAS BARBETTE from Lieutenant R.P. SCOVELL RAN. At that time the ship was secured alongside No 1 wharf Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period (AMP).
3. To allow the Cairns Harbour Board to conduct a sounding survey along No 1 berth on Thursday 20, HMAS BARBETTE proceeded at 0834 to the new wharf at HMAS CAIRNS for ship handling exercises. The exercises concluded when HMAS BARBETTE berthed on the inner berth of the wharf. The ship was the first patrol boat to have ever secured on this inner berth. At 1120 BARBETTE returned to her former berth at No 1 wharf Cairns. The AMP was completed the following day, Friday 21.
4. The ship proceeded to sea at 1000 Monday 24 and made passage south. Internal exercises were conducted throughout the day until the ship came to anchor at Cape Richards late that afternoon. The anchor was weighed at 0800 the following morning and the return passage to Cairns commenced. During the second day, a work up to full power, more internal exercises and a gunnery shoot were achieved. At 1700 the ship berthed at the HMAS CAIRNS wharf to allow the Commanding Officer to attend a briefing onboard HMAS WARRNAMBOOL for the next morning's encounter exercise with HMAS YARRA.

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5. At 2000 that night, HMA Ships WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE proceeded to sea in company to an anchorage at Fitzroy Island. At 0100 and 0115 respectively, WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE departed the anchorage and made a covert passage through the Grafton Passage to the outer reef. It was not until 0710 that HMAS YARRA was detected and the encounter exercise in earnest soon followed. On completion of the exercise and RAS approached with YARRA, WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE returned to Cairns to berth at No 1 wharf at 1010 Wednesday 26.

6. The following day, HMA Ships YARRA, WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE departed Cairns at 0830 with the Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral M.W. HUDSON RAN, embarked in YARRA. HMAS TOWNSVILLE joined later in the vicinity of No 1 beacons. During the day all ships were involved in numerous exercises and a gunnery shoot until 1325 when HMAS BARBETTE berthed alongside HMAS YARRA and transferred personnel. Soon after HMAS WARRNAMBOOL secured alongside HMAS YARRA and also conducted a transfer of personnel which included the Fleet Commander. With the transfers completed, HMAS YARRA detached and proceeded south whilst the Cairns based patrol boat squadron WARRNAMBOOL, TOWNSVILLE and BARBETTE returned to Cairns where berths at the HMAS CAIRNS wharf were secured at approximately 1630 that afternoon.

7. The official opening of the new base of HMAS CAIRNS was conducted on Friday 28 by the Minister for Defence, the Honourable I.M. SINCLAIR MP. HMAS BARBETTE's personnel attended the Divisions and the opening ceremony that afternoon. At 1545 the Minister for Defence came aboard HMAS BARBETTE for a short, unplanned, informal and personal inspection of an Attack Class patrol boat.

8. 27/ The following morning the Minister for Defence and the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral D.W. LEACH RAN, AO, CBE, MVO embarked in HMAS WARRNAMBOOL; the Chief of Defence Force Staff, Air Chief Marshall Sir N. McNAMARA RAAF and the Naval Officer-in-Charge CAIRNS Commander A.H.R. BRECHT RAN embarked in HMAS TOWNSVILLE: whilst the Fleet Operations Officer, Commander P.A. KNIFE RAN embarked in HMAS BARBETTE for the VIP Sea day. At 0810 the three ships proceeded to sea for in-company exercises and ship familiarisation for the embarked personnel. At 1110 the three ships berthed at HMAS CAIRNS where the dignitaries disembarked. The three vessels then proceeded to No 1 wharf where HMAS BARBETTE secured outboard of HMAS WETAK at 1143.

9. After refuelling at No 10 wharf on Monday 31, HMAS BARBETTE departed Cairns at 1000 and commenced a northerly passage for a patrol of Area A. The ship anchored at Cape Flattery at 1922 that evening and remained there until the end of the period.

10. All machinery has performed well throughout the period.

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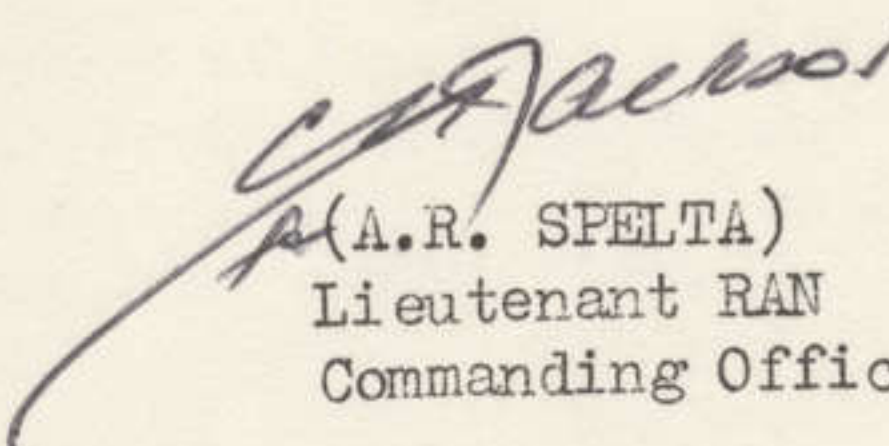
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11. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is good. One sailor was admitted to hospital following an ailment and is currently on sick leave. Praise given to the ship by Senior Officers during their recent visit to Cairns has helped morale to remain high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
June 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during the period | 607 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 307,487 |
| 3. | Hours steamed during the period | 50 |
| 4. | Hours steamed since commissioning | 22,252 |
| 5. | Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded | 26th, 27th |
- Wednesday 26 - in company exercises - 1.5 hrs - average speed 18.3 kts
Thursday 27 - in company exercises - 2 hrs - average speed 18.5 kts.

