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1. Transport Bailey Bridging to Darwin.
2. Stores duties in Darwin harbour.
3. Transport army stores to Cairns.
4. Transport army containers to Darwin.

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1975

Reference: R.I. Appendix 29A.

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(D. Nicholls)
Captain O.B.E. R.A.N.
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HMAS TARAKAN
at Sea
1st Febuary 1975

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The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of January 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside No 2 berth Townsville, awaiting the arrival of army stores from Sydney, to be conveyed to Darwin. Berth was shifted to No 7 on the 3rd of January, casting off at 1040K and securing port side to No 7 at 1055K. HMAS BRUNEI was berthed ahead.

3. Bailey bridging equipment for Darwin arrived by a convoy of 13 semi trailers on the 3rd and loading into TARAKAN and BRUNEI commenced at 1330K. Loading was completed by 1040K on the 4th January. In addition to the bridging equipment one Dept of Works mobile crane was loaded into TARAKAN.

4. The ship remained in Townsville until Monday 6th January when HMAS WEWAK arrived from Brisbane. On completion of WEWAK fuelling, TARAKAN sailed at 1500K in company with BRUNEI and WEWAK enroute to Darwin.

5. Heaving line transfers were conducted with BRUNEI and WEWAK commencing at 1010K on the 8th January. TARAKAN was guide for one transfer with each ship, and the approaching ship for one transfer with each. Transfers were completed by 1150K. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes to zone IK at 1815K on the 9th

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January. At 2115IK on the 9th a rendezvous was made with HMAS BALIKPAPAN which was on passage Darwin to Cairns. A boat transfer of personnel was conducted between TARAKAN and BALIKPAPAN before proceeding at 2145IK. TARAKAN entered Darwin harbour at 0110IK on the 12th January and at 0135IK secured starboard side to the Boom wharf. BRUNEI secured outboard 5 minutes later.

6. Unloading commenced early on the 13th January and was completed by army personnel by 1500IK. At 1830IK TARAKAN and BRUNEI cast off from the wharf in order to exchange berths. After experiencing considerable difficulty in returning alongside due to a strong ebb off the wharf, TARAKAN secured outboard of BRUNEI at 1925IK.

7. Tuesday 14th January introduced TARAKAN to a type of work which had not been her lot in any of her previous tasks, but for which it is obvious LCHs are eminently suitable and indeed designed for. This was the carriage of stores, personnel and "sullage" from ships at anchor to shore and vice versa. TARAKAN was involved in this type of work until her departure from Darwin.

8. The ship cast off from BRUNEI at 0644IK on the 14th and proceeded to Perkins Hard at Francis Bay, beaching at 0714IK. Two semi trailers carrying refrigerated containers of fresh provisions were embarked prior to retracting at 0814IK. TARAKAN then proceeded to HMAS MELBOURNE in the harbour, berthing on her starboard side at 0910IK. After MELBOURNE had embarked her provisions TARAKAN cast off at 1030IK and proceeded in turn to the rest of the task force to transfer provisions. The ship was alongside HMAS SUPPLY between 1055IK and 1130IK, HMAS VENDETTA from 1140IK to 1252IK, HMAS STUART from 1305IK to 1330IK, and HMAS HOBART from 1345IK to 1411IK before securing starboard side to HMAS BRISBANE at 1427IK. TARAKAN remained alongside BRISBANE until 1706IK in order to await high tide in Francis Bay. On casting off the ship proceeded to Perkins Outer Hard, beaching at 1725IK. The semi trailers were disembarked and TARAKAN retracted at 1750IK to proceed to Stokes Hill wharf, berthing port side to HMAS BETANO outboard of HMAS STALWART at 1821IK.

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9. At 0536IK on the 15th January, TARAKAN cast off and proceeded to HMAS MELBOURNE to embark MELBOURNE and SUPPLY working parties and land them ashore. The ship berthed port side to MELBOURNE at 0610IK, embarked personnel, cast off at 0635IK, and berthed on BETANO at 0650IK to disembark the personnel to STALWARTs pontoon. TARAKANs first sullage run commenced at 1005IK on the 15th. After embarking sullage from the pontoon the ship cast off and proceeded to MELBOURNE berthing at 1100IK. MELBOURNEs gash was embarked prior to casting off at 1144IK and proceeding to HMAS SUPPLY. Ten minutes between 1200IK and 1210IK sufficed to embark SUPPLY residue before proceeding to sea to ditch the cargo. At 1349IK the ship stopped and commenced offloading. This was completed by 1425IK and TARAKAN returned to harbour. The ship came to anchor at 1625IK, 5.5 cables east of the Iron Ore wharf.

10. This routine was repeated on the 16th January with the exception that an earlier start was made due to an impending strong wind warning. TARAKAN weighed anchor at 0816IK, secured to MELBOURNE from 0907IK to 1005IK and to SUPPLY from 1027IK to 1130IK. Whilst alongside SUPPLY fuel was embarked. The sullage was ditched at sea between 1300IK and 1345IK and at 1545IK TARAKAN came to anchor in the same anchorage as on the previous day. At 1610IK the ship weighed anchor and at 1630IK secured port side to BETANO outboard of HMAS STALWART.

11. On the 17th January TARAKAN cast off at 0558IK and proceeded to Perkins Outer Hard, beaching at 0612IK. Loading of army stores to be returned to Brisbane commenced at 0635IK. All stores were wheeled vehicles but unpowered and subsequently some difficulty was experienced due to lack of proper handling equipment. Six 18ft trailers loaded with stores, 4 Bofors guns and 4 mobile field kitchens were embarked prior to retracting at 0919IK. The ship then proceeded to her anchorage off Stokes Hill, coming to anchor at 0939IK, in order to secure the cargo before proceeding to sea. TARAKAN weighed anchor at 1012IK and in company with BRUNEI left harbour. WEWAK joined an hour later. HMAS STUART, with HMAS ATTACK in tow, was in company for the passage to Thursday Island, acting as Task Unit Commander.

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12. The passage to Cairns was uneventful. Clocks were advanced 30 minutes to zone K at 2345IK on the 19th January. At 1740K on the 22nd January TARAKAN berthed starboard side to No 10 wharf Cairns. WEWAK and BRUNEI berthed outboard.

13. Berths were shifted on the 23rd January to allow cargoes to be unloaded. TARAKAN berthed outboard of WEWAK on No 6 berth at 0815K, and after WEWAK had offloaded, TARAKANs cargo was transferred to WEWAK. The ship returned to No 10 at 1200K berthing outboard of BRUNEI. At 0803K on the 24th January TARAKAN cast off and waited in the stream whilst BRUNEI and WEWAK proceeded to sea. TARAKAN then berthed starboard side to HMAS FLINDERS at No 2 berth.

14. The ship remained alongside until 0830K on the 26th January when she cast off and proceeded to Townsville. At 0607K on the 27th January TARAKAN berthed starboard side to No 8 berth Townsville. Loading of 50 empty B.M.S.S. Class A containers for shipment to Darwin for the army commenced immediately. Having completed loading the ship cast off at 1257K and proceeded enroute to Darwin.

15. Failure of the refrigeration system (URDEF 39/76) caused the ship to divert to Cairns for repairs. At 0735K on the 28th January TARAKAN berthed starboard side to HMAS FLINDERS in Cairns, and contract assistance was sought to repair the defect. These repairs were completed by 1800K and at 1830K the ship cast off and proceeded.

