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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974

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(D.C. Wells)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:
HMAS TARAKAN Report 1/16/1 dated 4th February, 1974

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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane.

4th February 1974.

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The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. Australian Fleet
Fleet Headquarters
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For information:

The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron
Naval Staff Office
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HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of January 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was secured alongside HMAS WEWAK at HMAS MORETON. On Monday 7th January TARAKAN cast off at 0950K and proceeded to Hamilton Reach to survey the magnetic compass. This was completed by 1030K and at 1100K the ship secured at MORETON.

3. TARAKAN departed Brisbane at 0920K on 10 January and proceeded north to Townsville. The weather was good and the voyage uneventful, and at 1104K on Sunday 13 January the ship anchored 1.5 miles off Cape Cleveland in Bowling Green Bay. Ship's company went ashore and an enjoyable sports afternoon was held on the beach at Cape Ferguson.

4. The ship weighed anchor at 0630K on 14 January and proceeded into Townsville, berthing port side to No. 7 berth at 0907K. Whilst in Townsville arrangements were made with the R.A.A.F. for the tow of their S.A.R. craft to Cairns. This vessel was due to slip at the N.Q.E.A. slip in Cairns for the repair of damage suffered to the hull.

5. TARAKAN cast off at 1015K on 15 January and proceeded out of the entrance channel to rendezvous with the S.A.R. The S.A.R. was towed to this point by a chartered fishing vessel. Group Captain F. M. Griggs, DFC, DFM, Officer Commanding R.A.A.F. Base Townsville, was embarked for the passage to the end of the channel. By 1120K the tow had been passed. The fishing vessel returned to Townsville with Group Captain Griggs and TARAKAN proceeded north to Cairns. The S.A.R. had had its engines removed and was ballasted with sandbags. In the favourable weather conditions that prevailed, no trouble was experienced with the tow and a speed of 9 kts was achieved while steaming at 1700 r.p.m. (100 less than full ahead).

6. At 0830K on 16 January the S.A.R. was secured alongside TARAKAN port side and the ship proceeded into Cairns, berthing stbd. side to No. 2 wharf at 0944K. TARAKAN remained alongside until Sunday 20 January.

7. At 0900K on 20 January the ship cast off and proceeded enroute to Mackay. By the evening of the 20th, the weather had deteriorated considerably and the speed made good was reduced to about 6 knots. The radar became

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unserviceable at 1650K on the 21st. Course was reversed so that personnel could climb the mast in an attempt to repair the radar. This attempt was unsuccessful. As the visibility was greatly reduced because of heavy rain it was decided to remain in the vicinity of Holbourne Island and not attempt the passage of the Whitsunday Group until daylight.

8. Another effort was made to repair the radar at daybreak on Tuesday 22 January. This was successful and the ship proceeded through the Whitsunday Passage to Mackay. TARAKAN secured starboard side to No. 1 pier at Mackay at 1723K on the 22nd. Major P. Caskey R.A.E., the Army Liaison Officer at HMAS MORETON, was embarked, and at 1755K the ship cast off and proceeded to Sabina Pt. in Shoalwater Bay.

9. The ship was anchored 9 cables off Sabina Pt. in position 22° 23.3' S 150° 18.2' E at 0750K on 23 January. Major Caskey and one seaman proceeded ashore in the boat to examine the beaches and accesses to the beaches around Sabina Pt. This was in preparation for a forthcoming amphibious exercise in the area. On Major Caskey's return the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to conduct a beaching at Sabina Pt. At 1100K the ship approached to within 50 feet of the beach in position 22° 24S 150° 17.1 E. No difficulties were encountered and the beach was decided to be suitable for vessels of LCH size. TARAKAN retracted at 1105K and proceeded enroute to Brisbane.

10. The presence of cyclone WANDA became known during the forenoon of 24 January. At this time the ship was off Gladstone. As TARAKAN's course would have intercepted the predicted path of the cyclone, course was reversed to make ground to the north-west of the cyclone centre. TARAKAN remained in the vicinity of Cape Capricorn until the cyclone was known to be well south. At 1800K on the 24th course was resumed for Brisbane.

11. Moreton Bay was entered at 2150K on the 25th. As the weather in the bay was too rough to anchor overnight the ship entered the Brisbane River and proceeded to HMAS MORETON securing starboard side to LCH BETANO at 0430K on the 26th.

12. As the Brisbane River was in full flood and the danger of either breaking away from the berth or being hit by runaway vessels was extreme, all ship's company were recalled on Sunday 27th January. A civilian yacht which had broken adrift from its moorings was secured outboard on the 27th. It later in the day took the brunt of the impact when an oil fuel lighter adrift on the river collided with TARAKAN. Little damage was done to the yacht and none to TARAKAN.

13. Ship's company remained onboard until the 29 January when a watch system of 24 on 24 off was instituted. On the 31st the ship returned to a normal watchkeeping routine as the floodwaters receded.

14. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside LCH BETANO at HMAS MORETON.

15. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

Main engines and auxiliaries operated well throughout the month. Repairs carried out included:

a) INDEF 20/76, the defective H.P. gauge on the airconditioning unit which was replaced under warranty on 8th January.

b) INDEF 22/76, the fused hot plate elements replaced under warranty on 1st January.

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c) INDEF 23/76, the port D.G. JABSCO seawater pump which had a defective seal replaced on 7th January.

The starboard main engine mechanical tachometer became defective during the month (INDEF 24/76) and was repaired on 31st January.

The failure of the radar referred to in paragraph 7 was found to be due to a broken antenna drive belt. As reported in paragraph 8 this was repaired by ship's staff.

16. The general state of the ship is good and the health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant.

C A Ritchie.

(C. A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Return.

Annex B - Beaching Return.

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ANNEX A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B.1-16-1 dated
4th February 1974.

STEAMING RETURN - JANUARY 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	:	1973.3 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	:	236.95 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	:	6406.1 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	:	750.21 hours

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ANNEX B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B.1-16-1 dated
4th February 1974.

BEACHING RETURN - JANUARY 1974

Date	Position	Remarks
23rd	Sabina Pt. Shoalwater Bay	No stern anchor. Approached to 50 feet of beach.

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2. Problems with the switchboard breakers similar to that noted in paragraph 10d have occurred in other ships of the class due to loose fuse holders. Appropriate remedial action has been taken.

(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

Enclosure:

HMAS TARAKAN Report B1-16-1 dated 1st March 1974

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HMAS TARAKAN
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1ST MARCH 1974

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HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
FEBRUARY 1974

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. ship under my command during the month of February 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month Tarakan was secured alongside HMAS Betano at HMAS Moreton. Berths were changed on Tuesday, 5th February. Tarakan cast off at 0953K and secured alongside HMAS Brunei at 1037K.

3. The ship again shifted berth on 12th February being moved by tug at 1053K to allow Brunei to leave her berth. At 1115K Tarakan secured to the wharf at HMAS Moreton.