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
June 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex. for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship & General</u>			
XO berth ship	3	0.5	20, 25, 29
Prove watchbill	1	0.3	24
Emergency Stations	1	0.7	25
MOBEX	9	0.7	25(5), 27(2), 29(2).
Rigged para anchor	1	0.3	25
Steering gear failure	1	0.2	24
RASAFS	6	0.7	26, 27(3), 29(2)
OOW Manoeuvres	2	1.5	27, 29
Bloc Tube failure	1	0.2	31
<u>Gunnery</u>			
SUTX	1	0.2	25
SUFY	2	1.0	25, 26
AACRFY	1	0.3	26
2" RFL	2	0.2	26
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Formation departure or entry	6	2.0	25, 26, 27(2), 29(2)
Encounter exercise	1	6.0	26
Blind pilotage	1	0.3	31
<u>NBCD</u>			
Major DCX	1	0.7	25
Duty watch fire/flood or equipment lectures			Daily harbour

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The Chief of Naval Staff
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1982

Forwarded.


(P. A. KNIFE)
Commander RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

9 July 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of June 1982. All times are in zone Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the period BARBETTE was anchored in the vicinity of Cape Flattery (north of Cooktown) having only commenced a patrol of Area Alfa the previous day. The anchor was weighed at 0800 Tuesday 1 and passage north continued until 1455 when the ship anchored west of Stanley Island in the Flinders Island Group. The ship proceeded at 0830 the following morning and also made anchorages at Portland Roads, Bird Island and Blackwood Bay of Mt Adolphus Island. Arrival at Thursday Island was at 1007 Friday 4 when the ship berthed at the Caltex jetty for fuel. On completion of fuelling a shift to the Main Wharf was made.
3. Departure from Thursday Island was made at 0952 Sunday 6 with instructions to render assistance to the grounded trawler "Miss Macleay" at Dove Island Light in the Great North East Channel. The "Miss Macleay" had been aground for two days after previous attempts by two other trawlers to tow her clear had failed. BARBETTE arrived at the scene at 1609 and anchored nearby. Assistance was given in the form of loaning the ship's towing hawser and then helped set up the towing gear for the other two trawlers standing by. The proximity of the reef ruled out any thought of BARBETTE being directly involved in towing. Near high water that night the "Miss Macleay" was towed free at 2254.

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4. With the towing gear recovered, BARBETTE proceeded at 0035 Monday 7 to continue patrol northwards towards Bramble Cay at the North East extremity of the Great North East Channel. Due to rough weather at 0516 that morning the ship discontinued passage to the Cay and instead proceeded directly to next programmed destination of Darnley Island where the ship anchored nearby at 0730. Calls were made on the Island's chairman, Mr George Mui, and the local coastwatcher. A quickly arranged ship visit by 50 school children and 4 adults in a fleet of small boats was also conducted. The ship departed Darnley Island at 1344 that same day and passage south to Cooktown commenced.

5. An uneventful passage was made with sometimes blustery South East trade winds prevailing. Anchorages were made at Somerset Bay (Albany Passage), Portland Roads, Stanley Island (Flinders Island Group) and Lizard Island, however the latter was uncomfortable with a heavy ground swell running. This anchorage was abandoned for the more protected anchorage of Cape Flattery. The ship arrived at Cooktown at 1030 Friday 11 to participate in the town's Discovery Festival activities.

6. Major events involving the ship were, the march in the Grand Parade on Saturday 12; ship open to visitors and the Soap Box derby on Sunday 13; and a cricket match against the Cooktown Cricket Club on Monday 14. The ship's entry in the Soap Box derby was a winner, whilst a loss in the cricket resulted. The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

7. Departure from Cooktown was not made until 1725 Tuesday 15 when high water ensured maximum clearance of the sand bar at the harbour entrance. An uneventful passage was made south to Cairns where the ship arrived at No 10 wharf at 0830 the following morning. On completion of fuelling the ship proceeded to a berth outboard of HMAS TOWNSVILLE at No 1 wharf.

8. After an overnight stay BARBETTE departed Cairns at 1620 Thursday 17 and made passage south to the Shoalwater Bay training area (STBTA) to participate in Exercise Sea Strike. At 2040 Friday 18 a distress call (SOS by light) was detected. Investigation by BARBETTE revealed the source of the distress call was the yacht "DUTCHY II" which was at anchor 4 miles east of the Beverly Group in the Northumberland Isles. She was becalmed and out of fuel. The skipper had also stated that he had earlier ignited flares and sent a Pan message by radio. Although the vessel was not in distress, BARBETTE gave the skipper 20 litres of distillate fuel and sent a precautionary advisory signal to the Coastal Surveillance Centre, Canberra. Passage was then resumed.

9. BARBETTE arrived at her allocated anchorage in STBTA at 0146 Saturday 19. HMA Ships BRUNEI and BETANO were already at anchor whilst HMAS TOBRUK arrived soon after sunrise. HMAS WARRNAMBOOL did not arrive until 1500 the next day Sunday 20.

10. The aim of exercise Sea Strike was to evaluate HMAS TOBRUK in conducting amphibious tactical lodgement and withdrawal of the embarked forces. Participation by the patrol boats WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE, simulating destroyer escorts, was limited to proving the functioning of the Supporting Arms Co-ordination Centre in HMAS TOBRUK to co-ordinate Naval Gunfire Support.