16. TARAKAN came to anchor at 1935K on the 30th January in the Quarantine anchorage Thursday Island, to await the arrival of HMAS BARBETTE, escort for the passage to Darwin. BARBETTE arrived at Thursday Island and fuelled, and at 2355K on the 30th TARAKAN weighed and proceeded enroute to Darwin. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes to zone IK at 1815K on the 31st January.

17. At the end of the month TARAKAN was at sea, enroute to Darwin, in company with HMAS BARBETTE.

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18. TECHNICAL

Problems were experienced with the Decca radar throughout the month. The scanner unit drive belt snapped during the first passage to Darwin. This was repaired but the radar still was operating inadequately, ranges of objects at more than 6 miles being unobtainable. URDEF 39/76 was raised on the 20th January, and the defect rectified by Sonar Electronics in Cairns on the 24th January. The refrigeration system developed leaks on the suction line and the system became contaminated with air (URDEF 40/76). This was repaired with contract assistance in Cairns on the 28th January.

Other defects occuring during the month were

(a) INDEF 73/76 - Seized bearing on Starboard D/G salt water pump

(b) INDEF 74/76 - Damage to H.P. unloader valve on Starboard hydraulic power pack

(c) INDEF 75/76 - Burnt out spin dryer motor on washing machine

These defects were outstanding, awaiting spare parts at the end of the month. All other machinery and equipment operated satisfactorily.

19. 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
Annex B - Exercise Return

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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st Febuary 1975

STEAMING RETURN - JANUARY 1975

A.	Distance steamed during the month	-	3882.7 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	-	413.1 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	27,372.7 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	-	3,054.05 hours

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Annex B to

HMAS TARAKAN letter
B1-16-1 dated
1st February 1975

EXERCISE RETURN - JANUARY 1975

BEACHINGS:

14th Jan - Perkins Hard Darwin - embarked 2 semi trailers
14th Jan - Perkins Hard Darwin - disembarked 2 semi trailers
17th Jan - Perkins Hard Darwin - embarked 6 X 18ft trailers
4 X 40/60 Bofors guns and 4 X mobile field kitchens

Total Beachings Since Commissioning - 44.

SEAMANSHIP:

8th Jan - Heaving line transfers with WEWAK and BRUNEI.
2 as guide, 2 as receiving ship.
9th Jan - Boat transfer with BALIKPAPAN
31st Jan - Steering gear failure and after steering.

NBCD:

15th Jan - Major fire exercise
20th Jan - NBCD exercise
21st Jan - NBCD exercise
30th Jan - Major fire exercise

Duty watch fire exercises daily in harbour.

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1. Movement of any Stores down to Brisbane.

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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 - FERBRUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of February 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was at sea, enroute to Darwin with HMAS BARBETTE in company. Both vessels entered Darwin harbour early in the morning of the 3rd February and at 0240IK TARAKAN anchored one mile south of Emery Point.

3. The ship weighed anchor at 0810IK on the 3rd and proceeded to Perkins Hard, beaching alongside M.V. WARRENDER at 0847IK. TARAKAN remained beached until the 6th February. During this period the 50 BMSS containers onboard were unloaded by Army and taken away to be filled with Army stores. 28 of these containers were backloaded into TARAKAN in addition to crated engineering and general stores, and 12 crates of kitchen furniture.

4. The slow process of recycling the containers from TARAKAN to the Army to be filled, and then back to TARAKAN, caused the intended time of sailing to be put back 24 hours until the 6th February. At 1325IK on the 6th TARAKAN retracted from the hard

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and proceeded to Stokes Hill wharf, berthing starboard side to the inner wharf, at 1350IK. Fuel was taken on as was HMAS ATTACKs 40/60 Bofors mounting and 2 more containers of stores. A defect on the port main engine (URDEF 41/76) prevented sailing on the 6th. Contract assistance was sought and the defect was rectified by 1630IK on the 7th February. TARAKAN sailed for Cairns at 1707IK on the 7th with HMAS BARBETTE and HMAS ADVANCE in company.

5. Clocks were advanced to zone K on the 9th February. HMAS ADVANCE and HMAS BARBETTE were detached on the afternoon of the 10th February. TARAKAN berthed port side to No. 10 wharf Cairns at 0620K on the 13th February. Fuel was embarked prior to shifting berth to No. 2 at 0735K. Whilst at No. 2 ATTACKs Bofors gun, and one container of stores were offloaded by crane. The ship cast off at 0950K and proceeded to sea enroute to Brisbane.

6. A·50 cal machine gun firing was conducted during the forenoon of the 16th February. Weather conditions deteriorated considerably during the afternoon of the 16th reducing the speed made good to 6 kts. The ship berthed port side to HMAS BRUNEI at HMAS MORETON at 0935K on the 17th February.

7. TARAKAN cast off at 0945K on the 18th February and proceeded to Dalgetty's NO. 4 wharf to unload her cargo. On completion the ship reberthed at MORETON at 1307K. Berth was again shifted at 0815K on the 24th February to allow BRUNEI to leave the wharf. The ship berthed firstly on BETANO and then returned alongside the wharf.

8. JOGO NAVEX Q 1, an exercise involving a theoretical aeroplane crash in Moreton Bay, was instigated early on the 28th February. TARAKAN's participation was short lived due to defects to both main engines and generators (URDEF 43/76)

9. At the end of the month TARAKAN was alongside No. 1 berth HMAS MORETON.

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10. TECHNICAL

Numerous defects occured during the month, mostly to the main engines. On the 6th February the blower drive coupling in the port main engine supercharger was found to be worn (URDEF 41/76). This was replaced.
The Fuel Oil separator pump failed on the 12th February due to a worn drive shaft (URDEF 42/76). Completion of this defect awaits spare parts.
On the 27th February inspection of both main engines and generators revealed scored bores, worn piston rings, excessive carbon build up and grit contamination of the air intakes, blowers and air chambers (URDEF 43/76). Repairs are in hand at present.
INDEF 76/76, failure of the evaporator due to excess scale and corrosion awaits spare parts for rectification.
INDEF's 73/76 (Jabsco salt water pump) and 75/76 (Spin dryer) were rectified during the month.

11. 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
Annex B - Exercise Return

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1072972

Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st March 1975

STEAMING RETURN - FEBRUARY 1975

A. Distance steamed during the month - 2667.4 miles

B. Hours underway during the month - 281.75 hours

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning - 30,040.1 miles

D. Total hours underway since commissioning - 3,335.8 hours

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Annex B to
HMAS TARAKAN
Letter B1-16-1 dated
1st March 1975

EXERCISE RETURN - FEBRUARY 1975

BEACHINGS

3rd Feb - Perkins Hard Darwin - remained beached until 6th Feb, disembarking/embarking cargo.

Total beachings since commissioning - 45

SEAMANSHIP

16th Feb - Action stations
Man overboard drills and manoeures
Steering gear failures
Gyro failure - steering by magnetic compass

17th Feb - Steering gear failure

GUNNERY

16th Feb - 50 cal firing
Small arms shoot

25th Feb - 50 cal training conducted by Army

NBCD

10th Feb - NBCD and Major fire exercise

Duty watch fire exercises in harbour.

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30 APR 1975

The Secretary,
Department of Defence,
(Navy Office),
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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH 1975.

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(David Nicholls)
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at Brisbane
1st April 1975

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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 - MARCH 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of March 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside at HMAS MORETON, enjoying a leave period and preparing for intermediate docking. At 0905K on the 10th March TARAKAN was cold moved by tug to Peters Slip Wharf to commence her Intermediate Docking.

3. The ship remained alongside the wharf until 1000K on the 17th March when she was moved by tug to the slip dolphins. Slipping commenced at 1015K and by 1115K TARAKAN was dry on Peters Slip. Major tasks undertaken whilst on the slip were the repainting of the hull and the renewing of both shafts.