4. On Friday, 15th February, the Flag Officer Commanding East Australia area, Rear Admiral W.J. Dovers C.B.E. D.S.C. paid a short visit to HMAS Moreton. During the course of this visit Admiral Dovers walked around Tarakan.

5. Tarakan cast off at 1330K Monday, 18th February and proceeded to Bulimba Hard. After beaching at 1400K five A.P.C.s and three Tracked Load Carriers (T.L.C.) from A Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment were embarked. The ship retracted at 1538K and proceeded to sea enroute to Tin Can Bay. One Lieutenant R.A.A.C. and eight O.R.s were embarked with the vehicles. A sergeant from the 139th Signal Squadron was also embarked to assist in a communications exercise being conducted with his squadron.

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6. After crossing the Wide Bay bar at 0545K on 19th February Tarakan proceeded into Tin Can Bay and then south to Snapper Point. At 0718K the ship was beached on the northern tip of Snapper Point and the vehicles disembarked. Disembarkation was completed by 0730K when the ship retracted and returned to Brisbane. Tarakan berthed starboard side to the wharf at HMAS Moreton at 2002K on 19th February. The JOCOMEX with 139th Signal Squadron was successfully completed during the passage to Brisbane.

7. The ship cast off at 0858K on 20th February and again proceeded to Bulimba, beaching at 0924K. Six A.P.C.s, two fire support vehicles and nine Army personnel were embarked prior to retracting at 0950K. At 1025K the ship secured starboard side to Moreton and remained there until 1510K, when she cast off and proceeded enroute to Tin Can Bay.

8. Weather conditions were deteriorating on the morning of the 21st. Tarakan waited off the Wide Bay bar for two hours until a break in the rain enabled the crossing to be made at 0615K. Vehicles were offloaded at Snapper Point after beaching at 0732K and at 0742K the ship retracted and returned to Brisbane. After a slow passage caused by strong south-easterly winds Tarakan berthed starboard side to HMAS Labuan at Moreton at 2320K.

9. The next seven days were spent at Moreton and at the end of the month Tarakan was secured alongside HMAS Labuan at Moreton.

10. <u>Technical</u>

Major defects which have occurred during the month are:-

a. The failure of the drive clutch on the port D.G. Jabsco pump (INDEF 25/76). This was repaired by ship's staff on 15th February.

b. The unserviceability of the overspeed governor on the starboard main engine (INDEF 26/76). A new governor was fitted and adjusted by ship's staff on 18th February. The old governor is being repaired under warranty.

c. Corrosion of the internal fulcrum pins on the port and starboard stern tube flow alarms. New parts were manufactured by A.U.S.N. Brisbane and renewed and refitted by ship's staff.

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d. The tripping of the port diesel generator main switchboard breaker when experiencing heavy weather (INDEF 23/76). This fault occurred on numerous occasions last year but was thought to have been rectified. However it has happened again and at present is still outstanding. All other machinery has performed satisfactorily.

11. The general state of the ship is good, and the health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant

C.A. Ritchie

(C.A. RITCHIE)
Lieutenant, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. Steaming Return
B. Exercise Return
C. Beaching Return

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ANNEX A TO
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STEAMING RETURN - FEBRUARY 1974

1.	Distance steamed during the month	- 546.3 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	- 64.7 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	- 6952.4 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	- 814.91 hours

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ANNEX B TO
HMAS TARAKAN REPORT
OF PROCEEDINGS

EXERCISE RETURN - FEBRUARY 1974

Date	Exercise
18th 19th	JOCOMEX with 139th Signal Squadron R.A.A.S.C.
21st	Steering gear breakdown

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ANNEX C TO
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BEACHING RETURN - FEBRUARY 1974

Date	Position	Remarks
18th	BULIMBA	Stern anchor. Embarked 5 A.P.C.s and 3 T.L.C.s
19th	SNAPPER POINT TIN CAN BAY	Stern anchor. Disembarked above load.
20th	BULIMBA	Stern anchor. Embarked 6 A.P.C.s and 2 F.S.V.s
21st	SNAPPER POINT TIN CAN BAY	Stern anchor. Disembarked above load.

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974

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(D.C. WELLS)
Rear Admiral
Commander Australian Fleet

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HMAS TARAKAN Report 1/16/1 dated 1st April 1974

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HMAS TARAKAN
at Bundaberg.

1st April, 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For information:

The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron
HMAS MORETON.

H.M.A.S. TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command during the month of March 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was secured alongside HMAS LABUAN at HMAS MORETON. TARAKAN cast off at 0900K on 4th March and moved into the Brisbane River to allow LABUAN to leave her berth. The ship secured to the wharf at MORETON at 0923K.

3. TARAKAN then remained alongside until the 13th March. An exercise involving the return of elements of A Squadron 4th Cavalry Regiment from Tin Can Bay to Brisbane between the 7th and 14th March was cancelled due to rough weather on the Queensland coast. This weather culminated in the passage of cyclone ZOE down the coast, and on the 12th March precautions were taken against flood and cyclone in the Brisbane River. Fortunately the cyclone passed to seaward of Brisbane and the anticipated flood did not occur.

4. On Wednesday 13th March TARAKAN cast off at 1305K and proceeded to Bulimba Hard. After beaching at 1325K three APCs were embarked and the ship returned to MORETON, berthing outboard of LABUAN at 1410K.

5. At 1130K on the 14th I welcomed you, Sir, onboard. After you had lunched with the ships company, TARAKAN cast off at 1315K and proceeded downriver to Bulimba Hard. The APCs were disembarked at Bulimba and the ship then proceeded to the vicinity of the Lytton Cutting while you, Sir, were shown over the vessel. TARAKAN then proceeded to HMAS MORETON berthing alongside LABUAN at 1550K. The return passage to MORETON was marred by the failure of the primary method of steering whilst the ship was in Hamilton Reach. Secondary steering was employed for the remainder of the passage. INDEF 31/76 refers.

6. TARAKAN cast off at 0900K on Monday 18th March and proceeded to sea enroute to Bundaberg. At 1430K on the 19th March the ship secured to the Sugar Wharf at Port Bundaberg to pick up a pilot before proceeding downriver to Bundaberg. After embarking the pilot TARAKAN cast off at 1523K. The ship secured to the Town Wharf at Bundaberg at 1640K.

7. On the 20th March TARAKAN cast off at 0723K and crossed the river to the slipway at Bundeng shipyard. The ship was secured above the cradle at 0738K and by 0830K the vessel was slipped. This was the commencement of the intermediate and end of warranty docking. Fifty percent of the Ship's company proceeded on leave on the 20th. Those remaining were accommodated ashore.

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8. At the end of the month TARAKAN was on the slip at Bundeng Shipyard, Bundaberg.

9. TECHNICAL.

Defects which occurred prior to the commencement of the I.D. period were:-

a. The failure of the port main engine tachometer, (INDEF 30/76) which is still outstanding.

b. The failure of the hand steering system (INDEF 31/76). This was repaired with base assistance.

c. The failure of a capacitor in the emergency battery charger (INDEF 29/76). This remains outstanding.