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11. During the exercise, BARBETTE berthed on TOBRUK's port quarter at 1605 Sunday 20 to replenish fuel and water. WARRNAMBOOL berthed on TOBRUK's starboard quarter and both ships remained at those positions overnight. An official call on the Commanding Officer of HMAS TOBRUK, Commander R.A.K. WALLS RAN, was made by both patrol boat commanding officers that night. WARRNAMBOOL and BARBETTE cast off from TOBRUK at 0635 the following morning and proceeded to their pre-assigned anchorages.

12. With BARBETTE's participation in Exercise Sea Strike completed, the ship proceeded at 1412 Tuesday 22 at most economical speed on two engines to land a sailor for compassionate reasons in Townsville. The ship berthed at No 9 wharf Townsville at 0925 Wednesday 23rd and departed at 1143 that same morning. BARBETTE made a rendezvous with WARRNAMBOOL at 1252 that afternoon and the two ships then proceeded northwards in company to Cairns. In company exercises were conducted and a formation anchorage north of Dunk Island was made that night.

13. Both ships weighed and proceeded at 0650 the following morning Thursday 24. Further in company exercises were conducted and a steady steam with both vessels on one engine was achieved in very calm conditions with the Fremantle Class patrol boat at maximum continuous rating whilst the Attack Class patrol boat was at its minimum continuous rating. Arrival at Cairns was made at 1342 that afternoon when BARBETTE berthed outboard of WARRNAMBOOL at No 4 berth, HMAS CAIRNS. On completion of fuelling, BARBETTE berthed at No 1 wharf astern of HMAS FLINDERS and remained there until the end of the month. BARBETTE commenced a two week Assisted Maintenance Period on Saturday 26.

14. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is good whilst morale remains high. One sailor has rejoined after being on sick leave whilst one sailor was lost to compassionate leave.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
9 July 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during the period | 2,133 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 309,620 |
| 3. | Hours steamed during the period | 160 |
| 4. | Hours steamed since commissioning | 22,412 |
| 5. | Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded
(AFGM 006/82 refers) | |
| a. | Tuesday 22/ Wednesday 23 - passage to Townsville to land
compassionate case - 17.0 hours - average speed 16.5 knots. | |
| b. | Wednesday 23 - in company exercises and passage - 5.1 hours -
average speed 15.0 knots. | |
| c. | Thursday 24 - in company exercises and passage - 3.2 hours -
average speed 15.0 knots. | |

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
9 July 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex. for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
XO berth/unberth ship	6	0.6	16(2), 21, 23(2), 24.
MOBEX	5	0.5	23(5).
RASAPS	3	0.5	24(3).
OOV Manoeuvres	2	2.3	23, 24.
<u>Gunnery</u>			
Boarding Party	1	0.6	23.
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Simulated NGS exercise	1	1.2	19.
Formation anchorage	1	0.2	23.
Formation entry	1	0.7	24.
Blind pilotage	6	1.4	3, 7, 8, 15, 19, 23.
<u>NBCD</u>			
Duty watch fire/flood or equipment lectures			Daily harbour.

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
JULY 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of July 1982. All times are in zone Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period, BARBETTE was berthed at No 1 wharf Cairns undergoing an Assisted Maintenance Period (AMP) which completed Friday 9. During the AMP, BARBETTE's side numbers were changed from her traditional "97" to "83" in preparation for her role as HMAS AMBUSH in the ABC TV series in early August 1982.

3. BARBETTE departed Cairns at 0906 Friday 9 to convey a Royal Australian Naval College expedition party of eight personnel and their equipment to Russell Island some 37 nautical miles south. At the same time familiarisation passage was also given to SBLT C. SLATTER, TRANS Officer of HMAS CAIRNS, and three sons of fathers in the ship's company. BARBETTE returned to her former berth at No 1 wharf, Cairns at 1525 that same day.

4. A shift of berth at 0900 Monday 12 took BARBETTE to outboard of HMAS AWARE at No 1 berth HMAS CAIRNS. After refuelling, HMAS BARBETTE cast off at 1000 and proceeded to sea for a two week health patrol of the North Cape York Peninsula area with a Commonwealth Quarantine Officer, Mr R. TURNER embarked. That same day BARBETTE was directed to investigate unidentified yachts at Hope Island which were sighted by the previous days surveillance aircraft. After identifying two yachts in the area as being from the towns of Bloomfield and Mareeba, passage north was resumed.

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5. The health patrol took BARBETTE to Portland Roads, Olive River, Cape Grenville, Sir Charles Hardy Islands, Bird Island, Captain Billy Landing, Usher Point, Turtle Head Island, Mt. Adolphus Island, Somerset Bay, Port Albany and Cape York areas. The aims of the health patrol were to identify yachts and vessels, inspect beaches for possible illegal landings, and collection of information from the very few residents in the area. The visit to the Cape York area proved to be most rewarding. The visitors log held by the caretakers of the primitive caravan park revealed a wealth of information on visiting yachts and small craft.

6. A one day visit to Thursday Island was made midway through the health patrol. BARBETTE arrived there at 1000 Saturday 17 and departed at 1000 the following morning.