4. Unslipping commenced at 0705K on the 26th March. This was completed by 0809K when TARAKAN was cold moved to Peters Wharf securing at 0822K. The ship was again moved cold on the 27th March when she moved to HMAS MORETON berthing starboard side to the wharf at 1039K.

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

6. TECHNICAL

The ship commenced Intermediate Docking period on the 10th March and remained in this state until the end of the month. The defect to the main engines URDEF 43/76 has been rectified but awaits basin and sea trials before completion. URDEF 44/76 (Starboard power pack) is expected to be completed early April. The fuel oil separator (URDEF 42/76) awaits spare parts and also has an expected completion date of early April. So to does INDEF 76/76, the evaporator.
During the I.D. the calorifier was found to be badly pitted with corrosion and was condemned (URDEF 45/76). Replacement is in hand and expected installation date is 9th April.
INDEF 71/76 (Main engine high water temperature alarms) awaits spare parts for completion.

7. 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)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
1-16-1 dated
1st April 1975.

STEAMING RETURN - MARCH 1975

A.	Distance steamed during the month	-	Nil
B.	Hours underway during the month	-	Nil
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	30,040.1 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	-	3,335.8 hours

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1072972

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

EXERCISE RETURN - MARCH 1975

Beachings: Nil.

Total beachings since commissioning - 45

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Duty watch fire exercises.

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

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HMAS TARAKAN
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For Information
The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

HMAS TARAKAN REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA ship under my command for the month of April 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside at HMAS MORETON completing an Intermediate Docking and leave period. The ship sailed at 0909K on the 7th April to have the magnetic compass swung in the Brisbane River. This was completed by 0947K and at 1035K TARAKAN berthed port side to HMAS BRUNEI at MORETON.

3. After sailing at 0802K on the 8th April the ship proceeded into Moreton Bay to conduct post refit trials and shakedown. A variety of evolutions were carried out before berthing at HMAS MORETON at 1605K. The 9th April was spent alongside rectifying defects and installing the new calorifier (URDEF 45/76). The ship sailed again at 0930K on the 10th April and carried out a short workup in Moreton Bay, anchoring overnight at Tangalooma and returning to MORETON at 1132K on the 11th April.

4. TARAKAN cast off from MORETON at 1115K on the 15th April and proceeded to Bulimba Hard beaching at 1135K. 1 Field Survey Squadron stores and vehicles for transit to Cooktown were loaded prior to retracting at 1520K and returning to MORETON.

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5. The ship sailed for Cooktown at 1320K on the 16th April. In company was the Army harbour tug LUKE, which was to be escorted to Port Clinton. A favourable wind made for a fast passage to Port Clinton and at 0616K on the 18th April LUKE was detached and entered Port Clinton. TARAKAN continued her passage to Cooktown, berthing port side to the Railway Jetty Cooktown at 1430K on the 20th April.

6. After some initial difficulty due to strong tidal streams TARAKAN beached at Cooktown, approximately 100 yards upstream from the jetty at 0728K on the 21st April. 1 Field Survey Squadron stores were disembarked and vehicles belonging to 51 RQR were embarked for passage to Cairns. Twelve personnel from 51 RQR were embarked with their vehicles prior to retracting at 1645K. On the initial retraction all electrical power was lost due to a faulty fuse in the port generator breaker switch. Consequently as soon as Cooktown Harbour was cleared the ship anchored 2.5 miles NE of Grassy Hill Light in order to allow the gyro to be realigned and run in. All electrical systems being on line TARAKAN sailed for Cairns at 1825K. The ship beached at 0645K on the 22nd April at Smiths Creek Hard Cairns. All cargo was disembarked, TARAKAN retracted, berthed at 0720K at No. 10 wharf, fuelled, cast off and berthed at No. 6 wharf at 1002K. During the day further cargo for 1 FLD SVY in Cooktown was loaded by crane.

7. Casting off at 0600K on the 23rd April TARAKAN again set course for Cooktown. Enroute the ashes of the late Petty Officer W.G. GARDINER were scattered during a short service. The ship entered Cooktown at 1530K. The state of the tide was unsuitable for beaching and the ship was anchored by the stern anchor in the stream adjacent to the hard. The beaching was made successfully at 1647K and the cargo unloaded prior to retracting at 1820K. TARAKAN returned to Cairns, berthing at No. 6 Cairns at 0805K on the 24th April. Berth was shifted to No. 2 wharf at 1630K on the 24th.

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8. The ship remained in Cairns until 0920K on the 27th April when she cast off and proceeded to Townsville. This passage marked the commencement of strong South Easterly winds which were to mar the remainder of the trip.

9. After berthing at No.2 berth Townsville at 0725K on the 28th April TARAKAN commenced loading army equipment for return to Brisbane. One D6 tractor and Three D8 tractors plus their blades and two winches were loaded. Due to the weight of these items two wharf cranes were used in tandem on each tractor.

10. The ship sailed from Townsville at 1530K on the 28th and proceeded south to rendezvous with A.T. LUKE at Port Clinton. At 0800K on the 30th April the rendezvous was effected and with LUKE in company the passage to Brisbane was resumed. It was found that the sea and swell produced by the strong South Easterly winds were more than the tug could cope with so an anchorage was found half a mile North West of the western tip of Great Keppel Island. TARAKAN anchored at 1650K on the 30th and LUKE was secured alongside.

11. At the end of the month TARAKAN was at anchor at Great Keppel Island.

12. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

Successful basin trials were carried out on 7th April. The fuel oil separator (URDEF 42/76) and the Starboard power pack (URDEF 44/76) have both been repaired. A new calorifier was fitted by the dockyard (URDEF 45/76). Sea trials and subsequent running have showed both main engines and both diesel generators to be operating well and returning good fuel economy. The main refrigeration system was modified to guard against further failures (URDEF 46/76). To date this seems to have been very successful. The radar suffered a malfunctioning modulator (URDEF 47/76) and was subsequently repaired. Shortly after the radar scanner belt broke (URDEF 48/76) and, as yet, has not been replaced owing to lack of spares.

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The evaporator (INDEF 76/76) was reassembled and worked spasmodically but never produced any large amount of water. The problem was found to be a corroded feed valve seat and will be rectified upon return to base. The main engine high water temperature alarms (INDEF 71/76) still await ordered spares. It is anticipated to receive the spares in early May.

13. 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)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Return
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Annex A to
HMAS TARAKAN letter
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STEAMING RETURN - APRIL 1975

A.	Distance steamed during the month	-	1908.5 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	-	217.5 hours
C.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	-	31,948.6 miles
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	-	3,553.3 hours

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EXERCISE RETURN - APRIL 1975

BEACHINGS.

15th April - Bulimba - embarked 1 FLD SVY vehicles and stores

21st April - Cooktown - disembarked 1 FLD SVY - embarked 51 RQR vehicles

22nd April - Smiths Creek, Cairns - disembarked 51 RQR

23rd April - Cooktown - disembarked 1 FLD SVY stores

Total beachings since commissioning - 49

SEAMANSHIP.

08th April - After steering
Emergency and Leaving ship stations

10th April - After steering
Rough weather launching and recovery of ship boat
Action stations
OOW man overboard drills and recoveries
Raised bow door by hand

NBCD.

10th April - Major fire and NBCD exercise
Casualty evacuation from engine room

29th April - NBCD exercise

Duty watch fire exercises in harbour.