INDEF 28/76, outstanding from February, was rectified during the month.

INDEFs 32/76 to 57/76 have been raised since the commencement of the docking period. They are mostly hull defects. Six of these defects are concerned with the fracture or corrosion of welds in the ships structure. With the exceptions listed at a, b and c above all machinery operated satisfactorily for the period the ship was operating during the month.

Dockyard work is progressing satisfactorily.

10. Those ship's company remaining onboard are engaged in the painting of the entire external area of the Ship. Excepting this fact, and the disturbed condition of the ship caused by the docking, the general state of the ship is good. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

C A Ritchie

(C. A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Return

Annex B - Beaching Return.

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8 APR P.M.
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ANNEX A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B.1-16-1 dated
1st April, 1974.

STEAMING RETURN - MARCH 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	:	298.75 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	:	35.1 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	:	7251.15 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	:	850.01 hours

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ANNEX B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B.1-16-1 dated
1st April, 1974.

BEACHING RETURN - MARCH 1974

Date	Position	Remarks
13th	Bulimba	Stern anchor. Embarked 3 A.P.Cs.
14th	Bulimba	Stern anchor. Disembarked 3 A.P.Cs.

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HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Reference: R.I. Appendix 29A

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with the reference.

(David Nicholls)
Captain, O.B.E. R.A.N.
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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane
1st May 1974

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The Commander
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HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of April 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was on the slip at BUNDENG shipyard Bundaberg undergoing the end of warranty slipping. Most of the ship's company were on long leave at this time.

3. All personnel returned from leave on the 24th April to prepare for the return voyage to Brisbane. On the 25th April TARAKANs ships company participated in Anzac Day ceremonies held in Bundaberg.

4. All dockyard work being successfully completed the ship commenced unslipping at 0950K on the 26th April. By 1045K TARAKAN was afloat but remained secured to the cradle. After embarking a pilot the ship cast off at 1105K and proceeded downriver to Burnett Heads. The pilot was disembarked at 1218K and TARAKAN proceeded to sea enroute to Brisbane.

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5. The passage to Brisbane was uneventful and at 1520K on Saturday 27 April the ship secured alongside HMAS BUNA at HMAS MORETON.

6. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside BUNA at HMAS MORETON.

7. TECHNICAL

All work designated to be done during the slipping period was completed satisfactorily. Defects still outstanding at the end of this period are:-

a. INDEF 16/76 - a cracked shroud on the radar antenna.
b. INDEF 19/76 - the isolation transformer in the washing machine unserviceable.
c. INDEF 29/76 - Alcad/Nife emergency battery charger.
d. INDEF 30/76 - Unserviceable mechanical tachometer on the port main engine.
e. URDEF 3/76 - Port bow ramp hook key fouling in keyway when ramp is raised.

INDEF 30/76 and URDEF 3/76 are being rectified at the present time. All other machinery and equipment is operating satisfactorily.

8. The general state of the ship is good, and the health, welfare and morale of the ships company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

C.A. Ritchie

(C.A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures : Annex A - Steaming Return

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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1-16-1 dated
1st May 1974

STEAMING RETURN - APRIL 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	:	263.2 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	:	28.25 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	:	7514.35 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	:	878.26 hours

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Passage to Vietnamese area. Army. Evacuees Port Phillip and Victorian Coast.
Paras 5 to 8 - Army tasks for LCH appear to include Apprentice Adventure Training! 16/7
I suggest this might also be mentioned in minute to DTS on tasking of LABUAN. 17/7

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - May 1974

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron, HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of May, 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was berthed alongside HMAS BUNA at HMAS MORETON. The ship cast off at 0900K on the 2nd May and proceeded into Moreton Bay in order to have the stern wire surveyed. Numerous exercises were carried out prior to the ship securing at MORETON at 1350K.

3. TARAKAN remained alongside until 0900K Tuesday, 7th May when she cast off and proceeded to sea en route to Sydney. The passage to Sydney was uneventful and at 1330K on the 9th May the ship berthed outboard of HMAS IBIS at the Minesweeper wharf HMAS WATERHEN.

4. Fuel was embarked prior to leaving Sydney at 1410K on the 10th May en route to Melbourne. Whilst on passage a 50 calibre machine gun and small arms firing was conducted during the forenoon of the 11th May. TARAKAN entered Port Phillip Heads at 0700K 13th May and berthed port side to East Dock Pier, Williamstown, at 1430K on the 13th.

5. The time of sailing for intended exercises with the Army was delayed 24 hours due to adverse weather conditions which culminated in the recent Victorian floods. TARAKAN eventually sailed at 1000K Friday, 17th May and proceeded around Cape Otway to Warrnambool. At 0730K on the 18th the ship came to anchor 2.7 cables north east of the break-water in Lady Bay. Forty apprentices and one officer from the Army apprentices school at Balcombe were embarked by boat prior to weighing anchor at 0902K and proceeding to Portland. The ship berthed starboard side to No.6 berth Portland at 1330K on the 18th May.

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6. The object of the next two days was to conduct adventure training for the apprentices. This was somewhat hampered in that beachings were made impossible by a heavy southerly swell along the coast. On Sunday, 19th May, TARAKAN sailed from Portland at 0900K, and proceeded to Lady Julia Percy Island. The ship anchored 3 cables north of the island landing at 1110K and personnel were landed by ships boat. All personnel were re-embarked by 1424K when the ship weighed anchor and returned to Portland, berthing at No.6 berth at 1635K.

7. TARAKAN sailed again at 1015K on the 20th May, intending to land the apprentices on Lawrence Rocks. The heavy swell however made landings anywhere on the coast hazardous and at 1210K the ship anchored one mile from the beach in the northern arm of Portland Bay. Army assault boats were launched to investigate the possibility of landings. The results being negative TARAKAN weighed anchor at 1412K and returned to Portland berthing at No.6 at 1507K.

8. At 0755K on Tuesday, 21st May TARAKAN cast off and proceeded to Warrnambool. Ten apprentices were disembarked by boat in Lady Bay at 1215K. Eighteen remained onboard for the passage to Melbourne. The ship entered Port Phillip Heads at 0900K on the 22nd May and at 1050K the remaining apprentices were disembarked in their own craft in Balcombe Bay. TARAKAN then proceeded to Melbourne berthing starboard side to the Outer West Wing at Station Pier at 1410K.

9. The second phase of the Army Support Task in Victoria was intended to give practical experience of embarking and disembarking vehicles to members of the Corps of Transport. Participation by the various transport units was not as great as expected due to the Army's participation in the flood relief work in Victoria.

10. The ship cast off from Station Pier at 0815K on the 24th May and proceeded to Webb Dock, berthing starboard side to the Australian National Lines No.2 berth at 0905K. This is a roll on/roll off berth. After some experimentation a satisfactory method was found whereby TARAKAN's ramp could be connected with the ramp at the berth and at 1005K Army drivers commenced familiarisation with 5 ton trucks and jeeps. TARAKAN cast off at 1405K and with 30 Army personnel embarked proceeded to Faulkener Beacon and then to Station Pier, berthing on the West Wing at 1455K.