7. Continuing the patrol, BARBETTE proceeded south down the west coast of Cape York Peninsula. The second half of the health patrol required BARBETTE to investigate Doughboy, Macdonald, Shardon and Pennefather Rivers and Port Musgrave. Due to the lack of soundings on chart AUS 701 along the coast in those areas to be inspected, rendezvous was made with HMAS FLINDERS at 1647 Sunday 18 to inspect the soundings achieved by her during her recent survey. The opportunity for deck sport was also had between the two ships companies whilst BARBETTE was secured alongside the FLINDERS at anchor. At 2156 that night, BARBETTE slipped and anchored nearby whilst FLINDERS weighed and proceeded to continue her survey work.

8. During the next three days, inspections of the nominated areas were achieved. Favourable weather each day also allowed BARBETTE to proceed from anchorage to anchorage along the coast which would offer no protection from any foul weather. The abundance of fish life in the region gave the enthusiastic ones of the ship's company much entertainment.

9. The health patrol completed when BARBETTE arrived at Weipa at 1030 Thursday 22 and the health officer disembarked. An enjoyable three day visit ended with the ship departing Weipa at 1000 Sunday 25. Passage north was made to once again rendezvous with HMAS FLINDERS, this time to deliver her mail. This was achieved by heaving line transfer at 2115 that night whilst FLINDERS remained at anchor in Normanby Sound west of Thursday Island. Soon after BARBETTE anchored northwest of Hammond Island and remained there overnight.

10. The following morning BARBETTE weighed and proceeded to an anchorage in Alpin Passage near to the village on Hammond Island which is the home town for a member of BARBETTE's ship's company. His family and the chairman of the island offered hospitality to BARBETTE's ship's company that afternoon and evening which was enjoyed by all. Also that afternoon BARBETTE's anchorage in Alpin Passage proved to be unsuitable. Strong winds and currents, and a poor holding ground for the anchor forced her to return to her former anchorage of the previous evening on the northwest side of the island.

11. BARBETTE commenced her return passage to Cairns at 0800 Tuesday 27. Strong head winds made an uncomfortable voyage in some of the unprotected parts of the inner Great Barrier Reef route. The ship was directed to investigate two unidentified catamarans at Portland Roads which were sighted by a littoral surveillance aircraft during the day. BARBETTE

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arrived at 2050 that evening and although the catamarans had already departed, the necessary information was obtained from the resident coast-watcher. The ship remained here overnight.

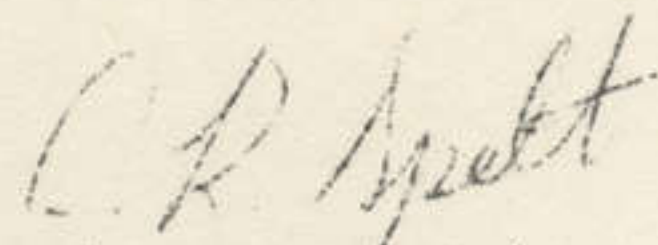
12. Anchor was weighed at 0700 the following morning and passage south resumed. During the passage a gyro failure occurred which then required the ship to revert to magnetic steering and a relative radar display for 17 hours. Without further incident BARBETTE arrived at Cairns at 0915 Thursday 29 where she secured to HMAS CAIRNS No 3 berth. The ship remained here until the end of the period preparing for filming for the forthcoming ABC TV series 'Patrol Boat'.

13. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is good whilst morale remains high. On Friday 30 the ship's company were lectured on the aspects of 'security' and 'alcohol abuse'.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 August 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the period	1,563
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	311,183
3.	Hours underway during the period	119
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	22,531
5.	Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 August 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
XO berth/unberth ship	1	0.2	12
MOBEX	5	0.6	13(4),17
Action Stations	1	0.1	12
Emergency Stations	1	0.1	12
Leaving Ship Stations	1	0.1	12
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Blind Pilotage	3	0.9	12,25,27
Steer by magnetic compass	1	17	28,29
Steering gear failure	1	0.1	14
<u>NBCD</u>			
Duty watch fire/flood or equipment lectures			Daily harbour

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of August 1982. All times are in zone Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period, BARBETTE was secured to No 3 berth HMAS CAIRNS in preparation for the filming of the ABC TV series "Patrol Boat" which was programmed for Monday 2 until Friday 6. Unfortunately an industrial dispute within the ranks of the ABC caused the filming to be postponed. Opportunity for some destoring and preparation for refit was therefore made during the time spent alongside waiting for the dispute to be resolved. Advice was later received that filming would occur on Monday 9.

3. Further advice was received on Saturday 7 that the ABC TV series was cancelled due to the industrial dispute being unresolved. BARBETTE therefore departed Cairns at 1000 Monday 9 for a patrol of area Bravo. A formation departure was made with HMA Ships TOWNSVILLE, TRYALLA and SNIPE. On clearing the channel, SNIPE was detached, whilst BARBETTE was detached soon after a serial of Officer-of-the-Watch manoeuvres was completed with the other two ships. Passage south to the destination of Bowen was then commenced with strong Southeasterly trade winds and a rough sea prevailing.

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4. Shelter was sought at 1815 that evening when BARBETTE anchored in Brammo Bay on the northern side of Dunk Island. The ship remained weatherbound until 1000 Wednesday 11 when the return passage to Cairns commenced. After anchoring off Fitzroy Island overnight, the ship entered Cairns harbour and berthed at HMAS CAIRNS number 5 berth at 1000 Thursday 12.

5. At 0900 the following day, Friday 13, BARBETTE proceeded to sea for a 'Family Day' however sea familiarization for the families was cut short due to the inclement weather. After returning to harbour, the ship's personnel and their families transferred to the Centenary Lakes area in Cairns where the remainder of the 'Family Day' took on the form of a 'bar-b-que'.