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HMAS TARAKAN Report of Proceedings ~~31ST~~ MAY 1975

1. Escorting Army Ship LUKE, problems with weather.
2. Annual Inspection.
3. Exercise with Army.

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The Commander, First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command from 7th May 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was anchored at Great Keppel Island with Army Tug LUKE alongside. At 0919 LUKE was slipped and TARAKAN weighed anchor and proceeded at 0927 to continue her passage south, escorting the Tug to Brisbane. The fresh south easterly winds and south easterly swell again proved too much for the Tug to handle and at 0515 on 2nd a course was set for Bundaberg to seek shelter. TARAKAN secured portside to at the Sugar Wharf Port Bundaberg at 1730 and at 1745 Tug LUKE was secured outboard.

3. LUKE slipped at 0630 on 3rd and proceeded upstream to a city berth to effect repairs At 1400 on 4th TARAKAN shifted berth to the Oil Wharf, securing starboard side to at 1410.

4. Lieutenant J.G. GORDON RAN assumed command of TARAKAN from Lieutenant C.A. RITCHIE RAN on 7th May 1975. With weather conditions and reports more favourable TARAKAN slipped and proceeded in company with LUKE at 0735 on 7th destination Brisbane. Conditions proved suitable to complete the passage this time, and TARAKAN berthed starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 1300 on 8th. LUKE secured alongside briefly before returning to her base at 1310.

5. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to unload at Dalgetys No 4 wharf at 0855 on 9th. This was completed at 1310 and the ship berthed again at MORETON at 1318. The following week was spent alongside at MORETON and work progressed in preparation for the Annual Inspection. HMAS WEWAK entered harbour on Wednesday 14th and berthed at 1200.

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6. On Monday 19th [illegible] commenced and these were completed at 1200. Lieutenant Commander D.H. LEES RAN as the Commander, First Australian Landing Craft Squadrons representative inspected ships company at divisions at 0930 on 20th. These were completed at 0945. At 1015 the above and below decks inspection commenced and the inspecting officer departed at 1105.

7. TARAKAN slipped at 0918 on 21st and proceeded to Bulimba Hard where it beached at 0939. Loading having been completed the ship retracted at 1125 but returned to MORETON for technical assistance and advice on a problem with the Stbd main engine. The ship berthed at 1215. The problem having been rectified basin trials began at 1250 and were successfully completed at 1300. The ship sailed for Rosslyn Bay at 1330. A following sea assisted in a quick but uneventful passage. At 2320 on 22nd TARAKAN rendezvoused with HMAS BETANO at Rosslyn Boat Harbour and anchored in position Rosslyn breakwater light 250° 5 cables at 2330.

8. The following day BETANO beached and unloaded first whilst TARAKAN weighed anchor and moved to a better vantage point. The first unloading having been successfully completed TARAKAN made a cautious approach to the hard, the small boat harbour being quite restricted by small craft and dredging operations. The ship beached at 0800 and retracted at 0810 with all vehicles off loaded. TARAKAN then set course for Brisbane once again and made good time in reasonable conditions to arrive at MORETON and berth on the upstream end of the wharf at 1755 on 24th.

9. The ship remained in this berth furthering ship husbandry and preparation for the next trip until 0845 on 29th when it shifted to outboard of HMAS LABUAN on the down stream end of the wharf for transfer of fuel. Fuelling commenced at 0915. BETANO entered harbour and secured alongside in MORETON No 1 berth at 1000. The fuel transfer was completed at 1230.

10. The ship remained in this berth until the end of the month.

Technical

11. The ship machinery has been working well and only a few minor defects occurred, which have been rectified by ships staff. Spares were obtained for the radar and URDEF 48/76 was rectified.

The hand steering unit suffered a faulty discriminator (URDEF 49/76) and this was subsequently replaced by ships staff.

The main HF radio whip aerial malfunctioned and was replaced by ships staff. (URDEF 50/76)

The evaporator waits on a new feed water valve ordered through stores (INDEF 76/76)

The main engine high water temp alarm sender units were received and INDEF 71/76 made good.

There are no outstanding URDEFS at the end of the month.

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12. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

(J.G. GORDON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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

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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
letter T1/16/1 dated
2nd June, 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	12031 miles
2.	Hours underway during month	132.7 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	33151.7 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	3686.0 hours

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BARAKAN
letter T1/16/1 dated
2nd June, 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

Beachings

21st May Bulimba - embarked army landrovers
23rd Rosslyn Boat Harbour - disembarked army landrovers

Total beachings since commissioning - 51

Seamanship

21st Action stations
Emergency stations
Leaving ship stations
Steering gear failure
Gyro failure steer by magnetic compass
23rd Boat transfer with BETANO
28th Outboard transducer rigged and tested

NBCD

Daily duty watch fire exercise in harbour.

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HMAS TARAKAN Report of Proceedings JUNE 1975

1. Exercise 'BOUNTY RIDER' delayed due weather.
2. Transport of Seaking Helicopters to T.S.
3. Vibration trials at Melbourne.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of June 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was alongside at HMAS MORETON preparing for the next deployment. At 0800 on 2nd the ship was dressed to commemorate the Queen's coronation. The ship slipped and proceeded for Jervis Bay at 1000. A fair weather trip followed and TARAKAN made good time to arrive at Jervis Bay at 1330 on 4th. After some internal exercises the ship anchored off Huskisson at 1615.

3. The westerly wind increased during the night and as a result exercise Bounty Rider in which TARAKAN was participating was postponed 24 hours.

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4. The wind having abated, the ship weighed anchor at 0859 on 6th and proceeded to Montague Point. Some practice beachings were carried out before loading of the APC's commenced at 1050. This was completed at 1120 and the ship retracted, to anchor in Montague roads at 1205. TARAKAN weighed anchor and proceeded at 1655 for an uneventful passage to Botany Bay. The ship beached at Sandringham Point at 0702 on 7th and unloading was completed at 0730 when the ship retracted and returned to Jervis Bay. The ship once again beached at Montague Beach at 1603 and retracted at 1649 loading completed and anchored in Montague Roads. TARAKAN weighed and proceeded at 1801 for another smooth trip to Botany Bay. The ship beached at 0707 on 8th and the APC's were disembarked by 0716 when the ship retracted and proceeded to Sydney berthing starboard side to HMAS WATERHEN No. 2 wharf at 1000.

5. At 0652 on 9th TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to Woolwich hard where it beached at 0718 for the loading of the Sea King crate trailers. This having been completed and the trailers thoroughly secured the ship retracted and proceeded to Darling Harbour where it secured port side to No. 10 berth at 0925. The loading of the Sea Kings was completed at 1100 when TARAKAN returned to Woolwich beaching briefly to disembark Department of Transport workers and then proceeded to sea. Conditions were ideal for the trip and TARAKAN made good time to anchor in C1 anchorage at 2015. Anchor was weighed at 0744 the following morning and the ship proceeded alongside starboard side to Jervis Bay Wharf. Unloading got underway at 0815 and was successfully completed at 1040. The ship then proceeded for Sydney. This passage, however was not uneventful when a small canoe was recovered eight miles eastward of Kiama. A search was made of the area until ordered to proceed in accordance with previous orders (COMUSFLT KAO 100646Z JUN 75). Nothing further was discovered. The ship secured alongside WATERHEN NO. 2 berth at 2232.

6. The ship remained in this berth preparing for the next trip until 17th. On 15th the ship celebrated the end of its second year of commission.

7. At 0900 on 18th TARAKAN slipped and proceeded for Melbourne to undergo vibration trials. Once again the weather proved suitable and a calm passage ensued. The ship berthed starboard side to No. 16 berth South Wharf Port Melbourne at 1615 on 20th. At 0900 on 21st the ship slipped and came alongside port side to at the same berth.