11. On Sunday, 26th May the ship cast off at 1005K and proceeded into Port Phillip Bay with ten C.M.F. personnel embarked for a familiarisation trip TARAKAN reberthed at Station Pier at 1300K.

12. After leaving her berth at 0830K on the 27th May, the ship berthed at No.2 Webb Dock at 0902K. Driver Training was again conducted prior to slipping at 1345K with one 5 ton truck embarked. After proceeding a short way into the Bay, TARAKAN returned to Webb Dock and at 1437K beached at the Northern end of the dock. The vehicle was disembarked, the ship retracted at 1448K and at 1517K berthed on the West Wing, Station Pier.

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13. This procedure was repeated on the 28th May. TARAKAN slipped at 0830K, berthed at Webb Dock at 0855K, slipped at 1000K with one truck embarked, and beached at Webb Dock at 1133K. After retracting at 1153K, the ship returned to Williamstown, berthing starboard side to East Dock Pier at 1210K.

14. On the 29th May the hulk of S.A.R. craft number 02-103 was loaded into the tank deck for passage to Sydney.

15. At the end of the month TARAKAN was berthed on the East Dock Pier, Williamstown Dockyard.

16. TECHNICAL

Numberous defects requiring INDEF or URDEF action have occurred during the month. These are:-

a. URDEF 4/76 - Float charge unserviceable on the emergency battery charger. Rectified on the 2nd May.

b. URDEF 5/76 - Burnt out wiring on main switch-board circuits. Rectified 2nd May.

c. URDEF 6/76 - Starboard D.G. Jabsco seawater pump unserviceable. Rectified on 11th May.

d. URDEF 7/76 - Starboard main engine overspeed governor unserviceable. Rectified on 22nd May.

e. INDEF 59/76 - Starboard D.G. Tachometer unserv-iceable. Rectified on 2nd May.

f. INDEF 60/76 - Port D.G. tachometer unserviceable Rectified on 30th May.

URDEF 3/76 and INDEF 30/76 outstanding from April were rectified during the month.

INDEFs 16/76, 19/76 and 29/76 are still outstanding All other machinery and equipment has operated satisfactorily during the month.

17. The general state of the ship is good, and the health welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(C. A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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Enclosures:

Annex A - Steaming Return
Annex B - Exercise Return.

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ANNEX A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter B1-16-1
dated 1st June, 1974

STEAMING RETURN - MAY 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1,662.8 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	199.05 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	9,177.15 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	1,077.31 hours

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ANNEX B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter B1-16-1
Dated 1st June, 1974

EXERCISE RETURN - MAY, 1974

BEACHING

27th May - Webb Dock, Melbourne

28th May - Webb Dock, Melbourne

GUNNERY

11th May - 50 cal. and small arms firing

SEAMANSHIP

2nd May - steering from aft

24th May)
27th May) Rigging of bow ramp to facilitate loading from another ramp (Webb Dock)
28th May)

N.B.C.D.

2nd May - Action, emergency, leaving ship stations
Exercised first aid parties
Major fire exercises.

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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane

1st July 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding Queensland
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The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron
HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command during the month of June, 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was berthed at Williamstown Dockyard. The ship cast off at 0855K on the 1st and proceeded to sea enroute to Sydney. Embarked in the tank deck was the hulk of a S.A.R. craft for delivery to Garden Island Dockyard. After an uneventful passage TARAKAN berthed port side to the North East Cruiser wharf Garden Island at 0900K Tuesday 4th June.

3. Dockyard personnel unloaded the hulk by 1200K and at 1355K on the 4th the ship cast off and proceeded to HMAS WATERHEN, berthing port side to the Patrol Boat wharf at 1420K.

4. TARAKAN remained at WATERHEN until 0815K on the 7th June when the ship cast off and proceeded to Woolwich Hard. Immediately after beaching at 0832K army personnel commenced loading cargo destined for the airfield construction unit on Lord Howe Island. Ninety ton of cargo was embarked before retracting at 1220K and returning to WATERHEN. At 1233K on the 7th TARAKAN berthed starboard side to the Patrol Boat wharf.

5. It had been intended to sail for Lord Howe Island on Monday 10th June, but adverse weather conditions in the Tasman Sea delayed the sailing date until the 17th. The ship did sail at 1000K on Saturday 15th, however 10 miles out from Sydney Heads the ship returned to Sydney as the weather conditions had not improved appreciably.

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TARAKAN reberthed at WATERHEN, starboard side to the Minesweeper wharf at 1410K on the 15th.

6. On Monday 17th TARAKAN cast off at 0740K and proceeded to sea enroute to Lord Howe Island. The weather had improved considerably and the passage was uneventful. At 1830K on the 18th clocks were advanced 30 minutes to zone KL.

7. A local pilot was embarked at 0700KL on Wednesday 19th June, and at 0715KL the ship passed through Erscotts Passage and into the lagoon at Prince William Henry Bay, Lord Howe Island. The beaching was made at 0730KL at Windy Point beach and unloading commenced immediately.

8. As the ship had beached at the top of the high tide there was insufficient water in the lagoon to leave Lord Howe when unloading was completed at 0915KL. Consequently TARAKAN remained beached until 0740KL on the 20th June when the ship retracted and proceeded to sea. Once again the local pilot was embarked and his assistance was invaluable. The pilot was disembarked at 0807KL and course was set for Brisbane. At 1215KL clocks were retarded 30 minutes to zone Kilo. TARAKAN secured starboard side to the wharf at HMAS MORETON at 0808K on the 22nd June.

9. The ship remained at MORETON for the rest of the month. At 1030K on the 27th TARAKAN cast off to allow BETANO to berth on the wharf. TARAKAN berthed on BETANO at 1137K. The 27th was also the date of the departmental and harbour inspections by COMAUSLANCRON ONE Staff Officers.

10. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside HMAS BETANO, at HMAS MORETON.

11. <u>TECHNICAL.</u>

All machinery and auxiliary equipment has operated satisfactorily during the month.
Defects completed during the month are:-
(a) URDEF 9/76 - Starboard D.G. Jabsco pump.
(b) INDEF 29/76 - Alcad Nife battery charger.
(c) INDEF 61/76 - Starboard D.G. Jabsco pump.
(d) INDEF 62/76 - Port D.G. Jabsco pump.
INDEFS 16/76 and 19/76, the cracked shroud on the radar, and the washing machine transformer, remain outstanding.

12. The general state of the ship is good, and the health welfare and morale of the ships company are satisfactory

I have the honour to be
Sir,
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STEAMING RETURN - JUNE 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1556.9 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	154.2 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	10734.05 miles
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	1231.51 hours

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Annex B to
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B1-16-1 dated

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EXERCISE RETURN - JUNE 1974

BEACHING

7th June - Woolwich Hard, Sydney.