6. The long awaited filming for the ABC TV series finally eventuated on Saturday 14 when HMAS BARBETTE as HMAS AMBUSH arrived in Cairns for what is believed to be the end of AMBUSH's TV career.

7. The ship reverted to 48 hours notice for sea at 0800 Monday 16 and commenced pre-refit preparations which included defuelling, de-ammunitioning and destoring. The ship conducted a hot move to the North Queensland Engineers and Agents (NQEAs) dockyard on Wednesday 18 and entered the slipping cradle at 0830 that morning. The effects of the recent industrial strife in Queensland were immediately felt when electrical power to the dockyard was lost for three quarters of an hour during the slipping evolution. The general strike in Queensland has caused some stand-downs of the NQEAs dockyard workforce which has resulted in a slower start to the ships refit.

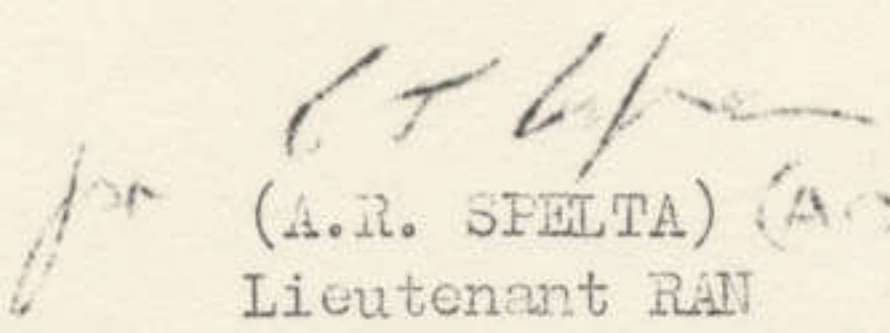
8. At the end of the period, HMAS BARBETTE was on the slipway of the NQEAs dockyard in her second week of refit.

9. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company is good. During the forthcoming weeks of refit, opportunity for seasonal leave will be taken by most of the ship's company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(A.R. SPELTA) (AOL)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming details
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ANNEX A to IMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
1 September 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the period	245
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	311,428
3.	Hours underway during the period	23
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	22,554
5.	Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
1 September 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No. of Ex For Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
OOV Manoeuvres	1	0.9	9
Action Stations	1	0.1	10
Emergency Stations	1	0.1	10
Leaving Ship Stations	1	0.1	10
MOBEX	5	0.4	11(4), 12
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Blind Pilotage	1	0.2	9
Formation Departure	1	0.7	9
<u>NBCD</u>			
Major Fire Exercise	1	0.3	10
Duty Watch Fire/Flood or Equipment Lectures			Daily Harbour

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(R. RICHARDS)
Commander RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

4th October 1982

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of September 1982. All times are in zone Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month, BARBETTE was on the slipway of the North Queensland Engineers and Agents (NQE) dockyard in her second week of refit. The ship was unslipped on Thursday 16. The evolution commenced at 1700 and completed at 1759 when BARBETTE secured to the Fitting Out wharf at NQE dockyard.

3. During the month both Diesel Alternators and the Port Main Engine were changed. Due to the unavailability of a replacement engine, the Starboard Main Engine was not changed and this unit's exchange is now expected to occur during a future Assisted Maintenance Period at HMAS CAIRNS. All other aspects of the refit have progressed satisfactorily.

4. At the end of the period, HMAS BARBETTE was secured at the NQE Fitting Out wharf in her sixth week of refit.

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5. The morale, health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
4th October 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during the period	Nil
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	311,428
3.	Hours underway during the period	Nil
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	22,554
5.	Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
4th October 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No of Ex for Month</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Gunnery</u>			
Annual Range Course	1	5	21
<u>NBCD</u>			
Duty Watch Fire/Flood or Equipment Lectures	Daily harbour		

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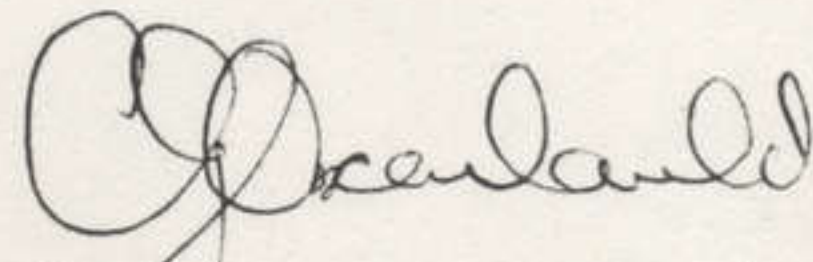
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(C. J. OXENBOULD)
Commander RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1982

Reference: A. AF letter 1/16/16 of 19 November 1982
B. HMAS BARBETTE letter 1/16/5B of 5 November 1982

1. Forwarded.

2. The Commanding Officer of HMAS BARBETTE has been advised that his Report of Proceedings at reference B was barely acceptable and to exercise more care to ensure sufficient detail of the month's activities is presented as an interesting narrative. He has been reminded of the importance of Reports of Proceedings and informed that an improvement is expected.