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8. The ship remained in this berth until 0900 on 26th when it moved one berth to No. 17 South Wharf. The trials continued and TARAKAN remained in this berth until the end of the month.

9. TECHNICAL

The ships machinery has been functioning well, with only a few minor defects. There were no URDEFS during the month of June and only one INDEF (77/76). This was the VHF radio antenna coupling and spring base. Spares were ordered by signal (CSS Sydney) and as yet have not arrived. One defect (INDEF 71/76) awaits spares still. This is the fresh water evaporator feed valve.

10. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant

J.G. Gordon

(J.G. Gordon)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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

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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
letter T.1-16-1 dated 2nd July, 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	1726.6 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	176.0 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	34879.3 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	3862.0 hours

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ANNEX B to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated 2nd July 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

Beachings

6th June	Montagu Beach -	Practice Beachings CO 2 XO 1 COXN 1
	Montagu Beach -	Embark APC's
7th June	Sandringham Beach -	Disembark APC's
	Montagu Beach -	Embark APC's
8th June	Sandringham Beach -	Disembark APC's
9th June	Woolwich Hard -	Embark Sea King trailers
	Woolwich Hard -	Disembark Transport Dept. Workers
	Total beachings since commissioning	61

Seamanship

2nd June	Action Stationers Leaving ship stations Emergency stations Steering gear breakdown	
4th June	Manoverboard " "	Coxn Engineer C.O.
	Boat lowered and emergency recovery over bow ramp	
10th June	Exercised manoverboard -	XO Lcut De Waard (CO Desig. BETANO)
	Night pilotage - entry Sydney Harbour and berthing WATERHEN - LEUT De Waard	

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ANNEX B (Continued)

Technical

2nd June	Blocktube control failure. Telegraphs.	Utilised
4th June	Blocktube control failure. Telegraphs.	Utilised
	Exercised emergency bow door open and shut from bridge.	
6th June	Blocktube control failure. Telegraphs.	Utilised
18th June	Gyro failure - steer by magnetic compass.	

MBCD

4th June	Major Fire exercise - Emergency diesel utilised.	
	Daily Duty watch fire exercise in harbour.	

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1. Vibration trials - melbourne.
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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1975

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(David Nicholls)
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of July 1975.

2. TARAKAN was berthed at No. 17 South Wharf Port Melbourne at the beginning of the month. At 0915 on 1st the ship slipped and proceeded to Port Phillip Bay for continuation of vibration trials. The weather proved too calm for any results to be obtained so TARAKAN reberthed at her previous berth at 1205.

3. At 1120 on 3rd the ship slipped and proceeded to sea with the ARL vibration trials team embarked, and trials were carried out successfully until 2139 that night when the ship anchored in the lee of Phillip Island. Anchor was weighed at 0726 on 4th and the ship proceeded up the channel into Western Port Bay. The ship again anchored in the bay at 0918 to await a clear wharf at Stony Point. TARAKAN berthed alongside Stony Point Wharf at 1044. The ARL team was disembarked here whilst HMAS VAMPIRE's 26-ft motor boat was loaded for transport to Sydney. The ship slipped and proceeded at 1410.

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4. A fair weather passage ensued and TARAKAN made good time to berth at the minesweeper wharf HMAS WATERHEN at 1515 on 6th.

5. The ship refuelled on the morning of 7th before proceeding to Garden Island at 1034. At 1055 the ship berthed at the south end of the cruiser wharf where VAMPIRE's boat was disembarked. A defect in the gyro compass was repaired by the dockyard before the ship slipped and proceeded for passage to Brisbane at 1340.

6. Once again conditions were calm and an uneventful passage followed. The ship berthed at No. 2 MORETON wharf outboard of HMAS BALIKPAPAN at 1130 on 9th. At 1100 on 12th HMAS IBIS berthed outboard for a brief stay in Brisbane before slipping and proceeding at 1010 on 15th.

7. At 0900 on 16th a cold move was made to alongside HMAS BRUNEI and TARAKAN returned to her previous berth at 1128. At 1020 on 18th HMAS WEWAK berthed outboard. The AUSLANCRON ONE official cocktail party commenced at 1800 that night and concluded at 2000. At 1000 on 23rd HMAS WEWAK left harbour.

8. TARAKAN remained in this berth, progressing ship's husbandry, until the end of the month.

9. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

The ship's machinery has been functioning well, with only a few minor defects. No INDEFs occurred. One URDEF occurred (51/76) to the ARMA BROWN GYRO bearings. This unit was replaced with a G.I.D. workshop spare. Defects still outstanding are INDEF 77/76 VHF antenna coupling, awaiting spares, INDEF 71/76 has been rectified but awaits trials. This is the fresh water evaporator. The RT/662/GRC HF Receiver was removed and is being repaired by the Army.

10. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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

(J.G. Gordon)
Lieutenant, RAN
<u>COMMANDING OFFICER</u>

<u>Enclosures:</u> 1. Annex A - Steaming Return
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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
letter T1/16/1 dated
4th August 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	1179.4 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	107.5 hrs
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	36058.7 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	3969.5 hrs

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ANNEX B to HMAS TARAKAN
letter T1/16/1 dated
4th August 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

Nil

Total beachings since commissioning 61

SEAMANSHIP

3rd Blind Pilotage exit Port Melbourne -- XO

25th Rigged bow door preventor chains
Raised bow door by hand

TECHNICAL

3rd Gyro compass failure -- steer by magnetic compass

NBCD

1st and 2nd Ballasting exercise - ship ballasted to three conditions

8th Major fire exercise in Tank Deck -- Emergency diesel

Duty watch daily fire exercise.

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1. Exercise EMBARKEX 2 with STALWART.
2. Escort of Army LCM 8's to Wide Bay.

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The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of August 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was berthed at MORETON No. 2 Berth, bows north. The ship slipped and proceeded in company with HMAS LABUAN at 1532 on 6th and proceeded to an anchorage in Moreton Bay, 090 East Entrance Beacon 2.2 miles, arriving at 1715.

3. The next morning at 0600 the ship weighed and proceeded in company with LABUAN to participate in Exercise Embarkex Two. At 0628 the ship secured starboard side to HMAS STALWART, and at 0650 loading of army vehicles commenced. The loading of both vehicles and personnel proceeded smoothly and was completed at 1018. The ship slipped at 1027 and proceeded to Bulimba Hard for unloading. TARAKAN beached at 1230 and after the unloading phase was completed at 1306, retracted and returned to her previous berth at MORETON. The ship secured alongside at 1340.

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4. TARAKAN remained in this berth until 1000 on 11th when it changed berth to MORETON No. 5. The following day the ship returned to her previous berth securing alongside HMAS BALIKPAPAN at 1055.

5. Ship husbandry was progressed until 0830 on 19th when the ship slipped and proceeded to Moreton Bay for a 2-day shakedown. The Naval Officer Commanding, Queensland, Captain D. Nicholls, OBE, RAN embarked on the morning of 19th and disembarked at 1453 that afternoon after witnessing a series of exercises. The ship anchored at Tangalooma overnight before continuing with exercises on 20th. The ship reberthed at MORETON No. 2 berth at 1500 on 20th after a successful shakedown.

6. TARAKAN next sailed at 0900 on 25th and proceeded to Bulimba Hard. The ship beached at 0920 and loading of Army equipment for passage to Fraser Island commenced. After retracting at 1009 the ship proceeded to Moreton Bay to await the arrival of an Army LCM8 which it was to escort to Wide Bay; at 1202 both vessels commenced an uneventful passage to Double Island Point where TARAKAN anchored at 2132. The LCM8 secured alongside the ship's port side at 2145.