19th June - Prince William Henry Bay,
Lord Howe Island.

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13th June - Major Fire and NBCD Exercise

19th June - NBCD Exercise

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2. Visit to Jakarta.

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HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY-1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of July 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was berthed outboard of HMAS BETANO at HMAS MORETON. On the 2nd of July berths were changed, TARAKAN casting off at 0810K and securing to the wharf at 0830K. Loading of stores and containers for the deployment to Singapore was carried out after berthing.

3. TARAKAN cast off at 1000K on the 3rd of July and proceeded to the ANL wharf at Newstead, berthing at 1040K. A 30 foot survey motor boat for delivery to Cairns was loaded before casting off at 1110K. The ship then proceeded to sea enroute to Cairns.

4. On Sunday the 7th of July TARAKAN berthed starboard side to HMAS FLINDERS at Number 1 Berth Cairns at 1006K. Berth was shifted the following day at 0730K to a berth ahead of FLINDERS and the survey boat was offloaded. Two truckloads of palletised stores

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for the ANZUK force in Singapore were loaded before returning alongside FLINDERS at 1630K.

5. TARAKAN sailed from Cairns at 0900K on the 9th of July and proceeded enroute to Darwin. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes at 1815K on the 12th of July. Having time in hand the ship anchored 2 miles south of Cape Croker in Somerville Bay, Croker Island at 1533JK on the 13th of July. The ship remained at anchor until 1226JK on the 14th when she weighed and proceeded on to Darwin. At 0910JK on the 15th of July TARAKAN berthed starboard side to Number 3A Inner Stokes Hill Wharf Darwin.

6. Sailing from Darwin on the 17th of July was delayed for four hours due to a defect in the radar (URDEF 10/76). Temporary repairs were made with assistance from HMAS MELVILLE staff and the ship finally sailed at 1400JK enroute to JAKARTA via WETAR and SAPUDI straits.

7. During the passage to Jakarta clocks were retarded 60 minutes on the 18th to zone HJ, 30 minutes on the 20th to zone H, 30 minutes on the 22nd to zone GH and 30 minutes on the 24th to zone G. In the afternoon of the 20th a small arms shoot was held from the quarterdeck with all hands participating. The steering gear failed on the morning of the 23rd (URDEF 11/76) after steering was employed for 2½ hours until repairs could be made.

8. After embarking an Indonesian pilot at 0725G on the 25th of July, TARAKAN entered TANDJUNG PRIOK, and at 0830G berthed port side to the Indonesian Naval Wharf. On arrival Captain M. A. McK. CLARKE RAN, the Australian Naval Attache Jakarta, came onboard, accompanied by Captain SUDARTO TNI-AL, the liason officer for the 3RD Naval District. At 1000G in company with CAPT CLARKE, I called on the Commanding Officer of the 3RD Naval Subdistrict, LtCol ANWAR AFFANDI TNI-AL. LtCol AFFANDI was unfortunately called away and his deputy MAJOR O. SUHENTI TNI-AL received the call. MAJOR SUHENTI returned the call at 1110G.

9. All Embassy stores having been disembarked, and all personnel well pleased with the ship's first foreign visit, TARAKAN departed TANDJUNG PRIOK at 1400G on the 26th and proceeded to SINGAPORE via BANKA and RHIOW Straits. Clocks were advanced 30 minutes to zone GH on the 27th of July. TARAKAN anchored one mile east of JOHORE

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SHOAL BUOY at 1655GH ON the 28th of July and remained at anchor overnight. At 1100GH on the 29th the ship weighed and proceeded into the JOHORE Straits berthing starboard side to Number 6 berth, Naval Stores Basin, Sembawang Dockyard at 1400GH.

10. Berth was shifted at 0730GH on the 31st to starboard side to Number 4 berth. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside Number 4 berth, Naval Stores Basin, Singapore.

11. TECHNICAL.

All machinery and auxilary equipment has operated exceedingly well during the month. Two major defects have occured to electrical equipment. The radar (URDEF 10/76) and the steering gear (URDEF 11/76). Both of these items have been made serviceable by repairs which at the best can only be considered temporary. Spare parts needed to effect the proper repairs have been ordered, but due to the unavailability of most of these parts, no deliveries have been received as yet.

12. The general state of the ship is good, and the health and morale of the ships company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

C A Ritchie

(C. A. RITCHIE)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Encloseures: Annex A - Steaming Return
Annex B - Exercise Return

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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1 - 16 - 1 dated
1st August 1974

STEAMING RETURN - JULY 1974

A. Distance steamed during the month - 4458 miles

B. Hours underway during the month - 462 hours

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning - 15,192 miles

D. Total hours underway since commissioning - 1,693.51 hours

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Annex B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1 - 16 - 1 dated
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EXERCISE RETURN - JULY 1974

BEACHINGS

Nil.

GUNNERY

20th July - Small arms shoot
S.L.R. All hands participated.

SEAMANSHIP

07 July - Steering from aft - 10 minutes
19 July - Steering from aft - 1 hout
23 July - Steering from aft - 2½ hours.

NBCD

10 July - D.C. exercise
12 July - Fire and NBCD exercise
19 July - Major fire and first aid exercise
22 July - D.C. exercise, fire and rescue parties exercise

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1. Loading Army stores at Belawan
2. In Singapore, bow door repairs.
3. Visit to Bali - assisted merchant ship.
4. Darwin, industrial trouble, unloaded at Army slipway.

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HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of August 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month Tarakan was alongside Number 4 Berth, Naval Stores Basin, Singapore. At 0900 (GH) on Friday August 2nd, Tarakan cast off and proceeded via Johore Strait and Malacca Strait to Belawan, Northern Sumatra. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes at 1815 (GH) on Saturday 3rd August to zone -7 (G). An Indonesian pilot was embarked at 0635 (G) Sunday 4th August and Tarakan entered Belawan, Berthing starboard side to wharf 201 at 0820 (G).

3. The Officer Commanding Number 5 Field Survey Squadron Detatchment, Indonesian officers involved in Operation Gidang IV and a representative of Army Movements from Sydney arrived later in the forenoon to discuss loading of survey stores and vehicles for transport to Darwin.

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4. Employing a locally owned ten-ton crane, loading commenced at 1030 (G) on Monday 5th August, and with the exception of a fork lift and Landrover, was completed at 1600. The remaining vehicles were embarked by 1045 (G) on Tuesday August 6th and Tarakan sailed for Singapore at 1200(G).Clocks were advanced 30 minutes to zone -7½ (GH) at 2345 (G) on the 7th August.

5. Tarakan entered Johore Strait at 0710 (GH) on Thursday 8th August and berthed port side to Number 3 Berth, Naval Stores Basin, Singapore at 0845. Arrangements were then made through Royal Navy FMU for Sembawang Dockyard Pte. Ltd. to carry out modifications to the bow door in accordance with COMAUSFLT signal 070001Z Aug 74. This work required the ship to remain in Singapore for an additional four days.