(N. RALPH)
Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure: 1. HMAS BARBETTE Report of Proceedings for October 1982



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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

5 November 1982

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
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AUSTRALIAN MINESWARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of October 1982. All times are in zone kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month, BARBETTE was secured alongside the Fitting Out Wharf of the North Queensland Engineers and Agents (NQE) dockyard in her sixth week of refit.
3. Basin trials of the propulsion system was successfully conducted on Thursday 14. Harbour Acceptance trials were conducted by the Royal Australian Naval Trials and Assessment Unit (RANTAU) during the period Tuesday 19 to Friday 22 which culminated in Sea Acceptance Trials conducted on Monday 25. That day BARBETTE departed the NQE dockyard at 0729 and returned to the berth at 1500. All equipment performed satisfactorily with only minor defects being detected. The ship remained at the NQE dockyard until Wednesday 27 to allow defects to be rectified.
4. Monday 25 was also the start of a two week Assisted Maintenance Period (AMP) during which the ships staff have concentrated on preparing the ship for the forthcoming Shakedown and Workup.
5. A shift of berth was made at 1105 Wednesday 27 when BARBETTE departed the NQE Fitting Out Wharf. The ship moved to HMAS CAIRNS Number Four Berth where she secured at 1113. HMAS BARBETTE remained at this berth until the end of the period.

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6. The health, welfare and morale of the ships company has been good whilst the conduct of the ships company has been very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

C. R. Spelta

(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
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ANNEX A TO HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 November 1982

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during the period | 119 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 311,547 |
| 3. | Hours underway during the period | 7 |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 22,561 |
| 5. | Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded
(AFGM 006/82 refers) | |
| a. | Monday 25 - Post refit sea acceptance trials-
3.7 hours - average speed 19.1 knots. | |

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 November 1982

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NO OF EX. FOR MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL HOURS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>SEAMANSHIP AND GENERAL</u>			
Emergency Stations	1	0.1	22
Leaving Ships Stations	1	0.1	22
<u>GUNNERY</u>			
Gun Functioning Trials 40/60 50 cal and 2" RFL	1	0.7	25
<u>NBCD</u>			
Duty watch fire/flood exercises or equipment lectures			Daily harbour

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HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1982

Reference: A. AF letter 1/16/16 of 30 December 1982

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(R.H. OLD)
Commander, RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

5 January 1983

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINESWARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of November 1982. All times are in zone kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month, BARBETTE was secured alongside HMAS CAIRNS Number Four berth in her second week of a two week Assisted Maintenance Period following refit.

3. The ship proceeded to sea at 1022 Monday 8 to commence a five day shakedown period in the local Cairns area in accordance with Naval Officer-in-Charge CAIRNS Operation Order 6/82 of 22 October 1982. Numerous basic evolutions were conducted in slow time which allowed the ship's company to recall the correct and safe procedures for each evolution. During the week, overnight anchorages were made on the Northwest side of Fitzroy Island on the nights of Tuesday 9/Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11/Friday 12 whilst entries and departures from Cairns Harbour on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 were made to embark/disembark sea riders assisting with the shakedown. The shakedown period completed when HMAS BARBETTE berthed at HMAS CAIRNS Number One berth at 1106 Friday 12.

4. BARBETTE slipped from that berth at 1000 Monday 15 and in company with HMAS TOWNSVILLE acting as consort, both ships proceeded to sea to conduct the start of HMAS BARBETTE's workup period. Again the exercise programme was intense and most beneficial in improving the ability of the ship to perform duties required of her. The highlight of this week

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occurred during the 40/60 gun firing at a splash target towed by HMAS TOWNSVILLE on Friday 19. In ideal sea conditions, a direct hit from approximately 1000 yards demolished the target. A feat seldom achieved of which the ship is most proud to boast.

5. The two ships returned to HMAS CAIRNS at 1300 Friday 19 and remained there for the weekend. A departure by both ships was made at 0900 Monday 22 and the Workup period continued. After an overnight stay alongside HMAS CAIRNS on Wednesday 24 both ships again proceeded to sea in company at 0630 Thursday 25. With the Commander of the Australian Minewarfare and Patrol Boat Forces, Commander K.C. Stephen RAN and his staff embarked in HMAS BARBETTE the ship was put through her paces to be evaluated for being operationally ready to rejoin the fleet. After a most hectic and tiring day it was pleasing to be awarded a satisfactory pass enabling the ship to once again be part of the fleet ready to perform duties expected of her.

6. Unfortunately the pace of work could not be slackened as final preparations in readiness for the ship's Annual Inspection were required. The inspection was conducted over the period of November 29 and 30.

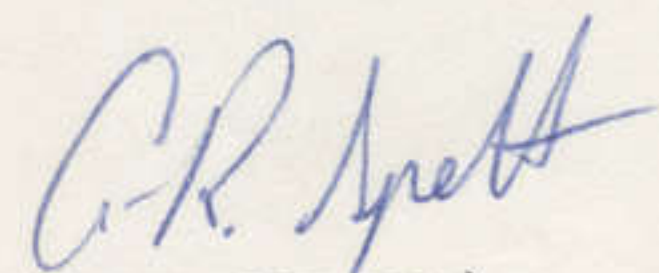
7. At the end of the period HMAS BARBETTE was secured alongside HMAS CAIRNS Number Four berth with her Operational Readiness Evaluation and Annual Inspection completed, but preparations were being continued for the Task Element Exercise due to commence December 2.