7. The LCM8 slipped at 0900 on 26th and TARAKAN weighed and proceeded at 0908. The two vessels proceeded into the south channel of Wide Bay. The LCM8 then detached and proceeded in accordance with previous orders. TARAKAN beached at Hook Point on the southern tip of Fraser Island at 1030. Disembarkation was completed at 1040 and the ship retracted. The ship set a course for Brisbane and made good time with a following sea to anchor off the Outer Entrance Beacons Moreton Bay at 2055 that night. At 0716 on 27th the ship weighed anchor and carried out stern anchor trials until 0810 when it proceeded into harbour. The ship berthed at MORETON No. 5 berth at 0930.

8. TARAKAN remained in this berth until the end of the month.

9. <u>TECHNICAL</u>

The ship's machinery has been functioning well with only a few minor defects. One URDEF (52/76) did occur and this was the ship's radar. Repairs are underway but some spares are still unavailable. Still outstanding is INDEF 77/76 (VHF Antenna Coupling). Repairs to the evaporator INDEF (71/76) have been completed. The RT/662 GRC HF receiver is still under repair by the Army but a replacement has been obtained from HMAS BRUNEI. The VRC 46 VHF transceiver has been removed and sent to the Army for repairs.

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10. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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

(J.G. Gordon)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Steaming Return
2. Annex B - Exercise Return

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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T1-16-1 dated
1st SEPTEMBER 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	382.8 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	47.9 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	36441.5 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4017.4 hours

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letter T1.16.1 dated
1st SEPTEMBER 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

7th Bulimba Hard - disembarkation of Army vehicles

19th Bird Island - Practice Beaching - CO 1

20th Tangaloona Beach - Practice Beachings CO 2
XO 2
MIDN 2
COXN 2

25th Bulimba Hard - Embarkation of Army vehicles

26th Hook Point Beach - Disembarkation of Army vehicles
Practice Beaching - CO 1

Total Beachings since commissioning - 74

SEAMANSHIP

11th Unberthing and Berthing - COXN

12th Unberthing and Berthing - XO

19th Action Leaving Ship and Emergency Stations (2)

19th Steering gear breakdown

19th Man Overboard exercises - CO 1
XO 2
COXN 2
MIDN 2

19th Emergency recovery of boat over bow door

19th Rigged 50 cal. Machine guns

20th Rigged bow door preventor chains
Raised bow door by hand.

20th Anchored by stern

20th Emergency recovery of boat over bow door.

20th Man Overboard Exercise (2)

20th Steering gear breakdown (2)

20th Alongsides Practice - XO 1
MIDN 1
COXN 1

25th River exit - Midshipman

25th Man Overboard exercises - CO 1
XO 1
COXN 2
MIDN 1

26th Night anchorage - XO

27th River Entry - Midshipman

27th Alongside - XO

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TECHNICAL

19th Exercised Bloctube Failure Utilised Telegraphs (2)

19th Rigged and tested outboard transducer

19th Rigged and tested emergency HF aerial

19th Exercised Gyro failure.
Navigation by magnetic compass

NBCD

19th Fire exercise tank deck.

19th Major Fire exercise - Paint Store

19th Lecture on fire fighting equipment.

19th Major Fire exercise and Medivac - Tiller Flat

20th Exercised Emergency Party to assist in fire fighting and Medivac.

20th Major DC and Fire fighting exercise with Medivac.

Daily duty watch fire exercise in harbour.

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TARAKAN operated in the Brisbane area until 16 Sep when she sail on an Army Suppat task for TOWNSVILLE arriving there on 18th. TARAKAN departed TOWNSVILLE on 19th arriving on Brisbane on 22nd. She remained on the Brisbane area until the end of the month.

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H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of September 1975.

2. The ship was berthed at HMAS MORETON No. 5 berth at the beginning of the month. At 1000 on 1st, First Aid Lectures were held at MORETON and all ship's company attended. These were completed at 1110. At 0805 on the following day First Aid Lectures were again held and these were completed at 0915. Later that day at 1310 HMAS BALIKPAPAN slipped and proceeded down the river. She secured alongside again at 1505.

3. At 0835 on 8th BALIKPAPAN left harbour to return at 0935. She again sailed at 1200 that day. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to Moreton Bay at 0830 on 9th to assist BALIKPAPAN with her workup. At 0955 a small white rowing boat was recovered drifting in the main entrance channel. (TARAKAN RTT 090005Z SEP75, CALCR 1 RTT 090030Z SEP75). TARAKAN made a search of the area before rendezvouing with BALIKPAPAN close by, and carried out a bow door to bow door transfer which was not entirely successful due to windy conditions at 1045. The two ships then continued the search until 1200 but nothing further was sighted. Commencing at 1230 the ships carried out three successful heaving line transfers which were completed at 1300. OOW manoeuvres were then practiced until 1345. A boat transfer of personnel using BALIKPAPAN's boat was then carried out and completed at 1355. The ship then returned to MORETON securing alongside at her previous berth at 1530.

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4. Fuelling commenced at 0815 on 10th and was completed at 1115. BALIKPAPAN returned to harbour and secured alongside at 1515 on 11th. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to Bulimba Hard at 0810 on 12th. The ship beached at 0845 and loading commenced at 0846. Loading of the crated prefabricated buildings was slow and was completed at 1517. The ship retracted at this time and returned to MORETON securing alongside at 1542.

5. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded at 0900 on 15th for passage to Townsville. At 0310 on 16th identities were exchanged with HMAS LABUAN. A following sea for most of the time made for a comfortable and fast trip. The ship anchored off Townsville harbour at 0723 on the morning of 18th. At 1045 that day anchor was weighed and the ship proceeded into the harbour to secure alongside port side to No. 2 berth at 1105. Unloading commenced at 1305 and proceeded smoothly. The back load of six euclid scrapers was more difficult to load and this was completed at 1845.

6. At 0930 on 19th the ship slipped and proceeded to Brisbane. The conditions were calmer than the previous trip and TARAKAN had an uneventful passage home. At 0900 on 21st identities were exchanged with HMAS STALWART. A small arms firing practice was carried out at 1035 that day finishing at 1110. TARAKAN came to anchor off Mud Is at 0135 on 22nd.

7. Anchor was weighed at 0730 that day and the ship proceeded into harbour. The ship beached at Bulimba at 0850 and unloading commenced at 0905. This having been completed the ship retracted at 1115 and returned to MORETON. As the MORETON wharf area was being dredged TARAKAN berthed in No. 8 berth outboard of GAYUNDAH at 1135.

8. Drug Lectures were held for the ship's company at 0800 on 25th and completed at 1145. At 1105 on 26th HMAS DUCHESS entered harbour. TARAKAN remained in No. 8 berth until 0910 on 29th when it moved to No. 1 berth.

9. DUCHESS left harbour at 1000 on 30th with civilian personnel embarked for a family day. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded at 1145 that day to rendezvous with DUCHESS and transport the families back to Brisbane. The ship berthed alongside DUCHESS starboard side to at 1340. Embarkation was completed at 1400 and the ship returned to Dalgety's No. 1 wharf berthing at 1550. Disembarkation having been completed TARAKAN returned to MORETON berthing starboard side to HMAS LABUAN in No. 7 berth at 1605.