6. Friday August 9th was Singapore National Day and Tarakan dressed ship with masthead ensign and the Singapore National Flag. HMAS Stuart entered harbour at 0830 (GH) that forenoon and HMAS Onslow followed at 1300 (GH). A team of divers from USS Brunswick carried out a hull inspection on Tarakan during the forenoon of Tuesday August 13th.

7. Tarakan cast off at 1100 (GH) on Thursday 15th August and proceeded via Johore, Banka and Lombok Straits for Benoa, Bali, Indonesia. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes to zone -7 (G) at 1815 (GH) on Monday 19th August.

8. The Harbourmaster from Benoa was embarked at 1026 (G) on Tuesday August 20th and Tarakan anchored in Benoa Harbour at 1045, the allocated berth being occupied. M.V. Energy Trader, registered in Singapore, signalled that she was in difficulties when her engine failed to start and she began drifting from her berth. A line was passed at 1345(G) and with a pilot embarked, Tarakan weighed at 1430(G) and towed Energy Trader to an anchorage in the harbour. Tarakan then proceeded to her berth at the fishing pier, securing starboard side to at 1500(G). Whilst in Benoa the ship played volleyball against the Indonesian Navy, the more experienced Indonesians having the upper hand.

9. With a pilot embarked, Tarakan cast off and proceeded for Darwin at 0845(G) Thursday 22nd August, clearing Benoa at 0930(G). Clocks were advanced to zone -8(H) at 2330 on the 22nd August, 30 minutes to zone -8½(HJ) at 2345 on the 24th August and one hour to zone -9½(JK) at 2330 Sunday 25th August.

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10. Tarakan entered Darwin Harbour at 1000(JK) on **Tuesday** 27th August, berthing starb ard side to Inner Stokes Hill Wharf at 1100(JK), where Quarantine and Customs formalities were completed and cargo offloading commenced. Industrial trouble halted offloading during the afternoon of the 27th August. Tarakan cast off from Stokes Hill Wharf at 1215(JK) Thursday 29th August proceeding into Darwin Harbour where the ship anchored at 1245(JK) to repair a defect in the port engine. Tarakan weighed at 535(JK) and beached at Elliott Point Army Slipway at 1550 (JK) 29th August where the remaining cargo was offloaded.

11. The cargo offloaded, Tarakan retracted and proceeded for Thurdday Island. At the end of the month Tarakan was enroute Darwin to Thursday Island.

12. Technical

The radar continued to present difficulties during the month. URDEF 10/76 which was outstanding at the end of July was cancelled when the radar became completely unserviceable between Bali and Darwin. URDEF 12/76 and 13/76 were raised. Repairs were made in Darwin using some spares which arrived from C.S.S. and others purchased locally. Although the unit is now operating URDEF 12/76 and 13/76 remain outstanding as the repairs made are temporary until the arrival of correct spares. URDEF 11/76 the steering breaker box remains outstanding due to the lack of parts. De ects occuring during the month were the failure of the port Jabsco Pump (URDEF 14/76) and the fuel oil purifier (URDEF 15/76). Both remain outstanding. All other machinery and auxiliaries have operated satisfactorily.

13. The general state of the ship is good and the health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory. Ship's company were lectured on security during the month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir
Your obedient servant

C.A. Ritchie

(C. A. RITCHIE)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
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Encloseures: Annex A - Steaming return
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Annex A to
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1st September 1974

STEAMING RETURN AUGUST 1974

A. Distance steamed during the month - 3587.8 miles
B. Hours underway during the month - 387.9 hours
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning-
18,779.8 miles
D. Total hours underway since commissioning- 2081.41 hours

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B1 - 16 - 1 dated
1st September 1974

EXERCISE RETURN - AUGUST 1974

Beachings

29th August - Elliott Point Darwin - unloaded 5FLD Survey SQDN equipment.

Gunnery

Nil

Seamanship

20th August - Towed MV Energy Trader from berth to anchorage in Benoa Harbour.

NBCD

07 August - DC and fire exercise
19 August - Major fire exercise
31 August - DC and fire exercise

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1. KIUNGA extraction.
2. Bow door problems.

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1974

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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane
1st Oct 1974

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GARDEN ISLAND NSW 2000

The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron
HMAS MORETON

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of September 1974

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was on passage from Darwin to Thursday Island. The ship secured port side to the Caltex wharf Thursday Island at 1000K on the 1st and commenced fuelling. Fuelling completed TARAKAN moved to an anchorage in the harbour at 1300K prior to sailing for Daru at 1607K.

3. On the 2nd September at 0944K the ship came to anchor in Daru Roads P.N.G. LCDR K. HEYNATZ R.A.N., staff of COMPNGFOR, was embarked as adviser for the forthcoming venture into the Fly River. HMAS WEWAK anchored in the roadstead at 1130K and transferred echo sounder equipment before departing at 1300K.

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4. TARAKAN remained at anchor until 0226K on the 4th September when she weighed and proceeded for the mouth of the Fly River. The ship arrived off the North Entrance, which is in fact the middle one of three, at 0720K. A strong south easterly wind and heavy swell caused some difficulty in locating the entrance, and also succeeded in snapping one of the support struts of the outboard transducer. By 1100K the initial entrance had been negotiated and the ship was stopped to enable the outboard sounder to be rerigged using a makeshift wooden support.

Progress was again halted at 1455K when the echo sounder failed (URDEF 16/76). The ship was anchored while repairs were made, but as these were unsuccessful, a portable Furuno sounder provided by Lcdr Heynatz was connected to the ships transducers.

This arrangement was to work successfully in the absence of any other, for the remainder of the task. TARAKAN weighed and proceeded at 1625K, until 1825K when she anchored abeam Lewade village, 70 miles from the river entrance.

5. For the next four days the ship was underway between 0630K and 1830K each day anchoring overnight. Progress was slow on the 5th due to a succession of bars across the river.

Anchorage was made at Tidal Island, 139 miles from the mouth, which marks the end of tidal influence on the flow of the river.

No further difficulties were encountered for the next 3 days although the distances covered were small owing to the outgoing current in the river. Anchorages were at Obo Village, the 232 mile mark on the 6th, the 334 mile mark on the 7th and the 410 mile mark on the 8th . Hand steering failed on the 8th (URDEF 17/76) and thereafter all steering was by joystick control.

6. TARAKAN anchored 0.5 miles downstream from the hard at KIUNGA at 1430K on the 9th September. After conferring with army personnel ashore, the ship weighed anchor and beached at 1615K. Loading of PNGDF Engineer Company vehicles commenced and was carried on until 1804K when the ship retracted and returned to her anchorage. At 0735K on the 10th TARAKAN was again beached and loading continued. This was completed by 1200K, and at 1312K TARAKAN retracted and commenced the return voyage to Port Moresby. Five PNGDF personnel were embarked for the passage.