8. The morale of the ship's company is high following the successful major achievements of the ship during the month. Health, welfare and conduct remain very good. During the period the Executive Officer lectured the ship's company on the general aspects of security.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 January 1983

STEAMING DETAILS

1. Miles steamed during the period 1726
2. Miles steamed since commissioning 313273
3. Hours underway during the period 167
4. Hours underway since commissioning 22728
5. Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded (AFGM 006/82 refers)
 - a. Tuesday 9 - Maintaining Shakedown programme - 1.3 hours - average speed 16.5 knots.
 - b. Monday 15 - In company maintaining Workup programme - 1.5 hours - average speed 16 knots
 - c. Monday 15 - Conducting night encounter exercise - 1.9 hours - average speed 16 knots
 - d. Wednesday 19 - Conducting anti-infiltrate exercise - 1.2 hours - average speed 17 knots
 - e. Monday 22 - In company maintaining Workup programme - 2.1 hours - average speed 16 knots.

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 January 1983

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
XO Berth	1	1	11
MOBEX	4	3.25	08,09,10,16
RASAPS	7	6.5	16(2),17,18, 22,23(2)
OOW Manoeuvres	8	8.0	15,16,17(2),19 22,23
TOVEX	5	4.5	09,15,16,18,22
Prove Watchbill	1	1.0	08
Breakdown Drills	5	4.5	08,10(2),15,23
Formage	4	2.0	15,17,22,23
Screenplay	2	7.0	16,18
Stationmaster	2	8.0	17,19
FAIDEX	4	3.75	11,16,22,23
Stream para anchor	1	0.5	09
Superex	2	2.0	10,16
SAREX	1	1.0	18
Operation Awkward	1	1.0	09
Anti Infiltrax	1	5.0	17
NEX	2	8.0	15,22
Communications	8	5.25	09,11,15,16,17 19,22,23
<u>Gunnery</u>			
SUFEX	5	5.0	09,15,17,19,22
AAROFEX/AACRF	3	3.0	11,16,23
Boarding Party	4	4.0	15,16,22,23
Pyro Display/S.E. Lecture	2	1.25	10,11
Small Arms Shoot	1	1.0	18
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Blind Pilotage	2	1.5	19,25
Formation Entry/Departure	6	4.0	15,16(2),19 22,24
MINTRAN	5	5.75	09,17,18,22,23
Ceremonial Entry	2	1.3	19,25
<u>NBCD</u>			
A. Sea	10	10.0	08,09,11(3),12 17,18,23,24
B. Harbour	Duty Watch exercised daily		

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

5 January 1983

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
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The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1982

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of December 1982. All times are in zone kilo (-10) unless otherwise indicated.

2. At the beginning of the month, BARBETTE was secured alongside HMAS CAIRNS Number Four berth completing her annual inspection. A combined Divisions for the annual inspection for HMA Ships WARRNAMBOOL, TOWNSVILLE and BARBETTE was conducted by the Naval Officer-in-Charge CAIRNS, (NOIC CAIRNS), Commander A.H.R. BRECHT RAN, at 0830 Wednesday 1. Also during the forenoon, a briefing for the Task Element Exercise (programmed for Thursday 2 and Friday 3) was being held when a sudden change of programme withdrew BARBETTE from the exercise and at the same time deployed her temporarily to the North Australia Area.

3. BARBETTE departed Cairns at 0800 the following morning in a formation departure with HMA Ships WARRNAMBOOL and TOWNSVILLE which were proceeding to sea for the Task Element Exercise. BARBETTE was detached on clearing the Entrance Channel. A faster than economical passage was conducted to Thursday Island in order to achieve a suitable time to refuel at that Port.

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4. Whilst entering the Port of Thursday Island, four local inhabitants in a small dinghy were noticed hopelessly trying to row against the strong tidal streams which run in that area. Having suffered an outboard motor breakdown and realising their difficulties, they waved their arms to indicate their distress. The ship's boat was quickly lowered and it towed the dinghy to a safe landing. The ship was later thanked for its good Samaritan act. BARBETTE arrived at the Caltex Jetty at 1614 Friday 3, and after refuelling, departed at 1801 bound for Darwin.
5. Operational Control was chopped from NOIC CAIRNS to the Naval Officer Commanding North Australia Area (NOCNA) at 2000 Saturday 4.
6. After an uneventful passage BARBETTE arrived at the Darwin Naval Base (DNB) at 0900 IK Monday 6 where she berthed outboard HMAS ADROIT. Soon after arrival, necessary planned maintenance routines for both main engines were started. These routines were previously programmed for the two week assisted maintenance period which was subsequently lost due to the change of ships programme. With assistance from the DNB, the Engineering department still found themselves very busy with these routines for two days.
7. BARBETTE departed Darwin at 1600 IK Wednesday 8 with an Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service Officer, Mr Malcolm Forbes, embarked. Mr Forbes' mission was to investigate HMAS BUCCANEER's report that traditional Indonesian fishermen were desecrating the Ashmore Reef Islets. Whilst on passage, one Taiwanese gillnetter, the "Chyun Fuce No 7" callsign BVVL, was identified and reported. BARBETTE anchored north of Ashmore Reef West Islet at 0507H Friday 10.
8. Mr Forbes and the landing party proceeded inshore in the ships boat at 0600H and returned some eight and a half hours later. Mr Forbes remarked that there was evidence on all islets to support HMAS BUCCANEER's report, however most evidence had disappeared with time. He found that the East and Middle islets were damaged more than the West Islet which was contrary to BUCCANEER's report. Mr Forbes also raised a more detailed report for his own department.
9. Anchor was weighed at 1603H that same day and the ship commenced passage south to Broome. A second Taiwanese gillnetter, the "Yuen Shen No 5" callsign BVQE, was identified and reported on Saturday forenoon. BARBETTE berthed at Broome Harbour at 0806H Sunday 12 and soon after Mr Forbes disembarked.
10. After a one day visit, departure was made at 1000H Monday 13. That afternoon whilst on passage north of the Lacepede Channel area, a weather front from shore crossed the ships track. Accompanying winds estimated at 40-50 knots whipped up the water from a millpond state into a wild foam-streaked sea. This strange unexpected weather phenomenon was accordingly signalled to NAS NOWRA and METEO MELBOURNE. The ship continued on with a short sharp rising swell on the beam, until Yampi Sound was reached that evening.
11. The ship berthed outboard of the tug "Kalibar" at Koolan Island wharf at 0830H Tuesday 14. After topping-up fuel, BARBETTE proceeded to an anchorage in Yampi Sound. The ship's company then enjoyed a banyan ashore at Crocodile Creek where the local inhabitants have erected bar-b-que facilities at the site where the fresh water creek falls into the sea. After a pleasant