10. The ship remained in this berth until the end of the month.

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11. TECHNICAL

All machinery has been functioning well. Two Urdefs did occur however, one being perished straps on the Beaufort life rafts (URDEF 53/76) and the other a U/S Kilowatt meter and associated amplifiers in the switchboard (URDEF 54/76). Both urdefs have been rectified as has URDEF 52/76 which was u/s transistors in the radar. One urdef 78/76 occurred when the replacement Kilowatt meter for urdef 54/76 failed to work after a few hours. A new meter is expected soon (CSS OWR/HDR 300054Z SEP 75) Indef 77/76 is still outstanding. The new VHF antenna coupling arrived on 30 September 1975 and has not yet been fitted. Both the RT/662 GRC/HF receiver set and the VRC 46 VHF transceiver have been returned from Army workshops and have been installed and tested.

12. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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

(J.G. Gordon)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Steaming Return
2. Annex B - Exercise Return.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1072972

ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
2nd October, 1975

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	1570.6 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	144.1 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	38012.0 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4161.5 hours

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ANNEX B to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
2nd October, 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

12th	Bulimba Hard - Embarkation of Army cargo.
22nd	Bulimba Hard - Disembarkation of Army cargo.
	Total beachings since commissiong - 76

SEAMANSHIP

9th	Bow door to Bow door transfer - HMAS BALIKPAPAN
9th	Heaving line transfers (3)
9th	OOW Manoeuvres
15th	Harbour exit - MIDN
22nd	Night anchorage - MIDN
22nd	Harbour entry - XO
30th	Steering gear breakdown.

GUNNERY

21st	Small arms firing practice

NBCD

Daily duty watch fire exercise in harbour.

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DNO TARAKAN was in Brisbane until 6th when she sailed for FRASER Is to undertake an Army task. She returned to Brisbane on 8 OCT and remained there until the end of the month maintaining and giving leave.

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-
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HMAS TARAKAN
at Brisbane.

3rd November, 1975

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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 -
OCTOBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of October 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was berthed starboard side to HMAS MORETON No. 7 berth. At 1000 on 1st HMAS WEWAK entered harbour. HMAS BETANO and HMAS BRUNEI returned to MORETON on 3rd berthing respectively at 1130 and 1530.

3. At 0900 on 6th TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to sea. The destination was Fraser Island to return the Army EME Group who were landed there the previous month. Some internal exercises were carried out in the bay before continuing passage to Wide Bay. A following wind and sea made the trip a quick one and TARAKAN anchored in the lee of Double Island Point at 1902 that night.

4. Anchor was weighed at 0758 the following morning and the entry to Wide Bay negotiated. The ship beached at Hook Point at 0917 and loading commenced. This was completed quickly and the ship retracted at 0925. The channel was exited and the return passage commenced with LCM8 1059 in company. The home trip was reasonably comfortable and the ship anchored off Mud Island at 2030 on 7th. The LCM8 then came alongside briefly to embark army personnel before proceeding up the river.

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5. TARAKAN weighed anchor at 0725 on 8th and proceeded to Bulimba Hard where it beached at 0855. The unloading was completed at 0914 and the ship retracted and proceeded to MORETON berthing in No. 7 berth at 0940.

6. At 1045 on 9th the ship changed berth to No. 6 where it remained until 1525 on 14th whence it moved to No. 5 berth. Another move took place on 17th when TARAKAN left No. 5 berth to allow WEWAK alongside to unload at 0855. The ship returned to her previous berth at 1000 that day.

7. The Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral H.D. STEVENSON, CBE, visited HMAS MORETON on 17th. He conducted a walkaround the depot before addressing all ships companies at 1530.

8. The ship remained in this berth conducting a leave and maintenance period until the end of the month.

9. TECHNICAL

All machinery has been functioning well. Only one indef occurred and this was INDEF 79/76 (broken VHF Antenna coupling connectors). This is still outstanding as spares are due to arrive the first week in November. INDEF 77/76 (VHF Antenna coupling) has been completed as has INDEF 78/76 (KW meter in switchboard). The starboard power pack HP unloader-valve malfunctioned due to dirt on the seat, but this has been remedied and now performs satisfactorily. The air conditioning sea water pump, the sanitary pump and the standby sanitary pump have all been refitted after leaks were discovered. All now function satisfactorily. The stern glands were leaking badly and have been repacked and await a basin trial for final adjustment. The trial is anticipated to be held the first week in November.

10. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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

J.G. Gordon

(J.G. Gordon)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Steaming Return
2. Annex B - Exercise Return

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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
3rd November, 1975.

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	250.2 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	26.2 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	38262.2 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4187.7 hours

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ANNEX B to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
3rd November, 1975

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

7th Hook Point - Embarkation of Army vehicles

8th Bulimba Hard - Disembarkation of Army vehicles.

Total beachings since commissioning - 78

SEAMANSHIP

6th Harbour exit - Coxn

6th Action Stations (2)
Emergency Stations (2)
Leaving ship stations (2)

7th Night anchorage - Midn.

8th Harbour entry - Midn.

8th Alongside - XO

9th Alongside - XO

14th Alongside - XO

17th Alongside - XO (2)

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Daily duty watch fire exercise in harbour

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TARAKAN was employed on Army sea lift operations to Bundaberg and Townsville returning to Brisbane on 25th Nov.

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At Brisbane.

1st December 1975

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of November 1975.

TARAKAN was berthed starboard side to No. 5 berth HMAS MORETON at the beginning of the month. The ship was completing a maintenance and leave period.

2. At 0815 on 3rd HMAS LABUAN slipped and proceeded to sea. Divers entered the water at 1040 on 4th to carry out a bottom search and check the underwater fittings. All were found to be in satisfactory condition. Fuelling for the next trip commenced at 0815 on 10th and was completed at 1430. The ship underwent basin trials to adjust the stern glands, beginning at 0928 on 11th. These were successfully completed at 1015. Flags were half-masted from 1030 until 1103 as a mark of respect for Remembrance Day.

3. TARAKAN slipped and proceeded to Bulimba Hard at 1140 on 12th, beaching at 1207. Loading of Army cargo was completed at 1455 and the ship returned to MORETON berthing again in No. 5 berth at 1515.

4. The following day at 0900 the ship slipped and proceeded to sea. Some internal exercises were carried out in the bay before a course was set for Bundaberg. Wind and swell from the south-east assisted in a quick and uneventful trip. TARAKAN berthed port side to the Sugar Wharf, Port Bundaberg at 1045 on 14th. The next day with 75 reserve cadets from T.S. BUNDABERG embarked the ship slipped and proceeded down the river at 0910. The cadets were given a good familiarisation during their time onboard and the ship berthed again at her previous berth at 1114. The outing was considered most successful.

5. At 0901 on 17th TARAKAN slipped and proceeded for passage to Townsville. Once again strong south-easterlies prevailed, and the ship made good time to berth in Townsville at 0440 on 19th. Unloading commenced at 0900 that day and was successfully completed at 1150.

6. HMAS BAYONET entered harbour at 1400 on 20th, and TARAKAN then changed berths to No. 9 wharf securing portside to at 1510. The ship remained in this berth until 0730 on 22nd when it shifted to No. 2 berth for loading which commenced at 0813. The loading ran smoothly and was completed at 1130. The ship slipped and proceeded for Brisbane at 1200 that day.

7. The weather conditions had eased considerably and the winds were from the north. At 1105 on 24th gun functioning trials were carried out on the 50 cal machine guns. These were successfully completed at 1150. The passage was pleasant and uneventful. TARAKAN came to anchor off Mud Island at 0155 on 25th.

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8. That morning the ship weighed anchor at 0730 and proceeded to Bulimba Hard where it beached at 0910. Unloading having been completed, the ship retracted at 1145 and proceeded to MORETON. At 1155 it secured starboard side to HMAS BETANO in No. 3 berth.