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7. The return passage downriver was uneventful. Anchorages were Wygerin Village (418 mile mark) on the 10th, 273 mile mark on the 11th and 134 mile mark on the 12th. TARAKAN left the Fly River by the northern most channel, entering the open sea at 2000K on the 13th September enroute to Port Moresby.

8. It is noteworthy that whilst in the fresh water of the upper reaches of the Fly River, excellent traces were obtained using the inboard transducer for the echo sounder at all speeds up to the maximum revolutions of 1800 RPM. Previously any speed above 1300 RPM had blanked out the trace.

9. A heavy south easterly swell was encountered on clearing the Fly River. Speed was reduced to half ahead at 0106K on the 14th September to ensure the safety of the cargo. During a check of the upper deck at 0200K it was discovered that the port bow hook had snapped, that the port securing bolt hinge pin was broken, and that the starboard securing bolt hinge pin was bent. (My KLI/KUK 131650Z SEP and URDEF 18/76 refer).

Chains were rigged both sides and speed reduced to slow ahead.

10. As the ship was making no headway into the sea towards Port Moresby course was altered for Thursday Island at 1045K on the 14th thus putting the sea on the port beam. This decision was reached after an unsuccessful attempt to spot weld the door into position.

11. TARAKAN anchored in Thursday Island Harbour at 0032K on Sunday 15th September, and after clearing with Customs and Quarantine berthed on the Caltex Jetty at 1027K.

12. Temporary repairs to the ramp (My KLI/DAJ 162240Z SEP refers) were commenced on the 17th Sept after the arrival of the Squadron Technical Officer from Brisbane. South Sea Island Enterprises undertook the work. Repairs were completed by the evening of 18th September and at 0615K on Thursday 19th September TARAKAN cast off and proceeded enroute to Port Moresby.

13. The ship anchored 0.5 miles west of Manubada Island, Port Moresby Harbour at 0014K on the 21st September, weighed at 0716K and secured starboard side to the PNGDF wharf Port Moresby at 0802K.

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Unloading commenced immediately and was completed by 1100K. One Army 16 ton wrecker recovery vehicle was backloaded.

14. At 0830K on the 22nd September TARAKAN cast off and proceeded to sea enroute to Cairns. A fast passage was made enabling the ship to anchor 1.5 mile north of West Hope Island at 0835K on the 25th Sept. HMAS BAYONET rendezvoused at 1330K and transferred mail. TARAKAN weighed anchor at 1754K and proceeded to Cairns, berthing port side to No. 6 Berth at 0810K on 26th September.

15. Whilst in Cairns a 40 foot Survey motor boat for delivery to Brisbane was loaded into the tank deck. At 0900K on 27th September the ship cast off and proceeded enroute to Brisbane. At the end of the month TARAKAN was at sea off Double Island Point enroute to Brisbane.

16. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

The major defect occuring in the month was the failure of the bow ramp securing gear. (URDEF 18/76) Temporary repairs have been made which have proved successful. The failure of the echo sounder output transformer (URDEF 16/76) and the steering console discriminator unit (URDEF 17/76), are the other major defects for the period. Both defects are outstanding through lack of replacement parts.
URDEF's 11/76, 12/76, 13/76, 14/76 and 15/76 are also outstanding due to lack of spare parts. Stores addressed to the ship for collection in Port Moresby, which included many of these parts, were found on arrival Port Moresby to have been forwarded by PNGDF Movement Agency to HMAS TARANGAU.

All machinery and equipment, with the exceptions listed above, has operated satisfactorily during the month.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1072971

17. The general state of the ship is good and the health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant

C.A. Ritchie.

(C.A. RITCHIE)
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COMMANDING OFFICER

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1st October 1974

STEAMING RETURN - SEPTEMBER 1974

A. Distance steamed during the month - 3565.3 miles

B. Hours underway during the month - 419.25 hours

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning - 22,345.1 miles

D. Total hours underway since commissioning - 2,500.66 hours

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Annex B to
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B1-16-1 dated
1st October 1974

EXERCISE RETURN - SEPTEMBER 1974

BEACHINGS

9th Sept - KIUNGA : Embarked PNGDF ENGR COY Vehicles and Stores

10th Sept - KIUNGA : Embarked PNGDF ENGR COY Vehicles and Stores

21st Sept - Cargo unloaded over Hard at PNGDF Wharf Port Moresby

SEAMANSHIP

05 Sept - Ships boat used for lead line sounding
06 Sept - Ships boat used for lead line sounding
07 Sept - After Steering
08 Sept - After Steering
14 Sept - Rigging alternative securing gear bow door
14 Sept - Exercise man overboard recovery
24 Sept - After steering

NBCD

04 Sept - NBCD Exercise
11 Sept - NBCD Exercise
23 Sept - NBCD Exercise

Fire Exercises Daily

COMMUNICATIONS

24 Sept - Rigged emergency aerial. Communications established with Darwin and Canberra using AN/GRC 106. Unable to establish communications using secondary set GRC-F1.

GENERAL

24 Sept - Action Stations
24 Sept - Leaving Ship Stations
24 Sept - First Aid Party Exercise

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HMAS TARAKAN
At Brisbane

1st November, 1974

B1-16-1

The Naval Officer Commanding,
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of October 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was at sea en route from Cairns to Brisbane. The ship entered the Brisbane River at 1230K on 1st October and secured starboard side to HMAS BALIKPAPAN at MORETON at 1407K.

3. TARAKAN cast off from her berth at 0909K on 2nd October to allow BALIKPAPAN to leave her berth, and then returned alongside the wharf to offload the motor boat carried from Cairns. On completion of offloading the ship cast off at 1020K and proceeded to Bulimba Hard, beaching at 1037K. The Army recovery vehicle was offloaded prior to retracting at 1050K, and at 1115K TARAKAN berthed starboard side to the wharf at HMAS MORETON.

4. The period until 7th October was spent alongside at MORETON. On 7th the ship was cold moved to Peter's Slip commencing at 1030K and being slipped by 1215K. This marked the commencement of the Intermediate Docking and long leave period.

5. All necessary work on the ship being completed TARAKAN was unslipped at Peter's at 0800K on 15th October and cold moved to HMAS MORETON berthing starboard side to the wharf at 0855K. The remainder of the month was spent at MORETON completing the I.D. period.

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6. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside the wharf at HMAS MORETON.

7. TECHNICAL

Work has progressed satisfactorily during the intermediate docking period. Items outstanding from the scheduled work are those which require stores which are on order but unavailable at present. URDEFS 19/76 1.37/76 were raised and completed during the month with the exception of 22/76, which is awaiting the manufacture of a new outboard transducer support. Basin Trials were successfully conducted on 29th October.

8. The general state of the ship is good. The underside of the bow door has been sand blasted and repainted and the remainder of the ship's side is being scraped back and repainted. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your obedient servant

(C.A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: ANNEX A - Steaming Return
ANNEX B - Exercise Return.