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but brief break to routine, the ship weighed anchor at 1505H that same day and then resumed passage back to Darwin.

12. With no further incident, arrival at Darwin was made at 0900 IK Thursday 16 when the ship berthed outboard of HMAS ADROIT at the Darwin Naval Base. After a stay of two days, the ship proceeded at 0800 IK Saturday 18 for her long passage home to Cairns via Thursday Island.

13. During the first leg of the passage, two Taiwanese gillnetters, the "Fong Seong No 6" callsign BYRQ, and the "Fong Seong No 12" callsign BVLJ were identified and reported. New Year Island light was found to be extinguished and this fact was also reported. Operational control was chopped from NOCNA to NOIC CAIRNS at 1500 Sunday 19. After passing through the Gugari Rip, the ship made an uneventful passage across the Gulf of Carpentaria to arrive at the Caltex Jetty, Thursday Island at 1536 Monday 20.

14. Departure from Thursday Island was made at 0700 the following morning. During the day two yachts were identified and reported to Coastwatch Canberra and an investigation of the shoreline of Cape Grenville for possible chemical pollution was conducted. The ship's boat was employed for the latter task, however no evidence of pollution was detected.

15. Passage south via the Inner Great Barrier Reef route continued overnight and the following day Wednesday 22. During the day four yachts were detected however only two of these were closed for identification. The positions of reefs and the ship's programme precluded BARBETTE from identifying the other two. BARBETTE arrived at CAIRNS at 1932 that evening to a warm welcome by families and friends after a brief but sudden North Australia Area deployment. The ship secured to HMAS CAIRNS number four berth.

16. The ship assumed the duty of Duty Patrol Boat the following day for the forthcoming Christmas and New Year festive season. On two occasions during the period as Duty Patrol Boat, the ship was advised of the possibilities to proceed to sea. One was due to the mine discovered at Pandora Reef near Townsville and the other was due to an unidentified object (possible mine) near Cape Bedford. In both instances other resources were used which then negated the need for BARBETTE to sail.

17. At the end of the period HMAS BARBETTE was secured alongside HMAS CAIRNS number four berth as Duty Patrol Boat in the Cairns area. Despite the fact that the ship has now completed her eighth operational week with only two days of planned maintenance, all machinery has performed well with only minor defects occurring.

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18. The health, welfare, morale and conduct of the ship's company has been very good. During the period the ship's company were lectured on the aspects of 'alcohol abuse'. Also during the period there were two new members to the ship's company as a result of postings whilst the third officer borne departed to take up his new posting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(A.R. SPELTA)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Details
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ANNEX A to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 January 1983

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during the period | 4,197 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 317,470 |
| 3. | Hours steamed during the period | 312 |
| 4. | Hours steamed since commissioning | 23,040 |
| 5. | Occasions economical routeing speed exceeded
(AFGM 006/82 refers) | |
| a. | Thursday 2/Friday 3 Passage Cairns to Thursday Island -
27.5 hours - average speed 16.0 knots. | |

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ANNEX B to HMAS BARBETTE
letter 1/16/5B dated
5 January 1983

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>			
XO Berth/Unberth	2 ea	0.6	12,13,20,21
NO Berth/Unberth	1 ea	0.3	16,18
Steering Gear Breakdown	2	0.3	11,13
Leaving Ship Stations	1	0.1	11
MOBEX	4	0.5	11 (4)
<u>Gunnery</u>			
Small Arms Shoot	1	1.5	15
<u>Navigation and AIO</u>			
Blind pilotage	3	0.9	10(2),22
Formation Departure	1	0.7	02
Gyro-failure/Steered Magnetic	1	1.0	04
<u>NBCD</u>			
A. Sea - Minor NBCDX	1	0.2	11
B. Harbour - Daily duty watch exercise or lecture			

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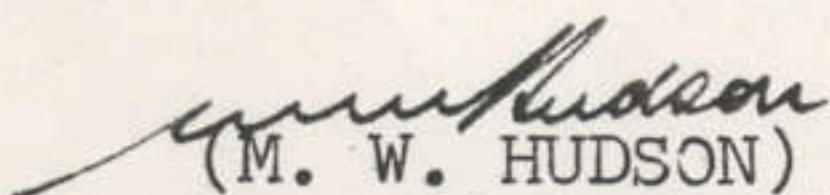
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NOVEMBER 1982

References: A. AF letter 1/16/16 of 21 December 1982.
B. HMAS BARBETTE Report of Proceedings for
November 1982.

Further to Reference A, the Commanding Officer of HMAS BARBETTE has been advised that paragraph 3 of Reference B does not adequately reflect the activities of the ship during the period 8 to 12 November 1982. He has been directed to resubmit his Report of Proceedings for November.


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