9. At 0940 on 26th HMAS BUCCANEER, BOMBARD and ARDENT slipped from MORETON and proceeded to midstream where they were joined by HMAS IBIS and SNIPE. These ships then proceeded to sea. HMAS YARRA berthed alongside Dalgetys No. 1 wharf at 1100 on 28th. TARAKAN changed berth securing alongside No. 1 berth at 1130.

10. The ship remained in this berth until the end of the month.

TECHNICAL:

11. Only one defect occurred during the month, this being INDEF 80/76. It was a faulty diesel generator KW meter. A replacement has been demanded (CSS OWR/HCE 120623Z NOV 75) and will be available in January. INDEF 79/76 (antenna coupling connectors) was remedied during the month and now, with the exception of INDEF 80/76 there are no outstanding defects.

12. The general state of the ship is good and the welfare and health of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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

(J. G. Gordon)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. ANNEX A - Steaming Return

2. ANNEX B - Exercise Return.

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ANNEX A
to HMAS TARAKAN letter T.1-16-1
dated 1st December 1975.

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	..	1474.8 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	..	136.5 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	..	39737.0 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	..	4324.2 hours

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ANNEX B
to HMAS TARAKAN letter T.1-16-1
dated 1st December 1975.

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

12th	Bulimba Hard - Embarkation of Army cargo.
25th	Bulimba Hard - Disembarkation of Army cargo.
	TOTAL BEACHINGS since commissioning - 80.

SEAMANSHIP

12th	Alongside - Midn
13th	Action Stations
13th	Leaving ship stations
15th	Man-overboard exercise - XO.
15th	Alongside - XO.
17th	Harbour exit - Midn.
17th	Action Stations.
22nd	Harbour exit - Midn.
23rd	Steering gear failure
25th	Night anchorage - Midn.
25th	Beaching - XO.
28th	Alongside - XO.

TECHNICAL

13th	Bloctube control failure
23rd	Gyro failure - utilised magnetic compass

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15th	Major fire exercise
15th	Medivac
23rd	Fire exercise
23rd	Exercised Flood in Magazine.
	DAILY DUTY WATCH fire exercise in harbour.

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During this month FARAKAN [illegible] on re-supply operations to Cairns & Townsville from 12 - 23 Dec. For the remainder of the month she remained in the Brisbane area. 21/1

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HMAS TARAKAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of December 1975.

2. At the beginning of the month TARAKAN was berthed in No. 1 berth HMAS MORETON. The ship was progressing ship husbandry and planned maintenance.

3. HMAS BRUNEI proceeded to sea at 0900 on 8th. HMAS LABUAN and HMAS TARAKAN changed berths at 0910, TARAKAN berthing port side to No. 1 berth at 0920 and LABUAN berthing outboard 10 minutes later.

4. TARAKAN again changed berths at 1000 on 12th. This time it berthed outboard of HMAS BETANO, where the ship fuelled for her coming trip. The ship cast off and proceeded to Bulimba Hard at 1315 that day and beached at 1335. Loading of Army equipment for Townsville was completed at 1605, and the ship returned to No. 1 berth MORETON securing alongside at 1640.

5. The ship cast off and proceeded for Bulimba Hard again the following day at 1200 and beached at 1230 after a short wait for BRUNEI to clear the hard. This time stores for HMAS CAIRNS were loaded, and this was completed at 1525. The ship retracted and exited the Brisbane River. At 1730 HF communications were lost with Brisbane Control. TARAKAN returned to MORETON for a replacement HF transceiver. The ship secured alongside at 2045. The set was replaced, but more problems were encountered with the power supply. This, however, was able to be rectified, and the ship cast off and proceeded at 2330. After leaving Moreton Bay a course was set for Cairns.

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6. Identities were exchanged with HMAS BARRICADE at 1145 on 16th. Weather conditions were favourable and TARAKAN made good time to berth in Cairns No. 1 berth at 0955 on 17th. The unloading and reloading of stores was expedited quickly, and the ship cast off and proceeded for Townsville at 1353 that day. The weather held good and TARAKAN had a quick and uneventful passage to Townsville, berthing in No. 2 berth at 0515 on 18th. Unloading commenced at 1000 that day and was completed at 1300. At 0830 on 19th loading of equipment for Brisbane commenced. BARRICADE entered harbour at 1300. The loading progressed smoothly, and was completed at 1345. The ship cast off and proceeded for Brisbane at 1400.

7. The weather slowly deteriorated on the return voyage. By the evening of 21st rough seas and a high southerly swell had reduced TARAKAN's speed. Heavy rain also persisted until the ship was able to reach the shelter of Moreton Bay the following morning. The ship secured outboard of LABUAN at 1120.

8. At 0815 on 23rd the ship cast off and proceeded to Bulimba Hard for unloading. Some difficulty was experienced in starting the vehicles, but this having been overcome the unloading ran smoothly, and was successfully completed at 1330. The ship retracted at 1345 and returned to MORETON where it secured outboard of LABUAN again at 1405.

9. A pleasant Christmas break ensued and the ship remained in this berth until the end of the month.

TECHNICAL

10. At the end of the month there are no outstanding URDEF's or INDEF's. Indef 80/76 has been rectified. Several defects however did occur during the month. The forward anchor winches and capstans were found to be sticking in operation. These were dismantled and cleaned of all rust. They are now operating satisfactorily. The port steering pump directional valve developed an oil leak which caused an electrical failure in its incorporated contactor. The valve body was replaced and is now working satisfactorily. Investigation is at present being carried out into a similar leak in the starboard steering pump valve, but is expected to cause no problems. The port capstan staffa motor developed a bad oil leak which is suspected to be from the seal in the top of the motor. The required spares have been demanded from CSS Sydney (MORETON OWS/OWU 220512Z DEC 75). An URDEF will be raised when the spares arrive as the motor will have to be removed. The unit is serviceable at the moment, but loses oil rapidly when used. The repairs are considered to be within ship's staff capability. A problem with high head pressure on No. 1 fridge compressor is being presently investigated. It is suspected that air is trapped in the top of the condensor and ship's staff will attempt to purge the air out at the first available opportunity. The No. 2 compressor is running most satisfactorily. A worn, and thus loose, deflection coil drive belt had to be replaced in the Decca radar. A temporary repair has been effected on the radar on/off switch until a replacement switch arrives. The radar is performing satisfactorily.

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I have the honour to be
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Your obedient Servant

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2. Annex B - Exercise Return

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ANNEX A to HMAS TARAKAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
1st January, 1976

STEAMING RETURN

1.	Distance steamed during the month	1807.2 miles
2.	Hours underway during the month	174.3 hours
3.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	41544.2 miles
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4498.5 hours

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ANNEX B to HMAS DARAMAN
Letter T.1-16-1 dated
1st January, 1976.

EXERCISE RETURN

BEACHINGS

12th Bulimba Hard - Loading of Army cargo
13th Bulimba Hard - Loading of stores for HMAS CAIRNS
23rd Bulimba Hard - Unloading of Army cargo.

Total beachings since commissioning - 83

SEAMANSHIP

08th Sternboard - XO
12th Alongside - COXN
12th Beaching - XO
13th Beaching - XO
17th Steering gear failure
20th Action Stations
20th Darken ship
22nd Alongside - XO
23rd Beaching - XO
23rd Alongside - XO

TECHNICAL

13th Rigged emergency whip aerial

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20th Major Fire Exercise
20th Medivac
Daily duty watch fire exercise in harbour

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