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ANNEX A to
HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st November, 1974

STEAMING RETURN - OCTOBER 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	128.0 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	15.25 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	22473.1 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	2515.91 hours

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ANNEX B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1-16-1 dated
1st November 1974

EXERCISE RETURN - OCTOBER 1974

BEACHINGS

2nd October Bulimba Hard

Total beachings since commissioning - 34

SEAMANSHIP

23rd October Raised bow door by hand

NBCD

Duty watch fire exercises

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(David Nicholls)
Captain O.B.E. R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane
1st Dec 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of November 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside at HMAS MORETON completing the intermediate docking and main leave period.

3. On the 18th November the workup period commenced. The first three days were spent alongside storing ship and carrying out drills and trials prior to proceeding to sea. TARAKAN cast off at 0900K on Thursday 21st November and proceeded into Moreton Bay. During the day various internal drills were carried out including, after steering, recovering bow ramp by hand, and rigging of bow preventer chains. The ship returned to MORETON at 1835K berthing starboard side to HMAS BETANO.

4. At 1130K on Friday 22nd November the Fleet Commander REAR ADMIRAL D.C. WELLS C.B.E. presented the First Australian Landing Craft Squadron Proficiency Shield to HMAS TARAKAN, at a ceremony held on the wharf at HMAS MORETON.

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5. TARAKAN cast off at 0900K on the 25th November and proceeded into Moreton Bay to continue the workup. After carrying out OOW shiphandling and other drills the ship anchored at 1245K in Tangalooma Roads. More drills were carried out after weighing anchor at 1400K, before proceeding out of Moreton Bay to night steam.

6. On Tuesday 26th November, 50cal machine gun and small arms firings were carried out before re-entering Moreton Bay at 1000K. OOW anchorages were carried out at Tangalooma, followed by OOW beachings in the afternoon.

At 1835K on 26th the ship was beached at Tangalooma and lines passed to trees on the beach. TARAKAN remained beached until 0657K on the 27th November when she retracted and proceeded to anchor at Tangalooma. At 1000K the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to HMAS MORETON berthing starboard side to HMAS BETANO at 1430K.

7. TARAKAN cast off and proceeded to sea in the action state for her operational readiness evaluation at 0805K on Thursday 28th November. You, Sir, were embarked as was COMAUSLANCRON ONE CMDR. R.S. BARRELL R.A.N. and two sailors from his staff. The ship beached at Bulimba at 0830K, retracted at 0837K, and then proceeded into Moreton Bay. During the day numerous exercises were successfully conducted before returning to MORETON and berthing starboard side HMAS LABUAN at 1355K. The remainder of the month was spent at MORETON.

8. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside HMAS LABUAN at MORETON.

9. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

All work arising from the I.D. period has been successfully completed with the exception of URDEF 14/76 (Port D.G. Jabsco Pump), URDEF 22/76 (Outboard Transducer) and URDEF 38/76 (Busbar Frequency Meter). These are either being repaired by contractors or awaiting spares.

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All other machinery is operating satisfactorily. Basin trials were successfully conducted on the 15th November.

10. The general state of the ship is good and the health, welfare and morale of the ships company are also good. The ships company have been lectured on security during the month.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant

(C.A. Ritchie)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: ANNEX A - Steaming Return
ANNEX B - Exercise Return

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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st December 1974

STEAMING RETURN - NOVEMBER 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	299.3 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	45:8 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	22772.4 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	2561.7 hours

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Annex B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1-16-1 dated
1st December 1974

EXERCISE RETURN - NOVEMBER 1974

BEACHINGS; -

26 November	6 beachings during workup - remained beached overnight
28 November	Bulimba

Total beachings since commissioning - 41

GUNNERY: -

21 November	Gun crew drills
21 November	Boarding party exercise
26 November	50cal firings - small arms shoot

ENGINEERING: -

25 November	E/R drills
28 November	E/R drills

NBCD: -

18 November	Major fire exercise - fire aid exercise
19 November	Major fire exercise
20 November	D.C. exercise - first aid exercise
21 November	Major fire exercise - D.C. exercise first aid exercise
25 November	Major fire exercise - recovered casualty from E/R
26 November	Major fire and D.C. exercise - casualty E/R

SEAMANSHIP: -

18 November	Action, Leaving ship, Emergency stations
21 November	Steering from aft - action stations - recovery bow ramp by hand - rigged bow preventer chains
25 November	Action stations - man overboard recoveries - OOW shiphandling - rough weather recovery ships boat - streamed towed log
26 November	Action stations - after steering
27 November	Man overboard drills
28 November	Action stations - gyro failure - steering failure - man overboard drills - streamed towed log

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(David Nicholls)
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HMAS TARAKAN
at Townsville
1st January 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
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For Information
The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of December 1974.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside HMAS LABUAN at HMAS MORETON. A workup period had recently been completed and the ship was available for tasking.

3. TARAKAN cast off at 0855K on the 11th December to allow HMAS BETANO to leave her berth. The ship secured alongside LABUAN at 0930K. The Christmas leave period commenced on Monday 16th December. From this date until the 26th December TARAKAN remained alongside in her berth.

4. On the afternoon of the 25th December the ships company were recalled from leave in response to the requirement for the ship to be on standby to proceed to Darwin to assist in operation NAVY HELP, as a result of the devestation of that city by cyclone. By 1900K on the 26th December the ship was fully stored and had a full complement of her own and other ships sailors. Two of TARAKANs ships company had made up deficiencies in BALIKPAPAN and BETANO prior to their sailing on the 26th.

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5. As the time of sailing was indefinite on the evening of the 26th, the opportunity was taken to embark extra fuel. TARAKAN cast off at 1950K and proceeded to Dalgetty's No.1 wharf berthing at 2001K. Fuel was embarked before casting off at 2125K and berthing at MORETON at 2130K.

6. TARAKAN eventually sailed at 1630K on the 27th December and, in company with HMAS BRUNEI proceeded to Townsville to embark electrical equipment for Darwin. Enroute to Townsville the intended load was changed to Bailey bridging equipment.

7. After an uneventful passage TARAKAN secured ahead of HMAS BRUNEI at No.2 berth Townsville at 2300K on the 30th December. Fuel and provisions were embarked on the 31st.

8. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside No.2 berth Townsville awaiting the arrival of the equipment to be carried to Darwin.

9. TECHNICAL

All machinery and auxilliary equipment has operated satisfactorily during the month. No major defects occurred. One minor defect still outstanding is Port M/E tachometer U/S. (INDEF 71/76 refers). Spare parts needed to effect the repair are on order.

10. The general state of the ship is good, and the health, welfare and morale of the ships company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your Obedient servant

C.A. Ritchie

(C.A. RITCHIE)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st January 1975

STEAMING RETURN - DECEMBER 1974

A.	Distance steamed during the month	717.6 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	79.25 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	23,490.0 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	2640.95 hours

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Annex B to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1-16-1 dated
1st January 1975

EXERCISE RETURN - DECEMBER 1974

BEACHINGS

Nil

Total beachings since commissioning - 41

NBCD

30 Dec - Major fire and D.C. exercise

Duty watch fire exercises daily in harbour

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